

Media Snapshot | Aperçu médiatique
Anti-Terrorism Legislation Announcement | Annonce relative à la nouvelle loi antiterroriste
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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- Media coverage regarding the January 30th legislative announcement expanding Canada's anti-terrorism powers stabilized, with moderate print, online and social media coverage. Broadcast media coverage was also moderate.
- Tone of coverage was varied, with a number of opinion pieces critical of the bill and its alleged lack of oversight for security agencies.

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

General Coverage / couverture générale

NIL

Threat Disruption / Perturbation des menaces

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"I have problems with the powers and the sweeping vague definitions." – Green Party Leader Elizabeth May

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Top court embraces anti-terror laws

What politicians think about the new anti-terrorism law in an election year is almost completely irrelevant. Because, put simply, it is an election year. Stephen Harper and his Conservatives are competitive again, because their approach to the security file is closely aligned to what the electorate want. Polls taken in the past week suggest that up to 70% of Canadians support the international coalition fighting ISIS. Thomas Mulcair and his New Democrats oppose military action, much in the way the NDP have opposed many other past decisions to deploy Canadian troops. It is consistent with their values, and it is arguably popular with their core vote. Justin Trudeau and his Liberals, meanwhile, initially adopted the NDP position - opposing any combat role against ISIS. Having seen how unpopular that is with Canadians, Trudeau and his caucus are now in a quiet retreat. What does it all signify? Mostly, nothing. It's an election year. Our politicians are more preoccupied with the coming electoral battle in Canada than they are with the military battle currently underway in the Middle East. Political rhetoric is situational: nothing new there. But what of the Supreme Court, which almost certainly will be called upon to determine the constitutionality of the new anti-terror legislative measures? Will they side with the Conservatives, or with civil libertarians? A scan of some past high court rulings provides us with some hints about which way the Supremes might go. [QMI Agency](#) (Toronto Sun, Edmonton Sun, Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun)

Snowden urges caution over Ottawa's proposed security law

Edward Snowden, the fugitive American who leaked state secrets, wants Canadians to know that anti-terrorism laws are easy to pass but very hard to undo. "We saw on Friday the Prime Minister of Canada proposed a new law," Mr. Snowden told a teenaged Toronto audience via an Internet link on Monday night. He told the high school students that they should "always be extraordinarily cautious" and press for answers, whenever governments rely on "fear and panic" to set up powers that can be exercised in secret. On Friday, the Conservative government introduced legislation that would empower Canadian authorities to "disrupt" suspected terrorist threats and remove extremist posts from the Internet. At the same time, Prime Minister Stephen Harper has been resisting calls to step up scrutiny of Canada's spy agencies. Mr. Snowden was speaking to a crowd of more than 1,000 students at Toronto's Upper Canada College via a Google Hangouts link from his exile in Russia. [The Globe and Mail](#), A6, [The Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist), [Postmedia](#) (National Post, Ottawa Citizen, Calgary Herald, Edmonton Journal, Windsor Star, The Star Pheonix, Leader-Post, Vancouver Sun)

Imam: Preventing radicalism key to fighting terrorism

Canadians must work harder to prevent young people from becoming radicalized instead of simply dealing with the aftermath, says an Ottawa imam. There is little talk of steering vulnerable people away from extremism, Zijad Delic told the Senate national security committee Monday. Instead, the focus is on trying to deradicalize them after the fact. Political leaders, social services, teachers and others need to "find ways of tackling" the lure of extremism, Delic said. Last fall, the RCMP said it had 63 active security investigations on 90 suspected extremists who intended to join fights abroad or who had returned to Canada. The federal government has since introduced two bills aimed at reinforcing or expanding the ability of Canadian security agencies to investigate and deter terrorist threats. Legislation tabled on Friday would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service powers to actively disrupt threats, not just collect information about them. It would also make it easier for police to control the movements of terror suspects and to detain them longer without warrant. (...) In the House of Commons, Liberal MP Ralph Goodale noted key allies have robust parliamentary oversight of their intelligence services - something he said Canada needs. **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** said the Security Intelligence Review Committee, which reports to Parliament, keeps an eye on CSIS. [The Canadian Press](#), (Times Colonist, A6, The Chronicle-Herald, National Post, Toronto Star, Ottawa Citizen), [Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Droit, 5 front)

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Terror bill sparks muted criticism

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the federal Conservatives may be spoiling for a fight with their political opponents over new tough-on-terrorism legislation but, for the most part, New Democrats and Liberals remained muted Monday in their criticism of new anti-terror laws. Only Elizabeth May, the Green Party MP and leader, voiced serious concerns about Bill C-51, the anti-terrorism legislation unveiled Friday by Harper. "I have problems with the powers and the sweeping vague definitions," May said on Twitter. Among other things, the proposed law would give a new mandate to Canada's spy service, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), to "disrupt" terrorist activity in Canada using a broad range of powers if the spies get a judicial warrant. But the legislation does not provide any new oversight powers for the spy agency. Oversight of CSIS would continue to rest with the Security Intelligence Review Committee, a group of civilians appointed by the government of the day. New Democrats and Liberals want additional oversight of CSIS through a body made up of parliamentarians. (...) The Conservatives, though, didn't seem to want to accept the opposition's olive branch and were in attack mode. "Under the leadership of this government, we put forward the Combating Terrorism Act more than a year ago with no support from the NDP," **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** told the House of Commons. [QMI Agency](#) (The London Free Press, B1, Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun), [Toronto Star](#)

Anti-terror bill needs closer look

The most significant expansion in the surveillance powers of the Canadian state in recent years has crept in on cat's paws. The opposition parties, who found themselves offside from public opinion when they voted against the mission in Iraq, have been muted in their response to the anti-terror legislation brought in by the government last Friday. There have been no press releases and neither party led off on the issue when they had the opportunity to hold the government to account during Question Period on Monday. The Liberal party signaled its consent even before reading the draft legislation. Justin Trudeau, the Liberal leader, said he would be focused on oversights and safeguards Tom Mulcair, the NDP leader, has given the legislation a pass, despite saying rights have to be respected. Both parties appear to have been cowed by the Prime Minister's pre-emptive strike when the bill was released at a campaign-style event outside Toronto, where he dismissed questions about freedoms being surrendered, in favour of security considerations. [National Post](#), A4, A8; [Ottawa Citizen](#) (Edmonton Journal, Windsor Star, The Star Phoenix, Vancouver Sun, Leader-Post, Toronto Star), [Globe and Mail](#)

MacKay once backed spy oversight now rejected by Tories

One of the Conservative cabinet ministers responsible for Ottawa's new anti-terrorism legislation once advocated parliamentary oversight of Canada's spy agencies, which the government now rejects as

unnecessary even as it expands the powers of this country's national security apparatus. Justice Minister Peter MacKay stood beside Prime Minister Stephen Harper last week when the government unveiled a bill that would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service new authority to disrupt terror plots and lengthen the number of days individuals can be held on suspicion they may commit terror acts. As deputy leader of the Conservative Party in 2005, Mr. MacKay argued forcefully for giving MPs and senators a role in overseeing Canadian spies. "When you talk about a credible oversight body, I would suggest ... that a parliamentary body is going to have more credibility because of its independence and because of the fact that there is also parliamentary accountability that will be brought to bear," Mr. MacKay said in October of that year. "To that end, I suggest that it would also cause a little bit more diligence on the part of the security agents themselves, just knowing that this oversight body was in place." Asked to comment Monday, Mr. MacKay said circumstances have altered his opinion. "A great deal has changed since 2005 with respect to international security and the terrorism threat facing Canada. Parliament itself has become a target of terrorism," he stated. Globe and Mail, A1

Security agencies need parliamentary oversight

An opinion piece re: "Canada needs to watch the watchers," Jan. 30. states "In asserting that 14 federal security agencies, including CSIS, are in need of greater oversight, Senator Colin Kenny has the right to be considered both expert and authoritative. I served from 1986-98 as assistant inspector general of CSIS within an independent agency reporting to the solicitor general on whether that "spy agency" was keeping the minister appropriately informed and observing applicable laws and policies. As the senator notes, this agency was recently abolished in favour of exclusive oversight by the Security Intelligence Review Committee. I can attest to the evident competence and lofty motivations of the CSIS personnel I knew, as well as those of their RCMP and CSEC colleagues. I could also describe the sort of misdeeds and mishaps that expert external review sometimes bring to light. Wait! No I can't do that - since I am bound by law and oath not to do so. I can, however, say that the time has come to establish some form of multiparty parliamentary oversight for the federal security community, as has already been done in allied countries. Equally, we need a professional system of expert independent oversight that covers all relevant agencies. Not that all abuses will be caught. But many will and many others will be deterred. I won't address the latest security legislation introduced by the government, which piles on edgy new powers. But I am alarmed at the possibility of terror-mongering in this pre-election period. Suffice it to say that this legislation provides even more reason for urgent reform of the oversight regime." Times Colonist, A11

Tories' anti-terror bill undermines values it's meant to protect

An editorial states, "When a prime minister announces one of the most draconian anti-terrorism bills in his nation's history - and does this not in the national legislature, but at an election-type campaign stop in a riding his party hopes to hold in a looming election - Canadians should be worried about the democratic stability of the country. In introducing this new legislation, Prime Minister Stephen Harper again said that "we are at war with the Islamic State" - language U.S. President Barack Obama has explicitly warned against on the grounds that it will likely lead to overreaction. But overreaction, it seems, is exactly what Harper is hoping for. He appears to be trying to raise the level of fear in order to railroad through measures that will violate the very democratic values they are purportedly meant to protect. [...] It is well documented that CSIS watchdog SIRC, with its limited reporting function, has not been able to provide effective oversight of the powers that CSIS currently has, let alone the vastly expanded proposed powers. Add to that the additional reach the bill would give to other organizations such as the Canadian Border Security Agency, and the need for an overarching Parliamentary oversight body could hardly be starker. The UK and the U.S. both have such a body to watch over and rein in their respective security apparatuses." (...) This law is so bad one has to wonder about the true motives behind it. The fact that the prime minister and **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** have repeatedly (and bewilderingly) rejected calls to introduce an obviously needed guarantee of Parliamentary oversight of these new powers suggests a potential profoundly immoral political strategy. Did the government deliberately structure the proposed law to be unpalatable even to a largely sympathetic opposition? After all, that would allow the Tories to label their opponents "soft on terror" in the run-up to an election." Toronto Star

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Terror could be rare winning issue for Conservatives in Quebec: Hébert

The last time Canada's intelligence service had the kind of operational anti-terrorism mandate Stephen Harper's government is looking to confer on CSIS was in the wake of the kidnapping of a British diplomat and a Quebec minister at the time of the 1970 October crisis. Then as now the country's intelligence gatherers were enabled to not only identify potential threats but also to disrupt them. That mandate bred a culture of casual disregard for civil liberties and the rule of law within the country's security service. The abuse occurred not exclusively but essentially in Quebec. Agents spied on the duly elected sovereigntist government of René Lévesque (as well as on NDP icon Tommy Douglas). They staged a break-in to steal the membership list of the PQ. They stole dynamite and committed arson. After a royal commission shed light on those acts in the early '80s, CSIS was set up as a civilian operation separate from the RCMP. An oversight committee was created to watch the spies — a setup that would remain unchanged under the government's latest anti-terrorism plan. The committee has been operating under a cloud since Arthur Porter — one of Harper's appointees to the select group — ended up on the most-wanted list of Quebec's anti-corruption unit. Given that checkered history one might expect Quebec to be the ground zero of resistance to Bill C-51. But so far members of the province's political class are falling over themselves to let someone else lead the way to the barricades. [Toronto Star](#)

Preventing radicalization a key in terrorism fight, imam tells senators

Canadians must work harder to prevent young people from becoming radicalized instead of simply dealing with the aftermath, says an Ottawa imam. There is little talk of steering vulnerable people away from extremism, Zijad Delic told the Senate national security committee Monday. Instead, the focus is on trying to deradicalize them after the fact. Opposition MPs and civil liberties advocates expressed concern Monday the bill did not boost oversight of Canada's spy agency — concerns the Conservative government quickly dismissed. **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** repeated his view that the Security Intelligence Review Committee, which reports to Parliament, has the expertise to keep an eye on CSIS. [Canadian Press](#) (Metro News)

Imam Hamza Chaoui denies accusations of Mayors Ménard, Coderre

Imam Hamza Chaoui is responding for the first time since Montreal city officials announced he will not be given an operating permit to open an Islamic Community Centre called the Ashabeb Centre. On Saturday, Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre, alongside Mercier-Hochelaga-Maisonneuve Mayor Réal Ménard, announced they would not grant an operational permit to the community centre, saying it was an issue of public safety. "I categorically refute allegations of Mayors Ménard and Coderre," writes Chaoui on

his Facebook page. "I'm not an 'agent of radicalization.' I've never included hatred or violence against a group in my preaching or my classes." He says he encourages young people to integrate harmoniously into Quebec society. [CBC News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (The Gazette)

Projet de loi antiterroriste : les Canadiens doivent être « extrêmement vigilants », selon Snowden

Le dénonciateur américain en exil Edward Snowden a profité d'une allocution par vidéoconférence avec des élèves torontois, hier soir, pour mettre les Canadiens en garde contre le projet de loi C-51 du gouvernement Harper. L'agence d'espionnage canadienne verrait ses pouvoirs considérablement accrus, grâce à la nouvelle législation. Les partis d'opposition à Ottawa demandent une plus grande supervision. De son côté, M. Snowden dit que les droits des citoyens sont de plus en plus brimés par les gouvernements occidentaux. Edward Snowden est un ex-consultant de l'Agence de sécurité nationale aux États-Unis qui vit en exil en Russie depuis qu'il a révélé des détails secrets sur des programmes d'écoute électronique américains. Il prenait la parole par vidéoconférence, hier soir, devant plus de 1000 élèves du secondaire du prestigieux Upper Canada College. [Radio-Canada](#); [Macleans](#)

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Loi antiterroriste: l'opposition sur ses gardes

L'opposition critique timidement le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51, se concentrant sur les doléances entourant le manque de « crédibilité » des mécanismes de surveillance de l'agence d'espionnage canadienne qui verrait ses pouvoirs considérablement accrus en vertu de la législation. Le chef néo-démocrate Thomas Mulcair estime que le Comité de surveillance des activités de renseignement de sécurité (CSARS), qui est en charge superviser le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS), n'est pas à la hauteur de la tâche. Le **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, qui parraine le projet de loi, s'est énergiquement porté à la défense du CSARS, alléguant que ce dernier était une référence mondiale. **« On a un modèle canadien exceptionnel, un organisme qui existe depuis 30 ans, qui assure la continuité en matière de rapport et de surveillance (du SCRS), qui a une expertise, un savoir-faire, une crédibilité qui est reconnue à travers le monde »**, a-t-il rétorqué aux libéraux. Le **cabinet de M. Blaney** a indiqué lundi, que le ministre avait complètement fermé la porte à l'idée de mettre sur pied un comité de surveillance composé d'élus. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Métro Montréal, Radio-Canada)

NDP, Liberals want tougher oversight of anti-terror measures

Federal New Democrats and Liberals are demanding that the government increase oversight for Canada's main spy agency, but otherwise they're holding their cards close to their chests when it comes to the government's proposed anti-terrorism legislation. Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Friday that Canadians understand "their freedoms and security more often than not go hand in hand," while **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** over the weekend described the notion of additional oversight as "**red tape**." "If we are going to be giving increased and enhanced powers (to CSIS), the public has a right to better oversight," NDP leader Tom Mulcair said Monday. "Why does the minister call that red tape? Does he consider protecting Canadians' rights red tape?" Harper was not in the House of Commons Monday to reply, but **Blaney** said CSIS's activities are already reviewed by the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), whose membership is appointed by the prime minister. It reports to Parliament annually. **"The security intelligence review committee will cover all activities that CSIS will be mandated by this Parliament to accomplish," Blaney** told the House of Commons. **"SIRC is an established, well-recognized, expert committee that has the knowledge to do intelligence security."** [Ottawa Citizen](#); [Toronto Star](#); [CTV News](#)

Tories spoiling for fight that's not happening on terror law

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the federal Conservatives may be spoiling for a fight with their political opponents over new tough-on-terrorism legislation but, for the most part, New Democrats and Liberals remained muted Monday in their criticism of new anti-terror laws. **"Under the leadership of this government, we put forward the Combating Terrorism Act more than a year ago with no support from the NDP," Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** told the House of Commons. **"We are ready to revoke passports. We are ready to take action like removing dual citizenship to protect Canadians.**

There is no support from the NDP. We are standing up to protect Canadians. QMI Agency (Sun News Network)

Harper got spy powers right, but civilian oversight very wrong

An opinion piece by Bob Rae states, "Sometimes Stephen Harper is his own worst enemy. Recent events in Europe should bring home to all of us that there are indeed people in the midst of democratic, multiracial societies who are ready and willing to kill others in the pursuit of their religious and political beliefs. They are terrorists. They plot and communicate with others of a similar mind, and with similar intentions. They receive encouragement, and sometimes even instructions, from foreign entities and governments. Canada is not somehow magically aloof from these realities. Our large cities are the home of millions of people from all over the world. There is no foreign conflict that does not have a direct influence on the lives and feelings of many Canadian citizens and, indeed, there are events and proposals in Canada itself to which some in Canada are strongly and irrevocably opposed. Whether these feelings give rise to a direct threat to the lives of their fellow Canadians is a matter of fact and evidence. But it would be simply foolish to argue that such threats could never happen here." The Globe and Mail

Tories intent on politicizing what should be a non-partisan issue — the safety of Canadians

An opinion piece states, "The most significant expansion in the surveillance powers of the Canadian state in recent years has crept in on cat's paws. The opposition parties, who found themselves offside from public opinion when they voted against the mission in Iraq, have been muted in their response to the anti-terror legislation brought in by the government last Friday... There are also concerns about the expansion in powers for CSIS, Canada's spy agency, that some argue are unnecessary and pose a grave threat to democratic freedom... But CSIS does not have a spotless reputation when it comes to telling judges everything they need to know. Federal Court Justice Richard Mosley was extremely critical of the agency in a case still being appealed by the government, after it failed to reveal it was relying on foreign allies to spy on Canadians abroad. Judge Mosley called this a "deliberate decision to keep the court in the dark about the scope and extent of foreign collection efforts." ... " National Post

Harper takes liberties with our protection

An opinion piece states, "... And so a government that after nine years in power had failed to protect even Parliament now claims it will save all of us from terrorist threats. How will that happen? With serious infringements on our democratic rights – and from a government that's hard to take seriously..." 24 Hours Vancouver

Anti-terrorism bill 'more about politics than public safety,' says civil liberties lawyer

Anti-terrorism legislation Prime Minister Stephen Harper unveiled last week gives the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service sweeping new powers that would allow the spy agency to use any undefined measure other than the use of lethal force, perversion of justice or "violating the sexual integrity" of an individual in a new role empowering it to disrupt national security threats, but one of Canada's most prominent civil liberties and human rights lawyers says it's "more about politics than public safety." The three limitations, along with the stipulation a judge's warrant would be required before CSIS agents could take measures that would violate Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms, are the only defined limits to CSIS operations under new provisions that expand its role from surveillance, security investigations and counter-espionage to a mandate to "disrupt" suspected terror plots in the planning stages, lawyer Paul Champ told The Hill Times. Mr. Champ pointed to a new section Bill C-51, the Anti-Terrorism Act, would add to the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service Act placed as an example of what he says are changes that give "sweeping" new powers to CSIS, and new criminal law powers to police agencies, as part of the government's response to two killings last October Mr. Harper (Calgary Southwest, Alta.) has branded as Jihadist attacks within Canada. As part of a package of beefed-up powers for CSIS, including lower evidence thresholds to obtain judicial warrants and detain suspects or enforce police control over the movement and freedom of suspects to prevent "likely" terrorism attempts, the bill would allow CSIS to take undefined "measures" to disrupt suspected terrorism plans if agents have "reasonable grounds to believe" that a "particular activity" constitutes a threat to Canada. Hill Times

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Worrying new powers for CSIS

An editorial states "2006, when the O'Connor inquiry delivered its report about the rendition and torture of Maher Arar, many Canadians shook their heads and wondered how our intelligence and security agencies got to be in such a mess. In 2008, when the Iacobucci inquiry delivered its report into the detention and torture of Abdullah Almalki, Ahmad Abou-Elmaati and Muayyed Nureddin, we wondered again how the actions of the people charged to keep us safe could be, in the words of the report, so "deficient in the circumstances." In 2010, the Supreme Court found that in the Omar Khadr case, Canadian officials "actively participated" in a process that "offends the most basic Canadian standards." This is the history of the last 14 years, and this is the backdrop against which we must judge the government's proposal to give CSIS more powers. Our police, foreign-affairs and intelligence agencies have done good work in this same period, and have uncovered and foiled real, dangerous plots. But they have also demonstrated a pattern of poor communication, reliance on bad information and disregard for the both the law and basic decency. Are we Canadians satisfied that these problems have been solved, and that we have sufficient oversight in place to give CSIS more powers to act on the information it collects?" [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Four reasons Harper's new anti-terrorist legislation will alarm you

An opinion piece states... "We may not be sure yet how CSIS might use its new and expanded powers, but one thing is certain: if the government has its way, there will be no Parliamentary oversight commensurate with the new danger of abuse by the spy (now to become, in effect, the secret police) agency. The **Minister of Public Security, Steven Blaney**, says the existing body that keeps an eye on CSIS, the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), is all we need. Experts in the field are not convinced. SIRC only has three politically appointed members and a small staff. It may formally report to Parliament annually, but it operates under the direct supervision not of Parliament but of the Minister of Public Security. In the words of SIRC itself, "ministerial direction" guides its work. In other words, the Minister who is responsible for CSIS also directs the small and poorly resourced Committee that, very notionally, oversees and supervises CSIS's work. With that kind of institutional arrangement, taken together with the added powers the Harper government wants to give CSIS, we could say, to paraphrase Winston Churchill: "Some oversight; some supervision!" [Rabble.ca](#)

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Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Overall, broadcast media coverage regarding the forthcoming anti-terrorism legislation was moderate. Below is a breakdown of coverage by theme:

General Coverage / couverture générale

CBC News – Power & Politics interviewed security experts Amir Attaran of the University of Ottawa and Michael Zekulin of the University of Calgary regarding expanded CSIS powers. **Minister Blaney** was mentioned in the interview. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-02-02)

CTV News' Power Play interviewed the former chairman of SIRC regarding CSIS oversight in respect to the forthcoming antiterrorism legislation, Bill C-51. **Minister Blaney** was quoted in this segment. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-02-02)

CBC News – Power & Politics reported on the anti-terror legislation announced on January 30th and whether there is a need for greater CSIS oversight. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety Roxanne James, as well as MPs Paul Dewar and Wayne Easter were then interviewed on these topics. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-02-02)

CTV News' Power Play held a panel discussion with Roxanne James, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety as well as other MPs regarding CSIS oversight in respect to the forthcoming antiterrorism legislation, Bill C-51. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-02-02)

CBC News – The National reported on calls for parliamentary oversight of CSIS. **Minister Blaney** was quoted in the report. (2015-02-02)

Speaking via *Google Hangout* from Russia, Edward Snowden, the fugitive American who leaked state secrets, mentioned anti-terrorism laws. He told high school students at Upper Canada College that they should "always be extraordinarily cautious when see governments trying to set up new secret police." He said, "People die from lightning strikes, car accidents, and cheeseburgers, and heart attacks more than terrorists, but we commit a disproportionately large amount of national effort and national resources to combating this relatively limited terrorist threat." (2015-02-03 - CTV News, 9:30, CP24, 10:00 ET)

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CBC News – Power & Politics interviewed Amira Elghawaby and Imam Sakinder Hashmi for reaction of the Muslim community to the anti-terror legislation that was recently announced. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-02-02)

CTV News' Power Play interviewed Muslim community leaders regarding the fight against Islamic radicalization in respect to the forthcoming antiterrorism legislation, Bill C-51. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-02-02)

CFRA-AM 580 interviewed **Minister Blaney** regarding Bill C-51. (2015-02-02)

Sirius-XM Radio – The Arlene Bynon Show interviewed **Minister Blaney** regarding Bill C-51. (2015-02-02)

In the House of Commons Monday, **Minister Blaney** was asked about the Security Intelligence Review Committee, stricter oversight of intelligence agencies, in light of the government's new anti-terror legislation he says, "***The security intelligence review committee will cover all activities that CSIS will be mandated by this Parliament to accomplish.***" (2015-02-03 - 580 CFRA, 6:06; CFNO-FM, 7:32 ET)

En vertu du projet de loi antiterroriste du gouvernement, le chef néodémocrate Thomas Mulcair soutient que le comité de surveillance en charge de superviser le Service Canadien du Renseignement de Sécurité n'est pas crédible. (2015-02-03 - CJRG-FM Gaspé, 7 :01 ET)

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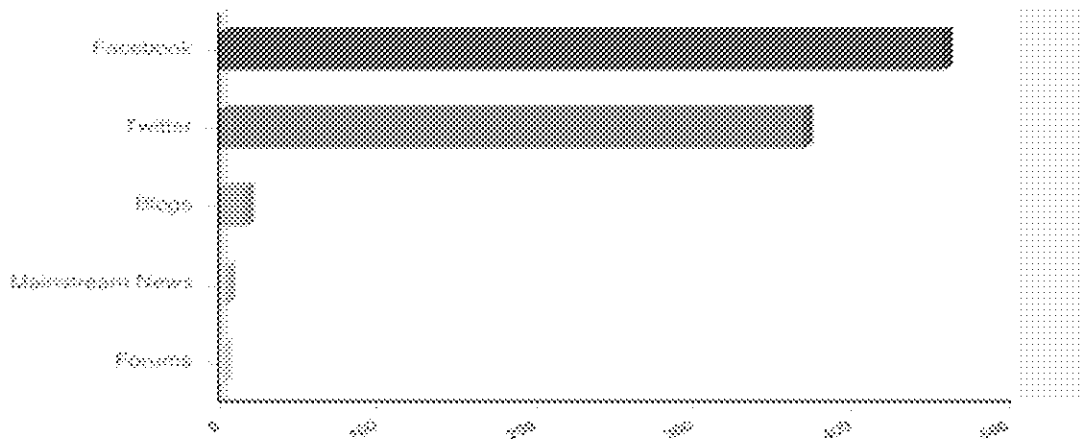
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Social Media / Médias sociaux

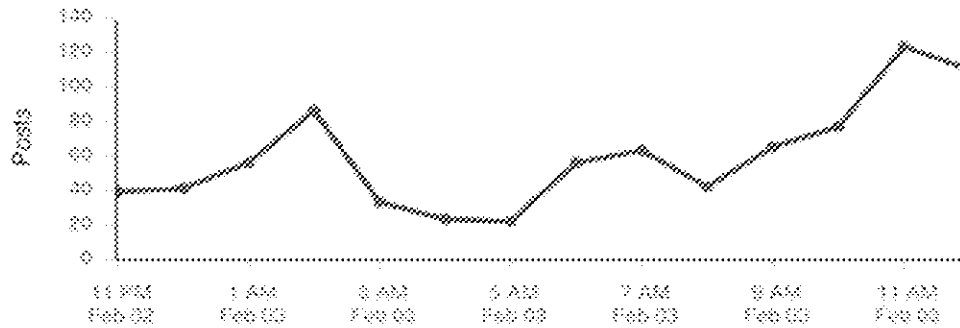
There have been approximately 850 social media posts today regarding Canada's new anti-terrorism legislation.

The following graph displays the breakdown of social media posts by type:



In total, there were approximately 370 tweets, 458 Facebook posts, 4 news site posts, 16 blog posts comments and 2 forum posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout the day:



Coverage peaked from approximately 11:00 – 12:00 ET with 124 social media posts, the vast majority of which were re-tweets of the following tweet from reporter Glenn Greenwald:

[ggreenwald](#)

Be wary of Harper's anti-terror bill, Edward Snowden warns Toronto students

<http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2015/02/02/edward-snowden-and-greenwald-give-talk-for-toronto-high-school-students.html> ...

Stakeholders

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Press release: New anti-terror bill is overreaching & could impact negatively on Canadians' rights
[#cdnpoli](#) [#C51](#) conta.cc/1DxOsGk

[ICLMG](#)

Communiqué: Le nouveau projet de loi anti-terrorisme risque de porter atteinte aux droits des Canadiens
[#polcan](#) [#C51](#) conta.cc/1DxQO8k

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What it was like to be a reporter in the room when the gov't's new anti-privacy bill was announced
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Media

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Be wary of Harper's anti-terror bill, Edward Snowden warns Toronto students

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Hashtags

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- Media coverage regarding Bill C-51 was minimal to moderate today. Significant developments reported were discussions of the Bill via an online Q & A with American whistleblower Edward Snowden. Additionally, revelations that the Michael Zehaf-Bibeau video may be shown in House Committee Friday sparked debate on its timing alongside discussion of how it would be promoting the Bill. Media were also focused on a Facebook post by the Conservative party that appeared to promote-fear mongering in support of the Bill.
- Overall, the tone of coverage regarding Bill C-51 today was negative with various pieces critical of the Conservatives limiting the amount debate that will be had regarding Bill C-51, the legality and potential scope of the bill, and fear mongering used by officials in promoting it.
- Social media activity was moderate mirrored mainstream media with the majority of posts coming from news media and individuals being highly critical of the implications of Bill C-51.

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

General Coverage / couverture générale

- « Cette attaque terrifiante reste un exemple important de la raison pour laquelle nous devons faire adopter notre Loi antiterroriste — afin que la police et les organisations chargées de notre sécurité nationale disposent des outils nécessaires pour protéger les Canadiens » ~ Steven Blaney, ministre de la Sécurité publique Canada.
- “Justice Minister Peter MacKay is out of touch with reality when he pretends the official Opposition is on “the sidelines” of Bill C-51.” ~ Thomas Mulcair, NDP Leader.
- « Je trouve que c'est pousser le bouchon un peu fort (...) C'est un peu gros de la part du ministre d'utiliser la diffusion de la vidéo pour mousser C-51. Je ne pense pas que ça (la vidéo) cautionne leur projet de loi antiterroriste » ~ Rosane Doré Lefebvre, porte-parole adjointe néo-démocrate.

- "Canadian intelligence has one of the weakest oversight frameworks out of any Western intelligence agency in the world" ~ Edward Snowden, U.S. National Security Agency whistleblower.

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- « On a déjà un problème avec plusieurs de nos jeunes, plus d'une centaine qui se sont laissés influencer. Et voilà qu'on va mettre nos autres mêmes. Appliquons peut-être l'esprit de la loi que M. Blaney veut mettre en place et ne diffusant pas quelque chose qui fait l'apologie du terrorisme. Ça va à l'encontre de ce qu'on veut accomplir. » ~ Michel Juneau-Katsuya, ancien cadre du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité.

Security of Canada Information Sharing Act / loi sur la sécurité de l'échange de renseignements au Canada

NIL

Passenger Protect Program / programme de protection des passagers

NIL

Immigration Refugee Protection Act / loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés

NIL

Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

NIL

News Releases / Communiqués

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General Coverage / couverture générale

Former PMs not on C-51 witness list

A parliamentary committee will hear from strong supporters and vocal critics of the government's anti-terrorism bill, but not from four former prime ministers who have decried the lack of increased oversight in the legislation. Bill C-51 would beef up the powers of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), criminalize the promotion of terrorism and provide the RCMP with new powers of preventative arrest. But critics charge it goes too far and risks ensnaring environmentalists and First Nations in the fight against terrorism. The public safety committee of the House will hear from 50 witnesses between March 9 and March 31 as part of its study of the bill, starting with **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** and Justice Minister Peter MacKay. The 48 remaining slots will be filled from a list of 70 potential witnesses, based on their availability. According to the list obtained by The Globe and Mail, witnesses will come from a wide range of society, including government, academia, law enforcement and various non-governmental

organizations. For example, the committee could hear from former public safety ministers (Liberal Anne McLellan and Conservative Stockwell Day), current and past members of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, current and past privacy commissioners, and retired judges John Major and Louise Arbour. Globe and Mail, A8, Toronto Star, A8

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Lettre - Le dangereux dérapage du ministre Blaney

Selon un professeur de droit international, « Le 26 février 2015, le ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique a déclaré : « **Les éléments du projet de loi C-51 vont nous permettre d'éradiquer en amont les personnes qui seraient susceptibles de se radicaliser.** » Vérification faite, il a effectivement employé le terme « **éradiquer** », qui, d'après le dictionnaire, veut dire « supprimer, extirper complètement ». Le ministre s'est exprimé en français. Il ne peut faire valoir l'excuse d'une connaissance approximative du français. D'ailleurs, le mot anglais « eradicate » a le même sens : « root out, destroy completely ». Donc, d'après le ministre, la loi C-51 permettra d' « éradiquer » des personnes. C'est ce que pratique l' « État islamique ». Mais le Canada ? Dangereux dérapage dans le langage du ministre. Sera-t-il suivi de dérapages semblables dans les faits ? Il y a lieu de le craindre. » Le Devoir, A6

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Online Media / Médias en ligne

General Coverage / couverture générale

Attentat d'Ottawa: la vidéo de Zehaf Bibeau sera diffusée vendredi Par Mélanie Marquis

La vidéo qu'a tournée Michael Zehaf-Bibeau avant de perpétrer son attentat à Ottawa en octobre dernier sera dévoilée vendredi matin par le commissaire de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), Bob Paulson, devant un comité des Communes. «La vidéo sera montrée (devant le Comité permanent de la sécurité publique et nationale) et le commissaire répondra aux questions reliées à celle-ci», a résumé mercredi dans un courriel le sergent David Falls, relationniste à la GRC. Il n'était «pas en mesure» de préciser si l'enregistrement serait présenté dans son intégralité ou si certains passages pourraient être censurés pour des raisons de sécurité nationale... **La demande émanait du bureau du ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney, qui n'a pas visionné l'enregistrement, selon son porte-parole, Jean-Christophe de la Rue, et qui a accueilli favorablement le nouveau développement dans ce**

dossier. «Nous nous réjouissons que la GRC ait pris la décision de rendre publique et de commenter la vidéo», a réagi le ministre Blaney par l'entremise du même porte-parole. «Cette attaque terrifiante reste un exemple important de la raison pour laquelle nous devons faire adopter notre Loi antiterroriste — afin que la police et les organisations chargées de notre sécurité nationale disposent des outils nécessaires pour protéger les Canadiens», a ajouté M. de le Rue dans son courriel...Le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51 aurait-il pu prévenir cette attaque, comme le prétend **le ministre Blaney**? L'opposition officielle se montre sceptique, et reproche encore une fois au gouvernement d'instrumentaliser ces événements à des fins électoralistes. «Je trouve que c'est pousser le bouchon un peu fort (...) C'est un peu gros de la part du ministre d'utiliser la diffusion de la vidéo pour mousser C-51. Je ne pense pas que ça (la vidéo) cautionne leur projet de loi antiterroriste», a prédit Mme Doré Lefebvre. [Presse Canadienne](#) (Journal Métro)

Tories Criticized Over 'Fear-Mongering' Facebook Post On Bill C-51, West Edmonton Mall Threat

A Conservative party Facebook post has spurred accusations that the government is using fear-mongering to promote its proposed anti-terror legislation. And at least one Alberta Tory politician has publicly suggested his federal cousins have gone too far. On Monday, a screengrab from a video by Somalia-based terror group al-Shabaab was posted to the official Facebook page of the federal Conservatives. The group, linked to al-Qaeda, attacked Kenya's Westgate Mall in September 2013 and murdered close to 70 people. [Huffington Post](#)

Edward Snowden says Canadian intelligence gathering has 'weakest oversight'

U.S. National Security Agency whistleblower Edward Snowden says Canada has one of the "weakest oversight" frameworks for intelligence gathering in the Western world. Snowden made the comments during a teleconference discussion hosted by Canadian Journalists for Free Expression and the Ryerson School of Journalism, moderated by CBC Radio host Anna Maria Tremonti. He was speaking via video link from Russia. "Canadian intelligence has one of the weakest oversight frameworks out of any Western intelligence agency in the world," he said. Snowden said he wouldn't specifically weigh in on the government's new anti-terror legislation, saying that whether it is good or bad is ultimately up for Canadians to decide. Bill C-51 provides for a sweeping range of measures that would allow suspects to be detained based on less evidence and lets CSIS actively interfere with suspects' travel plans and finances. Critics say the legislation is too broad and lacks oversight. The government, however, says the powers in C-51 are necessary to keep Canadians safe. It points to the requirement for judges to sign off in advance of CSIS breaking Canadian law, arguing that is adequate oversight for the new powers. [CBC News](#)

Bill C-51: Breaking down a most terrifying debate

When the House of Commons reconvenes next week, the public safety committee will begin its study of Bill C-51, the Conservative government's Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015. That study will be limited to nine hearings, in which MPs will confront a five-part bill that raises questions about national security and civil liberties. In its current form, C-51 would, among other things, give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) a new ability to disrupt potential threats, create a new crime of advocating for or promoting terrorism, and allow for greater sharing of information across government departments. While the parties stake out positions—the Conservatives staunchly in favour, the NDP resolutely against, the Liberals supportive but desiring changes—critics beyond Parliament Hill are raising concerns. To advance that discussion, Maclean's convened a call with two experts: Ray Boisvert, a security analyst who spent nearly 30 years with CSIS, and Craig Forcese, a law professor at the University of Ottawa, who, along with Kent Roach, a professor at the University of Toronto, has written extensively about C-51. [Macleans](#)

Legal experts worried about Canada's new anti-terror legislation

Nearly half of all Canadians feel less safe about a terrorist attack on homegrown soil than they did two years ago, according to a new poll. However, some of our country's top legal minds say Ottawa's response to the threat — Bill C-51 — goes way too far. An open letter to Parliament signed by 100 legal experts and professors, urges the prime minister to quash the legislation. Vancouver criminal lawyer Eric Gottardi explains their concerns. [News 1130](#)

Bill C-51: Maher Arar but no ex-PMs on committee's draft witness list - Retired Supreme Court justices John Major and Louise Arbour may be asked to appear

Four former Security Intelligence Review Committee chairs, three retired judges, two former public safety ministers, Canada's best-known torture victim and the creator of CBC-TV's *Little Mosque on the Prairie* may soon get the chance to share their thoughts on the government's proposed anti-terror measures. According to a draft list obtained by CBC News, committee staff are currently working their way through the names of as many as 70 potential witnesses who could be called to testify over the course of eight sessions allotted to expert testimony, including retired politicians, academics, security experts, First Nations and environmental activists and privacy advocates. Among those who may be on the final witness list: - Former Security Information Review Committee chairs Ron Atkey, Bob Rae, Deb Grey and Chuck Strahl; - Retired Supreme Court justices Louise Arbour and John Major; - **Former public safety ministers Anne McLellan and Stockwell Day**; - Maher Arar, Canadian victim of torture at the hands of Syrian authorities and human rights activist... Initially, the Conservatives had planned to allot just three sessions to witness testimony, but a New Democrat-driven filibuster forced the government to expand its initial offer to a total of nine meetings, including one that will be devoted to Justice Minister Peter MacKay, **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** and other government officials. [CBC News](#); [Toronto Star](#); [APTN News](#) (2015-03-03); [Radio-Canada](#)

Building better anti-terrorism laws

A letter from Liberal Public Safety Critic Wayne Easter states, "In the wake of the deadly attacks on military officers in Quebec and on Parliament Hill last October, we must consider how to best protect Canadians from modern terrorist threats while safeguarding our values. Although the government's new anti-terrorism legislation, Bill C-51, takes some proper steps in that direction, it will need fixing. Having been the government during 9-11 and other terrorist events, the Liberal party is well aware of the tough issues and sensitivities involved. We will support C-51 because of measures that will help keep Canadians safe — making better use of no-fly lists, building on the powers of preventive arrest, and allowing for more coordinated information sharing within government. However, there are also concerns and we hear them and will offer non-partisan amendments to address the gaps. We hope the government will be constructive and work with us to make a better law. If not, we will present our amendments to Canadians in this year's election..." [Windsor Star](#) (2015-03-03)

Tom Mulcair: Leading the charge against C-51

A letter from Opposition Leader Tom Mulcair states, "Justice Minister Peter MacKay is out of touch with reality when he pretends the official Opposition is on "the sidelines" of Bill C-51 ('Freedom and security, hand in hand,' Feb. 28). In fact, New Democrats have been on the front line — leading the charge — opposing Conservative schemes to ram it through Parliament at all costs. If the minister and his government were really serious about security, they wouldn't shy away from meaningful study and debate of this sweeping new bill. The NDP knows that public safety is the priority of any government and we are not alone in our opposition to bill C-51. A growing list of eminent Canadians are adding their voices to the chorus of those saying the Conservatives' so-called anti-terror legislation goes too far. Four former prime ministers are concerned with the bill's broad measures; the privacy commissioner — an officer of Parliament — lacks the power and resources to provide oversight of C-51; and Canada's reputation is being tarnished as international media report the Conservative bill could open the door to human rights abuses." [National Post](#) (2015-03-03)

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Bill C-51 is rightly aimed at violent Islamic jihadi terrorists

An opinion piece states, "Despite the general justification of the preamble, there are no marginal annotations explaining the details of Bill C-51, the government's proposed anti-terrorism law. This means that commonsense is required to rein in the anxieties of our imagination if we are to discern the reasons why changes to existing security legislation are warranted. We also need to be aware of why these changes are proposed now, whatever the weight one accords the attacks of last fall. The five parts of the bill deal respectively with: (1) information sharing among government agencies; (2) preventing suspected persons from boarding commercial aircraft - a "no-fly" list - along with appeal procedures available to

those barred from flying; (3) new thresholds and provisions for judicial oversight regarding the arrest of persons suspected of terrorism or of advocating terrorism, including electronic advocacy; (4) expanding the capabilities of CSIS with warrants from the Federal Court and new reporting requirements; and finally (5) strengthening the ability of the Minister of Immigration to keep information on admissibility of prospective immigrants and refugees secret..." [National Post](#)

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NIL

Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

NIL

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Overall, broadcast media coverage regarding the forthcoming anti-terrorism legislation was light.

General Coverage / couverture générale

Les audiences sur le projet de loi C-51 commencent mardi et c'est le **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney** qui va les inaugurer en quelque sorte, c'est le ministre parrain du projet de loi qui vient défendre sa législation. De plus, on est encore à négocier la liste des témoins. Ce qui est acquis, c'est que les quatre anciens premiers ministres, qui étaient quand même signataires d'une lettre qui exprimait beaucoup de réserves à l'endroit du C-51, ne seront pas invités. On ne s'est pas encore entendu, environ 48-50 témoins, un peu plus de la moitié pour le gouvernement, un peu moins de la moitié évidemment pour l'opposition. (RDI, 11h09 ET)

RDI présente une entrevue avec Michel Juneau-Katsuya, ancien cadre du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité. On discute de la vidéo de Michael Zehaf-Bibeau et du projet de loi C-51. Le **ministre Steven Blaney** est mentionné. [Transcription ébauche](#)

CBC News' *Power & Politics* held a panel discussion with MPs regarding the likelihood that the Michael Zehaf-Bibeau video will be made public. [Rough Transcript](#)

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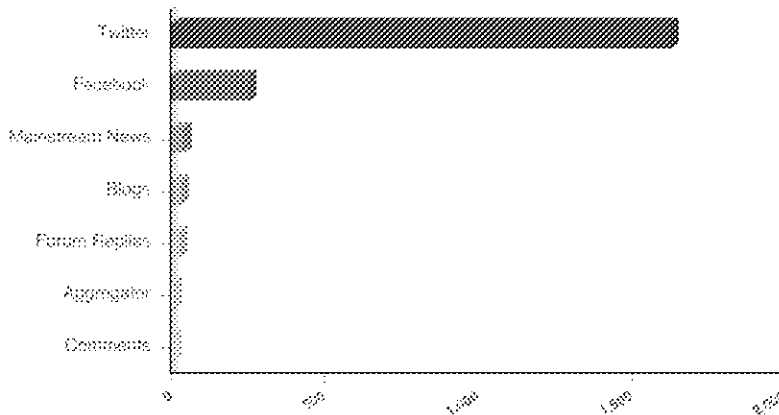
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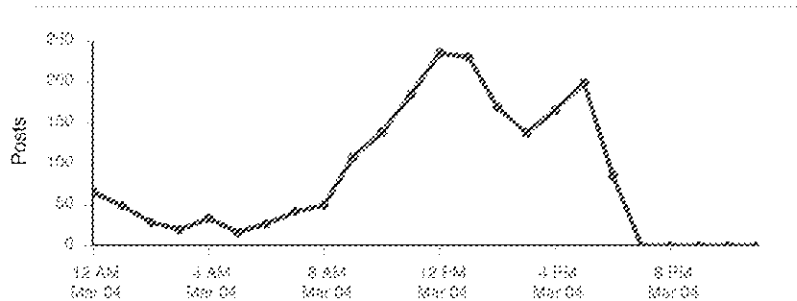
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"security legislation" AND "Canada"

There were a total of 1993 social media posts on March 4 2015. The following graph displays the breakdown of social media posts by type:



In total, there were approximately 1628 tweets, 253 Facebook posts, 31 blog posts, 40 news posts and 41 other posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout the day:



Coverage peaked at approximately 12 pm EST on March 4 with 236 social media posts based on tweets and retweets regarding a Q and A with American whistleblower Edward Snowden and his response to questions on privacy and Bill C-51.

Stakeholders

PnPCBC9

Have questions about [#C51](#)? Tomorrow [@evansolomoncbc](#) talks w/ the experts, the lawyers, the politicians about the anti-terror bill. Tune in!

PnPCBC

Don't miss tomorrow's [#C51](#) anti-terror bill special episode - 90 minutes where we dig deep into what the bill is about, with the experts.

bccla

#HumanRights ramifications of #C51: international news! @guardian covers concerns of legal scholars & rights groups <http://tinyurl.com/qca2cea>

MacleansMag

30-year CSIS vet Ray Boisvert and law prof Craig Forcese break down the C-51 debate: ow.ly/JVtyK#cdnpoli

mgeist

Why Watching the Watchers Isn't Enough: My Talk on Privacy, Snowden & Bill C-51

[http://www.michaelgeist.ca/2015/03/watching-watchers-isnt-enough-talk-privacy-snowden-bill-c-51/...](http://www.michaelgeist.ca/2015/03/watching-watchers-isnt-enough-talk-privacy-snowden-bill-c-51/)

stphnmaher

Has anyone asked the West Edmonton Mall managers how they feel about @CPC_HQ posting terror threats on Facebook?

Media

TorontoStar

#LIVE Snowden goes into problematic provisions of Bill C-51. #AskSnowden. <http://on.thestar.com/1w3ATiS>

alexboutilier

Snowden says he's not going to weigh in on C51 & whether it's a good or bad bill, but Canadian spies have weakest oversight in West.

alexboutilier

Snowden calls it astonishing that Canada's agencies are trying to expand their powers in that context.

alexboutilier

He's clearly read up on the debate so far. Mentions the fact that the government is declining to hear from former PMs on C51.

CBCPolitics

Terrorism survey: 50% of Canadians feel less safe than 2 years ago [http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/terrorism-survey-50-of-canadians-feel-less-safe-than-2-years-ago-](http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/terrorism-survey-50-of-canadians-feel-less-safe-than-2-years-ago-1.2978177?cmp=rss&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter...)

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HuffPostCanada

Tories accused of fear-mongering with Facebook post on Bill C-51 <http://huff.to/1KjUzWp>

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- Media coverage regarding Bill C-51 continued to be extensive over the weekend. The vast majority of coverage focused on the March 14th Day of Action where those in opposition to C-51 protested in dozens of communities across Canada. Due to the protests, there was a large jump in social media activity as well.
- Opinion pieces, editorials and letters to the editor over the weekend continued to be negative concerning Bill C-51.
- The *Global News* investigative program *16x9* aired a special on girls being recruited to go overseas and join ISIS. On the program, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney was interviewed and discussed aspects of Bill C-51.

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

General Coverage / couverture générale

- *"We don't have the legal authority to shut down websites who are promoting terrorism targeted. So that's the first thing of that bill. We will criminalize the promotion of terrorism, and also shut down the website."* ~ Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney
- *"The international jihadist movement has declared war on Canada. Canadians are being targeted by jihadi terrorists simply because they hate our society and the values it represents. That is why our government has put forward measures that protect Canadians against jihadi terrorists who seek to destroy the very principles that make Canada the best country in the world."* ~ Excerpt from a statement from the office of Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney in regards to the C-51 protests
- *"C-51 is a bill that could seriously endanger our right to protest peacefully, to stand up against a government or an infrastructure or an economic policy. Mr Harper has never been able to give a single example of why this bill is necessary."* ~ NDP Leader Tom Mulcair

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- "What this new act allows is for, right now, 17 agencies — but there could be more added by cabinet without any public debate — to basically share any information they deem relevant to detection of new security threats, and the definitions of the act would capture the activities of ordinary Canadians." ~ Catherine Tully, Nova Scotia's freedom of information and protection of privacy review officer

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Clark calls for balance on C-51 debate

B.C. Premier Christy Clark has entered the debate over the federal anti-terrorism bill, calling attention to the potential dangers of government overreach but stopping short of criticizing the legislation directly. Asked about Bill C-51 this week, the Premier said there is a need to balance the protection of personal freedoms with matters of national security. Bill C-51 - which would give Canada's spy agency sweeping powers, criminalize the promotion of terrorism and grant RCMP the power of preventative arrests - has come under fire since it was tabled five weeks ago. On Saturday, a nationwide "day of action" is planned in protest of the legislation, with events in every province. [Globe and Mail](#), S3 (2015-03-14)

C-51 - Dérapages politiques

Une pièce d'opinion déclare, « Plus le débat sur le projet de loi C-51 avance, plus les intentions du gouvernement de Stephen Harper transparaissent. Pour justifier ses mesures antiterroristes, il invite dans le débat d'étranges alliés, le plus inattendu étant Hitler. Tous les amalgames sont bons pour alimenter le sentiment d'insécurité des Canadiens. Les conservateurs de Stephen Harper ne font rien sans calculs politiques. Les mesures contenues dans ce projet de loi et la communication qu'ils en font depuis un mois correspondent à une stratégie réfléchie que la référence à deux événements permet de mieux

comprendre... Pour justifier l'octroi de pouvoirs si abusifs en regard des droits et libertés, le gouvernement n'a aucune retenue. La semaine dernière, il a rendu publique la vidéo où Michael Zehaf-Bibeau justifie son attentat au parlement, question de raviver la tension vécue par les députés le 22 octobre avant qu'ils ne commencent l'étude du C-51 en comité parlementaire. En ouvrant mardi l'étude du projet de loi, **le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, en rajoutait en invitant Hitler dans le débat. Évoquant la nécessité de pouvoirs pour combattre les propos haineux, il affirmait que " l'Holocauste n'a pas commencé dans les chambres à gaz, il a commencé avec des mots "... La façon dont le gouvernement conservateur mène ce débat sert le parti, mais pas le pays. A **Steven Blaney**, et à tous ses collègues, il faut rappeler que oui, il faut faire attention aux mots. Il est tellement facile de glisser dans la propagande et la démagogie. Il y a eu ces derniers jours beaucoup trop de dérapages. Il faut s'en inquiéter. » Le Devoir, B4 (2015-03-14)

C-51 va-t-il trop loin?

Une pièce d'opinion déclare, « Le grand chef des Premières nations canadiennes, Perry Bellegarde craint qu'il serait trop facile de qualifier de terrorisme la défense de leurs droits, tant en matière de protection de l'environnement que des traités touchant à leurs droits territoriaux. Les Canadiens veulent que le gouvernement du Canada soit en mesure de déjouer des complots terroristes qui menaceraient la sécurité publique. Sur ce point, à peu près personne ne conteste cette responsabilité du gouvernement fédéral. Là où la dissension se manifeste c'est sur le plan des moyens à prendre pour y arriver. Comme on a pu le constater depuis quelques jours, les porte-parole du gouvernement sont prêts à dire à peu près n'importe quoi pour enfoncer leur message: **le ministre de la Sécurité publique du Canada, Steven Blaney** est allé jusqu'à comparer la menace terroriste qui nous guette à l'Holocauste. Ce faisant, il verse dans l'exagération. Le projet de loi C-51 n'est pas exempt d'exagération sur les moyens que le gouvernement fédéral veut se donner pour atteindre l'objectif légitime de contrer le terrorisme... » L'Acadie-Nouvelle, 23 (2015-03-14)

Protests against Bill C-51 to be staged across the province

It's certainly got people fired up. Bridgewater, Annapolis Royal, Sydney, Antigonish and Halifax will join over 40 other towns and cities across Canada hosting protests against the Conservatives' Bill C-51 on Saturday. Chronicle-Herald, A13 (2015-03-14)

Privacy protection under threat by Bill C-51

An opinion piece states, "As witnesses line up to warn about the dangers associated with Bill C-51, Canada's anti-terrorism bill, it is increasingly clear that the proposed legislation is an unprecedented undermining of Canadian privacy protection. Much of the focus on the bill has related to oversight: the government implausibly claims that it increases oversight (it does not), the Liberals disappointingly say they support the bill but would like better oversight and much of the NDP criticism has also centred on oversight. Yet with respect to privacy and Bill C-51, lack of oversight is only a part of the problem. The privacy-related concerns stem from Bill C-51's Security of Canada Information Sharing Act (SCISA), a bill within the bill that goes further than sharing information related to terrorist activity. It does so in three steps..." Toronto Star, B2 (2015-03-14)

Canadians should heed Edward Snowden's warning

An opinion piece states, "I suspect that history will one day be very kind to whistleblower Edward Snowden. Yesterday's traitor is gradually becoming tomorrow's patriot as he slowly unmask the "secret surveillance state" growing around us. In fact, there is already talk of him being able to return to the U.S. at some point. But it may be here in Canada where he will be owed a special debt. Just as Canadians appeared to be sleepwalking towards accepting a dangerous government-sponsored "anti-terrorism act" that would undermine human rights and the rule of law, the debate has appeared to turn in recent days. Government ministers are now more on the defensive. Critics of the proposed legislation are regaining their voice. And Snowden himself has intervened..." Toronto Star, WD3 (2015-03-14)

Vote for us or the terrorists will get you

An opinion piece states, "First we had Canada's New Government. Then we had Strong and Stable Government. Now we have the Be Very Afraid Government. As even casual observers of the news will know, it's all fear, all the time in Ottawa these days. The political premise is slightly disturbing - that terror

and crime can be tackled as another marketing challenge, complete with labels, postcard surveys, and mind-numbing repetition of slogans. The potential payoff, presumably, is the re-election of the Conservative "brand." ... Toronto Star, IN2 (2015-03-14)

Who will police Canada's spies?

An opinion piece states, "Last month, three teenage girls flew from London to Istanbul, en route to Raqqa, headquarters of Islamic State, also known as ISIL or ISIS, to begin new lives as "jihadi brides." Turkish intelligence says the man who smuggled them across the border was a Canadian agent, Mohammed al-Rashid, a Syrian dentist who fled to Jordan to escape the civil war. The Turks say after al-Rashid came to the attention of the Canadian embassy in Amman, the Canadians brought him to Canada, offered him the hope of citizenship and set him to work smuggling foreigners into the clutches of the homicidal maniacs of ISIS. By their count, al-Rashid has helped 140 Britons get to ISIS, all the while reporting to someone named "Matt" at the Canadian embassy, where the ambassador is Bruno Saccmani, former head of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's bodyguards. The Canadian government, of course, won't say whether any of this is true... The same government that put him in charge of SIRC is now seeking to massively expand the powers of our spies with Bill C-51, with no improved oversight. The law will give spies licence to engage in a wide variety of threat-disruption activities against any threat to Canada's security, requiring warrants only when they believe their activities would break the law..." National Post (Ottawa Citizen, A10, 2015-03-14)

Bill turns CSIS into secret police

An opinion piece states, "Bill C-51, fast-tracked concurrently through the House of Commons and a compliant Senate, is only now being understood by many people and groups. Unfortunately, the governed have views about potential problems with the Canada's new anti-terrorism bill that will never be heard in Parliament..." Winnipeg Free Press, A17 (2015-03-14)

And the survey says... ? - Poorly designed politically biased surveys hurt democracy

An opinion piece states, "... Survey questions are everywhere these days, which is why I initially didn't think much of it Monday night when I saw a question in the corner of a flyer sent to my house by my Conservative member of Parliament, Lawrence Toet. But once I read the question, which asked constituents if they "agree... (that) we must take additional action to protect Canada from terrorism" or "disagree (because) terrorists are victims too." A box where you could fill in your name, address, phone number and email was also helpfully provided. I thought it would be a teachable moment to demonstrate just how loaded, self-serving and poorly crafted some survey questions can be... First of all, no one should be under any illusion that these types of survey questions are designed to actually measure what people in Elmwood-Transcona or anywhere else think about terrorism or Bill C-51, the proposed Anti-Terrorism Act just introduced by the Conservatives. If this was a sincere effort to engage community attitudes, Toet and his colleagues would publicly release the results and use them to justify their controversial anti-terror measures..." Winnipeg Free Press, A17 (2015-03-14)

Blurred lines and fear tactics

An opinion piece states, "Xenophobia is an intense or irrational dislike or fear of people from other countries. Islam is the religious faith of Muslims. Islamophobia is an irrational fear of Islam and the Muslim people based on their links to Islamic extremists who use terrorism to advance their interests. Muslims are particularly vulnerable because they are a visible minority easily identified by religion and dress. Defining terrorism is more difficult. In Canada, section 83.01 of the Criminal Code defines terrorism as an act committed "in whole or in part for a political, religious or ideological purpose, objective or cause" with the intention of intimidating the public . . . with regard to its security, including its economic security." Activities recognized as criminal within this context include death and bodily harm with the use of violence; significant property damage and interference or disruption of essential services, facilities or systems. Following January's Charlie Hebdo massacre in Paris, Prime Minister Stephen Harper warned that the "international jihadist movement" had declared war on Canada. By the end of January, he was declaring war on the jihadists with his Anti-Terrorism Act. In early February, less than two weeks after the PM introduced Bill C-51, the RCMP received a tip that four people were plotting a Valentine's Day mass shooting in the Halifax Shopping Centre. Two people were subsequently charged with conspiracy to

commit murder, not terrorism. The reason according to Justice Minister Peter McKay is that the conspiracy was not "culturally motivated." ... " Times & Transcript, A13 (2015-03-14)

Une vraie menace

Une pièce d'opinion déclare, « La menace terroriste est devenue la justification passe-partout du gouvernement conservateur pour défendre les contours flous de la mission en Irak et dénigrer quiconque ose critiquer ses initiatives, en particulier le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51... » Le Devoir, B2 (2015-03-14)

Tories' Bill C-51 is flawed legislation

A letter to the editor states, "In its haste to introduce C-51, the Conservative government has shown a wilful ignorance of very careful parliamentary work done in the past to establish a domestic security service appropriate to Canada and Canadians..." Ottawa Citizen, B6 (2015-03-14)

Terror bill 'Orwellian'

Thousands gathered in the heart of Toronto Saturday to protest the federal government's new anti-terrorism bill -- legislation many demonstrators said would turn Canada into an "Orwellian" state under an intrusive, totalitarian government. It's believed as many as 4,000 people braved Saturday's cold and rain to stand in Nathan Phillips Square outside City Hall and denounce the Conservative's Bill C-51, a piece of legislation that would expand the powers of Canada's spy agency and give the RCMP increased powers of arrest when it comes to the prevention of terrorism and the promotion of it. **The office of Canada's Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness** was quick to respond. "***We reject the argument that every time we talk about security, our freedoms are threatened,***" a spokesman said. "***Canadians understand that their freedom and security go hand in hand. Canadians expect us to protect both.***" Toronto Sun, 2 (Edmonton Sun, Winnipeg Sun) (2015-03-15)

You can't shut us up, thousands warn MPs

Thousands of Canadians came together to loudly denounce the Conservative government's proposed anti-terror legislation in dozens of rallies held across the country on Saturday. The Conservative government introduced the wide-ranging bill in January. It would give police much broader powers and allow them to detain terror suspects, as well as give new powers to Canada's spy agency. Organizers of the nationwide protest say the bill would infringe upon Canadians' civil liberties and right to privacy, especially online. Canadian Press (Toronto Star, A3; Times-Colonist, iPolitics); Edmonton Sun; Calgary Sun; Ottawa Sun; The Province; Times-Colonist; QMI Agency (Winnipeg Sun, 5; Calgary Sun, Ottawa Sun); La Presse Canadienne (Le Soleil, 14; Le Quotidien); Agence QMI (Le Journal de Montréal, 14) (2015-03-15)

Consternation au Collège de Maisonneuve

Les autorités du Collège de Maisonneuve sont dépitées et les étudiants surpris de savoir qu'un autre étudiant a quitté le pays, peut-être pour rejoindre l'état islamique. L'étudiant serait parti pour la Turquie à la mi-janvier, selon Radio-Canada, soit au même moment que six autres jeunes Québécois soupçonnés d'avoir rejoint le groupe armé État islamique en Syrie. Il était en contact avec au moins l'un d'entre eux. **Un porte-parole du ministère de la Sécurité publique du Canada** a rappelé que le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51 "***rend criminel de voyager ou tenter de voyager à des fins terroristes***". Le Journal de Montréal, 10 (2015-03-15)

La façade démagogique du C-51

Une lettre déclare, « Forts d'un appui de la population de 82 % au projet de loi C-51, les conservateurs de Stephen Harper n'hésitent plus un instant à mettre les bouchées doubles pour valider avec insistance leur politique du law and order, **le ministre Blaney** ayant même utilisé l'Holocauste pour justifier ses propos sur les dangers qui guettent les Canadiens devant la montée de l'intégrisme et de la radicalisation... » Le Journal de Montréal, 41 (Le Journal de Québec) (2015-03-15)

C-51 FLAWS FIXABLE

A letter to the editor states, "Let's get something straight. Terrorists, not politicians, deal in fear. People intent on terrorism and treason are not about to announce their plans, plots or presence. They deal in

instilling fear and have to surprise us with atrocities to be successful. Our best and most effective counter-weapon is a reasoned effort to thwart the planning and plotting before anyone is maimed or killed. That requires an extension of our policing powers. Bill C-51 addresses that issue..." [Winnipeg Sun](#), 10 (2015-03-15)

Threat Disruption / Perturbation des menaces

Projet de loi antiterroriste - Un pouvoir que seuls les espions canadiens auront

Le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney, a soutenu cette semaine que le nouveau pouvoir de "perturbation" qu'accordera son projet de loi antiterroriste aux espions canadiens existe déjà dans plusieurs autres pays occidentaux. C-51 ne fera donc qu'arrimer le Canada à ses alliés. Or il n'en est rien. La plupart des pays cités par le ministre soutiennent que leurs services du renseignement intérieur n'ont pas de tels pouvoirs. [Le Devoir](#), A2 (2015-03-14)

Security of Canada Information Sharing Act / loi sur la sécurité de l'échange de renseignements au Canada

NIL

Passenger Protect Program / programme de protection des passagers

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Immigration Refugee Protection Act / loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés

NIL

Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

NIL

Online Media / Médias en ligne

General Coverage / couverture générale

Bill C-51 'Day of Action' protests denounce new policing powers

Protests are underway across Canada against the government's proposed anti-terrorism legislation, which would give police much broader powers and allow them to detain terror suspects and give new powers to Canada's spy agency. NDP leader Tom Mulcair joined hundreds in Montreal in a march through the city. One protester held up a poster saying "C-51 is an act of terror," while others carried red "Stop Harper" signs. The protest was expected to end in front of the riding office of Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau. Trudeau has said his caucus will vote in favour of the bill. Dubbed "Defend our Freedom," organizers say Bil C-51 is dangerous, reckless and unacceptable. In a statement to CBC News on Saturday afternoon, **a spokesman for Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** said the government **"rejects the argument that every time we talk about security, our freedoms are threatened."** **"Canadians understand that their freedom and security go hand in hand [and] expect us to protect both, and there are safeguards in this legislation to do exactly that,"** added **Jeremy Laurin**. In Toronto, hundreds gathered at city hall to speak out against the proposed legislation, with many holding signs, chanting and drumming in protest of the bill. [CBC News](#); [Ottawa Citizen](#); [Global News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (CTV Montreal); [CP24.com](#); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Radio-Canada) ; [Radio-](#)

[Canada](#); [Canoe](#); [Journal Métro](#); [QMI Agency \(Canoe\)](#); [Hamilton Spectator](#); [The Telegram](#); [News 1130](#); [York Region](#); [CJAD 800](#); [Toronto Sun](#); [The Province](#); [640 AM Talk Radio Toronto](#); [VOCM](#); [Metro News](#); [News Talk 770 AM Calgary](#); [Kamloops BC Now](#) (2015-03-14)

Loi antiterroriste : une farce démocratique

Il n'aura pas fallu grand-temps, jeudi, pour se rendre compte que les travaux du comité parlementaire étudiant le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51 seraient un simulacre de consultations. Presque chaque témoin qui avait une critique à formuler s'est fait faire la leçon, a vu ses motivations mises en doute ou s'est fait égratigner par des insinuations malveillantes par les députés conservateurs. Les députés conservateurs n'étaient pas là et n'y seront pas au cours des prochaines séances pour mieux comprendre le projet de loi, en déceler les lacunes et les corriger. Leur seul rôle est de défendre C-51 coûte que coûte, et de répéter les justifications et explications du **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**. Mardi, **le ministre Blaney** et son collègue à la Justice, Peter Mackay, témoignaient en compagnie du commissaire de la GRC et du grand patron du SCRS — les seuls à avoir deux heures pour s'expliquer. Malgré cela, les membres de l'opposition ont concentré leurs tirs sur les ministres qu'ils peuvent interroger presque tous les jours aux Communes, et ils n'ont pas eu une seule question pour le directeur du SCRS, un homme qu'ils voient rarement. Ils n'ont même pas pensé lui demander à quoi pourraient ressembler les mesures illégales de perturbation de la menace que le projet C-51 leur permettra d'utiliser. Les conservateurs, eux, ne se sont pas privés de sa présence et lui ont lancé de nombreuses questions complaisantes. [L'Actualité](#) (2015-03-14)

Protesters gather in Kingston against Bill C-51

More than 200 demonstrators gathered at Springer Market Square Saturday to protest newly proposed legislation Bill C-51. The Anti-terrorism Act, 2015, or Bill C-51, would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) new powers, and make it easier for police to detain terror suspects. ***"This side of the House (Conservative), we believe that security and liberty go hand in hand," Steven Blaney, minister for public safety and emergency preparedness, told the House of Commons on Feb. 25. "In order for liberty to flourish, we need security. That is why parliamentarians must give our security and intelligence forces the tools they need to protect Canadians. "These are services that most other democratic countries have. However, we will ensure that there is judicial oversight."*** [Kingston Whig Standard](#) (2015-03-15)

Panelists and protestors in Calgary voice opposition to anti-terror bill

From downtown streets to a suburban community centre, hundreds of Calgarians gathered Saturday to voice their opposition to the sweeping federal Anti-Terrorism Act. Calgary Police estimate over 500 people gathered midday at City Hall to protest Bill C-51, an anti-terrorism bill that has provoked the ire of civil liberties and ethnic groups. The march was part of a national campaign by advocacy group Lead Now. [Calgary Herald](#); [Windsor Star](#) (2015-03-15)

Protesters denounce Bill C-51 in Owen Sound

Opponents of the federal government's controversial new anti-terrorism bill say the legislation would strip away various Canadian rights, including to privacy and peaceful protest. About 120 people, including several carrying placards or banners with slogans like Defend Your Freedom and Activist Not Terrorist, gathered in front of city hall in Owen Sound Saturday to denounce Bill C-51. Similar demonstrations, promoted by Leadnow.ca and Openmedia.ca, were held in communities across the country. [Owen Sound Sun Times](#) (2015-03-15)

Ex-watchdog, Tory MP criticizes Conservatives' proposed anti-terror legislation

The Harper government has been getting an earful of criticism about bill C-51, its so-called anti-terror legislation, including from a high profile Conservative. Committee hearings into the proposed legislation began last week, and what emerged were two fundamental complaints from the critics: questions of adequate oversight and whether the bill is even constitutional. Ron Atkey, a former Progressive Conservative MP and the first chair of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, the advisory group overseeing CSIS, spent his time before the committee discussing those issues. [Global News](#) (2015-03-15)

Threat Disruption / Perturbation des menaces

NIL

Security of Canada Information Sharing Act / loi sur la sécurité de l'échange de renseignements au Canada

HOWE ROOM: Privacy officer concerned about bill C-51

Add Nova Scotia's freedom of information and protection of privacy review officer, Catherine Tully, to the growing list of people concerned about the federal government's proposed bill C-51. Tully and 11 of her provincial counterparts from across the country recently authored a letter outlining their concerns to the federal standing committee on public safety and national security, now hearing debate on the bill. In an interview last week, Tully said she has concerns that the impacts "on the privacy of ordinary Canadians of this bill are really quite profound," and she agreed with her colleagues across the country that they needed to speak up to highlight their worries. Chief among those concerns for Tully is that the bill, which the federal government is pitching as necessary to fight terrorism, permits the broad collection and sharing of personal information and "it's without appropriate oversight." [Chronicle-Herald \(2015-03-15\)](#)

Passenger Protect Program / programme de protection des passagers

NIL

Immigration Refugee Protection Act / loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés

NIL

Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

NIL

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Overall, broadcast media coverage regarding Bill C-51 was extensive over the weekend. Majority of coverage was focused on Saturday's protests, some interviewed were conducted on the subject.

Of note:

General Coverage / couverture générale

Global News – 16x9 presents "Wives of ISIS". **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney** was interviewed for the program. Minister Blaney commented on Bill C-51. [Rough Transcript \(2015-03-14\)](#)

Global News – *The West Block* discussed ISIS' recruitment of Canadian youth and Bill C-51 with Global News reporter Vassy Kapelos. The discussion mentioned **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney**. [Rough Transcript \(2015-03-15\)](#)

Global News – *The West Block* interviewed Ron Atkey, former Chair of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, regarding Bill C-51. [Rough Transcript \(2015-03-15\)](#)

CTV News – Question Period interviewed Green Party leader Elizabeth May regarding Bill C-51. **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** was mentioned in this interview. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-03-15)

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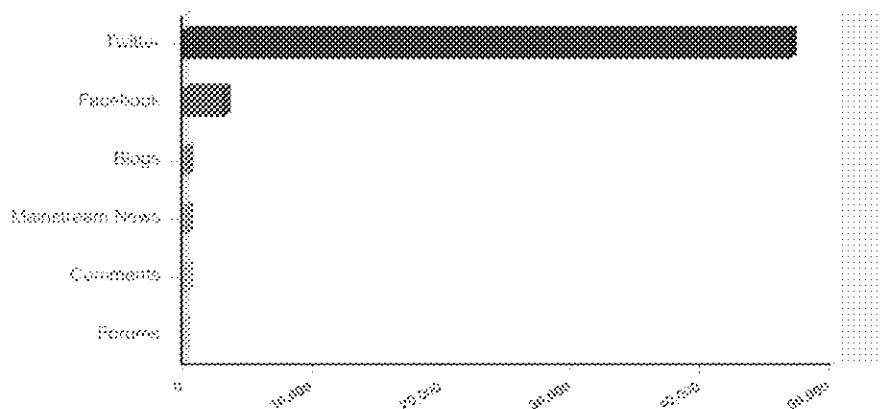
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Social Media / Médias sociaux

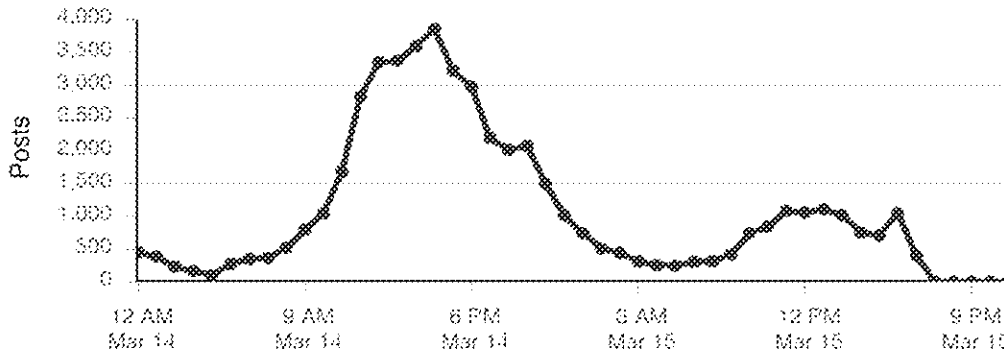
Overall, there was a large boost in social media posts over the weekend regarding Bill C-51 in large part due to the Canada-wide protests on Saturday. In total, there were approximately 50,728 social media posts.

The following graph displays the breakdown of social media posts by type:



There were approximately 46,879 tweets, 3,142 Facebook posts, 265 blog posts, 245 news site posts, 189 comments and 8 forum posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout the weekend:



Social media activity peaked from 16:00 – 17:00 ET on Saturday with approximately 3,856 social media posts. The vast majority of posts concerned the protests as they were ongoing.

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- Media coverage today regarding Bill C-51 continued to be moderate, while the tone of coverage was much less balanced in comparison to yesterday and was generally negative. Of note:
 - In a letter to media, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney wrote to clarify some perceived misconceptions about the bill. According to the Minister, "Following the introduction of the Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015, many Canadians have voiced their opinions on this important piece of legislation. Bill C-51 will protect our rights and freedoms by providing better tools to confront the twin challenges of our time: radicalization and terrorism."
 - Pam Palmater, a Mi'kmaq lawyer, stated that the controversial legislation targets aboriginal people's way of life and their right to protest.
 - The Canadian Civil Liberties Association expressed concern that the Security of Canada Information Sharing Act would allow information that has no relevance to terrorism to be shared amongst security agencies in Canada as well as shared with foreign agencies.
 - In a press release, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers expressed concern over Bill C-51. Specifically, the union is concerned over the lack of civilian oversight, the breadth of information sharing that will be allowed under the legislation, and that ordinary citizens could be wrongly identified as terrorists.
 - Canadian Bar Association President Michele Hollins expressed concern over the portion of Bill C-51 that would grant a judge the authority to allow CSIS officers to undertake in actions that could breach the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Hollins stated that this is "extremely troubling."

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

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- "As Canada's minister of public safety, I want to ensure the debate over C-51 is based on facts and not the alarmist mythology advanced by some critics of the bill, including the Liberals, the NDP and certain academics." – Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety
- "Increasing the powers of the security establishment will not necessarily make us safer... The lack of civilian oversight and the dearth of monitoring information-sharing between government agencies in this bill is very disturbing" ~ Denis Lemelin, National President of Canadian Union of Postal Workers
- "Bill C-51 would make it all too easy to target ordinary working people or any marginalized group and label them 'terrorists'... We should accept no violations of our human rights and freedoms in the name of national security." ~ Denis Lemelin, National President of Canadian Union of Postal Workers
- "The judicial warrants that appear in the CSIS portion of this legislation envision a situation where CSIS agents are going to knowingly commit a violation of the charter... They are then ... authorized to go and ask a judge — who, of course, is herself charged with upholding the constitution and upholding the charter — to preauthorize a breach of the charter." ~ Michele Hollins, President of the Canadian Bar Association
- "The judicial warrants that appear in the CSIS portion of this legislation envision a situation where CSIS agents are going to knowingly commit a violation of the charter... They are then ... authorized to go and ask a judge — who, of course, is herself charged with upholding the constitution and upholding the charter — to preauthorize a breach of the charter." ~ Michele Hollins, President of the Canadian Bar Association
- "Absolutely at the federal level it is crucial that information be allowed to be shared, but there has to be accountability for that and, certainly, I think it's important to respect all our rights." - Insp. Steve Irwin of the Toronto Police Service
- "We believe Bill C-51 is more about increasing the output of the tar sands and facilitating the heavy oil pipeline proposals across this country." - Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs president Stewart Phillip

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News Releases / Communiqués

Postal Workers Concerned about Bill C-51

The union representing 51,000 postal workers is adding its voice to the growing chorus of concerns over Bill C-51, the federal government's sweeping national security bill. "The Canadian Union of Postal Workers knows what it is like to experience out-of-control state surveillance," said Denis Lemelin, National President of CUPW, referring to the lengthy history of CUPW being spied upon by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and the RCMP. Bill C-51 would give CSIS even broader powers to invade the privacy of Canadians in the name of combatting terrorism. Similar concerns over the bill's overly sweeping reach will be raised by the president of the Canadian Labour Congress, Hassan Yussuff, who appears today before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security (SECU). [Canadian Union of Postal Workers News Release](#)

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General Coverage / couverture générale

The first duty of government is citizens' safety

In a letter, **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney** states, "Following the introduction of the Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015, many Canadians have voiced their opinions on this important piece of legislation. Bill C-51 will protect our rights and freedoms by providing better tools to confront the twin challenges of our time: radicalization and terrorism. As Canada's minister of public safety, I want to ensure the debate over C-51 is based on facts and not the alarmist mythology advanced by some critics of the bill, including the Liberals, the NDP and certain academics. Following terrorist attacks at Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que., and in the heart of our democracy, Parliament Hill, we have a moral imperative to act. The first duty of any government is the safety its citizens. We must not fail in that duty." [The Hamilton Spectator](#), A13

Anti-terror bill targets aboriginals: Lawyer

A Mi'kmaq lawyer fighting against the government's anti-terror bill asked members of a Commons committee Tuesday to compare the number of Canadians who have died on home soil in terror attacks to the number of missing and murdered aboriginal women. Pam Palmater, who holds a chair in indigenous governance at Toronto's Ryerson University, said the controversial legislation targets aboriginal people's way of life and their right to protest. She said C-51 "captures everything under Idle No More" and could put aboriginal people in jail. She said she's also concerned about a section of the bill that would outlaw terrorist propaganda and could be used against First Nations people. "All we have left are our thoughts, and our private thoughts will now be criminalized," Palmater told MPs. (...) In response, **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney** pointed to a section of the bill saying it does not apply to "**lawful advocacy, protest, dissent and artistic expression.**" [QMI Agency](#) (The Kingston Whig Standard, B1, Edmonton Sun)

Anti-terror bill about suppression, say critics

The federal government's omnibus security bill would hand extremists what they want by shackling civil liberties, a prominent aboriginal lawyer and activist says. There is no way to fix the legislation, which "makes us all suspects," said Pamela Palmater, chair in indigenous governance at Toronto's Ryerson University. "The terrorists will have won," Palmater said during a meeting of the House of Commons public safety committee, which is hearing more than 50 witnesses on the bill. The Conservatives brought in the 62-page bill following the murders of two Canadian soldiers just days apart last October by men whose motives were rooted in extremist thinking. The legislation would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service the ability to actively disrupt terror plots, make it easier for police to limit the

movements of a suspect, expand no-fly list powers, crack down on extremist propaganda and dismantle barriers to exchanging security-related information. Neither the new disruptive powers nor the information-sharing provisions apply to "lawful" advocacy, protest and dissent, but some critics say these elements of the bill could be used against aboriginal and environmental activists who protest outside the letter of the law. [Canadian Press](#) (Telegraph-Journal, The Guardian, Red Deer Advocate, Cape Breton Post, L'Acadie Nouvelle)

Anti-terror law designed to boost oilsands

A B.C. aboriginal leader told the parliamentary committee studying the federal government's proposed anti-terror legislation that Bill C-51 was designed mainly to disrupt opposition to expansion of Alberta's oilsands industry. "We're absolutely convinced this is less about jihadi terrorism in this country and more about facilitating and promoting the tripling of the output of the tarsands," Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, president of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, told MPs. "We're gravely concerned." Phillip is one of several critics to argue that the bill could open the door to government security agencies targeting environmentalists and First Nations activists opposing pipeline expansion to the B.C. coast. (...) In the House of Commons **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** dismissed NDP accusations that the legislation is targeting First Nations protesters. [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist, A6, The Vancouver Sun)

Threat is relentless and global

A Toronto police officer working on the front lines of counter-terrorism gave parliamentarians an unsettling glimpse Tuesday of the threat the country faces. Insp. Steve Irwin began with the former case of the Toronto 18, in which several people were convicted for plotting to bomb major public and government sites in and around Toronto. Their aim was to provoke Canada's military withdrawal from Afghanistan. "That was generated locally," Insp. Irwin told a Commons committee studying the government's proposed antiterror legislation, Bill C-51. It "was inspired by individuals in a small group." A decade later, Islamic Jihad is a relentless, sophisticated and global phenomenon propelled by the Internet. "People from all over the world are inspiring and teaching and providing for how to beat our [security] systems [and] how to speak and not break the [hate] laws and ultimately lure mostly young, vulnerable people" into joining Islamists' holy war against Canada and the West. The new legislation proposes to make it a crime to knowingly advocate or promote the commission of a terrorist offence, however general. It's a needed change, Insp. Irwin told MPs. "Unfortunately, the [current Criminal Code laws] are too restrictive for those who are clever enough or counselled sufficiently to skirt divulging criminal intent" when publicly inciting hatred. [Postmedia News](#) (National Post, A6, Ottawa Citizen)

Anti-terrorism bill needs rigid safeguards

An opinion piece states, "When I first visited Beaumont, Alta., on the southeastern outskirts of Edmonton, it had a population of just over 2,000 and a distinctly Franco-Albertan character. The beautiful brick Catholic church of St. Vital (now close to 100 years old) kept watch over the surrounding prairie from its perch atop the "beautiful hill." Twenty-five years later, the formerly quaint French farming town is a booming bedroom community of nearly 16,000. But as vanilla and suburban as Beaumont might seem, it is also on the frontlines of the war on terror. A week ago, the RCMP's Integrated National Security Enforcement Team arrested a 17-year-old resident and charged him with trying to leave the country to join ISIS and plotting to commit "murder in circumstances that constitute terrorist activity." If the threat of terrorism in Canada has spread as far as Beaumont, then the threat literally is everywhere." [QMI Agency](#) (The Kingston Whig Standard, A4, Toronto Sun, Winnipeg Sun, London Free Press, Edmonton Sun, Calgary Sun, Ottawa Sun)

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General Coverage / couverture générale

C-51 must include more oversight, anti-radicalization efforts, NDP says

As the House public safety committee prepares to wrap up witness testimony on the government's proposed anti-terror bill on Thursday, the New Democrats are getting set to propose amendments that would boost oversight powers and do more to combat radicalization. The motion, which stands in the name of NDP house leader Peter Julian and could be debated in the House as early as Thursday, would allow the committee to consider amendments in two specific areas: to "ensure that the government works with Canadian communities to counter radicalization" and "enhance oversight of Canadian security and intelligence agencies." The legislation goes to clause-by-clause review next week. Without such authorization, any amendments that go beyond the current scope of the bill would likely be deemed out of order during the review. Liberal spokeswoman Kate Purchase says her party backs the bid to broaden the parameters, but without Conservative support, it will likely be defeated. It's still not clear whether the government is open to changing the bill — or, for that matter, what amendments will be put forward by opposition members next week. Liberal public safety critic Wayne Easter and rights and freedoms critic Irwin Cotler will present their party's proposed changes on Thursday. Earlier today, CBA president Michele Hollins told CBC News Network host Heather Hiscox the group is particularly concerned over the proposed provision to allow CSIS agents to ask the federal court to sign off on activities that could breach the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Meanwhile, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers has added its name to the lengthening list of those worried at what they describe as the "overly sweeping reach" of the bill. The union "knows what it is like to experience out-of-control state surveillance," Denis Lemelin said in a press release sent out on Wednesday morning. [CBC News](#)

Disregard of Charter in anti-terror bill 'untenable': CBA

The Canadian Bar Association is recommending nearly two-dozen changes to the federal government's proposed anti-terrorism legislation, to strike more of a balance between security and individual liberties. The suggestions are outlined in a report issued today in advance of an appearance by representatives of the CBA before the House of Commons committee on Public Safety and National Security. Many of the concerns raised in the report involve the greater state powers outlined in bill C-51, without a similar increase in oversight, as well as the broad and often vague language used in the proposed legislation. [Canadian Lawyer Magazine](#)

Federal Election: Ottawa's anti-terrorism bill misses the mark

A letter to the editor submitted by the Green Party of Canada states, "Canadians should be deeply concerned about Bill C-51, the federal government's new anti-terrorism bill, says Kootenay-Columbia Green Party candidate Bill Green. The hastily-drafted legislation proposed by the Conservative

government, which is also supported by the federal Liberal Party, completely misses the mark about the major threats to the security of Canadians. 'The risk of death or injury by a terrorist bomb or bullet is much smaller than the risks on our roads and highways, from disease from environmental pollution, and the long-term security risk posed by climate change,' says Green. Provisions in Bill C-51 could lead the country back to the uneasy days of the FLQ crisis in the 1970's when more than 450 Canadians were wrongfully imprisoned and later had to be compensated by the government. The bill could lead to innocent Canadians being jailed for doing nothing more than joining a protest march, Green says. [Invermere Valley Echo](#)

Information privacy at threat by Bill C-51

Bill C-51, known as the anti-terrorism bill, has drawn criticism for provisions that many feel are excessive and open to abuse. One of these provisions allows government agencies to share information about Canadians for reasons of national security. Associate Professor Hasan Cavusoglu of the Management Information Systems Division at the UBC Sauder School of Business weighs in on the privacy risks for Canadians. [UBC News](#)

Bill C-51: First Nation chief worries 'lives will be lost'

A chief, who once went to jail for defending his First Nation's traditional territory during a mining dispute in northern Ontario, says he has grave concerns about Bill C-51. Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug Chief Donny Morris sent a letter to his MP, Natural Resources Greg Rickford, asking him to withdraw support for the proposed anti-terrorism law. Morris and six others from Kitchenuhmaykoosib went to jail in 2008 after peacefully protesting mining activity near Big Trout Lake, about 600 kilometres north of Thunder Bay, Ont. He's worried that under Bill C-51 the consequences for Indigenous activists will be much worse. "I take this to my heart," Morris said. "Because I know it will happen. It happened to us. We got sentenced. We got sent to jail, what's going to stop an officer from taking that next step." That next step, in Morris' mind, is First Nations people being shot by police during land-based disputes. [CBC News](#)

C-51 has sparked a much-needed conversation about security and rights

An opinion piece states, "The best thing that might come out of Bill C-51, the government's proposed new anti-terrorism legislation, will not be the bill itself, certainly not if it passes through the House of Commons and Senate un-amended. The best thing might be an affirmation that Canadians care about finding the right balance between security and democratic rights, including privacy rights. Achieving that balance is no easy matter, given the complexity and pace of change of security threats, and the modern Pandora's box of surveillance capabilities represented by what officials benignly define as the security "toolkit." High levels of official secrecy hamper the debate. Some 14 years after the Sept. 11 attacks and the original passage of Canada's first anti-terrorism legislation, we now are busy adding layers to what has become a dense legal foundation, compounding the problem of knowing whether our laws protect us or might imperil us. It is, simply, hard to know what security and intelligence agencies might need to meet threats, hard to know how newly-minted capabilities might actually be used in the future, and hard to know what their impact on rights and freedoms might actually be. Maybe the impact will be less than feared and the security-rights balance that we worked so hard to create after 9/11 will be fine. Maybe not. Because of the unknowns, there have been many calls for matching new powers with catch-up provisions for strengthened accountability. Concerns on this front have been expressed, in an unprecedented way, by four former prime ministers; Canada has even been called out by none other than Edward Snowden, the NSA whistleblower, as having one of the weakest intelligence oversight systems in the Western world. Strengthened accountability may well be our best bet to ensure that new security powers are balanced against rights protections." [The Globe and Mail](#)

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Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Overall, broadcast media coverage regarding Bill C-51 continued to be minimal today. Of note:

General Coverage / couverture générale

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CTV News interviews the General Council of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association about Bill C-51. They are concerned about the excessive powers given to CSIS without accountability mechanisms. The Security of Canada Information Sharing Act is mentioned. [Rough transcript](#)

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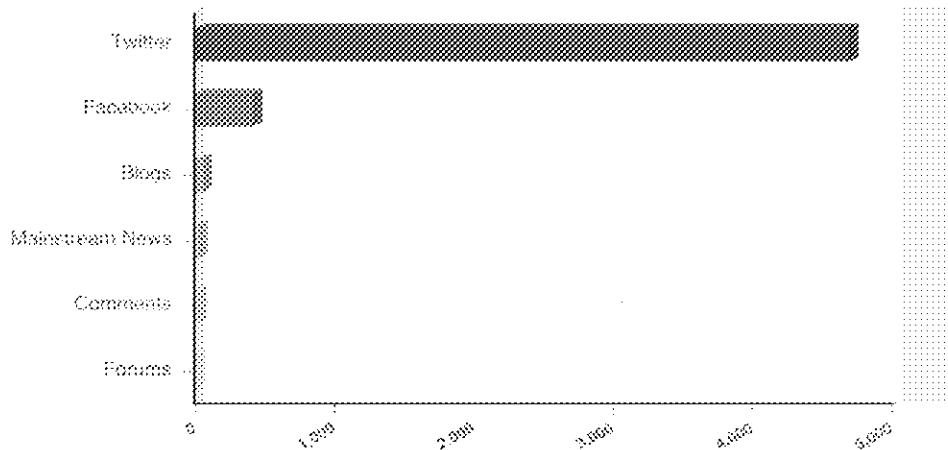
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Social Media / Médias sociaux

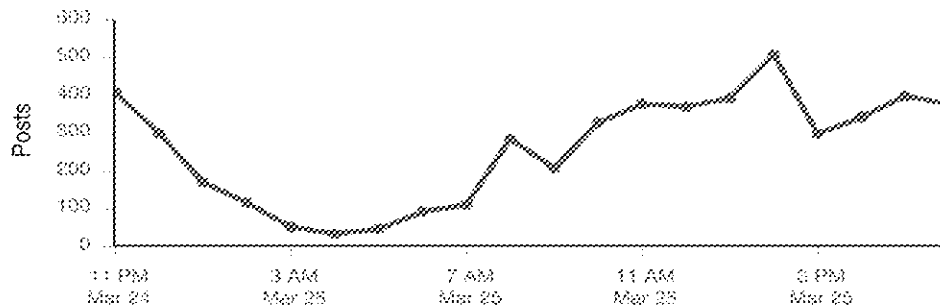
Social media activity continued to be extensive today in regards to Bill C-51. In total, there were approximately 5,218 social media posts.

The following graph displays the breakdown of social media posts by type:



There were approximately 4,699 tweets, 418 Facebook posts, 56 blog posts, 26 news site posts, 18 comment posts and 1 forum post.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout the day:



Social media activity peaked today from 14:00 ET – 15:00 ET with approximately 508 social media posts. While there was no specific trend in the posts this evening, posts tended to express general negative opinions towards the legislation.

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- During the period of April 7 to 12, coverage on Bill C-51 was light, with coverage specific to the bill consisting mainly of opinion pieces and reports of criticism of the bill and general national security atmosphere in Canada.
- There were items that made passing mention of Bill C-51, notably articles on CSIS' existing information sharing practices, shortcomings in the SIRC and the police taking on the role in protecting sentries at the National War Memorial.
- A few media items took note of polls indicating declining support for Bill C-51.

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

General Coverage / couverture générale

- "Despite what the government has been saying about the increasing risks to national security and the increasing importance of our security agencies, the official budget has flatlined at \$10 million for more than a decade." – Liberal finance critic Ralph Goodale
- "You are more likely to die in a hospital from a super bug than be blown up in a terrorist attack. Where is the research money for super bugs?" – Canadian author Margaret Atwood
- "Despite the Liberal and NDP's votes against these increases, our government will continue to ensure that our national security agencies have the resources they need to keep Canadians safe." – Public Safety minister spokesperson Jean-Christophe de la Rue
- "Canadian intelligence has one of the weakest oversight frameworks of any western intelligence agency in the world." – Edward Snowden

- "The reality of it is that this government isn't interested in what anyone has to say because they have a majority. They will proceed and do a few minor, cosmetic adjustments." – Eve Plunkett, former inspector-general of CSIS

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News Releases / Communiqués

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Le SCRS partage des renseignements au-delà du réseau des "Five Eyes"

Un document interne du Service canadien de renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) révèle la présence d'un système d'échange de renseignements sur l'implication de présumés extrémistes à l'étranger avec divers partenaires, qui va au-delà du réseau habituel des "Five Eyes". Le Canada partage déjà des informations avec quatre autres pays -- les États-Unis, le Royaume-Uni, l'Australie et la Nouvelle-Zélande -- mais il a aussi conclu des partenariats "non traditionnels" sur cet enjeu. La note interne, intitulée "S'attaquer à la menace du déplacement des terroristes", a été obtenue par La Presse canadienne en vertu de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information. Plusieurs données ont été caviardées dans le document de cinq pages. Selon la note interne, le SCRS doit disposer "prioritairement" d'informations sur ce phénomène. "Obtenir les informations pertinentes sur cette menace pour conseiller le gouvernement nécessite des enquêtes approfondies au pays et à l'étranger, étant donné les éléments nationaux et internationaux qu'elles comportent", a-t-on écrit. Le SCRS a cependant remarqué que les alliés habituels du Canada avaient plutôt renforcé leurs ressources déjà existantes, au lieu de créer des liens avec d'autres pays. Le Canada, quant à lui, ferait face à des "défis opérationnels et à des pressions sur les ressources" causés par des facteurs ayant été censurés dans le document... Les événements survenus en octobre ont amené le gouvernement Harper à proposer un nouveau projet de loi antiterroriste afin de mieux cibler les présumés extrémistes qui vont se battre à l'étranger. Les nouvelles mesures permettraient aussi de déléguer de nouveaux pouvoirs au SCRS pour qu'il puisse obtenir un mandat afin d'enquêter dans d'autres pays. Presse Canadienne (Le Devoir, A4) (2015-04-07)

Intelligence agencies need oversight

A former CIA spy's eyes widen when he hears that, in Canada, the political opposition doesn't get to see national-security intelligence files. "You're kidding me," says John Kiriakou, who is under house arrest in Virginia after a two-year prison stay for revealing information about his former employer. "That's shocking to me. It seems to block any chance of a national consensus on an issue that I think would be very serious. There has to be oversight." Kiriakou made the remarks during an interview in which he described an internal controversy within the CIA over the arrest and rendition of Canadian Maher Arar to be tortured in a Syrian prison. Many colleagues protested, arguing that they were punishing an innocent man, he said. The CIA's role in the 2002-03 affair has never been publicly scrutinized. The fallout in Canada included a public inquiry and a \$10-million government payout to Arar. A major recommendation from the inquiry was an overhaul of the model used to scrutinize intelligence work. A decade later, that recommendation from the Arar inquiry has never been implemented - even as the Canadian government prepares to provide intelligence agencies with more power in its new anti-terror bill. [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist, A7) (2015-04-07)

Soaring cost of terror fight hits RCMP

The RCMP has been forced to shuffle more cash and officers into terrorism investigations as Ottawa's financial contribution has remained static over the last decade, documents show. The Mounties diverted \$22.9 million from other operations to the Integrated National Security Enforcement Teams (INSETs) in 2013-14... The Star made multiple interview requests to the RCMP for comment, which weren't returned. The Star also requested an interview with **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney's** office. In reply, a spokesperson for **Blaney** said the government has increased security agencies budgets since coming to power - and took a shot at the opposition for voting against Conservative budgets. **"Despite the Liberal and NDP's votes against these increases, our government will continue to ensure that our national security agencies have the resources they need to keep Canadians safe,"** wrote **Jean-Christophe de la Rue**, in a three-sentence statement. But Liberal finance critic Ralph Goodale said the RCMP's numbers contradicts the Conservatives' "rhetoric" around public safety and national security issues. "Despite what the government has been saying about the increasing risks to national security and the increasing importance of our security agencies, the official budget has flatlined at \$10 million for more than a decade," Goodale, whose office obtained the documents, said in an interview. "So the RCMP has had to find the extra \$20 (million) to \$25 million (a year) from its own internal resources." The figures were released as the majority Conservatives continue to push through Bill C-51, the controversial anti-terrorism legislation that gives police-like powers to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. One question that has been largely ignored in the heated debate around C-51 is how CSIS's new powers will work in areas of the RCMP's current jurisdiction. [Toronto Star](#), A1 (2015-04-09)

Ottawa police will guard the guards

There is a Latin phrase that reads: Quis custodiet ipsos custodes? - translated as "Who will guard the guards themselves?" On Thursday, that question was answered, at least for the ceremonial guards who stand watch daily over the iconic National War Memorial. The federal government has contracted the Ottawa Police Service to guard the two sentries stationed below the monument and in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Department of National Defence is paying the Ottawa police an estimated \$425,000 for uniformed officers to protect the sentries beginning this week and running until mid-November. The contract follows the attack last fall in which Michael Zehaf Bibeau shot and killed honour guard Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, of Hamilton, at the memorial. [Canadian Press](#) (The Record, A1) (2015-04-10)

Terror bill losing support: Poll

Most Canadians oppose the Conservatives' proposed anti-terror legislation, according to a Forum Research poll released this week. The poll found 56% of Canadians, most of them younger and less wealthy, disapprove of Bill C-51. Forty-two percent believe the bill, if passed, will have a "negative effect" on their lives, while one-quarter think the effects will be positive. [QMI Agency](#) (Ottawa Sun, 5) (2015-04-11)

ISIS radicals change tactics

As social media giants crack down on the Islamic State's drive to attract fighters and followers, the extremist group is nimbly adapting to leave such efforts in the dust. Supporters are increasingly moving to

smaller platforms such as Kik or surespot just as Twitter, Tumblr and YouTube are becoming better at taking down radical content. Western governments are intensifying efforts to respond to Islamic State's call, as 4,000 of their citizens, including 550 women, have travelled to Syria since 2012, according to figures from King's College London and the Soufan Group. In Canada, the proposed anti-terror bill C-51 would allow police to seize Internet material considered terrorist propaganda. The U.S. State Department is expanding a unit tasked with countering the Islamic State's messages, the New York Times reported. Toronto Star, WD7 (2015-04-11)

What's really terrifying about anti-terrorism

An opinion piece states, "Why are so many Canadians anxious about the Canadian government's proposed "Anti-Terrorism Act"? Can't they get a grip? Yes, more Canadians die from lightning than from terrorism. Yes, the government is about to give its controversial security and intelligence agencies a blank cheque to operate without effective accountability. And yes, as whistleblower Edward Snowden said last month to a Ryerson University audience, "Canadian intelligence has one of the weakest oversight frameworks of any western intelligence agency in the world." So what's the problem? If our own domestic agencies try to sell innocent fellow Canadians down the river - remember the case of Canadian Maher Arar, who spent a year being beaten and tortured in Syria on the basis of false information provided to the American CIA by Canada - there are apparently still individual agents within the CIA who will try to protect our interests..." Toronto Star, WD3 (2015-04-11)

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Atwood critical of Bill C-51

Renowned Canadian author Margaret Atwood added her voice to a growing chorus opposing the federal government's anti-terrorism bill. All Canadians should be concerned about Bill C-51 - "it's not only about where you live, but what you had for breakfast," said Atwood, who spoke at Red Deer College Monday as part of its Perspectives: Canada in the World series. The new bill, introduced in January by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, would grant greater powers to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, and allow federal institutions to access all information government departments have on any Canadian. There are concerns this could curtail internationally-guaranteed human rights such as liberty, privacy and freedom of expression. "You are more likely to die in a hospital from a super bug than be blown up in a terrorist attack. Where is the research money for super bugs?" Atwood said, to enthusiastic applause from the audience. Red Deer Advocate, A1, A2 (2015-04-07)

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ISIS: Prime Minister Harper's top political bogeyman of the day

An opinion piece states, "Canada is ready to extend its fight against the Islamic State (ISIS) into Syria, carrying on a war that'll cost about half-a-billion taxpayer dollars by early next year. Prime Minister Stephen Harper is following up on his promise that Canada won't "stand on the sidelines" when it comes to the fight against Muslim extremism... The public language in support of this two-front "war on terror" has given rise to a new kind of militarism in Canada. It's characterized by a political rhetoric that galvanizes support for itself not only by pointing to a foreign enemy, but also by emphasizing the need to root out the enemy's ideological supporters on Canadian soil. This latter emphasis has, at the hands of the Tories, become a way to depict dissent against government policy as support for Muslim terrorism. Support for terrorism. Take the debate around Bill C-51 (the "Anti-terrorism Act"), the Conservative's proposal on how to fight domestic terrorism. The bill is making its way through the legislative process with limited debate and examination, despite containing provisions that will, according to a chorus of critics, forever change the landscape of Canadian national security. Its supporters emphasize the imminent nature of an ill-defined terrorism threat, keeping in mind that security issues will likely occupy the minds of voters in the upcoming fall election..." [CBC News](#) (2015-04-07)

It pays to pay attention

An opinion piece states, "Like most people I have been hearing a lot about Bill C-51 lately, and like most people I only have a passing understanding of what it actually contains. The more you read about it though, the more you realize everyone should know everything about this bill before it is most likely approved this summer. Essentially what it comes down to is an attempt by the government to extend Canada's anti-terror laws due to increased threats of terrorism. On paper, that sounds like a necessary measure. We all want to be safe and it is the government's job to keep everyone as secure as possible. The trouble is how we go about implementing the safety measures..." [Meridian Booster](#) (2015-04-07)

Bill C-51 Is More Unpopular than Ever

As Stephen Harper's controversial anti-terrorism bill clips through Parliament, en route to becoming law by the summer, public opposition is threatening to take wind out of the prime minister's sails. Of the Canadians who are aware of C-51, 56 percent oppose the bill while just 33 percent endorse it, according to a Forum Research poll provided exclusively to VICE News. That's an 11-point swing over Forum's last poll, which was conducted for VICE two weeks prior, when only a bare majority of those who were aware of the bill opposed it. The news gets worse for Harper, as one of the biggest drops in support for the bill is amongst his own kind. Of those who said they support the Conservative Party, 72 percent support Bill C-51—that's a nine point drop since Forum asked earlier in March. Meanwhile, 13 percent say they disapprove of the bill. The poll was conducted after marathon committee hearings took place, in which the Conservative majority shot down hundreds of amendments to the bill. [Vice News](#) (2015-04-09)

Ex-spy watchdog Plunkett calls CSIS civilian review 'a joke'

Eva Plunkett is not prone to hyperbole. The former inspector-general for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service – **the public servant who was, once upon a time, the Public Safety minister's eyes and ears inside Canada's spy agency** — chooses her words very carefully. Plunkett spent nearly a decade as IG before Stephen Harper shuttered the office in 2012 because she was doing too good a job — routinely issuing reports that diplomatically raised the alarm about CSIS's questionable conduct. She took the work seriously. So when Plunkett says that the government's civilian oversight body, the Security Intelligence Review Committee, is a "joke" — take it to the bank. She knows what she's talking about. **And nobody knows better how vacuous the assurances offered by Prime Minister Harper and Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney about the draconian powers CSIS is getting under Bill C-51 truly are.** [iPolitics](#) (2015-04-10)

Last word on C-51

I wasn't going to write another word on Harper's Bill C-51, because all seemed to me to have been said. 1) It's an appalling Bill, creating an unaccountable political police with wide powers—a piece of legislation clearly designed to stamp out civil dissent; and 2) With a few cosmetic changes, it's already a done deal. But a formidable new expert has now been heard from, and any waverers need to listen. Before getting to that, though, here's a brief resume of the proposed Conservative amendments to C-51 as reported in the media. Removing the word "lawful" from the Bill seemingly clarifies that acts of peaceful civil disobedience, trespass, and (in Montreal) exercising the former right of free assembly to protest government austerity, will not be considered "terrorist" acts. The Bill will now emphasize that CSIS has no power to make arrests. Information-sharing will be restricted, but we don't yet know to what degree. Rabble.ca (2015-04-11)

Indigenous Bar Association Concerned over C-51

The Indigenous Bar Association shares this message today to give voice to its deep concerns with Bill C-51 for all Canadians and for Indigenous peoples in particular. The IBA is a national association comprised of Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit and Metis) lawyers, legal academics, articling clerks and law students, including graduate and post-graduate law students. The IBA is a not-for-profit federal corporation mandated, amongst other things, to promote the advancement of legal and social justice for Indigenous peoples in Canada, as well as the reform of laws and policies affecting Indigenous peoples. Our concerns with Bill C-51, even given its proposed amendments, are manifold. We share the concerns given voice by many other groups, including that if passed into law, Bill C-51 would: Unduly privilege economic interests over social, political and legal interests; Dramatically mobilize Canada's security and surveillance apparatuses without protecting the fundamental rights and freedoms of Canadians. On the contrary, the erosion of Canadian civil and political rights appears as the condition that allows for the vast expansion in the state's powers of security and surveillance; Serve to criminalize dissent. Worse, it would serve to move claims that have always been contemplated under Canadian law within the discourse of criminality into the discourse of terror; Allow for the mass violation of the privacy rights of Canadians via increased powers of state surveillance and information sharing programs and protocols; Expose lawfully acting Canadians to a risk of arbitrary detention by state security agents. As a more general matter, the Bill as drafted is intentionally so overly-broad and ambiguous in its scope as to seriously challenge the current government's commitment to the principle of legality. Yet that principle is one which lies at the heart of Canadian constitutionalism. Bill C-51 fundamentally misrepresents the necessary balance between freedom and security. Net News Ledger (2015-04-11)

Threat Disruption / Perturbation des menaces

NIL

Security of Canada Information Sharing Act / loi sur la sécurité de l'échange de renseignements au Canada

NIL

Passenger Protect Program / programme de protection des passagers

NIL

Immigration Refugee Protection Act / loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés

NIL

Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

NIL

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Overall, broadcast media coverage regarding Bill C-51 was minimal with no items of note.

General Coverage / couverture générale

NIL

Threat Disruption / Perturbation des menaces

NIL

Security of Canada Information Sharing Act / loi sur la sécurité de l'échange de renseignements au Canada

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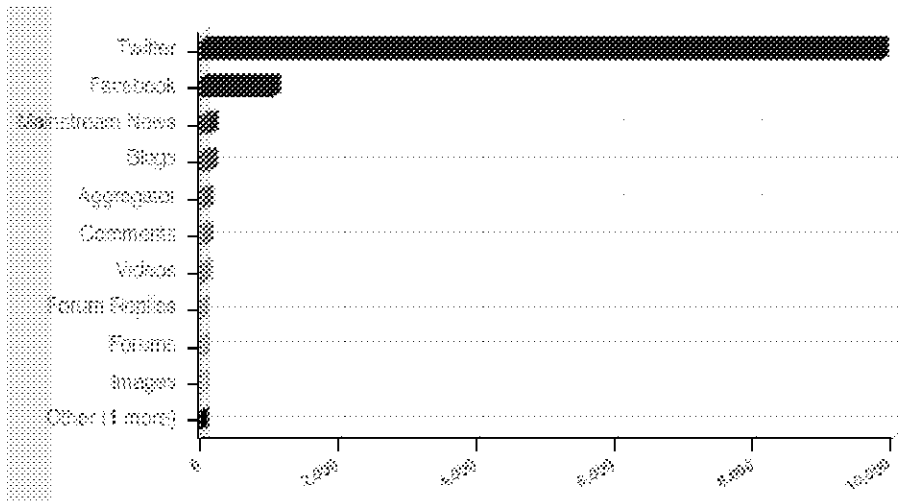
Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

NIL

Social Media / Médias sociaux

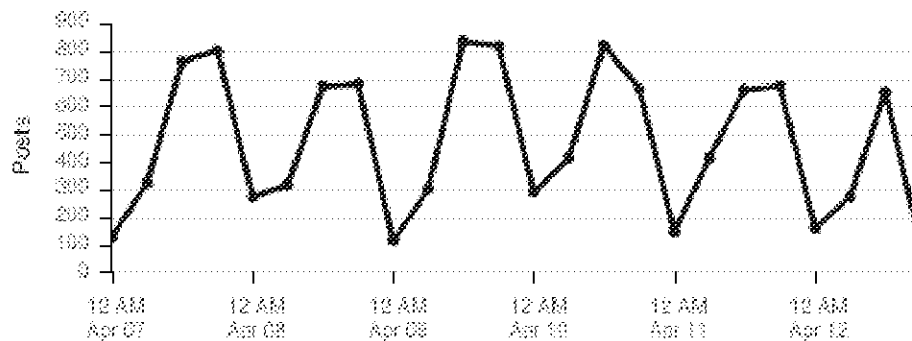
Since Tuesday April 7, 2015, social media coverage on Bill C-51 remained fairly extensive with approximately 11, 371 social media posts.

The following graph displays the breakdown of social media posts by type:



There were approximately 9849 tweets, 1047 Facebook posts, 127 blog posts, 135 news site posts, 64 comment posts and 213 other posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout the week:



There was no particular peak of note during this period.

Tweets of note :

Justin Ling

Today's Daily VICE features me sitting down with Thomas Mulcair and Steven Blaney on [#C51](#). Plus: new polling data. [vice.com/en_ca/read/daily-vice](http://www.vice.com/en_ca/read/daily-vice) (2015-04-09)

CBCOttawa

Sentries back on duty at Nat. War Memorial. DND paying [@OttawaPolice](#) \$435,000/yr to protect guards. [#cbcott](#) [#ottnews](#) (2015-04-09)

CdnPress

UPDATE: Ottawa police to guard sentries at National War Memorial after deadly attack <http://bit.ly/1lw2GNM> (2015-04-09)

OpenMedia.ca

Movement to [#StopC51](#) is bridging political divides <http://ow.ly/LpuTg> [#RejectFear](#) (2015-04-09)

rabble.ca

First Nations to Parliament on Bill #C51: I don't think so. <http://buff.ly/1CzAZv4> via @Pam_Palmater #cdnpoli (2015-04-09)

OpenMedia.ca

.@Mozilla Help us stop secret police #BillC51 - join the Thunderclap <http://ow.ly/LsfQF> #RejectFear (2015-04-10)

PaulJournet

Les leçons oubliées de l'affaire Arar et le danger du projet de loi conservateur sur le terrorisme

http://plus.lapresse.ca/screens/d913e159-0437-4296-99f3-b875dde5f504%7C_0.html ... (2015-04-10)

ipoliticsca

Ex-spy watchdog Plunkett calls CSIS civilian review 'a joke' | iPolitics <http://www.ipolitics.ca/2015/04/10/ex-spy-watchdog-plunkett-calls-csis-civilian-review-a-joke/> ... (2015-04-10)

theprovince

Sentries back on guard, and under guard, at National War Memorial <http://theprovince.com/1Ei6vni> #canada (2015-04-10)

TorontoStar

Tony Burman: The Tories' Anti-Terrorism Act only serves to place us in more jeopardy. #CDNpoli

<http://on.thestar.com/1ym1ole> (2015-04-11)

OpenMedia.ca

The more Canadians learn about secret police Bill C-51, the more they want the government to scrap it.

<http://ow.ly/LsCWB> (2015-04-12)

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- Media coverage regarding the forthcoming anti-terrorism legislation continued to receive a moderate amount of media coverage and generally remained balanced. However, of note was an opinion piece written by Wesley Wark who was slightly critical in his assessments. Wark states that, in his opinion, the federal government has “over-sold” the upcoming legislation “both in terms of scale and legislative overhaul” and that the legislation will most likely be a “fine-tuning” of already established legal powers.
- According to comments made by Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development, one objective of the upcoming bill will be to diminish the incitement of terrorism while not diminishing the legitimate expression of political or religious views. During the evening, the Canadian Press reported that the upcoming legislation will create a new Criminal Code provision making it a crime to encourage someone to carry out a terrorist attack.
- Global News reported this evening that one component of the upcoming legislation will allow police to detain an individual suspected of terrorist activity for a longer period of time without having to lay a charge.
- In an interview today, Canada’s Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien stated that he would like to see enhanced transparency and oversight provisions incorporated into Friday’s anti-terrorism legislation. Mr. Therrien also stated that he is concerned about the potential for information to be shared of non-suspects.
- On the topic of the forthcoming legislation, Liberal Public Safety Critic Wayne Easter stated that the Liberal party remains “very open to what the government will propose” though will only support the bill if it contains additional oversight provisions for security agencies.

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

- “Our objective is not to diminish legitimate expression of political or religious views, but rather incitement to terrorism - and there is a fine line there that the legislation will try to draw.” ~ *Employment Minister, Jason Kenney*
- “Information sharing regarding whom? Regarding people who are suspected of terrorist activities, or the sharing of information about other Canadians who are not suspected of anything in order to

identify a national security threat... Travellers crossing the border, ordinary Canadians crossing the border. Will there be greater information sharing about them from the border agency to the secret service?" ~ Privacy Commissioner of Canada, Daniel Therrien

- « Oui, on peut donner plus de pouvoir aux agences de sécurité et aux forces policières, mais comment va-t-on déterminer quels propos sont permis et quels autres sont interdits? » ~ *Amnistie internationale, Béatrice Vaugrante*
- « On a entendu parler de policiers qui savaient qu'il y avait des individus qui se radicalisaient, mais ils n'avaient pas les ressources nécessaires pour effectuer de la surveillance. » ~ *Porte-parole du NPD, Rosane Doré-Lefebvre*

Print Media / Médias imprimés

Feds outline more details of upcoming anti-terror bill

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney assures the government's new terror bill expected Friday will be in "**full compliance with Canadian law**." The bill is expected to include provisions to allow "**preventative arrests**" and criminalize the "**promotion of terror**" -- measures law enforcement has indicated would help detain potential terrorists before a crime is actually committed. Asked to explain how the government will criminalize the promotion of terrorism, Blaney said the Criminal Code already contains provisions on "supporting hatred or violence." "It is really criminal to incite terror, to support terrorism or to encourage to use violence to achieve your means," Blaney said. Liberal public safety critic Wayne Easter says it's worth examining whether Canada actually needs new laws or whether it could simply make use of what already exists. "One key question is why have current laws not been utilized to the full extent we think they ought to be," Easter told reporters Tuesday, following a meeting of the House public safety committee. [QMI Agency](#), 30 (Edmonton Sun, Calgary Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard, London Free Press); [Le Droit](#) (Le Devoir); [La Presse](#)

Limits on free speech are risky business

An opinion piece states, "When the Harper Conservative government introduces its anti-terror legislation later this week, it will walk a fine line. The legislation is needed, because the threat of terror, especially homegrown terror, is all too real, as we have seen first hand. Most of the omnibus anti-terror bill builds on existing frameworks, giving police and security officials expanded powers and making it easier to share information - including about all citizens, not just those suspected of terror links. But there is new ground here as well, and that's what we should be watching. A key feature of the new law is a measure that draws a line between free expression and endorsing terrorism. Simply put, people who verbally promote or glorify terrorism could be charged under the act. It's easy to see how this will work in extreme cases, for example, where someone praises terror attacks like the ones that happened in Canada last year. But what about in more subjective cases? Any time we limit free speech, even for a good reason, we need to tread carefully. This is no exception." [Hamilton Spectator](#), A10

Online Media / Médias en ligne

Conservatives looking to detain suspected terrorists longer without charge

The Conservative government is considering changes to Canada's anti-terror laws, that would allow the police to detain a suspected terrorist for a longer period for time without charges. Sources tell Global News the change is expected to be part of the Conservative government's overhaul of anti-terror laws, expected to be announced this Friday. Currently, if police believe someone is planning to commit a terrorist act, they can arrest the individual without laying a charge. Officers then have 72 hours to come up with sufficient evidence, otherwise the suspect must be released. The new rules under consideration would allow police to appear before a judge and seek two additional 48-hour extensions, allowing them more time to continue their investigation. [Global News](#)

New Conservative anti terror bill needs to walk a fine line, Kenney says

There's a fine line between legitimate religious expression and inciting terrorism, says Conservative cabinet minister Jason Kenney. It's that line the government will be walking - carefully - in its new anti-terrorism bill, expected to be unveiled Friday. The bill is the government's long-awaited legislative response to two attacks carried out on Canadian soldiers last fall by men believed to have been influenced by radical Islam - attacks the government considers acts of terrorism. Though police already have the power to go after those suspecting of being on the verge of committing terrorist attacks, the new bill is partially aimed at stopping the seeds of those attacks from germinating altogether. "Our objective is not to diminish legitimate expression of political or religious views, but rather incitement to terrorism - and there is a fine line there that the legislation will try to draw," Kenney said in an interview Tuesday. "Obviously there are some malevolent religious influences that can add to the process of radicalization towards violent extremism, and we have to be extremely mindful of that." How to effectively combat radicalization is a struggle facing governments and security agencies the world over. The RCMP is currently rolling out its own strategy, which includes working more closely with community groups in order to identify and divert people who may be susceptible to extreme views that could eventually lead to violence. [Canadian Press](#) (iPolitics); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (La Presse)

Une loi criminalisera la promotion du terrorisme

Le gouvernement fédéral déposera vendredi une loi qui rendrait criminelle l'incitation à commettre des attaques terroristes. Selon les informations obtenues par La Presse Canadienne, le gouvernement prévoit créer une nouvelle disposition dans le Code criminel pour punir les extrémistes qui encourageraient les autres à perpétrer des attentats terroristes. Selon une source gouvernementale, les attaques du mois d'octobre au pays ont prouvé qu'une telle mesure était nécessaire. La nouvelle clause ne s'appliquerait toutefois pas à la simple apologie du terrorisme. Par exemple, une personne qui publierait sur Internet des images d'une explosion ne serait pas arrêtée. Mais si ladite vidéo appelait à mener une attaque semblable au Canada, il s'agirait là d'un acte criminel. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Journal Métro); [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist)

Les vidéos menaçant le Canada deviendront criminelles

Dans ses démarches pour renforcer les lois pour contrer la menace terroriste au pays, le gouvernement Harper va rendre criminelles la publication et la propagation de vidéos où le Canada est identifié comme cible. Une vidéo comme celle où l'on voit le djihadiste canadien John Maguire en appeler aux armes contre le Canada sera maintenant spécifiquement visée par le droit criminel. Parmi les mesures qui seront présentées vendredi pour contrer la promotion du terrorisme, une publication comme celle d'une vidéo où l'on demande de perpétrer des attaques au Canada en général, soit une forme d'encouragement actif, serait désormais visée par le droit pénal. Une source conservatrice indique que, selon les mesures actuelles, il est impossible d'accuser un individu si la nature des attaques n'est pas précise. [TVA Nouvelles](#)

Federal government's new terror law concerns privacy watchdog

Canada's privacy watchdog is expressing early concerns about information sharing provisions expected in the Conservatives' new anti-terror laws, as Prime Minister Stephen Harper meets with Toronto police chiefs to win support for the new measures. Daniel Therrien said he's been briefed on the government's new anti-terror bill, to be tabled in Parliament on Friday, and will be closely watching the wording of provisions aimed at increasing information sharing among government agencies. "Information sharing regarding whom? Regarding people who are suspected of terrorist activities, or the sharing of information about other Canadians who are not suspected of anything in order to identify a national security threat," Therrien said. "Travellers crossing the border, ordinary Canadians crossing the border. Will there be greater information sharing about them from the border agency to the secret service?" [Toronto Star](#)

Liberals say they're open to upcoming Tory terror bill

The Liberals say they will only support the government's upcoming terror bill if it includes oversight mechanisms for security agencies. Despite the government's caginess on its contents, information leaked to media indicates it will broadly expand police surveillance powers. It will also outlaw the nebulous-sounding "promotion of terror." The bill is expected to be tabled Friday. Speaking earlier this week following a meeting of the House public safety committee, Liberal public safety critic Wayne Easter said those laws already exist - from preventative arrests and peace bonds to outlawing anyone who's

gone abroad to participate in terrorism from trying to return. On Wednesday, Easter said the Liberals remain "very open to what the government will propose." But the Liberals have a "serious caveat on this bill," he said, "and that is that there needs to be proper oversight of security agencies." Without it, Easter said privacy rights could too easily be breached. [Sun News Network](#)

Wesley Wark: The anti-terrorism legislation has likely been oversold

An opinion piece states, "The Canadian government has been beating the drum about the need for new counter-terrorism powers since the October, 2014 terror attacks in Quebec and Ottawa. A legislative package is finally scheduled to be tabled in Parliament on Friday. The substance of this new legislation has been subject to some intermittent and generalized remarks by our political leaders, reaching a slight crescendo in recent days, and by wider media speculation. To no one's surprise, there have been no substantive leaks. This is not the style of the Harper government. The closer we get to the birth date, the more hinting there has been from ministers. This can be seen as a calculated effort to prepare the ground for what is bound to be an intense political debate in Parliament about the merits of any extension to Canada's significant suite of anti-terror laws, originally passed in 2001. The broad lineaments of that debate are already clear, even without sight of the new proposals... Prediction is always a hostage to fortune, especially on the eve of the unveiling of the legislation itself. But let me make some "reasonable" predictions about the anti-terror legislation in terms of what it will and won't contain, and the historical baggage of some of its contents." [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Lutte au terrorisme: les policiers et les espions n'ont pas assez de ressources, selon le NPD

Alors que le gouvernement conservateur continue de dire que les policiers et agents du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) ont besoin de plus de pouvoirs pour stopper les terroristes, l'opposition est d'avis que les policiers et les espions ont seulement besoin de plus de moyens. «On a entendu parler de policiers qui savaient qu'il y avait des individus qui se radicalisaient, mais ils n'avaient pas les ressources nécessaires pour effectuer de la surveillance», a expliqué Rosane Doré-Lefebvre, porte-parole du NPD en matière de sécurité publique. L'opposition demande plus d'argent pour le SCRS et la GRC, au moment où le gouvernement peine à équilibrer son budget. Alors que certains s'inquiètent des ressources allouées aux agents de renseignements, le réseau Global a mis la main sur les frais de déplacement du directeur du SCRS, Michel Coulombe. «Ça n'a pas de bon sens que les voyages du directeur du SCRS coûtent plus cher que ceux du ministre. Une chambre d'hôtel à 750 \$ la nuit, c'est un peu exagéré», s'est indignée Mme Doré-Lefebvre en Chambre. Le président du Conseil du trésor, Tony Clement, a déjà demandé une révision des dépenses du directeur du SCRS. [Journal de Montréal](#)

Anti-terrorism bill built around an attack that still raises questions

Was Michael Zehaf-Bibeau a terrorist or not? Canadians still don't really know. In the three months since the attack on the National War Memorial and Parliament Hill, government leaders have repeatedly declared Zehaf-Bibeau to be a violent jihadist. Prime Minister Stephen Harper mentioned it again during a campaign-style speech in Orléans on Sunday. "Jihadist terrorism is not a future possibility, it is a present reality," he said, referring to October's attacks in both Ottawa and Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que. "Violent jihadism is not simply a danger somewhere else. It seeks to harm us here, through horrific acts like ... shooting a soldier from behind as he stands guard at a war memorial." Yet politicians and police have tendered no clear evidence to underpin their claims. On Friday, the question becomes more important. The Conservatives are to table anti-terrorism legislation directly inspired by the events of Oct. 22. Harper has said the new laws will increase the state's powers to monitor, arrest and detain suspected terrorists. Knowing whether Zehaf-Bibeau, 32, was a terrorist driven by Islamist rage would help in understanding whether the proposed new laws are necessary or wise – or, as the opposition NDP charges, whether the legislation is more about political opportunism in an election year. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Laïcité: Drainville interpelle Couillard

Bernard Drainville a indiqué mardi que le premier ministre devrait condamner et combattre le fondamentalisme de toutes les religions avec des lois et des outils comme des balises pour la laïcité de l'État. «Il ne faut pas reculer sur la protection de la liberté de religion, mais ce que je dis c'est que l'intégrisme religieux qui veut imposer sa loi religieuse, sur des lois votées démocratiquement dans des parlements, ça n'est pas acceptable, a-t-il dit. Tu ne peux pas dire, comme premier ministre du Québec: ça fait partie des choix personnels. Ça et baisser les bras, ça et renoncer, ça et dire: finalement, je

l'accepte, il n'y a pas grand-chose à faire avec ça. 'Come on M. Couillard, come on', vous êtes premier ministre, tenez-vous debout.» Les porte-paroles du Parti libéral du Canada et du Nouveau Parti démocratique en matière de sécurité publique s'opposent à l'idée des conservateurs d'imposer la prison à vie à des criminels sans qu'ils ne puissent réclamer de libération conditionnelle. Ils ont peur que cette mesure aggrave l'état des criminels et mette en danger le personnel des prisons. Ils prônent donc la réhabilitation des détenus, même ceux reconnus coupables de meurtres en série et d'agressions sexuelles sur des enfants. Le gouvernement présentera vendredi une nouvelle mesure dans sa politique antiterroriste. Le **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, assure que les libertés civiles seront respectées même si les conservateurs légifèrent pour contrer la promotion du terrorisme. [L'Étoile du Lac](#)

CSE tracks millions of downloads daily: Snowden documents

Canada's electronic spy agency sifts through millions of videos and documents downloaded online every day by people around the world, as part of a sweeping bid to find extremist plots and suspects, CBC News has learned. Details of the Communications Security Establishment project dubbed "Levitation" are revealed in a document obtained by U.S. whistleblower Edward Snowden and recently released to CBC News. Under Levitation, analysts with the electronic eavesdropping service can access information on about 10 to 15 million uploads and downloads of files from free websites each day, the document says. "Every single thing that you do - in this case uploading/downloading files to these sites - that act is being archived, collected and analyzed," says Ron Deibert, director of the University of Toronto-based internet security think-tank Citizen Lab, who reviewed the document. In the document, a PowerPoint presentation written in 2012, the CSE analyst who wrote it jokes about being overloaded with innocuous files such as episodes of the musical TV series Glee in their hunt for terrorists. CBC analyzed the document in collaboration with the U.S. news website The Intercept, which obtained it from Snowden. The presentation provides a rare glimpse into Canada's cyber-sleuthing capabilities and its use of its spy partners' immense databases to track the online traffic of millions of people around the world, including Canadians. That glimpse may be of even greater interest now that the Harper government plans to introduce new legislation increasing the powers of Canada's security agencies. [CBC News](#)

Montreal teen allegedly committed robbery to help terrorist group

A Montreal teenager facing two terrorism-related charges linked to a robbery will have a trial date set next month. The 15-year-old appeared Wednesday in youth court, where his lawyer was granted a request to postpone proceedings until Feb. 16. Federal prosecutors allege he committed a robbery for the benefit of an unspecified terrorist organization. Authorities also say the adolescent is charged with planning to leave Canada to participate in the activities of a terrorist group abroad. The Harper government is about to introduce new laws which the prime minister says are designed to help authorities stop planned attacks and prevent terrorists from travelling and recruiting others. [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News); [La Presse](#); [Huffington Post](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Overall, broadcast media coverage regarding the forthcoming anti-terrorism legislation remained moderate.

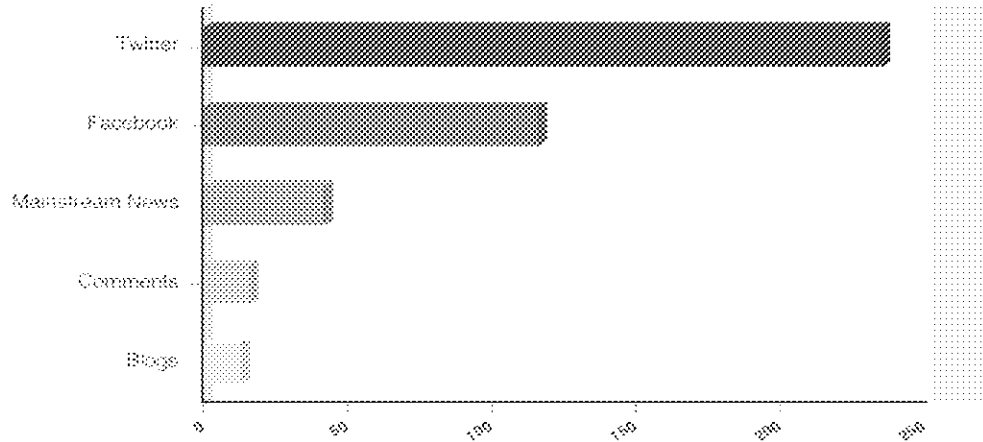
Of note:

CBC News - Power & Politics reported on the Communication Security Establishment's Project Levitation, which is used to track terrorist activity online. Following this CBC News interviewed Daniel Therrien, the Privacy Commissioner of Canada regarding Canadians concerns about online privacy. Mr. Therrien was also asked questions regarding the upcoming anti-terrorism legislation to be tabled Friday. [Rough Transcript](#)

Social Media / Médias sociaux

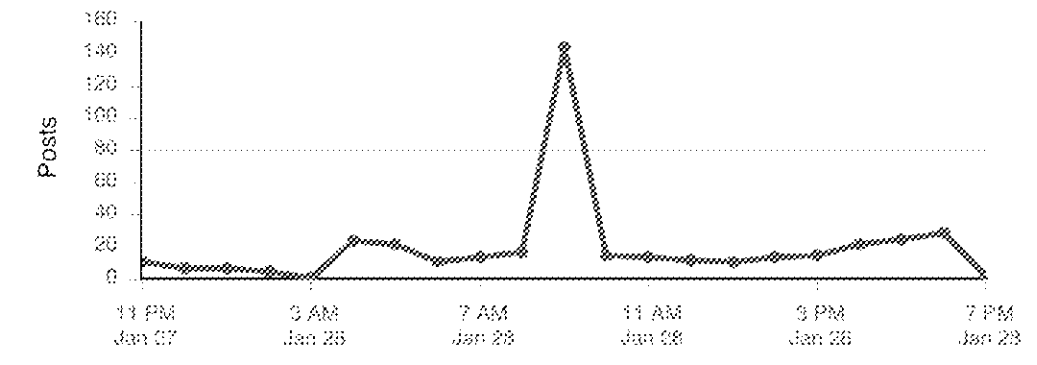
There have been approximately 422 social media posts today regarding the forthcoming anti-terrorism legislation.

The following graph displays the breakdown of social media posts by type:



In total, there were approximately 235 tweets, 116 Facebook posts, 42 news site posts, 16 comments and 13 blog posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout the day:



Coverage peaked from approximately 08:00 ET – 09:00 ET with numerous re-tweets of the following tweet linking to a [Press Progress article](http://www.pressprogress.ca/en/post/5-things-keep-eye-harpers-anti-terrorism-bill) from January 26th:

[faisalkutty](#)

5 things to keep an eye on in Harper's anti-terrorism bill [http://www.pressprogress.ca/en/post/5-things-keep-eye-harpers-anti-terrorism-bill ...](http://www.pressprogress.ca/en/post/5-things-keep-eye-harpers-anti-terrorism-bill) via [@pressprogress](#)

Tweets of note:

[OttawaCitizen](#)

Anti-terrorism bill built around an attack that still raises questions [#cdnpoli](#) <http://ow.ly/I7jGC>

[globalnews](#)

EXCLUSIVE: Conservatives looking to detain suspected terrorists longer without charge
<http://ow.ly/I7nZA>

[tvanouvelles](http://www.tvanouvelles.com)

Pour lutter contre le terrorisme, les vidéos menaçant le Canada deviendront criminelles
<http://bit.ly/1DI9XLh>

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The lifting of a publication ban on a Montreal trial garnered moderate amount of print media coverage during the monitoring period. Articles were positive in tone with regards to the ability to report the details of the case.

On June 10, Superior Court Justice André Vincent lifted a publication ban on the court proceedings, regarding Salvatore Montagna's murder, revealing a web of criminal activity and state-of-the-art surveillance technology. Justice Vincent rejected requests from both the Crown and the defense to extend the publication bans, and ordered that nearly all the information shall become public. Media also reported that the RCMP had warrants to intercept the BlackBerry PIN-to-PIN encrypted messages sent from the seven men accused of murder.

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"What we're seeing now is ... the best evidence of people conspiring to commit a crime is lost to us. And that's what we call 'going dark'." Chief Supt. Jeff Adam oversees the RCMP's Technical Investigations Services

"Technology is advancing very quickly and new encryption methods are coming out. And the bad guys are starting to use them (...) [Police] don't have budgets, they don't always have the right people ... We are seeing a trend where law enforcement and the government sector are being shut out in the new evolution in encryption world, absolutely. It's a battle." Daniel Tobok of Cytelligence

"I think we see the tip of the iceberg because police, by nature, are secretive about their capabilities (...) What people don't appreciate [is] that they are essentially living in this giant visible sphere of digital information. And it's there forever" criminal defence lawyer Alan Gold

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Mob violence, cutting-edge technology - The lifting of a publication ban on a Montreal murder trial exposes web of criminal activity and state-of-the-art surveillance

The morning that Salvatore Montagna, one-time boss of the Bonanno crime family, was shot three times and died on a snowy river bank outside Montreal, his archenemy Raynald Desjardins was having breakfast elsewhere in town with his daughter and chatting about her wedding photo album. Shortly after the killing, Mr. Desjardins sent a terse BlackBerry message to his associate, Vittorio Mirarchi: "Done." "Perfect," came the reply. Police who were wiretapping Mr. Desjardins's mobile phones immediately suspected he was behind the 2011 murder. The next evening - Nov. 25, 2011 - an RCMP sergeant arrived outside Mr. Desjardins's house with a portable device that tracked cellular signals and tried to identify what other mobile phones were inside. It was part of a 16-month surveillance operation that led

police to charge Mr. Desjardins and seven others in connection with the murder of Mr. Montagna. Globe and Mail, A4; Journal de Montréal (2016-06-11)

Secret messages behind a mob hit - Texts revealed in Montagna case after judge partially lifts ban

In the months before he was gunned down in cold blood, Mafioso Salvatore Montagna was being hunted by a team of people who knew almost every move he made while he was being betrayed by a cloned smartphone. The detail is one of many contained in the evidence gathered in the wake of Montagna's murder, on Nov. 24, 2011, that had been subject to a publication ban for years until Superior Court Justice André Vincent partially lifted the order during a hearing at the Laval courthouse Friday. Montagna was the upstart within the Mafia in Montreal, arriving in 2009 after being deported from the United States. He apparently chose to reside here to take advantage of the fact that Vito Rizzuto, the longtime leader of the Mafia in Montreal, was serving a 10-year sentence in the U.S., and the organization that bore his family's name was weakened in his absence. What Montagna likely did not factor into his plans was that just months after he arrived in Montreal, Raynald Desjardins, 62, was freed of conditions imposed by the Parole Board of Canada, after serving jail time, that had prevented him from re-taking his high stature among Montreal's mobsters. Desjardins was sentenced to 15 years in 1994 for plotting to smuggle cocaine into Canada. Montreal Gazette, A10 (2016-06-11)

Canadian Cops Lose Fight to Keep Details of Their High-Tech Surveillance Powers Secret

Federal police in Canada may have lost the battle, but won the war, when it comes to keeping secret their ability to track cellphones, intercept messages, and decrypt messages sent by BlackBerry phones. VICE News and Motherboard first reported in April that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) had obtained BlackBerry's global encryption key, and had used it to read millions of messages sent between seven men accused of murder, and a litany of other alleged mobsters who are accused of drug trafficking, kidnapping, and arson. Since then, we have fought to keep this information in the public domain. But since then, Crown prosecutors have been fighting to put the genie back in the bottle, asserting that a vague, open-ended publication ban would forbid media from reporting the details of a case that, by the RCMP's own admission, involved the largest use ever of PIN to PIN interception technique in a major North American investigation. On Friday, a judge in Laval, Quebec, rejected requests from both the Crown and the defense to extend the publication bans, and ordered that nearly all the information shall become public. The Crown, faced with representatives from the media filing to have the information rendered public, eventually retreated, and asked for only sections of the documents to be kept secret. That the Crown was even seeking to extend the publication ban even after securing convictions is something "we don't normally see," said lawyer Christian Leblanc, who represented VICE and other media's push back against the government's efforts to suppress this information. VICE News (2016-06-10)

The RCMP Surveilled Thousands of Innocent Canadians for a Decade

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has been using mass surveillance devices known as IMSI catchers, in public, for a decade. In that time, the police have indiscriminately surveilled potentially thousands of Canadians without their knowledge, and stored that information for later use. Motherboard and VICE News obtained more than 3,000 pages of court documents that were produced as part of a case centering around a 2010 RCMP drug bust that unveiled a Montreal mafia slaying, codenamed Project Clemenza. Thanks to these documents, Canadians are finally getting a peek into the RCMP's use of mobile device identifiers—the police's term for IMSI catchers. On Friday, some of the men who pleaded guilty in the case that sprang from Clemenza are being sentenced in a Quebec court. Motherboard (2016-06-10)

Mafia montréalaise: le meurtre d'un aspirant parrain décrypté

Le caïd Raynald Desjardins et sept complices ont illégalement espionné un aspirant parrain de la mafia montréalaise tout en orchestrant son meurtre, à l'automne 2011. Ils ignoraient toutefois que leurs propres communications étaient interceptées à leur insu par la police. Le Journal peut maintenant révéler publiquement la preuve amassée lors de cette enquête historique, menée par la Sûreté du Québec et la Gendarmerie royale du Canada, qui a permis d'élucider l'assassinat de Salvatore Montagna, abattu à Charlemagne, le 24 novembre 2011. Vendredi, le juge André Vincent, de la Cour supérieure, a levé les

interdits de publication qui étaient en vigueur depuis le début de cette affaire. [Journal de Montréal](#) (2016-06-10)

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RCMP's BlackBerry-cracking methods could be revealed in Quebec court

A Quebec court could today pull back the curtain on secretive police techniques, including how the RCMP intercepted BlackBerry text messages to prove a murder conspiracy plot, as a judge considers whether to lift a publication ban in a case involving the Montreal Mafia. The case stems from Project Clemenza, a police operation that resulted in scores of organized crime arrests in 2014. At the time, police announced they had intercepted more than one million BlackBerry messages tied to allegations of drug trafficking, kidnapping, arson, weapons and other violent offences. () Chief Supt. Jeff Adam, who oversees the RCMP's Technical Investigations Services, declined to discuss with CBC News the specific methods used. But given rapid changes in technology and public concern in the post-Snowden era, as mobile developers move toward more secure "end-to-end" encryption, he says investigators are finding their jobs increasingly difficult. "What we're seeing now is the best evidence of people conspiring to commit a crime is lost to us. And that's what we call 'going dark,'" Adam said. [CBC News](#) (2016-06-10)

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Whistleblower Edward Snowden says spying on reporters is a 'radical attack on the free press'

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To some, whistleblower Edward Snowden is a traitor. To others, he's a hero.

Whichever way you see him, Snowden – a former CIA employee and contractor for the National Security Agency (NSA) who is responsible for the largest national security breach in U.S. history – is a pivotal figure in any debate pertaining to the issue of government surveillance.

He is one of the most wanted fugitives in the world after leaking thousands of classified NSA documents to a few journalists in 2013. His disclosures revealed, among other things, that U.S. telecommunications companies were providing the NSA with virtually all their customers' phone records and that the NSA has a tool to search nearly everything a user does on the Internet.

So Snowden's talk at McGill University Wednesday night, as the city is in an uproar over police spying on La Presse reporter Patrick Lagacé and possibly much more widespread spying as well, was timely and promised to ignite an already fierce debate on authorities overstepping their bounds and cyber spying on their own citizens.

Students lined up across the length of the campus to see him and McGill officials had to scramble to set up overflow rooms. When Snowden's giant image finally showed up on the screen, almost 90 minutes late, he was greeted with thunderous applause.

Here's what Snowden had to say, from his hideout in Russia, on some important issues:

Montreal spying scandal: "The story about Montreal police spying on a journalist for the reason of uncovering sources is a radical attack on the free press," he said. "It unsettles me. It's a threat to the traditional model of our democracy." Now, he said, local police can decide that if they don't like a certain reporter, they can ask a judge to monitor their phones. It used to be such measures were reserved for real criminal threats; now they have been repurposed to monitor journalists.

The Internet age and surveillance: We're all being watched and that's what drove Snowden to be a whistleblower. Months before he leaked the classified documents, he heard the head of the NSA outright lie, under oath, about the use of surveillance techniques. "Surveillance technologies have outpaced democratic controls," he said. Surveillance used to be too expensive to use much. Now, he said, one guy at the NSA can track with extreme precision a large number of people. "It's become technologically and financially feasible to track people."

Intelligence agencies and authorities: How do we trust intelligence agencies and officials to operate fairly? We can't, he said. Governments should establish judicial bodies with independent prosecutorial discretion to monitor these agencies and to prosecute any illegalities. "The only thing that will ensure they play fairly is the threat of criminal sanctions," said Snowden. They need to be held accountable. And the law has been failing as a guarantor of our rights, he said.

The U.S. election: He's very disappointed that the United States is going through an entire election cycle which has focused on the personalities of the candidates – with no mention of the Constitution. In any case, people should be cautious about putting all their hopes on any one political figure because they rarely deliver what they promise, Snowden said. "You can't rely on others to do the things we must do ourselves," he said. "If you want a better country, you're going to have to build it yourself."

Snowden said that while he gets a lot of attention when it comes to surveillance issues, he considers himself the least important part of the story.

Anyone who is thinking of him or his future is missing the bigger story: "What is happening to all of us."

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Kate Lunau

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Police in Canada have been making their case in the media for greater powers to crack encryption and other digital privacy measures, which they say are increasingly stymying investigations into criminal activities online.

To demonstrate the need for expanded powers, federal police recently gave "unprecedented access" to two of the country's biggest media outlets. The RCMP allowed journalists from the *Toronto Star* and the CBC to access 10 "top secret" case files, which were essentially vetted summaries prepared by police, intended to illustrate the roadblocks that investigators say they are coming up against.

The CBC/*Star* five-part investigative series, which was published in November, sparked widespread debate about police powers and privacy online. In Motherboard, critics accused the police of using the media to spark "moral panic" about encryption. Talk from RCMP officials about criminals "going dark" mirrors language used by the FBI in the US, which has had its own debate about these issues going back for years.

Canada is in the midst of a public consultation on a green paper on national security that highlights four proposals, including one that would give police "warrantless access" to Canadians' basic internet subscriber information. Police argue that they need expanded digital powers to keep us all safe from crime. Privacy advocates, on the other hand, say that the police already have wide-ranging capabilities to surveil Canadians, maybe more now than ever. And encryption, of course, isn't just used by criminals.

The CBC/*Star* investigation comes at a charged time, amid revelations that spies here had been illegally storing Canadians' metadata for a decade; that police in Quebec had been surveilling journalists in the province; and amid public consultations on Canada's controversial Bill C-51, which has been sold as an anti-terrorism measure.

In a wide-ranging conversation with Motherboard, Robert Cribb of the *Toronto Star* and Dave Seglins of the CBC talked about how they came to "embed" with the police, and their goals in this investigation.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Motherboard: I want to start off by asking both of you what prompted this joint investigation.

Robert Cribb: I've been engaging with police on this now for more than a year and a half, and repeatedly trying to get to the place where we can talk about specifics. I believe, until our series, the police response has been rhetorical and amorphous. And that's been a frustration, in the sense that they talk about this risk to public safety, without detailing the evidence. There wasn't any clarity on the table.

Dave Seglins: I went to a conference over a year ago, I think it was late October of 2015. I got invited, because of my Snowden work, [to] a national policing symposium on cybercrime.

This was in Canada?

DS: It was in Toronto [with] policing leaders. It was Chatham House Rule. I was asked to be a panelist. They were all talking about going dark, and the problems they have as police agencies when the public discourse on the issues around police powers is so poor. I had the stage during my panel. They were grilling me on, why doesn't the media do more?

I threw down the gauntlet. I said, look, you want the public to understand this? Bring us inside. Why don't we think about some embeds, or some ways you can get us to see the problems you say you're facing, and the limitations?

So this was the RCMP?

DS: This was the RCMP, but there were several police services. I had follow-up with the Calgary Police Service and we were in discussions for a period about doing an embed with them. There were Ontario Provincial Police, there was Toronto police.

I think it was in February of this year that I called the RCMP. I finally wound up with Jeff Adam, who is the head of Technical Investigation Services, and the lead policy guy on everything including going dark. He said, we're interested in trying to facilitate media access to demonstrate some of these issues, but there's another guy on the doorstep, and that's Rob Cribb at the *Star*.

Interesting, OK.

DS: Ultimately I said, I know [Rob] by reputation and I've no objection to that. Given the complexity of what they were suggesting, a co-production was perhaps necessary.

Out of that, from what I understand from your reporting, you were given this top-level security clearance to review 10 case files—this "unprecedented access"—to see how digital roadblocks are interfering with police investigations.

I'm just looking at the top of the CBC story. It says, "child predators, drug traffickers and extremists allegedly planning attacks or to join ISIS are escaping the eyes of the law because of increasingly impenetrable encryption and other digital roadblocks, according to this investigation."

Given this restricted access you received, how easy was it to independently vet the role that encryption and other digital roadblocks are playing in going dark, or if there are available workarounds to police?

DS: You have to understand what happened between February and September to understand the editorial decisions we made. First off, we had to fill out these sets of [security clearance] forms. That took four or five months. CSIS had to go through everything.

At that time, the imagining was that we were going to get into one file. We thought, that's great. We kept pushing them, and saying what's coming along.

There's a couple of major problems on providing any kind of access to ongoing files. They have to consider the prospect for prosecution. If they are actively embedding journalists, the defendants and the lawyers will have right to all the disclosure around what that entails.

There's a provision in the wiretapping law that says it's actually a criminal offence for police to reveal the existence of a wiretap. So how do they bring us inside an investigation, when by law, they're forbidden from revealing to us aspects of the investigation? These were major impediments.

Not to mention the possibility of revealing police techniques that haven't seen the light of day, haven't shown up in court files, that they don't want the bad guys to know they're using, because they want them to remain effective.

By the end of summer, it was looking like the impediments were too high.

Then the government tables a green paper in the first week of September and opens a public consultation that's going to close December 1. We go, holy shit. All of the things they're talking about behind the scenes, it looks like the police have had significant input into this green paper and they're floating all of these ideas that we've been learning about and hearing about in the backrooms and in off-the-record conferences.

Do you mean [as you were] preparing to do this eventual embed?

DS: I mean the four policy proposals that the police are advancing. We'd heard inklings of this, and here they are buried in the government's backgrounder. We said, you guys say you want public literacy [and] the public debate, giddyup, get us some cases.

They lined up an interview with the commissioner for us. We lined up interviews with [Director General of RCMP Technical Investigation Services] Jeff Adam, and we did those interviews before we had access to the 10 case files. That was in early October. At the end of it, we said, you guys, how are we not going to be shilling for you unless we give us some hardcore case examples. Okay? That was a very explicit demand of ours. To that point, it was just going to be a policy and positioning exercise.

That is the point where they said, OK. They had prepared case summaries on eight of the cases. There were two that were done verbally. So now we're at your question.

The question is, how could we independently verify. The reality is, we couldn't. We took them as peace officers sworn to tell the truth, and through all our negotiations of trust, that they weren't inventing these out of thin air. I can tell you, the degree to which they were paranoid about our access to even these case summaries gave me confidence that these were based on reality. I don't think they were lying. These were details in those case summaries that we did not publish, but we had extensive background briefings on these where we got to ask questions to understand and critique, and say what's the issue here.

The short summaries that we published, we agreed [on] jointly, and constructed jointly from our notes and from the case summaries we provided. We wrote them because we wanted them to at least be in a narrative bite-size chunk that the public would grasp.

My question wasn't whether you could independently verify that these cases were true, more just whether it's possible to go beyond what the police are saying in this instance and find out if there are other workarounds they have access to.

How good of a sense could you get of that from them, how big of a factor encryption and [other] digital privacy tools were in hampering their investigations and what workarounds are available to them?

RC: It's a question repeated dozens of times throughout the course of these conversations. That's all we can tell you. The reason [these cases] were chosen is because there were roadblocks where [the police] allege that they'd exhausted all opportunities that they had in their arsenal to get access to this material.

Back to your last question about independent verification. Of course, there's no way to independently verify. All but two [of these cases] have never been known to the public, they're not before the courts. How could you possibly?

To this point [Motherboard] raised, [of] why would you let the police cherrypick these cases, well how would you at VICE go about asking for cases that literally you have no knowledge of, that don't exist on the public radar? These are live cases that are under investigation.

So you rely on [the police] to come forward with information, and the vetting is in the interviewing, which took place repeatedly. They had the file sitting in front of them and we pushed them to go further, in terms of detail.

You're talking to two journalists who've been around a pretty long time, and have a pretty good sense of bullshit. And I don't think when both of us walked out of that room, I think it's safe to say these were real cases.

In both series, the ones produced at the CBC and the *Star*, you interview digital privacy experts, and I noticed the *the Star* ran an editorial from Tamir Israel and Christopher Parsons arguing that the RCMP is overstating its need for digital surveillance tools. A lot of [privacy] advocates say this is actually a golden age of surveillance.

How do you respond to that—that this is a golden age of surveillance?

RC: I think that all of the discussion around that is a great testament to the series. At the end of the day, we were very open and transparent about our intention, which was to create a needed public debate in this country, which is in its infancy at a time where we're about to make very serious decisions legislatively.

The fact that that editorial was in the paper, and that so much discussion has taken place on this issue—I would suggest to you that that would not be taking place had we not ventured into this unusual and unorthodox method.

DS: I would agree. I would say, look, there's some truth to what Tamir Israel and Chris Parsons are putting forward. Because that's the point. Put out the raw materials that the police are willing to provide as evidence, and let's have at it.

What needs to happen to make sure that Canadians are well enough informed to make good decisions? I know you've been saying this series was an attempt to get there. But I'd like to hear any other thoughts, as well.

DS: Well, forgive me, but three months of work to get this out, that's a first step. I hope you guys engage some of these issues. Pull them apart.

What do you think? What do you think of taking the step to say, OK police, pony up, give us examples. We'll put it to the public. What do you think of what we did here?

I started off by asking you how you would independently vet these ten case files, and that was one of my main questions when I saw this series. As I said, the lede of the CBC story [referenced] a lot of things people worry about: child predators, drug traffickers. These are all fears shared by your readers, and it made me wonder how we independently vet these case files.

RC: Are you concerned about vetting the allegations of the other side as well? Are you equally concerned about vetting the allegations of the Chris Parsons of the world, and those who...

Well of course. I'm a journalist, just like you.

DS: I wouldn't have thrown away my entire professional reputation to do some PR for the police if it didn't merit the public exposure, and if it didn't meet standards of us being able to critique and ask journalistic questions. We're not just regurgitating what they gave us.

The police on the front lines, the people we pay and employ and authorize to fight crime and terrorism, have a job to do. And when they start saying, hold on, we don't exactly have the tools we need, we chose to listen to that and say, OK, provide us with some [examples], let's let the public have a glimpse inside. That wasn't easy for them, it wasn't easy for us. But I think the whole benefit of it is to try to get this debate going.

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Casualties of war on terror continue to be hounded by Canada's spies - Despite court victories and long-promised amendments to C-51, agencies that work in the shadows like CSIS and the RCMP still wield extraordinary powers over our privacy rights

Now Toronto

Matthew Behrens

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As the Trudeau government considers long-promised amendments to the Harper regime's notorious C-51 "anti-terror" legislation, Canadians have been invited to participate in an online consultation ahead of 2017 parliamentary hearings.

This complex policy area includes everything from financing terrorism and "investigative capabilities in a digital world" to "domestic national security information sharing" and "procedures for listing terrorist entities," topics not normally the focus of dinner-table conversation.

But it's more than familiar territory to Mahmoud Jaballah, a former Scarborough school principal who's spent most of the past two decades jailed without charge or under house arrest. Held under Canada's secretive security certificate regime – a Kafkaesque procedure that allows Ottawa to indefinitely detain non-citizens and conduct secret hearings based on undisclosed national security allegations – he was finally cleared in May when Federal Court Judge Dolores Hansen declared the case against him "unreasonable."

In dismissing the case, Hansen also concluded that the government had failed to establish any "serious question of general importance," closing the door to any reconsideration of her verdict.

It was Jaballah's second victory against allegations linking him to Al-Jihad, an Egyptian-based terror group, that had dogged him since he was first arrested in 1999. He was held for seven months at that time, and the dismissal of his certificate later that year was only the second such case to win at the Federal Court.

But he was arrested again in August 2001 when spy agency CSIS offered a new interpretation of a case already dismissed as not credible. The Egyptian refugee, a survivor of the torture chambers of former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak, spent the next 15 years fighting the security certificate process, which the Supreme Court declared unconstitutional in 2007. The government responded by modifying the process to allow security-cleared lawyers some access to the secret hearings.

This past summer, in addition to connecting with his 10 grandchildren via cellphone selfies and text messaging, which he'd previously been prohibited from accessing, Jaballah booked the family trip he had dreamed of for 20 years. Following a flight out of Pearson Airport, they enjoyed a week-long road trip through Alberta and British Columbia.

"The Rocky Mountains were amazing," he recently enthused, though he was constantly worried about running into moose and other wildlife on the highways. "Canada is a beautiful country. It was good to see some of it finally."

But when the family showed up at the Calgary airport for their return flight home, Jaballah was pulled aside, held for secondary questioning and refused boarding.

"Why do they let me go but they don't let me come back?" he recalls asking airline staff, who simply shrugged and said they had no answers.

He pressed for information, after which he was shown a standardized, one-paragraph form faxed from Ottawa referencing the Secure Air Travel Act (Canada's no-fly list). Consistent with the secretive nature of the program, no reasons were listed. He was forced to head to car rentals and make the 40-hour drive home.

It was a chilling reminder for Jaballah that – despite his court victories and the change in government – agencies that work in the shadows (like CSIS and the RCMP) continue to wield extraordinary powers that affect the privacy rights and liberty of everyone in the country.

While much national discussion and protest erupted when C-51 was first introduced, the Liberals have been slow to revisit some of the new powers granted to spies to “disrupt” perceived security threats. Nor have they addressed fears of taking part in an online survey, since the ability to track IP addresses might bring Mounties to the door of those who express controversial opinions.

Despite those concerns, anyone viewing Snowden, Oliver Stone's new movie about the chilling surveillance documents revealed by the former U.S. National Security Agency contractor, may nonetheless be heading online to express their opinions about bulk collection of emails and cellphone conversations.

Indeed, Canada's own Communications Security Establishment was found in 2014 to have collected massive amounts of such data at airports, cafés and a variety of other WiFi locations, and that agency's review body last July noted a 26-fold increase in intercepted communications. CSIS, too, was recently called on the carpet for engaging in bulk data collection without specific guidelines, and last month suspended the practice pending development of new rules.

On the long drive home from Calgary, Jaballah wondered if such mass surveillance practices may have led to his sudden appearance on the no-fly list. “I try to live normal life, but then I wondered: are they still listening? Did they see the texts I sent that I travelled safely? Did they see the pictures I sent from Alberta?”

When he eventually arrived home, he had to deal with other bad news. Federal lawyers had filed a motion seeking to have his victorious court decision overturned. The Federal Court of Appeal rejected that motion last week, calling the case “closed.” However, Jaballah still must fight against the no-fly listing, which, under C-51, operates via a secretive process almost exactly like that of the security certificate regime.

The residue of cases like Jaballah's provides a potent reminder that, intimidating as C-51's new provisions may be, they often build on pre-existing security measures already wielded mostly against Muslims for the past 15 years.

Jaballah was part of a group known as the Secret Trial Five, all Muslim men subjected to lengthy detention under security certificates. Two are still battling in the courts.

But even winning a case does not stop the hounding by Canada's spies.

Hassan Almrei, a Syrian refugee held almost a decade, largely in solitary confinement, had a court victory in 2009. This did nothing, however, to advance his long-standing application for permanent residence, which remains unresolved to this day. And in a wired world, no amount of cleansing on Google can erase the search hits that remind potential employers of having once been considered a security threat.

Adil Charkaoui, who was freed from his security certificate in 2009 and has since become a Canadian citizen, says that years of anonymous “leaks” to Quebec newspapers and unfounded allegations attempting to tie him to terror threats dog him constantly, making him feel less secure than when he wore a GPS bracelet under house arrest.

The remaining two secret trial certificates – Toronto's Mohammad Mahjoub and Ottawa's Mohamed Harkat – were upheld by the Federal Court and, in the latter's case, by the Supreme Court of Canada, which held an extremely rare secret session as part of its deliberations.

Both men face legal battles to determine whether Canada can deport them to the substantial likelihood of torture in their birth countries (Egypt and Algeria).

Harkat is hoping to forestall that protracted litigation by asking **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** to find that “it is not contrary to the national interest” to allow him to stay. A campaign in support of that request has drawn more than 1,500 support letters, including from Naomi Klein, Stephen Lewis and the Prime Minister's brother, Alexandre Trudeau, who helped bail Harkat out of jail in 2006.

While these cases are often viewed as a response to 9/11, they're certainly not confined to the past. Their precedents instead reflect a future that, even if C-51 were to be repealed, remains troubling.

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Liberals map swift overhaul of anti-terror law

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The controversial security bill rammed through Parliament by the Conservative government in the spring is expected to be overhauled without delay by the new Liberal government, say party officials and other sources.

Proposed legislation to add new measures and repeal some existing parts of the law, now known as the Anti-terrorism Act of 2015, or C-51, is already being drafted and is to be tabled early in the new parliamentary session. Consultations with the public and various experts are planned before the replacement legislation is put to a final House vote.

The bill was brought in by the Conservatives after the killings in October 2014 of Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent in Saint-Jean-Sur-Richelieu and Cpl. Nathan Cirillo in Ottawa by lone-wolf extremists.

A key feature of the replacement legislation is expected to be the creation of a multi-party, joint House of Commons-Senate committee, sworn to secrecy and reporting to the prime minister and through him to Parliament. It would have a full-time staff, access to the necessary secret information and be tasked with strategic oversight of every government department and agency with national security responsibilities, according to a source familiar with the content.

Early reaction is positive, but with a note of caution.

"It would be a new departure for the Canadian Parliament and what would be a very difficult task," said Wesley Wark, a security and intelligence historian and scholar at the University of Ottawa.

"I'm glad we've arrived at this moment, it's something that should have been done in Canada a long time ago. (But) it would be important to be cautious about expectations around the early performance of such a committee."

Canadian parliamentarians currently have no access to confidential and high-level information about national security institutions and policies – unlike politicians in the United States, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and some other NATO nations.

Public opinion polling shows many Canadians want a tighter watch over spy agencies and other federal intelligence gatherers, commensurate with their extended powers under C-51.

A day after the Oct. 22, 2014 terror attack on the National War Memorial and Parliament Hill, Prime Minister Stephen Harper told the Commons that an existing government initiative to strengthen laws dealing with the surveillance, detention and arrest of national security suspects would be "expedited." Two months later, he unveiled Bill C-51, which the Conservative government used as the centrepiece of a security narrative on protecting Canadians from the Islamic State and its followers.

The omnibus bill, made law in June, dramatically expanded the mandate and powers of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), criminalized promoting and advocating terrorism, and required airlines to help stop extremists from flying to overseas battle zones.

It also allowed more than 100 departments and federal agencies to begin sharing Canadians' personal information more easily and made it simpler for police to arrest and detain individuals without charge as suspected national security threats, among other measures.

Five days after Harper unveiled C-51 on Jan. 30, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau surprised many by agreeing to support it. But at the same time, Trudeau said his party would demand – unsuccessfully as it turned out – that the Tory government amend some provisions. Failing that, Trudeau said a Liberal government would make changes once in power.

The Liberal plan for a parliamentary oversight committee is fashioned on a failed 2014 Senate bill introduced by senators Grant Mitchell, Roméo Dallaire and Hugh Segal.

It called for a body to review “the legislative, regulatory, policy and administrative framework for national security and intelligence in Canada, and activities of federal departments and agencies in relation to intelligence and national security.”

The Liberals say a three-year automatic review, or sunset clause, of the entire Anti-terrorism Act of 2015 act would be added.

As well, they want to narrow some of the “overly broad” definitions of what constitutes a threat to national security, including defining “terrorist propaganda” more clearly.

Current oversight and review is chiefly the responsibility of the Security Review Intelligence Committee (SIRC), which conducts after-the-fact reviews of the operations of CSIS, the country's human spy service.

The activities of the electronic spy service, the Communications Security Establishment, are reviewed by a watchdog known as the Office of the Communications Security Establishment Commissioner (OCSEC). Increasingly, in the era of the Edward Snowden leaks on U.S. spying, CSE's domestic cyber-spying activities are raising privacy and legal concerns, though the agency has never been charged with law-breaking.

There is no independent oversight or review of the Canada Border Services Agency, which has a dual intelligence and law-enforcement role. Nor is there dedicated, independent monitoring of the intelligence arms of the RCMP, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the Privy Council Office, Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, and the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada.

Wark believes a parliamentary committee would be best suited to a broad mandate looking at the security intelligence community in all its moving parts.

“It's going to have to maintain a strategic level look at that community and its functions. It could be matched with organizations like SIRC and the CSE commissioner who have a much more focused review mandate. (They) could both feed into the work of a parliamentary committee.”

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Highlights/Faits saillants

- **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** tells the *Globe and Mail* that **refugees can be brought to Canada without jeopardizing the country's security**. "We're taking all factors into account," he repeated twice when asked whether extra screening is required after the Paris attacks.
- The *Chicago Tribune* states that the **White House has agreed to streamline sharing of intelligence and operational military information to French authorities**. President Obama did not provide details, but officials said France will gain access to communications intercepts and other raw intelligence at a level close to that provided to America's English-speaking allies: Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.
- Reports in the *Globe and Mail* and *The Guardian* point out that **Abdelhamid Abaaoud tipped his hat to those who had attacked Canada and other Western countries**. "I ask Allah to accept the fruitful deeds of the shuhada [martyrs] who terrorized the crusaders of America, France, Canada, Australia, Germany and Belgium," he said at the end of an interview with a jihadi magazine.
- The *Wall Street Journal* states that **Abdelhamid Abaaoud**, an Islamic State operative suspected of helping plan the Paris attacks, **had been monitored in Syria by Western allies seeking to kill him in an airstrike**, but they couldn't locate him in the weeks before the plot was carried out.
- A number of mainstream and new-media outlets are reporting on **ISIS is using a web-savvy new tactic** to expand its global operational footprint. The *New York Times* points out that **Obama administration officials** say the Islamic State has used a range of encryption technologies over the past year and a half, many of which defy cracking by the National Security Agency.
- Le journaliste du *Monde*, Jacques Follorou, estime qu'il semble bien y avoir un lien entre le bombardement, dans la nuit du 8 au 9 octobre, d'un camp de l'Etat islamique près de Rakka, en Syrie, et la préparation d'une attaque visant spécifiquement la France. Il ajoute qu'un des **responsables du renseignement français** a assuré que " *des efforts substantiels ont été réalisés en matière de coopération entre services français depuis les événements de Charlie Hebdo mais ce que l'on n'a peut-être pas vu,*
- In the week leading up to the attack on Paris, **at least four different intelligence agencies warned French officials about a possible attack on "Western targets."** *BuzzFeed News* reports. **Jordanian officials** told *BuzzFeed News* they had sent France a warning, less than a week ago, while **Iraqi and Turkish officials** have said that they passed on more specific intelligence to French authorities.
- Le journal *Sud Ouest* se penche sur **ceux qui ont fait l'objet d'une fiche « S »**. Souvent critiqué, le système d'information européen Schengen a permis de l'étoffer du fait de la mutualisation des informations entre services, souligne-t-on.

Service Mentions/Mentions du Service

Trudeau Government Reassures Canadians Who Are Worried Terrorists Will Hide Among Refugees, Vice Canada

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Since terrorist attacks claimed 132 lives in Paris on Friday, discussion surrounding the newly elected Liberal government's pledge to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees into Canada by January 1 has shifted from concern over logistics to alarm over security.

At a press conference on Saturday, interim Conservative Party leader Rona Ambrose questioned whether or not the government could properly vet the flood of refugees expected to arrive in the coming months, noting that each day, 500 Syrians would have to be screened.

"The goal of supporting refugees from the region of Iraq and Syria is a very important goal for all Canadians. We are very compassionate people," Ambrose told reporters. "But Canadians are asking the question — can we do it this quickly, in a secure way? And I think that's an appropriate question."

A petition calling on the government to suspend its plan, started by a Quebec City resident on Saturday, has been circulating online. By Monday evening, it had collected 63,000 signatures.

"The safety of Canadians and the future generation should be the government's priority," wrote one commenter. "I understand that the refugees need help, but settle the problem at the source instead of overcrowding the country and taking on the risk of welcoming terrorists."

Related: [Canada May Use Its Military Jets and Ships to Rescue Syrian Refugees](#)

Resettlement organizations, experts, and public safety minister Ralph Goodale, however, are assuring Canadians that there's no need for alarm, which comes after word spread that one of the attackers travelled to Europe through Greece using a fake Syrian passport, later found lying near his body.

Speaking with Global News, Goodale said none of the victims or attackers in Paris had any ties to Canada, and that the influx of Syrian refugees expected to arrive in Canada isn't directly comparable to over 800,000 who've reached Europe in the past year.

"Ours is a planned process that will be more orderly, more controlled," he said. "Can you guarantee 100% perfection? Is it absolutely foolproof? Nothing in life is 100% but we're going to make sure that all of our security protocols and rules are properly followed."

Details for the resettlement plan are expected to be released in the coming days, but Immigration Minister John McCallum revealed last week that commercial and military planes, as

well as ships, are being considered methods of transport refugees, and that military bases might be used for temporary housing.

Currently, the UNHRC determines which candidates are ideal for resettlement—according to former Immigration and Refugee Board Chair Peter Showler, the less than 5 percent who are selected go through further vetting by UN officials.

Peter Goodspeed of Lifeline Syria, which has been working to recruit, train and assist sponsor groups in the Greater Toronto Area says at this stage the UNHCR "automatically go to the most vulnerable and least likely to create a security problem."

"If you're looking at widows, orphans, older parents, people with Canadian ties already, it's all pretty well reduced risk," says Goodspeed. "Those are the people the UNHCR funnels towards the Canadian diplomats."

Those who make the cut must then undergo more screening—the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canadian Security Intelligence Service, and the Canadian Border Services Agency are among the security agencies involved in the process.

"The security screening has to be done thoroughly and carefully, but it's possible to do that in an expeditious and efficient manner," Showler told VICE News in an interview, stressing that Canadians should be careful to not misinterpret what happened in Paris.

"That massive refugee flow has been chaotic, there have been no security screens on it," he said.

He added that officials on the ground will know who who poses a security risk, especially since many of the refugees from Lebanon, Turkey and Jordan fled Syria in the last four years and are already registered with the UNHRC.

"We know where they are and what they've been suffering for the past four years," said Showler.

"I desperately hope the ones who take this quite horrific incident in Paris and try and inflate it into something it's not, I hope they are not successful," says Showler. "I hope that common sense, level-headedness, and generosity will prevail."

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Radicalisation - Flot d'appels au Centre de prévention de Montréal, Le Devoir

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Au moins dix cas sont qualifiés de préoccupants

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Dans la foulée des attentats de Paris, une cinquantaine d'appels à l'aide provenant de familles craignant qu'un proche ne passe de la parole aux gestes a été notée au Centre

de prévention de la radicalisation menant à la violence de Montréal (CPRMV), dont dix cas jugés " assez préoccupants " pour nécessiter une intervention directe.

Le ressac de la vague de violence qui a frappé la Ville Lumière n'a pas tardé à résonner de ce côté-ci de l'Atlantique. Selon le directeur du CPRMV, Herman Okomba-Debarice, la ligne téléphonique de l'organisme accessible 24 heures sur 24 n'a pas dérogé au cours du week-end dernier, prise d'assaut par des familles, mais aussi des enseignants, des travailleurs sociaux et d'autres personnes alertées par le comportement inquiétant d'un proche.

Selon ce dernier, dans dix appels reçus, les cas rapportés étaient assez préoccupants pour que le CPRMV enclenche une intervention immédiate de travailleurs sociaux ou de psychologues. " Depuis notre création en mars dernier, sur 368 appels, 6 cas ont été jugés assez sérieux pour être transmis à la police et 90 autres ont nécessité une intervention sociale ", a précisé le directeur.

Selon cet ex-policier du SPVM, dont le Centre promeut une approche psychosociale auprès des personnes radicales prônant la violence, le carnage de Paris a fait naître un sentiment de culpabilité chez les familles ou les proches qui minimisaient jusqu'à maintenant les comportements troublants de membres de leur entourage. " Les gens osent aller chercher de l'aide et savent que notre objectif n'est pas de judiciaireiser si ce n'est pas nécessaire. À chaque intervention, notre personnel se rend sur place pour juger s'il y a un enjeu de sécurité pour la personne ou pour la communauté ", affirme-t-il.

En à peine huit mois d'existence, le centre affirme que les besoins sont croissants et qu'au moins une vingtaine de dossiers requérant un suivi sérieux sont toujours ouverts. " Il faut un suivi très serré et une longue exposition pour dépister le changement de comportement chez un individu. La plupart des cas ne requièrent pas une prise en charge par la police ", explique le directeur du CPRMV.

Une mouvance inquiétante

En sus des jeunes qui succombent aux sirènes du djihadisme, une autre tendance se dessine actuellement, déplore M. Okomba-Debarice. Celle de jeunes qui souhaitent rejoindre la Syrie, mais cette fois pour combattre le groupe État islamique aux côtés des forces kurdes.

La glorification de soldats, notamment de l'ex-tireur d'élite des Forces armées canadiennes, Waly, combattant volontaire qui se met en scène dans ses propres vidéos relayées sur le Web - - présenté comme un sauveur aux heures de grande écoute par certains médias -- aurait amené une dizaine de jeunes à vouloir prendre les armes et jouer les justiciers, au péril de leur vie. " Pour moi, c'est aussi de la radicalisation dangereuse. Ces jeunes croient se battre pour la bonne cause, mais ils sont souvent vulnérables ou traversent une mauvaise période. L'armée est payée et formée pour faire ça, ce n'est pas un jeu ", dénonce le directeur du CPRMV, qui lancera dimanche des outils sur le Web pour aider les familles et l'entourage d'individus à risque de radicalisation violente.

Plus d'un an après les attentats menés sur le Parlement d'Ottawa et à Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, plusieurs experts consultés estiment que les mesures concrètes mises en place depuis pour prévenir la radicalisation sur le terrain sont insuffisantes. Après la création CPRMV en mars, un plan d'action contre la radicalisation a été dévoilé en juin par Québec, mais les intervenants disposent de bien peu de moyens pour cerner l'ampleur du problème. " Plusieurs organismes travaillent là-dessus, mais en silo, sans trop de concertations. Je crois qu'il y a eu une

sensibilisation réelle à l'enjeu de la radicalisation, mais l'articulation efficace des actions reste à faire ", affirme David Morin, codirecteur de l'Observatoire sur la radicalisation (OSR) à l'Université de Sherbrooke.

Si la police réussit à neutraliser des radicaux déjà embrigadés, il manque des moyens pour empêcher des jeunes à risque de verser dans l'idéologie sanguinaire. " On reçoit une multitude d'appels de milieux scolaires qui n'ont ni l'argent ni la formation pour ce faire. Quand on frappe à la porte des ministères à ce sujet, ça répond absent ", déplore-t-il.

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PM faces pressure at home and abroad, The Globe and Mail

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Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall and other politicians are expressing reservations about plan to take in refugees

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall is calling on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to suspend his plan to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada before the end of the year, revealing a growing unease among this country's leaders in the wake of the terrorist attacks in Paris.

Some politicians are concerned about Mr. Trudeau's marquee election pledge to vastly increase the speed and scale of Canada's intake of refugees.

The mayors of Toronto, Quebec City and Montreal have all expressed reservations about Mr. Trudeau's timeline, and the premiers of B.C. and Quebec have stressed that security must be considered.

But Mr. Wall has come out strongest against the plan.

In a letter to Mr. Trudeau Monday, Mr. Wall wrote that he is "concerned" that swiftly bringing large numbers of asylum seekers into the country "could severely undermine the refugee screening process."

"The recent attacks in Paris are a grim reminder of the death and destruction even a small number of malevolent individuals can inflict upon a peaceful country and its citizens," he wrote. "Surely, we do not want to be date-driven or numbers-driven in an endeavour that may affect the safety of our citizens and the security of our country."

Speaking to reporters in Regina, Mr. Wall also pronounced himself in favour of continuing Canada's bombing campaign against the Islamic State, which Mr. Trudeau has promised to end.

"As a citizen, I would rather they continue the air strikes. I would rather Canada continue the fight. That's Canada's history, that's our tradition. When tyranny threatens freedom-loving

people anywhere, Canada has responded, yes, with a humane response. But Canada also fights," he said.

The Paris attacks Friday, for which the Islamic State claimed responsibility, left at least 129 people dead. There has been no solid proof any of the terrorists were refugees, but a passport found near the body of one of the perpetrators appeared to belong to someone who had come from Syria via Greece.

There is little Mr. Wall or his fellow critics can do to stop Mr. Trudeau's plan. But how he manages their unease could be the first major test of the Prime Minister's promised new era of co-operative federalism.

In Quebec, an online petition calling for Ottawa to suspend its plan has picked up more than 61,500 signatures.

Quebec City Mayor Régis Labeaume urged Ottawa to pause in the face of public worries over the refugees. "Rushing can lead to chaotic situations," he said Monday. The mayor of Montreal, Denis Coderre, said Canada should "stay the course" on refugees, "but we don't necessarily have to have 25,000 in 45 days."

Toronto Mayor John Tory said he is still in favour of "having some of these people come to Canada," but described Mr. Trudeau's plan to bring a large number in with such a tight timeline as a "political promise."

"These things have to be done properly and thoroughly and carefully. I think everybody would expect that," he said. "Political promises should be secondary at all times to making sure that we do things in the best way and in the right way for the Canadian people."

Mr. Trudeau's government signalled Monday it will not delay the Syrian refugee effort.

In an interview with The Globe and Mail, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said refugees can be brought to Canada without jeopardizing the country's security. "We're taking all factors into account," he repeated twice when asked whether extra screening is required after the Paris attacks.

Mr. Goodale said this country is better situated than Europe to carefully select those to allow entry.

"We have the advantage of being able to plan the process, which we are trying to do.

Whereas they [Europeans] were dealing with spontaneous, adhoc, unexpected chaos," he said.

Both Ontario and Alberta said they would do their part to implement Mr. Trudeau's plan.

Ontario Health Minister Eric Hoskins said Monday the province will stick to its commitment to bring in 10,000 Syrian refugees. He added that he trusts the federal government to do the proper security checks. Asked whether the Paris attacks changed the government's thinking on refugees, he said, "Not at all, and I don't think it changes the public's resolve, either."

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley said her province is prepared to help settle as many as 3,000 refugees. "We need to move forward on the basis of humanity, not on the basis of fear," she said in Edmonton.

Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard walked a fine line. He reiterated his province's commitment to taking in more than 5,700 refugees – with the proviso that Ottawa carry out security checks on them first. Mr. Couillard, who has been vocal in defending the refugees as victims of terrorism themselves, said Ottawa's security checks are essential, but shouldn't be used as an excuse to block the refugees from coming.

"Concerns over security must not become an alibi or justification to say 'no' to refugees," he said on Monday.

British Columbia Premier Christy Clark said she could understand both sides of the argument.

"I don't know whether or not that [25,000] number is the right one. I just know that Canadians want to know that the security processes are working well," she said. "Having said that, I understand that urgency that people are feeling about inviting these people who are from one of the worst, war-torn regions in the world, who are facing the kind of violence every day that unfolded in Paris."

Other/Autres

U.S. will improve sharing intel with France French to receive information close to level given U.K., Chicago Tribune (Canada)

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The White House has agreed to streamline sharing of intelligence and operational military information to French authorities, one of several efforts aimed at countering the Islamic State group in the wake of the deadly Paris attacks, even as U.S. and European officials warned they are racing to keep up with the threat.

President Barack Obama announced the agreement Monday at the G-20 summit in Antalya, Turkey, telling reporters the new arrangement "will allow our personnel to pass threat information, including on (Islamic State), to our French partners even more quickly and more often."

Obama did not provide details, but officials said France will gain access to communications intercepts and other raw intelligence at a level close to that provided to America's English-speaking allies: Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

British Prime Minister David Cameron announced separately that his government plans to boost its spying capability by recruiting 1,900 more intelligence officers for MI5, the domestic security outfit; MI6, the foreign spy agency; and GCHQ, which conducts electronic surveillance.

In Washington, CIA Director John Brennan said he is seeking to strengthen intelligence sharing with Russia about counterterrorism, especially on the Islamic State group.

He told a Washington think tank that he had spoken to his Russian counterpart in recent weeks in a new push to stop militants from the Caucasus from heading to Syria and Iraq.

Attorney General Loretta Lynch told a news conference that the Justice Department will "ramp up our defenses" in the United States, although she provided no new details.

The FBI has said it has open investigations in every state on U.S. citizens allegedly communicating with militants overseas, considering trips to Syria, or possibly planning terrorist attacks on U.S. soil.

Several dozen Americans have been arrested on charges of providing material support to Islamic State militants in the last year.

The moves come as U.S. and allied intelligence and law enforcement services scramble to piece together the Paris plot, which left at least 129 dead and hundreds injured, and to determine if Islamic State has other violent plots in the pipeline.

Speaking at the nonpartisan Center for Strategic and International Studies, Brennan said European intelligence agencies are overwhelmed by the need to identify and monitor potential terrorism suspects.

He also warned of a black market in military assault rifles like those used in Friday's massacre in Paris. Criminal networks in Europe have obtained Kalashnikovs and other weapons looted from armories "that were overrun in the 1990s in Eastern Europe" after the fall of the Soviet bloc, Brennan said.

The biggest threat appears from the thousands of Europeans who have joined militant groups in Iraq and Syria in the last few years. Officials fear they could come back and launch terrorist attacks in their home countries, just as several of the suspects in the Paris attacks reportedly did.

British officials claim to have disrupted seven terrorist plots in the last year, and an estimated 700 British nationals have gone to fight in Syria and Iraq. French intelligence services say about 1,800 French citizens have gone since 2011.

More than 2,000 Russians are thought to have joined the conflict as well.

"The sheer number of fighters that have gone over and traveled to Syria and Iraq is unprecedented in jihadist battlefields in the modern era," said Seth Jones, a former U.S. counterterrorism official now with the Rand Corp.

Adding to the challenge, militants have increased their use of encrypted text messaging apps on cellphones in recent months, creating new blind spots for U.S. and European security services trying to disrupt potential plots.

French and British intelligence agencies have "pretty intrusive" domestic surveillance, tapping phones and monitoring neighborhoods, Jones said.

But security services in Belgium are less aggressive, which may explain why the Paris attacks appear to have been staged there, he said.

A purported Islamic State video posted on the Internet on Monday warned that more attacks are coming in Europe, and threatened to launch an attack in Washington.

A militant on the video says "as we struck France in the center of its abode in Paris, then we swear that we will strike America at its center in Washington."

Encrypted Messaging Apps Face New Scrutiny Over Possible Role in Attacks, New York Times

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WASHINGTON -- American and French officials say there is still no definitive evidence to back up their presumption that the terrorists who massacred 129 people in Paris used new, difficult-to-crack encryption technologies to organize the plot.

But in interviews, Obama administration officials say the Islamic State has used a range of encryption technologies over the past year and a half, many of which defy cracking by the National Security Agency. Other encryption technologies, the officials hint, are less secure than terrorist and criminal groups may believe, and clearly they want to keep those adversaries guessing which ones the N.S.A. has pierced.

Some of the most powerful technologies are free, easily available encryption apps with names like Signal, Wickr and Telegram, which encode mobile messages from cellphones. Islamic State militants used Telegram two weeks ago to claim responsibility for the crash of the Russian jet in the Sinai Peninsula that killed 224 people, and used it again last week, in Arabic, English and French, to broadcast responsibility for the Paris carnage. It is not yet clear whether they also used Telegram's secret-messaging service to encrypt their private conversations.

Nonetheless, such "end-to-end" encryption technology is now so widespread that the attack has revived vitriolic arguments between American intelligence officials and Silicon Valley. Only weeks ago, the matter appeared settled, at least temporarily, with a decision by President Obama that it would be fruitless for the government to try to compel the technology companies to provide the keys to protected conversations and data.

Apple has already made encryption technology a standard part of its iMessage service, and Apple's chief executive, Timothy D. Cook, has been among the most vocal in defending a technology for which the keys to decode messages are held not by his company but by the users at each end of the conversation.

Any other approach, Mr. Cook has argued to Mr. Obama, would undercut Apple customers' confidence that the most precious data they keep in their phones is safe from garden-variety cybercriminals as well as sophisticated nation states that could gain access to keys via hacking, or lawfully through court order. Mr. Cook argues that investigators have ways to obtain crucial clues from the available "metadata" about who is talking to whom by phone, from information in the Internet cloud -- or, security experts have said, by hacking a target's device.

But the speed of the encryption wave has touched off alarm among law enforcement and intelligence officials, who say it significantly increases the chances that they will miss evidence of an impending attack. Prime Minister David Cameron of Britain threatened late last year to ban such technologies, although he soon backed down. France is threatening to insist on access -- and if the French do, so will China, many fear, raising questions about whether the same technology used to crack terrorists' communications will be used to crack dissidents' as well.

"I think this is going to open an entire new debate about security versus privacy," said Michael Morell, a former deputy director of the C.I.A., whose book this year, "The Great War of Our Time," traced the efforts, and failures, in tracking terror plots.

"We have, in a sense, had a public debate" on encryption, he said over the weekend on CBS News's "Face the Nation." "That debate was defined by Edward Snowden," the former National Security Agency contractor who revealed much about the agency's efforts to break encryption. Now, he said, a new argument will be "defined by what happened in Paris."

It is also possible the Paris attackers conducted much of their planning face to face, particularly since several lived in the same Brussels neighborhood. But if there was a command center in Syria or elsewhere, some form of communications would have been required.

Just before the Paris attacks, Belgian officials said Islamic State terrorists had been hiding their communication using online gaming tools like Sony's PlayStation 4 to mask their chatter under that of millions of online video war game players who invoke the same language of violent, religious extremists.

Jan Jambon, Belgium's federal home affairs minister, told a public audience last week that "PlayStation 4 is even more difficult to keep track of than WhatsApp," a popular messaging system owned by Facebook.

But if that was the case, it would undermine the argument that end-to-end encryption allowed the Paris terrorism plot to go undetected. While PlayStation and Xbox deploy encryption to protect customers' personal data like credit card information, it leaves their communications open to government interception in ways that WhatsApp and iMessage do not.

So far, Mr. Obama has been reluctant to insist on a back door into the systems. He rejected the argument of the F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, that the United States should require any company that provides encrypted software and hardware to engineer a way for the government, armed with a court order, to get access. That decision came after a year of study led by the White House counterterrorism adviser, Lisa Monaco, and the head of the White House cybersecurity office, Michael Daniel.

The White House ultimately adopted a view put forth by 14 of the world's top cryptographers and computer security experts who wrote, in a white paper, that weakening the encryption of

American technology sold by companies like Apple, Google and Facebook would only render confidential data and critical infrastructure more vulnerable to criminals and national adversaries, and push terrorists to adopt encrypted services sold overseas. As a result, when companies like Apple and Facebook are issued court orders to help governments monitor their customers' messages, all they can do is turn over a stream of unintelligible code.

That has inflamed law enforcement officials like Mr. Comey and William J. Bratton, the New York City police commissioner, who told "Face the Nation" on Sunday that encrypting communications in this way had made it impossible for officials to collect warnings on terrorist attacks.

"We, in many respects, have gone blind as a result of the commercialization and the selling of these devices that cannot be accessed either by the manufacturer or, more importantly, by us in law enforcement, even equipped with search warrants and judicial authority," Mr. Bratton said.

Security experts counter that such arguments ignore the fact that even end-to-end encrypted technology leaves a trail of metadata behind that can be used to parse who is talking to whom, when and where. "Encryption is really good at making it difficult to hide the content of communications, but not good at hiding the presence of communications," said Matt Blaze, a computer security expert at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Blaze also noted that the authorities can still read communications if they hack into the target's device, or what security experts call "the end point."

"All the encryption in the world doesn't help if the end point that holds the keys are compromised," Mr. Blaze said. "So this idea that encryption make terrorists' communications go completely dark has a pretty big asterisk next to it."

Even if Apple and others in the United States were compelled to weaken the encryption in their services, American authorities still would have had no judicial authority over Telegram, the Berlin-based messaging service, recently used by Islamic State terrorists to broadcast their communiqués.

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After Paris Attacks, C.I.A. Director Rekindles Debate Over Surveillance, New York Times (Canada)

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WASHINGTON — In response to the Paris attacks, a top American intelligence official on Monday renewed a debate on government surveillance and privacy, denouncing "hand-wringing" over intrusive spying and leaks of classified information that he said had made it harder to identify terrorists.

John O. Brennan, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, appeared to be speaking in part about the National Security Agency's mass surveillance of phone and Internet communications that were disclosed by Edward J. Snowden in 2013. Those disclosures

prompted sharp criticism and new restrictions on electronic spying both in the United States and in Europe.

Mr. Brennan also seemed to be pushing back against complaints from privacy advocates in light of a growing threat from the Islamic State against Western countries, exemplified by the gun and bomb assaults in Paris that killed 129 people on Friday night.

"In the past several years, because of a number of unauthorized disclosures, and a lot of hand-wringing over the government's role in the effort to try to uncover these terrorists, there have been some policy and legal and other actions that have been taken that make our ability collectively, internationally, to find these terrorists much more challenging," Mr. Brennan said after a speech at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington research organization.

The C.I.A. director, who was responding to questions about the Paris attacks, also suggested that the classified documents on N.S.A. programs given to journalists by Mr. Snowden, a former N.S.A. contractor now living in Russia, had taught terrorists how to hide from the authorities.

"There has been an increase in the operational security of a number of operatives of these terrorist networks as they have gone to school on what it is that they need to do in order to keep their activities concealed from the authorities," an apparent reference to both the use of encryption and the avoidance of electronic communications altogether by plotters. He spoke of "intentional" gaps in surveillance and complained about what he called the "misrepresentation" of intelligence programs.

Mr. Brennan's remarks, and the emotional public response to the massacre in France, reignited a debate that began after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks over just how far the government should go in invading individuals' privacy in the hunt for terrorist plots. Civil libertarians expressed concern that the Paris attacks might prompt a rush to more intrusive spying, on phone calls and Internet messages generally or possibly on Muslims specifically.

"As far as I know, there's no evidence the French lacked some kind of surveillance authority that would have made a difference," said Jameel Jaffer, deputy legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union. "When we've invested new powers in the government in response to events like the Paris attacks, they have often been abused."

While most counterterrorism experts believe the United States is safer from jihadist attacks than Europe, Mr. Brennan was one of a number of officials and commentators who have cited the Paris attacks as a reason to step up surveillance and other security measures in the United States and Europe. On Sunday, Representative Peter T. King, Republican of New York, who serves on the House Intelligence and Homeland Security Committees, called for increased surveillance specifically of Muslims, which Mr. Brennan did not.

"This shows the absolute need to have top surveillance, to stop criticizing the N.S.A.," Mr. King said on Fox News Sunday. "We have to put political correctness aside," he added. "We have to have surveillance in the Muslim communities. That's where the threat is coming from."

Farhana Khera, executive director of Muslim Advocates, a legal and civil rights group, said it made no sense to target all Muslims.

"I think all Americans want to be kept safe from violence of any kind," she said. "But we know that blanket surveillance of people based on religion and race doesn't work."

Based on arrests of Islamic State supporters in the United States in recent years, Ms. Khera said "the common thread is not that they are Muslims but that they are lonely, vulnerable young people." In some cases, she said, they are not from Muslim families but "have become Muslim online" after exposure to propaganda from the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL.

Many security experts believe that the United States is at far lesser risk than Europe for a large-scale jihadist attack directed from Syria for two reasons. **First, flights into the United States and controls at the Mexican and Canadian borders make it much harder for would-be attackers to reach American soil.** Second, the Muslim community in the United States is smaller proportionally and is widely seen as better integrated and more prosperous than in France and some other European countries.

How Islamic State Teaches Tech Savvy to Evade Detection, Wall Street Journal

Paris attacks raise possibility that extremists have found ways around western surveillance

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Terror groups have for years waged a technical battle with Western intelligence services that have sought to constrain them through a web of electronic surveillance.

The Paris attacks, apparently planned under the noses of French and Belgian authorities, raise the possibility that Islamic State adherents have found ways around the dragnet.

French authorities say two of the attackers knew each other in prison, but it isn't clear how the group communicated in plotting and coordinating the Friday attacks. Intelligence services have monitored communications from one terror suspect, Belgian Islamist Abdelhamid Abaaoud, between Syria and alleged associates in Belgium and Morocco.

Low-tech methods exist for communicating off law enforcement's radar including passing written notes or relaying messages through friends or relatives.

But law-enforcement agencies also have long warned that encrypted platforms built for gaming or other commercial purposes to safeguard privacy are being used by would-be terrorists to communicate.

Islamic State, for its part, has built a tech-savvy division of commanders who issue tutorials to sympathizers about the most secure and least expensive ways of communicating.

The bloodshed in Paris will likely exacerbate a tense debate between governments that want inside access to those encrypted tools and tech companies that say are trying to protect customer data and are wary of government overreach.

Mike Morell, the former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said terrorists' ability to use encrypted communication is a huge problem.

"I think this is going to open an entire new debate about security versus privacy," he told CBS television on Sunday.

Two top U.S. intelligence officials, CIA Director John Brennan and Robert Cardillo, director of the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, said Monday that terror groups have "gone to school" on U.S. spying practices and learned ways to evade detection. Mr. Brennan blasted efforts to curb surveillance while Mr. Cardillo said agencies needed to adapt and find new ways to gather intelligence.

For more than a year, governments in Europe have pushed for companies such as Google, Facebook and Twitter to build "back doors" that allow law enforcement access into their encrypted tools.

Tech companies and security experts have resisted that push, which gained steam in Europe following the January attacks in Paris against the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo.

Security experts say inserting back doors would weaken the encryption and undermine trust in the Internet.

Islamic State is among the most technologically sophisticated extremist groups. Its advice to followers includes an eight-minute video released last year in Arabic that discusses the surveillance capabilities of hostile governments and how phones can be tracked. Bulletins also include advice about brands of electronic equipment that appear vulnerable.

In January, a follower known online as al-Khabir al-Taqni, who identifies himself as a "technical expert," provided would-be fighters with a list of what he determined were the safest encrypted communications systems available.

"Through this, we can break one of the strongest weapons of the Crusader governments in spying on and tracking the mujahedeen and targeting them with aircraft," the author said, referring to the U.S.-led coalition fighting Islamic State.

The missive, authenticated by the SITE Intelligence Group which monitors and tracks radical groups online, ranked 33 applications as unsafe, moderately safe, safe, and safest.

Soon after the list was published, Islamic State started moving official communications from Twitter to Telegram Messenger, which received the second-highest safety rating from the Islamic State tech team.

That included the group's claim of responsibility for the Paris attacks as well as the Oct. 31 Russian airline crash in Egypt.

Islamic State also has urged its followers to make use of the app's capability to host encrypted group chats.

A spokesman for Telegram didn't respond to requests to comment. Pavel Durov, the app's founder who also created the Russian social network VKontakte, criticized recent calls by the Russian government to ban Telegram.

"I propose we ban words," Mr. Durov wrote in a sarcastic VKontakte post. "There is information that terrorists use them to communicate."

U.K. prosecutors convicted a British teen this year in part because police had access to his Telegram chats.

The boy, inspired by Islamic State, admitted to communicating with an Australian teenager and encouraging him to attack ceremonies commemorating military veterans.

He was convicted on one terrorism charge. Police and prosecutors have declined to comment about how they accessed those communications.

Telegram was among the first apps that explicitly catered to privacy enthusiasts in the wake of reports in 2013 alleging widespread surveillance by U.S. intelligence. A similar U.S.-based app called Wickr received the highest safety recommendation in the Islamic State tech guide. Wickr didn't respond to a request to comment.

European law-enforcement officials have also expressed concern about gaming consoles, which also allow players to communicate with each other via the Internet.

Belgium's Interior Minister Jan Jambon told a conference in Brussels last week that Sony Corp.'s PlayStation was a concern, calling it one of the most difficult platforms for governments to intercept.

He didn't say whether Belgium has investigations that include monitoring of gamers or game consoles. A spokeswoman in Brussels didn't return calls seeking comment.

In May, an Austrian court convicted a 14-year-old boy of downloading bomb-making instructions onto his PlayStation console, according to local media reports.

It is unclear whether governments have approached Sony for access to customer data. Sony said in a statement it works with local authorities as appropriate. "We take our responsibilities to protect our users extremely seriously and we urge our users and partners to report activities that may be offensive, suspicious or illegal. When we identify or are notified of such conduct, we are committed to taking appropriate actions in conjunction with the appropriate authorities," it said.

Paris Attacks Suspect Was Monitored by Western Allies Seeking to Kill Him, Wall Street Journal

Islamic State operative couldn't be located in the weeks before plot was carried out
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An Islamic State operative suspected of helping plan the Paris attacks had been monitored in Syria by Western allies seeking to kill him in an airstrike, but they couldn't locate him in the weeks before the plot was carried out, two Western security officials said.

The operative, a Belgian citizen named **Abdelhamid Abaaoud**, was convicted in absentia in Brussels earlier this year of recruiting jihadists, was suspected of masterminding a foiled plot to behead police officers, escaped to Syria and was profiled in Islamic State's online magazine mocking European authorities for their failure to catch him. A year ago, video emerged of him in Syria, smiling as he drove a truck dragging the dead bodies of Islamic State's opponents tied to the bumper.

Mr. Abaaoud is one of two people who have emerged at the center of a probe into the attacks that killed 129 people on Friday. Both are at large. French and Belgian authorities are also searching for a 26-year-old petty criminal named Salah Abdeslam, who they say rented a car used in the attacks on Friday and is suspected of driving some of the suicide bombers through Paris.

On Monday, dozens of masked Belgian police stormed a house in a predominantly Muslim district in Brussels in their hunt for Mr. Abdeslam.

French prosecutors said police had stopped Mr. Abdeslam and two other men on their way to Brussels just hours after the Friday massacre. But a roadside background check failed to show that Mr. Abdeslam had rented a car in Belgium that was found outside the Bataclan night club, the site of one of the attacks, and police let him go.

The two men long resided a few blocks from each other in Brussels' Molenbeek district, where police conducted the raid Monday, and spent time in the same prison, according to a Belgian official. "It is certain that they knew each other," the official said.

Mr. Abaaoud—who escaped to Syria in January after Belgian police foiled another terrorist plot authorities say he masterminded—had been under surveillance there as part of an effort to track down and kill Islamic State militants believed to be directly involved in recruiting Westerners for the militant group, according to the officials.

Officials had no knowledge of the Paris plot when they sought to have Mr. Abaaoud killed by airstrike, and don't know whether the killing of Mr. Abaaoud would have prevented the attacks in the French capital. The plotters may have been able to act independently or, in Mr. Abaaoud's absence, another Islamic State militant could have stepped in, they said.

Growing evidence that Islamic State operatives were able to plot the attacks from abroad—mobilizing a group of seven suicide bombers to carry them out, including one of Mr. Abdeslam's brothers—suggests the extremist group has gained an unprecedented level of ability to coordinate a large-scale operation and hit Europe.

The emerging details about the plotters and their ability to elude authorities also have exposed the lack of cross-border coordination among European security officials.

Islamic State's use of Belgium as a staging ground for the assault on Paris helped the militants to go undetected as they prepared their attack, European officials said.

As French and Belgian investigators sought to comprehend how Islamic State could have built a large terror cell in the heart of Europe, featuring the two men and others involved in the attacks, authorities scrambled to tighten the net on extremists.

French President François Hollande proposed extending France's state of national emergency in the wake of the attacks for three months and called for international cooperation from Russia and the U.S. as he vowed to step up airstrikes against terrorist bastions.

"They fight us because France is a country of freedom," he said. "Our democracy has beaten far greater adversaries."

On Monday, French authorities also carried out raids in several cities amid fears that more attackers might strike. People familiar with the probe said investigators were anxious to identify and neutralize whoever made the explosive vests the attackers used to blow up themselves at France's largest sports arena, a concert hall and a restaurant.

In Belgium, a judge ordered two people, who were detained in Brussels, to remain held for allegedly providing support to the Paris attackers. Another brother of Mr. Abdeslam was also detained by police for questioning over the weekend but later let go.

"We didn't think for one second that one of my brothers was linked to this attack," said the brother, Mohamed Abdeslam, as he stood in front of his home near the Molenbeek town hall. "He grew up here, he studied here," Mr. Abdeslam said of his brother Salah. "He was a completely normal boy."

A Belgian official said Salah Abdeslam tried to go to Syria this year but was sent back by Turkish authorities. The Belgian government investigated him when he returned and concluded he didn't pose a risk.

Despite his effort to go to Syria, authorities didn't view him as a terror threat, the official said. "The investigation showed no signs of him actively going to terrorism," he said.

Police viewed Mr. Abaaoud as a much more dangerous man.

In July, Mr. Abaaoud, who is known in Belgium for having taken his 13-year-old brother with him to Syria in 2014, was sentenced to 20 years in prison in absentia by a Brussels court earlier this year on terrorism charges and for recruiting jihadists. Belgian courts don't appoint lawyers when defendants are tried in absentia.

Raised in Belgium, he returned to Europe from Syria at some point under the radar of authorities with the aim of beheading Belgian police officers, officials say. Police foiled the plot in January, and in a shootout, killed two other suspected accomplices in the eastern Belgian town of Verviers. Officials believe Mr. Abaaoud escaped to Syria that same month.

In a purported interview with Mr. Abaaoud in February, Islamic State's online magazine quoted the Belgian national of Moroccan descent mocking European law enforcement authorities.

"My name and picture were all over the news yet I was able to stay in their homeland, plan operations against them, and leave safely when doing so became necessary," he was quoted as saying.

According to a Western intelligence official, intelligence services have monitored Mr. Abaaoud's communications from Syria to associates in Europe, but weren't always sure whether it was the Islamic State operative or his teenage brother on the line. That complicated any plans to kill him with an airstrike, the official said.

After the planned attacks on Belgian police were thwarted, a core group of French-speaking Belgians in Syria started to plan and recruit for attacks on public places—including on a concert hall—in France, Spain, the Netherlands and the U.K., the official said.

The information comes from interrogations of French members of Islamic State who were arrested by Turkish police after leaving Syria and were extradited to France, the official said. The French militants said Mr. Abaaoud was leading plans to carry out attacks, the official said.

A surge in the number of such radicals traveling between France and Syria and other conflict zones has also hindered France's surveillance effort. The number of people on France's security watch list has reached 8,000, compared with about 5,000 three years ago. Officials say it is impossible to track even a fraction of these people full-time.

One radical on the watch list was Omar Ismail Mostefai, a Frenchman who authorities say was part of a trio that attacked the Bataclan concert hall on Friday, killing 89 people, before detonating their suicide vests. The militant had been on a watch list for radicalization since 2010. Mr. Mostefai is believed to have later traveled to Syria, raising suspicions he fought alongside Islamic State. French officials declined to say whether Mr. Mostefai was monitored when he returned home in the spring of 2014.

On Monday, a senior Turkish official said Ankara had identified Mr. Mostefai as a terrorism suspect and twice notified French authorities to no avail.

"The case of Omar Ismail Mostefai clearly establishes that intelligence sharing and effective communication are crucial to counterterrorism efforts," the Turkish official said.

Mr. Mostefai traveled to Turkey in 2013 and was flagged to French authorities as recently as June, the Turkish official said. There is no record of the 29-year-old French national leaving Turkey.

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said he was unaware of Turkey's warnings about Mr. Mostefai. "As far as information and intelligence are concerned, we really should exchange and share much more," Mr. Fabius said at a news conference on the sidelines of the Group of 20 summit in Antalya on Turkey's Mediterranean coast.

Samy Amimour, another Frenchman who investigators say took part in the Bataclan attack, had been facing an international arrest warrant for failing to check in with police on a regular basis. Mr. Amimour was required to report to police after prosecutors placed him under investigation in 2012 for attempting to travel to Yemen, a country rife with jihadist activity. He later traveled to Syria.

Earlier this month, German border police caught a Montenegrin man apparently heading for Paris with machine guns, hand grenades and explosives in his car, an arrest that Germany's interior minister said could be linked to the attacks in Paris. German authorities said they had notified the French of the arrest at the time.

Militants have long hopped across the Continent's national borders without facing internal border checks. But Friday's attacks showed that even Europe's external borders are dangerously porous, particularly as the region copes with the influx of refugees from Syria and elsewhere.

A fake Syrian passport was enough to secure one suicide bomber's passage into Europe via Greece, officials say, allowing him to reach the Stade de France on Friday night and detonate an explosive vest lined with bolts.

Comment lutter contre la radicalisation? Des mesures chocs sont annoncées, Tribune de Genève (Canada)

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L'heure du contre-djihadisme a sonné en France. Devant les parlementaires réunis en Congrès à Versailles, le président François Hollande a évoqué les mesures pour lutter contre les foyers de radicalisation présents dans l'Hexagone. La veille, son prédécesseur Nicolas Sarkozy avait émis ses propositions. Au sein de la majorité socialiste comme dans l'opposition de droite, les idées circulent.

Déchéance de nationalité

Certaines ne semblent guère contestées pour le moment. Ainsi, le président Hollande a annoncé un changement législatif pour faciliter la déchéance de la nationalité française pour les auteurs d'actes terroristes. Cette déchéance ne peut concerner que les binationaux. On ne peut pas retirer son passeport à un citoyen 100% Français car ce serait le rendre apatride, ce qui est contraire au Code civil. Actuellement, la déchéance de nationalité ne peut s'appliquer qu'aux binationaux naturalisés depuis moins de dix ans. Par conséquent, ne sont pas concernés les double-nationaux qui ont été naturalisés il y a plus longtemps ou ceux qui sont nés en France. Cela va changer. Hier devant le Congrès, François Hollande s'est montré fort clair sur ce point: « Nous devons pouvoir déchoir de sa nationalité française un individu condamné pour une atteinte aux intérêts fondamentaux de la nation ou un acte de terrorisme, même s'il est né Français, dès lors qu'il bénéficie d'une autre nationalité. » Jadis, la gauche aurait tordu le nez devant une telle proposition. Mais nous vivons désormais dans un autre monde. De même, le président français veut « interdire à un binational de revenir sur le sol français, sauf à ce qu'il se soumette à un dispositif de contrôle, comme le font les Britanniques. »

Expulsion des imams toxiques

En outre, l'expulsion des imams toxiques et autres prêcheurs de haine d'origine étrangère sera prononcée manu militari. Mais l'actuel cadre juridique le permet déjà. Depuis 2012, 40 prédicateurs ont été boutés hors de France. Le mouvement risque de s'accélérer ces prochains jours.

Suspects assignés à résidence

En revanche, la proposition émise dimanche soir par Nicolas Sarkozy, le patron du parti Les Républicains, suscite plus de controverses. Rappelons que l'ancien président de la République veut assigner à résidence avec pose de bracelet électronique les éléments figurant sur la fiche S. Elle fait partie d'un plus vaste fichier, celui des personnes recherchées. Cette fiche S - pour « sûreté » - consigne tous les éléments de renseignements sur des personnes susceptibles de

tomber dans le terrorisme. Mais il ne s'agit pas d'un élément de preuve, simplement d'un outil pour enrichir le renseignement intérieur. Combien y a-t-il de suspects fichés S? Les chiffres varient selon les interlocuteurs. Sarkozy en dénombre 11 500 et Valls, 10 500.

Si cette fiche S retient autant l'attention des politiciens, c'est parce que le premier terroriste identifié, Omar Ismaïl Mostefaï, y était inscrit depuis 2010. Les renseignements à son propos étaient d'ailleurs plutôt vagues et consistaient à souligner sa fréquentation d'une mosquée. L'idée est donc simple: si Mostefaï se trouvait en résidence surveillée avec un bracelet électronique, il n'aurait pas pu participer à l'attentat.

Un peu trop simple, l'idée, selon le député socialiste Jean-Jacques Urvoas, président de la Commission des lois de l'Assemblée nationale et auteur de la récente loi de renseignement qui a considérablement renforcé les moyens de surveillance policière. La proposition de Nicolas Sarkozy de poser un bracelet électronique à tous les suspects fichés S ne rencontre pas son assentiment, loin de là, comme il s'en est expliqué à l'AFP. Le but de la fiche S n'est pas d'arrêter un individu - c'est le domaine du mandat d'arrêt - mais d'engranger des informations sur son compte, évidemment sans qu'il puisse se rendre compte qu'il est surveillé! Or, si on lui pose un bracelet électronique, la récolte de renseignements s'arrêtera là.

Tout sécuritaire

Si sur le plan du renforcement des personnels de sécurité (8500 postes seront créés en deux ans) et militaires (maintien des effectifs jusqu'en 2019 et activation des réservistes avec, dans le viseur, une garde nationale), le président Hollande paraît convaincant. En revanche, il reste muet sur la création de centres de contre-radicalisation comme il en existe au Canada, en Scandinavie ou en Grande-Bretagne.

Or, depuis des années, l'anthropologue française Dounia Bouzar fait le siège des autorités pour que de tels centres soient installés dans l'Hexagone. De guerre lasse, elle a elle-même fondé le Centre de prévention contre les dérives sectaires liées à l'islam (CPDSI). Son objectif est de définir les étapes de l'endoctrinement afin de le prévenir et d'aider les familles concernées. Apparemment, les autorités françaises mettent le paquet sur la répression, ce qui est logique, mais délaissent un élément tout aussi essentiel, la prévention.

Analyse—sLa France avait été alertée d'une menace, Le Monde

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Les frappes françaises en Syrie début octobre visaient notamment le commanditaire présumé des attentats

Quel était le degré de connaissance des autorités françaises de la préparation des attaques du 13 novembre à Paris et à Saint-Denis? La France paraît disposer de moyens pour reconstituer le fil d'actions meurtrières qui viennent de frapper sa population et ses intérêts. Mais semble désarmée pour les anticiper. Une question d'autant plus délicate que des éléments apparus ces

derniers jours, dont la précision fait encore débat, attestent l'existence d'une crainte réelle d'attentat ces derniers mois.

Tout d'abord, il semble bien y avoir un lien entre le bombardement, dans la nuit du 8 au 9 octobre, d'un camp de l'Etat islamique près de Rakka, en Syrie, et la préparation d'une attaque visant spécifiquement la France. Le ministère de la défense avait alors assuré, au lendemain de cette frappe, que ce centre d'entraînement constituait " une menace " pour la France et l'Europe et hébergeait des " combattants étrangers, dont probablement des Français et des francophones ". Il assurait cependant ne pas connaître l'identité des personnes visées.

En réalité, comme l'avait alors indiqué Le Monde , l'ensemble de l'opération avait été pensée autour d'un Français, Salim Benghalem, 35 ans, originaire de Cachan (Val-de-Marne), " responsable de l'accueil des francophones au sein l'Etat islamique " et d'au moins deux autres cadres de l'organisation, dont un Belge. Ce dernier était Abdelhamid Abaaoud. Un lien direct a été établi entre cet individu originaire de Molenbeek, près de Bruxelles, parti combattre en Syrie, et plusieurs projets terroristes en France et en Europe, dont celui ayant meurtri la capitale française vendredi 13 novembre.

" Plusieurs attaques avortées " Selon nos informations, la France a - en grande partie sur la base de renseignement technique et humain provenant des services secrets américains - considéré que des personnes étaient entraînées pour frapper le sol français. Selon une source issue de la communauté du renseignement, la CIA aurait collecté des " bribes d'informations " , parfois codées, puis de plus en plus claires sur l'imminence d'une menace venant précisément de ce groupe de francophones de l'Etat islamique.

Le fruit de ces interceptions entre la Syrie et la Belgique ou la France aurait été, ensuite, communiqué à la DGSE. Le 27 octobre, Bernard Bajolet, qui dirige les services secrets extérieurs français (DGSE), s'exprimant lors d'un colloque organisé par la CIA à l'université américaine George-Washington, rappelait que " la France devait faire face à des actions terroristes planifiées et commanditées de l'étranger ou par des djihadistes français de retour dans leur pays ". Il ajoutait, " ce dernier mois, nous avons fait avorter plusieurs attaques sur notre sol, cela ne signifie pas que nous serons tout le temps capables de parer à toutes " .

Tributaires des forces américaines en matière de renseignement mais aussi en ce qui concerne le timing et la localisation des frappes aériennes en Syrie et en Irak, les Français ont dû, d'après certaines sources, repousser de " deux semaines " la frappe prévue sur le camp où étaient susceptibles de se trouver Benghalem et Abaaoud. " On peut en effet se demander si les auteurs de ce massacre sont partis entre-temps mais rien ne permet de le dire " , lâche un cadre français du renseignement. Trois jours après la frappe du 8 octobre, Salim Benghalem avait fait savoir qu'il était en effet visé mais qu'il n'avait pas été touché.

Chargé du renseignement au sein de nos frontières, la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSi) reçoit chaque jour, une grande quantité d'informations émanant des services de renseignement étrangers comme de ses propres antennes territoriales. L'enjeu porte sur la capacité à analyser la grande quantité de renseignement obtenus par des moyens techniques. Des notes de synthèses sont ensuite transmises à la justice antiterroriste dont l'un des membres a admis au Monde que " des bouts d'informations pouvaient laisser entendre qu'un acte majeur allait se produire sur notre territoire " tout en ajoutant, " mais de là à dire que le Bataclan, le Stade de France et les rues du 11e arrondissement allaient être attaqués, il y a un pas " .

Pour certains des enquêteurs, les attaques du 13 novembre à Paris ont mis en évidence les lourdeurs causées par des logiques nationales en matière de lutte antiterroriste. " Deux choses nous ont lourdement handicapés, commente l'un d'entre eux, on n'avait jamais pensé qu'une opération partirait de Bruxelles pour attaquer un quartier parisien et si les services belges nous avaient juste dit que Abaaoud était un très proche ami de Salah Abdeslam, un pilier des attaques du 13 novembre, cela nous aurait aidés. "

Parmi les signaux d'alerte reçus par la France figure également, selon l'agence Associated Press (AP), une note de renseignement transmis par les Irakiens via les forces américaines à la tête de la coalition réunie pour lutter contre l'Etat islamique en Syrie et en Irak à laquelle appartient la France.

" Cellule dormante "Si ce document ne fournit pas de détails, AP assure, néanmoins, que les autorités françaises ont été avisées par d'autres moyens de l'imminence des attaques par des assaillants entraînés à Rakka s'appuyant sur une " cellule dormante " déjà présente en France. Selon la source d'AP issue du renseignement irakien, " 24 personnes auraient été impliquées dans les opérations, dont 19 pour les attaques elles-mêmes et 5 pour la logistique et la planification " . Aucune source française n'a confirmé ces affirmations.

Selon un diplomate français en poste à Ankara, la Turquie a fait savoir, lundi 16 novembre, qu'elle avait mis en garde la France " au moins à deux reprises depuis début 2015 " sur les déplacements d'Ismaël Omar Mostefai, un des kamikazes de la salle du Bataclan entré sur le territoire turc en 2013, et sur ses liens avec quatre djihadistes recherchés par les services français. D'après l'AFP qui cite un responsable turc, " la France n'a jamais répondu " et n'a transmis de demande " qu'après les attaques de Paris " .

Interrogé par Le Monde , un des responsables du renseignement français a assuré que " des efforts substantiels ont été réalisés en matière de coopération entre services français depuis les événements de Charlie Hebdo mais ce que l'on n'a peut-être pas vu, c'est que la menace a muté, l'Etat islamique fait désormais de la politique étrangère avec des attentats et ne se contente plus d'encourager de loin des initiatives désordonnées " . Pour sa part, la DGSE a indiqué qu'elle " ne s'exprimait pas sur ses relations avec ses alliés " .

This Is ISIS's New Favorite App for Secret Messages, The Daily Beast

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The terror group is pushing a new way to communicate quietly after the Paris attacks. It's called Telegram.

In the wake of the Paris terrorist attacks, ISIS is encouraging its followers to use a popular chat application that can make text messages effectively invisible to government spies.

A day after claiming responsibility for the attack, ISIS posted a message on one of its Web sites—which had been moved to the so-called Dark Web—encouraging its followers to download the app, called Telegram, which also allows users to set their message to self-destruct after a certain period of time.

Telegram and similar apps have been vexing intelligence and security officials, who say they have prevented the U.S. from locating and tracking ISIS militants in Iraq and Syria.

Telegram in particular has been adopted by a lot more people than ISIS—as of a year ago, the company claimed more than 50 million users sending 1 billion messages per day.

Somewhere in that mix are an unknown number of jihadists, and, ISIS hopes, more to come. Of course, there could also be drug dealers, gangsters, and other assorted criminals. But apps such as Telegram are coming in for particular scrutiny by intelligence officials for their potential role in facilitating attacks. ISIS issued its claim of responsibility for the attacks via Telegram.

CIA Director John Brennan wasted no time Monday in highlighting the threat that he thinks such technologies pose when placed in terrorists' hands.

“There are a lot of technological capabilities that are available right now that make it exceptionally difficult, both technically as well as legally, for intelligence and security services to have the insight they need to uncover” terrorist activities, Brennan said at a security conference in Washington, without mentioning any technologies by name.

Brennan linked one of the worst terrorist attacks in Europe to the profusion of 21st century technologies that, he said, are being abused in such a way that “20th century laws cannot effectively deal with [them].”

By tying the emergence of apps like Telegram to the threat posed by ISIS, and the Paris attacks in particular, Brennan may have opened a new front in the government's efforts to reign in technology that, while it can significantly protect personal privacy, is nevertheless an obstacle to surveillance.

“I do think this is a time for particularly Europe, as well as here in the United States, for us to take a look and see whether or not there have been some inadvertent or intentional gaps that have been created in the ability of intelligence and security services to protect the people that they are asked to serve,” Brennan said.

FBI Director James Comey had been trying for several months to push some legislative or regulatory solution for what he saw as the risk of “going dark,” if the bureau and other agencies that conduct electronic surveillance cannot easily decrypt text messages, emails, and other communications used by criminals.

Comey and his Justice Department colleagues had effectively stood down from that quest. But the Paris attacks may have revived the effort. Brennan is the most senior U.S. official since the assault to speak publicly about the issue.

Terrorists use of ubiquitous and highly-secure technologies demonstrates that they have studied American intelligence operations and exploited leaks about government surveillance techniques, Brennan said.

“There has been a significant increase in the operational security of a number of these operatives and terrorist networks as they have gone to school on what it is that they need to do in order to keep their activities concealed from the authorities,” he said.

Of course, terrorists didn't need the CIA to tell them that the U.S. government monitors their communications. Telegram is only one in a string of messaging systems ISIS has employed to protect its communications, U.S. officials told The Daily Beast. And some apps that have marketed their privacy-enhancing features, such as Snapchat and Secret have either disclosed their users' supposedly-private information, or have been shown to be vulnerable to hacking. In other words, they're not-so-secret after all.

But Telegram is ISIS' new "it" app—until they find another.

Founded in 2013, Telegram is the brainchild of a pair of Russian brothers, Pavel and Nikolai Durov. Pavel, the 31-year old founder of Russia's biggest social network, VKontakte, or VK, is a vocal critic of Vladimir Putin's government and provides the financial backing. Nikolai is the technical brains behind the outfit.

Not surprisingly, Telegram doesn't market its product to terrorists. But being a force against government surveillance is built into the company's philosophy.

"The No. 1 reason for me to support and help launch Telegram was to build a means of communication that can't be accessed by the Russian security agencies," Durov told TechCrunch last year in an interview.

The company says that Telegram has no connections to the Russian government. In fact, its headquarters are in Berlin.

Durov may have been trying to frustrate the Russians, who are waging their own war against Islamist militants. But he's also piqued the Americans. And, it turns out, the Iranians, who this week arrested administrators of more than 20 Telegram groups, accusing of them of spreading "immoral" content, Reuters reported. Smartphone messaging apps are popular among Iranian youth, who compose the majority of the country's population, and Iranian hardliners have been cracking down on potential subversion as the country opens up more to the West with the lifting of economic sanctions.

Telegram may be a tool for pro-democracy activists. But its anti-surveillance capabilities won't win it any points in the CIA's eye.

In his remarks Monday, Brennan was forceful in his assertion that technologies and policies set up in part to counter government overreach were making his agency's job harder.

"In the past several years, because of a number of unauthorized disclosures and a lot of handwringing over the government's role in the effort to try to uncover these terrorists, there have been some policy and legal and other actions that are taken that make our ability collectively internationally to find these terrorists much more challenging," Brennan said.

He didn't mention any names, but one in particular hung unspoken in the air: Edward Snowden.

Brennan seemed to give voice publicly to what dozens of his colleagues have argued privately, that a chain of events starting with the Snowden leaks in 2013 has worked their efforts to stop terrorist attacks. Following the disclosures, some European governments moved to enact stricter data protection rules seen as a bulwark against American surveillance. And the European Court of Justice recently invalidated an agreement that allows the free-flow of

personal information from European countries to the U.S., based on allegations of surveillance found in press article based on Snowden's leaks.

"I do hope that this is going to be a wake-up call, particularly in areas of Europe where I think there has been a misrepresentation of what the intelligence security services are doing by some quarters that are designed to undercut those capabilities," Brennan said.

Paris attack suspects: what do we know about them?, The Guardian

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French authorities have said seven attackers died while carrying out Friday night's terror attacks, while one other believed to be "directly involved" in the bloodshed is on the run. Belgian authorities have arrested seven other men in connection with the attacks.

Four have been officially named – three of the dead attackers, and the wanted man – but details have emerged about others suspected of involvement. Among them are three brothers: one dead, one arrested and one on the run.

The alleged mastermind

French officials have named Abdelhamid Abaaoud, a 27-year-old Belgian linked to a Brussels-based terror cell, as the alleged mastermind of the Paris attacks. He remains at large and is believed to be in Syria.

Abaaoud was also linked by French officials to the thwarted attacks on a Paris-bound high-speed train in August and a foiled plot to attack a church in Paris in April. The French newspaper Libération also linked Abaaoud to Sid Ahmed Ghlam, a French student charged with murder, attempted murder and terror offences.

It is alleged that documents found at Ghlam's home and results from a search of his computer and telephone suggested that he was in contact with a French speaker in Syria who had ordered him to carry out an attack on a church.

Abaaoud has been described as the alleged ringleader of a Belgian terror cell, which the authorities tried to destroy in January, days after the Charlie Hebdo attacks in Paris. The counter-terror raids led to the arrests of 13 jihadis in Belgium – however, Abaaoud remained at large.

In July, Abaaoud was sentenced in absentia to 20 years in prison for recruiting Islamic State fighters to Syria. He was among 32 people charged in Belgium with running one of Belgium's largest jihadist recruitment networks, although many of the defendants – including Abaaoud – were tried in absentia and remain at large.

Abaaoud was also accused of kidnapping after his younger brother Younes travelled to Syria in January 2014 at the age of 13 and earned the media nickname of "the youngest jihadist in the world." Their father Omar Abaaoud, having heard no news from his two sons, filed a police complaint against the older son, AFP reported in May.

He is known to have spent time fighting alongside Islamic State in Syria, arriving in the wartorn country in January this year. He was known to security forces after appearing in an Isis video at the wheel of a car transporting mutilated bodies to a mass grave.

VTM, a Flemish-language channel, reported that Abaaoud made calls from Greece to the brother of one of two heavily armed suspects killed in Verviers during the counter-terrorism raids in January.

In an interview with the Isis magazine Dabiq in February, Abaaoud boasted that he had been able to plot attacks against the west under the nose of Belgian intelligence agencies.

Abaaoud, also known as Abu Umar al-Baljiki, said he and two fellow jihadis wanted to “terrorise the crusaders waging war against the Muslims”.

Posing for photographs holding an Isis flag and the Qur'an, the bearded militant said he and two fellow fighters travelled to Belgium to wage jihad in the country.

Abaaoud revealed that he was stopped during the journey by “an officer” after a picture of him fighting for Isis was published in Belgian media. He added, however, that the officer “let me go, as he did not see the resemblance”. It is not clear when or where this police intervention is said to have taken place.

Asked by the magazine why he became a suspect, Abaaoud said: “The intelligence knew me from before as I had been previously imprisoned by them. After the raid on the safe house, they figured out that I had been with the brothers and that we had been planning operations together. So they gathered intelligence agents from all over the world – from Europe and America – in order to detain me.

“They arrested Muslims in Greece, Spain, France, and Belgium in order to apprehend me... All those arrested were not even connected to our plans! May Allah release all Muslims from the prisons of these crusaders.”

He boasted that he had been able to plan terror attacks against westerners while living in Belgium and being wanted by intelligence agencies. Some time later, he travelled to Syria.

“I was able to leave... despite being chased by so many intelligence agencies,” he told the magazine. “All this proves that a Muslim should not fear the bloated image of the crusader intelligence.

“My name and picture were all over the news yet I was able to stay in their homeland, plan operations against them, and leave safely when doing so became necessary. I ask Allah to accept the fruitful deeds of the shuhada’ who terrorised the crusaders of America, France, Canada, Australia, Germany, and Belgium.”

The Bataclan attackers

1. Omar Ismaïl Mostefai was the first attacker named by French authorities. The 29-year-old is of Algerian heritage and grew up in Courcouronnes, just south of Paris; he had a criminal record for petty offences. He was identified by prints taken from a severed finger found in the Bataclan concert hall, where he detonated his explosives belt.

French intelligence took note of Mostefai when he began spending time at a mosque with radical links in 2010, but they lost track of him in 2013, when he may have travelled to Syria, the Washington Post reported. Turkish authorities said he entered the country in 2013 and there is no record of him leaving. His brother said they had not spoken for years, but he is still being questioned by police along with six others, including Mostefai's father and sister-in-law.

Turkish authorities said they notified France twice about Mostefai – in December 2014 and June this year – after French officials requested information on his whereabouts on 10 October last year. Officials in Ankara said they never heard back from their French counterparts on the matter until after the Paris attacks, when they received another information request about Mostefai.

In 2010, Mostefai had been the subject of a police "S" file for radicalisation, but the state prosecutor said he had never been implicated in membership of a terrorist organisation. Police are reported to be investigating whether Mostefai travelled to Syria from 2013–2014. The local paper, *Le Journal du Centre*, reported that Mostefai attended a mosque in Lucé, a town that borders Chartres, and may have followed a radical Belgium-based Islamist who visited the mosque.

2. Samy Amimour, a 28-year-old Frenchman, was named on Monday as the other suicide bomber at the Bataclan. Born on 15 October 1987 in Paris, from the north-eastern suburb of Drancy, Amimour reportedly worked as a bus driver in Paris until 2012. Also that year, he was allegedly charged in a terrorism investigation and placed under judicial supervision. However, he dropped off the radar and was the subject of an international arrest warrant. Amimour's father, Mohamed, 67, went to Syria last year to try bring his son home – but was unsuccessful. Mohamed told *Le Monde* in December 2014 that he had an "extremely cold reunion" with his son in Syria in June last year and was unable to convince him to return. Samy had been injured and was on crutches during the brief reunion, Mohamed said: "Samy was with another guy who never left us alone. It was an extremely cold reunion and he did not take me to his house, did not tell me how he's been injured [or] if he had fought." Three of his family and friends were arrested in pre-dawn counter-terrorism raids on Monday.

The Stade de France attackers

3. Another attacker who lived in Belgium was named by the Washington Post as Bilal Hadfi, although he has not yet been officially identified by French prosecutors. The 20-year-old is thought to have fought for Islamic State in Syria, the paper said, but did not give his nationality. Belgian reports suggest Hadfi was from Neder-over-Heembeek, in north Brussels, and became quickly radicalised last year. He is said to have gone to Syria in spring this year, according to Belgian newspaper *Het Laatste Nieuws*.

4. Another attacker who detonated his explosive vest outside the Stade de France stadium was carrying a Syrian passport in the name of Ahmad Almohammad, aged 25, from Idlib. A statement from the prosecutor's office said the passport "remains to be verified, but that the fingerprints matched those of someone who entered Europe through the Greek island of Leros in October. The Serbian newspaper *Blic* said he crossed into the country on 7 October, having arrived four days earlier in Leros. The paper also reported that French security officials had asked their Serbian counterparts for help as the man had been registered in the southern Serbian town of Preševo. A Greek newspaper, *Protothema*, said he was travelling with a second man, Mohammed Almuhammed, and published pictures purporting to show their travel documents. As ever, such details are hard to verify. It cannot be ruled out that the men were

travelling under false documents – the Guardian has previously reported on the burgeoning trade in fake and stolen passports.

Suspect on the run

5. Salah Abdeslam went on the run after the attacks. He is the subject of an international police hunt after the Police Nationale issued a wanted notice for the 26-year-old on Sunday. Abdeslam is thought to have rented the black Volkswagen Polo used by the group that attacked the Bataclan concert hall, the Associated Press reported. He was born and lived in Belgium, although French police have described him as a French national. In the hours after the attacks, French police stopped Abdeslam and two other men close to the border with Belgium, but allowed them to go on their way because their names were not at that stage on any wanted list.

Boulevard Voltaire attacker

6. Brahim Abdeslam, the brother of the fugitive attacker Salah Abdeslam, was identified by prosecutors as the man who rented a Seat vehicle used in the attacks. He carried out the suicide attack at the Comptoir Voltaire cafe. Brahim, 31, was a French national based in Belgium.

Others

Belgian authorities on Monday released five out of the seven suspects who were arrested at the weekend after the Paris attacks, including the brother of one of the suicide bombers, prosecutors said. Mohamed Abdeslam – whose brother Ibrahim took part in the attacks and whose other brother Salah is being hunted by police – was freed “without being charged”, a spokesman for the prosecutor’s office told AFP.

Several people were also detained in anti-terrorist raids in Toulouse, Grenoble, Jeumont and Bobigny overnight on Sunday, but it is unclear whether any of these are directly connected to the Paris attacks. The Toulouse arrests are not said to be directly linked, but were carried out under the national state of emergency declared by President François Hollande after the Friday night attacks.

ISIS Is Using Everything From Encryption To PlayStations To Avoid Being Spied On, BuzzFeed News

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New York - In the week leading up to the attack on Paris, which ISIS has claimed responsibility for, at least four different intelligence agencies warned French officials about a possible attack on “Western targets.”

“We know of three agencies who passed on these warnings — we were one of them,” said an Israeli diplomat, who acknowledged the intelligence they passed on did not include specific targets for an attack or a date. Jordanian officials told BuzzFeed News they had also sent

France a warning, less than a week ago, while Iraqi and Turkish officials have said that they passed on more specific intelligence to French authorities.

"It is fair to say that France was warned," said the Israeli diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press. "But it is also safe to say France had been warned almost weekly for six months. That was what the chatter was telling us."

That chatter is the focus of intelligence agencies this week, as they try to figure out what they missed in the months leading up to ISIS's plan for a complex attack in Paris which left 129 people dead and over 350 wounded. **Western intelligence agencies say it is clear there was an intelligence failure, but what is less clear is how to monitor a group like ISIS, which has become increasingly savvy about its online communications, encrypting messages and using a variety of platforms ranging from Tor — the browser helps mask location by bouncing it around a free, worldwide network — to the PlayStation gaming network, on which 110 million users regularly communicate, allowing militants to easily hide in plain sight.** Speaking from the G20 summit in Antalya, Turkey, President Obama said that the intelligence on hand before the Paris attacks was not specific enough to "allow for law enforcement or military actions to disrupt it."

"The concerns about potential ISIL attacks in the West have been there for over a year now. And they come through periodically. There were no specific mentions of this particular attack that would give us a sense of something that we need — that we could provide French authorities, for example, or act on ourselves," said Obama.

"ISIL, overall, has a very high level of awareness of operational security," said a U.S. intelligence official who spoke to BuzzFeed News from Jordan, using the acronym for ISIS preferred by the United States. He could not be quoted on the record as he was not authorized to speak to the press. "We've seen militant groups before where maybe the highest echelon are encrypting everything, and only using secure networks. ISIL, at least from mid-2014 onwards, when they declared themselves a caliphate, has used every tool at their disposal to mask communications from the bottom up," he said.

ISIS is hardly the first militant group to consider encryption technology: In papers captured during the U.S. raid on Osama bin Laden's compound a letter was found addressed to bin Laden from an individual identified as "brother Azmarai" which read, "We should be careful not to send big secrets by email. We should assume that the enemy can see these emails and [we should] only send through email information that can bring no harm if the enemy reads it. Computer science is not our science and we are not the ones who invented it."

Those tools range from the most basic — using encrypted messaging platforms such as WhatsApp and Kik — to the more advanced use of gaming platforms to share messages between ISIS leadership in Iraq and Syria and cells awaiting orders in the West. U.S., Israeli, and Jordanian officials who spoke to BuzzFeed News over the weekend said they were aware of the methods and admitted that even though they had the ability to spy on some of that technology, it was like "looking for a needle in a haystack."

The U.S. intelligence officer told BuzzFeed News that ISIS had shown a surprising flexibility to switch between platforms, recently adopting the privacy-centric Telegram app to set up challenges and deliver messages to over 10,000 followers. Telegram co-founder Pavel Durov recently told TechCrunch that the app is seeing 12 billion messages sent out daily via the platform. In his interview with Techcrunch, Durov seemed aware that his app had become popular among militant groups, including al-Qaeda and ISIS.

"I think that privacy, ultimately, and our right for privacy is more important than our fear of bad things happening like terrorism," Durov said, adding that if it wasn't his app, ISIS would find alternative platform for communicating. On Monday, Russian authorities considered a request to close access to the Telegram site.

Durov did not answer repeated requests from BuzzFeed News for comment.

One of those alternatives was highlighted on November 11, when Belgium's federal home affairs minister, Jan Jambon, said that a PlayStation 4 (PS4) console could be used by ISIS to communicate with their operatives abroad.

"PlayStation 4 is even more difficult to keep track of than WhatsApp," said Jambon, referencing to the secure messaging platform.

It remains unclear, however, how ISIS would have used PS4s, though options range from the relatively direct methods of sending messages to players or voice-chatting, to more elaborate methods cooked up by those who play games regularly. Players, for instance, can use their weapons during a game to send a spray of bullets onto a wall, spelling out whole sentences to each other.

In addition to using sophisticated methods to mask its communications, ISIS makes sure the message is often a code, pre-arranged and known only to the operatives involved.

"Today, intelligence agencies have the ability to intercept specific encrypted messages and decrypt them, given time and reason to do so," said the U.S. intelligence officer. "But if they do this, if they intercept the message and the message reads only one word, 'tomorrow' or even, 'the weather is good,' how does that help us? We might be warned that something is happening but we don't know where or when."

Even as intelligence agencies increase efforts to monitor the myriad platforms on which ISIS is communicating, ISIS can quickly shift and switch tactics. Jordanian and U.S. officials say the most critical intelligence they are lacking is the information gathered by human sources (HUMINT), rather than information gathered by intercepting signals (SIGINT) to monitor emails and phone calls.

"If you imagine the regular flow of SIGINT communication as an ocean where you are trying to find, and swim with, a certain school of fish, deciphering encrypted communication is like trying to find a specific fish in the ocean," said the Israeli diplomat, who has previously worked closely with his country's intelligence services. "It can be done, but you need to know exactly what you are looking for."

Alleged mastermind mocked Western security agencies after earlier terror plot, Globe and Mail

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No media-shy man, the alleged mastermind behind the Paris attacks gave an interview this year to a jihadi magazine in which he bragged about outwitting European law enforcement.

Abdelhamid Abaaoud also tipped his hat to those who had attacked Canada and other Western countries. "I ask Allah to accept the fruitful deeds of the shuhada [martyrs] who terrorized the crusaders of America, France, Canada, Australia, Germany and Belgium," he said at the end of the interview.

His remarks appeared in the February issue of Dabiq, the glossy propaganda magazine of the group calling itself the Islamic State (IS). That interview and a gruesome video in which he can be seen in IS-controlled Syria at the wheel of a pickup truck, smiling as his vehicle dragged a pile of bodies behind him, are now in the spotlight again.

As police in France and Belgium carried out a series of raids on Monday, attention turned to the connection of the suspects to IS, which has claimed responsibility for the attacks that killed at least 129 people in Paris on Friday.

According to French media, investigators believe that the 27-year-old Mr. Abaaoud is a key figure in the plot, citing his ties to Salah Abdeslam, another Belgian national wanted by police as a suspect in the Nov. 13 attacks.

Both men have been in custody for their joint involvements in armed robberies in Belgium in 2010 and 2011, BFMTV and Le Monde reported.

Of the two, Mr. Abaaoud has the higher profile. He had already made the news for travelling to Syria to join the Islamic State, luring his teenaged brother to enlist and heading back to Belgium for a failed terror plot.

Mr. Abaaoud, one of six children of a Moroccan family, grew up in Molenbeek, the Brussels suburb that has a reputation as a nexus of Islamist activity and has been linked to four recent terrorist plots.

While a teen, he attended one of Brussels's fancier schools, the Catholic Collège Saint-Pierre, in the district of Uccle, the Belgian newspaper La Capitale reported, adding that he was remembered as "an intelligent boy who wasn't very motivated by his classes."

Mr. Abaaoud's father, Omar, runs a clothing store and has repudiated Abdelhamid, saying he has dishonoured his family by joining the Islamic State and getting involved in a terror plot against Belgium.

Abdelhamid Abaaoud appeared in a video obtained last year by two journalists working for Paris Match.

By Mr. Abaaoud's own account, a fellow jihadi had lost his camera, which "a murtadd" (apostate) later sold to journalists.

The gory video shows a cheerful Mr. Abaaoud driving a truck, towing behind him about half a dozen stiffened bodies. Wearing an Afghan pakol hat and with a GoPro camera strapped to his chest, Mr. Abaaoud jokes and tells the cameraman, "Before, we towed Jet Skis, quads, motorcycles, big trailers full of luggage and gifts for vacation. ... Now we tow the apostates and the nonbelievers. You can film now, brother, film my new trailer."

Mr. Abaaoud was in the news again after a police raid last January in the Belgian city of Verviers near the German border, where officers killed two suspected terrorists.

In his interview with Dabiq, he said he and the two men who were killed had gone to Belgium "to terrorize the crusaders waging war against the Muslims."

Because of the video, "my picture [was] all over the media, but alhamdulillah [praise be to God], the kuffar [non-believers] were blinded by Allah," he said.

He said he was even stopped by an officer who failed to notice his resemblance to the face on the video.

Mr. Abaaoud said he was able to make his way back to IS-held territory after the shootout in Verviers.

"Allah blinded their vision and I was able to leave and come to Sham [the Levant] despite being chased after by so many intelligence agencies," he said.

In words that now carry more weight after the Paris attack, he ridiculed the efforts of European counterterrorism agencies.

"A Muslim should not fear the bloated image of the crusader intelligence," he said. "My name and picture were all over the news, yet I was able to stay in their homeland, plan operations against them and leave safely when doing so became necessary."

Column—Fake passports stoke concerns, National Post

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'Everyone in the world is afraid of Syrians right now,' says Mohammad Mohammed. "But that does not mean we are all terrorists."

The former clothing wholesaler, who fled his home in Edlib when extremist factions took over, was among those gathered outside Beirut's UN High Commission for Refugees Monday.

But like a million-plus other Syrians registered as refugees in Lebanon, he knows his chances could be worse since the Paris attacks last weekend.

One of the terrorists allegedly came to Europe as a Syrian refugee. Now, questions about screening procedures are being raised in many countries, including Canada, which is set to take 25,000 Syrian refugees in the next six weeks. Some groups are even calling for a cold stop to bringing Syrians across their borders.

The refugees on the street here say they understand the challenge facing anyone assessing who really is a refugee and who isn't, especially given that Lebanon and other countries in what is a notoriously tough neighbourhood are awash with dubious Syrian documents.

"Every one of us has heard about fake passports and ID cards," says Mohammed. "It is a business. Some Lebanese are buying them."

Khaled Ghazawi, who was pouring small cups of thick, sour coffee at \$1 a shot, says he's seen what he believes are "fake" passports in the hands of people from seemingly everywhere - Morocco, Egypt.

The 45-year-old husband and father of six, a former grocery store manager from the brutally contested town of Daraa, says the worst are those he believes "help people get such papers."

If they are right, says Jihan Ismail, a Lebanese shop clerk, it compounds the challenge of figuring out "who is peaceful and who is a terrorist."

"It is not easy to identify terrorists," he says.

Omar Saifeddin, a fruit and vegetable salesman also from Edlib, raises his hand during the street-side discussion.

"You can see that not every finger is the same," he says. "It is like that with people, too. There are good Syrians and bad Syrians. The problem is that only God knows for sure who is good and bad."

Pouring more coffee for the growing crowd, Ghazawi says he understands the latest terror attacks claimed by ISIL "will, of course, have an effect on how foreign governments view us."

He believes the solution for countries willing to accept Syrian refugees is "really good clearances so you know who the people are that you are accepting. Remember there are many other ways for Daesh (the Arabic acronym for the terrorists) to reach where they want to go other than claiming to be refugees."

The men also insist taking in current Syrian refugees from Lebanon is a safe prospect: Lebanon ordered the UNHCR to stop registering Syrian refugees about a year ago, and "terrorists won't want to wait around for years to see if they can go somewhere," said one.

Mohammed adds he thinks the fear many countries have of refugees is misplaced.

"Canada's problem is not with Syrian refugees," he says. "There were French citizens involved in this too, so why aren't Canadians afraid of them? It is that Daesh is already in many centres overseas - they boast that they are in Canada, too, and I am sure that they are right."

Meanwhile, Radia Zammar, who had brought her four-year-old granddaughter with her to the UNHCR compound, hadn't heard about the terror attacks in Beirut or Paris.

"I am an uneducated woman," she said. "I have only come here today to beg for help for my daughter who requires kidney dialysis. I am afraid that she is going to die. My son-in-law Ahmed Hajar disappeared last year in Syria and we believe he is dead."

" S " comme " sans résultats ", Sud Ouest

ANALYSE La plupart des terroristes qui sont passés à l'acte ces dernières années faisaient l'objet d'une fiche " S ".

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Ce n'est pas une surprise : plusieurs des auteurs des attentats de Paris étaient connus des organes de renseignement, voire de la justice. Comme précédemment Mohamed Merah, Mehdi Nemmouche, Amedy Coulibaly ou Yassin Salhi, ces tueurs qui, de Toulouse au Musée juif de Bruxelles, de l'Hyper Cacher de Paris à Saint-Quentin-Fallavier, en Isère, ont semé la terreur.

Tous faisaient l'objet de la fameuse fiche " S ", la balise policière qui signale les individus susceptibles de menacer la sécurité de l'État. En France, la base de données relative aux personnes suspectées de radicalisation comporterait près de 10 000 noms.

Souvent critiqué, le système d'information européen Schengen a permis de l'étoffer du fait de la mutualisation des informations entre services. Bien que résident espagnol, le Marocain Ayoub el-Khazzani, l'agresseur du train Thalys, avait été signalé au printemps lorsqu'il avait pris de Berlin l'avion pour Istanbul.

Cible idéale

Cette fiche " S ", qui n'est pas systématiquement consultée lors des vérifications d'identité, n'a rien d'une botte secrète. En aucun cas, elle ne peut déboucher sur une arrestation ou une mesure coercitive. Pour ne pas éveiller l'attention, les forces de l'ordre sont d'ailleurs priées de rester discrètes lors des contrôles. Priorité est donnée au recueil d'informations sur les allées et venues des suspects potentiels.

En pratique, la collecte, même quand elle n'est pas freinée par des zizanies entre services, survient souvent avec un temps de retard. Au regard de l'importance de la population à surveiller, de son nomadisme et de l'afflux de candidats au djihad, les 3 500 agents de la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) sont débordés.

" J'ai la conviction que les jours les plus sombres sont devant nous ", avertissait le 30 septembre dernier le juge antiterroriste Marc Trévidic au moment où, au terme des 10 ans autorisés, il était contraint de quitter ses fonctions (lire en page 5). Du fait de sa position géographique, des facilités d'entrée sur son territoire de djihadistes d'origine européenne, de sa politique étrangère, qui en fait l'allié du " grand Satan " américain, et de la fascination qu'exerce ce mouvement barbare sur une frange de la jeunesse issue de l'immigration, la France constitue presque la cible idéale.

Paradoxalement, elle n'a jamais été si désarmée, ses dispositifs policiers et judiciaires ne s'étant pas adaptés à la montée des périls. Ce que reconnaissent, entre les lignes, François Hollande et Manuels Valls en laissant entendre que le pire peut se reproduire à tout moment.

Les juges de côté

En décrétant l'état d'urgence sur tout le territoire et en invitant hier le Parlement à voter une loi qui prolongera ce dispositif de trois mois, du jamais-vu depuis la guerre d'Algérie, le gouvernement contourne la justice. Les préfets auront désormais la possibilité de " taper dans le fichier S " et d'ordonner des perquisitions et des assignations à résidence.

De quoi malmener l'État de droit. Mais peut-on critiquer cette mesure alors que, selon les mots mêmes du juge Trévidic, Daesh, le monstre que la France et les États occidentaux ont laissé se développer, peut à tout moment déclencher un 11 Septembre sur le territoire national ? Les premiers résultats des opérations engagées hier matin dans 19 départements ne sont pas anodins. Plus de 100 personnes présumées dangereuses sont désormais sous surveillance, des armes de guerre ont été saisies dans le Rhône, illustrant une fois de plus la connexion entre le banditisme et l'islamisme radical.

Espionnage légal

Imperceptiblement, la notion de " dangerosité supposée ", qui a émergé à l'époque du quinquennat de Nicolas Sarkozy, continue à se glisser dans les textes. L'emploi des outils d'espionnage survient désormais légalement avant toute saisine du juge. Les pouvoirs de la DGSI ont été considérablement renforcés lors du vote de la dernière loi sur le renseignement.

En annonçant hier des recrutements massifs aussi bien dans la justice que dans les services d'enquête, François Hollande s'est bien gardé de dire si la crise actuelle allait définitivement déplacer le curseur au détriment des juges, garants des libertés individuelles, mais aussi de l'efficacité des enquêtes.

Si le cas de Mohamed Merah, initialement signalé à sa hiérarchie par un policier toulousain, avait été transmis au parquet, sept personnes auraient peut-être eu la vie sauve.

Remarks for CIA Director John O. Brennan as Prepared for Delivery at the Center for Strategic & International Studies Global Security Forum 2015, CIA Press Office

November 16, 2015

Thank you very much, John, for those kind words and thank you for inviting me to speak this morning at CSIS's Global Security Forum. I had the pleasure of speaking at CSIS when I was at the White House serving as Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, and it is a privilege to come back to share some thoughts with you on some of the major global challenges our country faces today.

I also want to express publicly my deep appreciation to John Hamre, who has led CSIS for nearly 16 years and who is certainly one of the leading lights in the field of national security. After a distinguished government career, John has continued to make important contributions to our national security, and I think I speak for all of us in thanking him for adding such wisdom and value to the public conversation on global issues. [Applaud]

In many respects, CSIS shares the mission of our Intelligence Community: to help policymakers identify, understand, and—hopefully—successfully address the myriad national security issues that our Nation faces in a dynamic and very dangerous world.

A very dangerous world, indeed.

My opening remarks this morning are different from those I reviewed and finalized in the early afternoon of last Friday. They are different because our sensibilities and our souls have been jarred once again by the horrific and wanton violence perpetrated upon the innocent in the streets, cafes, and concert halls of the beautiful city of Paris. Our hearts ache for the scores killed and injured in those savage attacks, and our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families. Likewise, our condolences and our prayers go out to those killed in the crash of the Russian airliner a little over two weeks ago in the Sinai, Egypt.

And while we await confirmation of culpability for these tragedies, they each bear the hallmarks of terrorism carried out by the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL, an organization of murderous sociopaths that carries out its criminal and morally depraved actions under bogus religious pretense. With its roots in al-Qa'ida in Iraq, and empowered by a large influx of foreign adherents, ISIL over the past several years has swallowed up large swaths of

territory in Iraq and Syria, brutally killing thousands upon thousands of men, women, and children along the way. Not content to limiting its killing fields to Iraqi and Syrian lands and to setting up local franchises in other countries of the Middle East, South Asia, and Africa, ISIL has developed an external operations agenda that it is now implementing with lethal effect.

I am sure that we will talk more about ISIL in the question and answer session, but let me note that the grave threat posed by the phenomenon of ISIL makes it absolutely imperative that the international community urgently commit to achieving an even greater and unprecedented level of cooperation, collaboration, information sharing, and joint action—in intelligence, law enforcement, military, and diplomatic channels. The ISIL threat demands it.

At CIA, we work closely with foreign intelligence security services around the globe to advance our shared counterterrorism goals. Over the course of many years, we have forged broad and deep partnerships with our closest allies in Europe such as Great Britain, France, and many, many others. These strategic relationships have been instrumental in helping to knit together a transnational architecture that allows counterterrorism officials and experts to work closely together across sovereign borders to disrupt terrorist plans and activities. And while many terrorist operations have been thwarted as a result of strong transnational teamwork, tragically, not all terrorist plans are uncovered in time.

These strategic counterterrorism relationships need to stretch far beyond the traditional trans-Atlantic environment and alliances, which is why we are working closely with so many services in different parts of the world.

For instance, we are working very closely with our Egyptian partners, who are working tirelessly to prevent ISIL terrorists from launching attacks that are aimed at derailing Egypt's political reform initiatives and economic development objectives. I reiterated our commitment to strengthening our counterterrorism partnership with Cairo in a call to my Egyptian counterpart this past weekend.

And while Washington and Moscow have significant policy differences on how best to bring the bloodshed in Syria to a close, I have had several conversations with one of my Russian counterparts over the past several weeks about ways to strengthen U.S.-Russian counterterrorism cooperation, specifically on the ISIL threat.

These relationships are an essential adjunct to diplomacy and military operations. By working with our foreign partners, we enhance global security by helping them tackle challenges that threaten us all. And we benefit from a wider net of collection and from the insights of local services, all of which enhance the intelligence we provide to policymakers.

The fact is, good intelligence—timely, accurate, and insightful—is the cornerstone of almost every aspect of national security policy today, from military action to diplomacy to international law enforcement.

With good intelligence, our policymakers can better understand the risks, challenges, and opportunities attendant to key national security issues, which is ever-more important given the unprecedentedly complex and overlapping array of major challenges to US and global security that we face today.

The impression one might get from the daily headlines is that the world has become more unstable. And indeed, the historical record supports that judgment.

In the past three years, there have been more outbreaks of instability than at any time since the collapse of the Soviet Union, matching the rate we saw during decolonization in the 1960s. This has not just been a period of protests and government change, but of violent insurgency and, in particular, of breakdowns in many states' ability to govern.

Ongoing conflicts in Syria, Iraq, Ukraine, Yemen, Libya, and parts of Africa are clear examples. The human toll is reflected in the UN's recent announcement that the number of refugees and internally displaced persons in the world is the highest it has been since World War II. And of course, all this localized strife gives rise to the persistent threat of international terrorism.

When CIA analysts look for deeper causes of this rising instability, they find nationalistic, sectarian, and technological factors that are eroding the structure of the international system. They also see socioeconomic trends, the impact of climate change, and other elements that are cause for concern. Let me touch upon a couple of them.

First, the ideas, institutions, and states that have undergirded the post-Cold War system are under significant stress. It is easy to think of this as a phenomenon confined to the developing world, and that is certainly where we see states that have actually failed, and borders that no longer carry any practical effect, such as the border between Syria and Iraq. But there is considerable stress on governments in even the world's most stable regions.

In Europe, for instance, the migration crisis, sluggish economic growth, and a host of other factors have given rise to heightened nationalism, secession movements, and the increasing popularity of political parties on both the far-right and far-left. Even ideas that were the pillars of the Continent's postwar prosperity—such as economic integration and democracy itself—are being questioned in some quarters.

Across the globe, in both authoritarian and democratic societies, governments are finding it increasingly difficult to meet the demands—realistic or not—of their skeptical and restive populaces. The so-called Arab Spring revolutions were not fought for democracy per se as much as they were fought for relief from regimes that had failed to meet basic standards of governance and civil society.

And as we have seen, when people become disillusioned with the powers that be, social media enable them to more quickly and easily form associations that defy the status quo. And in part, that is why the global landscape has been changing at a faster, more disruptive pace.

How nations respond to these challenges, adapt to them, and evolve will be one of the great plot lines of this century.

When I meet with my foreign counterparts—from both friendly and not-so-friendly governments—I sense a very real apprehension about instability and its various manifestations: terrorism, humanitarian crises, proliferation, and so on. Interestingly, I hear these concerns even from officials representing governments whose policies are quite arguably contributing to the problem.

In Europe, anxiety has risen in states along Russia's periphery after Moscow demonstrated its willingness to use military and paramilitary forces in Ukraine. And in the South China Sea, tensions persist as China unilaterally pursues its territorial claims, including actions that rival claimants perceive as violating their sovereignty.

At the same time, the principle of democratic governance is under siege. For the ninth consecutive year, Freedom House in 2014 reported more declines than gains in the quality of democracy worldwide. Worsening ethno-sectarian and socioeconomic strains are eroding democracy, as is the rise of a more sophisticated form of authoritarianism that forgoes brute force and heavy-handed propaganda in favor of media manipulation, ubiquitous surveillance, criminalization of dissent, and controlled elections.

Second, the resumption of strong, sustained growth in the wake of the 2008 financial crash and Eurozone crisis has been elusive for some of the world's largest economies. Even China's economy, with its seemingly endless potential for growth, is slowing.

In many developing societies, growing pessimism about the prospects for economic advancement is fueling instability. Regions with burgeoning youth populations, such as the Arab world, have been unable to achieve the growth needed to reduce high unemployment rates. Perceptions of growing inequality have resulted in more assertive street politics and populism. At the same time, slower growth has left these nations with fewer resources to devote to economic, humanitarian, and peacekeeping assistance to address these challenges.

Mankind's relationship with the natural world is aggravating these problems and is a potential source of crisis itself. Last year was the warmest on record, and this year is on track to be even warmer.

Extreme weather, along with public policies affecting food and water supplies, can worsen or create humanitarian crises. Of most immediate concern, sharply reduced crop yields in multiple places simultaneously could trigger a shock in food prices with devastating effect, especially in already fragile regions such as Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia. Compromised access to food and water greatly increases the prospect for famine and deadly epidemics.

And finally, the rapid advance of information technology has given rise to an entirely new and wide-open domain for human interaction and progress: the cyber realm.

As an intelligence officer, much of my job involves dealing with the unintended consequences of the cyber revolution. For as much as it brings the world together, it also serves the purposes of those who wish us harm.

Of greatest concern, the cyber realm gives small groups and even individuals the potential to inflict damage on a scale previously restricted to nation-states. And while states are largely rational actors subject to deterrence, the same does not apply to terrorists and criminals.

Both government and private networks are under constant attack. The Department of Homeland Security reports that more than 640,000 cyber-related incidents affected federal agencies in fiscal year 2014. The massive and prolonged hacking of employee records held by the Office of Personnel Management underscores the intensity of assaults on government IT systems. And I am all too familiar with the ease with which miscreant hackers can use social engineering techniques to perpetrate criminal intrusions into personal email accounts and information technology and communication systems.

Unfortunately, there is every reason to expect cyber intrusions to increase in quantity, cunning, and impact. For one thing, the economics of cyber attacks are skewed to favor the attacker.

"Exploits," or malicious software tools, are easily acquired. In fact, their prices are falling dramatically in some criminal markets, not because of declining demand but because of an increasingly competitive marketplace. These exploits can be reused on multiple targets, and the likelihood of detection and punishment remains low.

And while the vast majority of cyber attacks target money, proprietary information, and privacy itself, we need to realize that the range of potential targets is much greater. We simply cannot discount the very real possibility of attacks against vital infrastructure—utilities, transportation, and other essential underpinnings of modern civilization.

The world has changed dramatically since I first raised my hand and swore an oath of allegiance to the United States Government as a 24-year old newly minted CIA officer eager to make a difference in August of 1980. I remember vividly taking a seat at my first desk on the sixth floor of our Langley Headquarters, putting my fingers not on the keyboard of a computer but on the keys of an electric typewriter, which was quite high tech at the time.

Thirty-five years later, our lives as well as our fingers are inextricably linked to the cyber realm—the new digital frontier, where most human interactions, transactions, and communications take place. And while that digital environment holds tremendous potential and opportunity for the further advancement of humanity, our increasing dependence on it brings obvious risks and challenges.

To deal with those risks and challenges, reactive strategies are insufficient. There has to be systematic learning, informed by constant information sharing, so that one organization's detection becomes another's prevention.

In other words, countering cyber threats is very much a team effort. And a crucial point to bear in mind is that about 85 percent of the Worldwide Web's critical infrastructure is held by the private sector. This is a privately owned and operated environment in which the rules remain uncertain at best.

A number of federal efforts in recent years have promoted the sharing of cyber threat information between the private sector and government. DHS and FBI, for example, have programs to share cyber threat information with a broad community of industry stakeholders.

We should be sharing a lot more information than we are as a nation, but programmatic, technical, and legal challenges—as well as concerns about privacy and the role of government—have hampered progress. Congress over the past few years has tried, so far without success, to pass laws addressing the need for comprehensive cyber policy, especially on information sharing.

The fact is, 20th century laws cannot effectively deal with 21st century threats.

Within the past few weeks, the Senate passed the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act, or CISA, which is roughly similar to two bills passed in the House. We may see a conferenced bill by early next year, which would be an important step forward.

And as our country deals with this issue—and, specifically, the security and privacy concerns that revolve around information sharing—it is important to note that security and privacy are not mutually exclusive. The benefits of improved information sharing can be achieved in a manner that protects privacy and civil liberties.

My hope is that America—ideally, along with our allies—can eventually adopt a comprehensive legal and operational approach to this threat without being forced to by a catastrophic cyber attack, in the same way that 9/11 forced our country to integrate its national security assets in a more rational and effective way against terrorism.

Shortly after I returned to the Agency some two-and-a-half years ago, I started to consider what we could do to ensure that CIA is well-prepared for both the opportunities and challenges of the future. The digital world stood out as an area that required special attention.

When I asked a group of our senior officers last fall to ponder the Agency's future and come back with a strategic plan, they agreed that we had to do a much better job of embracing and leveraging the digital revolution. Consequently, one of the pillars of the modernization program we launched last March was the addition of a fifth Directorate as part of the biggest change to CIA's structure in five decades: the Directorate of Digital Innovation.

This new Directorate is at the center of the Agency's effort to hasten the adoption of digital solutions into every aspect of our work. It is responsible for accelerating the integration of our digital and cyber capabilities across all our mission areas—espionage, all-source analysis, open source intelligence, and covert action.

Multiple elements of the Agency in the past have responded to the challenges of the digital era. But if we are to excel in the wired world, we must place our activities and operations in the digital domain at the very center of all our endeavors.

Our new digital directorate was launched last month, and we expect it to contribute enormously to every facet of our global mission. Alongside our partners across the Intelligence Community, we at CIA will be more capable and effective in safeguarding our country from the full range of threats we face beyond our borders.

Let me conclude by saying what I always say to each new class of Agency officers to whom I administer the oath of office every month in our Headquarters lobby. I have the absolutely best job in the world, because I work each day with some of the most dedicated, talented, courageous, and patriotic individuals this country has to offer. And, in light of the nature and scope of the national security challenges I just highlighted, the need for the contributions of these individuals has never been greater.

Thank you, and I'll be happy to take your questions.

Attaques terroristes à Paris/ Paris Terrorist Attacks

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Highlights/Faits saillants

- L'enquête sur les attentats de Paris a mené les enquêteurs de la Syrie à la Belgique, souligne *Le Monde*. « Mais c'est finalement sur un appartement de Saint-Denis que les policiers du RAID ont lancé l'assaut, mercredi 18 novembre, à 4 h 20 du

matin. » **L'affrontement a été violent** : une femme est morte en déclenchant son gilet d'explosifs et un autre suspect est décédé lors de l'échange de tirs. Cinq personnes ont été interpellées et placées en garde à vue. Cinq policiers du RAID ont été blessés. Mercredi, en milieu de matinée, les policiers n'avaient pas encore pu totalement investir l'appartement, gravement endommagé par l'explosion et menacé d'effondrement.

- **One of the Paris suicide attackers may have had an accomplice with him as he travelled through the Balkans** to western Europe after entering Greece posing as a Syrian refugee, **counter-intelligence and police sources tell Reuters**. The true identity of the attacker has become a key line of inquiry for French investigators, with the focus on whether the passport is genuine, sources close to the investigation say.
- *Le Monde* trace un portrait de **Fabien Clain, l'homme qui revendique les attaques commises à Paris**. Clain, 37 ans, un **vétéran du djihad originaire de Toulouse**, proche du clan de -Mohamed Merah (l'auteur des tueries de mars 2012 à Toulouse et à Montauban) et condamné en 2009 à cinq ans de prison pour avoir animé une filière irakienne.
- **Morten Storm**, an ex-terrorist who later became a CIA double agent tells *Fox News*: "I believe that within the next two weeks, we will have an attack. The people who are on the run at the moment from ISIS in Europe are very desperate, and they know their time's up, and they will need to do as much damage as possible," he adds.
- *The Guardian's* **Jason Burke** writes that in the first half of the last decade, as **European security services struggled to understand the new threat they faced**, and bombs exploded in Madrid and London, **Belgium was largely ignored**. Given the increasingly evident role that the country has played in the Paris attacks, this now looks like a mistake

Service Mentions/Mentions du Service

Ottawa seeks to ease fears over refugees, *Globe and Mail*

By DANIEL LEBLANC, JANE TABER, BILL CURRY

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The *Globe and Mail*

Government says 'security is paramount' in plan to bring 25,000 Syrians to Canada by the end of the year

The Trudeau government vowed to put a premium on security as key ministers sought to ease growing concerns over Ottawa's plan to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada by the end of the year.

"Anything that we do, it's going to make sure that security is at the forefront," Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan told reporters after a cabinet committee meeting.

"Security is paramount, and we want to make sure that we get this right."

Asked whether the refugees will arrive by the end of the year as the Liberals promised during the election campaign, Immigration Minister John McCallum said: "We will welcome them well,

that is to say that we will pay due regard, total regard, to issues of security and health, which means we will do it rapidly, but we will do it properly."

He added that he has spoken to dozens of provincial immigration ministers and mayors across the country, insisting he is aware of the preoccupations expressed in recent days by premiers and mayors.

"Yes, they said we had to be careful in terms of security, but that is what I have always said," Mr. McCallum said.

The heads of the RCMP, CSIS and the Canadian Forces were present as the cabinet subcommittee in charge of the refugee issue met in Ottawa on Tuesday.

Mr. McCallum and Health Minister Jane Philpott said the government's detailed plan will be made public in coming days.

Last Friday's terrorist attacks in Paris fuelled concerns across the country about the government's ability to properly screen all newcomers, with a number of political leaders calling on Ottawa to delay its plans.

Quebec City Mayor Régis Labeaume urged the government to prioritize orphans and families on Tuesday, adding Ottawa should avoid welcoming "frustrated 20-year-old guys."

"We think that bringing in families is much safer," Mr. Labeaume told reporters in Quebec City.

Mr. McCallum spoke to Mr. Labeaume about his concerns on Tuesday, in addition to meeting with members of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) task force on Syrian refugee resettlement.

"The minister offered further assurance that the security of Canadians continues to be the priority for the government. We remain confident the government will meet its security obligations," FCM president Raymond Louie said.

Speaking on his way to an AsiaPacific Economic Co-operation meeting in Manila, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said security was "at the very core" of the government's efforts to implement its election promise.

"One of the very first jobs of Canadian Prime Minister is to ensure the security of Canadians and of our communities and that has always been an integral part of our approach to accepting 25,000 Syrian refugees, and that continues to be an extremely high priority," Mr. Trudeau told reporters. "It didn't take the tragedies of Paris for us to suddenly realize that security's important.

We've known for a long time and we continue to be very much committed to keeping Canadians safe while we do the right thing to engage responsibly with this humanitarian crisis."

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne reiterated her vow Tuesday to bring 10,000 refugees to the province by the end of 2016.

She said details are still being worked out with the federal government, including language training and housing for the refugees, in addition to questions of security.

"I think what we have to say is we have to be vigilant, we have to be perhaps more vigilant in terms of security measures," she said.

"We will certainly be working with the federal government to make sure all of those protections are in place. But, I believe that we can do that and we can learn from whatever this situation can teach us."

Toronto Mayor John Tory said Tuesday that he is supportive of any change the federal government wants to make to its timeline of bringing in 25,000 refugees by the end of the year.

"[Mr. Tory has] been clear that these decisions should be made not on the basis of commitments made during elections, but rather on the basis of what is practical and sensible and careful," a spokesperson for the mayor said.

Transcript: "Turning Point" panel: The fight against ISIS, CBC The National

PETER MANSBRIDGE (HOST):

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- It's a "Turning Point" on a global crisis. What did those attacks signal and what is the right response? What's the next move for ISIS? Tonight, some hard answers. Does ISIS actually crave Western retaliation? It's time for some perspective from our "Turning Point" experts. What's behind the string of recent strikes? And what happens next? Clear, hard facts on how ISIS really works and what it will take to end the threat. "The Turning Point" is next. -

Well, only four days have passed since the shock of the Paris attacks, emotions are still raw, but there is also a powerful need to understand what's really going on and how to respond. Is this a turning point in the fight against ISIS? We've lined up our usual experts. **Janice Stein is a founding director of the Munk School for Global Affairs. Ray Boisvert is a former assistant director of CSIS. Saeed Khan is a Middle East historian at Wayne State University. And Samantha Nutt is the founder of War Child Canada. Their thoughts in a moment but, first, some background.**

(Gunshots)

PETER MANSBRIDGE (HOST):

Paris under a cold-blooded siege, images seared into our minds, along with the grim fact that 129 people had their lives cut short, 352 others scarred and wounded. But that was just the latest in a chain of deadly attacks inspired or carried out by ISIS.

ON-SCREEN TEXT:

October 31: Sinai, Egypt. Russian plane crash: 224 killed.

November 9: Zabul, Afghanistan. 7 people beheaded.

November 12: Beirut, Lebanon. Suicide bomb kills 43, injures 239.

November 13: Baghdad, Iraq. Suicide bomb kills 26, injures 61.

PETER MANSBRIDGE (HOST):

The crash of a Russian plane in Sinai, Egypt, 224 killed. Brutal beheadings in Zabul, Afghanistan, 7 killed, including a child. Twin suicide bombings in Beirut, 43 killed, 239 injured. And just hours before the carnage in Paris, roadside bombs in Baghdad, 26 killed, 61 injured. World leaders have told us the ISIS threat was contained.

ON-SCREEN TEXT:

(ABC's "Good Morning America") Breaking news / U.S. drones target Jihadi John / ISIS executioner believed to be dead / Notorious ISIS terrorist known as "Jihadi John" believed dead after U.S. drone strike in Syria

BARACK OBAMA (PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES):

(ABC's "Good Morning America") Our goal has been first to contain and we have contained them.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

Those claims now ring hollow, even as we're told how much worse it could have been.

ON-SCREEN TEXT:

Britain thwarted 7 terror attempts.

Russia stopped 2 major attacks.

United States monitoring "hundreds" of ISIS supporters.

PETER MANSBRIDGE (HOST):

Britain says it thwarted seven terror attempts in the last two weeks. In the last month, says Russia, two major attacks were defused. The U.S. says it has intensified the monitoring of hundreds of suspected ISIS supporters, yet so far this year ISIS has taken credit for more than 80 attacks outside of Iraq and Syria with a death toll in the thousands. As countries like France and the U.S. continue to target extremists in Syria, questions remain about how to fight the ISIS threat, both abroad and where we live. So what happens next? What role should Canada play? Can this war be won? And what does winning look like? All right, well, let's start the conversation then on the key question. Is Paris a game-changer? Is it a turning point in the fight against ISIS? Saeed, why don't you start us.

SAEED KHAN (WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY):

I think it is definitely a turning point and a game-changer, Peter, both for the scale and the level of sophistication. It's also important to recognize here that ISIS has now a reach into Western targets, Western capitals, and is, in fact, employing local or homegrown extremists as opposed to foreign or imported actors.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

Janice?

JANICE STEIN (MUNK SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS):

I actually don't think it is. I don't think it's a game-changer for ISIS. I think it's a franchise model that's going to come back to haunt them really, and I don't think it's a game-changer in the fight against ISIS. Peter, we'll see some acceleration, but fundamentally the core elements are the same.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

Ray, is it as simple as that, just an acceleration in the fight against ISIS?

RAY BOISVERT (FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, CSIS):

It's certainly an intensification, no doubt. Turning point, I agree with Janice, I'm not so sure because I think it's also representative of their weakness. And I think as all these terrorist groups have done in various areas such as Pakistan and Afghanistan, at the moment of greatest pressure they strike out and then get their adherents to sort of touch different areas. So I think they'll suffer the consequences of that. If nothing else, I think at the G20 meeting there will be a lot of discussion how to unify to have greater impact to degrade them.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

Well, that whole issue of unifying and the whole issue of bombing, increased bombing against ISIS, is there a danger here of some kind of overreaction, Sam?

SAMANTHA NUTT (WAR CHILD CANADA):

There is a danger of overreaction and one thing that we do know, if you look what's been happening over the past year, ISIS has gone from having an estimated 30,000-plus fighters to well over now it's believed to be more than 80,000 fighters. So the approach that we have taken up until this point, while it may have pushed them back within Iraq and Syria to certain territories, overall they have continued to grow, continued to spread, and they are demonstrating that they are able to reach well beyond their borders and mobilize people who are sympathetic to their cause. And that is inherently dangerous. So we have to watch for the overreaction here because we will, unfortunately, unwittingly in doing that, play into their hands.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

All right, I want to try and understand who ISIS is. I mean, we have been dealing with this group for some time now and yet there's confusion around who they actually are. So let's break it up a bit. Janice, who is ISIS?

JANICE STEIN (MUNK SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS):

Well, Peter, ISIS starts as a splinter group from al-Qaeda, takes advantage of the chaos in Syria to reorganize. But it's a very curious amalgam. There's a significant number of former Baathists, generals and military experts.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

These are Saddam Hussein's

JANICE STEIN (MUNK SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS):

These are Saddam Hussein's army people who were demobilized by the United States. These people are expert in logistics, they are very good tacticians and they account for a big part of the success. The other part are very religious people with a particular twist that distinguishes them from other jihadi groups. They are apocalyptic.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

Sam, who else is in there?

SAMANTHA NUTT (WAR CHILD CANADA):

Well, as Janice said, it is certainly a hodgepodge of very violent actors here, but we also have to look beyond that sort of higher echelon and look at some of the young people who are joining these movements. If you look at the recent attacks in Paris, the young people in their 20s who were French nationals who made choices to go over into Syria to take on this conflict and to wage war against their home country, against the West. And we are seeing this right across the Western world. We are seeing young people who are expressing sympathy for the ISIS cause. But we're seeing that in other corners as well and it's important to remember that we are seeing that in other pockets within Africa. We are also seeing it within Afghanistan, young people who are being recruited by ISIS. Sometimes they're being paid for their services and that's one of the reasons why they're attracted to it, but also they are very much ideologically aligned. So we need to pay attention to that group of recruits as well.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

Saeed, who else are you seeing?

SAEED KHAN (WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY):

Well, picking up on Sam's point of the economic incentives and Janice's point about the franchising, ISIS is operating like a corporation. It's employing Madison Avenue tactics which suggest that there are some very wealthy, very well-educated and savvy business minds as part of the head office of ISIS. We're looking at marketing tactics that are specifically targeted to different recruitment groups around the world and is able to go ahead then and harness this idea of using popular culture and consumerism in order to act. I mean, this is an operation that actually publishes a very slick annual report, so it shows how tied in they are to the corporate ethos and the corporate mentality.

JANICE STEIN (MUNK SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS):

And one other quick point, they're also brilliant at social media and video production. So these are very, very skilled and very savvy people that are in leadership positions, Peter.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

But, Ray, just what we have heard outlined there, three very different groups, disenfranchised youth, you know, wealthy backers and, you know, old generals from Saddam Hussein. What unites that group?

RAY BOISVERT (FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, CSIS):

Well, for the most part I think uniting comes around one simple issue as it does all through the ages irrespective of the regime and the time and place-it's power. And power is the most important thing to have to be able to garner all the resources that are available. It's also a reflection of the sectarianism that has flourished in that part of the world. Janice's point around the dismantling of the Iraqi army, probably the single most important strategic mistake made by the U.S. government. Religion and this extremism though shouldn't be mistaken as being really the cause. It's the tool. It's the tool for making this happen very successfully. And the other tools include immediate capability and others, and also part of this interesting amalgam of people are very much a Western flavour. Some of the most talented people having the biggest impact around the media, for example, are Western foreign fighters who have gone over there and brought their skillset with them.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

Does this makeup that we have described of ISIS, does that give us a clue on how the coalition that's fighting them should be fighting them, Saeed?

SAEED KHAN (WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY):

Well, definitely, Peter. I mean, instead of the isolation of looking at only one model, you hear, of course, a more reflective idea of military intervention, bombing, ground troops, et cetera. This is only going to go ahead and solve one particular element of it, perhaps cutting off the oil supply from which ISIS derives about a two-billion-dollar revenue annually. It requires looking at the corporate model and perhaps reducing its market share, understanding that its recruits are very much in the same keeping as consumers, as well as taking the political option as well. I mean, we have, of course, some negotiations which are addressing the underlying animus in both Syria and Iraq which is adding fuel to the fire and allowing ISIS to appear to be the one stable pillar within a region of immense instability.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

All right, let's talk about next moves here. First of all in terms of ISIS, Ray, you've got a situation where they seem to be losing ground in the main battle area in Iraq and some parts of Syria, and yet on the headline front they're making headlines with these actions of terrorism in different places in Europe. What's their next move, ISIS, given that combination?

RAY BOISVERT (FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, CSIS):

I think that, one, they'll increase the tempo and the level of violence that they can project outside. So I think we may see more Paris-like events, but I think they'll focus on regimes nearby. I think Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey will be prime in their sights because it's easier, they have lots of followers and adherents, there are a million to a couple million refugees in each one of those countries. So as a result with that dislocation they could cause greater upheaval and, of course, create greater opportunities to expand locally. For now though they really need to get

the pressure off because they are losing ground and they are suffering under these counterinsurgency and counterterrorism measures.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

Janice?

JANICE STEIN (MUNK SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS):

I think they're in a tough spot, so that's encouraging news, actually.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

Tough spot because of the ground they're losing?

JANICE STEIN (MUNK SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS):

That's right. And I think we're on the cusp of some major new ground offences, particularly from the Kurdish peshmergas who are the only fighters who have actually delivered. And those are the peshmergas, Peter, that we have been supporting and training. So they're truly in a tough spot and when groups like this find themselves in a tough spot, that's exactly when they accelerate the violence because the violence helps them recruit.

RAY BOISVERT (FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, CSIS):

And back to the money issue, sorry, as well, because it's an important part, it's not just losing ground; it's losing that financial stability.

PETER MANSBRIDGE (HOST):

Sure.

RAY BOISVERT (FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, CSIS):

And I think what Saeed was talking about, cutting off all those access including selling antiquities and extortion is having an impact because they do pay their fighters and they need money to operate to govern with services.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

Sam, quickly on the ISIS' next move?

SAMANTHA NUTT (WAR CHILD CANADA):

Well, for ISIS, their goal is to ultimately keep on disrupting. And the more that they can do that, the greater... there's a great propaganda value that exists in that to show their strength and as they keep getting pushed back from within Iraq and Syria, they're going to keep branching out. There are other territories they can move into, develop a stronghold, Libya, for example, Afghanistan. There are many disaffected Taliban, they are now joining ISIS. So there are many opportunities for them to grow, and I do disagree with some of the others. I think that while the geography that they're losing in Iraq and Syria are important, I think that we really, when it

comes to the money and the opportunities that ISIS continues to have, we have to look beyond that region because their sights are beyond that region as well. So I think they're going to continue to try to make inroads, to try to grow their base and to do that, unfortunately, in the most terrifying way possible which has been their pattern.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

Okay, I'm going to have to take a break here in a moment, but, Saeed, give us a sense in terms of the West, the coalition fighting ISIS, what's their next move?

SAEED KHAN (WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY):

I think their next move, Peter, is that they're going to have to understand this is a multivalent approach and, again, not be concentrated on just one trajectory of either military or political. I think all of these things have to be on the table in approaching ISIS. But I think perhaps more importantly the West also has to be very mindful that in the process of combating ISIS, it's not mortgaging a lot of its own values and its own policies. The fact that the E.U., one of its hallmark features is having open borders and now this is being something that is challenged and debated. Or, for example, President Hollande looking to amend the Constitution to allow for greater and expanded police powers. This is falling right into the hands of ISIS to the point where the West is mutating itself as a result of ISIS actions.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

Ray, briefly on the West?

RAY BOISVERT (FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, CSIS):

Well, a good point. I think ultimately putting boots on the ground, despite the heated discussions are probably happening at the G20 and everybody feeling that although there's been some success, we're still not able to ground it out and defeat ISIS. There will be, I think the next possible best moves for us are increasing the tempo around deployment of special forces, more training on the ground. The peshmergas are, in fact, the most viable force. Their options have all died off. The question of accommodating Iran, Hezbollah, and also the issue of Russia has to be accommodated and discussed and sorted out. I welcome that reluctantly myself from my perspective and say (indiscernible), I think if we overplay our hand, especially domestically, it will be counterproductive because, of course, that will just be an affirmation for the ideology that the kafirs really do hate us and they're persecuting us and you must leave.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

All right, we've got to take that short break I was talking about, but when we come back, the key question: What is winning? What does winning look like?

(Commercial break)

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

And we're back with Janice Stein, Ray Boisvert, Saeed Khan and Samantha Nutt. Here's the question. The fight with ISIS, what does a win look like? What does winning look like? Sam, why don't you start us.

SAMANTHA NUTT (WAR CHILD CANADA):

I want to get back to a point that Saeed and Ray both made earlier which is that we really have to get at the money. If we can choke off the financial supply and make it much harder for ISIS to replenish itself, that's going to be critically important. And we also have to look at the arm supply and making sure that we put as many control mechanisms in place to try to offset that as well. So I think that that is very, very important to what winning looks like. But we also have to look at young people and we have to look at young people within failed states and the refugees that are flowing from these failed states, and do a better job when it comes to providing them with the support that they need to be able to rebuild their lives and rebuild their communities, because nothing is going to get solved until that piece gets solved.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

Saeed?

SAEED KHAN (WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY):

I agree fully with Sam. Along with that, political solutions in both Syria and Iraq addressing grievances which give ISIS quite a bit of oxygen there, yet at the same time also addressing some of the grievances of those that are becoming radicalized elsewhere, those who feel alienated and isolated within their own respective societies. And, of course, military neutralization has to be one of those elements.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

Janice?

JANICE STEIN (MUNK SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS):

For me, Peter, winning is depriving ISIS of its territorial stronghold in the heartland of the Sunni Arab world which is Iraq and Syria. Once you do that, they're losers. And losers cannot claim to be the caliph, the khalifah, and their capacity to recruit will diminish as soon as they begin to shrink and their claims to be who they are are belied on the ground.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

Ray?

RAY BOISVERT (FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, CSIS):

Although we're not at war, there's a military approach to this and

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

You know what, I never understand that argument, we're not at war. We're dropping bombs on these people, they're fighting us. We see what happened in Paris. How is that not war?

RAY BOISVERT (FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, CSIS):

Absolutely, it's not a traditional, conventional warfare approach, similar to the way Russia pursues its hybrid warfare, its Internet, cyber operations, dislocation, moving people around, little grey men with no uniforms and a number of things. At the end of the day there are Kalashnikovs and people dying. In this case it's really about air power and I'm a full supporter, we should continue, we must. Drones as well. We need to continue to decapitate the senior leadership and that's a very military approach. The other part is about intelligence on the ground, it's about shaping, it's about contributing to some sort of capacity building in that area as we talked about. And, finally, it's really about the counter-narrative. It's that resilience building within. I think Canada does benefit from having a more resilient society. People are better integrated, they believe they're better stakeholders. We're not immune but I think we're far better... we're more inoculated than perhaps Europe and other parts of the world, and that's our strength.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

We'll save for another day the discussion about air power and what it actually does, because, you know, this is the fight we have been running against people like ISIS and before them al-Qaeda for 20 years, and we're still fighting them.

SAMANTHA NUTT (WAR CHILD CANADA):

And terror attacks have gone up worldwide in that period of time as well.

PETER MANSBRIDGE (HOST):

And terror attacks have gone up.

RAY BOISVERT (FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, CSIS):

Absolutely. It's a holding power.

PETER MANBRIDGE (HOST):

A holding power, next conversation we'll have on that one. Thank you all, Ray, Janice, Sam and Saeed.

Syrian refugees will face three levels of intense screening, Toronto Star

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's insistence on bringing in 25,000 Syrian refugees by Jan. 1 has ignited fears the country's security could be compromised, and prompted several provincial and municipal leaders to call for the plan to be revised.

Concerns were heightened following the ferocious attack in Paris by Islamic State terrorists on Nov. 12 that killed at least 129 people. One of the attackers used a Syrian passport to enter Europe through Greece last month, part of the mass flow of migrants fleeing war and misery.

However, Canada's refugees will not come from the hundreds of thousands of displaced people streaming into Europe, a chaotic mass who paid smugglers to travel illegally.

They will most likely come from Jordan, Turkey or Lebanon, where almost all have been registered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Jihadis interested in violence are not going to sit in a refugee camp for months — sometimes years — waiting for an interview with a visa officer, say experts.

"The idea that ISIS would use the refugee system to infiltrate Canada is vastly overblown. There is no history of this," said Wesley Wark, a security expert and professor at the University of Ottawa. "You could never be certain your jihadi would even arrive."

Trudeau, who is expected to unveil details of the refugee resettlement initiative later this week, defended his approach Tuesday, saying the safety of Canadians will not be compromised and that a team of ministers is currently working on a plan to settle the refugees responsibly and securely.

The 4.2 million Syrian refugees displaced by war are mostly in Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan, and some have been there since civil war erupted in 2011.

Normally, government-sponsored refugees go through three levels of intense screening for criminality, war crimes and medical needs. UNHCR officials conduct detailed interviews and identity checks in the country of first asylum. Even if Syrians don't have passports, most carry national identity cards with bar codes.

"We question them about past or current military activities or affiliations, including their future plans. We have a number of biometric security and anti-fraud measures including iris scanning," said a UNHCR spokesperson. The registration data is entered into an interconnected global system.

The UNHCR then triages the refugees, and selects a very small number (about 1 per cent) who would make good candidates for resettlement by countries such as Canada. Women with children, unaccompanied minors, the elderly, sick and vulnerable are given priority. Young, single men who may have been combatants, or cannot account for missing identity documents, do not make the cut, said Peter Showler, the former head of Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board, who has worked as a consultant for the UNHCR.

Finally, Canadian visa officers based in the Middle East interview the refugees again to ensure their stories have no discrepancies. Their names are run through various databases, including the CBSA, CSIS and RCMP.

To make the job of screening easier in a compressed time line, the government could target refugees who are least likely to be security risks, including mothers and children, as well as relatives of Canada's 40,000-strong Syrian community.

"Most of the refugees who come to Canada are families or mothers with children who have been living in camp-like situations for many months. We know what they have been up to," said Ratna Omidvar,

The UNHCR defended the integrity of the refugee system Tuesday, noting that asylum and terrorism are “not compatible.” “Refugees should not be turned into scapegoats and must not become the secondary victims of these tragic events,” said a spokesperson at a briefing in Geneva.

Government-sponsored refugees normally go through three levels of screening:

Registering with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees:

- * Tell their story of how they escaped and why
- * Confirm their identity through documents, biometric security screening, including iris scanning
- * Be registered in an automated and interconnected system
- * Red flag any cases of war crimes or criminality

UNHCR re-settlement list

- * Triage refugees and select 1 per cent who could be resettled
- * Interview candidates again
- * Give priority to the vulnerable, including those with medical problems, single mothers and children
- * Single young men unlikely to make the cut

Interview with Canadian visa officers

- * One-on-one interviews with visa officers in the Middle East
- * Confirm story again
- * Run names through data bases of Canadian Border Services Agency, Canadian Security Intelligence Service and RCMP

The 4.2 million Syrian refugees displaced by war are mostly in Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan, like the camp above in Mafraq, and some have been there since civil war erupted in 2011.

**Column—Refugee plan needs a rethink; Take in more over longer period,
National Post**

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The question has dogged Prime Minister Justin Trudeau almost daily since the election and grows more insistent after the Paris terrorist attacks: Given the growing risk, ask the media over and over again, will his government stick to its election promise to admit 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of the year?

It's the wrong question, but Trudeau keeps standing firm behind the number and the deadline. He was asked again Tuesday while in the Philippines whether opposition from Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall on security grounds had changed the plan.

"It didn't take the tragedy in Paris for us to suddenly realize that security's important," he replied.

The new government had been planning to come up with the full strategy this week on how it would actually get 25,000 Syrian refugees into the country by New Year's Day, a target that implies moving about 100 men, women and children through immigration and security checks and into transport aircraft every workday hour between now and then.

People familiar with refugee processing say the target is technically unattainable, and the government knows it. Maybe Canada can hit 15,000 by year-end, with another 10,000 arriving over several months in the New Year. Even that might be a stretch.

Would 10,000 by year-end be a failure? Not at all. But the target has become a distraction, a meaningless hangover from the election campaign that may undermine Canada's long-term ability to do what it should do. It's time to move on from that short-term target and look to more ambitious objectives.

The larger and more important question remains unanswered: How many Syrian refugees should Canada accept over the long term?

A serious strategy should aim at adopting a target of, say, 100,000 over three to five years - a modest share of the 4,289,792 Syrian refugees registered as of Nov. 17 with the United Nations High Commissioner For Refugees (UNHCR) in sprawling camps in Egypt, Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan.

A carefully organized Canadian strategy that starts modestly at a couple of thousand a month, then systematically builds experience and capacity, might well be preferable to the coming mad scramble to meet a target and deadline set in the mindless heat of an election campaign.

Lots can go wrong in an over-aggressive attempt to squeeze too many people through the narrow time frame left before the end of the year. There are security risks, but they might well be the least of the potential disruptions brought on by too much haste. In fact, Wall's concerns, and those of others - that Canadians risk letting in a "small number of individuals" of the type that perpetrated the Paris attacks and threaten Germany and the world - appear to be misplaced.

Canada is not about to set up roadside immigration kiosks to cull refugees from the streets of Hamburg or the streams of Syrians flooding the highways of Europe en route to Sweden. Those streams might well be packed with troublesome young men. The Canadian plan, underway since September, is to select refugees who have been living for months, even years, in temporary camps in Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan.

Thousands have already been selected by Canadian immigration bureaucrats and Canadian Security Intelligence Service and other officials based in embassies in those three countries. They've been at work since mid-September, assigned by the former Conservative government, albeit to meet more modest targets. Ottawa should announce early numbers with its formal plan.

All the refugees have been or will be assessed by the UNHCR. None of this is foolproof, but it is not random and the likelihood of a terrorist slipping through appears to be low.

A greater concern should be the immediate impact of all that short-termism - overkill on the effort to meet the 25,000 target that, in turn, creates immediate and medium-term social and economic upheaval here in Canada. The media will be all over the refugee arrivals through Christmas as a great heartwarming holiday story. but after that comes the reality. The rush to transport, house, feed and integrate so many people over a period of months is bound to create political and social conflicts through 2016 and beyond.

Rushed decisions and a damn-the-costs attitude could create a fiscal balloon that undermines popular support for the refugee policy.

After the hype surrounding the New year arrivals, will Canadians and Prime minister Trudeau be able to answer the right question: Are we ready for the long-term target of 100,000?

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Video threatening Muslims in Quebec surfaces, Montreal Gazette

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After an online threat against mosques in Montreal was made Monday, a video surfaced Tuesday that threatens Arabs and Muslims across Quebec.

The video, which was posted on YouTube, shows a man in a Joker mask expressing his frustration with Muslims and Arabs in Quebec, adding that if the government won't do anything about them, he would. He added that he was not alone and that there was a group of people who would help him carry out his threat.

While brandishing what appears to be a pistol, the man threatens to kill one Muslim or Arab every week - starting next week.

The video has been flagged to the Montreal police and the Sûreté du Québec. The SQ would not confirm any investigation into the video.

The SPVM confirmed to the Montreal Gazette that it was aware of the video but said it was too early for them to make any comment on it.

Laurent Gingras of the Montreal police said that if anyone sees a threat or is threatened, they should immediately alert the police.

In a statement posted online, Adil Charkaoui of the Collectif Québécois contre l'islamophobie called for calm.

"The CQCI is asking that the community remain calm, to not give in to fear and also to alert authorities to any suspicious behaviour," the statement said.

The online threats come amid rising tension following the deadly attacks in Paris. A mosque in Peterborough, Ont. was set ablaze over the weekend and on Monday in Toronto, a Muslim woman was attacked outside an elementary school as she went to pick up her son.

Toronto police said that attack appeared to be "motivated by hate."

Anonymous goes to war, Ottawa Sun

Hacker collective tackles ISIS threat in wake of bloody Paris rampage

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Now, it's hacker versus terrorist.

The entry of the mysterious global network of computer hackers known as Anonymous has added a new dimension to the battle against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

And one expert contends the hactivist collective may well "put a dent" in ISIS operations.

How, you ask? By sabotaging its internal communications, disrupting its propaganda machine, interfering with its finances and playing havoc with its attempts to recruit more jihadi warriors.

"Their main role, so far, is to put a dent in the propaganda machine on social media," said McGill University professor Gabriella Coleman, author of Hacker, Hoaxer, Whistle-blower, Spy: The Many Faces of Anonymous.

By exploiting the cyber security of companies and governments it opposes, Anonymous has changed the nature of political protest. The group's exploits have made it infamous. Now, it may be changing the nature of warfare, too.

On Monday, Anonymous announced it has "declared war" on ISIS, language traditionally reserved for national governments. (French President Francois Hollande declared war on Islamic State's brand of terrorism after the group killed 129 people dead at popular spots throughout the capital of France on Friday.)

CALLING CARD

In one of its calling card YouTube videos, Anonymous described ISIS terrorists as "vermin who kill poor innocent people" and warned them to expect a "massive response from Anonymous."

"These attacks cannot be left unpunished," said a Frenchspeaking, unidentified figure wearing a Guy Fawkes mask -- the now-familiar symbol of Anonymous.

On Tuesday, Anonymous claimed to have already disabled 5,500 ISIS Twitter accounts.

One of the things that has distinguished ISIS from Al-Qaida has been the success of ISIS in using social media to recruit fighters and spread its message, Coleman said.

By disabling Twitter and e-mail accounts of Islamic State members, Anonymous could prevent ISIS from spreading its message, drumming up support for its cause and finding more recruits.

That isn't to say the ISIS network will be coming tumbling down.

"Is that dent really going to change the game much? Probably not," Coleman said. "It might mean dozens of people that might actually get excited about ISIS never got to those sites."

As the French and U.S. air forces rain bombs on ISIS targets in Syria, the tactic Anonymous may use is "doxing" Islamic State members.

That could see the hackers publicizing the identities of ISIS members, posting their personal information online, robbing them of their anonymity in so doing, and potentially making them and their families feel vulnerable.

PROVEN ABILITY

Earlier this month, Anonymous revealed the identities of 1,000 Ku Klux Klan members in the United States.

But if Anonymous doxes ISIS members, Islamic State could retaliate.

The members of the extremist group have already made their own online forays, doxing the U.S. military.

"It can get really messy very quickly," Coleman said.

Just how "massive" a response computer hackers can muster against an armed terrorist group with entrenched footholds in two countries with shaky national governments, remains to be seen.

"It's definitely the case they're attacking them," Coleman said. "Whether this was just hyperbolic meant to capture media attention or because they are escalating things is still a little unclear to me."

But Anonymous has demonstrated the ability to hobble the computer networks of high-powered multinational corporations and even those of national governments.

Anonymous hackers took down the Canadian government's websites and e-mail servers in June to protest civil rights restrictions in Bill C-51, the Harper government's antiterrorism law.

Anonymous cast itself as a protector of France after the ISIS attacks on the offices of France's Charlie Hebdo magazine in January. Members sympathize with rabble-rousing journalists, Coleman said.

"The fact that attack was against journalists helps to kind of explain why Anonymous took on terrorism, which is not something they would normally do," Coleman said.

It's new territory for Anonymous, anti-establishment mischief-makers whose provocative antics have become a thorn in the side of big business, government and law enforcement. They now find themselves as unlikely allies of the American, French and Russian governments.

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

Strange bedfellows, indeed. With leaders of France,

the U.S. and Russia girding for an all-out annihilation of ISIS, Anonymous' declaration of war could be seen as the arrival of a new, unexpected ally. But Anonymous is unpredictable and plays by its own rules, Coleman said.

"It's not a perfect alignment. Nevertheless, it's getting involved in this alone definitely aligns to some degree with American interests," Coleman said.

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ANONYMOUS

WHO: A network of computer hackers who use their skills to further their political activism

NUMBERS: Unknown

MOTIVES: Sympathetic toward France since January attack on Charlie Hebdo satire magazine; ISIS attack on journalists solidified Anonymous's enmity.

TACTICS: Hacking websites, disruption of websites and email servers, "doxing"

POTENTIAL TO: Disrupt ISIS propaganda machine, interfere with recruitment, publicize identities of behind-the-scenes ISIS figures, interfere with finances.

TRACK RECORD: Anonymous hacked the Canadian government's websites and email servers to protest Bill C-51, previous Conservative government's ant-terrorism law. Revealed identities of 1,000 KKK members in U.S.

ISIS

WHO: The Islamic State in Iraq and Syria is a radicalized group with an expanding foothold in the Middle East

NUMBERS: ISIS claims 100,000 combatants; CIA estimate says 20,000

MOTIVES: Rooted in radical interpretation of Islam

TACTICS: Terrorism attacks such as those in Paris; blowing up airplanes; beheading hostages

POTENTIAL TO: Kill civilians in Western countries; Take over government of Syria and Iraq; Spread radicalized Islam rule to other Middle East countries, destabilize Middle East, draw West into protracted military conflict.

TRACK RECORD: Paris attack on Nov. 13 left 129 dead; Claims responsibility for blowing up Russian airplane over Egypt Oct. 31. Violent attack on France's Charlie Hebdo magazine in January.

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Raid Near Paris Erupts in Gunfire as Police Move In, New York Times

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PARIS -- The police stormed the northern Paris suburb of St.-Denis before dawn Wednesday morning in a raid aimed at capturing at least two fugitives suspected in the terrorist attacks that killed 129 people in Paris on Friday.

The Paris prosecutor's office said that the target of the raids was Abdelhamid Abaaoud, the Belgian militant suspected of organizing the attacks, but it could not confirm that Mr. Abaaoud was in the apartment.

The prosecutor's office also could not confirm reports in the French news media that two fugitives holed up in the apartment had died in the raid, including one woman who detonated an explosive vest.

There was conflicting information from French authorities about the raid. Justice Minister Christiane Taubira, speaking to Europe 1 radio, said that the police operation was ending, but French police said shortly afterward on Twitter that the raid was continuing.

Heavy gunfire erupted around 4 a.m., the suburb's mayor, Didier Paillard, and residents told a French television channel, iTélé, and it lasted at least 20 minutes. Helicopters flew overhead, and the authorities warned people to stay indoors.

"It was really like guerrilla warfare," a resident named Pierre-Eric told BFM TV.

The raid appeared to focus on an apartment near Place Jean Jaurès, a main square in St.-Denis not far from the Stade de France, where three of the seven attackers who died on Friday blew themselves up. The Paris prosecutor's office confirmed the raid but could not provide immediate details, except that an unspecified number of men, holed up in an apartment, were being targeted.

"Security instructions: do not go out onto the street in this area," St. Denis officials said on Twitter, adding that the Rue de la République, the Rue Cornillon and the Rue Chaumettes had been cordoned off.

A second round of gunfire and explosions were reported just before 7:30 a.m.

Prime Minister Manuel Valls and Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve joined President François Hollande at the Élysee Palace on Wednesday morning to monitor the operation as it continued to unfold.

At least two fugitives are at large: one whose existence was confirmed by intelligence officials on Tuesday night, and Salah Abdeslam, 26, a Frenchman who was believed to have escaped to Brussels.

In addition to the two fugitives, the authorities were seeking Mr. Abaaoud, a Belgian militant suspected of organizing the attacks.

On Tuesday, French and American intelligence officials said they believed that Mr. Abaaoud was in Syria with fellow Islamic State militants, but on Wednesday morning, several TV stations, citing unnamed police sources, said that Mr. Abaaoud might be one of the men holed up in St.-Denis.

Seven attackers died on Friday night in a closely coordinated series of attacks that lasted three hours.

Some of the attackers rented a house in the northeast Paris suburb of Bobigny last week, telling the landlady they were businessmen from Belgium, and a hotel suite in the southeast Paris suburb of Alfortville, officials said.

Early Tuesday, 10 French fighter jets, taking off from bases in Jordan and the Persian Gulf, dropped 16 bombs on what the French Defense Ministry described as an Islamic State command center and training center in the group's self-proclaimed capital of Raqqa, Syria. Hours later, Russia carried out an attack on Raqqa with cruise missiles and long-range bombers, after acknowledging that a terrorist bomb brought down a Russian jetliner over the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt -- a hotbed of Islamic State activity -- on Oct. 31.

France, through its defense minister, Jean-Yves Le Drian, took the extraordinary step on Tuesday of invoking a European Union treaty that obliges members to help any member that is "the victim of armed aggression on its territory."

Mr. Hollande took steps to shore up global support for what he has called a war to annihilate the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL. He met with Secretary of State John Kerry, who expressed sympathy but reiterated the Obama administration's view that the group would not be destroyed until Syria's embattled president, Bashar al-Assad, leaves power.

Mr. Hollande will visit Washington and Moscow next week to meet with Mr. Obama and the Russian president, Vladimir V. Putin. In Britain, Prime Minister David Cameron told Parliament that the Paris attacks had strengthened the case for intervening against the Islamic State in Syria, a move that Parliament rejected in 2013.

On France's third and final day of national mourning, crowds gathered to light candles and lay flowers at the Place de la République and at makeshift memorials at the sites of the attacks. In the southwestern city of Toulouse, thousands gathered in the central square, waving French flags and singing "La Marseillaise," the national anthem.

"The terrorists want to erase everything: culture, youth, life, and also history and memory," Mr. Hollande said in a speech at a Unesco conference in Paris.

"You do not fight against terrorism by hiding, by putting your life on hold, by suspending economic, social and cultural life, by banning concerts, theater, sports competitions," he said. "We will not yield to terrorism by suspending our way of life."

Many Parisians and visitors followed his advice, flocking to restaurants, cafes and museums in an effort to carry on with normal life. But the country continued to reel from the attacks, the worst violence on French soil in decades. Officials said the bodies of 117 of the 129 people killed had been positively identified; 221 of the 352 people injured remained in hospitals, 57 in intensive care.

The country remained under a state of emergency, as developments in the investigation emerged in a steady trickle.

In the morning, the authorities seized a black Renault Clio with Belgian license plates in the 18th Arrondissement on the northern edge of Paris, next to the suburb of St.-Denis, where three suicide bombers detonated their explosives during a soccer game at the Stade de France. Authorities are looking into the possibility that the vehicle might have been intended for yet another attack.

On Tuesday night, the authorities released a photo of one of the stadium bombers -- who used a Syrian passport to enter Greece last month, evidently posing as a migrant -- and asked for the public's help in identifying him. The passport was probably stolen, and the identity on the passport page -- Ahmad al-Mohammad, 25, of Idlib, Syria -- may be that of a dead Syrian soldier, the French official said.

The authorities said the car had been seen -- it was not clear when, or who drove it -- on the A1 highway, which connects the suburbs of Paris with the northeastern city of Lille, about a dozen miles from the Belgian border.

In Belgium, the authorities put the country at its highest alert level. They charged two men -- Hamza Attou, 21, a Brussels native, and Mohamed Amri, 27, who was born in Morocco -- with participating in a terrorist activity, saying they had driven Mr. Abdeslam, the fugitive, from Paris to Brussels.

The two men frequented a bar owned by Mr. Abdeslam and his brother Ibrahim, who blew himself up at a restaurant on Friday in one of the attacks. The brothers lived in the Brussels district of Molenbeek, also the base for Mr. Abaaoud, the Belgian believed to have planned the attacks. A third brother, Mohamed, who was not involved in the assaults, publicly appealed on Tuesday for Salah to turn himself in.

"We are a family, we are thinking about him, we are wondering where he is, if he is scared, if he is feeding himself," Mohamed Abdeslam told the French news channel BFM TV in Brussels.

"The best would be for him to surrender so that the justice system may shed light on this situation."

Salah Abdeslam was stopped at a traffic check in the French town of Cambrai on Saturday morning, as he headed toward the Belgian border, but was then waved through after showing identification.

The Austrian police disclosed on Tuesday that Mr. Abdeslam was also stopped during a routine police check in northern Austria on Sept. 9 -- four days after Germany and Austria opened their borders to refugees streaming in via Hungary. He crossed into Austria from Germany in a car with two men who have not been identified, and told the police that he would be spending a few days on vacation in Austria, an Interior Ministry spokesman said.

Mr. Kerry, in a hastily arranged trip to Paris to show solidarity, said the United States and France had no choice but to wage war against the Islamic State, the apocalyptic militant group that purports to have restored a caliphate, or a global Muslim community under a single leader.

"This is just raw terror to set up a caliphate," Mr. Kerry said before meeting separately with Mr. Hollande and Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius. "This is not a situation where we have a choice. We're not choosing to randomly go to war. We're trying to avoid it, trying to find a better path."

At least four Americans were wounded in the attacks on Paris, and one, Nohemi Gonzalez, died.

Mr. Cazeneuve told France Info radio that the police had conducted 128 raids in France overnight against terrorism suspects. He also said 115,000 police officers and troops had been deployed across the country "to ensure the protection of the French."

A Saint-Denis, l'assaut contre les terroristes, Le Monde

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Les forces de l'ordre étaient à la recherche du commanditaire présumé des attentats, Abdelhamid Abaaoud.

L'enquête sur les attentats de Paris, qui ont fait au moins 130 morts et plus de 350 blessés à Paris et à Saint-Denis, vendredi 13 novembre, a mené les enquêteurs de la Syrie à la Belgique. Mais c'est finalement sur un appartement de Saint-Denis que les policiers du RAID ont lancé l'assaut, mercredi 18 novembre, à 4 h 20 du matin. Ils recherchaient le commanditaire présumé des attaques, Abdelhamid Abaaoud, 28 ans, à quelques centaines de mètres du Stade de France, où trois kamikazes s'étaient fait exploser vendredi. Mercredi en fin de matinée, l'homme était toujours recherché : il n'était pas certain qu'il ait même été présent sur les lieux.

L'affrontement a été violent : une femme est morte en déclenchant son gilet d'explosifs et un autre suspect est décédé lors de l'échange de tirs. Cinq personnes ont été interpellées et placées en garde à vue. Cinq policiers du RAID ont été blessés. Mercredi, en milieu de matinée, les policiers n'avaient pas encore pu totalement investir l'appartement, gravement endommagé par l'explosion et menacé d'effondrement.

A 4 h 20, lorsque le RAID et les policiers de la sous-direction antiterroriste de la police judiciaire (SDAT) ont pénétré dans le petit immeuble de la rue du Corbillon, situé dans la vieille ville de Saint-Denis, ils ont été accueillis par un feu nourri de tirs. " Ça défouaillait " , raconte une source policière. Les enquêteurs soupçonnaient qu'Abdelhamid Abaaoud ne serait pas seul : ils avaient en revanche sous-estimé le nombre de terroristes présumés qui l'entouraient. Au lieu de deux suspects, ils font face à au moins cinq personnes. Une femme présente dans l'appartement déclenche son gilet d'explosifs.

Après quatre heures d'assaut, trois hommes retranchés dans l'appartement sont extraits par le RAID. Un deuxième suspect est tué. Au cours de l'opération, un deuxième appartement situé boulevard Carnot, à proximité immédiate du premier objectif, apparaît comme devant être examiné. Les hommes de la brigade de recherche et d'intervention (BRI) de la préfecture de police de Paris se chargent de procéder aux vérifications : il est vide. Un homme et une femme sont interpellés dans les rues avoisinantes et placés à leur tour en garde à vue.

Abaaoud, un " petit con " La principale cible de l'assaut est donc Abdelhamid Abaaoud, un Belge de 28 ans. L'homme, qui a rejoint les rangs de l'Etat islamique (EI) au début de 2013, est soupçonné d'être l'un des instigateurs de plusieurs projets d'attaques visant la France, dont plusieurs avaient la Belgique comme base logistique. En Syrie, où il a pris le surnom d'" Abou Omar Al-Soussi " , il a été parmi les cibles des frappes françaises sur Rakka, la capitale de l'EI, début octobre.

La direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) le suspecte, à des degrés d'implication divers, d'avoir joué un rôle dans l'attentat avorté contre une église de Villejuif, le 19 avril, dans un projet déjoué d'attaque contre une salle de concert, dont l'auteur avait été interpellé le 11 août, et dans l'attaque du Thalys, dix jours plus tard, le 21 août. Il était enfin en contact avec Mehdi Nemmouche, le tueur du Musée juif de Bruxelles, le 24 mai 2014. En Belgique, il a été condamné par contumace à vingt ans de prison en juillet, dans le cadre d'un dossier de filière djihadiste.

Les enquêteurs le soupçonnent d'avoir participé à l'élaboration des attentats de vendredi, à Paris et Saint-Denis. Il apparaît dans l'entourage de Salah Abdeslam, l'un des suspects des attentats de vendredi à Paris, toujours en fuite. Les deux hommes ont notamment fait de la prison ensemble en 2010 en Belgique pour braquage.

Le 11 août, un jeune Français interpellé à son retour de Syrie, Reda Hame, avait désigné Abdelhamid Abaaoud comme le commanditaire d'un projet d'attentat visant une salle de spectacle. En garde à vue, l'homme affirmait avoir reçu pour mission de cibler un " concert de rock " pour faire un " maximum de victimes " . Abdelhamid Abaaoud lui aurait remis à cette fin une clé USB contenant des logiciels de cryptage et 2 000 euros, en lui suggérant de passer par Prague, en République tchèque, pour éviter de se faire repérer.

Décrit comme " un petit con " par ses anciens camarades de classe, Abdelhamid Abbaoud a eu affaire à la justice dès 19 ans, condamné pour divers vols. Il était libre, porteur d'un bracelet électronique, lorsqu'il est entré dans le radar de l'antiterrorisme. Son père, un épicier de Molenbeek, dans la banlieue de Bruxelles, dit aujourd'hui avoir " horreur " de son fils. Il avait auparavant, et sans succès, tenté de le faire étudier dans un collège chic de Uccle, où Abdelhamid a laissé la pire des réputations. " C'était en fait un gamin de la classe moyenne, et, en ce qui le concerne, les concepts de discrimination et de frustration sociale ne s'appliquent pas " , commente un policier belge. Il avait quitté la Belgique via Dusseldorf, puis la Turquie. Il

était accompagné de son jeune frère Younes, 13 ans, qu'il aurait enlevé. Le gamin a posé sur des photos, comme " plus jeune djihadiste du monde " .

Dans une poubelle Abdelhamid Abaaoud semble avoir effectué plusieurs allers-retours entre la Syrie et la Belgique sans être inquiété. Dans une interview donnée en février au magazine de l'EI Dabiq , il affirme qu'il se trouvait en Belgique le jour du démantèlement de la cellule terroriste de Verviers, fin janvier, et se vante d'avoir pu rejoindre la Syrie sans être intercepté, malgré un contrôle à un barrage de police. Ses déclarations ne sont pas confirmées de sources officielles, mais il est établi que le djihadiste le plus célèbre de Belgique a effectué plusieurs trajets entre la Belgique et la Syrie sans éveiller les soupçons. Selon une source judiciaire française, le jeune homme se serait envolé pour la Syrie au début de 2013, avant de rentrer en Belgique à la fin de la même année en transitant par la Grèce, pour ensuite regagner la Syrie. On retrouve une trace de sa présence dans les rangs de l'EI en mars 2014 : il apparaît dans une vidéo de propagande à bord d'un pick-up traînant au sol des cadavres mutilés. Qu'a-t-il fait depuis? Selon une source proche de l'enquête, son téléphone a été localisé en Grèce en 2015.

C'est un SMS, dont l'existence a été révélée par Mediapart quelques heures avant le début de l'assaut à Saint-Denis, qui a permis d'accélérer les recherches. Avant de déclencher l'attaque qui a fait 89 morts et des dizaines de blessés, à 21 h 42, l'un des trois terroristes prévient une personne qui reste à identifier. " On est parti on commence " , écrit-il précisément, selon les informations du Monde . A cette heure-là, deux kamikazes se sont déjà fait exploser aux abords du Stade de France, à 21 h 20 et 21 h 30. Une autre équipe, armée de fusils d'assaut, a achevé son parcours meurtrier dans l'est parisien : quinze personnes tuées à l'angle de la rue Bichat et de la rue Alibert, dans le 10^e arrondissement, puis cinq victimes au coin de la rue de la Fontaine-au-Roi et de la rue du Faubourg-du-Temple (11^e arrondissement), dix-neuf au bar la Belle Equipe, rue de Charonne, et enfin, une attaque kamikaze en bas du boulevard Voltaire, à 21 h 40. Quelques minutes plus tard, un troisième kamikaze explose à Saint-Denis.

Les enquêteurs ont retrouvé le SMS dans un téléphone découvert dans une poubelle, à proximité du Bataclan. Au-delà du message, l'appareil a surtout permis aux policiers de remonter la piste jusqu'à l'un des points de chute des commandos, un appartement loué dans une résidence hôtelière à Alfortville (Val-de-Marne). La recherche sur la géolocalisation du téléphone indique que son propriétaire y était passé avant les attaques. Il avait été loué au nom de Salah Abdeslam, tout comme la Volkswagen Polo utilisée par les assaillants du Bataclan. Déserté par les terroristes, le logement est investi par les enquêteurs, qui effectuent des prélèvements, pour permettre d'identifier les occupants du lieu. Contrairement à ce qui avait été indiqué sur LePoint.fr, aucune seringue n'a été retrouvée lors de la perquisition.

Salah Abdeslam, 26 ans, Français résidant en Belgique, est en fuite depuis les attentats. Samedi matin, il est parvenu à retourner en direction de la Belgique avant d'être identifié comme l'un des suspects. Les deux Belges qui sont venus le chercher à Paris ont été placés sous mandat d'arrêt, lundi 16 novembre, pour " attentat terroriste " par la justice belge. Salah Abdeslam a loué la Polo du Bataclan, mais il est soupçonné d'avoir fait partie du commando chargé des fusillades dans les rues parisiennes, à bord d'une Seat découverte à Montreuil.

Un deuxième site ayant été utilisé lors de la préparation des attentats a également été découvert, à Bobigny. Le frère de Salah, Brahim Abdeslam, qui s'est fait exploser boulevard Voltaire, avait en effet loué un pavillon dans la préfecture de Seine-Saint-Denis, du 10 au 17 novembre. Trois hommes s'étaient présentés au propriétaire comme appartenant à une société de sécurité belge.

Mercredi, toutes les gardes à vue de membres de l'entourage familial d'Ismaël Omar Mostefai et de Samy Amimour, deux des assaillants du Bataclan, ont été levées. L'une des soeurs de Samy Amimour était notamment connue pour avoir facilité le départ d'une mineure, née en 1997, vers la Syrie afin qu'elle rejoigne son frère pour l'épouser. Samy Amimour était déjà connu de l'antiterrorisme pour avoir tenté de partir vers le Yémen en 2012 en compagnie de Samir B. et Charafe E., deux amis originaires comme lui de Drancy (Seine-Saint-Denis). Le troisième assaillant de la salle de spectacle, tué à l'étage lors de l'assaut de la BRI, est toujours en cours d'identification, tout comme l'un des kamikazes du Stade de France.

Les enquêteurs ont lancé un appel à témoins, mercredi soir, pour identifier un autre membre du commando de Saint-Denis, auprès duquel un passeport syrien avait été découvert. Les policiers ont établi que la photo utilisée sur le document, qui lui a servi à rentrer en Europe via la Grèce, lui correspondait bien. Le troisième kamikaze est un Français de 20 ans, Bilal Hadfi.

Fabien Clain, la voix des attentats de Paris, Le Monde

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Le djihadiste français et son frère ont été identifiés dans l'un des messages de revendication des attaques. Portrait d'un salafiste toulousain.

On entend un " nashid ", un de ces chants religieux envoûtants qui font le charme vénéneux des vidéos de l'Etat islamique (EI). Puis la lecture d'un communiqué au style ampoulé : " Dans une attaque bénie dont Allah a facilité les causes, un groupe de croyants des soldats du califat, qu'Allah lui donne puissance et victoire, a pris pour cible la capitale des abominations et de la perversion, celle qui porte la bannière de la croix en Europe, Paris... " A la fin de la lecture, les chants reprennent. L'enregistrement dure cinq minutes trente.

La voix de l'homme qui revendique les attaques commises à Paris, vendredi 13 novembre, a été identifiée. Il s'agit de celle du Français Fabien Clain, 37 ans, un vétéran du djihad originaire de Toulouse, proche du clan de -Mohamed Merah (l'auteur des tueries de mars 2012 à Toulouse et à Montauban) et condamné en 2009 à cinq ans de prison pour avoir animé une filière irakienne. Selon les informations du Monde, Fabien Clain avait déjà menacé le Bataclan en 2009 en raison du sionisme supposé de ses propriétaires. L'homme qui chante avant et après la lecture du communiqué a été identifié comme étant son frère cadet, Jean-Michel, 34 ans, précise au Monde une source -proche du dossier.

Fabien Clain, un Toulousain d'origine réunionnaise converti à l'islam, s'est rapproché de la mouvance salafiste au début des années 2000 aux abords de la mosquée El Hussein, dans le quartier du Mirail. Décrit par d'anciens proches comme instruit, " très fort en religion ", ayant un " véritable talent pour convertir les gens " et les " manipuler ", il s'impose -rapidement comme l'un des principaux idéologues du courant -salafiste toulousain.

La famille Clain ne passe pas inaperçue au Mirail. Portant la barbe et la djellaba, les deux frères tiennent un stand de vente d'objets islamiques sur un marché, qu'ils utilisent pour enrôler de jeunes Toulousains. Ils ont épousé deux converties qui portent la burqa - à une époque où cette coutume était encore une curiosité - ce qui leur vaut d'être surnommé " le clan des Belphégor ".

Noyau historiqueLa famille se rapproche au début des années 2000 d'une autre communauté salafiste, structurée autour d'un Français d'origine syrienne, Olivier Corel, dit " l'Emir blanc ". Ce guide spirituel, ancien responsable en France des " Frères musulmans syriens ", tient des sessions d'enseignement religieux dans sa ferme d'Artigat, une petite commune ariégeoise. Des jeunes venus des cités toulousaines s'y pressent pour écouter ses prêches.

C'est dans cette ferme reculée que Fabien Clain, désormais surnommé " Omar ", fait la connaissance d'Abdelkader Merah, le frère de Mohamed Merah, et d'un de ses bons amis, Sabri Essid, alors âgé de 16 ans. Le groupe d'Artigat, considéré comme l'un des noyaux historiques du djihadisme français, se consolide par alliances : le père de Sabri Essid épousera successivement la mère de Fabien Clain et celle des frères Merah.

En janvier 2003, les frères Clain s'installent quelque temps en Belgique. Ceux qu'on appelle les " Réunionnais " gravitent autour d'une filière belgo-tunisienne à l'origine du départ de Murielle - Degauque, morte le 9 novembre 2005 dans un attentat-suicide à Bagdad. Les frères Clain font alors la connaissance de deux figures du djihadisme : Farouk Ben Abbes, un Belge d'origine tunisienne, et Hakim Benladghem, un ancien légionnaire français d'origine algérienne, qui sera tué des années plus tard par la police belge, le 26 mars 2013, à l'issue d'une course-poursuite. Il était soupçonné de s'apprêter à commettre un attentat en Belgique le lendemain.

Les frères Clain, Farouk Ben -Abbes, Hakim Benladghem... La petite amicale franco-belge ne va pas tarder à faire parler d'elle. En 2009, Fabien Clain et Hakim Benladghem apparaissent dans une enquête sur des menaces d'attentats visant le Bataclan. Cette salle de spectacle, dont les propriétaires à l'époque sont juifs, organisait chaque année un concert de soutien en faveur de -Magav, la police des frontières -israélienne, qui déclenchait l'ire de plusieurs associations et de groupuscules radicaux.

Cette même année, Farouk Ben Abbes est interpellé en Egypte dans le cadre de l'enquête sur un attentat ayant visé un voyage d'agrément de lycéens français au Caire en février 2009. Cette attaque, attribuée à Jaish al-Islam, " l'armée de l'islam ", la branche d'Al-Qaida à Gaza, fera vingt-quatre blessés et un mort, Cécile Vannier, 17 ans. Dans les locaux de la Sécurité d'Etat égyptienne, -Farouk Ben Abbes aurait alors protesté de son innocence tout en admettant qu'il projetait une attaque en France contre... le Bataclan. Un projet confirmé deux ans plus tard dans les locaux de la DCRI par une Française interpellée en même temps que lui au Caire.

Rentré dans la région de Toulouse, Fabien Clain a entre-temps poursuivi son oeuvre de recrutement au sein de la filière d'Artigat. Quelques mois après les menaces d'attentat visant le Bataclan, il est condamné en juillet 2009 à cinq ans de prison pour avoir organisé l'acheminement vers l'Irak de plusieurs jeunes Toulousains entre 2005 et 2006.

Ses recrues prenaient souvent l'avion depuis la Belgique, où elles étaient accueillies par des " frères " bruxellois, puis transitaient par la Syrie ou l'Egypte avant de tenter de gagner le borborygme irakien. Mais la cellule est démantelée avant d'avoir pu mettre le pied en Irak. Deux disciples de Fabien Clain, Sabri Essid et Thomas -Barnouin, seront arrêtées près d'Homs en décembre 2006 par les autorités syriennes alors qu'elles s'apprêtaient à rejoindre le champ de bataille, au sein d'une cellule d'Al-Qaida composée de Syriens et de Saoudiens.

Un départ en Syrie Durant son procès, Fabien Clain se définira comme ayant suffisamment de connaissances religieuses pour " influencer une personne indécise ". Il affirme s'en tenir à une lecture " défensive " du djihad, arguant que " quand un pays se fait envahir par un autre pays ou même si le voisin musulman se faisait attaquer, il faut le défendre ".

Il soutient devant la cour qu'il n'approuve pas les attentats-suicides. Un de ses coaccusés affirme que son djihad consistait surtout à envoyer les autres mourir à sa place. Libéré en août 2012 après avoir purgé trois de ses cinq années de prison, Fabien Clain refait sa vie en Normandie avec femme et enfants. Puis disparaît en Syrie, vraisemblablement courant 2014.

L'aîné de la fratrie n'a pas rejoint seul les rangs de l'Etat islamique (EI). Il y a reconstitué son clan, à l'abri des poursuites judiciaires. Son ancien élève Sabri Essid, désormais âgée de 30 ans, a gagné la Syrie au printemps 2014, en même temps qu'une dizaine d'anciens membres de la cellule d'Artigat. Le 11 mars 2015, jour du troisième anniversaire de la tuerie de Mohamed Merah, Sabri Essid apparaît dans une vidéo de propagande sur laquelle on voit un garçon, identifié comme son beau-fils, âgé de 13 ans, abattre à bout portant un Arabe israélien accusé d'espionnage pour le compte du Mossad.

Fabien Clain a disparu des -radars. Il ne va pas tarder à réap-paraître dans les fiches des services de renseignement. Le 19 avril, un étudiant algérien, Sid Ahmed Ghlam, est interpellé à Paris après s'être tiré une balle dans la jambe alors qu'il s'apprêtait à mitrailler la sortie de messe d'une église de Villejuif (Val-de-Marne).

L'enquête établira que deux membres français de l'EI, avec qui il communiquait dans l'élaboration de son projet, avaient été endoctrinés à distance par Fabien Clain avant de le rejoindre en -Syrie début 2015. Un projet d'attentat avorté sur lequel plane une autre ombre : celle du Belge -Abdelhamid Abaaoud, commanditaire présumé des attaques de vendredi.

Entouré de sa famille et de ses anciens disciples, Fabien Clain a recréé en Syrie le biotope d'Artigat. Il continue de recruter, depuis l'étranger cette fois, et semble avoir joué un rôle dans au moins deux attaques visant la France depuis le début de l'année. Le conflit syrien lui a donné l'occasion de parachever l'oeuvre qu'il n'avait pu mener à son terme durant la guerre d'Irak. Le champ de bataille a changé. Les ambitions de ce djihadiste de la première heure aussi. Il ne s'agit plus seulement d'envoyer des Français se battre à l'étranger : le conflit s'est déplacé sur le sol français.

Paris attacker may have had accomplice on journey through Balkans, Reuters

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BELGRADE/ATHENS, Nov 17 (Reuters) - One of the Paris suicide attackers may have had an accomplice with him as he travelled through the Balkans to western Europe after entering Greece posing as a Syrian refugee, counter-intelligence and police sources say.

The assailant may also have reached Paris faster and more easily than expected because asylum seekers were rushed across some national borders at the height of the migration crisis

in Europe this year to avoid bottlenecks after Hungary closed its borders, ironically to keep out suspected militants.

The man, who blew himself up near the Stade de France stadium in Friday's attacks that killed 129 people, has been identified from a Syrian passport found near his body as 25-year-old Ahmad al-Mohammad from the northwestern city of Idlib.

The true identity of the attacker has become a key line of inquiry for French investigators, with the focus on whether the passport is genuine, sources close to the investigation say.

Despite media reports that it may be counterfeit, investigators are also looking at the possibility that it is genuine - but could have been stolen or bought from a refugee after he made his way into Europe and subsequently used by the attacker, they say.

The passport's holder was registered as arriving alongside 198 refugees by boat from Turkey on Oct. 3 in Leros, a small picturesque Greek island.

French authorities have said the fingerprints of the attacker who blew himself up matched those of the man who landed on Leros.

Greek officials said on Sunday that Mohammad seemed not to be travelling with anyone specific, despite arriving with others. But a counter-intelligence source in Macedonia, one of the countries he passed through, spoke of a "massive investigation in the Balkans about the route of two of the terrorists".

The source, who declined to be named, indicated to Reuters that Macedonia was coordinating its action with Greece, and that a companion was with Mohammad by the time they bought ferry tickets taking them to Piraeus on the Greek mainland.

A Leros travel agent said that on Oct. 4 he issued two tickets costing 51.50 euros (\$54.90) each to the men for a ferry departing the following night from the nearby island of Kalymnos, which is reached from Leros by a local service. The 23:10 sailing reached Piraeus on the morning of Oct. 6.

The owner of the Kastis travel agency in Leros, 42-year-old Dimitris Kastis, remembers selling tickets to Mohammad and a man who was with him. "He didn't do or say anything that caught my attention," Kastis said, adding that both men had paid in cash. He said the man travelling with him had a similar surname.

Greek media have published a photograph of the second man's ticket which gives his family name as al-Mahmod, and the initial of his given name as M.

Kastis said he recognised this as the name the second man provided when purchasing the ticket.

A Croatian police official, who declined to be named, also told Reuters that an investigation was under way into Mohammed's journey which was focusing on whether he was travelling with anyone and, if so, with whom.

BALKAN ROUTE

In Leros, Mohammad was registered as required under European Union rules, with his fingerprints recorded in a European database known as Eurodac. Because his passport looked authentic and there was no police record on him, he was given a permit allowing him to stay in Greece for six months.

A copy of Mohammad's permit was distributed to journalists by Immigration Minister Yannis Mouzalas. Written in Greek only, it states that its holder should not leave the city of Corinth for the whole period without alerting police.

But within days, Mohammad had gone at least as far as Croatia.

The counter-intelligence source in Macedonia said Mohammad was still travelling with a companion two days after reaching Piraeus. They registered together at a refugee camp in the backyard of an old tobacco plant in the Serbian town of Presevo, though Serbian officials have not mentioned an accomplice.

Mohammad then went on to Croatia, either by train or bus, and was registered on Oct. 8 at the Opatovac refugee camp.

Reuters has been unable to determine what route Mohammad took after this, or whether he was accompanied by anyone.

Croatian police said he almost certainly left for Hungary within 24 hours, though Budapest has no record of him entering from Croatia, which at the time was offloading thousands of migrants every day across its northern border with Hungary.

Mohammad's most likely destination from Hungary would have been Austria. In early October migrants were being sent in trains with locked doors to Hegyeshalom on the Austrian border, where Reuters journalists said they were ushered into the country without having their documents checked.

Austrian Interior Ministry spokesman Karl-Heinz Grundboeck said it was "conjecture and speculation" that a man going by the name of al-Mohammad had passed through Austria which, like France, is part of the EU's Schengen zone where routine internal border controls have been removed.

But Vienna has confirmed that another of the attackers, Belgian-born Frenchman Salah Abdeslam, entered Austria from Germany on Sept. 9.

Hungarian government spokesman Zoltan Kovacs told reporters on Tuesday that Budapest had no information as to whether Mohammad traversed Hungary. At that time Hungary was not registering migrants because Croatia had already done so.

Both countries are EU members but, unlike Croatia, Hungary is in the Schengen zone and had sealed its frontier with Serbia to migrants on Sept. 15.

This forced the migrants into Croatia, which infuriated Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban by busing them north across its own border with Hungary, in many cases without checks.

ORBAN'S TOUGH STANCE

The irony of an Islamist militant moving quickly through the Balkans into western Europe and the heart of the 28-nation EU will not be lost on Hungary, where Orban based his tough stance on the flow of migrants on concerns that many were immigrants rather than refugees fleeing poverty or war, and that some could be "terrorists".

The issue is also sensitive in Germany, where Chancellor Angela Merkel has been criticised for her welcoming policy on refugees.

And some far-right and populist leaders have seized on the possibility that any of the eight Paris attackers reached Western Europe by posing as a migrant, using it to step up their anti-immigration message.

Any security lapses are also a potential embarrassment for the countries Mohammad passed through, but authorities say the influx of migrants in recent months has made it almost impossible for them to keep out would-be attackers.

"We take fingerprints, but how do we check them? Against which database? If there's nothing on that person in the information we received or if he's not wanted by Interpol he can go ... He could be a shaven Osama bin Laden for all we know," said a senior Serbian law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Attacks To Fuel Spying Debate, Wall Street Journal

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WASHINGTON -- A growing belief among intelligence officials that the terrorists behind Friday's Paris attacks used encrypted communications is prompting a far-ranging re-examination of U.S. policy on data collection and surveillance.

Sen. Richard Burr (R., N.C.), chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Tuesday his panel will launch a review of encryption use. Sen. Tom Cotton (R., Ark.) introduced a bill to extend a sweeping telephone data-collection program due to expire at month's end.

Mr. Burr, emerging from a briefing by senior intelligence officials, said it appeared the terrorists used extensively shielded communications.

"It is likely that end-to-end encryption was used to communicate in Belgium and France and Syria," Mr. Burr said. He said encryption was likely because no direct communication among the terrorists was detected.

U.S. counterterrorism officials haven't yet found evidence that the Paris suspects -- who are believed linked to Islamic State -- used encrypted communications to plan or carry out the attacks. But they expect that as the investigation advances they will find some communications among them were encrypted, according to multiple officials.

Since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the public and policy makers have swung between emphasizing the need for security agencies to have access to data, and protecting personal privacy. That pendulum has arguably shifted more toward privacy in recent years -- a position promoted by technology companies that sell products based on the promise that corporate data will be secure from hackers.

But initial signs suggest the Paris attacks have the potential to push it back toward security, a move opposed by many public-interest groups, especially since the 2013 revelations by Edward Snowden about government data-collection practices.

Many technology companies have rejected law enforcement requests for "back door" coding that would give investigators access to secure communications. Software products are being marketed with a promise that they can't be decoded, Mr. Burr said, and that might have to change.

"We don't have a responsibility to sell their products," the senator said. "We have a responsibility to keep America safe . . . And if it means that people are going to have to change their business models, then so be it."

Mr. Cotton's bill would pause the expiration of a broad phone data-collection program run by the National Security Agency, which is set to end Nov. 29, until the president certifies that a planned replacement is equally effective.

The NSA program sweeps up data on millions of calls, such as who called whom, though not the content of the conversations. Under the new version, the NSA could get the information from phone companies only if it obtains a court order. "If we take anything from the Paris attacks, it should be that vigilance and safety go hand-in-hand," Mr. Cotton said.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R., Ky.) agreed that it makes sense to review the nation's security laws. "Every time we have one of these attacks, I think it's appropriate to take a look at what the laws are on the books and be open to considering changing them if they don't reflect the modern threat," Mr. McConnell said.

Still, concerns about government intrusiveness won't suddenly melt away.

Rep. Michael McCaul (R., Texas), chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, suggested a commission be set up to make recommendations to Congress.

"I don't want us to do a knee-jerk response in legislation and make an unintended consequence," Mr. McCaul said.

For years, intelligence and law-enforcement officials, pushing for greater access to personal information, have squared off against privacy advocates and technology firms who fear government overreach. The question is whether the Paris attacks could change that dynamic.

On Monday, CIA Director John Brennan blasted "a lot of hand-wringing over the government's role," saying the resulting curbs on investigators have made efforts to track terrorists "much more challenging." He added, "I do hope that this is going to be a wake-up call."

The attacks have already renewed a debate over whether technology companies should install back doors to encrypted data. The White House has sought the cooperation of technology

companies in this area, but concluded recently that forcing the issue would only stir up resistance. That issue may now be revisited.

Sen. Dick Durbin (D., Ill.), the second-ranking Democrat in the Senate, said the U.S. needs to be sure it has the tools to fight the kind of terrorism that unfolded in Paris.

"We know that we need to change the approach when it comes to the encryption of data in communications," Mr. Durbin said.

Privacy advocates argue that back doors would build vulnerabilities into programs that could be exploited by terrorists as well as overzealous government officials.

Mr. McCaul, speaking at an event organized by the Software and Information Industry Association, waved his own phone and declared, "You don't want to put a backdoor in this device, because then you open it up to hackers, and also people think the government is in their iPhones or Androids."

Rep. Will Hurd (R., Texas), a former CIA officer, also warned against overreaction. "Our civil liberties are what make our country great, and they're not burdens," he said. "Encryption is good and we shouldn't do anything to weaken it."

Is the United States safe from a Paris-style Islamic State attack?, Washington Post

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As France reels from a set of Islamic State terrorist attacks in Paris last week that killed scores and wounded hundreds, Americans are wondering whether their own country is any safer.

"That's an easy one," said a former senior FBI official who until recently was deeply involved in terrorism operations. "Safer here than there? Yes. We are separated by an ocean. Without a doubt, we are safer here than over there."

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the U.S. government has spent more than \$1 trillion fighting the war on terrorism, making border crossings more secure, detecting plots and expanding the no-fly list from about a dozen people to roughly 47,000.

Tougher post-9/11 terrorism laws also ensure that the FBI and federal prosecutors can charge people with crimes that carry stiff sentences. In the past 18 months, the FBI has charged more than 60 people in connection with the Islamic State. Many could face years in prison if convicted, meaning the FBI won't have to devote resources to tracking their movements.

In Europe, porous borders mean that hundreds of foreign fighters have slipped back into the continent from Iraq and Syria, overwhelming intelligence agencies trying to keep tabs on them. That appears to have been the case in the Paris attacks, where at least four of the possible nine attackers were known to European authorities. Another suspected key player in the plot fought in Syria and later returned to Europe, only to flee back to the Islamic State.

The number of Americans who have traveled to Iraq and Syria — or at least attempted to — is about 250, dramatically less than the estimated 4,500 who have left Europe. FBI officials aren't taking the threat lightly, but they have expressed confidence that they have those U.S. individuals contained and that the remaining Americans in Syria won't be returning to this country unless they are in handcuffs.

That assessment is echoed in a new report by the New America Foundation titled "ISIS in the West: The New Faces of Extremism."

"Tracking the many foreign fighters from Western countries who have gone to Syria and have returned to the West poses a greater challenge, given their larger numbers, than tracking the handful of returning American fighters," the report says.

But that doesn't mean the United States is not vulnerable. The FBI, which is charged with fighting terrorism in this country, has struggled at times to keep pace with a metastasizing threat.

Because of limited resources, the FBI must constantly reevaluate which targets are a priority when it comes to closely following top-tier terrorism suspects. "It's daunting," said the former senior FBI official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the bureau.

Many law enforcement officials also argue that it would be easier to do their jobs if U.S. tech firms made it possible for phones and apps to be wiretapped. It is not yet known whether the plotters of the Paris terrorist attacks used encrypted channels of communication, but experts say it is highly likely that they did.

Cyrus R. Vance Jr., the district attorney for Manhattan, who has been outspoken on how a lack of access to encrypted communications has hindered investigations, is expected to unveil a proposal on this topic Wednesday at a conference in New York. FBI Director James B. Comey also is to appear at the event. Last year, Comey called for legislation on encryption but later backed down when it became clear that Congress was hostile to the idea of aiding government surveillance.

Comey said recently that the FBI has about 900 cases involving homegrown violent extremists in every state. The vast majority of them, FBI officials say, are related to the Islamic State.

These, however, are a fraction of the approximately 10,000 terrorism cases the FBI has opened — many are overseas cases involving crimes against Americans, such as journalist James Foley, who was beheaded last year on video by Mohammed Emwazi, better known as "Jihadi John." Authorities believe Emwazi was killed in a U.S. drone strike Thursday.

The FBI felt the Islamic State's reach acutely earlier this year when it had to reassign hundreds of agents from its criminal division to deal with the Islamic State threat across the country.

"We had dozens of people," Comey said recently at an event in Washington. "We had to find ways to incapacitate them, all popping up going to kill people." When asked whether the bureau could sustain that pace without additional resources, he expressed doubt.

"If that were the new normal, that would be very stressful," he said. "It's a hard time for the bureau. Only on TV is it easy to follow people."

The FBI is faced with guarding against two types of terrorist scenarios. In one, a plan is developed in the terrorist group's stronghold in Raqqa, Syria, and foreign fighters, skilled in the use of weapons and explosives, return home and mount a large-scale attack. The FBI has been training with police departments across the country to respond to a terrorist attack similar to the one that took place in Mumbai in 2008, when a team of 10 militants killed 164 people.

Last month, dozens of FBI agents from the Washington field office, Fairfax County, Va., police officers and tactically trained fire department personnel descended on a large shopping mall afterhours at 10 p.m. and played out such an attack until 4 a.m. the next day.

But FBI officials believe that scenario is less likely to happen in the United States.

They say a more probable attack would involve individuals inspired by Islamic State propaganda to act on their own — people Comey has described as "unmoored," "unpredictable" and "wingnuts."

That second scenario has already happened. Among the many Americans the FBI has charged, some are accused of plotting — without direction from the Islamic State — to kill U.S. military personnel and detonate bombs in New York City.

The FBI said two men in Boston — including Usaamah Abdullah Rahim, 26 — and a third man in Rhode Island had discussed beheading Pamela Geller, an outspoken critic of Islam. They planned to kill her July 4, the FBI said.

When Rahim decided to act early, the FBI was monitoring his phone.

One of the FBI's armed mobile surveillance teams confronted the knife-wielding Rahim and killed him.

"Luckily, we were covering that phone," Comey has said.

In another incident, two Phoenix men, one of whom was under FBI investigation, tried to attack a prophet Muhammad cartoon contest in Garland, Tex., which had been organized by Geller. Both men — Elton Simpson and Nadir Soofi — were killed. Although the FBI did not know of their exact plans, officials say the field office should have reacted more quickly when it learned Simpson might be interested in going to the contest.

An FBI counterterrorism official described Garland as a failure on the front end and a success story on the back end. Given the inflammatory nature of the event, the FBI persuaded local police to increase the number of officers from a handful to more than 40. When Simpson arrived, he was vastly outgunned. Police were ready.

Months after the event, Comey said the bureau still had questions about what happened and the Islamic State's role in the attack. Simpson had hundreds of exchanges with an Islamic State operative overseas, with the two communicating using end-to-end encryption.

"We don't know even today what was said between the two of them," Comey said. "We know they were in direct communication with him the day he left to go kill people in Garland, TX. This is an example of the problem that I call going dark."

It's not clear how the attacks in Paris will affect FBI operations in the United States and whether there will be an uptick in cases.

Comey said late last month that the pace had dropped a "little bit" since the summer, and so he moved FBI personnel back to their usual roles in the criminal division. He said that since July 1, the FBI had detected only six U.S. travelers trying to reach the Islamic State's self-declared caliphate. In the months before, the FBI was seeing far more than that.

Comey speculated that perhaps part of the Islamic State's message urging Muslims to come to the caliphate was "becoming less effective."

"Something interesting is going on that I don't know enough about to tell you about with high confidence," he said. "Something has happened that has flattened the curve."

That was before Paris.

Former Al Qaeda Terrorist: Another Attack Coming in 'Two Weeks', Fox News

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An ex-terrorist who later became a CIA double agent says a second public attack is likely to occur within the next fortnight.

"I believe that within the next two weeks, we will have an attack," Morten Storm, a Danish former Al Qaeda member, said on "The Kelly File" tonight.

"The people who are on the run at the moment from ISIS in Europe are very desperate, and they know their time's up, and they will need to do as much damage as possible," he explained.

Storm said the security situation in Europe has become "quite severe."

"And I also believe that copycats in America will do their best to do what their brothers have done in Europe," he said.

Staging an attack here would be "a bit different," because borders here are more tightly controlled, Storm noted.

But on the other hand, people here have more access to firearms, he said.

He says terrorist militants may focus on "softer targets" in America, such as civilians in "shopping malls," he said.

Paris attacks: lax EU watchlist lets jihadists travel freely from Syria to Europe, UK Telegraph

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As few as one in a hundred European passport holders are checked against anti-terror watchlist on entry to Schengen zone - and no one knows if any refugees are checked

Home-grown jihadists are able to travel freely from Syria to Europe because as few as one in 100 are checked against the EU's anti-terrorism watchlist in some countries, the Telegraph has learnt.

Wanted terrorists carrying European passports can be waved through border checks with nothing more than a cursory visual inspection of their travel documents, sources have said.

And EU officials say they have no idea if any of the thousands of refugees currently making their way into Europe are being scanned against the watchlist.

On average, just 10-20 per cent of EU nationals travelling from outside the continent have their passports checked against a Schengen-wide database designed to catch foreign fighters returning from Syria and Iraq.

At least three of the eight known Paris terrorists are believed to have fought in Syria before returning to commit Friday's atrocity. All those identified so far are believed to be EU citizens.

Abdelhamid Abaaoud, the suspected mastermind, boasted of how he had travelled back and forth from Syria to his Belgian home several times as he plotted mass-murder. He told an *Isil* magazine that a border guard failed to recognise him despite being hunted by intelligence agencies and his photograph being broadcast in the news.

Samy Amimour, the Bataclan suicide bomber, was put on the watchlist after trying to travel to Yemen in 2012. But he was still able to travel to Syria a year later, triggering an international warrant for his arrest, before sneaking back to France to commit mass murder.

Ayoub el-Khazzani, the terrorist behind the botched gun attack on a Thalys high speed train this summer, was also on the SIS list but is believed to have travelled to Syria and criss-crossed Europe with impunity.

It comes as European leaders warn that the Schengen free-travel zone is in crisis and will collapse as states throw up old border controls in the face of terrorism and a migration crisis.

The Schengen Information System (SIS) watchlist contains the details of 4,000 foreign fighters, as well as hundreds of thousands of stolen passports, suspect cars, wanted criminals and missing people. Passports of people travelling from outside the continent are scanned against a computer database flag up those who need to be stopped before they can enter the free-travel zone on the continent.

But the Telegraph has learnt that there are gaping holes in SIS, thanks to an EU commitment to free movement, that have let wanted men slip through.

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It is ultimately up to countries' security services how they use SIS for EU passport holders. But EU guidelines say that Europeans should be subject only to a "minimum check", including a

"rapid and straightforward" inspection to check that their passport belongs to them and is not a forgery. For example, at the Eurostar border, this often involves little more than a momentary downwards glance by French officials.

Officials said the proportion of European passports cross-referenced against SIS ranges between countries from one per cent to one hundred per cent. The average across the EU is around 10-20 per cent.

"Abaaoud, or another jihadist, has good odds working in their favour," an EU diplomat admitted.

By contrast, British border officials are understood to check every traveller, regardless of nationality, against SIS and other immigration and criminal databases.

In the wake of the Charlie Hebdo massacre France demanded every traveller into Europe be subject to full SIS checks, backed up by fingerprint scans. The demand was repeated after the Paris massacre. But EU officials are resistant to a fundamental review of the rules because the right to pass in and out the continent unhindered "is a part of free movement", they argue.

Under EU rules, all non-European passport holders are meant to be checked against SIS. However, this is not taking place. Only the "majority" of airports taking commercial flights from outside Europe are applying the SIS checks.

Alain Chouet, a former chief of France's DGSE external intelligence service, said that Amimour's arrival back to France "should have triggered a red flag.

"But these guys understand very well the techniques for entering and exiting the Schengen zone. They've practised it a lot."

"We have a problem with controlling Europe's Schengen borders – a big one," he said.

Abaaoud, who uses the alias Abu Omar Al-Baljiki, told Dabiq magazine: "I was able to leave... despite being chased after by so many intelligence agencies. All this proves that a Muslim should not fear the bloated image of the crusader intelligence.

"My name and picture were all over the news yet I was able to stay in their homeland, plan operations against them, and leave safely when doing so became necessary."

He said he and two fellow jihadists travelled to Belgium to "terrorise the crusaders waging war against the Muslims".

He said: "We faced a number of trials during the journey. We spent months trying to find a way into Europe, and by Allah's strength, we succeeded in finally making our way to Belgium.

"We were then able to obtain weapons and set up a safe house while we planned to carry out operations against the crusaders."

Abaaoud said he was stopped during the journey by "an officer" after a picture of him fighting for Isil was published in Belgian media, but the officer "let me go, as he did not see the resemblance". He did not say when or where he was stopped.

He boasted that he had been able to plan terror attacks against Westerners while living in Belgium and being wanted by intelligence agencies when he travelled to Syria in January 2014.

Recherche renseignement humain désespérément, Le Point

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Faillie. A-t-on trop compté sur la technologie ?

Des agents de la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) viennent de passer une semaine derrière la porte d'un objectif. En vain, le suspect était parti en vacances. Mauvaise transmission d'informations entre les analystes et les opérationnels de la centrale du renseignement intérieur ? Les réformes successives depuis la fusion en 2008 entre la Direction de la surveillance du territoire (DST) - qui avait connu son heure de gloire à combattre les espions du Rideau de fer - et la Direction centrale des renseignements généraux (DCRG), aguerris sur l'islamisme radical depuis près de vingt ans, ont multiplié les obstacles sur la route des policiers du renseignement. Pis, désormais, au sein de la DGSI, « c'est la culture DST qui a pris le pas sur les méthodes des renseignements généraux faites d'infiltration, de filatures et de contacts ».

Les fonctionnaires du renseignement obéissent au cadre fixé par les politiques. Avec une pratique contre les réseaux islamistes qui remonte au début des années 80, les flics des renseignements généraux sont pourtant marginalisés au sein de la DGSI. De l'extérieur, on pourrait croire à une querelle de chapelle. « La DST est excellente en matière de contre-espionnage, mais les agents des renseignements généraux travaillent le terreau de l'islamisme et des banlieues depuis plusieurs décennies et, malgré l'urgence de la situation actuelle, ce sont les promoteurs du contre-espionnage qui dirigent la lutte contre le terrorisme islamiste. On marche sur la tête », provoque un des derniers patrons de la DST.

La doctrine initiée par l'ancien ministre de l'Intérieur Manuel Valls fait désormais la part belle à la collecte d'informations par la technologie. Au fur et à mesure de la radicalisation de la menace, les moyens technologiques se sont multipliés au détriment du renseignement humain. Jusque et y compris à la prestigieuse DGSE, où Bernard Bajolet vient de décider qu'il en serait bientôt terminé des actions d'infiltration sur les théâtres extérieurs trop dangereux. « On se fonctionnarise », déplore un agent de terrain. Normal, pour une administration, non ? « Aux RG, on vivait pour un dossier, aujourd'hui, à la DGSI, tout est cloisonné, personne ne sait ce que fait l'autre et chacun est jaloux de ses sources et personne ne prête à ses copains », décrit un officier.

Détournement d'agent. Mais parfois la DGSI joue aussi des tours aux collègues de la Direction du renseignement de la préfecture de police (DRPP), qui agit à Paris et sur la petite couronne. Les renseignements intérieurs ont tenté de détourner un indic de son agent traitant, un fonctionnaire de la DRPP. Il lui avait même fourni un téléphone afin qu'il ne passe plus que par ses nouveaux amis de Levallois. **Ces pratiques ont entraîné une vive discussion entre le patron de la DRPP, René Bailly, et celui de la DGSI, Patrick Calvar. En attendant, les djihadistes comptent les points. En outre, l'ajout d'une nouvelle structure, le service central du renseignement territorial, ne simplifie pas le recueil d'informations.**

C'est pour pallier cette absence de coordination que Bernard Cazeneuve a créé un état-major opérationnel de prévention du terrorisme concurrente de l'Unité de coordination de la lutte antiterrorisme (Uclat). Cette fois, ce sont les agents qui comptent les points et se désespèrent après les différentes vagues d'attentats, les méthodes n'étant toujours pas adaptées à la réalité mouvante des cibles. Pis, les agents de certains services du renseignement rechignent à partager leurs informations avec la DGSI. Si une affaire aboutit, la récompense va au service qui « a fait l'affaire et non à celui qui l'a initiée ». Les fonctionnaires de police peu rémunérés et avec peu d'espoir de promotion regardent à deux fois avant de « perdre » une info.

Durant les attentats de Charlie-Hebdo, la DGSI était en pleine restructuration. Et la note de Bernard Cazeneuve contre la radicalisation au sein de la police a donné le sentiment aux agents d'origine maghrébine qu'ils étaient ciblés. Ce qui les a démobilisés. Certains auraient même perdu à cette occasion leur habilitation secret-défense. La multiplication des fiches S - on parle de 4 000 mais certains avancent le chiffre de 10 000 -, augmente le risque de dispersion. « Un seul gendarme qui a un an d'expérience dans le domaine de l'islamisme radical au sein du SCRT détermine si on doit créer une fiche S ou non. Sans discernement et avec le risque de se tromper, on fiche à tour de bras avec personne pour surveiller ! »

« On répertorie les plus visibles alors que ceux qui se dissimulent sont oubliés », dénonce un fonctionnaire en rupture de ban. « On ne fait plus rien en amont : il faut compter 8 polici

'Mastermind' was on drone strike list, UK Times (Canada)

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The US had been hunting for the suspected mastermind of the Paris terrorist attacks for months, it emerged yesterday, but failed to pinpoint him with surveillance in Syria.

Abdelhamid Abaaoud, high on Europe's wanted list since evading capture in Belgium for a failed terrorist plot in January, had been a potential target for a drone strike because of his declared ambition to launch attacks overseas.

The US, France and Britain operate drones over Syria, and intelligence sources told The Times that there had been an extraordinary effort to share information about Abaaoud.

France is not a member of the "Five Eyes" intelligence-sharing club, consisting of the US, Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. It does benefit from intercepted communications on a case-by-case basis, however, and was working with the Five Eyes countries to track Abaaoud.

France first deployed a surveillance drone to hunt for Abaaoud and other Isis terrorists in Syria in September. At the time, President Hollande said he was sending French drones because "we have proof that attacks have been planned from Syria against several countries, notably France". It is likely that he was referring to Abaaoud.

France's own signals intelligence capability is small-scale when compared to America's National Security Agency and Britain's GCHQ. This was why it was allowed into the Five Eyes network to track Abaaoud.

Over ten months no evidence emerged that Abaaoud was plotting a multi-pronged attack in Paris, although John Brennan, the head of the CIA, has said that the terrorist attack, which involved three teams of gunmen, would have taken months to organise.

The huge surveillance and eavesdropping operation began in January when Abaaoud vanished from Belgium after he had been suspected of plotting to behead Belgian police officers. He is thought to have arrived in Belgium from Syria a few weeks earlier. It is suspected that he then made his way back to Syria through Turkey.

He is accused of recruiting thousands of people to join Isis's cause. In July he was sentenced in his absence to 20 years in prison by a Belgian court for recruiting would-be iihadists.

Last year he went to Syria with his 13-year-old brother. Abaaoud later appeared in a video driving a vehicle dragging two bodies attached to the rear bumper somewhere in northern Syria.

The decision to recruit his brother may have helped him to avoid a drone strike. It is believed that at one point a phone call from northern Syria to Europe was intercepted, but analysts were unsure whether it was made by Abaaoud or his brother.

All US drone strikes are only authorised when there is perceived to be minimal risk of civilian fatalities. Any risk of killing a teenage boy, albeit the brother of one of their most wanted terrorist suspects, would have deterred the Americans from launching a strike.

Analysis-How Belgium became a breeding ground for international terrorists, The Guardian

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Until now, European security services largely ignored the growth of extremism in the Muslim neighbourhoods of Brussels

Two days after the 9/11 attacks in 2001, a 31-year-old called Nizar Trabelsi was detained in Uccle , on the outskirts of Brussels. The former footballer of Tunisian origin was eventually sentenced to 10 years in prison for an intended attack on a Nato base.

In 2003, another militant of Tunisian origin detained in Belgium was sentenced to six years in prison for his role in a Brussels-based network which supplied fraudulent documents that had allowed the killers of an Afghan commander, Ahmed Shah Massoud , who fell victim to a suicide bomber two days before 9/11, to reach their target.

In the first half of the last decade, as European security services struggled to understand the new threat they faced, and bombs exploded in Madrid and London, Belgium was largely ignored.

Given the increasingly evident role that the country has played in the Paris attacks, this now looks like a mistake. By some estimates, Belgium has supplied the highest per capita number of fighters to Syria of any European nation – between 350 and 550, out of a total population of 11 million that includes fewer than half a million Muslims.

This is a problem that has been building for many years. As elsewhere in Europe, Belgium suffered waves of terrorism in the 1980s and 1990s linked to unrest in the Middle East. "There is a very long history of connection between Belgium and France in the realm of terrorism," said Rik Coolsaet, an expert in terrorism at the University of Ghent.

In the first half of the last decade, a few score men from Belgium made their way to Iraq. So too did Muriel Degauque, a convert from Charleroi, who died in 2005 while bombing a US convoy in Iraq, becoming the first European woman to launch a suicide attack.

Others travelled to Afghanistan. In 2008, a network sending young Belgian Muslims to al-Qaida training camps was broken up. Many appeared disappointed by what they found in the combat zone but that did not seem to slow the flow. Several returned with the intention of committing attacks at home, prosecutors claimed.

The leader of the group was Moez Garsallaoui, a Tunisian-born Belgian based on Pakistan's border with Afghanistan. Garsallaoui was not part of al-Qaida, but formed his own faction, fighting international forces in Afghanistan and fomenting terror back in Europe. Before being killed by a US drone strike in 2012, he trained Mohammed Merah, the 23-year-old French former petty criminal who killed seven people in Toulouse and Montauban.

The violent aftermath of the Arab spring provided a new motivation and new opportunities for extremists all over Europe, and militancy in Belgium itself was already broadening and deepening. One well-known, ostensibly non-violent, group of activists – Sharia4Belgium – that was responsible for a stream of aggressive hate-speech and alleged recruitment was eventually broken up.

Molenbeek, a borough of 90,000 in the capital where some neighbourhoods are up to 80% Muslim, is seen by many as a particular problem. "In parts of Brussels, there are areas on which the police have little grip, very segregated areas that don't feel they're a part of the Belgian state," said Edwin Bakker, a Dutch analyst.

Others say the role of Molenbeek is being exaggerated and that self-help groups, especially those run by concerned parents, have made a real difference there in recent years.

But the two trends – the flow of young disaffected Muslims to Syria and the longstanding links to France – inevitably combined. In August 2014, a Frenchman of Algerian origin living in Molenbeek shot dead four people at the Jewish museum in Brussels. Mehdi Nemmouche had recently returned from Syria, French officials believe, where he may have acted as a jailer of western hostages for Islamic State.

When Amedy Coulibaly, the Frenchman who claimed allegiance to Isis when he attacked a Jewish supermarket in Paris days after the Charlie Hebdo shootings in January, needed weapons, he headed to Brussels. There, he swapped cars bought on fraudulent credit cards in France for automatic weapons and ammunition.

In February, a series of raids and shootouts in Brussels and the small town of Verviers rolled up most of a network of Belgians who had returned from Syria and were preparing to launch a series of attacks, possibly on police. But some got away. Abdel-Hamid Abu Oud, who is now being seen as the organiser of the attacks in Paris, was one.

The current focus on Belgium may disguise a broader and more worrying prospect. Coolsaet, the terrorism expert, said that although the estimates for the numbers of Belgians who have travelled to Syria were accurate, they may not be exceptionally high. Instead, they could indicate that the true totals elsewhere, especially in France, may be considerably greater than currently thought.

"We have good security services who are lucky to work in a small country with small cities. It's much easier to get an insight into what's going on here," he said. "The figures are reliable. Elsewhere, that is not always the case."

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Highlights/Faits saillants

- The fact that most of the **Paris attackers identified so far were European-born radicals** has once again shined the spotlight on the growing problem in the West of **homegrown extremism**. There is no reliable profile for many of the candidates being recruited by extremist Islamic groups, **Phil Gurski, a former intelligence analyst with CSIS**, told *CBC News*. "Throughout my career at **CSIS** and looking at a lot of these things, we simply found that there were no useful elements in terms of profiles, whether it was age or ethnicity or employment status or education or psychological or criminal background," Gurski said.
- Une **fiche de synthèse des services de renseignements belges** concernant le parcours d'**Abdelhamid Abaaoud**, que *Le Monde* a pu consulter, reprend point par point, de façon chronologique, jusqu'en février 2015, l'**itinéraire connu du djihadiste**
- An elite unit of anti-terrorism "**hacktivists**" is helping the **British security services** with intelligence operations against Isis, *The UK Times* has learnt. Since the **Paris attacks**, members have infiltrated online Isis accounts run by individuals who had prior knowledge of the shootings.
- In a *Globe and Mail* report, **General Petr Pavel, chairman of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's military committee** says the **Paris attacks** are a "game changer" for security in the West as the ascendant Islamic State moves beyond its selfproclaimed caliphate in Iraq and Syria to wage al-Qaeda-style attacks on distant targets.
- *France 24* souligne que **François Hollande a vivement remercié le roi Mohamed VI** en visite à Paris, vendredi 20 novembre, pour le rôle crucial des services de renseignement marocains dans l'enquête sur les attaques à Paris.
- **French officials are particularly frustrated with their European Union partners over what they see as insufficient cooperation in intelligence, security and defense**, the *Wall Street Journal* reports. "Everyone must understand that it's urgent for Europe to recover, to organize itself, and to defend itself against the terrorist menace," French Interior Minister **Bernard Cazeneuve** said this week.

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Paris attacks show how hard it is to profile ISIS recruits, CBC News

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The fact that most of the Paris attackers identified so far were European-born radicals has once again shined the spotlight on the growing problem in the West of homegrown extremism.

Authorities have identified four Frenchmen and two Belgians as suspects in the shootings and suicide bombings that killed 129 people on Friday. That puts them among ISIS's legion of foreign fighters, which some have estimated to be as many as 200,000.

A seventh suspect's body was found near a Syrian passport, but its authenticity has come under scrutiny after Serbian police arrested a man with an almost identical copy, the *Guardian* newspaper reported.

The European backgrounds of the perpetrators puts France and the West in the difficult position of trying to understand why their own citizens would sacrifice their lives to murder their neighbours on behalf of an extremist organization in another part of the world ? a question radicalization analysts say is almost impossible to answer.

There is no reliable profile for many of the candidates being recruited by extremist Islamic groups, Phil Gurski, a former intelligence analyst with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, told CBC News.

“Throughout my career at CSIS and looking at a lot of these things, we simply found that there were no useful elements in terms of profiles, whether it was age or ethnicity or employment status or education or psychological or criminal background,” Gurski said.

Abdelhamid Abaaoud, the suspected mastermind of the Paris attacks, killed in a police assault, was a lifelong Muslim and the child of Moroccan immigrants.

By contrast, Damian Clairmont, the Calgary man who died fighting with ISIS in Syria last year, was a white Muslim convert with an Acadian ancestry.

Even gender is not a guaranteed common factor, as there have been multiple reports of Canadian women joining ISIS.

“We’ve had people ? poor, rich, married, unmarried, mental illness, converts, not-converts ? and so there’s nothing really there in terms of profile,” says Amarnath Amarasingam, a post-doctoral fellow who researches terrorism and radicalization at Halifax’s Dalhousie University.

“What all of them do tend to have in common ... is youth, [with a] thrust towards meaning and purpose and significance. A lot of these youth don’t feel like they fit into the broader society, they don’t feel like they belong.”

Giving ISIS what they want

The fact that ISIS preys on those who feel isolated and excluded should be a wake-up call for Western nations to build more inclusive societies, says Rima Berns-McGown, a University of Toronto history professor who researches how government policy affects youth radicalization.

She’s concerned that certain state responses to the Paris attacks, like closing doors to Syrian refugees, play into ISIS’s hands.

“The reason ISIS does these things, launches these attacks and so on, is because it actually wants to create an environment in which the West appears to be hostile to people who are not of the West. It wants to create a sort of civilizational war,” she said.

“It wants to create anger and resentment. It wants to create Islamophobia. It wants to create racism. Because if it does that, it makes the lives of individual Muslims more uncomfortable, and it wants to say, ‘You cannot be at home in the West. You need to come and be at home in the only place that will respect you.’”

‘Utopian’ vision

For his part, Amarasingam said ISIS is unique among Islamic extremists organizations in selling this “utopian” vision of a caliphate, or Islamic state, where people can find a sense of belonging.

“It’s a state where they believe that Islamic law is being practiced in its purest and fullest form, and therefore all Muslims around the world have an obligation to make migration to that state,” he said.

“The fact that the vast majority of Muslims around the world disagree that this is the authentic Islamic state doesn’t seem to bother them too much.” But many of the youth it is able to recruit “are drawn to that nation-building, utopian vision that they’re portraying themselves to be.”

The warning signs

When people start to buy into this propaganda, they exhibit certain behaviours.

In his book *The Threat From Within: Recognizing al-Qaeda-Inspired Radicalization and Terrorism in the West*, he outlines 12 indicators of radicalization, including:

- Expressing vocal opposition to Western values.
- Spending lengthy amounts of time on violent jihadist websites.
- Exhibiting hatred towards non-Muslims, moderate Muslims or Shia Muslims.
- Isolating themselves from people who disagree with them.

He cautions that while all homegrown radicals exhibit some or all of these behaviours, not everyone who shows these warning signs crosses the line into violence and criminality.

People with friends or family members who fit this profile shouldn’t necessarily make accusations or call 911, he said. Instead, just talk to them and find out what’s going on.

“These are warning signs. In the same way that if you think someone is engaged in gang activity or illegal substances or whatever, you don’t just kind of sit back and say ‘Oh that’s interesting.’ You take action.”

Liberals' refugee plan still unsettled, Globe and Mail

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Debate continues over whether to conduct screening on foreign soil to avoid later legal hurdles, which could have effect on timeline

The Liberals are still debating whether to extend the Dec. 31 deadline to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada in order to allow all health and security screening to be conducted on foreign soil, sources said.

The greatest concern at this point is that if some refugees land in the country as unscreened temporary residents, the government would face a series of legal hurdles before it could expel any of them for failing required tests, the sources said.

The Trudeau government is in the final stages of preparing its resettlement plan, which, in the recent election campaign, the Liberals promised to conclude by the end of the year. The final details will be unveiled on Tuesday, after a meeting of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's full cabinet.

A key issue still under debate is whether to allow some of the refugees to land in Canada as temporary residents and undergo further screening here, or to conduct all screening abroad and welcome all of the asylum seekers in the country as permanent residents, sources said.

The first option would accelerate the process; the second one could push back the arrival of a portion of the refugees into January, a source said.

Given the ongoing conflict in Syria, the government wants to avoid a situation in which it would have "stateless citizens" on its soil. In that context, some federal officials are pushing for the government to do the entire screening abroad, in countries such as Lebanon and Jordan.

"You don't want people who are in the country who are legally ambiguous and you have nowhere to send them," a federal official said, adding that the internal debate "could change the timeline" for the arrival of the refugees.

Immigration lawyer Gordon Maynard said the issue for the government is that providing temporary residency status to refugees would speed up the process, but it would be hard to subsequently send them back to their "country of nationality."

Concerns about the security risks posed by Syrian refugees began spreading among provincial and municipal governments after last Friday's terror attacks in Paris. **The Trudeau government is striving to convince Canadians that the refugees are a minimal risk, insisting that the RCMP and CSIS have endorsed the proposed screening as robust and strong.**

Asked about polls suggesting Canadians are sharply divided on bringing in so many Syrian refugees so quickly, Canada's new Defence Minister, Harjit Sajjan, offered a passionate rejoinder.

Mr. Sajjan said welcoming 25,000 Syrians in a matter of weeks is not just "a humanitarian project" but also a rebuke of the Islamic State, which seeks to convince Syrian Muslims and others that the West is their enemy.

"This sends a great message to ISIS," he said, using one of the acronyms for the Islamic State, "that you might have created this environment for us but we will not let you take advantage of this."

Sources said there are still a "number of moving parts" as federal officials work with other levels of government to finalize plans to welcome and house the refugees across the country – as many as half at military bases – and help them integrate into Canadian society.

Speaking at the Canada202 conference in Ottawa, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne said she is convinced that adequate security measures are in place.

"What we can't give into is allowing security to mask racism," she said. "That's the danger."

Canada

Paris attacks a 'game changer' for NATO, general says, Globe and Mail

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One of NATO's senior officials says the Nov. 13 Paris attacks are a "game changer" for security in the West as the ascendant Islamic State moves beyond its selfproclaimed caliphate in Iraq and Syria to wage al-Qaeda-style attacks on distant targets.

General Petr Pavel, chairman of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's military committee, said all Western countries are at risk of not just IS-inspired attacks but also terrorism planned and executed directly by the Islamic State, also known as ISIL and ISIS.

"Anyone who is not following the values of ISIL should be afraid."

Recent examples include IS-organized attacks in Beirut, Turkey and Paris, where 130 people were killed and hundreds wounded by gunmen and bombers, as well as the downing of a Russian aircraft carrying 224 people over the Sinai Peninsula in October.

"It is apparent that the Islamic State has reached the limits of geographical expansion and now they are even losing some, so they [will] probably expand into our domain and one of them may be even hitting us on our own ground," Gen. Pavel said in an interview.

"We are most probably at the beginning of a new phase of ISIL activities that will affect us in our own countries and we will have to take appropriate measures," said the general, who was attending the Halifax International Security Forum, an annual gathering of security and defence experts sponsored by the Canadian government.

Gen. Pavel argued that what happened in Paris does not constitute grounds for France to invoke Article 5 of the NATO treaty, which would oblige collective action by all members of the military alliance. The United States invoked this article for the first time in NATO's history after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, but France has not chosen to follow suit.

"It is difficult to imagine a terrorist attack in France as a military aggression against France," the general said. "It's not a military attack."

However, he said NATO needs to share intelligence better and continue to support local forces in Iraq and Syria to fight the Islamic State.

French President François Hollande has called for a grand military coalition of the United States, France and Russia to "eradicate" the Islamic State.

This would force Washington and Moscow to set aside their estrangement over Russia's 2014 annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and its ongoing backing for rebels fighting Kiev in eastern Ukraine.

Gen. Pavel said that while the West may have to "pragmatically co-ordinate" with Moscow to fight the Islamic State, he warned against losing focus on Russia's ongoing occupation of Crimea and the fragile ceasefire in eastern Ukraine.

"That would be a mistake on our side," he said, warning that this would play into Moscow's hands. "That would be exactly ... one of the objectives of President Putin – to take attention out of Ukraine and move it elsewhere [and] now in this case to Syria."

"We shouldn't let Ukraine disappear from the radar and stay focused on the fact there were breaches to the international security system made by Russia that are not forgiven and not forgotten."

He said there have been increasing breaches of the Minsk ceasefire between Kiev's soldiers and the Russian-backed rebels in recent days and heavy weaponry has not been removed from the immediate region, as required.

Canada has nearly 70 special forces soldiers in Iraq advising Kurdish fighters in their battle against the Islamic State and CF-18 warplanes are currently bombing IS targets in Iraq and Syria. The new Liberal government is planning to withdraw the jets and expand training efforts in Iraq, possibly including government forces.

About 200 Canadian troops are currently deployed to Ukraine to train Kiev's forces to better fight the Russian-backed rebels.

Other/Autres

Le niveau d'alerte passe à 4, Agence Belga

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"Un risque d'attentat par des individus avec armes et explosifs à plusieurs endroits de la capitale"

Le niveau d'alerte terroriste a été relevé samedi à 4, soit le niveau le plus élevé qui qualifie la menace de "sérieuse et imminente", pour toute la Région bruxelloise, indique le Centre de crise du SPF Intérieur à la suite d'une nouvelle évaluation de l'OCAM.

Selon le Premier ministre, Charles Michel, ce relèvement du niveau d'alerte serait lié à un risque d'attentat par des individus avec armes et explosifs, peut-être à plusieurs endroits de la capitale.

Quatre axes de mesures

Le Premier ministre Charles Michel a annoncé l'entrée en vigueur de mesures immédiatement opérationnelles en quatre axes pour répondre au niveau maximal de menace terroriste à Bruxelles et au niveau trois dans le reste du pays, à l'issue d'une réunion du Conseil national de sécurité samedi matin. Le nombre de grands événements sera diminué, "pour des raisons de sécurité et de capacité", a indiqué le Premier ministre, "car cela permet de libérer des capacités qui peuvent être mobilisées pour sécuriser tout le territoire". Les organisateurs d'événements peuvent se mettre en contact avec le centre crise pour recevoir des informations complémentaires.

Les transports publics feront l'objet d'une vigilance accrue, principalement dans le métro. La circulation de ce dernier à Bruxelles reste stoppée jusque dimanche après-midi au moins. La capacité de déploiement de la police et de l'armée est renforcée sur tout le territoire, mais surtout à Bruxelles.

Enfin, une ligne téléphonique - 1771 - est ouverte pour permettre de s'adresser au centre de crise, recevoir des informations et des conseils. Pour ne pas surcharger cette ligne, il est recommandé de consulter en priorité le site internet www.centredecrise.be.

Le relèvement du niveau d'alerte terroriste au niveau quatre a été décidé durant la nuit sur base de l'évaluation de l'Organe de coordination pour l'analyse de la menace (OCAM), pour la région bruxelloise et Vilvorde, mais reste au niveau trois pour le reste du pays. "Cela résulte d'informations relativement précises d'un risque d'attentat tel que déroulé à Paris" a déclaré le Premier ministre, la menace portant sur une hypothèse d'un ou plusieurs individus avec des armes et explosifs à même de frapper à plusieurs endroits en même temps, a-t-il précisé lors d'une conférence de presse.

Les cibles potentielles, selon les informations dont les autorités disposent, sont les centres commerciaux, les rues commerçantes, les transports publics, et les événements rassemblant beaucoup de monde, a indiqué Charles Michel.

Les mesures annoncées peuvent "à tout moment être modifiées", a précisé le Premier ministre. Le Conseil national de sécurité se réunira à nouveau dimanche dans l'après-midi. Une nouvelle évaluation de la menace par l'OCAM sera formulée à ce moment-là également.

Le Premier ministre a indiqué que les enquêtes en France et en Belgique sur les attentats de Paris se poursuivaient et qu'il n'était "pas question de faire le moindre commentaire pour des raisons de sécurité évidente". "Nous recommandons à la population de respecter l'ensemble des consignes de sécurité et de se tenir informée en utilisant les voies de communication officielles", a déclaré le Premier ministre.

Le gouvernement belge appelle la population à faire preuve de prudence et de vigilance, mais aussi de ne pas glisser dans la panique, a insisté Charles Michel.

"La situation est suivie de manière permanente"

Le Centre de crise n'était pas en mesure de préciser combien de temps le niveau 4 restera en application dans la Région bruxelloise. "La situation est suivie de manière permanente. Elle peut dès lors être réévaluée à tout moment si de nouveaux éléments nous parvenaient", a expliqué Peter Mertens, porte-parole du Centre de crise.

Lundi en fin de soirée, le Centre de crise avait annoncé le relèvement du niveau d'alerte terroriste à 3 pour l'ensemble du territoire. Il avait alors rappelé que Salah Abdeslam, suspecté d'avoir participé à l'organisation et à l'exécution des attentats perpétrés à Paris le 13 novembre, était toujours recherché. Celui-ci est encore en fuite actuellement. Le gouvernement communiquera au sujet du relèvement de la menace samedi matin.

Pour déterminer un niveau, l'Ocam se base sur les informations transmises notamment par la Sûreté de l'Etat, le Service général du renseignement et de la sécurité (SGRS), les polices locales et fédérale, les douanes et l'Office des étrangers. Placé sous l'autorité des ministres de la Justice et de l'Intérieur, cet organe est composé d'experts détachés des services dont il utilise les informations et d'analystes propres. Il est chargé d'évaluer périodiquement et ponctuellement le degré de menace terroriste en Belgique.

La deuxième fois de l'histoire du pays

C'est seulement la deuxième fois que le niveau d'alerte terroriste atteint l'échelon le plus élevé sur le territoire belge. La première fois était survenue lors des fêtes de fin d'année 2007-2008 après l'interpellation de 14 personnes qui planifiaient de permettre à Nizar Trabelsi de s'évader.

La section terrorisme de la police fédérale et le parquet fédéral craignaient alors des actes à caractère terroriste et avaient pris des mesures de sécurité exceptionnelles. Le niveau de la menace avait été à maintenu à 4 entre le 21 décembre 2007 et le 3 janvier 2008. Le traditionnel feu d'artifice du Nouvel an dans le centre de Bruxelles avait été annulé à la suite cette situation.

Nizar Trabelsi avait été condamné en juin 2004 à 10 ans de prison pour la préparation d'un attentat contre la base militaire de Kleine-Brogel.

Le Conseil national de sécurité se réunit samedi matin après que le niveau d'alerte a été relevé à quatre, soit le maximum, pour Bruxelles durant la nuit. "Nous avons suffisamment d'éléments pour estimer que la menace est précise et imminente", a affirmé à son arrivée le ministre des Affaires étrangères Didier Reynders. Le Premier ministre Charles Michel, avec les vice-premiers ministres chargés de de l'Intérieur, Jan Jambon, des Affaires étrangères, Didier Reynders, de la Justice, Koen Geens, et de l'Economie, Kris Peeters, sont arrivés au 16 rue de la loi à Bruxelles vers 9h00, pour se concerter avec les autorités chargées de la sécurité. "La menace est suffisante pour passer au niveau d'alerte quatre, nous devons maintenant prendre des mesures", a déclaré à son arrivée le ministre de l'Intérieur, Jan Jambon.

Le niveau 3 maintenu ailleurs

Le niveau 3, soit une menace "possible et vraisemblable", reste en vigueur pour le reste du pays. L'analyse de l'Organe de coordination pour l'analyse de la menace (OCAM) démontre en effet "une menace sérieuse et imminente nécessitant la prise de mesures de sécurité spécifiques ainsi que des recommandations particulières à la population", précise le Centre de crise, qui qualifie la situation de "très grave" dans la Région bruxelloise.

Belgian capital under serious terrorism threat, with at least 1 Paris attacks suspect at large, Associated Press

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BRUSSELS _ Heavily armed police and soldiers patrolled key intersections and subways were closed in Belgium's capital Saturday as the government warned of a threat of Paris-style attacks. At least one suspect from the deadly Paris attacks is at large, and was last seen crossing into Belgium.

Prime Minister Charles Michel said the decision to raise the threat alert to the highest level was taken "based on quite precise information about the risk of an attack like the one that happened in Paris ... where several individuals with arms and explosives launch actions, perhaps even in several places at the same time."

The Belgian Federal Prosecutor's office said Saturday that several weapons were discovered during the search of the home of one of three people arrested in connection with the Paris attacks, but said no explosives were found.

And in Turkey, officials detained 26-year-old Ahmad Dahmani, a Belgian national of Moroccan origin, who was believed to have been in contact with the Paris attackers.

Authorities across Europe, the Mideast and in Washington are trying to determine how a network of primarily French and Belgian attackers with links to Islamic extremists in Syria plotted and carried out the deadliest violence in France in decades _ and how many may still be on the run.

A new potential link emerged Saturday in Turkey, where authorities said they detained a 26-year-old Belgian suspected of connections to Islamic extremists _ and possibly to the Paris attacks.

Belgium's national Crisis Center had raised its terrorism alert for the Brussels region to Level 4, which indicates a "serious and immediate threat." Belgium's special security Cabinet held an emergency meeting Saturday morning.

Brussels was the home of Abdelhamid Abaaoud, the suspected organizer of the Nov. 13 Paris attacks, and Belgium has filed charges of "participation in terrorist attacks and participation in the activities of a terrorist organization" against three suspects relating to the Paris attacks.

At least one Paris attacker, Salah Abdeslam, crossed into Belgium the morning after the attacks. A Paris police official and the Paris prosecutor's office said Saturday they had no firm information on Abdeslam's whereabouts, including whether he was in the Brussels area.

Heavily armed police and soldiers were patrolled Saturday morning at key intersections of the Belgian capital, a city of more than 1 million that is home to the headquarters of the European Union, the NATO alliance and offices of many multinational corporations.

Residents were recommended to avoid gatherings, train stations, airports and commercial districts. Service was halted on the Brussels Metro, as well as on streetcar lines that run underground.

The prime minister, speaking at a news conference after the emergency government meeting, said, "We urge the public not to give in to panic, to stay calm. We have taken the measures that are necessary."

He said that the government's crisis cell will meet again on Sunday afternoon to reassess the threat.

Dahmani was detained in the Turkish coastal city of Antalya along with two other suspected Islamic State militants. A senior Turkish government official said Dahmani was believed to have been in contact with the Paris attackers, though the official did not say when. Dahmani had arrived in Turkey Nov. 14 from Amsterdam, and the three were preparing to cross into Syria, the official said.

The official cannot be named because of Turkish government rules that bar officials from speaking to reporters without prior authorization.

Government officials in Belgium and France would not immediately comment on Dahmani's arrest.

A Paris police official said Saturday that he had no information about Dahmani or his possible visit to the attack sites. The Paris prosecutor's office said it had no information to communicate about Dahmani.

Concerns about Europe's porous borders prompted interior and justice ministers meeting in Brussels on Friday to promise tightened controls to make it easier to track the movements of jihadis with European passports travelling to and from warzones in Syria.

Paris prosecutors said Friday that they had determined through fingerprint checks that two of the seven attackers who died in the bloodshed Nov. 13 had entered Europe through Greece, an entry point for many of the hundreds of thousands of migrants seeking asylum in Europe.

The five other attackers who died had links to France and Belgium. One of the seven dead has not been identified, while a manhunt is underway for one suspect who escaped, 26-year-old Abdeslam. French police stopped Abdeslam the morning after Friday's attacks at the Belgian border but then let him go. His brother Brahim blew himself up in the Paris attacks.

The suspected ringleader, Abdelhamid Abaaoud, was killed in a raid Wednesday on an apartment in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis.

Marking a week since the carnage, some Parisians lit candles and paid tribute Friday night to the victims with silent reflection. Others decided that enjoying themselves was the best way to defy the extremists. They sang and danced on Place de la Republique, in the heart of a trendy neighbourhood where scores of people were killed.

France's Parliament has extended a state of emergency for three months, expanding police powers to carry out arrests and searches and allowing authorities to forbid the movement of persons and vehicles at specific times and places.

French President Francois Hollande is also meeting with British Prime Minister David Cameron on Monday morning in Paris to discuss co-operation in the fight against the Islamic State group

in Syria and Iraq, Cameron's office said. Hollande will travel to Washington and Moscow later in the week to push for a stronger international coalition against IS.

L'enquête avance sur le commando de Saint-Denis, Le Monde

Trois personnes sont mortes lors de l'assaut. Le passeport de la cousine d'Abaaoud a été retrouvé sur place

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L'invité surprise des attentats du 13 novembre à Paris et Saint-Denis, Abdelhamid Abaaoud, a bien été abattu mercredi matin par les policiers du RAID, lors de l'assaut de l'appartement où plusieurs terroristes avaient trouvé refuge dans le centre de Saint-Denis, a révélé, jeudi 19 novembre le procureur de la République à Paris, François Molins. Il restait, vendredi matin, au moins un fugitif : Salah Abdeslam, 26 ans, Français résident à Bruxelles, reparti vers la Belgique samedi matin après les attaques.

Invité surprise, car si le rôle d'Abdelhamid Abaaoud, un Belge de 28 ans parti rejoindre l'Etat islamique (EI) début 2013, comme probable commanditaire des attentats du 13 novembre, est apparu assez rapidement aux enquêteurs, sa présence à Paris, et sa participation directe aux attaques, interroge sur la capacité des services de renseignement français et européens à suivre le mouvement des djihadistes de l'EI. Y compris les plus signalés d'entre eux.

Les enquêteurs s'interrogent aussi sur le parcours qui a permis à au moins deux autres auteurs des attaques de revenir de Syrie : Samy Amimour et Ismaël Omar Mostefai, deux assaillants du Bataclan. Par ailleurs, l'identité réelle du kamikaze du Stade de France auprès duquel un passeport syrien a été découvert reste à établir.

« Nous ne savons pas » comment Abaaoud est entré en France, a reconnu le premier ministre, -Manuel Valls, jeudi. « Ce n'est que le 16 novembre, postérieurement aux attentats de Paris, qu'un service de renseignement d'un pays hors d'Europe nous a signalé avoir eu connaissance de sa présence en Grèce », a précisé le ministre de l'intérieur, Bernard Cazeneuve, dans une déclaration à la presse.

Succès de police judiciaire, échec du renseignement? L'annonce de l'identification d'Abdelhamid Abaaoud parmi les corps retrouvés dans l'appartement rue du Corbillon, à Saint-Denis, où a eu lieu l'assaut, a provoqué un véritable soulagement parmi les enquêteurs. C'est la directrice centrale de la police judiciaire, Mireille Ballestrazzi, qui l'a annoncé personnellement au ministre de l'intérieur, Bernard Cazeneuve. Le corps du djihadiste était criblé de balles, sa tête méconnaissable et le buste en partie dévasté par le souffle d'une explosion.

L'enquête de la section antiterroriste de la police judiciaire parisienne, de la sous-direction antiterroriste de la direction centrale de la police judiciaire (SDAT) et de la direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) avance à grand pas depuis les attaques de vendredi, qui ont fait 129 morts et plusieurs centaines de blessés lors d'attaques kamikazes et de fusillades simultanées au Stade de France, au Bataclan et dans l'est parisien.

Les tribulations d'Abdelhamid Abaaoud dans la capitale française et sa proche banlieue entre vendredi et mercredi se précisent. Une caméra de vidéosurveillance de la RATP l'a filmé sur la ligne 9 vendredi 13 novembre, à 22 h 14, entrant à la station Croix-de-Chavaux, à Montreuil

(Seine-Saint-Denis). Des images tendant à corroborer l'idée que celui qui se faisait appeler Abou Omar était dans la Seat convoyant le commando qui a tiré sur les terrasses de café du 10e et du 11e arrondissement. La voiture avait été retrouvée dans la nuit de samedi à dimanche, rue Edouard-Vaillant, à Montreuil. Des éléments de téléphonie en cours d'exploitations pourraient venir confirmer cette hypothèse.

Services marocains

Selon une source proche de l'enquête, c'est la géolocalisation du téléphone d'Hasna Ait Boulahcen, 26 ans, la cousine d'Abaaoud, qui a permis de confirmer le premier renseignement obtenu lundi après-midi selon lequel elle se trouvait à Saint-Denis avec son cousin. Un témoin est ensuite venu confirmer cette hypothèse. A la veille de la visite du roi du Maroc en France, plusieurs médias ont assuré que ce sont les services marocains qui avaient mis la police française sur la piste de l'appartement de Saint-Denis. Des informations démenties de sources judiciaires et policières françaises, qui tout au plus expliquent que les services du royaume chérifien ont transmis a posteriori des précisions sur les personnes interpellées dans l'appartement.

C'est bien un renseignement de police judiciaire, l'exploitation de la téléphonie et des réquisitions bancaires qui ont mis les enquêteurs sur la piste de Saint-Denis. Toutefois, il n'est pas exclu que la Direction générale de la sécurité extérieure (DGSE) a pu bénéficier de renseignements transmis par des services de renseignements étrangers qu'elle aurait ensuite fournis aux enquêteurs français.

L'assaut, d'une grande violence, a entraîné une certaine confusion concernant l'identification des occupants de l'immeuble. Alors que les services de la police scientifique progressaient péniblement dans l'appartement ravagé par la confrontation entre les policiers et les terroristes, l'incertitude demeurait sur le nombre exact de personnes tuées pendant l'assaut du Raid ainsi que sur le ou la kamikaze qui a déclenché une ceinture d'explosif au moment de l'affrontement.

Selon les informations du Monde, un corps de femme a été retrouvé dans les décombres ainsi qu'un sac à main contenant un passeport au nom d'Hasna Ait Boulahcen. Mais la tête retrouvée par la police scientifique correspond finalement à celle d'un homme. Aucune arme n'a pour l'instant été retrouvée dans l'appartement.

Le procureur de la République de Paris, François Molins, a affirmé mercredi soir que tout laissait à penser « qu'au regard de leur armement, de leur organisation structurée et de leur détermination, ce commando pouvait passer à l'acte . Mais aucun projet précis n'a pu être mis en évidence à ce stade.

Huit personnes étaient toujours en garde à vue à Levallois, dans les locaux de la SDAT, vendredi matin. Parmi elles, Jawad B., qui s'était spontanément présenté comme le logeur du dernier commando à Saint-Denis devant les caméras de BFM TV, assurant toutefois qu'il ignorait tout de ses hôtes. Parmi les autres, des Marocains et des Egyptiens en situation irrégulière qui pourraient n'avoir rien à voir avec les attentats mais qui squattaient vraisemblablement dans l'immeuble.

Des doutes subsistent sur le rôle précis de Salah Abdeslam, qui pourrait être l'un des passagers de la Seat noire utilisée lors des fusillades de terrasses de restaurants et cafés du 10e et 11e arrondissement, mais qui pourrait également avoir conduit la Clio noire qui a déposé

les trois kamikazes du Stade de France. Vendredi matin, l'identité de trois des assaillants morts durant les attentats restait inconnue : deux du Stade de France, et un au Bataclan.

Le rôle opérationnel d'Abaaoud se précise, Le Monde

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Ses empreintes ont été retrouvées sur une kalachnikov laissée dans l'une des voitures du commando

Une semaine après les attentats qui ont frappé Paris, l'enquête menée par la section antiterroriste de la police judiciaire parisienne, de la sous-direction antiterroriste de la direction centrale de la police judiciaire (SDAT) et de la direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) précise peu à peu les rôles tenus par les membres du commandos.

La place tenue par Abdelhamid Abaaoud, tué mercredi à Saint-Denis (Seine-Saint-Denis) lors de l'assaut du RAID, est au coeur des investigations en cours. Sa présence aux côtés de Brahim Abdeslam qui s'est fait exploser devant le Comptoir Voltaire et d'un homme encore non identifié dans la Seat Leon retrouvée à Montreuil (Seine-Saint-Denis) dans la nuit de samedi à dimanche est désormais établie. Il s'agit de l'équipe qui a mitraillé les terrasses des cafés du 10e et du 11e arrondissement.

Vendredi 20 novembre au soir, une source judiciaire indiquait que les empreintes du djihadiste franco-belge avaient été identifiées sur une kalachnikov retrouvée dans la voiture. Les policiers étudient l'hypothèse qu'Abdelhamid Abaaoud ait été au volant de la Seat dans la soirée du 13 novembre. Des éléments de géolocalisation téléphonique permettent de penser que la Seat a en tout cas continué à tourner dans le 11e après les fusillades pendant une quinzaine de minutes avant de se rendre à Montreuil. Des images filmées par une caméra de surveillance de la RATP attestent de la présence d'Abdelhamid Abaaoud au métro Croix de Chavaux à 22 h 14.

Son itinéraire ensuite est encore flou. Pendant le week-end, il semble errer sans point de chute; cherche à se procurer des couvertures ainsi que deux costumes pour des raisons encore inconnues. C'est ensuite parce que les appuis logistiques manquent qu'il fait appel à sa cousine Hasna Aït Boulahcen.

Selon l'AFP, celle-ci serait venu le récupérer mardi dans un entrepôt à Aubervilliers (Seine-Saint-Denis) après lui avoir trouvé le logement de la rue du Corbillon à Saint-Denis. Alors qu'il avait initialement été présenté comme l'unique commanditaire des attentats, le rôle opérationnel qu'il a joué à Paris et l'enregistrement diffusé par l'Etat islamique où Fabien Clain lit le communiqué tendent à s'interroger sur le véritable commanditaire des attaques. Le procureur de la République a d'ailleurs insisté sur ce point lors de sa conférence de presse tenue mercredi soir.

Samedi matin, les gardes à vue de sept des huit personnes interpellées à Saint-Denis après l'assaut du RAID avaient été levées. Cinq d'entre elles seraient des étrangers en situation irrégulière, sans lien avec les attentats, qui squattaient vraisemblablement l'immeuble de la rue du Corbillon. Seul Jawad B., qui s'était présenté comme le logeur du commando, devant les caméras de télévision, était toujours en garde à vue. Par ailleurs, à ce stade de l'enquête, l'identification du troisième assaillant du Bataclan était toujours en cours.

Le parcours de Salah Abdeslam dont le portrait avait été diffusé par la police française s'affine lui aussi. C'est lui qui aurait conduit le commando du Stade de France au volant d'une Clio retrouvée dans le 18^e. Selon le Nouvel Observateur, son téléphone aurait été ensuite localisé un peu plus tard dans le secteur Montrouge-Châtillon avant d'être exfiltré par deux amis venus de Belgique aujourd'hui inculpés pour leur appui logistique.

Toujours selon le Nouvel Observateur, les deux hommes auraient retrouvé Salah, porteur d'une ceinture d'explosif, dans un état de " choc ". Une version qui expliquerait pourquoi l'Etat islamique a mentionné une attaque dans le 18^e arrondissement de Paris dans son communiqué de revendication alors qu'aucune n'attaque n'a finalement eu lieu. Selon Me Xavier Carrette, l'avocat belge d'un des deux hommes, ces derniers auraient simplement admis que Salah était " un peu stressé " quand ils l'ont récupéré.

La confirmation qu'un deuxième kamikaze du Stade de France soit passé par la route des migrants conforte la crainte des autorités née après la découverte, dès samedi, d'un passeport syrien près d'un des djihadistes. " Nous ne sommes pas à l'abri d'un scénario où presque tous les auteurs des attentats soient passés par là ", explique une source proche de l'enquête.

Outre les deux kamikazes du Stade de France, des questions se posent notamment sur le parcours qui a permis à au moins quatre autres auteurs des attaques de revenir de Syrie : Samy Amimour et Ismaël Omar Mostefai, deux assaillants du Bataclan. De même que sur les allers et retours entre la Syrie et l'Europe d'Abdelhamid Abaaoud, probablement le djihadiste francophone le plus connu ainsi que le parcours de Salah Abdeslam avant son arrivée en France.

Depuis plusieurs mois, le ministère de l'intérieur avait été alerté par des policiers présents en Grèce de la faiblesse, voire de l'absence de filtrage sérieux à l'arrivée sur les îles de la mer Egée.

Une telle utilisation coordonnée de la route des migrants, sous des fausses identités et/ou avec de faux passeports, serait inédite. " A cette échelle, c'est une capacité que l'on découvre ", explique une source Place Beauvau. Les centres de " tri " des migrants, baptisés " hot spots " sont bien en train d'être installés aux frontières extérieures de l'Europe, notamment en Grèce ou en Italie, mais dans la pratique, leur fonctionnement serait surtout formel et surtout adaptés à l'identification des personnes vulnérables ayant besoin de protection.

Jusqu'ici, l'écrasante majorité des djihadistes français étaient revenus en Europe sous leur propre identité. Depuis le loupé qui avait vu trois hommes, dont un ami d'enfance de Mohamed Merah, échapper à la direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) à leur retour en France, en septembre 2014, ils sont récupérés par la direction de la coopération internationale (DCI) du ministère de l'intérieur - qui a la responsabilité des attachés de sécurité intérieure placés dans les ambassades de France. Plus de 150 personnes auraient pris le chemin du retour à visage découvert depuis un an.

Enfin, l'irruption d'Hasna Ait Boulahcen, 26 ans, par le biais d'un témoignage spontané à la police, pose une nouvelle fois la question de la surveillance des milieux djihadistes par les services de renseignement. Alors qu'Abdelhamid Abaaoud était une cible privilégiée de la DGSI en raison de son rôle supposé dans plusieurs projets d'attentats en France, sa cousine, récemment radicalisée, avait-elle été repérée par la DGSI, ou a-t-elle échappé aux radars du service?

Les investigations judiciaires ne permettront pas forcément de répondre à cette question - ce n'est pas leur rôle - mais elle intrigue les enquêteurs. En tous cas, plusieurs sources confirment que, jusqu'au bout, tous les services de renseignement et de police judiciaire impliqués dans le dossier ont été persuadés que l'homme était toujours en Syrie, incrédules devant la possibilité que ce cadre de l'EI ait pu voyager aussi discrètement en Europe.

Analysis: In Terror Fight, French Feel Increasingly Isolated, Wall Street Journal

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PARIS -- The world seems awash in sympathy with France's tragedy, from candlelight vigils to stadiums illuminated in tricolor. But, when it comes to action against Islamic State, there is growing fear in Paris that France may be in this fight dangerously alone.

French officials are particularly frustrated with their European Union partners over what they see as insufficient cooperation in intelligence, security and defense. "Everyone must understand that it's urgent for Europe to recover, to organize itself, and to defend itself against the terrorist menace," French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said this week.

In one way, the U.S. has responded much more quickly than France's European partners after the Nov. 13 attacks, boosting intelligence sharing with Paris. But Washington hasn't signaled that a more determined military effort against Islamic State lies ahead. President Barack Obama reiterated this week that the current U.S. approach of limited military engagement is working, and ruled out the use of ground troops.

French officials and politicians worry that the U.S. is underestimating the threat Islamic State poses to the international community.

"The goal of the attacks in Paris was to destroy our values, the values shared by the U.S. and France. And without a doubt we need for the American people to understand that this is also their war," said Frederic Lefebvre, a member of the defense committee in the French National Assembly and a former minister.

In September 2001, America's allies -- such as France -- instantly offered their help under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Article 5, which provides for collective defense.

Paris, which described the Nov. 13 shooting and bombing spree that killed 130 people as "an act of war," hasn't asked for NATO assistance, invoking instead the mutual-defense obligations of the European Union. The response has been lukewarm, at best. Even France's request to loosen fiscal rules so it could beef up its army and police to protect the country against Islamic State has been met with noncommittal statements from Brussels, so far.

"We are on our own, and we are counting our friends," said Francois Heisbourg, an adviser at the Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique think tank and a former senior French diplomat.

No other European country has joined France in airstrikes against Islamic State in Syria so far, though British Prime Minister David Cameron has called for a Parliament vote to authorize such an operation. In Iraq, too, no additional European countries entered the air campaign that is being conducted by France, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Denmark and the Netherlands as part of the American-led coalition against Islamic State.

Paris has asked for something simpler: help in its campaign against Islamist radicals in Mali and other West African nations. That would allow the French to free up elite troops to concentrate on Islamic State. But on that front, too, only Ireland has offered to send a "small" number of troops so far.

"Many countries avoid military action because they don't want to run the risk of becoming targets themselves, and because it is costly," said Mr. Lefebvre, the lawmaker.

Even though France asked, following the January Charlie Hebdo attacks, for the sharing of information on air travel bookings, the European Parliament scuttled the decision over privacy concerns. Mr. Cazeneuve this week noted that no European nation tipped off Paris on the movements of Abdelhamid Abaaoud, the architect of the Paris attacks, across the continent from Syria. There is also a persistent sense in Paris government offices that France can't count on the U.S., either.

Now, it is France rather than the U.S. that is paying the costs of Washington's regional "disengagement without taking into account the consequences," said Gilles Dorronsoro, a professor of political science at Sorbonne University in Paris.

"There are almost no refugees in America, and, for now, no terror attacks," Mr. Dorronsoro said. "The stakes, or at least the perceived stakes, for the U.S. are not the same."

Anti-terrorism 'ghosts' wage war from a computer, UK Times

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An elite unit of anti-terrorism "hacktivists" is helping the British security services with intelligence operations against Isis, The Times has learnt.

Ghost Security Group, which counts former military computer experts among its members, is credited with providing intelligence that foiled a terrorist attack against British tourists in Tunisia this year.

Since the Paris attacks, members have infiltrated online Isis accounts run by individuals who had prior knowledge of the shootings. The group also believes that it has uncovered chatter stored on an encrypted messaging service that shows Isis members plotting the attacks.

Ghost Security Group (GSG) passes intelligence leads to MI5 and other security organisations across the world through the American authorities.

The group, which formed in January after the Charlie Hebdo massacre, comprises 14 anonymous individuals with backgrounds in the military and in private computer security

companies. The group focuses on intelligence gathering but it also launches digital attacks against Isis.

The group's executive director, who goes by the name DigitaShadow, told The Times: "You guys have a lot of jihadists over there. We try to identify these people, then alert the [US] authorities, so that they can alert MI5."

GSG investigates online accounts that it suspects are owned by influential members of Isis. One line of inquiry involves accounts on the Telegram encrypted messaging system, which has become the favoured messaging and broadcast service of several jihadist organisations. "We have data that the planning for Paris was conducted through Telegram," DigitaShadow said.

Members of Ghost Security Group create "infiltrator accounts" — online profiles where they pose as jihadist sympathisers or potential recruits — to develop trust with Isis insiders. Their infiltration operations are backed by translators and analysts to make their fake profiles as credible as possible. Once trust is gained, they are able to glean intelligence from the terrorists and make contact with others higher up the chain.

GSG tries to identify online accounts that are being used to lure would-be jihadists. The group focuses its attention on social media, messaging and other accounts where Isis operatives have already made progress with recruiting vulnerable individuals.

The group also provides intelligence to the authorities about the hacking capabilities of Isis, the targets of Isis hackers and the identities of the Isis hackers themselves.

DigitaShadow said that the group had removed 149 websites, 6,000 propaganda videos and 111,000 social media accounts linked to Isis since January. The group does not remove any sites that have intelligence value, Digita-Shadow said.

The group uses Michael Smith, the chief operating officer at Kronos Security, a US counterterrorism consultancy, as a conduit to pass information to the American security services. Mr Smith, who has advised the US Congress on terrorism matters, said that the group was focusing its efforts on intelligence about possible follow-up attacks to the Paris shootings.

Mr Smith said that intelligence gathered by GSG had helped to foil a terrorist plot to attack British and Jewish tourists at Houmt Souk in Djerba, Tunisia, in July.

"Ghost Security Group is the most effective and best of the very small cast of groups I'm engaging with," he said. "It's small but there are individuals who possess the knowledge and skills that are capable of producing quality information that can be passed to intelligence services."

"The authorities in the UK are aware of the value of GSG. I know that the officials here who I liaise with have spoken with officials from the UK about Ghost Security Group. They have expressed more and more interest in their work."

However, Mr Smith suggested that the attack campaign announced by Anonymous this week could upset some intelligence work being done online.

"If they [intelligence agents and Ghost Security Group members] are undercover posing as Isis agents, Anonymous is going to end up ruining someone's investigation."

He added that the security and intelligence agencies "really do have a strong handle on the social media landscape. But Isis is so prolific that there's a need to have more eyes on the system."

EU to Step Up Checks on Citizens Entering Bloc in Security Push, Wall Street Journal

Luxembourg says 'Europe has to act now' after Paris attacks

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BRUSSELS—The European Union has ordered stepped-up checks on its own citizens when they enter the bloc, a move aimed at stemming the terror threat from foreign fighters in the wake of last Friday's Paris attacks.

The decision comes after it emerged that the organizer of the Paris attacks, Abdelhamid Abaaoud, a Belgian citizen, had traveled unhindered from Syria back to Paris in time for last Friday's killing spree.

"The strengthening of controls at our external borders is indispensable for the protection of EU citizens," French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said, after meeting with EU justice and interior ministers in Brussels on Friday.

Under current rules, non-EU citizens are supposed to be checked against police data when they enter the bloc to see whether they are wanted by authorities or could be carrying a fake passport.

EU nationals are sometimes checked against police data if they display suspicious behavior or if there is reason to believe they pose a terror threat. However, such checks are sporadic.

Governments agreed to implement the measure immediately. Meanwhile, the European Commission, the bloc's executive, will start working on rule changes so that the systematic checks become permanent.

"I am happy about this, checks have to be made systematically and against all relevant databases to flag up the movement of jihadists," said Mr. Cazeneuve.

The new measures come as the bloc struggles to cope with the effects of the Paris attacks, the biggest act of terrorism in the bloc in years.

Central to the problem is the EU's 26-member Schengen border-free zone. Weak controls on Schengen's external borders, combined with the absence of checks once a person enters the bloc, have hugely complicated Europe's efforts to stop terror threats.

Ministers also pushed again Friday for new rules to be passed rapidly allowing airline passenger data to be shared.

The European Parliament has blocked the legislation for years over privacy concerns and has sought to water down how long the data would be retained and who would be registered.

France insisted again Friday that the proposed system—the so-called Passenger Name Record—should include intra-EU flights and that data should be kept for at least a year. The European Parliament wanted to restrict the data being kept longer than one month and to exclude intra-EU flights.

Luxembourg's Deputy Prime Minister Etienne Schneider said Friday the bloc wants an agreement on the new rules in early December and that they should be implemented "as soon as possible."

German Interior Minister Thomas de Maizière said that air travelers' records were needed because foreign fighters in Syria move back and forth when planning attacks on Europe.

"Almost every week a traveler [by air] is arrested in Germany. But there is also information we aren't getting, and then there are security gaps," Mr. de Maizière said, on his way into the meeting.

Ministers committed to better track and stop illegal firearms from being traded. The commission this week proposed tighter rules for the sale of decommissioned weapons after evidence emerged they have been used in other terror attacks in Paris this year.

The officials also pledged Friday to step up intelligence sharing. The head of the EU's police agency, Europol, said Thursday that half of the names on the organization's foreign fighters list come from just five of the EU's 28 member states.

The EU's counterterrorism coordinator, Gilles de Kerchove, said that intelligence agencies, not only police, need to include data on potential terrorists in the EU-wide databases. "This is the issue we had with Nemmouche, he was in the system but not explicitly linked to terrorism," he said, in reference to the French national, Mehdi Nemmouche, who shot four people at the Jewish museum in Brussels last year.

Mr. de Kerchove also spoke of "institutional schizophrenia" in the EU, where data gathered by the bloc's border agency Frontex on incoming migrants cannot be shared with Europol. Ministers on Friday said the two should be linked up and start exchanging data as of Jan. 1.

With Europe floundering to respond to the terrorist threat, some European officials have floated more radical options. European migration Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos said Friday he believed the bloc should explore an EU-wide intelligence agency, an idea quickly shot down by the German interior minister.

Meanwhile, Austria's Interior Minister, Johanna Mikl-Leitner, refused to discard some preliminary ideas, floated in the Netherlands, of restricting the Schengen free border-free zone to a small group of western European countries in an emergency.

"For now this is just a thought experiment that doesn't have highest priority. But in a situation as difficult as the one that we are experiencing at the moment, we must not prohibit the experts from thinking. Because we all know that things cannot continue as they are," she said.

Despite the decisions Friday, there is skepticism as to how quickly the EU can tighten security on its external borders.

Ministers are aiming for a March deadline to provide border authorities with the ability to run database checks against incoming people. However, in the case of Greece alone, that requires providing thousands of computers and staff at 220 border crossings, said one senior EU diplomat.

Greece has come under heavy pressure from its EU partners to improve its screening of the hundreds of thousands of migrants who have arrived there from Turkey over the past year.

One of the Paris suicide bombers, carrying what seems to have been a fake Syrian passport, was registered entering Greece in October. Mr. Abaaoud also traveled through Greece.

On Friday, Nikos Toskas, the Greek minister for public order and citizen protection, defended his country's record of securing Europe's external border.

"The big flows of refugees are continuously coming but they are checked, screened and identified according to European rules."

Meanwhile Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban said Friday that European Union member states should renegotiate the bloc's founding treaty to reinforce a sense of strength and unity, or they will face the radicalization of the continent.

The Hungarian leader also lashed out at the open-door policy for migrants and criticized Europe's plan, supported by Brussels and Berlin, to resettle migrants in EU countries. Such plans provide a means to spread terrorism in Europe, Mr. Orban said.

"Migration increases the terrorism threat, increases crime and puts our cultural identity in danger. That's why it must be stopped," the prime minister said. "Support for off-mainstream, radical, extremist political forces is on the rise...which is not in the interest of any one of us."

Mr. Orban said the Schengen system "must be corrected by all means" in light of what he sees as the current inconsistency, which see countries such as Greece fail to protect their external borders from illegal immigration while others, like Hungary, do their utmost to guard their frontiers.

"Hungary doesn't really like to belong to a treaty that some adhere to while others don't. This system is impossible to maintain," Mr. Orban said in an interview on state radio Friday.

"Several things happened over the past six to seven years that underpin the claim that we must rethink some basic issues regarding European politics."

Suspected ISIL scout in Paris attacks arrested in Turkey's Antalya, Dogan News Agency

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Antalya, Turkey—Turkish police have detained a Belgian man of Moroccan origin on suspicion that he scouted out the target sites for Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in attacks that killed 132 people in Paris on Nov. 10.

The suspect, and two others detained for possible links to him, were arrested by a court on Nov. 21.

Ahmet Dahmani, 26, was detained at a luxury hotel in the Mediterranean coastal city of Antalya.

Two other men, 29-year-old Ahmet Tahir and 23-year-old MMohammed Verd -both Syrian citizens- were also detained on a nearby highway on suspicion that they had been sent by ISIL in Syria to ensure Dahmani's safe passage across the border and were planning to meet him. The suspects had fake passports in their possession, the police said.

Counter-terrorism police first became aware of Dahmani when he arrived on a flight to Antalya and tracked him to the hotel in the Manavgat district of the city.

Separately, Turkey deported a group of Moroccans detained at Istanbul's main airport this week over suspected links to ISIL.

The eight, who said they had arrived at Atatürk Airport on Nov. 17 night from Casablanca for a holiday, were detained by border police and questioned by profiling experts who flagged them as suspected militants, a government official told Reuters.

Ce que les Belges savaient d'Abaaoud, Le Monde

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Les services de renseignement le croyaient en Syrie, il était en réalité en France. Abdelhamid Abaaoud, soupçonné d'être le commanditaire des attentats du 13 novembre à Paris, est mort le corps criblé de balles, mercredi 18 novembre, dans l'appartement de Saint-Denis (Seine-Saint-Denis) pris d'assaut par la police.

Les enquêteurs vont s'attacher à retracer le parcours du djihadiste de l'Etat islamique. Et tenter de comprendre les failles qui ont permis le retour en Europe, incognito, de ce jeune Belge d'origine marocaine, visé par un mandat d'arrêt international et soupçonné, selon le ministre de l'intérieur, Bernard Cazeneuve, d'être à l'origine de quatre des six attentats déjoués sur le sol français depuis le printemps.

Une fiche de synthèse des services de renseignements belges concernant le parcours d'Abdelhamid Abaaoud, que Le Monde a pu consulter, donne de premiers éléments de réponse. Ce document, daté du mois d'avril, reprend point par point, de façon chronologique, jusqu'en février 2015, l'itinéraire connu du djihadiste. Un parcours à l'évidence composé de nombreux trous, que les services belges ne cherchent pas à cacher.

Extrêmement précise, cette fiche d'une vingtaine de pages retrace notamment tous les numéros de téléphone connus du djihadiste. Le dernier date de mai 2013, et il est turc. Elle retrace également l'évolution de ses kunya (« pseudonymes ») : Abou Omar en mai, Abou Omar Soussi en juillet 2014, puis Abou Omar Al-Baljiki, à partir de février 2015. Son adresse email quasi certaine a aussi été identifiée.

D'après cette fiche, l'intérêt des services de renseignement belges pour le jeune homme commence suite à une note déclassifiée de la sûreté de l'Etat en date de février 2013. Celle-ci concerne le départ simultané vers la Syrie de sept jeunes gens. Rapidement, les enquêteurs vont découvrir une page Facebook où ils communiquent, intitulée la katiba al-muhajireen (« la brigade des immigrés »). Et très vite, ils vont mettre au jour la toile de leurs amitiés.

En parallèle, les enquêteurs vont commencer à faire des recherches sur l'histoire et l'entourage d'Abdelhamid Abaaoud. Le jeune homme est né à Anderlecht, dans l'agglomération de Bruxelles, le 8 avril 1987, il est l'aîné d'une famille nombreuse de six enfants. Il a la double nationalité belge et marocaine. Avant son premier départ pour la Syrie, début 2013, il était célibataire et vivait seul.

Le jeune homme a commencé à connaître des ennuis judiciaires à partir de 2002 et a multiplié les séjours en prison entre 2006 et 2012, « mais jamais pour plus de trois mois », précise la note. Dans la famille, Abaaoud, Abdelhamid n'est pas le seul à avoir des démêlés avec la justice : son frère Yassine est connu pour des petits faits de délinquance. D'après son père, un petit commerçant auditionné en février 2014, la radicalisation d'Abdelhamid Abaaoud a démarré très vite après sa sortie, en septembre 2012, de l'établissement pénitentiaire de Forest. Il se met à porter la barbe. Arrête de fréquenter ses amis du quartier. Interrogé à la même époque, son frère Yassine pense qu'il a effectué un court séjour en Egypte avant de se rendre en Syrie.

Chapitrée par grandes dates clé, la fiche des services belges s'arrête ensuite sur la période de mars 2013. Abdelhamid Abaaoud est cette fois repéré par hasard, lors d'écoutes téléphoniques, sur le téléphone turc d'un interlocuteur situé à la frontière turco-syrienne. Abaaoud souhaite alors que ce jeune homme fasse l'intermédiaire avec son frère Yassine, resté en Belgique, et l'incite à lui envoyer de l'argent pour lui et pour « Allah » .

Sans explication, la fiche des services belges bascule immédiatement au mois de septembre 2013 : Abdelhamid Abaaoud est alors considéré comme en étant de retour en Belgique. « On sait très peu de choses sur [ses] faits et gestes jusqu'à ce qu'il revienne sur le territoire belge », concède la fiche. « De source policière, il a été aperçu à la fin du mois de septembre en train de se promener dans Molenbeek-Saint-Jean [une banlieue de Bruxelles] . » Il était accompagné d'un homme qui est parti ensuite combattre en Syrie.

Younes, 13 ans

Le 20 janvier 2014, nouveau saut de puce temporel : le djihadiste est cette fois contrôlé à l'aéroport de Cologne, en Allemagne, direction Istanbul. « Il est resté très discret et ne réapparaît sur notre radar » qu'à ce moment-là, assume aussi la fiche de synthèse belge. Il est identifié en compagnie de son petit frère mineur Younes, âgé seulement de 13 ans, et d'un autre jeune homme d'origine malienne, qui mourra plus tard en Syrie. Abdelhamid Abaaoud a en fait soustrait Younes à l'attention de ses parents à la sortie de l'école. Rien ne les empêchera de s'envoler. L'adolescent sera alors surnommé « le plus jeune djihadiste de Syrie » par les médias belges.

A partir de février 2014, Abdelhamid Abaaoud est définitivement considéré par les services de renseignements comme un « moujahid de l'Etat islamique ». Les services s'appuient particulièrement sur la vidéo de lui, diffusée sur le site de BFM-TV, où il apparaît tout sourire, au volant d'un pick-up traînant plusieurs cadavres de « mécréants », selon ses mots.

C'est vers le mois de juin 2014 que le père d'Abdelhamid Abaaoud situe ensuite le dernier contact téléphonique avec son fils. Ce jour-là, Omar Abaaoud tente d'obtenir de parler avec le plus jeune des frères, Younes. Il ne l'a plus eu au téléphone depuis deux mois et s'inquiète. Mais il n'aura plus jamais de nouvelles. Omar Abaaoud pense alors que les deux frères n'étaient plus ensemble en Syrie à ce moment-là.

Selon la fiche de synthèse, ce n'est qu'en août 2014 que des mandats d'arrêts belges et internationaux vont être émis formellement contre Abdelhamid Abaaoud.

Le feuilleton s'arrête finalement en février 2015, quand les services belges tombent sur l'interview du djihadiste au magazine de l'Etat islamique Dabiq. Sur l'une des photos de l'article, les enquêteurs reconnaissent deux jeunes gens soupçonnés de prévoir un attentat sur le sol belge. Deux hommes tués à Verviers lors d'une intervention des forces de l'ordre belges contre une « cellule terroriste opérationnelle », en janvier, quelques jours après les tueries de Charlie Hebdo et de l'Hyper Cacher. Dans cet entretien à Dabiq, Abdelhamid Abaaoud affirme qu'il se trouvait en Belgique le jour du démantèlement de la cellule de Verviers. Et qu'il avait pu regagner la Syrie sans se faire repérer.

Les deux mois qui courent avant la publication de la fiche de synthèse, en avril, ne sont pas documentés. Reste à écrire le film des sept mois suivants, jusqu'aux attentats de Paris.

Après l'assaut de Saint-Denis, la traque se poursuit, Le Figaro

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Salah Abdeslam, ultime rescapé présumé des commandos de tueurs, est l'objectif prioritaire. Pas moins de 2 000 policiers sont mobilisés.

LA PLUS grande traque jamais menée par la police française pour percer les arcanes des commandos qui ont frappé de manière coordonnée le coeur de Paris et Saint-Denis ne se relâche pas d'un iota. Près de 2 000 limiers du renseignement et de la police judiciaire poursuivent leur course contre-la-montre pour identifier, localiser et neutraliser le reste de l'hydre djihadiste ayant semé la mort au nom de l'État islamique. Au dernier stade des investigations, neuf islamistes sont soupçonnés d'avoir participé directement aux fusillades et actions suicides qui se sont soldées par un bilan toujours provisoire de 130 morts. Selon une source judiciaire jointe par Le Figaro, les enquêteurs affichaient vendredi la plus grande prudence sur l'éventuelle implication des cinq personnes extraites de l'appartement « conspiratif » de Saint-Denis après l'assaut du Raid. En effet, si les vérifications se confirment, il s'agirait de trois Marocains et deux Égyptiens, tous clandestins qui squattaient sur place sans subodorer un seul instant partager le toit d'islamistes. La garde à vue des trois autres suspects se poursuit. Outre une jeune femme habitant elle aussi sur place, les policiers interrogent deux « logeurs » soutenant avoir mis les lieux à disposition d'un « ami qui avaient deux copains belges » .

Depuis une semaine, les limiers recomposent avec méthode un terrifiant puzzle dont ils ignorent le nombre de pièces. Après avoir exploré dans de périlleuses conditions les décombres de l'immeuble dévasté et en passe de s'écrouler à Saint-Denis, ils ont établi jeudi avec certitude, grâce à des comparaisons d'empreintes digitales, que le cadavre de femme est bien celui d'Hasna Aitboulahcen. Un passeport portant ce nom a en outre été retrouvé à ses côtés. Âgée de 26 ans, née dans les Hauts-de-Seine, elle est présentée comme la cousine du commanditaire présumé des attaques, Abdelhamid Abaaoud éliminé lui aussi mercredi matin

par les policiers d'élite. C'est notamment la géolocalisation et la mise sur écoute de son téléphone mobile qui aurait permis aux services de renseignement de recentrer leur recherches sur l'appartement « conspiratif » où était retranchée la cellule terroriste. Mercredi, le procureur de la République, François Molins, a révélé que « la présence d'Abaaoud sur le territoire français » émanait d'un « témoignage obtenu lundi, recoupé par de nombreuses vérifications téléphonique et bancaires ». « Il a été recueilli dans le seul et unique cadre des investigations de police judiciaire », a confié une source au coeur du dossier. L'origine du « service de renseignement d'un pays hors d'Europe » qui a, comme l'a précisé Bernard Cazeneuve, « signalé avoir eu connaissance de sa présence en Grèce », reste entouré d'un épais mystère. Même si le nom de la Turquie a été évoqué, sans confirmation.

Tour à tour dépeinte comme « parfois excentrique », « extravertie », « garçon manqué » voire « instable » par son proche entourage, Hasna Aitboulahcen avait rompu les amarres familiales dès l'âge de quinze ans avant de se radicaliser de manière brutale. Troquant le chapeau de paille qu'elle portait volontiers contre un niqab noir, elle avait posté le 11 juin dernier une photo sur son compte Facebook avec ce commentaire : « Jver biento aller en syrie inchallah biento depart pour la turkie » (sic).

À la faveur des investigations, les enquêteurs, qui savent que le troisième corps retrouvé dans l'appartement de Saint-Denis est celui d'une kamikaze non identifiée, ont désormais acquis la présomption qu'Abaaoud serait le neuvième membre des commandos de vendredi. Cette figure tutélaire du djihadisme européen, que les services antiterroristes croyaient en Syrie il y a une semaine encore, a en effet été filmé par une caméra de vidéosurveillance de la RATP à Montreuil-sous-Bois (Seine-Saint-Denis) alors qu'il entrait dans la station de métro Croix de Chavaux, à 22 heures 14, le soir des attentats. Un rapprochement a été fait avec la Seat Leon noire, retrouvée à proximité dans la nuit de samedi à dimanche, avec trois kalachnikov à son bord et utilisée lors du raid qui a décimé les terrasses de cafés de l'est parisien. C'est de cette voiture immatriculée en Belgique que Brahim Salah est sorti pour se faire sauter devant le Comptoir Voltaire, dans le XI^e arrondissement. Et c'est à son volant que se trouvait a priori son frère Salah, toujours en cavale. Plus que jamais, cet « objectif prioritaire » est au coeur d'une chasse à l'homme menée sans relâche à travers toute l'Europe. Exfiltré de toute urgence à sa demande vers la Belgique au lendemain des attentats de Paris dans une Golf noire contrôlée à Cambrai et interceptée à Molenbeek d'où sa famille est originaire, le Français de 29 ans, natif de Bruxelles, est la cible de coups de filets répétés dans le royaume. Vendredi, sept des neuf individus interpellés la veille dans la capitale belge lors d'une vague de perquisitions ont été remis en liberté après interrogatoire. La garde à vue des deux autres a été prolongée de 24 heures. L'un est interrogé dans le cadre de l'enquête ouverte au début de l'année par la justice belge après le départ en Syrie de Bilal Hadfi, un des trois kamikazes confondus par ses empreintes papillaires prélevées près du McDonald's du Stade de France, où il s'est fait exploser.

Déterminé à mettre un nom sur chacun des supposés commanditaires ou inspirateurs qui ont planifié et orchestré les tueries, les services de renseignement tournaient à plein régime pour localiser Jean-Michel Clain et son frère Fabien, vétéran du djihadisme dont la voix a été authentifiée dans l'enregistrement de la vidéo de revendication de l'État islamique. Car la relève d'Abaaoud, dont la mort n'a pas encore été exploitée par l'appareil de propagande terroriste, ne saurait tarder. Aiguillonnés par l'idée de frapper à nouveau Paris, nul doute que ses prétendants réfléchissent à une réplique d'ampleur.

Depuis une semaine, les limiers recomposent avec méthode un terrifiant puzzle.

Attacks Push European Union to Consider Limits on Passport-Free Travel, New York Times

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PARIS -- If Europe's system of passport-free travel was not under enough pressure after a summer of chaotic migration, then last week's attacks in Paris have fortified doubts over how much longer that freedom of movement -- one of the most cherished accomplishments of the European Union -- can survive.

The Nov. 13 massacres in Paris were carried out almost entirely by European passport holders who slipped in and out of Syria without being identified or checked. In addition, the discovery of a Syrian passport apparently held by one of the Paris assailants has renewed fears that terrorists have infiltrated the migrant wave.

With the focus now on bolstering security, European Union interior and justice ministers met in an emergency session on Friday and vowed to complete French proposals for tighter controls by the end of the year.

For the first time, the ministers agreed finally to establish a system to share the passport data of air travelers within the open border area under what is known as the Schengen Agreement.

Given the double chaos of migratory flows and cross-border terrorists, many countries -- including France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Hungary, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Sweden -- have already established temporary border controls.

The concern is that they will make those temporary controls, which are allowed under Schengen, effectively permanent, destroying the agreement.

On Thursday night, adding to the confusion, most nations along Europe's migrant corridor abruptly shut their borders to those not coming from war-torn countries such as Syria, Afghanistan or Iraq, leaving thousands stranded at Balkan border crossings.

Manuel Valls, the French prime minister, said on Thursday: "If Europe doesn't shoulder its responsibilities, then it's the whole Schengen system that's put into question."

The open-border arrangement, established 20 years ago, covers 22 European Union countries and four other nations. But the system can work only if its external borders are policed and protected, and it is obvious to all that Europe has failed to do so.

Arnaud Danjean, a member of the European Parliament and a former security official and diplomat from France, put it bluntly: "If by the end of the year necessary measures to reinforce external border controls and to check passports of Schengen citizens are not implemented, I think Schengen is dead."

Otherwise, he said, "many countries will come back in January and say we need another system, and until we have one, we will adopt permanent border controls."

French proposals for tighter controls were first made after Islamist radicals attacked the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo and a kosher supermarket in January.

But they were stalled by inaction and by concerns over data privacy in the European Parliament, raised particularly by Germany and the newer members from Central and Eastern Europe, which have been largely untouched by terrorism.

On Friday, however, the ministers gave their backing to measures demanded by France this week that included tightening external borders by extending checks to more people who can usually enter, and move freely within, the Schengen area.

Strengthening controls at external borders is "indispensable for the protection of European citizens," Bernard Cazeneuve, the French interior minister, said at a news conference.

Overhauling the Schengen rules would mean "systematic and obligatory checks to be carried out at all our external borders and on all people entering the Schengen area, including those who benefit from the freedom of movement," he said.

Mr. Cazeneuve has expressed fury that France found out that the ringleader of the Paris attacks, Abdelhamid Abaaoud, had slipped undetected back into Europe only from intelligence provided by a non-European country, believed to be Morocco.

Under the proposals, if a Schengen passport holder travels to a third country, whether Turkey, Syria or the United States, upon re-entering the Schengen area the passport should not just be examined but checked against criminal and security databases.

The ministers also agreed to establish a single European gun registration file. Mr. Danjean said he hoped that the gun control laws could be unified eventually in the European Union, pointing out that Belgian laws are much less restrictive than French ones.

While the difficulties with Schengen are largely technical and administrative, the politics around the subject have become nasty, feeding Europe's far-right parties, especially France's National Front and Sweden's Democrats.

Marine Le Pen, the leader of the National Front, said that "the absence of national borders is criminal madness." Striking a familiar but trenchant theme, she said: "The French elites have given themselves over to this surreal myth of a country without borders. Open your eyes, now!"

Euroskeptics and the far right, "those trying to benefit from the situation, are trying to redefine the entire Schengen debate in a way that makes Schengen look like the culprit here," said Jan Techau, director of Carnegie Europe, a Brussels-based research institution.

And the Islamic State "used a very vulnerable time for their attacks, knowing full well that the refugee crisis is like a force multiplier of their attacks," Mr. Techau added. However unfair, he said, "it's very hard to separate them now."

"The victim is Europe," said Alain Frachon, a columnist for Le Monde. The Paris attacks coming alongside the migrant crisis "are one more bullet in the corpse of Schengen," he said.

"But of course Schengen was never really applied," he said. "Freedom of internal travel required European border controls," under an agency called Frontex, "but no one wanted to put any money into Frontex."

In general, Mr. Frachon said, "the first reflex of any police, border and customs agency is to keep national control."

To defend Europe's external borders efficiently, he said, one needs a supranational, European agency that works. "But that is exactly the opposite of what public opinion is asking for now, and it's a terrible contradiction," he added.

For the European Union, this is a defining moment, said François d'Alañon, an analyst at the newspaper La Croix. "This is not only about Islamic State, but about the refugee crisis, the euro, freedom of movement and the integration of Muslims all over Europe," he said.

"We have all these people claiming that we should shut the national borders," he said, "but we know that all the answers are really European ones. For intelligence sharing, for refugees, you need more Europe, with unified asylum policies and security policies."

For many people, Mr. D'Alañon said, "we all thought the European idea, the European project was the only ideal left." But now, he said, "it's all gone, it's just a big fog."

Informer, c'est aussi démentir les rumeurs, Le Monde

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Théâtre de manifestations de solidarité, les réseaux sociaux sont également, en ces temps troublés, l'outil de propagation de « l'intox »

La France vit, agit, souffre et pleure aussi sur Internet et sur les réseaux sociaux. Et la tragédie du 13 novembre l'a, s'il le fallait encore, prouvé. La France qui sort le vendredi soir, celle des 18-40 ans, c'est celle des utilisateurs de Twitter, Facebook ou WhatsApp. Et c'est vers ces médias qu'elle se tourne, même, voire surtout, en cas d'urgence.

C'est par ces canaux que passeront, vendredi, les premières informations, celles des milliers de témoins qui tweetent ou postent pour dire les coups de feu, les victimes, la panique. C'est sur les réseaux sociaux qu'on verra, au coeur de l'horreur du vendredi soir, le meilleur : des mobilisations spontanées, comme le hashtag #porteouverte sur Twitter, sur lequel des habitants du 11^e arrondissement proposent un abri à ceux qui courent dans les rues; ou les dizaines d'initiatives, ensuite, pour retrouver les disparus de cette soirée tragique.

Mais c'est aussi par les réseaux sociaux que viendra, sinon le pire, du moins le reflet de la panique du pays, sous forme de rumeurs, d'intox, relayées souvent de bonne foi, parfois avec de mauvaises intentions, et de « course au buzz », à la notoriété, à tout prix.

Il y a les paniques qui s'amplifient, comme celle de dimanche, après les rassemblements, place de la République, qui se sont soldées par des mouvements de foule, à la suite de quelques pétards, bruits de voiture ou ampoules éclatées. Les réseaux sociaux, cette fois, ont joué un rôle de caisse de résonance de la panique des uns, qui s'est transmise aux autres, dans un contexte d'angoisse collective qui l'explique aisément.

Recherche du « buzz »

Sur le site du Monde , nous avons ouvert dès vendredi un suivi en direct, jour et nuit, des événements, dans lequel nos lecteurs pouvaient nous poser des questions. Nous avons aussi beaucoup publié sur les réseaux, essentiellement pour démentir des rumeurs et des bruits qui se diffusent d'autant plus vite dans ce contexte de peur.

L'effroi, la sidération, l'angoisse, on pouvait les lire dans les questions de nos internautes, ou par le biais de messages directs sur Facebook, reçus dans une proportion inédite. « On parle de coups de feu à [Montélimar, Marseille, Bordeaux...] , pouvez-vous confirmer? » Des dizaines, sinon des centaines de questions de ce genre nous ont été posées cette semaine, par des internautes sincèrement inquiets après avoir entendu telle ou telle rumeur. Nous avons tâché d'y répondre au mieux.

Ces fausses informations provenaient généralement d'échanges, notamment via des SMS qui ont circulé massivement, partout en France, toute la semaine. Emanant d'un « ami qui connaît quelqu'un à la DCRI » ou dans quelque haute sphère, ils préviennent d'un péril imminent à tel ou tel endroit. Nos lecteurs nous en ont envoyé une bonne demi-douzaine, à Toulouse, Marseille, etc. Tous faux, évidemment, mais tous emblématiques d'un pays apeuré, inquiet.

Evidemment, au-delà de la peur, la malveillance existe. Sur les réseaux sociaux, quelques irresponsables, mauvais plaisantins ou militants de telle ou telle cause, ont diffusé mensonges, rumeurs et propagande, avec parfois un certain succès. Ce sont, par exemple, des photos de militants du Hamas se réjouissant d'un cessez-le-feu en 2012, en les faisant passer pour une célébration des attentats à Paris vendredi, ou cet adolescent en mal de notoriété qui inventera samedi des perquisitions à Strasbourg, où il ne s'est rien passé, simplement pour voir combien de partages il va obtenir.

La recherche du « buzz », c'est aussi ce qui poussera certains à créer des comptes supposés aider des familles à retrouver leurs disparus, mais qui diffuseront parfois de fausses photos, ou des clichés de personnes décédées, avec un message nauséabond : « Un RT [un partage] = un soutien », dans l'idée d'obtenir un maximum d'influence, puis de changer le nom et l'objet du compte. Il y a enfin ces petites histoires, moins essentielles, mais significatives : cette citation par exemple, certes fort belle, attribuée à un éditorial du New York Times et très largement diffusée, y compris par des personnalités diverses, qui était en fait... un commentaire sur le site du journal américain.

Le souci de la source s'est ici effacé devant le besoin de partager, de commémorer, de communier. On en recensera plusieurs, de ce même type, histoires erronées ou déformées, mais partagées en toute bonne foi par des dizaines de milliers d'internautes.

Aider à faire le tri

Face à ces mensonges, il nous a semblé important de ne pas négliger les réseaux sociaux. Inlassablement, durant toute la semaine, nous avons donc chassé ces canulars, pour mettre en garde les utilisateurs. Nous avons aussi tâché de donner quelques « bonnes pratiques » pour éviter de se faire piéger. Ce qui n'a évidemment pas suffi à empêcher les rumeurs, bonnes ou mauvaises, de circuler, mais a pu aider une partie des internautes à faire le tri.

Quelles leçons tirer de cet épisode? Sans doute que, si les réseaux sociaux transforment chacun d'entre nous en média, au sens de transmetteur de l'information, la responsabilité que cela peut impliquer n'est pas évidente pour tout le monde. Les réseaux virtuels ont des conséquences réelles. Et la presse aussi doit en tenir compte : on ne peut plus faire le pari de « ne pas nourrir le troll », d'ignorer la rumeur : nous ne sommes qu'un canal parmi des millions d'autres. Et notre rôle doit être aussi de certifier la fiabilité de l'information et de combattre la rumeur.

Paris attacks: Indonesia calls for more intelligence sharing, Financial Times

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Kuala Lumpur—Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim-majority country, has called on nations to step up intelligence sharing following last week's terrorist attack in Paris.

Speaking on the sidelines of a regional summit in Kuala Lumpur this weekend, Retno Marsudi, Indonesia's foreign minister, told the FT countries were not doing enough to share information about the global threat from militants linked to Isis.

On Sunday, US President Barack Obama will meet 17 Asia-Pacific leaders at the East Asia Summit to discuss a range of regional security issues including terrorism, migration and the South China Sea disputes.

"The [terrorist] threat is not only to Europe but to every country," said Ms Marsudi. "That is why during the meeting, Indonesia will make a call again on the importance of having co-operation on intelligence information."

She said some countries were not sharing as much intelligence as Indonesia would like and that Indonesia was willing to become more open in order to support the global effort against the Isis threat.

"It's a must for every country because this is not a one-country issue, it's a global issue."

The Paris attacks exposed gaps in intelligence sharing even within the EU, where there is significant pooling of sovereignty and links between security services are well developed.

Intelligence co-operation is even harder in Southeast Asia and other parts of the developing world, where governments are less co-ordinated and the principle of non-interference in other nations' domestic affairs is considered sacrosanct.

One diplomat gave the example of Turkey, which has been deporting foreigners suspected of trying to join Isis without explaining to the relevant governments what level of threat the individuals posed: misguided youths or terrorist masterminds.

Southeast Asia is increasingly concerned about the threat from jihadi fighters returning from Syria and Iraq with military training, funding and the ideological determination to carry out mass-scale terrorist attacks.

Indonesia's elite antiterrorism police unit — Detachment 88 — has neutralised much of the threat from the Islamist terrorists who executed a wave of deadly bombings in the early 2000s.

But terrorism analysts and government officials in Southeast Asia fear that the conflict in Syria could become a breeding ground for a new generation of militants, as has happened in Europe.

The Indonesian government believes about 400-500 of its citizens are fighting in Syria, a number that Ms Marsudi said was relatively small given that nearly 90 per cent of the country's 255m people are Muslims.

Najib Razak, the prime minister of Malaysia, another Muslim-majority country, told other Southeast Asian leaders on Saturday that they must do more to combat extremism.

But he said that the problem "requires new solutions" and cautioned against calls for renewed military action in the Middle East.

"Understandably, many will want to fight the so-called Islamic State out of the lands they have stolen from millions of Syrians and Iraqis," he said. "But a military solution alone will not be enough to defeat those who see peace, and want to cause war; those who see order and civilisation and wish for nothing but mayhem and death."

The war in the Middle East: Fighting near and far, The Economist

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Islamic State may be lashing out abroad because it has been weakened nearer home; but it will still be hard to take down

"ENDURING and expanding": Islamic State's alliterative motto leaves out its burning desire to eradicate everything else, but otherwise sums up its ambitions pretty well. If IS has, in recent times, seemed more concerned with the enduring bit, its history shows that it has never long lost sight of expanding in any way possible: by capturing territory, by spawning offshoots far and wide, by inspiring new recruits, and by spreading fear. As a state with puny resources and no real friends, it needs to be a moving target.

It is not clear to what extent recent strikes by IS beyond the boundaries of the territory it has carved out of Syria and Iraq mark a change of course. Its various affiliates--some 36 groups around the world have declared allegiance to IS's secretive caliph, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi--have been mounting terrorist attacks for some time (see chart). A recent survey by the New York Times estimated that these offshoots have killed perhaps 1,000 civilians since January via mosque bombings in Yemen, attacks on tourists in Tunisia and suicide-bombs in Ankara and Beirut (the figure excludes the murderous rampages of Boko Haram in Nigeria). The group has also encouraged "lone-wolf" acts by like-minded would-be terrorists. But the death toll over the past few weeks seems to take things to a new level.

It may be a coincidence that plots to murder hundreds in Paris, blow up an aircraft over Sinai and kill indiscriminately on the streets in Beirut all came to fruition so close together. They may have been long planned; similar attempts earlier may have been thwarted. But it may also be a considered response to challenges that IS faces closer to home.

Pentagon sources say that coalition air strikes killed 20,000 IS fighters in the 14 months after their onset in August 2014. That sounds over-optimistic. But it is certain that a number of commanders have been among the dead. The intense fighting at Kobane, a Kurdish enclave in northern Syria to which IS laid siege last September, eventually being driven back by heavy air strikes in December, is thought to have cost it 2,000 men. An IS defector told Michael Weiss, an American journalist, that the losses were at least twice that, and that tightening of the Turkish border had made it harder for IS to replace fallen fighters. He said it was partly in response to this that IS turned to attacks on the "far enemy". Single, dramatic attacks are an immense force-multiplier in propaganda terms.

Losses on the scale of Kobane are doubtless a blow but not, alas, a fatal one. Estimates of the group's military manpower range from about 30,000 (America's Central Intelligence Agency) to about 100,000 (Hisham al-Hashimi, an Iraqi security expert). Mr Hashimi reckons about 20% are foreign-born, a similar figure to that given in UN papers.

Factor into these figures the fact that IS fighters seem a lot more effective than those who oppose them. When the Iraqi city of Tikrit was recaptured last April, it took 30,000 soldiers from the Iraqi army and associated Shia militias to overcome 1,000 IS fighters. When IS took the Iraqi city of Ramadi, its forces were outnumbered ten to one by the defenders.

A willingness to use kamikaze tactics is definitely part of what gives IS forces an edge; but they are also innovative, well-drilled and better led than many of those they face. In April IS used a drone to record its troops taking an oil refinery and distributed the footage on the internet. A former American Green Beret, quoted by McClatchy, a news service, said the attackers showed "quiet tactical confidence: correct movement, intervals, fire discipline".

Fighting well is not enough

Despite these impressive fighters, IS has recently been losing ground, largely because its adversaries have air power. Kurdish forces captured Sinjar in Iraq, along with adjacent territory in Syria, and IS forces are being pushed back elsewhere in Iraq, too. With help from Russian aircraft and Iranian-backed militias, Syrian government forces recently relieved an airbase near Aleppo to which IS had long laid siege. Following the deaths of 224 Russians in the Metrojet airliner bombing of October 31st, Russia may now be targeting IS in preference to other enemies of President Bashar Assad's regime.

Yet IS endures. Indeed its territory remains one of the safer parts of Syria: aid officials in Turkey say that in September and October as many as 70,000 civilians fled to Islamic State from the province of Homs. Coalition bombing in the caliphate is much less indiscriminate than that of the Russian and Syrian air forces elsewhere. What is more, food is cheaper and there is justice of a sort. There is also a functioning economy, largely thanks to an estimated 20,000-30,000 barrels of oil pumped daily from captured fields in eastern Syria and northern Iraq.

Its dependence on oil revenues--they provide around \$50m a month, according to investigative reporting by the Financial Times--is just one way in which IS looks more like an old-fashioned Arab dictatorship than a new Islamic Utopia. It doles out alms to the poor in exchange for total obedience. It promotes a cult of personality around Mr Baghdadi. It churns out turgid propaganda about repaired bridges and newly opened schools. Like all the region's successful autocracies, it has created multiple and mutually suspicious security services, the better to stave off coups.

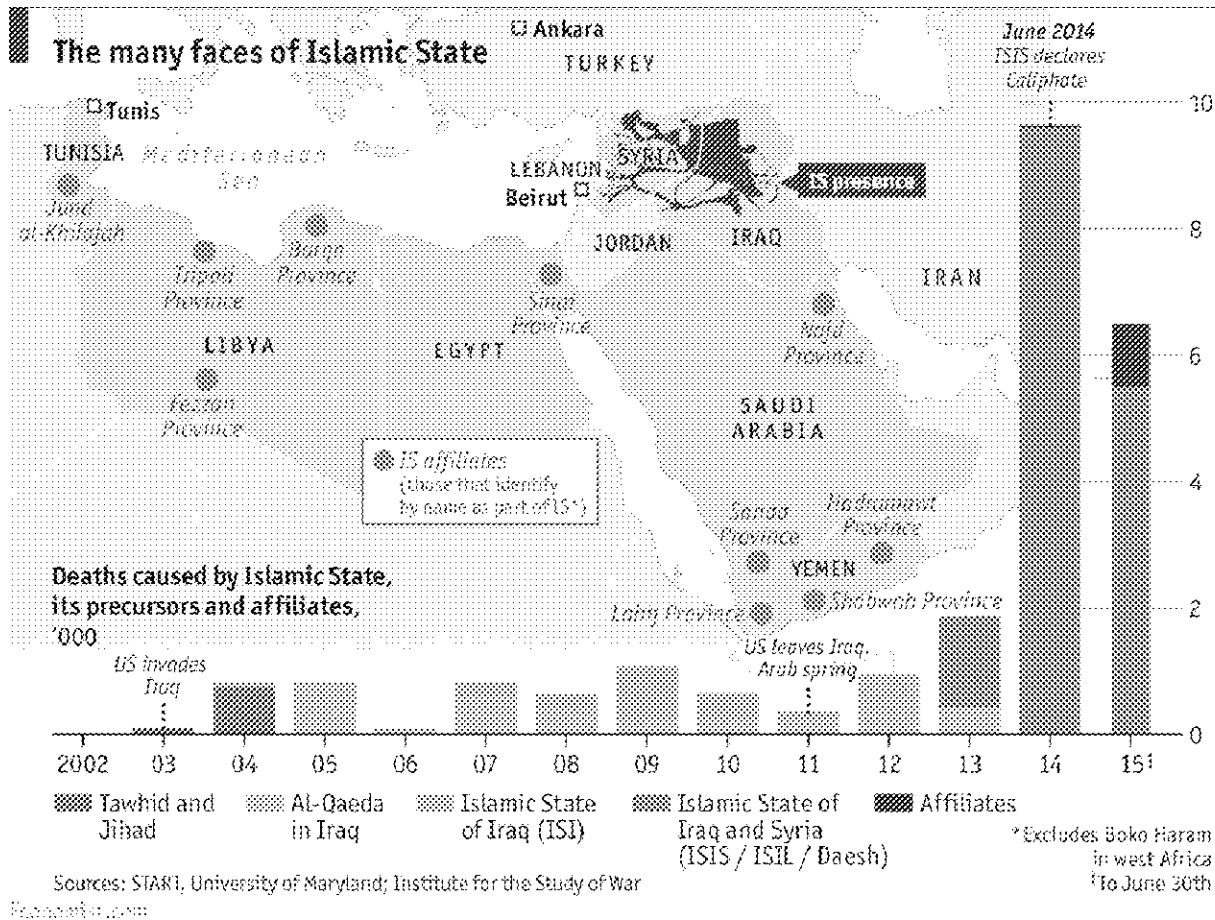
In the wake of the Paris attacks, military action aimed at denying IS its territorial base seem likely. The firepower available to IS's enemies dwarfs all that it can muster. In an interview with the BBC, the security chief of Iraq's Kurdish region reckoned that, given the necessary will, the job could be done in months or even weeks. France has already ramped up its aerial attacks and Russia, now fielding heavy bombers, says it will double the number of daily sorties. American aircraft are attacking new targets in the group's oil infrastructure. Recent strikes, preceded by warnings for civilians to escape, have destroyed hundreds of tanker trucks. America has also boosted supplies to Kurdish and other Syrian rebel forces on the IS frontlines.

The area IS controls seems likely to shrink under such pressure. But the capture of large cities like Raqqa and Mosul will require a far bigger effort on the ground. And as Sinjar and Kobane have shown, the cost will be high: both those towns now lie in ruins. The challenge is not just the diplomatic and military one of mustering, motivating, co-ordinating and deploying sufficient forces, huge though that is. It is also humanitarian: such action is likely to displace still more desperate refugees, and leave them little to return to.

The Western powers and Russia are not keen to send troops. They are even less keen to be left holding ravaged and probably hostile territory. Iraq's forces are overstretched and deeply distrusted by many of the Sunnis they would liberate; many prefer the rule of IS to that of Shia militias. Syria's forces are exhausted, overstretched and loyal to a regime responsible for war crimes. Local powers such as Iran, Turkey, the Kurds and Saudi Arabia have a range of conflicting agendas; eliminating IS is at the top of none of them.

There is progress to be made that does not need boots on the streets of Raqqa. Better police work can help; it is already producing results in Turkey, which has rounded up several cells in recent weeks. Improved planning and communication between anti-IS forces in the field would help, too. Trust, lamentably absent today, must be built.

Breaking up the would-be caliphate militarily would destroy the aura of invincibility which constitutes a large part of its attraction. But successor groups, and even more, IS's ideology, will endure for as long as the poisonous swamp it inhabits persists. A partial list of its ingredients includes a hyped-up sense of Sunni victimhood, indoctrination by xenophobic Wahhabists, the dismal anomie and yearning for heroism of some young urban Muslims in Europe and elsewhere, and the rage generated by brutal and repressive regimes such as Syria's. It has pooled and festered across the band of collapsed and failing states that stretches from Algeria to Pakistan. It will take more than a hot sun, or heavy firepower, to make it evaporate.



Le rôle déterminant du Maroc dans la localisation d'Abaaoud, France 24

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À l'occasion de la visite du roi Mohamed VI à Paris, vendredi, François Hollande a remercié le Maroc pour "l'assistance efficace" qu'il a apporté à la France en l'aidant à repérer la présence, sur son territoire, d'Abdelhamid Abaaoud.

François Hollande a vivement remercié le roi Mohamed VI en visite à Paris, vendredi 20 novembre, pour le rôle crucial des services de renseignement marocains dans l'enquête sur les attaques à Paris.

C'est en effet Rabat qui a permis aux services antiterroristes parisiens de se mettre sur la piste d'Abaaoud sur le territoire français et contribué à déclencher l'opération à Saint-Denis. C'est aussi le royaume chérifien qui aurait orienté les enquêteurs français sur la piste belge.

Le renseignement marocain appelé à l'aide

Dès mercredi matin, le site marocain Le360.ma, l'affirmait : "Ce sont les services de renseignement marocains qui ont réussi à localiser les terroristes retranchés dans un

appartement de Saint-Denis". Le site précisait : "Au lendemain des attentats qui avaient ensanglanté la capitale française, et sur demande des autorités françaises et belges, des officiers des renseignements marocains s'étaient rendus à Paris et Bruxelles pour aider dans les investigations en cours. Et déjà cette collaboration donne ses fruits avec l'opération menée ce (mercredi) matin."

Le mois dernier en effet, les services marocains ont arrêté un jeune frère du djihadiste, Yassine Abaaoud, alors que l'avion à bord duquel il se trouvait venait d'atterrir à Agadir, a indiqué vendredi une source marocaine à Reuters. Dès qu'elle a été informée de la présence d'Abdelhamid Abaaoud en France, la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) a suivi les écoutes d'Hasna Ait Boulahcen, présentée comme sa cousine, explique-t-on de source policière.

La jeune femme d'origine marocaine de 26 ans, qui a été tuée mercredi avec Abaaoud lors de l'assaut des forces de l'ordre, était déjà surveillée par la police judiciaire (PJ) de Seine-Saint-Denis, pour trafic de stupéfiants. "Dès que l'information est tombée via le Maroc, la PJ de Seine-Saint-Denis a transmis à la DGSI ses informations, les correspondants d'Hasna Ait Boulahcen, les bornes téléphoniques, ses points de chute", explique la source policière.

"Surveillance physique"

Les écoutes ont permis d'entendre une conversation dans laquelle Hasna Ait Boulahcen faisait état de la présence d'Abaaoud, un Belge d'origine marocaine de 28 ans, selon une autre source policière. "Il y a eu ensuite une surveillance physique qui a permis de déterminer que la jeune femme et le djihadiste se sont présentés dans l'immeuble de la rue Corbillon à Saint-Denis mardi en début de soirée", explique-t-elle.

La Sous-direction anti-terroriste (SDAT) ayant l'assurance que la "cible" se trouvait dans l'immeuble, décision a été prise de donner l'assaut mercredi au petit matin, d'autant que le groupe était soupçonné de préparer une nouvelle attaque jeudi.

Les autorités françaises ont aussi indiqué cette semaine avoir bénéficié d'une information de la Turquie pour localiser Abdelhamid Abaaoud, le situant en Grèce.

After Paris attack, safety vs. liberties, New York Times

Rattled countries tilt toward bolder security, starting rights debate

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Shocked by the carnage of the Paris attacks, France and Belgium moved aggressively to strengthen the hand of their security forces, pushing Europe more deeply into a debate that has raged in the United States since Sept. 11, 2001: how to balance counterterrorism efforts and civil liberties.

With their populations stunned and nervous, and political pressure growing on the right, the French and Belgian governments made it clear on Thursday that, for now, they would put protecting their citizens ahead of other considerations.

With time, the United States has moved to ease some elements of the U.S.A. Patriot Act, passed in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks. It has also strengthened oversight of intelligence agencies and of mass domestic surveillance in the wake of the revelations by Edward J. Snowden, the former contractor for the National Security Agency who leaked documents about surveillance.

But European nations battered by terrorism are moving in the other direction. Those nations include France, which has suffered multiple attacks this year; Belgium, where many of the Paris attackers lived or grew up; and Britain, which has thwarted a number of plots in recent years. Each is updating and strengthening government power while debating further controls over passport-free travel within Europe.

Since the Nov. 13 attacks on Paris, France has aggressively used emergency powers, for example, to round up potential terrorism suspects across the country in an effort to disrupt any further plots.

Finding the right balance between individual rights and antiterrorism measures has grown more complex in the 14 years since the United States was struck by Al Qaeda, in part because of the pervasiveness of digital technology and the ensuing questions about personal privacy. But in the days after the Paris attacks, there has been relatively little reflection about the trade-offs as the nations most affected — France and Belgium — rushed to put new security measures in place and alter their legal and constitutional structures to give government more flexibility in dealing with threats.

As Prime Minister Manuel Valls of France warned darkly on Thursday of the possibility of chemical and biological attacks, France's National Assembly voted, 551 to 6 with one abstention, to extend for three months a national state of emergency imposed after the attacks in Paris by the Islamic State, which killed 129 people and wounded 352.

"The state of emergency, it's true, justifies certain temporary restrictions on liberties," Mr. Valls said. "But resorting to this, it's to give us every chance to fully restore these liberties."

In Belgium, Prime Minister Charles Michel said he would rush through legal changes to make it easier to capture, try and punish terrorism suspects operating there. He also said he would seek constitutional changes to extend the length of time suspects can be held by the police without the filing of charges to 72 hours, from 24.

His plan calls for the imprisonment of jihadists returning to Belgium from overseas, and would require anyone deemed a threat to wear an ankle bracelet. The plan would also ban the anonymous sale of telephone SIM cards that allow terrorists to hide their identities; would remove restrictions on what times of day the police are permitted to conduct raids on terrorism suspects; and would allow the authorities to arrest or expel religious figures "who preach hatred."

Mr. Michel also wants to require all passengers traveling on high-speed trains as well as airplanes to register their identities before departure.

Jan Techau, the director of Carnegie Europe, a research organization based in Brussels, said he saw the reactions as natural. "The home front is the field of political activity now — it will all be about homeland security," he said. "There is a sense that the authorities are no longer in control, and it's a clear attempt by authorities to regain some trust."

But advocates for civil liberties warned against governments going too far, and suggested that European nations had to be particularly careful that the measures they were taking were not aimed at one class of citizens: Muslims.

Officials at Human Rights Watch in Belgium cautioned on Thursday that the authorities should ensure such measures did not lead to indiscriminate roundups or unnecessary restrictions on freedom of speech, movement and religion.

“Like every nation, Belgium has a responsibility to protect its people from attacks, but it should not trample basic rights in the process,” said Letta Tayler, a senior terrorism and counterterrorism researcher at Human Rights Watch. “Whenever a country is attacked or threatened, there is a danger that governments will overreact in an effort to make people secure.”

The French emergency bill, which the French Senate was expected to approve on Friday, extends the powers of a 1955 emergency law to allow the dissolution of radical groups running mosques and other places of prayer; the blocking of websites and social media that glorify or incite terrorism; and the use, in certain cases, of electronic tagging for those placed under house arrest.

It is the first time since the 1955 law was passed that a national state of emergency has been declared. France is already being patrolled by heavily armed soldiers, and now police officers who are off duty will be allowed to carry firearms and use them if they wear an armband identifying themselves as police.

On Wednesday, the French authorities said they had carried out over 414 raids across the country, arrested 64 people and placed 118 under house arrest.

Under the emergency, the authorities are permitted to conduct raids and make arrests without first obtaining a warrant. But as soon as someone is arrested or property is seized, the regular legal system kicks in. Suspects in terrorism cases are already allowed to be held without charge for up to six days.

In the United States, even in the immediate aftermath of Sept. 11, raids on that scale would have created a storm of criticism, but the French, only 10 months after Islamist radicals attacked the newspaper Charlie Hebdo and a kosher supermarket, have generally accepted the crackdown as necessary.

President François Hollande has also called for enshrining the state of emergency law in France's Constitution, making it easier to declare such a state for longer periods of time without resorting to the more drastic options currently available in the Constitution.

Mr. Hollande also wants to make it easier to expel foreigners deemed to be a security threat; to revoke the French nationality of dual citizens, even those born in France, if they are convicted of terrorism-related offenses; and to close radical mosques.

France had already moved last summer to strengthen and modernize laws governing electronic surveillance after the attacks in January. Laws passed by large majorities gave broad legal authority for the state to snoop on citizens.

In Belgium, the call for broad new powers came after the government was stung by criticism that it had failed to act aggressively enough to identify and stop plots being planned on its soil. Mr. Michel also vowed a crackdown on Molenbeek, the Brussels district that has bred so many jihadists and harbored others.

As in France, many Belgians said that while the measures were drastic, they were prepared to give up some of their personal freedoms in return for security.

Belgium has been so shaken by the Paris attacks that there is a broad agreement that something needs to be done, said Steven Blockmans, an analyst at the Center for European Policy Studies based in Brussels. There is a consensus about the need to strengthen law enforcement, intelligence agencies and local governments, he said.

Mr. Michel's moves are a partial vindication for the right-wing New Flemish Alliance, which has been calling for these measures for years, Mr. Blockmans said. The interior minister, Jan Jambon, who is a member of the party, recently said that Molenbeek needed to be "flushed out."

Belgium has looser gun control laws than France but stricter controls on surveillance, which the new measures would loosen. For example, the authorities can intercept telephone conversations only if there is a strong suspicion that the targets are terrorists, said Jelle Van Buuren, a lecturer in counterterrorism at Leiden University. The surveillance cannot be extended to people who may be accomplices, he said.

Bart Tommelein, Belgium's federal secretary in charge of privacy, said that the restrictions on privacy would only apply to terrorism suspects.

"If we are talking about suspected terrorists and people who have committed such crimes, then privacy doesn't exist," he said. "So for people who go to Syria, or return from Syria, that border can be crossed, they lose that right," but others will not.

It was not the government's intention to "put everyone in a database, but to target and put people suspected of engaging in terrorist activity in a database," he said, and he insisted, "We won't place security above freedom."

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Appuis discrets malgré de bonnes finances

L'aéroport de Québec ne réclame plus de subvention pour la construction d'un centre de prédédouanement américain, en plus de promettre des retombées économiques appréciables. Le président et chef de la direction, Gaétan Gagné, se demande donc pourquoi les appuis sont si difficiles à aller chercher en pleine campagne électorale. Dans son bureau avec vue sur les pistes, M. Gagné explique au Soleil les avantages d'un tel équipement. Les passagers, qui franchissent les douanes américaines au départ plutôt qu'à l'arrivée ou en escale, épargnent surtout du temps. Une fois aux États-Unis, ils peuvent récupérer rapidement leurs bagages ou prendre une correspondance sans autre embêtement. Les voyageurs devraient aussi avoir accès à de nouvelles liaisons, plaide le président d'Aéroport de Québec inc., la société privée qui gère l'aéroport international Jean-Lesage. Les transporteurs pourront en effet se rendre directement dans des aéroports sans poste de dédouanement puisque leurs passagers auront déjà reçu l'autorisation d'entrer aux États-Unis. Fini le détour par New York ou un autre grand aéroport seulement pour passer les douanes... Québec pensait que c'était acquis puisque son nom figurait sur la courte liste des aéroports où ajouter des «points de précontrôle», selon le jargon utilisé dans un accord entre le Canada et les États-Unis datant de 1995 et renouvelé en 2001. Or, une nouvelle version signée en mars dernier par le conservateur **Steven Blaney, ministre de la Sécurité publique** et député de Lévis, ne fait plus référence aux villes à desservir en priorité. Il faut dire que seules Québec et London (Ontario) n'ont toujours pas l'équipement tant désiré. Pour Gaétan Gagné, cette omission est inquiétante. «Québec se retrouve pénalisée parce qu'on n'a pas suivi l'ancien protocole. [...] C'est comme si on avait décidé de fermer le marché du prédédouanement, ça n'a pas de sens», expose-t-il. Le gestionnaire poursuit en disant qu'«il faut que les politiciens décident que ça va

marcher». Il y va du développement de la région de Québec, selon lui. Le gouvernement du Québec l'a compris et a nommé vendredi dernier l'ex-ambassadeur Raymond Chrétien afin qu'il convainque les Américains - et les Canadiens - de la pertinence de la candidature de Québec. Le maire Régis Labeaume rame dans le même sens. Il a inclus le centre de prédéroulement dans ses priorités pour la campagne électorale fédérale. Jusqu'à maintenant, le Bloc québécois et le Nouveau Parti démocratique (NPD) ont appuyé l'initiative. Le Parti libéral et le Parti conservateur se font tirer l'oreille. M. Gagné en est à se demander s'il ne faudrait pas demander une subvention. «C'est un peu moins glamour pour les politiciens, peut-être, de dire qu'il n'y a pas d'argent qui va avec ça. Mais l'autorisation, ça nous suffit.» Au bureau du **ministre de la Sécurité publique**, on souligne que ***l'entente a été déposée à la Chambre des communes et doit encore être étudiée avant d'être ratifiée. Pour les nouveaux points de précontrôle, toutes les villes canadiennes seraient toutefois sur le même pied d'égalité. «Ce n'est pas un signal ou un non-signal»***, nous a-t-on fait valoir. Le Soleil, 10/Front

«Je n'en espérais pas tant»

Lorsqu'on lui fait remarquer qu'il a connu une ascension fulgurante dans le gouvernement Harper, **Steven Blaney** secoue la tête. «Je ne pense pas que le mot fulgurant est approprié», corrige-t-il, admettant tout de même être surpris par sa trajectoire en politique. «Je n'en espérais pas tant.» Le candidat conservateur dans Bellechasse-Les Etchemins-Lévis a connu une année occupée qui a confirmé son ascension, de simple député au poste névralgique de **ministre de la Sécurité publique**. Avant le déclenchement hâtif des élections, c'est lui qui a été chargé d'articuler la réponse du gouvernement Harper aux attentats d'Ottawa et de Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu. Les élections du 19 octobre surviendront d'ailleurs presque un an jour pour jour après la fusillade dans le Parlement fédéral. Le projet de loi C-51 a placé **Steven Blaney** sous le feu des projecteurs comme jamais auparavant. Aux Communes, devant la presse, il a martelé sans broncher le message conservateur, allant jusqu'à invoquer l'Holocauste pour justifier qu'on étende les pouvoirs des agences de surveillance. Finalement, cette question délicate pour le gouvernement conservateur est pratiquement absente des débats de la campagne fédérale. D'ailleurs, le Parti libéral a appuyé le projet de loi. **«Ç'a été le plus grand défi de ma vie»**, relate **Steven Blaney** en revenant sur la dernière année. La Presse, A5

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***Belleisle rebounds after being hammered by rain**

Belleisle schools have reopened for those who can actually get to class. Anglophone School District South Supt. Zoe Watson says for those who cannot get to school, they have an excuse that won't be questioned. Both Belleisle Elementary School and Belleisle Regional High School were closed Oct. 1 and 2 after a rainstorm hammered the region, wiping out millions of dollars in infrastructure. Bridges and roads were destroyed making several in the region inaccessible. But as the community encompassing Belleisle, Springfield and Hatfield Point pulls together, there is a lot to be said about its resilience, says Aaron Law of Kars. "Great co-operation, compassion and camaraderie amongst friends and neighbours" is seeing the tight-knit community through, he said. Telegraph-Journal, B3

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Exiled spy kids battle to reclaim their citizenship

It's the stuff of a gripping spy thriller - international intrigue, stolen identities, even a mail-order diaper business. But for two brothers who were stripped of their Canadian citizenship when their parents were unmasked as Russian spies, none of that is important. The only thing that matters to them is the return of what they see as their birthright: their citizenship. Former Toronto residents Alexander Vavilov, 21, and his older brother, Timothy, 25, are in the midst of a legal battle to get their citizenship back, arguing they shouldn't be penalized for the sins of their parents. "It is not fair to punish us for something we have nothing to do with. We have done nothing wrong," Alexander Vavilov told the Star in an exclusive interview from an undisclosed city in Europe, where he is studying for an undergraduate degree (...) Alexander and Timothy have never been in trouble with the law, though it's a different story for their parents - Andrey Bezrukov and Elena Vavilova - who acquired their new personas by stealing the

identities of two dead Canadians, Donald Heathfield and Tracey Ann Foley. Ottawa would not even have been aware of the identity theft if FBI agents had not arrested them in 2010 for espionage in the United States, where the family lived for 11 years before they were booted out and deported to Moscow in a spy swap. [Toronto Star](#), A1

Toronto 18 boss loses parole appeal

A leader of the Toronto 18 terrorist group has lost his appeal of a parole board decision that concluded he wasn't yet ready to be released from prison. The board's decision was fair and reasonable, the appeals panel ruled in the case of Fahim Ahmad, who organized a paramilitary training camp north of Toronto and plotted to attack the Parliament buildings and behead MPs in 2006. The decision was "based on relevant, reliable and persuasive information," the appeal division wrote in a five-page decision that cited the "gravity" of Ahmad's offences and "lack of a release plan," among other factors. Ahmad was the leader of one of two factions of the al-Qaidainspired Toronto 18. The leader of the second faction, Zakaria Amara, last month became the first Canadian terrorist to lose his citizenship under a controversial new law. At least five other Toronto 18 members have been notified they may also lose their citizenship under the law, which applies to dual nationals convicted of terrorism offences. Ahmad's lawyer said last week his client was not among those who had received such a notice. [National Post](#), A6

Privacy breach possible in loss of citizenship

Federal officials are investigating an apparent privacy breach involving an imprisoned terrorist who was stripped of his citizenship. Zakaria Amara's receipt of a government letter informing him he no longer held Canadian citizenship was promptly reported in the media late last month and soon after confirmed by a Conservative cabinet minister in the middle of a closely fought election campaign. The issue quickly reignited campaign trail debate about new provisions that allow the government to revoke a terrorist's Canadian citizenship as long as the person has nationality elsewhere. However, Citizenship and Immigration Canada is refusing to release a copy of the letter to Amara "due to privacy considerations," said department spokesman Rémi Larivière. As for the public disclosure of the revocation, Larivière said the department "takes privacy matters seriously and has procedures in place to protect personal information." "Within the department, we will be looking into the matter according to normal procedures." [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist, B6; *Whitehorse Daily Star)

The 1970 October crisis: Questions still remain

The majestic home at 1297 Redpath Crescent in Montreal looks much like it did 45 years ago, its arched wooden door a gateway to the tony Golden Square Mile, once a bastion of Montreal's English speaking elite. Nestled at the foot of Mount Royal and located on a cul-de-sac, the classic stone manor remains a landmark of the October Crisis of 1970, a turbulent chapter in the history of Quebec and Canada that still stirs political passions and jars our collective memory nearly a half-century later. Then, more so than now, Quebec's place in Canada was unsettled. But the events of October 1970, which culminated in two highprofile kidnappings and the grisly murder of provincial cabinet minister Pierre Laporte by Front de libération du Québec (FLQ) terrorists shocked Quebecers of all political leanings at the time, and contributed to the loss of support for violent means to attain the political goal of Quebec independence (...) Forty-five years later, we are still left with unanswered questions about who actually killed Laporte and the role of Hamer, the lone anglophone who participated in the Cross kidnapping but was never brought to justice until his identity emerged publicly almost a decade later. (He was arrested in 1980, and sentenced the next year to 12 months in jail after pleading guilty for his role in the kidnapping.) But given the lay of Quebec politics, we may never find out the truth. "As long as there is an independent, federalist divide in Quebec, as long as Quebec politics is structured around this, you're not going to have an honest reckoning of what happened," Bélanger said. [Montreal Gazette](#), A4

*** Programme - Violence conjugale et malbouffe au menu des libéraux: Les modifications à la loi antiterroriste C-51 sont enfin connues**

Le Parti libéral a divulgué sa plateforme électorale complète lundi, levant ainsi le voile sur les quelques éléments du programme de Justin Trudeau qui n'étaient pas encore connus. La lutte contre les gras trans et la malbouffe est au menu, tout comme le renversement du fardeau de la preuve pour la remise en liberté des récidivistes en matière de violence conjugale. Les changements envisagés à la loi antiterroriste sont aussi enfin connus (...) La plateforme explique aussi comment le Parti libéral

modifierait la loi antiterroriste C-51, pour l'appui de laquelle il a été vertement critiqué. Ainsi, pas question d'abolir les nouveaux super-pouvoirs de " perturbation " accordés aux espions canadiens. Les libéraux s'engagent seulement à garantir que tous les mandats obtenus par les agents du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) soient conformes à la Charte canadienne des droits et libertés. On se rappellera que le C-51 a accordé au SCRS le pouvoir d'enfreindre la loi dans ses " perturbations " moyennant l'obtention de l'aval d'un juge. [Le Devoir](#), A2

* **The big hole in Harper's policy on terror**

An opinion piece states "Stephen Harper and the Conservative government continually argue that terrorist organizations in the Middle East, notably ISIS, are a threat to Canadians at home. Their belief in this is so strong that they are willing to spend millions of dollars and risk the lives of Canadian military by participating in bombing and training missions in Iraq and Syria. Assuming this is true, apart from the moral issue of depriving people of their citizenship, how does he justify supporting terrorist organizations by providing new recruits?" [Hamilton Spectator](#), A14

* **'Deport them'**

An open letter to the National Post states, "(...) I applaud the government's efforts to strip the citizenship of convicted terrorists. We should widen the scope of this law to include heinous crimes such as rape and murder. Canadians have the right to fulfil their ambitions in a peaceful and secure environment. Their lives should not be threatened by criminals who lurk in the shadows. Convicted criminals should be deported to their country of origin so that the lives of Canadians are not jeopardized by their menacing presence on Canadian soil. Revoking someone's citizenship only applies to dual citizens who have violated their oath to this country by committing a crime against the well-being of the population. Since there is no death penalty in Canada, the only way to get rid of these criminals is to deport them." [National Post](#), A9

* **Dog-whistle politics**

An open letter to the National Post states "Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi doesn't like the dog whistles in the federal election campaign. Who is whistling and who are the dogs? (...) Dog whistles cannot be heard by ordinary people, as their ultrasonic waves are too high frequency for the human ear to detect. Dogs can hear them though, and so the dog whistle signals the dogs in a way that other people cannot hear. So, to take the example that greatly exercised Mayor Nenshi - whose rhetorical style blanches from anything so discreet as a lowly whistle when a bullhorn may be at hand - the prime minister is blowing his dog whistle on refugees. Prime Minister Stephen Harper says that refugee resettlement must respect the requirements of national security. That's the part ordinary people can hear. But there is another part that only the dogs can hear - namely that we have to be careful about these refugees because they are Arab and Muslim. The "dogs" are those animated by sundry bigotries; they don't like Arabs and Muslims." [National Post](#), A9

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Norcal group grows its airport relationship

Calgary has become an important international hub specializing in receiving, transferring, storing and distributing air, rail and highway cargo. The Calgary Airport Authority continues to offer land lease development opportunities at both Calgary International Airport and Springbank Airport. More than 320 hectares of land are under lease and long-term plans envision future development that will add another 80 to 120 hectares to the city's industrial land base... Norcal managing broker Kevin Deeks says Norcal Centre, designed by Form 3 Designs, is located close to the Canada Border Services Agency and private jet hangers making it an ideal building for customs brokers, freight forwarders, a business centre and other airport related companies. [Postmedia Network](#) (Calgary Herald, C2)

«Bon pour le Québec», dit Daoust

Certains producteurs agricoles québécois subiront les conséquences d'un nouvel accord commercial, mais son impact sera globalement positif pour l'économie québécoise, a déclaré lundi le ministre de

l'Économie, Jacques Daoust. M. Daoust a affirmé que les industries québécoises dans le secteur de l'aéronautique, du bois, des pâtes et papier ainsi que des métaux profiteront de la disparition progressive de droits de douane grâce au Partenariat transpacifique (PTP)... Le ministre a évoqué un resserrement des contrôles douaniers sur les substituts du lait, une interdiction formelle aux importations de lait produit avec des hormones de croissance, ainsi qu'une compensation adéquate des dommages subis à cause du PTP. Presse Canadienne (Le Quotidien, 21/Front); Le Soleil, 25/Front

Autres réactions au PTP

L'Union des producteurs agricoles (UPA) dénonce l'entente qui touche de plein fouet les producteurs laitiers, d'oeufs et de volailles. «Il est déplorable que les productions sous gestion de l'offre représentant 43% des revenus agricoles québécois fassent les frais de l'accession du Canada au Partenariat transpacifique (PTP)», souligne par voie de communiqué le président, Marcel Groleau. Ce dernier réclame maintenant la mise en place de mesures concrètes pour assurer un contrôle rigoureux des frontières et le respect intégral des normes de composition fromagère. «C'est la seule manière d'assurer une gestion de l'offre efficace et fonctionnelle pour l'avenir. L'UPA s'attend à ce que le gouvernement fédéral prenne sans délai les mesures qui s'imposent», ajoute M. Groleau. Le Quotidien, 7/Front

Qui sont les gagnants au Québec?

Le Canada et 11 pays se sont entendus sur le Partenariat transpacifique (PTP). Pour le Québec, l'intérêt de ce traité de libre-échange est notamment d'ouvrir les frontières du Japon, un pays développé de 127 millions de personnes qui maintient des tarifs élevés sur les produits agricoles et les biens manufacturés. En contrepartie, Québec subira la concurrence de pays dont la main-d'oeuvre est bon marché, comme le Viêtnam. Qui seront les gagnants et les perdants? Avec le PTP, le Canada reste sur le même pied que les Américains en ce qui a trait à l'accès au marché du Japon. «La réaction dans l'industrie est unanime», dit Jacques Létourneau, président de Canada Porc international. Le tarif de 4,3 % sera progressivement éliminé. Le Québec rattrapera ainsi deux pays du PTP, le Mexique et le Chili, qui profitaient d'un traitement préférentiel. De grands exportateurs porcins, le Brésil et le Danemark, deviennent désavantagés, puisqu'ils ne sont pas signataires du Partenariat. Le Canada a exporté 2,3 milliards \$ en 2014 vers les marchés du PTP, dont 41 % à destination du Japon. Le Québec est le deuxième producteur de porc au pays. Le bois et les produits forestiers sont frappés de taux pouvant atteindre 10 % au Japon, 31 % au Viêtnam, voire 40 % en Malaisie. Les exportations canadiennes de bois et de produits forestiers atteignent 20,4 milliards par an. Le Québec produit 32 % des pâtes et papiers au Canada et arrive derrière la Colombie-Britannique pour le bois. Le Canada exporte pour 22 milliards \$, «et ce chiffre est appelé à augmenter grâce à la nouvelle entente», s'est réjoui l'Association des produits forestiers du Canada (APFC) dans un communiqué. La Presse (Le Soleil, 24,25/Front); La Presse Canadienne (Le Soleil, 23/Front, La Presse, Le Devoir)

Twelve countries reach tentative Trans-Pacific trade deal

Twelve nations, including Canada, have reached a tentative deal on a massive Pacific Rim trading bloc billed as the largest-ever deal of its kind, with implications for hundreds of millions of people, hundreds of products and industries, and for long-term relationships between countries on four continents. After five days of marathon, around-the-clock negotiations, a deal was announced Monday to create the Trans-Pacific Partnership -- which would start by covering 40 per cent of the world's economy, with participants predicting it would become the building block for future trade deals. "Today is a historic day, it is a great day for Canada, it is a great day for Canadians," Prime Minister Stephen Harper beamed during a news conference Monday in Ottawa. "With this agreement, the largest economic partnership in the history of the world, Canadian exporters will gain nearly tariff-free access to almost 800 million customers in the Asia-Pacific region... including - crucially for us - Japan."... There's a major discrepancy between Canada and the U.S. on tariff-elimination for cheaper Asian parts - - with a five-times-faster phase-out north of the border, five years compared with the U.S.'s 25 years. In addition, both countries will see a 17.5-per-cent drop in the amount of regional content required in cars to avoid a tariff, compared with NAFTA. Canadian Press (Red Deer Advocate, A1, Times Colonist, B1/Front); Postmedia News (Ottawa Citizen, A1/Front); Postmedia News (National Post, A1, Chronicle Herald, Times Colonist, Calgary Herald)

Deal may signal 'slow erosion' of dairy supply management system

Canada is opening the taps to dairy from foreign competitors as part of the Trans-Pacific Partnership deal and though the new imports may just seem like a trickle right now, some say the leak could mean the beginning of the end for supply management. Details of the TPP released Monday include allotting 3.25 per cent of annual production to foreign dairy products entering Canada, to be phased in over the next five years with an increase in exports from the 11 other TPP countries that will annually displace about 250 million litres of Canadian milk. "There seems to be this slow erosion of our supply management principals, which is really based on one premise: producing what we need domestically, and that's it," said Sylvain Charlebois, a professor at the University of Guelph's Food Institute. "This gives dairy farmers the opportunity to shift their model in order to compete in the global market place, which is something they've never had to do before." The current supply management system controls levels of milk production by tying it to Canadian consumer demand and limiting foreign competition through high tariffs. [Postmedia News](#) (StarPhoenix, D1/Front; Montreal Gazette, Calgary Herald, Charlottetown Guardian); [Globe and Mail](#), A1/FRONT; [Montreal Gazette](#), A15

*** Will Canadians walk through the door to the Pacific?**

Canada's signature on Monday's sweeping trade deal will open a door for companies to expand deeper into the Asia-Pacific region - but it remains to be seen how many will actually walk through it. With the world's largest economy right next door, Canada's business community has had good reason to remain focused on the fish-in-a-barrel opportunities offered by the United States market. So, will Canada's participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership - a 12-country pact billed as covering 40 per cent of the global economy - encourage Canadian companies to finally step out of their North American comfort zone? "It's so easy for Canadian firms to just walk across the border," said Ian Lee, an economics professor at Carleton University's Sprott School of Business in Ottawa. [Toronto Star](#) (Record, C1)

Bridge fixed on building new truck plaza

An ongoing project to upgrade the Ambassador Bridge includes the construction of a controversial on-site truck inspection plaza, the company revealed in a written statement Monday. The city has for years blocked the proposed plaza at the foot of the bridge on Windsor's west side because it requires closing streets in the area - including a section of Huron Church Road - and could have a significant impact on the surrounding neighbourhood. "They don't have permission," said Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens. "We've had no discussion whatsoever with the Ambassador Bridge with respect to adding a commercial inspection plaza to their current facility." Should it be built, the plaza would be located west of Huron Church Road. "There are a lot of approvals required before they could ever move forward with that type of work," Dilkens said. "I'm not aware they have approvals from any of the various bodies required before they can move forward." Secondary truck inspection by the Canada Border Services Agency is currently done two kilometres south of the bridge at a large site off Malden Road. [Postmedia](#) (Windsor Star, A1/FRONT)

*** B.C. wife, husband 'stuck' after IRA-related refugee claim turned down**

A former British soldier married to a disabled Canadian woman may be forced to leave their Victoria home for the United Kingdom after a series of missteps and a snarl of red tape. John Collins, 62, first made an application for refugee status when he entered Canada, based on alleged harassment in the U.K. by a member of the Irish Republican Army. The application was denied and he's been ordered to leave by the Immigration and Refugee Board... Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the Immigration and Refugee Board and Canada Border Services Agency declined to comment on the case, citing privacy concerns. [CTVNews](#) (CityNews)

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CHASE THE ACE

Cameron MacQuarrie has one piece of advice for communities planning a Chase the Ace fundraiser: be prepared. The vice-president of Branch 132 of the Royal Canadian Legion and chairman of its Chase the Ace committee in Inverness, said Monday that anyone considering such an undertaking should begin by developing contacts with other community groups that may be needed to help. "You need to gather your community leaders from other organizations and prepare with them in the event that it gets as big as it could possibly get," said MacQuarrie. "You need to look at what resources you have available in terms of other spaces, more volunteers, RCMP and EHS." By the 48th week of Inverness's Chase the Ace, thousands of people poured into the small community, pushing the jackpot up to \$1.7 million for Saturday's draw. Donelda MacAskill of Englishtown got the jackpot by winning the draw and then selecting the ace from the three cards remaining in the deck. All previous draw winners had failed to flip the ace. [Chronicle Herald](#), A1

Celebrity dance off to support Julietta's Place

A Red Deer celebrity dance event that raises money for charity has chosen its benefactor and announced the eight celebrity dancers. Women's Outreach Julietta's Place will be the partner charity for the 2016 Sheraton Celebrity Dance off, which will take place April 16. Co-chair of the event, Christine Moore, said the celebrity dancers include David Brant, Dusty Daines, Bonnee Gregg, veterinarian Pat Higgins, coach Ken King, RCMP Const. Charlotte Rockwell, Hermes Salas and Tammy Schlamp. Julietta's Place provides housing to women who are fleeing domestic abuse. The popular event has raised over \$1 million over the past four years. It brings together professional dancers, community leaders, business and many volunteers. Tickets for the 2016 event go on sale Jan. 19. [Red Deer Advocate](#), C1

Airdrie shooting suspect surrenders to police

A second suspect in the shooting of a man outside a fitness centre in a Calgary bedroom community last week has turned himself in. RCMP had issued a warrant for the man on Friday. Mathew Van Schiak of no fixed address faces one count of aggravated assault and three weapons-related charges. The 21-year-old is to appear in Airdrie provincial court later this week. Also charged with aggravated assault is Michael Sharman. The 35-year-old, who is from Calgary, was arrested during a traffic stop on Friday. The 39-year-old victim was shot three times but is expected to recover fully. [Canadian Press](#) (Edmonton Journal, A7, Calgary Herald, A11)

Man charged for turning a jar into a bomb

RCMP in southern Alberta have charged a man with making a homemade bomb. Mounties say a resident in Airdrie found a suspicious looking jar last Friday among some belongings left behind in a rental property. The person had moved several of the items when the jar was spotted in an ammunition container. Officers evacuated several homes in the neighbourhood and safely destroyed the device. Kristopher Goyman, 24, of Airdrie has been charged with making an explosive device with intent to endanger life or cause serious property damage. He is to appear in Airdrie provincial court Oct. 22. [Canadian Press](#) (Edmonton Journal, A2; Red Deer Advocate); [Postmedia News](#) (Calgary Herald, A11)

Escaped Bowden inmate captured by RCMP

A man who escaped Bowden Institution on Sunday morning was apprehended by Innisfail RCMP later the same day. Kenton Matthew Boyle, 29, had been unlawfully at large since 11: 45 a.m. after staff members discovered he was missing during a count. CSC said it immediately contacted the Innisfail RCMP detachment, and a warrant for his arrest was issued. Innisfail RCMP arrested him at about 7 p.m. Boyle is currently serving a sentence in the minimum security facility of four years, six months for armed robbery, disguise with intent, possession of property obtained by crime and operate motor vehicle - flight. CSC is conducting an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident. [Red Deer Advocate](#), C1

*** Province investigating contract controversy**

The Alberta government is considering new accountability rules for municipal governments following a police investigation into a secretive \$1.4-million contract awarded to the former mayor of Lloydminster. Last week, Lloydminster Mayor Rob Saunders revealed that the City of Lloydminster was "actively participating" in an RCMP investigation into a July 22, 2013, contract between the city and AHHA

Moments Inc., a consulting firm operated by former Lloydminster mayor Jeff Mulligan, that was signed on the same day Mulligan announced his resignation. "The RCMP review was forwarded to the Alberta Crown Prosecutors' Office and they have determined that there is no evidence to support any criminal charge against the City of Lloydminster or AHHA Moments Inc. in this matter and that this file is now closed," said Saunders in a prepared statement. Saunders refused to take questions from reporters on the issue. The city, which straddles the Alberta-Saskatchewan border, fought to keep details of the agreement under wraps but the contract was released last month by the Office of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner. The contract was worth an estimated \$1.4 million over three years for consulting work but was severed by the city after three months and \$178,000 in payments to AHHA Moments Inc. The contract was never publicly tendered and was signed by city officials the same day Mulligan announced his resignation but was still sitting as mayor. A spokesperson for Municipal Affairs Minister Deron Bilous said the NDP government "takes the concerns of the residents of Lloydminster seriously." "Under the Municipal Government Act (MGA), municipalities are first and foremost accountable to their residents," said spokesperson Shannon Greer. "We are aware of the situation and under the ongoing MGA review are examining whether additional tools to enhance municipal accountability are required." [Edmonton Sun](#), 7

*** Former Windsor Mountie spent life helping others**

Bernie Campbell could be an imposing figure in his RCMP dress uniform. He had a long and distinguished career in law enforcement that stretched over three decades but at home with his boys, he was ready for all manner of hijinks. "Much to my mom's chagrin, he was one of the boys," said Bernie's oldest son Ian. "She didn't have three boys, she had four." Campbell died last Friday from complications of a genetic malady known as arteriovenous malformation. He was 64... Campbell proudly played the bagpipes in the Windsor Police Band, although he often joked he was positioned in the middle of the pack so no one could hear him. He spent 17 years in drug enforcement with the Windsor RCMP detachment. He retired with the rank of corporal after 33 years. "He was quite a character but he was an even better friend," said Rick Bohus, who worked with him on the force. "One of Bernie's greatest features was his caring attitude toward others on the job or in civilian life." Bohus, who is flying in for the funeral service from his retirement home in Moncton, N.B., recalled the story of a young RCMP officer who feared losing his career after being injured in the line of duty. With Campbell's help, the young man avoided a medical discharge, went on to a full career and rose to the rank of inspector. For his work in labour relations, Campbell won the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal. He also received the RCMP's Good Conduct and Long Service medal. [Postmedia News](#) (Windsor Star, A2)

*** Mountie hurt, trial ordered**

Two men accused of severely injuring an RCMP officer near Kamloops have been ordered to stand trial. Jerry Lamar and Leon Leclerc were charged with one count each of attempting to wound, maim or disfigure Const. Paul Koester in Pritchard on July 5, 2014. A trial date is expected to be set on Nov. 9. Koester shot and killed Ian Bush, 22, during a 2005 altercation at the RCMP detachment in Houston. An investigation cleared him. [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist, A8)

*** When paranoia trumps evidence**

A column states "Re: The warming comfort of a familiar paranoia, Oct. 5. Columnist Shannon Gormley offers hard facts, logic and statistics to demonstrate that fundamentalist and terrorist Muslims are no more a threat than fundamentalist or terrorist Christians to Canada's security and values. However, paranoia trumps evidence more often than not - especially if used by a politician to cement support. Prime Minister Stephen Harper seems to be doing all that he can to provide warming comfort to Canadians who feel threatened by the niqab. In appealing court decisions and in promising new laws if his appeals do not succeed, he is making sure that Canadians know that he really cares about their feelings and values. Last week he offered even more comfort. There will be an RCMP tip line for Canadians to report barbaric cultural practices. Some of us were under the impression that we had a responsibility to report barbaric practices to the police. Now, we are to tip off the RCMP if culture is involved. Paranoia will always be with us. It does not need encouragement from Harper." [Postmedia News](#) (Ottawa Citizen, C3)

*** 'Barbaric' hotline no solution to serious issues of family abuse**

Sonia Bitar is no stranger to the issue of domestic violence in immigrant communities. The former citizenship court judge is executive director of Edmonton's Changing Together, a centre for immigrant women and their children. For years, Bitar has worked to empower women, helping them to understand their legal rights, flee abusive family situations, and integrate into the Canadian community. Many of the women and girls she works with are the very ones the federal Conservative Party says it's trying to help with its promised new "barbaric cultural practices" tip line. For Bitar, an immigrant from Lebanon, the party's campaign pledge provokes a sharp reaction. "Oh my God. Are we still using these kinds of words?" she says. "Are we now saying there are two different kinds of Canadians? I'm very disappointed." It isn't just the inflammatory language that bothers Bitar. She knows the oppressive domestic and cultural situations that women who are new to Canada can face. In her experience, the best way to assist women at risk is to build trust, and to reach out to them in their own languages. Many, she says, don't know their rights in Canada. Others don't trust the police. Others feel too economically or socially dependent on their husbands or families to break away. It can take time and patience to help them. Postmedia News (Edmonton Journal, A3)

*** Tip line? Surely they jest**

A column states "Immigration Minister Chris Alexander has announced that, if re-elected, the Conservative government will create an RCMP tip line people can phone to report their neighbour's barbaric cultural practices. Some people, unused to the Harper government's wry sense of humour, have taken the announcement seriously. Immediately tipping off that it was an early April Fool's joke, however, was that it was delivered by Alexander, who is best known for his award-winning imitation of Fraser Crane's brother, Niles. This announcement, a bravura performance, exceeds even Alexander's stunning role in the recent Syrian refugee crisis. Were his announcement serious, my fingers would be at the ready to dial in such barbaric practices as circumcision, the drinking of blood and eating of flesh (even in symbolic form), and the yearly celebrations of murder by crucifixion. But since it was made in jest, perforce to bring some levity to this overly long election campaign - a newly introduced form of barbarism - I propose in similar vein the following list of barbaric cultural practices. To start, the cultural practice of displaying "butt crack." While it may be necessary to grant religious accommodation to plumbers, there is no excuse for anyone else. Women's shoes. 'Nuff said." Winnipeg Free Press, A9

*** Prisoner escapes from hospital, steals car**

A prisoner known for fleeing from police custody managed to run from corrections officers at Victoria General Hospital, steal a car and crash it into a motorcycle before escaping Sunday, according to police. Police were hunting Monday for Tyler Desmond Fong, 31, West Shore RCMP Const. Alex Berube said Fong is not considered armed or dangerous. "Although he has a history of fleeing from police, we have no information to suggest he has a violent past which jeopardizes public safety." The convict, being held at Vancouver Island Regional Correctional Centre, escaped shortly before 8 p.m. Sunday from the custody of provincial correctional officers while at Victoria General Hospital for medical treatment, police said. He smashed his way out of the emergency department. Police did not alert the media until after they got a warrant for his arrest Monday morning and were legally able to release the prisoner's name and photograph, Berube said. Justice Minister Suzanne Anton said B.C. Corrections takes public safety "very seriously" and such escapes are rare. "They are doing a review of this to find out what happened ... it's very unusual," Anton said. The Justice Ministry said privacy rules prevent it from releasing details of the medical treatment the prisoner was obtaining. The ministry said B.C. Corrections cannot disclose specifics of how inmates are managed while escorted outside of correctional centres, for security reasons. Every escort is determined on a case-by-case basis and security protocols are put in place based on risk level, the ministry said. A "critical-incident review" of the escape must be completed within 40 working days. Times Colonist, A3

***Surrey Six accused admits to drug, gun crimes**

A man accused of playing a role in the 2007 Surrey Six slayings has pleaded guilty to several drug trafficking and firearms charges. Sophon Sek entered the plea to seven counts in Surrey Provincial Court on Oct. 1. He'll be back before the judge on Nov. 3 to fix a date for his sentencing. Last spring, Surrey RCMP announced that Sek, 36, was facing 20 charges related to allegations he had trafficked drugs for months despite being on bail for manslaughter in connection with the Oct. 19, 2007 murder of six in a

Surrey highrise. Twelve others were also charged after a 21-month-long investigation that led to four search warrants being executed in September 2014. [Postmedia News](#) (Vancouver Sun, A9)

***The barbaric cultural practice of election pronouncements**

There's a low-frequency thrumming in the background of this election campaign – the political equivalent of the tension track used in movies to provoke anxiety and foreboding. If this election was indeed a movie, we would probably now be watching monochrome images of bewildered Canadians clutching their children while some sinister, shifting shape takes form in the near distance – foreign eyes staring malevolently from beneath slit veils or religious zealots mutilating their helpless daughters and forcing them into marital servitude. I can think of no better narration than Rod Serling's dire intonation at the beginning of each *Twilight Zone* episode: "It is the middle ground between light and shadow, between science and superstition, and it lies between the pit of man's fears and the summit of his knowledge." Instead of economic issues and the timeless election slogan of jobs, jobs, jobs, the drumbeat today seems to be Muslims, Muslims, Muslims. It's not quite that explicit, of course. Using that sort of language wouldn't be "politically correct," to borrow a Conservative attack phrase. Rather, the language is more suggestive. Just last week, we were reminded by the immigration minister, standing beside the minister responsible for the status of women, that Canada now has something called the Zero Tolerance for Barbaric Cultural Practices Act, and that if re-elected, the government would establish an RCMP task force, and a "tip line" for Canadians who wish to call the Mounties to denounce someone, a neighbour, it was suggested, for engaging in a barbaric cultural practice. [CBC News](#)

***Taloyoak's Netsilik School vandalized over the weekend**

School officials in Taloyoak, Nunavut, are picking up the pieces after their school was vandalized on Sunday. Principal Gina Pizzo says vandals entered Netsilik School and destroyed materials and equipment. She says she is grateful that some residents called police. "[It's] really nice when people do come forward to stop that kind of activity when they see it happening, or help clean up afterwards," she says. "We do really appreciate all the people pitched in to help us clean up the mess. Hopefully we won't see any more of this activity going on anytime soon." Pizzo says some material cannot be salvaged and replacements will have to be flown into the community. She says RCMP are investigating. [CBC News](#)

***Editorial: Missing and Murdered Vigil Needs to be Met With a Real Response From Canada**

An editorial "Sunday marked the 10th anniversary of the March and Vigil for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, and the Canadian government has still not addressed this problem with a nationwide, federal inquiry. With ever-rising numbers, it's a problem that is always at the forefront every October 4. The annual event is an important reminder, but it's an issue that falls on the wayside throughout the course of the year. The Canadian government ignores it as well as a majority of its population. For the last 10 years, marches have been happening all over the country for a federal inquiry into the deaths of more than 1,200 indigenous women. So far the demands have been met with an almost deafening silence. While promises have been made to have police investigations it does not address the severity of the issue. We live in world where we talk about appropriate responses to crimes daily, but when crimes actually need a significant response, there's almost none. According to the most recent RCMP report on the issue, there has been a 9 per cent decrease in unsolved cases—from 225 to 204. It's a start, but it's still not good enough. There are still at least 204 indigenous women whose stories are yet to be concluded, and we will not forget them." [The Link](#)

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Devries back in custody

A B.C. serial fraudster has turned himself in after being wanted on a Canada-wide warrant. Last week, police said they were actively looking for Wesley John Devries, 45, after he allegedly breached conditions of his release. Devries had been released from prison over the summer after pleading guilty in 2013 to 13 counts of fraud and theft. Many of his victims were women he met through dating websites. He had most recently been living in the Victoria area, said Victoria police spokesman Bowen Osoko. [The Province](#), A10

*** 'There is no appreciable gaps in his criminal behaviour'**

The federal Crown is seeking dangerous offender status for Mark Lange, a 40-year-old Yukon man with 42 convictions, including six for violent crimes. The status could put Lange in jail indefinitely. Alongside Dean Boucher, Lange was convicted of manslaughter in the death of a Carcross hotel owner in 2004. Both were originally found guilty of second-degree murder. However, the Yukon Court of Appeal overturned the sentence in 2011 citing contradictory instructions the presiding judge told the jury. On Friday, Crown prosecutor Noel Sinclair noted the crimes Lange had committed fit two of the requirements for the status: a pattern of persistent aggressive behaviour, and a failure to restrain his behaviour and a likelihood of causing death or injury to other persons. In the case of an indeterminate sentence, it must be shown a lesser sentence would not protect the public adequately. Sinclair pointed to Lange's lengthy criminal record. [Whitehorse Daily Star](#), 2/Front

*** Ex-investment adviser gets 30 years**

Schriver pleaded guilty to 'cold, calculated scheme' involving 22 people, over \$1m

A former Halifax investment adviser has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for defrauding investors of more than \$1 million. Bruce Patrick Schriver pleaded guilty in June to one charge of fraud over \$5,000, involving 22 victims who lost a combined \$1,054,986 over a six-year period. "The wake of this fraud will be long felt and long suffered by his many victims," Crown attorney Mark Heerema said Monday at Schriver's sentencing in Halifax provincial court. "The number of victims also speaks to the amount of time that Mr. Schriver had to consider carefully what he was doing. This case is far from a momentary lapse of judgment or an impulsive decision. "It was a cold, calculated scheme that was occurring." [The Chronicle-Herald](#), A7

*** UN CRIMINEL DE CARRIÈRE**

Robert Simpson est né en septembre 1962 dans la région d'Ottawa, où il a grandi. Il vient d'une famille nombreuse. Il est très proche de son jeune frère, Timothy, avec lequel il est devenu témoin repent dans cette affaire. « J'ai toujours protégé mon frère, y compris de notre mère lorsqu'elle le battait », a-t-il témoigné. Robert Simpson est un criminel de carrière et un tueur de sang-froid. Il avait 17 ans lorsqu'il a été envoyé au pénitencier pour la première fois. Il y a passé plus de 35 ans de sa vie jusqu'à maintenant. [La Presse+](#)

*** Confessions d'un tueur de sang-froid**

Un procès pour meurtre qui s'est ouvert il y a quelques semaines à Montréal s'est transformé hier en véritable incursion dans le monde sordide et impitoyable des tueurs de sang-froid. Les sept femmes et cinq hommes chargés de déterminer le sort de l'accusé, Leslie Greenwood, un résident de la Nouvelle-Écosse de 45 ans, ont commencé à entendre le témoignage de Robert Simpson, un criminel notoire devenu témoin repent. Simpson, 53 ans, a déjà admis avoir commis les deux meurtres pour lesquels Greenwood est aussi accusé. Il a été condamné à la prison à vie, sans possibilité d'obtenir sa libération conditionnelle avant 25 ans. Les deux victimes, Kirk Murray et Antonio Onesi, ont été tuées le soir du 24 janvier 2010 dans le stationnement d'un restaurant McDonald's du quartier Notre-Dame-de-Grâce. [Le Quotidien](#), 16; [Le Journal de Montréal](#)

*** Les élections font jaser... jusqu'en prison**

Lorsque Rick Sauvé rend visite à des prisonniers ces jours-ci, ils ont un nouveau sujet de conversation : les élections fédérales. Ils le bombardent de questions, lui demandant ce que disent les sondages ou qui, selon lui, a le plus de chances de gagner. « Ça leur permet de parler d'autre chose, affirme M. Sauvé. Parce que chaque jour est comme le jour de la marmotte, chaque jour se ressemble. Alors, quand un scrutin survient, ça attire leur attention. » Les détenus de toutes les prisons provinciales et fédérales pourront voter vendredi, soit 10 jours avant les élections, à des bureaux de vote spécialement installés dans les établissements carcéraux. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Soleil, 8; Le Devoir)

*** 25-year stance on son's innocence impoverishes ex-Saanich parents**

After 25 years, David and Elouise Lord still believe their only son, Derik, is innocent of a notorious double murder that gripped B.C. in 1990. It's an enduring faith that has led them here, to a rundown house on Yale Road in Chilliwack that the insurance company won't touch. The yard is overgrown, the shoddy stairs near collapse. Inside, the small rooms are full of clutter, including several large cabinets stuffed with

papers and documents relating to Derik's case... The violent murders rank among B.C.'s most chilling and infuriating, in great part because Derik Lord continues to believe he was wrongfully convicted, despite a confession from Muir and a stack of compelling evidence. In 1992, Lord was sentenced to life in prison with no eligibility for parole for 10 years. It's where he has remained ever since. His claims of innocence have positioned him at odds with his two co-accused and bankrupted his fiercely loyal parents, who estimate they've spent \$800,000 in legal bills over the years. His campaign has also ensured a regular flow of headlines over the past 10 years during which he's been eligible for parole - the latest hearing another unsuccessful, and emotionally charged, event this past March. By contrast, Muir, who at the time of the killings was a cherub-faced 16 year old, admitted his guilt and was granted full parole in 2003. He's lived a quiet life ever since. Huenemann, meanwhile, who was sentenced in 1991 to life in prison, became eligible for full parole this year. By his request, a parole hearing scheduled for this month was postponed until 2016, the Parole Board of Canada said. According to a newspaper report from 2003, he has also admitted to his role in the murders, after years of denial. It's believed he's in Quebec. [Times Colonist](#), A2

* **Cellulaires, drogue, armes et porno saisis en prison**

Les agents correctionnels de la prison de Bordeaux viennent de faire un grand ménage dans l'aile abritant les Hells Angels et les gangs de rue, saisissant des téléphones cellulaires, des pics artisanaux, de la drogue et du matériel pornographique contenu dans des ordinateurs. La rafle menée jeudi dernier aurait permis d'identifier une demi-douzaine de membres et d'associés des Hells Angels parmi les détenus fautifs, a appris Le Journal. Arrêtés lors de plusieurs opérations policières menées ces dernières années, ces motards sont détenus de façon provisoire dans la prison centenaire de Montréal en attendant l'issue des procédures judiciaires intentées contre eux. Certains de ces accusés bénéficient exceptionnellement d'une permission de la cour pour avoir accès à un ordinateur portable en détention afin de pouvoir préparer leur défense. [Le Journal de Montréal](#), 6

* **New trial begins**

A new trial has begun for a man previously convicted of beating his lover to death. Michael Pearce was found guilty of manslaughter in the 2007 bludgeoning death of 36-year-old Stuart Mark and sentenced in 2012 to seven years in prison. At trial, prosecutors alleged Pearce flew into a rage after learning Mark was HIV-positive and beat him with a golf club at Mark's Alfred Avenue home. Last year, the Manitoba Court of Appeal ordered a new trial in the case, ruling jurors were not adequately cautioned about the phenomenon of false confessions. [Winnipeg Sun](#), 4

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Suspects versus sex crime survivors

A Halifax taxi driver accused of sexually assaulting a passenger is allowed back on the job. A bartender charged with aggravated sexual assault can keep mixing drinks at a downtown bar. A university student charged with sexual assault after a frosh week incident continues attending classes on campus - until a second victim comes forward. The three cases pit the competing need to protect public safety and the survivors of sexual assault against one of the most sacred legal tenets: The presumption of innocence. "It's a difficult balance," Dalhousie University law professor Wayne MacKay said. "On one hand, you have the rights of the larger society and victims within that society to have a safe environment. On the other hand, you have to protect the important rights of the accused, including presumed innocence and the right to a fair trial." In each case, however, respecting the rights of the accused appears to be held in higher regard than the potential risk to public safety and women's sense of security. Yet MacKay, the Yogis & Keddy Chair in Human Rights Law, said there is an increasing shift toward survivors' rights. "It's a bit of a newer focus and one that has generated some political and policy heat. The current government has taken more of a stand in protecting victims." The Conservatives' proposed victims' bill of rights, for example, has generated support but has also faced criticism from more traditional legal academics, MacKay said. [The Chronicle-Herald](#), A1

*** Chief defends crime comments**

Linking rising city crime rates to the tumbling price of oil and resulting job losses is just a general observation, says Acting Chief Brian Simpson, defending comments from Edmonton's top cop. Simpson made the point Monday after Wood Buffalo Mayor Melissa Blake slammed comments made last week by Edmonton police Chief Rod Knecht as "derogatory" towards oil field workers from northern Alberta. Knecht said displaced workers from Fort McMurray and Cold Lake gravitate to Edmonton after job losses and he pointed to low oil prices as a reason for Edmonton's sharp increase in property and violent crime. Edmonton police saw a 12% increase in violence and an 18% increase in property crime this year over last. "When oil is up we're busy, and when oil is down we're really busy," said Knecht. Calgary Sun, 20

*** Sisters in spirit 'Come together for a peaceful vigil and prayer ceremony'**

"I'll bet you and I would be treated very differently if we walked into a grocery store," says Josie Nepinak. "I might be followed around. I'd likely not receive the same courtesy as you would." Nepinak and I are women in the middle age of life, both well dressed and both educated with rewarding careers. It's the colour of our skin, she says, that changes everything. "I still hear, 'I hate you Indians,' sometimes at a bus stop." It's one other, even bigger difference between us that stands out when we make our acquaintance Monday morning on the steps of Calgary's City Hall. "I had an aunt back in 1978 who was murdered and her killer has never been found," she says matter-of-factly of tragedy hitting so close to home. "And I have a cousin who in 2012 was murdered by serial killer Sean Lamb in Winnipeg." As the executive director of Calgary's Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society, the only aboriginal women's shelter in Alberta, Nepinak has spent the past 25 years promoting health and wellness for First Nations women and their families. Once a year, though, her sole focus is on the more than 1,200 murdered and missing aboriginal women in Canada over the past three decades. Calgary Herald, A6

*** Police department tries to clarify link between rising crime, oil price**

Edmonton's police force tried to clarify Monday comments its chief made last week that out-of-work oilpatch workers could be to blame for the city's recent rise in crime. On the weekend, the Edmonton Police Service released tables and charts that it said shows monthly crime statistics in Edmonton climbing over the past 12 months as oil prices dropped to record lows. On Monday, deputy chief Brian Simpson spoke to reporters on the steps of police headquarters. "It's not linked to oil prices," he said. "It's linked to the change in the economy that we experience in Alberta. This has been an Alberta experience for a long time." Red Deer Advocate, A5

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Long-awaited inquest into young aboriginal deaths starts

A long-awaited inquest into the deaths of seven aboriginal youths who moved from their remote reserves in northern Ontario to go to high school in Thunder Bay, Ont., opened Monday following a sunrise ceremony. In an opening statement to the jury, presiding coroner Dr. David Eden warned of a difficult road ahead. "We are starting on a long pathway," Eden said. "During that time as we go through this pathway, there will be differences. It's our job to manage those differences with wisdom, not with anger." The inquest, expected to last until next spring and hear from about 200 witnesses - some will testify more than once - is probing the deaths of Jethro Anderson, 15, Curran Strang, 18, Robyn Harper, 19, Paul Panacheese, 21, Reggie Bushie, 15, Kyle Morrisseau, 17 and Jordan Wabasse, also 15. All died between 2000 and 2011 while, as Eden put it, trying to advance their lives and the well-being of their communities through education. Canadian Press (Red Deer Advocate, A6; Kingston Whig Standard, Waterloo Region Record, Hamilton Spectator); Toronto Star; * Postmedia Network (Vancouver Sun, B2, StarPhoenix, C8, Calgary Herald, B2, Ottawa Citizen, C1/Front, Leader-Post, B5, Edmonton Journal, N3, Gazette, A11)

INTERNATIONAL

*** Snowden seeks return to U.S**

Edward Snowden says he has offered to return to the United States and go to jail for leaking details of National Security Agency programs to intercept electronic communications data on a vast scale. The former NSA contractor flew to Moscow two years ago after revealing information about the previously secret eavesdropping powers, and faces U.S. charges that could land him in prison for up to 30 years. Snowden told the BBC that he'd "volunteered to go to prison with the government many times," but had not received a formal plea-deal offer. Earlier this year, former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said a plea deal with Snowden was a possibility. Associated Press (Times Colonist, B7; Toronto Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Edmonton Sun, Waterloo Region Record, Globe and Mail, Times and Transcript)

***Ship sinks near Bahamas**

The captain of the 790-foot El Faro planned to bypass hurricane Joaquin, but some kind of mechanical failure left the U.S. container ship with 33 people aboard helplessly - and tragically - adrift in the path of the powerful storm, the vessel's owners say. On Monday, four days after the ship vanished, the U.S. Coast Guard concluded it sank near the Bahamas in about 15,000 feet of water. One unidentified body in a survival suit was spotted, and the search went on for any trace of the other crew members. The ship, carrying cars and other products, had 28 crew members from the U.S. and five from Poland. Associated Press (Times Colonist, B7)

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*** Politics This Morning: Ad hoc Cabinet committee on refugees meets today**

The Liberal government's announcement that it created an ad hoc committee on refugees to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada by the end of this year is "short on details" and doesn't show a concrete plan to deliver on the campaign commitment, says the NDP. "We are glad that the government remains committed to resettling 25,000 Syrian refugees by year's end. We support this goal. But today's announcement was short on details and we believe Canadians were looking for a concrete plan for getting vulnerable refugees out of harm's way, not hearing about new Cabinet subcommittees," NDP MP Jenny Kwan told The Hill Times in a statement. "This is the new government's first test on delivering the change they promised to Canadians—we hope that the next announcement, on how they will achieve this goal, is coming very soon." The committee, which will hold its first meeting today, is chaired by Health Minister Jane Philpott and has eight other members. They include: Canadian Heritage Minister Mélanie Joly who will be the vice-chair, **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Ralph Goodale**, Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Minister John McCallum, Treasury Board President Scott Brison, International Development and La Francophonie Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau, Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan and Democratic Institutions Minister Maryam Monsef. [HillTimes](#)

Des réfugiés pourraient loger dans des bases militaire

Des réfugiés pourraient être accueillis dans des bases militaires canadiennes, a confirmé hier le nouveau ministre de l'Immigration, John McCallum. Le Parti libéral du Canada a promis en campagne électorale d'accueillir 25 000 nouveaux réfugiés d'ici la fin de cette année. M. McCallum a annoncé la création d'un sous-comité d'une demi-douzaine de ministres qui auront le mandat de coordonner cette tâche. La ministre de la Santé Jane Philpott présidera ce comité, qui inclura aussi la ministre du Patrimoine Mélanie Joly, **le ministre de la Sécurité publique Ralph Goodale** et la ministre des Institutions démocratiques Maryam Monsef, elle-même admise au Canada en tant que réfugiée provenant de l'Afghanistan. Le ministre de la Défense, celui des Affaires étrangères et celle du Développement international seront aussi impliqués. [LaPresse](#)

Bibeau nommée au comité special

Quelques jours après avoir été nommée ministre, la nouvelle députée de Compton-Stanstead, Marie-Claude Bibeau, voit son nom associé à un dossier chaud du nouveau gouvernement de Justin Trudeau. Le ministre de l'Immigration, des Réfugiés et de la Citoyenneté, John McCallum, a annoncé la création d'un comité spécial chargé d'aider à faire venir 25 000 réfugiés syriens au Canada. La ministre du Développement international et de la Francophonie fait partie du groupe. Ottawa n'est pas encore en mesure de préciser quand les premiers réfugiés syriens fouleront le sol canadien, mais ce comité spécial a été mis sur pied pour préparer le terrain. M. McCallum reconnaît que le temps presse pour le gouvernement fédéral, qui a promis d'accueillir 25 000 réfugiés syriens au Canada d'ici la fin de l'année, mais il dit ne pas vouloir rater son coup. En conférence de presse dans le foyer des Communes, lundi, il a annoncé la création d'un comité composé de neuf ministres qui aura le mandat de donner suite à cet engagement. Le comité sera présidé par la ministre de la Santé, Jane Philpott, qui sera notamment épaulée par son collègue aux Affaires étrangères, Stéphane Dion, **à la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale**, ainsi que la ministre du Patrimoine canadien, Mélanie Joly. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (LeDevoir, LaTribune); [LaPresse](#); [LeDevoir](#)

Military aircraft, bases may be tapped for refugees

The federal government is considering using ships and commercial and military aircraft to transport 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada by the end of December. At a news conference Monday, Citizenship and Immigration Minister John McCallum also said the Liberal government might lodge the refugees at military bases upon their arrival. The emphasis is being put on two factors: security screening and the health of the refugees. To that end, the government has established an ad hoc cabinet committee to ensure the Liberals make good on their election pledge. The nine-member committee, which will hold its first meeting Tuesday, is chaired by Health Minister Jane Philpott, who has previously worked with refugees in Africa. Others include: McCallum; Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion; **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale**; Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan; Treasury Board President Scott Brison; Canadian Heritage Minister Mélanie Joly; International Development Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau; and Democratic Institutions Minister Maryam Monsef, herself a refugee originally from Afghanistan. The government also appointed a senior bureaucrat to provide greater focus. Malcolm Brown, the deputy minister for International Development, becomes special adviser to the Clerk of the Privy Council Office on the "Syrian Refugee Initiative." He is a former executive vice-president of the Canada Border Services Agency with experience in several departments. [Postmedia News](#) (Leader-Post, B8, Vancouver Sun, StarPhoenix, Ottawa Citizen, Calgary Herald)

25,000 refugees are coming, one way or another

They might come by military transport, on chartered flights or warships; from Jordan, Turkey or Lebanon; to army bases or the homes of generous Canadians. When it comes to fulfilling the government's commitment of bringing 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada over the next eight weeks, "all options are on the table," said John McCallum, Canada's new Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, during his first news conference since taking over the cabinet post from Chris Alexander. "Whatever works, whatever is cost effective, whatever will get them here safely and quickly. So yes, we're looking at the possibility of commercial airlines. We're looking at the possibility of the air force. We're looking at the possibility of ships. All of these things are being considered as we speak, and all will be used to the extent that they are needed to get the job done." It will be up to a new Ad Hoc Committee on Refugees, chaired

by Health Minister Jane Philpott, to figure out how. (...) She will be joined by seven other high-profile ministers, including veteran politicians **Ralph Goodale (public safety minister)** and Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion, as well as the Minister of Democratic Institutions Maryam Monsef - whose own life in **Canada** began as a refugee from Afghanistan - and Defense Minister Harjit Singh Sajjan. Gazette

Réfugiés syriens

Le gouvernement fédéral n'est pas encore en mesure de préciser la date à laquelle les premiers réfugiés syriens attendus d'ici la fin de l'année fouleront le sol canadien, mais il a mis sur pied un comité spécial afin de préparer le terrain. Le ministre de l'Immigration, des Réfugiés et de la Citoyenneté, John McCallum, reconnaît que le temps presse pour le gouvernement, qui a promis d'accueillir 25 000 réfugiés syriens au Canada d'ici le 31 décembre. Mais Ottawa ne doit surtout pas rater son coup. «Oui, on veut le faire vite, mais en même temps, on veut le faire d'une façon correcte en termes de considérations de sécurité et de santé», a plaidé le ministre McCallum en conférence de presse au parlement, lundi. Pour atteindre l'ambitieux objectif que s'est fixé le chef libéral Justin Trudeau pendant la campagne électorale, un comité spécial composé de neuf ministres a été créé. Une première réunion de ce comité interministériel doit avoir lieu dès mardi. (...) Le ministre a également signalé que le gouvernement avait l'intention de rétablir dans son intégralité le Programme fédéral de santé intérimaire (PFSI), qui offre une protection en matière de soins de santé limitée et temporaire aux réfugiés et aux demandeurs d'asile. Le comité dont la formation a été annoncée lundi sera présidé par la ministre de la Santé, Jane Philpott. La coprésidence a été confiée à la ministre du Patrimoine canadien, Mélanie Joly. Elles seront notamment épaulées par leurs collègues aux Affaires étrangères, Stéphane Dion, **à la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale**, au Développement international, Marie-Claude Bibeau, ainsi que par la ministre des Institutions démocratiques, Maryam Monsef, une réfugiée afghane. La Presse Canadienne (Acadie Nouvelle, 16, Voix de l'Est, Soleil, Voix de l'Est)

*** Un comité spécial créé pour accueillir 25 000 réfugiés syriens**

Le gouvernement Trudeau mobilise plusieurs ministres pour lui permettre d'atteindre son objectif d'accueillir 25 000 réfugiés syriens avant la fin de l'année. Le ministre de l'Immigration, des Réfugiés et de la Citoyenneté, John McCallum, a annoncé hier la création d'un comité spécial composé de neuf membres du cabinet qui se réuniront à compter d'aujourd'hui pour mettre l'épaule à la roue.

Si l'objectif d'accueillir 25 000 réfugiés en moins de deux mois tient toujours la route, M. McCallum a insisté pour dire que cet engagement électoral de Justin Trudeau devait se réaliser sans compromettre pour autant la santé et la sécurité. (...) Le comité ministériel sera présidé par Jane Philpott à la Santé, secondée par Mélanie Joly, à la tête du portefeuille de Patrimoine canadien. Outre M. McCallum, **les ministres de la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale**, des Affaires étrangères, Stéphane Dion, du Conseil du Trésor, Scott Brison, du Développement international, Marie-Claude Bibeau, de la Défense nationale, Harjit Singh Sajjan, et des Institutions démocratiques, Maryam Monsef, elle-même une réfugiée afghane, font partie du comité. JournaldeQuebec

*** Trudeau's Cabinet: The essential breakdown of roles and priorities**

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau unveiled his Cabinet last week, with 30 members in addition to himself, 15 men and 15 women. In the process, several changes were made to the machinery of government, giving some departments new titles and transferring responsibilities for some agencies. **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Ralph Goodale** (Regina-Wascana, Sask.) The File: **Mr. Goodale's** most high-profile responsibility will be reforming the anti-terrorism law, Bill C-51, introduced by the last government. He is also next in line to take over Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's duties if needed. The Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness deputy minister is François Guimont, and the department has a \$1.2-billion budget for 2015-16, according to the Main Estimates. Cabinet Committees: Chair of Canada in the World and Public Security; vice-chair of the subcommittee on Canada-United States Relations. Member of Agenda and Results; Intelligence and Emergency Management; and Open and Transparent Government. Background: **Mr. Goodale** was first elected as an MP in 1974, at the age of 24. He was then the Saskatchewan Liberal leader before coming back to the Hill in 1993. He's held several high-profile Cabinet positions. Hilltimes

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***Le déversement est autorisé**

La Ville de Montréal ira «rapidement» de l'avant avec le déversement de 8 milliards de litres d'eaux usées dans le fleuve Saint-Laurent tout en respectant les conditions ordonnées par la nouvelle ministre de l'Environnement, a annoncé hier le maire Denis Coderre. Selon toute vraisemblance, le rejet aura lieu cette semaine. La date sera annoncée ce matin. «C'est réglé, il va y avoir déversement», a déclaré hier soir M. Coderre lors d'un point de presse à l'hôtel de ville. Une heure auparavant, en conférence téléphonique depuis Paris, la nouvelle ministre de l'Environnement Catherine McKenna a déclaré que le déversement pourrait se faire «dès ce matin», si la Ville acceptait quatre conditions. Elle demande notamment à la Ville d'effectuer une surveillance visuelle des panaches de l'effluent, de mettre sur pied un plan d'urgence pour gérer les rejets imprévus des industries durant la période de travaux et de fournir jusqu'en juin 2016 à Environnement Canada des données qui mesurent la qualité de l'eau du fleuve. La Presse, A2/FRONT (Le Quotidien, La Nouvelliste, Le Soleil); Globe and Mail, A4

*** Encore beaucoup de travail à faire**

Même si on vient d'annoncer à Lac-Mégantic que la décontamination est terminée, plus de 27 mois après la tragédie ferroviaire de juillet 2013, il ne faudrait pas croire que le travail du ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte aux changements climatiques (DDELCC) est fini pour autant. Selon Paul Benoît, gestionnaire responsable des activités de nature environnementale associées à la réhabilitation du centre-ville de Lac-Mégantic, un plan de décontamination et une nouvelle planification adoptée au début de 2015 vaudraient sûrement qu'on rende public un certain rapport à saveur de bilan avec certaines statistiques sur l'ampleur des travaux réalisés. «Plusieurs étapes sont terminées, mais le rapport n'est pas encore disponible, cela devrait venir à la fin de 2015 ou au début de 2016. Tous les sols du centre-ville contaminés par le déversement causé par la MMA ont été excavés et remplacés par des sols propres, venant de l'extérieur. Cette opération s'est terminée en octobre», décrit Paul Benoît. La Tribune, 23

*** Crews work to clear tracks after 2 train derailments, oil and chemical spills in Wisconsin**

Crews worked Monday to clear freight cars from rail tracks and contain spilled crude oil and chemicals after two trains derailed in Wisconsin about 200 miles apart over the weekend. More than a dozen cars of a Canadian Pacific Railway train loaded with crude oil jumped the tracks in Watertown on Sunday afternoon, puncturing one car that spilled hundreds of gallons of its load and caused the evacuation of a neighbourhood in the small southern Wisconsin city. Residents who evacuated dozens of homes were still being kept away Monday as 12 derailed cars were moved to a temporary track. Thirteen of the train's 110 cars derailed, and 109 of them were carrying crude oil, officials said. Crews were dismantling and removing the car that was punctured, Canadian Pacific spokesman Andrew Cummings said, adding that it spilled no more than 1,000 gallons. The railroad said the leaking car was sealed, the oil contained and siphoned off, and that none of the product reached any waterways. Associated Press (Cape Breton Post)

*** Divers continue to investigate sunken barge**

Lake Erie divers surveying the sunken wreck of the barge Argo last week were sent to hospital after a sudden leak released an unknown substance. U.S. Coast Guard spokesman Thomas McKenzie said the divers were sent to hospital as a precaution but all have been released. "They were fine and they've already left the hospital," McKenzie said. Crews were conducting a "survey" of the vessel - what McKenzie described as a rinse off of the barge - when "a rivet popped or a pinhole leak opened up and they realized there was some discharge." The leak was sealed before the divers surfaced. Crews were preparing to dive again Monday to get a sample of the solvent-like material, thought to be the petroleum distillate benzol. The Argo was carrying 4,800 barrels of crude oil when it sank during a storm in 1937 in U.S. waters approximately 12 miles northeast of Sandusky, Ohio. It now sits 44 feet below the surface with silt and bottom sand building up around its sides. Windsor Star, A6

****Two very lucky backcountry travellers' after avalanche near Rogers Pass**

Two people had a near-miss in a big avalanche near Rogers Pass on the weekend, kicking off this year's season in earnest. Around 2:35 p.m. Sunday, officials with Parks Canada said they received a report of a Size 3 avalanche - enough to bury a car, damage a truck, destroy a house or break trees - on the upper

part of Bruins Ridge. "It was a good-sized avalanche," said Percy Woods, a visitor safety technician with Glacier National Park. "We have two very lucky backcountry travellers." It's one of the first avalanches of the season where people got caught. A second one happened Saturday in Kootenay National Park, where five climbers on Mount Stanley were caught and carried 60 metres downslope. They were able to extricate themselves and walk away unharmed, according to Parks Mountain Safety in a Facebook post. The avalanches have prompted a reminder from officials to be prepared when heading into the backcountry. [Calgary Herald](#)

*** Families should have 72 hours of supplies on hand in case of an emergency**

This time of year, I always think about being prepared for an unexpected emergency situation in my home. In the Maritimes, we are lucky that we are naturally immune to some of the terrifying weather systems that occur in other parts of the world. There are, however, certain situations that we should be ready for at any given time. When I think about recent events that have given me cause to check my emergency preparedness kit, I think about autumn hurricanes, severe winter snow storms and a 15-minute evacuation order. You can't possibly be prepared for every scenario, but you can put together a very helpful kit for you and your family if you were trapped in your home without services for 72 hours or hear the knock on the door from EMO or the police ordering you to leave your home in 15 minutes. [Chronicle-Herald](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

RCMP to honour Hill terror heroes

The RCMP will give awards to 20 Mounties and former House of Commons security officers in recognition of their bravery when a gunman stormed Parliament Hill last year. The national police force will make the presentations during a private Nov. 23 ceremony at RCMP headquarters. The RCMP said the awards are intended to recognize the online post. 1.866.977.2737 "bravery, dedication and quick thinking" of those who were directly involved in the events of Oct. 22, 2014. On that day, Michael Zehaf Bibeau fatally shot honour guard Cpl. Nathan Cirillo at the National War Memorial before rushing into Parliament's Hall of Honour, where he was killed in a flurry of bullets. Former House of Commons sergeant-at-arms Kevin Vickers, now Canada's ambassador to Ireland, was lauded for his role in subduing Zehaf Bibeau, but there has been no formal recognition of others. The RCMP was responsible for the grounds of the parliamentary precinct during the attack, while House of Commons and Senate security forces had jurisdiction inside the Parliament buildings. A now-merged parliamentary protective service manages day-to-day security on Parliament Hill, a direct consequence of Oct. 22 intended to avoid confusion. [Times Colonist](#), A8 (Kingston Whig-Standard, London Free Press, Chronicle Herald); * [Postmedia News](#) (Ottawa Citizen, A8); * [Agence QMI](#) (Journal de Montréal, 18)

*** Whistleblower to deliver address for Queen's**

A man some people consider a hero and others believe is a criminal is to present the opening address at a Queen's University conference later this week. Edward Snowden, 32, the former Central Intelligence Agency employee and United States government contractor who leaked thousands of classified documents that revealed the extent of global surveillance programs operated by the U.S. and its English-speaking allies, is to present the opening keynote speech at the Queen's International Affairs Association's Model United Nations Invitational on Thursday. (...) Bill C-51, the Anti-terrorism Act 2015, broadened the authority of Canada's surveillance and law enforcement agencies by giving them more power to thwart suspected terrorist plots - not just gather information about them. [Kingston Whig-Standard](#), A3

*** It's your military, Mr. Sajjan. What do you want it to do?**

Just a week into his government, Prime Minister Trudeau has made some bold moves. His fresh, balanced cabinet and his stated intent to bring collaboration back to the business of government policy-making is being welcomed with enthusiasm by a lot of Canadians. Every one of these new cabinet ministers faces a massive workload - none more than the new minister of Defence, Harjit Sajjan. (...) Key governmental departments, including DFATD, Public Safety Canada and DND, should collaborate quickly to help the government formulate a defence White Paper outlining a new national security

strategy. Once that's done, Mr. Sajjan and his team can start the work of drafting a national military strategy that would allow civilian and military leaders within DND to plan and execute their operational and institutional responsibilities more efficiently and effectively. [iPolitics](#); [Canadian Press](#) (National Post, A5, Star Phoenix, Calgary Herald)

Brandon boy, 16, faces terrorism-related charge

A 16-year-old boy in Brandon, Man., faces a terrorism charge for allegedly using social media to express support for the Islamic militant group ISIS. The teen has also been charged with one count of possessing child pornography. He appeared in court in Brandon on Monday, but the case was adjourned until Thursday because he had not secured legal counsel, said Manitoba's chief federal prosecutor Ian Mahon. The boy, who cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, remains in custody. Mahon said he expects a bail application to be heard on Thursday. Not much is known about the boy. Brandon residents told CBC News he grew up in the western Manitoba city and is attending high school there. Mahon said items have been seized from the teen's home, including a computer that is closely being looked at. The matter remains under investigation. Another Manitoban, Aaron Driver, was arrested in Winnipeg in June after he openly supported ISIS on Twitter. Although Driver is not accused of any crime, the RCMP is seeking to have his current bail conditions extended for a longer term, based on the suspicion that he might help or engage in terrorist activities. He appeared in court last week to fight the Mounties' attempts to limit his freedoms. Mahon, who is also the federal prosecutor in that case, had said the restrictions are "not punitive" but reasonable for public safety. [CBC News](#) (2015-11-09)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** Tim Hortons loses bid to turf rights complaint**

A Canadian coffee giant and franchisee have lost their bid to toss out a human-rights complaint lodged by Mexican workers in northeastern British Columbia. Edxon Chein, Eric Dessens, Rodolfo Lara and Ruben Ramirez were all hired under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program to work in a Tim Hortons franchise in Dawson Creek in 2012. The workers filed a complaint with the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal against Tim Hortons Inc., TDL Group Corp., a subsidiary that oversees restaurant operations, and franchise operator Tony Van Den Bosch. They allege they had to endure inferior working conditions, racist and derogatory comments and sub-standard living conditions owned by the franchise operator. A lawyer for Tim Hortons argued before the tribunal that the company wasn't connected to the issues raised in the complaint and that Van Den Bosch operates as independent contractor. The tribunal didn't make a final decision, but ruled against the application to dismiss the case, ordered it to go to a hearing and urged the parties to seek mediation. [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist, A6)

***Bakery owner could face jail for weapon stash**

Crown prosecution argued for as much as two years behind bars while defence counsel contended a conditional sentence order is appropriate during a hearing Monday for a Prince George man who was at the centre of a massive haul of guns and bullets from his home slightly more than two years ago. Much of the hearing, held in Prince George provincial court, was spent itemizing the weapons RCMP seized from his Prospect Point home and matching them to each of the six charges Karl Heinz Haus, 55, pleaded guilty to from the September 2013 incident. It began when Canada Border Services Agency officers intercepted two packages that originated in Germany and destined for Haus's home address. They contained components used to convert an M-16 assault rifle into a fully automatic weapon. The information was passed onto the RCMP federal serious and organized crime unit and after the parts were determined to be prohibited, investigators secured a search warrant for the home. [Prince George Citizen](#) (2015-11-09)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

***Europe declaws Iran's 'rocket kitten' hackers**

European authorities have taken action to take down a cyber espionage campaign believed to be linked to Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard, the first operation of its kind since Tehran signed a nuclear treaty, researchers say. The hacker group - dubbed "Rocket Kitten" by security experts who have been hunting the hacker group since early 2014 - has mounted cyberattacks on high-profile political and military figures globally since that time, according to researchers from several cyber security firms who have monitored its activities. The action could hamper Tehran's efforts to gather sensitive intelligence from rivals including Saudi Arabia, Israel, Turkey, the United States. Reuters (Toronto Sun, A46; Edmonton Sun, Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun)

***Parsing the risks in cyber insurance**

When an insurance company sells protection against a house fire or car accident, it leans on decades of data from past experience to price policies. For every 1,000 houses you insure you have a rough idea how many will burn. That basic yet key ingredient is all but missing in the growing business of cyber insurance, in which business is booming as the list of hacking incidents from Target to Ashley Madison grows. Add to the mix the ever-changing nature of hacks and different levels of security sophistication among companies, and the challenges mount alongside the opportunities. "There are many unknowns," said Nick Galletto, cyber risk services leader for the Americas at Deloitte. Hacks such as the one that hit adultery website Ashley Madison can give an idea of the cost of the fallout of such an event. But that doesn't come close to providing the depth of data insurers use to create and measure the underwriting standards when they sell protection against house fires, break-ins and car accidents. Financial Post, FP3

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Dieppe Mountie gets major Interpol post

A New Brunswick Mountie and former commanding officer of the Codiac Regional RCMP has been elected Interpol's vice-president for the Americas. Todd Shean, who was born and raised in Dieppe, is currently an assistant commissioner and officer in charge of the RCMP's Federal Policing Special Services. This new position will be part of his regular duties with the RCMP. He was elected to Interpol's 13-member executive committee during the 84th Interpol General Assembly, which took place last week in Kigali, Rwanda. He is now one of three vice-presidents of the organization. Created in 1923, Interpol is the world's largest international police organization, with 190 member countries. In 1949, Canada became a member of Interpol and the RCMP was delegated the responsibility for administering and operating Canada's National Central Bureau, known as Interpol Ottawa. The bureau works with other countries through international criminal databases, the exchange of timely and accurate information and the coordination of international requests for assistance. Reached in Berlin, where he was attending the G7 summit on Monday, Shean said he plans to improve policing partnerships to advance Interpol's operational priorities. "We know that crime and all that goes with it is increasingly international," he said, emphasizing that it is more important than ever for law enforcement agencies to cooperate, corroborate and share information and best practices. Shean's 29-year career in law enforcement has included operational and leadership positions in tackling organized crime and financial crime, as well as in criminal intelligence and international policing. From 2005 to 2008, he led the Codiac Regional RCMP. At Codiac, he established a street crime unit, dedicated traffic section and other specialist officers in areas such as domestic violence. During that time, Metro Moncton had one of the lowest crime rates in the country. In 2008, Codiac had the best "clearance rate" among police forces in Canada for resolving serious crimes. Leading one of the largest RCMP detachments in the country, policing a bilingual city that is a microcosm of Canada, and providing services to three different municipalities were all good training, Shean said. "Codiac brings a number of different challenges. It really helps you prepare for other challenges." Shean has also held posts in British Columbia and Florenceville. Since leaving Codiac, he has gone back and forth between Ottawa and Fredericton. His base will continue to be in Ottawa, but he maintains a home in Dieppe. "I'm a Maritimer. All my ties are there. I'll be back." Times & Transcript, A1

'Our country benefits to this day'

Sgt. Gil Boone proudly participates in local Remembrance Day ceremonies each year with other members of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service. He is among 22 members of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service who have participated in 24 peacekeeping missions in places like Kosovo, Sierra

Leone, Jordan and Afghanistan. Each Nov. 11, he is reminded of his own time overseas, but says his service hardly compares to what others have gone through... He said it reminded him of the quality of life back in Canada and the veterans who fought in wars to make sure that was possible. "The men and women that went over and fought for us, they did so much for us, and our country benefits from it to this day. People just don't seem to realize that." That's why he marches each year in a Remembrance Day parade. This year, he'll take part in commemorations on the Northside. The RCMP manages the deployment of Canadian police on peacekeeping missions, including planning and evaluating, selecting and training personnel and providing support throughout deployment. [Cape Breton Post](#), A3/Front

Remembrance Day ceremonies planned throughout region

Communities across southeastern New Brunswick will join Canadians across the country in pausing to remember those who have served the nation in uniform and those who made the ultimate sacrifice doing so. Here's a look at some of the main Remembrance Day ceremonies around our region. Moncton: Thousands will gather at the Moncton Coliseum for the largest ceremony in our region, organized by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch Number 6. The ceremony runs from 10:30 a.m. to noon, with a special Lest We Forget display open after the ceremony in the adjacent Agrena complex. As well, the Sunny Brae Legion will host a parade that will leave the legion, 164 Broadway St., at 10:40 a.m. and end at the cenotaph on Massey Avenue. If it rains, the ceremony moves to the Knights of Columbus Hall on Broadway. There is also the annual informal ceremony at the Victoria Park cenotaph - including veterans and anyone who has served as a police officer, firefighter or in the military - that will be held at 11 a.m. Dieppe: The City of Dieppe, in collaboration with the Dieppe Military Veterans Association, will be holding a ceremony on Wednesday, November 11, at École Anna-Malenfant to commemorate Remembrance Day. The parade, made up of veterans, cadets and members of the RCMP, will form up around 10:30 a.m. and will make its way indoors for the ceremony. [Times & Transcript](#), A3

*** Troubled veterans lacking necessary support: critics**

It was chilly March day when former master corporal Collin Fitzgerald - one of the country's most highly decorated Afghan war veterans - decided that the way he wanted to go out was in a spray of police bullets. It was, he believed at the time, the only thing he could do to wash away the pain of his crumbling marriage and to erase from his mind the faces of dead Taliban fighters that haunted him each night, every time he closed his eyes. "I was done with life and everything," Fitzgerald told *The Canadian Press*. "And I cannot truly say to you what that feels like, but is a very hollow, shallow, cold place to be." He tried everything. Nothing worked. "Therapy. The alcohol had run its course, the (prescription) drugs had run their courses; I was done," he said. "You just want the pain to be done. I get it." But the fact he found the strength to go on living for his daughter, and to eventually face justice after holding police at bay for five hours at his home in Iroquois, Ont., south of Ottawa, was just the start of his nightmare. Fitzgerald soon encountered another chilling reality: that Canada's justice system often treats troubled veterans as threats to public safety. After an eight-month investigation, *The Canadian Press* has found that the federal government allowed key findings in the tragic shooting death of another troubled veteran with severe post traumatic stress disorder to gather dust. The B.C. coroner's office investigated the September 2012 RCMP killing of retired corporal Gregory Matters and made several recommendations to both National Defence and Veterans Affairs, including making mental-health professionals available to police emergency response teams who deal with troubled veterans. Letters obtained by CP, dated from the summer of 2014 and addressed to the coroner, show that both federal departments believe they are doing enough to reach and treat troubled military members. [Canadian Press](#) (Record, A3, Spectator, Times & Transcript, Daily Gleaner)

*** RCMP stymied in probe of Parliament Hill shooter's Winchester rifle**

The RCMP believes it has "come to a dead end" in its probe of where Parliament Hill shooter Michael Zehaf Bibeau got his gun one of the most vexing questions about the events of Oct. 22, 2014. The Mounties continue to investigate several threads of what happened that day, including whether Zehaf Bibeau had accomplices, but have not gathered evidence sufficient for criminal charges. A source with direct knowledge of the police investigation provided the update to *The Canadian Press* on condition of anonymity due to the ongoing sensitivity of the file. On Wednesday, crowds will gather for Remembrance Day ceremonies at the National War Memorial, where Zehaf Bibeau killed honour guard Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, shooting him in the back three times with a .30-30 Winchester rifle. The attacker quickly made his

way up Parliament Hill and into the Centre Block before being gunned down in the Hall of Honour, not far from then-prime minister Stephen Harper and countless MPs. The RCMP will honour 20 Mounties and former House of Commons security officers later this month in recognition of their bravery during the violent episode. Shortly before his attack, the gunman made a video in which he cites retaliation for Canada's military involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq as his motivation. Zehaf Bibeau, 32, plainly speaks of assaulting soldiers to show Canadians "that you're not even safe in your own land, and you gotta be careful." RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson told a Commons committee in March that the Mounties considered Zehaf Bibeau a terrorist, and that he would have been charged with terrorism offences under the Criminal Code had he lived. [Guardian](#) (Prince Albert Daily Herald, Western Star, Telegram, Mississauga News, Brandon Sun); [CTV News](#); [Globe and Mail](#)

*** Help sought in shooting probe - Investigative unit seeks witnesses to Friday's events**

The province's team of independent investigators is looking for witnesses as it probes a police shooting that killed a Winnipeg man Friday. Mark DiCesare, 24, died after being shot by officers near Kapyong Barracks following a police chase through River Heights around 1:15 p.m. Friday. DiCesare had been upset over a recent breakup with his girlfriend, a source told the Free Press. Whether DiCesare was armed as he led police on a chase Friday is part of the Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba's probe, said executive director Zane Tessler... The unit is currently investigating several other cases, including the recent police shooting of 44-year-old Haki Sefa Sept. 20, the case of a stolen RCMP gun being used in a gang-related shooting that injured a teenage girl Oct. 24 and the apparent suicide of a murder suspect who shot himself after police tried to pull him over Nov. 2. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), B1

*** Arbitration gets the boot - Carstairs backs away from option to resolve expense-claim dispute**

A former Manitoba senator has changed her mind about using binding arbitration to resolve her Senate expense-claim issues and will likely now face legal action. Sharon Carstairs, who left the Senate in October 2011, is one of 30 senators who were identified in June by the auditor general as having made what were deemed to be ineligible expense claims. Senators were given the option to repay the amount owing or go to binding arbitration with former Supreme Court Justice Ian Binnie. Those who don't repay and don't go to arbitration will be pursued in court... Former Liberal senators Rose-Marie Losier-Cool and Bill Rompkey and Conservatives Gerry St. Germain and Don Oliver also initially requested binding arbitration but have since rescinded that request. There are seven senators who still owe money from the audit who haven't sought binding arbitration, including former Manitoba Liberal senator Rod Zimmer, whose outstanding amount of \$176,014 was the highest total for any of the senators identified in the audit. Zimmer's claims were related to his secondary residence as well as travel the auditor said didn't appear to be for Senate business, contracts without proper documentation, as well as gifts and taxi rides for Zimmer and his spouse in Ottawa for personal activities. All seven are among the nine whose files were referred to the RCMP to see if any criminal laws were broken. None of those senators has been charged. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), A3

*** Un Néo-Brunswickois soupçonné d'agressions sexuelles**

Un homme âgé de 61 ans du Nouveau-Brunswick, Jean-Marie Rodrigue, doit faire face à la justice pour des agressions sexuelles graves qui auraient été commises il y a quelques années au Québec. Les faits qui lui sont reprochés seraient survenus entre 1985 et 1998 en Beauce et en Montérégie. Le Service d'enquêtes régionales de la Sûreté du Québec (SQ), avec la collaboration de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), a procédé à l'arrestation du suspect samedi à sa résidence au Nouveau-Brunswick. L'Acadie Nouvelle a contacté la SQ pour savoir à quel endroit avait eu lieu l'arrestation, mais un agent nous a répondu que cette information «n'est pas disponible». Jean-Marie Rodrigue doit comparaître à Saint-Joseph-de-Beauce relativement à ces accusations d'agressions sexuelles. L'enquête de la Sûreté du Québec tend à démontrer qu'il pourrait avoir fait d'autres victimes. Selon la sergente aux communications de la SQ, Ann Mathieu, le suspect connaissait les personnes avec lesquelles il aurait posé ces gestes à caractère sexuel. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Acadie Nouvelle, 7)

Youth worker left alone with violent teen

A 15-year-old Charlottetown youth in the care of the province has been placed on probation for two years after he engaged in the unwanted sexual touching of a female youth worker. The youth, whose identity is protected under the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act, has been ordered by the court to attend

a sexual education program. He must undergo assessment, counselling and treatment for any underlying issue that might have contributed to the commission of this offence. That counselling could include sessions on sexual deviancy and anger management. Provincial Court Judge Nancy Orr ordered the accused to provide a sample of his DNA for the national DNA databank. She also imposed a weapons prohibition. [Guardian](#), A1

*** 'God didn't want me to die'**

A Charlottetown youth who attempted to commit suicide by cop in the parking lot of the Charlottetown Mall was placed on probation Monday for two years on each of four weapons- related offences. The youth, whose identity is protected by the Youth Criminal Justice Act, had entered guilty pleas to possession of brass knuckles, using brass knuckles in a careless manner, using a firearm in a careless manner and possession of a weapon for a purpose dangerous to the public peace. The court was told the accused had drawn police to the rear parking lot of the Charlottetown Mall last Good Friday by placing a call to the authorities to say there was a man in the parking lot with a gun and shots had been fired. Multiple units were dispatched and when police arrived they spotted a figure with a gun, his face covered with a balaclava... Orr ordered the accused to perform 25 hours of community service on each of the four charges. He must also provide a DNA sample for the national DNA databank. [Guardian](#), A3

Drug probe hits jackpot

A Saskatchewan police investigation dubbed Project F-Jackpot has cashed in, with four arrests and 25 charges. "The objective of this investigation was to disrupt the criminal activity and dismantle the group of individuals involved in the distribution of cocaine and crystal methamphetamine in communities in the province of Saskatchewan," said a news release issued Monday. No one was available for an interview to provide further details. The bust was made by the Saskatchewan Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU), a provincewide integrated policing task force targeting existing and emerging organized criminal groups. Members of the Regina CFSEU have been involved in Project FJackpot for the past two months. The investigation concerned alleged drug trafficking by a group operating "extensively" across the province, according to the release. Saskatoon CFSEU, the Regina Police Service and RCMP units in Saskatchewan's F Division were also involved in the project. It culminated in four arrests on Wednesday. James Edward Lloyd, 36, of Regina is charged with trafficking in cocaine, possession of cocaine, meth and oxycodone for the purpose of trafficking, possession of cannabis under 30 grams, possession of proceeds of crime exceeding \$5,000, and six weapons charges. [Postmedia News](#) (Leader-Post, A1)

Man critically injured in fight

Three suspects are in custody after a man was critically injured during a confrontation between two groups of people in Surrey City Centre early Monday. RCMP said that at 3:20 a.m. police were called to 108th Avenue and 132nd Street following reports of screams and two groups fighting on the street. Police found one man, in his early 20s and known to police, with a serious gash to his chest. Two men and one woman were arrested and remain in custody while the investigation continues. The victim is listed in critical condition. [Postmedia Network](#) (Vancouver Sun, A4)

Moose cull prompts protests

Dennis Day was all ready to protest a Mi'kmaq moose hunt that Parks Canada approved for Monday on North Mountain in Cape Breton Highlands National Park, but there was nothing to protest. Day, a resident of nearby Cape North, set up camp along the Cabot Trail just outside the park on Sunday night, but Mi'kmaq hunters and Parks Canada officials were still putting things in place Monday and were not expected to start hunting until Tuesday at the earliest. "I'm not even going up on the mountain," Day said Monday morning inside his roadside hut, which is equipped with a wood stove inside and a porta-potty next to it. "I'm staying right here." Day said he intends to peacefully protest Parks Canada's plan to cull up to 90 per cent of the moose population in a 20-square-kilometre area on North Mountain... However, Const. Mark Skinner of Nova Scotia RCMP said no complaints had been laid by Monday morning and police were not investigating any threats. Day said he didn't complain to police, because he didn't take an online threat he received seriously. And, he said, he has no intention of disrupting the hunt. "We just want to get our word across," he said. "I can't stress enough that this isn't against the aboriginals. This is against the park." RCMP and Parks Canada enforcement officers spent Monday morning meeting with Day and local citizens to keep things calm. [Chronicle Herald](#), A3

Cops hunt for man

Surrey RCMP are looking for a man who allegedly tried to force his way into the home of a 15-year-old girl. Police say the man approached the teen outside her home in the 13300-block of Sutton Place around 2:15 p.m. Friday. He talked to her, then tried to go into the home uninvited. The two struggled in the doorway and the teen was able to call for help, police said. The man, described as a 25-to 30-year-old South Asian man, about 5-foot-8 with a medium build, fled in an older black car, possibly a Honda Civic. [Canadian Press](#) (Province, A8)

*** Charges laid in theft of poppy donations**

A man faces charges after poppy boxes were stolen in **Grande Prairie** gas station. RCMP were called to the business on Sunday. Corey Donald Muise, 23, is charged with theft under \$5,000, possession of stolen property and failure to abide by probation orders. Grande Prairie is approximately 460 kilometres northwest of Edmonton. [Postmedia Network](#) (Edmonton Journal, A5); [Edmonton Sun](#), A6

Missing man left financial quandary

Harold Backer, who has been missing since Nov. 3, may have left the country as a result of financial mismanagement that has cost his clients a considerable amount of money. The 52-year-old Backer, who is registered as an active mutual fund dealer with Investia Financial in B.C. and Ontario, was listed as missing last week by Victoria police. Some of Backer's clients, who asked to remain anonymous, told the Times Colonist it looks as though they have lost a substantial amount of money due to his actions. It is unknown how many clients are affected. According to Canadian Securities Administrators, the umbrella group that brings together the country's various provincial securities regulators, Backer was an active dealer with Investia but under the terms and conditions of his registration he had agreed "to be closely supervised." The Mutual Fund Dealers Association did not return calls Monday to clarify what that meant. According to a spokesman, the B.C. Securities Commission cannot comment on whether a complaint has been made against a dealer or if an investigation is ongoing... On Monday, Victoria police announced they are working with U.S. law enforcement agencies to find Backer. "Both through our efforts and the fantastic support from our U.S. law enforcement partners, such as the Port Angeles Police Department, we continue to receive tips that we're working with now," said Det. Sgt. Kris Rice in a statement. "Tips are important in a missing persons file like this and sometimes it is the smallest detail that helps." [Times Colonist](#), A1

*** Opposition calls for action on fentanyl**

Alberta's main opposition parties say Premier Rachel Notley's government has responded with indifference as deaths from fentanyl abuse have surged in the province and turned into a public-health crisis. Ms. Notley's New Democrats have defended their response to the fast-acting opioid by pointing to the creation of a committee to review mental health care in the province. However, members of the Wildrose and Progressive Conservative parties say resources need to be allocated immediately to overtaxed health and police services. In the first half of the year, 145 Albertans died from fentanyl... A pill of fentanyl costs about \$20 on the streets of Alberta's major cities and is 50 times more potent than heroin. While the drug has been tied to prescription abuse in Eastern Canada, the variant found in the Prairies is believed to be produced by organized crime. What sets fentanyl apart from other opioids is how toxic it is - two milligrams are enough to kill the average person in less than 15 minutes. [Globe and Mail](#), A11

*** Bible Hill RCMP office undergoes renovations**

The RCMP detachment in Bible Hill is getting an expansion and facelift. Work is underway on the project that will expand and upgrade the detachment at 283 Pictou Rd., consolidating in one building all units and offices in the Bible Hill area, an RCMP news release said. "By expanding and upgrading our current detachment facility, the RCMP is making a long-term commitment to policing services in the Bible Hill area and Colchester County in general," Staff Sgt. John Berry, Colchester District commander, said in the release. "This infrastructure project will also bring all RCMP resources in Bible Hill under one roof, which will enhance service delivery in the long run." In the first phase of the project, the original building will be expanded by about 1,200 square metres. The original structure will be renovated and upgraded in the

second phase. When it is completed, the detachment will house eight RCMP units, including those now located in the nearby Agritech Park. [Chronicle Herald](#) (2015-11-09)

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Collectibles thief granted day parole

The mastermind behind the thefts of more than 1,000 rare artifacts from universities, museums and private collections is being released on day parole. John Mark Matthew Tillmann of Fall River is serving an eight-year federal sentence for multiple counts of possession of stolen property, theft under \$5,000, possession of a forged document and obstruction of justice. Tillmann was sentenced in 2013 after pleading guilty to the theft of the museum pieces, artifacts and other items in Nova Scotia. The items, which police said were worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, were recovered after police searched his Guildwood Drive home. In a Nov. 5 decision, the Parole Board of Canada granted Tillmann day parole for six months upon a bed becoming available at a community halfway house. He must return to the facility each night. [Chronicle-Herald](#), A4

*** La maison de transition pour un importateur de cocaïne**

Après avoir purgé la moitié d'une peine de huit ans, Angelo Follano, chef d'orchestre d'un complot visant à importer 1300 kg de cocaïne éventé en 2006 durant la rafle antimafia Colisée, a convaincu hier matin les commissaires aux libérations conditionnelles de l'envoyer en maison de transition. Grand sportif, Follano, 42 ans, qui portait d'ailleurs un chandail des Bears de Chicago, de la Ligue nationale de football, a raconté aux commissaires que son implication dans le crime a commencé en raison de ses problèmes de jeu compulsif. [La Presse](#), A8

*** Stéphane "Godasse" Gagné veut sortir de prison**

La file était longue, lundi, dans les couloirs du palais de justice de Montréal. Pendant des heures, les citoyens ont défilé devant le juge Jerry Zigman, certains dans l'optique d'être sélectionnés comme jurés, d'autres dans l'espoir d'être exemptés. Ce mardi, ils devraient être douze à s'installer dans une salle d'audience : ce sera à eux que le motard et célèbre délateur Stéphane Gagné s'adressera dans le but de faire devancer sa date d'admissibilité à la libération conditionnelle. Depuis près de 18 ans, Stéphane "Godasse" Gagné écoule le temps derrière les barreaux. Il s'y trouve parce qu'il a abattu par balles la gardienne de prison Diane Lavigne, une mère de famille choisie au hasard, le soir du 26 juin 1997, tuée pour le métier qu'elle pratiquait. [Le Devoir](#), A4, [Journal de Québec](#) (Journal de Montréal), [La Presse](#) (La Tribune)

Psychiatric evaluation delays first-degree murder trial

Concerns over the mental state of a man convicted of first-degree murder delayed the start of his second trial for the gangland style killing of Brandon Neil Prevey. Christopher Martin Fleig, 31, was convicted in 2012 of the April 2009 drive-by shooting death of Prevey, 29, in Inglewood in Red Deer. Though Fleig did not actually shoot Prevey, the Crown believed he had orchestrated the killing. The Alberta Court of Appeal ordered a new trial on March 10, 2014, but did not overturn the conviction. Fleig's second trial started Monday in Red Deer Court of Queen's bench before Justice Larry Ackerl of Edmonton. Defence counsel Allan Fay began the trial by requesting an adjournment for a mental fitness evaluation for Fleig. Faye said he had concerns about the mental state of Fleig, citing his bipolar disorder and a recent refusal to take medication while being held at the Red Deer Remand Centre ahead of the trial. Fleig, wearing blue prisoner coveralls, was handcuffed in the prisoner box where he alternated between standing and sitting regularly. Faye told Ackerl he had visited Fleig over the Thanksgiving long weekend at the Edmonton Institution maximum security facility, and said he was lucid. But an attempt to visit Fleig at the prison this past weekend before the start of trial was thwarted by a lockdown. He later learned that Fleig was not taking his medication. (...) Fleig was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison by Justice Kirk Sisson on May 30, 2012. [Red Deer Advocate](#), A1, [Canadian Press](#) (Cape Breton Post, The Guardian, The Telegram)

Cop's recorded threats halt robbery trial

A Fredericton police officer's threat toward a suspect was an abuse of process that merited a halt to a robbery and break-in prosecution, a judge ruled Monday. Michael David Johnston, 36, of no fixed address, stood trial Monday on charges of break, enter and assault at a residence at 548 Lincoln Rd. on May 24, and robbing Brittini Sowers of a cellphone and money on June 24. However, after hearing testimony and viewing video evidence Monday, provincial court Judge William McCarrroll issued a stay of proceedings in the case. That means the prosecution has been halted and essentially fizzles out. The ruling came as a result of the actions of Sgt. Tim Sowers, father of the complainant, Brittini Sowers, 27. In an unexpected turn in the trial, it was revealed Sgt. Sowers had confronted Johnston at the police station after he was arrested this summer. (...) While the charges against him are now gone, Johnston remains in custody. He was federal parolee at the time of the allegations, and his parole was revoked as a result of them. It remains to be seen if that parole revocation will be lifted or if he'll have to serve the remainder of his previous federal-prison sentence for an unrelated incident. [Daily Gleaner](#), A1

Mother hopes inquest into daughter's death will bring her peace

The mother of a seven-year-old girl killed by her legal guardians appeared shaken Monday as a coroner's inquest listened to the 911 call that led paramedics to her daughter's bruised and battered body in a Toronto apartment in 2008. Emotions broke through Bernice Sampson's otherwise stoic demeanour at least once more as the inquest into Katelynn Sampson's death began more than seven years after the girl's death. On the call, made in the early morning hours of Aug. 3, 2008, Katelynn's guardian, Donna Irving, could be heard sobbing as she told the operator the girl had choked to death on bread. "She's been laying there for half an hour and she's not breathing," she said on the recording. "I was so scared, I didn't know what to do." Irving continued to cry while the operator instructed her to perform CPR, and later mumbled: "I didn't mean to." Irving and Katelynn's other guardian, Warren Johnson, were convicted three years ago of second-degree murder in the girl's death and sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 15 years. The pair beat Katelynn for months until her body went into septic shock. [Canadian Press](#) (Cape Breton Post, A9, Whitehorse Daily Star, The Telegram, The Guardian, Times Colonist), [Postmedia Network](#) (Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Toronto Sun, Calgary Sun), [Toronto Star](#), [Canadian Press](#) (The Guardian, The Telegram)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

First Nations groups urge caution before government's missing women inquiry

A coalition on missing and murdered indigenous women is urging the new federal Liberal government to be cautious before launching an inquiry into the problem. The group says the failure of British Columbia's own missing-women inquiry led by former attorney general Wally Oppal should be a lesson in what not to do. The coalition, made up of more than two dozen groups and individuals, says B.C.'s investigation neglected to consult the families of the missing women and also fell short of implementing many of the final report's 56 recommendations. The group came together after their organizations were shut out of the B.C. inquiry and it has continued to meet to pursue justice for murdered and missing women. [Canadian Press](#) (Whitehorse Daily Star, 8, Red Deer Advocate, Times Colonist, Waterloo Region Record, Hamilton Spectator, London Free Press, The Province, Vancouver Sun, Globe and Mail, Cape Breton Post, The Telegram)

Government to consult on terms for missing, murdered inquiry, says Bennett

Canada's new minister of indigenous and northern affairs says pre-inquiry consultations should be launched within the next two weeks as the Liberal government lays the groundwork for a long-awaited probe on missing and murdered aboriginal women. Carolyn Bennett says the consultation process will involve speaking with the families of victims, provincial and territorial representatives and grassroots organizations. She also says it will be key to establish terms for the inquiry, including its mandate and how many commissioners should conduct the study. In their election platform, the Liberals promised to spend \$40 million over two years on the inquiry. [Canadian Press](#) (iPolitics)

* **Val-d'Or: les chiffres d'une crise annoncée**

Les récentes révélations de l'émission *Enquête*, de Radio-Canada, sur les abus envers les femmes autochtones par des policiers de la Sûreté du Québec à Val-d'Or, braquent de nouveau les projecteurs sur les conditions de vie difficiles des femmes des Premières Nations. Des chiffres pour comprendre. [L'Actualité](#)

Quebec police probe shouldn't be delayed

An editorial states, "The Quebec government has taken some positive steps in the last two weeks in response to disturbing allegations made by several indigenous women in Val-d'Or, who have said they suffered physical or sexual abuse by Sûreté du Québec officers. Last Wednesday, Premier Philippe Couillard met with Quebec aboriginal leaders. He appointed Fannie Lafontaine, a human rights lawyer, as an independent observer of the probe being conducted by Montreal police. The province also pledged \$6.1 million so vulnerable women in Val-d'Or can get medical and mental health help. In Val-d'Or, some police will be patrolling alongside social workers to make them more sensitive to the realities of marginalized society. However, those steps go only a small way toward addressing the enduring problems between aboriginals, police and the Quebec government. Lafontaine has said she would not have taken the post if she thought she would not be able to act independently. Let's hope her optimism proves warranted, but a fully independent investigation would have greater credibility with aboriginals, who have little trust in the SQ." [Postmedia Network](#) (Kingston Whig-Standard, A4, London Free Press)

Red dresses draw attention

A letter to the editor states, "All across the UPEI campus, there are red dresses hanging from trees. At first glance, they appeared to be nothing more than some form of a prank. However, along with these dresses are signs addressing the issue of the more than 1,200 Aboriginal women who have been murdered or gone missing. This has been a growing issue as Canadian citizens are pressing for the problem to be discussed in Parliament. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has pledged to explore the different reasons why these women have been murdered or gone missing, and promised to give answers to those who are waiting for them. However, there is so much more to the issue than simply finding out what happened to these women. As Canadians, what can we do to prevent these disappearances from happening? Is there a way for us to save Aboriginal women before it is too late?" [The Guardian](#), A6

Will carding crackdown tie officers' hands?

Community activists are applauding the Ontario government for proposing strict new curbs on carding. Police, to no one's surprise, are not. Some police chiefs and police unions say they are worried the curbs will hamper their ability to interact with the public and control crime. Police, of course, tend to resist any check on their authority. It would be easy to dismiss their complaints as nothing more than reflex. In this case, they deserve a hearing. Police argue that when they conduct street checks - questioning and documenting people they encounter on the beat but are not under arrest - they often learn things that help them prevent or solve crimes. [Globe and Mail](#), A10

Police carding is not over

An opinion piece states, "Last week, the Wynne government announced draft regulations meant to herald in a new era in policing in Ontario. The proposed rules would mean the "end of carding," Queen's Park proclaimed. No longer would people be subject to discriminatory street checks by police. I was immediately suspicious. How can a government regulate a practice it is eliminating? Frustration soon turned to dull, familiar rage as I read the new policies. Carding is not over, and nothing in the draft regulations will prevent the status-quo discriminatory and disproportionate criminalization of black Ontarians. On the face of it, the regulations would prohibit police from stopping and questioning people based on race (with significant exceptions). They also state that being present in a "high crime neighbourhood" cannot be the sole reason for a street check (this doesn't scream progress to me). But let's be honest: these rules are nothing new. There are already laws in existence meant to prevent racist policing. Here's what's in the fine print: police are not to stop people based on their race, unless race is an important identifying factor in the police's search for a particular individual. In other words, carding can still happen to you - if you fit a certain description. Sadly, this is almost always the excuse used to criminalize black people. Also in the fine print: if an officer collects information from an individual in a manner that violates the regulation, there is no consequence to the officer, no recourse for the carded individual and

the identifying information is retained in the police database. In other words, police can continue to card with impunity." [Toronto Star](#), A13

Changing the face of the force

When Ingrid Cataldo arrived in Montreal from Chile 20 years ago, she had her heart set on becoming a police officer. But like many immigrants, she had a hard time convincing her mother that being a cop is a respectable profession. Her mother wanted her to get a university degree; so Cataldo enrolled at Université de Montréal and studied social work and criminology. After receiving her diploma on graduation day, Cataldo hugged her mother and whispered something in her ear. "I told her: 'Now, I'm going to become a police officer.'" Cataldo, 41, has been a Montreal police constable for 13 years, having entered the force through an equal opportunity program at a time when the SPVM was hiring more women. Almost four years ago, the SPVM's human resources department was looking for a new recruiter, someone who could be successful in persuading members of Montreal's growing visible minority community to join their ranks. As a visible minority officer who speaks French, Spanish, Italian and some English, Cataldo felt she was a good candidate. The force agreed and gave her the difficult task of trying to woo other minorities into the police force. For years, Montreal police have talked about wanting to increase the force's diversity, and its top brass hasn't been shy about expressing frustration at not being successful. In 2014, only 317 of the force's 4,601 officers were members of a visible minority - about 6.8 per cent. Another 193 were ethnic minorities and 17 were First Nations. Former police chief Marc Parent acknowledged the department struggles to recruit non-white officers. "For some, it's a trust issue, maybe. For others, it's not a respectable profession for them," he said before his retirement this year. Among officers who work on the beat, about eight per cent are visible minorities. Philippe Pichet, the force's new chief, said that number is not high enough. [Montreal Gazette](#), A1

Don't expect deep moral justice

A proposed class-action settlement for current and former foster children who were victims of child abuse and other crimes could cost Alberta more than \$20 million. But the legal firm representing the plaintiffs says most will likely receive just \$15,000 to \$30,000 in compensation. An Edmonton court Friday will hear arguments about the draft settlement for victims who were in provincial care between 1966 and 2008. The class-action lawsuit was originally brought by Edmonton lawyer Robert Lee in 2004 and certified by the courts, after a long legal battle, in 2009. Since then, the courts have removed Lee from the case and reassigned it to a London, Ont., firm which specializes in class-actions lawsuits. Last week, the province and the firm, McKenzie Lake, finally agreed on a draft settlement. But for hundreds who joined the original lawsuit, the settlement may be a bitter disappointment. The lawsuit was never about holding the child welfare system accountable for physical and sexual abuses. It deals, instead, with a far narrower issue: whether the province, as their guardian, failed to take timely civil action to protect the financial rights of those abused children. The lawsuit claims the province failed to sue those who had victimized the minors and then failed to apply, on behalf of young victims, to the province's own Victims of Crime Compensation Fund. [Edmonton Journal](#), A1

Identity crisis

He's survived being shot, stabbed and beaten with a baseball bat, so James Lathlin has plenty of experience when it comes to getting back on his feet. Lathlin has spent the last 15 years trying to make a better name for himself, but now it's his name that is causing him trouble. Lathlin speaks with children and teens about the perils of gangs and drugs. His work resulted in him being part of an art campaign last March that blanketed downtown, aiming to challenge negative perceptions of Winnipeg's indigenous residents. The campaign featured two photos of Lathlin, the first being a grim-faced portrait that read: "Drug Dealer?" The second was of a smiling Lathlin that read: "A father, son, youth counsellor, motivational speaker, coach, author, rapper and an aspiring stand up comedian." In an unfortunate coincidence, James Robert Victor Lathlin's younger cousin, James Roderick Lathlin, was identified in 2012 by RCMP in Portage la Prairie as one of more than 30 people charged in a major drug trafficking bust, dubbed Project DEMERIT. "Ever since then I've been having problems," Lathlin said. "It has sabotaged my entire life and it sabotaged that whole campaign ... because here was James Roderick Lathlin who was a drug dealer." [Winnipeg Sun](#), A5

OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEES / OPÉRATION RÉFUGIÉS SYRIENS

Province gearing up for new influx of refugees - With 1,000 already arrived, 2,000 more is ambitious goal

Manitoba is flowing money and putting in place the logistics to accept another 2,000 refugees, on top of the 1,000 already arrived, by the end of the year if it can be done, Premier Greg Selinger said Monday. In an interview with the Free Press, Selinger said the \$1.2 million the province pledged in September for settlement services for refugees is starting to flow to the organizations so they can ramp up to prepare for an influx of people. "We're working on it, we said let's get this money moving," he said. He said the money needs to flow so organizations can hire people and get the supplies they need to manage. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau promised during the election to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada by the end of this year. Manitoba committed to taking up to 3,000 this year, which would be about 1,500 more than originally planned. It is a tall order, and some immigration experts think it may even be impossible, but Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Minister John McCallum said Monday the government will try to make it happen. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), A4

Syrian refugees warned of resettlement scams on social media

Ottawa's plan to usher in 25,000 Syrian refugees may have also opened the door to unscrupulous people seeking to make a profit off the backs of desperate asylum seekers hoping to resettle in Canada. Flyers and online messages have sprung up on social media offering to connect Syrian refugees with sponsorship groups and submit their refugee applications to Canada - for a fee of hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars. But resettlement groups are warning people to beware, noting that refugee resettlement is about helping people, not about turning a profit. "You don't make money off humanitarian work. That's why refugee resettlement is under the humanitarian stream of Canadian immigration," said Brian Dyck, chair of the Council of the Canadian Refugee Sponsorship Agreement Holders Association. Government-recognized private sponsorship agreement holders say they only work directly with groups or individuals who fundraise to support the refugee they select for resettlement at a fee of no more than \$100, as government rules stipulate. One recent posting on the Arabic news page, Canada Today, offered to connect Syrian refugees with private sponsorship groups, referring inquiries to a licensed immigration consultant. It is not illegal for a registered member of the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC) to charge for such a service. [Toronto Star](#), A8

Air Canada offers planes to help airlift Syrian refugees by year's end

Plans to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees by year's end could involve assistance from commercial air carriers, at least one of which has already offered space on its planes to the Liberal government. Air Canada reached out to the new government following the election, offering its services to help ferry people to Canada as they flee the ongoing civil war and other unrest in Syria. Though the airline can't fly directly into Syria itself, it could land planes in Istanbul as well as Beirut an estimated 1 million people in Lebanon have registered with the United Nations as refugees from the conflict. "Air Canada has offered to co-operate with the federal government to the fullest extent possible in any operation to transport Syrian refugees," spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick said in an email. "At this point, however, we have only exchanged preliminary information." Commercial aircraft are one of a range of options the government is exploring, Immigration Minister John McCallum said Monday as he announced a new cabinet committee specifically tasked with overseeing the resettlement program promised during the election campaign. Other options include ships and military planes, and the government is also exploring housing refugees in old military bases. [Canadian Press](#) (Daily Gleaner, B1, Red Deer Advocate, Ottawa Sun, Times Colonist, Times & Transcript, Telegraph-Journal, Chronicle-Herald)

Au moins 125 familles syriennes à Québec, espère Duclos

«J'ai espoir que la région de Québec puisse contribuer à l'accueil d'une bonne partie des réfugiés syriens», a dit le ministre canadien des Familles, des Enfants et du Développement social en entrevue au Soleil. Sans détour, il a avancé le nombre de «125 familles», soit environ 500 personnes. «C'est peu pour une population de 700 000 habitants. Je pense qu'on peut faire mieux, mais je mettrai ça comme barre minimale. On peut se donner comme objectif collectif ici à Québec de faire cette contribution», a poursuivi M. Duclos. Au-delà du fait d'aider une population en détresse, Québec bénéficiera, dit-il, de l'arrivée de

réfugiés à l'heure où la région a «besoin de nouveaux immigrants et de main-d'oeuvre». Le nombre minimal de 125 familles avancé par M. Duclos est le même que celui évalué par le maire de Québec, Régis Labeaume, et différents organismes comme le Centre multiethnique. Lors d'une conférence de presse en septembre, ils avaient dit vouloir accueillir de 125 à 200 familles, soit de 500 à 800 réfugiés syriens. Récemment, le maire de Québec a toutefois déploré ne «pas avoir eu de nouvelles» du gouvernement provincial alors que sa ville est prête à recevoir ces familles qui fuient la guerre. Lundi, Jean-Yves Duclos a dit que la question des réfugiés syriens a fait l'objet d'une discussion dès la première rencontre du Conseil des ministres la semaine dernière. Le gouvernement Trudeau a encore comme objectif d'accueillir 25 000 réfugiés d'ici la fin de 2015, même si le temps file. «On travaille fort, c'est notre intention d'y arriver», a martelé le nouveau ministre. [La Presse](#) (Le Soleil); *QMI Agency (Journal de Québec)

Ils seront 25 000

De Harper à Trudeau, le contraste est saisissant en matière d'accueil des réfugiés. D'un gouvernement qui utilisait la sécurité comme prétexte pour ne pas agir, nous voilà devant un gouvernement déterminé à relever tout un défi: accueillir 25 000 réfugiés au Canada d'ici le 31 décembre. Un scénario à l'étude prévoit l'accueil de 6000 réfugiés syriens par semaine qui seraient hébergés dans des bases militaires comme celles de Valcartier ou de Trenton, selon des informations obtenues par Le Devoir. Une opération d'urgence d'envergure qui s'inspire du plan déployé en 1999 lors de l'arrivée des réfugiés kosovars au Canada. Est-ce réaliste d'accueillir autant de réfugiés en si peu de temps? «Ça dépend du niveau d'urgence qu'on attribue à la chose», me dit Janet Dench, du Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés. Si la volonté politique est là, si l'organisation suit et que les citoyens se montrent solidaires, il est clair que l'on peut accueillir beaucoup plus de gens que le gouvernement précédent ne voulait nous le faire croire. Ce qui compte, ce n'est pas d'atteindre le chiffre magique de 25 000 réfugiés le 31 décembre à minuit. Ce qui compte, c'est d'admettre qu'il y a urgence, de reconnaître que nous avons des responsabilités en matière de protection des réfugiés et d'agir en conséquence. [La Presse](#)

***Former CFB Cornwallis site offers to house Syrian refugees**

Beth Earle knows the role Canadian military bases played in helping refugees from Kosovo in 1999 and she believes that can happen again as the federal government prepares to bring in refugees from Syria. "I thought, well, that was 5,000 refugees (in 1999), they're talking about 25,000 in a very short period of time (now) and maybe we can reach out and work once again with the federal government." Earle is the CEO of the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre, located at the site of the former CFB Cornwallis. While the location didn't host anyone from Kosovo back in 1999, there is more than enough space and experience to help this time, she said. Each summer, the site serves as home to 900 people as it hosts the HMCS Acadia Sea Cadet Training Centre. With Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government planning to bring 25,000 refugees to Canada by the end of the year, Earle decided to reach out to representatives at the National Defence Department and local political representatives to see if they need help in the way of temporary housing. "All of our facilities are inspected regularly and we do have the size of facilities and the infrastructure to help out in that way," she said. [Chronicle-Herald](#)

***Liberals look to expedite refugee process**

Immigration Minister John McCallum says a portion of the 25,000 Syrian refugees the Liberals plan to bring here will likely be housed at first on military bases, and he predicts some asylum seekers might arrive under a temporary protection program rather than as permanent residents. The Trudeau Liberal government on Monday announced it is assigning nine cabinet ministers, including Health Minister Jane Philpott and Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan, to expedite the Syrian refugee initiative. The Liberals promised during the federal election campaign to resettle 25,000 Syrians by Jan. 1 - an exceedingly ambitious goal, according to refugee advocates in this country, who say it cannot be done this fast. Refugee experts say some Syrians might arrive with more temporary status for two reasons. In some cases, Ottawa may want to speed up intake of refugees by bringing them here before screening is complete. Others might be content to live here temporarily with a plan to return to their homeland if conditions significantly improve. To expedite the arrival of 25,000, Mr. McCallum could use a ministerial permit to bring in some refugees whose security or health checks were not yet completed - and allow the rest of the scrutiny to take place in Canada. [Globe and Mail](#), A4

***Ottawa refugee health groups prepare to welcome Syrians**

Refugee settlement and community health groups in Ottawa are trying to figure out how to best help the thousands of new refugees expected to arrive in the region in the coming weeks. John McCallum, the minister of immigration, refugees and citizenship, confirmed Monday the federal government plans to bring in 25,000 government-sponsored refugees in the next eight weeks. Assmaa Bilouni spends her days helping refugees navigate Canada's health care system. She's been watching from afar as her home country, Syria, has been torn apart by war, forcing millions of people to flee to neighbouring countries for safety. (...) Bilouni, who is now a Canadian Citizen, recently met with a group of other refugee advocates to talk about how to help the displaced Syrians when they arrive. That group, called Refugee 613, is helping co-ordinate local efforts. (...) For the past few years, Dr. Doug Gruner, a refugee doctor in Ottawa, fought the former federal government's decision to cut interim health care for some refugees and claimants. Now that the Liberals are reversing those cuts and reinstating health care for all refugees, Gruner said he's redirecting his energy into helping the new arrivals. "Now, no longer will the costs of medications and other issues like prosthetics be on the shoulders of our private sponsors, church groups," said Gruner. CBC.ca

***Now comes the tough part for Trudeau**

An opinion piece states, "In all the commentary on political affairs no insight has ever come close to matching that concocted a near half-century ago by British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan. A journalist had asked him what had been the most challenging force he had ever had to deal with. MacMillan's famous reply was, "Events, dear boy, events." To this point, Justin Trudeau has performed with exceptional, indeed quite extraordinary skill. (...) In the election Trudeau promised to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees here by the year's end. That's incomparably better than the equivalent mean-mindedness of the Conservatives. But a Canadian winter is absolutely the worst time to bring in refugees who've lived their entire life in a warm country like Syria." Toronto Star, A13

***Advice for the new immigration minister**

An opinion piece states, "New Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship John McCallum faces some herculean tasks. He has to deliver on a promise to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees before the end of the year. In addition, in order to meet a court-imposed demand, he must find ways to provide adequate health care and medications to asylum seekers and refugees. (...) In having the first conversation, Minister McCallum may want to evaluate how Canada has been avoiding its international obligations to refugees. To keep asylum seekers far from our borders, Canada uses devices such as visas, electronic travel authorizations, agreements to outsource decision-making to other states, carrier sanctions on transportation companies, and even billboards in foreign countries advertising that Canada will rapidly deport failed asylum seekers." Ottawa Citizen

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*** New defence minister warned of 2006 attack**

Canada's new minister of national defence said he warned NATO command against a fateful 2006 Afghanistan mission that sent Canadian soldiers into an ambush where four were killed, but alliance officials ignored his warning. Harjit Sajjan, who served in Afghanistan before being named to cabinet by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau last week, also criticized coalition forces for not doing enough to "look at

the root cause" of Taliban recruitment in a documentary airing this week. Sajjan, who was deployed three times to Afghanistan, was released from military service on Sunday and is no longer a reservist in the Canadian Armed Forces. Postmedia Network (Edmonton Journal, N5, Gazette, London Free Press, National Post)

*** Forces plane carrying arms to Kurds held for days in Iraq**

Iraqi officials temporarily seized a military aircraft carrying weapons for Canadian special forces in Kurdistan, amid a wave of anti-western conspiracy theories rife in Iraqi politics. The seizure and the reasons for it raise questions for Canada's new Liberal government, which has vowed to do more military training in the country. The Iraqis said they held the Canadian Forces Hercules transport aircraft, carrying supplies into Kurdistan without authorization, for four days. Some Iraqis are concerned that the Kurds, who ultimately want independence for their territory, will use the support and weapons they receive from the U.S.-led coalition to eventually break away. Postmedia Network (Ottawa Citizen, A1/Front, Gazette)

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Réfugiés - L'objectif réel d'Ottawa prendra plus de temps

La promesse libérale de faire venir 25 000 réfugiés syriens " parrainés par l'État " ne sera pas remplie avant le 31 décembre : le gouvernement se donne quelques mois de plus pour atteindre cette cible, a appris Le Devoir. Les réfugiés qui arriveront avant la nouvelle année seront entre autres parrainés par des organismes privés. Le gouvernement fédéral a ainsi confirmé mercredi que plusieurs milliers de réfugiés faisant partie de la cohorte des 25 000 attendus avant 2016 sont en fait des déplacés qui seraient venus au Canada peu importe les résultats de l'élection du 19 octobre. " Les demandes de parrainage provenant du secteur privé [généralement des familles qui font affaire avec des organismes] font partie de notre objectif à court terme ", a expliqué Nancy Chan, porte-parole d'Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada. Impossible de savoir exactement quel sera le ratio de réfugiés parrainés par le privé ou par l'État. Le ministère soutient ne pas " avoir plus de précisions à donner pour l'instant "... Ces détails suggèrent que la pression immédiate mise sur le processus de sélection et de vérification des dossiers de réfugiés sera plus légère de quelques milliers de cas. Le **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale**, a par ailleurs confirmé mercredi que les dossiers de tous les réfugiés seraient épluchés et qu'aucun d'entre eux ne profitera d'une vérification allégée. Les demandeurs d'asile seront rencontrés en entrevue, les données biométriques seront contrôlées, leur passé corroboré dans des bases de données canadienne et internationale. " **Nous détaillerons les différentes étapes de contrôle quand**

le plan complet sera annoncé. Mais ce sera robuste et nous voulons nous assurer que la qualité de la vérification de sécurité, au final, est au rendez-vous ", a-t-il dit en point de presse. Ce processus de contrôle prend actuellement 12 à 18 mois. Il faudra attendre ladite annonce officielle pour préciser les délais anticipés. **" Mais ce sera beaucoup, beaucoup plus court "**, a certifié M. **Goodale**. Le **ministre** avait évoqué la possibilité la semaine dernière qu'une part des vérifications soit menée une fois les réfugiés en sol **canadien**. **" Notre objectif est d'accomplir la plus grande part du travail avant que les nouveaux arrivants arrivent "**, a-t-il affirmé mercredi. Quant aux populations ciblées par Ottawa, ce sera les **" vulnérables, qui [soulèvent] le moins de questions [en matière] de sécurité, et des gens qui ont les meilleures chances d'avoir une intégration réussie "**, a expliqué le ministre. Ottawa demeure globalement avare de détails sur la mécanique de l'opération, à six semaines de l'échéancier qu'il s'est fixé. Mercredi, Cogeco Nouvelles soutenait que la base de Valcartier pourrait accueillir 500 réfugiés dès le 1er décembre. La base de Trenton en recevrait pour sa part 1000. Le **ministre Goodale** a refusé de commenter ces informations. Le Devoir, A1; * La Presse, A7 (La Voix de l'Est)

Processing of Syrians can be 'fast, effective'

A respected authority on immigration and refugees says **Canada** and the United Nations have the operational know-how and security safeguards to safely vet 25,000 Syrians for rapid resettlement. But the question remains: Can the humanitarian resettlement project be pulled off by the Liberal government's looming Dec. 31 deadline without compromising domestic security? (...) Immigration Minister John McCallum has repeatedly said the would-be refugees will be properly screened. "I think his implication has been that if it takes longer, if it goes over the deadline, then it goes over the deadline," Showler said in an interview with the Citizen. "Certainly my understanding from him is that getting the job done properly is the priority." (...) **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** Wednesday tried to reassure **Canadians** the timetable will not compromise safety. **"There have been very enormous efforts and thorough consultations ... to make sure that that system is strong,"** **Goodale** said. Michel Coulombe, director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, added: "I want Canadians to know that as director of CSIS I am confident that the measures in place are robust and appropriate." Under normal circumstances, Showler explained, Canada's refugee-resettlement process happens in three phases. His comments are based largely on his experience helping Syrian and other refugees in Lebanon last year... Phase three is security screening by Canada-based CSIS, RCMP and Canada Border Services Agency officers. Names, travel documents and sometime a person's biometrics are checked against national and international police and security intelligence databases. **Goodale** and CBSA president Linda Lizotte-MacPherson said Wednesday no refugees will be allowed into Canada until those checks come back clean. Postmedia News (Ottawa Citizen, A1/Front); * Postmedia Network (Vancouver Sun, Windsor Star, StarPhoenix, Calgary Herald, Leader-Post, National Post, Gazette, Edmonton Journal)

RCMP, CSIS say Ottawa's refugee plan is feasible

The heads of Canada's police and spy agencies are backing the Trudeau government's plans to safely screen and bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of the year. A number of municipal and provincial politicians have called on the government to take longer to conduct security checks on the asylum seekers, but RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson and CSIS director Michel Coulombe insist the government's plans are feasible. As the pair spoke alongside **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** at a news conference in Ottawa Wednesday, giving assurances that it can be done in that time frame without compromising the country's safety, Ontario's Health Minister told reporters how Canada's most populous province can help meet the commitment. Details so far are vague as to Ottawa's plans, but Eric Hoskins says that Ontario is looking at decommissioned hospitals as potential housing for refugees. He noted, for example, that Toronto's Humber River Hospital has moved from three sites to one... "Yes," he answered in a direct question on the government's ability to meet its deadline. "We will play a role in making the security checks and confirm people's identity. In my view, the system is satisfactory." Added Mr. Coulombe, the director of CSIS: "I am confident that the measures in place are robust and ... appropriate." **Mr. Goodale** said that the first objective of the government's promise to take in 25,000 refugees is humanitarian, in order to **"rescue people who are in terrible conditions and fleeing from the scourge that is [the Islamic State],"** However, he added the government would meet its objective **"without any diminution or reduction in our security work."** The **Public Safety Minister** said federal officials would conduct database checks and **biometrics** tests to verify the ID of all refugees, in addition

to submitting them to interviews. To do the task quickly, some officials from other agencies are being seconded to the operation, including border guards. [Globe and Mail](#), A1

Canada-Paris link probed

The RCMP is looking into whether the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant's claim of responsibility for the Paris attacks was made by a Canadian, a spokeswoman for the police force says. Staff Sgt. Julie Gagnon said the RCMP was "following up" on reports the English-language audio recording issued by the terrorist group sounded Canadian. "What I can tell you is that we are aware of the reports and are following up," she told the National Post, responding after she was asked whether the RCMP was investigating whether a Canadian had made the ISIL statement. A **Public Safety Canada spokeswoman**, meanwhile, said, **"We do not generally discuss operational matters related to national security"** but that police and security agencies **"continue to monitor the situation in Paris very closely."** The morning after the coordinated killings that left 129 dead, ISIL released a series of written and audio statements in Arabic, French and English that said "a group of believers from the soldiers of the Caliphate" were responsible. The attacks targeted "the capital of prostitution and obscenity, the lead carrier of the cross in Europe - Paris," the statements said, adding France was singled out because of its role in the international coalition fighting ISIL in Syria and Iraq. The identically worded releases offered no new information about the attacks other than what had already been reported but the familiar accent of the narrator of the English version caught the attention of some Canadians. Dozens of Canadians have joined the conflict in Syria and Iraq, some on the side of ISIL. On Tuesday, former Calgary resident Farah Mohamed Shirdon, 22, who has appeared in previous ISIL videos, was placed on the INTERPOL wanted list. [Kingston Whig Standard](#), B1/Front (National Post); [Toronto Star](#), A8

*** Ottawa ne voit pas de menace imminente**

Malgré les attentats de Paris, le niveau d'alerte au Canada demeure inchangé, a indiqué le gouvernement libéral mercredi, tentant de se faire rassurant. Mais les autorités ont du même souffle reconnu qu'elles ne peuvent pas garantir hors de tout doute qu'aucun des Canadiens partis rejoindre le groupe armé État islamique n'est revenu au pays. " On ne peut pas garantir à 100 % qu'on peut détecter le retour de ceux qui sont là [au Moyen-Orient] ", a consenti le directeur du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité, Michel Coulombe. L'un des terroristes qui pourraient être impliqués dans les attaques commises à Paris vendredi dernier devait se trouver, selon les informations de la communauté internationale, en Syrie. Or, il appert qu'Abdelhamid Abaaoud aurait été tué dans l'assaut lancé en banlieue parisienne dans la nuit de mardi à mercredi, selon le Washington Post. Se peut-il alors qu'un Canadien comme John Maguire, qu'on croit mort au combat en Syrie, soit discrètement revenu au pays sans que les autorités s'en soient aperçues ? " Il y a toujours une possibilité -- l'utilisation de faux documents par exemple serait une façon d'arriver au Canada. On met en place toutes les mesures avec nos partenaires domestiques et internationaux pour pouvoir détecter le retour. Mais comme toute chose dans la vie, une garantie à 100 %, ça n'existe pas ", a admis M. Coulombe lors d'une conférence pour faire le point sur l'état de la menace terroriste au Canada. Les autorités estimaient, l'an dernier, qu'une centaine de Canadiens sont partis à l'étranger grossir les rangs des organisations terroristes. Vigilance M. Coulombe et le **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale**, sont cependant catégoriques : le niveau d'alerte n'a pas changé depuis l'attentat d'octobre 2014 au parlement, et les individus impliqués dans les attentats de Paris n'ont aucun lien avec le Canada. Les deux hommes ont néanmoins appelé les Canadiens à demeurer **" vigilants "**. [Le Devoir](#), A2; [Canadian Press](#) (Red Deer Advocate, A5, Cape Breton Post, Guardian, Telegram); [1](#). (Times Colonist, A9); [Agence QM!](#) (Journal de Québec, 7, Journal de Montréal); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Droit, 16, Le Nouvelliste, La Tribune, Acadie Nouvelle); [Ottawa Sun](#), A3

*** Canadians prefer bombs over trainers against ISIL, poll finds**

Canadians broadly approve of both the country's bombing mission against Islamic State and its program of training those who fight the militant group. But if they had to choose between the two policies, more would opt for bombs over trainers, a new poll for Postmedia has found. The study by Mainstreet Research, conducted three days after the deadly terror attacks in Paris, also found Canadians were not sure the country was prepared to deal with a terrorist attack, even as they maintained they don't feel personally threatened (...) Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has vowed to end the bombing campaign on ISIL militants in Iraq and Syria before March 2015. Meanwhile, he will expand the training mission,

although details on how this will be done have not yet been provided. He told reporters this week he wants Canada to be "a strong and positive contributor to the continuing mission against ISIL." Meanwhile, more than four in 10 Canadians said they didn't think Canada was prepared to deal with a terrorist attack should one occur here. Twenty-six per cent felt the country was prepared but fully one-third said they didn't know. Nonetheless, almost two-thirds said they are not concerned about a terrorist attack where they personally live or work. This last finding is in accord with the government's own message. On Wednesday, **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** said there's no reason to raise Canada's threat level, even after the Paris attacks. [Postmedia News](#) (Ottawa Citizen, A10)

*** Cyberattacks on infrastructure a 'major threat,' says CSIS chief**

The head of Canada's main spy agency says he views the possibility of a cyberattack by ISIS or other extremist groups on the country's "critical infrastructure" as "a major threat." "Cyber is one of our top priorities," Michel Coulombe, director the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) told an Ottawa news conference on Wednesday. Coulombe was responding to questions after Britain announced it is nearly doubling funding for cyber counterterrorism amid fears ISIS is looking to target Western infrastructure such as hospitals, airports or power plants by using the internet. He was flanked by RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson and **Ralph Goodale**, Canada's newly appointed **minister of public safety**. **"This is an area that I'm beginning to be further briefed on by the department,"** Goodale told reporters, deferring to his deputy minister and CSIS. [CBC News](#)

*** Those calling for a refugee crackdown should tread carefully**

An editorial states "The debate over whether to adjust our refugee policies on the chance that a **terrorist** might use them to enter Canada has had less to do with calculating the actual threat - and more to do with passing judgment on hundreds of thousands of desperate people. Following the traumatic attacks in Paris last week, refugees from Syria - people without homes or food or much money - have suddenly become the key suspects in the effort to thwart future terrorist plots. In Canada, those who have taken this leap of faith include the Conservative Party of Canada, several prominent pundits and one premier. They argue the federal government should slow down on its promise to bring 25,000 refugees from the Middle East by the end of the year. While the situation remains unclear and difficult to judge, people should tread with caution before agreeing with this speedy assessment. Xenophobic fear has accompanied all major refugee migrations; it's a story as old as exodus itself. The Islamic State itself reportedly believes the refugees are apostates who deserve to die. Denying haven to so many refugees amounts to delivering them into the hands of psychopaths. (...) A complete description is unlikely, but most of the information so far available has been coming from media reports - not the government. Before the Paris attacks, **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** said refugee claimants are less of a security threat than the previous Conservative government thought. He owes the public a detailed explanation of what he meant then and whether he still means it now. On Wednesday, he said officials from CBSA have provided invaluable support in refugee processing." [iPolitics](#)

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Alleged plotter remains shadowy figure

Much about Abdelhamid Abaaoud's path to armed Islamic radicalism remains mysterious. In the words of Koen Geens, the Belgian justice minister, he mutated from a student at an upscale Brussels school into "an extremely professional commando," one seemingly able to slip across borders at will, someone who openly mocked the inability of Western law enforcement agencies to catch him. On Wednesday, the fate of the son of an immigrant shopkeeper from Morocco remained unclear. Police raided a suburban Paris apartment where they believed he was hiding. The siege ended with two deaths and seven arrests but no definitive information on Abaaoud, who French authorities have called the mastermind of the violence that killed at least 129 in Paris last week. The wanted jihadi's own father believes prison - where he served time for petty crimes - changed him for the worse. After his son got out, Omar Abaaoud noticed "signs of radicalization," the elder Abaaoud's lawyer, Nathalie Gallant, told RTBF broadcasting Wednesday. If so, that would fit the pattern of a number of jihadis who were radicalized in prison. [Associated Press](#) (Chronicle-Herald, A15, Ottawa Sun, Telegraph-Journal, Times & Transcript); * [Agence France Presse](#) (Le Nouvelliste, 3, La Tribune)

* Le cerveau des attaques mort ?

L'Europe nageait en pleine confusion hier, alors que tous s'interrogeaient à savoir si le présumé «cerveau» derrière les attentats de Paris était bel et bien mort lors de l'assaut de sept heures à Saint-Denis. «Le présumé chef des attentats de Paris (Abdelhamid Abaaoud) a été tué hier lors de l'assaut de la police française, ont affirmé deux hauts responsables des autorités européennes», a écrit le Washington Post hier. Mais aucun autre média ni les autorités françaises n'ont confirmé cette information, ce qui a soulevé plusieurs questionnements dans la population. L'opération a été «extrêmement difficile » en raison de «l'usage de fusils d'assaut, de tirs de sniper et d'une grande offensive d'explosifs», a lancé le procureur de Paris, François Molins. L'opération qui a duré sept heures visait bel et bien le présumé «cerveau» des attentats de vendredi. Au moins deux personnes sont mortes, dont une kamikaze qui «a activé son gilet explosif au début de l'assaut», a précisé la police qui n'a pas confirmé les noms. De plus, huit personnes ont été placées en garde à vue après l'opération, mais ni Abaaoud, ni Salah Abdeslam, l'un des suspects des attaques toujours en fuite, ne figurent parmi elles. Une information qui laisse donc croire qu'Abaaoud serait le deuxième mort. [Le Journal de Québec](#), 5 (Journal de Montréal); * [Daily Gleaner](#), B1 (Telegraph-Journal); [Associated Press](#) (Toronto Star); [1](#) (Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Toronto Sun); [CNN](#)

AIR FRANCE FLIGHT DIVERTED

Passengers aboard Air France Flight 055 didn't learn that a bomb threat was the reason their Paris-bound flight was being diverted to Halifax until after they landed Tuesday night. Genevieve Lapeyre, a pediatric anesthesiologist from Geneva, was flying back to Europe after a meeting in Washington, D.C. She is half-Swiss and half-French, and planned a three-day layover in Paris. The terrorist attacks Friday gave her a strong wish to be in the city. (...) None of the passengers panicked, but they felt something odd was going on, she said. At one point, she wondered if there had been another attack against Paris and the aircraft couldn't go there. After the Boeing 777 touched down at about 10:15 p.m., she soon realized there was something happening regarding her flight. "I saw the firemen and everything, and I said, 'OK, there is something else.'" Lapeyre said the pilot seemed to be trying to control his emotions. "He said, 'Don't worry.' He was too much trying to reassure us." On the tarmac, passengers were told to grab their belongings and get off the plane, which they did quickly. However, they were then housed for about 30 minutes in a bus parked alongside the aircraft, which some considered dangerous, she said. Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Greg Church said 262 passengers and crew got off the jet within 15 minutes of landing, which is when officers began checking for explosives; none were found. The jet was declared explosives-free at 4:28 a.m. Wednesday. The passengers were taken to a secure area to pass through customs. [Postmedia Network](#) (Chronicle-Herald, A1, Guardian, Whitehorse Star, Acadie Nouvelle); [Postmedia Network](#) (Cape Breton Post, A9)

'Like A War Zone'

2 Dead, 8 in custody after paris police launch a massive early-morning raid against a suspected **terror** cell located in a reinforced apartment When Tagara Traoré, a former revolutionary soldier in his native Burkina Faso, was jolted awake by a boom early Wednesday, his "military reflex" kicked in. "You get up quickly and either hide or try to get out," he said. In socked feet and wearing the sweatpants he was sleeping in, he grabbed his key and ran out the door of his fourthstorey apartment, only to find a battalion of police rushing up the stairs, headlamps glaring. "I started sensing tear gas that was coming up the stairwell. I thought the building was on fire," he said. "The police told me, 'Go down, down, down!' There were so many they had to move aside to let me out." It was 4:20 a.m., and he had been caught in the middle of a massive anti-terror operation that quickly became a protracted gun battle between police and terror suspects. A woman in the targeted apartment in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis, identified by French media as a native of nearby Clichy, was one of the dead. Initial reports said she killed herself by detonating an explosive vest, but the French prosecutor's office later said the "point needs to be verified by an analysis of the body and human remains." At least one other suspect in the apartment was killed and eight people were taken into custody. Five police officers suffered minor injuries, and a police dog - Diesel, a Belgian shepherd - was killed by the terrorists, according to the national police. Paris prosecutor François Molin said the targeted apartment had a fortified door that withstood initial police attempts to break in and gave the terrorists time to mobilize and return fire. [Daily Telegraph](#) (Windsor Star, N1/Front, National Post, StarPhoenix, Gazette); [1](#) (Vancouver Sun, B1/Front, Leader-Post, National Post, Edmonton Journal, Ottawa Citizen, Whig-Standard, Calgary Herald); [Toronto Star](#), A1; [Globe and Mail](#),

A1; * [Agence France Presse](#) (Le Soleil, 22); * [Associated Press](#) (Times Colonist, A13, Times & Transcript)

Prochaine station, la guerre

Il devait être 4h20 quand Fares s'est mis à crier. «Maman! Maman! La guerre commence! Il y a des bombes!» Fares a 7 ans. De grands yeux noisette dans lesquels on lit l'effroi. «Il ne sait même pas c'est quoi, la guerre», me dit sa mère Souhila, 38 ans. Souhila, elle, sait. Elle est née en Algérie... J'étais dans l'avion quand l'assaut antiterroriste a été donné à Saint-Denis, dans la banlieue nord de Paris, non loin du Stade de France. Dès que l'avion s'est posé, des cellulaires de passagers ont sonné. «C'est la pagaille à Saint-Denis.» La «pagaille», le mot est faible. C'est Fares qui avait raison. Ça ressemblait plus à une guerre. Rue Corbillon, à l'angle de la rue de la République, au moins deux personnes ont été tuées, dont une femme kamikaze qui a activé sa ceinture d'explosifs. Un commando, lourdement armé, qui semblait prêt à passer à l'acte, a été démantelé. Pendant une heure, les habitants du quartier ont entendu des tirs nourris. Le bruit était si fort que certains ont cru qu'il y avait un bombardement. Il y a eu au moins 5000 munitions tirées par la police. Un immeuble éventré, criblé de balles. Des voisins terrorisés. Comme si on était à Gaza et non en banlieue parisienne. L'assaut a duré sept heures, durant lesquelles le quartier a été bouclé, le métro, fermé, les écoles aussi. Des résidents ont été évacués. Les riverains ont été sommés de ne pas sortir de chez eux. Une fois l'assaut terminé, j'ai pu prendre le métro pour la guerre. [La Presse](#), A4/Front

Mission

Ce sont des spécialistes des assauts risqués, qui montent au front contre les pires terroristes. Le RAID, le commando de la police française qui est intervenu hier à Saint-Denis, est constamment sollicité depuis un an. A Paris, [La Presse](#) s'est entretenue avec l'ancien chef des négociateurs de l'unité, Christian Caupenne, pour dresser le portrait d'une équipe devenue mythique. Fondé il y a 30 ans, le RAID (pour Recherche, Assistance, Intervention, Dissuasion) est l'unité d'élite de la police nationale, destinée à intervenir partout en France pour contrer le terrorisme et le «grand banditisme». Elle est notamment intervenue lors de l'attaque du marché Hyper Cacher en janvier et à la salle de spectacle Bataclan, vendredi dernier. Selon le chef de la police nationale, Jean-Marc Falcone, l'assaut à Saint-Denis a été l'un des plus difficiles que ses troupes ont connu. «Les scènes vécues par le RAID sont très dures. Même ces hommes rodés à la violence ont été marqués», a-t-il déclaré hier à ce sujet. [La Presse](#), A5/Front

*** Paris attacks: Extremists may strike next with chemical, biological weapons, French PM says**

With France still reeling from last week's deadly attacks in Paris, Prime Minister Manuel Valls warned Thursday that Islamic extremists might at some point use chemical or biological weapons, and urged lawmakers to extend a national state of emergency by three months. "Terrorism hit France not because of what it is doing in Iraq and Syria ... but for what it is," Valls told the lower house of Parliament. He added, "We know that there could also be a risk of chemical or biological weapons." Valls did not say there was a specific threat involving such weapons. The French Interior Ministry and Paris prosecutor's office, meanwhile, said it still remains unclear whether the suspected mastermind of last week's attacks, in which 129 people were killed and hundreds of others wounded, has been killed or is still at large. Officials said authorities are working on determining whether 27-year-old Belgian Abdelhamid Abaaoud was among those killed in a chaotic and bloody raid on an apartment in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis on Wednesday. [Associated Press](#) (CBC News)

*** Belgium vows crackdown on terrorists, boost security spending**

Belgium's prime minister on Thursday called for changes to the country's constitution to combat extremists, and promised hundreds of millions of euros to boost the security forces. Addressing the federal parliament as security forces were conducting raids around the capital Brussels, Charles Michel pledged to use changes to the constitution to extend preventive detention times for suspects from 24 hours to 72 hours. He also affirmed that Belgium would move forward alone on a system of airline passenger information sharing that European Union nations have been incapable of agreeing in four years. [Associated Press](#) (CTV News, Times Colonist)

*** EU to tighten anti-terror laws**

The European Commission, the EU's executive arm, will expand its anti-terrorist legislation early next year to target fighters like those involved in the Paris attacks. The new measures will widen the range of actions punishable under the legislation to include travelling for the purpose of carrying out a terrorist act, facilitating travel or receiving training to carry out an attack. In a direct response to the Paris killings, EU citizens who travel outside the bloc and then return to carry out attacks will be considered as foreign fighters, and those helping their movement will also face prosecution. The bloc's Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship Commissioner, Dimitris Avramopoulos, told a news conference Wednesday that the Commission would have proposals ready by the end of November and wants to see them enacted "within the first two months of the next year." Toronto Sun, A56 (Calgary Sun)

*** Killer's passport fueling fear of refugees**

After the bombs and Kalashnikov fire of the Paris attacks, a mere document - a passport - found near the body of an attacker is generating a new wave of dread throughout Europe and beyond. But whether the document ended up there by chance, or was part of an elaborate plot to sow panic, is not clear. Regardless of the answer, the passport has played into the Islamic State group's hands by raising concerns that militants may be marching alongside the thousands of asylum seekers flowing into Europe. That possibility is redefining the debate over immigration in Europe and even the United States, and prompting a backlash against Muslim refugees. The far-right French leader Marine Le Pen called for an immediate end to the flow of migrants into France, while across the Atlantic about half of U.S. governors are taking steps to prevent absorbing Syrian refugees in their states, citing the passport. "This terrorist attack will clearly change Europe's refugee policies and how the arrivals in Europe are treated," said Konrad Pedziwiatr, a sociologist and expert on Islam in Europe at the Krakow University of Economics. "Already the open-door policy (in Germany and Sweden) of welcoming refugees was going to be reformed because the inflow is so significant that countries cannot cope with the numbers," he said. "What the Paris attacks add to this difficult situation is the additional element of fear." A passport bearing the name of Ahmad Al Mohammad, 25, was found near one of the suicide bombers who blew himself up outside the Stade de France football stadium. It indicates that he entered Greece from Turkey on Oct. 3 and later passed through Serbia and Croatia, getting registered in every new country. The passport's authenticity has not been determined, but fingerprints of the attacker match those taken by Greece and Serbia. The other attackers who have been identified so far are all European citizens. The oddness that a passport - an intact one - was found near a man who blew himself up is creating suspicions that it is part of a plan by the Islamic State to create a backlash against the refugees. "I have never heard of terrorists carrying passports with them," Pedziwiatr said. Associated Press (Whig-Standard, B5, Telegraph-Journal, Times & Transcript)

*** ISIS is slowly killing the European experiment**

As neighbours and allies declare solidarity with France, few are facing up to the inevitable: the fact that fallout from Friday's terrorist attack in Paris will stall - perhaps even reverse - the political integration of Europe. The discovery that most of the terrorists identified so far were Muslims born in France, using neighbouring Belgium as a base, will add volume to loud demands for an end to the open-border policy among the 28 members of the European Union. Pressure to terminate what is known as the Schengen Area - a pillar of the EU political integration project, along with the now-debased euro and attempts to unify foreign and defence policies - has been building as about a million refugees from the Middle East and North Africa have flooded into Europe (...) While ISIS has taken responsibility for the outrage and was, at the very least, the inspiration for it, the Paris killings were, like almost every other terrorist attack in Canada, the United States and Europe in the last 14 years, a home-grown affair. Neither Canada nor the U.S. is immune to the popular suspicion that the floods of Syrian and Iraqi refugees are an easy route for ISIS to plant terrorists in target countries. The governors of over half the 50 states in the U.S. have said they will not participate in settling Syrian refugees. And the new government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is facing growing pressure from both the public and provincial governments - on whom much of the responsibility for resettling refugees will fall - to rethink his campaign pledge to allow 25,000 Syrian migrants into Canada by the end of the year. iPolitics

*** French expats still feel sting an ocean away**

Juliette Elchinger was home in Montreal on Friday evening when her Twitter feed lit up with news of the terrorist assaults in Paris. "I went into a state of shock," the native Parisian said. "I just started to shake and cry." Five days later, the 19-year-old was still struggling to make sense of the violence visited on her cherished city. She stood on Wednesday surrounded by knots of other students and staff at the University of Montreal, some holding hands and wiping tears off stricken faces, for a sombre gathering of commemoration. In the days since the shocking attacks took the lives of 129 people, Ms. Elchinger has attended solidarity marches and commemorations, monitored news from Paris obsessively and joined other members of Montreal's large expatriate French community. Some have connections to the tragedy; Ms. Elchinger's best friend lost a professor, who was slain at the Bataclan theatre along with 88 others who had attended a rock concert there. For the expats, separation from events back home has fed feelings of loss and helplessness, along with a deepened call to their French identity. Globe and Mail, A9

*** Free world solidarity after Paris**

An editorial states, "There aren't a lot of game-changing moments in international affairs, says Peter Van Praagh. But the ISIS terrorist attacks on Paris last weekend, like the 9-11 attacks on New York and Washington in 2001, fall into that rare category. It is, he says, one of those "events that turn things." It has acutely heightened the public sense of "how vulnerable open societies are." But it has also produced, he believes, "a fundamental solidarity and common understanding that something has to be done to address it." "We are all affected now," the security specialist told our editorial board on Wednesday, after arriving in Nova Scotia to chair, for the seventh time, the annual Halifax International Security Forum. The forum will bring 300 delegates from 60 democratic countries to the city this weekend to brainstorm the complex angles of peace and security - military, political, economic, educational and cultural. The group ranges from four-star generals to ministers to aid organizations, journalists and scholars. Their agenda runs the gamut from building new anti-terror alliances to cutting off the financing of terrorism through drug and human trafficking. There was plenty of evidence in Halifax and elsewhere this week to show security issues now touch us all." Chronicle-Herald, A6

*** Hollande faces the enemy from within**

The streets of Paris are no strangers to mass bloodshed. The City of Light has borne witness to more than its share of extreme violence over the centuries. The worst of it has not been perpetrated by a foreign army. The enemy has most often come from within. From the Wars of Religion, through the Revolution and the Reign of Terror, to the Paris Commune, the French often worked through their differences in the bloodiest ways possible. Since the 1960s, Paris has been a repeated target of terrorists, often French citizens or immigrants, aggrieving in some way France's unresolved colonial past in North Africa or its mandates in the Middle East. The inspiration for the most recent attacks may have come from Iraq or Syria, but their perpetrators came from the Paris suburbs. The January assaults on the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo and a kosher supermarket were conducted by French-born radicalized Muslims. Most of those involved in Friday's sickening attacks on cafés and a concert hall appear to have had similar backgrounds. "We know, and it's cruel to say it, it was French people who killed French people on Friday," President François Hollande said in a speech for the ages. "There are, living on our soil, individuals who move from delinquency to radicalization and then to terrorist criminality." Globe and Mail

*** La vie doit reprendre, dit Hollande**

Dans la foulée de la série d'attentats à Paris, le président français François Hollande a encouragé ses compatriotes à «défier les terroristes» en continuant de vivre normalement, en fréquentant les cafés, les musées, et les stades sans tomber dans la crainte et la xénophobie. Les terroristes prennent la vie des innocents, mais ils veulent aussi suspendre celle des autres, a soutenu le président, mercredi, lors d'un discours télévisé devant les maires de partout au pays. Il estime que les Français ont le «devoir» de poursuivre leurs activités normales. Il a martelé que la vie «devait reprendre pleinement», ajoutant que la sécurité serait resserrée dans les lieux publics. Le président français a assuré que la France resterait un pays «de liberté, de mouvement, de culture» qui ne «pliera pas à la peur». François Hollande s'est engagé à travailler avec ses alliés pour détruire le groupe armé État islamique, qui a revendiqué la responsabilité des attaques dans la capitale française qui ont fait 129 morts et 368 blessés. Dans une allocution prononcée quelques heures après une opération antiterroriste de la police en banlieue de

Paris, le président a réitéré que la France était «en guerre avec les terroristes», mais il a aussi appelé les Français à la retenue. [Associated Press](#) (Le Droit, 17)

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* **Coderre veut éviter un autre Lac-Mégantic**

Depuis la tragédie de Lac-Mégantic, la Ville de Montréal se fait beaucoup plus prudente dans l'aménagement de son territoire, a expliqué Denis Coderre, hier, en réaction au reportage sur la récente interdiction de toute construction près des installations de Suncor. En revanche, au gouvernement du Québec, on ne s'émeut guère de la situation. Hier, La Presse faisait état d'un moratoire interdisant toute construction dans un rayon de 435 mètres des trois ballons de butane de Suncor. Même une enseigne de quatre pieds sur six ne peut y être installée. Le Centre de sécurité civile juge cette zone rouge à «risque très élevé» dans l'éventualité d'un accident impliquant les sphères de butane. Une explosion est jugée peu probable, mais elle provoquerait d'énormes dégâts. Or, cette zone rouge est traversée par l'autoroute Métropolitaine et 100 000 automobilistes y circulent chaque jour. [La Presse](#), A16

* **Crise en santé publique - La surveillance de l'état de santé des Méganticois écope**

Bien que les impacts de la tragédie de Lac-Mégantic se fassent toujours sentir dans la population, la Direction de santé publique de l'Estrie a été contrainte de se départir de deux experts qui travaillaient de façon spécifique sur ce dossier. En janvier dernier, la Direction de santé publique de l'Estrie publiait une étude révélant que l'accident ferroviaire survenu à Lac-Mégantic en 2013 faisait encore souffrir la population : 95 % de Méganticois disaient avoir été touchés par la tragédie. On observait plus de dépressions, de troubles anxieux et de problèmes de consommation d'alcool. La directrice de la santé publique, la Dre Mélissa Généreux, s'en inquiétait. Pourtant, quelques semaines plus tard, elle mettait à pied le professionnel affecté à la surveillance de l'état de santé de la population de Lac-Mégantic. Ce dernier a fait les frais d'une vague de compressions imposée à toutes les directions de santé publique régionales au printemps dernier, dont Le Devoir tente de cerner les impacts dans une série diffusée cette semaine. En Estrie, la Direction de santé publique a dû couper 1,21 million sur un budget de 2,5 millions. " Ça représente 40 % de notre budget, ça a été toute une épreuve pour nous, tout un choc à absorber ", soupire Mélissa Généreux en entrevue téléphonique. Avec son équipe, elle a tenté de faire les choix " qui allaient engager le moins de conséquences possible sur la population ". Mais elle devait couper quelque part. " Ce n'est pas parce qu'on s'est dit que les impacts étaient moins importants, mais quand vient le temps de choisir les postes, il y a toutes sortes de considérants, en matière d'ancienneté entre autres. " L'enquête annuelle sur la population de Lac-Mégantic, qui est financée par un autre " petit budget protégé ", sera maintenue. " Ce qui a été plus difficile, c'est que parallèlement à ça, on ne voulait pas surveiller juste une fois par année, on avait donc un agent de programmation, planification et recherche (APPR) -- celui dont on a supprimé le poste --, qui se chargeait de faire des bulletins de surveillance périodiques. C'est lui qui prenait le crayon et qui faisait l'analyse de ces données. " [Le Devoir](#), A1

* **Spend more to prevent dam spills, experts say**

As miners globally review the way they store waste in the wake of another horrific dam spill, the solution may be as simple as it is dramatic: spend a lot more. Images of sludge spewing into towns and rivers could be a thing of the past if mines used different types of storage such as removing water or building on more stable ground. While that can be as much as 10 times costlier for companies already squeezed by slumping prices, the cost is much higher when things go wrong. The cleanup bill for the Nov. 5 spill at the Samarco iron-ore venture in Brazil, owned by BHP Billiton Ltd. and Vale SA, probably will exceed \$1 billion US, Deutsche Bank AG said. Then there's lost output and potential lawsuits. "A failure is a lot more expensive than doing it right," said Dirk van Zyl, professor of mining engineering at the University of British Columbia and one of three experts on a panel into a dam spill in Canada last year. Samarco says its dams were deemed safe in a July inspection and that it's too early to determine reasons for the spill. On Monday, BHP chief executive officer Andrew Mackenzie said the company is "carrying out a thorough review of all of our dam facilities of scale." On the same day, Vale said it's open to improvements, even after concluding that its other installations, which use state-of-the-art safety practices, were fully compliant. The Samarco breach, which propelled about 50 billion litres of mud into communities below, comes a

year after Imperial Metals Corp.'s Mount Polley mine in Likely, southeast of Prince George, also dumped billions of gallons into lakes and rivers. [Bloomberg](#) (Vancouver Sun, D3)

*** Lepreau residents evacuated in simulation**

As an imaginary cloud of radioactive steam was vented from the Point Lepreau nuclear power plant Wednesday, real calls went out to residents within a 20 kilometre radius telling them to get out. By noon about 150 people were gathered in the gym at the G. Forbes Elliot Forbes Athletics Centre at UNBSJ and there was even space set up nearby for pets in a separate centre run by a disaster animal response team from Nova Scotia. It was the final part of a two-day exercise simulating a nuclear emergency at the power plant based on a couple of years of planning. The emergency was centred around an extreme bad weather event damaging the plant, said Meghan Gerrish a spokeswoman for NB Power... In September members of the media were given a tour of the plant to see the four large, mobile, diesel power generators that were added as a second level of backup to make sure there would always be power to control the equipment. The plant already had a backup generating system but the portable generators are a second level. Large water pumps capable of shooting streams of water over the outside of the reactor to cool it were also purchased. At that time Tony Munn, emergency preparedness manager at the plant, said the industry has learned many lessons from the three major nuclear accidents in the past 50 years - Three Mile Island in the United States, Chernobyl in Russia and Fukushima in Japan. Observers from utilities around the world were at the power plant during the exercise, Gerrish said. "There are over 1,000 people involved in this exercise," she said. [Telegraph-Journal](#), B1

*** Body found near site of Tofino whale-watching tragedy - BC Coroners Services says it can't confirm if it's the passenger who was missing, presumed dead**

A body has been recovered close to Vargas Island near Tofino, B.C., says the BC Coroners Service. On Oct. 25, a whale-watching boat capsized in the area, killing five people. Another victim, 27 year-old Australian Raveshan Pillay, was never found, but presumed dead. "While I appreciate there is certainly interest with the possibility this may be linked to the missing person from the Leviathan, it is premature to suggest so," said Matthew Brown with the Coroners Service. [CBC News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Terror travel investigations on the rise

Radicalized Canadians intent on going to far-off combat zones are developing sophisticated cover stories and using "broken travel patterns" to disguise their true motivations, according to an internal RCMP document that reveals public safety officials were, as of one year ago, closely monitoring about 50 foreign fighters abroad and 14 who had returned home. Family and friends are often reluctant to notify police if they suspect someone is planning a trip, the document states. Also, the speed with which a person becomes radicalized to violence and makes travel plans is sometimes so fast, police only become aware of them after they've left the country. "There is no doubt that the number and complexity of terrorist travel investigations has increased," said the briefing document, which was prepared for the RCMP commissioner and obtained by the National Post through an access-to-information request. Though the document was prepared a year ago, many of the challenges of identifying extremist travellers persist, said a Dalhousie University researcher studying Canadian foreign fighters. Amarnath Amarasingam said much of ISIL's advice to people who want to migrate to Syria is to "blend in to Western ways of life," especially right before they leave... The wave of attacks in Paris last Friday that killed 129 people has heightened concerns about the foreign-fighter phenomenon. A new report this week from the think-tank Institute for Economics and Peace said an estimated 25,000 to 30,000 foreign fighters from 100 countries have flowed into Iraq and Syria since 2011 - half from neighbouring countries and a quarter from Europe and Turkey. Public safety officials in Ottawa said Wednesday there was no evidence of any Canadian involvement in the Paris attacks. They were also unaware of any direct threats to Canada related to the attacks. Amarasingam said he believes at least 60 Canadians have gone to fight in Iraq and Syria. One of them, Toronto-born Farah Mohamed Shiridon, who police say has served in combat, recruiting and propaganda roles with ISIL, was added to INTERPOL'S wanted list this week. Neither Bob Paulson, the RCMP commissioner, nor Michel Coulombe, director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, would say Wednesday how many high-risk travellers their agencies are tracking. [Postmedia News](#) ([Vancouver](#)

Sun, B1/Front, National Post, Ottawa Citizen, Windsor Star, Leader-Post, StarPhoenix, Calgary Herald, Gazette, Edmonton Journal, Province)

Ontario accent heard in video?

Investigators are working to confirm a potential Canadian accent heard in an English audio recording released by what is believed to be the Islamic State. The recording was released Saturday and claims responsibility for the terrorist attacks that shook Paris and the rest of the world last weekend. "It is concerning if it is Canadian, but it is speculative at this stage," said RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson told a news conference Wednesday, adding that the Mounties are working to confirm it. Meanwhile, a dialect expert south of the border said it's very likely the male speaker has a Canadian - specifically an Ontarian - accent. "I mainly listened for vowel variations because that's where most of the variation in English is," said Erik Thomas, a linguistics professor at North Carolina State University. The professor was first asked by CNN to analyze the recording. He took detailed notes on words chosen by the speaker in the recording, such as "explosive" and "hand". "Everything he uttered seemed to match up with forms that predominate in Canada," he said. Certain vowels, such as the short 'o', were among the giveaways suggesting the accent originated in regions of either Canada or northern U.S. states. Winnipeg Sun, A7 (Ottawa Sun, Toronto Sun, Calgary Sun, Toronto Sun)

Hatred burns hot, but not very bright

Among responses to the scattered targeting of Muslims in the wake of the Paris attacks, the most indicative might be the safety preparations under way at a Hindu temple in Hamilton, Ont. Hindus had nothing to do with the killings in Paris. The "brains" behind the terrorist bloodshed appear to have lived in Belgium, not India. The preparations in Hamilton are predicated on the assumption that the sort of people who firebomb mosques and beat up helpless women won't know the difference. In other words, that they're so stupid they direct their hatred at anything that strikes them as vaguely Middle Eastern, even if they're off by an entire culture and a continent or two. There's good reason for their concern. The temple was set aflame in the days following the 9/11 terror attacks in the U.S., by someone who apparently confused it with a nearby mosque. A number of synagogues were also targeted at the time. Hatred may be all-consuming, but it's not very smart. That's already evident from the incidents of the past few days. The only mosque in Peterborough was torched by a person or persons unable to grasp the difference between peaceable people going about their life and the barbaric practices of the terrorists who characterize themselves as the Islamic State. A woman picking up her son at a school in Toronto was kicked, beaten and robbed in mid-afternoon by two men who are so stupid they think a hijab - which she was wearing - must signal support for the sort of brutalities meted out in Syria, most often on Muslims themselves. In Montreal, a man wearing a mask threatened to kill an Arab or a Muslim every week, obviously too dim to realize that plenty of Arabs aren't Muslims. There's a difference between ignorance and stupidity. Ignorance is a lack of knowledge. Stupidity is the determined projection of ignorance. It's likely that the people responsible for the incidents in Toronto, Peterborough and Montreal are both, but while ignorance is likely, stupidity is certain. Postmedia News (National Post, A1/Front)

Man charged after threat to kill Arabs in Quebec

A Montreal man will spend the next few days in jail after being charged in connection with a YouTube video in which someone wearing a Joker mask says one Arab would be murdered in Quebec every week. Jesse Pelletier, 24, was arraigned on Wednesday on charges of uttering threats, possession of a false weapon, public incitement of hatred and hoax regarding terrorist activities. Pelletier, who was arrested early Wednesday morning, will remain behind bars until his bail hearing Monday. The person in the video was wearing a Joker mask and could be seen brandishing what looked like a pistol as he made the threats and spoke about last week's terrorist attacks in Paris that killed 129 people. "It's really time to act," the person said in the three-minute video. Canadian Press (Times Colonist, A8, Calgary Sun, Telegraph-Journal, Times & Transcript, Toronto Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun, Red Deer Advocate), Presse canadienne (La Tribune, Voix de l'Est, Le Droit, Le Devoir), Montreal Gazette, Toronto Star

***To combat extremism, we must work together**

An opinion piece states "Last week, evil struck. There were vicious attacks in Paris, Beirut and Baghdad. I grieve with the families and friends of the victims and hope the perpetrators are brought to justice. Violent extremism is universally condemned; terror is never the answer and the loss of one innocent life is equal to that of all of humanity. We cannot let such horrific violence achieve its goal of striking fear into our communities and dividing us. It is deeply distressing to many that there has been apparent backlash against Muslim communities, including in Canada. In Peterborough, Ont., a mosque was set on fire last Saturday. Police are investigating the fire as a potential hate crime. This week in Toronto, a hijab-wearing woman was verbally assaulted, punched repeatedly in the stomach and had her hijab ripped off. Canadian Muslims are naturally very concerned. At the same time, Canadian Muslims know these cowardly acts do not represent our society. They are simply the ignorant expressions of criminals (...). Experts point out that there is no single reason why such people travel the path of radicalization. The roots are complex, the solutions not obvious. And combating the problem is made yet harder by the reality that this new brand of brazen terror is a contemporary phenomenon - it did not exist in the 1980s or 1990s. [Toronto Star](#), A25

*** Doctor to assess man caught with knife on Parliament Hill**

A Toronto man arrested for allegedly carrying a hidden weapon at the entrance to the Centre Block of Parliament was remanded in custody Wednesday. Yasin Ali, 56, was detained by the Parliamentary Protective Service on Tuesday after a security screening discovered what police say was a knife. Ali made a brief court appearance Wednesday on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. Defence lawyer Peter Azzi said his client is due back in court on Friday and will be assessed by a doctor. Neither Azzi nor the RCMP would discuss media reports that described the weapon as a meat cleaver. RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson applauded the "great job" by the protective service, for which the Mounties have day-to-day responsibility. "The individual was identified behaving oddly, suspiciously. And one of our officers challenged him, saw the knife, took him into custody," Paulson said. "I understand that it is less a concern around so-called national security considerations than it is a mental-health issue." Security on Parliament Hill has been tight since Oct. 22, 2014, when Michael Zehaf Bibeau gunned down a soldier at the nearby National War Memorial and sprinted through the main doors of Centre Block. Moments later, Zehaf Bibeau was fatally shot by security officials outside the Library of Parliament. [Canadian Press](#) (Times colonist, A8)

*** Des musulmans sur leurs gardes après des menaces**

Menaces de mort au téléphone, agressions verbales dans la rue, messages haineux sur les réseaux sociaux: des membres de la communauté musulmane de Montréal affirment vivre dans la peur depuis les attentats de Paris. «Depuis ce qui est arrivé à Paris, je ressens une peur chez les musulmans. Je crains que tout cela finisse mal», lance Haroun Bouazzi, de l'Association des musulmans et des Arabes pour la laïcité au Québec (AMAL). «J'ai l'impression que ce n'est qu'une question de temps avant qu'un membre de notre communauté se fasse casser les deux jambes. Il y a trop de haine sur les réseaux sociaux», poursuit-il. Mercredi matin, le téléphone ne dérougissait plus à l'AMAL, plusieurs citoyens s'inquiétant de menaces de mort proférées sur les réseaux sociaux par un homme déguisé en joker, qui a finalement été arrêté par les policiers. «Beaucoup de gens m'ont écrit en panique. C'est étonnant de voir à quel point ils vivent dans la peur», affirme M. Bouazzi. Haroun Bouazzi dit recevoir régulièrement des menaces sur le site de son organisation. Mais il affirme ressentir une «pression supplémentaire» depuis quelques jours. Il n'est pas le seul. Joint mercredi par *Le Journal*, Mehmet Deger, président de la mosquée Dorval, a rapporté avoir reçu un coup de fil menaçant mardi après-midi (...) Cependant, le Centre islamique de l'est de Montréal de l'imam controversé Adil Charkaoui, de même qu'une mosquée du quartier Hochelaga, ont été vandalisés au cours des derniers jours. [QMI Agency](#) (Journal de Quebec, Journal de Montréal)

*** 'Loves Me Not' Poem Captures Heartbreaking Reality Of Islamophobia In Canada**

Taunts in public. Comments online. And recently, physical abuse. In the past months, Canada has witnessed far too many attacks against Muslims, particularly women. Earlier this week, a Muslim woman was physically assaulted in front of her children's school and called a "terrorist." In October, a woman wearing a niqab was attacked at a Toronto mall. It's difficult for most of us to imagine the emotional trauma victims of such discrimination endure. But one poem, written by a group of Muslim women in Toronto, captures the heartbreaking reality. "Loves Me Not", a video poem created earlier this year during

a filmmaking workshop hosted by TIFF Special Delivery and advocacy group Outburst, tells the story of a young Muslim girl who wears the hijab. The poem begins with the girl, her hijab constructed with colourful petals. She holds a flower in her hand, but as she suffers from Islamophobia her flower begins to die. "Everywhere she looked, people would stare," the poem states. "They asked, 'Is that something your dad forced you to wear?'" According to Outburst's Facebook page, the poem was inspired by Islamophobia endured by the writers as they attended school in Toronto. The video continues to show the lasting impact of discrimination. "One day she broke down, the comments made her drown." [Huffington Post](#)

* **Web et jeux vidéo au service du terrorisme**

Le 10 novembre dernier, soit trois jours avant les attentats de Paris, le ministre de l'Intérieur belge Jan Jambon a laissé entendre que des terroristes utilisaient une console PS4 pour communiquer entre eux, une information qui a refait surface au cours des derniers jours. La réalité: aucune console PS4 n'a été retrouvée lors des nombreuses perquisitions effectuées en France et en Belgique. Ce qui ne veut pas dire que les jeux vidéo ne jouent pas un rôle dans les milieux terroristes. En 2013, grâce à des documents rendus publics par Edward Snowden, le Guardian et le New York Times ont révélé que la NSA et la CIA avaient déjà mené des opérations d'espionnage sur des consoles Xbox. Quelle utilisation les terroristes peuvent-ils faire des jeux vidéo? «Dans les jeux multijoueurs (pensons au jeu Call of Duty, par exemple), on retrouve des plateformes de "chat" afin que les joueurs puissent échanger entre eux, explique Hugo Loiseau, professeur à l'École de politique appliquée de l'Université de Sherbrooke. [La Presse](#), A14

* **Hindu temple gratified by public support**

Young Muslims from the Toronto area would like to help pay for the damage caused at the local Hindu temple that was vandalized this week, but a temple board member said insurance covered the costs and the windows have been repaired. So the group known as Dawahnet, which means "spreading knowledge" in Arabic, will donate \$2,299 that was collected in 24 hours on a gofundme website to the temple. Temple board member Vijay Solanki said the temple was overwhelmed with public support with many offering to help with the damage costs. "We gratuitously thanked them for the offer, but it is not appropriate to raise thousands of dollars for something that didn't cost us," he said. The gofundme page was set to raise \$10,000 for the Kitchener temple by Dec. 1, but organizer Arshia Lakhani of Mississauga said they closed the site after speaking to the temple (...) Swami Chaitanya Jyoti and two other women were in the building and were frightened by the noise at the back of the building shortly after 11 p.m. No one was hurt in the incident. Hours before the vandals struck, Jyoti was at the Kitchener vigil honouring those who lost their lives in the Paris terrorist attacks. [Record](#), B2

* **Extend vigilance to everyday threats**

An opinion piece states "In the wake of the attacks in Paris, there has been no shortage of security experts in the media talking about how to best keep safe. RCMP Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown, for example, articulated what everyone intuitively knows - there's no real science to spotting a terrorist plot. The best you can hope for is your gut tells you something is wrong. "When you do find yourself in a position where you see or do become aware of something that's not right, the next logical step is to report it to the proper authorities," Mr. Brown said. To his credit, the assistant commissioner hasn't fanned the flames or paranoia. He's done a good job of explaining the scope of the threat in Canada, not exaggerating it. David Charters of the Gregg Centre for the Study of War and Society at the University of New Brunswick has a similar message, calling an attack "a possibility but a relatively remote possibility." "The message 'If you see something, say something' is not a bad idea," Mr. Charters says. This is sound advice. It's true New Brunswick hasn't been the target of a terrorist attack, which isn't to say it's been a terror-free province. Justin Bourque's rampage in Moncton remains fresh in New Brunswickers' memories. And who can forget the seven months Allan Legere was on the loose in 1989. While the threat of a terrorist attack in Fredericton is remote, it's no excuse to be complacent. It's the reason schools practice lockdown drills. It's the reason passing through security at airports has become a much more intimate experience thanks to body scans and random searches." [Daily Gleaner](#), A8

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Douanes à Bagotville: Lebel offre sa collaboration

Au cours d'un entretien avec le journaliste du Quotidien, le député conservateur de Lac-Saint-Jean affirme que le gouvernement Harper était prêt à annoncer, il y a quelques mois, un projet-pilote à travers le Canada, mais que la défaite électorale du 19 octobre avait modifié les plans. Depuis plusieurs années, les compagnies aériennes et les passagers qui se rendent en vacances dans le Sud réclament un service de douanes à l'aéroport de Bagotville. Il faut savoir que le service existe pour les voyages d'affaires de 30 passagers et moins seulement. Présentement, lorsque l'avion quitte le Mexique, Cuba, le Panama ou la République dominicaine, le pilote doit obligatoirement faire un arrêt à Québec. Les touristes doivent débarquer et passer par les douanes. Chaque fois, l'arrêt dure au minimum une heure et oblige les compagnies d'aviation à défrayer des sommes d'argent pour avoir le droit de se poser, en plus des dépenses de carburant que cela implique. (...) Au cours des dernières années, Denis Lebel et des fonctionnaires du gouvernement ont tenté de trouver une solution qui ne serait pas coûteuse pour ce projet. Et l'ancien ministre y était parvenu. Chaque atterrissage à Québec entraîne des coûts assez importants pour les compagnies aériennes. Ils seraient de l'ordre d'environ 10 000\$, que les voyageurs paient sur leur billet. «Ce que je propose, c'est que l'on prenne cette somme et qu'on l'investisse dans les équipes de douaniers. Ça ne coûterait rien de plus au gouvernement, mais ça éviterait une escale.» «L'équipe volante des douaniers pourrait être formée des douaniers actuels de l'aéroport et on pourrait ajouter des militaires et des policiers à la retraite pour donner un coup de main. Au départ, ce serait un projet temporaire, soit pour la durée des vols offerts vers les destinations du Sud», analyse Denis Lebel. [La Presse](#)

L'ABC des achats de Noël en ligne

plusieurs consommateurs n'aiment pas faire la tournée des centres commerciaux pour faire leurs emplettes des fêtes. de nos jours, il est possible d'éviter cette épreuve annuelle en commandant ses cadeaux en ligne. Selon un récent sondage du Conseil québécois du commerce de détail (CQCD), plus du quart des Québécois (26 %) prévoit acheter un ou des cadeaux sur inter-net cette année. Année après année, ce geste devient toujours plus populaire. En 2010, seulement 11 % des Québécois prévoient acheter en ligne pour la période des Fêtes. (...) En théorie, en achetant sur un site américain, vous épargnez la taxe de vente, car vous êtes résident d'un autre pays. Cela dit, bon nombre d'États américains n'ont tout simplement pas de taxe de vente. L'économie atteint près de 15 %, mais elle prive le Québec de revenus. Par contre, à la frontière, votre paquet pourrait être vérifié par l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada, qui procède de façon aléatoire. Le cas échéant, on vous facturera des frais de dédouanement et des taxes canadiennes. Ces frais augmenteront le coût de votre achat. [Journal de Québec](#), 42; * [Journal de Montréal](#), 36

U.S. border airports seeing drop in Canadian travelers

The shuffle off to Buffalo to catch a cheap flight on a U.S. airline is losing its shine, thanks to a lower loonie. "We have seen an impact, but it's difficult to quantify the exact number," said Pascal Cohen, senior manager of marketing at the Buffalo Niagara International Airport. That's because no data is collected on citizenship, when passengers arrive to catch their flight. However, airport officials do conduct licence plate surveys at the parking lot at the Buffalo airport. Previously, when the Canadian dollar was at par with the U.S. dollar, as many as 40 per cent of vehicles were Ontario plates. These days, the airport estimates it is about 15 to 20 per cent fewer Ontario plates. Cohen says overall passenger volume at the Buffalo airport is up 1.9 per cent, year over year, which could be attributed to an improving U.S. economy. It's unclear whether Canadian airports will enjoy a bump in traffic as travellers choose to fly from home airports. Pearson airport says passenger traffic on transborder routes are up this year, but can't attribute that to a shift in travel patterns. [Toronto Star](#), S11

*** U.S. to have tariffs against Cape Breton paper**

A series of costly duties will be levied against Canadian mills, including one in Point Tupper, that produce glossy paper following a vote Wednesday affirming the trade action by the U.S. International Trade Commission. The trade body says the vote was part of the final phase of a countervailing duty investigation into Canadian imports of supercalendered paper, which is mainly used for magazines, catalogues, corporate brochures and advertising inserts... Canada's international trade minister Chrystia

Freeland, issued a statement saying an appeal under the North American Free Trade Agreement will determine if the countervailing duties are being applied in accordance with the laws of the United States. [Canadian Press](#) (Cape Breton Post. A1, A4); [Chronicle Herald](#), A1

*** SNAPSHOT: Children in immigration detention**

The location of CBSA's three immigration detention centres. CROSSINGS. Chronicling the global refugee and migrant experience 65 Number of days spent in a Canada Border Services Agency immigration holding centre (as of Nov. 13) by one of the two children currently waiting to hear the results of a refugee claim. The other has been there for 18 days. An agency spokesperson said that both children's parents prefer they stay in the centre with their families, rather than be relocated by child-protection services. "If you are a Canadian citizen and you're born in immigration detention or you're a Canadian citizen but your parents are undocumented, get arrested and placed in detention, the parents have a choice to give their children over to Children's Aid Society custody and never see them again or bring them in with them in prison. Adults make the difficult decision to bring their kids into prison ... What does a two-year-old do?" [Globe and Mail](#), L4

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

*** Blackmailers target clients of Ashley Madison - Complaints to FTC claim online extortionists active in wake of site's hacking**

Victims of the Ashley Madison hack say they are being blackmailed months after millions of customers had their information leaked online. Complaints filed with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission detail how customers continue to feel the aftermath of the July attack on the Toronto-based adultery website. "A recent hack from the company exposed numerous amounts of private information from me. Now I am being harassed by others who are maliciously using the contents of that information," wrote one person. The hackers, who are still at large, leaked the information online, causing shock waves across the world as millions of alleged Ashley Madison customers had their dirty laundry aired. Toronto Police are still investigating the cyber attack, which they previously linked to online hate crimes, online scams and two unconfirmed reports of suicide. [Toronto Star](#), S12

*** More offers too good to be true - Fraudsters finding new ways to victimize computer users**

An opinion piece states "Raise your hand if this has happened to you: A telephone call from Microsoft (or Windows) telling you your computer needs immediate attention. An email from your bank notifying you that your bank account has been compromised and you need to reset your password. Or, you are visiting a website, to get a recipe or read some news, and you get a screen message that your computer is running slowly so 'click here' to repair the problem. Keep your hand raised if you are a senior. Well then, join the club. And it's a growing club because fraudsters can easily get your phone or email address and with mass calls and/or mailings are sure to grab more and more unsuspecting customers. Locating the scammers is almost impossible; many are out of country and most use disposable cellphones that are difficult to trace. Here's a taste of how it all goes down. An elderly friend, let's call him Blake (whom I had previously helped with computer issues) called me to say that Microsoft had phoned him and he had allowed the caller remote access to his computer. The "technician" immediately claimed to find mountains of viruses and offered to clean his computer - for a price. What credit card would he like to use? Blake, rightfully reluctant to give out his card number, hesitated. The caller pressed him further, this time to go to Western Union and send cash. When Blake once again refused, the caller informed him that unless he paid \$179 his computer would become inoperable. Blake hung up. When he called me I congratulated him for not responding to an obvious scam, but here's the thing: the scammer had reset his user password and Blake could not get into his computer. Not an easy fix. Other similar examples include opening your computer only to find a detailed welcome screen seemingly from the FBI/RCMP warning you to pay a fine for illegal downloads or else your computer will remain in lockdown. This kind of malware is more easily removed, but how many people - especially seniors - are intimidated and fall for these and similar schemes?" [Hamilton Spectator](#), A15

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

A night on the town

At 9:50 p.m. Nov. 4, two police trucks responded to a call about a woman threatening to commit suicide. The call came from a family member and was relayed to the detachment over the phone. "The whole town doesn't need to hear that over the scanner," said Const. Yannick Gagnon as he followed a vehicle to where the woman lives. In the end, police decided the woman wasn't an imminent threat to herself and took her to a relative's home. "Just to be on the safe side, we're not going to let her be alone," said Gagnon. "If she didn't have family to go to, we would bring her to the hospital to get her cleared, and if she was imminently suicidal she would be taken to the hospital right away. Better safe than sorry." He said this way if there are more concerns over the course of the night, at least the officers know the situation. Gagnon arrived at the RCMP detachment shortly before 7 p.m. on Nov. 4 to get ready for night shift. It was "superconstable" night, something that happens once every two weeks or so when shifts overlap and nearly all officers work on a given day. It means they can get caught up on paperwork and share important events with the next crew to come on. Gagnon's regular partner, Const. Mackenzie McGuffin, spent the shift preparing for a case going to court the next morning. "It's what ties everything together," he said. "You can respond to a call, but if you don't follow up with the paperwork, there's no chance those charges will go through." Gagnon said he was a few weeks into Depot, where all RCMP members go to be trained, before he realized the job was 90 per cent pencil-pushing and 10 per cent "fun stuff." "I wanted to quit right there," he joked. [Inuvik Drum](#)

Man charged over concealed cleaver

A Toronto man who allegedly tried to carry a meat cleaver onto Parliament Hill is to undergo a psychiatric assessment. A lawyer for Yasin Ali asked for the assessment in court Wednesday after the 56-year-old appeared by video from the courthouse cellblock on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He will remain in jail until his next appearance on Friday, when he is to appear in court in person. The man had a ticket to visit the Peace Tower, and was in line to go through the visitors' entrance at about 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday when a House of Commons security guard asked him to open his coat. The guard found the man was concealing a large cleaver with an approximately 15-cm-long blade. The man never made it as far as the metal detectors. RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson told reporters that Ali is known to authorities, but "not in the sort of counter-terrorism context." In fact, Paulson does not believe that the man's actions were politically motivated or an act of terror. [Postmedia Network](#) (Windsor Star, N5, Toronto Sun, Ottawa Citizen); ; *[La Presse](#); * [Canadian Press](#), (Times Colonist, A8)

*** La GRC pourrait avoir agi illégalement, dit la juge**

Une juge de la Cour suprême de la Colombie-Britannique a affirmé que la preuve tendait à montrer que la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) avait agi illégalement durant une opération d'infiltration antiterrorisme de haut profil, et a ordonné à la police de remettre des documents juridiques confidentiels. La juge Catherine Bruce n'a pas encore déterminé si la GRC avait piégé John Nuttall et Amanda Korody pour qu'ils organisent un complot visant à faire exploser le parlement de la Colombie-Britannique en 2013, mais elle a indiqué que les agents pourraient être coupables d'avoir facilité en connaissance de cause un acte terroriste durant leur opération d'infiltration. «Il existe un lien suffisamment étroit entre les actes illégaux commis par la GRC et les faits reprochés aux accusés pour soutenir une allégation d'abus de procédures», a-t-elle écrit. Mme Bruce a ordonné à la police de dévoiler des avis juridiques confidentiels obtenus relativement à l'opération secrète pendant laquelle des agents se faisaient passer pour des combattants djihadistes. «Ces documents fournissent un aperçu fondamental de l'état d'esprit de tous les agents mêlés à l'intervention», a-t-elle mentionné. La confidentialité de la correspondance avec un avocat est habituellement protégée, mais la magistrate a indiqué que les agents de la GRC avaient renoncé à ce droit en dévoilant délibérément une portion de l'information en cour. La juge estime qu'il est pertinent de savoir si les policiers ont suivi les conseils de l'avocat, car cela pourrait montrer une mauvaise foi de leur part. John Nuttall et Amanda Korody ont été reconnus coupables plus tôt cette année sous des accusations de terrorisme pour avoir planifié de perpétrer un attentat sur le site de l'Assemblée législative de la Colombie-Britannique lors des célébrations de la Fête du Canada de 2013, mais leurs avocats ont argué que la GRC les avait piégés et que le complot n'aurait jamais été organisé sans l'aide de la police. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Nouvelliste, 14, La Voix de l'Est); [CBC News](#);

Postmedia News (Province, A8, Times Colonist); Postmedia Network (Vancouver Sun, A2, Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Province, Globe and Mail, S3)

*** Les agences se font rassurantes**

Les grands patrons des agences canadiennes de sécurité et du renseignement ont cherché à se faire rassurants, hier : ils ont bel et bien la capacité de faire les vérifications qui s'imposent afin de protéger les Canadiens contre les menaces potentielles posées par l'accueil rapide de 25 000 réfugiés d'ici la fin de l'année. « Je veux que les Canadiens sachent qu'en tant que directeur du SCRS, je suis sûr que les mesures en vigueur sont robustes et que j'ai pleinement confiance qu'elles seront appropriées », a déclaré Michel Coulombe, directeur du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS). De plus en plus de gens au Canada expriment leur inquiétude devant cet accueil jugé trop rapide et un nombre trop élevé de réfugiés d'ici six semaines. Les chefs du SCRS, de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), de l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC) et le ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique ont livré une rare conférence de presse conjointe pour répondre à ces préoccupations. Ils ont fourni quelques détails sur la situation sécuritaire au pays dans la foulée des attentats de Paris et sur leurs démarches pour assurer la sécurité tout en respectant la promesse électorale du Parti libéral. La Presse Canadienne (Voix de l'Est, La Presse,); La Presse

*** Takes two to tango in Duffy trial**

The Ol' Duff will be strutting today, his mind firmly convinced that, besides his courtroom drama playing a key role in bringing down the spiteful Harper government, he will soon be walking out of court totally vindicated. This has been Duffy's firm belief from the outset, and he has sent chastising emails to many in the media who presupposed his guilt. (...) In fact, the RCMP exonerated Wright of any wrongdoing and, after he testified about cutting the cheque to Duffy, he skedaddled back to England and his job as managing director in the London office of Onex Corp. There is no jury here. It is trial by judge alone, so it comes down to Ontario Court Judge Charles Vaillancourt to decide if there was a bribe and, if so, then solve the riddle of who bribed who. But armchair jurors are already taking bets on acquittal. The most entertaining portion of the trial, of course, has been defence attorney Donald Bayne's tarring of the Prime Minister's Office, even though who-knew-what and/or who did or did not tell the prime minister about Wright's cheque has nothing to do with Duffy's guilt or innocence. Postmedia Network (Calgary Sun, A15)

*** Winnipegger warns of immigration phone scam - Callers demand payment**

More than 45 years after Winnipeg resident Monina Relano moved to Canada from the Philippines, she got a phone call Tuesday saying there was a problem with her immigration paperwork. "I was scared," said Relano. Though she's been a Canadian citizen since 1975, she was taken aback by the authoritative voice on the phone. The man told her she didn't fill out a required immigration form and now had to pay an out-of-court settlement of \$2,490 or the RCMP would be at her door. Relano figured out it was an immigration phone scam but worries more recent newcomers without permanent status in Canada might be conned. She wants to warn them before they get the call and end up swindled. Winnipeg Free Press, B6

*** Diverse workers sought by RCMP**

The RCMP is seeking some good men and women to diversify their ranks. With a visible minority presence of 9.7%, the force is seeking to increase that to 20% to better represent the country it serves, say Mounties. The force is holding a Calgary career presentation Nov. 25 at the Duncan Building, 7575 8 St. N.E. at 6 p.m. On offer are 150 different types of policing opportunities. Those applying for a position with the RCMP must be a Canadian citizen, 19 years of age and be fluent in either or both English and French. They must also possess a valid driver's licence and have a high school diploma or an equivalent, be able to meet fitness requirements and be willing to re-locate anywhere in Canada. Postmedia Network (Calgary Sun, A10)

*** New Kids on the cellblock**

A Red Deer crime syndicate has taken a big hit. Police have arrested and charged three alleged members of Bobby and the Kids, a group that deals mostly in the drug trade. One of them is believed to be "Bobby," the leader of the group. The organization has dealings throughout Central Alberta including Sylvan Lake, Blackfalds and Innisfail and has been operating for "some time," say police. The arrests are

believed to be the first made involving the organization. "We have definitely disrupted this group and eliminated the harm they are doing in the community," said Red Deer RCMP Sgt. Eric McKenzie. Police did not give any indication of the size of the group. Last Friday, the Priority Crimes Task Force seized 55 ounces of cocaine, nine ounces of methamphetamine, marijuana, a stolen pistol, drug paraphernalia and \$30,600 in cash after executing search warrants at Timothy Drive and Leonard Crescent in Red Deer and Harvest Close in Penhold. Three men between the ages of 22 and 27 were arrested without incident. [Postmedia Network](#) (Red Deer Advocate, A1, A2)

* **Quebec police conduct major raids linked to drugs, organized crime**

Quebec provincial police say they are conducting major raids this morning linked to drug trafficking and organized crime in the Montreal area. Sûreté du Québec spokesperson Audrey-Anne Bilodeau says roughly 200 police officers are taking part in the operation. The raids target "different strains of organized crime in link with the control of the territory, the supply and the distribution of drugs in Montreal," Bilodeau said. In all, Bilodeau says they expect to arrest about 40 people this morning. Bilodeau would not give further details on the suspects or what kind of drugs may be involved. She says members of the SQ, Montreal police and the RCMP are collaborating. A news conference is planned for later this morning to give more details on the operation. [CBC News](#)

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Young Shafia seeks appeal

Hamed Shafia, the Montreal man convicted, along with his father and mother, of murdering four family members in what the trial judge called a "heinous" and "despicable" mass honour killing, is poised to present a new claim to Ontario's top court regarding the appeal of his conviction. The youngest Shafia killer maintains that he was not 18 years old at the time of the murders on June 30, 2009, and he has documents newly obtained from Afghanistan, his birthplace, that purport to prove it. Shafia was tried and sentenced as an adult, based on documents that indicated he was born in Kabul on Dec. 30, 1990. Those records established that he was 18-and-a-half years old at the time of the killings, and therefore subject to adult criminal law. After a 45-day trial, he was convicted of four counts of first-degree murder and sentenced to the mandatory term of 25 years in prison before parole eligibility. If convicted of murder in youth court and sentenced as a youth, he would be eligible for parole much sooner, perhaps in as few as five years, calculated from the date of his arrest in July, 2009, according to Nicholas Bala, a Queen's University law professor and expert on youth criminal law. The legal scholar said it might be the first case in Canada in which a killer sought to prove he was underage after his adult conviction. [Postmedia Network](#) (Kingston Whig-Standard, A1, Montreal Gazette, Toronto Sun, Calgary Sun, National Post, Ottawa Citizen)

McDonald's killer loses appeal

The man believed to be the mastermind behind the most notorious killings in Cape Breton history has lost his appeal of the decision to deny him day parole. Derek Anthony Wood was sentenced to life in prison with no eligibility for parole for 25 years after being convicted of a number of charges, including two counts of first-degree murder in the 1992 Sydney River McDonald's killings when he, Darren Muise and Freeman MacNeil robbed the restaurant and killed three workers. A fourth person was left permanently disabled. Wood had filed an appeal with the Parole Board of Canada after it denied his day parole application earlier this year. He had been deemed a medium-to-high risk to reoffend in a violent manner, according to a psychological assessment. [Cape Breton Post](#), A1

'She's never coming back'

Eighteen years later, the daughters of murdered prison guard Diane Lavigne say they're still struggling to cope. Testifying Wednesday at a hearing where former Hells Angels underling Stéphane Gagné is seeking an earlier parole eligibility on the life sentence he is serving for taking part in the murders of two prison guards in 1997, 40-year-old Isabelle Daoust said she still remembers how sunny it was on the Friday morning her uncle knocked on her apartment door and told her "my sympathies, Isabelle. Your mother's been assassinated." Gagné killed Lavigne in June 1997, shooting her from the back of a motorcycle as she drove home from her job at the Montreal Detention Centre. He later became a

collaborating witness against biker boss Maurice (Mom) Boucher and helped convict him. Boucher is now serving a life sentence for the murders of Lavigne and Pierre Rondeau and the attempted murder of Robert Corriveau, all of them guards at provincial detention centres targeted in an effort to intimidate the Quebec justice system. Daoust called the sequence of events in 1997 "surreal. Things like that didn't happen in Quebec. It's like a film that I was watching from above ... too big and unexpected to ever see coming." Montreal Gazette, A3, Le Devoir, Journal de Québec (Journal de Montréal); * La Presse

*** James Leroy Leopold, convicted of killing fiancée, has parole revoked after 5 months**

A Nova Scotia man who killed his fiancée has had his day parole revoked after just five months. James Leroy Leopold was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to six years in prison after the death of Laura Lee Robertson in 2012. During his trial, the court heard Leopold told police he and Robertson got into a fight and that she died after he hit her in the throat. Following a hearing in May of 2015, Leopold was granted six months of day parole by the Parole Board of Canada. In their decision, the board noted that Leopold is at a high risk of violence towards a partner. Global News (2015-11-18)

*** Parole extended for killer ex-Mountie**

A former Mountie convicted of first-degree murder who has been running an antiques store in Prince George must spend at least a further six months on day parole, according to a recent Parole Board of Canada decision. Patrick Michael Kelly, 65, was convicted in 1983 for throwing his wife off the 17th-floor balcony of their Toronto apartment. Kelly was originally granted day parole in 2003. Since then, his parole has been revoked several times for failing to disclose financial dealings or relationships with women. The former undercover officer was granted full parole in 2010 and opened his store in Prince George. But the board reversed his release in August 2012 after he failed to report two relationships with women. Prince George Citizen (2015-11-18)

Traque contre un couple de voleurs

Un enquêteur qui a traqué pendant des mois un couple de voleurs à la Bonnie et Clyde, qui ont dérobé pour plus de 1 M\$ en cambriolant des maisons cossues partout au Québec, sera récompensé aujourd'hui pour son travail acharné. «Je suis tellement content d'avoir résolu ces dossiers. Sinon, ils auraient continué à commettre d'autres crimes. Certaines victimes ont été démolies en se faisant voler des objets de valeur importants à leurs yeux», a dit le sergent-détective de la Sûreté du Québec, Gordon Hunter. (...)Le sergent Hunter sera récompensé aujourd'hui dans le cadre du Gala des Prix policiers du Québec pour son implication dans cette enquête. (...)Jimmy Simard-Patry et Elyanne Miller ont respectivement écopé de cinq ans et demi et de deux ans de prison en juin. Un complice du couple n'a pas encore subi son procès. Journal de Montréal (Journal de Québec)

Province's plan a 'beacon' for justice: minister - Unveils details of restorative strategy

A five-year plan to make restorative justice a mainstream method of dealing with crime in Manitoba will include a community court in the North End, an expansion of current mental-health and drug-court diversion programs and a focus on victims, the provincial government announced Wednesday. Restorative justice is "local, swift, common-sense, tough justice," Justice Minister Gord Mackintosh told a room of restorative-justice advocates at the legislature building Wednesday, proclaiming legislation he hopes will establish Manitoba as a "beacon in North America for restorative justice." The term restorative justice refers to an individualized approach for offenders (who are often youth or first-time offenders) to take responsibility for their actions, usually by reconciling with victims, performing community service and working toward their rehabilitation. It's used mainly to handle less serious crimes and non-indictable offences, but the justice minister said the province is looking at "tacking on" restorative-justice techniques alongside criminal-court sentencing. The province plans to fulfil the new strategy, announced Wednesday to coincide with the implementation of the Manitoba Restorative Justice Act, by increasing its current \$1.8-million annual spending on restorative justice, starting with an additional \$320,000 next year. Winnipeg Free Press, B5, Winnipeg Sun; * Radio-Canada

*** Credit-card fraud extends sentence**

Credit-card fraud has added to the length of a Fredericton man's prison sentence. Ashley James Charlton, 35, was brought to provincial court in custody recently on a charge of using a stolen credit card between Aug. 5 to 6. The former Canada Street resident pleaded guilty to the offence during an

appearance last month. Judge Mary Jane Richards sentenced Charlton to six months' incarceration and ordered that he pay a \$100 victim-fine surcharge. He was also instructed by the court to pay restitution in the order of \$3,279. Charlton told court during an earlier appearance that he's serving time in the Springhill Institution in Nova Scotia for breaking into two food vendor kiosks at the Northside Market and stealing hundreds of dollars worth of meat on Aug. 19. [Daily Gleaner](#), A4

*** World's indigenous leaders look to adopt prison practices at Waikeria**

Indigenous leaders from around the world hope to adopt practices from a Waikato prison unit that rehabilitated violent offenders, drug abusers and sex offenders. Daniel Levi Martin is a tribal leader of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations people, who live on reserves along the Pacific Rim National Park, Canada. "I hope that I can learn the different ways of doing things here [at the prison], techniques I can take back home to my people," he said. Martin was in Hamilton for the week-long indigenous people's conference, Healing Our Spirit Worldwide - The Seventh Gathering, hosted by Te Rau Matatini. "I'm an elder and an advisor to treatment centres. I hope to learn something here." Waikeria Prison's Karaka Unit is an 80-bed therapeutic community for medium and high risk offenders. Since 2010, 245 prisoners have completed treatment programmes at Waikeria Prison's Karaka Unit. Since 2010, 245 prisoners have completed the programme, with 55 per cent of those identifying as Maori. There are three programmes within the unit; the Dependency Treatment Unit (DTU) for those with substance abuse, the Special Treatment Unit Rehabilitation Programme (STURP) for high-risk offenders, and the Adult Sex Offender Treatment Programme. [Stuff.co.nz](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Police must communicate to track missing women

Effective communication between police agencies is essential when it comes to investigating vulnerable women who have disappeared, says the man who oversaw British Columbia's Missing Women Commission of Inquiry. Wally Oppal, a former B.C. Court of Appeal justice and provincial attorney general, said there was little communications between the RCMP and the Vancouver police in the 1990s when multiple women went missing in that province. "When vulnerable women go missing police have to get involved and that is what they didn't do in the 90s," Oppal said in an interview. "The result is you have well over 100 women who were murdered." Exchanging information in such cases has to take place, Oppal said. What happened in B.C. was that women were being picked up in the eastside of downtown Vancouver but were being murdered in Port Coquitlam, about 35-40 minutes away, he said. "There were very little communication between the RCMP and the Vancouver police," Oppal said. "We were very critical of the policing that took place and that there was no real liaison between the sex trade workers and the police." Oppal will be at St. Thomas University Thursday night presenting a public lecture on the inquiry. Appointed commissioner in 2010, Oppal held close to 100 days of public hearings and forums in Aboriginal communities in northern B.C. in which the many victims and survivors of the Robert Pickton tragedies testified. The inquiry was called to examine why Vancouver police and the RCMP failed to catch Pickton before he was arrested in February 2002. [Daily Gleaner](#), A3 (Times & Transcript)

*** Does Canada still need a Status of Women minister?**

We've come a long way in Canada on gender equality - far enough for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to mandate gender parity in his first cabinet. So do we still need a Status of Women ministry? "Yes, we certainly do," said noted feminist and journalist Michele Landsberg. The new [mandate](#) letter for Status of Women Minister Patty Hajdu tasks her with trying to eliminate economic and political inequalities that affect women, tackling violence against women and moving forward with a planned inquiry into murdered and missing aboriginal women. Under the Harper government, Landsberg said, women's rights were set back by budget cuts for research and advocacy in the ministry. This loss of funding, she said, meant government couldn't get a complete picture of what was happening in the lives of women. [iPolitics](#), [Toronto Star](#)

*** Saskatoon men asked to combat violence against women**

Members of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) have called for an end to violence against indigenous women and children, hoping men will lead the movement for change. "Traditionally as men, our role was to stand as protectors and also to support our women," said Regan Ratt-Misponas, indigenous student representative with the USSU. "Our women were very much regarded as the leaders of First Nations communities and First Nations reserves." On Wednesday, students were introduced to the "Moose Hide Campaign," a grassroots, non-profit that encourages aboriginal and non-aboriginal men to wear pins made of the material. [Global News](#) (2015-11-18)

*** Delete Day aims to combat social media cyberbullying**

Countless people can see what you're doing, and a lot of them are mean. That was the message Windsor police and Catholic Central High School tried to drive home Wednesday during Delete Day, an event they hosted to combat cyberbullying. Students spent time with their vice-principal and a police officer to learn how to delete bullying posts from their social media profiles, along with anything they might regret posting themselves. "There are adults and other people whose sole purpose is to troll the Internet and find young people using social media to see if they can acquire their information," said vice-principal Laura Beltran. "When that happens, it can ruin lives and it's very difficult to put lives back together once information is out there. Especially for young people, their reputation, their self-esteem, their self-concept is still growing and maturing and it can be devastating for them at a very early age." Dozens of students showed up for Delete Day, one of a number of events being held as part of Bullying Awareness Week. Grade 12 student Manal Muzamil said it was a good chance to "refresh" social media accounts, delete bad things people have posted and block those responsible for the negativity. [Windsor Star](#), A3

*** Cyberbullying starts young**

Cyberbullying can affect children far younger than widely believed, experts warn. While it starts to become prevalent in students around the Grade 7 level, children can gain access to this world much sooner, said Brad Burns, principal of Highlands School in Edmonton. "I know of students that are in kindergarten who are coming to school with cellphones, because they are a very useful resource for safety and communication at homes," said Burns. "As technology is more prevalent in our lives and more integrated, that age of being in that world keeps moving down to younger and younger children." On Wednesday, as part of Bullying Awareness Week, Burns was one of five panellists speaking at an Alberta government-sponsored webcast on cyberbullying. He said it's up to the parents to inform and discuss with their children about the importance in becoming a "responsible digital citizen." [Calgary Sun](#), A21 (Edmonton Sun)

*** There's value in carding**

An opinion piece states, "In September 2011, a 15-year-old girl was sexually assaulted in a Brampton park. Officers attached to Peel Regional Police's special victims unit had a description, but the perpetrator was long gone. Detectives checked to see whether there had been any PRP17s (street check reports) filed from anywhere nearby. Bingo. Up came a street check on a 37-year-old man - including name, date of birth and description - who was engaged by police at the park months earlier. They had a suspect and a reason for a search warrant which - when executed - led to the arrest of the man for possessing child pornography as well as the sexual assault on the girl. There's one example of the benefits of police community engagement that opponents feel is racial profiling. Under new rules being implemented next year by the provincial government, police will have to tell people encountered - such as the man engaged in the park - that there is no need for them to talk to officers and that they're free to go. It's absurd." [Toronto Sun](#), A10

*** Fassbender saps amalgamation impetus**

It never was about forcing amalgamation on Greater Victoria, and Peter Fassbender knows it. B.C.'s community charter already bars the provincial government from imposing amalgamation on anyone. No, all that people are asking for is a study into whether amalgamation makes sense. (...)Of course, while Victoria and Esquimalt might see this disparity as an excellent reason to share the cost of policing more equitably, the other municipalities see it as a totally awesome reason to leave things as they are. Why would Langford, whose residents pay just \$141 apiece for the RCMP, voluntarily eat a cost hike?

Both Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps and Esquimalt Mayor Barb Desjardins recognize this reality. [Times Colonist](#), A3

*** 'Almost one an hour'**

When she refused to give him money to buy beer, one Edmonton man pushed his girlfriend to the ground, pulled her hair and punched her in the face. (...) "This is only a sample of the files received by the Edmonton Police Service this past weekend," Staff Sgt. Sean Armstrong, in charge of the domestic offender crime section, told a downtown crowd Wednesday. "There were 88 cases responded to by EPS members, and sadly this was a quiet week. I can guarantee you there are many more domestic violence occurrences in our city that were not reported to us." These revelations shocked those gathered for the the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters' (ACWS) 11th annual Breakfast with the Guys at the Chateau Lacombe on Wednesday. In 2014, Edmonton police were involved in nearly 8,000 domestic violence complaints. (...) According to government statistics, Alberta has the fifth highest rate of intimate partner violence reported to police and the second highest rate of self-reported intimate partner violence in Canada. [Edmonton Sun](#), A7

*** First Nation contemplates ban on criminals on reserve**

Elders on the Little Pine First Nation are exploring the idea of banishing criminals from the reserve. The idea of kicking known offenders such as drug dealers and abusers off the reserve was preposed at a recent community meeting aimed at dealing with crime on the First Nation, located north of North Battleford. "The criminal justice system is not working. Look at the statistics," said Jacob Pete, a band member who helped facilitate the meeting. "We have to take ownership of the problems and come up with local solutions." The idea of banishing criminals from a particular community is not unheard of. Saskatchewan's largest First Nation, Lac La Ronge Indian Band, has been banishing drug dealers and others for decades. First Nations like Mistawasis near Prince Albert and Fishing Lake have also banished people for crimes. [StarPhoenix](#), A3 (Leader-Post)

*** Un quartier général de la mafia visé par un attentat**

Un incendie criminel allumé dans un bar de la rue Jean-Talon la nuit dernière pourrait constituer un nouveau chapitre d'une tension grandissante au sein de la mafia montréalaise. *La Presse* a en effet appris de sources de divers milieux que l'établissement visé, le café Empire, serait l'un des quartiers généraux de la Table de direction de la mafia qui dirige les rênes du crime organisé montréalais, en alliance avec d'autres groupes criminels, depuis la mort naturelle du parrain Vito Rizzuto, il y a près de deux ans. Selon nos sources, Vito Rizzuto aurait été vu souvent à cet endroit après sa libération d'un pénitencier américain et son retour à Montréal, en octobre 2012. [La Presse](#) (2015-11-18)

*** Front line workers get info on battling sexual exploitation**

If you don't think human trafficking is a concern within Norfolk County, think again. "Because we're rural, we're a very big source destination for sexual exploitation," explained Christina Bodine, chair of the Sexual Assault Centre of Brant. Bodine and her colleagues played host to a human trafficking seminar for social service employees and concerned residents at the Norfolk Golf and County Club Wednesday. One of the main messages was human trafficking – at one level or another – certainly does take place in Norfolk, Brantford and Six Nations. The trouble is, not many get the message because young women are often being shuttled to places like Niagara Falls or Windsor. "You have to lay charges in the place that the crime happens, so they'll be laid in places like Niagara Falls and Windsor, but they're gals that are from Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk, Six Nations," Bodine explained. "That's why those stats aren't showing up, but we're a big source area." That's why gatherings like the one on Wednesday are held. Speakers addressed the warning signs of human trafficking, what its definition is and who is most vulnerable. "It is complicated, so we're just trying to give an overview so people are aware," Bodine noted. "What we do know is over 90 per cent is domestic, so it's happening within Canada, it's happening within our borders." While the day-long event was open to all, Bodine and her team targeted a specific group to take part. [Simcoe Reformer](#) (2015-11-18)

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City pulling together for refugees

It was an unprecedented Edmonton conclave. Ninety representatives from more than a dozen social agencies and government departments met Wednesday at the Ramada on Kingsway to plan a joint mission. Their goal? To settle some 1,500 Syrian refugees in Edmonton before year's end. "We're still not sure of the exact number or the exact timing. And that's causing some anxiety for us," says Stephen Carattini, CEO of Catholic Social Services. His agency has the federal contract to settle refugees in Edmonton. "Normally, we settle 400 to 500 refugees a year. Now, we're going to be settling three or four times that many. It's not unfamiliar, what we're being asked to do. But this is happening very, very quickly." The meeting included representatives from the federal departments of Canadian Heritage and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. Representatives of the provincial departments of Alberta Jobs, Skills, and Labour, Alberta Health and Alberta Education were there, too. So were Edmonton's school boards, along with Capital Region Housing and Edmonton and Area Child and Family Services. And there was an eclectic and ecumenical range of other agencies, including the Islamic Family and Social Services Agency, the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers, Edmonton Immigrant Services Association, ASSIST Community Services, Centre d'accueil et d'établissement, Changing Together and the Indo-Canadian Women's Association. [Postmedia News](#) (Edmonton Journal, A1/Front)

Queens sponsorship effort edges ahead

A group of residents in Queens County has just squeaked past the halfway point in their goal of raising \$20,000 to sponsor a family of Syrian refugees. The Queens Refugee Care Team hopes to sponsor a family of six, and has already raised almost \$11,000. [Chronicle Herald](#), A8

Premier confident about refugees

Nova Scotia's premier doesn't want to pre-judge whether Ottawa should pull back from a plan to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees into Canada by the end of the year. Stephen McNeil said that Ottawa is responsible for handling any security concerns that arise from its screening process of refugees and his province remained ready to proceed with welcoming newcomers once it's determined how that will happen. McNeil said he expected many of those concerns to be addressed in a federal-provincial meeting next week, in light of the recent terror attacks in Paris and Beirut. "Security coming into the country is the responsibility of the federal government," said McNeil. "So if it (the plan) continues to move forward we are ready to participate as part of the federation." [Canadian Press](#) (Cape Breton Post, A9)

Notley says Calgary, Edmonton among five Alberta cities likely to take refugees

Premier Rachel Notley says Calgary and Edmonton are expected to take in the bulk of Syrian refugees coming to Alberta, with the remainder spread out over three other cities - Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, and Red Deer. "We're working to ensure that we're able to provide a seamless and effective settlement process," Notley told reporters Wednesday. "There are five cities where refugees would most likely land. The vast majority of them will be in Calgary and Edmonton. "Obviously the mayors need to be fully on side with it, and I believe that they are and have it well in hand." Notley was flanked by Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson and Calgary's Naheed Nenshi at the legislature following a meeting to discuss a range of issues, including the refugee resettlement. The federal government has said it wants to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees across Canada by the end of the year. Notley has said she expects Alberta will take between 2,500 and 3,000 of those fleeing the war-torn region. [Postmedia News](#) (Calgary Herald)

Goodwill beats bureaucracy

They've been offered an entire convent in Pointe-Claire to house the refugees, a CEGEP in Rosemont with classrooms and showers to use at least over the holidays, rooms and fridges, winter coats and dishes. While politicians wrangle over whether it's possible to bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees over the next six weeks, grassroots organizations and ordinary Quebecers are making it possible. "Since last week our phones and email accounts have been overloaded with offers from Quebec residents wanting to help Syrian refugees with clothes, furniture, appliances," said Paul Clarke, the executive director of Action Réfugiés Montréal. "As public consciousness has ramped up that Syrian refugees are coming, the generosity has been astounding." And the terrorist attacks in Paris did not stop the flow, Clarke added. He has had to ask people to stop bringing in winter coats and boots to the organization's downtown locale

- there was just no room for more. But while every bit helps, especially if Quebec does receive 5,700 refugees over the next 43 days, such a massive endeavour requires some coordination, between all the groups involved, and every level of government. The community groups tasked with helping refugees resettle in Montreal - there are 18 in Montreal alone that offer services in Arabic - have set up a central list of people who want to volunteer their time, housing and miscellaneous goods, including all those winter coats and boots: infoparrainage@tcri.gc.ca And cities, including the 13 in Quebec that could receive some of the refugees, are also mobilizing. Postmedia News (Montreal Gazette, A1/Front)

Valcartier se prépare à l'arrivée de réfugiés

La base militaire de Valcartier est sur un pied d'alerte et se prépare à accueillir des centaines, voire des milliers de réfugiés syriens d'ici la fin de l'année. Le Canada avait déjà évoqué la possibilité que les bases militaires servent de terre d'accueil temporaire aux réfugiés, et l'hypothèse se confirme selon de nombreuses sources. Les 500 premiers réfugiés syriens débarqueraient dans la région de Québec à partir du 1er décembre - une date évoquée par plusieurs - et seraient logés dans diverses installations de la base militaire, notamment au Camp des Cadets. L'Armée vient de lancer un appel d'offres pour l'«hivernisation» d'une dizaine de baraquements. Les travaux, qui prévoient l'installation de chauffage, sont évalués à 1,5 M\$ et seront réalisés «dans un très court délai, d'ici le 30 décembre», peut-on lire dans les documents sur le portail MERX. Journal de Québec, 3 (Journal de Montréal, 7); Le Soleil, 5/Front

Les villes veulent être mieux informées

Les maires des 13 villes québécoises qui accueilleront les réfugiés syriens attendus d'ici la fin de 2015 demandent à être mieux informés des plans d'Ottawa et de Québec, les élus ignorant encore combien d'entre eux chaque ville recevra. Une conférence téléphonique d'une quarantaine de minutes a réuni hier midi ces maires afin de faire le point sur le dossier. «Ce qui me frappe, c'est la volonté des villes à accueillir les réfugiés. Chacune a déjà pris des initiatives pour réunir les groupes sur son territoire. Mais il manque deux morceaux du casse-tête: Québec et Ottawa. Les villes sont déjà à pied d'oeuvre, mais elles n'ont pas toute l'information», a indiqué la mairesse de Longueuil, Caroline St-Hilaire. L'Union des municipalités du Québec a mis en place un comité auquel on espère voir Ottawa et Québec se joindre pour coordonner l'arrivée des réfugiés. «Il faut qu'on s'assoie, s'il le faut quotidiennement, pour éviter que chaque maire appelle à gauche et à droite pour avoir de l'information. On veut éviter qu'il y ait des ratés. On a connu de beaux succès d'accueil de réfugiés et il ne faudrait pas manquer le bateau», a ajouté Mme St-Hilaire. La Presse, A10

Rookie MP Tassi says government committed to accommodating refugees

Filomena Tassi is assuring residents that Canada remains committed to accommodating 25,000 Syrian refugees by Jan. 1. "At the same time, we're going to exercise the highest level of vetting and security," said the rookie MP, who represents the riding of Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas and will be sworn in as part of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government on Dec. 2. Opposition to the Liberal campaign promise has already grown in reaction to reports that at least one of a number of ISIL terrorists who participated in the Paris attacks in last weekend entered France with other Syrian refugees. But with a majority government, Trudeau and his team appear to be moving ahead on the promise. "We are staying on course," Tassi said. Tassi has been to Ottawa and completed her training for first-time members of Parliament. She is now focused on setting up shop in her widespread constituency, searching for an office from which to serve residents from Ancaster to Westdale and the west Mountain. Tassi said there was nothing to officially announce as far as any committees she will be part of, or other specific roles within the government. Hamilton Spectator, A5

Les initiatives citoyennes se multiplient

Le téléphone de la Table de concertation des organismes au service des personnes réfugiées ou immigrantes n'arrête pas de sonner depuis des jours. «Les gens offrent des logements, des vêtements. Des professeurs à la retraite proposent de l'aide aux devoirs, des Syriens veulent faire de la traduction. Tout le monde veut contribuer et faire partie de ce moment historique», dit Sylvain Thibault. Parmi les offres de dons se trouvent aussi des messages de quelques personnes qui ont déjà pris les choses bien en main. Les initiatives citoyennes se multiplient. C'est le cas de Yasmine Abdelfadel qui a décidé lundi soir qu'elle lançait un projet de paniers d'accueil contenant notamment des paquets de couches et des

fournitures scolaires. Une autre dame est en train d'amasser entre 600 et 900 toutous «pour que chaque enfant qui arrive au Québec en ait un.» Pour l'instant, les gens qui veulent faire des dons spécifiquement destinés aux réfugiés syriens peuvent le faire par l'entremise des initiatives citoyennes qui apparaissent sur les réseaux sociaux ou en communiquant avec des groupes comme la Table de concertation des organismes au service des personnes réfugiées ou immigrantes. Toutefois, la plupart des organismes communautaires sont en attente. La Croix-Rouge canadienne a ouvert, il y a quelques mois, un fonds destiné aux réfugiés syriens, mais elle attend des annonces gouvernementales pour lancer des initiatives locales qui serviront les réfugiés à leur arrivée au Canada et au Québec. Carl Boisvert, porte-parole de la Croix-Rouge pour le Québec, conseille aux personnes qui veulent contribuer à l'accueil de réfugiés ici d'attendre que les campagnes spécifiques soient mises en place. [La Presse](#), A10

On n'a pas le temps

Alors là, un gros bravo. Quand on a retrouvé le petit Alan mort noyé sur une grève en Turquie, vous trouviez que le Canada n'en faisait pas assez pour faire émigrer sa famille chez nous. Maintenant que le Canada a décidé d'accueillir 25000 réfugiés syriens d'ici la fin de l'année, vous branlez dans le manche. Vous avez peur. Tout d'un coup qu'un ou deux terroristes se glisseraient dans le lot. J'entends des maires, des députés, des ministres réclamer des délais. Il faut prendre le temps de bien faire les choses, dites-vous. Le temps de bien faire les vérifications de sécurité. Le temps? Pendant qu'on est là à niaiser autour d'un chiffre, des bombes continuent de tomber sur la tête des gens en Syrie et en Irak. Il y a des exactions, des viols, des décapitations, des défenestrations. Et dans le lot des innocentes victimes, il y a d'autres petits Alan. Qu'est-ce qu'il vous faut pour vous convaincre que le temps presse? Des photos d'enfants déchiquetés par les explosions? Avoir du temps devant soi, c'est le luxe d'une société éloignée de la guerre comme la nôtre. [Le Droit](#), 2/Front

Rapid resettlement is possible: expert

An authority on immigration and refugees says Canada and the United Nations have the operational knowhow and security safeguards to vet 25,000 Syrians for rapid resettlement. But the question remains: can the humanitarian resettlement project be pulled off by the Liberal government's Dec. 31 deadline without compromising domestic security? "I hate answering that question at this point," said Peter Showler, former chair of the Immigration and Refugee Board and former director of the Refugee Forum at the University of Ottawa. "(However) it is possible in a relatively short period of time - with no reference one way or the other to the deadline - to do fast, effective processing that includes reliable security screening." Immigration Minister John McCallum has said the refugees would be properly screened. "I think (McCallum's) implication has been that if it takes longer, if it goes over the deadline, then it goes over the deadline," Showler said. "Certainly my understanding from him is that getting the job done properly is the priority." Showler's appraisal came as the Ottawa Citizen learned refugees arrived Tuesday in Montreal. Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship spokesman Remi Larivière confirmed a planeload of Syrian refugees landed, but did not make clear if the group was part of the 25,000 targeted for resettlement under the Liberals' plan. [Postmedia News](#) (Vancouver Sun, A1/Front)

Clock ticking on Canada's refugee plan

The timing of Canada's crash program to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada by the end of the year keeps sliding, according to two officials familiar with aspects of the planning. The original goal had been to begin the airlift by Thursday of this week, but as no charter aircraft have been booked yet, it would now be at least one more week before flights got underway, one of the officials said. When the flights reach their peak next month, about 1,000 refugees will be arriving in Canada every day. The officials did not want to be identified because diplomats and immigration officers have been told by Ottawa not to speak about the matter, with all requests referred to the government. "Unfortunately I have nothing to say to you at the moment," Immigration Canada spokesman Jean-Bruno Villeneuve said in an email from Ottawa, adding that he was unable to confirm any details about the resettlement program. (...) But the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which registers asylum seekers and is supposed to be working with Canada on its resettlement program, said this week that it remained largely in the dark about Ottawa's plans. While the UNHCR welcomed the Canadian announcement to settle Syrians, "I am afraid I cannot talk about Canada's program," spokeswoman Ariane Rummery said in an email from Geneva "until we know more about the modalities." [Whig-Standard](#), B2

Le temps du changement

Comme il était de mise dans ces circonstances tragiques qui relativisaient tout le reste, la couverture médiatique du dernier conseil général du PLQ a été presque exclusivement centrée sur les réactions aux attentats de Paris et l'accueil des réfugiés syriens. Même s'il est passé largement inaperçu, le premier ministre Couillard n'en avait pas moins un autre message à transmettre aux militants libéraux réunis à Québec. " Le temps du changement est venu, a-t-il dit. Il faut oser faire les choses différemment, oser remettre les choses en question. " Quelques minutes plus tôt, le président de la commission politique du PLQ, Jérôme Turcotte, avait évoqué les conséquences que le vieillissement accéléré de la population aura sur les coûts des services de santé qui, au rythme actuel, accapareront 70 % des dépenses gouvernementales en 2030. Ces propos semblaient rejoindre ceux que le ministre de la Santé, Gaétan Barrette, avait tenus la semaine dernière à propos du panier de services assurés par la Régie de l'assurance-maladie. S'il n'est pas question " à ce moment-ci " d'exclure certains services de la couverture, il a averti que " la situation budgétaire du Québec nous invite à une réflexion au long cours sur ces éléments-là ". Le Devoir, A4

Weil downplays 'anxiety' as polls reveal fears

Quebec's immigration minister was scrambling to reassure skittish Quebecers and mayors Wednesday that the province's decision to welcome Syrian refugees will not come back to haunt them. But two new polls reveal the brutal Paris terror attacks have spooked people. Suddenly, many are hot on the use of military force to put out threats and favour a goslow approach to accepting refugees. "There is a period of anxiety," Kathleen Weil told reporters on her way into a meeting of the Quebec cabinet. "But I think it's important that mayors and political leaders use the right tone, give the right message. "These are some of the most vulnerable people that we want to greet and settle in Quebec." Weil was responding to growing domestic blowback over the terror attacks last Friday in Paris which left 129 people dead and 350 injured - many of them seriously. With no clear plan forthcoming from Ottawa, Canadian premiers and municipalities have been operating in a void with growing questions about how the country will handle the complicated business of feeding, clothing, housing and integrating the 25,000 Syrian refugees Canada wants to welcome by Jan. 1. The province has already identified 13 Quebec cities with sufficient infrastructure and support systems to accept refugees. Quebec's share of the 25,000 is about 6,000. Postmedia News (Montreal Gazette, A4)

PM condemns racism as Syria refugee plan opposed

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau urged Canadians to resist hatred and racism as a poll showed most Canadians were opposed to his plan to bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees by year-end and a flurry of racist incidents were reported around the country. The Liberals, who took power after an election last month, campaigned on a promise to bring in the refugees by Jan 1. Critics say the number is too large and could threaten security following the attacks in Paris. An Angus Reid poll released on Wednesday showed 54 per cent of Canadians opposed the plan, up from 51 per cent before the bloodshed in Paris. But support for the plan also increased, with 42 per cent in favour, up from 39 per cent in October. Most of those who opposed Trudeau's plan did so because of the short timeline, with 53 per cent saying the schedule was too short to ensure all the necessary security checks were completed. Another 10 per cent said 25,000 was too many, and 29 per cent said Canada should not be accepting any Syrian refugees. (...) "Diversity is Canada's strength. These vicious and senseless acts of intolerance have no place in our country and run absolutely contrary to Canadian values of pluralism and acceptance," Trudeau said. Whig-Standard, B1/Front

Les initiatives citoyennes et les dons se multiplient

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seront remplacées par des paquets de couches et des fournitures scolaires. « Des choses que les gens ne pensent pas de donner lorsqu'il y a des collectes », précise la jeune femme, encore surprise de la réponse reçue sur la page Facebook de son Opération paniers de bienvenue. Une réponse telle qu'elle est entrée en contact avec la Table de concertation pour avoir de l'aide logistique. Ce qu'elle aura. « Nous allons faire des paniers personnalisés, selon la famille à laquelle ils seront destinés. » La Presse, 5

Autre dissonance libérale

Pour une deuxième journée d'affilée, le premier ministre Philippe Couillard et son ministre Pierre Moreau ont joué des notes discordantes sur la capacité du Québec à accueillir des réfugiés syriens d'ici la fin de l'année. Le chef de l'État québécois estime que le Québec parviendra «fort probablement» à accueillir sur son sol 3650 d'entre eux avant la fin de l'année, comme il s'y était engagé. Son ministre de la Sécurité est incapable de garantir plus de 2400 réfugiés syriens sélectionnés - et non pas accueillis - au 18 décembre. «Non, on est sur la même longueur d'onde, a assuré M. Couillard en fin d'après-midi. On vient d'en parler, lui et moi, avec tous les collègues. On est très confiants d'atteindre la cible du premier contingent.» (...) Des 1200 personnes prévues à l'origine, le gouvernement Couillard rehaussait son seuil à 3650. C'était avant que l'engagement du nouveau premier ministre canadien Justin Trudeau porte à quelque 5700 le nombre de réfugiés syriens à recevoir au Québec. «Sur le premier contingent [celui de 3650 réfugiés], on n'a aucun doute parce qu'on a les moyens financiers, les mécanismes, a affirmé le premier ministre Couillard. La question qui reste à éclaircir, c'est la mise en place du plan fédéral plus large.» Pourtant, un peu plus tôt, son ministre Pierre Moreau a été incapable d'assurer que Québec parviendrait à sélectionner - et non accueillir - les 3650 personnes prévues avant 2016. Un processus d'habilitation sécuritaire effectué par Ottawa suit l'étape de la sélection par le Québec. La Presse (Le Soleil, 6,7/Front; La Tribune, A7, 23, La Tribune, A7; Le Nouvelliste, 15) * Le Quotidien, 26,27 ; Le Droit, 16) ; * Agence QMI (Journal de Québec, 4 ; Journal de Montréal, 2)

D'ex-hôpitaux ontariens pour héberger des réfugiés?

Le gouvernement ontarien songe à utiliser des hôpitaux récemment désaffectés afin d'héberger temporairement les réfugiés syriens qui doivent affluer d'ici la fin de l'année dans cette province. Le gouvernement fédéral de Justin Trudeau a promis que le Canada accueillerait 25000 réfugiés d'ici le 1er janvier 2016, et l'Ontario s'est engagée à en accueillir 10000 d'ici la fin de 2016. Le ministre provincial de la Santé, Eric Hoskins, a indiqué mercredi que son gouvernement ignorait toujours le nombre de réfugiés qu'Ottawa lui demanderait d'accueillir d'ici la fin de l'année, mais il a assuré que l'Ontario était prête à faire sa «juste part» dans cette vaste opération. L'Ontario pourrait par ailleurs accueillir et soutenir certains réfugiés sur une base temporaire, avant qu'ils ne déménagent dans d'autres provinces ou territoires, a-t-il prévenu. Le Droit, 16; * Canadian Press (Cape Breton Post, A11; The Telegram, D3; Charlottetown Guardian, A7; London Free Press, A3); * Ottawa Sun, A9

La crainte de la passoire

Un article d'opinion déclare, « Ce n'est guère surprenant: 59 % des Québécois ont peur que des terroristes se fauillent parmi les réfugiés qu'on s'appête à accueillir, parce qu'ils doutent que les autorités soient capables d'effectuer les contrôles nécessaires pour les débusquer. C'est ce que révélait, hier, un sondage Léger mené pour le compte de TVA Nouvelles. Un sondage, on n'en sera pas étonnés non plus, qui indique que trois Québécois sur quatre craignent que des attentats aient lieu au pays. Dans la foulée du drame parisien et de ses rebondissements, de même que de l'intense médiatisation qui a cours, redouter la menace terroriste, surtout après les événements de l'an passé à Saint-Jean et à Ottawa, est un réflexe qui se comprend. On ne peut pas rester insensibles à l'horreur, à la haine. Il est normal de ressentir de l'insécurité face à des actes aussi insensés, aussi méprisables. Encore faut-il gérer ce réflexe avec sang-froid et ne pas céder à la panique ou à la xénophobie. Il faut se rappeler que les auteurs des attaques de l'an dernier chez nous étaient des Canadiens, pas des immigrants. Gardons aussi à l'esprit que la menace terroriste se propage davantage par Internet que par les frontières. Enfin, considérons qu'il y a bien plus d'actes criminels commis par des bandits et des chauffards ivres que par des terroristes. Cela dit, le Canada doit bien sûr mener une lutte impitoyable au terrorisme... » Le Nouvelliste, 18

Canadians leery of Trudeau's refugee plan

A little more than half of Canadians disapprove of the federal government's plan to bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of next month, a new poll suggests. And if they had to choose, Canadians surveyed by Mainstreet Research for Postmedia appear to be more in favour of bombing terrorists than training other armies how to fight. "The training mission has wider support. Either way, most Canadians believe Canada should be taking a role in the fight against ISIS. Only 8% of Canadians would support no action at all," said Quito Maggi, president of Mainstreet. Conducted Monday, the firm polled a total of 2,718 people. It suggests public opinion is polarized over what to do on the world stage when it comes to bombs and refugees. "Our earlier polling showed strong support for bringing refugees to Canada, but after the attacks in Paris, security is now a higher concern," Maggi said. [QMI Agency](#) (Ottawa Sun, A10; Toronto Sun)

*** 13 000 réfugiés pour trois mois**

Les Forces armées canadiennes affirment pouvoir fournir de l'hébergement à un maximum de 13 000 réfugiés syriens à travers le Canada pendant une période n'excédant pas trois mois. Si l'objectif de 25 000 avant la fin de l'année est maintenu, cela signifie que les premiers arrivés ne feront que passer par les bases militaires pour ensuite être relogés ailleurs. [Le Soleil](#), 4, 5/Front ; [Postmedia News](#) (Winnipeg Sun, A6; Ottawa Sun, A8; Toronto Sun, A4; Calgary Sun, A8)

*** Hamilton readies for influx, but many questions remain**

A broad range of Hamilton groups, agencies, churches, officials and individuals say they have been working for weeks to build plans for what could be a significant number of Syrian refugees landing in this city in the very near future. The trouble is, they don't know how many are coming, or which sponsorship and resettlement programs the refugees will be funnelled through. [Hamilton Spectator](#), A1

*** Canadian business groups tout refugee job opportunities**

Businesses that have a hard time recruiting Canadians say they are reaching out to the federal government and the provinces to see if they can match up with the incoming wave of refugees. Lobby groups for Canadian employers are intrigued by the 25,000 refugees Prime Minister Justin Trudeau expects to bring in by the end of the year. "This has been ramping up since a year ago," said Ron Davidson, director of government relations for the Canadian Meat Council, which lobbies on behalf of meat packing plants. [Embassy](#)

*** Un élan de générosité de la population**

L'arrivée massive à Québec de 800 réfugiés syriens prévue en décembre semble provoquer un élan de générosité dans la population. Le Centre multiethnique note une hausse importante du nombre de personnes intéressées à leur venir en aide. Une bonne nouvelle pour l'organisme, qui aura grandement besoin de ressources supplémentaires. [Le Soleil](#), 8/Front

*** Où vont les réfugiés syriens?**

L'un des terroristes à l'origine des attentats de Paris a été retrouvé avec un passeport syrien. On ne sait pas encore si le passeport est authentique ou s'il appartenait vraiment à l'homme qui s'est fait exploser au Stade de France. Mais la nouvelle a fait grand bruit, provoquant des mouvements partout dans le monde afin de fermer les portes aux réfugiés syriens. Voici quelques chiffres pour faire le point sur la crise humanitaire de l'heure. Depuis 2011, l'Agence des Nations unies pour les réfugiés (UNHCR) a dénombré plus de 4,2 millions de personnes qui ont fui la guerre en Syrie. La très grande majorité a trouvé refuge dans des pays limitrophes. Plus du quart d'entre eux ont moins de 18 ans. L'Europe a accueilli à ce jour près de 510 000 réfugiés, dont plus de 150 000 en Allemagne. De son côté, le Canada propose de recevoir d'ici la fin de l'année 25 000 nouveaux réfugiés qui s'ajouteraient aux quelque 3000 déjà au pays. Voici une douzaine de pays ou de régions qui ont accueilli des réfugiés syriens jusqu'à présent. [La Presse](#), A11

*** Accueillir des réfugiés est un devoir**

Comment les réfugiés syriens traverseront-ils l'océan vers le Canada? Quels sont les risques que des terroristes s'infiltreront parmi eux? Beaucoup de Québécois ont des appréhensions face à leur venue. Alors est-ce risqué pour eux de venir ici? Pourquoi les médias ne parlent-ils pas des réfugiés innombrables de

l'Afrique? Des questions comme celles-là, les élèves de cinquième secondaire de l'école Les Pionniers de Trois-Rivières en avaient plusieurs pour Béatrice Vaugrante. [Le Nouvelliste](#), 5

*** Region prepares for 1,150 Syrian refugees**

Planning is underway to prepare for upward of 1,150 Syrian refugees who are soon expected to start arriving in Waterloo Region. Immigration Partnership is hosting a half-day preparedness planning session on Friday that will gather together service providers to be ready for the influx of refugees. [The Record](#), B2

*** Canada should look to the U.S**

Six weeks to go until the new year and by the time we usher in 2016, the Liberal government is determined that 25,000 Syrian refugees will be in Canada. "There was an election. There was a commitment. And we'll deliver on our commitment," Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion told reporters Wednesday at the annual summit of Pacific Rim leaders here. The Liberals may be determined to deliver on that commitment but there is growing unease in Canada that the arbitrary deadline of Jan. 1 may lead authorities to cut corners and open potential security concerns. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau himself says that won't happen but, so far, has yet to provide details on Canada's security arrangements. Trudeau will meet U.S. President Barack Obama on Thursday and, because of our long, shared, undefended border, one would assume Obama will want more than platitudes, he'll want some of those details. [Postmedia News](#) (Toronto Sun, A22; Calgary Sun, A35; Edmonton Sun, A50)

*** Blue Rodeoto Canada**

The Liberal government's plan to welcome 25,000 Syrian refugees into Canada shouldn't be deterred by recent terror attacks, said Blue Rodeo bandmates Jim Cuddy and Greg Keelor. Cuddy and Keelor, who were among 12 officers and 33 members welcomed into the Order of Canada Wednesday, continued their streak of political pillow talk to discuss some of the major issues facing Canadians under a new Liberal government. [Ottawa Sun](#), A14

*** Ils ne l'ont pas, le temps**

Un article d'opinion déclare, « Alors là, un gros bravo. Quand on a retrouvé le petit Aylan mort noyé sur une grève en Turquie, vous trouviez que le Canada n'en faisait pas assez pour faire émigrer sa famille chez nous. Maintenant que le Canada a décidé d'accueillir 25 000 réfugiés syriens d'ici la fin de l'année, vous branlez dans le manche. Vous avez peur. Tout d'un coup qu'un ou deux terroristes se glisseraient dans le lot... » [Le Droit](#), 21

*** PM has no clear plan**

An opinion piece states, "To be clear: I absolutely believe this country should take Syrian refugees. We have so far been sheltered from the humanitarian crisis that has engulfed Europe, as hundreds of thousands of migrants have fled the turmoil in Syria. What troubles me is the haphazard manner in which the federal government is going about it and the way it's turned into a political football..." [Postmedia News](#) (Ottawa Sun, A9; Toronto Sun, A5)

*** Here, the Pope would be suspect**

An opinion piece states, "Back in September, Pope Francis commented on the ongoing refugee crisis in the Mideast in an interview with a Portuguese radio station. He warned of the danger of Islamic State terrorists "infiltrating" European countries amid the huge flow of refugees streaming out of war-torn Syria and Libya. He also cautioned that host countries taking in refugees "cannot be simplistic" about integrating them into their societies, because of their own high unemployment rates. In Canada these days, such reasonable observations, are enough to get one accused of bigotry, hating refugees and fear-mongering by the liberal and Liberal elite..." [Postmedia News](#) (Ottawa Sun, A19; Toronto Sun, A15; Calgary Sun, A15; Edmonton Sun, A15)

*** Provinces need more of a role helping refugees**

An opinion piece states, "Most of Canada's premiers are outdoing each other with generous offers to accept Syrian refugees by the thousands during the next six weeks, but their promises are all but meaningless. Premier Kathleen Wynne re-stated her promise-2,500 refugees by the end of this year and

10,000 by the end of 2016-again Tuesday. "It's our responsibility to be open to the world," she said in Toronto..." [Postmedia News](#) (London Free Press, A6; Whig-Standard, A4)

*** The refugee discussion is just beginning**

A comment by Jeffrey Simpson reads "The commitment to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada before Dec. 31, made by the Liberals in the heat of an election campaign, should be seen not as the end but as the beginning of a multiyear commitment to bring tens and tens of thousands more refugees to Canada over many years. Quite apart from whether the government can meet its artificial and politically driven timetable for the 25,000, the larger question is whether the government and the Canadian people are willing, ready and able to handle much bigger numbers in the years ahead. No one has thought about this, let alone prepared for it. Circumstances, however, will force reflection. This 25,000 contingent, and the many who will follow if the government sticks to its policies, is not like, say, previous groups of refugees from Vietnam, Uganda or Kosovo. These groups were much smaller in number, displaced by one event at a given place. By contrast, there were three-day periods throughout the summer and fall when more refugees/migrants were landing on the Greek island of Lesbos than Canada proposes to admit in two months. Today's refugees/migrants are part of a mass movement of millions of people fleeing military conflict, entrenched poverty and government breakdowns across an arc of states in the Middle East and Africa. Climate change is already widening desertification, which causes people to leave drought in search of food." [Globe and Mail](#), A19

*** Our history will win over our fear, anger**

An opinion piece states, "Canadians mostly have opened their doors and their hearts to refugees, displaced persons and immigrants since the 19th century, but it would be a mistake to believe it always was easy and that it happened without some of the fear and political grandstanding now surrounding the Syrian refugee crisis. Yet the common denominator for newcomers to Canada has always been the same, the promise of opportunity, tolerance, freedom and safety. In this, the vast majority of Syrians seeking refuge in Canada are no different from the millions of immigrants who came before them..." [Postmedia News](#) (Whig-Standard, A4; London Free Press, A6)

*** Trudeau focused on 'sunny ways'**

A letter to the editor states, "With no foreign policy credentials or experience, Justin Trudeau, in the aftermath of the Paris massacre, is Mark Twain's *The Innocents Abroad*, peddling his "sunny ways" election message of feel-good infrastructure deficit investment and economic inclusiveness to a G20 audience that is single-mindedly focused on dealing with the global threat of international terrorism. There is Trudeau, valiantly offering the world his prescription for saving an endangered middle class while an endangered world is grappling with how to save itself. But, of course, in Trudeau's world, Canada has nothing to fear from ISIS because of its much-vaunted multicultural diversity and inclusiveness, and soon to become the new home of some 25,000 Syrian refugees to be rushed into the country by year's end with electoral refugee "politics" trumping sustainable and responsible refugee "policies." As to fighting ISIS - glory be! Liberal "soft power" days are here again!" [Windsor Star](#), A7

*** We must be vigilant in accepting refugees**

An opinion piece states, "The world has changed dramatically for Canada's new prime minister. Justin Trudeau needs to acknowledge the gravity of the situation imposed by the Paris terrorist bombings and enhance Canada's military commitment to fighting ISIS, rather than emasculating it. He should ensure no Syrian refugees, let alone 25,000, set foot on Canadian soil without a careful and comprehensive security screening process in place..." [Winnipeg Sun](#), A13

*** Why Canada Can Safely Meet Its Refugee Commitments**

An opinion piece by an immigration lawyer states, "The attacks in Paris last week set off a world-wide flood of empathy and solidarity. Canadians attended vigils, lit monuments in the tricolour and mourned the loss of life and normalcy in the City of Love. However, grief quickly turned into anger, inciting the inevitable search for a scapegoat. Shocking instances of violence against mosques and Muslims have been reported around the world, including a fire at a mosque in Peterborough, Ontario. Xenophobic acts are not an uncommon public reaction; a spike in attacks on Muslims following terrorist attacks has been well studied and documented. In Canada, despite the objective lack of connection, politicians began

sounding off "security concerns" related to incoming Syrian refugees. Saskatchewan's Premier Brad Wall called for a delay in resettling Syrian refugees. Premier Christy Clark of British Columbia stated the obvious: that the government needs to ensure that security checks are done on every refugee. These statements demonstrate a clear lack of understanding by government officials of Canada's process for resettled refugees. Contrary to the influx of migrants crossing into Europe over the past months, Canada is resettling *pre-screened* refugees who have been approved for permanent residency by a Canadian visa officer abroad. The process is thorough and involves international and national law enforcement agencies." [The Tyee](#) (2015-11-18)

Lettre - Main-d'oeuvre et réfugiés

Une lettre à l'éditeur déclare, « A la suite de la proposition d'accepter 100 000 réfugiés syriens par année au Canada, il était particulièrement ahurissant d'entendre la présidente de la Fédération canadienne des entreprises indépendantes (FCEI), Martine Hébert, affirmer : " N'importe quelle politique permettant la venue de plus de travailleurs, dont les entreprises ont tant besoin, est une bonne politique. " Mme Hébert reprenait ainsi une rengaine répétée mille fois par les organisations patronales selon laquelle plus d'immigration est toujours souhaitable en raison d'une supposée pénurie de main-d'oeuvre... » [Le Devoir](#), A8

Refugee backlash will strengthen

An opinion piece states, "Because this is Canada, the backlash begins in the most polite of fashions. But make no mistake, a backlash against Justin Trudeau's plan to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to this country is taking root and seems certain to build. Although the Liberal pledge should be applauded, the new government has helped fuel this backlash by its stubborn determination to meet an arbitrary deadline forged in the hothouse of election campaign politics..." [Charlottetown Guardian](#), A9, [The Record](#), A11)

Vetting questioned

An editorial states, "Re: Don't let Paris attacks alter refugee plan: profs (SP, Nov. 16). So University of Saskatchewan counter-terrorism expert Colleen Bell thinks that turning our backs on 25,000 Syrian refugees would be "a tragedy" because "Canada is a huge country." This is the kind of academic-think that passes for expertise these days. Bell and her fellow academic Martin Gaal are reported as saying that both the UN and Canada "conduct detailed screening" of refugees. You can buy into that Liberal myth if you like. I'm more convinced by U.S. Congressman Peter King, a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, who says "there is no reliable vetting system" for these refugees. "We don't know who these people are because there are no data bases to work from." Saskatonians appear to harbour an admirable skepticism on the issue. For example, of those who responded to a (pre-Paris) CFQC-TV survey that asked if they support Prime Minister Trudeau's plan to import 25,000 Syrian refugees before year-end, 83 per cent replied No. Many media commentators and Canadians alike are cynical about Trudeau's claims that the refugees will be screened rigorously. I will be looking to see exactly which "robust" vetting methods his functionaries employ. But I won't be holding my breath that we'll be given many details." [Postmedia News](#) (StarPhoenix, A8)

Logistics, not background checks, are the problem

A letter to the editor states, "White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Wednesday the 10,000 Syrian migrants destined for the U.S. will be subject to background check vetting that can "last up to 24 months" before they are approved, or rejected, as immigrants. Fortunately for the 25,000 Syrian migrants heading for Canada, our security checking is apparently so overwhelmingly comprehensive that the 25,000 will be vetted and accepted into the Canadian family by New Year's Day. Of course, after New Year's, when one or two, or 20 migrants turn out to be Islamic State of Iraq the Levant recruits and sneak into the U.S. to inflict mayhem there, watch out for the wall construction to begin across the 49th parallel and the total loss of U.S. confidence in Canada as a reliable neighbour and ally." [Postmedia News](#) (National Post, A11)

Keeping the door open

An editorial states, "The terror attacks in Paris have provoked a maelstrom of emotions and calls to action. It's crucial that governments and individuals refrain from responding in ways that do more harm than good. Reports that one of the attackers had entered Europe as a Syrian migrant have heightened

Canadians' fears. That's because Canada has committed to welcoming 25,000 Syrian refugees by year's end. There had been warnings that ISIS might slip terrorists into the flow of Syrians seeking refuge in the West, and that one case is being cited as confirmation. However, that threat does not justify closing the door to the vast majority of legitimate refugees; it's a reminder of the need for effective security screening. Canada's new government has reiterated its promise to take in 25,000 Syrians by Dec. 31, and for this it should be commended. The renewed commitment underlines a message that is worth repeating : Asylum seekers should not be conflated with terrorists; they are fleeing terror." Postmedia News (Vancouver Sun, B6)

Syrian refugees now scapegoats

An editorial states, "The tragic events in Paris have resulted in an unfortunate over-reaction. There are the expected demands for justice and calls for revenge. But the alarm bells are now sounding that Syrian refugees are guilty until proven innocent. When politicians, statesmen and decision-makers are caught up in this hysteria, it is very disappointing. This irrational conclusion is threatening the refugee resettlement program involving thousands of innocent Syrian refugees involving many nations, including Canada. The attacks in Paris were carried out by French and Belgian citizens. Likely, they were radicalized by terrorist elements or inspired by real or perceived attacks or discrimination against Islam and Muslims. The murders carried out by fanatics have somehow resulted in blame being placed on innocent refugees..." Charlottetown Guardian, A8

Whose side are we on?

An opinion piece states, "There are all sorts of fascinating and necessary questions that remain unanswered about exactly why, whether or when Prime Minister Justin Trudeau should or will withdraw Canada's CF-18s from the U.S.-led coalition arrayed against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). There are at least as many troubling questions about whether it is wise or even remotely possible for Canada's new Liberal government to fulfil Trudeau's campaign promise to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees in this country before Christmas. (...) But if Trudeau's Canada is to be something truly new and different, then in this most horrific of global calamities, Canada should be the voice for Syria's voiceless. That's whose side we should be on." Postmedia News (Ottawa Citizen, C7; National Post)

Let Watson stay

A letter to the editor states, "... Canada should be a refuge from militarism." PM Pierre Elliot Trudeau, 1970 Among the policies of the past 10 years that the new government seeks to reverse, one is urgent and could be made with the stroke of a pen. Against the will of Parliament, who voted twice to let American war resisters stay, Harper's government issued a deportation order against Rodney Watson, who then went into sanctuary for six years in First United Church, Vancouver. Canadian Immigration Officers waited outside to deport Watson to the U.S., to spend up to two years in prison. What a different era we are in compared to the Vietnam War. In 1967, myself an officer in the U.S. Military Medical Corps, and my wife Bonnie, later an Officer of the Order of Canada, were processed at midnight at Dorval Airport, receiving Landed Immigrant status in 20 minutes. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has expressed empathy for the plight of refugees from the Iraq War. Urge him and Citizenship, Immigration and Refugee Minister John McCallum, to rapidly end this travesty of justice." Postmedia News (Vancouver Sun, B7)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

Open public data necessary for functioning democracy

An opinion piece states, "There may be a new era coming in our federal access-to-information laws, and that would be a good thing, However, it's one thing to promise access in a campaign and another to follow through when in government. We'll have to wait and see. Information laws exist to protect our collective right to access public records. Every citizen and permanent resident in Canada has the right to request information from federal, provincial/territorial and municipal governments. All orders of government are subject to the protocols set out in the Access to Information Act (ATIA) at the federal level and Freedom of Information (FOI) legislation at the provincial/territorial and municipal levels. These legal instruments allow individuals to request records, policy documents and correspondence that show how government agencies operate. ATI/FOI files are different than the open-source material found on government

websites, in the rhetorical speeches of politicians, and in the sanitized information packages of public relations experts. ATI/FOI files illustrate how power operates in democratic societies and can expose the often-secretive dealings between state entities and political players. There have been a number of instances where Canadians have become aware of an issue of public interest because of information uncovered using access-to-information laws." Winnipeg Free Press, A9

OTHER / AUTRE

* **Clarity from Liberals needed to calm tensions, says Ambrose**

The new interim Conservative leader is promising to change the party's tone, but Rona Ambrose was not as willing Wednesday to say she would abandon the practice of using cultural wedge issues as a political tactic. Ambrose was asked about a recent tweet in which MP Candice Bergen said she was embarrassed and sickened by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's approach to the fight in the Middle East and his promise to resettle 25,000 refugees. The Liberals intend to withdraw Canada's jets from the ongoing bombing campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, also known as ISIL or ISIS, but will keep soldiers in the region to train anti-ISIL fighters. Ambrose chalked up Bergen's tweet to heightened passions in the wake of Friday's attacks by ISIL militants in Paris, which killed 129 people and left hundreds more injured. "After what happened last week, there is going to be some emotion and some passion and I'm going to chalk that one up to some emotion and passion," Ambrose said. Similar passions were conjured up during the election campaign in response to the Conservative emphasis on issues like the niqab ban and a tip line to report so-called "barbaric cultural practices," Ambrose acknowledged. Both were considered to be wedge issues exploited by the Conservatives to mobilize votes. Ambrose said she was not part of the decision to promise a tip line, nor did she support it. But when asked whether her party would drop the wedge politics strategy, Ambrose didn't answer. Canadian Press (Telegraph-Journal, A8); * Toronto Star

* **Whose side are we on?**

An editorial states "There are all sorts of questions that remain unanswered about Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's decision to withdraw Canada's CF-18s from the U.S.-led coalition fighting against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). There are at least as many troubling questions about whether it is wise, or even remotely possible, for Canada's new Liberal government to fulfil Trudeau's campaign promise to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees in this country before Christmas. But there is a far more important unanswered question that deserves at least some passing attention in all this: just whose side are we on, anyway? For five full years, Stephen Harper's Conservatives chose to go along to get along with U.S. President Barack Obama's half-baked responses to the hideously violent Baathist reaction to the Arab Spring that has now metastasized into the world-devouring catastrophe with its jihadist epicentre in the Syrian hellhole of Raqqa (...). Of course there are other questions. Up to 1,000 Syrian refugees a day are expected to begin arriving next week in the first convoy of a half dozen widebody jumbo jets shuttling Syrian refugees from Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey to Canada. About all that, here's just one of the questions that remains unanswered: what exactly are we going to do with all these people?" Postmedia News (National Post, A10)

* **Slain volunteer fighter to be honoured**

He was a volunteer fighter in a war in which Canada has no regular troops on the ground. The group he fought with has murky ties to a group Canada officially lists as a terrorist organization. John Gallagher, 32, who grew up in Southwestern Ontario and died fighting alongside Kurdish forces against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in Syria, will get a hero's welcome home Friday when his body is returned from the Middle East. His death - and the Highway of Heroes-style salute planned for him - opens a new chapter in Canada's military story, one highlighting the shifting nature of allegiances and the tricky job of honouring those who serve. "He used to be in the military," said Casper Koevoets of the Royal Canadian Legion's Victory branch in London. "He was fighting the right fight that he believed in. I think he deserves a hero's welcome home," Gallagher was killed Nov. 4 in Syria by an ISIL "suicide attack" on Kurdish fighters with the People's Protection Units (YPG), a group that actively recruits English-speaking fighters. Its members include citizens of Canada, the United States and Britain.

Postmedia Network (Vancouver Sun, B2, London Free Press, National Post, Edmonton Journal, Whig-Standard)

*** Climate change the worst threat this century, Dion tells APEC summit**

Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion says climate change is the "worst threat we are facing this century," and warned that emissions-reduction targets don't go far enough. It's a marked departure from the stance of the previous federal government, which had alternated between whether ISIL or Russia was the greatest threat to Canada and the world. The question of how to deal with climate change took centre stage at the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation summit Wednesday, which has brought together leaders from 21 countries on both sides of the Pacific. The Syrian refugee crisis and Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal were also discussed. U.S. President Barack Obama said the Asia-Pacific region is particularly vulnerable to flooding and land loss associated with climate change. Ottawa Citizen (Vancouver Province, A24; Star-Phoenix; Leader-Post; National Post; Montreal Gazette)

INTERNATIONAL

False hope, no mercy for fleeing migrants

For more than two months this spring, Abul Taher did not know where his son had gone. Then his phone rang. "Your son is in the middle of the sea. Give us money," the voice on the other side said. "If you don't give the money, we will kill your son and throw him into the sea." In the background, he could hear screams from his son as captors beat him. Then his son, Muhammad Selim, was allowed to speak. "Please, give them money. Please, save my life," he said. (...) The unfolding of what Amnesty International called a "humanitarian crisis at sea" started long before Syrian refugees began leaving for Europe, and threatens to continue for years. A regional crackdown has won a pause in the number taking to the water this fall. But the grinding poverty and persecution that have driven the trade remain unchanged. "I fully expect that the trafficking will resume. I was in the camps a month ago and lots of people said, 'We don't care about the risk, we're just going to go,' " said David Scott Mathieson, a senior researcher with Human Rights Watch. The long southeastern peninsula of Bangladesh slices alongside Myanmar, its 125 kilometres of sand forming one of Earth's longest beaches. It's one of the few places in Bangladesh that attract tourists. It's also home to one of Asia's most vulnerable populations, where poor farmers live alongside drug traffickers, corrupt police and a persistent dream that across the water, there is something better. Globe and Mail, A12

***L'EI lance un nouveau numéro de son magazine**

«Juste terreur» ou «juste la terreur». C'est par ce double sens arrogant - Just Terror, en anglais - que le groupe armé État islamique a coiffé la une du plus récent numéro de son magazine de propagande Dabiq, consacré en partie aux attentats de Paris. Lancé hier sur les réseaux sociaux, le numéro contient quelques images des attentats. Provenant d'agences de presse, elles ont été retouchées avant leur publication dans le magazine. La photo de la une, par exemple, montre des secouristes venant en aide à un blessé. Une femme, qui apparaissait à droite dans la photo originale de l'Agence France-Presse, a été carrément effacée de l'image avec un logiciel de retouche. Les chaussures d'une des femmes victimes de l'attentat, en bas à gauche, ont aussi été floutées. Selon nos vérifications, Dabiq n'a jamais publié de photo montrant une femme, même voilée, dans l'un ou l'autre des onze numéros précédents du magazine voué à la promotion du djihadisme. Une bombe dans une canette Dabiq a aussi publié une image de ce qui serait la bombe artisanale utilisée par l'EI pour abattre l'avion de Metrojet qui s'est écrasé dans le désert du Sinaï, en Égypte. Le dispositif aurait été dissimulé dans une simple canette de boisson gazeuse. «On ne voit que trois éléments: la canette, une charge explosive et un commutateur. Il n'y a pas de minuterie ou de dispositif de déclenchement à distance. Ça laisse croire, si l'image est véridique, qu'ils ont utilisé un kamikaze pour commettre l'attentat», note le Canadien Yannick Veilleux-Lepage, spécialiste de la propagande terroriste à l'Université St. Andrews, en Écosse. La Presse, A14

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*** University, Intact team up on climate research site**

The University of Waterloo and Intact Financial Corp. have created a new research centre that will look for new ways to reduce weather-related property damage linked to climate change. Intact will initially provide \$4.25 million for a program focused on how to protect Canadian communities from severe precipitation, such as unusually heavy rains and ice storms. Another program will identify how various Canadian industrial sectors are vulnerable to extreme weather. The new Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation will be based in the university's environment faculty. The centre will monitor applied research from around the world and conduct its own research. The ICCA will also launch a national Home Adaptation Audit Program (HAAP) to assess the vulnerability of homes to flood damage, and make specific recommendations to help homeowners avoid costly damage from extreme weather. [Canadian Press](#) (Chronicle-Herald, B4); [Toronto Star](#)

*** CP to fight \$409-million Lac-Mégantic lawsuit**

Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. says it will fight a \$409-million lawsuit the province of Quebec has launched over the 2013 LacMégantic oil train explosion that killed 47 people. The lawsuit filed in Quebec Superior Court alleges CP was negligent in handing over the tank cars to Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway, the now-defunct company that was in possession of the 74-car train left unattended before it rolled into LacMégantic and wiped out much of the town's core. The lawsuit also accuses CP of failing to take steps to prevent the disaster. "CP intends to fully defend itself in court," a company spokesman said on Monday. CP hauled the oil train from its origin in North Dakota to Montreal, where it handed over the cars to MM&A. The train was destined for Irving Oil's refinery in Saint John. In October, CP dropped its objections to a \$446-million compensation fund for victims, allowing the settlements to begin flowing. Of about 24 settling parties, CP was the sole company refusing to pay into the fund, a stance that leaves it open to possible future damage claims. [Globe and Mail](#), B5

*** Belledune - forte opposition québécoise au projet de port pétrolier**

Le projet de construction d'un terminal pétrolier au port de Belledune par l'entreprise Chaleur Terminals continue de susciter la mobilisation de citoyens et de groupes écologistes du Québec opposés au transport de pétrole par train pour l'exportation. Jeudi, les partis de l'opposition à l'Assemblée nationale du Québec ont uni leurs voix à celle des opposants du projet qui prévoit l'acheminement par train au Nouveau Brunswick de pétrole issu des sables bitumineux de l'Alberta... En entrevue à l'Acadie Nouvelle, la députée Manon Massé a indiqué que sa formation politique exige elle aussi la tenue d'audiences et d'un examen par le Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement, l'organisme québécois voué à l'information et à la consultation publiques sur des projets susceptibles d'avoir un impact majeur sur l'environnement. Celle-ci se dit sensible aux critiques venants de plusieurs néo-brunswickois qui craignent de voir l'opposition à de tels projets mener à l'abandon d'initiatives qui seraient créatrices d'emplois pour diverses communautés du Nouveau-Brunswick. «Loin de nous l'idée de dire qu'il faut pénaliser les petites communautés. La question qui se pose, c'est comment pouvoir sortir de cette économie qui est basée sur la filière pétrolière», explique Manon Massé. La députée montréalaise estime qu'à l'image de la tragédie de Lac-Mégantic, les populations locales subissent et absorbent les risques du transport de produits pétroliers. «L'industrie pétrolière est financée à coup de milliards de dollars, cet argent devrait plutôt être investi dans la création d'autres types d'emplois, comme dans la fonction publique et dans les industries de la forêt et des énergies renouvelables», estime Manon Massé. [L'Acadie Nouvelle](#), 8

*** Incertitude**

Une pièce d'opinion dit « « Alors que Chemin de fer Central Maine & Québec (CMQ) pourrait techniquement transporter du pétrole brut à compter du 1er janvier, l'incertitude de la Coalition des citoyens et organismes engagés pour la sécurité ferroviaire est bien légitime et commande davantage d'écoute de la part des autorités. Le président du CMQ, John E. Giles, soutient que sa compagnie n'a encore aucun contrat pour le transport de pétrole brut et rappelle son engagement d'aller rencontrer les citoyens et les dirigeants municipaux si la situation change. Mais la levée même symbolique de l'embargo volontaire sur le transport de pétrole brut n'en constitue pas moins une épée de Damoclès. Depuis juin 2014, M. Giles a fait de la sécurité ferroviaire son leitmotiv, affirmant que sa compagnie a investi 22 millions\$ pour améliorer la voie ferrée et les infrastructures après des années de négligence de l'ancien propriétaire, Montréal, Maine & Atlantic. Il a aussi démontré une volonté de rassurer les citoyens à la suite la tragédie de juillet 2013, alors qu'un convoi de 72 wagons-citernes remplis de pétrole avait déraillé en plein centre-ville. Toutefois, malgré le verdict de Transports Canada selon lequel les voies sont sécuritaires, les observations effectuées par des citoyens et le consultant Jacques Vandersleyen ont démontré des problèmes de rails usés, de traverses pourries, de même qu'un ponceau en mauvais état. » [La Tribune](#), 14

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

*** Trudeau's Parliamentary Secretaries To Be Charged With Policy Files**

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will appoint his parliamentary secretaries in the next day or two, The Huffington Post Canada has learned. Parliamentary secretaries resemble junior cabinet ministers, but

they traditionally don't attend cabinet meetings and they have no managerial responsibilities over departments. They mostly answer questions on behalf of their minister when he or she is not in the House. This time, however, some parliamentary secretaries will be charged with actual policy files... Another Liberal source cautioned that there might be several familiar names left off the list of appointees this week. The PMO is hoping that some who are left off the list will be elected committee chairs, including the chair of the soon-to-be struck national security committee — the oversight body the Liberals promised as a response to the concerns over increased sharing of information by security agencies in Bill C-51. [Huffington Post](#) (2015-11-30)

*** Can we please stop blaming terrorism on civil libertarians?**

An opinion piece by Andrew Mitrovica states "White. Male. Academic. Check off those three boxes and you've got a good chance of being anointed a "national security expert" by the mainstream media ... no questions asked. You'll be contacted by reporters for instant comment on the terrorist attack *du jour*, based on information that you've likely gleaned from reading newspapers and watching TV - just like everybody else. But you've got a PhD, so that's all that really matters. One frequent rider on the national security pundit carousel is Christian Leuprecht, a professor at the Royal Military College, Queen's University and a 'senior fellow' at the Macdonald-Laurier Institute. Last week, Leuprecht penned a column for the *Globe and Mail* that was rife with inaccuracies, offered a vacuous defence of Bill C-51 and made the breathtakingly absurd suggestion that "self-righteous" critics of the "surveillance state" (presumably including journalists like yours truly) have prevented the forces of order from "leveling the playing field with the bad guys" responsible for the Paris atrocities.. Readers may recall that in a March column I dissected the equally laughable remarks Leuprecht made before the Senate's Public Safety and National Security Committee considering Bill C-51. Caught in one act of ill-formed hyperbole, Leuprecht has chosen to double-down. He starts his latest rant in the *Globe* by chastising unnamed "critics" for pointing out that many of the terrorists who murdered hundreds of innocents all over Paris were hardly in deep cover - that, as the *Wall Street Journal* has so meticulously reported, the killers made their deadly preparations in "plain sight" of somnolent French and other European intelligence services... Leuprecht then compounds this bit of lunacy by suggesting Canadian cops and spies are reluctant to share such information because of ... Canadian torture survivor Maher Arar. "Since the Maher Arar case," Leuprecht writes, "Canadian agencies are loath to share intelligence with other departments, let alone countries." [iPolitics](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Deportation order hard to grasp

At first glance it seems a contradiction, one many Londoners find difficult to understand. As Canada lays out the welcome mat for 25,000 Syrian refugees fleeing catastrophic conditions in their home country, the government shut the door last week on a Colombian family who say they fear they will be killed when they return to theirs. (...) "It's clear in the law, but I can understand why people in the community don't understand it. It's quite complex," London immigration consultant Mia Loebach said Monday. "The basic answer to that is anyone, before they come to Canada, needs a permanent resident visa to come in." "The (Syrian refugees) have been processed by the United Nations. They will land as permanent residents," Loebach said. In contrast, when people ask for refugee status after arriving in the country - as Johanna Santos, Edgar Regalado and their two children did in April 2013- they are immediately given what's called a "conditional removal order," Loebach said. "And that moves pretty quickly once the refugee claim is refused," she said. The plight of the Santos-Regalado family has triggered an outpouring of support in the northwest London community where the children attend St. Paul elementary school and the parents have put down roots. They said they had been targeted by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) for years, had moved cities to avoid persecution and fled the country after a FARC member shot at Regalado. But in a decision later upheld by a federal court, a refugee board denied their claim for status here, saying they had not done enough to get help in Colombia. The family has received an order to leave the country on Wednesday. [London Free Press](#), A1/Front

Woman arrested at St. Stephen border

A 28-year-old woman was sent to jail on Saturday after being taken into custody by Canadian customs officials. Police were called to St. Stephen on Saturday at 7 p.m. after the woman was identified as being wanted for an outstanding committal warrant, said Sgt. Lori Magee of the Saint John Police Force. Such warrants typically are issued for unpaid fines. [Telegraph-Journal](#), B4

Low dollar gives tourism a temporary lift

Tourism to Canada rebounded in 2015, thanks to the low Canadian dollar, but the travel industry can't count on a favourable exchange rate to prop it up indefinitely. The sector has to make some significant changes if it is going to regain its spot among the top 10 destinations in the world, according to the latest annual report from the Travel Industry Association of Canada. That means boosting marketing efforts, trimming airport taxes and fees for incoming travellers and making sure there are enough employees to work in the sector. The report notes that Canada was in eighth place among the world's top destinations - measured by international visits - in 2000, but it has fallen well out of the top 10 since then. By 2014, Canada was in 17th place, behind countries such as Saudi Arabia, Greece, Thailand and Austria. (...) Another key issue for the tourism sector is a labour shortage, especially in Western Canada. Loosening the Temporary Foreign Worker Program to allow a seasonal stream of employees would be one short-term fix, TIAC suggests. [Globe and Mail](#), B3

La lutte aux gangs de rue s'intensifie

Le chef de la police d'Ottawa, Charles Bordeleau, a présenté son budget préliminaire pour 2016, à la Commission des services policiers, lundi soir. Quelques heures plus tôt, le numéro un de la police municipale a confirmé au Droit que son unité des gangs de rue et des armes à feu était débordée. C'est pourquoi douze agents viendront en aide - temporaire - à la dizaine déjà en place dans cette escouade. (...) Du même souffle, le chef de police a mis en relief une surabondance des armes à feu provenant des États-Unis qui débordent à Ottawa. De plus en plus d'armes de poing achetées au pays de l'Oncle Sam traversent la frontière canadienne, et servent à des criminels plus ou moins avertis dans la capitale fédérale. [Le Droit](#), 5/Front

Deporting this family seems wrong

An opinion piece states, "Regarding the article Colombian clan loses bid to stay in Canada (Nov. 28). Would someone please explain to me why this family of four (who apparently has assimilated into Canadian culture with support from family, community, school and a job) is being deported. Meanwhile we are prepared to offer thousands of refugees free passage, lodging and everything else supplied to come to Canada, London included. Are we being humane only to Syrians and disregarding anyone else? I don't understand the rationale behind this decision." [London Free Press](#), A5

Jury duty can be taxing in more ways than one

A letter to the editor asks, "Q "I read recently that Canada and the U.S. are exchanging border information to keep closer tabs on how long people are staying in the two countries. The insinuation is that if you spend more than 182 days outside Quebec, you could lose your health benefits in Quebec. Is this true?" A It has been rumoured for a while that border monitoring is being stepped up, which could mean a nasty surprise for Quebecers who don't check - or don't care - how long they stay in the U.S. or anywhere else. To be covered by the provincial health card, residents are supposed to be present here more than half the year. You cannot be absent more than 182 days in a calendar year. (Departure and return days don't count against you in the calculation, and neither does any absence of 21 days or less). "Any person who does not respect this condition is not covered by the provincial health system for that year or any other where they're absent for 183 days or more," a spokesman for the Régie de L'Assurance Maladie du Québec said. "The Régie will ask to be reimbursed for any health services received during that period."" [Postmedia News](#) (Montreal Gazette, B1/Front)

Time for action on new terminal

An opinion piece states, "Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps is part of a 13-member delegation in Ottawa this week trying to drum up federal funding for a new Belleville Street ferry terminal. This is no junket. After decades of talks, task forces, reports and hand-wringing, replacement of the dismal terminal on the south side of Victoria's Inner Harbour is long overdue. Visitors coming to downtown Victoria by sea are treated to a

magnificent view that, besides natural features, includes the B.C. Parliament Buildings, the Empress Hotel and other heritage buildings. Much work over the years has gone into turning a bleak industrial site into an attractive, welcoming harbour. But the welcome mat for ferry passengers is tattered and grubby. The terminal is a hodge-podge of temporary industrial trailers, hardly a fitting portal to a beautiful harbour and a beautiful region. (...) Travellers arriving in Greater Victoria by air are greeted suitably. In 2011, Victoria International Airport, which receives federal funding for improvements, was rated among the top 10 most-loved airports in the world, and has consistently won awards for customer service. While the Belleville Street terminal does not handle as many travellers as the airport, it, too, is an important portal. The federal government should do its part to ensure travellers by sea are welcomed in comfortable and attractive surroundings, not in temporary buildings more suitable for an oil camp than a port of entry to Canada." [Times Colonist](#), A10

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

* Kids' tech maker VTech hacked, 5 million at risk

Kid's technology maker VTech says the personal information of about 5 million of its customers and their children may have been stolen by hackers. The Hong Kong-based company disclosed the breach of a customer database late last week, but didn't say until Monday how many people could be affected. The news comes just as the holiday shopping season is kicking into gear and kids' smartwatches and tablets made by companies such as VTech are expected to be high on children's wish lists. VTech's Kidizoom Smartwatch is predicted to be a top seller this holiday season, while its InnoTab tablets have been popular in the past. Compromised information in the VTech breach includes the names, birthdates and genders of child users. It also includes adult user information including names, email addresses, passwords, secret questions and answers for password retrieval, IP addresses, mailing addresses and download histories. The affected database doesn't contain any credit card numbers, or personally identification information such as Social Security or driver's licence numbers, VTech said. Customers from the U.S., Canada and 15 other countries are affected. The hacking serves as a reminder to parents to be careful about what kinds of information about their children they enter into on Internet-connected devices. While devices like kid-friendly smartwatches and tablets may block a child's access to the bulk of the Internet, they're still a potential target for hackers. The breach took place Nov. 14 and was discovered 10 days later. It involved customer data stored on the Learning Lodge app store database. Customers use Learning Lodge to download apps, games, e-books and other content to VTech products. [Associated Press](#) (Times-Colonist, B3); [Telegraph-Journal](#); [Reuters](#) (National Post)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

* Vader Trial 'Crisis'

Court hears how lack of disclosed evidence led to stayed charges. The Crown is denying it is an abuse of process to put Travis Vader on trial for killing two vanished St. Albert seniors after charges against him were earlier stayed. And court heard Monday during a hearing into the case that the "disclosure crisis" that led to the first-degree murder charges being stayed was the fault of the RCMP. Edmonton Chief Crown prosecutor Michelle Doyle testified at the Court of Queen's Bench hearing that she was "stunned" to learn of the "staggering" amount of evidence in the case which had not been disclosed by police. "I couldn't believe it," said Doyle. "I was very upset and very angry and that was communicated quite clearly." In the month before Vader's April 28, 2014, trial for the alleged killing of Lyle McCann, 78, and his 77-year-old wife Marie, was set to start, a team of 20 Mounties was tasked to figure out the situation, but it quickly became apparent the evidence would not be disclosed in time. "At this point I had lost all confidence in the status of disclosure," said Doyle, adding she knew then that she could not proceed with the upcoming trial. [Postmedia Network](#) (Edmonton Sun, A10); [CBC](#) (2015-12-01); [CBC News](#); [Edmonton Journal](#) (2015-11-30)

Man charged with murder in death of Cutknife

A 19-year-old man has been charged with second degree murder of a Samson Cree Nation woman. Maskwacis RCMP found the body of Kirsten Cutknife on the Samson Cree town site residence on

Saturday morning. Joshua Crier, 19, was also charged with assault with a weapon involving another woman. She did not receive life-threatening injuries. All three people are known to one another. All three people are known to one another. Crier is in police custody and will make a first appearance in relation to the charges in Wetaskiwin Provincial Court on Dec. 17. An autopsy has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday at the Office of the Medical Examiner in Edmonton. [Postmedia Network](#) (Red Deer Advocate, A5)

Mother of five one of three found dead in rural home

Friends and family have identified a woman who recently started a new job at a fast-food restaurant as one of three people killed in a rural Alberta home. Mounties say the bodies of a man, a woman and a teenage girl - all with "obvious trauma" - were found in a house near Edson on Sunday. Sylvia Standing said Monday that her goddaughter Roxanne Ruth Berube was 36, had five children and was a good mother. There were also media reports identifying the male victim as Dan Miller. Insp. Gibson Glavin said the deaths were not a murder-suicide. "I will be clear that there was someone out there, or some people, who did this and we have not arrested them yet," he said. RCMP major crimes investigators and other Mounties were speaking with people in the area west of Edmonton looking for leads and clues, he said. Police found the bodies after responding to a call from someone outside the home. Glavin said police don't believe anyone else is at risk, but urged people to be careful. "We do urge the public to be cautious, to be aware of people or circumstances that cause them to believe that they have some knowledge or some connection with this homicide investigation," he said. [Postmedia Network](#) (Red Deer Advocate, A1, A2, Times Colonist, London Free Press Edmonton Journal, Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, Vancouver Sun, Calgary Sun, Calgary Herald Times & Transcript); [National Post](#), [Presse canadienne](#) (La Voix de l'Est, 4)

*** School response to undisclosed threat was 'precautionary'**

Two messages sent to parents of students at Bernice MacNaughton High School concerning a threat at the school were a matter of caution, said the superintendent of the Anglophone East School District Monday afternoon. Gregg Ingersoll said in an emailed statement that the principal of the high school in west Moncton received information late last week that caused her to initiate a security protocol that resulted in two messages being sent to parents over the weekend disclosing that a threat had been made. The school district has an established assessment tool for determining the significance of any threat connected to a school. Ingersoll said in this case, "the result was that the situation posed a low level of concern, however the school asked the RCMP to get involved as a precautionary measure. The school had a smooth start up this morning and officials at the school are working with the RCMP in the ongoing investigation." The district's assessment tool defines a "Low Level of Concern" as instances when "risk to target(s), student, staff and school safety is vague and/or indirect." The involvement of the RCMP is typically reserved for high levels of concern when a threat is imminent or immediate, but that was not the case in this instance. [Postmedia Network](#) (Times & Transcript, A3)

*** Tories hand over Atcon computer servers to RCMP**

Progressive Conservatives have handed over Atcon's back-up computer servers to the RCMP after revealing on Monday that the party purchased them at a bankruptcy auction in 2013. The Miramichi company's bankruptcy cost taxpayers close to \$70 million. The Progressive Conservatives have long said questions remain over the former Liberal government's dealings with the failed Miramichi company. Interim Tory Leader Bruce Fitch says there's now "enough new information" on the servers to prove a new audit is required, something the Liberal government hasn't committed to doing. Liberal cabinet Minister Donald Arseneault labelled the move a "pretty pathetic" attempt to divert attention away from issues of the current day by an opposition without any new ideas. Arseneault also questions whether there's anything to the servers - beyond a political stunt. In a 61-page report earlier this year, Auditor General Kim MacPherson found that Atcon received a total of \$77 million from the defunct Department of Economic Development, with nearly \$70 million of that amount in default. She noted that her office hadn't done a forensic audit on the money trail, but would be willing to do one if the Legislative Assembly asked her to do it and provided the resources to make it happen. The Progressive Conservatives contend it didn't seek to analyze the servers it quietly purchased now more than two years ago - even through a general election - because it was waiting on what the auditor general found. Fitch said on Monday that the current Liberal government's stance to not move forward on a larger audit then led the party to hand

the servers over to police. It first paid about \$1,800 to have the servers analyzed by an IT firm to recover some of the documents. [Postmedia Network](#) (Times & Transcript, A10, Daily Gleaner, Telegraph-Journal)

*** Youth pleads guilty to being an accessory to robbery**

A Moncton teen has admitted to being an accessory to robbery and will be sentenced on Dec. 14. The female offender appeared in Moncton youth court Monday morning with her lawyer Helene Beaulieu. She can't be named because she was 17, a youth, when the offence was committed. She pleaded guilty to being "a party" to robbing Bharat Kumar Gader of electronic items while wounding him with a knife. The Crown withdrew charges of aggravated assault and robbing money from him while armed with a knife. She also pleaded guilty to two breaches of undertaking in June and July. The offence occurred just before 4 a.m. on May 3. The RCMP were called to the parking lot of the Sports Rock Bar on Paul Street where a man was suffering from stab wounds. Police said he drove himself there and his vehicle ran into the back of a cab. [Postmedia Network](#) (Times & Transcript, A3)

Murder scene was 'pretty horrific,' officer tells jury

Even for a seasoned Hamilton police forensic investigator, the Lou Malone murder scene was horrific. "There is a male deceased lying on the west sidewalk with a large pool of blood at his head. The top part of his head appeared to have been shot off," Det. Const. Doug Moon told a jury of the murder scene he witnessed on Kenilworth Avenue North in the early morning hours of Nov. 9, 2013. "Are you able to characterize the scene?" prosecutor Craig Fraser asked the officer. "It was a bloody mess. Pretty horrific. It was ugly," Moon replied. Brothers John and Mike Josipovic, aged 52 and 49 respectively, have pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder in the slaying of Malone, 49. Malone, a former biker, had been shot point blank in the back of the head after being chased by two men in a pickup truck. Moon testified Monday that birdshot pellets from the shotgun blast that killed the ex-Hells Angel biker broke storefront windows on the west side of Kenilworth, south of Hope Street. The seven-man, five-woman jury learned earlier that Malone was initially grazed in the neck in front a home at 35 Robins Ave. Moon presented evidence that showed how close that blast had been. [Postmedia Network](#) (Hamilton Spectator, A8)

*** Murder charges should be stayed, lawyer say**

Murder charges against Travis Vader in the case of a slain St. Albert couple should be stayed because the prosecution gave itself an unfair advantage by delaying the case for two years, according to his lawyer. In turn, the prosecution has blamed the delay on an Alberta RCMP "fiasco" that put Vader's right to a fair trial in jeopardy with late disclosure of evidence. The RCMP's disclosure problems were massive and egregious, according to the prosecution, and left no option but to stay the charges in one of the province's most-watched trials. Michelle Doyle, the original prosecutor in the case, said she believed disclosure of evidence was complete before the RCMP sent thousands of new documents in the weeks before Vader's 2014 trial was set to begin. (...) Vader's previously scheduled trial was derailed on March 29, 2014, when prosecutors stayed the murder charges because of the RCMP's lack of disclosure. Later that year, they lifted the stay and Vader faced the murder charges once more. [Postmedia Network](#) (Edmonton Journal, A7)

Cocaine, weapons found in home near school

Drugs and a firearm were seized Sunday from a Sidney home directly across the street from Sidney Elementary School. Sidney/North Saanich RCMP executed a search warrant at the home and found cocaine that was packaged - seen as an indication that it was prepared for distribution - as well as a rifle with prohibited ammunition capacity and a set of brass knuckles with a Taser built in. Police arrested a 17-year-old girl, a 23-year-old woman and two men, ages 19 and 21. The females were released without charge, but the men are facing charges that include possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking and unlawful possession of a firearm. They have been released and are awaiting court appearances. Sidney/North Saanich Cpl. Erin Fraser said it's disturbing to have to carry out a bust like this one near a school. "Definitely not ideal, especially given there was a weapon found," she said. "There was no direct threat to the kids, no links that we could establish with the kids, but just the fact that it's right there certainly is concerning to us." [Postmedia Network](#) (Times Colonist, A4)

Property crimes spike

Police are cracking down on organized crime and making headway when it comes to safer youth and safe roads, according to the Red Deer RCMP's annual policing report. But the year-to-end results show a significant spike in total property crimes from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30 over the last five years. In 2015 there were 10,034 total property crimes compared to 9,506 in 2014 and 7,342 in 2011. RCMP Insp. Gerald Grobmeier said this may be attributed to the growth in Red Deer's population, the downturn in the economy or that people are reporting more crimes. "It's probably a combination of everything," he said. Criminal code offences, such as disturbing the peace and offensive weapons, have stayed relatively the same with 16,313 in 2015 compared to 16,241 in 2014 and 14,297 in 2011. Total persons crimes were down to 2,117 in 2015 compared to 2,336 in 2014 and 2,567 in 2011. This includes crimes such as robberies, sexual assault and utter threats. Grobmeier said the downward trend is common throughout the country. He said it could be a combination of better education, better programs and more calls to the police. [Postmedia Network](#) (Red Deer Advocate, A1, A2)

*** Stemming the violence - Legislation would make it easier for victims to obtain protection orders**

An editorial states, "The Selinger government has introduced legislation to make it easier for victims of domestic violence to obtain protection orders and to require the subjects of such orders to surrender firearms they may possess. The measures come in the wake of two high-profile deaths in the province this fall. Manitoba has the second-highest rate of spousal homicide in Canada, next to Saskatchewan, Attorney General Gord Mackintosh said Monday in announcing several administrative and proposed legislative changes. "We have to do better," he said. "We have to end this terror." Mackintosh said amendments he introduced in the legislature to the Domestic Violence and Stalking Act will set a less onerous standard for obtaining protection orders. (...) Over the last two years, more than 1,200 protection orders have been granted in Manitoba, but another 1,700 have been dismissed." [Canadian Press](#) (Winnipeg Free Press, A3)

*** Real protection**

In the wake of two recent deaths linked to domestic violence, the provincial government hopes to soon offer victims the strongest protection in Canada. To do so, it must first eliminate barriers that are relatively unique to Manitoba. Over the past two years, 1,200 protection orders were granted in the province, while 1,700 - 59% - were dismissed because of a high threshold for victims to qualify, said Justice Minister Gord Mackintosh. And when protection applications came in, courts also weren't required to follow up on reports the suspected abuser had a gun or check into his or her criminal record. "We have to open wider the doors of justice, particularly for those women living in fear," said Mackintosh. Mackintosh announced new legislation Monday that aims to make protection orders easier to get. Those with orders against them would also face automatic criminal checks and be banned from keeping guns. The new bill follows two deaths that raised questions about Manitoba's current system. Selena Rose Keeper was denied a protection order before her ex-boyfriend was charged with killing her in October. And Camille Runke was allegedly shot to death by her ex-husband while she had a protection order against him. "This is for Selena and Camille and too many other women who deserve long lives and a life in peace," Mackintosh said. [Postmedia Network](#) (Winnipeg Sun, A5)

*** Solicitor general vows to help ALERT cope with shortfall**

Alberta's solicitor general has vowed to protect Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) from layoffs stemming from a \$3-million drop in funding anticipated next year, but future changes to the agency are being considered. On Monday, Kathleen Ganley dismissed fears that 70 ALERT members could be laid off next year as a result of a reduction in federal grant funding. "We don't believe that will be the case," Ganley told reporters at the legislature. "We're committed as a fundamental principle to ensuring that no layoffs occur and that the functions of this organization continue going forward." The province received a \$42.4-million grant from Ottawa in 2008-09 as part of the federal government's initiative to recruit new police officers. Funds were allocated to ALERT in increments until the grant was depleted. "During this fiscal year they are adequately funded and they can continue to maintain their operations," she said. "Going forward we have, with the support of both ALERT and the Association of Chiefs of Police, performed an audit on ALERT and we will be determining in the coming days how best to perform that function." She noted ALERT is made up of a series of specialized teams. The 280-member agency brings together six teams from across Alberta to deal with fugitives, grow ops, child pornography, cybercrime

and other large cases. ALERT chair Shami Sandhu said last December that a cut of one-quarter of the agency's officers would jeopardize the work it does and leave it on a "shoestring" budget. Ganley said earlier this month during her ministry's budget estimates that the province recently had an outside audit conducted into the operations of the 10-year-old integrated unit of municipal police, RCMP and provincial sheriffs "to see how well that was working for everyone." [Postmedia Network](#) (Calgary Herald, A6, Edmonton Journal)

*** Father of 2 shouldn't have been killed by Thompson RCMP, family says**

The family of a Thompson man shot to death by RCMP says he never should have been killed over a case of drinking and driving. Steven Campbell, 39, was shot and killed by an RCMP officer on Nov 21 after a short police chase ended in an officer shooting into the vehicle he was driving. "Steven had his demons, and Steven was no saint, but I just wanted to tell his story because he made mistakes, and he didn't deserve this," said Shannon Heck, Campbell's sister. According to RCMP, Campbell had been driving erratically when officers tried to pull him over. [CBC](#) (2015-12-01); [Thompson Citizen](#) (2015-11-30)

Downloading costs

In a classic case of downloading from Ottawa and Victoria, municipalities are being asked to pay more for DNA crime analysis. It's baffling that this isn't included in the current RCMP contract. Policing is the biggest of big-ticket items in municipal councils' budgets and they're growing impatient with ever-ballooning costs. This will likely spur a closer look into whether we could be saving money or getting better service by jettisoning the RCMP in favour of a local or regional police force. Housing is a provincial responsibility, yet cities and districts are regularly allowing denser condo developments in exchange for the inclusion of non-profit or market rental housing - both things the province and the feds have largely pulled out of over the last 30 years. That siphons off money that could otherwise be invested in areas that are within municipal jurisdiction, such as updating old rec centres or paying for local infrastructure. [Postmedia Network](#) (Times Colonist, A10)

*** Saisie par la GRC de cigarettes électroniques contenant de la marijuana**

Les policiers ont récemment saisi dans un véhicule intercepté au Nouveau-Brunswick une grande quantité de marijuana, de l'hydromorphone et des cigarettes électroniques contenant de la marijuana. Le conducteur, Stéphane Fournier, un homme âgé de 39 ans de la région d'Ottawa, a été arrêté lors de cette opération qui s'est produite en octobre, près de Havelock, mais qui n'a été rapportée que cette semaine par la GRC. Les cigarettes électroniques saisies contenaient de l'huile de cannabis et du tétrahydrocannabinol (THC), la composante psychoactive de la marijuana. C'était la première fois que la GRC au N.-B. interceptait un produit de la marijuana sous cette forme. Les cigarettes électroniques contenant de la marijuana peuvent être consommées discrètement, car elles ne dégagent aucune odeur et ressemblent à une cigarette électronique typique. En Cour provinciale à Moncton, Stéphane Fournier a été accusé de trois chefs d'accusation de possession d'une substance réglementée dans le but d'en faire le trafic et de trois chefs d'accusation de trafic d'une substance réglementée. Il a été libéré sous certaines conditions et comparaitra de nouveau en cour à une date ultérieure. [Presse canadienne](#) (Acadie Nouvelle, 2)

*** Legalizing pot shouldn't be another promise to go up in smoke**

Prohibition has not served us well, let's hope Trudeau follows through. After Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's recent climb down on his refugee commitment, it might be fair to wonder how many other of his election promises might be compromised. For example, is it a certainty that marijuana will be legalized? It was one of Trudeau's first promises as Liberal leader, and his mandate letters to the relevant ministers spell out the need to create a federal-provincial process "that will lead to the legalization and regulation of marijuana." Mind you, "creating a process" makes it sound like the government is less than 100 per cent committed. If there's any kind of significant pushback on this issue, will they get cold feet? The public, at least, seems to be onside with the concept (...) Calgary police chief Rick Hanson, however, took a much different view on such matters, and was never shy about expressing his opinion on what laws we needed or did not need. So where does our current chief stand? Back in October, newly minted police Chief Roger Chaffin seemed to take a hands-off approach. He expressed his hope that law enforcement would at least be consulted, and said in the meantime, they would "continue our education, enforcement and

public outreach activities in regards to marijuana and other illicit drugs." [Postmedia Network](#) (Calgary Herald, B4)

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Assante settlement greenlighted

A \$10-million settlement has been approved in the class-action lawsuit involving a former Red Deer investor incarcerated for first-degree murder. Justice John Rooke, associate chief of the Alberta Court of Queen's bench, approved the settlement between a class of 804 claimants against Assante Capital Management, Assante Wealth Management, and Brian and Christine Malley. It was approved on Monday in Red Deer Court of Queen's bench. The Malley's ran the Assante Capital and Wealth Management office in Red Deer. Former clients launched the suit claiming invest mismanagement. (...) Brian Andrew Malley, 58, of Innisfail was convicted of first degree murder on Feb. 24 in Red Deer Court of Queen's bench. Victoria Shachtay, 23, of Innisfail was killed on Nov. 25, 2011. The quadriplegic single mother died when she opened a gift left on her doorstep. The gift disguised a pipe-bomb, which detonated. Malley was sentenced to life without parole for 25 years. He is currently appealing the decision and sentence. [Red Deer Advocate](#), A2

*** Son sort repose sur la crédibilité des délateurs**

La crédibilité des frères Robert et Timothy Simpson, délateurs qualifiés de «sociopathes» par la défense, pèsera lourd dans le sort d'un de leurs présumés complices d'un double meurtre à Montréal. C'est ce qu'ont convenu les procureurs des deux parties au procès de Leslie Greenwood, qui tire à sa fin après deux mois et demi d'audition. Le garagiste est accusé d'avoir participé aux meurtres du trafiquant Kirk Murray et de son chauffeur, Antonio Onesi, dans le stationnement d'un McDonald's du quartier Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, le 24 janvier 2010. Les victimes ont été abattues par Robert Simpson, aidé de son frère cadet, sous l'ordre du Hells Jeffrey Lynds. (...) Robert Simpson est incarcéré pour sept meurtres, dont quatre perpétrés dans des pénitenciers et qu'il a décrits en détail au procès. [Journal de Montréal](#), 18

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Speeding up justice for victims

In her more than 25 years working as a prosecutor, Kelly Winchester has never found that it gets easier to look at the bloody and bruised photographic evidence of intimate partner violence, or to hear the heartbreak of abuse. Yet she remains dedicated to prosecuting sexual assault and domestic violence cases. The images, the stories, as difficult as they may be, steel her determination. And she has plenty of work to do. Winchester estimates about a quarter of the files that come across her desk entail some type of domestic violence. This is in keeping with data from Statistics Canada that intimate partner violence comprises a quarter of violent crimes in New Brunswick. More than drugs, robbery, motor vehicle theft and even drunk driving, it's intimate partner violence that consumes Winchester's time. Winchester works out of the Crown's Saint John office. In a province that has the highest rate of police-reported intimate partner violence east of Manitoba, the Port City is the crime's epicentre. The city regularly ranks as one of the most dangerous for couples in the country. According to data obtained exclusively from Statistics Canada by the Telegraph-Journal, in 2014 Saint John Police reported more than one incident of domestic violence a day. One out of every five victims reported by police in the province was located in Saint John. [Telegraph-Journal](#), A1 (Daily Gleaner, Times & Transcript)

*** Real protection**

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*** First phase of inquiry into missing, murdered indigenous women expected this week**

The federal government is expected to release the details of the first phase of a national inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women this weekend, CTV News has learned. Ottawa plans to make the announcement, which is expected to begin with the consultation of the victims' families, on or before the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women on Dec. 6. "As we promised, we will listen to the families first, who have good experience with this and good instincts, and then we will engage with the other partners in the aboriginal organizations, provinces and territories, (and) experts," said Indigenous and Northern Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett. A full inquiry is expected to be launched in the spring of 2016. [CTV News](#)

*** 'Gender inclusive' inquiry for indigenous men not for everyone**

A recent petition calling for a "gender inclusive" inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal people in Canada is not sitting well with everyone. Adam Jones, an associate professor with the University of British Columbia, started the petition a few weeks ago, saying men and boys account for more than 70 per cent of total aboriginal homicide victims in Canada and should not be ignored in a national inquiry. Canada's minister of Indigenous Affairs, Carolyn Bennett, has previously said she hasn't ruled out the possibility of including men and boys in the national inquiry. [CBC News](#)

'Karina was stolen from our family'

Carol Wolfe never forgot the last words her daughter said before she disappeared five years ago. "The last memory I have is Karina saying, 'I love you mom and I will be home later,'" she said through a sign language interpreter Monday at the Saskatoon police station. Karina never came home. Last month, the man who is charged with killing Karina Wolfe led police to the area northwest of the city where they discovered her remains. (...) People said Carol Wolfe was tireless in her search for her daughter. "She never gave up," Darlene Okemaysim-Sicotte said, standing a few feet away from the spot where police recovered Karina's body. (...) Meanwhile, supporters are working hard to help Karina's family. Okemaysim-Sicotte said her grassroots organization, Women Walking Together, has been working with Wolfe's family since she disappeared. She said the fact that Constant volunteered information that led to the body's discovery and his subsequent arrest shows that awareness about missing and murdered aboriginal women is working. [Postmedia News](#) (StarPhoenix, A1, Edmonton Journal, Ottawa Citizen, National Post)

Man pleads guilty to Winnipeg assaults

A 21-year-old man has pleaded guilty to last year's attack on a Winnipeg teen, admitting his role in the nearly fatal assault that turned the young woman into a voice for Canada's missing and murdered indigenous women. In provincial court in the Manitoba capital on Monday, Justin Hudson, a member of the Poplar River First Nation, pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated sexual assault in relation to the Nov. 8, 2014, attack on the young woman and a separate assault hours later on a second indigenous woman. He had been charged with attempted murder, aggravated sexual assault and sexual assault with a weapon. The young woman's name is protected by a publication ban ordered by the court on Monday, as is the second victim's. (...) The young woman, now 17, is today an advocate for a national inquiry into Canada's missing and murdered indigenous women - a probe the Liberal government has said it will launch by the summer. Her case also provoked a conversation about identifying victims of sexual assault. [Globe and Mail](#), A3, [Winnipeg Free Press](#), [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist), [CBC News](#)

Quilt stitches families together - Honouring slain, missing women

A quilt made by family members of Canada's missing and murdered indigenous women is to be unveiled Friday at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. The project, which involved 200 relatives from every province, is believed to be the first time families have come together to work on an art installation of this kind. The 200 family members made the patches in Winnipeg in September when the province hosted a national event to bring families from across Canada together. "There are a lot of projects to honour missing and murdered indigenous women and girls, but this one is about the families. It's the families who are creating

something, making something for their loved one," said Nahanni Fontaine, Manitoba's special adviser on aboriginal women's issues. Fontaine spearheaded the project, modelling it on a quilt created in Manitoba for missing and murdered indigenous women and girls. That quilt, with 35 patches, was unveiled at the art gallery in 2014. With 95 patches, the new quilt is three times the size of the Manitoba one, which Fontaine takes to meetings around the country. [Winnipeg Free Press](#)

*** Sunday vigil to mark 26th anniversary of Montreal Massacre**

In honour of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, the Comox Valley Transition Society and Honouring Our Sisters will host a vigil on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. on the plaza in front of the Comox Valley Art Gallery, 580 Duncan Ave., Courtenay. Dec. 6 will be the 26th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, where 14 young women were gunned down simply because they were women who were studying to become engineers. Over the last 40 years, approximately 1,200 indigenous women have gone missing or have been murdered in Canada. Every six days, a woman is murdered by a current or former partner. [Comox Valley Record](#) (2015-11-30)

Police shuffle aims to deal with shootings, gangs

Ottawa's police chief has reassigned as many as 12 officers to his force's guns and gangs unit in response to the growing number of shooting incidents in the city. The deployment comes in advance of a meeting this week with Mayor Jim Watson, Chief Charles Bordeleau and police board chair Eli El-Chantiry to discuss what could become a record year for gunfire. Most of the 42 shooting incidents in Ottawa so far this year appear connected to gangs and have ranged from reports of shots being fired to young men showing up at hospitals with bullet wounds. The total compares with 49 incidents in all of 2014. El-Chantiry said the additional officers will come from other departments within the force. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A2

Le SPVM mène une offensive contre les gangs de rue

L'opération policière qui a mené à une dizaine d'arrestations samedi à Montréal et sur la Rive-Sud s'inscrit dans une offensive plus globale contre les gangs de rue lancée par le Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) à la fin de l'été, a appris [La Presse](#). Cette offensive, baptisée « Projet Accalmie », doit se poursuivre au moins jusqu'à la fin de l'année et avait comme premier objectif de mettre fin à une vague d'événements violents qui ont secoué les gangs de rue depuis le printemps dernier. Une dizaine de meurtres, de tentatives de meurtre, d'agressions et d'autres événements se sont produits durant cette vague qui a culminé avec l'assassinat de Donald César, survenu à Montréal-Nord au début du mois de septembre. César était le demi-frère de Chénier Dupuy, défunt chef des Rouges tué durant l'été 2012, et des policiers avaient ensuite dit à [La Presse](#) craindre une escalade de la violence. Un inspecteur du SPVM avait toutefois assuré qu'il n'y avait pas de guerre entre les gangs de rue et que plusieurs mobiles différents pouvaient expliquer les événements violents. [La Presse](#)

*** Nunavik beer, wine sales foster lower crime rates: police**

Police in Puvirnituq say there has been a major drop in the number of calls they've had to handle since the Nunavik community's co-op store began selling beer and wine in October. The Povungnituk Co-operative Association began offering beer and wine sales from its local store in October, the second co-op in the region to do so since the Fort Chimo Co-operative Association in Kuujjuaq re-launched its own sales in 2013. "It's been a month, and for us, we've seen a huge decrease in the number of calls we've received," said Kativik Regional Police Force captain Jean François Morin, who serves as interim deputy chief of operations in Puvirnituq. "There's been a huge decrease in the number of files we've had." Morin said it's not just law enforcement that's noticed the difference, but the community's health and social services workers too. (...) It's less clear how beer and wine sales have impacted on crime in Kuujjuaq; last year, the KRPF has said crime rates in Nunavik's largest community have remained roughly the same. But the KRPF says there has been a recent and overall drop in violent crime across Nunavik, and that this decrease is related to a bump in alcohol seizures over the past year. [Nunatsiaq Online](#) (2015-11-30)

OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEES / OPÉRATION RÉFUGIÉS SYRIENS

Dilkens in Ottawa to hear federal plan for Syrian refugees in Windsor

Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens could find out Tuesday in Ottawa how many hundreds of Syrian refugees his city will be expected to welcome over the next 90 days. "That's what all of us mayors are hoping to hear," said Dilkens, who is being joined by municipal leaders from across Canada at a morning meeting at Rideau Hall with Gov. Gen. David Johnston and federal and provincial ministers. The mayors are in the capital to hear the Liberal government's how-to plan on mobilizing Canadians and co-ordinating agencies to receive 25,000 refugees from war-torn Syria over the next three months. Initially advised that Windsor could expect up to 1,000 refugees - triple its normal annual immigrant intake - Dilkens said he was reassured by both the federal and provincial ministers responsible for immigration that the actual number could be anywhere between 200 and 400. He said he told both that Windsor has a relatively high residential vacancy rate of four per cent but also has Canada's highest unemployment rate. "Everybody wants them to be successful, and part of being successful is being able to find employment," said Dilkens. [Postmedia News](#) (Windsor Star, A1/Front)

*** First 'new wave' of Syrian refugees arrive in Canada from Lebanon**

Ibrahim Tonbari struggled off Air Canada Flight 8867 in Windsor, Ont., Monday with his wife, Zaineab, and four children under the age of seven. He shuddered in the cold, but told CBC News in Windsor that the first thing he thought of was a better future for his children. (...) Sunday, they piled into one taxi and make the three-hour drive to Beirut's Hariri airport. None of them has ever flown on a plane, let alone a 28-hour journey with four kids and two layovers. "I didn't sleep last night", says Zaineab wanely. The Canadian government has contracted the International Organization of Migration to handle logistics and country exits. The official arrives and starts calling out names for the 32 refugees who are on the flight that night. Each gets a blue bag, stenciled IOM, and inside is the coveted document, a copy of Canadian "permanent resident status" — one each for Ibrahim, his wife and four kids. [CBC News](#)

Refugee hotline set up

Manitobans looking for ways to help Syrian refugees coming to the province can now go to an information hotline. The line has been set up by the provincial government, the Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization and the Canadian Red Cross. It will provide information to anyone looking to make a donation or who wants to volunteer with resettlement efforts. Manitoba is expecting between 1,500 and 2,000 people who have fled Syria. [Winnipeg Sun](#), A12

*** Advice for Syrian refugees**

Over the next month, thousands of Syrian refugees will land in Quebec, in a foreign land, at the beginning of winter, where few speak Arabic and still fewer have a full understanding of the kind of upheaval they have experienced - first in Syria, then as they waited in limbo in Jordan, Turkey or Lebanon. Some Montrealers do know what it's like, however - because they went through it themselves not so long ago. We asked a few of them what advice they had for those following in their footsteps. (...) Originally from Idlib in northwestern Syria, Feras, 41, fled to Lebanon in 2014 after his house was destroyed in fighting between the Assad government and rebel groups, and he started receiving threats from both sides. He arrived in Montreal June 23. Hariri's advice to newcomers? "You have to give it time. "You have to breathe," Hariri says. It's not easy to sit around and wait - for language classes, for an apartment, for a job, Hariri says. "Syrians want to be Canadian just like everyone else and get the new job right away and the new car. But it doesn't work that way. You have to be patient." Learn the language - French or English, preferably both. [Postmedia News](#) (Montreal Gazette, A1/Front)

*** Privately sponsored refugees fare better in the short term, research says**

It was nearly 20 years ago that Drenka Debro set foot in B.C., she, her husband and their young son fleeing the Bosnian war that had left an estimated 100,000 people dead. Given a choice between Australia, the United States and Canada, they chose Canada - partly because of Ms. Debro's childhood memory of a beloved pair of winter boots that were called "Canadian boots" and partly because they understood Canada was a peaceful country. Beyond that, they knew little. When they learned they were to be privately sponsored by St. Peter's Church in Campbell River, B.C., they had to look up the city on a map. (...) Privately sponsored refugees are most often brought over by Sponsorship Agreement Holders

(SAH) such as a humanitarian group or a church. The St. Peter's Church, which sponsored the Debro family, is part of the Anglican Diocese of B.C., which is a SAH. Refugees can also be sponsored by a constituent group - a group of five or more Canadian citizens or permanent residents, or a community sponsor. Privately sponsored refugees often have family links in the country of resettlement. In a 2012 survey, the department's research and evaluation branch found privately sponsored refugees economically outperform government sponsored ones, at least initially. Globe and Mail, S1

Phone calls about Canada offer hope to refugee family

Mohammad Mnaahe, only a year old and not yet walking, crawls across the beige carpets in his family's rented apartment about 30 kilometres from the Jordanian border with Syria. As his brother Tamim sleeps on a yellow and red mattress on the floor and another brother, Saif, is tucked in next to his father, Mohammad plays with a laminated plastic certificate, oblivious to the value it holds for his family. His parents, however, keep a close eye on it. To them, it represents their best hope of getting out of Jordan and to Canada - proof from the United Nations of their official status as refugees of the Syrian war.(...) When word began to spread through Syrian refugees in this town that Canada was going to be taking in many thousands - and quickly - Mohammed's father, Mjdi, said something told him he might be among them. And then, two weeks ago, the call came. Would they be interested in moving to Canada, the UN asked him, possibly as early as the end of the year? He said yes, and last week, was among 900 people called to the UN's office building in Amman to have his file reviewed for possible submission to the Canadian government program. He was there eight hours, he said - case number 698. After two 15-minute interviews, was told to await another call. That one came, too. So on Dec. 10, his entire family will go to the new Canadian processing centre at a Jordanian military exhibition facility to fill out more paperwork, have their fingerprints and other biometric information taken, be interviewed by Canadian officials, and get a medical check or an appointment for a future one. Once all that's done, they'll wait again. Canadian Press (Times Colonist, B7, Red Deer Advocate, Times & Transcript)

Family beats odds to make first cut in bid to escape grim Zaatari camp

Ahmad Lakash was already a famous man in Zaatari. His falafel restaurant is the first thing you see when you enter the sprawling refugee camp. It sits right at the top of the dusty market road that residents refer to deadpan as the "Champs Élysées." Now Mr. Lakash is envied for another reason. His family of six are the only ones among Zaatari's 79,120 residents known to have received a text message from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees inviting them for an interview that could put them on track for resettlement to Canada. The family, who arrived in Jordan in early 2012 after fleeing the fighting in Syria, have no idea why they made the list while their neighbours in Zaatari didn't. "Maybe we'll be making falafels in Canada," the 48-year-old says with a grin, leading a tour of the family's modest home in refuge - two sparsely furnished caravans connected by a tarp that creates a chilly sitting area between them. "We won't need to take anything with us from here. We'd be ready to leave within a week." While Immigration Minister John McCallum, Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan and Health Minister Jane Philpott made a show of visiting Zaatari during a whistlestop visit to Jordan on Sunday, the UN refugee agency says that none of the several hundred names it has forwarded thus far to the Canadian government are Zaatari residents. (Mr. Lakash has only been invited for a preliminary interview with the UNHCR. If approved by the refugee agency, the family will be given an appointment with Canadian officials who have arrived in Jordan to do additional health and security screening before refugees are invited to Canada.) Globe and Mail, A1

Complications in Turkey slow arrival of Syrians to Canada

The operation to resettle as many as 5,000 Syrian refugees from Turkey to Canada is being slowed by the additional "complexities" of the situation in that country, Canada's ambassador to Ankara said in an interview. The situation in Turkey is different from both Jordan and Lebanon, the other countries from which Canada is accepting Syrian refugees, because the Turkish government and not the UN High Commissioner for Refugees registers and keeps track of refugees in the country. The sheer size of Turkey - as well as concerns about security in the southern regions where most of the Syrian refugees are registered - create additional complications. (...) John Holmes, Canada's ambassador to Ankara, told The Globe and Mail that the Turkish government last week submitted a list of 5,000 names that Turkey was suggesting for resettlement to Canada. The Canadian embassy will now hand the list to the International Organization for Migration, which will try to establish whether those 5,000 still reside at the

addresses where they're registered by Turkish authorities, and whether those families are indeed willing to move to Canada. (...) "Our normal points of operation, Istanbul and Ankara, are not really viable," Mr. Holmes said. Among the additional challenges, he said, would be finding hospitals that are up to Health Canada standards - so that health checks can be carried out on refugees - as well as airports capable of handling the large planes the Canadian government will likely have to charter for the operation. Globe and Mail, A1

Feds to waive travel costs

Syrian refugees' arrival in Canada will be made slightly easier as the federal government waives repayment of any costs they incur getting over here. Currently, the government provides loans of up to \$10,000 for government-assisted refugees to make their way to Canada. It's a sticking point activists have been fighting for years. But last week, the government announced it will waive that repayment, along with costs refugees typically have to pay for medical exams and other fees. "Given the extreme and unprecedented hardships faced by this community, Canada is upholding its humanitarian tradition by offering help and protection to those most in need," Theodora Jean, a communications rep for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, explained in an e-mail. Postmedia Network (Toronto Sun, A5, Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun)

Ottawa urged to double Syrian refugee intake

As Canada braces for the arrival of 25,000 Syrian refugees, the man who served as immigration minister during the Vietnamese boat people crisis says Ottawa should be doing much more. Ron Atkey believes the 25,000 Syrians Ottawa is promising to resettle initially is a "noble objective" but he wants Canada to up the ante. "If Canada can do another 25,000 - that would make a significant contribution in line with Canada's contribution with the Vietnamese boat people in 1979 to 1980. It will demonstrate to the Americans that they have to do more. We'll shame them into it, similarly the Australians," says Atkey, who was immigration minister in the Joe Clark government in 1979 when 50,000 Vietnamese refugees were granted asylum in Canada. By the end of 1980, that number had risen to 60,000. "For us to take a dramatic position on the world stage is important. We won a medal from the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights. We gained a lot of prestige as a humanitarian country. I think that's consistent with Canadian tradition." Atkey, who is also a lawyer, professor and national security expert, is chair of Humanity Wins, a group of prominent Canadians who came together earlier this year to advocate for re-settlement of Syrian refugees to Canada. Toronto Star, A6

*** Ottawa urged to sprinkle refugee flow across country**

Mayors and provincial officials are putting pressure on the federal government to ensure that Syrian refugees initially settle all over the country instead of congregating in Canada's biggest cities. Details of Ottawa's plans to bring in 25,000 refugees by the end of February remain incomplete, including when the Syrians will start arriving in Canada and where they will be settled. However, there are growing concerns that a large majority of the government-sponsored refugees will be drawn to cities such as Montreal and Toronto, where thousands of privately sponsored refugees are heading in coming weeks to join large, existing communities of Syrian Canadians. Officials in the Atlantic provinces, including Halifax Mayor Mike Savage, argue that having refugees more uniformly distributed could provide a great opportunity for the region to deal with its demographic challenges. "It ties in with the needs of Nova Scotia for immigrants to come to the province, so we think there can be not only a humanitarian and compassionate side to this, but also be very good for our economy," Mr. Savage said. "All provinces and cities will likely be saying, 'We think we can play a role here and we want to have a chance to do so.'" Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger added that his province would like to welcome up to 8 per cent of the Syrian asylum seekers - about twice Manitoba's proportion of the overall Canadian population. "We know that Manitobans want to do their part in welcoming these innocent victims of war [and helping them] find a better life," he said. Globe and Mail, A1

Refugee aid groups overwhelmed

A groundswell of public generosity for Syrian refugees has left some local non-profit organizations overwhelmed by the response of Montrealers. Action Réfugiés Montréal (ARM), a non-profit organization dedicated to helping refugees and asylum seekers, has been inundated with phone calls and emails since it put out a call through social media for winter coats and boots. "We were looking for 30 or 40 coats," said

Paul Clarke, executive director of ARM. "We put out a call in early November, then it got shared on Facebook 60 times. It was oversubscribed very, very quickly," said Clarke, who has already collected more than 50 coats, some with new retail stickers still attached. And the donations keep on coming. "I went to speak at a church yesterday and there were about 30 bags of what we need, plus more, and we have very limited space ourselves," said Clarke. He dropped off the extra clothing at the Syrian Canadian Council, but wonders whether the local refugee aid effort could benefit from better coordination by civic authorities. Postmedia News (Montreal Gazette, A3); * Radio-Canada

Rideau Hall forum may be a 'call to action'

Because things are so urgent, most of the Syrian refugees coming to Canada are being brought in directly by the federal government, rather than through private sponsors. These government-assisted refugees, as they're called, are at greater risk of failing or of falling through cracks. How can you help? A forum at Rideau Hall Tuesday hopes to tell you. Governor-General David Johnston, who convened the forum, believes the Syrian refugee crisis is simply the latest in a long line of events that challenge Canada's willingness to welcome the world. (...) Participants include federal Immigration Minister John McCallum, who returned Monday from a fact-finding mission in Jordan, provincial immigration ministers, mayors from Halifax to Victoria, leaders of non-profits that work with refugees and of other charitable organizations, representatives of the Canadian Armed Forces, aboriginal leaders, faith and interfaith leaders, and representatives of the private sector, among others. The purpose of the gathering, which is open to the media and will be televised, is for everyone to tell everyone what everyone is doing, to swap ideas and tips, and to make sure that this extraordinarily complex and multifaceted operation will come off with as few hitches as possible. Globe and Mail, A9; * CBC News; * Hill Times

Sea of red tape faces refugees looking to Canada

Consider the to-do list of a Syrian refugee who hopes to come to Canada. This isn't someone who floated on a leaky boat across the open sea last month. This is someone who has been under observation for several years in a refugee camp in Lebanon, Jordan or Turkey. He or she has registered with the United Nations, then submitted to a multiple-step, protracted interview about their life history. Next, undergone a medical exam, then provided biometric data, including fingerprints. If they pass all this and are deemed "most vulnerable," the UN grants refugee status. The most vulnerable category accounts for less than one per cent of the world's refugees. ISIS would probably get better odds if it wanted to sneak a terrorist into Canada like a guy with a plane ticket and a Belgian passport. Next, the UN selects the resettlement country. If Canada is picked, our immigration officials conduct multiple interviews and background checks overseas, including fingerprint checks. The refugee's information is crosschecked with terrorist and criminal databases. The final check is in Canada, at the airport immigration counter. Chronicle-Herald, A4

All roads lead to Toronto

Almost 80% of the privately sponsored Syrian refugees coming to Ontario will start out in Toronto. Numbers released by the federal government over the weekend detail the destinations for 4,584 refugees who are being sponsored by organizations or groups of Canadians. Ottawa's numbers don't include the 3,650 refugees the government of Quebec says it will take in by the end of the year. Ontario, meanwhile, can expect 3,318 privately sponsored Syrian refugees - 33 have arrived since Nov. 4 and 3,285 are still being processed by the government. Of those refugees coming to Ontario, 2,602 will be coming to Toronto. According to the federal government, 1,326 will come to central Toronto, 1,079 are destined for Willowdale, 156 are headed to Scarborough, 23 will go to North York, and 18 are expected to head to Etobicoke. Councillor Joe Mihevc said Toronto can "absolutely" handle the refugees. "For a city of almost three million people, my back of envelope (calculation) that's 0.01% which is not a tough number for us to absorb," Mihevc said. Dr. David McKeown, the city's chief medical officer of health, added Toronto Public Health is preparing to help with the refugees coming to Toronto. Toronto Sun, A5

*** Ontario ready to take 4,000 refugees this year**

Ontario is prepared to take roughly 4,000 of the 10,000 Syrian refugees set to arrive in Canada by the end of the year and may not need as many resources to accommodate them as previously thought, says the province's health minister. Since Ontario accounts for about 40 per cent of the country's population, it is prepared to take in that proportion of refugees, Eric Hoskins said Monday. "It will depend on the flow of refugees coming from those various countries," he said. "I think it's a better approach to understand that

we will be receiving our share. We know what that will be roughly and we're prepared within a margin on either side of that to accommodate them." Hoskins has said Ontario was looking at using recently decommissioned hospitals to house refugees on an interim basis, but now they may not be needed. "We have sites identified. Some of those sites have taken the extra step of ensuring they are prepared to accommodate the refugees, but we'll see if that type of facility is in fact required," he said. "It will depend partly on the numbers that arrive. We were thinking maybe 1,000 a day. Now the federal government is thinking somewhat fewer than that and it's over a longer period of time." Ottawa has said military bases are an option for interim housing. The federal government pushed back the timeline for settling 25,000 people from the end of this year to the end of February, so Hoskins said Ontario may not need to dedicate as many resources. [Canadian Press](#) (Waterloo Region Record, A3, Toronto Sun, Calgary Sun, Ottawa Sun, Hamilton Spectator, Times & Transcript)

Ready to serve

Some have been jailed and tortured; others, sexually assaulted while their children were forced to watch. Some fled their homes and homeland years ago and their hope rising and falling with the passage of time - have waited in refugee camps for the world to take notice. It's not just shelter these 100 Syrian refugee families coming to London will need, but support in dealing with a range of traumas inconceivable to most Canadians. And though large teams of volunteers are working out logistics of winter coats and English-language classes for when families arrive in coming months, some area professionals are working to meet needs of the psyche and soul for people who have been dislocated and relocated. At right is a look at how London professionals are preparing to help and how regular Londoners can help: "There's a lot for (refugees) to deal with," said LloyWylie, an assistant professor in the master's of public health program at Western University. "In the past five years in London alone, people are saying there's a higher level of trauma (among refugees) than they've ever seen." Wylie is helping lead a team that includes mental-health professionals from London Health Sciences Centre, London Inter-Community Health Centre and the Cross-Cultural Learner Centre to help refugees and immigrants. [London Free Press](#), A3

*** Refugees coming to province expect to work hard, says Syrian immigrant**

In his six years in Moncton, Elian Elias has invested more than a million dollars in the community creating businesses, buying a home and commercial buildings and employing many Canadians. He's contributing to his adopted community in small ways too, providing free pizzas each month to a local group that's been feeding the homeless, an interesting counterpoint to the voices these days arguing Canada should take better care of its poor and homeless people before welcoming Syrian refugees. Elias is not a refugee, because he had the good fortune to come to Canada from Syria in 2009 as an immigrant before there was any sign of significant trouble in his homeland. That's all changed now, of course, as Syrians find themselves trapped in the madness of civil war and the Islamic State. He's currently struggling to get his brother and brother's family out of Syria before more violence comes to their region near the Lebanese border. Elias owns the Freddie's Pizza in Riverview and Mama's Pizza in downtown Moncton. If he can get his brother here, he will employ him and house his family until they get their foothold, just as New Brunswickers are planning to do for the 1,500 Syrian refugees expected here in the next few months. Elias is sure of one thing: the Syrian refugees who come to Moncton and the rest of the province won't need as much help as some might imagine. "The Syrians are hard workers. The Syrians who already live in Canada? You will find they almost all own their own businesses. They come here for a better life and they expect to work hard. They have that plan before they leave their country." [Times & Transcript](#), A1

300 to 600 refugees expected to resettle in city

Fredericton is now expected to receive 300 to 600 Syrian refugees, but there is still no word on when they will arrive. The capital is also getting ready to have translated into Arabic some key documents such as Fredericton's newcomers guide and its recreation guide to help the refugees adjust. David Seabrook, Fredericton's assistant director of growth and community services, released the refugee number to the capital's council-in-committee meeting Monday night. A city task force on Syrian refugees that involves all the local agencies involved was established last week and will meet for the first time on Thursday, said Seabrook. The lead organization in the refugee settlement effort is the Multicultural Association of Fredericton, he said. (...) Mayor Brad Woodside said he and other councillors are getting calls from people who want to help. He asked where they should direct those calls. Seabrook said councillors should direct those calls to the Multicultural Association of Fredericton. He also warned that volunteers

who want to work with refugees will have to undergo a police check. Fredericton Police Chief Leanne Fitch confirmed that requirement. [Daily Gleaner](#), A1

Universities offer their support to Syrian refugees arriving in Fredericton

St. Thomas University is planning to offer full scholarships to Syrian refugees making their way to Fredericton. A team of professors and university staff members are discussing the possibility of providing tuition and covering residence and food costs. Jeffrey Carleton, communications director with St. Thomas University, says the scholarship is still in its early stages but there could be a range of up to four scholarships. "The idea came from a number of people at the same time," he said. "There's still lots of details to be worked out but there will always be a thousand details." Carleton says international scholarships range up to \$13,000 per student. [Telegraph-Journal](#), A3

Yukoners are ready to welcome refugees

There's still some unpacking to do, but the beds are made, dishes are stacked in the cupboards and towels are in the closet as Yukoners get ready to welcome a family of 10. Raquel De Queiroz, who heads up Yukon Cares, said this morning her group spent much of the weekend getting a four-bedroom house ready. It did so with numerous donations from the community for the family of Syrian refugees it's sponsoring to come to Canada. The group has been fundraising since September to sponsor the family. While the fundraising and collecting of household donations has been underway, the paperwork and formal process has also progressed, with the family recently having had their visa interview with federal authorities. Following that, Yukon Cares was asked to submit its paperwork to the federal government for the sponsorship. "That was done and submitted on Friday," De Queiroz said. The family must now go through medical and security clearance before they can be approved to come to Canada, she added. [Whitehorse Daily Star](#), 2/Front

Les premiers vols nolisés pour bientôt

Le ministre de l'Immigration, des Réfugiés et de la Citoyenneté espère voir les premiers avions nolisés transportant des réfugiés syriens se poser au Canada la semaine prochaine. John McCallum n'a pas voulu avancer de date précise, disant souhaiter que le premier de ces vols nolisés arrive « aussitôt que possible », soit « possiblement » dans une semaine. Le gouvernement prévoit que le premier appareil à se poser en serait un des forces aériennes du Canada, et les suivants des vols commerciaux, a spécifié M. McCallum. On prévoit attendre « d'avoir la capacité d'avoir plusieurs vols et pas seulement un » avant de fixer une première date d'arrivée, a-t-il exposé en conférence téléphonique, lundi. [Presse canadienne](#) (Voix de l'Est, 14, Le Soleil, Le Nouvelliste, Acadie Nouvelle, La Tribune)

What is a privately sponsored refugee?

Groups or organizations can agree to privately sponsor refugees. The federal government's plan to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada by next year relies heavily on processing thousands of privately-sponsored refugees. Around 4,511 files of privately-sponsored refugees are being processed for Canadian cities outside Quebec. Postmedia has reported the province of Quebec has more than 3,000 privately-sponsored refugee applications. According to Citizenship and Immigration Canada, sponsoring groups must agree to provide refugees with care, lodging, settlement assistance and support for approximately the first year in Canada or until the refugee becomes self-sufficient. The group has to demonstrate they have the funds to cover rent, utilities, food and day-to-day living costs. Once the sponsored refugees arrive, the sponsors are expected to help them become accustomed to Canada including assisting with the search for employment. [Ottawa Sun](#), A10

*** Lawyers bridge gap between Canada's goodwill and caution**

Many Canadians rushed to find a way to do something to help Syrian refugees in the days after photos were published showing little Alan Kurdi's lifeless body on a Turkish beach. It's who we are, and why Canadians bear the national stereotype of being nice. Do-gooders, even. Phone calls, emails and texts ping-ponged among friends, including my own. Maybe we can sponsor a family. How hard could it be?(...) For now, let's just focus on G5s - those nice people unaffiliated with a faith group or other sponsorship agreement holder. G5s "must agree to give emotional and financial support to the refugee(s) for the full sponsorship period - usually one year," according to the government's website. But what does that mean? Then, the G5 need to provide a settlement plan and prove the group can afford the

sponsorship. Before potential G5 members even get to the application, they are urged to go to the refugee sponsorship training program website. The application makes the longform census seem like a walk in the park, a superficial glance at people's private lives. Among the documents that must be filed by at least three of the five members of the group are: the most recent T4; the most recent notice of assessment from Revenue Canada; proof from your employer confirming financial details or a letter from an accountant if you are self-employed; proof of any other income. (...) So, a group of powerful and well-connected lawyers has stepped in to bridge that gap. It began as a conversation between Jennifer Bond, a professor at the University of Ottawa's law school and faculty director of its Refugee Hub, and Jacqueline Swaisland, a Harvard-trained, Toronto lawyer who teaches a course in immigrant and refugee law at the university. They decided to expand the Refugee Hub's existing sponsorship support program by training 15 students to advise groups in the Ottawa area about the process, the liabilities and legal responsibilities. Other lawyers expressed interest and were trained as well at a five-hour workshop in October. The next night, at a forum hosted by Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson, they held a pop-up clinic for wannabe sponsors. More than 450 people showed up and close to 60 lawyers helped them. Postmedia News (Vancouver Sun, A4)

'Like a dream come true'

A Kosovo refugee who arrived at Canadian Forces Base Kingston in the spring of 1999 has some advice for potential Syrian refugees should they arrive next month and move into barracks at the base, as he had over 15 years ago. "My first thing is you came to this country, you must love and respect this country because this country is your best opportunity. It's like a dream come true for everybody," said Avni Lushaku, now 37, on Monday from Mississauga, where he now lives with his wife, Shqipe, and one-month-old son Artin. (...) He was able to learn English by volunteering at the base's Salvation Army tent for donated clothes. His mother encouraged him to volunteer and learn English at the same time as an in-between person the volunteers and refugees. During his time in Kingston, he toured around the city and took lots of photos. He added that many volunteers took his family off the base for home-cooked meals. "They were our families, they were our uncles, like our aunts, because we had nobody here," Lushaku said. His family's stay was short at CFB Kingston, only a month, before being shipped off to Valcartier, Que., where he had to learn French, but by the end of September when the Canadian refugee camps started to wind down, he and his family came back to Kingston to settle. Kingston Whig-Standard, A1/Front

Accueil de réfugiés syriens

Le Centre d'accueil multiculturel et des nouveaux arrivants de Saint-Jean (CAMNASJ) tiendra une séance d'information sur l'arrivée de réfugiés syriens dans la région, le mercredi 2 décembre, à 9 h 30, au bureau du CAMNASJ, situé au 165 rue Union. Le Centre vous informera du besoin de bénévoles lors de l'arrivée des réfugiés syriens au cours des prochaines semaines et des prochains mois. Le Centre expliquera également ce qu'il prévoit mettre en place afin d'accueillir, d'orienter et de soutenir les familles qui arriveront à Saint-Jean. Veuillez confirmer votre présence auprès de Sandrine Selway, agente d'accueil et d'établissement, au 642-7265 ou par courriel (sandrine.selway@sjmnr.ca). Acadie Nouvelle, 25

*** Laurentian students eager to help refugees**

Yvonne Udowa found the weather in Sudbury to be frigid, but the people full of warmth. An international student at Laurentian University who hails from Nigeria, she said the Nickel City was as friendly as any she has visited. "Everybody here is helpful," said Udowa, a fourth-year liberal science student at LU. "Everybody here is so open and ready to help, so it was easier for me to get into the community when I came. It's so easy to get around here, the transportation system is great – the weather, not so great, but other than that, everything else is good. There are so many activities, so many multicultural associations here that I could attend or join when I came, and it helped me get used to the society quickly. It wasn't hard at all." She hopes that when a pair of refugees from Syria arrive next year to study at Laurentian, they find folks just as welcoming. Udowa is a member of the World University Service Canada local committee at Laurentian, which plans to sponsor two young Syrian refugees who will study at the university beginning next year as part of the WUSC Student Refugee Program. (...) WUSC is now working in refugee camps in Jordan and Lebanon, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to interview and document appropriate candidates for sponsorship. Sudbury Star (2015-11-30)

*** One great heart, united**

An opinion piece states, "It's a truism that bears repeating: We all came from somewhere else. Canadians remember this to their credit as they prepare to welcome 25,000 Syrian refugees this year and early next. Of these, New Brunswick is on tap to resettle about 1,500 in Moncton, Saint John and Fredericton. In fact, all regions of this country are old hands at this form of humanitarian aid. According to one federal government web site, "Our compassion and fairness are a source of great pride for Canadians. These values are at the core of our domestic refugee protection system and our Resettlement Assistance Program. Both programs have long been praised by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR)." The system works this way: "Refugees selected for resettlement to Canada have often fled their homes because of unimaginable hardships and have, in many cases, been forced to live in refugee camps for many years. When they arrive in Canada, they basically pick up the pieces of their lives and start over again. "As a member of the international community, Canada helps find solutions to prolonged and emerging refugee situations and helps emerging democracies try to solve many of the problems that create refugee populations. To do this, Canada works closely with the UNHCR." Crucially, "Under our legislation, all resettlement cases must be carefully screened to ensure that there are no issues related to security, criminality or health. Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) works with its security partners such as the Canada Border Services Agency to complete this work as quickly as possible." Times & Transcript, A9

Welcome to Canada

A letter to the editor states, "It's not common sense that's been missing from the discussion about screening Syrian refugees, it's a surprising inability to connect a few dots. The first dot is that the terror attacks carried out in IS's name in the West were done by homegrown supporters, not Syrian refugees. Why would IS bother smuggling someone out as a refugee when it has wannabe terrorists here? The second dot is that IS in Syria is primarily made up of, not Syrians, but Sunni Muslims from Iraq and a few thousand hotheads from Europe and elsewhere. The third dot is that there are more than three million Syrians seeking refuge. Connect these dots and the unsurprising conclusion is that there is a 99.9 per cent chance terrorists are not hiding among those who want to come here. Single men included. Tight screening won't better the odds." Globe and Mail, A10

Letters to the Editor

A letter to the editor states, "Are refugees aware of difficulties here? Our federal government wants to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada. I am in complete agreement because these people are leaving everything they own behind as they run for their lives. Any civilized country could do no less. But do we hide the total truth about Canada from these people who are so desperately in need of hope? Things like a lack of jobs, a lack of decent housing, poverty and isolation among so many of our indigenous peoples, poverty among children and seniors, food banks everywhere struggling to meet the needs of an ever growing number of clients, and social assistance programs that are based on the wealth of the individual provinces (for example, a person can get a lot more on social assistance in Alberta than in a province like New Brunswick)?" Telegraph-Journal, A6

Une politique discriminatoire

Un article d'opinion déclare, « L'accueil des réfugiés syriens se double d'une politique discriminatoire inacceptable: les hommes seuls seront exclus, sauf s'ils sont gais (on se demande comment ces derniers réussiront à en faire la preuve, mais c'est une autre question). On peut certes établir des priorités dans une politique d'accueil. Ainsi, il serait normal qu'en sélectionnant les réfugiés parrainés par le gouvernement, on privilégie les chrétiens et les yézidis, qui sont les premières cibles du groupe État islamique (EI). Les chrétiens sont la minorité la plus persécutée dans l'ensemble du Proche-Orient. Quant aux yézidis, adeptes d'une ancienne religion répandue chez les Kurdes, les hommes capturés sont assassinés sur-le-champ et leurs femmes, réduites à l'esclavage. Le gouvernement a manifestement voulu, en écartant les hommes seuls, rassurer les citoyens qui craignent que des terroristes ne s'infiltrent parmi les réfugiés. Mais l'exclusion des hétérosexuels masculins, outre qu'elle est injuste, constitue une protection parfaitement illusoire. Ce que cette décision laisse entendre, c'est que tout homme musulman est un terroriste potentiel, et que les hétérosexuels portent en eux un facteur supplémentaire de violence. Pourtant, les gais, comme n'importe quels autres humains, ont produit leur lot de déviants. » La Presse, A11

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

*** Grits firm up line between politics, PS**

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is introducing the first code of conduct on political staffworking for cabinet ministers, aimed at drawing a "line in the sand" between politics and public service neutrality for ministerial aides. The code is part of the Open and Accountable Government guide, released last week, on roles, responsibilities and standard of conduct Trudeau expects from his cabinet. The guide is an updated version of one that the Privy Council Office prepared for former prime minister Stephen Harper in 2011. The line between politics and the public service has been blurring for decades, with experts calling for a code to govern the behaviour of ministerial staffers - the "political warriors" or "kids in short pants" who roam Ottawa's corridors of power with little accountability. The code says ministerial aides can't meddle in the work of the public service, can't give public servants orders, and that ministers are responsible for their staff's actions. The guide also changes the rules on the personal and partisan use of social media. Ministers' staff, who are hired under the Public Service Employment Act, are exempt from the hiring rules for public servants. Their job is to provide political advice to ministers; bureaucrats offer nonpartisan advice. Karl Salgo, formerly of the Privy Council Office and now executive director of public governance at the Institute on Governance, said the guide doesn't break new ground, but is the first attempt to pull together the rules - written and unwritten - in a single code that will be enforced as a condition of employment. [Postmedia News](#) (Ottawa Citizen, A1)

Clinton emails

A U.S. official expressed amazement at how deeply detested Canada's Conservative government was by some employees of the Foreign Affairs Department. That impression was described in a note sent three years ago to Hillary Clinton, who was then the secretary of state and whose emails are now being publicly released. It was contained in a message where a U.S. official described how his colleagues across the border pleaded for his help lobbying the Canadian government not to cut a program for Haiti. The U.S. special co-ordinator for Haiti said Canadians were worried about budget cuts that would have slashed down an operation from 11 employees to four, for a country that was ostensibly a major Canadian foreign policy priority. "I was a little astonished at how openly the career folks at the foreign and assistance ministries disliked their new political masters and wanted us to convince them not to cut Haiti," said Tom Adams, in a May 2012 email forwarded to Clinton and released Monday... The latest released batch includes another interesting exchange about Canada. There was delight in Clinton's office over news that Omar Khadr was being released from the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay and repatriated to a prison in his home country. The newly released emails show the then-secretary of state's response to news that the young man was being transferred to Canada: "Thank you for all you did to get this resolved." She was writing to the State Department's legal adviser -- who was ecstatic at the 2012 development. "So glad we got this done," said the adviser, Harold Koh. "After spending the last 10 years on GTMO, at least this young man finally has another chance." Canada's then-Conservative government was far less enthusiastic about approving Khadr's return, which was delayed amid sniping between Canada and the U.S. In his written decision allowing the transfer, then-public safety minister Vic Toews expressed five points of concern about bringing home a young man he described as a known al-Qaida supporter and convicted terrorist. [Canadian Press](#) (Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Guardian, Telegram, Hamilton Spectator, Times Colonist, Ottawa Citizen); * [Presse canadienne](#) (L'actualité)

OTHER / AUTRE

Climate talks hailed as 'an act of defiance' against terror

Pushing for a powerful climate deal, President Barack Obama called the global talks opening Monday outside Paris an "act of defiance" against terrorism that proves the world stands undeterred by Islamic State-linked attacks in Europe and beyond. Obama used his speech to more than 150 world leaders at the UN's 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) summit to salute Paris and its people for "insisting this crucial conference go on" just two weeks after attacks that killed 130 in the French capital. He said leaders had converged to show resolve to fight terrorism and uphold their values at the same time. "What

greater rejection of those who would tear down our world than marshalling our best efforts to save it?" Obama said. Obama's remarks came at the start of two weeks of make-or-break negotiations to finalize a sweeping global agreement to cut carbon emissions and hopefully stave off the worst effects of climate change. He exhorted leaders to fight the enemy of cynicism: "the notion we can't do anything" about the warming of the planet. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's address dovetailed perfectly with these sentiments. In his opening comments on Monday, he told delegates that Canada "will take on a new leadership role internationally." "Canada is back, my friends," Trudeau declared. "We're here to help." Associated Press (Toronto Star, A1, Telegraph-Journal, Times & Transcript); Canadian Press (Record, A1, Whig-Standard, Red Deer Advocate, Telegram, Guardian, Chronicle-Herald, Cape Breton Post, Hamilton Spectator, Times Colonist, Daily Gleaner); Globe and Mail, A4; Postmedia News (National Post, FP7); * Associated Press (Acadie Nouvelle, 22)

NATO eager to size up Grits as ISIL threat emerges in Libya

Stephane Dion hasn't even arrived yet in Brussels, but a lineup is already forming to meet Canada's new foreign affairs minister. Canadian staff at NATO headquarters are fielding requests from alliance members keen to size up the Liberal government's new point man on the evolving confrontation with Russia and the growing influence of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant in Libya. Dion will join foreign ministers from the other 28 member countries on Tuesday and Wednesday, several of whom are eager to take stock of Justin Trudeau's plan to end the bombing campaign against extremists in Iraq and Syria, instead refocusing the military effort on training local forces. While NATO is not formally involved in the 62-country, U.S.-led coalition against ISIL, its members see Canada's planned actions as important. One of Dion's most important tasks will be to reassure allies the country remains stalwart, especially in light of the terror attacks in Paris and the security lockdown in Brussels. Canadian Press (Whig-Standard, B1/Front, Guardian, Waterloo Record, Spectator); * Ottawa Sun, A9; * La Presse Canadienne (La Tribune, 33, Le Droit)

*** U.S. targets 2016 to end ISIL airstrikes**

A top U.S. general involved in the bombing war against ISIL says he hopes the campaign will be wrapped up by the end of next year. Canada is expected to withdraw its six CF-18 fighter jets from the coalition campaign before March. Lt.-Gen. Charles Brown Jr., who is in charge of the U.S. air force Central Command, said ISIL hasn't been able to mount any major ground offensives during the past several months. "By the time we get to the end of 2016, I hope to be pretty well done with Daesh," Brown told the Air Force Times newspaper, using an Arabic term for ISIL. "That's probably aspirational, but I think we are putting pressure on Daesh. We have not seen from Daesh any major offensive in the past couple of months. Most of the stuff we see is more harassing attacks. So they don't have the staying power that they're going to need to survive what we're putting on them." It's not the first time a U.S. military leader has talked optimistically about ISIL's waning military capabilities. Canadian and U.S. senior officers said this year the extremist group was on the verge of defeat, only to have ISIL forces go on the offensive. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said he is sticking to his election promise to remove the CF-18s. Postmedia News (Edmonton Journal, N6, Ottawa Citizen)

*** Conflict investigation involving former Alberta premier to be reviewed**

The Alberta government is launching an outside review of an investigation two years ago into conflict-of-interest allegations involving former premier Alison Redford. The 2013 investigation looked into how a Calgary law firm with close ties to Redford was awarded the contract to represent Alberta in a lawsuit against tobacco companies. One of the partners in the law firm was Redford's former husband, who remained a strong Conservative supporter. Neil Wilkinson, the ethics commissioner at the time, cleared Redford of any conflict in awarding the multibillion-dollar contract while she was justice minister. The NDP government says concerns have emerged that Wilkinson might not have had all the relevant information needed for his investigation. The review is to be handled by retired Supreme Court justice Frank Iacobucci. "These allegations are serious. We believe that the best path forward to ensure an objective review is to have that review performed externally," Alberta Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley said in a statement. "Our government is committed to transparency and accountability, which is why we're taking action." Canadian Press (Times Colonist, A8, Calgary Sun); Postmedia News (Calgary Herald, A3, Edmonton Journal); Edmonton Sun, A7

*** From observation to activism, one Canadian man's experience of Syria**

When Cody Bergerud left Saltspring Island for northern Syria, he didn't tell anyone where he was going. "It just made things easier," he says. No fights with family. No awkward conversations with the authorities, at least until he came back. Unlike other Canadians who have travelled to the region, Mr. Bergerud wasn't driven by the thought of taking up arms for or against the terrorist group the Islamic State. His is not that kind of story. The University of Victoria political philosophy student was in northern Syria to witness what he calls a social revolution. Amid the country's years-long civil war, the Kurdish population in the north has gained a level of autonomy. A website for the Lions of Rojava, which is aligned with the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG), describes its society's three principles as direct democracy, gender equity and sustainability - all of which it pursues while within firing range of the Islamic State. Mr. Bergerud, 26, went to Rojava to observe. He arrived in Syria in March, slipping into the country through the northeast after a 2 1/2-week stint as a volunteer at a Turkish refugee camp. While at the camp, Mr. Bergerud says he primarily helped on the construction side. He also took time to play with some of the children. Getting into Syria, he says, was fairly simple. "I made friends, and they were able to connect me with people who got me across the border," he said. "They pick out a good spot and you kind of just run over the border. The whole process takes three to five minutes." Mr. Bergerud met five or six Canadians while he was in Rojava. The youngest was 24, while the oldest was 67. He never met John Gallagher, a Canadian who was killed in Syria earlier this month while fighting with the YPG against the Islamic State. [Globe and Mail](#)

INTERNATIONAL

*** Key suspect in Paris attacks may have eluded dragnet, fled to Syria**

Paris attacks suspect Salah Abdeslam may have fled to Syria, according to reports quoting French intelligence services. A major manhunt is under way for the Belgian-born French national who has been on the run since the Nov. 13 attacks, which killed 130 people. But investigators are now working under the assumption the 26-year-old has slipped the net and is now in Syria, a source close to the investigation and a counter-terrorism source told CNN. The Islamic State of Iraq and Levant, which controls a large swathe of territory across Syria and Iraq, has claimed responsibility for the attacks. French police have issued an international arrest warrant and a wanted poster for Abdeslam, describing him as highly dangerous. He rented the VW Polo and Renault Clio cars used in the attacks. Investigators say he went to Belgium from France the day after the attacks in a VW Golf, despite being stopped by French police along the way in routine road checks before his name was circulated as a suspect. His brother Brahim died in the attacks. [Postmedia News](#) (National Post, A12)

*** La NSA ne stocke plus les données des appels**

C'est une victoire pour Edward Snowden, qui avait révélé l'ampleur des pouvoirs de surveillance de la toute puissante agence de renseignement américaine NSA: depuis dimanche, l'agence ne stocke plus les données liées aux appels téléphoniques des Américains. La révélation en juin 2013 par Edward Snowden que les métadonnées (horaires, durée, numéros appelés) des appels étaient conservées dans les gigantesques ordinateurs de la NSA avait provoqué la stupeur et l'indignation chez beaucoup d'Américains. En juin dernier, le Congrès avait adopté une loi mettant fin à cette collecte et introduisant un nouveau système qui permet à l'agence de renseignement de continuer à accéder si nécessaire aux données des appels des Américains, avec un contrôle juridique renforcé. Si elle ne dispose plus elle-même des données, la NSA peut toutefois les exiger auprès des compagnies téléphoniques. La NSA pourra toujours avoir accès aux données concernant les appels téléphoniques d'un suspect et les correspondants de ce suspect. Mais ces recherches seront moins «efficaces» et «prendront plus de temps», affirme Stewart Baker, avocat spécialiste des problèmes de cybersécurité et surveillance électronique. [AFP](#) (Le Soleil, 21; Le Devoir)

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Parliamentary standoffs: Let the sparring begin

No matter how much the federal parties insist they'll behave in the new House of Commons, expect some pitched battles between Liberal cabinet ministers and opposition critics. Here are a few matchups to watch during question period. THE LEADERS Justin Trudeau versus Rona Ambrose (Con.) versus Tom Mulcair (NDP) Trudeau's strength was never in the Commons, where he laboured in the shadow of Mulcair when it came to holding the last government's feet to the fire. But the new prime minister has set a torrid pace since his Oct. 19 election victory, and vows to continue his "sunny ways" approach to politics (...). **Public Safety: Ralph Goodale** versus Erin O'Toole (Con.) versus Randall Garrison (NDP) **Goodale** is unflappable, having served under three prime ministers (one of whom was Pierre Trudeau). He'll bring a firm hand to a hectic and high-profile portfolio, ranging from security services to refugee screening to the promised overhaul of the Conservatives' national security Bill C-51. O'Toole cut his chops at parliamentary debating beginning last January when he replaced the failing Julian Fantino as minister of veteran affairs. Soon after the election, the former air force officer and lawyer wrote to his caucus colleagues saying, "Our goal must be to challenge the Liberals from day one." Garrison has been an informed, outspoken and combative opposition voice. His growing knowledge of Canada's national security apparatus should make him an effective critic. [Postmedia News](#) (Windsor Star, NP3, StarPheonix, Leader-Post, Gazette, Ottawa Citizen, National Post, Edmonton Journal)

*** Liberal MPs rise up food chain as parliamentary secretaries**

Among the 35 parliamentary secretaries appointed by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau last week are new faces and familiar ones: star candidates from the last election as well as returning MPs who now may be a step closer to becoming ministers (...) First elected to the House in 1997, Mr. McKay, a lawyer, was the parl-sec to then-Finance minister **Ralph Goodale** (Regina-Wascana, Sask.) in Paul Martin's Liberal government. He's already a Privy Councillor, thanks to former Prime Minister Martin's singular practice of including parliamentary secretaries in that august body. [Hill Times](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

*** Nearly 35,000 homes without power as wind and rain lash B.C.'s south coast**

Strong winds whipped through Vancouver Island and Metro Vancouver Sunday evening, sparking weather warnings and downing power lines across the south coast. Up to 50 millimetres of rain was forecast for Howe Sound and Metro Vancouver's North Shore as a second Pacific storm pressed westward over Vancouver Island. The downpour was expected to last until Monday morning. About 25,000 customers in cities throughout the Lower Mainland and another 8,200 on Vancouver Island were without power by 8:30 p.m., according to BC Hydro. Many of the outages happened shortly after 7 p.m. when a series of strong gusts blew into the region. Environment Canada issued wind warnings for Metro Vancouver and Howe Sound, forecasting winds of up to 70 km/h and gusts of as much as 90 km/h. [Vancouver Sun](#); [The Province](#); [Canadian Press](#) (The Province)

*** Railroads quash rules after 2012 derailments**

A pair of train derailments in 2012 that killed two people in Maryland and triggered a fiery explosion in Ohio exposed a little-known and unsettling truth about railroads in the U.S. and Canada: No rules govern when rail becomes too worn down to be used for hauling hazardous chemicals, thousands of tons of freight or myriad other products on almost 170,000 miles of track. U.S. transportation officials moved to establish universal standards for when such steel gets replaced, but resistance from major freight railroads killed that bid, according to Associated Press interviews with U.S. and Canadian transportation officials, industry representatives and safety investigators. Now, following yet another major accident linked to worn-out rails - 27 tanker cars carrying crude oil that derailed and exploded in West Virginia earlier this year - regulators are reviving the prospect of new rules for worn rails and vowing they won't allow the industry to sideline their efforts. "We try to look at absolutely every place where we can affect and improve safety," said Federal Railroad Administrator Sarah Feinberg. "Track generally is the place that we're focusing at the moment, and it's clearly overdue. Rail head wear is one place in particular that we feel like needs to be addressed as soon as possible." [Associated Press](#) (Red Deer Advocate, B10)

*** Sick of the weather? blame el nino**

The El Nino weather phenomenon, which has impacted millions around the world this year and helped drive the huge hurricanes that battered Mexico's Pacific coast, is forecast to continue through the winter and become one of the strongest on record (...) El Nino is the warm phase of a seven-year weather cycle that drives sea-surface temperatures in the tropical eastern Pacific Ocean. It is associated with destructive flooding along the west coast of South America and severe hurricanes farther north along the Pacific coast. El Nino tends to bring mild, dry winters to the Pacific northwest but cold, snowy winters to the southern U.S. and Atlantic seaboard. [National Post](#), A2 (Leader-Post, Financial Post)

*** Solemn anniversary**

Ken Hynes walked through the courtyard of Halifax's Citadel Hill on Sunday towards the exact spot his grandfather stood 98 years ago the moment two ships collided in the narrows of the Halifax harbour, causing a massive explosion that left part of the Nova Scotia capital in ruins. Under partly cloudy skies, Hynes remarked that the weather was similar on Dec. 6, 1917, when the French cargo ship SS Mont-Blanc, loaded with explosives, collided with the Norwegian vessel SS Imo, creating the largest man-made explosion prior to the development of nuclear weapons. Hynes, a retired army major and curator of the Army Museum at Citadel Hill, imagined his 18-year-old grandfather Fletcher Manchester Bartlett watching as a blast wave swept over the fortress near the harbour in the city's downtown, wondering if the Germans had attacked. [Canadian Press](#) (The Guardian, B4; Calgary Sun)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Extremists could use peaceful demonstrations as cover

Intelligence officials are concerned that extremists might infiltrate peaceful anti-petroleum protests to "incite violence," a newly disclosed assessment indicates. The federal analysis of threats to the passenger rail system introduces a new twist to the often tense debate over state scrutiny of environmental demonstrators - that otherwise harmless activists might unwittingly harbour dangerous terrorists. The assertion - contained in a Transport Canada intelligence report - led one defender of civil liberties to ask whether there is evidence to support it. "I do think it's dangerous to start painting activism as a potential cover for terrorist activities," said Cara Zwibel, director of the fundamental freedoms program at the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. The Canadian Press recently obtained a copy of the six-page, November 2014 analysis by Transport's security intelligence assessment branch through the Access to Information Act. Overall, the assessment warns that surface transportation such as passenger rail is "a favoured target of terrorists" because attackers can inflict mass casualties, fear and economic harm using simple tactics - particularly improvised explosive devices. It points to the 2004 Madrid and 2005 London bombings as well as a more recent, failed plot to derail a Via Rail passenger train - all led or supported by al-Qaida. Future plots against passenger rail in Canada are possible given the emphasis on "solo jihad" by al-Qaida and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, past statements from their members and supporters, and the ease with which an attack could be carried out, the report says. Canadian Press (Red Deer Advocate, A1, Guardian, Record, Ottawa Sun, Ottawa Citizen, Whig-Standard, Toronto Star, Hamilton Spectator, Times & Transcript, Telegraph-Journal); La Presse Canadienne (Acadie Nouvelle, 17)

Crainte d'une infiltration d'extrémistes

Des hauts fonctionnaires craignent que des extrémistes se glissent dans des manifestations contre la construction de pipelines, l'exploitation des sables bitumineux ou le transport du pétrole par train afin d'encourager la violence, indique un rapport récemment dévoilé. Le document rédigé par le service du renseignement de sécurité de Transports Canada, qui porte sur une analyse des menaces contre les services ferroviaires voyageurs, donne une nouvelle tournure au débat concernant la surveillance dont font l'objet les manifestants écologistes par l'État en laissant entendre que des activistes pacifiques pourraient involontairement accueillir dans leurs rangs des terroristes. Cara Zwibel, directrice du programme des libertés fondamentales pour l'Association canadienne des libertés civiles, a toutefois remis cette affirmation en question, doutant que le ministère ait des preuves pour étayer ses dires. Selon elle, il est dangereux de présenter le militantisme actif comme une couverture potentielle pour des activités terroristes. La Presse Canadienne a obtenu copie du rapport de six pages datant de novembre 2014 en vertu de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information. De manière générale, l'analyse avise les autorités que le transport de surface comme les services ferroviaires voyageurs compte parmi les cibles préférées des terroristes parce que les attaquants peuvent faire un grand nombre de victimes, semer la peur et nuire à l'économie en utilisant des tactiques simples, comme les engins explosifs de fabrication. La Presse Canadienne (Le Droit, 19, La Presse)

*** Deadly Dollars**

Canada's new prime minister has made an international commitment to tackle terrorist financing but the country is failing to bring such cases to court, some experts say. Senator Daniel Lang, who led a National Security and Defence Committee study into the terrorism threat in Canada, said police and justice officials have received almost 700 reliable reports of suspected terrorist financing in the country during recent years. The committee also heard from Canada Revenue Agency that the agency had revoked the charitable status of eight charities over links to terrorism, he said (...) Money flowing into the country to fund efforts to radicalize Canadians is as dangerous as money headed out to fund terrorist organizations abroad. Sources for the money are wide-ranging - everything from criminal activities to "charitable" fundraising to a radical's maxed-out credit card before departure to fight in foreign lands. Darren Gibb, of the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC), a financial intelligence unit with a mandate to deter money laundering and financing of terrorist activities, said the organization provides information to police and other authorities to aid in investigations. Toronto Sun, A4 (Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun)

* Muslim women stage hijab event

Local Muslim women are joining with others across the country to shed light on why they wear the hijab with the #JeSuisHijabi campaign. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association Edmonton held an open house at the Baitul Hadi mosque at 7005 98 Avenue on Sunday and plan to hold "try on a hijab" events at the University of Alberta Student's Union building on Monday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and at Telus building at 10020 100 Street from 9 a.m. to noon. Nudrat Mansoor says she respects Canadian values and is asking for the same respect (...) Following terrorist attacks in Paris on Nov. 13 and in San Bernardino, California on Wednesday, discrimination became worse. Mansoor says she has experienced cases where she is sitting on the LRT and people move to avoid sitting next to her. She said she wants to promote peace and harmony between everyone. "It's my choice to wear a hijab and I think I should be respected for that," Mansoor said. She added terrorism has no religion and it's up to everyone to work together to promote peace and respect. "Acceptance and diversity are core Canadian values that we should strive to embrace and live by. This campaign allows for Canadians to come together and engage in peaceful public dialogue to foster a better understanding of the Islamic," Edmonton Sun, A8 (Calgary Sun, A21)

* Tory MP Opposes Bill C-51 Changes

The recent terrorist attack in Paris and mass shooting in southern California have authorities around the world on high alert, and are causing concern here at home. During the federal election campaign, the Liberals and New Democrats pledged to reopen Bill C51, which is designed to safeguard Canadians against the possibility of such attacks. The legislation was one of the major achievements of the former Conservative government, and the Tory MP for Huron-Bruce says now is not the time for second thoughts. Ben Lobb points to action displayed by French authorities immediately after the Paris attacks, that allowed them to deal with most of the attackers quickly. He tells Bayshore Broadcasting News that the anti-terror legislation allows a broad range of federal agencies to work together in assessing potential terror threats against Canada. Lobb explains that it only makes sense for agencies like the military, the RCMP, C-SIS and Transport Canada to cooperate in the face of any threats. The anti-terror legislation was hotly discussed at times in nine Huron-Bruce all-candidates' meetings during the federal election campaign. Bayshore Broadcasting News

Un homme déconnecté

Un article d'opinion dit "Mi-figue mi-raisin, richard Martineau me disait récemment que lui et moi sommes des hommes du 20e siècle, alors que Justin Trudeau est un homme du 21e siècle. Je comprends ce que Richard voulait dire. Faites cependant un test autour de vous. Demandez aux gens sur quoi repose au juste la «modernité» de Justin Trudeau. Invariablement, on vous parlera de choses qui ont rapport avec son image: ses cheveux, la cravate dénouée, son goût pour les selfies, son aisance en public, son allure générale décontractée (...) C'est indiscutablement, même si c'est hautement déplaisant, la lutte au terrorisme et la question de notre sécurité. Au cas où vous ne l'auriez pas remarqué, des gens nous ont déclaré la guerre et tuent des innocents. Hier, le président Obama s'est solennellement adressé au peuple américain. L'Allemagne, dont la réticence à participer à des opérations militaires a des causes historiques, engagera six avions Tornado, une frégate et 1200 hommes en Syrie. La Grande-Bretagne vient de procéder à ses premières frappes en Syrie. Même les petits Pays-Bas, un joueur modeste, se font demander par la France et la Grande-Bretagne de faire leur part. Le président François Hollande, grandi par l'épreuve, dit que la France sera «implacable», sans renoncer pour autant à ses valeurs. Pendant ce temps, que fait Justin Trudeau? Il hésite, il tergiverse, il dit des banalités, il soigne son image. Dans le Discours du trône, un banal et maigrelet passage sur la lutte contre le terrorisme était noyé dans une liste d'épicerie de bons sentiments." Journal de Montréal, 32 (Journal de Québec)

* 1989 Massacre was Terrorism

An opinion piece states "On Dec. 6, Canadians observe the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, wearing white ribbons in commemoration of the Montreal Massacre. On Dec. 6, 1989, a lone gunman carried out a rampage shooting at the École Polytechnique engineering school in Montreal, Quebec. Marc Lépine killed 14 people and injured 14 others before taking his own life. He left a suicide note claiming "political reasons" for attacking women and feminism, which he blamed for ruining his life. He separated men from women before opening fire in a classroom. All of the 14 people he killed were women. The way such crimes are labelled has changed greatly since 1989. At the time of the

attack, most Canadians had never heard of "lone wolf" terrorism. The term "terrorist" was generally reserved for urban guerrillas and paramilitary extremists. The Montreal Massacre was largely described as a "crime" or a "tragedy" in newspapers and in official statements. Yet in 2015, we live a world where a single person can start a shootout on Parliament Hill, or massacre youths at a camp in Norway, in the service of fringe political ideologies. In this context, it is time to reevaluate the Montreal Massacre as a deliberate, theatrical act of violence targeted against civilians and driven by extremist politics: one of the worst terrorist attacks Canada has ever endured. To be sure, the idea that attacks against women or feminists are "political enough" to constitute terrorism is novel. In a post-9/11 world, people have become accustomed to terrorism driven by more "conventional" political and religious goals: shifts in western foreign policy, or silencing offensive cartoonists. Yet it is generally understood that violence driven by hatred for particular ethnicities or political groups can constitute terrorism. It is no great leap to broaden that understanding to include violence driven by hatred of women or of feminism." [Postmedia News](#) (Ottawa Citizen, C3)

*** To rein in terror, world must stop arms proliferation**

An opinion piece states "Terrorism is perpetrated by socio/psychopaths of all stripes and beliefs. These are people so immersed in evangelical beliefs, some religion-based and others secular-based, that they push beyond any form of rational consideration to become entirely convinced that their desired ends justify use of any means. Consequently, all empathy is driven from their thinking and behaviour, enabling them to plan and complete the most horrific of acts by dehumanizing their victims. Unfortunately, all societies have to live with such persons or groups. Think mass killers of all sorts, not just jihadists. What we can do, practically, is contain and limit their damage and, in so doing, enhance our sense of personal security and freedom. In the wake of the Paris outrage, the French armed forces are lashing out with all the high technology at their disposal and the usual suspects are beating their collective chests demanding more security and, unbelievably, seeming to blame this and possible future attacks on the pathetic Syrian refugees fleeing the very violence the West hopes to prevent." [Chronicle-Herald](#)

*** Obama no cure for terroritis**

An opinion piece states "You are still far more likely to be killed by lightning than by terrorists. Fifty Americans and 10 Canadians are fatally zapped in an average year. But no U.S. president has ever addressed his nation from the Oval Office on the growing threat of thunderstorms. Nor do we walk the street or ride the subway or stroll the mall glancing about for suspicious electrical fields. So why is terrorism so much scarier? Why do we suffer from terroritis? The difference, of course, is that lightning is known. It is natural. It is cause and effect. If you sit under a lone tree in a storm, or play the next hole, or kayak on open water, or stand in the open with a three-metre metal pole, you are quite likely to get fried. So you don't do those stupid things." [Toronto Sun](#) (2015-12-06)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** U.S.-Canada border called 'significant' terrorist pathway | Washington Examiner**

The U.S.-Canada border is the likely path for terrorists to invade the country, according to top national security experts and Congress' most comprehensive review of America's 19,000 miles of coasts and land borders. "The nexus between known or suspected terrorists in eastern Canada and the northern parts of the U.S. represent [sic] a significant national security threat," said a new report from the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, a conclusion reached as Canada decided to settle 25,000 Syrian refugees by March. [Washington Examiner](#) (2015-12-06)

*** Labour shortage in Banff and Lake Louise a challenge for tourism**

Businesses in Banff and Lake Louise are seeing a surge in tourism thanks to the low Canadian dollar, but they're struggling to find enough workers to meet the demand. Darren Reeder is the executive director of Banff & Lake Louise Hospitality Association and says the labour shortage is widespread in the tourism industry, according to a recent survey of area businesses. (...) One of the major issues is changes to the federal temporary foreign worker program brought in by the former Conservative government, including increased administrative fees for hiring foreign workers, and restrictions on working holiday visas that

prevent workers from returning each year. That last restriction, limiting workers to one two-year stint, is having an effect at local ski hills where Australian accents often outnumber local dialects. "That's pretty concerning ... and more importantly they are some of our most important brand ambassadors. They are the people that go home and talk about our values on the environment, about the economy," said Reeder. [CBC News](#) (2015-12-06)

* **Plus d'une dizaine de personnes radicalisées dans les prisons fédérales**

Selon des documents datant de mars 2015, obtenus de Service correctionnel Canada (SCC) à la suite d'une demande d'accès à l'information, il y a « onze délinquants coupables d'infractions liées au terrorisme » dans les prisons fédérales. Ils purgent des peines allant de 10 ans à l'emprisonnement à vie et la majorité d'entre eux est incarcérée dans un établissement à sécurité maximale. À cela s'ajoutent des « personnes d'intérêt » qui « sont possiblement radicalisées » ou qui « sont considérées comme posant une menace pour la sécurité nationale ». Le SCC ne donne toutefois pas de chiffres précis pour cette catégorie de détenus « radicalisés ». Mais la présence de ces personnes « d'intérêt » soulève des inquiétudes, affirme Herman Debarice Okomba, le directeur du Centre de prévention de la radicalisation menant à la violence à Montréal. (...) Pour identifier les personnes radicalisées, le SCC recueille des informations à l'intérieur des prisons et se fie aussi à la GRC, au Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité ou encore de l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada. Les personnes reconnues coupables d'infractions en vertu de la « Loi antiterroriste » sont aussi identifiées comme « délinquants radicalisés ». [Radio-Canada](#) (2015-12-06)

* **Drug prices expected to jump as result of trade deal**

The intellectual-property provisions in the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement will drive up global drug prices and make it harder to treat diseases in developing countries, Médecins sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) says. A month after the final text of the TPP was released, the medical humanitarian organization has completed its analysis of the portions of the massive trade pact that will affect drug costs. Despite changes from earlier leaked versions of the text, there are still serious problems, Judit Rius, MSF's U.S. legal policy adviser, said. "This is catastrophic. This is very negative. The impact is going to be at multiple levels," Ms. Rius said in an interview. [Globe and Mail](#), B1

CYBER SECURITY / CYBERSÉCURITÉ

* **Zombies informatiques neutralisés**

Le CRTC a récemment exécuté un mandat à Toronto pour le retrait d'un serveur de commande et de contrôle de la famille de maliciels Win32/Dorkbot. Ces maliciels ont infecté au-delà d'un million d'ordinateurs personnels dans plus de 190 pays, a précisé le Conseil de la radiodiffusion et des télécommunications canadiennes (CRTC). « Ces réseaux de zombies, qui sont très dangereux, sont utilisés aux fins d'activités illégales et peuvent mener au vol d'identité et à la fraude. Cette intervention montre que les partenariats entre les organismes d'application de la loi à l'échelle nationale et internationale sont essentiels en vue de lutter contre les cybermenaces transnationales », a indiqué Manon Bombardier, cadre en chef de Conformité et enquêtes du CRTC. (...) Dorkbot se propage au moyen d'une clé USB, des programmes de messagerie instantanée et des réseaux sociaux. Une fois qu'on a porté atteinte à l'intégrité d'un ordinateur, on peut lui ordonner de voler les mots de passe pour effectuer des transactions bancaires et les paiements en ligne. Il est aussi possible de télécharger et installer des maliciels dangereux et s'unir à d'autres ordinateurs infectés pour expédier des demandes multiples à un serveur en vue de dépasser sa capacité de réponse. Cette situation est aussi connue comme une attaque par déni de service. Le mandat a été exécuté conformément à la Loi canadienne antipourriel. Aux fins de cette enquête, le CRTC a collaboré avec plusieurs partenaires, dont le Federal Bureau of Investigation, Europol, Interpol, Microsoft inc., la Gendarmerie royale du Canada, **Sécurité publique Canada** et le Centre canadien de réponse aux incidents cybernétiques. [Presse Canadienne](#) (Journal Montréal, 38)

* **Who is listening as your children talk to their toys?**

Your daughter rips open the wrapping paper and screams with excitement - it's Talk To Me Tammy! After connecting the doll to your home's wireless network through a smartphone app, she and Tammy start

chatting. Tammy tells her jokes, quizzes her on some math questions and says her favourite colour is pink. She asks your daughter lots of questions about her likes and dislikes, hopes and dreams, and family and friends. The next day, you notice advertisements for products your daughter told Tammy she wants on your Facebook page. That's because buried in Tammy's terms of service - which you didn't read - was a clause authorizing the toy company to sell the data Tammy collects to marketers. Meanwhile, hackers who don't want to pay the toy company for your daughter's valuable data are working on a way to access it for free. [Financial Post](#) (Edmonton Journal, B6; Calgary Herald)

*** After Paris Attacks, French Cops Want to Block Tor and Forbid Free Wi-Fi**

After the recent Paris terror attacks, French law enforcement wants to have several powers added to a proposed law, including the move to forbid and block the use of the Tor anonymity network, according to an internal document from the Ministry of Interior seen by French newspaper *Le Monde*. That document talks about two proposed pieces of legislation, one around the state of emergency, and the other concerning counter-terrorism. Regarding the former, French law enforcement wish to "forbid free and shared wi-fi connections" during a state of emergency. This comes from a police opinion included in the document: the reason being that it is apparently difficult to track individuals who use public wi-fi networks. As the latter, law enforcement would like "to block or forbid communications of the Tor network." [Motherboard](#) (2015-12-06)

*** NSA's shuttered program was 'a sacrificial lamb' in U.S. mass surveillance**

The National Security Agency in the United States may have shuttered its controversial bulk phone record collection program, but that doesn't mean people living in that country suddenly have their communications free from government scrutiny... Snowden also revealed that Canada's electronic spy agency tracks millions of downloads daily by people around the world, including Canadians. While it's hard to know much about the Canadian Security Establishment because of the secrecy surrounding the agency, there is "evidence of the same kind of indiscriminate surveillance as the NSA engages in," says David Lyon, the director of Queen's University's surveillance studies centre and author of *Surveillance after Snowden*. [CBC News](#) (2015-12-06)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Man escapes custody in N.S. while being transferred to police van

Police in Nova Scotia searching for a man they say escaped custody while being transferred to a sheriff's van in the parking lot of the Truro Justice Centre. Nova Scotia justice officials say Marc Joseph Pellerin, 43, was awaiting a court appearance on a variety of charges, including theft of a motor vehicle, theft over \$5,000, break and enter, possession of stolen property, evading police, unsafe storage of a firearm and resisting arrest. The Moncton man was being transferred from Shediac Jail in New Brunswick to Halifax for a Monday court appearance. Authorities say Pellerin had previously escaped a police vehicle in May. Fred Hildebrand, of Nova Scotia's Department of Justice says Truro Police, the RCMP and Sheriff Services are searching for the subject. [Postmedia](#) (Daily Gleaner, B3)

Trudeau among those marking solemn occasion

Mourners gathered in Vancouver and other Canadian cities on Sunday to mark the 26th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, where 14 women were shot to death at the Ecole Polytechnique. In Montreal, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and a small crowd listened as the names of the victims were read aloud, silhouetted by 14 beacons of light projected into the night sky in memory of the victims. Trudeau did not address the crowd, but said afterward the anniversary is not only a time to remember the events of the massacre, but also to make promises. He said his personal pledge was "to never forget, and to do everything I can to ensure that never again." Trudeau released a statement on the massacre Sunday restating the Liberal government's promise to launch an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women and to introduce legislation to provide greater support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. "We all have an important role to play in stopping violence against women and girls, and in denouncing misogyny in all its forms," the statement read. "Like all parents, I want my daughter to grow up in a safe community and a safe world." Representatives of women's and aboriginal rights groups reminded the public that women in Canada still face violence. "In 2015, women are still victims of

violence, just because they're women," said Carole Benjamin, a spokesperson for the event. [Postmedia](#) (Province, A6, Winnipeg Sun, London Free Press, Calgary Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard, Hamilton Spectator, Red Deer Advocate, Chronicle Herald); [Waterloo Regional Record](#); [Gazette](#); * [Globe and Mail](#), A8

RCMP officer remembers Montreal losses

RCMP Sgt. Bert Paquet vividly recalls the day 14 women were murdered at the University of Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique 26 years ago. "I was actually in the pavilion next door to where it happened," the Manitoba RCMP media spokesperson said Sunday. "I was studying criminology in Montreal and we heard over the intercom for students to leave the area immediately and in a certain direction." Paquet had not heard the shots fired that fatal day but the stunning news quickly spread across campus. "It was just surreal," Paquet said on the National Day of Remembrance and Violence Against Women. "Even going back to school a couple of days later was different. It changes you. It changes the people around you, and you look at people around you differently as well." But deciding to become an RCMP officer was not the result of that tragedy and how close he was to it. Rather, meeting some RCMP officers later "planted the bug," he said. But Paquet, who was born in Montreal, will not soon forget that day. "It's a sad, sad story that did not need to happen," said Paquet, 50. "And it cost the lives of those promising young women." The RCMP maintain a strong presence whenever vigils for murdered women are held and continue to investigate unsolved ones under Project Devote. [Postmedia Network](#) (Winnipeg Sun)

RCMP seek pharmacy burglars

Crime Stoppers and Southeast District RCMP's Sackville Detachment are trying to identify two men responsible for a break, enter and theft at a Port Elgin pharmacy last year. On Nov. 27, 2014, at approximately 3 a.m., two men wearing white balaclavas entered the Port Elgin Village Pharmacy by breaking through the front entrance. Once inside, the burglars stole an undisclosed quantity of medication. The investigators determined through the security video that both intruders were Caucasian men with medium builds. One man was wearing a white suit that is commonly worn on construction sites and in fish plants. The other was wearing a black hoodie. The security footage shows them leaving the scene in a light-coloured Toyota 4Runner. [Postmedia Network](#) (Times & Transcript, A6); [Record](#), A1

Victoria's chief of police apologizes for behaviour

Victoria's chief of police says he's "sorry and humiliated" after a police-board investigation found online messages he sent to another officer's wife were inappropriate. Chief Frank Elsner took the Victoria Police Department's helm in January, 2014, after four years as chief of police in Sudbury. But Barbara Desjardins, mayor of Esquimalt and head of the Victoria police board, said Sunday the board was notified about a concern involving the chief during the summer. Ms. Desjardins said she could not disclose who raised the concern, but the board hired a lawyer to investigate. The mayor said the investigation wrapped up a couple of weeks ago and a report found the chief's use of direct Twitter messages to the officer's wife "was inappropriate." The mayor said she could not disclose if the chief was disciplined, but said he will remain in his role with the board's "full confidence." "Our chief has done some amazing things in the last two years," she said in an interview. "Yes, this was something that the chief admits he's ashamed of. But the board feels that within the report, the process, we've dealt with it and they feel that the good work that the chief has done ... they're hopeful that that continues." Chief Elsner, in a written statement, said he "should not have engaged in the direct messages in the first place and for that, I take complete responsibility." "Our citizens place a significant amount of confidence and trust in their police service," he wrote. [Globe and Mail](#); * [Postmedia Network](#) (Province, A6, Vancouver Sun)

Can Trudeau re-set Canada's relationship with First Nations?

Throughout the election campaign, Justin Trudeau promised "real change". Arguably, no segment of Canadian society is more in need of that change than Canada's Indigenous peoples, who fall well below national standards on socio-economic indicators. The change Trudeau referenced during his campaign was evident the day his cabinet was sworn into office. Two Indigenous MPs were selected as cabinet ministers: Jody Wilson-Raybould was appointed Justice minister and Hunter Tootoo became the minister of Fisheries and the Canadian Coast Guard. This signalled to many Indigenous voters that the prime minister's commitment to reconciliation was sincere. His comments in the Speech from the Throne and his mandate letter to Carolyn Bennett, the minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, further illustrates

his commitment to renewing the relationship between Canada and Indigenous peoples. In both, he speaks of the need to engage in a nation-to-nation process in an effort to make real progress on the issues identified as being most important to First Nations, the Métis Nation and Inuit communities. These issues are extensive and include reforms in the areas of rights recognition, housing, employment, health and mental health care, community safety and policing, child welfare and education. Of particular significance is the prime minister's commitment to implementing all 94 recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on residential schools, many of which are far-reaching. Specifically, he calls on the minister to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). Since the adoption of UNDRIP in September 2007, Indigenous Canadians have been calling for the recognition of the human rights standards articulated within it. However, it wasn't until November 2010 that Canada actually decided to endorse UNDRIP and, even then, it did so with express limitations. [iPolitics](#)

Injured woman found on gravel road at Samson Cree Nation

RCMP are releasing few details about an injured female found on a gravel road near the Samson Cree Nation on Sunday morning. The Maskwacis RCMP found her on the road in a rural area after receiving a call about a "seriously injured female." The female was taken to hospital and an RCMP news release stated "the full extent of her injuries is not known at this time." RCMP did not release the age of the unidentified female, except to say she was "described as being older than a child." RCMP are expected to release more information as the investigation progresses. The Samson Cree Nation is roughly 100 kilometres south of Edmonton. [Postmedia Network](#) (Edmonton Journal)

Victoria police chief 'humiliated beyond words' over inappropriate Twitter messages

Victoria's police chief says he's ashamed and humiliated by his own actions after exchanging inappropriate messages with the wife of a subordinate officer. Frank Elsner told The Vancouver Sun on Sunday he was the subject of a recent internal police board investigation over his conduct, but has emerged with the continued confidence of the board and intends to address the department and continue leading the force. "I'm humiliated beyond words," he said. He said he's also spoken to his officer, whose wife was involved, and his family about the incident. "I'm ashamed of my actions," said Elsner. "I'm better than that. I know better than that. And I think part of this, the learning opportunity, is that you stand up and tell the truth and learn from it and move on." Elsner has led the Victoria force for almost two years. He's married with two daughters, and said his wife has been fully aware of what happened. In September, he said the civilian police board became aware of an allegation against him. "An allegation was made against me that based on direct messages off of Twitter that I had an inappropriate relationship with a female. The board notified me of that and they hired an independent lawyer to do the investigation. The investigation was completed and last week I was notified and they found that there was no inappropriate relationship. However, I should not have engaged in the direct messages in the first place and I fully agree." [Postmedia News](#) (Vancouver Sun, Province, Times Colonist)

*** Escapee eludes police capture**

Canada-wide warrant issued after prisoner runs away from guards in Truro on Friday. A Canada-wide warrant has been issued for the New Brunswick prisoner who escaped from guards Friday afternoon at the Truro Justice Centre. Marc Joseph Pellerin ran off while being transferred from one sheriff services vehicle to another at about 5:45 p.m. and has not been seen since. "No news outside of that we have a Canada-wide warrant for him," Truro Police Service Insp. Rob Hearn said Sunday afternoon. "I can't get into the details of the investigation, obviously, but we are following any leads, and hopefully he'll be picked up soon." In a news conference Saturday, the director of sheriff services with the provincial Justice Department said that Pellerin, described as five-foot-seven and 155 pounds, was not handcuffed or shackled during the transfer that occurred under the watch of four guards in the parking lot behind the Prince Street justice centre. "Normally, in a transfer, he would have the shackles and the handcuffs on all the time," Fred Hildebrand said. "That's just the routine. Officers are trained to do that, and that's what they do." But the routine was not followed and Pellerin escaped on foot and is still on the lam. "We have to investigate," Hildebrand said of why the sheriff services officers did not follow protocol. "We consider it very serious. We have to investigate to get the facts before we can determine exactly what happened." Pellerin was being transferred from a jail in Shediac, N.B., to one in Dartmouth, from where he was to appear in a Halifax court Monday on property-related charges. [Postmedia Network](#) (Chronicle Herald, A7)

*** Technology transforming Saskatchewan's courts**

From flip charts and overhead projectors of years past to iPads and pop-up monitors of today, technology is transforming Saskatchewan's courtrooms. Paper gave way to pixels at a Regina jury trial earlier this year when the attention of jurors and witnesses was drawn to photos reflected on iPads and television screens - instead of the usual paper photo booklets. It doesn't seem like such a monumental leap in a society immersed in instant, digital images, but the trial, which ended with Adam Riley Cyr convicted of murder, was a courtroom first. "It worked really well," said Adam Breker, co-Crown prosecutor on the case, adding everyone was on the same page, and jurors couldn't get distracted flipping ahead. "The witness is scrolling through the photos, and the jurors can all see ... on the TV exactly what the witness is talking about." The change from booklets to iPads was initiated by the Regina Police Service identification section. "I saw how much work and money was put into the photo books for court," said Sgt. Dean Yadlowski, who heads the unit. Typically in a jury trial, some nine or more photo books are prepared. On a major case, each book can easily contain 100 or more photos, so the costs can climb to \$2,000 for paper alone. At times, a last-minute deal meant it was all for naught, and the books were simply shredded. Yadlowski looked for a solution. Today, the Regina Police Service has two kits, each containing five iPads. "It only took one or two of those major files by the time the iPads started paying for themselves," said Yadlowski. He also sees a use beyond photos, for example, displaying video exhibits, diagrams or other documents. Since the Cyr trial, a few more hearings have used iPads. But Yadlowski notes they're not going to replace paper completely. A hard copy photo book is still placed into evidence for posterity. And, with only two iPad kits that can be tied up for several days or weeks at a time, they aren't suited to every trial. Fraud cases have also evolved, as evidenced by this year's Regina trial for Steven Weeres, convicted in an extensive investment scheme. Evidence showing how money moved from deposits, through bank account to withdrawals and, in some cases, to how it was spent was traced through computerized spreadsheets embedded with hyperlinks to the corresponding bank documents. Prosecutor Dana Brule said the digitized evidence made it much simpler for witnesses who didn't have to juggle and leaf through multiple binders of documents. "It made it more logical," he added. Again, the change was largely driven by a police agency, since it was RCMP software that created the spreadsheet and hyperlinks. [Postmedia Network](#) (Leader-Post, A3)

*** Terrorist financing cases not prosecuted**

An opinion piece by Antonella Artuso Antonella Artuso Queens Park Bureau Chief states, "Canada's new prime minister has made an international commitment to tackle terrorist financing but the country is failing to bring such cases to court, some experts say. Senator Daniel Lang, who led a National Security and Defence Committee study into the terrorism threat in Canada, said police and justice officials have received almost 700 reliable reports of suspected terrorist financing in the country during recent years. The committee also heard from Canada Revenue Agency that the agency had revoked the charitable status of eight charities over links to terrorism, he said. "And that information, the way I understand it, was brought to the attention of the RCMP, and we have had I believe one charge since 2001," Lang said. "The question that has to be asked is if we have the information, and credible information obviously, there is terrorist financing going on in this country ... why aren't there any charges brought forward?" In Turkey last month, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau committed to a joint G20 statement to tackle "the financing channels of terrorism" by such means as freezing terrorists' assets and criminalizing terrorist financing. A report to the G20 -- prepared by the Financial Action Task Force in November -- said that almost all jurisdictions have criminalized terrorist financing as a distinct offence. "But relatively few jurisdictions have obtained convictions for terrorist financing," the report says. The bulk of terrorist funds are not put toward attacks but instead used for organizational support such as recruitment, training, living costs, travel and, in the case of foreign terrorist fighters, maintaining a legitimate public face, the report says". [Postmedia Network](#) (Ottawa Sun, Toronto Sun)

*** Curbing the use of police background checks**

More knowledge isn't always good. In an anxious world where intrusive police checks have become an increasingly common way of verifying the character of a job applicant or volunteer, the hunt for ever more background information too often damages innocent people and compromises civil liberties. Police databases are full of questionable knowledge acquired in the course of investigations, or simply the residue of a chance 911 call, which can be systematically used against people who have done no harm. Safety concerns are paramount when it comes to those working closely with the young and vulnerable.

But they need to be balanced against the privacy rights of people whose lives shouldn't be jeopardized because of minor or irrelevant brushes with the record-keepers of law enforcement. The government of Ontario has wisely decided to limit the kind of information police can disclose, in legislation that standardizes the wayward policies previously used for background checks across the province. The aim of the new law is that only criminal conviction records are to be passed on to potential employers and groups that recruit volunteers. The need for reform was hammered home by the unanimous, all-party vote in favour of the bill. In some cases, people had lost jobs because police passed on phone records pointing to a suicide attempt, or were disqualified as a volunteer because they were listed as a witness to a crime, or merely questioned in an investigation. Unproven allegations took on the taint of credibility simply by being revived and relayed. Having assumed the supreme power to disrupt an individual's educational and vocational prospects, police decision-makers could retrieve information about charges that had been withdrawn decades before and pass it on as if it were useful, worrying knowledge. Non-conviction records, such as dismissed charges, can still be disclosed in limited circumstances, for positions where children, seniors and other vulnerable people are involved. It is crucial that this discretionary power be limited and not abused. Information overreach remains problematic, including at Canada's borders, where police agencies continue to share imperfect knowledge about private lives. In the wake of Ontario's encouraging reforms, this practice needs closer security. [Globe and Mail](#)

*** Pot can help vets**

A former member of Canada's elite counter-terrorism unit has emerged from the shadows to promote medical marijuana for ailing veterans. Kevin Whitenect hopes that his message promoting medical cannabis will bring hope to those former soldiers dealing with emotional or physical pain as well as reduce the stigma surrounding its use. "I saw a value for veterans," said Whitenect, who spent most of his 17 years in the Canadian Forces with the Ottawa-based Joint Task Force 2 counter-terrorism unit. "I started speaking with veterans who were using (medical cannabis) and started hearing the great stories about how it is getting them off the mind-numbing narcotics they are being issued." Whitenect is working as a medical marijuana "ambassador" for CannaConnect, a Toronto-based company that acts as a middleman to bring together licensed medicinal marijuana producers, doctors, and users. Whitenect, who runs his own private security company in Toronto, isn't receiving any payment for his advocacy. Nor does he use marijuana himself. But over the years, he has encountered a number of serving and retired military personnel who are dealing with both post-traumatic stress disorders as well as pain from physical injuries. "I'm a 25-year combat veteran and I don't have emotional trauma," he explained. "I've been very fortunate. But I'm around men who do, and I'm around men who have chronic pain. The system should start to understand the damage that has been done to a lot of veterans." The federal government started paying for medical marijuana for veterans in 2009, but its acceptance has been an uphill battle. The Canadian Medical Association has argued there isn't enough research to show how much marijuana is a safe amount for a patient to take. Former Conservative veterans affairs minister Julian Fantino dismissed marijuana as a serious health risk, pointing out it is not an approved drug in Canada. [Postmedia Network](#) (Kingston Whig-Standard, B2)

*** Une mauvaise note pour la GRC**

Même si la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) répond à davantage de demandes d'accès à l'information, le corps policier n'en demeure pas moins le mouton noir des institutions gouvernementales en matière de transparence. Le Commissariat à l'information, qui a publié le 3 décembre son rapport sur le système d'accès à l'information pour la période 2013-2014, souligne que les résultats de la GRC sont « inférieurs à ceux de l'ensemble du gouvernement ». « Ça me choque!, a commenté l'avocat spécialiste de l'accès à l'information Michel Drapeau. En tant que responsable du respect des lois, la GRC ne doit pas simplement montrer patte blanche, elle doit montrer l'exemple. » De façon générale, la GRC a répondu à 73,2% de ces demandes en 2013-2014, soit 1706, contre 66,7% en 2012-2013. Cependant, les délais de traitement des demandes se sont accrus. En moyenne, la GRC a mis 173 jours pour compléter une demande en 2013-2014, contre 115 jours l'année précédente. En principe, ces délais sont de 30 jours, mais ils peuvent être prorogés. Un peu moins de la moitié des demandes ont d'ailleurs été traitées en plus de 120 jours. La proportion des demandes traitées hors délai a ainsi augmenté, passant de 56,9% à 65%. Cette statistique préoccupe particulièrement le Commissariat, au point où une alerte rouge a été lancée. « A titre de comparaison, cette proportion était de 14% à l'échelle gouvernementale en 2013-2014 », souligne le rapport. La charge de travail a été la principale raison invoquée pour justifier

ces retards dans la majorité des demandes. «Aucune raison ne peut justifier ces retards, affirme Me Drapeau. Si une institution doit être transparente, c'est bien elle.» Selon le spécialiste, la GRC est le mauvais élève de l'accès à l'information depuis une dizaine d'années. Au début des années 2000, l'ancien commissaire à l'information John Reid avait déjà interpellé le commissaire à la GRC Giuliano Zaccardelli au sujet de la transparence. [Presse Canadienne](#) (La Presse, A6)

*** Minister pledges native inquiry 'shortly'**

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*** Ten Arrested in Multiple Thefts and B&Es**

Ever since August, Yorkton Rural, Yorkton Municipal, Canora, Wadena, and Esterhazy RCMP have received numerous complaints of break and enters, thefts, mischief, and dangerous driving. Now, five adults and five youth have been arrested. Police say they were linked to multiple files through evidenced gathered to date. In total, the ten accused face a combination of 167 charges. They are all remanded on strict conditions. [Saskatoonhomepage.ca](#); [620ckrm](#)

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Author weighs in on prison farms

When he speaks in Kingston this week about the links between food and climate change, author Peter Ladner will be able to share his insights into a pressing local issue - prison farms. In his 2011 book *The Urban Food Revolution*, the Vancouver-based author discusses the closing of prison farms across Canada the previous year, including Frontenac Institution in Kingston. "It just seemed so missing the point that you have people doing worthwhile work," said Ladner in a telephone interview this week. "When the government said those weren't useful skills, tell that to farmers. I don't understand why they did it. Here in British Columbia a politician had a friend in the food business and they gave that person the contract." Reopening prison farms, a possibility with the election of a Liberal government in Ottawa, is just one of many topics that will no doubt strike a sympathetic chord with his Kingston audience. Ladner will be speaking on Tuesday at the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning as part of the Kingston Climate Action Speaker Series hosted by the city and Sustainable Kingston. [Kingston Whig-Standard](#), A1

Family cheers Watts's arrest

Just two weeks after his release from prison, a high-risk sexual offender convicted in the 2001 death of a 13-year-old Kitchener girl is back behind bars. Christopher Michael Watts was arrested last week by police in Vancouver for breaching the conditions of his parole, after serving 12 years in prison for manslaughter, sexual touching and sexual assault in the death of Amanda Raymond. Raymond died after

an all-night party in June 2001 at Watts's home on Puslinch Lake. Watts was found guilty of feeding the girl a lethal concoction of drugs, and assaulting her when she was comatose. The judge who sentenced Watts, who published a book while behind bars called "The Criminal's Handbook," labelled him a "voracious sexual predator" who was "without any sense of guilt" throughout the trial. Before his release on Nov. 20, the Parole Board of Canada declared Watts a high risk to reoffend, but regretted he couldn't be kept in prison after his sentence was finished. He left the federal prison in Mission, B.C., under a long-term supervision order, with strict limitations on his freedom. On Friday, Raymond's mother, Teresa Trupp, got a call from the parole board - telling her Watts had been arrested. A warrant had been issued after he allegedly breached the conditions of his parole. "I was ecstatic. We were jumping for joy. This is just the best early Christmas present my family could hope for," Trupp said. "I knew he was going to mess up, I really did. I feel so relieved that he's off the streets again." [Waterloo Region Record](#), A1

Quatre ans de prison pour avoir agressé une fille de 12 ans

La Cour d'appel de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard vient d'alourdir la peine d'emprisonnement d'un homme âgé de 22 ans qui s'est introduit par effraction dans la chambre à coucher d'une jeune fille de 12 ans avant de l'agresser dans son lit. Travis Mehmoodi a d'abord été condamné à deux ans de pénitencier pour crime sexuel, mais aussi à 11 mois et demi de détention pour l'entrée par effraction. La Cour d'appel a effacé la peine de 11 mois et demi et l'a portée à quatre ans, la période que le malfaiteur devra purger puisque les peines sont concurrentes. Un emprisonnement de quatre ans avait d'ailleurs été réclamé par la Couronne. La Cour d'appel a écrit que la peine de 11 mois et demi ne tenait pas compte de la gravité du crime, de son impact sur la jeune victime et de la jurisprudence en matière de tels crimes au Canada. [Presse canadienne](#) (Acadie nouvelle, 13)

In The Courts

A partial compilation of offences from Kingston's Ontario Court of Justice for the period of Nov. 9 to 13, 2015. Only sentences that involved a large fine, probation or incarceration are included. Christopher Perez, 23, was convicted of carrying a concealed weapon for a purpose dangerous to the peace. He had 45 days added to the three-year prison sentence he's already serving for a weapons offence. Justice Judith Beaman was told Perez was charged in mid-May after he was injured in an altercation with a fellow Collins Bay Institution inmate. Crown attorney Ross Drummond said Perez was carrying a homemade knife at the time, but there was no indication he ever tried to use it. [Kingston Whig-Standard](#), A6

North End eyed for new court - Province hires Crown prosecutor for restorative justice

The province has taken its first steps toward establishing Manitoba's first court for restorative justice. The court would be located in Winnipeg's North End. A newly created position as North End community prosecutor has been filled by Nancy Fazenda, a Crown attorney with 15 years' experience as a lawyer, and justice officials are working to define her role in an area of the city most affected by poverty and crime. "I think this is going to be a unique opportunity to work in the community and with the community on some of the complex issues that we have with crime in the North End," Fazenda said. "I still think it involves accountability, but we're going to be balancing that with community supports and support for individuals to address specific issues that some may have that make them more likely to be involved in the criminal justice system." The move comes on the heels of the provincial government's five-year restorative-justice strategy, part of which involves plans to set up a North End court to deal with less serious crimes in the neighbourhood similar to how mental-health and drug-treatment courts function in Manitoba. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), B1

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'Mom, where are you?'

Lita Blacksmith lights a cigarette. Her living room is chock full of sequined art, dream catchers, aphorisms on every wall: "Today's moments are tomorrow's memories." And, "We should not let our fears hold us back from pursuing our hopes." (...) Imagine a snappingly cold winter's day in Winnipeg. Jan. 11, 2012, to be precise. It's 22 below, colder with the wind chill. Flurries. That evening, Lorna Blacksmith dressed in red and wore dangling earrings with a small metal feather hanging in the middle of the two circles. Lorna

was strikingly beautiful. Lita drove her daughter to a wood-frame house on Toronto Street, well known as a drug den. She had no misconceptions about the life her daughter was leading. (...) On Nov. 4, 2002, Shawn Lamb, 43, appeared before Judge Rubin at the stately Winnipeg Law Courts building. Crown counsel itemized Lamb's prior convictions and breaches, spanning back to the winter of 1985 when Lamb spent a year in jail for assault causing bodily harm and one count of mischief. The précised version of Lamb's sheet included five months in custody in 1987 for breaching probation. Sentenced to four years for a 1992 sexual assault. Parole violations in 1995. Nine months in custody in 1996 for assault. Utter forged document. Possess goods. Failure to appear. Sentenced to two years in September 2001 for assault causing bodily harm. Sixty-eight days in the spring of 2002 for uttering threats. (...) It was June 21. Shawn Lamb, serial killer, had directed police to the body of Lorna Blacksmith. (...) Lamb is serving a 20-year-sentence at an Ontario penitentiary. Parole eligibility is fixed at nine years. Through written correspondence with the Star, Lamb commented on the banal ("I hope your (sic) well and enjoying the summer. It's been pretty humid these days") and the substantive ("I also don't think an inquire (sic) is the complete solution"). He noted that his background "has helped me gain insight as well as the many aboriginal women I've met in our very unhealthy lifestyles." A request for an interview was denied by Correctional Service Canada. [Toronto Star](#), A3

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'We can find strength'

In the dim lighting of Sydenham Street United Church, the faint smell of candles and roses mixed with quiet conversation fills the air. Neighbours and friends greet each other cheerily, but they've gathered for a sobering event. As the sun set and the outside darkened Sunday evening, inside the church more than 150 residents attended a ceremony to honour the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald welcomed the group to the event that honoured the 14 women killed during the Montreal Massacre in 1989 at Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal and missing and murdered indigenous women. The event also remembered local victims such as the Shafia women murdered in Kingston in 2009; Kaitlan Babcock, who was killed in her home on Conacher Drive on June 18, as well as Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam, the victims of a murderous rampage in Wilno, Ont., on Sept. 22. "When we try to remember this on our own it can be so overwhelming and paralyzing," Macdonald said. "But when we come together in community, with people we know, with people we're going to get to know, when we come together in community to remember, even the most painful events, even the most horrific actions, when we come together in community we can find strength, we can find comfort, we can find hope. "It is so important that we gather to remember so that we will be strengthened. So that we will be comforted. So that we will find the hope we need to take action." [Kingston Whig-Standard](#), A1

*** Polytechnique Massacre victims honoured by indigenous community**

Members of the indigenous community are standing in solidarity with the victims of the Montreal Massacre, while highlighting that violence against women is not something fixed in the past. Fourteen women were killed on Dec. 6, 1989 when an armed man entered the École Polytechnique and separated the men from the women, killing 14 people just because they were women. On Sunday, members of the aboriginal community marked the 26th anniversary of the massacre by honouring the 14 victims through speeches and song. They gathered at Place du 6 décembre in Côte-des-Neiges to honour the Polytechnique victims while also remembering those who continue to suffer violence. "It's still happening

to do this day, almost three decades later you know, there's still violence happening in the form of murdered and missing indigenous women," said Chantel Henderson, a spokesperson for the Missing Justice Collective. There are many similarities between the violence that is a reality for many indigenous women and what happened at the Polytechnique Massacre, Henderson said. [CBC News](#), [Le Devoir](#)

Crowd gathers in Riverview to give voice to victimized women

First mourn. Then work for change. That is the call to action inscribed on the Dec. 6 monument in Riverview, and each year in the town, people from southeastern New Brunswick gather to mourn women lost to domestic violence and to strengthen the voice that calls for change. About 75 people gathered Sunday evening at the Father Dan Bohan Family Centre for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. The local event, organized by the Moncton & District Labour Council's December 6 Committee, heard from Suzanne Bibeau, an outreach worker with the Coalition Against Abuse in Relationships. She said on average, a Canadian woman dies from intimate partner violence every six days in Canada. As well, an estimated 1.5 million Canadian children are exposed to domestic violence in their homes. The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence was born out of the horror of the 14 young women murdered at Montreal's L'École Polytechnique 26 years ago. It seeks to remember as well as the roughly two dozen women and girls from Metro Moncton who have died from violence since that night. The toll of domestic violence continues to grow. At this year's ceremony, Paula Armstrong's name was added to the local roll of remembrance. She was murdered in a home on Purdy Avenue in June. Her killer then took his own life. [Times & Transcript](#), A1

Montreal massacre remembered

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau joined a subdued ceremony Sunday to mark the 26th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre where 14 women were shot to death at the École Polytechnique. Trudeau and a small crowd listened as the names of the victims were read aloud, silhouetted by 14 beacons of light projected into the night sky in memory of the victims. Trudeau did not address the crowd, but said afterward the anniversary is not only a time to remember the events of the massacre, but also to make promises. He said his personal pledge was "to never forget, and to do everything I can to ensure that never again." Trudeau released a statement on the massacre Sunday restating the Liberal government's promise to launch an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women and to introduce legislation to provide greater support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. [Canadian Press](#) (Waterloo Region Record, Toronto Sun, London Free Press, The Province, Montreal Gazette, Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard, London Free Press, Chronicle-Herald, Hamilton Spectator), * [Globe and Mail](#), * [Journal de Montréal](#)

*** Massacre remembered**

It's been 26 years since 14 young women at Montreal's l'École Polytechnique de Montréal were murdered, simply because they were women. Every year since that cold and dark evening on Dec. 6, 1989, Canadians around the country have gathered to remember those women and others who have been killed because of genderbased violence. But not only has that day served as a collective symbol of pain for Canadians, it has also served as a beacon of hope - hope that one day violence against women will be a thing of the past. The Sun spoke to Yami Msosa, the public education coordinator of the Sexual Assault Support Centre of Ottawa, to discuss how the events of Dec. 6, 1989 have changed people's views as well as society, and what we've learned since then. [Toronto Sun](#), A49 (Ottawa Sun)

*** Vigil at University of Windsor marks Montreal Massacre**

Amelia Runchey was born in 1989, the year of the Montreal Massacre. In her 26 years, the Hamilton native, who is the co-ordinator of the University of Windsor women's centre, has grown to appreciate the gravity of marking the day of Dec. 6 when 14 female engineering students were gunned down in cold blood at L'École Polytechnique de Montreal. "Today is an opportunity to remember and honour these women and also an opportunity to reflect and speak out against violence against women in all forms," said Runchey, a student in women's and gender studies. "It's very important to me and to students because it happened to students. "It was a classroom that was targeted. It's important for campuses to take this day, take some time to remember what happened 26 years ago." About 100 people gathered at the university's memorial to the massacre, which features 14 obelisks - one for each of the victims. [Windsor Star](#), A3

*** Hamilton remembers victims of Montreal massacre**

A small crowd gathered near Hamilton City Hall on Sunday for an emotional ceremony to remember the women killed during the Montreal Massacre 26 years ago. On Dec. 6, 1989 Marc Lepine carried a rifle into Montreal's École Polytechnique and shot 28 people, killing 14 female engineering students. Sunday afternoon's memorial in Hamilton saw about 40 people gather at the corner of Main Street West and Bay Street. That's the site of a memorial stone that, 25 years ago, was placed to commemorate the women. By the end of the half-hour ceremony, it was covered with red roses and a single burning candle. Similar events were held across the country. In Montreal Sunday, white roses were laid on pillars in a park near the school to remember the victims. Representatives of women's and aboriginal rights groups reminded the public that women in Canada still face violence. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was expected to attend a ceremony on Mount Royal later in the day, where 14 beacons of light were to be projected into the sky. [Hamilton Spectator](#), A3

*** 'You don't have to feel ashamed' - Sex-trafficking survivor hopes to protect girls**

As a teen, she went from a loving, middle-class home to being trafficked for sex to middle-class dads in the West End. After that, she was "sold" in Toronto. Finally, she returned to Winnipeg, where she threw herself off the Maryland Street Bridge, breaking bones in her back, legs and feet. Now 32, Jessica Pennock is a survivor who is determined to prevent girls from getting sucked in by predators, such as the one who got her at age 15. (...) Then she met former Conservative MP Joy Smith, whose foundation raises awareness about sex trafficking in Canada. A light went on for Pennock. For the first time, she realized what had happened to her - being groomed then trafficked from the age of 15 - wasn't her fault. "I'm a survivor of a horrible crime," she said. Now she's volunteering with the Joy Smith Foundation and sharing her story. The foundation is going to junior high schools to teach students about predators' tactics and how to avoid them and stay safe. Smith, who was a teacher for 23 years before she was an MP, said she's prepared course material in English and French that are age-appropriate and should be part of the curriculum in schools across Canada. (...) 93 per cent of Canada's sex trafficking victims are Canadian girls who have either been groomed online or lured into false "boyfriend" relationships at the local mall or recreational centre. On average, a trafficker makes \$280,000 for each girl they force into prostitution. Canada does not have a standard system for collecting data on trafficking incidents. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), A3

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Former refugees say winter can be shock to newcomers

It was a frigid February in 1985 when Getachew Woldeyesus arrived in Saskatchewan as a refugee. The young man from Ethiopia stayed inside for two months. "Because you don't know, is it slippery out there? Are you wearing the right shoes? It's freezing out there, so I was afraid to go out," Woldeyesus recalled in an interview with The Canadian Press. Weather-related challenges will no doubt face many of the 25,000 Syrian refugees the federal government has committed to bring to Canada by early next year. Social agencies, church groups and private citizens across the country have been organizing donations of clothing with an emphasis on coats, gloves, hats and winter footwear. (...) Ali Abukar agrees. Abukar fled Somalia and lived in Egypt as a refugee before arriving in Canada in 2011. He lived in Ontario before moving to Saskatoon in the winter of 2013. Abukar said winter can be tough for refugees who use public transit and will stand outside waiting for a bus. (...) Abukar, who is now executive director at the Saskatoon Open Door Society, said sometimes refugees and immigrants don't know what clothes to wear in the winter. The society shows them what mittens and scarves are all about and how to dress for the cold. [Canadian Press](#) (The Guardian, A8, Waterloo Region Record, Leader-Post, Times & Transcript, Red Deer Advocate, Calgary Sun); [Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Nouvelliste, 8, Acadie Nouvelle)

*** Déjà vu? Finding the right balance in the refugee-terrorism nexus**

Faced with security issues whose dimensions overlap both the foreign and domestic arenas, newly-minted Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is in a truly unenviable position. He has vowed to end Canada's combat mission against ISIS and instead refocus upon training local forces and redoubling the humanitarian effort. Playing upon the anger and frustration many Canadians felt towards Harper and the Conservatives, Trudeau presented himself as a sympathetic and humanist alternative, and thereby

promised to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees into Canada by the end of 2015. (...) More crucial is how this will affect Canada's relationship to the United States. Americans will play close attention to how the Trudeau government handles the movement of 25,000 refugees and how this is done securely. In the aftermath of 9/11, continental security is not negotiable to the Americans. As debate concerning the admission of Syrian refugees into the United States becomes even more acrimonious, many will cast their gaze upon Canada. In the tense atmosphere that now exists, if even one Syrian refugee crosses the border into the United States and commits a terrorist act, the consequences for Canada could well be devastating. [Hill Times](#)

Syrian refugee process in Turkey 'a little bit behind,' Canadian ambassador says

As the effort to select and process Syrian refugees for resettlement in Canada ramps up in Jordan and Lebanon, a more complex situation on the ground in Turkey has slowed the pace of the operation there. The Canadian government has committed to bring 10,000 Syrian refugees to Canada from the three countries by the end of December. An additional 15,000 will be resettled by March. The processing centres in Amman, Jordan, and Beirut, Lebanon, are ramping up to meet the demand. A Canadian official said the government met its goal of processing 500 refugees a day at the Amman centre on the weekend. But the situation in Turkey is a different story. "We're a little bit behind our colleagues in the other posts but we're going to do our best," said John Holmes, Canada's ambassador to Turkey, in an interview with CBC News. (...) Thirty additional Canadian personnel will be deployed to Turkey to assist with the refugee airlift. A processing centre is being established in Gaziantep, a major city in southeast Turkey near the Syrian border. "Security, of course, is a concern in that part of the world. So that is our No. 1 priority for our staff," Holmes said. Thirty-three people were killed in July when a suicide bomber with reported links to ISIS attacked a crowd of youth activists in the Turkish town of Suruc, 110 kilometres from Gaziantep. The Canadian Embassy in Ankara is working with the International Organization for Migration on a plan to airlift the refugees in Turkey to Canada. Holmes said he's unsure when those charter flights will depart, adding that "we are a few weeks away." [CBC News](#)

Liberals to concede flaw in fiscal plan

The Trudeau government will acknowledge this week that its tax hike on the richest Canadians won't cover the entire cost of its promised tax cut for the middle class, adding to the fiscal pressures on coming federal budgets, sources said. (...) Liberal House Leader Dominic LeBlanc said in an interview the tax measures and the TFSA change will be announced simultaneously to allow taxpayers to adjust before they come into effect at the start of the new tax year. The Liberal government's plan to end income-splitting for families will be formally announced next year, along with the creation of the promised Canada Child Benefit. Mr. LeBlanc added that the House will spend much of its time this week debating the Throne Speech, giving a number of rookie MPs a chance to make their "maiden speech" in Parliament. In addition, there will be a vote on Thursday on the cost of resettling 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of February. [Globe and Mail](#), A1

Eager to help refugees

When Ruth and Richard MacKellar decided to sponsor a refugee family from Syria with some friends, they quickly realized there were three things needed right away: money, a settlement plan and housing. "The biggest hurdle was going to be accommodation," said Richard, who lives in Squamish. Despite the community's relatively small size and distance from Vancouver - about an hour's drive - Squamish is not immune to the region's housing affordability crisis. The rental vacancy rate is less than one per cent and housing prices are rising rapidly, Richard said. (...) Staff at the Immigrant Services Society, which receives the housing leads through its website, are analyzing and mapping the types and locations of accommodation offers they receive, said Chris Friesen, the society's settlement services director. Two local developers have also offered free or below-market rental apartments to Syrian families for their first few months. Short-term, transitional housing is not likely to be as much of a challenge, as places such as church basements, hotels with kitchenettes or even school gymnasiums could be pressed into service. The real challenge across Canada, particularly acute in Vancouver, will be for refugees who live on an income equivalent to provincial welfare rates to find long-term housing they can afford. [Postmedia News](#) (Vancouver Sun, A1/Front)

*** Refugee housing: Where will they live in Ottawa?**

Like many young women searching for an apartment, Jennifer Graham has a list of demands: it has to be affordable, close to amenities and in a nice area. But this apartment isn't for her. She's house hunting for a refugee family. Graham is part of the Ottawa South Committee for Refugee Sponsorship. Like many such groups across the city, hers is scrambling to figure out where the refugee family it's sponsoring will live once the plane lands. "First and foremost we want affordable housing. We're looking for a multicultural neighbourhood, and that is close to amenities that they need like transit, groceries, schools, parks for the kids," Graham said. (...) Vincent Detillieux, president of Saint Joseph Property Management, says his company has 32 available units he could offer to refugees. "The timing works out very well," he said. "There's a desire to want to help them, to provide housing to them that's affordable, but quality housing." Detillieux's company works with about 10,000 landlords in the city, keeping track of them with the aid of a database. He says at least 200 of them are currently seeking tenants. "I believe this landlord database could be used to find landlords who are willing to accept refugees in their rentals," Detillieux said. "People want to help." [CBC News](#)

City readies for influx of Syrian refugees

An Edmonton agency is setting up a volunteer hotline in preparation for the arrival of Syrian refugees in what's likely the largest influx since the arrival of Vietnamese "boat people" in the late 1970s. The Mennonite Centre for Newcomers is receiving 30 to 40 calls a day offering to help, but some people are shuttled between groups as they narrow down where assistance is most needed, executive director Erick Ambtman says. "There are so many people, and they're calling 20 different organizations and levels of government. There's a lot of uncertainty about who you contact," he says. (...) Ambtman estimates that as many as two-thirds of the 3,000 Syrian refugees likely coming to Alberta by early next year will wind up in Edmonton, more refugees than have been seen since thousands of Vietnamese came in the '70s. The city has also set up a website called Welcoming Syrian Refugees outlining the settlement process and volunteer opportunities. One of the many groups in the area sponsoring refugees is an ecumenical Sherwood Park church committee working to bring in an extended family of 15 people. [Postmedia News](#) (Edmonton Journal, A1/Front)

Waiting for refugee numbers

The provincial government doesn't know exactly how many refugee families could settle in New Brunswick before the new year and where exactly those people will be housed. With less than a month to go before the deadline passes on the federal government's promise to bring 10,000 Syrian refugees to Canada, the cabinet minister who oversees New Brunswick's preparations says they're still working on the federal government to get firm numbers. Since they don't know how many people will arrive in New Brunswick yet, Francine Landry said they can't predict where they'll be housed. The 1,500 refugees expected by New Brunswick will be placed in Moncton, Saint John or Fredericton. "We don't have exact numbers at this time," Landry said on Friday. "We might get those answers next week. We are not sure. We are still working with the federal government on that." In the meantime, she said government is searching for Arabic translators, trying to find affordable housing and preparing services like health care to be ready for the arrival of refugee families. [Telegraph-Journal](#), A2 (Times & Transcript, Daily Gleaner)

Quebec ready for influx

Nearly 3,000 refugees are expected to arrive in Quebec between now and New Year's, with the first full planeload landing next Saturday. The majority will settle in Montreal, which typically takes in 85 per cent of new arrivals to the province. It is an influx unparalleled in Quebec history in terms of the large numbers arriving in such a short period of time. They will come tired, disoriented, hopeful and in need of help to start their new lives. And smack in the middle of the Canada's busiest holiday period. To show Quebec is in fact ready to deal with the coming flood at Christmas-time, provincial Immigration Minister Kathleen Weil and acting Public Security Minister Pierre Moreau visited an immigration support centre in the St-Laurent borough Saturday to chat with new arrival success stories like Harout Sarajian and his family. (...) Weil said the province's main concern is with the timing of the integration, when the massive volume of people will come over the course of three weeks in December. Quebec has already taken in 1,000 of the 3,650 Syrian refugees it has pledged to accommodate. The province will provide more funding to organizations like CACI if there is a need, she said, in addition to the \$29 million it has already earmarked. The federal government has also promised funding. Most of the refugees Quebec has

pledged to receive for 2015 are privately sponsored, meaning a community organization like CACI, a religious group or a joining of five community members have pledged to look after the welfare of a refugee or refugee family for their first year here. [Postmedia News](#) (Montreal Gazette, A4)

6 citations sur la réalité des réfugiés syriens qui arrivent au Canada

Citoyen canadien depuis deux ans, Anas Hariri essaie de rassembler sa famille qui vit encore en Syrie, au Liban et en Turquie. Pour le moment, seule la famille de son frère a réussi à intégrer le Canada. Voici 6 citations sur la réalité des réfugiés syriens. «Jusqu'à maintenant je vis un rêve, parce que je vois comme c'est difficile la situation là-bas et à quel point c'est difficile la situation mondiale envers les réfugiés... », raconte Anas qui est désormais citoyen canadien et qui a eu la chance de pouvoir accueillir des membres de sa famille. «Au début, elle essayait de suivre le rythme...» explique Anas en riant, qui a amené sa famille aux célébrations de la Saint-Jean-Baptiste tout de suite après leur arrivée. Il faut payer 12 000\$ pour pouvoir parrainer sa famille au Canada. Anas est responsable de son frère et de sa famille pendant 12 mois. [Agence QMI](#) (Journal de Montréal, Journal de Québec)

Welcome home

It was after he was "taken" for two months that Rakan decided enough is enough: He and his family - wife Houda, and their five children - had to leave Syria. Close to two years later, the 44-year-old hesitates to speak of his terrifying disappearance, not revealing anything other than his family did not know where he was for weeks, and that he was not kidnapped for money. (...) They arrived in Canada last week, one of several Syrian refugee families sponsored privately by Humanity First. The Toronto Sun visited the family at their temporary accommodations inside an empty Vaughan home used as a communal guest house by the Ahmadiyya Muslim community, which is co-ordinating resettlement efforts with Humanity First. "We work with them, for them, to find permanent accommodations for them," said Mumtaz Ali, a member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at resettlement team for Syrian refugees. "We do work with them to find a job." Rakan and Houda intend on getting work and placing their kids in school as soon as possible. "We hear that the first year will be very difficult," Rakan said. [Toronto Sun](#), A8 (Calgary Sun)

Syrian refugee response gets organized

Guelph entrepreneur and philanthropist Jim Estill is overjoyed by the response the Guelph community is making to the Syrian refugee crisis. But far from being overwhelmed, Estill appears to relish the organizational challenge of bringing 50 Syrian refugee families to Guelph in the coming weeks. Estill went public on Nov. 24 with his pledge to financially sponsor 50 of those families in Guelph, an act of charitable giving that could total as much as \$1.5 million. He said it is simply the right thing to do. Other groups are also sponsoring refugees. (...) An organizational framework driven completely by volunteers comprises eight teams, each lead by a director, and each with an assistant director. Estill shared the information recently on his blog, www.jimestill2.blogspot.ca. The eight teams include mentors, finance, education/training, health, food and meals, jobs, transportation, and housing. The list of people who will direct these teams was being finalized late last week. In all of these areas volunteers are being signed up, and goods and services providers are being identified. Many have offered to billet families. There is a definite need for more accommodations. And more volunteers are needed. The Salvation Army has stepped up as the lead organization for donations. [Waterloo Region Record](#), B4

«Attache ta tuque avec de la broche»

Depuis que le Canada a donné son feu vert à l'accueil de 25 000 réfugiés syriens au cours des prochains mois, Pompon Laine Café s'est transformé en point de chute pour ceux qui souhaitent offrir des tuques et autres vêtements de laine destinés aux citoyens fuyant la guerre civile en Syrie. Le lieu de rencontre, qui propose des cours de tricot et du café aux amateurs de longues aiguilles, troquera son activité de Noël, prévue jeudi, par une séance de tricot en règle au profit des futurs résidents québécois. «Habituellement nous sommes dans la période où l'on fabrique des cadeaux express, des petits patrons pour les tricoteuses aguerries. Puis on a décidé de se réorienter et on a demandé aux gens de venir tricoter avec nous. En fait, les Syriens n'ont pas demandé à quitter leur pays. Ils s'en viennent dans un milieu qui peut être assez hostile. Il n'ont pas choisi d'être en exil. Donc, si c'est réconfortant pour nous, tricoter, on se dit que ce sera réconfortant pour eux. Tricoter un morceau, c'est comme un lien d'affection, une preuve d'affection, d'amitié, de bons vœux, de bienvenue», note l'une des propriétaires de Pompon Laine Café, Julie Biron, qui se réjouit de la trentaine de tuques déjà au rendez-vous. [La Presse](#)

Refugee planning gets down to details in Old Ottawa South

Old Ottawa South resident Marc Rand decided he wanted to do something to help a Syrian refugee family that is being sponsored by a community group in his neighbourhood. But he needed the OK from his 16-year-old son, Ben. "Mind giving up your room for a while?" he asked Ben before offering their home as a temporary refuge for the family with four young children. (...)The Ottawa South group had a blizzard of details on the table. Friends and neighbours have been asked to donate a long list of items, from a kitchen table to dish soap, dressers, lots of shoes and four car seats. "Should we get them cellphones?" someone asked. They've been awash in offers of help and cash. More than \$50,000 has been raised, enough to start work on sponsoring a second family. A dentist, optometrist and barber have offered their services. Several former English-as-a-second-language teachers said they'd be glad to tutor them. Students at a nearby private school plan to make welcome signs in Arabic. [Postmedia News](#) (Ottawa Citizen, A4)

'How people live, it's inhumane,' says refugee living in Fredericton

When Mohammed Daoussa Tom thinks about his mom and dad, tears begin to roll down his cheeks. The Sudanese refugee doesn't remember the last time he saw his parents alive. "I'm starting to forget their faces," said the 21-year-old, burying his face into his hands. "It's been a long time." Last year, he learned his father is dead and he still doesn't know the whereabouts of his mother. (...)Daoussa Tom says he's trying to do his best to integrate into Canadian society. He's doing this by taking classes and learning English at the Multicultural Association of Fredericton. When he first arrived, the Fredericton resident said it was a bit strange. Daoussa Tom admits he was a bit afraid and sick. But says he's also living in an apartment and making new friends in the Fredericton community. "It's a small city but everyone is generous and they're not aggressive or violent," he said. "I like Fredericton, it's the ideal city for me." He also admits, Canadian living conditions can be difficult. "Once the cold arrives, I can't leave the house," said Daoussa, who says he dresses in layers, but nothing seems to prevent the cold. "I stay in my room." [Telegraph-Journal](#), A3 (Daily Gleaner)

Saskatoon comes together to provide dream wedding

Athar Farroukh and Mohamad Al-Noury got the wedding they always wanted. The couple, refugees from Syria, was given a lavish wedding reception Sunday thanks to a wave of donations from Saskatoon residents and businesses. "We're blessed that we're in Saskatoon. It's a dream come true for us," Farroukh said before cutting the cake and joining the revellers in a Delta Bessborough hotel ballroom. "It's a great feeling. I wish everyone could have the same experience." The couple arrived in Saskatoon one year ago. Their village in Syria was bombed and they were forced to flee. They had hoped to get married at home, but soon saw they could not return. They were married in a modest ceremony in a Lebanese refugee camp before being accepted to Canada. Last week, CBC reporter Eman Bare was interviewing them when she discovered they had no wedding photos. Bare and some friends offered to snap some shots, and they put out a call for help on social media. "I posted it, but then the community took over," she said. People donated flowers and food, as well as a wedding dress and suit for the couple. Bessborough officials donated the banquet hall. On Sunday afternoon, about 50 guests, as well as a throng of reporters and photographers, were on hand as the smiling couple entered the ballroom. They sat for photos, then watched as well-wishers sang and drummed and danced in their honour. [Postmedia News](#) (StarPhoenix, A1/Front)

Armenian centre in Willowdale to accept more than 1,000 refugees

There are already roughly 350 Syrian refugees adjusting to their first winter in Canada, the first days of a new life, thanks to the Armenian Community Centre in Willowdale. The centre's co-ordinator will see her phone ring all day, as Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) alerts her of new arrivals. Lorig Garboushian and volunteers have picked up more than 20 people in a day, just the beginning of the 1,079 newcomers they will be sponsoring. That's roughly half of the 2,600 refugees Toronto will be accepting, according to the numbers released two weeks ago by CIC. There's always someone there at the airport to welcome the arrivals, whose faces often belie conflicted emotions. [CBC News](#) (2015-12-06)

Young singer inspired by plight of refugees

Like many a musician before her, Jamie Arsenault is trying to fight hatred with music. Disturbed by a wave of prejudicial comments about refugees on social media, the 21-year-old musician from Grande Prairie decided to do something about it. "I wanted people to realize that refugees are just like us," Arsenault said. "Maybe they look different, or speak a different language and pray to a different god, but they're just human, with the same hopes and fears as us." (...) Arsenault said she spent a few days researching the experiences of Syrian refugees, and fine-tuning the lyrics and music before recording and posting her video. The lyrics to Arsenault's Refugee Song are written from the point of view of a mother in a war-torn country who is trying to comfort her child. (...) Though she's not sure if she changed the minds of any people who posted hateful comments, all of the responses she has received so far have been positive. "I think I've made a big enough difference that it's made my heart a little bit happier," she said. Postmedia News (Edmonton Journal, A5)

*** Amnesty supporters gather in Waterloo to write for rights**

International Human Rights Day, which was marked Saturday, has special meaning for Anwar Arkani. After his father was murdered in 1978, Arkani fled through the jungles of Burma (now called Myanmar) along with his mother and 300,000 other refugees to Bangladesh. It was a two-day walk, and only the beginning of a 24-year-long journey that ended in Canada. (...) Margaret Jackson co-chairs one of the two Amnesty International groups in Kitchener- Waterloo. Her group raises awareness, and the other writes letters. The Saturday event was called Write for Rights. "It is the premier event for Amnesty International all around the world," Jackson said. "Last year in this event we were able to send out over three million letters." Among the 10 issues highlighted by Jackson's group Saturday are three in Canada: a dam on the Peace River in northern B.C. that will destroy First Nation trap lines and hunting grounds; keeping Canada's immigration doors open to Syrian refugees; and the actions of Canadian mining and oil companies operating abroad. Waterloo Region Record, B1

How do refugees travel to work?

An editorial by a P.E.I. board member for Transportation Action Atlantic states, "According to The Guardian, Dec. 4, Robert Henderson, MLA for O'Leary-Inverness, thinks that refugees arriving in P.E.I. should be encouraged to become farm and fisheries workers, replacing temporary foreign workers. Mr. Henderson sees a double benefit: employment for refugees while lowering the number of temporary foreign workers. Hmmm. How are the refugees to get to the farms and fish plants? Won't they have the same problem many rural islanders, who would also like to work on the farms and fish plans, have? On P.E.I., as it is now, the only way to reach a destination more than walking distance away is by automobile. Is P.E.I. going to provide refugees with automobiles? It so far hasn't done this for those rural islanders who do not have their own cars. The temporary foreign workers do not need cars because they are housed in barracks at the work sites. Refugees coming here will be housed in camps or barracks near work sites?" The Guardian, A6

Saint John is up to refugee challenge

An editorial states, "Saint John, with one of the country's highest poverty rates, is about to welcome up to 500 Syrian refugees who will need financial and moral support. Is welcoming so many outsiders in conflict with helping the city's existing poor? In the words of Mayor Mel Norton, this isn't an either/or situation. We have a duty -- and a history -- of responding to international humanitarian crises. Mayor Norton and Shilo Boucher, CEO of the Greater Saint John YMCA, have outlined some of the needs as the city prepares. The YMCA's Newcomer Connections program is acting as the co-ordinating site for the refugees. There are already signs of preparation around Saint John. The YMCA has received scores of offers of time and money. A call for Arabic translators brought 40 responses. Area churches are working on a clothing drive so every family has what it needs to face a Canadian winter. The city will offer the refugees free bus passes. The welcoming effort still needs more support. Ms. Boucher says the Y is looking to match welcoming groups of three-to-five Saint John area residents with each refugee family. These groups will help them with everyday activities -- navigating the city, opening a bank account, finding grocery stores and pharmacies, helping arrange child-care and schools." Telegraph-Journal, A8

Volunteers aid refugees more than government

An opinion piece states, "Throughout the Syrian refugee crisis, when governments have stumbled, volunteers have charged ahead. (...)Private citizens often plug the gaps that the state leaves open. In some ways, that's as it should be. But even if resettling refugees is a national project, the project begins and ends with government policy. Canada's refugee policy has holes in it that no volunteers can fill. The responsibility for repair falls to the Liberal government alone. And if it keeps one of its campaign promises on refugees, it may fail in this. It isn't difficult for refugee advocates to support several Liberal promises on refugees. Not just the promise that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made to resettle more Syrian refugees - he vowed to change the system. If he fulfils that vow, his government will improve family reunification. It will reduce sponsorship application processing timelines. It will restore refugee health care. It will appoint only experts to the Immigration and Refugee Board. In other words, the government will do a better job of taking refugees in, and will take better care of them when they arrive. What's not to like? Only this: Canadian refugee advocates have long criticized a list that gives preferential treatment to refugees that don't come from so-called "safe countries." While a Citizenship and Immigration Canada spokesperson tells me that it's too early to comment about the government's intentions, according to the Liberal campaign platform, the government may revise the safe country list, but has no plan to rip it up." [Postmedia News](#) (Ottawa Citizen, C4)

Canada needs to prepare for refugees

An opinion piece states, "Canada has an opportunity to once again be known as a nation of small towns with big hearts greeting the world's first "environmental refugees". Get ready Canada for a reinvigoration of the Nanaimos, Medicine Hats, North Battlefords, Selkirks, Thunder Bays, Rimouskis, Monctons, Dartmouths, Summersides, and Ganders as choice destinations for displaced persons fleeing chaos around the world. (...)To such populations, Canada is a kind of Promised Land. Underpopulated, potentially benefitting agriculturally from the early stages of global warming, and predisposed to middle-power diplomacy and decency, Canada is the kind of country people everywhere would like to raise their children. Consider the choices a young Syrian family faces today in a Beiruti refugee camp, perhaps a repurposed concrete parking garage in the city's core. To stay is to accept an uncertain fate at best, cooking dinners on an open fire and hoping for charity or marginal employment in the city's street-side markets. Educational opportunities for children will be severely limited. To decide to move is to embrace hope of redemption in another system - in another world. To such parents, Canada is the dream destination. Facing this uncertain world, Canada needs seriously to plan for a growing tide of refugees. Expensive real estate and a high cost of living will bar some traditional recipient cities like Vancouver and Toronto from playing a key role." [Red Deer Advocate](#), A4 (The Guardian, Daily Gleaner)

A chance for compromise

A letter to the editor states, "Re: Refugees Eschewing Canada Refuted, Dec. 4. A UN agency's discovery that fewer than 5 per cent of eligible Syrian refugees are interested in coming to Canada presents a wonderful opportunity for compromise for Liberals and their critics alike: the Liberals can hold their heads up high and truthfully say they've invited 25,000 to come to Canada, but only 1,250 of them signed up. The Liberals could then fairly claim they "can only lead the horse to water..." and bring closure to this ill-conceived election promise." [Postmedia News](#) (National Post, A9)

*** Negativity carried too far**

An editorial states, "It appears that we are living in an increasingly negative thinking society. After the big Liberal win in the Oct. 19 federal election, jubilation suddenly turned sour as new Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that he would bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada by the year's end. What amazes me is that the news media, instead of praising the action of the government's proposed humanitarian effort, immediately focused on the fact that this project could not be successful. And now they seem to be reveling in the fact that they were right. I want to point out to our intrepid 'investigative' reporters that every proposed project must have a deadline attached. Otherwise it would only be a wish, which might never be accomplished. Are you too small to give credit where it is due?" [Cape Breton Post](#), A8

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

*** What the throne speech tells us about the 'new' federalism**

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau took primary responsibility for the health of the federation when he was sworn in last month as Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. When the Prime Minister's Office subsequently released the all-important Ministerial Mandate Letters there was no such letter regarding Intergovernmental Affairs - the PM apparently kept the details of his own mandate to himself. However, other ministers' letters addressed multiple federalism-related issues, from health and climate change to infrastructure and job creation. And while the intergovernmental script remained private, the new minister of Intergovernmental Affairs' actions spoke loud and clear. On November 23, 2015, Trudeau convened a First Ministers Meeting (FMM) in Ottawa, the first such meeting since 2009. The primary objective of this gathering was to develop a pan-Canadian framework to address climate change. The collaborative symbolism of the FMM persisted as the First Ministers accompanied the prime minister to the United Nations Climate Conference in Paris. [iPolitics](#)

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U.K. police probe 'terrorist' knife attack

Counter-terrorism police in Britain on Sunday investigated a stabbing at a London Underground station in which a man brandishing a knife injured two people and reportedly said "This is for Syria." Police arrested a 29-year-old man late Saturday and said they are treating the "violent unprovoked knife attack" at east London's Leytonstone subway station as a "terrorist incident." Richard Walton, chief of Scotland Yard's counter-terrorism command, said the decision was made because of information received from witnesses and police investigations. The force said it was searching a residential address in east London, but declined to say whether they were looking for other suspects. [Associated Press](#) (Guardian, B7, Red Deer Advocate, Edmonton Journal, StarPhoenix, Windsor Star, Gazette, Leader-Post, Toronto Sun, Times & Transcript, Whig-Standard); * [Calgary Sun](#), A23

Obama vows to defeat terror threat

In a rare Oval Office address, U.S. President Barack Obama vowed Sunday night the United States would overcome a terror threat that has entered a "new phase" as he sought to reassure Americans shaken by recent attacks in Paris and California. "I know that after so much war, many Americans are asking whether we are confronted by a cancer that has no immediate cure," he said, speaking from a lectern in his West Wing office. The president's speech followed Wednesday's shooting in San Bernardino, Calif., that killed 14 people and wounded 21. Authorities say a couple carried out the attack and the wife pledged allegiance to the Islamic State and its leader in a Facebook post. Obama said that while there was no evidence that the shooters were directed by a terror network overseas or part of a broader plot, "the two of them had gone down the dark path of radicalization." "This was an act of terrorism designed to kill innocent people," he said in the 13-minute address. The president announced no significant shift in U.S. strategy and offered no new policy prescriptions for defeating the Islamic State, underscoring both his confidence in his current approach and the lack of easy options for countering the extremist group. He did call on Congress to tighten America's visa waiver program and to pass a new authorization for military actions underway against ISIL in Iraq and Syria. [Associated Press](#) (Record, A1, Calgary Herald, Ottawa Citizen, Red Deer Advocate, Ottawa Sun, Times & Transcript, Edmonton Journal, StarPhoenix, Windsor Star, Leader-Post, Toronto Sun, Vancouver Sun, Province, Edmonton Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Hamilton Spectator, Whig-Standard); [Globe and Mail](#), A1

***Storm Desmond: army aids rescue effort as communities struggle after floods**

The army has been deployed to help flood-hit communities in the north of England after Storm Desmond left at least 60,000 homes without power and many lacking clean water, as whole communities were cut off. The storm turned high streets into waterways, with fire services in Lancashire and Cumbria forced to swap their fire engines for rescue boats. Hospitals in Lancaster and Carlisle were running on generator power after electricity substations were flooded, with army trucks used as ambulances in Lancaster to ferry patients to A&E. [The Guardian](#)

*** Far Right expected to triumph in French elections following Paris Attacks**

In a pattern that has become depressingly predictable, the far-right is making historic gains in France in the wake of the Paris terror attacks. The country is still in a state of emergency after simultaneous terror attacks across the capital killed 130 people three weeks ago. Now, the Front National has won the opening round of regional elections, coming first in six out of 13 'super-regions' in France. This is the most successful ever performance for the FN, which has never before held the leadership of a French region. [Metro UK](#); [France 24](#)

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Parliamentary standoffs: Let the sparring begin

No matter how much the federal parties insist they'll behave in the new House of Commons, expect some pitched battles between Liberal cabinet ministers and opposition critics. Here are a few matchups to watch during question period. THE LEADERS Justin Trudeau versus Rona Ambrose (Con.) versus Tom Mulcair (NDP) Trudeau's strength was never in the Commons, where he laboured in the shadow of Mulcair when it came to holding the last government's feet to the fire. But the new prime minister has set a torrid pace since his Oct. 19 election victory, and vows to continue his "sunny ways" approach to politics (...). **Public Safety: Ralph Goodale** versus Erin O'Toole (Con.) versus Randall Garrison (NDP) **Goodale** is unflappable, having served under three prime ministers (one of whom was Pierre Trudeau). He'll bring a firm hand to a hectic and high-profile portfolio, ranging from security services to refugee screening to the promised overhaul of the Conservatives' national security Bill C-51. O'Toole cut his chops at parliamentary debating beginning last January when he replaced the failing Julian Fantino as minister of veteran affairs. Soon after the election, the former air force officer and lawyer wrote to his caucus colleagues saying, "Our goal must be to challenge the Liberals from day one." Garrison has been an informed, outspoken and combative opposition voice. His growing knowledge of Canada's national security apparatus should make him an effective critic. [Postmedia News](#) (Windsor Star, NP3, StarPheonix, Leader-Post, Gazette, Ottawa Citizen, National Post, Edmonton Journal)

*** Liberal MPs rise up food chain as parliamentary secretaries**

Among the 35 parliamentary secretaries appointed by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau last week are new faces and familiar ones: star candidates from the last election as well as returning MPs who now may be a step closer to becoming ministers (...) First elected to the House in 1997, Mr. McKay, a lawyer, was the parl-sec to then-Finance minister **Ralph Goodale** (Regina-Wascana, Sask.) in Paul Martin's Liberal government. He's already a Privy Councillor, thanks to former Prime Minister Martin's singular practice of including parliamentary secretaries in that august body. [Hill Times](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

*** Nearly 35,000 homes without power as wind and rain lash B.C.'s south coast**

Strong winds whipped through Vancouver Island and Metro Vancouver Sunday evening, sparking weather warnings and downing power lines across the south coast. Up to 50 millimetres of rain was forecast for Howe Sound and Metro Vancouver's North Shore as a second Pacific storm pressed westward over Vancouver Island. The downpour was expected to last until Monday morning. About 25,000 customers in cities throughout the Lower Mainland and another 8,200 on Vancouver Island were without power by 8:30 p.m., according to BC Hydro. Many of the outages happened shortly after 7 p.m. when a series of strong gusts blew into the region. Environment Canada issued wind warnings for Metro Vancouver and Howe Sound, forecasting winds of up to 70 km/h and gusts of as much as 90 km/h. [Vancouver Sun](#); [The Province](#); [Canadian Press](#) (The Province)

*** Railroads quash rules after 2012 derailments**

A pair of train derailments in 2012 that killed two people in Maryland and triggered a fiery explosion in Ohio exposed a little-known and unsettling truth about railroads in the U.S. and Canada: No rules govern when rail becomes too worn down to be used for hauling hazardous chemicals, thousands of tons of freight or myriad other products on almost 170,000 miles of track. U.S. transportation officials moved to establish universal standards for when such steel gets replaced, but resistance from major freight railroads killed that bid, according to Associated Press interviews with U.S. and Canadian transportation officials, industry representatives and safety investigators. Now, following yet another major accident linked to worn-out rails - 27 tanker cars carrying crude oil that derailed and exploded in West Virginia earlier this year - regulators are reviving the prospect of new rules for worn rails and vowing they won't allow the industry to sideline their efforts. "We try to look at absolutely every place where we can affect and improve safety," said Federal Railroad Administrator Sarah Feinberg. "Track generally is the place that we're focusing at the moment, and it's clearly overdue. Rail head wear is one place in particular that we feel like needs to be addressed as soon as possible." [Associated Press](#) (Red Deer Advocate, B10)

*** Sick of the weather? blame el nino**

The El Nino weather phenomenon, which has impacted millions around the world this year and helped drive the huge hurricanes that battered Mexico's Pacific coast, is forecast to continue through the winter and become one of the strongest on record (...) El Nino is the warm phase of a seven-year weather cycle that drives sea-surface temperatures in the tropical eastern Pacific Ocean. It is associated with destructive flooding along the west coast of South America and severe hurricanes farther north along the Pacific coast. El Nino tends to bring mild, dry winters to the Pacific northwest but cold, snowy winters to the southern U.S. and Atlantic seaboard. [National Post](#), A2 (Leader-Post, Financial Post)

*** Solemn anniversary**

Ken Hynes walked through the courtyard of Halifax's Citadel Hill on Sunday towards the exact spot his grandfather stood 98 years ago the moment two ships collided in the narrows of the Halifax harbour, causing a massive explosion that left part of the Nova Scotia capital in ruins. Under partly cloudy skies, Hynes remarked that the weather was similar on Dec. 6, 1917, when the French cargo ship SS Mont-Blanc, loaded with explosives, collided with the Norwegian vessel SS Imo, creating the largest man-made explosion prior to the development of nuclear weapons. Hynes, a retired army major and curator of the Army Museum at Citadel Hill, imagined his 18-year-old grandfather Fletcher Manchester Bartlett watching as a blast wave swept over the fortress near the harbour in the city's downtown, wondering if the Germans had attacked. [Canadian Press](#) (The Guardian, B4; Calgary Sun)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Extremists could use peaceful demonstrations as cover

Intelligence officials are concerned that extremists might infiltrate peaceful anti-petroleum protests to "incite violence," a newly disclosed assessment indicates. The federal analysis of threats to the passenger rail system introduces a new twist to the often tense debate over state scrutiny of environmental demonstrators - that otherwise harmless activists might unwittingly harbour dangerous terrorists. The assertion - contained in a Transport Canada intelligence report - led one defender of civil liberties to ask whether there is evidence to support it. "I do think it's dangerous to start painting activism as a potential cover for terrorist activities," said Cara Zwibel, director of the fundamental freedoms program at the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. The Canadian Press recently obtained a copy of the six-page, November 2014 analysis by Transport's security intelligence assessment branch through the Access to Information Act. Overall, the assessment warns that surface transportation such as passenger rail is "a favoured target of terrorists" because attackers can inflict mass casualties, fear and economic harm using simple tactics - particularly improvised explosive devices. It points to the 2004 Madrid and 2005 London bombings as well as a more recent, failed plot to derail a Via Rail passenger train - all led or supported by al-Qaida. Future plots against passenger rail in Canada are possible given the emphasis on "solo jihad" by al-Qaida and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, past statements from their members and supporters, and the ease with which an attack could be carried out, the report says. [Canadian Press](#) (Red Deer Advocate, A1, Guardian, Record, Ottawa Sun, Ottawa Citizen, Whig-Standard, Toronto Star, Hamilton Spectator, Times & Transcript, Telegraph-Journal); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Acadie Nouvelle, 17)

Crainte d'une infiltration d'extrémistes

Des hauts fonctionnaires craignent que des extrémistes se glissent dans des manifestations contre la construction de pipelines, l'exploitation des sables bitumineux ou le transport du pétrole par train afin d'encourager la violence, indique un rapport récemment dévoilé. Le document rédigé par le service du renseignement de sécurité de Transports Canada, qui porte sur une analyse des menaces contre les services ferroviaires voyageurs, donne une nouvelle tournure au débat concernant la surveillance dont font l'objet les manifestants écologistes par l'État en laissant entendre que des activistes pacifiques pourraient involontairement accueillir dans leurs rangs des terroristes. Cara Zwibel, directrice du programme des libertés fondamentales pour l'Association canadienne des libertés civiles, a toutefois remis cette affirmation en question, doutant que le ministère ait des preuves pour étayer ses dires. Selon elle, il est dangereux de présenter le militantisme actif comme une couverture potentielle pour des activités terroristes. [La Presse Canadienne](#) a obtenu copie du rapport de six pages datant de novembre 2014 en vertu de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information. De manière générale, l'analyse avise les autorités que le transport de surface comme les services ferroviaires voyageurs compte parmi les cibles préférées des terroristes parce que les attaquants peuvent faire un grand nombre de victimes, semer la peur et nuire à l'économie en utilisant des tactiques simples, comme les engins explosifs de fabrication. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Droit, 19, La Presse)

*** Deadly Dollars**

Canada's new prime minister has made an international commitment to tackle terrorist financing but the country is failing to bring such cases to court, some experts say. Senator Daniel Lang, who led a National Security and Defence Committee study into the terrorism threat in Canada, said police and justice officials have received almost 700 reliable reports of suspected terrorist financing in the country during recent years. The committee also heard from Canada Revenue Agency that the agency had revoked the charitable status of eight charities over links to terrorism, he said (...) Money flowing into the country to fund efforts to radicalize Canadians is as dangerous as money headed out to fund terrorist organizations abroad. Sources for the money are wide-ranging - everything from criminal activities to "charitable" fundraising to a radical's maxed-out credit card before departure to fight in foreign lands. Darren Gibb, of the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC), a financial intelligence unit with a mandate to deter money laundering and financing of terrorist activities, said the organization provides information to police and other authorities to aid in investigations. [Toronto Sun](#), A4 (Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun)

* Muslim women stage hijab event

Local Muslim women are joining with others across the country to shed light on why they wear the hijab with the #JeSuisHijabi campaign. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association Edmonton held an open house at the Baitul Hadi mosque at 7005 98 Avenue on Sunday and plan to hold "try on a hijab" events at the University of Alberta Student's Union building on Monday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and at Telus building at 10020 100 Street from 9 a.m. to noon. Nudrat Mansoor says she respects Canadian values and is asking for the same respect (...) Following terrorist attacks in Paris on Nov. 13 and in San Bernardino, California on Wednesday, discrimination became worse. Mansoor says she has experienced cases where she is sitting on the LRT and people move to avoid sitting next to her. She said she wants to promote peace and harmony between everyone. "It's my choice to wear a hijab and I think I should be respected for that," Mansoor said. She added terrorism has no religion and it's up to everyone to work together to promote peace and respect. "Acceptance and diversity are core Canadian values that we should strive to embrace and live by. This campaign allows for Canadians to come together and engage in peaceful public dialogue to foster a better understanding of the Islamic," Edmonton Sun, A8 (Calgary Sun, A21)

* Tory MP Opposes Bill C-51 Changes

The recent terrorist attack in Paris and mass shooting in southern California have authorities around the world on high alert, and are causing concern here at home. During the federal election campaign, the Liberals and New Democrats pledged to reopen Bill C51, which is designed to safeguard Canadians against the possibility of such attacks. The legislation was one of the major achievements of the former Conservative government, and the Tory MP for Huron-Bruce says now is not the time for second thoughts. Ben Lobb points to action displayed by French authorities immediately after the Paris attacks, that allowed them to deal with most of the attackers quickly. He tells Bayshore Broadcasting News that the anti-terror legislation allows a broad range of federal agencies to work together in assessing potential terror threats against Canada. Lobb explains that it only makes sense for agencies like the military, the RCMP, C-SIS and Transport Canada to cooperate in the face of any threats. The anti-terror legislation was hotly discussed at times in nine Huron-Bruce all-candidates' meetings during the federal election campaign. Bayshore Broadcasting News

Un homme déconnecté

Un article d'opinion dit "Mi-figue mi-raisin, richard Martineau me disait récemment que lui et moi sommes des hommes du 20e siècle, alors que Justin Trudeau est un homme du 21e siècle. Je comprends ce que Richard voulait dire. Faites cependant un test autour de vous. Demandez aux gens sur quoi repose au juste la «modernité» de Justin Trudeau. Invariablement, on vous parlera de choses qui ont rapport avec son image: ses cheveux, la cravate dénouée, son goût pour les selfies, son aisance en public, son allure générale décontractée (...) C'est indiscutablement, même si c'est hautement déplaisant, la lutte au terrorisme et la question de notre sécurité. Au cas où vous ne l'auriez pas remarqué, des gens nous ont déclaré la guerre et tuent des innocents. Hier, le président Obama s'est solennellement adressé au peuple américain. L'Allemagne, dont la réticence à participer à des opérations militaires a des causes historiques, engagera six avions Tornado, une frégate et 1200 hommes en Syrie. La Grande-Bretagne vient de procéder à ses premières frappes en Syrie. Même les petits Pays-Bas, un joueur modeste, se font demander par la France et la Grande-Bretagne de faire leur part. Le président François Hollande, grandi par l'épreuve, dit que la France sera «implacable», sans renoncer pour autant à ses valeurs. Pendant ce temps, que fait Justin Trudeau? Il hésite, il tergiverse, il dit des banalités, il soigne son image. Dans le Discours du trône, un banal et maigrelet passage sur la lutte contre le terrorisme était noyé dans une liste d'épicerie de bons sentiments." Journal de Montréal, 32 (Journal de Québec)

* 1989 Massacre was Terrorism

An opinion piece states "On Dec. 6, Canadians observe the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, wearing white ribbons in commemoration of the Montreal Massacre. On Dec. 6, 1989, a lone gunman carried out a rampage shooting at the École Polytechnique engineering school in Montreal, Quebec. Marc Lépine killed 14 people and injured 14 others before taking his own life. He left a suicide note claiming "political reasons" for attacking women and feminism, which he blamed for ruining his life. He separated men from women before opening fire in a classroom. All of the 14 people he killed were women. The way such crimes are labelled has changed greatly since 1989. At the time of the

attack, most Canadians had never heard of "lone wolf" terrorism. The term "terrorist" was generally reserved for urban guerrillas and paramilitary extremists. The Montreal Massacre was largely described as a "crime" or a "tragedy" in newspapers and in official statements. Yet in 2015, we live a world where a single person can start a shootout on Parliament Hill, or massacre youths at a camp in Norway, in the service of fringe political ideologies. In this context, it is time to reevaluate the Montreal Massacre as a deliberate, theatrical act of violence targeted against civilians and driven by extremist politics: one of the worst terrorist attacks Canada has ever endured. To be sure, the idea that attacks against women or feminists are "political enough" to constitute terrorism is novel. In a post-9/11 world, people have become accustomed to terrorism driven by more "conventional" political and religious goals: shifts in western foreign policy, or silencing offensive cartoonists. Yet it is generally understood that violence driven by hatred for particular ethnicities or political groups can constitute terrorism. It is no great leap to broaden that understanding to include violence driven by hatred of women or of feminism." [Postmedia News](#) (Ottawa Citizen, C3)

*** To rein in terror, world must stop arms proliferation**

An opinion piece states "Terrorism is perpetrated by socio/psychopaths of all stripes and beliefs. These are people so immersed in evangelical beliefs, some religion-based and others secular-based, that they push beyond any form of rational consideration to become entirely convinced that their desired ends justify use of any means. Consequently, all empathy is driven from their thinking and behaviour, enabling them to plan and complete the most horrific of acts by dehumanizing their victims. Unfortunately, all societies have to live with such persons or groups. Think mass killers of all sorts, not just jihadists. What we can do, practically, is contain and limit their damage and, in so doing, enhance our sense of personal security and freedom. In the wake of the Paris outrage, the French armed forces are lashing out with all the high technology at their disposal and the usual suspects are beating their collective chests demanding more security and, unbelievably, seeming to blame this and possible future attacks on the pathetic Syrian refugees fleeing the very violence the West hopes to prevent." [Chronicle-Herald](#)

*** Obama no cure for terroritis**

An opinion piece states "You are still far more likely to be killed by lightning than by terrorists. Fifty Americans and 10 Canadians are fatally zapped in an average year. But no U.S. president has ever addressed his nation from the Oval Office on the growing threat of thunderstorms. Nor do we walk the street or ride the subway or stroll the mall glancing about for suspicious electrical fields. So why is terrorism so much scarier? Why do we suffer from terroritis? The difference, of course, is that lightning is known. It is natural. It is cause and effect. If you sit under a lone tree in a storm, or play the next hole, or kayak on open water, or stand in the open with a three-metre metal pole, you are quite likely to get fried. So you don't do those stupid things." [Toronto Sun](#) (2015-12-06)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** U.S.-Canada border called 'significant' terrorist pathway | Washington Examiner**

The U.S.-Canada border is the likely path for terrorists to invade the country, according to top national security experts and Congress' most comprehensive review of America's 19,000 miles of coasts and land borders. "The nexus between known or suspected terrorists in eastern Canada and the northern parts of the U.S. represent [sic] a significant national security threat," said a new report from the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, a conclusion reached as Canada decided to settle 25,000 Syrian refugees by March. [Washington Examiner](#) (2015-12-06)

*** Labour shortage in Banff and Lake Louise a challenge for tourism**

Businesses in Banff and Lake Louise are seeing a surge in tourism thanks to the low Canadian dollar, but they're struggling to find enough workers to meet the demand. Darren Reeder is the executive director of Banff & Lake Louise Hospitality Association and says the labour shortage is widespread in the tourism industry, according to a recent survey of area businesses. (...) One of the major issues is changes to the federal temporary foreign worker program brought in by the former Conservative government, including increased administrative fees for hiring foreign workers, and restrictions on working holiday visas that

prevent workers from returning each year. That last restriction, limiting workers to one two-year stint, is having an effect at local ski hills where Australian accents often outnumber local dialects. "That's pretty concerning ... and more importantly they are some of our most important brand ambassadors. They are the people that go home and talk about our values on the environment, about the economy," said Reeder. [CBC News](#) (2015-12-06)

* **Plus d'une dizaine de personnes radicalisées dans les prisons fédérales**

Selon des documents datant de mars 2015, obtenus de Service correctionnel Canada (SCC) à la suite d'une demande d'accès à l'information, il y a « onze délinquants coupables d'infractions liées au terrorisme » dans les prisons fédérales. Ils purgent des peines allant de 10 ans à l'emprisonnement à vie et la majorité d'entre eux est incarcérée dans un établissement à sécurité maximale. À cela s'ajoutent des « personnes d'intérêt » qui « sont possiblement radicalisées » ou qui « sont considérées comme posant une menace pour la sécurité nationale ». Le SCC ne donne toutefois pas de chiffres précis pour cette catégorie de détenus « radicalisés ». Mais la présence de ces personnes « d'intérêt » soulève des inquiétudes, affirme Herman Debarice Okomba, le directeur du Centre de prévention de la radicalisation menant à la violence à Montréal. (...) Pour identifier les personnes radicalisées, le SCC recueille des informations à l'intérieur des prisons et se fie aussi à la GRC, au Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité ou encore de l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada. Les personnes reconnues coupables d'infractions en vertu de la « Loi antiterroriste » sont aussi identifiées comme « délinquants radicalisés ». [Radio-Canada](#) (2015-12-06)

* **Drug prices expected to jump as result of trade deal**

The intellectual-property provisions in the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement will drive up global drug prices and make it harder to treat diseases in developing countries, Médecins sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) says. A month after the final text of the TPP was released, the medical humanitarian organization has completed its analysis of the portions of the massive trade pact that will affect drug costs. Despite changes from earlier leaked versions of the text, there are still serious problems, Judit Rius, MSF's U.S. legal policy adviser, said. "This is catastrophic. This is very negative. The impact is going to be at multiple levels," Ms. Rius said in an interview. [Globe and Mail](#), B1

CYBER SECURITY / CYBERSÉCURITÉ

* **Zombies informatiques neutralisés**

Le CRTC a récemment exécuté un mandat à Toronto pour le retrait d'un serveur de commande et de contrôle de la famille de maliciels Win32/Dorkbot. Ces maliciels ont infecté au-delà d'un million d'ordinateurs personnels dans plus de 190 pays, a précisé le Conseil de la radiodiffusion et des télécommunications canadiennes (CRTC). « Ces réseaux de zombies, qui sont très dangereux, sont utilisés aux fins d'activités illégales et peuvent mener au vol d'identité et à la fraude. Cette intervention montre que les partenariats entre les organismes d'application de la loi à l'échelle nationale et internationale sont essentiels en vue de lutter contre les cybermenaces transnationales », a indiqué Manon Bombardier, cadre en chef de Conformité et enquêtes du CRTC. (...) Dorkbot se propage au moyen d'une clé USB, des programmes de messagerie instantanée et des réseaux sociaux. Une fois qu'on a porté atteinte à l'intégrité d'un ordinateur, on peut lui ordonner de voler les mots de passe pour effectuer des transactions bancaires et les paiements en ligne. Il est aussi possible de télécharger et installer des maliciels dangereux et s'unir à d'autres ordinateurs infectés pour expédier des demandes multiples à un serveur en vue de dépasser sa capacité de réponse. Cette situation est aussi connue comme une attaque par déni de service. Le mandat a été exécuté conformément à la Loi canadienne antipourriel. Aux fins de cette enquête, le CRTC a collaboré avec plusieurs partenaires, dont le Federal Bureau of Investigation, Europol, Interpol, Microsoft inc., la Gendarmerie royale du Canada, **Sécurité publique Canada** et le Centre canadien de réponse aux incidents cybernétiques. [Presse Canadienne](#) (Journal Montréal, 38)

* **Who is listening as your children talk to their toys?**

Your daughter rips open the wrapping paper and screams with excitement - it's Talk To Me Tammy! After connecting the doll to your home's wireless network through a smartphone app, she and Tammy start

chatting. Tammy tells her jokes, quizzes her on some math questions and says her favourite colour is pink. She asks your daughter lots of questions about her likes and dislikes, hopes and dreams, and family and friends. The next day, you notice advertisements for products your daughter told Tammy she wants on your Facebook page. That's because buried in Tammy's terms of service - which you didn't read - was a clause authorizing the toy company to sell the data Tammy collects to marketers. Meanwhile, hackers who don't want to pay the toy company for your daughter's valuable data are working on a way to access it for free. Financial Post (Edmonton Journal, B6; Calgary Herald)

*** After Paris Attacks, French Cops Want to Block Tor and Forbid Free Wi-Fi**

After the recent Paris terror attacks, French law enforcement wants to have several powers added to a proposed law, including the move to forbid and block the use of the Tor anonymity network, according to an internal document from the Ministry of Interior seen by French newspaper *Le Monde*. That document talks about two proposed pieces of legislation, one around the state of emergency, and the other concerning counter-terrorism. Regarding the former, French law enforcement wish to "forbid free and shared wi-fi connections" during a state of emergency. This comes from a police opinion included in the document: the reason being that it is apparently difficult to track individuals who use public wi-fi networks. As the latter, law enforcement would like "to block or forbid communications of the Tor network." Motherboard (2015-12-06)

*** NSA's shuttered program was 'a sacrificial lamb' in U.S. mass surveillance**

The National Security Agency in the United States may have shuttered its controversial bulk phone record collection program, but that doesn't mean people living in that country suddenly have their communications free from government scrutiny... Snowden also revealed that Canada's electronic spy agency tracks millions of downloads daily by people around the world, including Canadians. While it's hard to know much about the Canadian Security Establishment because of the secrecy surrounding the agency, there is "evidence of the same kind of indiscriminate surveillance as the NSA engages in," says David Lyon, the director of Queen's University's surveillance studies centre and author of *Surveillance after Snowden*. CBC News (2015-12-06)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Man escapes custody in N.S. while being transferred to police van

Police in Nova Scotia searching for a man they say escaped custody while being transferred to a sheriff's van in the parking lot of the Truro Justice Centre. Nova Scotia justice officials say Marc Joseph Pellerin, 43, was awaiting a court appearance on a variety of charges, including theft of a motor vehicle, theft over \$5,000, break and enter, possession of stolen property, evading police, unsafe storage of a firearm and resisting arrest. The Moncton man was being transferred from Shediac Jail in New Brunswick to Halifax for a Monday court appearance. Authorities say Pellerin had previously escaped a police vehicle in May. Fred Hildebrand, of Nova Scotia's Department of Justice says Truro Police, the RCMP and Sheriff Services are searching for the subject. Postmedia (Daily Gleaner, B3)

Trudeau among those marking solemn occasion

Mourners gathered in Vancouver and other Canadian cities on Sunday to mark the 26th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, where 14 women were shot to death at the Ecole Polytechnique. In Montreal, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and a small crowd listened as the names of the victims were read aloud, silhouetted by 14 beacons of light projected into the night sky in memory of the victims. Trudeau did not address the crowd, but said afterward the anniversary is not only a time to remember the events of the massacre, but also to make promises. He said his personal pledge was "to never forget, and to do everything I can to ensure that never again." Trudeau released a statement on the massacre Sunday restating the Liberal government's promise to launch an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women and to introduce legislation to provide greater support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. "We all have an important role to play in stopping violence against women and girls, and in denouncing misogyny in all its forms," the statement read. "Like all parents, I want my daughter to grow up in a safe community and a safe world." Representatives of women's and aboriginal rights groups reminded the public that women in Canada still face violence. "In 2015, women are still victims of

violence, just because they're women," said Carole Benjamin, a spokesperson for the event. [Postmedia](#) (Province, A6, Winnipeg Sun, London Free Press, Calgary Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard, Hamilton Spectator, Red Deer Advocate, Chronicle Herald); [Waterloo Regional Record](#); [Gazette](#); * [Globe and Mail](#), A8

RCMP officer remembers Montreal losses

RCMP Sgt. Bert Paquet vividly recalls the day 14 women were murdered at the University of Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique 26 years ago. "I was actually in the pavilion next door to where it happened," the Manitoba RCMP media spokesperson said Sunday. "I was studying criminology in Montreal and we heard over the intercom for students to leave the area immediately and in a certain direction." Paquet had not heard the shots fired that fatal day but the stunning news quickly spread across campus. "It was just surreal," Paquet said on the National Day of Remembrance and Violence Against Women. "Even going back to school a couple of days later was different. It changes you. It changes the people around you, and you look at people around you differently as well." But deciding to become an RCMP officer was not the result of that tragedy and how close he was to it. Rather, meeting some RCMP officers later "planted the bug," he said. But Paquet, who was born in Montreal, will not soon forget that day. "It's a sad, sad story that did not need to happen," said Paquet, 50. "And it cost the lives of those promising young women." The RCMP maintain a strong presence whenever vigils for murdered women are held and continue to investigate unsolved ones under Project Devote. [Postmedia Network](#) (Winnipeg Sun)

RCMP seek pharmacy burglars

Crime Stoppers and Southeast District RCMP's Sackville Detachment are trying to identify two men responsible for a break, enter and theft at a Port Elgin pharmacy last year. On Nov. 27, 2014, at approximately 3 a.m., two men wearing white balaclavas entered the Port Elgin Village Pharmacy by breaking through the front entrance. Once inside, the burglars stole an undisclosed quantity of medication. The investigators determined through the security video that both intruders were Caucasian men with medium builds. One man was wearing a white suit that is commonly worn on construction sites and in fish plants. The other was wearing a black hoodie. The security footage shows them leaving the scene in a light-coloured Toyota 4Runner. [Postmedia Network](#) (Times & Transcript, A6); [Record](#), A1

Victoria's chief of police apologizes for behaviour

Victoria's chief of police says he's "sorry and humiliated" after a police-board investigation found online messages he sent to another officer's wife were inappropriate. Chief Frank Elsner took the Victoria Police Department's helm in January, 2014, after four years as chief of police in Sudbury. But Barbara Desjardins, mayor of Esquimalt and head of the Victoria police board, said Sunday the board was notified about a concern involving the chief during the summer. Ms. Desjardins said she could not disclose who raised the concern, but the board hired a lawyer to investigate. The mayor said the investigation wrapped up a couple of weeks ago and a report found the chief's use of direct Twitter messages to the officer's wife "was inappropriate." The mayor said she could not disclose if the chief was disciplined, but said he will remain in his role with the board's "full confidence." "Our chief has done some amazing things in the last two years," she said in an interview. "Yes, this was something that the chief admits he's ashamed of. But the board feels that within the report, the process, we've dealt with it and they feel that the good work that the chief has done ... they're hopeful that that continues." Chief Elsner, in a written statement, said he "should not have engaged in the direct messages in the first place and for that, I take complete responsibility." "Our citizens place a significant amount of confidence and trust in their police service," he wrote. [Globe and Mail](#); * [Postmedia Network](#) (Province, A6, Vancouver Sun)

Can Trudeau re-set Canada's relationship with First Nations?

Throughout the election campaign, Justin Trudeau promised "real change". Arguably, no segment of Canadian society is more in need of that change than Canada's Indigenous peoples, who fall well below national standards on socio-economic indicators. The change Trudeau referenced during his campaign was evident the day his cabinet was sworn into office. Two Indigenous MPs were selected as cabinet ministers: Jody Wilson-Raybould was appointed Justice minister and Hunter Tootoo became the minister of Fisheries and the Canadian Coast Guard. This signalled to many Indigenous voters that the prime minister's commitment to reconciliation was sincere. His comments in the Speech from the Throne and his mandate letter to Carolyn Bennett, the minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, further illustrates

his commitment to renewing the relationship between Canada and Indigenous peoples. In both, he speaks of the need to engage in a nation-to-nation process in an effort to make real progress on the issues identified as being most important to First Nations, the Métis Nation and Inuit communities. These issues are extensive and include reforms in the areas of rights recognition, housing, employment, health and mental health care, community safety and policing, child welfare and education. Of particular significance is the prime minister's commitment to implementing all 94 recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on residential schools, many of which are far-reaching. Specifically, he calls on the minister to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). Since the adoption of UNDRIP in September 2007, Indigenous Canadians have been calling for the recognition of the human rights standards articulated within it. However, it wasn't until November 2010 that Canada actually decided to endorse UNDRIP and, even then, it did so with express limitations. [iPolitics](#)

Injured woman found on gravel road at Samson Cree Nation

RCMP are releasing few details about an injured female found on a gravel road near the Samson Cree Nation on Sunday morning. The Maskwacis RCMP found her on the road in a rural area after receiving a call about a "seriously injured female." The female was taken to hospital and an RCMP news release stated "the full extent of her injuries is not known at this time." RCMP did not release the age of the unidentified female, except to say she was "described as being older than a child." RCMP are expected to release more information as the investigation progresses. The Samson Cree Nation is roughly 100 kilometres south of Edmonton. [Postmedia Network](#) (Edmonton Journal)

Victoria police chief 'humiliated beyond words' over inappropriate Twitter messages

Victoria's police chief says he's ashamed and humiliated by his own actions after exchanging inappropriate messages with the wife of a subordinate officer. Frank Elsner told The Vancouver Sun on Sunday he was the subject of a recent internal police board investigation over his conduct, but has emerged with the continued confidence of the board and intends to address the department and continue leading the force. "I'm humiliated beyond words," he said. He said he's also spoken to his officer, whose wife was involved, and his family about the incident. "I'm ashamed of my actions," said Elsner. "I'm better than that. I know better than that. And I think part of this, the learning opportunity, is that you stand up and tell the truth and learn from it and move on." Elsner has led the Victoria force for almost two years. He's married with two daughters, and said his wife has been fully aware of what happened. In September, he said the civilian police board became aware of an allegation against him. "An allegation was made against me that based on direct messages off of Twitter that I had an inappropriate relationship with a female. The board notified me of that and they hired an independent lawyer to do the investigation. The investigation was completed and last week I was notified and they found that there was no inappropriate relationship. However, I should not have engaged in the direct messages in the first place and I fully agree." [Postmedia News](#) (Vancouver Sun, Province, Times Colonist)

*** Escapee eludes police capture**

Canada-wide warrant issued after prisoner runs away from guards in Truro on Friday. A Canada-wide warrant has been issued for the New Brunswick prisoner who escaped from guards Friday afternoon at the Truro Justice Centre. Marc Joseph Pellerin ran off while being transferred from one sheriff services vehicle to another at about 5:45 p.m. and has not been seen since. "No news outside of that we have a Canada-wide warrant for him," Truro Police Service Insp. Rob Hearn said Sunday afternoon. "I can't get into the details of the investigation, obviously, but we are following any leads, and hopefully he'll be picked up soon." In a news conference Saturday, the director of sheriff services with the provincial Justice Department said that Pellerin, described as five-foot-seven and 155 pounds, was not handcuffed or shackled during the transfer that occurred under the watch of four guards in the parking lot behind the Prince Street justice centre. "Normally, in a transfer, he would have the shackles and the handcuffs on all the time," Fred Hildebrand said. "That's just the routine. Officers are trained to do that, and that's what they do." But the routine was not followed and Pellerin escaped on foot and is still on the lam. "We have to investigate," Hildebrand said of why the sheriff services officers did not follow protocol. "We consider it very serious. We have to investigate to get the facts before we can determine exactly what happened." Pellerin was being transferred from a jail in Shediac, N.B., to one in Dartmouth, from where he was to appear in a Halifax court Monday on property-related charges. [Postmedia Network](#) (Chronicle Herald, A7)

*** Technology transforming Saskatchewan's courts**

From flip charts and overhead projectors of years past to iPads and pop-up monitors of today, technology is transforming Saskatchewan's courtrooms. Paper gave way to pixels at a Regina jury trial earlier this year when the attention of jurors and witnesses was drawn to photos reflected on iPads and television screens - instead of the usual paper photo booklets. It doesn't seem like such a monumental leap in a society immersed in instant, digital images, but the trial, which ended with Adam Riley Cyr convicted of murder, was a courtroom first. "It worked really well," said Adam Breker, co-Crown prosecutor on the case, adding everyone was on the same page, and jurors couldn't get distracted flipping ahead. "The witness is scrolling through the photos, and the jurors can all see ... on the TV exactly what the witness is talking about." The change from booklets to iPads was initiated by the Regina Police Service identification section. "I saw how much work and money was put into the photo books for court," said Sgt. Dean Yadlowski, who heads the unit. Typically in a jury trial, some nine or more photo books are prepared. On a major case, each book can easily contain 100 or more photos, so the costs can climb to \$2,000 for paper alone. At times, a last-minute deal meant it was all for naught, and the books were simply shredded. Yadlowski looked for a solution. Today, the Regina Police Service has two kits, each containing five iPads. "It only took one or two of those major files by the time the iPads started paying for themselves," said Yadlowski. He also sees a use beyond photos, for example, displaying video exhibits, diagrams or other documents. Since the Cyr trial, a few more hearings have used iPads. But Yadlowski notes they're not going to replace paper completely. A hard copy photo book is still placed into evidence for posterity. And, with only two iPad kits that can be tied up for several days or weeks at a time, they aren't suited to every trial. Fraud cases have also evolved, as evidenced by this year's Regina trial for Steven Weeres, convicted in an extensive investment scheme. Evidence showing how money moved from deposits, through bank account to withdrawals and, in some cases, to how it was spent was traced through computerized spreadsheets embedded with hyperlinks to the corresponding bank documents. Prosecutor Dana Brule said the digitized evidence made it much simpler for witnesses who didn't have to juggle and leaf through multiple binders of documents. "It made it more logical," he added. Again, the change was largely driven by a police agency, since it was RCMP software that created the spreadsheet and hyperlinks. [Postmedia Network](#) (Leader-Post, A3)

*** Terrorist financing cases not prosecuted**

An opinion piece by Antonella Artuso, Antonella Artuso Queens Park Bureau Chief states, "Canada's new prime minister has made an international commitment to tackle terrorist financing but the country is failing to bring such cases to court, some experts say. Senator Daniel Lang, who led a National Security and Defence Committee study into the terrorism threat in Canada, said police and justice officials have received almost 700 reliable reports of suspected terrorist financing in the country during recent years. The committee also heard from Canada Revenue Agency that the agency had revoked the charitable status of eight charities over links to terrorism, he said. "And that information, the way I understand it, was brought to the attention of the RCMP, and we have had I believe one charge since 2001," Lang said. "The question that has to be asked is if we have the information, and credible information obviously, there is terrorist financing going on in this country ... why aren't there any charges brought forward?" In Turkey last month, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau committed to a joint G20 statement to tackle "the financing channels of terrorism" by such means as freezing terrorists' assets and criminalizing terrorist financing. A report to the G20 -- prepared by the Financial Action Task Force in November -- said that almost all jurisdictions have criminalized terrorist financing as a distinct offence. "But relatively few jurisdictions have obtained convictions for terrorist financing," the report says. The bulk of terrorist funds are not put toward attacks but instead used for organizational support such as recruitment, training, living costs, travel and, in the case of foreign terrorist fighters, maintaining a legitimate public face, the report says". [Postmedia Network](#) (Ottawa Sun, Toronto Sun)

*** Curbing the use of police background checks**

More knowledge isn't always good. In an anxious world where intrusive police checks have become an increasingly common way of verifying the character of a job applicant or volunteer, the hunt for ever more background information too often damages innocent people and compromises civil liberties. Police databases are full of questionable knowledge acquired in the course of investigations, or simply the residue of a chance 911 call, which can be systematically used against people who have done no harm. Safety concerns are paramount when it comes to those working closely with the young and vulnerable.

But they need to be balanced against the privacy rights of people whose lives shouldn't be jeopardized because of minor or irrelevant brushes with the record-keepers of law enforcement. The government of Ontario has wisely decided to limit the kind of information police can disclose, in legislation that standardizes the wayward policies previously used for background checks across the province. The aim of the new law is that only criminal conviction records are to be passed on to potential employers and groups that recruit volunteers. The need for reform was hammered home by the unanimous, all-party vote in favour of the bill. In some cases, people had lost jobs because police passed on phone records pointing to a suicide attempt, or were disqualified as a volunteer because they were listed as a witness to a crime, or merely questioned in an investigation. Unproven allegations took on the taint of credibility simply by being revived and relayed. Having assumed the supreme power to disrupt an individual's educational and vocational prospects, police decision-makers could retrieve information about charges that had been withdrawn decades before and pass it on as if it were useful, worrying knowledge. Non-conviction records, such as dismissed charges, can still be disclosed in limited circumstances, for positions where children, seniors and other vulnerable people are involved. It is crucial that this discretionary power be limited and not abused. Information overreach remains problematic, including at Canada's borders, where police agencies continue to share imperfect knowledge about private lives. In the wake of Ontario's encouraging reforms, this practice needs closer security. [Globe and Mail](#)

*** Pot can help vets**

A former member of Canada's elite counter-terrorism unit has emerged from the shadows to promote medical marijuana for ailing veterans. Kevin Whitenect hopes that his message promoting medical cannabis will bring hope to those former soldiers dealing with emotional or physical pain as well as reduce the stigma surrounding its use. "I saw a value for veterans," said Whitenect, who spent most of his 17 years in the Canadian Forces with the Ottawa-based Joint Task Force 2 counter-terrorism unit. "I started speaking with veterans who were using (medical cannabis) and started hearing the great stories about how it is getting them off the mind-numbing narcotics they are being issued." Whitenect is working as a medical marijuana "ambassador" for CannaConnect, a Toronto-based company that acts as a middleman to bring together licensed medicinal marijuana producers, doctors, and users. Whitenect, who runs his own private security company in Toronto, isn't receiving any payment for his advocacy. Nor does he use marijuana himself. But over the years, he has encountered a number of serving and retired military personnel who are dealing with both post-traumatic stress disorders as well as pain from physical injuries. "I'm a 25-year combat veteran and I don't have emotional trauma," he explained. "I've been very fortunate. But I'm around men who do, and I'm around men who have chronic pain. The system should start to understand the damage that has been done to a lot of veterans." The federal government started paying for medical marijuana for veterans in 2009, but its acceptance has been an uphill battle. The Canadian Medical Association has argued there isn't enough research to show how much marijuana is a safe amount for a patient to take. Former Conservative veterans affairs minister Julian Fantino dismissed marijuana as a serious health risk, pointing out it is not an approved drug in Canada. [Postmedia Network](#) (Kingston Whig-Standard, B2)

*** Une mauvaise note pour la GRC**

Même si la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) répond à davantage de demandes d'accès à l'information, le corps policier n'en demeure pas moins le mouton noir des institutions gouvernementales en matière de transparence. Le Commissariat à l'information, qui a publié le 3 décembre son rapport sur le système d'accès à l'information pour la période 2013-2014, souligne que les résultats de la GRC sont « inférieurs à ceux de l'ensemble du gouvernement ». « Ça me choque!, a commenté l'avocat spécialiste de l'accès à l'information Michel Drapeau. En tant que responsable du respect des lois, la GRC ne doit pas simplement montrer patte blanche, elle doit montrer l'exemple. » De façon générale, la GRC a répondu à 73,2% de ces demandes en 2013-2014, soit 1706, contre 66,7% en 2012-2013. Cependant, les délais de traitement des demandes se sont accrus. En moyenne, la GRC a mis 173 jours pour compléter une demande en 2013-2014, contre 115 jours l'année précédente. En principe, ces délais sont de 30 jours, mais ils peuvent être prorogés. Un peu moins de la moitié des demandes ont d'ailleurs été traitées en plus de 120 jours. La proportion des demandes traitées hors délai a ainsi augmenté, passant de 56,9% à 65%. Cette statistique préoccupe particulièrement le Commissariat, au point où une alerte rouge a été lancée. « A titre de comparaison, cette proportion était de 14% à l'échelle gouvernementale en 2013-2014 », souligne le rapport. La charge de travail a été la principale raison invoquée pour justifier

ces retards dans la majorité des demandes. «Aucune raison ne peut justifier ces retards, affirme Me Drapeau. Si une institution doit être transparente, c'est bien elle.» Selon le spécialiste, la GRC est le mauvais élève de l'accès à l'information depuis une dizaine d'années. Au début des années 2000, l'ancien commissaire à l'information John Reid avait déjà interpellé le commissaire à la GRC Giuliano Zaccardelli au sujet de la transparence. [Presse Canadienne](#) (La Presse, A6)

*** Minister pledges native inquiry 'shortly'**

The Liberal government will "very shortly" announce a national inquiry into Canada's missing and murdered indigenous women, Status of Women minister Patty Hadju said Sunday. Speaking to a crowd of 400 gathered Sunday evening at the Women's Monument in Minto Park to mark the 26th anniversary of the murder of 14 women at the École Polytechnique in Montreal, Hadju won applause for saying Canadians can expect in "the weeks to come" to hear about the scope of an inquiry. She said the government wants "work with people," particularly aboriginal women, in both setting up the inquiry and its ongoing process. The day after his election on Oct. 19, Liberal leader Justin Trudeau said his government would move "quickly" on a campaign promise to hold a public inquiry into the disproportionate rate of violence perpetuated against indigenous women in Canada. A 2014 RCMP report found that 1,181 indigenous women were killed or disappeared between 1980 and 2012. Statistically, aboriginal women are eight times more likely to be the victims of violence than non-aboriginal women. The promise of the inquiry might have been the highlight of the vigil, but the issue of violence against any woman was far from forgotten. A video screen displayed messages such as, "Don't tell your daughter not to go out; tell your son to behave." "Why are women still struggling everyday to overcome systemic violence?" asked Rosella Chibambo of the Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women, reminding the crowd of the purpose of the vigil. She said women's groups will be "activity monitoring the new government" to see if it delivers on promises to tackle the social ill of gender-based and sexual violence against women. "Because it's 2015. We are watching you." Canadians are increasingly aware of the issue, said Yamikani Msosa, public education coordinator for the Sexual Assault Support Centre in Ottawa. [Postmedia](#) (Ottawa Citizen, A1/FRONT)

*** Ten Arrested in Multiple Thefts and B&Es**

Ever since August, Yorkton Rural, Yorkton Municipal, Canora, Wadena, and Esterhazy RCMP have received numerous complaints of break and enters, thefts, mischief, and dangerous driving. Now, five adults and five youth have been arrested. Police say they were linked to multiple files through evidenced gathered to date. In total, the ten accused face a combination of 167 charges. They are all remanded on strict conditions. [Saskatoonhomepage.ca](#); 620ckrm

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Author weighs in on prison farms

When he speaks in Kingston this week about the links between food and climate change, author Peter Ladner will be able to share his insights into a pressing local issue - prison farms. In his 2011 book *The Urban Food Revolution*, the Vancouver-based author discusses the closing of prison farms across Canada the previous year, including Frontenac Institution in Kingston. "It just seemed so missing the point that you have people doing worthwhile work," said Ladner in a telephone interview this week. "When the government said those weren't useful skills, tell that to farmers. I don't understand why they did it. Here in British Columbia a politician had a friend in the food business and they gave that person the contract." Reopening prison farms, a possibility with the election of a Liberal government in Ottawa, is just one of many topics that will no doubt strike a sympathetic chord with his Kingston audience. Ladner will be speaking on Tuesday at the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning as part of the Kingston Climate Action Speaker Series hosted by the city and Sustainable Kingston. [Kingston Whig-Standard](#), A1

Family cheers Watts's arrest

Just two weeks after his release from prison, a high-risk sexual offender convicted in the 2001 death of a 13-year-old Kitchener girl is back behind bars. Christopher Michael Watts was arrested last week by police in Vancouver for breaching the conditions of his parole, after serving 12 years in prison for manslaughter, sexual touching and sexual assault in the death of Amanda Raymond. Raymond died after

an all-night party in June 2001 at Watts's home on Puslinch Lake. Watts was found guilty of feeding the girl a lethal concoction of drugs, and assaulting her when she was comatose. The judge who sentenced Watts, who published a book while behind bars called "The Criminal's Handbook," labelled him a "voracious sexual predator" who was "without any sense of guilt" throughout the trial. Before his release on Nov. 20, the Parole Board of Canada declared Watts a high risk to reoffend, but regretted he couldn't be kept in prison after his sentence was finished. He left the federal prison in Mission, B.C., under a long-term supervision order, with strict limitations on his freedom. On Friday, Raymond's mother, Teresa Trupp, got a call from the parole board - telling her Watts had been arrested. A warrant had been issued after he allegedly breached the conditions of his parole. "I was ecstatic. We were jumping for joy. This is just the best early Christmas present my family could hope for," Trupp said. "I knew he was going to mess up, I really did. I feel so relieved that he's off the streets again." [Waterloo Region Record](#), A1

Quatre ans de prison pour avoir agressé une fille de 12 ans

La Cour d'appel de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard vient d'alourdir la peine d'emprisonnement d'un homme âgé de 22 ans qui s'est introduit par effraction dans la chambre à coucher d'une jeune fille de 12 ans avant de l'agresser dans son lit. Travis Mehmoodi a d'abord été condamné à deux ans de pénitencier pour crime sexuel, mais aussi à 11 mois et demi de détention pour l'entrée par effraction. La Cour d'appel a effacé la peine de 11 mois et demi et l'a portée à quatre ans, la période que le malfaiteur devra purger puisque les peines sont concurrentes. Un emprisonnement de quatre ans avait d'ailleurs été réclamé par la Couronne. La Cour d'appel a écrit que la peine de 11 mois et demi ne tenait pas compte de la gravité du crime, de son impact sur la jeune victime et de la jurisprudence en matière de tels crimes au Canada. [Presse canadienne](#) (Acadie nouvelle, 13)

In The Courts

A partial compilation of offences from Kingston's Ontario Court of Justice for the period of Nov. 9 to 13, 2015. Only sentences that involved a large fine, probation or incarceration are included. Christopher Perez, 23, was convicted of carrying a concealed weapon for a purpose dangerous to the peace. He had 45 days added to the three-year prison sentence he's already serving for a weapons offence. Justice Judith Beaman was told Perez was charged in mid-May after he was injured in an altercation with a fellow Collins Bay Institution inmate. Crown attorney Ross Drummond said Perez was carrying a homemade knife at the time, but there was no indication he ever tried to use it. [Kingston Whig-Standard](#), A6

North End eyed for new court - Province hires Crown prosecutor for restorative justice

The province has taken its first steps toward establishing Manitoba's first court for restorative justice. The court would be located in Winnipeg's North End. A newly created position as North End community prosecutor has been filled by Nancy Fazenda, a Crown attorney with 15 years' experience as a lawyer, and justice officials are working to define her role in an area of the city most affected by poverty and crime. "I think this is going to be a unique opportunity to work in the community and with the community on some of the complex issues that we have with crime in the North End," Fazenda said. "I still think it involves accountability, but we're going to be balancing that with community supports and support for individuals to address specific issues that some may have that make them more likely to be involved in the criminal justice system." The move comes on the heels of the provincial government's five-year restorative-justice strategy, part of which involves plans to set up a North End court to deal with less serious crimes in the neighbourhood similar to how mental-health and drug-treatment courts function in Manitoba. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), B1

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'Mom, where are you?'

Lita Blacksmith lights a cigarette. Her living room is chock full of sequined art, dream catchers, aphorisms on every wall: "Today's moments are tomorrow's memories." And, "We should not let our fears hold us back from pursuing our hopes." (...) Imagine a snappingly cold winter's day in Winnipeg. Jan. 11, 2012, to be precise. It's 22 below, colder with the wind chill. Flurries. That evening, Lorna Blacksmith dressed in red and wore dangling earrings with a small metal feather hanging in the middle of the two circles. Lorna

was strikingly beautiful. Lita drove her daughter to a wood-frame house on Toronto Street, well known as a drug den. She had no misconceptions about the life her daughter was leading. (...) On Nov. 4, 2002, Shawn Lamb, 43, appeared before Judge Rubin at the stately Winnipeg Law Courts building. Crown counsel itemized Lamb's prior convictions and breaches, spanning back to the winter of 1985 when Lamb spent a year in jail for assault causing bodily harm and one count of mischief. The précised version of Lamb's sheet included five months in custody in 1987 for breaching probation. Sentenced to four years for a 1992 sexual assault. Parole violations in 1995. Nine months in custody in 1996 for assault. Utter forged document. Possess goods. Failure to appear. Sentenced to two years in September 2001 for assault causing bodily harm. Sixty-eight days in the spring of 2002 for uttering threats. (...) It was June 21. Shawn Lamb, serial killer, had directed police to the body of Lorna Blacksmith. (...) Lamb is serving a 20-year-sentence at an Ontario penitentiary. Parole eligibility is fixed at nine years. Through written correspondence with the Star, Lamb commented on the banal ("I hope your (sic) well and enjoying the summer. It's been pretty humid these days") and the substantive ("I also don't think an inquire (sic) is the complete solution"). He noted that his background "has helped me gain insight as well as the many aboriginal women I've met in our very unhealthy lifestyles." A request for an interview was denied by Correctional Service Canada. [Toronto Star](#), A3

Minister pledges native inquiry 'shortly'

The Liberal government will "very shortly" announce a national inquiry into Canada's missing and murdered indigenous women, Status of Women minister Patty Hadju said Sunday. Speaking to a crowd of 400 gathered Sunday evening at the Women's Monument in Minto Park to mark the 26th anniversary of the murder of 14 women at the École Polytechnique in Montreal, Hadju won applause for saying Canadians can expect in "the weeks to come" to hear about the scope of an inquiry. She said the government wants "work with people," particularly aboriginal women, in both setting up the inquiry and its ongoing process. The day after his election on Oct. 19, Liberal leader Justin Trudeau said his government would move "quickly" on a campaign promise to hold a public inquiry into the disproportionate rate of violence perpetuated against indigenous women in Canada. A 2014 RCMP report found that 1,181 indigenous women were killed or disappeared between 1980 and 2012. Statistically, aboriginal women are eight times more likely to be the victims of violence than non-aboriginal women. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A1

'We can find strength'

In the dim lighting of Sydenham Street United Church, the faint smell of candles and roses mixed with quiet conversation fills the air. Neighbours and friends greet each other cheerily, but they've gathered for a sobering event. As the sun set and the outside darkened Sunday evening, inside the church more than 150 residents attended a ceremony to honour the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald welcomed the group to the event that honoured the 14 women killed during the Montreal Massacre in 1989 at Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal and missing and murdered indigenous women. The event also remembered local victims such as the Shafia women murdered in Kingston in 2009; Kaitlan Babcock, who was killed in her home on Conacher Drive on June 18, as well as Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam, the victims of a murderous rampage in Wilno, Ont., on Sept. 22. "When we try to remember this on our own it can be so overwhelming and paralyzing," Macdonald said. "But when we come together in community, with people we know, with people we're going to get to know, when we come together in community to remember, even the most painful events, even the most horrific actions, when we come together in community we can find strength, we can find comfort, we can find hope. "It is so important that we gather to remember so that we will be strengthened. So that we will be comforted. So that we will find the hope we need to take action." [Kingston Whig-Standard](#), A1

*** Polytechnique Massacre victims honoured by indigenous community**

Members of the indigenous community are standing in solidarity with the victims of the Montreal Massacre, while highlighting that violence against women is not something fixed in the past. Fourteen women were killed on Dec. 6, 1989 when an armed man entered the École Polytechnique and separated the men from the women, killing 14 people just because they were women. On Sunday, members of the aboriginal community marked the 26th anniversary of the massacre by honouring the 14 victims through speeches and song. They gathered at Place du 6 décembre in Côte-des-Neiges to honour the Polytechnique victims while also remembering those who continue to suffer violence. "It's still happening

to do this day, almost three decades later you know, there's still violence happening in the form of murdered and missing indigenous women," said Chantel Henderson, a spokesperson for the Missing Justice Collective. There are many similarities between the violence that is a reality for many indigenous women and what happened at the Polytechnique Massacre, Henderson said. [CBC News](#), [Le Devoir](#)

Crowd gathers in Riverview to give voice to victimized women

First mourn. Then work for change. That is the call to action inscribed on the Dec. 6 monument in Riverview, and each year in the town, people from southeastern New Brunswick gather to mourn women lost to domestic violence and to strengthen the voice that calls for change. About 75 people gathered Sunday evening at the Father Dan Bohan Family Centre for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. The local event, organized by the Moncton & District Labour Council's December 6 Committee, heard from Suzanne Bibeau, an outreach worker with the Coalition Against Abuse in Relationships. She said on average, a Canadian woman dies from intimate partner violence every six days in Canada. As well, an estimated 1.5 million Canadian children are exposed to domestic violence in their homes. The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence was born out of the horror of the 14 young women murdered at Montreal's L'École Polytechnique 26 years ago. It seeks to remember as well as the roughly two dozen women and girls from Metro Moncton who have died from violence since that night. The toll of domestic violence continues to grow. At this year's ceremony, Paula Armstrong's name was added to the local roll of remembrance. She was murdered in a home on Purdy Avenue in June. Her killer then took his own life. [Times & Transcript](#), A1

Montreal massacre remembered

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau joined a subdued ceremony Sunday to mark the 26th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre where 14 women were shot to death at the École Polytechnique. Trudeau and a small crowd listened as the names of the victims were read aloud, silhouetted by 14 beacons of light projected into the night sky in memory of the victims. Trudeau did not address the crowd, but said afterward the anniversary is not only a time to remember the events of the massacre, but also to make promises. He said his personal pledge was "to never forget, and to do everything I can to ensure that never again." Trudeau released a statement on the massacre Sunday restating the Liberal government's promise to launch an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women and to introduce legislation to provide greater support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. [Canadian Press](#) (Waterloo Region Record, Toronto Sun, London Free Press, The Province, Montreal Gazette, Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard, London Free Press, Chronicle-Herald, Hamilton Spectator), * [Globe and Mail](#), * [Journal de Montréal](#)

*** Massacre remembered**

It's been 26 years since 14 young women at Montreal's l'École Polytechnique de Montréal were murdered, simply because they were women. Every year since that cold and dark evening on Dec. 6, 1989, Canadians around the country have gathered to remember those women and others who have been killed because of genderbased violence. But not only has that day served as a collective symbol of pain for Canadians, it has also served as a beacon of hope - hope that one day violence against women will be a thing of the past. The Sun spoke to Yami Msosa, the public education coordinator of the Sexual Assault Support Centre of Ottawa, to discuss how the events of Dec. 6, 1989 have changed people's views as well as society, and what we've learned since then. [Toronto Sun](#), A49 (Ottawa Sun)

*** Vigil at University of Windsor marks Montreal Massacre**

Amelia Runchey was born in 1989, the year of the Montreal Massacre. In her 26 years, the Hamilton native, who is the co-ordinator of the University of Windsor women's centre, has grown to appreciate the gravity of marking the day of Dec. 6 when 14 female engineering students were gunned down in cold blood at L'École Polytechnique de Montreal. "Today is an opportunity to remember and honour these women and also an opportunity to reflect and speak out against violence against women in all forms," said Runchey, a student in women's and gender studies. "It's very important to me and to students because it happened to students. "It was a classroom that was targeted. It's important for campuses to take this day, take some time to remember what happened 26 years ago." About 100 people gathered at the university's memorial to the massacre, which features 14 obelisks - one for each of the victims. [Windsor Star](#), A3

*** Hamilton remembers victims of Montreal massacre**

A small crowd gathered near Hamilton City Hall on Sunday for an emotional ceremony to remember the women killed during the Montreal Massacre 26 years ago. On Dec. 6, 1989 Marc Lepine carried a rifle into Montreal's École Polytechnique and shot 28 people, killing 14 female engineering students. Sunday afternoon's memorial in Hamilton saw about 40 people gather at the corner of Main Street West and Bay Street. That's the site of a memorial stone that, 25 years ago, was placed to commemorate the women. By the end of the half-hour ceremony, it was covered with red roses and a single burning candle. Similar events were held across the country. In Montreal Sunday, white roses were laid on pillars in a park near the school to remember the victims. Representatives of women's and aboriginal rights groups reminded the public that women in Canada still face violence. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was expected to attend a ceremony on Mount Royal later in the day, where 14 beacons of light were to be projected into the sky. [Hamilton Spectator](#), A3

*** 'You don't have to feel ashamed' - Sex-trafficking survivor hopes to protect girls**

As a teen, she went from a loving, middle-class home to being trafficked for sex to middle-class dads in the West End. After that, she was "sold" in Toronto. Finally, she returned to Winnipeg, where she threw herself off the Maryland Street Bridge, breaking bones in her back, legs and feet. Now 32, Jessica Pennock is a survivor who is determined to prevent girls from getting sucked in by predators, such as the one who got her at age 15. (...) Then she met former Conservative MP Joy Smith, whose foundation raises awareness about sex trafficking in Canada. A light went on for Pennock. For the first time, she realized what had happened to her - being groomed then trafficked from the age of 15 - wasn't her fault. "I'm a survivor of a horrible crime," she said. Now she's volunteering with the Joy Smith Foundation and sharing her story. The foundation is going to junior high schools to teach students about predators' tactics and how to avoid them and stay safe. Smith, who was a teacher for 23 years before she was an MP, said she's prepared course material in English and French that are age-appropriate and should be part of the curriculum in schools across Canada. (...) 93 per cent of Canada's sex trafficking victims are Canadian girls who have either been groomed online or lured into false "boyfriend" relationships at the local mall or recreational centre. On average, a trafficker makes \$280,000 for each girl they force into prostitution. Canada does not have a standard system for collecting data on trafficking incidents. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), A3

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Former refugees say winter can be shock to newcomers

It was a frigid February in 1985 when Getachew Woldeyesus arrived in Saskatchewan as a refugee. The young man from Ethiopia stayed inside for two months. "Because you don't know, is it slippery out there? Are you wearing the right shoes? It's freezing out there, so I was afraid to go out," Woldeyesus recalled in an interview with The Canadian Press. Weather-related challenges will no doubt face many of the 25,000 Syrian refugees the federal government has committed to bring to Canada by early next year. Social agencies, church groups and private citizens across the country have been organizing donations of clothing with an emphasis on coats, gloves, hats and winter footwear. (...) Ali Abukar agrees. Abukar fled Somalia and lived in Egypt as a refugee before arriving in Canada in 2011. He lived in Ontario before moving to Saskatoon in the winter of 2013. Abukar said winter can be tough for refugees who use public transit and will stand outside waiting for a bus. (...) Abukar, who is now executive director at the Saskatoon Open Door Society, said sometimes refugees and immigrants don't know what clothes to wear in the winter. The society shows them what mittens and scarves are all about and how to dress for the cold. [Canadian Press](#) (The Guardian, A8, Waterloo Region Record, Leader-Post, Times & Transcript, Red Deer Advocate, Calgary Sun); [Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Nouvelliste, 8, Acadie Nouvelle)

*** Déjà vu? Finding the right balance in the refugee-terrorism nexus**

Faced with security issues whose dimensions overlap both the foreign and domestic arenas, newly-minted Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is in a truly unenviable position. He has vowed to end Canada's combat mission against ISIS and instead refocus upon training local forces and redoubling the humanitarian effort. Playing upon the anger and frustration many Canadians felt towards Harper and the Conservatives, Trudeau presented himself as a sympathetic and humanist alternative, and thereby

promised to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees into Canada by the end of 2015. (...) More crucial is how this will affect Canada's relationship to the United States. Americans will play close attention to how the Trudeau government handles the movement of 25,000 refugees and how this is done securely. In the aftermath of 9/11, continental security is not negotiable to the Americans. As debate concerning the admission of Syrian refugees into the United States becomes even more acrimonious, many will cast their gaze upon Canada. In the tense atmosphere that now exists, if even one Syrian refugee crosses the border into the United States and commits a terrorist act, the consequences for Canada could well be devastating. [Hill Times](#)

Syrian refugee process in Turkey 'a little bit behind,' Canadian ambassador says

As the effort to select and process Syrian refugees for resettlement in Canada ramps up in Jordan and Lebanon, a more complex situation on the ground in Turkey has slowed the pace of the operation there. The Canadian government has committed to bring 10,000 Syrian refugees to Canada from the three countries by the end of December. An additional 15,000 will be resettled by March. The processing centres in Amman, Jordan, and Beirut, Lebanon, are ramping up to meet the demand. A Canadian official said the government met its goal of processing 500 refugees a day at the Amman centre on the weekend. But the situation in Turkey is a different story. "We're a little bit behind our colleagues in the other posts but we're going to do our best," said John Holmes, Canada's ambassador to Turkey, in an interview with CBC News. (...) Thirty additional Canadian personnel will be deployed to Turkey to assist with the refugee airlift. A processing centre is being established in Gaziantep, a major city in southeast Turkey near the Syrian border. "Security, of course, is a concern in that part of the world. So that is our No. 1 priority for our staff," Holmes said. Thirty-three people were killed in July when a suicide bomber with reported links to ISIS attacked a crowd of youth activists in the Turkish town of Suruc, 110 kilometres from Gaziantep. The Canadian Embassy in Ankara is working with the International Organization for Migration on a plan to airlift the refugees in Turkey to Canada. Holmes said he's unsure when those charter flights will depart, adding that "we are a few weeks away." [CBC News](#)

Liberals to concede flaw in fiscal plan

The Trudeau government will acknowledge this week that its tax hike on the richest Canadians won't cover the entire cost of its promised tax cut for the middle class, adding to the fiscal pressures on coming federal budgets, sources said. (...) Liberal House Leader Dominic LeBlanc said in an interview the tax measures and the TFSA change will be announced simultaneously to allow taxpayers to adjust before they come into effect at the start of the new tax year. The Liberal government's plan to end income-splitting for families will be formally announced next year, along with the creation of the promised Canada Child Benefit. Mr. LeBlanc added that the House will spend much of its time this week debating the Throne Speech, giving a number of rookie MPs a chance to make their "maiden speech" in Parliament. In addition, there will be a vote on Thursday on the cost of resettling 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of February. [Globe and Mail](#), A1

Eager to help refugees

When Ruth and Richard MacKellar decided to sponsor a refugee family from Syria with some friends, they quickly realized there were three things needed right away: money, a settlement plan and housing. "The biggest hurdle was going to be accommodation," said Richard, who lives in Squamish. Despite the community's relatively small size and distance from Vancouver - about an hour's drive - Squamish is not immune to the region's housing affordability crisis. The rental vacancy rate is less than one per cent and housing prices are rising rapidly, Richard said. (...) Staff at the Immigrant Services Society, which receives the housing leads through its website, are analyzing and mapping the types and locations of accommodation offers they receive, said Chris Friesen, the society's settlement services director. Two local developers have also offered free or below-market rental apartments to Syrian families for their first few months. Short-term, transitional housing is not likely to be as much of a challenge, as places such as church basements, hotels with kitchenettes or even school gymnasiums could be pressed into service. The real challenge across Canada, particularly acute in Vancouver, will be for refugees who live on an income equivalent to provincial welfare rates to find long-term housing they can afford. [Postmedia News](#) (Vancouver Sun, A1/Front)

*** Refugee housing: Where will they live in Ottawa?**

Like many young women searching for an apartment, Jennifer Graham has a list of demands: it has to be affordable, close to amenities and in a nice area. But this apartment isn't for her. She's house hunting for a refugee family. Graham is part of the Ottawa South Committee for Refugee Sponsorship. Like many such groups across the city, hers is scrambling to figure out where the refugee family it's sponsoring will live once the plane lands. "First and foremost we want affordable housing. We're looking for a multicultural neighbourhood, and that is close to amenities that they need like transit, groceries, schools, parks for the kids," Graham said. (...) Vincent Detillieux, president of Saint Joseph Property Management, says his company has 32 available units he could offer to refugees. "The timing works out very well," he said. "There's a desire to want to help them, to provide housing to them that's affordable, but quality housing." Detillieux's company works with about 10,000 landlords in the city, keeping track of them with the aid of a database. He says at least 200 of them are currently seeking tenants. "I believe this landlord database could be used to find landlords who are willing to accept refugees in their rentals," Detillieux said. "People want to help." [CBC News](#)

City readies for influx of Syrian refugees

An Edmonton agency is setting up a volunteer hotline in preparation for the arrival of Syrian refugees in what's likely the largest influx since the arrival of Vietnamese "boat people" in the late 1970s. The Mennonite Centre for Newcomers is receiving 30 to 40 calls a day offering to help, but some people are shuttled between groups as they narrow down where assistance is most needed, executive director Erick Ambtman says. "There are so many people, and they're calling 20 different organizations and levels of government. There's a lot of uncertainty about who you contact," he says. (...) Ambtman estimates that as many as two-thirds of the 3,000 Syrian refugees likely coming to Alberta by early next year will wind up in Edmonton, more refugees than have been seen since thousands of Vietnamese came in the '70s. The city has also set up a website called Welcoming Syrian Refugees outlining the settlement process and volunteer opportunities. One of the many groups in the area sponsoring refugees is an ecumenical Sherwood Park church committee working to bring in an extended family of 15 people. [Postmedia News](#) (Edmonton Journal, A1/Front)

Waiting for refugee numbers

The provincial government doesn't know exactly how many refugee families could settle in New Brunswick before the new year and where exactly those people will be housed. With less than a month to go before the deadline passes on the federal government's promise to bring 10,000 Syrian refugees to Canada, the cabinet minister who oversees New Brunswick's preparations says they're still working on the federal government to get firm numbers. Since they don't know how many people will arrive in New Brunswick yet, Francine Landry said they can't predict where they'll be housed. The 1,500 refugees expected by New Brunswick will be placed in Moncton, Saint John or Fredericton. "We don't have exact numbers at this time," Landry said on Friday. "We might get those answers next week. We are not sure. We are still working with the federal government on that." In the meantime, she said government is searching for Arabic translators, trying to find affordable housing and preparing services like health care to be ready for the arrival of refugee families. [Telegraph-Journal](#), A2 (Times & Transcript, Daily Gleaner)

Quebec ready for influx

Nearly 3,000 refugees are expected to arrive in Quebec between now and New Year's, with the first full planeload landing next Saturday. The majority will settle in Montreal, which typically takes in 85 per cent of new arrivals to the province. It is an influx unparalleled in Quebec history in terms of the large numbers arriving in such a short period of time. They will come tired, disoriented, hopeful and in need of help to start their new lives. And smack in the middle of the Canada's busiest holiday period. To show Quebec is in fact ready to deal with the coming flood at Christmas-time, provincial Immigration Minister Kathleen Weil and acting Public Security Minister Pierre Moreau visited an immigration support centre in the St-Laurent borough Saturday to chat with new arrival success stories like Harout Sarajian and his family. (...) Weil said the province's main concern is with the timing of the integration, when the massive volume of people will come over the course of three weeks in December. Quebec has already taken in 1,000 of the 3,650 Syrian refugees it has pledged to accommodate. The province will provide more funding to organizations like CACI if there is a need, she said, in addition to the \$29 million it has already earmarked. The federal government has also promised funding. Most of the refugees Quebec has

pledged to receive for 2015 are privately sponsored, meaning a community organization like CACI, a religious group or a joining of five community members have pledged to look after the welfare of a refugee or refugee family for their first year here. [Postmedia News](#) (Montreal Gazette, A4)

6 citations sur la réalité des réfugiés syriens qui arrivent au Canada

Citoyen canadien depuis deux ans, Anas Hariri essaie de rassembler sa famille qui vit encore en Syrie, au Liban et en Turquie. Pour le moment, seule la famille de son frère a réussi à intégrer le Canada. Voici 6 citations sur la réalité des réfugiés syriens. «Jusqu'à maintenant je vis un rêve, parce que je vois comme c'est difficile la situation là-bas et à quel point c'est difficile la situation mondiale envers les réfugiés... », raconte Anas qui est désormais citoyen canadien et qui a eu la chance de pouvoir accueillir des membres de sa famille. «Au début, elle essayait de suivre le rythme...» explique Anas en riant, qui a amené sa famille aux célébrations de la Saint-Jean-Baptiste tout de suite après leur arrivée. Il faut payer 12 000\$ pour pouvoir parrainer sa famille au Canada. Anas est responsable de son frère et de sa famille pendant 12 mois. [Agence QMI](#) (Journal de Montréal, Journal de Québec)

Welcome home

It was after he was "taken" for two months that Rakan decided enough is enough: He and his family - wife Houda, and their five children - had to leave Syria. Close to two years later, the 44-year-old hesitates to speak of his terrifying disappearance, not revealing anything other than his family did not know where he was for weeks, and that he was not kidnapped for money. (...) They arrived in Canada last week, one of several Syrian refugee families sponsored privately by Humanity First. The Toronto Sun visited the family at their temporary accommodations inside an empty Vaughan home used as a communal guest house by the Ahmadiyya Muslim community, which is co-ordinating resettlement efforts with Humanity First. "We work with them, for them, to find permanent accommodations for them," said Mumtaz Ali, a member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at resettlement team for Syrian refugees. "We do work with them to find a job." Rakan and Houda intend on getting work and placing their kids in school as soon as possible. "We hear that the first year will be very difficult," Rakan said. [Toronto Sun](#), A8 (Calgary Sun)

Syrian refugee response gets organized

Guelph entrepreneur and philanthropist Jim Estill is overjoyed by the response the Guelph community is making to the Syrian refugee crisis. But far from being overwhelmed, Estill appears to relish the organizational challenge of bringing 50 Syrian refugee families to Guelph in the coming weeks. Estill went public on Nov. 24 with his pledge to financially sponsor 50 of those families in Guelph, an act of charitable giving that could total as much as \$1.5 million. He said it is simply the right thing to do. Other groups are also sponsoring refugees. (...) An organizational framework driven completely by volunteers comprises eight teams, each lead by a director, and each with an assistant director. Estill shared the information recently on his blog, www.jimestill2.blogspot.ca. The eight teams include mentors, finance, education/training, health, food and meals, jobs, transportation, and housing. The list of people who will direct these teams was being finalized late last week. In all of these areas volunteers are being signed up, and goods and services providers are being identified. Many have offered to billet families. There is a definite need for more accommodations. And more volunteers are needed. The Salvation Army has stepped up as the lead organization for donations. [Waterloo Region Record](#), B4

«Attache ta tuque avec de la broche»

Depuis que le Canada a donné son feu vert à l'accueil de 25 000 réfugiés syriens au cours des prochains mois, Pompon Laine Café s'est transformé en point de chute pour ceux qui souhaitent offrir des tuques et autres vêtements de laine destinés aux citoyens fuyant la guerre civile en Syrie. Le lieu de rencontre, qui propose des cours de tricot et du café aux amateurs de longues aiguilles, troquera son activité de Noël, prévue jeudi, par une séance de tricot en règle au profit des futurs résidents québécois. «Habituellement nous sommes dans la période où l'on fabrique des cadeaux express, des petits patrons pour les tricoteuses aguerries. Puis on a décidé de se réorienter et on a demandé aux gens de venir tricoter avec nous. En fait, les Syriens n'ont pas demandé à quitter leur pays. Ils s'en viennent dans un milieu qui peut être assez hostile. Il n'ont pas choisi d'être en exil. Donc, si c'est réconfortant pour nous, tricoter, on se dit que ce sera réconfortant pour eux. Tricoter un morceau, c'est comme un lien d'affection, une preuve d'affection, d'amitié, de bons voeux, de bienvenue», note l'une des propriétaires de Pompon Laine Café, Julie Biron, qui se réjouit de la trentaine de tuques déjà au rendez-vous. [La Presse](#)

Refugee planning gets down to details in Old Ottawa South

Old Ottawa South resident Marc Rand decided he wanted to do something to help a Syrian refugee family that is being sponsored by a community group in his neighbourhood. But he needed the OK from his 16-year-old son, Ben. "Mind giving up your room for a while?" he asked Ben before offering their home as a temporary refuge for the family with four young children. (...)The Ottawa South group had a blizzard of details on the table. Friends and neighbours have been asked to donate a long list of items, from a kitchen table to dish soap, dressers, lots of shoes and four car seats. "Should we get them cellphones?" someone asked. They've been awash in offers of help and cash. More than \$50,000 has been raised, enough to start work on sponsoring a second family. A dentist, optometrist and barber have offered their services. Several former English-as-a-second-language teachers said they'd be glad to tutor them. Students at a nearby private school plan to make welcome signs in Arabic. [Postmedia News](#) (Ottawa Citizen, A4)

'How people live, it's inhumane,' says refugee living in Fredericton

When Mohammed Daoussa Tom thinks about his mom and dad, tears begin to roll down his cheeks. The Sudanese refugee doesn't remember the last time he saw his parents alive. "I'm starting to forget their faces," said the 21-year-old, burying his face into his hands. "It's been a long time." Last year, he learned his father is dead and he still doesn't know the whereabouts of his mother. (...)Daoussa Tom says he's trying to do his best to integrate into Canadian society. He's doing this by taking classes and learning English at the Multicultural Association of Fredericton. When he first arrived, the Fredericton resident said it was a bit strange. Daoussa Tom admits he was a bit afraid and sick. But says he's also living in an apartment and making new friends in the Fredericton community. "It's a small city but everyone is generous and they're not aggressive or violent," he said. "I like Fredericton, it's the ideal city for me." He also admits, Canadian living conditions can be difficult. "Once the cold arrives, I can't leave the house," said Daoussa, who says he dresses in layers, but nothing seems to prevent the cold. "I stay in my room." [Telegraph-Journal](#), A3 (Daily Gleaner)

Saskatoon comes together to provide dream wedding

Athar Farroukh and Mohamad Al-Noury got the wedding they always wanted. The couple, refugees from Syria, was given a lavish wedding reception Sunday thanks to a wave of donations from Saskatoon residents and businesses. "We're blessed that we're in Saskatoon. It's a dream come true for us," Farroukh said before cutting the cake and joining the revellers in a Delta Bessborough hotel ballroom. "It's a great feeling. I wish everyone could have the same experience." The couple arrived in Saskatoon one year ago. Their village in Syria was bombed and they were forced to flee. They had hoped to get married at home, but soon saw they could not return. They were married in a modest ceremony in a Lebanese refugee camp before being accepted to Canada. Last week, CBC reporter Eman Bare was interviewing them when she discovered they had no wedding photos. Bare and some friends offered to snap some shots, and they put out a call for help on social media. "I posted it, but then the community took over," she said. People donated flowers and food, as well as a wedding dress and suit for the couple. Bessborough officials donated the banquet hall. On Sunday afternoon, about 50 guests, as well as a throng of reporters and photographers, were on hand as the smiling couple entered the ballroom. They sat for photos, then watched as well-wishers sang and drummed and danced in their honour. [Postmedia News](#) (StarPhoenix, A1/Front)

Armenian centre in Willowdale to accept more than 1,000 refugees

There are already roughly 350 Syrian refugees adjusting to their first winter in Canada, the first days of a new life, thanks to the Armenian Community Centre in Willowdale. The centre's co-ordinator will see her phone ring all day, as Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) alerts her of new arrivals. Lorig Garboushian and volunteers have picked up more than 20 people in a day, just the beginning of the 1,079 newcomers they will be sponsoring. That's roughly half of the 2,600 refugees Toronto will be accepting, according to the numbers released two weeks ago by CIC. There's always someone there at the airport to welcome the arrivals, whose faces often belie conflicted emotions. [CBC News](#) (2015-12-06)

Young singer inspired by plight of refugees

Like many a musician before her, Jamie Arsenault is trying to fight hatred with music. Disturbed by a wave of prejudicial comments about refugees on social media, the 21-year-old musician from Grande Prairie decided to do something about it. "I wanted people to realize that refugees are just like us," Arsenault said. "Maybe they look different, or speak a different language and pray to a different god, but they're just human, with the same hopes and fears as us." (...) Arsenault said she spent a few days researching the experiences of Syrian refugees, and fine-tuning the lyrics and music before recording and posting her video. The lyrics to Arsenault's Refugee Song are written from the point of view of a mother in a war-torn country who is trying to comfort her child. (...) Though she's not sure if she changed the minds of any people who posted hateful comments, all of the responses she has received so far have been positive. "I think I've made a big enough difference that it's made my heart a little bit happier," she said. Postmedia News (Edmonton Journal, A5)

*** Amnesty supporters gather in Waterloo to write for rights**

International Human Rights Day, which was marked Saturday, has special meaning for Anwar Arkani. After his father was murdered in 1978, Arkani fled through the jungles of Burma (now called Myanmar) along with his mother and 300,000 other refugees to Bangladesh. It was a two-day walk, and only the beginning of a 24-year-long journey that ended in Canada. (...) Margaret Jackson co-chairs one of the two Amnesty International groups in Kitchener- Waterloo. Her group raises awareness, and the other writes letters. The Saturday event was called Write for Rights. "It is the premier event for Amnesty International all around the world," Jackson said. "Last year in this event we were able to send out over three million letters." Among the 10 issues highlighted by Jackson's group Saturday are three in Canada: a dam on the Peace River in northern B.C. that will destroy First Nation trap lines and hunting grounds; keeping Canada's immigration doors open to Syrian refugees; and the actions of Canadian mining and oil companies operating abroad. Waterloo Region Record, B1

How do refugees travel to work?

An editorial by a P.E.I. board member for Transportation Action Atlantic states, "According to The Guardian, Dec. 4, Robert Henderson, MLA for O'Leary-Inverness, thinks that refugees arriving in P.E.I. should be encouraged to become farm and fisheries workers, replacing temporary foreign workers. Mr. Henderson sees a double benefit: employment for refugees while lowering the number of temporary foreign workers. Hmmm. How are the refugees to get to the farms and fish plants? Won't they have the same problem many rural islanders, who would also like to work on the farms and fish plans, have? On P.E.I., as it is now, the only way to reach a destination more than walking distance away is by automobile. Is P.E.I. going to provide refugees with automobiles? It so far hasn't done this for those rural islanders who do not have their own cars. The temporary foreign workers do not need cars because they are housed in barracks at the work sites. Refugees coming here will be housed in camps or barracks near work sites?" The Guardian, A6

Saint John is up to refugee challenge

An editorial states, "Saint John, with one of the country's highest poverty rates, is about to welcome up to 500 Syrian refugees who will need financial and moral support. Is welcoming so many outsiders in conflict with helping the city's existing poor? In the words of Mayor Mel Norton, this isn't an either/or situation. We have a duty -- and a history -- of responding to international humanitarian crises. Mayor Norton and Shilo Boucher, CEO of the Greater Saint John YMCA, have outlined some of the needs as the city prepares. The YMCA's Newcomer Connections program is acting as the co-ordinating site for the refugees. There are already signs of preparation around Saint John. The YMCA has received scores of offers of time and money. A call for Arabic translators brought 40 responses. Area churches are working on a clothing drive so every family has what it needs to face a Canadian winter. The city will offer the refugees free bus passes. The welcoming effort still needs more support. Ms. Boucher says the Y is looking to match welcoming groups of three-to-five Saint John area residents with each refugee family. These groups will help them with everyday activities -- navigating the city, opening a bank account, finding grocery stores and pharmacies, helping arrange child-care and schools." Telegraph-Journal, A8

Volunteers aid refugees more than government

An opinion piece states, "Throughout the Syrian refugee crisis, when governments have stumbled, volunteers have charged ahead. (...)Private citizens often plug the gaps that the state leaves open. In some ways, that's as it should be. But even if resettling refugees is a national project, the project begins and ends with government policy. Canada's refugee policy has holes in it that no volunteers can fill. The responsibility for repair falls to the Liberal government alone. And if it keeps one of its campaign promises on refugees, it may fail in this. It isn't difficult for refugee advocates to support several Liberal promises on refugees. Not just the promise that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made to resettle more Syrian refugees - he vowed to change the system. If he fulfils that vow, his government will improve family reunification. It will reduce sponsorship application processing timelines. It will restore refugee health care. It will appoint only experts to the Immigration and Refugee Board. In other words, the government will do a better job of taking refugees in, and will take better care of them when they arrive. What's not to like? Only this: Canadian refugee advocates have long criticized a list that gives preferential treatment to refugees that don't come from so-called "safe countries." While a Citizenship and Immigration Canada spokesperson tells me that it's too early to comment about the government's intentions, according to the Liberal campaign platform, the government may revise the safe country list, but has no plan to rip it up." [Postmedia News](#) (Ottawa Citizen, C4)

Canada needs to prepare for refugees

An opinion piece states, "Canada has an opportunity to once again be known as a nation of small towns with big hearts greeting the world's first "environmental refugees". Get ready Canada for a reinvigoration of the Nanaimos, Medicine Hats, North Battlefords, Selkirks, Thunder Bays, Rimouskis, Monctons, Dartmouths, Summersides, and Ganders as choice destinations for displaced persons fleeing chaos around the world. (...)To such populations, Canada is a kind of Promised Land. Underpopulated, potentially benefitting agriculturally from the early stages of global warming, and predisposed to middle-power diplomacy and decency, Canada is the kind of country people everywhere would like to raise their children. Consider the choices a young Syrian family faces today in a Beiruti refugee camp, perhaps a repurposed concrete parking garage in the city's core. To stay is to accept an uncertain fate at best, cooking dinners on an open fire and hoping for charity or marginal employment in the city's street-side markets. Educational opportunities for children will be severely limited. To decide to move is to embrace hope of redemption in another system - in another world. To such parents, Canada is the dream destination. Facing this uncertain world, Canada needs seriously to plan for a growing tide of refugees. Expensive real estate and a high cost of living will bar some traditional recipient cities like Vancouver and Toronto from playing a key role." [Red Deer Advocate](#), A4 (The Guardian, Daily Gleaner)

A chance for compromise

A letter to the editor states, "Re: Refugees Eschewing Canada Refuted, Dec. 4. A UN agency's discovery that fewer than 5 per cent of eligible Syrian refugees are interested in coming to Canada presents a wonderful opportunity for compromise for Liberals and their critics alike: the Liberals can hold their heads up high and truthfully say they've invited 25,000 to come to Canada, but only 1,250 of them signed up. The Liberals could then fairly claim they "can only lead the horse to water..." and bring closure to this ill-conceived election promise." [Postmedia News](#) (National Post, A9)

*** Negativity carried too far**

An editorial states, "It appears that we are living in an increasingly negative thinking society. After the big Liberal win in the Oct. 19 federal election, jubilation suddenly turned sour as new Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that he would bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada by the year's end. What amazes me is that the news media, instead of praising the action of the government's proposed humanitarian effort, immediately focused on the fact that this project could not be successful. And now they seem to be reveling in the fact that they were right. I want to point out to our intrepid 'investigative' reporters that every proposed project must have a deadline attached. Otherwise it would only be a wish, which might never be accomplished. Are you too small to give credit where it is due?" [Cape Breton Post](#), A8

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*** What the throne speech tells us about the 'new' federalism**

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau took primary responsibility for the health of the federation when he was sworn in last month as Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. When the Prime Minister's Office subsequently released the all-important Ministerial Mandate Letters there was no such letter regarding Intergovernmental Affairs - the PM apparently kept the details of his own mandate to himself. However, other ministers' letters addressed multiple federalism-related issues, from health and climate change to infrastructure and job creation. And while the intergovernmental script remained private, the new minister of Intergovernmental Affairs' actions spoke loud and clear. On November 23, 2015, Trudeau convened a First Ministers Meeting (FMM) in Ottawa, the first such meeting since 2009. The primary objective of this gathering was to develop a pan-Canadian framework to address climate change. The collaborative symbolism of the FMM persisted as the First Ministers accompanied the prime minister to the United Nations Climate Conference in Paris. [iPolitics](#)

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U.K. police probe 'terrorist' knife attack

Counter-terrorism police in Britain on Sunday investigated a stabbing at a London Underground station in which a man brandishing a knife injured two people and reportedly said "This is for Syria." Police arrested a 29-year-old man late Saturday and said they are treating the "violent unprovoked knife attack" at east London's Leytonstone subway station as a "terrorist incident." Richard Walton, chief of Scotland Yard's counter-terrorism command, said the decision was made because of information received from witnesses and police investigations. The force said it was searching a residential address in east London, but declined to say whether they were looking for other suspects. [Associated Press](#) (Guardian, B7, Red Deer Advocate, Edmonton Journal, StarPhoenix, Windsor Star, Gazette, Leader-Post, Toronto Sun, Times & Transcript, Whig-Standard); * [Calgary Sun](#), A23

Obama vows to defeat terror threat

In a rare Oval Office address, U.S. President Barack Obama vowed Sunday night the United States would overcome a terror threat that has entered a "new phase" as he sought to reassure Americans shaken by recent attacks in Paris and California. "I know that after so much war, many Americans are asking whether we are confronted by a cancer that has no immediate cure," he said, speaking from a lectern in his West Wing office. The president's speech followed Wednesday's shooting in San Bernardino, Calif., that killed 14 people and wounded 21. Authorities say a couple carried out the attack and the wife pledged allegiance to the Islamic State and its leader in a Facebook post. Obama said that while there was no evidence that the shooters were directed by a terror network overseas or part of a broader plot, "the two of them had gone down the dark path of radicalization." "This was an act of terrorism designed to kill innocent people," he said in the 13-minute address. The president announced no significant shift in U.S. strategy and offered no new policy prescriptions for defeating the Islamic State, underscoring both his confidence in his current approach and the lack of easy options for countering the extremist group. He did call on Congress to tighten America's visa waiver program and to pass a new authorization for military actions underway against ISIL in Iraq and Syria. [Associated Press](#) (Record, A1, Calgary Herald, Ottawa Citizen, Red Deer Advocate, Ottawa Sun, Times & Transcript, Edmonton Journal, StarPhoenix, Windsor Star, Leader-Post, Toronto Sun, Vancouver Sun, Province, Edmonton Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Hamilton Spectator, Whig-Standard); [Globe and Mail](#), A1

***Storm Desmond: army aids rescue effort as communities struggle after floods**

The army has been deployed to help flood-hit communities in the north of England after Storm Desmond left at least 60,000 homes without power and many lacking clean water, as whole communities were cut off. The storm turned high streets into waterways, with fire services in Lancashire and Cumbria forced to swap their fire engines for rescue boats. Hospitals in Lancaster and Carlisle were running on generator power after electricity substations were flooded, with army trucks used as ambulances in Lancaster to ferry patients to A&E. [The Guardian](#)

*** Far Right expected to triumph in French elections following Paris Attacks**

In a pattern that has become depressingly predictable, the far-right is making historic gains in France in the wake of the Paris terror attacks. The country is still in a state of emergency after simultaneous terror attacks across the capital killed 130 people three weeks ago. Now, the Front National has won the opening round of regional elections, coming first in six out of 13 'super-regions' in France. This is the most successful ever performance for the FN, which has never before held the leadership of a French region. [Metro UK](#); [France 24](#)

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CSE Broke Privacy Laws With Metadata Sharing, Watchdog Says

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OTTAWA — A federal watchdog says Canada's electronic spy agency broke privacy laws by sharing information about Canadians with foreign partners.

In his annual report, Jean-Pierre Plouffe says the Communications Security Establishment passed along the information — known as metadata — to counterparts in the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand.

Metadata is information associated with a communication — such as a telephone number or email address — but not the message itself.

The Ottawa-based CSE uses highly advanced technology to intercept, sort and analyze foreign communications for information of intelligence interest to the federal government.

Documents leaked in 2013 by former American spy contractor Edward Snowden revealed the U.S. National Security Agency — a close CSE ally — had quietly obtained access to a huge volume of emails, chat logs and other information from major Internet companies, as well as massive amounts of data about telephone calls.

As a result, civil libertarians, privacy advocates and opposition politicians demanded assurances the CSE was not using its extraordinary powers to snoop on Canadians.

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DAVID COMMON (CBC-R): Canada's electronic spy agency is conducting mass surveillance of the Internet on a global scale. Documents first obtained by U.S. whistle-blower Edward Snowden show Canada's communication Security Establishment is filtering millions of daily downloads from file-sharing sites looking for extremists.

Is filtering looking for Dave Seglins has our report.

DAVE SEGLINS (CBC reporter): It's called Project Levitation. Canada is watching 102 Internet file-sharing sites. According to spy agency documents, they're sifting through 10 to 15 million uploads and downloads every day. They're looking for people sharing extremist propaganda and training manuals.

GLENN GREENWALD (Journalist, The Intercept): It's really the first time that a story has been reported that involves the CSEC as the lead agency in a program of pure mass surveillance.

DAVE SEGLINS: Glenn Greenwald is a journalist with the U.S. news site The Intercept. He obtained these documents from Edward Snowden and says Canada is using huge databases shared among its allies to build profiles of people downloading suspicious material.

GLENN GREENWALD: They cannot only monitor you into the future, but they can go increasingly into the past and find your Google searches, find your emails, find your chats, find the files that you've uploaded, your Facebook activity. A whole array of Internet activity that you've engaged in.

DAVE SEGLINS: Now Ron Diebert, Director of Citizen Lab, a technology think tank at the University of Toronto, says the goal of stopping terrorists is good, but how much intelligence is being gathered and at what cost?

RON DIEBERT (Director of Citizen Lab, University of Toronto): Is it okay in the pursuit of radical extremists and defending Canadians from possible harm that the government sets up a giant digital x-ray machine over

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everything that we do? Because that's effectively where we're headed right now.

DAVE SEGLINS: CSEC says it's all within its legal mandate to find foreign terrorists. The agency says it's not targeting Canadians and any Canadian incidentally caught up in the surveillance, well, they have measures in place to protect their privacy.

Dave Seglins, CBC News, Toronto.

DAVID COMMON: Much more, including the top-secret documents, can be found at cbcnews.ca. Just follow the links to the Canadian Snowden files.

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Goodale making no quick calls about online police powers

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Following RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson chilling warning that his police force cannot protect Canadians from cyber crimes, **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale seemed unwilling to wade into the questions Paulson raised about Canada's legal framework.**

"He and I have not had the chance to have that conversation yet and I'm looking forward to hearing the elaboration of his views," Goodale told reporters at the Securetech conference in Ottawa.

"This issue has presented difficulties in the past, very high profile ones, that obviously we're quite serious about," he added, not giving any extra air to the debate that has divided security buffs from privacy advocates.

"I just need to have that conversation with the commissioner."

Paulson made the argument Tuesday that as it currently stands, the legal framework in Canada is slowing down police efforts to enforce Canadian laws online.

"Fundamentally, ladies and gentlemen, it's hard to keep people safe on the Internet right now. The best advice we can give people is, 'Don't go (on the Internet),' which is not really working, or 'If you go, be really, really, really careful,'" Paulson told the conference.

"And if something bad happens, hopefully we'll be able to help you, but there's no guarantee."

Privacy concerns, some critics charge, have slowed police agencies down by unnecessarily demanding warrants for certain information created online. These critics argue that metadata should be readily available, including subscriber data from telecoms, a practice the Supreme Court put a plug in with the 2014 Spencer decision.

That decision came shortly after it was discovered that in 2011, nine companies were asked by law enforcement and government agencies to voluntarily hand over their customers' personal information a total of 1.2 million times.

"I'm all for warrantless access to subscriber info," said Paulson. "If I had to get a judge on the phone every time I wanted to run a licence plate when I was doing my policing, there wouldn't have been much policing getting done."

Paulson wasn't alone in advocating for broader police powers online. Former CSIS assistant director of intelligence Ray Boisvert spoke to the conference Wednesday and argued that in the "post-Snowden hysteria," privacy advocates are bringing about restrictions that not only protect lone actor attackers but often facilitate their self-radicalization.

"The challenge around the post-Snowden era is that we're going to see a lot more of this [lone actors] because it makes it difficult to find conspiracy type individuals. The advantage to the lone attacker is extremely important, because as the name implies they can construct, plan, theorize, even self-radicalize and all until they're ready to act," said Boisvert.

Despite the commissioner's cautions, internal RCMP documents looking into the affects of the Spencer ruling show no "significant negative effects" on operations.

The government however has made cyber security a priority in the publicly released ministerial mandate letters, with several departments committed to a multi-departmental review into cyber security for critical infrastructure.

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Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale will host the U.K.'s terrorism legislation watchdog and members of its Intelligence and Security Committee (ISC) next week in Ottawa for a meeting that will include discussion about the government's new national security committee of parliamentarians.

The meeting will come as Parliament resumes from its summer sitting and is expected to dive into debate on Bill C-22, which was tabled on June 16 and announced the framework for the government's nine-member committee of appointed parliamentarians who will "review and scrutinize" the activities of national security agencies.

The committee brings Canada more in-line with other G7 countries' democratic review and oversight bodies, including congressional intelligence committees in the US.

It won't be the first time **Goodale** sits down with the eight British committee members — back in January, he spent three days in the U.K. and France holding meetings with counterterrorism partners including the ISC.

Goodale's office at the time described the trip as an opportunity for the minister to meet with his foreign counterparts on security issues ranging from how best to create a parliamentary oversight committee to how to tackle radicalization and security.

David Anderson, the U.K.'s Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, will also be taking part in the meeting with **Goodale** and the ISC.

Anderson, who has been described by the U.K.'s The Guardian newspaper as "one of the most informed voices in the public debate over surveillance since revelations made by former CIA employee Edward Snowden," is stepping down from his post in February 2017 after serving two three-year terms in the office.

Last month, he tabled a report to the U.K. parliament that said allowing bulk data collection by British spy agencies was "vital in preventing terrorist attacks," a move that drew the ire of some privacy groups in the country who argued the report didn't do enough to present "hard evidence" that the bulk collection was needed.

Following a speech in Ottawa last month at the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police conference, **Goodale** told reporters he wants to see a greater public debate about the balance between privacy and security, particularly with regards to the use of encryption.

His comments came after the police chiefs passed a resolution calling for a law that would force Canadians to hand over their electronic passwords with a judge's consent, with the head of the association stressing that criminals' increasing use of encryption means police needs more tools to keep up.

It's not clear how long Anderson or the ISC will be in Ottawa or if they are holding meetings with other parliamentarians or organizations while in town.

iPolitics has reached out to both parties to request further details.

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Whistleblower Edward Snowden to keynote Toronto conference

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The man that says he lives on the Internet will be the showcase speaker at SecTor, a Toronto-based security conference this year.

Edward Snowden, the former CIA employee and government contractor that leaked classified documents about a mass surveillance operation run by the National Security Administration (NSA), will be appearing at the conference via a video link from Russia, where he's been living under asylum since 2013. SecTor will be Snowden's first and only commercial conference appearance in North America this year, conference organizers say.

"Edward Snowden is not only one of the biggest names in cybersecurity, but his unique situation and cybersecurity experiences also make him one of the most important and influential," said SecTor co-founder Brian Bourne in an email announcement. It's important to have him "appear in front of the Canadian IT community, so we engage and inspire today's security professionals and don't fall behind."

Snowden has been said to make his living off of speaking fees since fleeing the U.S. and leaking state secrets. Snowden's lawyer Ben Wizner once told the New York Times the fees can sometimes exceed \$10,000 per appearance.

Snowden has also made appearances at conferences and gallery events via telepresence robot BeamPro, essentially a raised iPad on two wheels. He first used the robot at a TED talk in 2014.

Beyond NSA's clandestine mass surveillance operations that were leaked by Snowden, Canada's Communications Security Establishment (CSE) has also been the subject of some of his classified leaks. He's also said that Canada's intelligence gathering operations have the "weakest oversight" among western nations.

A Hollywood movie, directed by Oliver Stone and titled Snowden, is based the whistleblower's life and focuses on his choice to reveal state secrets.

SecTor begins in Toronto Oct. 17.

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Cyber Security in Canada and the Cyber Security consultation and review | La Cyber sécurité au Canada et l'examen de la politique de cyber sécurité

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

Cyber security in Canada received a significant amount of media coverage, focusing on current cyber threats. The government of Canada's Cyber Security consultation and review received light media coverage. Overall tone of coverage was neutral.

- A small number of print and online articles mentioned Minister of Public Safety, Ralph Goodale's mandate letter asking for a review of existing measures to protect Canadians and critical infrastructure from cyber threats. Officials at Public Safety Canada stated the review will launch in the spring of 2016. It will look at legal gaps and shortcomings in police resources. The creation of the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange (CCTX) received a light amount of print and online media coverage.
- The bulk of broadcast media coverage focused on cyber threats and cyber security in the business world.
- Social media trends focused on the increased global cyber threat environment, gaps in information sharing between countries (especially the U.S. and Canada) and measures for private enterprises to take to ensure their cyber security.

News Releases / Communiqués

Déclaration du ministre de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile à propos du lancement de l'Échange canadien de menaces cybernétiques

L'honorable Ralph Goodale, ministre canadien de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile, a fait la déclaration suivante au sujet du nouvel Échange canadien de menaces cybernétiques (ECMC), un centre de cybersécurité à but non lucratif : « Le cyberspace génère des avantages extraordinaires pour la qualité de vie des Canadiens et notre prospérité nationale. Nous avons tous le devoir de protéger ces avantages contre les menaces cybernétiques. L'un de nos meilleurs moyens de défense est notre capacité à travailler ensemble et à échanger de l'information sur les menaces cybernétiques actuelles et futures, les techniques de défense et les autres pratiques exemplaires. Voilà pourquoi le gouvernement du Canada accueille favorablement la création de l'ECMC par le secteur privé. Cette nouvelle

organisation favorisera la collaboration entre le secteur public et le secteur privé au Canada et nous aidera à déceler, à prévenir et à atténuer les risques cybernétiques plus efficacement. Nous serons heureux de travailler avec l'ECMC et ses membres pour assurer la sécurité du Canada et de ses citoyens. » [Sécurité publique Canada](#)

Statement from the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness on the launch of the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange

The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Canada's Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, made the following statement regarding the launch of the new Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange (CCTX), a not-for-profit cyber security hub: Cyberspace provides tremendous benefits to the quality of life of Canadians and to our national prosperity. We all share in the responsibility to protect those benefits from online threats. One of our best defences is our ability to work together and share information on existing and emerging cyber security threats, defensive techniques and other best practices. For this reason, the Government of Canada welcomes the private sector initiative to create the CCTX. It will facilitate collaboration amongst public and private sectors in Canada and will help us to identify, prevent and mitigate cyber risks more effectively. We look forward to working with the CCTX and its members to keep Canada and Canadians safe and secure. [Public Safety Canada](#)

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"We need to examine a broad collection of things related to national security" "This will involve a very extensive examination of our security and intelligence operations now and how we can make them better." "We will begin the process by circulating materials that we would invite Canadians to comment on. Where that leads at the end of the process, we'll have to see what the process itself generates." "We will be consulting Canadians broadly and Parliamentarians and subject matter experts to revise the provisions in the law." ~ Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Ralph Goodale

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"It is our intent to conduct a review that is going to be credible and comprehensive, and reaches out to all stakeholders across Canada. And also to our international partners." - Monik Beauregard, senior assistant deputy minister at Public Safety Canada's national and cybersecurity branch

"The threat is constantly evolving. The kinds of attacks, viruses and malware are rapidly changing. Nobody has the capability of staying ahead of it all the time." ~ President of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, John Manley

"The lack of data is because companies do not want to admit that they were victim to a hack, particularly because of the perceived liability." ~ President of I-Sec Integrated Strategies and a former Assistant Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, Ray Boisvert

"We've been putting military and intelligence organizations at the top and see the world through the lens of a kind of competitive militaristic view of what cybersecurity means, when in fact I think we need to take an entirely different approach that puts more emphasis on a civilian understanding of securing cyberspace." ~ Ron Deibert, director of the Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs

"Overall, it's a very positive initiative () it will make (Canadian businesses) more resilient." ~ Partner and Cybersecurity Consulting Leader at PWC, Saj Nair

"Le FBI a publié en 2007 un rapport montrant que malgré ses craintes, le cryptage des ordinateurs n'avait jamais empêché de résoudre une affaire [...] Je ne pense donc pas qu'interdire le cryptage des mobiles résoudrait les problèmes de sécurité nationale" ~ Vicente Diaz, analyste pour l'entreprise russe Kaspersky Labs

"By bringing together technological solutions, by influencing human behaviour and by developing the insurance market, we can distribute cyber risk in order to enjoy the potential of a connected future." ~ Dominic Casserley, president and deputy chief executive officer of Willis Towers Watson, during a speech at the Commonwealth Club of California in San Francisco

"For instance, just like in the United States there is a cybercrime underground in Canada. But, the Canadian cybercrime underground is smaller and focuses primarily on trafficking in counterfeit and stolen documents and credentials." ~ Christopher Budd, global threat communications at Trend

Print & Online Media / Presse écrite et en ligne

From November 1, 2015 to April 18, 2016, media coverage of cyber security as a general topic was significant, with mentions in 310 English language articles and 69 French language articles. The bulk of articles discussed cyber threats affecting the private sector. However, the Cyber Security consultation and review received a light amount of coverage. The tone of coverage was neutral. Articles featured comments supporting the government's proposal to conduct a review and consultation on Canada's Cyber Security strategy. Stakeholders noted the need to update Canada's critical infrastructure and cyber security infrastructure.

Key issues:

- Media noted that in his mandate letter, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Ralph Goodale, was asked to lead a review of existing measures to protect Canadians and critical infrastructure from cyber threats, in collaboration with other departments. At the Conference of Defence Associations Institute's Ottawa conference on February 18, Minister Goodale stated that the review of the cyber security policy will be comprehensive.
- The Cyber security review will focus on two threats: the increase in sexual exploitation over the Internet and national security.
- Nine major Canadian companies, along with the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, announced the formation of the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange (CCTX), a non-profit organization that will allow firms to share information amongst themselves, government and research institutes about cyber-attacks.
- Budget 2016: The Communications Security Establishment, is expecting a net increase of \$59.5 million "in support" of its mandate. Specifically, CSE expects to spend the money to increase its "capacity to address cyber threats and advancements in technology." Media note the bulk of money for domestic cyber security will be directed at Shared Services. Budget 2016 allocates \$77.4 million over five years, starting this year, for Shared Services to update its cyber security network, patch existing problems and make sure government networks are protected from cyber threats, malicious software and unauthorized access.
- Alberta's auditor general criticized Alberta Energy for failing to assess the performance of its oil and gas royalty reduction programs and not assessing the potential impacts of a cyber-attack on the industry.

- Patrick Boucher, the acting director general responsible for critical infrastructure, said Canada works closely with its Five Eyes partners - the U.S., U.K., Australia and New Zealand - to address transnational threats.
- Media reported Canada and the U.S. are vulnerable to an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attack.
- President Barack Obama and PM Justin Trudeau agreed to increase critical infrastructure security and information sharing on cyber security with the private sector.
- Over a two month period, Canada faced 25 attacks from sophisticated malware designed to target its critical infrastructure. Power plants, electrical grids, aviation software a variety of government-run systems were facing assault from Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) technology, likely dispatched by foreign governments both hostile and friendly.
- The World Economic Forum has listed cyber security as one of the greatest threats to business around the world
- In the private sector, media report on the lack of awareness among non-technical employees. Additionally, reports note companies are concerned about cyber security.
- According to the US Department of Homeland Security, the energy sector faces more cyber-attacks than any other industry.
- Stakeholders: Wesley Wark, a Canadian expert on issues relating to intelligence, national security and terrorism, stated that instead of spending time on a review of cyber security, what the government requires is "fresh thinking on a much larger scale about its national security capabilities and strategy". Gabe Rottman, a policy advisor at the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington: like Canada, the United States has a complicated network of government entities trying to handle cyber security threats.

Cyber threats, private sector CCTX

Tech Threat

Computer programs designed to snoop through retailers' point-of-sale (POS) systems for sensitive customer information or to encrypt files so that criminals can extort money are among the cyber threats Canadian businesses face. But a major hurdle to overcoming such threats, suggest information technology security experts, is a lack of awareness among non-technical employees. While very few threat reports focus on or cover Canada, the data available indicates that the most prominent IT security threat here is the OpenCandy toolbar, Natasha Hellenberg, senior threat researcher for Tokyo-based vendor Trend Micro Incorporated, suggests in a blog post. Users are tricked into installing this onto their machine, which is then used to also download malware onto it, says Ottawa-based Hellenberg ()One hurdle to gathering Canadian statistics for malware attacks on businesses, McCloskey advises, is the fact that it is tough to get people to come clean on their level of incidents. The federal government recently made some announcements with respect to facilitating some judgment-free sharing of incident information across industries. For example, the Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre (CCIRC) shares technical information on threats, vulnerabilities, risks and incidents with its partners to enhance collective understanding of cyber threats and incidents, and help ensure organizations have the information required to make informed decisions, Public Safety Canada reports on its website. Organizations can report cyber incidents to the [federal government] through CCIRC, adds a spokesperson for the federal department. [Canadian Underwriter](#) (2016-03-31)

This one chart explains why cybersecurity is so important

New hacking threats have emerged in the past two years, and with it has come an large increase in

worldwide concern about cybersecurity. In 2014, 69% of executives expressed concerned about cyber threats, including a lack of data security, according to a PricewaterhouseCoopers survey. In 2015, an updated survey increased that number to 86%, so it's clear that the desire for better cybersecurity is not going away anytime soon. In the infographic below, John Greenough of BI Intelligence, Business Insider's premium research service, explains what cybersecurity is, what the investment will be, the top types of attacks, and the ways enterprises are protecting themselves. [Business Insider](#) (2016-03-17)

Multi-layered approach key to tackling cyber risks: Willis Towers Watson

Taking a multi-dimensional approach as opposed to relying on a sub-set of actions is needed to tackle the growing cyber security risk, Dominic Casserley, president and deputy chief executive officer of Willis Towers Watson, suggested in a recent speech at the Commonwealth Club of California in San Francisco. Casserley urged organizations in the public, private and social sectors to adopt an integrated plan for building cyber security as a package, rather than relying on a sub-set of actions in response to growing cyber threats, notes a statement issued Thursday by global advisory, broking and solutions company Willis Towers Watson. [Canadian Underwriter](#) (2016-02-26)

Téléphone intelligent - Protection des données ou sécurité nationale?

La cybersécurité touche aussi la téléphonie mobile, quoi qu'en pensent leurs usagers

Longtemps à la traîne, la sécurité des données des téléphones mobiles devient un enjeu majeur pour les entreprises et les consommateurs, mais la lutte contre le terrorisme complique l'équation. "Pour une très grande majorité des utilisateurs, les questions de sécurité peuvent supposer un frein à un usage plus poussé des technologies", explique Stéphane Geyres, responsable activités conseil et service en cybersécurité chez Accenture. Avec le développement des services sur mobiles, comme l'accès aux données bancaires, les utilisateurs s'interrogent de plus en plus sur la sécurité qu'ils peuvent en attendre. Pour autant, paradoxalement, cette question n'est pas au centre de leurs préoccupations lors de l'achat d'un nouveau modèle. [Le Devoir](#), B4 (2016-02-25)

Spy agency unlawfully shared metadata for years

The unlawful sharing by Canada's electronic spy agency of metadata involving Canadians' communications went on for years before the practice was suspended in 2014, parliamentarians learned Monday. The disclosure by Jean-Pierre Plouffe, head of the small, independent agency that monitors the legality of Communications Security Establishment (CSE) operations, means vast amounts of unprotected data were shared with Canada's "Five Eyes" intelligence partners in the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Plouffe, testifying before the Senate's National Security Committee, was asked by Senate Opposition Leader Claude Carignan how many Canadians were affected by the privacy breach. "Given the number of years which this happened, and given the fact this is a systemic issue, it was difficult to establish the volume and the number of people affected," replied Plouffe. "Hundreds of thousands?" asked Carignan. "It is impossible to know the exact figure," said Plouffe. Metadata is information used by computer systems to identify, describe, manage or route communications across networks. It can include Internet protocol addresses, phone numbers and the time of a transmission or the location of a device. The data is vital to the CSE's collection of foreign electronic signals to detect and defend against cyber-threats to Canadian networks and terrorist threats to national security. While metadata does not reveal the content of the communications, it can expose information about the user. CSE computer software is supposed to "minimize" such information - removing potentially revealing details - before it is shared with foreign partners. Instead, reams of unminimized metadata flowed to a U.S.-based Five Eyes metadata sharing point for years. The spy agency first discovered the problem in late 2013 and suspended the practice in early 2014 until a technical fix could be found. It has yet to resume the metadata sharing, Plouffe said Monday. The CSE notified Plouffe's Office of the Communications Security Establishment Commissioner soon after discovering the problem. Plouffe went public in his annual report, released in January, and sanctioned the agency for breaking the law - the first such rebuke in the agency's long history. [Postmedia News](#) (Vancouver Sun, A10, Ottawa Citizen, Calgary Herald) (2016-02-23)

Survey: Majority of Energy Sector Companies Can't Track Cyber-Threats

According to the US Department of Homeland Security, the energy sector faces more cyber-attacks than any other industry, and attacks on industrial control system networks are on the rise. If successful, these energy sector cyber-attacks could have a dramatic physical impact. But, two-thirds of IT staff in the energy, utilities and oil and gas industries say they have no visibility into the physical ramifications at stake. [Info Security Magazine](#) (2016-02-05)

Protecting Canada

While Canada and the U.S. are vulnerable to an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attack that has the potential to destabilize our power grid, water systems, food supply chain and more, the solution is relatively simple. But first the issue needs to become a priority for Canadian politicians. Part 1 of this two-part feature explained former CIA analyst Dr. Peter Pry's attempts to educate policymakers and the military on the need to protect our electrical grid. If an enemy detonated a nuclear missile above the skies of North America, it could take out our grid for months. Countries like North Korea and various terrorist groups have shown they can launch EMP missiles. "This is a bigger threat than the classic nuclear war we talk about," Pry explained during a recent visit to Toronto. "It will kill a lot more people. One bomb will basically end your civilization () In the mandate letter sent to Ralph Goodale, minister of public safety and emergency preparedness, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau instructs him to "lead a review of existing measures to protect Canadians and our critical infrastructure from cyber-threats." This review could be the beginning of the answer, but neither the minister's office nor department would confirm EMP is a priority. [Postmedia Network](#) (Calgary Sun, A16; Toronto Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun) (2016-02-01)

The Internet's Wild West

Hijacking "smart" toasters and refrigerators and hacking corporate ventilation systems are among the new threats envisioned by cybersecurity experts as an increasing array of items are connected to the Internet. The Internet of Things, a movement that seeks to control everything from factory equipment to traffic lights and household appliances through the web, creates vast opportunities for improved efficiency and convenience. But unless companies address the emerging cybersecurity risks, the Internet of Things (or IoT) will fail, said Stephen Pattison, the vice-president of public affairs at ARM Holdings, the U.K. semiconductor company. "We ain't seen nothing yet," Pattison said, speaking on a panel at the recent Security Innovation Network's U.S./U.K. Global Cybersecurity Innovation Summit in London. [Bloomberg](#) (Waterloo Region Record, A10, Hamilton Spectator) (2016-02-01)

Canada Discovers It's Under Attack by Dozens of State-Sponsored Hackers

Over a two month period, Canada faced 25 attacks from sophisticated malware designed to target its critical infrastructure. Power plants, electrical grids, aviation software a variety of government-run systems were facing assault from Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) technology, likely dispatched by foreign governments both hostile and friendly. In access to information documents, obtained by VICE News, Public Safety Canada describes these "Advanced Persistent Threat" groups as "sophisticated threat actors with significant resources who pursue objectives over an extended period of time and attempt to maintain presence on the targeted network" and are most likely "a nation state" given the "level of intent and capabilities of these actors". APT attacks, in other words, are hacks designed to surreptitiously gain backdoor access to a system in order to lay dormant for long periods of time, usually undetected, to collect data. There were 25 incidents involving "hosts affected with APT-related malware," according to reports obtained from the Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre (CCIRC), the federal agency tasked with keeping tabs on cyber threats to the public and private sector. All of the threats came from "the Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) sector," with connections to Canada's major public infrastructure. Critical infrastructure, which is increasingly automated and online, entails public systems like the electrical grid, nuclear power plants, water filtration stations and financial institutions. It's been said that, should hackers successfully leverage one of those exploitations, it could result in a "Cyber Pearl Harbor." A report from the country's main intelligence service, the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS), says the threat posed by these hacks are "very real" and that they could "affect water supply, energy and utilities, manufacturing, Internet communications technology or even gravely affect institutions such as schools and hospitals." Public Safety Canada remained tight lipped when asked about

any Canadian critical infrastructure being exploited by hackers in the employ of hostile nations. "While we do not comment on specific or potential threats against Canadian critical infrastructure interests, I can say that the CCIRC is focused on protecting vital systems outside of the federal government, including critical infrastructure, against cyber incidents," said Mylène Croteau, a spokesperson for Public Safety Canada. [Vice.com](#) (2016-01-25)

Beefing up our cyber defences

In an opinion piece, lawyers Imran Ahmad, Marlon Hylton and Bernice Karn, members of Cassels Brock Blackwell LLP's cyber-security practice write, "With cyber attacks steadily increasing in sophistication, frequency and magnitude, we must ask ourselves whether Canada is ready to meet the challenge these threats pose to our economy, national security and the overall wellbeing of Canadians. Unfortunately, when compared to the United States, the United Kingdom or Germany, Canada is clearly lagging in terms of cyber readiness (...) Nevertheless, last month alone, several positive developments within the public and private sectors signalled a real effort to move the yardsticks on Canada's cyber preparedness. The first was Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's mandate to his minister of public safety to lead a review of existing measures to protect critical infrastructure - utilities, transportation, financial sector, telecommunications, etc. - from cyber threats. Shortly thereafter, the Canadian Council of Chief Executives announced that it was establishing the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange, a member-funded, not-for-profit organization focused on helping Canadian businesses and consumers protect themselves against cyber-attacks." [National Post](#), A9 (2016-01-20)

Cyber-attack among World Economic Forum's top global risks

The World Economic Forum (WEF) has listed cyber-security as one of the greatest threats to business around the world. In the Global Risks Report, the annual study of what the WEF fears and what the forum feels the world should fear, cyber-security has made its third appearance. The category finds itself ranked fairly high, above food crises, interstate conflict, terrorist attacks and spread of infection diseases but below climate change, fiscal crises and mass migration. In 140 economies, the report notes, cyber-attacks rank in the top ten threats. The United States is considered to have the most to be concerned about given the effects cyber-threats can have on the economy. [SC Magazine](#) (2016-01-19)

Why CIOs should pay attention to the difference in U.S. and Canadian cyber threats

When it comes to cyber threats, the U.S. and Canada are very different, according to Trend Micro threat researcher Natasha Hellberg, and that should affect how CIOs manage security. "Our culture, motivations, behaviours and political climate are all unique to Canada. These influence how threat actors here behave," she said in her post(<http://blog.trendmicro.com/trendlabs-security-intelligence/what-about-canada-eh-the-canadian-threat-landscape/>) on the TrendLabs Security Intelligence blog, What About Canada, Eh? - The Canadian Threat Landscape. The post was a supplement to Trend Micro's report, North American Underground: The Glass Tank, which examined cybercrime on both sides of the border. "In the report we find that Canadian threat trends are related but different from those in the United States," noted Christopher Budd, global threat communications at Trend. "For instance, just like in the United States there is a cybercrime underground in Canada. But, the Canadian cybercrime underground is smaller and focuses primarily on trafficking in counterfeit and stolen documents and credentials." [National Post](#) (2016-01-18)

Must see: The government doesn't want you to click here

Warnings against clickbait and phishing permeate Canadian spy agency's cyber defence reports.

Government of Canada users should avoid clicking on suspicious or catchy articles or email links, warns a Canadian spy agency in its Cyber Defence Report for the first quarter of 2015. "Clickbait," it explains, "are websites or online articles designed to drive visitor traffic by containing catchy sensationalist headlines like 'must see' or 'unbelievable' and are distributed over social media and online ads." They want to exploit curiosity, the Communications Security Establishment warns-to "drive web traffic and generate advertising revenue" or to "launch exploits against systems that visit a seeded website." Though the former sounds like the behaviour of any modern news organization, it's the latter that concerns Canada's government. Luring users through email links, or phishing, is one of the ways that hackers can attempt to compromise systems or access classified data. [Embassy](#) (2016-01-13)

Cybersecurity focus increases in Canada, U.S. and U.K.

Over the past week, major initiatives have been launched in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom focused on enhancing cybersecurity. In Canada last week, the Canadian Council of Chief Executives and a group of leading Canadian companies recently announced plans for an independent, not-for-profit organization, the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange (CCTX), to help Canadian businesses and consumers guard against cyber attacks. Launching in 2016, the CCTX will work to share information about cyber threats and vulnerabilities among businesses, government and research institutions. It will provide its members and the general public with analysis of cybersecurity issues and act as a point of contact for cyber information-sharing organizations in other countries. [BiometricUpdate.com](#) (2015-12-15)

New threat intelligence sharing site to open for all Canadian firms

Canadian CISOs are about to get help in defending attacks through something few other nations have - a national cyber threat information exchange for small, medium and large enterprises from all sectors. The Canadian Council of Chief Executives announced this morning that it and a group of major corporations including banks and telcos some of whom have their own private threat sharing networks are behind the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange (CCTX) to help businesses and consumers stay ahead of cyber attacks. The idea is to really start sharing information on a very big scale so all participants will be able to access intelligence and threat information from their partners and use this information to protect their systems much better, said Benoit Dupont, national scientific director of the Montreal-based SERENE-RISC cybersecurity information exchange and a board member of CCTX. The founding members are: Air Canada, Bell Canada, Canadian National Railway Company, HydroOne, Manulife, Royal Bank of Canada, Telus, TD Bank Group and TransCanada Corporation. The non-profit exchange will be up and running in the first quarter of next year, although all of its capabilities won't be available until the end of the year. A search for an executive director starts today. Large companies (and the definition of large hasn't been settled yet) will be charged \$50,000 a year, mid-size firms \$20,000 and small firms \$5,000. [IT.World.Canada](#) (2015-12-11)

Canadian companies have a big new ally in the fight against cyber crime

Businesses in Canada will soon have a new network to guard against cyber crime, which is costing them more than \$3 billion a year. Nine major Canadian companies, including the big telcos and some of the Big Five banks, along with the Canadian Council of Chief Executives on Friday announced they are forming the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange (CCTX), a non-profit organization that will allow firms to share information amongst themselves, government and research institutes about cyber attacks. Overall, it's a very positive initiative, said Saj Nair, a partner and cybersecurity consulting leader at PwC Canada. It will make (Canadian businesses) more resilient. The effect of cyber crime on Canadian GDP is lower than in the U.S. (0.17 per cent versus 0.64 per cent), but the reason for this gap may be underreporting and a lack of data, according to a Fraser Institute report. The lack of data is because companies do not want to admit that they were victim to a hack, particularly because of the perceived liability, said Ray Boisvert, president of I-Sec Integrated Strategies and a former assistant director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. [Financial Post](#) (2015-12-11)

New cybersecurity network aims to share data on emerging threats

Leaders of some of Canada's largest industries are creating a new network to help businesses and the public stay abreast of emerging cyber threats from malware, hackers and online criminals. "The threat is constantly evolving. The kinds of attacks, viruses and malware are rapidly changing. Nobody has the capability of staying ahead of it all the time," said John Manley, president of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, which is spearheading the program. Billed as the CCTX - or the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange - it is set to launch in early 2016. It will be run as an independent, not-for-profit organization open to business and institutions of all sizes. Its founding members include Air Canada, Bell Canada, CN Rail and HydroOne, as well as Royal Bank and TD. The initiative will also work with the federal government's Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre run by the **Ministry of Public Safety**. [CBC News](#) (2015-12-11)

Canadian businesses launching organization to combat cyber threats

Canada's private sector is taking cyber security into its own hands in an attempt to get back some of \$3 billion they're losing to online thieves annually. The Canadian Council of Chief Executives and nine major

Canadian companies including several big telecoms and two of the Big Five banks announced Friday they are forming the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange (CCTX), set to be launched in early 2016. The threat is constantly evolving. The kinds of attacks, viruses and malware are rapidly changing. Nobody has the capability of staying ahead of it all the time, said John Manley, president of the CCCE, which is spearheading the program. It will be run as an independent, not-for-profit organization open to business and institutions of all sizes. Founding members include Air Canada, Bell Canada, CN Rail and Hydro One, as well as Royal Bank, Manulife and TD. [iPolitics](#) (2015-12-11)

When the government really IS here to help with cybersecurity

Last week, I had the privilege of being invited to a workshop hosted by the Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre (CCIRC). Much like many such organizations around the world, CCIRC wants to ensure that Canadian citizens enjoy a free*, secure and safe online experience. The workshop included individuals from both the public and private sectors and from diverse countries. The goal of the week was to seek a better understanding of the types and magnitude of online threats faced by Canadians, what tools we might use to combat cyber threats and how the public and private sectors can better co-operate to achieve a safer cyber Canada. [Sophos Security](#) (2015-11-27)

When the government really IS here to help with cybersecurity

According to Ronald Reagan, the nine most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help. Thanks to Edward Snowden, those concerned with security and privacy would probably agree. I'm here to tell you that there is a different side to this story and it's one that is worth writing about. Last week, I had the privilege of being invited to a workshop hosted by the Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre (CCIRC) ()Much like many such organizations around the world, CCIRC wants to ensure that Canadian citizens enjoy a free*, secure and safe online experience. The workshop included individuals from both the public and private sectors and from diverse countries. The goal of the week was to seek a better understanding of the types and magnitude of online threats faced by Canadians, what tools we might use to combat cyber threats and how the public and private sectors can better co-operate to achieve a safer cyber Canada. [Naked Security](#) (2015-11-27)

Canada 'failing' in fight against cybercrime, hacking

Canada is lagging behind the U.S., Britain and other countries in defending citizens and businesses against malicious hackers and cyber-criminals, say numerous groups involved in trying to police the internet. "We're failing, we're falling behind," warns Katherine Thompson of the Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance, one of Canada's largest private-sector high-tech advocacy groups. "We cannot continue down the path that we're on right now," she told CBC News. "We just went through a very long federal election where not one of the major party leaders discussed cyber-security." Since 2010, Public Safety Canada has spent \$245 million on defending government computer networks, safeguarding critical infrastructure and educating the public. It has also earmarked \$142 million over the next five years to tackle cyber-threats particularly against critical infrastructure. But leaders in Canada's policing, IT and cyber-security sectors say the federal strategy is focused primarily on national security threats and does little to combat the dramatic growth in email scams, online extortion and breaches at corporate computer networks. Canadians are also largely in the dark about the scope of cybercrimes given the country has no central agency to track online scams and malicious electronic attacks. What's more, there are no federal laws to force companies to disclose hacks, security breaches, thefts of data or money so the general public has incomplete knowledge of which companies have been compromised. [CBC News](#) (2015-11-24)

Cyber threats to critical infrastructure on the minister of public safety's radar

On November 13, 2015, as part of the new Canadian Prime Minister's commitment to an open and transparent government, ministerial mandate letters were made public. These letters outline a broad framework for what ministers are expected to accomplish, including specific policy objectives and challenges to be addressed. While they are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all files that a Minister needs to address, they provide insight in terms of the government's overall priorities for the ministry. The ministerial letter issued to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness (the Minister) lists several priorities, most notably: Lead a review of existing measures to protect Canadians and our critical infrastructure from cyber-threats, in collaboration with the Minister of National Defence, the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, the

Minister of Public Services and Procurement, and the President of the Treasury Board. Recognizing cyber threats in the context of ensuring the security of Canada's critical infrastructures is an important step. The Minister will be able to build upon the existing Public Safety's Action Plan for Critical Infrastructure (2014-2017) which outlines the government's cyber strategy to protecting critical infrastructures. Given the changing landscape when it comes to cyber threats, the timing of the Minister's review is timely. [Lexology.com](#) (2015-11-24)

Canada's investing industry urged to make detailed plans to respond to cyber attacks

Canada's investment industry association is urging dealers to make detailed plans at the most senior levels to prepare for and respond to cyber-attacks. The cyber threat is far too sophisticated and serious to relegate it simply to the firm's IT department, Ian Russell, chief executive of the Investment Industry Association of Canada, said in a letter to members Tuesday. Russell said directors and senior executives including the chief executive must be involved, and urged investment dealers to scrutinize their internal defences and technical controls, as well as any third-party vendors with access to their systems. This means the firm must undertake due diligence of third party vendors, to ensure it covers all system entry points to reduce the ways in which cybercriminals can access a firm's systems, the letter said. [Financial Post](#) (Canada.com) (2015-11-24)

Hacked Medical Devices May Be The Biggest Cyber Security Threat In 2016

Hackers have been using ransomware--a type of malware in which attackers can steal or delete the contents of users' computers if they don't pay a ransom--for the past 25 years. Now, it seems, the same tactic may be used on insulin pumps and pacemakers. Ransomware in medical devices is the single biggest cyber security threat for 2016, according to a recent report from research and advisory firm Forrester and reported by Motherboard. [Popular Science](#) (2015-11-24)

Trudeau government putting new emphasis on cybersecurity

The neglected federal cybersecurity file made a surprising appearance in several of the ministerial mandate letters publicly released last week, buried under hot-topic campaign promises like the Syrian refugee project and the legalization of marijuana. Observers say it's a good sign that Canada is starting to take the threat of cybercrime more seriously. "There's a lack of a strategy and a lack of clarity of who in the government is responsible for what," said former CSIS assistant director of intelligence Ray Boisvert, who has criticized the Canadian government in the past for not doing enough to protect Canada's critical infrastructure from cyberattacks. "We (Canada) are a little complacent and in a sort of 'stand by and watch others' mode - which I think is globally a problem - and unlike other defence issues there's no hiding under the U.S. umbrella, because cyber touches everyone, everywhere," said Boisvert. "There are no walls or barriers of isolation for Canada, no hiding behind our three oceans." The planned review of cybersecurity, which covers seven federal departments, will assess Canada's critical infrastructure against cyber threats. There's no word yet on when the review might take place or how much it might cost. Ron Deibert, director of the Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs, said Canada's approach to cybersecurity has been too "top-down, state-driven (and) militaristic" and needs a complete rethink. "We've been putting military and intelligence organizations at the top and see the world through the lens of a kind of competitive militaristic view of what cybersecurity means, when in fact I think we need to take an entirely different approach that puts more emphasis on a civilian understanding of securing cyberspace," said Deibert. The promise of a review comes not long after the previous government committed in a budget to new legislation and programs and tens of millions of dollars in funding for the framework. [iPolitics](#) (2015-11-17)

Cyber security a growing issue for govts, infrastructure operators: report

Cyber security continues to grow as one of the largest challenges facing both governments and critical infrastructure operators, according to a new report from a global analyst firm which says that engagement between industry and key stakeholders is critical to better protect from increasingly complex cyber threats. In a new video report just released, Frost & Sullivan senior consultant Anthony Leather says economic and financial instability, as well as political and social unrest, have brought controversy and insecurity across a number of countries, impacting security decisions worldwide - posing increasingly complex security challenges to governments and across critical infrastructure. Leather explores the changing global dynamics that are driving security stakeholders to re-evaluate resources and operational

requirements to protect against a range of evolving threats from traditional terrorism and crime to emerging threats from cyber security, information and unknown groups. [IT Wire](#) (2015-11-04)

Spy agency wants industry help on cyber security

Canada's electronic spy agency has identified holes in the way the country secures government information-and wants private industry to help fill them. The Communications Security Establishment of Canada is introducing a new "medium" security level for the electronic storage and transmission of sensitive government information, it announced at this year's Government Technology Exhibition and Conference in Ottawa. John Turnbull, the director general of CSEC's Cyber Protection Branch, told industry groups Oct. 21 that there is "an awful lot" of over-classified information within the Canadian government. For now, the government only operates with two levels of assurance. Basic assurance secures most of the government's daily operations, while much more robust high assurance secures classified information. This includes military, security and intelligence activities. () There are big costs associated with administering security clearances and physically renovating buildings to be more secure. CSEC has develops infrastructure to protect information and gathers foreign intelligence about cyber threats. Within CSEC is a Cyber Threat Evaluation Centre that handles cyber threat incident reports. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service analyzes and investigates security threats writ large. And the Royal Canadian Mounted Police investigate cyber crimes. The buck doesn't stop there: Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada advises the government on "the international dimension of cyber security." [Embassy](#) (2015-11-04)

Cyber security consultation/review

CSE chief says federal departments need to "get on" Shared Services' cyber defences

Despite recent news that the RCMP and Department of National Defence are having problems with Shared Services Canada, the head of the country's cyber defence agency says the platform is a "key part" of Canada's cyber operations and more departments need to get on board. CBC News reported last week that it had obtained documents showing that investigations were jeopardized and the public put at risk because of Shared Services' disorganization. It also said senior DND staff were annoyed by Shared Services and said the department caused "significant inefficiency at every level," - from service delivery to procuring resources. Despite that, Greta Bossenmaier, chief of the Communications Security Establishment, told members of the Senate's national security committee on Monday afternoon that, despite the challenges, the department is a critical part of the agency's broader strategy for keeping Government of Canada networks secure - and more agencies need to use it to its full capabilities (...). One of the key tasks outlined for Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale in his mandate letter is the creation of a cyber review that will assess how well Canada is doing in preparing for cyber attacks on things like critical infrastructure, and what it can do better. No date for that review is set but Sajjan's defence policy review, scheduled to be ready by the end of the year, is also expected to include a cyber component. [iPolitics](#) (2016-03-21)

Cyber security review still in early stages, Senate told

Public Safety officials say they're still trying to figure out the scope of a review into protecting critical infrastructure from cyber attacks. Speaking before a Senate committee on national defence Monday, Monik Beauregard said that the department is under a tight timeline to review its efforts and get a report to cabinet. But Beauregard said the department is still trying to figure out how wide or narrow the review will be. "At this point, we're all looking at the scope of the reviews and thinking about how to carry it out," Beauregard told senators Monday evening. In his mandate from the prime minister, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale was asked to lead the review into critical infrastructure protection, in co-ordination with five of his cabinet colleagues. "Critical infrastructure" has a broad definition, but is typically thought of as systems, networks, facilities and assets essential to public safety, national security and economic interests of Canada. That includes everything from bridges to roads, but also data centres, financial networks and natural resources projects. [Toronto Star](#), A6 (2016-03-08)

National security policy under review, says Goodale Cyber security also being reviewed in cabinet

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says his department is undertaking a national security review. "We want open, inclusive consultations that reassure Canadians that their engagement is not just a window dressing but that it's meaningful and has impact," the minister told a recent Ottawa defence conference. Mr. Goodale said the government is looking for "thoughtful discussion, analysis [and] debate." He specifically cited a National Post op-ed by Luc Portelance, former president of the Canada Border Services Agency and Ray Boisvert, former assistant director of intelligence at Canada's spy agency, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. Their message was that the government has a "timely opportunity to consider a thorough assessment of our national security structure" and advocated a "national security reset." (...) One thing that Mr. Goodale's mandate letter does specify is to conduct a review of cyber security policy with other cabinet ministers. Expect it to be "comprehensive," he told the CDA Institute crowd. [Embassy](#) (2016-03-01)

Trudeau government targets cyber threats

With Internet-based child sex-ploitation crimes skyrocketing, the Trudeau government intends to launch a "credible and comprehensive" review this spring of cybersecurity threats in Canada. Officials with Public Safety Canada said Thursday that while the details of that review are still being hammered out by Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale, a review will determine how Canada can best deal with everything from online predators to digital jihadists. Kathy Thompson, assistant deputy minister in charge of the Community Safety and Countering Crime Branch at Public Safety Canada, said that while the crime rate continues to decline across the country, "there are some exceptions. One of those exceptions is child sexual exploitation over the Internet - that is going up exponentially, year over year." Thompson made her remarks at the House of Commons Public Safety and National Security Committee, where MPs are looking for topics their group can zero in on during the current parliamentary session. A cybersecurity review that looks at legal gaps and shortcomings in police resources could form a plan for the way the Trudeau government approaches law and-order issues. [Toronto Sun](#), A8 (Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun) (2016-02-19)

Crippling Attack

Imagine a North America in a permanent blackout - no electricity, transportation, banking. All modern machinery stopped leading to the collapse of civilization. And it's not a science fiction story - it's the reality of what could happen with an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attack. While both Canada and the United States are currently vulnerable to an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attack that has the potential to destabilize our power grid, water systems, food supply chain and more, the solution is relatively simple. But first the issue needs to become a priority for Canadian politicians. The challenge is the issue doesn't appear to be a priority in Canada. Representatives from CSIS, the RCMP and Public Safety Canada all confirm that attacks to what's called "critical infrastructure" are concerns of theirs, but it appears no recent reports specifically mention EMP. It's unclear to what degree government experts are studying the issue. In the mandate letter sent to Ralph Goodale, minister of public safety and emergency preparedness, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau instructs him to "lead a review of existing measures to protect Canadians and our critical infrastructure from cyber-threats." This review could be the beginning of the answer, but neither the minister's office nor the department would confirm if EMP was a priority. [Winnipeg Sun](#), A9 (Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun) (2016-02-01)

Canada: Cyber Threats To Critical Infrastructure On The Minister Of Public Safety's Radar

On November 13, 2015, as part of the new Canadian Prime Minister's commitment to an open and transparent government, ministerial mandate letters were made public. These letters outline a broad framework for what ministers are expected to accomplish, including specific policy objectives and challenges to be addressed. While they are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all files that a Minister needs to address, they provide insight in terms of the government's overall priorities for the ministry. The ministerial letter issued to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness (the "Minister") lists several priorities, most notably: "Lead a review of existing measures to protect Canadians and our critical infrastructure from cyber-threats, in collaboration with the Minister of National Defence, the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, the Minister of Public Services and Procurement, and the President of the Treasury Board." Recognizing cyber threats in the context of ensuring the security of Canada's critical infrastructures is an important step. [Cassels Brock](#) (Mondaq.com) (2016-01-08)

Trudeau's instincts have not served him well

An opinion piece by Wesley Wark, visiting professor at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa and an expert on international intelligence and security states, "Justin Trudeau has proudly proclaimed that "Canada is back" as a constructive partner in global affairs. The first test of that proud and no doubt heartfelt claim has come from an unexpected and horrific event. The night of carnage in Paris, and the fear of what might come next, will force the new Liberal government to pay more attention to security policy than they intended. They have some difficult decisions to face. Our hearts and sympathies go out to the French people. But our ability to help is limited. With only a small overseas intelligence capacity, Canada is not in much of a position to offer security assistance to France in its efforts to understand current Islamic State plotting. The question of Canada's foreign intelligence needs has, in the aftermath of this fresh round of attacks in Paris, raised its head once again. Instead of spending time on a promised review of cyber security, what the new government requires is fresh thinking on a much larger scale about its national security capabilities and strategy." [National Post](#), A10 (2015-11-16)

Provinces, academics

UNB can help make New Brunswick a global locus for cyber security

Every day, headlines surrounding cybersecurity become grimmer, from attacks against power plants to hacks that can disable SUVs, to the loss of personal records in massive data breaches affecting retailers, hospitals, governments, universities and more. Credible entities put the global cost of cyber attacks at \$400 billion last year, and predict losses exceeding \$2.1 trillion by 2020. Global spending on cyber security reflects this growing threat, with the cyber-security industry expected to grow to more than \$170 billion by 2020 from \$75 billion today. New Brunswick, as a pioneer in the 1990s and early 2000s in Internet and later broadband Internet adoption, is poised once again to be a global leader in cyber security. The strong partnership between the University of New Brunswick and IBM helped lay the foundation for the company's announcement this week that it is growing its workforce in this province. (...) UNB has the potential to lead across several areas of cybersecurity, including the fast-growing area of Internet of Things and the need to protect critical infrastructure thanks to our collaborative partnership with Siemens Canada and NB Power in the Smart Grid Innovation Network. [Times&Transcript](#) (2016-04-01)

Royalty reduction, cyber security flagged

Alberta Energy taken to task in latest report by auditor general

Alberta's auditor general criticized Alberta Energy on Wednesday for failing to assess the performance of its oil and gas royalty reduction programs and not assessing the potential impacts of a cyber attack on the industry. With the first of 15 recommendations in his February report, Merwan Saher called on the ministry to annually evaluate and report on whether the ministry's royalty reduction programs meet their objectives. He also urged the department to assess the threat and impact of attacks on the industrial control systems used to operate oil and gas infrastructure. (...) His concerns are even greater in the oil and gas sector. While Alberta Justice has assessed a low risk of a cyber attack against about 50 critical oil and gas sites in Alberta, no one has calculated the impact if such an attack did occur. "We were unable to obtain any documentation from any provincial government entity to show that an assessment of the possible risks and impacts from an attack on unsecured (industrial control systems) was completed," said the auditor general. [Calgary Herald](#), A4 (2016-02-11)

International collaboration

It wasn't all play for Trudeau and Obama

It wasn't all parties and elbow-rubbing as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and U.S. President Barack Obama announced a plethora of new agreements and policies Thursday in Washington. Here's what you need to know: (...) The leaders agreed to beef up critical infrastructure security and information sharing on cyber-security with the private sector. They said they will work to get more regional partners involved

in the G7 24/7 Network, which connects national police agencies to fight cyber crime. The countries will work even closer on the world stage to advance a variety of objectives. The leaders promised to help Haiti and Ukraine stand on their own two feet, push for better access to electricity and education for girls in Africa, and work outside the UN to fight nuclear proliferation. They also both committed to doing more on UN peacekeeping and the refugee crisis. Money was pledged to help dozens of countries prevent and respond to the threat of infectious disease. [National Post](#) (2016-03-11)

Obama says upgrading U.S. cybersecurity is complex, long-term job

President Barack Obama said on Wednesday the United States is not as organized as it needs to be to step up its protections against cyber threats, and that making improvements would be a complex task lasting well beyond his time in office. Obama made his comments after meeting in the Oval Office with two advisers who will lead a new commission tasked with making recommendations by the end of the year on a long-term plan for cybersecurity upgrades. [Reuters](#) (2016-02-18)

Les réseaux djihadistes communiquent avec un arsenal toujours plus perfectionné

De l'adresse cachée au jeu en ligne, les réseaux djihadistes utilisent de mieux en mieux les ressources d'internet pour recruter et communiquer, entraînant les services de sécurité dans une course-poursuite technologique pour les localiser et décrypter leurs messages. Peut-on agir impunément sur le web en restant anonyme ? Pas complètement, même si, selon des experts réunis au Forum international de la cybersécurité (FIC) à Lille, dans le nord de la France, les méthodes des cellules terroristes sont désormais les mêmes que celles des hackers. Pour rester discret sur internet, il faut d'abord se procurer une adresse IP (l'identification de l'appareil) exotique. Et, explique à l'AFP Thierry Karsenti chez l'éditeur d'antivirus israélien Check Point, ne jamais surfer depuis chez soi, en profitant au maximum du wifi public. Il faut ensuite utiliser des flux anonymisés, comme le réseau TOR. Et crypter ses communications. [AFP](#) (Journal de Montréal) (2016-01-25)

Peut-on décrypter les conversations des djihadistes ?

Lutte contre le terrorisme

Mercredi, lors d'une réunion spéciale de l'ONU, des responsables antiterroristes du Canada et de France ont manifesté leur exaspération. Les ordinateurs et téléphones qu'ils saisissent auprès de suspects sont maintenant impossibles à faire parler. Contacts, historique d'appels, messages reçus et envoyés : l'information se trouve bel et bien dans la mémoire de l'appareil... mais ils ne peuvent la lire. Oliver Bilodeau, chercheur en cybersécurité pour la firme montréalaise GoSecure, croit que les forces antiterroristes se butent bel et bien à un mur. « Il n'y a aucune porte dérobée, il n'y a aucun accès que pourraient utiliser les autorités », dit-il. C'est que les iPhone, téléphones Android et BlackBerry de nouvelle génération ne se contentent plus d'essayer d'établir des communications sécurisées. Ils encryptent les données contenues sur le téléphone lui-même. [La Presse+](#) (2015-12-18)

Forum sur la sécurité à Halifax

La Chine va-t-elle stopper ses cyberattaques?

Le directeur de l'agence nationale de sécurité (NSA) des États-Unis affirme que rien n'assure pour l'instant que la Chine va arrêter de parrainer des cyberattaques menées contre des entreprises privées. Le président américain Barack Obama et son homologue chinois Xi Jinping se sont entendus, en septembre, pour ne pas voler en ligne des secrets ou des renseignements commerciaux confidentiels ou soutenir de telles pratiques. L'accord s'applique uniquement aux attaques informatiques lancées avec le consentement des gouvernements contre des entreprises. Au Forum sur la sécurité internationale à Halifax, l'amiral Michael Rogers, qui est à la tête du United States Cyber Command en plus de diriger la NSA, a confié, samedi, avoir été surpris que le gouvernement chinois accepte de signer cet accord. Mais quelques semaines après la conclusion de l'entente, la compagnie californienne CrowdStrike, qui est spécialisée dans la cybersécurité, a rapporté avoir détecté au moins sept attaques en ligne menées par la Chine contre des entreprises technologiques et pharmaceutiques américaines. [Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Soleil, Acadie Nouvelle) (2015-11-23)

Feds punt DND procurement cash to 2022, acknowledge delays

The Liberal government gave Department of National Defence the propellor shaft in this year's budget, punting money earmarked for procurement into the future and essentially acknowledging what defence industry experts have been suggesting that major projects like the CF-18 replacements and shipbuilding are going to take longer than initially thought. Overall, when it comes to security issues Budget 2016 focuses internationally on providing targeted aid for those on the frontlines of conflict and crises, and domestically on strengthening existing law enforcement and cyber security resources. BOOSTING SHARED SERVICES. While there is no new funding specifically for agencies like CSIS and the CSE, the bulk of money for domestic cyber security will be funnelled through Shared Services. The former Conservative government created the department in 2012. It is responsible for managing the government's networks and systems, such as email. Budget 2016 allocates \$77.4 million over five years, starting this year, for Shared Services to update its cyber security network, patch existing problems and make sure government networks are protected from cyber threats, malicious software and unauthorized access. As well, Shared Services will also get \$383.3 million over the next two fiscal years to transform the government's information technology systems, data centres and communication networks. That decision comes on the heels of an Auditor General report that suggested Shared Services was having problems maintaining and improving government IT services. COUNTER-RADICALIZATION OFFICE. On that front, the Liberals ticked off an election promise by announcing funding for the creation of an Office of the Community Outreach and Counter-Radicalization Coordinator. That office will be responsible for coordinating national counter-radicalization initiatives and assessing what works and what doesn't as various municipalities and provinces implement their own efforts. The office will get \$35 million over five years, with \$10 million each year after that. [iPolitics](#) (2016-03-22)

Spy agencies expect more funding in government's upcoming budget CSIS, CSE forecast additional \$95 million from Ottawa to address security mandate

Canada's spies are expecting a budget boost when the Liberals table their first fiscal plan next month, documents released Tuesday show. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) have estimated an additional \$95 million for intelligence and cyberdefence operations next year. The figures were released in the government's main estimates document, a best-guess scenario for departments and agencies released a month before the Liberals table their first budget. CSIS expects to see an additional \$35.5 million "in support of Canada's national security and the safety of Canadians." A breakdown of CSIS budget - grouped vaguely into "intelligence" and "security screening" - shows most of the increase will go to intelligence operations. CSE, the electronic spying and cyberdefence agency, is expecting a net increase of \$59.5 million "in support" of its mandate. Specifically, CSE expects to spend the money to increase its "capacity to address cyber threats and advancements in technology." Together, the two spy agencies estimate they'll spend \$1.2 billion in 2016-17, a slight increase compared with the 2015-16 estimates of \$1.075 billion. CSE spokeswoman Lauri Sullivan said in a statement that the funding will go to addressing several "key vulnerabilities" in government networks, as well as moving forward with the national Cyber Security Strategy. "CSE's mandate, including our unique skills in areas like cyber defence, are critical in advancing Canada's national security priorities," Sullivan wrote. [Toronto Star](#), A12 (2016-02-24)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

From November 1, 2015 to April 18, 2016, these topics generated a significant amount of broadcast media coverage with over 1000 reports. Reports focused on cyber threats and cyber security in the business world.

Of note:

Newstalk 1010-Toronto - Tech Talk interviewed Mark Matz, Cyber security expert at Public Safety Canada, regarding cyber safety for small and medium sized businesses. [Transcript](#) (2016-03-27)

Public Safety Minister, Ralph Goodale was interviewed on *CBC Radio's The House*. Representatives of the Five Eyes countries, the United States, Canada, UK, Australia and New Zealand, met in Washington

DC to discuss ways of cooperating even more closely on cyber security and combating violent extremism. The minister noted positive work was done on issues around counter radicalization and on cyber security. Information sharing is an important priority for Canada's allies. [Transcript](#) (2016-02-20)

CTV News reports on the release of reports on CSIS and CSEC. [Rough Transcript](#) (2016-01-28)

CBC News The Exchange interviewed CEO of Agari Data, Patrick Peterson, regarding artisanal spam. [Rough Transcript](#) (2016-01-25)

CTV News Power Play interviewed Ontario Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur regarding a meeting of Canada's Justice Ministers. They discussed and promised to collaborate on cyber security. [Rough Transcript](#) (2016-01-21)

Radio-Canada, Sur le Net présente un reportage sur les jeux vidéo et les réseaux terroristes. [Transcription](#) (2015-11-18)

Social Media / Médias sociaux

Due to technical limitations, social media analyses can only be compiled for a 90-day maximum period. Therefore, results will be presented in two sections based on the requested time period.

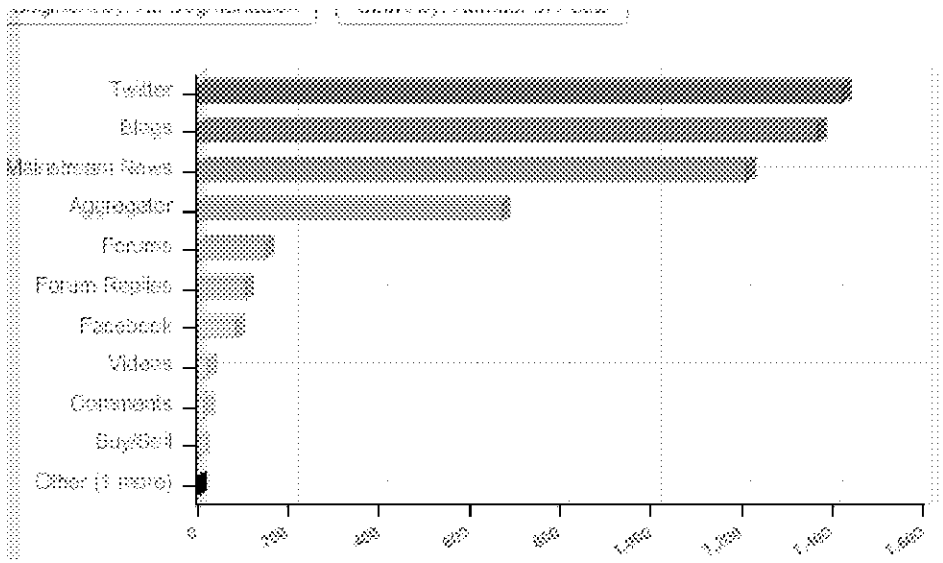
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1) November 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016

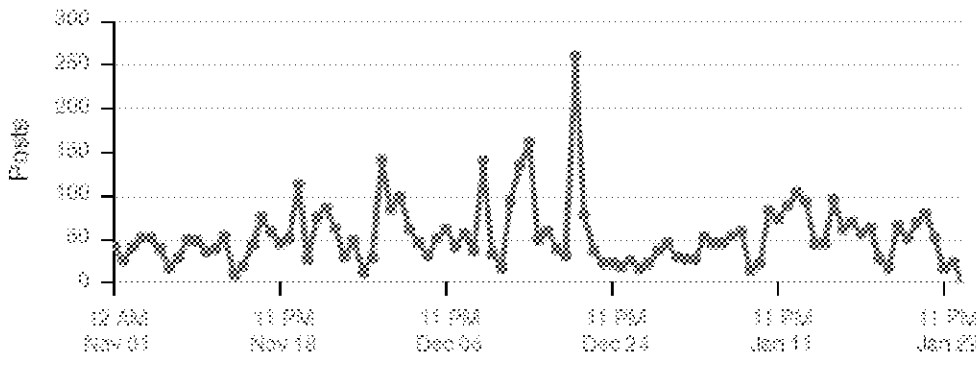
For this period, social media activity on cyber-security and threats was fairly significant, with a total of 5058 posts on the topic.

Below is a graph illustrating social media activity by platform:



There were approximately 1421 tweets, 1368 blog posts, 1211 news site posts and 1058 other posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout this period:

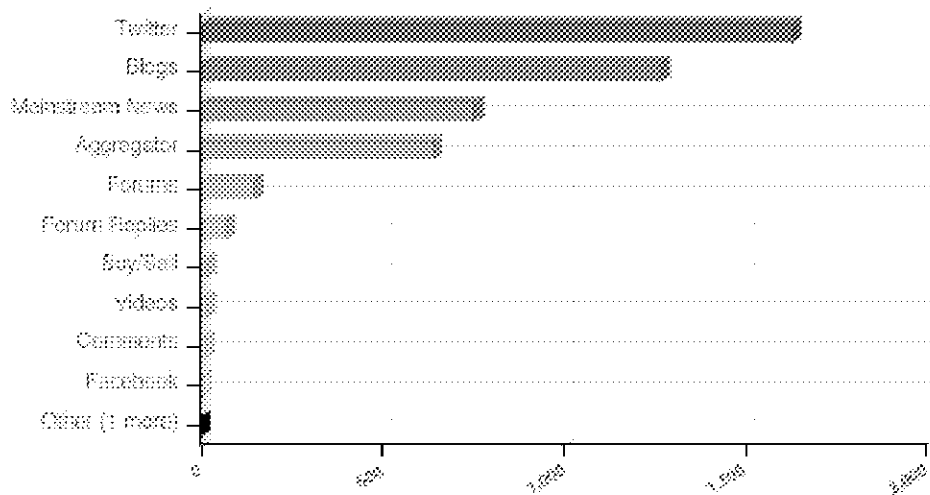


Activity peaked on December 20 with 260 posts, due to a number of posts referring to cyber security concerns, namely the discovery of a vulnerability in Bell Canada routers.

2) February 1, 2016 – April 18, 2016

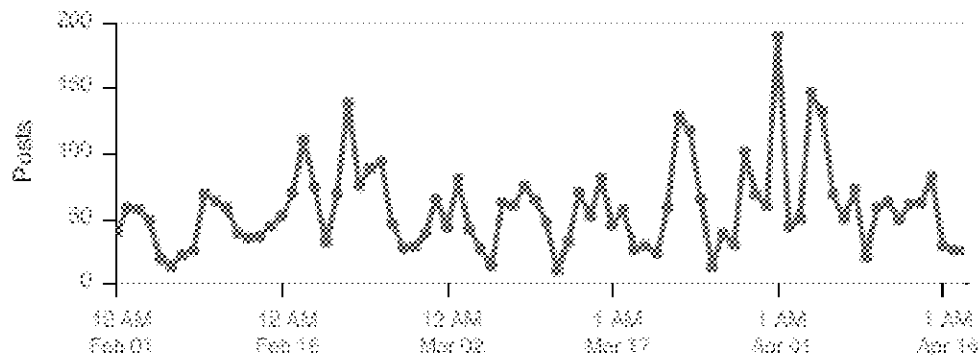
For this period, social media activity on cyber-security and threats was fairly significant, with a total of 4546 posts on the topic.

Below is a graph illustrating social media activity by platform:



There were approximately 1631 tweets, 1266 blog posts, 754 news site posts, and 895 other posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout this period:



Activity peaked at various times, most specifically April 1-2 with a number of posts and tweets on responses from the U.S. and Canada on increases in ransomware attacks, specifically on hospitals.

Overall, social media trends focused on the increased global cyber-threat environment, gaps in information sharing between countries (especially the U.S. and Canada) and measures for private enterprises to take to ensure their cyber-security.

Tweets of note

@Andrew_Flick

New report gives Canada a 77% grade for [#cybersecurity](http://bit.ly/1MZyzQi) readiness <http://bit.ly/1MZyzQi> (2015-11-20)

@Safety_Canada

We'll be working w/ [#CCTX](#) on id-ing & preventing [#cybersecurity](#) threats (2015-12-11)

@SecRecon

Critical WPS vulnerability discovered in Bell Canada Home Hub routers. [#CyberSecurity](#) [#InfoSec](#) [@SecRecon](#) <http://www.neowin.net/news/critical-wps-vulnerability-discovered-in-bell-canada-home-hub-routers...> (2015-12-21)

@globeandmail

Can business and government ensure Canada's cybersecurity? <http://trib.al/R8Q567K> from @GlobeBusiness (2016-02-22)

@LazyConsultant

#Canada stops sharing some spy info with allies after #breach <http://buff.ly/23x66bP>. #cybersecurity (2016-01-29)

@rickjtaylor

Cybercrime is evolving to be more personal and surreptitious | IT World Canada News
<http://ift.tt/1UwOZmy>. #cybersecurity #cyber #infosec (2016-03-16)

@InfosecurityMag

Ransomware Threat Hits Critical Mass: US Department of Homeland Security and the Canadian Cyber Incident Respo... bit.ly/1SGitw7 (2016-04-01)

@edelsonpc

U.S., Canada issue joint alert on #ransomware after hospital attacks #cybersecurity #HIPAA
<http://reut.rs/1MXOTho> via @RossMorley (2016-04-01)

@FireEye

Our GM of Canada, @akssecure, talks about cyber security in the Canadian market on the @sectorca conference blog (2016-04-11)

@WSJcanada

IBM cybersecurity researchers find new type of malicious software used to steal \$4 million at U.S., Canada banks on wsj.com/1qKuvf8 (2016-04-15)

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- On June 13 2014, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled in the case of R. v. Spencer that police obtaining basic subscriber information from an ISP without a warrant was a violation of Charter rights. The effect of this decision on government policy is still being examined.
- In June of 2014, telecommunications companies TekSavvy Solutions Inc. and Rogers Communications Inc. both released reports on the number of requests for data made to them by government agencies. TekSavvy's report cites a correlation between its report and allegations by Edward Snowden regarding data surveillance by the U.S. government and its "Five Eyes" partners, including Canada. This was highlighted in several media reports.
- Following the release of their reports and the R. v. Spencer decision, both Rogers and TekSavvy stated that they would not disclose subscriber information to police without a warrant.
- Several reports mentioned that other telecommunications companies would produce their own reports on government-requested data, which happened in September with Telus Corp.
- A good deal of coverage also focused on how the Spencer decision and change in policy from telecommunications providers would negatively impact the proposed Bill C-13.
- Coverage of both topics was light to moderate, with the tone ranging from neutral to critical of the government for collecting data on its citizens.

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

- "Our Office welcomes this seminal decision for privacy protection in Canada. In its decision today, the Supreme Court of Canada recognized that anonymity on the internet is a critical component of informational privacy. The Court ruled that there is indeed a reasonable expectation of privacy in subscriber information. The Court agreed that this information could, in many cases, be the key to unlocking sensitive details about a user's online activities and is therefore worthy of constitutional protection." ~ Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien regarding the Supreme Court decision in R. v. Spencer

- "The Edward Snowden leaks based in the U.S. ... have helped underline a key commitment that is required to achieve this mission, which is strong data privacy and transparency." – Bram Abramson, Chief Legal and Regulatory Officer, TekSavvy Solutions Inc.
- "Rogers's decision shows even though that liability shield is being offered, some telecoms may decline to take advantage of it. Rogers is not the entire industry, of course. But if we see [others] start to take a similar position, maybe that would defray the impact of C-13, although it wouldn't mean that C-13 was a better law." - Christopher Parsons, Research Fellow, Citizen Lab

Press Releases / Communiqués de presse

The Privacy Commissioner of Canada issued the following statement regarding the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in R. v. Spencer

Statement from Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien: "Our Office welcomes this seminal decision for privacy protection in Canada. In its decision today, the Supreme Court of Canada recognized that anonymity on the internet is a critical component of informational privacy. The Court ruled that there is indeed a reasonable expectation of privacy in subscriber information. The Court agreed that this information could, in many cases, be the key to unlocking sensitive details about a user's online activities and is therefore worthy of constitutional protection. The decision has important implications for Bill C-13, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Canada Evidence Act, the Competition Act and the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Act. In particular, it confirms that an immunity clause that protects a person who voluntarily discloses personal information to police does not in itself constitute any 'lawful authority' for the state to obtain that information under Canada's federal private sector privacy legislation, the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA). We would encourage Parliamentarians to carefully consider the implications of this ruling as they deliberate on Bill C-13 as well as Bill S-4, the Digital Privacy Act." [Statement from the Privacy Commissioner of Canada](#) (2014-06-13)

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Teksavvy and Rogers publish transparency reports highlighting the extent of government data requests

Third-party internet provider Teksavvy and Rogers, one of the largest ISPs in Canada, have published the first Canadian telecommunications transparency reports. Both Teksavvy and Rogers have released documents detailing the subscriber information both companies have released to police and spy agencies over the last few years. Teksavvy disclosed their transparency report first and then Rogers followed soon after. According to Teksavvy's transparency report, the company rejects two out of every three police requests for information. In Roger's case, the company received 174,917 requests in 2013 for customer information from government and law enforcement agencies. This is 480 requests a day and one request per every 11 Rogers subscribers. 74,000 of these requests were court orders which means approximately 100,000 did not include warrants. This number is much larger than the amount of information requests Teksavvy received, which is expected considering it's a smaller, privately shared internet service provider. Between 2012 and 2013 Teksavvy received a total of 62 requests for information related to subscriber information. Rogers considerably shorter report doesn't include information related to how many requests the company actually complies with, in many ways defeating the purpose of a transparency report. In Teksavvy's case, the ISP states it's complied with 35 of the 62 information requests it has received. Teksavvy does not specify in its report why the company rejected certain information requests. Of all Teksavvy's requests only one pertained to a court order. [Canada.com](#) (2014-06-05)

In shadow of NSA revelations, Rogers, TekSavvy open up on government data requests

In the wake of blockbuster revelations by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, Canada's telecommunications companies are starting to pull back the curtains on their relationships with government authorities around the sharing of customer information. Rogers Communications Inc. on Thursday released what it called its 2013 Transparency Report, a brief four-page document detailing the number and types of requests the company has received, and the legal framework governing its response. The Rogers report comes on the heels of similar disclosure from independent communications provider TekSavvy Solutions Inc. Other providers are expected to follow suit later this year. Rogers said it

received a total of 174,917 requests for information last year, or the equivalent of about 1.75% of the company's roughly 10 million individual customers. In the vast majority of cases, the authorities - typically, the police - were asking for fairly basic data, like customer account information, address, payment history and, occasionally, call records. Canada's biggest telecom provider noted that if it considers the request "too broad," it has sometimes declined, even going to court on occasion. [National Post](#) (2014-06-05)

Canada's ISPs Are Finally Revealing How Often the Government Requests User Data

Two Canadian telecommunications companies—Rogers Communications and TekSavvy Solutions—are the country's first to disclose the number of requests they receive from government agencies each year, and also detail what customer data they will and will not hand over upon request. On Thursday morning, Rogers Communications revealed that it had received a total of 174,917 requests in 2013, but omitted the number of those requests the company had responded to. The night before, Chatham, Ontario-based cable and DSL internet service provider TekSavvy revealed that it had received 52 requests for subscriber information from government agencies in 2012 and 2013, and responded to 17—or 33 percent. [Motherboard](#) (2014-06-05)

TekSavvy opens books on government data requests - "This is the first time any telecommunications carrier in Canada has, in a public way, identified the conditions and the laws under which it may be required to preserve or capture or disclose information,"

TekSavvy Solutions Inc. – an upstart communications company whose motto is "We're different. In a good way" – has published what is effectively Canada's first telecommunications transparency report. The company is publicly detailing just what customer data it gives, and doesn't give, when police and spy agencies come calling for information. Statistics released by the company on June 4 reveal the volume of handovers to government agents are very small and quite strict. In fact, the privacy-oriented phone-and-Internet provider says it rejects two out of every three police requests for information. Yet the company's new 16-page document amounts to a broader challenge of grey-area handovers of customer information within Canada. Posted online today at [Globeandmail.com](#), this document about TekSavvy's procedures throws down the gauntlet for those larger Canadian telcos who share less information with the public and more information with government agencies. It also picks an implicit fight with the motivations behind federal legislation geared to facilitate information handovers. Chatham-based TekSavvy even goes so far as to invoke the transparency principles of Edward Snowden, the U.S. security contractor – now charged with espionage – who one year ago started leaking top secret documents about Washington's access to American citizens' phone records. "The Edward Snowden leaks based in the U.S. ... have helped underline a key commitment that is required to achieve this mission, which is strong data privacy and transparency," writes Bram Abramson, the company's chief legal and regulatory officer "TekSavvy has taken steps to strengthen our internal team dedicated to legal and regulatory matters," he adds. [Globe and Mail](#) (2014-06-05)

Rogers received 175,000 requests for customer information last year

Rogers Communications says it received almost 175,000 requests for customer information from government and police agencies last year, becoming the first major Canadian service provider to divulge the extent of its data-sharing with authorities. About half of the requests in 2013 were to confirm a customer's name and address, Rogers said Thursday in a report that comes amid public pressure on Internet and phone companies to disclose details of their dealings with law enforcement. Rogers says it responds to name and address requests - which totalled 87,856 last year - so police do not issue a warrant to the wrong person... This week the coalition received an updated response from Internet provider TekSavvy Solutions - one of Rogers' smaller competitors - saying it received 52 requests from government authorities in 2012 and 2013. It made 17 disclosures related to criminal investigations and denied the remaining 35. Christopher Parsons, a postdoctoral fellow with The Citizen Lab, said the Rogers and TekSavvy reports are "positive steps in the right direction." He singled out TekSavvy's response as "the gold standard" for company transparency on handling of subscriber information due to the extensive detail in its report [Canadian Press](#) (Victoria Times-Colonist, B4; 2014-06-06)

TekSavvy, Rogers break silence over government requests for data

Two telecommunications companies have released details regarding the number of demands for customer data they receive from police and government authorities, signalling a shift in how communications providers plan to deal with subscribers' privacy concerns. TekSavvy Solutions Inc., a privately owned Internet service provider based in Chatham, Ont., was the first company to break with convention, saying it handled 52 requests for customer information in 2012 and 2013. The company said it made 17 disclosures in response to law enforcement requests and refused to reveal information in 35 instances ([read a PDF of the full report](#)). Rogers Communications Inc., Canada's largest cellular carrier and one of the country's biggest Internet providers, [released its own report \(PDF\)](#) shortly after the TekSavvy disclosure on Thursday, revealing it received a total of 174,917 requests for customer information in 2013. It did not specify how many of those requests were fulfilled. [Globe and Mail](#) (2014-06-06)

Vodafone releases massive transparency report on government spying

Telecom giant Vodafone has become the latest in a growing list of companies bowing to public pressure to reveal how often government authorities request citizens' personal details, releasing a massive transparency report on Friday. Vodafone, which does not operate in North America, revealed that authorities in 29 countries requested their customers data hundreds of thousands of times in 2013. Rogers Communications, the only major Canadian telecom to release a transparency report, reported almost 175,000 requests that year. Unlike warrantless access reported in Canada, however, Vodafone admitted that a small number of countries require direct access to their network - allowing government authorities to spy on their citizens' communications directly... On Thursday, Rogers Communications became the first major Canadian telecom company to release a transparency report. It revealed that Rogers was asked almost 175,000 times for customers' information in 2013, but the company could not say how often authorities' requests were granted. Ken Engelhart, Rogers' vice president of regulatory affairs, told the Star on Thursday that no authorities have direct access to their network. On Wednesday, internet and landline provider TekSavvy reported 52 requests from authorities in 2012 and 2013 combined. Privacy experts expect more telecom companies to follow with their own transparency reports soon. [Toronto Star](#) (2014-06-06)

Which agency is listening on your phone line?

An opinion piece states "At last, there is a growing and welcome trend among telecommunications companies to publish numbers on the requests and demands of the police, and other government authorities, for their customers' data. Internet service provider TekSavvy Solutions and Rogers Communications Inc. released their information last week, and Telus Corp. says it is working on such a report. Meanwhile in Britain, international telco Vodafone Group PLC on Friday published a report saying that in 'a small number of countries' in which it operates, it must by law give governments a "direct link" to the data. At least Canadians have been spared that. Still, Rogers did not provide numbers on its responses to the authorities' requests. Sooner or later, that information should be made public, too. But one reason for its absence is that the company says, 'We don't keep track of it. Our tracking to date has really been for internal management purposes, not for creating a transparency report.' That is confusing. Do they track their responses or not? More importantly, telecommunications firms should always insist on a judge's warrant before they provide customer data to the police or intelligence agencies – possibly with exceptions for the most neutral information, such as cellphone numbers. And Canadian law should demand as much. Right now, it does not." [Globe and Mail](#) (2014-06-09)

Canada's Top Court Just Ruled Online User Data Is Inherently Private

In a unanimous decision, Canada's top court found that requesting Canadians' personal information from telecommunications companies in order to obtain a search warrant is unconstitutional. The ruling, released today, can only be seen as a stiff rebuke to the federal Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA). That has huge implications for the Conservatives' two controversial bills that would have allowed private corporations to pass on your private information to law enforcement without a warrant. Thanks to the SCOC, when the bills finally passed through the Conservative controlled Parliament, their most expansive powers will be dead on arrival. [Motherboard](#) (2014-06-13)

Ruling cheered by privacy advocates - Warrant needed for online records: Supreme Court

Proponents of stronger privacy laws hailed a decision by the Supreme Court of Canada requiring police and other government authorities to get a warrant before asking telecommunications companies to hand over information on their customers. The court ruled on Friday that police must seek judicial approval before they can request data about individuals' Internet identities, even in the case of serious crimes such as child pornography. "This is an amazing ruling for Canadians who are concerned about privacy," said Christopher Parsons, a postdoctoral fellow at the Citizen Lab at the Munk School of Global Affairs and a frequent critic of government policy on electronic privacy. Recent revelations of widespread Internet surveillance by police across much of the world have caused alarm among academics and others concerned about lack of information around the extent to which governments snoop on citizens. The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada in April released a report showing that nine Canadian telecommunications companies collectively receive an average 1.2 million requests for information every year, reflecting about 800,000 individual customers. In response to rising public concern, Canada's telecom sector has for the first time begun disclosing details about the number and type of requests they've received. Rogers Communications Inc. and TekSavvy Solutions Inc. recently came forward and others are expected to follow. [National Post](#), FP6 (2014-06-14)

Now this is why we have an independent judiciary

An opinion piece states "If there's one thing every political science graduate knows, it's that the separation of powers is sort of a big deal in democratic governments. Dividing up power between the executive branch, the legislature and the judiciary is supposed to keep everyone honest. With everyone watching everyone else, it's much harder to get around the rules. Admittedly, Canada's parliamentary system doesn't have a perfect separation of powers - and that's generally a good thing. Unlike our neighbours to the south, our government doesn't have a tendency to shut itself down when the executive branch and the legislature lock horns. That's in part because of the overlap between our executive and legislative branches. But the ability of parliamentary governments to act quickly means that an independent judiciary, able to review Parliament's decisions, is even more important. And with the Supreme Court's rulings lately, Canadians are getting a close-up look at what it looks like when Parliament and the judiciary clash. **Take the Supreme Court's decision in R. v. Spencer, released last Friday.** Mr. Spencer was convicted at trial of possessing child pornography. The police tracked him down using methods with which most of us are, by now, familiar. They identified an IP address that had been used to download child pornography; the police took that IP address to the Internet Service Provider (ISP) responsible for it and asked them to provide the associated subscriber information. The key factor in this case is that the police didn't go to the ISP with a warrant - they just showed up and asked nicely. And the ISP, law-abiding corporate citizen that it is, turned over that information without a fight." [iPolitics](#) (2014-06-18)

Rogers to require warrant to disclose data - In wake of court decision, telecom giant says police, government will have to use 'lawful authority' to obtain customer information

In the wake of a landmark court ruling last month that upheld Canadians' right to online privacy, telecommunications companies are tightening their policies on when they will share customer information with police and government authorities. The Supreme Court of Canada unanimously ruled in June that police must obtain a search warrant before asking Internet providers for details that would identify their customers, and Rogers Communications Inc. said Wednesday it has overhauled its policies to comply with the decision. The move by one of Canada's biggest cellphone, Internet and home-phone companies comes as the federal government works to pass legislation that academics and privacy advocates warn will erode protections around Canadians' personal information. The Conservatives' anti-cyberbullying bill is still before the House of Commons, but if passed in its current form, Bill C-13 would give legal immunity to telecommunications companies that voluntarily hand subscriber information to police and other public officials. However, if telecom providers refuse to voluntarily disclose information without a warrant or court order, that could weaken the effect of the legislation, said Christopher Parsons, a research fellow with Citizen Lab, part of the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs. "Rogers's decision shows even though that liability shield is being offered, some telecoms may decline to take advantage of it," he said Wednesday. "Rogers is not the entire industry, of course. But if we see [others] start to take a similar position, maybe that would defray the impact of C-13, although it wouldn't mean that C-13 was a better law." [Globe and Mail](#), A1 (2014-07-17)

Protect our privacy

An editorial states "The change came late, and only after a Supreme Court ruling indicated which way the winds were blowing, but some of Canada's largest telecommunications companies deserve praise for taking new steps to protect their customers' privacy. On Wednesday, Rogers Communications Inc. revealed it would no longer turn over its cable, Internet and mobile subscribers' names and addresses to police and government officials without seeing a court order or search warrant first. They received 175,000 requests from authorities in 2013 alone, and more than half of those came without the aforementioned documentation. Telus Corp. also changed its sharing rules a few weeks ago, after the Supreme Court ruled in June that police must get a warrant before asking Internet service providers for details that would identify their customers. Independent ISP TekSavvy made the move in June, while Bell and Shaw have yet to say how they're reacting. The move comes at an important time, given Parliament is currently considering Bill C-13. The federal Conservatives say it will help police fight cyberbullying and other online crimes, but privacy experts are concerned that the bill goes too far because it would give legal immunity to telecommunications companies that voluntarily hand over customers' information. With that disincentive removed, they argue, businesses would be more willing to co-operate with authorities who might be on fishing expeditions." [Ottawa Citizen](#), C5 (2014-07-18)

Judge to hear Charter plea by Telus, Rogers

An Ontario judge has agreed to hear a Charter of Rights challenge brought by Telus and Rogers after they were asked by police in April to release cellphone information of about 40,000 to 50,000 customers as part of an investigation. Justice John Sproat says the case has highlighted important issues about privacy and law enforcement that should be challenged in court. "The privacy rights of the tens of thousands of cellphone users is of obvious importance," Sproat wrote in a ruling released Friday. "Counsel for Rogers-Telus will be able to identify and argue Charter issues that might not otherwise be evident." Telus told the court the order would require it to disclose the information of at least 9,000 individuals. Rogers estimated it would need to retrieve about 200,000 records related to 34,000 subscribers. [Canadian Press](#) (Waterloo Region Record, A4; 2014-07-26)

Justice Dept has sought customer data from online dating sites, children's game – documents

The Justice Department asks Canadian technology companies for information on their subscribers dozens of times each year on behalf of foreign countries, seeking records from wireless carriers, messaging services and even online dating sites, according to newly released documents. The disclosure was in response to an inquiry from Liberal MP Irwin Cotler, who earlier this year asked federal departments and agencies for details on when and how often they seek subscriber data from various telecom and service providers. Cotler shared the documents he received on the Liberal Party's website, including responses from departments including Justice, National Defence and Public Safety, as well as numerous departments such as the Canadian Radio-television Commission and Environment Canada...

It's also unclear how closely federal bodies are following Supreme Court of Canada's recent Spencer decision. The ruling by Canada's top court in R. v. Spencer in June appeared to mandate search warrants for law enforcement requests for subscriber information, but as Geist notes, the Department of Public Safety has not made judicial authorization necessary for access requests and that it is "still examining this decision." [Canada.com](#) (2014-09-18)

Telus opens up on spy, police data requests - 100,000 queries

At a time of heightened concern about governments snooping on our online activities following Edward Snowden's National Security Agency revelations, more and more Canadian telecommunications companies are voluntarily releasing information about requests for customer data. Telus Corp. is the latest to join in, revealing in a report released Thursday that it received more than 100,000 requests for customer data from the government and law enforcement agencies in 2013. Eros Spadotto, executive vice-president of technology strategy with Telus, said the company released the report because customers and the general public were asking questions about the privacy of their data, given the spotlight on the issue... Rogers Communications Inc. and the Internet provider TekSavvy Solutions Inc. have released similar reports in response to concerns about widespread Internet surveillance by police and spy agencies. In June, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that authorities must get a warrant before asking telecommunications companies to hand over information about their customers. [National Post](#), FP4 (2014-09-18)

Telus joins transparency push - In issuing report on authorities' requests for customer information, firm urges an industry-wide approach

Telus Corp. is joining Rogers Communications Inc. in sharing figures that shed light on the frequency of state demands from government authorities for customer information and is calling for an industry-wide approach to reporting such data. The Vancouver-based company is publishing its first so-called "transparency report" Thursday morning, revealing that it received 103,462 requests for customer information from government officials and law enforcement agencies in 2013. That figure covers six categories, including requests accompanied by court orders or warrants, name and address checks and emergency requests from police. The company has not disclosed how often it complied with demands for information about its subscribers. "We're reacting to what we see as public sentiment. With modern telecoms and the Internet, people are curious about how much of that information is shared and under what circumstances," Eros Spadotto, Telus executive vice-president of technology strategy, said in an interview explaining the decision to reveal the numbers. "We'd like to come up with a common structure of reporting. Every operator has their own independent operating systems and each is different," he added. "The population at wide wants this information and it would be good if we can all provide the same kind of information." Before Telus's disclosure, the only Canadian telecom companies that had shared such information were Rogers and independent Internet provider TekSavvy Solutions Inc. In the United States, Verizon Communications Inc. and AT&T Inc. have begun publishing transparency reports and British telecom giant Vodafone Group PLC issued a lengthy report of its own this June. [Globe and Mail](#), B3

The Harper justice agenda: When in doubt, blur the facts

An opinion piece states "See, there are a few problems with that sentence. First, C-13 is only tangentially about online harassment; it's really a surveillance bill. Second, although there's no question about passing it, the bill likely will only be a law long enough for it to get overturned by the courts... Over and over, we've seen the Harper government introduce laws that any law firm's greenest intern could have told them would be found unconstitutional. Minimum sentences, mandatory victim fines, the retroactive elimination of parole and new limits on pre-sentence custody credit - all struck down by the courts. The Conservatives have offered up C-13 as a necessary tool to attack the problem of online harassment. And there's a strong and justifiable interest among Canadians to tackle the serious problem of Internet harassment - and the tragic consequences it sometimes produces. But C-13 is a wolf in sheep's clothing; most of the bill is devoted to recklessly expanding the state's powers over the search and seizure of personal Internet data. It sacrifices personal privacy and is wildly inconsistent with recent Supreme Court of Canada jurisprudence. The Conservatives know this, of course. **Why else would they have shut down committee study of the bill one day before the Supreme Court released one of the most important privacy decisions since the advent of the Charter of Rights: R. v. Spencer?** Not only did the Supreme Court rule that voluntary disclosure of subscriber information to the police violates the charter, but in doing so the court gutted a key Conservative talking point." [iPolitics](#) (2014-09-25)

Child-porn bust a drop in bucket

In this happy era of dropping crime rates, there's one category of offences that is the gift that keeps on giving - child pornography. Despite the Ontario Provincial Police Thursday announcing the fruits of its latest major investigation - 249 charges against 60 people from the province's big cities and prosperous suburbs, small towns and mere dots on the map - the police are just scratching the surface, and no one knows it better than they do... Not mentioned at the OPP press conference are two other recent developments that will only serve to make the job of stopping online predators more difficult for the police. **The first is a June 13 Supreme Court of Canada decision in a child-porn case called R v. Spencer, which basically creates a new sort of privacy right - online anonymity - and deems protected the sort of tombstone information police once were able to get by merely requesting Internet Service Providers to hand over subscriber names and addresses.** Now, Canadian police must get a search warrant to obtain phone data approved by a judge; later the same month, the U.S. Supreme Court made a similar ruling. But those decisions were effectively rendered moot by developments announced last week by Apple and Google. Largely lost in the hullabaloo about the release of Apple's new operating system - iOS8 - was the company's boast on its website that with the new system, Apple can't bypass a user's passcode and therefore "it's not technically feasible for us to respond to government warrants for

the extraction of this data..." With its older systems, Apple could unlock some content on devices for police bearing warrants, but not anymore. [National Post](#), A1 (2014-09-26)

Canadians deserve to participate in informed conversation on privacy, surveillance

An opinion piece states "A multi-year conversation about privacy and surveillance is finally coming to a head, and it may be one of the defining issues of our time. This is a pivotal aspect of the relationship between citizens and the state, and Canadians have a right to sufficient information about the government's activities to contribute to an intelligent conversation. The topic of privacy and government surveillance has been making headlines in Canada for the last several years. Huge numbers -millions of requests- grab attention, but there is little understanding of the circumstances under which information is requested and disclosed from telecommunications service providers, the extent to which law enforcement seeks information, or even the nature of the information... Ever since the first efforts at legislating 'lawful access' years ago, civil society groups have attempted to engage law enforcement and government in a dialogue to understand privacy and warrantless access to information about citizens. **Their efforts have reached a crescendo as leaks from Mr. Snowden, furor over Bill C-13 and the Supreme Court of Canada decision in R. v. Spencer draw further attention to the issue. More recently, it has been reported that Rogers and Telus are challenging an order that they turn over call records of more than 40,000 customers in one 'tower dump.'**" [Hill Times](#) (2014-10-06)

RCMP failed to keep records on warrantless access, watchdog says

There's no way to know if the RCMP complied with privacy laws in requesting Canadians' personal information without a warrant, or even how often the Mounties made such requests, according to Ottawa's privacy watchdog. Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien said his office was not able to track how often the national police force requested access to Canadians' personal information without a warrant - because the RCMP don't track that information themselves... The question of warrantless access to Canadians' personal information was complicated by the Supreme Court last June. **The top court ruled in a case known as Spencer that searches for "basic subscriber information" - names, addresses, internet protocol (IP) addresses, telephone numbers - without a warrant violated Canadians' rights against unreasonable search and seizure.** The RCMP note that the Department of Justice and Public Safety Canada are still working on a unified interpretation of Spencer and its implications. "While it is anticipated that the number of warrantless requests will be reduced in light of the R. v. Spencer decision, warrantless access will continue to be sought in specific situations, such as exigent circumstances or where authorized by a reasonable law," the police said in Therrien's report. [TheStar.com](#) (2014-10-30)

Proposed bill calls for more oversight and accountability for Canada's electronic spy agency

There will be a second reading of the CSEC Accountability and Transparency Act this afternoon in the House of Commons (as this is being posted). The bill is proposed by Joyce Murray the MP for Vancouver Quadra and the Liberal Critic for National Defence. Here is a backgrounder her office produced about the bill and what it would mean... Privacy and surveillance - The privacy of Canadians' communications has been eroded, sometimes through social media sites like Facebook, but also by the sharing of cell phone and internet information by the providers of those services. Surveys of Canada's major providers of phone and internet services have shown a reluctance to discuss their reaction to requests from government agencies for information on Canadians. Some Canadian telecommunications companies have begun to respond to Canadians' concerns about how their information is shared with government agencies without a warrant. But so far only Rogers and TekSavvy have released such "transparency reports." The reality is that in Canada today, if you want to wire-tap a telephone you need a court order-similar protections are needed with respect to the monitoring of our internet activity and the acquisition of our meta-data. [Ottawa Citizen](#) (2014-10-31)

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Canada's top court upholds Internet users' privacy protection

The Supreme Court of Canada ruled on Friday that authorities cannot legally ask an Internet provider to give them the names of customers and other personal information without a warrant, a victory for online anonymity that puts up obstacles for police. The country's top court brought down the unanimous ruling in the case of Matthew David Spencer, who was convicted of possessing child pornography by a

Saskatchewan provincial court. The court ruled that in the Spencer case, police conducted a search when they requested and obtained subscriber information attached to a publicly available IP address from cable company Shaw Communications Inc. It also said that Web surfers have a reasonable expectation of privacy that was breached by the request. The information obtained from Shaw by police connected the IP address to Spencer and revealed much about his online activity. [Reuters](#) (2014-06-13)

TekSavvy, Rogers open books on government data requests

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Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

CTV News reported on the impact on policing of the R.v. Spencer decision (2014-06-13)

CBC News - Power & Politics interviewed privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien regarding Bill C-13 and the impact of the Spencer case. [Rough transcript](#) (2014-06-19)

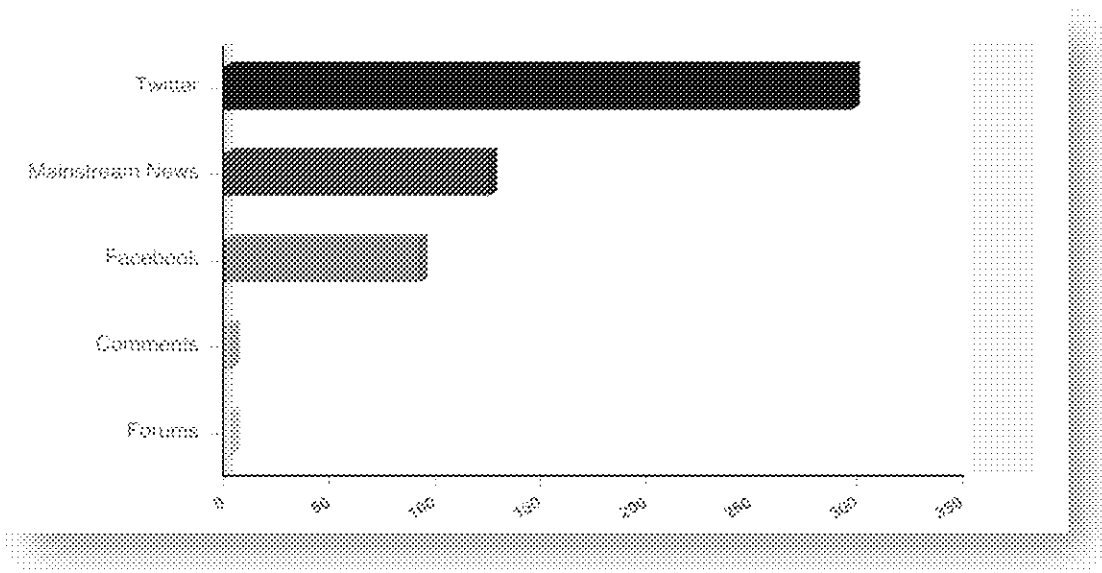
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R. v. Spencer

There were approximately 872 social media posts regarding the Supreme Court decision of R. v. Spencer from April 1st – November 22nd, 2014. (*Note: Our social media software can only do searches in 3-4 month increments.*)

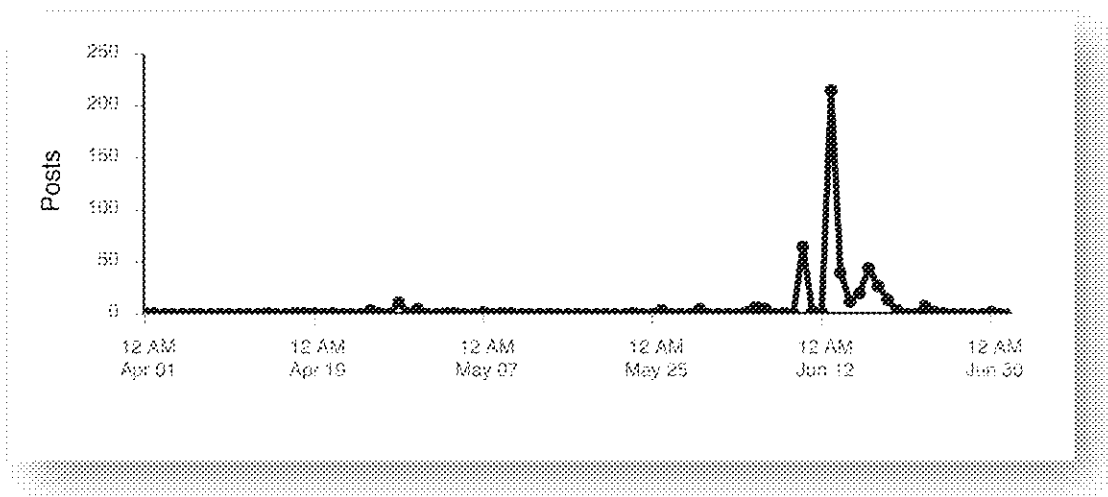
April 1st – July 2nd, 2014:

Below is a graph demonstrating social media activity broken down per platform:



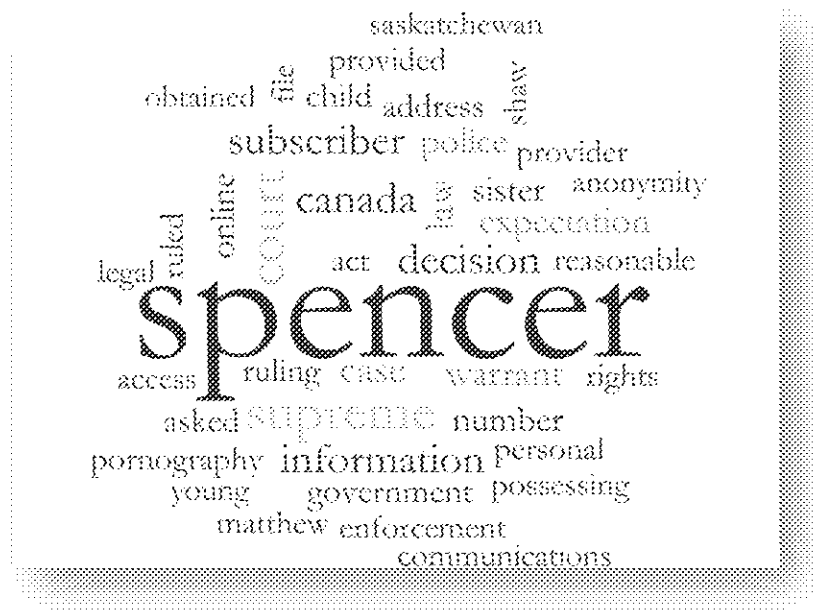
In total there were approximately 297 Twitter posts, 125 news site posts, 92 Facebook posts, 3 comments and 3 forums posts.

Below is a graph demonstrating the progression of social media activity from April 1st – July 2nd, 2014:



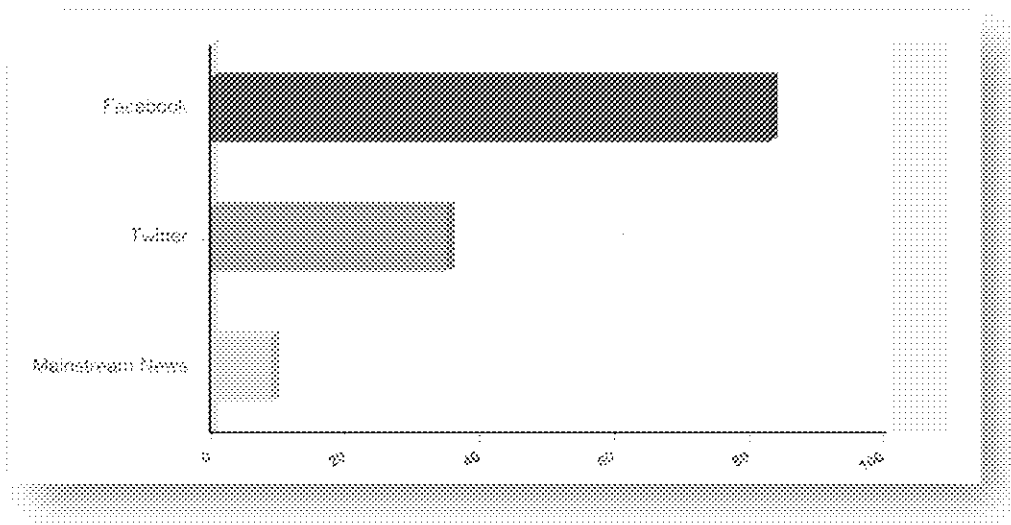
Activity peaked on June 13th with approximately 215 social media posts reporting on the Supreme Court's decision in R. v. Spencer.

The conversation cloud below shows the most commonly used keywords associated with the R. v. Spencer decision from April 1st – July 2nd, 2014:



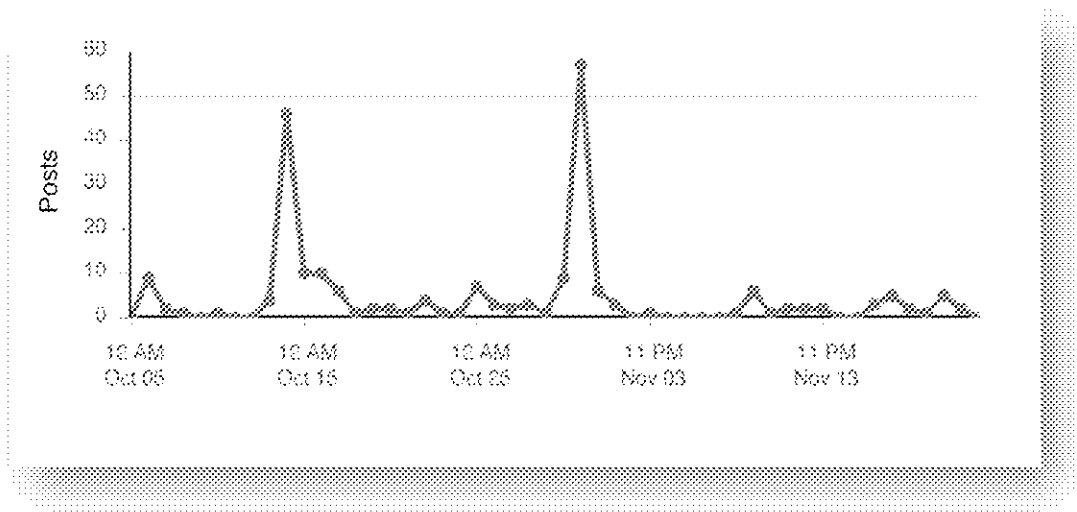
July 3rd – October 4th, 2014:

Below is a graph demonstrating social media activity broken down per platform:

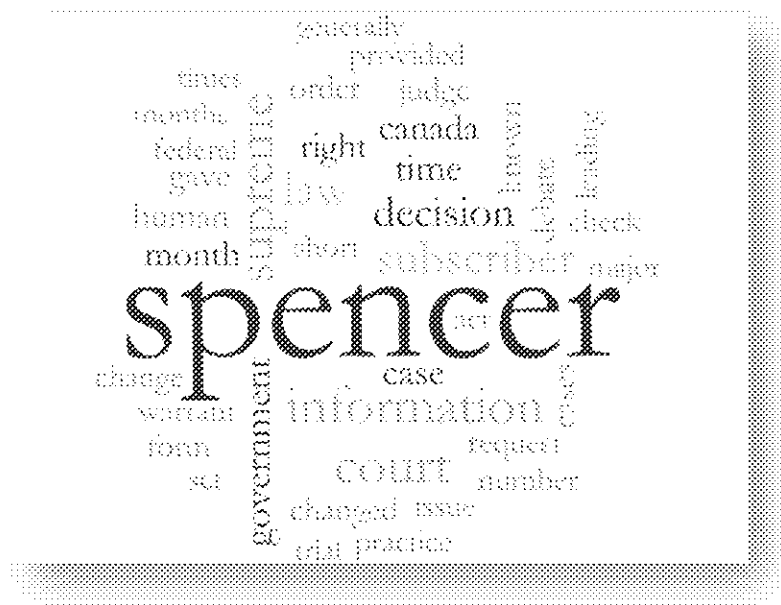


In total there were approximately 83 Facebook posts, 35 Twitter posts and 9 news site posts.

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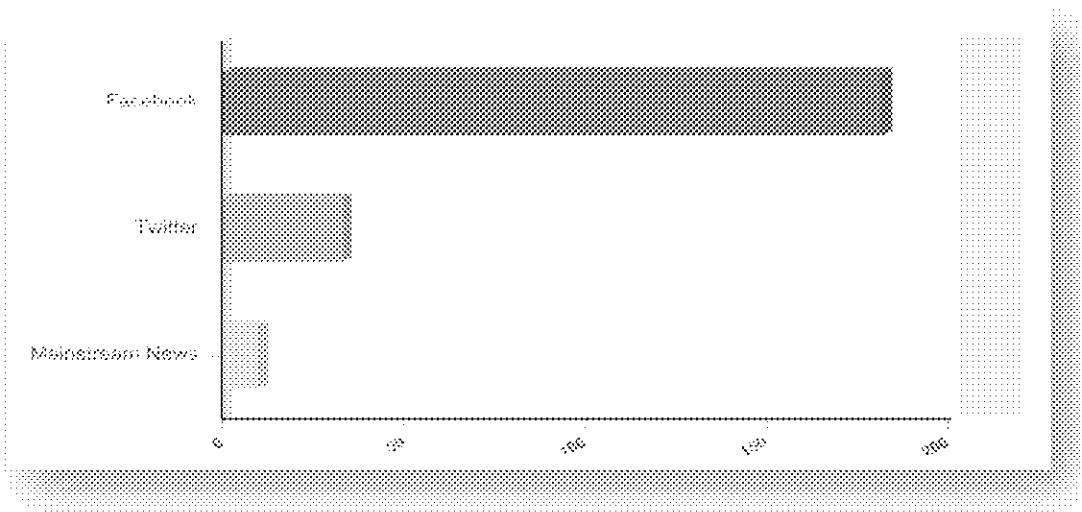


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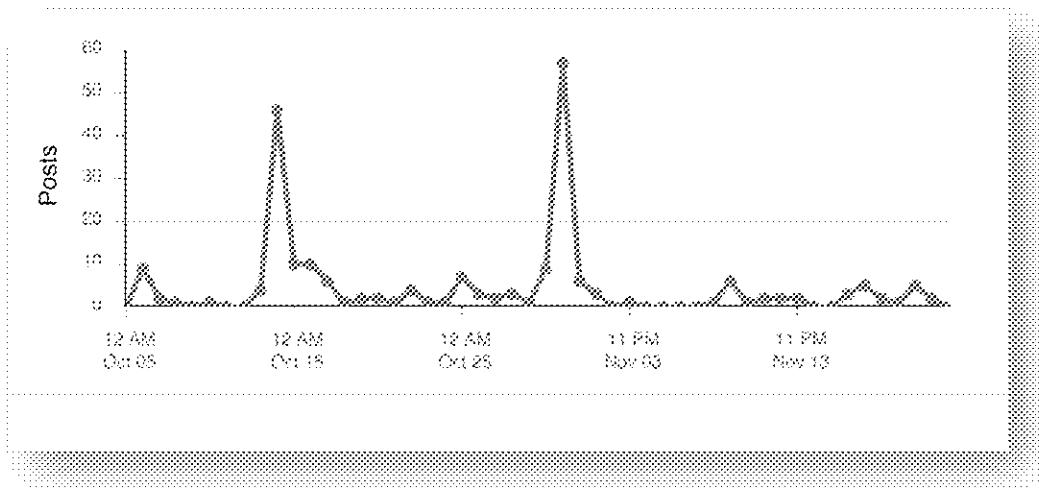
October 5th – November 22nd, 2014:

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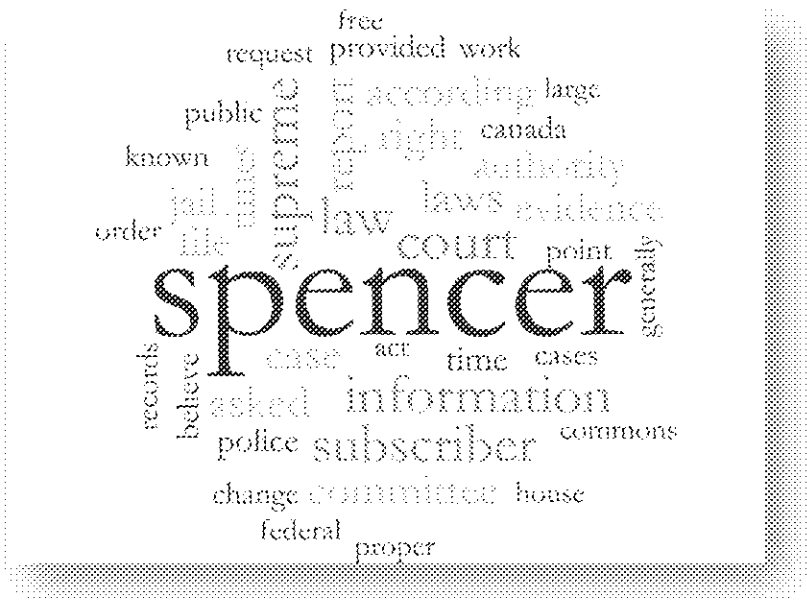


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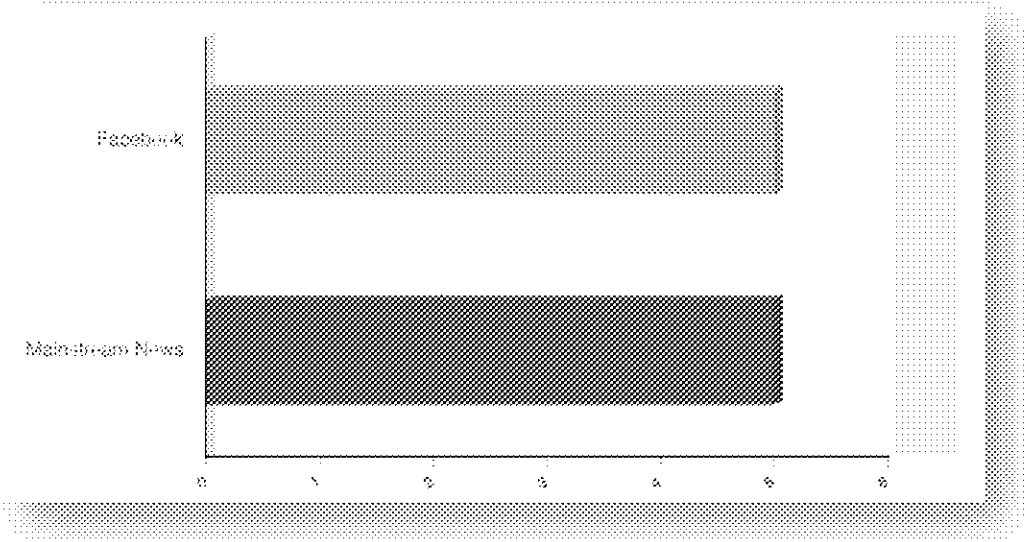
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Rogers / TekSavvy

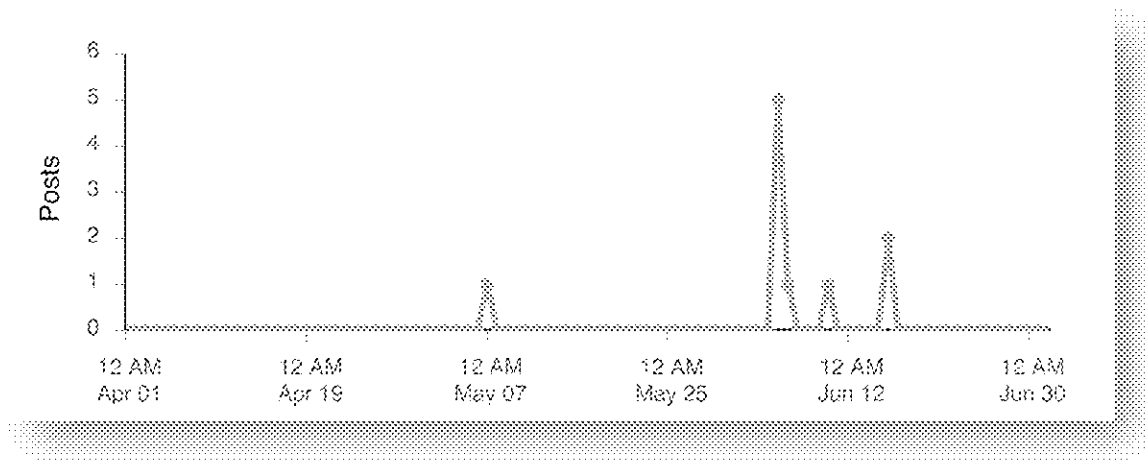
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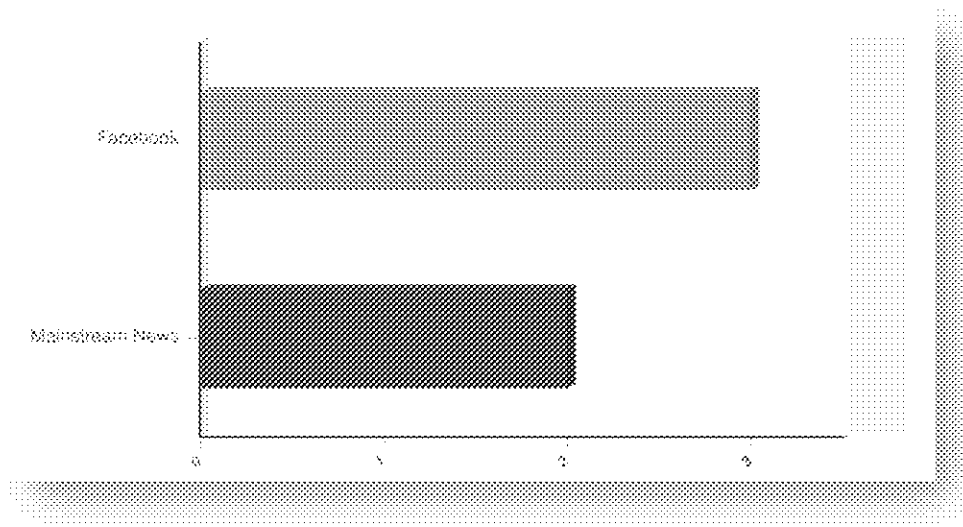


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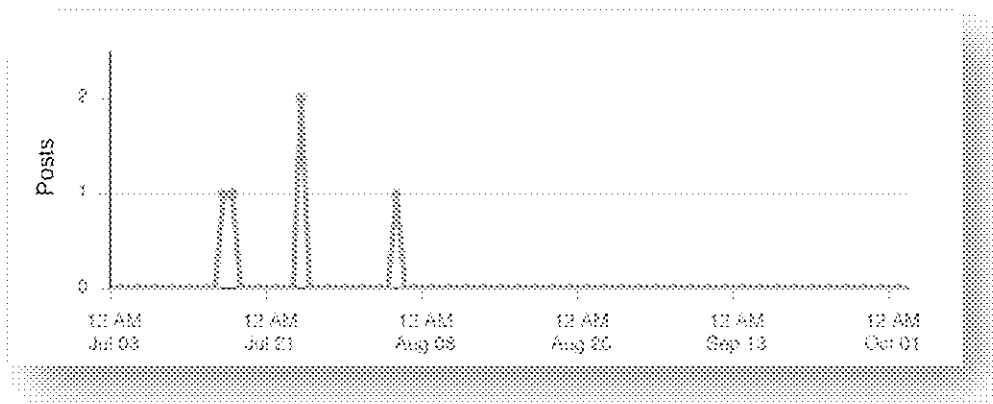
July 3rd – October 4th, 2014:

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In total there were approximately 3 Facebook posts and 2 news site posts.

Below is a graph demonstrating the progression of social media activity from July 3rd – October 4th, 2014:



The conversation cloud below shows the most commonly used keywords associated with Rogers / TekSavvy July 3rd – October 4th, 2014:

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- The highest level of media coverage today spiked early this morning; At 7am ET, France announced that the Paris attacker, Abdelhamid Abaaoud was confirmed dead.
- Yesterday, a media advisory was released that the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and other Canadian officials would provide context about Canada's current threat environment.
- Comments reiterated by Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale from the press conference focused on Canada having no reason to raise Canada's threat level, even after the Paris attacks." This generated a substantial level of media coverage. Goodale also reassured Canadians the Syrian refugee timetable would not compromise safety.
- During the conference, Michel Coulombe Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) outlined Cyber security as one of their top priorities; Bob Paulson, Canada's RCMP Commissioner focused on answering questions regarding refugees and also the Paris attacks where he noted our Liaison Officer (LO) in Paris is taking briefings and is available to provide immediate access to the force's resources if required."
- The provincial and municipal leaders' concern for the Syrian refugees operation gathers medium coverage in the media.

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"There's no reason to raise Canada's threat level, even after the Paris attacks" – Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety Canada

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"Our mandate is to investigate threats to the security of Canada and Canadians, and as always, Canadians can be assured we are working very closely with our domestic and international partners in that regard." - Michel Coulombe, Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS)

"Cyber is one of our top priorities," Michel Coulombe, Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS)

"I want Canadians to know that as director of CSIS I am confident that the measures in place are robust and appropriate." Michel Coulombe, Director the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS)

"The RCMP, like CSIS and CBSA, have liaison officers around the world, including Paris. In our case, this is a senior experienced law enforcement officer who has relationships with law enforcement and security services. Our LO in Paris is taking briefings and is available to provide immediate access to the force's resources if required." Bob Paulson, RCMP Commissioner

"I would urge Canadians themselves to be alert in the wake of these very troubling circumstances. We also need to reject and condemn acts of perverted vigilante retribution, the hateful abusive intolerance that has marred several Canadian communities over the past few days. Now, more than ever, is a time for all of us to support our fellow citizens. We need to demonstrate to each other and to the world our values of diversity and inclusion. Canadians will stand together in and face these times with skill and with resolve." - Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety Canada

"We do not generally discuss operational matters related to national security" but that police and security agencies "continue to monitor the situation in Paris very closely." - Public Safety Canada Spokeswoman

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The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and officials will provide context about Canada's current threat environment. (2015-11-18)

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Why it's hard to draw a line between Edward Snowden and the Paris attacks

In a pair of public appearances this week, CIA Director John O. Brennan made clear that he blames leaks by former intelligence contractor Edward Snowden for enabling terrorists to evade detection. "Because of a number of unauthorized disclosures, and a lot of hand-wringing over the government's role in the effort to try to uncover these terrorists," Brennan said, the CIA and others agencies have lost use of critical tools needed "to find these terrorists." Brennan's assertion has become a refrain in the two years since Snowden exposed details about a range of U.S. surveillance programs. And former CIA director R. James Woolsey went further, saying on Sunday, "I think Snowden has blood on his hands from these killings in France." [Washington Post](#) (Hamilton Spectator)

Alleged plotter remains shadowy figure

Much about Abdelhamid Abaaoud's path to armed Islamic radicalism remains mysterious. In the words of Koen Geens, the Belgian justice minister, he mutated from a student at an upscale Brussels school into "an extremely professional commando," one seemingly able to slip across borders at will, someone who openly mocked the inability of Western law enforcement agencies to catch him. On Wednesday, the fate of the son of an immigrant shopkeeper from Morocco remained unclear. Police raided a suburban Paris apartment where they believed he was hiding. The siege ended with two deaths and seven arrests but no

definitive information on Abaaoud, who French authorities have called the mastermind of the violence that killed at least 129 in Paris last week. The wanted jihadi's own father believes prison - where he served time for petty crimes - changed him for the worse. After his son got out, Omar Abaaoud noticed "signs of radicalization," the elder Abaaoud's lawyer, Nathalie Gallant, told RTBF broadcasting Wednesday. If so, that would fit the pattern of a number of jihadis who were radicalized in prison. [Associated Press](#) (Chronicle-Herald, A15, Ottawa Sun, Telegraph-Journal, Times & Transcript); * [Agence France Presse](#) (Le Nouvelliste, 3, La Tribune)

* **Le cerveau des attaques mort ?**

L'Europe nageait en pleine confusion hier, alors que tous s'interrogeaient à savoir si le présumé «cerveau» derrière les attentats de Paris était bel et bien mort lors de l'assaut de sept heures à Saint-Denis. «Le présumé chef des attentats de Paris (Abdelhamid Abaaoud) a été tué hier lors de l'assaut de la police française, ont affirmé deux hauts responsables des autorités européennes», a écrit le Washington Post hier. Mais aucun autre média ni les autorités françaises n'ont confirmé cette information, ce qui a soulevé plusieurs questionnements dans la population. L'opération a été «extrêmement difficile » en raison de «l'usage de fusils d'assaut, de tirs de sniper et d'une grande offensive d'explosifs», a lancé le procureur de Paris, François Molins. L'opération qui a duré sept heures visait bel et bien le présumé «cerveau» des attentats de vendredi. Au moins deux personnes sont mortes, dont une kamikaze qui «a activé son gilet explosif au début de l'assaut», a précisé la police qui n'a pas confirmé les noms. De plus, huit personnes ont été placées en garde à vue après l'opération, mais ni Abaaoud, ni Salah Abdeslam, l'un des suspects des attaques toujours en fuite, ne figurent parmi elles. Une information qui laisse donc croire qu'Abaaoud serait le deuxième mort. [Le Journal de Québec](#), 5 (Journal de Montréal); * [Daily Gleaner](#), B1 (Telegraph-Journal); [Associated Press](#) (Toronto Star); [1](#) (Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Toronto Sun); [CNN](#)

AIR FRANCE FLIGHT DIVERTED

Passengers aboard Air France Flight 055 didn't learn that a bomb threat was the reason their Paris-bound flight was being diverted to Halifax until after they landed Tuesday night. Genevieve Lapeyre, a pediatric anesthesiologist from Geneva, was flying back to Europe after a meeting in Washington, D.C. She is half-Swiss and half-French, and planned a three-day layover in Paris. The terrorist attacks Friday gave her a strong wish to be in the city. (...) None of the passengers panicked, but they felt something odd was going on, she said. At one point, she wondered if there had been another attack against Paris and the aircraft couldn't go there. After the Boeing 777 touched down at about 10:15 p.m., she soon realized there was something happening regarding her flight. "I saw the firemen and everything, and I said, 'OK, there is something else.'" Lapeyre said the pilot seemed to be trying to control his emotions. "He said, 'Don't worry.' He was too much trying to reassure us." On the tarmac, passengers were told to grab their belongings and get off the plane, which they did quickly. However, they were then housed for about 30 minutes in a bus parked alongside the aircraft, which some considered dangerous, she said. Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Greg Church said 262 passengers and crew got off the jet within 15 minutes of landing, which is when officers began checking for explosives; none were found. The jet was declared explosives-free at 4:28 a.m. Wednesday. The passengers were taken to a secure area to pass through customs. [Postmedia Network](#) (Chronicle-Herald, A1, Guardian, Whitehorse Star, Acadie Nouvelle); [Postmedia Network](#) (Cape Breton Post, A9)

'Like A War Zone'

2 Dead, 8 in custody after paris police launch a massive early-morning raid against a suspected **terror** cell located in a reinforced apartment When Tagara Traoré, a former revolutionary soldier in his native Burkina Faso, was jolted awake by a boom early Wednesday, his "military reflex" kicked in. "You get up quickly and either hide or try to get out," he said. In socked feet and wearing the sweatpants he was sleeping in, he grabbed his key and ran out the door of his fourthstorey apartment, only to find a battalion of police rushing up the stairs, headlamps glaring. "I started sensing tear gas that was coming up the stairwell. I thought the building was on fire," he said. "The police told me, 'Go down, down, down!' There were so many they had to move aside to let me out." It was 4:20 a.m., and he had been caught in the middle of a massive anti-terror operation that quickly became a protracted gun battle between police and terror suspects. A woman in the targeted apartment in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis, identified by French media as a native of nearby Clichy, was one of the dead. Initial reports said she killed herself by

detonating an explosive vest, but the French prosecutor's office later said the "point needs to be verified by an analysis of the body and human remains." At least one other suspect in the apartment was killed and eight people were taken into custody. Five police officers suffered minor injuries, and a police dog - Diesel, a Belgian shepherd - was killed by the terrorists, according to the national police. Paris prosecutor François Molin said the targeted apartment had a fortified door that withstood initial police attempts to break in and gave the terrorists time to mobilize and return fire. [Daily Telegraph](#) (Windsor Star, N1/Front, National Post, StarPhoenix, Gazette); [1](#) (Vancouver Sun, B1/Front, Leader-Post, National Post, Edmonton Journal, Ottawa Citizen, Whig-Standard, Calgary Herald); [Toronto Star](#), A1; [Globe and Mail](#), A1; * [Agence France Presse](#) (Le Soleil, 22); * [Associated Press](#) (Times Colonist, A13, Times & Transcript)

Prochaine station, la guerre

Il devait être 4h20 quand Fares s'est mis à crier. «Maman! Maman! La guerre commence! Il y a des bombes!» Fares a 7 ans. De grands yeux noisette dans lesquels on lit l'effroi. «Il ne sait même pas c'est quoi, la guerre», me dit sa mère Souhila, 38 ans. Souhila, elle, sait. Elle est née en Algérie... J'étais dans l'avion quand l'assaut antiterroriste a été donné à Saint-Denis, dans la banlieue nord de Paris, non loin du Stade de France. Dès que l'avion s'est posé, des cellulaires de passagers ont sonné. «C'est la pagaille à Saint-Denis.» La «pagaille», le mot est faible. C'est Fares qui avait raison. Ça ressemblait plus à une guerre. Rue Corbillon, à l'angle de la rue de la République, au moins deux personnes ont été tuées, dont une femme kamikaze qui a activé sa ceinture d'explosifs. Un commando, lourdement armé, qui semblait prêt à passer à l'acte, a été démantelé. Pendant une heure, les habitants du quartier ont entendu des tirs nourris. Le bruit était si fort que certains ont cru qu'il y avait un bombardement. Il y a eu au moins 5000 munitions tirées par la police. Un immeuble éventré, criblé de balles. Des voisins terrorisés. Comme si on était à Gaza et non en banlieue parisienne. L'assaut a duré sept heures, durant lesquelles le quartier a été bouclé, le métro, fermé, les écoles aussi. Des résidents ont été évacués. Les riverains ont été sommés de ne pas sortir de chez eux. Une fois l'assaut terminé, j'ai pu prendre le métro pour la guerre. [La Presse](#), A4/Front

Mission

Ce sont des spécialistes des assauts risqués, qui montent au front contre les pires terroristes. Le RAID, le commando de la police française qui est intervenu hier à Saint-Denis, est constamment sollicité depuis un an. A Paris, [La Presse](#) s'est entretenue avec l'ancien chef des négociateurs de l'unité, Christian Caupenne, pour dresser le portrait d'une équipe devenue mythique. Fondé il y a 30 ans, le RAID (pour Recherche, Assistance, Intervention, Dissuasion) est l'unité d'élite de la police nationale, destinée à intervenir partout en France pour contrer le terrorisme et le «grand banditisme». Elle est notamment intervenue lors de l'attaque du marché Hyper Cacher en janvier et à la salle de spectacle Bataclan, vendredi dernier. Selon le chef de la police nationale, Jean-Marc Falcone, l'assaut à Saint-Denis a été l'un des plus difficiles que ses troupes ont connu. «Les scènes vécues par le RAID sont très dures. Même ces hommes rodés à la violence ont été marqués», a-t-il déclaré hier à ce sujet. [La Presse](#), A5/Front

*** Paris attacks: Extremists may strike next with chemical, biological weapons, French PM says**

With France still reeling from last week's deadly attacks in Paris, Prime Minister Manuel Valls warned Thursday that Islamic extremists might at some point use chemical or biological weapons, and urged lawmakers to extend a national state of emergency by three months. "Terrorism hit France not because of what it is doing in Iraq and Syria ... but for what it is," Valls told the lower house of Parliament. He added, "We know that there could also be a risk of chemical or biological weapons." Valls did not say there was a specific threat involving such weapons. The French Interior Ministry and Paris prosecutor's office, meanwhile, said it still remains unclear whether the suspected mastermind of last week's attacks, in which 129 people were killed and hundreds of others wounded, has been killed or is still at large. Officials said authorities are working on determining whether 27-year-old Belgian Abdelhamid Abaaoud was among those killed in a chaotic and bloody raid on an apartment in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis on Wednesday. [Associated Press](#) (CBC News)

*** Belgium vows crackdown on terrorists, boost security spending**

Belgium's prime minister on Thursday called for changes to the country's constitution to combat extremists, and promised hundreds of millions of euros to boost the security forces. Addressing the

federal parliament as security forces were conducting raids around the capital Brussels, Charles Michel pledged to use changes to the constitution to extend preventive detention times for suspects from 24 hours to 72 hours. He also affirmed that Belgium would move forward alone on a system of airline passenger information sharing that European Union nations have been incapable of agreeing in four years. [Associated Press](#) (CTV News, Times Colonist)

*** EU to tighten anti-terror laws**

The European Commission, the EU's executive arm, will expand its anti-terrorist legislation early next year to target fighters like those involved in the Paris attacks. The new measures will widen the range of actions punishable under the legislation to include travelling for the purpose of carrying out a terrorist act, facilitating travel or receiving training to carry out an attack. In a direct response to the Paris killings, EU citizens who travel outside the bloc and then return to carry out attacks will be considered as foreign fighters, and those helping their movement will also face prosecution. The bloc's Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship Commissioner, Dimitris Avramopoulos, told a news conference Wednesday that the Commission would have proposals ready by the end of November and wants to see them enacted "within the first two months of the next year." [Toronto Sun](#), A56 (Calgary Sun)

*** Killer's passport fueling fear of refugees**

After the bombs and Kalashnikov fire of the Paris attacks, a mere document - a passport - found near the body of an attacker is generating a new wave of dread throughout Europe and beyond. But whether the document ended up there by chance, or was part of an elaborate plot to sow panic, is not clear. Regardless of the answer, the passport has played into the Islamic State group's hands by raising concerns that militants may be marching alongside the thousands of asylum seekers flowing into Europe. That possibility is redefining the debate over immigration in Europe and even the United States, and prompting a backlash against Muslim refugees. The far-right French leader Marine Le Pen called for an immediate end to the flow of migrants into France, while across the Atlantic about half of U.S. governors are taking steps to prevent absorbing Syrian refugees in their states, citing the passport. "This terrorist attack will clearly change Europe's refugee policies and how the arrivals in Europe are treated," said Konrad Pedziwiatr, a sociologist and expert on Islam in Europe at the Krakow University of Economics. "Already the open-door policy (in Germany and Sweden) of welcoming refugees was going to be reformed because the inflow is so significant that countries cannot cope with the numbers," he said. "What the Paris attacks add to this difficult situation is the additional element of fear." A passport bearing the name of Ahmad Al Mohammad, 25, was found near one of the suicide bombers who blew himself up outside the Stade de France football stadium. It indicates that he entered Greece from Turkey on Oct. 3 and later passed through Serbia and Croatia, getting registered in every new country. The passport's authenticity has not been determined, but fingerprints of the attacker match those taken by Greece and Serbia. The other attackers who have been identified so far are all European citizens. The oddness that a passport - an intact one - was found near a man who blew himself up is creating suspicions that it is part of a plan by the Islamic State to create a backlash against the refugees. "I have never heard of terrorists carrying passports with them," Pedziwiatr said. [Associated Press](#) (Whig-Standard, B5, Telegraph-Journal, Times & Transcript)

*** ISIS is slowly killing the European experiment**

As neighbours and allies declare solidarity with France, few are facing up to the inevitable: the fact that fallout from Friday's terrorist attack in Paris will stall - perhaps even reverse - the political integration of Europe. The discovery that most of the terrorists identified so far were Muslims born in France, using neighbouring Belgium as a base, will add volume to loud demands for an end to the open-border policy among the 28 members of the European Union. Pressure to terminate what is known as the Schengen Area - a pillar of the EU political integration project, along with the now-debased euro and attempts to unify foreign and defence policies - has been building as about a million refugees from the Middle East and North Africa have flooded into Europe (...) While ISIS has taken responsibility for the outrage and was, at the very least, the inspiration for it, the Paris killings were, like almost every other terrorist attack in Canada, the United States and Europe in the last 14 years, a home-grown affair. Neither Canada nor the U.S. is immune to the popular suspicion that the floods of Syrian and Iraqi refugees are an easy route for ISIS to plant terrorists in target countries. The governors of over half the 50 states in the U.S. have said they will not participate in settling Syrian refugees. And the new government of Prime Minister Justin

Trudeau is facing growing pressure from both the public and provincial governments - on whom much of the responsibility for resettling refugees will fall - to rethink his campaign pledge to allow 25,000 Syrian migrants into Canada by the end of the year. [iPolitics](#)

*** French expats still feel sting an ocean away**

Juliette Elchinger was home in Montreal on Friday evening when her Twitter feed lit up with news of the terrorist assaults in Paris. "I went into a state of shock," the native Parisian said. "I just started to shake and cry." Five days later, the 19-year-old was still struggling to make sense of the violence visited on her cherished city. She stood on Wednesday surrounded by knots of other students and staff at the University of Montreal, some holding hands and wiping tears off stricken faces, for a sombre gathering of commemoration. In the days since the shocking attacks took the lives of 129 people, Ms. Elchinger has attended solidarity marches and commemorations, monitored news from Paris obsessively and joined other members of Montreal's large expatriate French community. Some have connections to the tragedy; Ms. Elchinger's best friend lost a professor, who was slain at the Bataclan theatre along with 88 others who had attended a rock concert there. For the expats, separation from events back home has fed feelings of loss and helplessness, along with a deepened call to their French identity. [Globe and Mail](#), A9

*** Free world solidarity after Paris**

An editorial states, "There aren't a lot of game-changing moments in international affairs, says Peter Van Praagh. But the ISIS terrorist attacks on Paris last weekend, like the 9-11 attacks on New York and Washington in 2001, fall into that rare category. It is, he says, one of those "events that turn things." It has acutely heightened the public sense of "how vulnerable open societies are." But it has also produced, he believes, "a fundamental solidarity and common understanding that something has to be done to address it." "We are all affected now," the security specialist told our editorial board on Wednesday, after arriving in Nova Scotia to chair, for the seventh time, the annual Halifax International Security Forum. The forum will bring 300 delegates from 60 democratic countries to the city this weekend to brainstorm the complex angles of peace and security - military, political, economic, educational and cultural. The group ranges from four-star generals to ministers to aid organizations, journalists and scholars. Their agenda runs the gamut from building new anti-terror alliances to cutting off the financing of terrorism through drug and human trafficking. There was plenty of evidence in Halifax and elsewhere this week to show security issues now touch us all." [Chronicle-Herald](#), A6

*** Hollande faces the enemy from within**

The streets of Paris are no strangers to mass bloodshed. The City of Light has borne witness to more than its share of extreme violence over the centuries. The worst of it has not been perpetrated by a foreign army. The enemy has most often come from within. From the Wars of Religion, through the Revolution and the Reign of Terror, to the Paris Commune, the French often worked through their differences in the bloodiest ways possible. Since the 1960s, Paris has been a repeated target of terrorists, often French citizens or immigrants, aggrieving in some way France's unresolved colonial past in North Africa or its mandates in the Middle East. The inspiration for the most recent attacks may have come from Iraq or Syria, but their perpetrators came from the Paris suburbs. The January assaults on the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo and a kosher supermarket were conducted by French-born radicalized Muslims. Most of those involved in Friday's sickening attacks on cafés and a concert hall appear to have had similar backgrounds. "We know, and it's cruel to say it, it was French people who killed French people on Friday," President François Hollande said in a speech for the ages. "There are, living on our soil, individuals who move from delinquency to radicalization and then to terrorist criminality." [Globe and Mail](#)

*** La vie doit reprendre, dit Hollande**

Dans la foulée de la série d'attentats à Paris, le président français François Hollande a encouragé ses compatriotes à «défier les terroristes» en continuant de vivre normalement, en fréquentant les cafés, les musées, et les stades sans tomber dans la crainte et la xénophobie. Les terroristes prennent la vie des innocents, mais ils veulent aussi suspendre celle des autres, a soutenu le président, mercredi, lors d'un discours télévisé devant les maires de partout au pays. Il estime que les Français ont le «devoir» de poursuivre leurs activités normales. Il a martelé que la vie «devait reprendre pleinement», ajoutant que la sécurité serait resserrée dans les lieux publics. Le président français a assuré que la France resterait un pays «de liberté, de mouvement, de culture» qui ne «pliera pas à la peur». François Hollande s'est

engagé à travailler avec ses alliés pour détruire le groupe armé État islamique, qui a revendiqué la responsabilité des attaques dans la capitale française qui ont fait 129 morts et 368 blessés. Dans une allocution prononcée quelques heures après une opération antiterroriste de la police en banlieue de Paris, le président a réitéré que la France était «en guerre avec les terroristes», mais il a aussi appelé les Français à la retenue. [Associated Press](#) (Le Droit, 17)

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Jokers, terrorists and why we'll always have Paris

Canadians do not live in a police state. But as at least one person who is alleged to have donned a Joker mask and threatened to kill an Arab a week recently discovered, we do live in a state that has police. And it seems those cops know their way around the internet. Yesterday afternoon, less than 48 hours after the appearance of a video depicting an individual wearing the mask, citing the Paris massacres and claiming the killings would begin next week, a 24-year-old man was arraigned at the Montreal courthouse in connection with the incident. [Montreal Gazette](#)

ISIS aggressively pursuing development of chemical weapons: U.S. official

The Islamic State group is aggressively pursuing development of chemical weapons, setting up a branch dedicated to research and experiments with the help of scientists from Iraq, Syria and elsewhere in the region, according to Iraqi and U.S. intelligence officials. Their quest raises an alarming scenario for the West, given the determination to strike major cities that the group showed with its bloody attack last week in Paris. On Thursday, French Prime Minister Manuel Valls warned that Islamic extremists might at some point use chemical or biological weapons. "Terrorism hit France not because of what it is doing in Iraq and Syria ... but for what it is," Valls told the lower house of Parliament. "We know that there could also be a risk of chemical or biological weapons," he added, though he did not talk of a specific threat. U.S. intelligence officials don't believe IS has the capability to develop sophisticated weapons like nerve gas that are most suited for a terrorist attack on a civilian target. So far the group has used mustard gas on the battlefield in Iraq and Syria. [Associated Press](#) (Global News)

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Who is Abdelhamid Abaaoud, suspected ringleader of the Paris terror attack?

The suspected ringleader of the Paris attacks has been on the counterterrorism radar for some time and was targeted in French airstrikes on Syria last month, a French counterterrorism source told CNN. Abdelhamid Abaaoud, in his late 20s, is believed to be close to ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, and is probably the link between the senior ISIS leadership and ISIS operatives in Europe, European counterterrorism officials have said. Authorities raided a building Paris suburb of Saint-Denis that is linked to Abaaoud. French police on Wednesday were trying to determine if Abaaoud had been in the apartment, or if he is even still alive. Investigators were using DNA to analyze the body parts found in the Saint-Denis building where a female suspect first blew herself up, then French forces used powerful munitions to combat others, which led to one floor of the building collapsing. French military forces carried

out airstrikes in October targeting an ISIS training camp for foreign fighters in Raqqa, Syria, in an effort to kill Abaaoud, the French counterterrorism source said. [CNN](#)

No need to raise threat level: Goodale

There's no reason to raise Canada's threat level, even in the wake of the deadly attacks in Paris last week, **says Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale**. The minister appeared at a news conference — flanked by key security officials — to assure Canadians that authorities are being especially vigilant and doing everything possible to keep the public safe. The threat level has remained at "medium" since October 2014. Canadian Security Intelligence Service director Michel Coulombe and RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson said they had found no Canadian links to the assaults in France by militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant that killed some 129 people and wounded hundreds of others. Officials also stressed that the thousands of refugees Canada has agreed to accept from strife-torn Syria would undergo thorough security checks. **Goodale** urged people to be alert following the Paris attacks, but said Canada is basically safe and peaceful. **The minister** said now is not the time for what he called "**vigilante retribution**" — a reference to a deliberately set fire at an Ontario mosque and an assault against a veiled woman in Toronto. **"Now more than ever is a time for all of us to support our fellow citizens. We need to demonstrate to each other and to the world our values of diversity and inclusion," Goodale said. "Canadians will stand together and face these times with skill, with resolve, courage and fortitude. Terrorists will not change our values or the quality of Canadian life." In the days ahead we will continue to take every possible step to keep Canadians safe, and do so "in a way that respects our national character," he said.** [Canadian Press](#) (Hamilton Spectator, City News, CFRA, MacLean's, CBC News); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (La Presse)

#JeSuisChien goes viral in tribute to police dog killed in France

Amidst a flurry of social media posts and breaking news, the death of one beloved police dog has taken over Twitter today, drawing condolences from around the world. *The Independent* reports that Diesel, the seven-year-old Belgian Malinois, was killed earlier Wednesday during a raid on suspected terrorists in the Parisian suburb of Saint-Denis. Diesel was a trained assault and explosive search dog. [Yahoo News](#); [Independent News](#)

Paris attacks raise travel jitters among some Canadians

Some Canadians are thinking twice about travelling abroad for now, as last week's attacks in Paris and other recent incidents have raised fears among travellers and people working in the travel industry. Despite assurances from authorities that it's safe to travel, Friday's attacks in Paris, Thursday's twin bombings in Beirut and the recent bombing of a Russian passenger plane have prompted some to cancel or reschedule their trips (...) But Anthony Roman, an aviation security expert and former commercial pilot based in New York, said he doesn't think passengers or airline crews should change their travel plans. "From a geopolitical or counterterror point of view, I think it's a mistake," he said. "This is what ISIS is looking for. It's looking to disrupt the West, disrupt the transportation system, disrupt individuals' lives (...)" **Canada's Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** said on Wednesday that there's no reason to raise the country's threat level, as authorities are being extra vigilant and doing everything they can to keep Canadians safe. [CBC News](#) (2015-11-18)

UPDATE - Paris attacks: RCMP investigating whether voice on ISIS recording is Canadian

The RCMP is examining whether the voice on an audio recording attributed to ISIS and released in the wake of the Paris attacks belongs to a Canadian. ISIS released audio statements in English and Arabic on Saturday, claiming responsibility for the co-ordinated Paris attacks Friday that claimed 129 lives. Const. Annie Delisle, a spokeswoman for the RCMP, confirmed to CBC News on Wednesday that the police force is aware of media reports about the apparently Canadian voice, "and are following up." On Monday, CBC News asked three linguistics specialists to analyze the recording, and all said the voice has some distinctly Canadian speech patterns. Security experts and the linguists say the voice on the audio recording has telltale inflections and characteristics of Canadian English. "The fellow on it sounded to me like he was ... Canadian, and probably specifically from Ontario," Erik Thomas, a linguistics professor at the University of North Carolina, told CBC News. [CBC News](#); [Global News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Yahoo! News) (2015-11-18)

Suspected architect of Paris attacks is dead, according to two senior intelligence officials

A massive police raid Wednesday killed the suspected ringleader of the Paris attacks during a blitz-style sweep, two senior European intelligence officials said, after investigators followed leads that the fugitive militant was holed up north of the French capital and could be plotting another wave of violence. More than 100 police and soldiers stormed the building during a seven-hour siege that left two dead including the suspected overseer of the Paris bloodshed, Abdelhamid Abaaoud, who had once boasted he could slip easily between Europe and the Islamic State strongholds in Syria. The confirmation was made after forensic experts combed through the aftermath — blown-out windows, floors collapsed by explosions — presumably seeking DNA and other evidence. The intelligence officials spoke on condition of anonymity before announcements from authorities. The death of the Belgian extremist Abaaoud closed one major dragnet in the international search for suspects from Friday's carnage that killed at least 129 people and wounded 350 others. At least one other suspect believed closed linked to the Paris attacks remains at large. But it raised other worrisome questions, including the apparent ability of Abaaoud to evade intelligence agencies while traveling through Europe and whether other possible Islamic State cells could be seeking to strike again. [Washington Post](#); [New York Daily News](#); [Telegraph](#); [Daily Mail](#)

Suspected Paris attack mastermind, now targeted in police operation, bragged about movements

The presumed mastermind of last week's devastating attacks in Paris once bragged about being so slippery he could move undetected between Syria and Belgium, his home country. On Wednesday he was targeted in a police operation in Paris. Explosions and gunfire rang out as French police stormed a building in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis where Abdelhamid Abaaoud was believed to be hiding, a senior police official told The Associated Press. Authorities said a woman blew herself up and a man was killed. Seven people were arrested. Police did not identify them. The official was not authorized to be publicly named according to police rules, but is informed about the operation. On Monday, French authorities identified Abaaoud, the child of Moroccan immigrants who grew up in the Belgian capital's multiethnic Molenbeek neighbourhood, as the presumed mastermind of last Friday's attacks that killed 129 people and wounded over 350. He also is believed to have links to earlier attacks that were thwarted: one against a Paris-bound high-speed train that was foiled by three young Americans in August, and the other against a church in the French capital's suburbs. [Associated Press](#) (Cape Breton Post, Charlottetown Guardian, Calgary Sun, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun, The Telegram, Winnipeg Sun, Toronto Sun) (2015-11-18)

Paris attacks: 2 killed as police target alleged plotter Abdelhamid Abaaoud

A woman suicide bomber blew herself up and another militant died on Wednesday when police raided an apartment in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis seeking suspects in last week's attacks in the French capital. Three sources told Reuters the raid stopped a jihadist cell that had been planning an attack on Paris's business district, La Defense, after co-ordinated bombings and shootings killed 129 across the city. Officials said police had been hunting Abdelhamid Abaaoud, a Belgian Islamist militant accused of being the ringleader of the Nov. 13 carnage, but more than nine hours after the launch of the pre-dawn raid it was still unclear if they had found him. Seven people were arrested in the operation, which started with a barrage of gunfire, including three people who were pulled from the apartment, officials said. "It is impossible to tell you who was arrested. We are in the process of verifying that. Everything will be done to determine who is who," Paris prosecutor François Molins said at the end of the operation. [CBC News](#) (CBS News); [Toronto Star](#); [New York Post](#); [Reuters](#); [Quartz](#); [Guardian](#); [New York Times](#) (2015-11-18)

The Alleged Mastermind Of The Paris Attacks Praised Canadian Terrorists As "Martyrs"

The man police have identified as the mastermind of the Paris terror attacks called Canadian terrorists "martyrs" in a recent issue of an ISIS magazine. Abdelhamid Abaaoud, the internationally wanted Belgian jihadi who goes by the *nom-de-guerre* Abu Umar Al-Baljiki, was featured in the February issue of *Dābiq*. "I ask Allah to accept the fruitful deeds of the shuhadā' [martyrs] who terrorized the crusaders of America, France, Canada, Australia, Germany, and Belgium," he reportedly told the ISIS propaganda publication. [Buzzfeed News](#) (2015-11-18)

Defence Minister Sajjan on fear of ISIS after Paris attacks

Defence Minister Harjit S. Sajjan, an ex-soldier who confidently declared prior to the Paris terror attacks that Canadians shouldn't fear ISIS, said Wednesday he wasn't trying to suggest Canada is immune from

that kind of carnage. The B.C. minister said he was only trying to send both a reassuring signal to the public and a defiant one to an organization that is increasingly spreading its terror web outside Iraq and Syria. "I want to give confidence to the Canadian population that we have some phenomenal capabilities" in terms of military, police and intelligence resources working to prevent an attack, the rookie MP for Vancouver South said in an interview. He also didn't want to give "ISIS that satisfaction that we fear them, and that we're going to change our way of life because of them." No one can guarantee Canada won't face a Paris-like assault, he said. But "if an attack does occur we have the resources and people in place to be able to deal with it." Sajjan cited his experience in Afghanistan, where Canada lost 158 soldiers between 2002-2011. Some days there were casualties as a result of Taliban ambushes and roadside bombs. "Were we afraid of the Taliban? No. One day we would take a hit, but we would be out patrolling again the next day." [Postmedia Network](#) (Vancouver Sun) (2015-11-18)

Eagles of Death Metal Make First Statement on Paris Attacks

Eagles of Death Metal, the American rock band that headlined the Bataclan last Friday, and was performing when three gunmen began their attack, has made its first public statement since then. Posting on Facebook, the band wrote that it had returned home but was "still trying to come to terms with what happened in France." It also included an image of hand signs from the band's first album, "Peace, Love, Death Metal," superimposed over the French flag. [New York Times](#); [Guardian](#) (2015-11-18)

Two Suspects Sold Bar in Brussels Not Long Before Paris Attacks

Two suspects in the Paris attacks sold the bar they owned in Brussels six weeks before the onslaught, according to public records seen by The Wall Street Journal, and it was shut down shortly after the sale over concern drugs had been sold and consumed there. Brahim Abdeslam, who blew himself up outside the stadium in Paris, and his brother Salah—the subject of an international arrest warrant issued by Belgium because of suspicions he rented the car used in the attack—sold their stakes in the Les Beguines bar on Sept. 30, according to public documents. The records show they transferred ownership of the bar to a person based in a Belgian town on the French border. The documents didn't say how much it was sold for. [Wall Street Journal](#) (2015-11-18)

Paris restaurants defy terrorism in the most French way possible

Paris is on edge once again today, after police launched a predawn raid against suspected terrorists involved in last week's attacks. Two suspects have been killed and several others have been arrested, but for a few fleeting hours last night, it seemed as if normalcy was within reach. On Tuesday, Parisians flocked to local restaurants and bars in a uniquely French display of solidarity. It was all part of a social media campaign called #TousAuBistrot ("everyone to the bar"). Led by the restaurant reviews site Le Fooding, the campaign called on Parisians to spend their Tuesday evening at bars, restaurants, and cafe terraces around the city, as an act of defiance against terrorists who directly targeted a cornerstone of French culture Friday night. Among the six sites attacked last week were five restaurants and bars in the city's trendy 10th and 11th arrondissements. The attacks left 129 dead and 352 injured. [The Verge](#) (2015-11-18)

Anonymous Publishes Three Guides To Teach You "How To Hack" And Fight ISIS

The war between the hackers and terrorists is escalating quickly in the wake of the recent Paris attacks. In the short time frame of past two days, Anonymous hacktivist group has declared an open war on ISIS. In response, ISIS was quick to retaliate and called Anonymous 'idiots' who just know how to 'hack email and Twitter accounts'. In another development, Anonymous has released a series of guides urging the people to take part in their biggest ever operation called #OpParis. The guides include how-to instructions that tell the ways to hack the ISIS-affiliated websites and social media accounts. The rivalry of ISIS and Anonymous dates back to the Charlie Hebdo massacre in January. Anonymous has continued its attacks on ISIS and already exposed more than a thousand Twitter accounts. To train and bring the newer generation of hacktivists, Anonymous has released three how-to guides. These guides were posted on an IRC channel and Anonymous encouraged everyone to join this war against ISIS regardless of their computer skills. [FossBytes](#) (2015-11-18)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

CTV News interviewed Pierre-Yves Bourduas, President, P-Y Public Safety Management Inc., former Deputy Commissioner of Federal Services and Central Region, Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He discussed the police raids in France following the Paris attacks. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-11-18, 15h30)

CTV News - interviewed Pierre-Yves Bourduas, former Deputy Commissioner RCMP - Paris attacks - police raids [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-11-18, 15h30 ET)

CP24 covered Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale speaking about national security following the Paris attacks last week [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-11-18, 16h05 ET)

CBC News Power & Politics interviewed Francois Audet from the Canadian Research Institute on Humanitarian Crisis and Aid on the security screening process for Syrian refugees, as well as timelines and logistics associated with bringing them to Canada. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-11-18, 18:30 ET)

CBC News Power & Politics interviewed security analyst and former assistant director of intelligence at CSIS, Ray Boisvert, on the current security situation in Canada in light of Friday's attacks in Paris and how Syrian refugees coming to Canada will be security screened. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-11-18, 17h05)

CTV News presented a news panel with Matt Gurney from the National Post, and Andrew Cullen with the Ottawa Citizen. French police raids following the Paris attacks were discussed as well as the issue of Syrian refugees coming to Canada. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-11-18, 10:35 ET)

RDI covered the mastermind behind the Paris massacre, Abdelhamid Abaaoud, is dead, according to two senior intelligence officials. The 27-year-old Belgian jihadi leader is said to have been killed by French commandos when a flat was raided in the early hours of this morning. (CBC News, 13h10; CTV News, 13h10 ET; RDI, 13h10 ET)

CBC / CTV covered explosions and heavy gunfire that were heard in Paris as armed police searching for suspects from Friday's attacks raided a flat in the suburb of Saint-Denis. Two people were killed in the raid, including a female suspect who blew herself up with a suicide belt. Seven people have been arrested. (CBC News, 9h ET; CTV News, 9h ET; RDI, 9h00 ET)

Reuters News Agency quoted a French police source as saying that a new attack was being planned. This one targeting a business district in Paris. (CBC News, 9h15 ET)

RDI a annoncé Le président de la France entend prolonger l'état d'urgence jusqu'en février 2016. (RDI, 9h15 ET)

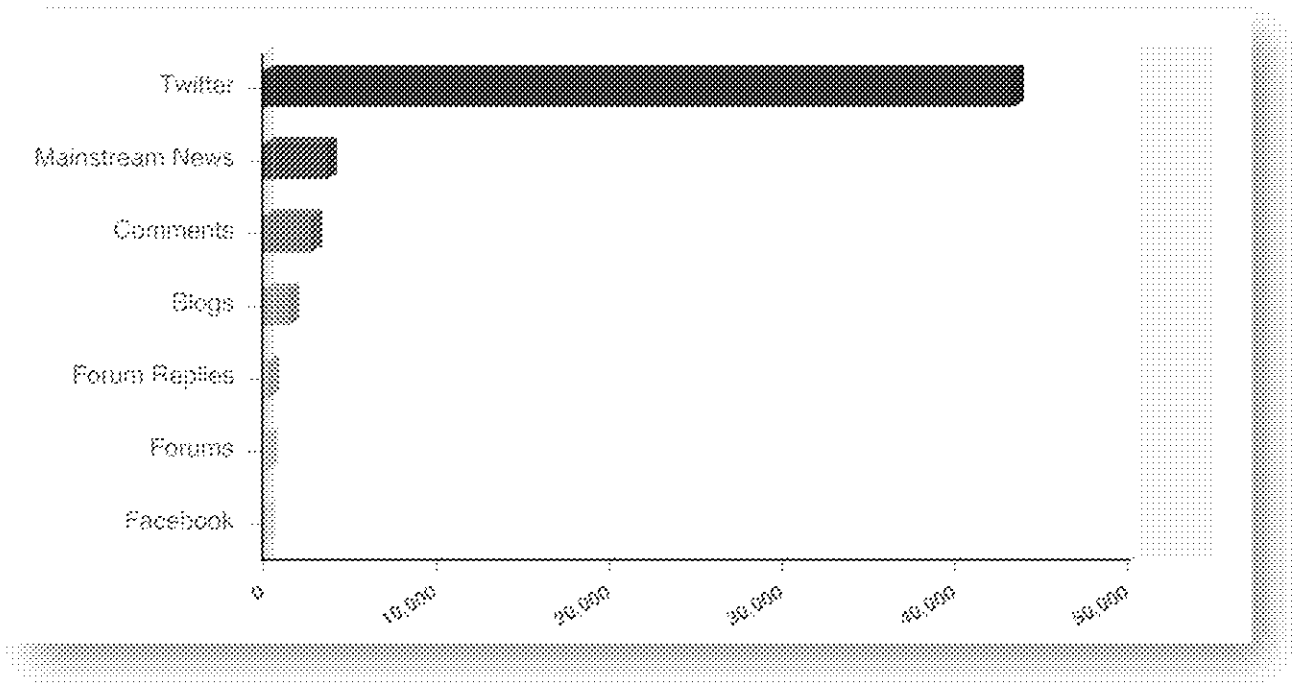
CBC covered French President François Hollande this morning heralding the raid saying it neutralized terrorists with links to the attacks here in Paris last week. (CBC News, 10h04 ET)

CTV News covered France's Interior Minister, Bernard Cazeneuve announcing that Abdelhamid Abaaoud was among those killed in a French police raid yesterday [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-11-19, 9h05 ET)

Social Media / Médias sociaux

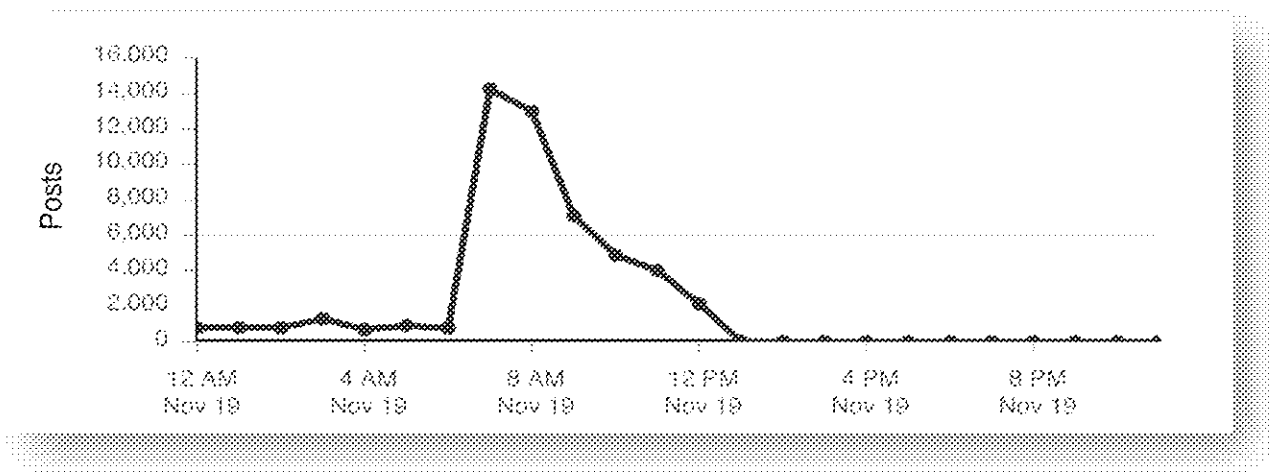
Social media activity regarding Canada's reaction to the Paris terrorist attacks is extensive. There have been approximately 51,484 social media posts on this topic between 12:00 am and 12:00 pm ET, November 19.

The following graph displays the breakdown of social media posts by type:



There have been approximately 43,346 tweets, 3,647 mainstream news site posts, 16 Facebook posts, 1,451 blog posts, and 2,803 comment/forum posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout yesterday's evening and into this morning:



Social media activity peaked at approximately 7:00 am and 11:00 am ET, with 14,246 posts regarding the Paris attacks as well as Canada's response.

Tweets of note:

TheEconomist

France responds to an attack on its way of life. Our briefing on the Paris attacks <http://econ.st/1Xb0r5n>

tvanouvelles

EN VIDÉO | Attentats de Paris: les images de l'intérieur d'un café pendant la tuerie. <http://bit.ly/117wWfW>

globalnews

France says it got tip about where mastermind of Paris attack was hiding <http://glbn.ca/UQDR>

cnnbrk

Nine detained in Belgium raids connected to [#ParisAttacks](#) probe, Belgian authorities say.

<http://cnn.it/117hgSr>

mtlgazette

Jokers, terrorists and why we'll always have Paris <http://bit.ly/1MVS7ox>

globalnews

Paris attacks: Video of 'London Muslims celebrating terror attacks' is fake <http://glbn.ca/UQSXV>

NahlahAyed

France National Assembly votes overwhelmingly in favour of extending state of emergency by three months. [#cbc](#) [#parisattacks](#)

Reuters

France says it never received information that attack mastermind Abaaoud was in the country:

<http://reut.rs/1MpcCIT>

metromontreal

Des milliers de chiens du monde entier rendent hommage à un chien tué à Paris [#JeSuisDiesel](#)

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale announced on June 16 the tabling of "An Act to establish the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians" to create a multi-party Parliamentary committee to oversee national security activities.
- The legislation outlines how a security-cleared committee of seven MPs and two senators would review the activities of national security agencies, with no more than four members from the party forming the government. The committee would have wide authority to "scrutinize any national security matter", with the Public Safety Minister having authority to stop any review that could jeopardize national security.
- Media coverage was fairly significant at the time of the announcement with articles appearing across online and print media, as well as television coverage of Ministers Goodale and Leblanc making the announcement. Minister Goodale was also interviewed by CTV News' Power and Politics. Tone of coverage was neutral in most news items and no opinion pieces appeared on the day of the announcement. Coverage dropped significantly over the course of the day.

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

- *"We have written the legislation to withstand the test of time and if some future hypothetical prime minister were in the process of abusing his or her powers, this committee would be in a position to say very loudly to Canadians, 'something that shouldn't be happening is going on and you ought to be concerned. If that eventually happens at some time in future, this committee would be extraordinarily valuable.'" ~ Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale ([iPolitics](#))*
- *"We need to make sure our security and intelligence agencies are doing everything that is necessary and appropriate to keep Canadians safe and ... are conducting themselves in a way that safeguards the rights and freedoms of Canadians." ~ Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale ([Reuters](#))*
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- *« Ce nouveau comité de surveillance permettra à des membres du Sénat et de la Chambre des communes d'examiner comment fonctionnent les ministères et les agences de l'ensemble du gouvernement canadien dotés de responsabilités touchant à la sécurité nationale et au renseignement »* ~ Leader du gouvernement à la Chambre des communes, Dominic LeBlanc ([Radio-Canada](#))
- *"It's basically a PMO extension with a whole range of exclusions... [t]his should report to Parliament. They're also making it very easy for a lot of ministries and agencies to avoid sharing information with this committee."* ~ Conservative MP and public safety critic Erin O'Toole ([National Post](#))
- *"The ability of the PM to redact final committee reports is broader than ideal — at the very least there should be a capacity for the committee to signal that redactions have been made."* ~ National security law professor Craig Forcese ([iPolitics](#))
- *"It would be very nice to address some of the issues noted above, but on paper at least, this will be a stronger body than the UK and Australian equivalents. And a dramatic change for Canadian national security accountability."* ~ National security law professor Craig Forcese ([iPolitics](#))

Online Media / Médias en ligne

Special committee of MPs, senators would monitor intelligence agencies

The Liberal government is moving to create a multi-party committee of parliamentarians — bound forever to secrecy — to serve as another set of eyes on federal intelligence activities. Legislation tabled Thursday would authorize the security-cleared committee of seven MPs and two senators to scrutinize the intelligence work of more than a dozen agencies. A maximum of four MPs from the governing party could be members. The goal is to ensure security and intelligence organizations are effective while protecting Canadian values, rights and freedoms, said **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale**, who called it the most important Liberal promise on national security. All of Canada's major allies — including the United States, Britain and France — have such committees. **"We have studied what those other countries do," Goodale told** a news conference, adding Canada has learned from the examples — both good and bad. The Canadian committee would have a high degree of independence, power to delve into any national security matter and access to classified government information. However, ministers could withhold information from the members if handing it over would harm national security... On paper at least, the proposed committee is a stronger body than the equivalents in Australia and Britain, said Craig Forcese, a law professor at the University of Ottawa who specializes in national security. However, Forcese has concerns about the government's ability to veto the committee's plans, limit its ability to see secret materials and redact its reports. Overall, the legislation is "a very good bill" that would create a long overdue role for parliamentarians, said Wesley Wark, an intelligence historian who also teaches at the University of Ottawa. However, Wark added, the real test will be finding the right members, setting up a secretariat to support the committee, actually doing good work, earning the trust of the security and intelligence community and "finding ways to really inform the Canadian public about sensitive intelligence and security issues." [Canadian Press](#) (Metro News)

New spy watchdog will have power to examine 'any activity, any operation': Goodale

Sweeping powers to scrutinize "any issue, any activity, any operation" will be granted to a new committee of parliamentarians to watch over federal spying and other clandestine security and intelligence activities, the government has announced. The long-promised Bill C-22, tabled in the Commons Thursday, proposes creation of an unprecedented "national security and intelligence committee of parliamentarians" to hold to greater account the nation's two chief spy services and at least 15 other departments and

agencies with national security responsibilities. The move fulfils a major Liberal election promise to increase parliamentary scrutiny of national security operations to offset the expansive and controversial counterterrorism powers under the Anti-terrorism Act of 2015, formerly Bill C-51, to investigate, detain, arrest, silence or otherwise thwart individuals suspected as threats to the security of Canada. The all-party committee of nine MPs and two Senators, to be chosen by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and supported by a small secretariat, would be sworn to permanent secrecy and handed a broad mandate to probe, mainly ex post facto, any and all national security activities to gauge whether they are effective, efficient and legal. Its primary investigative tool would be a statutory power to access many of the nation's most guarded secrets. ***"They are going to have the ability to look at any issue, any activity, any operation, any document in the government of Canada that relates to security and intelligence matters,"*** Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale told reporters after the bill's unveiling. ***"They will be able to ask questions and conduct inquiries and satisfy themselves that two important objectives are being met: to make sure our security and intelligence agencies are being effective in keeping Canadians safe and to make sure they are safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Canadians."***... Goodale responded to that concern: ***"If the minister believes that a particular examination at a particular point in time will be injurious to national security then the minister has to give reasons. It's not just a capricious judgment. "If this committee makes it known in the public domain that they are unhappy with what they have seen and that there is something in the security intelligence operations that they believe is unfolding in an improper way, putting that comment in the public domain will, quite frankly, set off alarm bells right across the country and it will then be incumbent upon the prime minister to explain himself or herself to Canadians. This puts an extraordinary public discipline on the process."***... But Conservative MP and public safety critic Erin O'Toole said that is one of several flaws. "It's basically a PMO extension with a whole range of exclusions" for the government to deny it access to needed top-secret information. "This should report to Parliament. They're also making it very easy for a lot of ministries and agencies to avoid sharing information with this committee," he said. Current review of the national security apparatus and the handling of public complaints is now siloed within three small watchdog agencies, led by the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), which conducts after-the-fact reviews of the operations of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the country's human spy service. There is no independent oversight or review of the Canada Border Services Agency, which has a dual intelligence and law-enforcement role, and several other arms of government with national security duties. Depending on how transparent a government chooses to be, sending controversial national security issues to a secret committee could effectively launder executive decisions by purposely routing them to the committee to limit or eliminate further public exposure, say some experts. It also could potentially hamper the opposition's ability to critique government. [National Post](#)

Bill to create spy oversight committee introduced in House of Commons

A nine-member, multi-party committee of parliamentarians would oversee federal intelligence activities under a long-anticipated bill tabled Thursday. The legislation would authorize a security-cleared committee of seven MPs and two senators to scrutinize the intelligence work of more than a dozen agencies. A maximum of four MPs from the governing party could be members. The goal is to ensure security and intelligence organizations are effective while protecting Canadian values, rights and freedoms, said **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale**. All of Canada's major allies — including the United States, Britain and France — have such committees. ***"We have studied what those other committees do,"*** Goodale told a news conference, adding Canada has learned from the examples — both good and bad. The Canadian committee would have power to delve into any national security matter. However, ministers could withhold information from the members if handing it over would harm national security. [Canadian Press](#) (Times-Colonist)

Liberals to create new committee to oversee Canadian security agencies

Canada's new committee of parliamentarians overseeing national-security operations will be made up of seven MPs and two senators. The legislative oversight committee overseeing agencies like the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and the RCMP will have wide-ranging authorities to "scrutinize any national security matter," the federal government announced on Thursday, after legislation to create the committee was tabled. However, the **minister of public safety** "would have the authority to stop such a review if it would be injurious to national security," the government said. **Public Safety Minister Ralph**

Goodale told reporters on Wednesday that everyone on the permanent committee will swear an oath of secrecy. The committee was inspired by a number of foreign models, especially the nine-member Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament in Britain. **Mr. Goodale** added that he does not want a system like the one in the U.S. Congress, which is prone to leaks. ***"[Members of the committee] will have to swear an oath with respect to the information that they obtain, and violation of that oath is a criminal offence and a breach of trust,"*** he said. ***"Illegally, improperly divulging information that is contrary to the national security of Canada is a serious criminal offence."*** The committee will have ***"extraordinary authority to examine all of the security and intelligence operations of the government of Canada,"*** with access to classified information from agencies such as CSIS and the RCMP, **Mr. Goodale** said. [Globe and Mail](#)

Liberals propose joint oversight committee on national security

The federal government today introduced new legislation to create a joint committee to oversee national security matters, one of three public safety-related bills the Liberals are tabling this week. "This new oversight committee would allow members of the Senate and the House of Commons to scrutinize how departments and agencies across the government of Canada - with national security and intelligence responsibilities - are operating and report to Parliament on their findings and their recommendations, Government House leader Dominic LeBlanc said in Ottawa on Thursday. The nine-member committee would be made up of seven MPs and two senators who would have the clearance to delve into all matters of national security. LeBlanc served notice on Wednesday that he would table the bill, titled "An Act to establish the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians and to make consequential amendments to certain Acts." The Liberals campaigned on a promise to create a committee tasked with overseeing all of Canada's national security agencies. [CBC News](#)

National security committee bill tabled

The government's long-awaited all-party national security committee should be up and running by fall, **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** said Thursday after tabling the bill creating the intelligence review body. The formation of a committee of legislators to review intelligence activities was a key demand of opponents of the Harper government's security legislation, C-51. All of Canada's major allies, including the United States, Britain and France, have such committees. While the government will have the power to shut down the committee's reviews, withhold information and review committee reports, **Goodale** says it will still be able to hold governments to account. ***"We have written the legislation to withstand the test of time and if some future hypothetical prime minister were in the process of abusing his or her powers, this committee would be in a position to say very loudly to Canadians, 'something that shouldn't be happening is going on and you ought to be concerned,'"*** Goodale said in a press conference. ***"If that eventually happens at some time in future, this committee would be extraordinarily valuable."*** The new legislation will create a nine-member joint committee that includes two members appointed from the Senate and seven members from the House of Commons. The appointments will be made by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the prime minister and no more than four of the members from the House of Commons can be from the governing party. The committee will have a mandate to scrutinize activities, including ongoing operations, by any of the 17 government departments and agencies that deal with national security, including the RCMP, CBSA, CSIS, CSE and others such as the Department of Foreign Affairs. [iPolitics](#)

Canada to give MPs oversight of security, intelligence agencies

Canada will set up a committee of legislators to oversee security and intelligence agencies and ensure their work does not infringe upon civil liberties, a top official said on Thursday. The Liberal government is acting in the wake of global concerns about the reach of security agencies. Former U.S. intelligence contractor Edward Snowden leaked details about mass surveillance by British and U.S. spies in 2013. ***"We need to make sure our security and intelligence agencies are doing everything that is necessary and appropriate to keep Canadians safe and ... are conducting themselves in a way that safeguards the rights and freedoms of Canadians,"*** said **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale**. Canada is the only one of the so-called Five Eyes intelligence-sharing network to lack such a parliamentary review committee. The other members are Britain, the United States, Australia and New Zealand. Most Canadian agencies have small individual review bodies, which critics complain are

impotent and can only look at old cases. Goodale told reporters the new nine-person committee would have robust powers to probe any file it wanted, including active ones. [Reuters](#) (UK Daily Mail)

Ottawa crée un comité parlementaire sur la sécurité nationale et le renseignement

Le gouvernement libéral de Justin Trudeau a déposé jeudi un projet de loi qui donnera naissance à un comité de parlementaires chargé de veiller à la sécurité du pays et de protéger les droits des Canadiens. Le leader du gouvernement à la Chambre des communes, Dominic LeBlanc, et le ministre de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile, Ralph Goodale, en ont fait l'annonce à Ottawa, en précisant que ce comité jouira d'un « vaste mandat ». « Ce nouveau comité de surveillance permettra à des membres du Sénat et de la Chambre des communes d'examiner comment fonctionnent les ministères et les agences de l'ensemble du gouvernement canadien dotés de responsabilités touchant à la sécurité nationale et au renseignement », a affirmé Dominic LeBlanc. C'est donc dire que la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) ou encore le Centre de sécurité des télécommunications seront dans la ligne de mire du comité. [Radio-Canada](#)

What do you think about the proposed security oversight committee?

The Liberal government is tabling multiple public safety-related bills this week, including the bill "An Act to establish the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians" tabled on Thursday. The bill proposes a joint oversight committee, composed of seven MPs and two senators, which will have the ability to "scrutinize" any national security matters. **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale**, who helped draft the bill, stated the goal of the committee would be to help ensure Canada's security and intelligence agencies are protecting Canadians and to protect Canadians rights and freedoms. [Rabble.ca](#)

Un nouveau comité à Ottawa pour surveiller toutes les activités de renseignement

C'est finalement un comité formé de neuf parlementaires de toutes allégeances qui surveillera les différentes agences fédérales impliquées de près ou de loin dans le renseignement et la sécurité nationale. En vertu du projet de loi déposé jeudi aux Communes par le leader du gouvernement, Dominic LeBlanc, le comité sera composé de sept députés, dont quatre du parti ministériel, et de deux sénateurs. Ces parlementaires pourront discrètement scruter le travail d'une quinzaine d'agences et ministères concernés. **Le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale**, a indiqué jeudi en point de presse à Ottawa que son gouvernement souhaite ainsi s'assurer que toutes ces organisations sont efficaces, mais aussi qu'elles respectent les valeurs fondamentales, les droits et les libertés des Canadiens. De tels comités existent déjà chez les principaux alliés du Canada - dont les États-Unis, la France et le Royaume-Uni - et le ministre Goodale a indiqué que son gouvernement s'était inspiré de ce qui se fait ailleurs dans le monde. [Presse Canadienne](#) (La Presse)

Un projet de loi fédéral pour créer un comité chargé de surveiller les espions canadiens

Le gouvernement Trudeau a déposé un projet de loi, aux Communes jeudi, pour créer un comité parlementaire chargé de surveiller les opérations des espions canadiens. Cette mesure législative se veut une réponse des libéraux de Justin Trudeau à la controversée loi 51 antiterroriste adoptée par le gouvernement Harper. Ce comité aura à s'assurer « que les organismes responsables de la sécurité et du renseignement sont en mesure de protéger efficacement les Canadiens » indique le gouvernement. Ce comité multipartite sera formé de représentants des Communes et du Sénat et aurait un mandat pangouvernemental ainsi qu'un accès spécial à des renseignements « hautement classifiés », afin de pouvoir examiner les opérations de sécurité nationale et relatives au renseignements. [Agence QMI](#) (Journal de Montréal)

Attacks shift perception of C-51 - Desire to weaken anti-terror laws diminishing

An opinion piece states "In the general election campaign, the Liberals were vocal about repealing the 'problematic elements' of the Conservative government's anti-terror legislation. In the wake of the carnage in Paris last November, and now in Orlando, Fla., it is fair to say there is much less enthusiasm to overturn many of its provisions, particularly those that allow the Canadian Security Intelligence Service to disrupt potential terrorist activity. **Ralph Goodale, the public safety minister**, will introduce a bill creating an all-party committee of parliamentarians to provide oversight to the expanded national security apparatus before the House of Commons rises this summer, as the Ottawa Citizen's Ian MacLeod reported this month. The government will also review all appeals by Canadians to the no-fly list and

create a counter-radicalization office to work in vulnerable communities, as promised in the election platform... **Goodale** has further said he intends to engage in public consultations on the entire national security framework over the summer, to look at areas where the current legislation might be improved. But, after the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant-inspired outrages in Paris and Orlando, there does not seem to be an appetite to roll back the substantive parts of the bill that allow CSIS to use loosely defined disruptive 'measures,' or attempt to raise the threshold for preventive detention... Public outrage may yet be ignited when the first annual report covering the new legislation is released by CSIS's watchdog, the Security Intelligence Review Committee. As security expert Wesley Wark pointed out, if the report suggests CSIS has been abusing its new powers, or if the CSE commissioner claims the organization has not been complying with Canadian law in collecting metadata, the public's concern about rights may trump fears about security. But for now, public sentiment appears to be governed by a sense that all that protects them from a disaffected Omar Mateen-type figure is a vigilant security service, standing on guard..." [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Broadcast media for this period was significant at the time of the announcement with major networks providing coverage of Ministers Goodale and Leblanc presenting the legislation and responding to questions from media.

Of note:

- *CTV News* broadcast the creation of a national security and intelligence committee of parliamentarians announced by government House Leader Dominic Leblanc and **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale**. [Rough Transcript](#)
- *CP24* broadcast a question and answer session with **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** following his announcement of the creation of a national security and intelligence committee of parliamentarians. [Rough Transcript](#)
- *CTV News' Power Play* interviewed **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** on the introduction of legislation to establish a national security oversight committee of parliamentarians. [Rough Transcript](#)
- *CBC News' Power & Politics* interviewed **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** on the introduction of legislation to establish the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians. [Rough Transcript](#)

Social Media / Médias sociaux

Public Safety Accounts

- Activity on the department's channels were extremely minimal in terms of mentions and retweets. Only 1 user replied:
 - We tweeted two original tweets per language

Public Safety Canada @Safety_Canada
Proposed Nat'l Security & Intel. Cmte of Parliamentarians is "a uniquely CAN model that reflects our own values & ideals." - Min. Goodale

- This tweet gained 1626 impressions
- 4 RTs
- 1 Like

Sécurité publique @Securite_Canada
Le Comité des parlementaires sur la sécurité nationale proposé est « un modèle CAN qui reflète nos valeurs, «libaux». » - Min. Goodale

- This tweet gained 289 impressions
- 1 RT

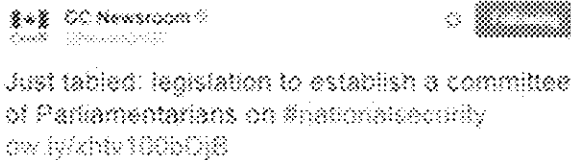
Public Safety Canada @Safety_Canada
Want to get up to speed on the proposed Nat'l Security & Intelligence Cmte of Parliamentarians? Here's a primer <http://ow.ly/NNE301kMaH>

- This tweet gained 1346 impressions
- 6 click-throughs
- 3 RTs
- 2 Likes

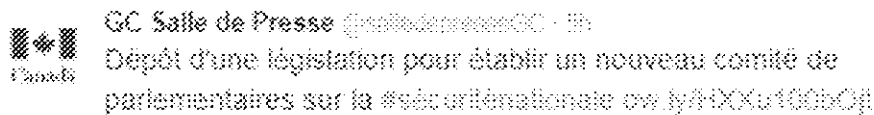
Sécurité publique @Securite_Canada
Vous voulez vous + d'infos sur Comité des parlementaires sur sécurité nationale proposé? Voici notions élémentaires <http://ow.ly/XFYu301kMrv>

- This tweet gained 231 impressions
- 1 click-through

- We retweeted the official announcement from NewsroomGC, which received 7 retweets and 4 likes in English, and 2 retweets and 1 like in French overall (i.e. not caused by PS's retweeting alone).



GC Newsroom @GCNewsroom
Just tabled: legislation to establish a committee of Parliamentarians on #nationalsecurity
ow.ly/zhtv100b0j6



GC Salle de Presse @SalledePresseGC
Dépôt d'une législation pour établir un nouveau comité de parlementaires sur la #sécuritéinternationale
ow.ly/4DXu100b0j6

- Activity on the department's channels were extremely minimal in terms of mentions and retweets. Only 1 user replied:



@Safety_Canada get rid of c51

Tweets of note

Ralph Goodale

Have just intro'd legislation to implement our single most important commitment to Cdns on National Security (1/2) [#cdnpoli](#)

Ralph Goodale

New "Committee of Parliamentarians" will have extraordinary access to scrutinize security+intell activities of the GoC (2/2)

Ralph Goodale

Nous venons de présenter un projet de loi pour mettre en place notre engagement clé aux Canadiens sur la sécurité nationale (1/2)

Ralph Goodale

Nouveau "Comité des parlementaires" aura un accès extraordinaire pour scruter-activités en matière de renseignement- sécurité du GoC (2/2)

Safety Canada

Want to get up to speed on the proposed Nat'l Security & Intelligence Cmte of Parliamentarians? Here's a primer <http://ow.ly/aNNI301kMaH>

Securite Canada

Vous voulez vous + d'infos sur Comité des parlementaires sur sécurité nationale proposé? Voici notions élémentaires <http://ow.ly/XTYu301kMnw>

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Dépôt d'une législation pour établir un nouveau comité de parlementaires sur la #sécuriténationale
<http://ow.ly/HXXu100bOjt>

NewsroomGC

Just tabled: legislation to establish a committee of Parliamentarians on #nationalsecurity
<http://ow.ly/xhtv100bOjB>

PnPCBC

Now on #pnpcbc: @RalphGoodale discusses the proposed security & intelligence parliamentary oversight committee #cdnpoli

PnPCBC

@RalphGoodale: they have a very broad mandate to scrutinize the intelligence activities of the whole of the gov't of Canada. #pnpcbc

PnPCBC

@RalphGoodale: they will be able to look at any activity, any material of any intelligence/security agency. #cdnpoli #pnpcbc

PnPCBC

@RalphGoodale: committee would get involved if there was something that had a very direct, immediate impact on national security. #pnpcbc

PnPCBC

@RalphGoodale: the ultimate safeguard: Canadians would know if there was something the committee wasn't happy about.

PnPCBC

@RalphGoodale: it's the PM who's responsible and carries ultimate burden of safety and security of Cdns. That is where the buck stops.

PnPCBC

@RalphGoodale: selection of comm. members: David McGuinty will be chair. Other members yet to be selected, will involve all parties.

PnPCBC

@RalphGoodale: they'll be required to take an oath respecting classified nature of material they'll be dealing with. #pnpcbc

PnPCBC

@RalphGoodale: we expect good people will come out of consultation process and they'll discharge responsibilities in a responsible way.

CTV PowerPlay

ICYM: Public Safety Minister @RalphGoodale announced the long-awaited spy oversight committee today goo.gl/IXYVZC #cdnpoli

DonMartinCTV

On @CTV_PowerPlay, @janephilpott and @Puglaas on assisted dying bill, @RalphGoodale on spy oversight and @nathancullen on friend Jo Cox.

nationalpost

New spy watchdog will have power to examine 'any activity, any operation': Ralph Goodale
natpo.st/1W28xAR

YahooCanadaNews

Special committee of MPs, senators would monitor intelligence agencies yhoo.it/1PwTpEJ
pic.twitter.com/WO2SgPjj7

TondaMacC

New Parl'ty nat security oversight cttee w hv 2 senators, 7 MPS, cannot claim parl immunity if they divulge secrets.

TondaMacC

Cttee to hv 4 MPs fr Govt side. Will hv power to scrutinize "any nat security matter" including ongoing operations.

TondaMacC

Pub Safety minister wd be able to shut down review to protect 3rd parties, prevent interference inactive military ops.

TondaMacC

Cttee wd be limited in reviews to protect law enforcement functions. MPs wd hv right of access to info ex where it wd harm nat security.

TondaMacC

PS Minister wd hv to provide rationale for withholding info fr cttee. Not clear if that decision subject to judicial review.

TondaMacC

Nat security parliamentary oversight cttee to be housed within executive, not legislative, branch to control use/disclosure of secret info.

TondaMacC

@RalphGoodale: "extraordinary access" to any national security matter across all depts, agencies = Cdn model.

TondaMacC

Tech briefing: PCO official says nat secy cttee w NOT have access to cabinet confidences, informants identity, commercially sensitive info.

TondaMacC

Other exclusions: names of protected witnesses, defence intel activities in support of ongoing military ops, FINTRAC info not yet acted on.

HuffPostCanada

Liberals table bill to create spy oversight committee [#cdnpoli](https://twitter.com/cdnpoli) <http://huff.to/1Yuj1nW>

David Akin

I asked @ralphgoodale almost exactly that question. He says this was designed as a check on any future PMO abuse.

Craig Forcese

@davidakin @RalphGoodale Key ques: subsequent obligations on PM to submit report to Parliament. Delay in submission been issue in Aus.

David Akin

"I would be very happy if this bill could be passed early in the fall," @RalphGoodale says of security committee legislation.

David Akin

@RalphGoodale Security committee "not a complaints forum per se" but can take up matters of public concern

David Akin

New security committee will be given secretariat and resources to support their work, @RalphGoodale says

David Akin

David Akin Retweeted Ralph Goodale
Hope! For you #C51 objectors.

Claire Wahlen

@davidakin Not necessarily, yet. They promised a summer of consultation before putting a new bill out to make #C51 amendments. Wait til then

Ralph Goodale

@davidakin -Not so David. One key pledge was new Cmte of Parliamentarians to scrutinize Sec+Intell activities - intro'd today. More to come.

David Akin

If you objected to #C51 and bought #LPC promises they would change offending bits, u may be a bit disappointed today.

David Akin

In scrum, @RalphGoodale says oversight committee is "cornerstone" of several initiatives to change objectionable #C51 bits

PhilippeVincentFoisy

À propos des pouvoirs du ministre : le ministre de la Sec Pub dit le comité peut le dire publiquement et ca, ca peut faire mal. #polcan

Vassy Kapelos

Goodale: we are fulfilling the single most important campaign commitment...w/ respect to national security #cdnpoli

Amanda Connolly

Committee can review ongoing ops but minister can stop them at any time if "such a review would be injurious to Nat Sec."

CPAC

10amET: @RalphGoodale & @Min_LeBlanc discuss the proposed national security oversight committee. #cdnpoli <http://www.cpac.ca/en/direct/cpac2>

Jim Bronskill

Nine-member, multi-party committee would scrutinize security activities under bill tabled today <http://www.nationalnewswatch.com/> #cdnpoli

National Newswatch

Liberals propose joint oversight committee with 'extraordinary access' to scrutinize national security

David Akin

Ministers will have power to shut down investigation by [#c51](#) oversight committee on national security grounds.

David Akin

Before oversight committee can tell Parliament anything, PMO gets to edit and censor. [#C51](#)

David Akin

New [#C51](#) oversight committee to report to PM, not to Parliament.

David Akin

New security and intelligence committee will have 9 on it: 2 Senators, 7 MPs incl 4 from governing party. [#C51](#)

Amanda Connolly

Not clear if here would be any kind of review or challenge function for this refusal mechanism

Amanda Connolly

Committee will have "right of access" to info it requests but minister can withhold "special operational info" if disclosure would harm NS

PhilippeVincentFoisy

Comme les libéraux n'ont pas le contrôle sur le sénat, ils ne seront pas majoritaire au comité. Mais avec 4 élus + 1 sénateur, les consv...

PhilippeVincentFoisy

LE comité aura un mandat pangouvernemental et se pencherait sur toute question ayant trait à la sécurité nationale. [#polcan](#)

PhilippeVincentFoisy

Le gvt formera un comité pour superviser les agences de sécurité. Mais le ministre se garde BCP de pouvoirs <http://nouvelles.gc.ca/> [#polcan](#)

Craig Forcese

Because new bill imminent, time to re-up paper on what to look for in nat'l security committee of parliamentarians: <http://papers.ssrn.com/>

Claire Wählen

Lots of national security legislation out this week before the House breaks for summer. Silver lining? At least it's not an omnibus [#cdnpoli](#)

Globe Politics

Liberals to create new committee to oversee Canadian security agencies <http://trib.al/JshzmLn> [#cdnpoli](#)

MrMubinShaikh

Excellent. NationalSecurityOversight in Canada is closer2becoming reality. [#cdnpoli](#) [#C51](#)
<https://t.co/ozYQfQYbsR>

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Foundation embankment failure to blame for Mount Polley disaster: government report

Failure in the foundation embankment is what led to the tailings pond breach at Mount Polley site that sent millions of cubic meters of waste into Hazeltine Creek, Quesnel Lake and Polley Lake last year. That's the conclusion of a report released by the B.C. government this morning. An independent panel of engineers was formed to find out why the tailings pond burst last August. The panel concluded that the dominant contribution to the failure resides in the design, particularly the glacial lake deposit in the foundation embankment that was not taken into consideration. "The design did not take into account the complexity of the sub-glacial and pre-glacial geological environment associated with the perimeter embankment foundation," said panel chair Norbert Morgenstern. "As the result, foundation investigations and associated site characterization failed to identify this continuous layer in the vicinity of the breach and to recognize it was susceptible to failure when subject to the stresses associated with the embankment." [Global News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Government tables anti-terror bill to prevent, crack down on violent extremists

Sweeping new anti-terrorism powers introduced by the Conservative government Friday include giving Canadian spies police-like powers to disrupt terrorist operations, allow authorities to remove terrorist propaganda from the internet and make it a crime to promote or to advocate others to engage in terrorism. Many of the measures will affect the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service. The plan to boost CSIS's ability to counter terrorist threats flows from a federal review of fatal attacks on two Canadian soldiers last October. As expected, the bill would also make it easier for the RCMP to obtain a peace bond to restrict the movements of a suspect, and it extends the period for preventative arrest and detention. In addition, the legislation would expand the no-fly regime to cover those travelling by air to take part in terrorist activities, whereas currently there must be an immediate risk to the plane. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Spy service to get stronger under federal bill

Newly tabled anti-terrorism legislation would give Canada's spy agency more power to thwart a suspected extremist's travel plans, disrupt bank transactions and covertly interfere with radical websites. The plan to boost the Canadian Security Intelligence Service's ability to counter terrorist threats flows from a review of fatal attacks on two Canadian soldiers last October -- incidents the government believes were fuelled by Islamic extremism. As expected, the bill would also make it easier for the RCMP to obtain a peace bond to restrict the movements of a suspect and it extends the period for preventative arrest and detention. In addition, the legislation would expand the no-fly regime to cover those travelling by air to take part in terrorist activities, whereas currently there must be an immediate risk to the plane. The bill proposes giving the RCMP power to seek a judge's order to remove terrorist propaganda from the Internet. [CTV News](#) (Global News, MyKawartha.com, News 1130, Thompson Citizen)

Lutte contre le terrorisme : Harper présente son projet de loi

CBC a appris que le projet de loi devrait changer le mandat du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS), qui se limitait à collecter des informations pour les transmettre à la police. Le SCRS pourra agir dans certaines opérations jusqu'ici dévolues à la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), sans toutefois pouvoir procéder lui-même à des arrestations. Ces nouveaux pouvoirs permettraient au Service d'obtenir des mandats pour empêcher des sympathisants djihadistes de quitter le pays et annuler des réservations de vols qu'ils pourraient faire pour rejoindre des groupes extrémistes outremer. Le Service pourra aussi bloquer des transactions financières liées à de possibles activités terroristes et intercepter des livraisons d'équipement ou de matériel qui pourraient être utilisées dans d'éventuelles attaques. [Radio-Canada.ca](#)

Government tables sweeping Anti-Terrorism Act, increasing powers of security agencies

People who encourage terrorism attacks, even if they don't counsel a specific act, could face up to five years in prison under new legislation the federal government wants to pass into law. For instance, an individual in Canada who posts a video online that includes the phrase "Attack Canada" could be charged with advocating or promoting "terrorism offences in general." Individuals could be charged even if they're advocating attacks against countries or people other than Canada. The new criminal code offence is a marked departure from the current situation, in which police can only take action when an online posting refers to a specific attack, such as killing a particular category of individuals or targeting a precise location. The proposed new charge is part of a series of anti-terror measures the Harper government introduced Friday in a bill it says is necessary to protect Canadians in the wake of deadly attacks on soldiers last October that also led to a gunman storming Parliament. [Globe and Mail](#)

Dépôt d'un projet de loi antiterroriste qui ratisse large

Le gouvernement fédéral a finalement déposé vendredi son projet de loi qui répond aux attaques d'Ottawa et de Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu en octobre. Le projet de loi de plus de 60 pages élargit de manière importante les pouvoirs d'agences de sécurité comme le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) pour prévenir des actes terroristes. En voici un bref survol : - Mandat plus large au

SCRS: Le SCRS se voit accorder le mandat de perturber les menaces à la sécurité du pays - au Canada et à l'étranger. Actuellement, son mandat se limite à la collecte de renseignements, qu'elle doit communiquer à d'autres organismes comme la GRC. Le SCRS pourrait maintenant passer lui-même à l'action en empêchant des déplacements potentiels, entre autres, en interceptant des déplacements d'armes ou en bloquant des communications incitant au terrorisme. [La Presse](#)

Conservative government's terror bill increases spy agency powers

The Conservative's new anti-terror legislation would dramatically increase powers for Canadian spies, giving them police powers to detain, surveil, and disrupt suspects' activities. The terrorism bill, tabled Friday in Parliament, allows the Canadian Security Intelligence Service to directly intervene to dissuade and disrupt their targets' plans. Currently, CSIS is limited to gathering intelligence, which can be handed over to police agencies. It also gives the agency new powers to "disrupt radical websites and Twitter accounts" used by organizations deemed threats to Canada. The bill allows CSIS to get a 120-day court order to directly disrupt communications — such as blocking calls to mobile phones, or providing "counter-messaging" online. [Toronto Star](#)

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Canada spy agency given more powers to disrupt terror attacks: media

Canada's main spy agency will get new powers aimed at disrupting potential terror attacks under security legislation to be unveiled on Friday, Canadian media said on Thursday. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), which currently only gathers information and then hands it over to police for action, will be given powers to act itself to prevent potential attacks, Canadian media said. Under the new law, which will be presented in Parliament, CSIS will be able to block financial transactions, stop people from traveling abroad to join extremist groups and intercept material that can be used in an attack. It would need to obtain a judicial warrant first. "The goal is for CSIS to move from an intelligence-gathering service to an agency that will have the power to disrupt or diminish potential terrorist threats under appropriate judicial oversight," CBC News quoted an unnamed source as saying. [Reuters.com](#)

CSIS to get stronger anti-terror powers under federal bill

Canada proposed wide-ranging changes to its national security laws on Friday that would give the country's main spy agency new powers to disrupt potential terrorist threats. The changes, which experts said are the most significant amendments to Canada's security laws since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks in the U.S., come three months after two terror-inspired attacks in Canada that killed two soldiers and saw a shooter storm the country's parliament buildings. Those attacks, as well as other recent attacks in Australia and France, suggest "the world is a dangerous place and Canada is not immune to the threat of terrorism," Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in a statement. [Wall Street Journal](#)

Bill brings stiffer terrorism penalties, but lowers threshold of proof

Endorsing a terrorist attack would be made illegal under sweeping new legislation that also gives the government broad new detention powers. The Conservative government unveiled a bill Friday that will allow the government to jail someone for up to a week without charges, block suspected terrorists from boarding airplanes, and "disrupt" possible security threats. The bill would also criminalize "advocacy or promotion of terrorism offences in general." Current laws give police the power to arrest people who call for a specific attack. This bill would allow police to arrest people who broadly call for terrorism attacks. If

convicted of supporting terrorism, someone could face up to five years in prison. Preventative detention powers will be more expanded under the bill. Police will be able to detain people for up to seven days without charges as long as a judge signs off. [Chronicle Herald](#)

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Spy Agency to Be Given New CounterTerrorism Powers

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) is expected to be given more powers in new anti-terrorism measures to be unveiled Friday, CBC News reported. Sources familiar with the proposal told CBC that the CSIS will receive certain legal tools to prevent extremism, including canceling travel reservations made by Canadian citizens suspected in fighting for extremist groups overseas, blocking financial transactions connected with terrorist activity, and intercepting suspicious shipments. Under existing laws, the CSIS must first get permission from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to perform any of the aforementioned procedures, a process that the intelligence service claims can lead to costly delays. "The goal is for CSIS to move from an intelligence-gathering service to an agency that will have the power to disrupt or diminish potential terrorist threats under appropriate judicial oversight," a source told CBC News. [Sputnik News](#)

Canada to criminalize online terror threats

Canada will introduce new anti-terror laws that will make it a crime to promote terrorism against Canadians online. The laws will also allow anyone suspected of being involved in a terror plot to be detained without charge for up to seven days, and empower Canada's spy agency to thwart attacks directly. A senior government official provided details to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak ahead of Friday's announcement. Work on the law began in October after a gunman killed a soldier at Canada's national war memorial and then stormed Parliament. The attack in Ottawa came two days after a man, said to be inspired by the Islamic State group, ran over two soldiers in a parking lot in Quebec, killing one and injuring the other before being shot to death. [KLKN TV](#) (Seattle Times, WAOV.com, WKRG-TV, WJTV)

CSIS To Be Given 'Power To Disrupt,' Not Arrest, In New Anti-Terror Bill

Canada's spy agency is expected to be given new powers to stop would-be Canadian jihadists before they leave the country as part of sweeping new anti-terrorism measures being unveiled Friday. Sources familiar with the proposed legislation tell CBC News the goal is to give the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service the kinds of legal tools that are available to intelligence services in other Western countries. The expected new powers would allow CSIS agents to obtain court orders to: - cancel plane or other travel reservations made by Canadians suspected of wanting to join the Islamic State or other extremists groups overseas; - block any financial transactions linked to suspected terrorist activity; - intercept shipments of Canadian-made equipment or material to Canadian individuals or groups that could be used in an attack; - switch, or make suspect equipment being shipped unusable as part of an on-going investigation. Under existing law, CSIS must rely on the RCMP to do these things, and government officials say that can lead to costly delays and, in some cases, an inability to act because the RCMP requires a higher standard of proof to arrest or detain suspects. [Huffington Post](#)

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Foundation embankment failure to blame for Mount Polley disaster: government report

Failure in the foundation embankment is what led to the tailings pond breach at Mount Polley site that sent millions of cubic meters of waste into Hazeltine Creek, Quesnel Lake and Polley Lake last year. That's the conclusion of a report released by the B.C. government this morning. An independent panel of engineers was formed to find out why the tailings pond burst last August. The panel concluded that the dominant contribution to the failure resides in the design, particularly the glacial lake deposit in the foundation embankment that was not taken into consideration. "The design did not take into account the complexity of the sub-glacial and pre-glacial geological environment associated with the perimeter embankment foundation," said panel chair Norbert Morgenstern. "As the result, foundation investigations and associated site characterization failed to identify this continuous layer in the vicinity of the breach and to recognize it was susceptible to failure when subject to the stresses associated with the embankment."

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Government tables anti-terror bill to prevent, crack down on violent extremists

Sweeping new anti-terrorism powers introduced by the Conservative government Friday include giving Canadian spies police-like powers to disrupt terrorist operations, allow authorities to remove terrorist propaganda from the internet and make it a crime to promote or to advocate others to engage in terrorism. Many of the measures will affect the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service. The plan to boost CSIS's ability to counter terrorist threats flows from a federal review of fatal attacks on two Canadian soldiers last October. As expected, the bill would also make it easier for the RCMP to obtain a peace bond to restrict the movements of a suspect, and it extends the period for preventative arrest and detention. In addition, the legislation would expand the no-fly regime to cover those travelling by air to take part in terrorist activities, whereas currently there must be an immediate risk to the plane. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Spy service to get stronger under federal bill

Newly tabled anti-terrorism legislation would give Canada's spy agency more power to thwart a suspected extremist's travel plans, disrupt bank transactions and covertly interfere with radical websites. The plan to boost the Canadian Security Intelligence Service's ability to counter terrorist threats flows from a review of fatal attacks on two Canadian soldiers last October -- incidents the government believes were fuelled by Islamic extremism. As expected, the bill would also make it easier for the RCMP to obtain a peace bond to restrict the movements of a suspect and it extends the period for preventative arrest and detention. In addition, the legislation would expand the no-fly regime to cover those travelling by air to take part in terrorist activities, whereas currently there must be an immediate risk to the plane. The bill proposes giving the RCMP power to seek a judge's order to remove terrorist propaganda from the Internet. [CTV News](#) (Global News, MyKawartha.com, News 1130, Thompson Citizen)

Lutte contre le terrorisme : Harper présente son projet de loi

CBC a appris que le projet de loi devrait changer le mandat du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS), qui se limitait à collecter des informations pour les transmettre à la police. Le SCRS pourra agir dans certaines opérations jusqu'ici dévolues à la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), sans toutefois pouvoir procéder lui-même à des arrestations. Ces nouveaux pouvoirs permettraient au Service d'obtenir des mandats pour empêcher des sympathisants djihadistes de quitter le pays et annuler des réservations de vols qu'ils pourraient faire pour rejoindre des groupes extrémistes outremer. Le Service pourra aussi bloquer des transactions financières liées à de possibles activités terroristes et intercepter des livraisons d'équipement ou de matériel qui pourraient être utilisées dans d'éventuelles attaques. [Radio-Canada.ca](#)

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Dépôt d'un projet de loi antiterroriste qui ratisse large

Le gouvernement fédéral a finalement déposé vendredi son projet de loi qui répond aux attaques d'Ottawa et de Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu en octobre. Le projet de loi de plus de 60 pages élargit de manière importante les pouvoirs d'agences de sécurité comme le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) pour prévenir des actes terroristes. En voici un bref survol : - Mandat plus large au

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Conservative government's terror bill increases spy agency powers

The Conservative's new anti-terror legislation would dramatically increase powers for Canadian spies, giving them police powers to detain, surveil, and disrupt suspects' activities. The terrorism bill, tabled Friday in Parliament, allows the Canadian Security Intelligence Service to directly intervene to dissuade and disrupt their targets' plans. Currently, CSIS is limited to gathering intelligence, which can be handed over to police agencies. It also gives the agency new powers to "disrupt radical websites and Twitter accounts" used by organizations deemed threats to Canada. The bill allows CSIS to get a 120-day court order to directly disrupt communications — such as blocking calls to mobile phones, or providing "counter-messaging" online. [Toronto Star](#)

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Canada spy agency given more powers to disrupt terror attacks: media

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CSIS to get stronger anti-terror powers under federal bill

Canada proposed wide-ranging changes to its national security laws on Friday that would give the country's main spy agency new powers to disrupt potential terrorist threats. The changes, which experts said are the most significant amendments to Canada's security laws since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks in the U.S., come three months after two terror-inspired attacks in Canada that killed two soldiers and saw a shooter storm the country's parliament buildings. Those attacks, as well as other recent attacks in Australia and France, suggest "the world is a dangerous place and Canada is not immune to the threat of terrorism," Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in a statement. [Wall Street Journal](#)

Bill brings stiffer terrorism penalties, but lowers threshold of proof

Endorsing a terrorist attack would be made illegal under sweeping new legislation that also gives the government broad new detention powers. The Conservative government unveiled a bill Friday that will allow the government to jail someone for up to a week without charges, block suspected terrorists from boarding airplanes, and "disrupt" possible security threats. The bill would also criminalize "advocacy or promotion of terrorism offences in general." Current laws give police the power to arrest people who call for a specific attack. This bill would allow police to arrest people who broadly call for terrorism attacks. If

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The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) is expected to be given more powers in new anti-terrorism measures to be unveiled Friday, CBC News reported. Sources familiar with the proposal told CBC that the CSIS will receive certain legal tools to prevent extremism, including canceling travel reservations made by Canadian citizens suspected in fighting for extremist groups overseas, blocking financial transactions connected with terrorist activity, and intercepting suspicious shipments. Under existing laws, the CSIS must first get permission from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to perform any of the aforementioned procedures, a process that the intelligence service claims can lead to costly delays. "The goal is for CSIS to move from an intelligence-gathering service to an agency that will have the power to disrupt or diminish potential terrorist threats under appropriate judicial oversight," a source told CBC News. [Sputnik News](#)

Canada to criminalize online terror threats

Canada will introduce new anti-terror laws that will make it a crime to promote terrorism against Canadians online. The laws will also allow anyone suspected of being involved in a terror plot to be detained without charge for up to seven days, and empower Canada's spy agency to thwart attacks directly. A senior government official provided details to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak ahead of Friday's announcement. Work on the law began in October after a gunman killed a soldier at Canada's national war memorial and then stormed Parliament. The attack in Ottawa came two days after a man, said to be inspired by the Islamic State group, ran over two soldiers in a parking lot in Quebec, killing one and injuring the other before being shot to death. [KLKN TV](#) (Seattle Times, WAOW.com, WKRG-TV, WJTV)

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Canada gives spy agency new anti-terror powers

Canada's spy agency will be granted new powers Friday to thwart terror plots in a security overhaul precipitated by twin jihadist attacks three months ago. The October 20 and 22 attacks in Quebec province and in the capital Ottawa, targeting soldiers and Parliament, revealed gaps in Canadian defenses against terrorism. In the aftermath of the terror attacks -- the first ever on Canadian soil -- Prime Minister Stephen Harper pledged to beef up security, recently giving hints of the changes to come in speeches and public appearances. The new legislation will contain measures "designed to help authorities stop planned attacks, get threats off our streets, criminalize the promotion of terrorism and prevent terrorists from traveling and recruiting others," he said last week. The Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS), Canada's spy service, is widely expected to be granted additional powers to track and detain suspected jihadis, including preventing them from travelling abroad for terror purposes. [Whitehorse Daily Star](#) (Business Standard)

Anti-terror bill to prevent, crack down on violent extremists

Canada's spy agency was expected to get new powers Friday, with Prime Minister Stephen Harper poised to unveil details of a bill that would provide Canada's government with new powers to fight terrorism. Many of the measures will likely affect the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service. Harper announced Friday morning, hours before the bill, that CSIS's oversight committee is gaining a fourth member, though it remains understaffed. Ian Holloway was named a member of the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC). He is currently the Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Calgary. At the moment, CSIS is a spy agency with no enforcement powers. When CSIS agents suspect criminal activity, they pass on their findings to the RCMP to investigate and lay charges if needed. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Stephen Harper to make case for new powers to combat terror

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will unveil the details of his government's latest bid to boost the anti-terror powers of Canada's law enforcement and intelligence agencies when he appears at a Richmond Hill, Ont., community centre this afternoon. As reported by CBC News last night, the new bill is expected to give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) the authority to monitor, track and even preemptively disrupt the activities of suspected terrorists and terrorist sympathizers. [CBC News](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News provided coverage and analysis of Prime Minister Stephen Harper announcing new anti-terror measures. [Rough Transcript](#)

Broadcast media provided live coverage of the federal government's proposed anti-terror legislation. (CBC News, CTV News, RDI, CP24, 12:30 ET)

CTV News provided a preview of an upcoming episode of *W5* to air this weekend called *The Phantom Menace*. The latest investigation by *W5* puts the spotlight on a Vancouver man who saw his life ruined after false allegations of terrorism were leveled against him. He was charged with exporting technology with military capabilities to enemies of Canada. He had companies in Delta, B.C. and a little bit of a subsidiary in Washington State where they were making things with printed circuit boards. He had the printed circuit boards and as they were being shipped out at the Vancouver Airport the Canada Border Services Agency seized them and declared them after an investigation to be military standard and he should not have been shipping them at all. Then they went after him with all guns blazing and arrested him, charged him and he could have faced ten years in prison but all of this was made up. [Wikileaks](#) reports and internal documents in e-mails

from the department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Canada Border Service Agency and the department of National Defense which made it look like they were out to target someone, anyone to appease the American government because we weren't going after anyone aggressively. So they nailed him. But the point is that once the horse blinders were on, they kept going despite the fact that this stuff was readily available on the internet for anyone and had nothing to do with military standard or military hardware. (CTV News, 11:00 ET)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Canadian Border Services Report on Pigeon River December Stats

It was a slightly busier month in January at the Pigeon River port of entry. In December 2014, Canadian Border Services Agency officers at the Pigeon River port of entry (POE) processed 35,158 travellers in 19,009 vehicles, which represent no change in travellers and a three-percent increase in vehicles from December 2013. More than 1,312 international travellers entered by bus. [NetNewsLedger.com](#)

Alberta could see rise in illegal immigrants as thousands of TFWs face deadline to return home

Alberta could see a significant increase in undocumented, illegal immigrants as thousands of temporary foreign workers grappling with the looming loss of their work permits try to find a way to stay in the province. That's the message from immigration lawyers and migrant worker advocates, who warn the federally imposed deadline of April 1 - the date on which any TFW who arrived in 2011 or earlier will see their contract expire - is creating a glut of panicked foreign nationals trying desperately to secure permanent residency before they are forced home. "People are just going to run out of time," said Mark Holthe, a partner at immigration law firm Holthe Tillman LLP. "My question is, how many of them are going to say, 'I might as well just stay and keep working illegally, because I have to provide for my family.'" "They've built their lives here. They've got family, they've bought a house," said Marco Luciano, spokesperson for TFW advocacy group Migrant Alberta. "Our fear is that a lot of these people are not going to go home - they're going to go undocumented." It's unclear exactly how many foreign workers currently living in Alberta will be affected by the April 1 deadline date, which has been in place since 2011 when the federal government first imposed a four-year limit on the length of time TFWs may work in Canada. But that year, there were 50,765 positive LMOs (government approvals) issued for Alberta TFWs, and it's fair to assume a significant number of those workers are still in the province. [Calgary Herald](#)

Daredevil Will Gadd climbs Niagara's Horseshoe Falls ice wall

Daredevil adventurer Will Gadd has become the first person to climb a wall of spray ice at the edge of Niagara's Horseshoe Falls. The Alberta man - named National Geographic's adventurer of the year in 2015 - made the climb Jan 27. Gadd, 47, was followed by another Canadian, Sarah Hueniken, 34, who grew up near the falls. The climb was started on the American side of the falls, the National Geographic reported on its website. "The power of the falls is staggering," Gadd told National Geographic. "It vibrates your intestines and makes you feel very, very small. I've never experienced anything like it." Gadd says he followed a route almost exactly along the border between the Canadian and U.S. sides. Gadd is a professional climber who has scaled the glaciers of Kilimanjaro. [CBC News](#); [Canada.com](#) (National Post)

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B.C. Mountie fatally shoots suspected drunk driver

An independent investigation has been launched after an RCMP officer fatally shot a suspected drunk driver in Castlegar, B.C., Thursday night. RCMP said it received a complaint about a possible impaired driver at a Castlegar business. Later, a police officer located the vehicle and tried to stop the driver on

Hwy. 3. "The RCMP member exited the police vehicle and ultimately discharged his service pistol at the vehicle," RCMP said in a statement early Friday. Mounties declined to provide further details. The Independent Investigations Office of B.C. (IIO) said the man died in hospital. His identity hasn't been released. A team of five investigators, including a forensic specialist, was scheduled to arrive in Castlegar Friday morning. [QMI Agency](#) (Canoe.ca, Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Calgary Sun, London Free Press, Ottawa Sun, Kingston Whig Standard); [CBC News](#); [Kelowna Now](#); [The Province](#); [Metro News](#)

Search and rescue crews attempt to recover body from Deer Lake

Crews are attempting to locate and recover the body of a missing snowmobiler who police believe drowned after falling through the ice earlier this week. Search and rescue staff and RCMP divers were seen bringing recovery gear to an area on Deer Lake Friday morning where snowmobile tracks lead straight into open water. That's where the RCMP believe a 79-year-old man went through the ice. He was reported missing to Deer Lake RCMP supertime Wednesday. The man was last seen leaving St. Jude's on snowmobile around 2:30 p.m. that same day. RCMP Cpl. Dean Hyde said the accident happened close to the man's hometown of St. Jude's. "Even though some people may be very familiar with that area, but you know, accidents can and do happen," Hyde said. "This unfortunately is an example of that." [CBC News](#)

Saskatchewan RCMP charge man in violent sexual assault that left woman injured

A man is facing charges after a violent sexual assault that left a woman injured in Battleford, Sask. Around 4:30 a.m. Monday, RCMP responded to a home in the west-central Saskatchewan community for a report of a sexual assault. Officers found a woman outside the home, who told police she had been sexually assaulted earlier that morning. The woman was taken to hospital with injuries to her head, torso, arms and legs. Mounties arrested a 33-year-old man Tuesday afternoon. Cory Smockum has been charged with sexual assault, assault and choking to overcome resistance. [CTV News](#)

Escaped Saskatchewan prisoner taunts police on Facebook to "catch me if you can"

A 21-year-old man being sought by police after escaping custody appears to have been taunting police online. RCMP say Solomon Toutsaint ran away from the courthouse in Black Lake, Sask., on Jan. 21 while officers were taking several people in custody to their court appearances. Since then, RCMP say it appears Toutsaint has been posting updates on his Facebook page saying "Catch me if you can lol" and "Imma bad boy." Sgt. Cory Niedzielski of the Stony Rapids detachment says Toutsaint is "sort of treating everything a little bit like a game." However, Niedzielski says the posts and information being supplied by the public may be giving investigators some idea of where Toutsaint might be. [Canadian Press](#) (Global News)

Fort Saskatchewan RCMP officer charged with assault after on-duty incident

A Fort Saskatchewan RCMP officer has been charged with assault in relation to an on-duty incident that occurred last year. The RCMP charged one of their own, Const. Brendon Plamondon, on Jan. 16 with one count of common assault. He is scheduled to make his first court appearance in Fort Saskatchewan on Feb. 19. Plamondon was responding to a noise complaint somewhere outdoors in the City of Fort Saskatchewan when the assault occurred on April 2, said RCMP spokesman Insp. Gibson Glavin Friday morning. The victim of the assault was a woman. "We were advised by the Crown on Jan. 5 of this year that there was sufficient evidence to support a charge of assault," he said. Glavin did not know how long Plamondon has been with the RCMP nor his age. [Edmonton Journal](#); [CBC News](#); [Edmonton Sun](#)

Terrace RCMP investigate Facebook post declaring "open season" on First Nations

Terrace RCMP are investigating allegations that a hate crime was committed when someone posted a racist tirade on Facebook declaring "open season" on First Nations people. The comments appear to have come from a local man's Facebook account and were a response to a recent Terrace Standard news article. The newspaper's blocking software quickly removed the comment but not before a screenshot was taken and posted on a Facebook page belonging to West Coast Native News. The screenshot has been shared more than 1,500 times and appears to show a comment that says the "only good Indian is a dead Indian" and "let's have open season on 'em." RCMP Const. Angela Rabut says Mounties are now looking into it, but she adds it's unfortunate that negative comments attract so much

attention and spread so quickly. [Canadian Press](#) (Vancouver Sun, Castanet.net, The Province); [APTN](#)

Paid duty policing costs are 'killing' us: Hess Village bar

Another Hess Village nightclub was hauled before the city's licensing tribunal Thursday, as businesses in Hamilton's entertainment district struggle to cope with a controversial bylaw that forces them to hire paid duty **police** officers. Social Bar and Nightclub is the latest establishment in danger of losing its license for falling behind in payments for those officers, and joins a steady parade of bar owners in Hess who have said in tribunal hearings that the city's current bylaw is unfair and oppressive. The Gown and Gavel, Viva, Ceilidh House, Hush, Che and Sizzle/Koi have all been before the tribunal over past due paid duty fees in recent years. "In 20 years of business I've never been in this position - where a city was billing me for a service I didn't request," said owner Darwin Tchir, who along with his brother Darryl took over the bar last January. The bar has only been billed for about a cumulative four months, Tchir says - but they've still managed to amass over \$11,000 in paid duty **police** fees and interest in that time. [CBC.ca](#)

Serial robber strikes again in B.C., just days after police warning about eight other robberies

A serial bank robber strikes again, this time in northeastern British Columbia. Police and RCMP issued a warning earlier this week saying the man has robbed eight banks over an eight-week period in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. RCMP in Dawson Creek say a man fitting the exact same description walked into a bank on Wednesday, produced a firearm and demanded money. [Canadian Press](#) (Vancouver Sun)

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Death of an inmate at Dorchester Penitentiary

On Jan. 29, 2015, Garnet Cole, an inmate at Dorchester Penitentiary died at the institutional hospital. At the time of his death, Cole, 82 years old, had been serving a sentence of 12 years, since March 28, 2013, for rape, indecent assault, sexual assault and sexual interference with a female under 14. The inmate's next of kin have been notified of his death. As in all cases involving the death of an inmate, the police and the coroner have been notified, and the Correctional Service of Canada will review the circumstances of the incident. [Sackville Tribune-Post](#)

Youth murderer wins early release, plans fresh start

A BC Supreme Court judge has ordered the release of the now 20-year-old man who stabbed James Denton, 19, to death. Pointing to the "life-changing results" of 3-and-a-half years in custody, Justice Trevor Armstrong said the second-degree murderer can begin his reintegration into society Jan. 30. "Young people can make progress to justify changes in the length of their sentence," Justice Armstrong said Jan. 28 at the close of a two-day youth sentence review held at the Courtenay Courthouse. "He was at a very low risk to reoffend." (...) Last January the man got permission to transfer from youth jail to the federal prison system. He could have applied for early release at that time but chose not to. On Jan. 27, the first day of the hearing, the man's institutional parole officer testified the offender had completed all available programming within the federal corrections system. In fact, because he's at such a low risk to reoffend, he was ineligible for some rehabilitative measures and instead was escorted to community-based programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous (despite the availability of programming having been cited as a major factor in wanting to switch to the federal prison system). [Comox Valley Echo](#)

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Abdille triple homicide prompts renewed calls for change in Ontario domestic-violence system

Zahra Abdille and her two young sons officially became a statistic on Nov. 29, when they were added to a long list of preventable domestic homicides in Ontario, according to the chair of the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee. Every year for more than a decade, the committee has made recommendations to help prevent domestic homicide - some repeated annually - but it has no power to

put them in place. Critics are calling for the committee to be given authority to enforce these recommendations and stop women being murdered at the hands of their abusive partners. Abdille, a 43-year-old Toronto Public Health nurse, was slain alongside her two young sons in their East York home two months ago; her husband, suspected in the killing, died after plummeting off a nearby bridge. The Abdille family tragedy could be identified "as a homicide waiting to happen," the death review committee's chair, Dr. William Lucas, told the Star. The case is still being investigated by police and is likely to be reviewed by the committee next year, but Lucas said, based on media accounts, a number of risk factors indicate that "her death and the children's were clearly preventable." Up to 80 per cent of all domestic homicides could be prevented if the committee's recommendations were properly enforced, said Dr. Peter Jaffe, academic director of the University of Western Ontario's centre for research and education on violence against women and children. Jaffe wants to see routine audits carried out to assess whether the committee's recommendations are actually being implemented. "These are life and death issues. People are falling through the cracks and someone should be taking charge." The committee, made up of coroners, health care professionals, Crown attorneys, police, counsellors and advocates, has called for this before. [Toronto Star](#)

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Saudi blogger Raif Badawi spared from flogging for a third week

A Saudi blogger whose family live as refugees in Canada has been spared again from his weekly flogging sentence, his wife told Agence France-Presse on Friday. For the the crime of criticizing clerics and "insulting Islam," Mr. Badawi, 31, has been sentenced to be flogged 20 times over on successive Fridays, for a total of 1,000 lashes. He has also been given a 10-year prison sentence and fined about \$319,000. As of Thursday, the lashings had been meted out just once, on Jan. 9. The Saudis determined that Mr. Badawi was not healthy enough to undergo beatings in the two weeks that followed. His wife, Ensaf Haidar, was in Ottawa on Thursday to back federal politicians and Amnesty International in requesting that Prime Minister Stephen Harper personally demand Mr. Badawi's freedom. Representatives of all political parties stand united in common cause with Mr. Badawi, Liberal MP Irwin Cotler told a news conference. Mr. Cotler, who is acting as the legal counsel for Mr. Badawi and Ms. Haidar, is also enlisting politicians from different countries to press the Saudis to end the "cruel and inhuman" floggings and to release both Mr. Badawi and the lawyer who was jailed for acting on his behalf. [Globe and Mail](#), [CBC News](#), [Canadian Press](#) (iPolitics)

INTERNATIONAL

7,500 troops needed to fight Boko Haram, African Union says

African leaders want a strengthened force of 7,500 troops, mainly from Nigeria and neighbouring countries, to help combat Boko Haram's growing Islamist insurgency, the African Union's peace and security commissioner said. Forces from Nigeria, Cameroon, Niger, Benin and Chad will make up the bulk of a mission that will have to be approved by the United Nations Security Council, Smail Chergui told reporters late on Thursday in Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa. "Hopefully now with this concept, this force will be better organized, and we can achieve the goal we are looking for, which is to stop the killing and barbaric acts of Boko Haram," he said after a meeting of the AU Peace and Security Council, attended by continental leaders. Boko Haram has killed more than 13,000 people, according to Nigeria's government, since it started a violent campaign in 2009 to impose Islamic law in Africa's biggest oil producer. The group has declared a caliphate in northeastern Nigeria that's the size of Belgium and its advances are intensifying pressure on President Goodluck Jonathan as he seeks re-election in a vote next month. [Bloomberg](#) (Toronto Star)

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Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney opens speech by saying [#Canada](#) must do more to 'keep Canadians safe.' [#CDNpoli](#)

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Minister Blaney says we can be proud of example Harper is setting on world stage. Calls him a "great Canadian" [#cdnpoli](#)

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Public Safety Minister Stephen Blaney: the reality is we must do more to keep Canada secure. [#cdnpoli](#)

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Blaney: "we said after the attack on parliament hill we wouldn't overreact. But we wouldn't under react. Then Australia & Paris happened."

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How many more armoured car workers need to be attacked before [@MinStevenBlaney](#) will introduce regulations? cbc.ca/news/canada/mo...

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Justin_Ling

The Prime Minister finally appointed a new member to the Security Intelligence Review Committee, that oversees CSIS!

ipoliticsca

CSIS oversight committee gets new member, needs one more | iPolitics ipolitics.ca/2015/01/30/csi...

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Terror bill listed on Legisinfo, but "electronic version of bill currently not available." [http://www.parl.gc.ca/LegisInfo/BillDetails.aspx?Language=E&Mode=1&billId=6842344 ...](http://www.parl.gc.ca/LegisInfo/BillDetails.aspx?Language=E&Mode=1&billId=6842344...)

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New bill increases preventative detention from 3 days to 7 days. Peace bond threshold goes from "will commit" an offence to "may commit" [#hw](#)

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New bill allows warrants of seizure of terrorist propaganda. "Advocates or promotes terrorism offences in general" [#hw](#)

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New powers to CSIS to "disrupt a threat" and share information with RCMP. [#hw](#)

RosieBarton

PMSH: troops mission in Iraq is to advise or assist. Some have criticized them for firing back. I have another word: common sense. [#hw](#)

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[#pmsH](#) announces new anti-terror measures. [#cdnpoli](#)

CP24

WATCH LIVE: Conservatives unveil new anti-terrorism laws
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CdnPress_Ott

Spy service to get stronger anti-terror powers under federal bill. More coming

TorontoStar

5 things to know about Ottawa's new anti-terrorism measures on.thestar.com/1zmvBNR #topstories

TorontoStar

Anti-terror legislation flows from a review of fatal attacks on 1 Canadian soldiers. #cdnpoli on.thestar.com/1HrBCzA

kady

Inside sources reveal reporters in the anti-terror bill lockup will NOT be given copies of the bill itself. Just PR handouts. #hw

kady

So, that's pretty much a wash. I wonder if MPs/staffers will have better luck in their technical briefing. #hw

globeandmail

Globe editorial: Snowden and the dark sophistry of CSEC trib.al/jZzEEXw From @GlobeDebate

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

GetCyberSafe

Be careful about broadcasting your #travel plans. Avoid posting updates on your whereabouts on social networks.

SCMagazine

Zeus variant targeting Canadian banks, U.S. banks may also be a target | ow.ly/ldC1K

mgeist

Canadian Government's Cloud Computing Strategy Focused on Keeping Data in Canada
michaelgeist.ca/2015/01/govern

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICES CORRECTIONNELS

nationalpost

If Canadian prisoners want milk, it will have to be powdered. On the plus side: it'll save about \$3.1/year
natpo.st/1yL2H6f

INTERNATIONAL

TorontoStar

7,500 troops needed to fight Boko Haram, according to the African Union. on.thestar.com/1Hrq2o3

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Blaney dismisses opposition concerns over CSIS oversight

Opposition MPs and civil rights groups say they are worried that the Conservative government's new anti-terror legislation does not boost oversight of Canada's spy agency, but the public safety minister is dismissing their concerns. Several MPs voiced their unease Monday, with legislation that would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service powers to actively disrupt terrorist threats. The new rules would also make it easier for police to control the movements of terror suspects and to detain them longer without warrant. "This Parliament must not allow the Conservatives to turn CSIS into a secret police force," Green Party Leader Elizabeth May said during the daily House of Commons question period Monday. NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair said other countries, like the U.S. and the U.K., have "serious oversight" over their intelligence agencies, "and that's done by elected officials." But **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** said the government-appointed Security Intelligence Review Committee, which oversees CSIS, is well-established and doing a fine job. Some experts also fear that, with little oversight and expanded powers, CSIS operations may infringe on civil rights. [CTV News](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

In the House of Commons Monday, **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** was asked about the Security Intelligence Review Committee, stricter oversight of intelligence agencies, in light of the government's new anti-terror legislation he says, "**The security intelligence review committee will cover all activities that CSIS will be mandated by this Parliament to accomplish.**" (580 CFRA, 6:06; CFNO-FM, 7:32 ET)

En vertu du projet de loi antiterroriste du gouvernement, le chef néodémocrate Thomas Mulcair soutient que le comité de surveillance en charge de superviser le Service Canadien du Renseignement de Sécurité n'est pas crédible. (CJRG-FM Gaspé, 7 :01 ET)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

New Brunswick weather: Snowfall hits yearly average with 6 weeks of winter left

Some parts of New Brunswick have already broken normal winter snowfall totals, according to Environment Canada. Saint John, which has declared a local state of emergency, has seen 166 centimetres of snow so far this winter. On average, Saint John usually gets 162.6 cm between December and the end of February. The latest blizzard Monday dumped about 30 cm on the city, pushing the city's total snowfall from three storms in the last week to 128 cm. Moncton has had the most snowfall in the province at 201 cm to date, just shy of its normal winter total of 205.2 cm, according to the weather agency. [CBC News](#); [Global News](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

A state of emergency was declared in Saint John's southern peninsula early Tuesday as forecasters predicted blizzards, flash freezing and extreme cold across Atlantic Canada. (CBC News, 10:00, 12:00; CTV News, 10:00, 12:00; CP24, 10:00 ET)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Imam Hamza Chaoui denies accusations of Mayors Ménard, Coderre

Imam Hamza Chaoui is responding for the first time since Montreal city officials announced he will not be given an operating permit to open an Islamic Community Centre called the Ashabeb Centre. On Saturday, Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre, alongside Mercier-Hochelaga-Maisonneuve Mayor Réal Ménard, announced they would not grant an operational permit to the community centre, saying it was an issue of public safety. "I categorically refute allegations of Mayors Ménard and Coderre," writes Chaoui on his Facebook page. "I'm not an 'agent of radicalization.' I've never included hatred or violence against a group in my preaching or my classes." He says he encourages young people to integrate harmoniously into Quebec society. [CBC News](#); [Canadian Press \(The Gazette\)](#); [CTV News](#)

Harper got spy powers right, but civilian oversight very wrong

An opinion piece by Bob Rae states, "Sometimes Stephen Harper is his own worst enemy. Recent events in Europe should bring home to all of us that there are indeed people in the midst of democratic, multiracial societies who are ready and willing to kill others in the pursuit of their religious and political beliefs. They are terrorists. They plot and communicate with others of a similar mind, and with similar intentions. They receive encouragement, and sometimes even instructions, from foreign entities and governments. Canada is not somehow magically aloof from these realities. Our large cities are the home of millions of people from all over the world. There is no foreign conflict that does not have a direct influence on the lives and feelings of many Canadian citizens and, indeed, there are events and proposals in Canada itself to which some in Canada are strongly and irrevocably opposed. Whether these feelings give rise to a direct threat to the lives of their fellow Canadians is a matter of fact and evidence. But it would be simply foolish to argue that such threats could never happen here." [The Globe and Mail](#)

Projet de loi antiterroriste : les Canadiens doivent être « extrêmement vigilants », selon Snowden

Le dénonciateur américain en exil Edward Snowden a profité d'une allocution par vidéoconférence avec des élèves torontois, hier soir, pour mettre les Canadiens en garde contre le projet de loi C-51 du gouvernement Harper. L'agence d'espionnage canadienne verrait ses pouvoirs considérablement accrus, grâce à la nouvelle législation. Les partis d'opposition à Ottawa demandent une plus grande supervision. De son côté, M. Snowden dit que les droits des citoyens sont de plus en plus brimés par les gouvernements occidentaux. Edward Snowden est un ex-consultant de l'Agence de sécurité nationale aux États-Unis qui vit en exil en Russie depuis qu'il a révélé des détails secrets sur des programmes d'écoute électronique américains. Il prenait la parole par vidéoconférence, hier soir, devant plus de 1000 élèves du secondaire du prestigieux Upper Canada College. [Radio-Canada](#)

Via Rail terror plot trial continues in Toronto

Testimony continues today in a Toronto court at the trial of two men accused of planning a terrorist attack on a passenger train travelling between Canada and the U.S. Raed Jaser and Chiheb Esseghaier both face multiple charges in the alleged Via Rail plot(<http://montrealgazette.com/tag/Chiheb-Esseghaier>) and not-guilty pleas have been entered for both of them. The Crown alleges they were motivated by Islamic extremism and spent months plotting to murder as many people as they could. Crown lawyer Croft Michaelson told court Monday that Esseghaier travelled to Iran in early 2012 and met with people who were "carrying out Jihad for the sake of Allah." And Michaelson said he returned to Canada intent on establishing a terrorist cell to carry out terrorist acts in Canada. Jaser, he said, got involved with Esseghaier and wanted to make Canadians realize they would not be safe until they left Muslim lands overseas. [Canadian Press](#) (The Gazette)

FBI agent testifies at Via Rail terror plot trial

An undercover FBI officer who gained the trust of two men accused of planning a terrorist attack on a train travelling between Canada and the U.S. is telling their trial how he first came to learn of the alleged plot. While travelling from Montreal to Toronto with one man to meet the other, he says he was told the pair had a plan "to derail a commuter train from New York to Toronto." Raed Jaser and Chiheb Esseghaier face multiple charges in the alleged Via Rail plot. [Canadian Press](#) (The Gazette)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

Speaking via *Google Hangout* from Russia, Edward Snowden, the fugitive American who leaked state secrets, mentioned anti-terrorism laws. He told high school students at Upper Canada College that they should "always be extraordinarily cautious when see governments trying to set up new secret police." He said, "People die from lightning strikes, car accidents, and cheeseburgers, and heart attacks more than terrorists, but we commit a disproportionately large amount of national effort and national resources to combating this relatively limited terrorist threat." (CTV News, 9:30, 12 :00; CP24, 10:00; CBC Radio One, 6:08, 7:09, 8:08; CIWW-AM, 8 :39 ET)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Customs recordal now available in Canada to combat counterfeit goods

In January 2015, portions of the Canadian Combating Counterfeit Products Act ("CCPA") came into force enabling IP rights holders to record their copyright and registered trademark rights with the Canada Border Services Agency ("CBSA") in an effort to stop counterfeit goods before they enter the Canadian market. Amendments to the Canadian Trade-marks Act, which stem from the CCPA, create a new statutory prohibition against the import or export of goods whose labels or packaging bear, without the consent of the owner of a registered trademark for such goods, a trademark that is identical to, or that cannot be distinguished in its essential aspects from, that registered trademark (i.e. counterfeit goods). Similar amendments to the Copyright Act create a statutory prohibition against importing or exporting infringing copies of a work. A new border regime has been adopted by the CBSA to assist rights holders in enforcing the new statutory prohibition against the importation of counterfeit goods. Under the new regime, owners of copyright protected works (registered or unregistered) and/or a registered Canadian

trademark ("rights holders") can record these rights with the CBSA by filing a Request for Assistance ("RFA"). Lexology.com

Canada Pays Hefty Financial Settlement To Businessman Wrongly Targeted By Border Agencies

Canada's federal government reportedly paid a hefty financial settlement to a businessman to compensate his claims of loss after he was wrongly accused by Government agencies for dealing in goods that posed a "threat to national security." The former Vancouver businessman Steven de Jaray was charged in 2010 and the charges were withdrawn a year later. However, the aggrieved businessman moved court with a civil suit, claiming that he lost millions in personal wealth after his electronics export business perished after the charges made on his integrity by the Government officials, who misinterpreted his products to be military weapons. The businessman held the Canada Border Services Agency, which framed the charges against him, solely responsible for the collapse of his company besides the loss in other business interests. Finally, the Federal government initiated an out-of-court settlement with Jaray in 2013, reports National Post. Though the businessman was restrained from revealing the amount, W5 channel reported that Jaray received the second-highest government settlement in Canadian history, which is about \$10 million. International Business Times

Man offered \$10,000 to sneak illegal immigrant into Detroit from Canada

A local man is speaking only to 7 Action News after he was offered \$10,000 to smuggle an illegal immigrant into Detroit from Canada. We learned, it's a growing problem. "He said, 'I'll give you ten grand cash right now,' and he pulled it out," said the man who wants to remain anonymous. It was an innocent hobby that inspired the offer. The wrong person had learned he had a boat that he often took out fishing near the U.S.-Canadian border. That person wanted him to pick a relative up anywhere on the Canadian border and smuggle that relative into the United States. "They're asking anybody out there with boats, 'Will you bring my family over?' and some people will do it," our anonymous source said. WXYZ.com

Peace Bridge pre-inspections reveal outdated Customs effort

An 11-month experiment in clearing some U.S.-bound cargo on the Canadian side of the Peace Bridge has ended with an unexpected lesson: that U.S. Customs and Border Protection's outdated ways and outdated technology are contributing to mammoth backups for trucks entering the U.S. The pilot project was a test to see if it would be more efficient to move the processing of U.S.-bound cargo to the Canadian side of the Peace Bridge, a move that advocates such as Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., say is essential to ending bridge backups. Sources with intimate knowledge of how the pilot project proceeded said it worked very well and likely could be implemented broadly if the U.S. and Canadian governments strike an agreement for doing so. More immediately, though, sources said the pilot project revealed that U.S. Customs and Border Protection has, by sticking to its old ways, made the bridge backups even worse. Buffalo News

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

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RCMP expected to announce another terrorism arrest in Ottawa

RCMP in Ottawa are expected to announce another terrorism-related arrest later Tuesday. In a brief statement issued Tuesday, police said they will "provide details into an arrest made and charges laid following a national security criminal investigation." Last month, RCMP made three similar arrests in as many days; twin brothers Carlos Larmond and Ashton Larmond, 24, were arrested on a Friday, and Suliman Mohamed, 21, was arrested three days later, on Monday. Global News; Ottawa Citizen

Missing 14-year-old girl located safe and sound near Regina

RCMP say a missing 14-year-old girl has been located safe and sound near Regina. Brooklynn Paige

Saint was found at a home in the Rural Municipality of Edenwold on Tuesday morning. Saint had been missing since last Thursday. [CTV News](#)

Nanaimo council nixes new RCMP officers

New hires for the Nanaimo RCMP have been chopped from the budget as politicians look to lower city taxes. In a special committee of the whole meeting Friday, Nanaimo city council nixed plans to grow the local police force in a bid to reduce taxes, despite news of mounting pressures faced by the RCMP. Three new RCMP members – a \$327,000 expense – topped the list of more than \$744,000 worth of staff-proposed budget cuts aimed at trimming this year's tax hike to one per cent. City council also agreed to cut \$91,510 from management consulting budgets and \$50,000 to develop Linley Valley Park, and delay decisions around a new Hammond Bay fire hall until a core review is completed. [Nanaimo News](#)

Escapee with 'Catch me if you can' on Facebook page arrested

An escaped prisoner whose Facebook account said "Catch me if you can" has been caught. Solomon Toutsaint, 21, was arrested Sunday in Black Lake, Sask. He had previously been in custody making a court appearance in Black Lake on Jan. 21, but got away. While he was at large, messages appeared on Toutsaint's Facebook account, including "Catch me if you can lol" and "Imma bad boy." Police had earlier noted that Toutsaint is not a violent offender and was before the court on two charges of breaking and entering. Stony Rapids RCMP said they got a tip about Toutsaint's whereabouts on Sunday morning and located him at a home in Black Lake, which is in the province's north, close to the border with the Northwest Territories. [CBC News](#); [CTV News](#); [Global News](#)

Man allegedly wields a hatchet during three Kelowna robberies

Kelowna RCMP are looking for a single suspect after three local businesses reported last week they'd been robbed by a man wielding a hatchet-like weapon. The first incident happened January 25 at 6:22 p.m. at Okanagan Video located at 431 Highway 33 west. Officers were told a man came in with a hammer in hand demanding money. He then fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. Mounties used a police service dog, initiating a short track, but a suspect wasn't located according to an RCMP media release. [Infotel.ca](#); [BC Locals News](#)

Yellowknife RCMP seize crack, handgun in motel drug bust

RCMP in Yellowknife seized a handgun, crack cocaine and a large amount of cash in a drug bust Friday at the Northern Lites Motel. Police seized about 28 grams of crack cocaine, a small quantity of marijuana, scales, packaging, and cash. Police also located and seized a 9mm handgun. Three men — one from Toronto, one from Edmonton and one from Yellowknife — are facing a total of 33 charges. They include drug possession and trafficking as well as several gun-related charges. "They're now facing a combined total of 33 charges, the three people, which is a large number of charges," said Yellowknife RCMP spokesperson Const. Elenore Sturko. [CBC News](#)

2 employees charged with stealing \$60K from Yellowknife Legion

Two employees of the Royal Canadian Legion branch have been charged with taking alcohol and \$60,000 from the branch in Yellowknife. Yellowknife RCMP arrested and charged Mary Charles, 42, and Hellen Leaman, 49, with theft over \$5,000 on Friday. Police began investigating after complaints from the legion about missing funds. The alleged thefts happened over a six-month period. Police say the women were released from custody. They are scheduled to appear in court March 3 in Yellowknife. [CBC News](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

Const. Alice Fox, one of 20 Mounties who told their stories in a video for the "It Gets Better" campaign, is suing a superior officer for alleged harassment and bullying. In a B.C. Supreme Court notice of civil claim, Fox alleges Staff Sgt. Marc Alexander subjected her to years of humiliating comments and behavior (...) The RCMP said they had not seen the claim and could not comment. None of the allegations have been proven in court. (CBC News, 10:00 ET)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Regional Psychiatric Centre could face eviction under Saskatchewan laws

A student group at the University of Saskatchewan says there are legal grounds to close a federal prison that operates on university lands. Solidarity for Those in Solitary is a student group at the U of S that advocates ending the practice of placing mentally ill inmates in solitary confinement. It says the ongoing use of segregation at Saskatoon's Regional Psychiatric Centre, which is a tenant of the university, could be grounds for eviction under the province's community safety laws. The centre, which operates as a hospital and prison, was opened in 1978 and houses about 200 federal inmates – men and women – serving sentences of at least two years. "Most people think it's a reasonably strong case to make," said Dan LeBlanc, a third-year law student and member of Solidarity for Those in Solitary. LeBlanc, who made the case in a recent legal paper, says under Saskatchewan's Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) laws, Correctional Service Canada could be evicted from the university grounds because it engages in activities that harm those housed in the prison. (...) Officials with Correctional Service Canada declined to comment or be interviewed on the issue. In a statement emailed to CBC News, a spokesperson wrote that segregation is a legitimate practice that is used when there is no alternative. It called it a way to "help ensure the safety of staff and visitors and inmates." "It is not a form of punishment and every effort is made to alleviate the segregation status at the earliest appropriate time," the statement said. [CBC News](#)

105 g de haschich saisis à la prison Archambault

Des agents correctionnels de la prison Archambault, à Sainte-Anne-des-Plaines, ont saisi 105 grammes de haschich qu'un détenu aurait tenté d'introduire dans l'établissement, vendredi. La drogue aurait une valeur de 10 500\$ à l'intérieur des murs de la prison. Dans un communiqué émis lundi après-midi, le Service correctionnel du Canada (SCC) a fait savoir que le détenu en question avait tenté d'introduire «des objets interdits» dans l'unité à sécurité moyenne de l'établissement carcéral. Le SCC n'a toutefois pas révélé si les objets saisis se limitent à des stupéfiants ou si d'autres choses ont été saisies. [Agence QMI](#) (TVA Nouvelles) (2015-02-02); [Montreal Gazette](#)

Police arrest parolee who skipped out on Vancouver halfway house

UPDATE: Marcus Sheena was arrested by Vancouver police at a hotel on West Pender Street without incident late Monday. He was the subject of a Canada-wide warrant for being unlawfully at large earlier in the day.

Vancouver police are seeking the public's help in finding a man with a long criminal record who failed to return to his halfway house in Vancouver. Thirty-year-old Marcus Wilfred Sheena is wanted on a Canada-wide warrant for being unlawfully at large. Police said he has "an extensive criminal history" and recently served jail time for assault. He didn't return to his halfway house on Jan. 1. [The Province](#), [Castanet](#)

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Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

There are reports 40-year-old Canadian Mohammed Fahmy could be released from a Cairo prison as early as today. (CP24, 11:00 ET)
Al Jazeera reporting he has renounced his Egyptian citizenship, so he can be deported under decree. (Sun News, 10:30 ET)

INTERNATIONAL

French soldiers on anti terror patrol attacked by man with knife in southern city of Nice

Three soldiers on an anti-terror patrol in the southern French city of Nice were attacked by a man with a knife Tuesday, a French police union official said. Sarah Baron said the extent of the soldiers' injuries is not yet clear. She said the attacker was detained but two people with him are believed to have fled after the stabbing in the city centre, near the Galeries Lafayette department store. France has been on high alert since the attacks in the Paris region by three Islamic extremists that left 20 people dead, including the gunmen. More than 10,000 soldiers have been deployed around the country to protect sensitive locations, including major shopping areas, synagogues, mosques and transit hubs. Earlier Tuesday, French authorities arrested seven men and a woman suspected of involvement in a network to send fighters to join Islamic extremists in Syria. Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said those arrested in the Paris and Lyon areas are not suspected of links to the Jan. 7-9 attacks. [Associated Press](#) (Cedar Valley Courier); [CBS News](#); [NBC News](#)

Official: Man who attacked 3 French soldiers on anti terror patrol had travelled to Turkey

A French security official says a man who allegedly attacked three soldiers with a knife had been sent home by Turkish authorities last week after flying in on a one-way ticket. Turkey is a transit point for jihadis from Europe to join up with Islamic extremist groups fighting in Syria and Iraq. Police detained Moussa Coulibaly and a suspected accomplice on Tuesday after the attack on the soldiers in front of a Jewish community centre in Nice. Border police had flagged Coulibaly to their Turkish counterparts on Jan. 28, who promptly returned him home, the French security official said on condition of anonymity because she wasn't authorized to speak on the record. French authorities, however, were unable to turn up enough evidence against Coulibaly to open a legal case against him. [Associated Press](#) (CTV News)

Islamic State video appears to show burning death of Jordanian pilot

The Islamic State released a video on Tuesday that appears to show the death of Jordanian pilot Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh. The video appears to show Kaseasbeh being burned alive by his captors. According to a release from SITE intelligence, the 22-minute video, titled "Healing of the Believers' Chests," was released on social media on Tuesday by the extremist group. The Islamic State released a video over the weekend that appeared to show the beheading of Kenji Goto, a Japanese journalist. The video did not mention Kaseasbeh's fate. However, the Islamic State had previously said it would kill both Kaseasbeh and Goto if an Iraqi woman who is on death row in Jordan was not released by sunset on Thursday. [Washington Post](#); [BBC News](#); [Reuters](#); [NY Times](#); [CNN](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

A look at *The Rise of the Islamic State* by Patrick Cockburn. He spotted this a long time ago and he's the one who pointed out that the entire war on terrorists failed since 9/11 because Saudi Arabia and Pakistan were allies that America didn't want to offend and so no one paid much attention to the two. (CJAD, 7:55 ET)

Some foreigners who joined the Islamic State group had become disillusioned but they're finding it hard to leave the Islamic State group has killed one hundred twenty of its own members in the past six months, most of them for the fighters hoping to return home, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and thousands of returning fighters are now under surveillance or in jail in North Africa (AM 770, 6:06; 660 News, 6:19; CHQT-AM, 7:49 ET)

France's Interior Minister is trying to push through a new anti-terrorism bill for the whole European Union. It would require airlines to maintain and share data on all passengers entering and leaving countries that are part of the E.U. (CNN, 11:30 ET)

Today in France, anti-terror police say they arrested eight people. All are accused of having ties to jihadist cells. The arrests come a month after those deadly Paris attacks and these new suspects are accused of helping to recruit young jihadists and deploying them to Syria for a holy war. For now there's no known link to last month's terrorism but there are similarities (...) France's government has been stepping up efforts to fight radical propaganda. They launched an online campaign targeting the militants recruiting efforts. (CNN, 11:00 ET)

Boston declared a snow emergency once again setting a record for the snowiest week in history. Ice litters the roadways. (CNN, 9:30 ET)

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Government whistleblower remembered as scientist 'speaking truth to power'

Shiv Chopra spent most of his later years fighting to overturn his 2004 dismissal

by: Joanne Laucius

Shiv Chopra did not fear wading into controversy. He would do it again and again. The government scientist said it was his job to blow the whistle when the evidence showed that drugs used for animals posed a danger to the safety of Canada's food system. Chopra died Sunday at the age of 84 after spending much of the past three decades in the spotlight. He was a crank to some and a hero to others. In 1989, he sparked debate over Canada's veterinary drug approval process after he and fellow scientist Margaret Haydon testified before a Senate committee that they were being pressured to approve bovine growth hormone (BGH), a product aimed at boosting milk production in dairy cows.

BGH was never approved in Canada, and some credit the actions of the scientists. Maude Barlow, national chairperson of the Council of Canadians, said Chopra contacted her to go public with the BGH issue and called Chopra "a true national hero." "Shiv put his career and future on the line to resist. He literally blew the whistle on this shameful fact and contacted me to go public. Together with the Canadian Health Coalition and the Council of Canadians, Shiv led a national campaign to halt the BGH patent approval process, which was successfully blocked in the Senate. Canadians owe Shiv Chopra a great deal." Born in India, where he earned a degree in veterinary science, Chopra came to Canada to do a PhD in microbiology at McGill University and worked in England briefly before returning to Canada in 1969 to work for the federal government. He was a Hindu and grew up on a vegetarian diet. Chopra's son, Anil, said his father always led by example. Science and **whistleblowing** were a constant topic of discussion around the family's dinner table. "He taught us from an early age to always seek truth in everything. And I mean everything. It wasn't just science, it was religion, spirituality and philosophy," Anil said. "If he saw injustice, he would speak up about it. He saw it as his duty. He always said he worked for the people of Canada, not for his direct supervisors or the government of the time. He always said civil servants were

there to be the defenders of the people. It's what kept him going." In the years that followed the BGH controversy, Chopra and his fellow scientists would remain perennially in the headlines, speaking out about other veterinary drugs and practices.

They wrote directly to then-health minister Anne McLellan, urging a total ban on animal feeds containing rendered materials of other animals after the discovery of a case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, known as "mad cow disease" in Alberta. They spoke out against approving the antibiotic Baytril for animal use, arguing it could produce antibiotic resistance in humans. Their actions sparked public debate not just about food safety, but also the role of **whistleblowing** in the **public service** - and a long round of cases and appeals before courts, boards and tribunals. In 2001, the **Federal** Court ruled that the scientists had the right to voice their concerns about the approval of BGH because the public interest overrode loyalty to their employer. In 2004, Chopra, Haydon and Gérard Lambert were fired for "insubordination." A few months later, then-prime minister Paul Martin said the firings had nothing to do with **whistleblowing**. "First of all, Health Canada made it very clear at the time that that happened that this had nothing to do with **whistleblowing**, that their reasons for taking their actions had nothing to do with calling attention to any problem, and I certainly accept Health Canada's word on that," Martin said. By that time, Chopra was near retirement age, but he would spend almost the rest of his life doggedly fighting to be reinstated. In 2014, Chopra founded the Canadian Council for Food Safety and Health, saying he still had concerns about what he called the "five pillars of food safety" - hormones, antibiotics, slaughterhouse byproducts used in animal feed, pesticides and genetically modified organisms. Chopra held some controversial views, including reservations about vaccinations, which prompted critics to dub him an "anti-vaxxer." Anil Chopra said his father believed that all drugs should be stringently tested and there should be an **open dialogue** about their use. "My father was all about having proper science done, especially when it came to children. He was an expert on this. He saw a lot of data pass his desk," Anil said. "He was a man of science and a man of truth. If it was well-tested and safe, he was for it." Haydon and Lambert were eventually ordered reinstated in 2016, but the **Public Service Labour Relations** and Employment Board upheld Chopra's dismissal. Chopra sought to appeal that decision, but the **Federal** Court of Appeal decided last September that the adjudicator's decision was not unreasonable and it would not hear the case. In an interview with the Citizen on the day of the decision, Chopra argued that the real issue was Canada's food-safety system - and the tribunals and courts had never answered the question of whether he was right. "If today I had won, I would be compensated for my loss of salary.

But the issue of public food safety would still remain," he said. Chopra was diagnosed with cancer in October, only a few weeks after he learned that the court wouldn't hear his appeal, said Anil Chopra. Ken Billings, the **executive** director of the Canadian Council on Food Safety and Health, said Chopra will be remembered for "speaking truth to power" and in inspiring food safety activism around the world. Chopra maintained a busy schedule of speaking engagements until recently, said Billings. "Getting safe food in the system was his major focus, as well as getting healthy, safe food on the school curriculum." The Canadian Council of Food Safety and Health has been pushing for a pilot project to demonstrate permaculture at the Central Experimental Farm and still wants to pursue the project, said Billings. "In some parts of the world, a couple of acres can feed a village. This is do-able." Chopra is survived by his wife, Nirmala, sons Sandeep and Anil, and five grandchildren. Plans for a memorial have not yet been completed.

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Awso Peshdary, charged with paying for Canadians' trips to fight with ISIS, complained of 'discrimination' at Ottawa college

An "organized network associated with ISIS" was disrupted by the RCMP on Tuesday with the arrest of an Ottawa man allegedly involved in financing the travel of recruits and charges against two of his associates, who remain abroad. Awso Peshdary, 25, was charged with three terrorism counts for allegedly conspiring with John Maguire, 24, to send Canadians to Syria to join ISIS. Among them was allegedly Khadar Khalib, 23, who traveled to the region last year... **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** commended the RCMP and CSIS for the case. *"Their diligence and dedication serve to protect Canadians from those who wish to cause harm and threaten our freedom,"* he said. The charges came four days after the government introduced new counter-terrorism legislation that would give security agencies new powers to disrupt terror plots and make arrests. [National Post](#)

Omar Khadr applies for bail

A Christian university in Edmonton has offered to admit former Guantanamo detainee Omar Khadr if he wins his bid for freedom next month after 12 years in custody. "What better way to prepare someone for success in life than with education," said Dan Vankeeken, vice-president of The King's University, in an interview Tuesday as he visited Toronto. Although the Khadr case has been highly politicized and has

divided Canadians, Vankeeken says the university's decision has been well received by the community. "It has been largely positive — only a couple of random emails from people not connected to King's saying, 'Why are you giving free education to a terrorist?' " he said... The federal government, which has consistently portrayed Khadr as an unrepentant terrorist and murderer, has not yet responded to the bail request, but a **spokesperson for the public safety minister** said the federal government would **"vigorously defend against any attempt to lessen punishment."** Khadr's bail application on March 24 relates to his U.S. appeal of his Guantanamo conviction. [Toronto Star](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News provided a brief report on the RCMP's upcoming national security investigation announcement featuring comments by Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News provided a brief report featuring comments made by Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney regarding the RCMP's national security investigation announcement. [Rough Transcript](#)

TVA nouvelles a rapporté la réaction du Ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney, au sujet d'une nouvelle vidéo qui montre un pilote jordanien brûlé vif par l'EI. [Transcription ébauche](#)

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Three men caught up in avalanche near B.C. resort

RCMP in Golden say three men were rescued after they were caught up in a snow slide on Tuesday afternoon near the Kicking Horse Resort. Police say three males from Saskatchewan were skiing out of bounds south of the Terminator 2 peak when the avalanche happened. One of them had a cell phone and was able to call for help. The safety team from the resort initially responded to the call and found the men shortly after 2:00 p.m. Golden District Search and Rescue took over from there and was able to transport the trio off of the mountain. Two of the men are reported to have suffered serious but non-life threatening injuries while the third is apparently uninjured. [CTV News](#)

BC Hydro bracing for rare February subtropical storms

B.C. Hydro is bracing for a rare series of February subtropical storms that are scheduled to hit the B.C. coast Wednesday night. "In my 15 years of involvement on B.C. Hydro operations on the Campbell River system it's hard to recall large subtropical storm systems hitting the area in February," said B.C. Hydro's Stephen Watson. "The last such storm was in 2003. Typically they are in the November to January timeframe." Watson said B.C. Hydro's forecasters are following a series of subtropical storms that will be hitting the West Coast of North America beginning Wednesday night. He said that unlike a relatively narrow band of precipitation directed at the coast from the Southwest with high precipitation levels, known as an atmospheric river, these systems look to have a very wide band of heavy rain that will hit the United States and Canada from the South. [The Province](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Une «cellule Ottawa» de l'État islamique

Khalib Peshdary, 25 ans, a été arrêté pour avoir trouvé le financement afin de permettre aux deux Ottavien de s'envoler vers le Moyen-Orient pour participer aux activités du groupe armé islamiste. Ces deux hommes partis à l'étranger sont John Maguire, 24 ans, dont la rumeur du décès a déjà circulé sur les réseaux sociaux, et Khadar Khalib, 23 ans, lui aussi un ancien résident d'Ottawa. Peshdary est accusé d'avoir participé à une activité d'un groupe terroriste et d'avoir facilité une activité pour un groupe terroriste. Khalib est accusé d'avoir quitté le Canada afin de participer aux activités d'un groupe terroriste et pour avoir conseillé à une personne de participer à une activité d'un groupe terroriste. Maguire est recherché pour des accusations de facilitation d'une activité terroriste. Le projet «Servant», qui a mené à

cette arrestation et à l'émission de ces mandats, a été entamé il y a deux ans. «Nos preuves démontrent que Awso Peshdary fournissait un appui financier aux deux autres, afin qu'ils aillent rejoindre l'État islamique», a résumé le commissaire James Malizia. Arrêté mardi, Awso Peshdary serait à l'origine de la radicalisation de John Maguire. Il aurait aussi convaincu Khader Khalib de se joindre à l'État islamique. Ces développements surviennent à la suite d'une enquête criminelle sur la sécurité nationale de l'Équipe intégrée de la sécurité nationale. Maguire est cet ancien étudiant de l'Université d'Ottawa qui a parlé au nom de l'ÉI sur les réseaux sociaux, en incitant les musulmans à attaquer de cibles canadiennes. Le jeune homme a été déclaré mort quelques semaines plus tard sur les réseaux sociaux, mais la GRC maintient son mandat d'arrestation contre cet individu. «Une information qui circule sur ces médias n'est pas une preuve suffisante pour confirmer son décès», a déclaré la surintendante de la GRC, Jennifer Srachman. Dans le cas de Maguire comme dans celui de Khadar Khalib, l'agence INTERPOL a diffusé les mandats d'arrestation à l'échelle mondiale. Khadar Khalib a quitté le Canada le 29 mars 2014, à partir de Toronto, vers la Syrie. Les deux jeunes seraient en Syrie ou en Irak. La Police provinciale de l'Ontario et le Service de police d'Ottawa ont joué un rôle important dans cette affaire, souligne la GRC. La GRC encourage les citoyens à signaler toute information sur le terrorisme ou sur des activités suspectes au Réseau info-sécurité nationale au 1-800-420-5805 ou au service de police de local. [La Presse](#) ; [Canadian Press](#) (Chronicle Herald, Huffington Post, Globe and Mail); [QMI Agency](#) (Ottawa Sun, London Free Press); [CBC News](#); [Postmedia News](#) (Ottawa Citizen, StarPhoenix); [Agence France-Presse](#) (Yahoo! News)

Who is Awso Peshdary?

AwsoPeshdary's name has come up in a terrorism investigation prior to Feb. 3, 2015, when RCMP announced terrorism-related charges against the Ottawa man. Five years ago, when he was 20 years old and newly married, Peshdary found himself caught up in a major national security investigation. The investigation, code-named Project Samossa, ultimately led to the conviction of two Ottawa men on terrorism charges, and the first-ever acquittal of a Canadian on terrorism charges for Dr. Khurram Sher, of London, Ont., who made a brief appearance on Canadian Idol. During the investigation, RCMP had placed a bug in Peshdary's home, and believed they had recorded him assaulting his wife. Concern for her safety led investigators to end Project Samossa earlier than anticipated. Domestic assault charges against Peshdary were eventually dropped when his wife refused to testify against him. Husband and wife underwent counselling at an Ottawa mosque, but separated some time later... CBC News has learned that Peshdary had attempted to persuade some leaders in the Ottawa Muslim community that he had been given an unfair rap - telling some that he had previously been radicalized by a CSIS informant but that he had since seen the error of his ways. [CBC News](#)

Two girls from Mississauga, Ontario tried to get into Syria, Senate committee hears

Two teenagers from suburban Toronto recently tried to get into Syria but were stopped in Turkey and returned home, a Senate committee has heard. Calgary-based Imam Syed Soharwardy provided details of the alleged trip on Tuesday to the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence. Soharwardy is harsh critic of ISIS, the ultra-violent terrorist organization that occupies large swaths of Syria and Iraq. Several Canadians are believed to have joined ISIS in recent years, including reports of some young women who have tried to cross into Syria to marry ISIS fighters. Soharwardy said the two girls from Mississauga, west of Toronto, left Canada and ended up in Turkey. [Sun News Network](#)

Train derailment plot 'very simple idea,' Via Rail terror trial hears

A plan to derail a train travelling between Canada and the U.S. was a "very simple" idea that would kill scores of people and pave the way for more acts of terrorism, the trial of two men accused in the alleged plot heard Tuesday. The attack was characterized that way by Chiheb Esseghaier in an audio recording of a conversation he had with an undercover FBI officer while the pair were on their way to meet his co-conspirator, Raed Jaser. Jaser and Esseghaier both face multiple terrorism-related charges in the alleged Via Rail plot, which sought to target a train between New York and Toronto. Not-guilty pleas have been entered for both men. An undercover FBI officer who gained the pair's trust told their trial he first came to learn of the train plot while driving from Montreal to Toronto with Esseghaier to meet Jaser. [Canadian Press](#) (Montreal Gazette)

Calgary imam warns against preaching 'open intolerance'

Terrorist ideology is being preached in Canadian mosques and universities and Ottawa is slow to stop the "brainwashing," a Senate committee has heard. Calgary imam Syed Soharwardy made the comments on Monday to the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence. He said Canada is under threat as intolerance is preached to youths across the country. "I was in a Friday prayer in Toronto, and the imam there, with almost 300 to 400 people praying, openly said: 'When you see a non-Muslim coming on a street from the opposite side, don't give him a way; try to block it so he or she can just go against the wall,'" Soharwardy told MPs. [QMI Agency](#) (Calgary Sun, London Free Press, Whig-Standard, Edmonton Sun)

Better questions for C-51

An opinion piece states, "The good news out of Tuesday's RCMP presser announcing more terror charges: The law works. The RCMP take their terror probes seriously and get results. Maybe not as proactive, encompassing or fast as some would wish. But they're results nonetheless. The bad news: There's always more. We knew about John Maguire. But we didn't know he was part of an alleged Ottawa cell. And while Awso Peshdary was arrested in the Project Samosa raids in 2010, he was never charged with terror offences. But this is the first we're hearing of Khadar Khalib. So following this, Canadians' views on the new anti-terror bill, C-51, will likely be filtered through one of two prisms: 1) that the law is just fine as it is because when these alleged bad guys act, our law enforcement is ready pounce; 2) that more preventative measures need to be put in place to stop these guys from even walking around with as much swagger as they do..." [QMI Agency](#) (Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Calgary Sun, Ottawa Sun)

Edward Snowden is right to urge caution on anti-terror measures

An editorial states, "Edward Snowden, the security service whistleblower and international fugitive, has warned Canadians to be "extraordinarily cautious" in accepting new anti-terrorism laws. And he's right. Legislation introduced by the federal government at the end of last week represents the largest overhaul of Canada's security laws in more than a decade. Broadly speaking, Ottawa's Anti-Terrorism Act 2015 ratchets up the power of police and spy agencies while loosening civil rights protections. And it does so without including any new mechanism that would allow Parliament to effectively oversee to work of security services. That's a troubling combination..." [Toronto Star](#)

CSIS oversight is alive and well

An opinion piece by Ron Atkey, the first chair of the Security Intelligence Review Committee from 1984 to 1989, states, "Some of the instant critics of the Harper government's Bill C-51, introduced last Friday, have missed the mark in decrying lack of oversight. While there is much in the bill that will require careful scrutiny by parliamentarians, security intelligence specialists and lawyers going forward, oversight or "review" has not been forgotten. Indeed, the whole notion of accountability for the dangerous but important new powers for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service has been enhanced. First, the bill rightly expands judicial control now in place for wiretap warrants. Henceforth, when CSIS uses its new powers to reduce threats to Canada's security, within and outside the country, it will in most cases require the prior authorization of a designated Federal Court judge. This is no simple procedure: Detailed affidavits that take CSIS months or years to prepare are presented to the judge in closed proceedings. They are then subject to aggressive questioning by the judge (and sometimes a special advocate in complex cases) to ensure they meet statutory thresholds, including compliance with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Only then can the measure be authorized within terms specified by the judge..." [Globe and Mail](#)

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CTV News reported live from Ottawa where the RCMP held a press conference concerning a national security investigation. The press conference was followed by a Q&A with media. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News' Power & Politics held a panel discussion with Roxanne James, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety as well as other MPs regarding the announcement made today by the RCMP on terrorism-related charges against 3 Canadians. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News' Adrienne Arsenault discusses the announcement made today by the RCMP regarding terrorism-related charges against 3 Canadians. [Rough Transcript](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Some temporary foreign workers in Alberta to get reprieve

Some temporary foreign workers in Alberta are getting more time to become permanent residents as they face a deadline for leaving the country. The transitional measure will offer a reprieve to some employees in Alberta working in the Temporary Foreign Worker (TFW) program as they wait for their permanent residence applications to be processed, Employment Minister Jason Kenney said in a letter to Conservative MPs obtained by CBC News. [CBC News](#)

Update - Bridge tolls likely to pay for new U.S. customs plaza

A new \$250-million U.S. customs plaza likely will be paid for by tolls, a source close to the project said Tuesday. Canada will probably help fund the U.S. customs plaza - on top of the \$550 million Canada has already pledged to help pay for Michigan access roads - through a public-private partnership, known as a P3. Canadian officials have said in the past the U.S. should pay for its own plaza, though it seems less and likely that President Barack Obama will kick in cash. The Obama administration has repeatedly declined to earmark any money for the U.S. customs plaza, including as recently as Monday. The most recent U.S. budget is almost \$4 trillion, but again does not mention funding for the proposed bridge or the Detroit-based plaza... Engineering work on the Windsor-Detroit bridge, which would be built roughly two kilometres south of the Ambassador Bridge, has already started. The Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority has begun hiring staff and has signed a six-year deal with an engineering consultant. [Windsor Star](#)

Westphal man pleads guilty to drug, weapons and customs charges

A Westphal man will be sentenced in late March on drug, weapons and Customs Act charges. Nicholas Donald Surette, 30, pleaded guilty recently in Dartmouth provincial court to a variety of charges stemming from his arrest last April. He accepted responsibility for: possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking; a Customs Act charge of importing illegal goods; and Criminal Code charges of importing prohibited weapons, unauthorized transfer of prohibited weapons, possession of prohibited weapons and breaching a weapons prohibition... Surette was already under investigation by the Canada Border Services Agency, which had intercepted two parcels from China at the international mail centre in Vancouver. Although the contents were declared to be belt buckles, each parcel contained 10 brass knuckles. [Chronicle Herald](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Intel chief warns US tech threatened by China cybertheft

The U.S. defense intelligence chief warned Tuesday that America's technological edge over China is at risk because of cybertheft. Lt. Gen. Vincent Stewart, director of the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency, told a congressional hearing the U.S. retains technological superiority. But he said China had stolen "a lot" of intellectual property from U.S. defense contractors and that effort continues. [Associated Press](#) (Yahoo! News)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Man killed by RCMP gunfire identified as resident of Yahk

The coroners service has identified a man who was fatally shot by police in Castlegar. Thirty-nine-year-old Waylon Edey, of Yahk, was killed following an encounter with RCMP officers near a bridge on

Highway 3. Mounties have said officers responded to a complaint of a possible impaired driver last Thursday and attempted to stop him. [Canadian Press](#) (The Province)

'Dangerous' missing Ontario patients slipped by N.B. RCMP, says motel owner

A motel owner in Doaktown, N.B., says she and her husband are frustrated after trying to help police catch two patients missing from a mental health facility in Ontario over the weekend. Glenna Taylor says she told the RCMP exactly what time Cara Duval and Joseph Pepin would be at the Taylor Motel on Sunday, but officers showed up late, after the pair had already left. [CBC News](#)

2 drivers clocked at 200 km/hr west of Calgary

It could be a very costly weekend for two young men from Calgary. RCMP say they caught the pair hitting speeds of up to 200 km/hr during a speed trap set up Sunday afternoon on Highway 1A between Calgary and Cochrane, Alta. The posted speed limit on the stretch of road is half that amount. The 21- and 26-year-old men are now facing racing and speeding charges and will make a mandatory court appearance on March 27 in Cochrane Provincial Court. [CBC News](#)

RCMP looks for help naming new puppies

RCMP are asking for the public's assistance - in naming some adorable new recruits. Children across Canada are being asked to suggest names for 10 German shepherd puppies recently born at the RCMP's police dog training school in Innisfail, Alta. According to contest rules, the names, either male or female, must start with the letter H, must have no more than nine letters and must be one or two syllables. Officers are looking for names that are suited for working police dogs, not pets, according to RCMP in a press release. [StarPhoenix](#)

Halifax cop who drove drunk still pushing paper during review

A Halifax Regional Police officer caught driving drunk in Kings County last fall is still on administrative duties while its professional standards office investigates the matter. Const. Pierre Bourdages, a Halifax Regional Police spokesman, said there is no set time by which the investigation into Const. Blair William Hickey's conduct must be concluded. Hickey, 48, was arrested after RCMP pulled over his vehicle on Highway 101 near New Minas on the night of Nov. 27. [Chronicle Herald](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Impasse judiciaire : Richard Charlish libéré malgré un risque très élevé de récidive violente

Le prédateur sexuel originaire de Mashteuiasth, Richard Charlish n'a pas respecté les conditions de son ordonnance de surveillance à au moins deux reprises depuis sa sortie du pénitencier en novembre 2011, en plus d'être toujours considéré comme dangereux. Richard Charlish est celui qui a battu, séquestré et agressé sexuellement une femme en 2001 à Montréal. Soumis à une ordonnance de surveillance depuis 3 ans, l'autochtone de 49 ans n'a pas su résister à la tentation de consommer de l'alcool. En brisant ses conditions, Charlish s'est vu imposer une première sous peine de détention de trois mois en 2012 et une seconde de huit mois en août dernier. Risque élevé. On lui reproche aussi son attitude menaçante envers le personnel des centres communautaires où il a séjourné et des altercations verbales avec les autres résidents. «On reçoit sans cesse des appels de la commission nous informant de ce qui se passe, qu'il n'a pas respecté ses conditions, qu'on le cherche, qu'on l'a retrouvé, etc, explique l'avocat de sa victime, Me Marc Bellemare. Pour la victime, c'est un véritable enfer.» La commission des libérations conditionnelles note dans son dernier rapport que tous les professionnels qui se sont penchés sur son dossier ont conclu qu'il présentait un risque très élevé de récidive violente, sexuelle ou non, à court, moyen et long terme. Condition sévère. À l'approche de la fin de sa deuxième sous peine, la commission a décidé de resserrer ses conditions sous les recommandations du Service correctionnel du Canada. [Agence QMI](#) (Journal de Québec, Journal de Montréal)

Allan Legere's transfer to lower security raises fears in Miramichi

The deputy mayor of Miramichi and former New Brunswick public safety minister, John Foran, is raising concerns about the transfer of serial killer Allan Legere to a lower-security facility and the risk of escape. Foran plans to ask Miramichi city council to approve a motion that the mayor contact the Correctional

Service of Canada on behalf of the citizens of Miramichi and request Legere be returned to the special handling unit at the maximum security prison in Ste-Anne-Des-Plaines, Que. Legere, who has escaped custody twice before, has reportedly been moved to a regular maximum security facility in Edmonton. [CBC News](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Accused child pornographer let out on bail

A Saskatoon man accused of sexually assaulting multiple young girls more than a decade ago has been released on \$3,000 bail. Russell Dennis Wolfe, 56, will wear an electronic monitoring bracelet, will not be allowed to contact anyone under the age of 16 and will also be heavily restricted in his computer use. Among other things, he will also have a 24-hour curfew. Wolfe faces more than 25 new charges relating to 10 different complaints covering a time span from 1997 to 2005. [StarPhoenix](#)

Couillard doit expliquer ses liens avec l'Arabie saoudite, dit Khadir

Le premier ministre Philippe Couillard doit faire preuve de transparence et s'expliquer sur ses liens avec l'Arabie saoudite, a déclaré mardi le député de Québec solidaire Amir Khadir. Dans le contexte de la détention par le régime saoudien d'un blogueur dont la famille est à Sherbrooke, M. Khadir s'étonne de la «banalisation» de la situation par M. Couillard, qui a travaillé il y a 20 ans comme médecin puis comme conseiller du ministre de la Santé de ce pays entre 2009 et 2011. La semaine dernière, M. Couillard a insisté sur l'importance de maintenir des liens avec l'Arabie saoudite, pour éviter d'isoler ce pays, dénoncé pour ses violations des droits de la personne, où des opposants tentent de faire changer la situation. [Le Devoir](#)

Cape Breton reservist a no show on Camp Aldershot child porn charge

A warrant is being held for a Cape Breton reservist accused of possessing child pornography at Camp Aldershot who didn't appear for court and didn't give his lawyer any instructions. Cpl. Lawrence Arthur Jordan, 27, of Sydney, was not present in Kentville provincial court for election and plea on Feb. 2. Jordan had earlier filed a designation of counsel to be represented by Nova Scotia Legal Aid lawyer Ken Greer. [Cape Breton Post](#)

Un amateur de porno juvénile vivra un an l'horreur des prisons

En imposant une peine d'un an de prison à un collectionneur de porno juvénile, un juge l'a prévenu que sa prochaine année sera «horrible et terrible». «La prison, c'est épouvantable, a expliqué le juge Jean-Paul Braun à Denis Lepage. C'est vivre avec des gens avec qui l'on ne veut pas être, c'est surveiller ses arrières à chaque minute, à chaque seconde.» Mais cette année en prison représente le prix que doit payer cet informaticien de la Ville de Montréal pour avoir téléchargé pendant cinq ans près de 24 000 fichiers montrant des garçons de 7 à 13 ans dans des positions sexuellement explicites. [Agence QMI](#) (Journal de Montréal, Journal de Québec)

OSC whistleblower program to offer rewards of up to \$1.5M for info

Ontario's securities regulator plans to create a reward program that would pay whistleblowers up to \$1.5 million for anonymous information that leads to prosecutions for major financial crimes. The Ontario Securities Commission said Tuesday it wants to set up a fund to pay people to provide it with crucial evidence of financial misdeeds that would otherwise be difficult if not impossible to obtain. [CBC News](#)

Edmonton man claims he was too high on drugs to remember driving rampage he pleaded guilty to

An Edmonton man was apparently too high on drugs to remember hitting four pedestrians during a downtown driving rampage, but he still owned up to it on Tuesday. Brandon James Hudson, 22, pleaded guilty in Provincial Court to three counts of dangerous driving causing bodily harm, two counts of hit and run, theft of a vehicle, failing to stop after an accident, assault and two breaches. Crown prosecutor Jody Fraser told court Hudson became involved in a "melee" on Sept 24 about 3:30 p.m. after breaching a release condition to not have any contact with his stepfather by stealing the man's car. [Edmonton Sun](#)

Gangster gets seven-year sentence in 2011 kidnapping

Long-time gangster Troy Dax McKinnon was sentenced to seven years Tuesday after pleading guilty to playing a "significant leadership role" in a 2011 Vancouver kidnapping thwarted by police. B.C. Supreme Court Associate Chief Justice Austin Cullen called the plan to kidnap drug trafficker Eric Low "a coordinated sophisticated scheme involving communication by encrypted cell phone and the use of computers and tracking devices." [Vancouver Sun](#)

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Je viens de m'entretenir avec la ministre [@LiseT_ALR](#). Discussion productive. Nous travaillons ensemble pour lutter contre le terrorisme.

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Just spoke with Minister [@LiseT_ALR](#). Productive discussion. We are working together to fight terrorism.

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Public Safety Min Blaney condemns killing of Jordanian pilot by [#ISIS](#): "disgusting... barbaric attack" [#cdnpoli](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

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BREAKING: [#RCMP](#) say 3 men in avalanche near Kicking Horse Resort near Golden. 2 with serious, but non-life threatening injuries. 1 uninjured

[CBCNB](#)

RT [@BJMCBC](#): Brace yourselves NBers. [@environmentca](#) says more snow could be on the way Wednesday, potentially heavy snow in south <http://t.cbc.ca/news/1.2942918>

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

[Maikeepsgoing](#)

Here's the [#RCMP](#) release about the 3 [#Ottawa](#) men arrested on terrorism charges today: rcmp-grc.gc.ca/on/news-nouvel... [#ottnews](#) [#ISIL](#) [#ISIS](#)

globeandmail

BREAKING: The RCMP have arrested one and charged three in a terrorism investigation trib.al/Fo63QWg

TheStarPhoenix

Two charged in alleged Maguire terror plot thestarphoenix.com/News/canada/RC... #SPnews

680News

STORY: Police make arrest, charge 3 in connection with ISIL recruitment ow.ly/lrbYz #CANpoli

HuffPostCanada

UPDATE: RCMP have laid terror charges against three people huff.to/1x8QaZH

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Chief Supt Strachan said today's trio are linked by "social activity" to Larmond bros, Suliman Mohamed. But separate investigations.

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Interesting thing about today's #RCMP announcement is that charges laid under current laws.

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RCMP say there was no immediate threat to Canada but said its another reminder of radicalization happening in Canada.

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RCMP say they have no evidence to confirm that Maguire is dead.

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Khadar Khalib is also charged in absentia.

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One of those charges is John Maguire, believed to have been killed fighting with IS. He is charged in absentia.

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RCMP charge three men, two in absentia, for conspiring to participate in IS fight

crimegarden

BREAKING: Khadar Khalib, 23, Awso Peshdary, 25, charged in alleged terrorism conspiracy linked to John Maguire and Larmond twins. #ottnews

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RCMP terrorism probe: Khalib, 23, allegedly conspired with Peshdary in Ottawa, Syria and Iraq to participate in terrorist activity. #ottnews

OttawaCitizen

RT @crimegarden: RCMP say Khalib and Peshdary conspired between March 1, 2014 and Feb. 2, 2015. #ottnews

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RCMP say that Khalib left Canada on March 29, 2014, from Toronto to participate in a terrorism group.#ottnews

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RCMP have also charged Khalib, 23, with counseling Abdul Milton to participate in terrorism. #ottnews

CBCNews

The RCMP has issued warrants for John Maguire and Khadar Khalib, obtained an Interpol Red Notice for their arrest: cbc.ca/news/canada/3-...

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Khadar Khalib, 23, Awso Peshdary, 25, are charged in an alleged terrorism conspiracy linked to John Maguire
[#ottnews ow.ly/lrfbR](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

theprovince

Man killed by RCMP gunfire identified as resident of Yahk [theprovince.in/1xaGZYM](#)

CBCCanada

'Catch me if you can' escaped prisoner arrested [ift.tt/1zyOjlf pic.twitter.com/bTd0TyoarX](#)

CBCCalgary

2 men charged after RCMP catch them driving 200km/hr west of Calgary [cbc.ca/news/canada/ca...](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

TorontoStar

Omar Khadr applies for bail [on.thestar.com/16uS95v #topstories](#)

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Le Parti libéral appuiera le projet de loi antiterroriste, dit Justin Trudeau

Le chef libéral Justin Trudeau a annoncé mercredi que sa formation appuierait le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51 déposé vendredi dernier par le gouvernement conservateur. Il a soutenu que le projet de loi comportait des lacunes, notamment au chapitre de la supervision de l'agence d'espionnage qui verrait ses pouvoirs considérablement accrus, mais que cela n'empêcherait pas les libéraux de donner leur feu vert. M. Trudeau a ajouté que sa formation politique proposerait des amendements au projet de loi et invité les conservateurs à travailler en collaboration avec l'opposition. Le projet de loi C-51 donnerait notamment au Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) le pouvoir de contrer les projets de voyage de présumés extrémistes, d'interrompre des transactions bancaires et d'intervenir secrètement sur des sites web radicaux. Le Parti libéral et le Nouveau Parti démocratique (NPD) estiment que l'organe actuellement chargé de sa supervision, le Comité de surveillance des activités de renseignement de sécurité (CSARS), n'a pas la crédibilité requise pour accomplir cette tâche. Les deux formations d'opposition plaident en faveur de la mise sur pied d'un comité de supervision composé d'élus. Dans un courriel envoyé à La Presse Canadienne, le bureau du **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, a fermé la porte à l'idée de mettre sur pied un tel comité, lundi. Le NPD a indiqué mercredi qu'il poursuivait son étude du projet de loi et ses consultations avec des experts. [La Presse Canadienne](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

Miramichi MP Tilly O'Neil-Gordon has reached out to the **Federal Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** about the transfer of Allan Legere to a less secure prison. Correctional Service Canada doesn't comment due to privacy reasons. O'Neil-Gordon says she only found out when word got around the notorious local serial killer is moving from a Québec special handling unit to the regular maximum Edmonton Institution. (The River 99.3 FM, 7:33 ET)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

New Brunswick braces for another blast of winter

New Brunswick is bracing for another blast of snow after being battered by a third storm in less than a week. Environment Canada says the snow is expected to begin overnight in some areas and will continue well into tomorrow. A state of emergency has been declared in Saint John, where the port city's streets are choked with 126 centimetres of snow. Normally, Saint John has 15 to 20 centimetres of accumulation for this time of year. [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News); [CBC News](#); [Radio-Canada](#)

Prince Edward Island digs out, but another system is coming

Plows and blowers worked to clear out government offices and private businesses from Tuesday's snowfall. Snow-clearing crews are working at pushing back the 66 cm of snow that fell in Charlottetown Tuesday. The City of Charlottetown has issued an advisory that parking in the downtown core will be limited today due to the amount of snow that has accumulated on city street. [CharlottetownGuardian.ca](#)

Subtropical storm system to hit B.C. coast Thursday with heavy rain, wet snow inland

A subtropical storm is due to hit British Columbia, dumping heavy rain on the Lower Mainland and snow on the Interior. The moist Pacific frontal system will move through the province Thursday afternoon, while a second wave is expected Thursday night and Friday, soaking the South Coast with more than 75 millimetres of rain and bringing 150 mm or more to west and inland Vancouver Island, according to Environment Canada. Areas in the B.C. Interior will get 15 mm of snow, and wet snow is expected in Whistler early Thursday before it turns to rain. Meanwhile, extreme cold warnings are in effect for two areas near the B.C.-Yukon border. [Vancouver Province](#)

New Coast Guard centre gets go-ahead

Charlottetown is getting a new Integrated Service Centre for the Coast Guard. A 15-year lease has been awarded to a Charlottetown company to construct the new centre for Canadian Coast Guard operations in P.E.I. the project is valued at \$4.5 million. The building will be located on John Yeo Drive in Charlottetown, next to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' area office. Once constructed, work done at the centre will include maintenance of buoys and other aids to navigation, carpentry and repairs to electronic equipment. There will also be office space at the centre. Environmental response equipment will be located on site for use in the event of an oil spill or other environmental disaster.

[CharlottetownGuardian.ca](#)

Large power outage in Central Okanagan

BC Hydro has says power has been restored to all its customers in the Okanagan. The light went out for about 7,000 homes and businesses between 7:20 and 8:16 a.m. Hydro spokesperson Dag Sharma says the outage originated in a Fortis BC sub-station in Lake Country which supplies BC Hydro customers in the area. FortisBC reports power has been restored to about 15,000 customers in the Kelowna area. A spokesperson says they're investigating the cause of the outage. [Global News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

The RCMP are to take the helm in guiding security on Parliament Hill, with House and Senate security forces reporting to one Mountie.

The change essentially puts one person in charge of protecting the Hill, rather than the three representatives – one from the House of Commons, one from the Senate and a third from the RCMP – who have been meeting every morning for years in the Hill's central command post. A unified security force inside the parliamentary buildings would report to the officer put in charge of Hill security and be accountable to the RCMP for its actions. The new command structure, which was to be announced Wednesday, would still see the Speaker of the House of Commons and the Speaker of the Senate in charge of security on Parliament Hill, and inside the buildings of the parliamentary precinct. "What we want, they (the RCMP) will decide how it will be done," said a source with knowledge of the changes. Getting the change in place, however, could be tricky without Parliament approving legal changes to the act that guides the Mounties. Parliament would have to allow the Mountie in charge of the Hill to report to the two Speakers; the RCMP Act only allows officers to report up the line to the RCMP commissioner. [Ottawa Citizen](#); [Global News](#); [CBC News](#)

Near-century of tradition at an end with Mounties taking over Hill security

Nearly a century of parliamentary tradition is coming to an end with the RCMP poised to take control of security inside the Parliament Buildings. The Conservative government is giving the Mounties power over what used to be an entirely independent security team patrolling the halls of the House of Commons and Senate, sources familiar with the plan tell [The Canadian Press](#). Members of that tight-knit Commons team, led by former sergeant-at-arms Kevin Vickers, were responsible for stopping a gunman's rampage in the Centre Block last October. The gunman made it past RCMP officers stationed on Parliament Hill on the morning of Oct. 22; the force has long had control over the parliamentary grounds, but not inside the buildings. [Canadian Press](#) (580 CFRA, PG Citizen, CTV News, Norfolk News, Lethbridge Herald, iPolitics, Huffington Post); [Toronto Star](#)

Undercover RCMP informant infiltrated a suspected ISIS recruiting network in Ottawa, leading to arrest

An undercover informant infiltrated a suspected ISIS recruiting network in Ottawa, helping RCMP counter-terrorism officers disrupt the operation and bring charges against at least one of the members, the [National Post](#) has learned. Abdullah Milton's family confirmed Wednesday that he was in witness protection following the arrest of alleged ISIS facilitator and financier Awso Peshdary and two associates, John Maguire and Khadar Khalid, both suspected ISIS fighters. The charge sheet filed in Ontario court by the RCMP alleges that between April 1 and December 7, 2014, Mr. Khalid had counseled Mr. Milton to "knowingly participate in or contribute to, directly or indirectly an activity of a terrorist group." [Postmedia News](#) (National Post, Windsor Star, Calgary Herald)

Des employés de la NSA ont espionné leurs proches

La révélation de telles pratiques au sein de la NSA - qui parle d'un phénomène marginal - suscite des questions au Canada. Bill Robinson, qui chapeaute un blogue consacré aux services de renseignement du pays, affirme qu'il serait «surprenant que ça ne soit pas arrivé» au sein du Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications (CST), pendant canadien de la NSA. Difficile d'en avoir le cœur net quand on examine les rapports du Bureau du commissaire du CST, puisque toute référence à un cas de cette nature serait sans doute suffisamment alambiquée pour s'avérer incompréhensible, ironise-t-il. Le porte-parole du Bureau du commissaire, William Galbraith, a indiqué hier que le CST disposait de mécanismes internes de vérification pour assurer le «bon usage» des systèmes de collecte de renseignements. Il a refusé de dire si ces systèmes étaient suffisamment efficaces pour éviter les abus. Toute déficience majeure à ce sujet serait signalée sous le sceau de la confidentialité au ministre de la Défense, puisqu'il s'agit de «systèmes classifiés», a-t-il précisé. La Presse a tenté en vain par ailleurs de savoir du CST si des employés avaient été sanctionnés pour des cas similaires à ceux survenus à la NSA. [La Presse](#)

Bill C-51 bars CSIS from committing 'bodily harm,' sexual violation

The government's proposed anti-terror legislation expands the powers of Canadian Security Intelligence Service to allow it to "disrupt" suspected terrorist threats — but it also expressly prohibits CSIS from killing or seriously injuring a subject. What's not clear exactly is where the line between those activities is drawn and what that means for the agency when it comes to interrogation techniques, experts on civil liberties and security point out. [CBC News](#)

The Harper Government Still Thinks CSE Is Acting Legally

The Canadian Government says that, despite conclusive evidence supplied by Edward Snowden, CSE is not breaking the rules. News broke on Jan. 28 that Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSE) was running a bulk data collection program targeting users of file sharing sites like Megaupload and Rapidshare, according to Snowden documents from 2012. That program caught Canadians in its web, according to the documents, which is something that CSE is forbidden from doing. But Rob Nicholson, the Minister for National Defence, says that as the minister in charge of CSE, he's not worried about it. "CSE has to abide, of course, by the rules, and the commissioner that has a look at this has confirmed that they have acted within Canadian law," Nicholson said the next day. When VICE pointed out that the documents, which were reported by CBC and The Intercept, appear to directly contradict that they were abiding by the rules, Nicholson was unfazed. "They [the CBC] may report, but all the information from the Privacy Commissioner is that they comply, and they have to comply with it." Nicholson likely meant the CSE Commissioner, who oversees the agency, not his privacy counterpart. But the agency has already allegedly broke its mandate in a questionable spying operation. [VICE](#)

Via Rail terror plot trial enters 3rd day in Toronto court

The trial of two men accused of planning a terror attack on a passenger train travelling between Canada and the U.S. enters its third day today in Toronto. Not guilty pleas have been entered for Raed Jaser and Chiheb Esseghaier on multiple terrorism-related charges. Court heard on Tuesday it was hoped the attack on a train travelling from New York to Toronto would kill scores of people and pave the way for more acts of terrorism. That's how it was characterized by Esseghaier in an audio recording of a conversation he had with an undercover FBI officer. Esseghaier is heard saying the attack targeted a train between the U.S. and Toronto to ensure both Americans and Canadians were victims. The undercover officer said he learned of the plot while driving from Montreal to Toronto with Esseghaier to meet Jaser. Esseghaier is heard imploring the officer to keep the plan a secret. [CBC News](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News interviewed former RCMP Deputy Commissioner P.Y. Bourduas regarding reports that the RCMP will oversee security operations on Parliament Hill. [Rough Transcript](#)

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Broadcast media across Canada provided extensive media coverage of the RCMP laying terror charges against three Ottawa men, two of whom are believed to be in the Middle East and fighting on behalf of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Awso Peshdary, 25, is the only one of the three who is in custody in Ottawa, police say; he is facing charges of participating in, conspiring to participate in and facilitating the activity of a terrorist group. (CHLK-FM, 6:03; CKAP-FM, 6:02; CBC Radio One, 6:07, 6:39, 9:01; 580 CFRA, 6:11, 8:31; Moose FM, 7:00; CIOK-FM, 8:03; CICS-FM, 8:03; AM 900 CHML, 9:03; CHLX-FM, 6:27; 550 CHLN-FM, 6:07; Radio-Canada Première Chaîne, 6:00, 6:30, 7:01, 8:00, 8:30, 9:31; CTV News, 6:06, 6:35, 9:06; Global News, 6:16, 6:33, 7:31; Citytv, 6:36, 7:31; CBC News, 6:32, 7:30, 9:09, 10:06, 11:00; Sun News, 10:02; LCN, 6:05, 7:38; RDI, 7:10, 8:33, 9:00, 10:04 ET)

Questions are being raised about the need for tougher antiterrorism legislation following news of the arrest in Ottawa. NDP MP Jack Harris says this case seems to show police already have the tools they need to catch suspected terrorists. Justice Minister Peter MacKay says legislation introduced by the government will give police greater tools to prevent terrorism and terror related offenses. (580 CFRA, 7:02 ET)

*The RCMP will take over operational command of all security on Parliament Hill, *The Globe and Mail* quotes a government source of the newspaper saying the RCMP will be solely accountable for protecting MPs and Senators and their staff and will be empowered to make decisions about all future security measures. (Newstalk 1010, 6:05; CJAD, 6:44; 98,5fm, 8:34; Radio-Canada Première Chaîne, 7:28, 7:54; CBC News, 9:03, 10:00, 10:18 ET)*

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Permits extended for Alberta's temporary foreign workers not exemptions, Kenney says

Federal Employment Minister Jason Kenney says Ottawa is willing to extend to other provinces the measures it has given Alberta for some of its temporary foreign workers. In a letter to Conservative MPs last week, Kenney says the federal government is giving a one-time exemption to temporary foreign workers in Alberta from being counted under the cap on low-wage workers, provided they meet strict criteria. [National Post](#)

CBSA facilitates Rainy River Customs processes 58854 travelers, 34045 vehicles

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) facilitates the entry of legitimate travellers and goods, while protecting the safety and security of Canadians and ensuring that Canada's border is not used for illegal activity. This work is carried out by CBSA border services officers who ensure that the people, goods and conveyances entering Canada meet all requirements and are compliant with Canadian law. CBSA officers at the Fort Frances port of entry (POE) processed 58,854 travellers in 34,045 vehicles, which represents a four-percent decrease in travellers and a three-percent decrease in vehicles from December 2013. More than 238 international travellers entered by bus. [Customs Today](#)

Drunks, guns, one hiding man found at Manitoba border crossings in 2014

Guns, drugs and drunk drivers — all things you'd think people would avoid on a cross-border run — were among the Canadian Border Services Agency's highlights of 2014. At the U.S.-Manitoba border, officers seized 25 undeclared firearms, including 11 prohibited firearms, largely from U.S. citizens trying to come north during the summer. In July, a Florida man spent three days in jail and received a \$13,000 fine for smuggling a prohibited and fully loaded .22 calibre revolver. In October, one man was sentenced to 21 days in jail and a \$4,000 fine for concealing a 9mm handgun and 10 undeclared prohibited overcapacity magazines in his vehicle. A second man was sentenced to 12 days in jail and a \$9,000 fine for attempting to smuggle a prohibited loaded .45 calibre handgun along with 11 undeclared magazines. Both men were from North Carolina. Six impaired drivers were arrested. An astonishing 1.5 kilograms of marijuana was seized from an Ontario woman last February, in addition to multiple other drug seizures. [Winnipeg Sun](#)

Brief history of Yarmouth-Maine ferry service

Nova Scotia has spent millions of dollars to keep the ferry service to the U.S. afloat in recent years. Here is a brief look at the history of the seasonal passenger service between Yarmouth, N.S., and Portland, Maine. [Metro News](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

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RCMP want Canadian kids to help name 10 new pups

RCMP are once again looking across the country for help naming some furry and four-legged recruits who will serve with Canada's national police force. Police are asking children to submit names for ten German Shepherd puppies soon-to-be-born at the Police Dog Service Training Centre in Innisfail, Alberta. Kids are encouraged to be original and imaginative in finding names, but remember the names are for working dogs, not pets. Each submission must start with the letter 'H' and have no more than nine letters. [Global News](#); [Journal Pioneer](#)

Mounties take down 'major' drug trafficking ring in Montreal area

The RCMP say they've taken down a major drug trafficking ring operating in the Montreal area and in Atlantic Canada. A total of 17 people were arrested in pre-dawn raids in the Montreal area this morning —

including one person described as a chemist. They face a series of charges including gangsterism and drug trafficking. The Mounties say among those arrested were the group's main leaders, and key players forming the Silvano organized crime cell — linked to two other cells that were taken down in a roundup which took place in June 2014. [CJAD](#); [Canadian Press](#) (580 CFRA, Winnipeg Free Press); [CBC News](#); [Montreal Gazette](#); [QMI Agency](#) (Sun News); [La Presse](#); [Agence QMI](#) (Canoe.ca)

Kelowna RCMP investigate suspicious package on Lawrence Avenue

Kelowna RCMP have cordoned off a section of Lawrence Avenue following the discovery of a suspicious package. The package was found shortly after 7 a.m. on Wednesday, prompting officials to block Lawrence Avenue at Richter Street. The package, with wires sticking out of it, is just inside the gate of the parking lot of the British Columbia Dragoons barracks. The bomb squad from Vancouver has been called to the scene. [Global News](#); [Castanet.net](#); [Kelowna Now](#)

Ottawa police draft budget of \$293.3M tabled by board, council

City council and the civilian body that oversees the Ottawa Police Service have received and tabled a draft force operating budget for the year that proposes a tax increase of 1.75 per cent, an approximate boost of \$11 for the average residence. The proposed gross operating budget is \$298.3 million, in line with city council's mandate to draft a budget that comes in under a two-per-cent tax increase. "This budget will allow the Ottawa Police to maintain service and will provide us with the policing tools we need to ensure we can meet expectations of citizens while ensuring our deployment model is efficient and effective," said police Chief Charles Bordeleau in a news release. The force has found \$2.5 million in both cost-shaving measures and new revenues to offset operating costs. The budget includes no room for hiring additional officers, for which the chief and police board chair have faced union criticism. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Ottawa police overtime costs for Oct. 22 shootings about \$250K

Overtime costs amount to about \$250,000 for the Ottawa police officers who worked the Oct. 22 shootings at the National War Memorial and Parliament Hill. Police Chief Charles Bordeleau said the force is working on a request for compensation from the federal government to cover the costs. "What we have done is we're seeking compensation for the costs incurred on Oct. 22 and [during] that investigation, which totals about ... \$250,000," Bordeleau told reporters Wednesday following the presentation of the force's draft budget. The police service draft operating budget, the net operating budget rising to \$269.9 million on a gross operating budget of \$298.3 million, for a property tax increase of 1.75 per cent. [CBC News](#)

RCMP Detachment opens in Rawdon

The newest detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is officially open for business. While they have been operating out of the location at 3945 Highway 14 in Upper Rawdon for a couple of weeks, the official grand opening was held on January 29. In attendance was Commanding officer for the RCMP in NS, Assistant Commissioner Brian Brennan, District Commander for East Hants, Staff Sergeant Joe Murano, and Team Leader for the Rawdon Detachment Corporal, Ian Robinson. East Hants Warden Jim Smith along with councilors Eldon Hebb and Norval Mitchell were also in attendance. Corp. Robinson welcomed the assembled guests, and thanked the community for the warm welcome they had received so far. A prayer from Reverend LeBlanc asked for a blessing on all who would serve at the detachment. Assistant Commissioner Brian Brennan was the first to speak. [Weekly Press](#)

Over 500 movies stolen in central Alberta town

RCMP are searching for suspects after over 500 DVDs and Blu Rays were stolen in Rocky Mountain House on Saturday. Police say someone drilled off the lock on a Redbox video rental machine outside of a Sobey's grocery store, stealing 537 movies. All of the videos were in slim red cases; DVDs had a bar code. [Global News](#)

55-year-old woman dead in apparent homicide in Ladysmith

The Vancouver Island Integrated Major Crime Unit and the Ladysmith RCMP are currently investigating a suspicious death in Ladysmith. Police and paramedics were called to a home in the 10000-block of the Trans Canada Highway just after midnight on Feb. 3, after receiving a 9-1-1 call saying a group of people

were fighting. When they arrived they found a 55-year-old woman from Ladysmith. Police say, despite efforts of first responders, the woman died at the scene. Investigators are treating her death as an apparent homicide. A 50-year-old man from Ladysmith, known to the deceased, was taken into custody. No charges have been laid at this time. "Investigators are in the very early stages of this investigation," says Cpl. Darren Lagan, spokesperson for the Vancouver Island RCMP. "While their investigation is in its infancy, there is no evidence to suggest there is any risk to the public." [Global News](#); [Times Colonist](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Radicalisation en prison : entrevue avec un imam

Y a-t-il des détenus qui se radicalisent dans les pénitenciers fédéraux? « Pas vu, mais le potentiel est là », estime Hamdi Ben Aissa, imam dans les prisons du fédéral au Québec depuis un an. Il croit que le système carcéral gagnerait à donner accès à plus d'imams, « bien formés » précise-t-il, pour désamorcer la frustration et déceler les signes de radicalisation. Il a discuté avec Hugo Lavoie. M. Ben Aissa est à l'emploi de la firme Kairos Pneuma Chaplaincy Inc., un sous-traitant du Service correctionnel du Canada, qui fournit des aumôniers de différentes confessions aux détenus fédéraux. Il y a actuellement 8 imams à temps partiel au Canada, dont seulement 2 au Québec, ce qui porte à environ 160 détenus de confession musulmane les visites potentielles de M. Ben Aissa. Il constate que les détenus musulmans sont frustrés par la couverture médiatique de l'islam et des moqueries dont ils font l'objet durant leur prière. [Radio-Canada](#)

Dangerous offender Robert Lionel Hatt denied parole

Almost seven years into his sentence, Robert Lionel Hatt, a convicted killer and child molester, is too dangerous to be released from prison. The Parole Board of Canada, in a recent decision, denied Hatt both day parole and full parole. "Your (Case Management Team) believes your risk is not manageable in the community at this time," the board wrote in a Jan. 26 decision. Hatt, 53, is a first-time federal offender jailed indefinitely for assault with a weapon. In 2008, a Dartmouth judge designated Hatt, also a convicted wife beater, a dangerous offender — meaning he'll remain behind bars until he's no longer considered a danger to the public. [Chronicle-Herald](#)

Educating Omar Khadr: 'Just doing what we do,' Christian university says

Taking in former Guantanamo Bay inmate and government-branded terrorist Omar Khadr as a student would dovetail perfectly with how King's University sees itself, the school says. The small Christian-principled university in Edmonton, which has developed a relationship with the prisoner over the past six years, has offered admission as part of Khadr's bail application. "This completely matches what we're about: Our mission is about inspiring and educating learners to be agents of reconciliation and renewal," Dan VanKeeken, the school's vice-president, said in an interview in Toronto this week. "We don't have a position on Omar. We're just doing what we do." Khadr, 28, pleaded guilty in 2010 before a widely maligned U.S. military commission to five war crimes he was accused of committing as a 15-year-old in Afghanistan in July 2002. He is now serving out the rest of his eight-year sentence in Bowden, Alta., as a medium security prisoner. He is applying for bail — to be heard in March — pending an appeal of his conviction based on U.S. legal rulings that what he did was not a war crime under either international or American law. [Canadian Press](#) (Brandon Sun, Mississauga News)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

The federal government will delay parole eligibility for a decade or more beyond the current 25 years for some murderers, backing off a plan to make life truly mean life in prison by denying some convicted killers any hope of parole. (Newstalk 1010, 6:05 ET)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

SUMA calls for missing, murdered aboriginal women inquiry

Delegates at the annual Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) conference want an inquiry held into missing and murdered aboriginal women. A substantial majority voted in favour of the resolution Tuesday at the conference taking place in Saskatoon. In Saskatchewan, aboriginal women make up 55 per cent of all homicide victims. Monica Burns, 28, is the latest victim. Burns, who lived in Prince Albert but was from the Sturgeon Lake First Nation, was found dead on a snowmobile trail in a remote area northwest of the city on Jan. 17. SUMA's vote adds to growing calls from across the country calling on the federal government to hold an inquiry. The motion was put forward by North Battleford city council. [Global News](#), [Radio-Canada](#) (2014-02-03)

Athletes fight domestic violence with new public service announcement

It's a simple message: "Never, ever lay your hand on a woman." Bruno Heppell, Georges Laraques and Chris Nilan have come together in a new public service announcement to condemn violence against women. The campaign was led by the Shield of Athena, a nonprofit organization that helps battered women and children rebuild their lives. Global Montreal also played a part — its creative team helped produce the video. "We want to have men involved in the fight against violence against women, so this is extension of that," said Melpa Kamateros, Executive Director of the Shield of Athena. The PSA was unveiled at the Guzzo Theatre Marche Central. It will be broadcast in both French and English before every movie, and at all Guzzo cinemas. [Global News](#)

'Tough' guys tackle violence against women

Getting men to talk about it is the first and, dare it be said, "toughest" step. Domestic abuse is the delicate topic of discussion; a talking point that a Richmond-based organization is challenging men to take ownership of. As part of Chimo's aptly-named "BC's Toughest Men" campaign, which was launched over the Super Bowl weekend, several of the province's perceived "hard men" are lending their voices to the issue. [Richmond News](#)

BUDGET PRÉLIMINAIRE 8 millions \$ de plus pour le Service de police d'Ottawa

Le Service de police d'Ottawa a déposé son budget préliminaire aujourd'hui pour l'année 2015. Le budget prévu est de 269,9 millions de dollars, une hausse de 8 millions par rapport à 2014. Ça représentera une augmentation de 11 dollars par année pour un foyer moyen. Les gangs de rue et la violence faite aux femmes sont parmi les priorités du Service de police. [Rouge FM](#)

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Canada Muslims Defend Faith Against Terror

Recent terror charges against some Ottawa Muslims have sent alarm bells among members of the religious minority, rejecting those charged for giving their peaceful religion a bad image in the Canadian society. "We believe they are not Muslims and are abusing the name of Islam, our teachings are based on love and saving lives. We are told to be people of compassion and love," Syed Zaidi, a Muslim leader in Ottawa, told Toronto Sun. "We love this country, and we need to give positive energies to the community," he added. Like other Ottawa Muslims, Zaidi was affected by the latest terror-related charges issued on Tuesday against Ottawa's Khadar Khalib, John Maguire and Awso Peshdary. For them, the arrested members of the community would not be allowed to define their faith. "It's becoming very painful to watch, "It makes me feel sick because they're brainwashed," Zaidi said. "Things are deteriorating somehow. We need to design a system with our government so our youth aren't brainwashed," he explained. Adam Gilani, the former president of the Muslim Student Association at the University of Ottawa, said the recent arrests were a result of fruitful cooperation between Muslims and security authorities. [On Islam](#)

Peter Greste, Mohamed Fahmy's colleague at Al-Jazeera, returns to Australia

An Al-Jazeera reporter who spent more than a year in an Egyptian prison returned home to Australia on Thursday, where he was greeted by friends and relieved family members who had tirelessly campaigned for his release. Peter Greste, 49, who was released on Sunday after 400 days behind bars in a case widely condemned as a sham by human rights activists, landed in the Queensland state capital of Brisbane early Thursday morning after spending the past two days recuperating in Cyprus. Supporters held up signs at the airport saying, "Journalism is not a crime." "I can't tell you how ecstatic I am to be here," Greste told reporters. "This is a moment I've rehearsed in my mind at least 400 times over the past, well, 400 days. But this is all tempered ... by real worries for my colleagues." The fate of Greste's still-jailed Egyptian colleagues remains unknown. Egyptian-Canadian Mohammed Fahmy and Egyptian Baher Mohammed were arrested along with Greste in 2013 over their coverage of the violent crackdown on Islamist protests following the military overthrow of President Mohammed Morsi. [iPolitics](#)

INTERNATIONAL

ISIS Has Killed 50 Captives In Syria This Year, Monitor Says

Islamic State has killed 50 people this year in Syria who it accused of insulting God, spying or being enemy fighters, including a Jordanian pilot it burned alive, a monitoring group said on Wednesday. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the ultra hardline group killed them mainly through beheadings and shootings. [Reuters](#) ([Huffington Post](#))

Jordan executes 2 al-Qaeda prisoners after ISIS kills captured pilot

Jordan executed two al-Qaeda prisoners before dawn Wednesday, just hours after an online video purported to show Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) militants burning a captured Jordanian pilot to death in a cage. The gruesome death of 26-year-old Lt. Muath Al-Kaseasbeh, captured while participating in airstrikes by a U.S.-led coalition targeting the militants, sparked outrage across the Middle East and anti-Islamic State group demonstrations in Jordan. The pilot's father called on the government to avenge his son, and officials threatened a tough response, as King Abdullah II, a staunch Western ally, rushed back to his kingdom from Washington. [Associated Press](#) ([CBC News](#))

Passenger plane clips bridge in Taipei, smashes into river and leaves at least 25 dead

Rescuers used a crane to hoist a wrecked TransAsia Airways plane from a shallow river in Taiwan's capital late Wednesday as they searched into the night for 18 people missing in a crash that killed at least 25 others. Flight GE235 with 58 people aboard — most of them travellers from China — banked sharply on its side shortly after takeoff from Taipei, clipped a highway bridge and then careened into the Keelung River. Rescuers in rubber rafts pulled 15 people out alive from the wreckage during daylight. After dark, they brought in the crane, and the death toll was expected to rise once crews were able to search through previously submerged portions of the fuselage, which came to rest a few dozen metres from the shore. Speculation cited in local media said the pilot may have turned sharply to follow the line of the river to avoid crashing into a high-rise residential area, but Taiwan's aviation authority said it had no evidence of that. Taiwanese broadcasters repeatedly played a recording of the plane's final contact with the control tower in which the pilot called out "Mayday" three times. The recording offered no direct clues as to why the plane was in distress. [Associated Press](#) ([The Province](#)); [Wall Street Journal](#); [AFP](#) ([L'Obs](#)); [Reuters](#) ([Canoe.ca](#))

France and Canada sign defence agreements

French Minister of Defence Jean-Yves Le Drian and Canada's Defence Minister Rob Nicholson have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Canadian and French Armed Forces to facilitate a reciprocal exchange of senior military officers at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto and the French École de guerre and Centre des hautes études militaires in Paris. In addition, a technical arrangement to establish a Franco-Canadian Defence Cooperation was signed. That, according to the DND news release, will further strengthen high-level defence dialogue between Canada and France, and enhance defence and security cooperation on a range of priorities. [OttawaCitizen.com](#)

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NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

PostmediaNews

Undercover RCMP informant infiltrated a suspected ISIS recruiting network in Ottawa,... <http://ow.ly/lurzu> via @nationalpost

globeandmail

RCMP to take over security on Parliament Hill: @stevenchase <http://trib.al/5ArDPos> #cdnpoli

globalnews

Global News has learned the #RCMP is set to take over #ParliamentHill security <http://gln.ca/ltlgf> #CdnPoli

crimegarden

Terrorism accused Khadar Khalib counselled Abdullah Milton between April and Dec/ 2014 in Syria and Iraq to wage terror: RCMP say #ottnews

jpress

RCMP to take lead on protecting Parliament Hill under security shakeup <http://ottawacitizen.com/news/politics/rcmp-to-take-lead-on-protecting-parliament-hill-under-security-shakeup/> ... #cdnpoli #ottnews #ottawashooting

PostmediaNews

RCMP to decide how to protect Parliament Hill under security shakeup <http://ow.ly/luftl> via @OttawaCitizen

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Ending a century-old tradition, RCMP set to take over security in Parliament Buildings ow.ly/lug4a via @StephanieLevitz #cdnpoli

CBCNews

RCMP takes security reins on Parliament Hill <http://ift.tt/1zRQjbc>

accessd

The government's anti-terror bill gives up liberty for a little security. Do we deserve either? <http://natpo.st/1F5tlfP> #cdnpoli

SunNewsNetwork

WATCH & READ: Latest Canadian terror suspect linked to others: RCMP <http://ow.ly/ltl3N>

vicecanada

The Harper Government Still Thinks CSE Is Acting Legally: <http://bit.ly/1BUvnfe>

SunNewsNetwork

#BREAKING - The trial of two men accused of plotting to derail a Via Rail train has learned they planned to kill ex-Toronto Mayor Rob Ford.

MandelSun

Agent says Jaser also said: "we may be viewed as extreme and radical. The thing is, we are." Jaser has denied any terrorist activities.

MandelSun

Agent says Jaser told him he had a sniper plot to kill government leaders incl TO mayor (Rob Ford at the time) because little security

MandelSun

Jaser said TO mayor was easy to assassinate because he takes the subway: FBI agent

CBCAlerts

#Ottawa terror suspect ordered not to communicate with more than a dozen potential witnesses. Awso #Peshdary stays in jail, to appear Feb 9.

CBCAlertsnow

More @CBCNews on #Ottawa terror suspect's 1st court appearance. Also #Peshdary ordered held, to reappear Feb 9. <http://cbc.ca/1.2944557>

KatieSimpsonCTV

Peshdary will remain in custody until Monday. He's scheduled to return to court then. Long list of people he can't communicate with.

globalnews

Via Rail terror suspect said 'we are being watched,' trial hears <http://bit.ly/112etE3>

ldebacher

Peshdary

La juge croit que la Couronne a raison d'imposer cette liste de 14 personnes à ne pas communiquer.

Fin de la comparution #ledroit

jasonfekete

Trudeau says the Liberals will vote in favour of the Conservatives' new anti-terrorism bill

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

CBCOttawa

VIDEO | Ex CBSA investigator shows us how easy it is to hide a gun in a car [facebook.com/video.php?v=10...](https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=10...)
#cbcOTT #OTTnews pic.twitter.com/x3JeGp64ZK

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

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RCMP have cordoned off section of downtown #Kelowna this morning. Reports of a suspicious package. Bomb squad en route from #Vancouver.

KelownaNow

#Vancouver Bomb Squad Called to #Kelowna for Suspicious Package kelownanow.com/watercooler/ne...

ChrisWalkerCBC

Military official says rcmp bomb squad en route to deal w suspicious pkg inside BC dragoons armoury in #kelowna pic.twitter.com/Hb1am90S0P

nationalpost

Vancouver RCMP now patrolling trails to keep nature lovers from attacking each other <http://natpo.st/1KchfUM>

grcrmpolice

La #GRC embauche! Apprenez-en plus sur les carrières à la GRC. #recrutementgrc <http://grc.ca/-a64>

GlobalCalgary

RCMP want Canadian kids to help name 10 new pups: bit.ly/1zK6whq #Cute

CBCCalgary

RCMP puppies to be named through contest for kids cbc.ca/news/canada/ca...

sidhartha_b

Drug traffickers in Quebec mixed cocaine with asphalt powder to hide drugs: RCMP:

http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/canada/drug-traffickers-mixed-cocaine-with-asphalt-powder-to-hide-drugs-rcmp-290786971.html?cx_navSource=d-more-news...

mtlgazette

Gazette Midday: RCMP busts cocaine ring linked to Montreal mafia <http://bit.ly/111Fs5>

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Perkel

Educating Omar Khadr: 'I hope the government doesn't intervene and foment that fear' <http://j.mp/1zfQcUY> #cdnpoli

globeandmail

Ottawa to delay parole eligibility for convicted killers: [@seanfineglobe](http://trib.al/k5fHkI9) <http://trib.al/k5fHkI9> #cdnpoli

INTERNATIONAL

BBCBreaking

Jordan to "intensify efforts" to "undermine, degrade & eventually finish" Islamic State militants after pilot killed
<http://bbc.in/1z9K7F3>

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Blaney says privacy rights won't be trampled in terror fight

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney says the privacy rights of Canadians will be respected under new anti-terrorism legislation that would allow more information-sharing with the United States. Blaney has been discussing security issues in London with U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and ministerial counterparts from Britain, Australia and New Zealand. He and Johnson talked about strengthening bilateral information exchanges, including case-specific sharing on citizens suspected of terrorism-related activity. Blaney says he pointed out that the new bill would allow sharing of information from Canada's no-fly list with close allies. But the minister says that doesn't mean handing U.S. officials the full list of people suspected of being a threat to the skies. Blaney says only information about high-risk travellers would be shared under a memorandum of understanding that respects Canadian privacy law. [Canadian Press](#) (iPolitics); [Presse canadienne](#) (La Presse)

Conservatives have lost his vote

A letter to the editor states "Editor: As long as I can remember, I have been supporting the Reform/Alliance/Conservative Party of Canada. I've always voted for fine men such as Randy White and Mark Warawa. Although I see some value in socialism, the free enterprise system just makes more sense to me. Therefore I always vote right-of-centre. But that has now changed. I will not be voting Conservative

in the next federal election. This government has continued to refuse to deal with the situation of an outstanding member of society, Jose Figueroa. He is still in sanctuary at the Walnut Grove Lutheran Church after one and one-half years. The Canada Border Services Agency has still not dropped the arrest warrant against Figueroa, but continues to perform surveillance of the church parking lot. The deportation order has not been cancelled, despite a Federal Court ruling in his favour. This government, particularly the ministers responsible — **Steven Blaney (Minister of Public Safety)**, and Chris Alexander (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration) — have the power to override the decision and right the situation for the Figueroa family. They have been silent, ignoring the cries of the family and public." [Langley Times](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

CBC News' Power and Politics featured an interview with Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney on anti-terror legislation and security on Parliament Hill. [Rough Transcript](#)

CTV News interviewed Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney from London regarding terrorism, Bill C-51 and meeting with his national security counterparts. [Rough Transcript](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Banff avalanche sweeps away climber on military training exercises - Bad weather and dangers of more avalanches causing ground search delays

A missing climber in Banff National Park was on a winter training exercise with the Canadian military, CBC News has confirmed. A military spokesperson said the man is a Royal Canadian Air Force search and rescue technician from 17 Wing in Winnipeg. The man was swept away in an avalanche Thursday night, but rescue crews can't get to him because of the weather and the danger of more avalanches. An aerial search is underway but there has been no sign of the climber who disappeared while on the Polar Circus, a popular route near the Weeping Wall area of the park. "[We are] looking for any clues from the air, so anything on the surface that might give an indication as to where this person might be," said Tania Peters, a spokesperson with Parks Canada. [CBC News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Muslim student group faces scrutiny after arrests

The trial of alleged terrorist recruiter Awso Peshdary promises to turn a spotlight on the Algonquin College Muslim Students Association. Two of the three people charged this week with terrorism-related offences by the RCMP — Peshdary, 25, and Khader Khalib, 23 — are both former members of the association and took part in its events. Khalib was charged in absentia because it's believed the former Algonquin business student is now fighting on behalf of the Islamic State in Syria. After Peshdary was arrested Tuesday by the RCMP, the Crown sought and received a non-communication order from an Ottawa justice of the peace. Such orders are normally used to prevent an accused person from communicating with victims and witnesses. The order prohibits Peshdary from communicating with a list of 14 people. The list includes the names of five other people — Khalib, John Maguire, Ashton Larmond, Carlos Larmond and Suliman Mohamed — whom the RCMP have identified as members of the alleged conspiracy to aid a terrorist group. The non-contact list issued by the court also includes the names of three executives from Algonquin's Muslim Students Association, and at least one other former MSA member. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Accused terrorists considered blowing up bridge, court hears

Two alleged terror plotters considered blowing up a rail bridge in southern Ontario after hitting a setback in their original plan to derail a Via Rail train travelling from New York to Toronto, their trial heard Friday. Raed Jaser and Chiheb Esseghaier face multiple terror-related charges in the alleged scheme that culminated in their arrest in April 2013. Not-guilty pleas have been entered for both. In recordings played at their trial on Friday, Jaser is heard telling an undercover FBI officer that they initially meant to weaken

the bridge with jackhammers but found the structure too solid during a recent reconnaissance mission. [Canadian Press](#) (CP24; Globe and Mail)

Imam calls for national inquiry into radicalization

A prominent Canadian imam has called on the federal government to launch a national inquiry into the radicalization of young Muslim men in this country. Imam Syed Soharwardy, founder of the Islamic Supreme Council of Canada, said he's concerned that impressionable young people are falling prey to shadowy recruiters selling a false interpretation of Islam. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Liberals support handing control of Hill security to RCMP

The federal Liberals say they'll support the Conservative government's plan to put the RCMP in charge of Parliament Hill security, but the NDP says the plan is "irresponsible" and wants to keep security under Parliament's wing. On Friday, MPs debated a Conservative motion to have the RCMP lead an integrated operational security team for the entire parliamentary precinct. The NDP says that would strip ultimate authority from Parliament and its separate Commons and Senate security forces. The New Democrats tabled an amendment calling for a fully integrated security force throughout the parliamentary precinct and on Parliament Hill, but maintaining "the ultimate authority of the Speakers of the Senate and House of Commons over access and security of Parliament." The government's plan, which surprised parliamentarians this week, would see one Mountie oversee protection of the grounds and buildings on Parliament Hill, with a transition team redrawing security plans for the precinct. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

NDP counter motion on Hill security with one of their own

New Democrats have countered the government's effort to put the RCMP in charge of policing Parliament with a motion of their own, one that would protect the "the ultimate authority" of the House and Senate speakers to control access and security on Parliament Hill. Introduced by NDP Whip Nycole Turmel Friday morning with several dozen guards visible in the House to hear, the new motion calls on the speakers to "prepare and execute, without delay," a plan to integrate the work of all agencies that provide operational security on and around Parliament Hill. The NDP motion also has the support of the Green party, with both cautioning that anything less would border on unconstitutional. The original motion put forward by government whip John Duncan would see control of security in the House of Commons and Senate, traditionally independent of government oversight, go to the RCMP. The president of the association representing Hill security was quoted by NDP House leader Peter Julian, saying the original proposal is, "in the view of the association, an indefensible and dangerous interference of government into the independent legislative function, as well as a solid breach into one of the fundamental pillars of our democratic system, the principle of separation of powers." Julian himself said that if the government were serious about working with the Opposition on improving security in Parliament and respecting the autonomy of the security forces, they would have put forward a motion similar to what the NDP ultimately did. [iPolitics.ca](#)

Complot terroriste contre VIA Rail: les coaccusés voulaient faire sauter un pont

Les deux hommes accusés d'avoir comploté pour faire dérailler un train de VIA Rail ont songé à faire sauter un pont ferroviaire pour arriver à leurs fins, a-t-on entendu vendredi au procès. Raed Jaser et Chiheb Esseghaier ont plaidé non coupables aux nombreuses accusations liées au terrorisme qui pèsent contre eux. Dans des enregistrements entendus vendredi à leur procès, à Toronto, Raed Jaser explique à un agent d'infiltration de la police fédérale américaine (FBI) que Chiheb Esseghaier et lui voulaient à l'origine affaiblir un pont ferroviaire entre New York et Toronto à l'aide d'un marteau pneumatique, mais ils ont ensuite estimé que la structure était trop solide. Ils ont alors songé à utiliser plutôt un chalumeau industriel, ou tout simplement à faire sauter le pont ferroviaire. Ces conversations ont été enregistrées à leur insu par l'agent du FBI se faisant passer pour un riche homme d'affaires américain aux idées radicales, qui avait gagné l'amitié des coaccusés. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (La Presse); [Radio-Canada](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Global News)

From JMag to Jihad John: the radicalization of John Maguire

Ottawa's John Maguire understood that his enlistment as a foot soldier in the Islamic State would confound his friends, family and countrymen. So in his now infamous video, a six-minute screed in which he called upon Canadian Muslims to launch new attacks on their native soil, Maguire, 24, addressed his

own unlikely radicalization. Released in early December, the video showed him in a shattered Syrian town, wrapped in a keffiyeh with a Kalashnikov rifle at his side. He spoke with strident conviction and careful enunciation. "I was one of you: I was a typical Canadian," said Maguire, who styled himself Abu Anwar al-Canadi. "I grew up on the hockey rink and spent my teenage years on stage playing guitar. "I had no criminal record. I was a bright student and maintained a strong GPA in university. So how could one of your people end up in my place? And why is it that your own people are the ones turning against you at home? The answer is we have accepted the true call of the prophets and the messengers of God." The video today serves as Maguire's last testament: the former University of Ottawa business student was reportedly killed in fighting near Kobani, on the Syrian-Turkish border, last month. He leaves behind a shattered family and a host of questions, including the one raised in his propaganda video: How could one of us become one of them? How could a young Canadian, who converted to Islam only five years ago, become so radicalized so quickly? Who convinced him that the West was at war with his religion? What motivated him to join the Islamic State's barbaric cult? Canadian authorities are urgently pursuing answers to those questions as they seek to stanch the flow of young men to the battlefields of Syria. Maguire will never return to Ottawa, but the strange story he authored here deserves careful reading by all those who would ensure it's not repeated. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Une école islamique suspendue d'un cégep

Le Collège Rosemont suspend les activités d'une école islamique qui lui louait des classes la fin de semaine. Notre Bureau d'enquête vient d'informer la direction que l'école publiait des liens vers des textes intégristes sur son site Internet. « Nous allons prendre des mesures immédiates pour suspendre les activités de cette école-là », dit le directeur général du cégep, Stéphane Godbout... Le cégep fait déjà tout en son pouvoir pour éviter et comprendre la radicalisation des jeunes, assure Habib El Hage, intervenant social au Collège. Il ne croit pas que l'établissement soit un incubateur à radicaux, mais il a néanmoins demandé à la GRC de venir former le personnel pour savoir y faire face. [Journal de Montréal](#)

Mere oversight won't fix Tory surveillance bill: Geist

An opinion piece states, "The past 10 days have been a difficult time for Canadians concerned with privacy and civil liberties. Strike one came with new Edward Snowden revelations regarding Canada's role in the daily tracking of the Internet activities of millions. Strike two was the introduction of Bill C-51, the anti-terrorism legislation, which sparked concern from observers across the country. Strike three came with the response to those developments, with the government dismissing oversight mechanisms as "red tape" and the opposition parties choosing to focus on process rather than substance. The opposition parties' decision to focus on oversight is unsurprising given the weakness of the current system and the absence of any meaningful reforms within the proposed legislation. Yet the problem with focusing chiefly on oversight and is that it leaves the substantive law (in the case of CSE Internet surveillance) or proposed law (as in the case of C-51) largely unaddressed. If Canada fails to examine the shortcomings within the current law or within Bill C-51, there is no amount of accountability, oversight, or review that will restore the harm to privacy and civil liberties." [Toronto Star](#)

Unified command for Parliament security is long overdue

An editorial states "It took an armed attack on Parliament Hill to prompt the change, but the heart of our democracy will soon be protected by a proper security force under unified command. The change was proposed this week and it comes not a moment too soon. The attack on Oct. 22 highlighted the heroism of security officials on the Hill (former sergeant-at-arms Kevin Vickers being only the most heralded). But it also exposed obvious weaknesses in the system meant to protect Parliament. In fact, the security response was by all appearances a shambles. A lone gunman managed to assassinate Cpl. Nathan Cirillo at the National War Memorial and then run unchallenged to the main door of Parliament, brandishing a rifle all the way. He was able to force his way into the building and terrorize politicians — including the prime minister — before being shot dead. Security officials frankly told the Star's Tonda McCharles at the time that 'we were f---ing lucky' the damage was not much worse. We mustn't depend on luck to ensure the safety of our national leaders. There should be an effective, accountable and unified security system for Parliament and its surroundings." [Toronto Star](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Canadian veteran who fought ISIS in Iraq reveals his near-death — and surprise return home

Dillon Hillier sat at the kitchen table in his family's stone farmhouse at the end of a long driveway. His mother poured coffee. His father fed the wood stove. Out the windows, the sun glared off snowy fields as clean and bright as a blank sheet of paper. It was winter heaven but Mr. Hillier didn't really want to be back in Lanark County, "Maple Syrup Capital of Canada." He still wanted to be in northern Iraq, where he had just spent two months putting his military skills to use, sticking it to ISIS. "I went there planning on a much longer trip," he said. "And the political climate did not allow me to stay any longer." A veteran of the Canadian Forces, Mr. Hillier landed in Iraq in November and fought alongside the Kurdish peshmerga, motivated to volunteer by the October attacks in Ontario and Quebec and the unseemly flow of radicalized Canadians into the ISIS ranks... He flew back the way he'd come, through Doha and London. He was sure he was in for a grilling at Canadian customs at the airport in Toronto. He was upfront with the Canada Border Services Agency officer, admitting he had been in Iraq fighting with the peshmerga. But he said he was simply asked if he had any alcohol or tobacco to declare and waved through. [National Post](#)

CBSA says more than 11 kg of suspected cocaine found in bags at Pearson

The Canada Border Services Agency says more than 11 kilograms of suspected cocaine has been seized at Toronto's Pearson International Airport following a flight from Curacao. The agency says the seizure happened Jan. 30 when officers were watching baggage being unloaded from a flight from the southern Caribbean country. A detector dog was brought in and the border agency says the animal indicated to two suitcases. It's alleged that upon further inspection of the suitcases, officers discovered 11 bricks containing a substance that field tested positive for suspected cocaine. [Daily Courier](#)

Bridge plaza funding doesn't matter

A column states "Some of us are far too obsessed with who pays for the customs plaza on the U.S. side of the new bridge between Windsor and Detroit. How the Americans pay for it or when they pay for it is immaterial - although Canadians would have a right to be outraged if our tolls also help pay for the U.S. half of their highway infrastructure. But that's not likely. Tolls could be set at \$5 for vehicles with Canadian plates, and \$5.25 for U.S. registrations, to pay for their plaza. We'll cross that bridge, literally, if and when we come to it. Otherwise, how and when the Yanks pay for a big parking lot in southwest Detroit doesn't matter a bit. Who cares in which year the funding for the plaza officially flows for political and bookkeeping purposes? The reality is, it doesn't matter when or even if the funding comes through for the U.S. plaza, which won't be in use until approximately 2020 anyway." [Windsor Star](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Anthem cautions about scam emails seeking personal data after hack of its customer records

After a huge hack, Anthem is warning about "phishing" scam emails that are targeting people it insures or has insured in the past. The company behind Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance this week said hackers accessed records of about 80 million people, including their names, Social Security numbers and email addresses. Anthem Inc. said Friday that the scam emails did not come from Anthem, but are meant to look like they do. The emails instruct individuals to click on a link for credit monitoring services. Anthem, which is the country's second-biggest insurer, told individuals that they should not click on any links in suspicious emails as well as to not open attachments or reply to the emails. Anthem said that it will send physical mail through the U.S. Postal Service with information on how to sign up for credit monitoring. [CharlottetownGuardian.ca](#)

Cyber-attacks on the rise against state computers in Utah, NSA data centre likely the target

Utah state officials have seen what they describe as a sharp uptick in attempts to hack into state computers in the last two years, and they think it related to the NSA data centre south of Salt Lake City. The increase began in early 2013 as international attention focused on the NSA's \$1.7 billion warehouse to store massive amounts of information gathered secretly from phone calls and emails. "In the cyber world, that's a big deal," Utah Public Safety Commissioner Keith Squires told a state legislative committee this week. While most of the attempts are likely innocuous, cyber experts say it is possible low-level

hackers, "hactivists" unhappy with the NSA's tactics, and some foreign criminal groups might erroneously think the state systems are linked to the NSA. [Associated Press](#) (Winnipeg Free Press)

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Plan for RCMP to run Parliament Hill security sparks NDP counter-proposal

New Democrats have made a counter-proposal to the government's push to put RCMP in charge of policing Parliament Hill, one that would enshrine "the ultimate authority" of the House and Senate speakers to control access and security within the parliamentary precinct. The proposed amendment, introduced by NDP Whip Nycole Turmel Friday morning, calls on the two speakers to "prepare and execute, without delay," a plan to integrate the work of all agencies that provide operational security on and around Parliament Hill. [CBC News](#)

Incident involving 'missing snowmobilers' confirmed as hoax

A report of missing and possibly injured snowmobilers that sent numerous rescuers on a lengthy search has been confirmed as a hoax, Saskatchewan RCMP said. RCMP said Friday that a multi-hour search involving numerous people had to be done after a resident of the Carrot River area received a call Jan. 31 from someone named "Cassandra" who said she had crashed her snowmobile into a tree near the town. [CBC News](#)

Man arrested after death threats emailed to federal politician

Toronto police have laid charges against a 51-year-old man after five people around the province – including a federal politician – received threatening and harassing emails and phone calls. In a news release Friday, police said the suspect has been "continually calling and harassing people via telephone." Police also said the suspect emailed death threats and hate propaganda to a number of people. [CP24](#)

Mike Duffy's lawyer says no deal as trial preparation begins - Suspended senator faces 31 criminal charges, including fraud, breach of trust and bribery

Two months before Mike Duffy's trial is set to begin, his lawyer says there is no deal in the works for the suspended senator. There has been speculation in Ottawa this week that a plea deal was being arranged and Duffy was considering accepting it. But Duffy's lawyer, Donald Bayne, quashed those rumours Friday. "Absolutely untrue. Senator Duffy is not interested in any deal," Bayne said in an email to CBC News. The RCMP laid 31 charges against Duffy last July, including 15 counts of fraud totalling more than \$200,000, 15 counts of breach of trust and one count of bribery. [CBC News](#)

Judge says Kelowna RCMP were ignorant when broadcasting strip search

The Kelowna RCMP says its reviewing how it handles strip searches following a recent provincial court ruling. Judge Ellen Burdett says Kelowna Mounties demonstrated an ignorance of a 14-year-old law by videotaping and monitoring a strip search of repeat drug offender Madison Fine in February of 2014. According to court documents, Fine was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine and heroin for the purpose of trafficking. However, no one told her she was being recorded and broadcast to a room where guards and officers monitor the cells when she was asked to remove her shirt, pants and underwear. She was attended by a female Mountie and a female guard. Kelowna RCMP Spokesperson Kris Clark wouldn't say if their procedures have now changed because of the court ruling that was handed down two weeks ago. [AM 1150](#)

RCMP death prompts Edmonton police to reconsider officers at bail hearings

Lawyers, not police, should be handling bail hearings, say Edmonton police after a Mountie was shot and killed by a career criminal who had been released. "Most citizens expect that police officers will do police work and lawyers will do legal work," acting deputy chief Deb Jolly said in a release Friday. "That's just not happening in justice of the peace bail hearings." It was at a hearing involving officers that career criminal Shawn Rehn was released on \$4,500 bail. While free, Rehn shot and killed RCMP Const. David Wynn and severely wounded an RCMP police volunteer as they investigated a routine stolen vehicle complaint in St. Albert north of Edmonton last month. [Canadian Press](#) (Westman Journal); [QMI Agency](#) (Sun News Network)

RCMP treating Oxford House toddler death as homicide

RCMP say they are treating the death of a toddler on Oxford House First Nation as a homicide after the child died earlier this week. The two-year-old boy was transported to Winnipeg from the Manitoba First Nation on Jan. 31 suffering from life-threatening injuries. The boy died of his injuries four days later in a Winnipeg hospital. Authorities continue to investigate. RCMP confirmed they are treating the case as a homicide. The name of the boy won't be released. No more details are available at this time. [CBC News](#)

Man faces criminal negligence charges in New Brunswick python case, lawyer says

The lawyer for the man arrested in connection with the deaths of two New Brunswick boys killed by a python says his client faces two charges of criminal negligence causing death. Leslie Matchim says Jean-Claude Savoie has yet to be charged but will appear in court in Campbellton, N.B., on April 27 to face those charges. Matchim says Savoie was arrested Thursday in Montreal and released from custody. He says the nature of the charges is disheartening but Savoie is holding up well. Four-year-old Noah Barthe and his six-year-old brother Connor were found dead on Aug. 5, 2013, after an African rock python escaped its enclosure inside Savoie's apartment in Campbellton, where they were staying for a sleepover. The RCMP said at the time that the 45-kilogram snake escaped a glass tank through a vent and slithered through a ventilation pipe, but its weight caused the pipe to collapse and it fell into the living room where the boys were sleeping. [Daily Courier](#)

Arrest in Shamattawa homicide

Police have made an arrest in a Shamattawa homicide. RCMP were called to a reported stabbing Feb. 4 in the northern Manitoba community. They found Louis Crane, 65, dead inside a home. Frank Thomas, 38 and of Shamattawa, has been charged with second-degree murder for his alleged involvement. He has been remanded in custody and will be appearing in Thompson Provincial Court on February 9, 2015. The victim and accused were known to each other, RCMP say. [Winnipeg Sun](#); [CBC News](#)

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B.C. government to use proceeds of crime to fight domestic violence

Premier Christy Clark says her government is diverting money from "the bad guys" to their victims as the province upgrades its strategy towards ending violence against women. The province will apportion \$3 million in civil forfeiture funds this year to pay for a new Domestic Violence Unit in Surrey, local support services and an awareness campaign. The government says more than 12,300 instances of intimate-partner violence were reported to police in 2013, while 113 woman died as a result of domestic violence in the past decade. The new "Violence Free B.C." strategy will also boost prevention programs in schools, develop a provincial sexual assault policy and improve culturally-appropriate job programs for aboriginal women who are rebuilding their lives after experiencing violence. Clark says the province is also committed to fulfilling recommendations from the Missing Women's Inquiry, although she said she didn't want to criticize the RCMP for reducing the number of officers on an investigative task force. [Vancouver Sun](#); [Surrey Now](#)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

Un fonctionnaire fédéral sur cinq se dit harcelé au travail

Près d'un fonctionnaire fédéral sur cinq dit avoir été victime de harcèlement au travail au cours des deux dernières années, révèle un sondage publié par le Secrétariat du Conseil du Trésor du Canada. [Radio-Canada](#)

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ISIS claims U.S. hostage killed in Jordan airstrike

The Jordanian military has struck hard at ISIS targets in Syria, parts of its efforts to avenge the death of one of its pilots. But did it end up killing an American hostage in the process? That's what ISIS said in an online posting Friday, claiming that a female American it was holding captive had died in a Jordanian airstrike on ISIS's de facto capital, Raqqa. The posting included a picture of a collapsed building that ISIS claimed the woman was being held in. But it did not show her or provide any proof of her death. Jordanian Interior Minister Hussein Majali swiftly and firmly knocked down the report, calling it another "PR stunt" by ISIS. The American's family on Friday identified her as Kayla Mueller, a Prescott, Arizona, native taken captive in 2013 in Aleppo, Syria, while leaving a Doctors Without Borders hospital. The family communicated through a spokeswoman. [CNN](#)

Robot ready to explore Fukushima nuclear remains

A snake-like robot designed to examine the inside of one of three melted reactors at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant is ready to begin its expedition. Assessing the damage inside the reactors is a crucial step in the decommissioning of the plant, which was badly damaged by a 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Use of a remote-controlled robot is essential because no humans can go close to the reactor chambers because of their fatally high radiation levels. Using information gathered by the robot, the plant operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co., plans to repair the damaged chambers enough so they can be filled with water in preparation for the removal of melted radioactive debris, planned in about a decade. [Associated Press](#) (CTV News)

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Privacy rights won't be trampled in terror fight, says public safety minister [bit.ly/18VAGE7](#)

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Why Canada's no-fly list is about to get much bigger: [ow.ly/IDCL3](#)

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Judicial oversight is great when CSIS doesn't mislead the courts. You know, like they did in a case the #SCC just agreed to hear. #PnPCBC

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#Surrey #RCMP's Bill Fordy: newly integrated Domestic Violence Unit is team effort w shared goal to 'stop the pain.'

RCMPAlberta

Warrant issued for Timothy Knowles of Red Deer. Do not approach. Contact #RCMP if seen. bit.ly/1CZcUlx

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Shamattawa RCMP charge man in homicide: rcmp-grc.gc.ca/mb/news-nouvel... #shamdet #rcmpmb

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A judge has ruled that #Kelowna Mounties were wrong to broadcast a strip search without telling the prisoner fb.me/3zYunR2Ur

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Le ministre Blaney incite les gens à magasiner

Le ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney, invite la population à ne pas éviter les centres commerciaux comme le West Edmonton Mall en Alberta ciblé dans une vidéo du groupe Al-Shabab. «Si j'étais à Edmonton aujourd'hui, j'irais magasiner au Edmonton Mall», a réagi le ministre lundi après-midi. [Journal de Québec](#)

Les menaces d'Al-Shabab prouvent la nécessité d'adopter C-51, dit Steven Blaney

Le ministre de la Sécurité publique a deux messages à lancer dans la foulée des menaces formulées par le groupe islamiste Al-Shabab: aux citoyens, il dit de continuer à magasiner, et aux parlementaires, il demande d'adopter le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51. Selon Steven Blaney, les habitudes de magasinage des Canadiens ne devraient pas être perturbées par le groupe extrémiste somalien, qui a proféré dans une vidéo des menaces à l'endroit de plusieurs centres commerciaux, dont le West Edmonton Mall, en Alberta. Mais les avertissements contenus dans l'enregistrement, qui fait l'objet d'une enquête de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), témoignent de l'urgence d'adopter sans plus tarder le projet de loi C-51, a plaidé le ministre Blaney en point de presse, lundi. [Presse canadienne](#) (L'actualité)

Bill's terrorist propaganda provisions overly broad: law professors

A federal proposal to scrub terrorist propaganda from the Internet risks sweeping in too much speech that has no ties to violent threats, says a new analysis. The definition of propaganda in the government anti-terrorism bill is dangerously broad, law professors Craig Forcese and Kent Roach say in their paper. The bill, introduced late last month, proposes giving the RCMP power to seek a judge's order to remove terrorist propaganda from websites. Forcese, of the University of Ottawa, and Roach, who teaches at the University of Toronto, say while they support the idea in principle, it should be rooted in actual or threatened violence. The Conservatives brought in the bill — which would also significantly expand the powers of Canada's spy agency — following the daylight murders of two Canadian soldiers last October. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service would become an agency that actively tries to derail terror plots, not just one that collects and analyzes information. The bill would also create a new criminal offence of encouraging someone to carry out a terror attack. The New Democrats oppose the legislation, calling it a serious infringement of civil liberties that will not be effective in reducing terrorism. The Liberals have agreed to support the bill with the caveat that they will bring in stronger oversight of the intelligence agencies should they form the next government. **In the House of Commons, Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said the jihadi extremists' threat is real. "That is why we need to move on and put measures in place to keep Canadians safe."** In their paper, Forcese and Roach support a provision in the bill for deleting Internet material "that counsels the commission of a terrorist offence," saying it deals with well-understood legal concepts. [Canadian Press](#) (CKTB Newstalk 610); [Presse canadienne](#) (L'actualité)

Five things to know about developments with the federal anti-terror bill

Five things to know about Monday's developments in the debate about the federal government's proposed anti-terrorism bill:— Law professors Craig Forcese and Kent Roach published a paper saying provisions in the legislation aimed at terrorist propaganda are too broad.— The professors also expressed concern about a clause that would give border agents power to seize terrorist propaganda.— During question period in the House of Commons, the New Democrats continued to press the government to create stronger oversight of Canada's intelligence agencies.— Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney insisted the jihadi terrorist threat is real, and the bill is needed to make Canadians safer.— The legislation passed second reading Monday in the Commons by a margin of 176-87. It now goes to committee for further study. [Canadian Press](#) (Battlefords News-Optimist)

Spy agency's review group can't perform 'oversight' role

The small group watching over Canada's spy agency says it was purposely devised to be a limited, after-the-fact "review" body — not an all-seeing "oversight" committee that would vet spy operations. **During three days of lively debate in the Commons over the controversial anti-terror Bill C-51, Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney, Justice Minister Peter MacKay and other Conservative MPs have repeatedly characterized the Security Review Intelligence Committee (SIRC) as providing oversight of the spy agency, known as the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS).** Prime Minister Stephen Harper has done the same. Yet SIRC has no such mandate, its spokeswoman said Monday. "We review CSIS. We look at past activities," to ensure they are lawful, appropriate and effective, SIRC's Lindsay Jackson said. "Recently the terms 'oversight' and 'review' have become almost interchangeable but they do actually mean separate things. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

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Radio-Canada En direct a interviewé le ministre de la sécurité publique Steven Blaney au sujet de la menace d'Al-Shabab au West Edmonton Mall. [Transcription ébauche](#)

RDI rapporte que le ministre Steven Blaney s'est adressé aux médias concernant la sécurité au West Edmonton Mall et les menaces du groupe Al-Shabab. [Transcription ébauche](#)

CBC News reported on an exchange between Peter Julian of the NDP and Minister Steven Blaney during Question Period today on the topic of bill C-51. The bill will pass second reading and head to committee early tomorrow morning. [Rough Transcript](#)

CTV News – Power Play interviewed security expert John Thompson regarding Al-Shabaab's threat against the West Edmonton Mall. [Rough Transcript](#)

CTV News – Power Play interviewed Chuck Strahl, former Chair of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, regarding Bill C-51. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News's Power and Politics featured an MP discussion on Bill C-51 and threats to the West Edmonton Mall. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News's Power and Politics featured a discussion with security experts on threats to North American security. [Rough Transcript](#)

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CN derailment shows inadequacy of new tank cars, watchdog says

A train derailment in Canada this month that set ablaze several new-model tank cars carrying crude oil shows the need for tougher rail car standards, Canada's safety watchdog said on Monday. The Canadian National Railway Co. train, carrying crude and petroleum distillates, derailed in northern Ontario on Feb. 14, setting seven of its 100 cars on fire. The accident blocked traffic on its main cross-country line for several days. The 29 cars that derailed were CPC-1232 tankers, meant to be safer than the older DOT-111 crude tankers that derailed and burned in downtown Lac-Mégantic, Que., in 2013, killing 47 people. The Transportation Safety Board of Canada, however, said the derailed CN cars performed much like the older cars. [Reuters](#) (Globe and Mail); [Radio-Canada](#); [TheRecord.com](#)

Alberta woman hopes report on train derailment, fire leads to better safety

An Alberta woman forced from her home by a fiery explosion of train cars following a derailment hopes a report will lead to better rail industry safety. On Tuesday, the Transportation Safety Board is to release the findings of its investigation into what caused 13 Canadian National Railway (TSX:CNR) freight cars carrying propane and oil to derail near Gainford, Alta., west of Edmonton. Although no one was hurt, the flames from the derailment on Oct. 19, 2013, forced more than 120 people to evacuate the hamlet for four days. [Charlottetown Guardian](#)

Spring flood risk low in Red River Valley: U.S. National Weather Service

There's little threat of a spring flood in the Red River Valley south of the border due to low soil moisture and a very low, relatively dry snowpack. In its February spring flood outlook, the U.S. National Weather Service declared the risk of "significant, impactful snowmelt flooding" in the Red River Valley to be "quite low," thanks to average flows on most rivers and streams, below-average soil moisture, deep frost depth and a very low snowpack, especially south of Grand Forks, N.D. [Winnipeg Free Press](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Experts discouraged by early stages of C-51 debate

With the biggest and broadest changes to Canada's anti-terrorism legislation since 9/11 going to committee after only three days of debate in the House, critics are unimpressed — with the Liberals, the government, and most importantly with the bill itself. "I think it's obvious that the government wants this to be whisked through with as little attention as possible, because any attention focused on this bill keeps pointing to all the problems and the dangers in it," says Reg Whitaker, a political science professor at York University and the University of Victoria specializing in security and terrorism. To Whitaker, the bill is being forced through the legislative process at breakneck speeds and for nothing more than votes, best illustrated by the politicized introduction of the bill. "Harper spoke to a party rally and spoke in the most apocalyptic terms: a great evil is descending upon our world, the barbarians are at the gates, they're coming in through the windows and are under the bed, and only I can stand up for you," said Whitaker of Harper's campaign-style appearance in Richmond Hill announcing the bill. Stuart Farson is a terrorism expert at Simon Fraser University who has followed CSIS closely since 1990 when the agency was last

reviewed. "I really hope that they won't set this up as an election issue because I think that this is a very serious piece of legislation which does need an evaluation in what is the public interest rather than the partisan interest," said Farson. [iPolitics](#)

Watch for Islamist infiltration, blogger tells Senate inquiry

Canada needs to ensure radical Islamists don't infiltrate law-enforcement institutions, a controversial blogger told a Senate committee Monday. Marc Lebus has tracked radical Islam in Canada on his blog, Point de Bascule, since 2010. With the help of roughly 10 people, Lebus documents both tenuous and strong links between Muslim leaders and radical groups. "Leading influential Islamist leaders have specifically targeted Canada," Lebus told the Senate national security committee, noting that Islamist groups abroad have called on their supporters in the West to join police forces and spy agencies. Lebus gave numerous examples of prominent Muslims in Canada whom he said supported Islamist groups, such as a prominent scholar of Islam who suggested Muslim judges in secular countries could use their jurisprudence to make verdicts that favoured the principles of Sharia law. He also took aim at remarks senior CSIS official Michael Peirce gave to the same committee last October, when Peirce discussed "individuals whose activities may be associated with a particular institution, but it's the individuals we investigate. For instance, we don't investigate mosques." [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Al-Shabab threat 'disgusting' says leader of Edmonton's Somali community

Edmonton's large Somali community is "disgusted" and "insulted" to be mentioned in a recent video allegedly released by Somali-based extremist group Al-Shabab. "This group is known to have caused a lot of destruction and death back in Somalia," said Jibril Ibrahim, the president of the Somali Canadian Cultural Society of Edmonton. "They are despised both inside and outside [of Somalia]." "This is kind of an act of desperation on their side," he added. [Global News](#)

Edmonton's Somali community working closely with police after threat against West Edmonton Mall

Edmonton's Somali community is working closely with city police following a call from the al-Shabaab terrorist group to target shopping malls -- and they are bracing for a backlash from citizens who want to blame anyone with ties to the largely Muslim country. The al-Shabaab terrorist group - which has pledged allegiance to al-Qaeda -- recently posted a video online talking about its September 2013 attack at an upscale mall in Nairobi, Kenya, which killed 67 people and wounded more than 175. The video calls for similar attacks on a number of other shopping centres, including West Edmonton Mall. Jibril Ibrahim, president of the Somali Canadian Cultural Society of Edmonton, was surprised to hear about the threat and found it insulting -- he said the terrorist group has been killing Somalis in their homeland for years and has little support. [Edmonton Sun](#); [CBC News](#)

'I'm going to snap their necks' - Accused in B.C. terror plot allegedly threatened to kill motel cleaners during bomb-making

Terrorist suspect John Nuttall is shown on police surveillance video threatening to kill any motel cleaners who enter a room where he and his wife, Amanda Korody, are preparing to build bombs to carry out an attack on the Victoria legislature. The video shows Nuttall and Korody in a Delta motel room on June 27, 2013, only four days prior to what RCMP allege was a plan to explode bombs at the legislature on Canada Day. The accused, who have each pleaded not guilty to four terrorism-related charges, have finished shopping for items, including pressure cookers, clocks and wires, and can be seen arranging the items on a motel room table. [Vancouver Province](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

CBC News's Power and Politics featured an MP discussion on Bill C-51 and threats to the West Edmonton Mall. [Rough Transcript](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Contraband tobacco-sniffing dogs a bust for border agency

The Harper government spent \$1 million on dog teams specially trained to sniff out contraband tobacco entering Canada, but the pooch patrols were a bust, suggests a newly released report. The dogs' noses led to nine small seizures worth just \$1,000 in unpaid federal tobacco taxes over the three-year program. **"Based on seizure results alone, the two dog teams were not found to be cost effective," says a detailed evaluation by Public Safety Canada.** The contraband-tobacco dog teams quietly ceased operations in 2013, but an unvarnished accounting of their effectiveness was only posted on the department's website. The dogs were part of a \$17-million initiative begun in 2010 to stop the flow of contraband tobacco into Canada, known as MACT (Measures to Address Contraband Tobacco). The three-year project, sunsetted in March 2013, was not renewed... A spokeswoman for CBSA said in an email the two dogs were "subsequently reassigned to other functions or retired." [CBC News](#)

Stay-at-home dad accused of smuggling cocaine into B.C. held in Oregon jail over flight risk concerns

A B.C. resident has been ordered detained in an Oregon jail while he awaits his upcoming trial for allegedly attempting to transport 42 kilograms of cocaine from Portland to Canada. Kevin Maurice Landers, 51, was arrested in early December following a traffic stop by Portland police officers. Landers was driving a 2013 Nissan Quest minivan northbound on the I-205 when he was pulled over at Northeast Airport Way for a traffic violation. He allowed officers to search the van, including a drug-sniffing dog named Nikko and his handler. Officers found four duffel bags in a hidden compartment in the van's floor. The bags held 42 kilograms of cocaine. [Vancouver Province](#)

Drug smuggling efforts thwarted by border guards

A Kelowna woman is now facing drug charges following a thwarted summertime attempt to smuggle a high volume of cocaine into Canada. Mounties alongside Canadian Border Service Agency representatives held a press conference Monday morning to announce that Caitlin Christine Gladdish, 26, is facing charges of importation of a controlled substance and possession for the purpose of trafficking. The Kelowna woman allegedly had 35 kilograms of cocaine in a secret compartment of her Volkswagen Jetta, when she was caught July 26, 2014 at the Waneta port of entry near Trail. Supt. Brad Britton said they don't believe that Gladdish was acting alone, however, no other arrests have been made. It's also unclear what south-of-the-border city, or even country, the drugs originated from. He also couldn't say where Gladdish's alleged drug connection. The woman caught the attention of border service guards when they noticed an irregularity in her trunk, said Lorne Black, Chief of the CBSA. [Kelowna Capital News](#); [CTV News](#)

US Supreme Court rejects appeal in challenge to 2nd Detroit-Windsor bridge

The U.S. Supreme Court has decided it won't intervene in a lawsuit that challenges the selection of a Detroit neighbourhood for a new bridge to Windsor, Ont. Neighbourhood groups and the private owners of the Ambassador Bridge the aging span that currently links Windsor and Detroit claim the U.S. federal government violated environmental law, among other legal standards. But the work of the Federal Highway Administration has been upheld by a federal judge and an appeals court. The Supreme Court turned down an appeal in the lawsuit on Monday, saying it won't get involved. [Charlottetown Guardian](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Superfish defends hacker-helping software on Lenovo laptops

A little-known Silicon Valley startup was caught in a firestorm of criticism this week for making software that exposed Lenovo laptop users to hackers bent on stealing personal information. But Superfish Inc. has also won praise for producing visual search technology that many see as the next big thing in online shopping. [Associated Press](#) (CBC News)

The top reason companies are still getting hacked

Old software security holes are more stubborn than many think. A report issued Monday by HP shows that almost half of the companies who suffered a cyber attack in 2014 were hit by hackers taking advantage of old exploits. In fact, 44 percent of known breaches in 2014 stemmed from vulnerabilities

caused by unpatched code that was two to four years old, showing that many companies are not adequately updating security patches, according to HP's Cyber Risk Report. [CNBC](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Woman sues RCMP over wrongful human trafficking prosecution

A West Vancouver woman acquitted of human trafficking charges is taking the B.C. and federal governments to court. Mumtaz Ladha is suing the RCMP and B.C.'s director of civil forfeiture, saying her reputation and finances have suffered as a result of what she says was a wrongful criminal prosecution. Ladha was accused of enslaving a Tanzanian woman who worked as a maid in her multimillion-dollar home, and some of her assets were frozen. [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News)

Former Richmond Mountie sentenced for breach of trust

A former Richmond RCMP officer and B.C. Lions player has been sentenced for breach of trust. A provincial court judge in Richmond has sentenced 49-year-old Kenrick Whitney to a suspended sentence and 12 months probation for breach of trust. [CKNW 980](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Bath inmate, 67, dies

An inmate at Bath institution has died, according to a news release from Correctional Service Canada. On Feb. 22, Ronald Lauzon, an inmate at Bath Institution, died at the Regional Hospital in Bath, the release said. At the time of his death, Lauzon, 67, had been serving an indeterminate sentence since May 8, 1980, for second degree murder and sexual assault. [Kingston Whig-Standard](#)

Que. jails still vulnerable to chopper jailbreaks, documents say

Nearly all of Quebec's jails remain vulnerable despite two embarrassing helicopter jailbreaks, QMI Agency has learned. Access to Information requests reveal that security gaps remain after inmates flew away from jails in March 2013 and again last June. None of Quebec's 18 provincial jails have "anti-escape" nets that could block helicopters. The public security department has instead decided to implement "mesh fences and/or poles" in four facilities to reduce the risk of helicopter escapes, documents show. The department wouldn't say which jails received the upgrades. "Places are a priority when there are (inmates) that are linked to organized crime, such as defendants awaiting criminal trial, who would have the means to be able to organize escapes," said spokesman Jean-Philippe Guay. [QMI Agency](#) (Ottawa Sun)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Why don't women report rape? Because most get no justice when they do

Chances are a woman in Canada will be sexually assaulted while you're reading this and never tell police. Decades after the Criminal Code was changed to better protect rape survivors and punish their assailants, fewer than one in five victims of sexual assault say they reported their violation to authorities. An Ipsos poll for Global News found that while 30 per cent of those surveyed said they'd experienced sexual assault in their lifetimes, fewer than one in five (about 18 per cent) of those had told police. Some felt young and powerless, or ashamed, or they blamed themselves or just wanted to move on. Many felt reporting would do little good. And in that last respect the evidence bears them out, at least when it comes to conviction. Twenty-three per cent of sexual assault charges in 2011-12 adult criminal court resulted in a guilty verdict, according to Statistics Canada. [Global News](#)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

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Mystery tunnel found near Pan Am Games venue - Digging tools and generator found in tunnel near Rexall Centre and York University

National security officials have been notified that an underground tunnel was discovered near a venue for this summer's Pan Am Games in Toronto, CBC News has learned. The tunnel was dug in the woods near Toronto's Rexall Centre and York University. It was large enough for a person to stand in, at around 2.5 metres in height, and was about seven metres long. The tunnel had lights inside, powered by a generator, and the walls were reinforced. Sources told CBC News that the tunnel has now been filled in by authorities. A Toronto and Region Conservation Authority employee reportedly found the tunnel while walking near the TRCA headquarters at 5 Shoreham Dr. in January. [CBC News](#)

INTERNATIONAL

NSA: Snowden leaks hurt ability to track terrorists

The head of the National Security Agency expressed deep concerns about terrorists' ability to avoid NSA surveillance, explaining that Edward Snowden's revelations of surveillance techniques and capabilities have had a "material impact" on NSA ability to prevent and detect terror plots. [CNN](#)

Obama warns against Homeland Security Department shutdown with Congress at an impasse

President Barack Obama warned Monday that states will feel the pain of a Homeland Security Department shutdown if Congress can't break an impasse by week's end. But on Capitol Hill, no solution was in sight. "It will have a direct impact on your economy, and it will have a direct impact on America's national security," Obama told the nation's governors as they visited the White House as part of their annual conference. With tens of thousands of workers in line to be furloughed if the agency shuts down at midnight Friday, and many more forced to work without pay, the president cast the standoff in starkly economic terms. "These are folks who, if they don't have a paycheque, are not going to be able to spend that money in your states," the president said. "And as governors, you know that we can't afford to play politics with our national security." The president's words appeared to have little impact on Capitol Hill, where Senate Republicans lined up a fourth procedural vote on House-passed legislation that funds the Homeland Security Department through the Sept. 30 end of the budget year, while also rolling back Obama's executive actions granting work permits to millions of immigrants in this country illegally. [Associated Press](#) (Cape Breton Post)

Ebola drug shows some promise in first tests in West Africa

An experimental antiviral drug shows some early, encouraging signs of effectiveness in its first human test against Ebola in West Africa, but only if patients get it when their symptoms first appear. A study of the drug, favipiravir, is still in early stages in West Africa, and too few people have been treated to really know whether the drug helps. Other factors, like better health care, may be making a difference, and there was no comparison group of patients who got no treatment or a different drug. Results for the first 69 adults and teens in Guinea were released Monday. Among those who got the drug when virus levels were still low, survival was 85 per cent. That seems better than the roughly 70 per cent survival for patients treated in the same clinics two months before the study began, researchers said at the Retrovirus Conference in Seattle. [Associated Press](#) (Global News)

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MinStevenBlaney

Ce soir, j'encourage les députés à appuyer la Loi antiterroriste 2015 pour mieux protéger les Canadiens du terrorisme <http://bit.ly/1w3UKTm>

MinStevenBlaney

Tonight, I'm urging all MPs to support the Anti-terrorism Act 2015 to better protect Canadians from the terror threat <http://bit.ly/1BEmnNv>

MPRandyHoback

Representing @MinStevenBlaney at this afternoon's RCMP troop graduation ceremony #skpoli #cdnpoli

MBegin_RC

Le @MinStevenBlaney laisse au comité parlementaire qui étudiera c-51 le soin d'adopter ou non des amendements #polcan

RadioCanadaInfo

Les menaces d'Al Shabab prouvent la nécessité d'adopter C 51, dit Steven Blaney

RadioCanadaInfo

Blaney s'appuie sur la menace contre le West Edmonton Mall pour promouvoir C-51 <http://rc.ca/8jBKrw>

RadioCanadaInfo

«Des installations canadiennes sont ciblées. Donc j'invite l'ensemble des parlementaires à appuyer C-51», dit Blaney <http://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelles/politique/2015/02/23/004-projet-de-loi-c-51-steven-blaney-terrorisme.shtml>

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Lactualite

Les menaces d'Al-Shabab prouvent la nécessité d'adopter C-51, dit Steven Blaney #polcan <http://bit.ly/1Blxs30>

GlobalNational

WATCH: Public safety min. says threat on West Edmonton Mall proves new anti-terror laws needed. @VassyKapelos reports <http://glnb.ca/JxZbx>

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

reutersLjungg

#Canada watchdog says fiery CN derailment last month shows inadequacy of new tank cars <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/02/23/canada-derailment-regulator-idUSL1N0VX1JD20150223...> #cdnpoli

RadioCanadaInfo

Déraillement de Gogama: Les wagons ont réagi de manière semblable à ceux de Lac-Mégantic <http://ici.radio-canada.ca/regions/ontario/2015/02/23/008-securite-ferroviaire-normes-inadequates-deraillement-gogama.shtml> ... pic.twitter.com/9xz24CGjj5

globeandmail

Measles virus circulating in Ontario is a variant previously unknown to WHO <http://trib.al/7Bv1B11>

CBCAlerts

Officials say air quality being monitored in #FortMcMurray apartment where 5 children poisoned. All other units in building deemed safe.

CBCNews

First Nation fire safety hurt by lack of standards, chief says <http://www.cbc.ca/1.2966701> pic.twitter.com/KF1wqfQnp

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

ipoliticsca

Experts discouraged by early stages of C-51 debate | iPolitics <http://bit.ly/1GmlHyd> #cdnpoli #C51

journo_dale

No, that's not what judicial oversight means, and hey, it's not like CSIS has never misled the court. Oh, wait...

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Now on #pnpbc: MPs debate Bill C-51 - & a new terror threat from Somalia-based al-Shabaab. Are Canadians in danger of a terrorist attack?

CTV PowerPlay

LIVE: @DonMartinCTV with John Thompson, VP of Strategic Capital Intelligence Group on mall threats.

CTV PowerPlay

John Thompson on preventing terrorism: "The first line of defense is intelligence."

Lactualite

La définition de «propagande» du gouvernement fédéral serait «dangereusement» trop large <http://bit.ly/17rxfE2>
pic.twitter.com/h2TCMd4BNX

PnPCBC

Now on #pnpbc: Ziyaad Mia of the Canadian Muslim Lawyers Association talks #C51 as the vote unfolds live.
#cdnpoli

OttawaCitizen

Spy agency's review group can't perform 'oversight' role #cdnpoli <http://ow.ly/JxWXF>

CBCAlerts

Harper government's anti-terror bill passes 2nd reading in House of Commons. MPs voted 176 to 87 in favour of C-51.

TondaMacC

So Bill #C51 is off to Commons committee for further study. Stay tuned as they say.

mgeist

MT @Justin_Ling: #BillC51 passed and referred to Public Safety committee [CPC & Lib support, NDP oppose]. Stay tuned for that.

ipoliticsca

Canada lacks data and desire to confront radicalization, Senate committee told | iPolitics <http://bit.ly/1B6xpNb>
#cdnpoli

CBCAlerts

Somali-Canadians upset by terrorist video that names West Edmonton Mall as possible target:
<http://www.cbc.ca/1.2968528>

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

theprovince

Stay-at-home dad accused of smuggling cocaine into B.C. held in Oregon jail over flight risk concerns
<http://theprovince.in/1DfDJ49>

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

FrancoisGuimont

RT @cyber_sécurité Participe au mouvement pour dire non à la #cyberintimidation cette Journée du Chandail Rose....

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globalnews

Vince Li back before review board for Greyhound slaying of Tim McLean <http://glnb.ca/JxhS2>

CTVVancouver

West Vancouver woman sues RCMP over wrongful human trafficking prosecution: <http://bc.ctvnews.ca/woman-sues-rcmp-over-wrongful-human-trafficking-prosecution-1.2249825> ...

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

globalhalifax

Springhill Institution remains on lockdown to allow staff to conduct an "exceptional search." <http://glnb.ca/JvWdr>

theprovince

Police nab high-risk sex offender who went missing from #Vancouver halfway house <http://thepro.in/1DeaHSH>

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

APTNNews

This week APTN will be covering the MMIW roundtable in Ottawa. If you're going (or if you're not going but have... <http://fb.me/537iqzu3T>

globalnews

Why don't women report rape? Because most get no justice when they do <http://ow.ly/JxzyT>

TonyclementCPC

Bill C-32, Victims Bill of Rights Act, passes the Commons at 3d Reading with unanimity and goes to the Senate for further debate.

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

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Lid on cabinet secrets quietly tightened under new federal policy [#cdnpoli](http://on.thestar.com/1LwgViy)

INTERNATIONAL

HuffingtonPost

Obama warns that a security funding lapse would hurt the economy <http://huff.to/1whHJ4O>

rabbleca

A Canadian in Paris: Hassan Diab's indefinite jail journey via Matthew Behrens [#cdnpoli](http://buff.ly/1EmQLPh)

jaketapper

Mall of America steps up security after terror threat <http://cnn.it/1EoQaN2> - @BrianToddCNN reports #TheLead

GlobalNational

#Ebola drug shows some promise in first tests in West Africa <http://ow.ly/Jy0Lx>

cnnbrk

A least 40 people executed in two months in city ISIS claims as its capital, activist says. <http://cnn.it/1DP4ZYA>

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Conservatives want to limit testimony in study of terror bill

The Conservatives are seeking to limit testimony on their wide-ranging terrorism bill to just four days, sources say, with Prime Minister Stephen Harper urging MPs to pass the bill "as quickly as possible." The parliamentary committee studying Bill C-51 met for several hours behind closed doors Tuesday to discuss potential witnesses and schedule meetings. Because the discussion was held in secret, MPs are prohibited about speaking publicly about the debate. But multiple sources told the Star the government wants only three meetings to hear expert witnesses, plus one appearance between **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** and Justice Minister Peter MacKay. That would amount to only four days to study the most dramatic changes to Canada's national security legislation since 2001. No decisions were made on Tuesday, and Blaney's office said it's up to the committee - where the government enjoys a majority - to determine how many meetings they'll hold. In the House of Commons, NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair demanded that the bill be given a full study. "Ramming C-51 through without improved oversight is reckless," Mulcair said, urging the government to listen to human rights and security experts. [Hamilton Spectator](#)

Projet de loi antiterroriste: le gouvernement Harper appuie sur l'accélérateur

Après avoir coupé court aux débats à la Chambre des communes, le gouvernement Harper s'apprête à récidiver en limitant à trois jours l'étude du projet de loi antiterroriste par un comité parlementaire. La rapidité avec laquelle le gouvernement conservateur tente de faire adopter ce projet de loi, qui accorderait de nouveaux pouvoirs au Service canadien de renseignement et de sécurité (SCRS), soulève l'indignation des partis de l'opposition, en particulier le NPD. La députée néo-démocrate Rosane Doré Lefebvre a indiqué que son parti souhaite faire entendre une soixantaine de témoins, dont les quatre anciens premiers ministres et les anciens juges de la Cour suprême du Canada qui ont signé une lettre dans laquelle ils réclamaient de meilleurs mécanismes de surveillance du SCRS. Le NPD voudrait aussi entendre les experts dans le domaine de la protection de la vie privée ainsi que les représentants des Premières Nations, entre autres. Entendre tous ces témoins, et ceux que souhaitent inviter les autres partis, nécessiterait au moins une cinquantaine d'heures d'audience. «On sait que le projet de loi C-51 dans sa forme actuelle est mal ficelé. Le gouvernement, avec la complicité des libéraux, joue avec ce qu'on a de plus précieux: nos droits et notre sécurité. Or, après avoir fait adopter le projet de loi à toute vapeur en deuxième lecture, voilà que le gouvernement voudrait qu'on adopte le projet de loi C-51 les yeux fermés en comité», a tonné Mme Doré Lefebvre. Elle a invité le **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, à s'assurer que les Canadiens qui le souhaitent puissent être entendus, notamment les anciens premiers ministres et ex-juges de la Cour suprême «qui prônent la prudence». Mais derrière les portes closes, en matinée, les députés conservateurs qui siègent au comité de la sécurité publique de la Chambre des communes ont fait savoir qu'ils envisagent seulement trois jours d'audience. Et la première journée verrait le **ministre Steven Blaney** défilé devant le comité en compagnie de ses hauts fonctionnaires. Le comité doit se réunir de nouveau pour déterminer la liste des témoins. [La Presse](#)

How to end the fear economy - The best response to a terrorist threat? Travel tips and laughter

There is a reason terrorists spend so much time making threats. Hiding in the Somali desert or Syrian ruins, they are separated from the West by armies, oceans and a trillion-dollar security industry. The only thing that can reliably reach us from there is menacing email. This is why terrorists mostly trade in fear. The truth is that they simply are not very good at actually killing people. There were approximately 18,000 people killed by terrorists globally in 2013. Car accidents killed 70 times more. In Canada, only two people have died in terrorism attacks over the last decade. Moose are far more likely to kill you. [...] Canada's **Minister of Public Safety Steven Blaney** also found the threat valuable. He used it to procure support for the military mission against Islamic State (a different group in a different country), and to defend the new anti-terrorism bill. For our leaders, fear is a currency that buys support for budgets and legislation. [Macleans](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Portage chamber brings flood talks to feds

The Portage la Prairie Chamber of Commerce held a meeting in early February with Manitoba Chambers and two federal ministers to discuss the Assiniboine flood issues the province is facing. "The Portage Chamber is definitely throwing their voice behind this issue, because it's such an important issue. It affects the whole province," said Cindy McDonald, chamber executive director. "It was important for us to let the federal government know that this is not only a provincial issue, this is a national and international issue, and that it's happening more regularly, not only once in 300 years, it's happening every couple of years, so the feds need to start pressuring the province and the province needs to step up and start doing something to fix the problem." The meeting was held with Manitoba Chambers CEO Chuck Davidson and MCC Cory Kolt, director of policy and communications and federal ministers Shelley Glover and Candice Bergen. The group discussed the continued issues and long-term solutions needed to address the Assiniboine flood issues. Talk of how to mitigate long-term flooding issues and the programs available to help those affected highlighted the meeting. [Portage Daily Graphic](#)

AFN chief meeting Aboriginal Affairs minister over Sask. reserve fire - Bellegarde calls for more money for First Nations

Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Perry Bellegarde and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt will meet face to face in the wake of a deadly fire that killed two toddlers on the Makwa Sahgaiehan First Nation. Bellegarde sent a letter to Valcourt's office on Friday asking for an immediate

meeting to discuss the challenges First Nations face providing fire protection to their communities. Bellegarde's request for a meeting was granted. "We have received National Chief Bellegarde's letter, and yes the Minister will meet with the National Chief," said a statement from Valcourt's office. In the letter, Bellegarde writes the federal government is providing "insufficient funding" for First Nations to provide their members with a safe and healthy environment. He said the situation has reached a "critical level." [News Talk 650 CKOM](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

In terrorism bills, the Canadian government goes shopping for laws

There is so much packed into the government's current national security law reform, it is hard to know where to focus. Bills C-44 and C-51, currently before Parliament, constitute the most substantial and controversial overhaul of Canada's national security landscape since the 2001 terrorist attacks. The weeks to come will see much debate about the human rights consequences of CSIS's unprecedented new powers to act to reduce security threats and to apply for Federal Court warrants authorizing Charter violations as part of that process. There will be discussion of the vagueness of the new criminal offence of advocating or promoting the commission of terrorism offences in general and the certainty that this will both intrude on and chill free expression in the country. Indigenous peoples, environmental activists, human rights campaigners and others will worry that the new measures only protect "lawful" advocacy, dissent and protest, an intentional retrenching from current laws that recognize that protests that are not lawful in the sense of having a City Hall permit are nonetheless not criminal, are protected under the Charter and should not, by any twisted interpretation, be lumped in with terrorism. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Accused in B.C. legislature terror plot discussed whether to dig, drop or hide bombs

A terror suspect boasted that shrapnel from a bomb he was allegedly building to explode at the legislature in Victoria would be spinning "like little ninja stars" before maiming people. John Nuttall, who has pleaded not guilty to four terrorism-related charges, made the comment to his co-accused, Amanda Korody, several days prior to what the Crown says was a conspiracy to attack the Parliament buildings on Canada Day 2013. The Surrey couple had spent several hours in a Delta motel room with items they'd purchased, including pressure cookers, nails, batteries, clocks and wire, to construct several bombs. Nuttall is captured on surveillance video telling Korody that shrapnel from the nails was going to injure people hundreds of feet away. "Those nails are going to be spinning like the speed of sound, about 6,000 feet per second," he said. "These things are going to be spinning like little ninja stars. Get it? These are so the initial blast will kill, yes. But the nails are going to maim." On the video, Nuttall and Korody are also heard discussing how to minimize the risk and debating where to best place the bombs. Nuttall tells Korody and an undercover police officer that there would be less risk if they detonated bombs on a day other than Canada Day. "But if we do it on Canada Day, that's sending a pretty big message," Nuttall says. "That's the biggest celebration of tribalism ever." [The Province](#)

Expert warns about controls on Dark Web

An expert on Internet governance is warning policy makers to carefully consider the range and scope of new security powers aimed at patrolling the illegal underbelly of the World Wide Web. Eric Jardine, a research fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation, says an increasing number of criminals are moving away from the top-level Internet most citizens use every day and shifting towards the more anonymous Dark Web. His comments come as the Canadian government is considering a new anti-terror bill, C-51. Technology and government policies have not kept pace with the shift, meaning as legislation is developed to better police the web, it is average citizens and not criminals that are most likely to lose their civil liberties. "Over-policing that top level (of the Internet) will only end up impinging upon individuals' rights without causing a real reduction in the occurrence of crime," said Jardine. [Waterloo Chronicle](#)

Replacing fear with acceptance

It was undoubtedly unsettling for Albertans to hear that a landmark like the West Edmonton Mall was listed as a target by the militant Muslim Somali group al-Shabaab. We're more likely to set foot there than

the hallowed democratic grounds of parliament that was attacked this Fall. While unsettling, the threat should be taken with a grain of salt— as National Post writer Jen Gerson noted on Twitter, “You kinda get the sense that al-Shabaab chose its target by Googling ‘famous malls in Canada.’” But rational risk assessment seems to go out the door when the topic of terrorism comes up. Take the fact that women in North America are more likely to be killed by their partners than by any terrorist attack. Yet Canada’s women’s shelters see a fraction of the funding that’s funneled into CSIS and anti-terrorism efforts. Or how when the numbers are actually crunched, the most common perpetrators of mass murders, (at least in the U.S.) are white males. Often middle to upper class. Yet there’s no call to deport white men — and rightly so. That would be ridiculous. Deporting Muslims though, that’s a favourite talking point amongst many.

Medicine Hat News

RCMP called on to lead security on Parliament Hill

The House of Commons and the Senate are calling on the RCMP to oversee a tighter security system on Parliament Hill, while preserving access to visitors. In a statement on Wednesday, the speakers of both chambers said they have called for a meeting with the national police force to enact a motion that called on the RCMP to lead operational security throughout the Parliamentary precinct and the grounds of Parliament Hill. The plan is to correct the flaws that were exposed on Oct. 22 when a gunman was able to run through Centre Block before being killed. “Parliament’s Protective Services will continue to work closely with all of their security partners to continuously improve security in the Parliamentary Precinct,” said the statement from House Speaker Andrew Sheer and Senate Speaker Pierre Claude Nolin. “The requirement to provide security for all parliamentarians, employees and visitors will continue to be balanced with the requirement of ensuring reasonable access to the Parliamentary Precinct for all Canadians,” they added. Globe and Mail

RCMP taking over Parliamentary security will invite constitutional challenge, says Liberal Senator Campbell

Conservative Senators cut short debate in the Upper Chamber Tuesday to pass a controversial government motion calling for the RCMP to take command of Parliamentary security, over the protests of Liberal Senators and warnings of a constitutional challenge because the federal police force takes its orders from Cabinet. The Conservative majority in the Senate passed a time allotment motion the government had introduced last week after only an opening round of debate and other than an opening speech and debate from Senate government leader Claude Carignon, no Conservative Senators spoke on the motion calling on Senate Speaker Pierre-Claude Nolin to “invite” the RCMP to lead what will be a unified security force within the Parliamentary buildings and on the Hill grounds outside. House Speaker Andrew Scheer’s (Regina-Qu’Appelle, Sask.) office confirmed Wednesday the two Speakers had already written RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson requesting a meeting to begin discussions. “The essence of the letter is to invite Commissioner Paulson to meet to begin to discuss how we might proceed in a manner consistent with the terms of the motions,” Heather Bradley, Mr. Scheer’s communications director, told The Hill Times in an email. Hill Times

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News reveals how a young Canadian woman was radicalized in Canada and lured to join the ranks of ISIS in Syria. They believe that CSIS knew who the recruiter was. Rough transcript

CBC News adds more to the report about a Canadian woman recruited by ISIS by interviewing Jeff Weyers, senior analyst at iBRABO. He suggests the Canadian intelligence agencies are going to have to decide how they’re going to move forward from a policy perspective and how they’re going to deal with the issue of prevention. He states that CSIS should be able to give the family as much information as possible, so that they can take actions on their own part. Rough transcript

Broadcast media provided live coverage of Tom Mulcair addressing the media following an NDP caucus meeting. He answered questions about people leaving Canada to go to Syria to fight with ISIL and the committee reviewing bill C-51. (CBC News, CTV News, 11:21 ET) CBC News rough transcript

Broadcast media provided live coverage of Justin Trudeau speaking to the media following the Liberal caucus meeting. He mentioned the strengthening of the no fly list, bill C-51, and radicalization. (CTV News, CBC News, 12h38 ET) [CTV News rough transcript](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

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CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News reports Canada's electronic spy agency collects millions of emails from Canadians and stores them for "days to months" while trying to filter out malware and other attacks on government computer networks. A top-secret document written by Communications Security Establishment analysts sheds new light on the scope of the agency's domestic email collection as part of its mandate to protect government computers. *CBC* analyzed the document in collaboration with U.S. news site *The Intercept*, which obtained them from U.S. National Security Agency whistleblower Edward Snowden. Canada's electronic spy agency watched visits to government websites and collected about 400,000 emails to the government every day, storing some of the data for years, according to the 2010 document. (CBC News, 10:05 ET; RDI, 12 :26 ET)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Whitehorse RCMP take 5 suspects into custody after armed robbery

Whitehorse RCMP took five suspects into custody last night after an armed robbery on Elliott Street. According to an RCMP news release, two suspects, armed with a machete and a baton, entered a local business on Tuesday at approximately 5 p.m. The suspects demanded money and the whereabouts of the safe from the on-duty clerk, and were able to make off with an undisclosed amount of cash. Approximately two hours later, RCMP surrounded a vehicle at the intersections of Second Avenue and Hanson Street, where they undertook a "high risk take down," according to the release. Police seized items from the vehicle consistent with those used in the robbery, and its five occupants were taken into custody without incident. [CBC News](#)

Officers seize drugs, guns, stolen property from Lethbridge home

man is facing numerous charges after officers seized guns, stolen property, and about \$25,000 worth of drugs from a southern Alberta residence Friday. Members of the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams, or ALERT, executed two search warrants at a south Lethbridge apartment building following a short-term investigation into suspected drug trafficking. They removed 170 grams of hard and soft cocaine, 88 pills of the opiate fentanyl, 94 ecstasy pills, 16 grams of methamphetamine, and 130 grams of a buffing agent. The total estimated street value of the drugs is \$25,000. [Calgary Herald](#)

Children reportedly among those killed in southern Manitoba house fire

RCMP are investigating a rural house fire in southern Manitoba that has reportedly killed a number of people, including children. Mounties say the blaze broke out early Wednesday morning near the tiny community of Kane, about 95 kilometres southwest of Winnipeg. Reeve Ralph Groening with the Rural Municipality of Morris tells Winnipeg radio station CJOB that he can confirm there were fatalities. Groening says fire crews have told him that some of the dead are children. He also says some members of a family were able to escape from the home. Firefighters and the province's fire commissioner are still on scene. [Canadian Press](#) (680 News, City News); [QMI Agency](#) (Portage Daily Graphic); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (La Presse); [Journal de Montréal](#); [Global News](#); [CTV News Winnipeg](#)

Moncton stabbing leads to 6 arrests

Codiac Regional RCMP arrested six people after a stabbing at a residence on Robinson Street in Moncton on Monday night. Police say they got the call around 10:30 p.m. to a house party at the home. A 43-year-old man from Moncton was taken to Dr. Georges-L.-Dumont University Hospital Centre with serious injuries and was later released. Five men and one woman were arrested on Tuesday in connection with the incident. Two of the men and the woman were later released. [CBC News](#)

New sergeant to head RCMP detachment

RCMP Staff Sgt. Kevin Keane handed the reins and reporting over to Sgt. Andrew Hunter at Monday's city council meeting. In introducing Hunter, Keane noted he has been an operational police officer for more than 15 years, and has come from Smithers where he was in charge of operations. Mayor Nancy Cooper thanked Keane for his service to the city, which she said has been marked by an overall decrease in crime. At the detachment for more than six years, Keane said transferring here was a homecoming for his wife who attended Salmon Arm Secondary. [Salmon Arm Observer](#)

RCMP text to make drug deal

They may still use old-fashioned police work, but Salmon Arm RCMP were able to arrest a suspected drug dealer after contacting him via text messaging. The accused was suspected of operating a dial-a-dope operation, in which he used an unsubscribed cell phone to arrange meeting places to sell drugs. "Using investigational means, police secured this telephone number and placed an order for drugs," said Staff Sgt. Kevin Keane. [Salmon Arm Observer](#)

Combined police forces stage raids in west end

Ontario Provincial Police conducted a number of raids in Ottawa's west end Wednesday morning to execute a number of warrants. Police were close-mouthed about the locations of the raids, although one witness reported a significant police presence at a high-rise apartment building at 3100 Carling Ave., at Bayshore Avenue. Other reports indicated police activity at 130 Doane St., east of Bayshore. There were reports of the use of "flashbang" stun grenades at both locations. The OPP's tactical units were seen preparing for the strikes at Andrew Haydon park at around 5 a.m. on Wednesday. By about 7:30 a.m., the door at the address on Doane had been kicked in and police could be seen inside. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

'Wolverine's hand' seized in Waterloo meth raid

Guelph police crackdown on crystal meth dubbed Project Ice has widened to include a Waterloo apartment, where a police raid ended in three arrests and the seizure of drugs, cash, weapons and equipment investigators say was being used to measure out, package and distribute illegal drugs. Officers found small quantities of a number of drugs, such as crystal meth, heroin, marijuana and ecstasy. They seized \$2,945 in cash, a bulletproof vest and a number of edged weapons, including hatchets, a machete, and a number of knives. Police also found an odd weapon described as "Wolverine's hand" by spokesman Const. Michael Gatto, referencing the popular Marvel comic character. [CBC News](#)

Human trafficking trial was 'hell on Earth,' says B.C. woman acquitted of starving, enslaving Tanzanian maid

Mumtaz Ladha cries as she recalls sitting in a Supreme Court prisoner's box, listening to a former friend testify that she had been enslaved, starved and generally mistreated in the accused's home. It was difficult to listen to the testimony, which Ladha insists was all lies, and even more troubling to face the possibility of conviction during the 22-day trial in 2013. "Every night was a nightmare for me. I couldn't sleep all those 22 days. We didn't know what the verdict would be," Ladha said as she wept in a recent interview... The lawsuit alleges the RCMP pursued the case because the U.S. was pressuring Canada to improve on the "dearth" of human trafficking convictions, quoting documents posted on the whistleblower website WikiLeaks... The RCMP declined to comment Monday, saying its response would be filed in court. Her legal fees were more than \$500,000, and during the trial she could not rely on the equity in her house to help pay her lawyer because the B.C. Civil Forfeiture Office started the process to seize her home. The forfeiture office was acting on erroneous information provided by the RCMP and didn't do its own research, which is why the provincial government is also named in the lawsuit, Martin added. The claim on the house was lifted only after the acquittal. [Postmedia News](#) (National Post)

Former Regina youth volunteer faces sexual exploitation, child pornography charges

A Regina man who police say actively volunteered with local youth groups is facing charges that include sexual exploitation and possession of child pornography. RCMP began investigating last July after receiving a complaint from a parent who said their son had received inappropriate text messages from an adult. Police later identified a second alleged victim. On Jan. 13, police arrested 24-year-old Nathan Michael Labatt of Regina. Labatt faces charges of sexual exploitation, invitation to sexual touching and possession of child pornography. Investigators have learned that Labatt was an active volunteer with several youth groups, including Scouts Canada and the Roman Catholic and Ukrainian Catholic churches. [CTV News](#); [Leader-Post](#)

Mental health calls to police on the rise in Richmond

Richmond RCMP is fielding a growing number of calls related to mental health, according to a new report from the local detachment. [Richmond Review](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

Some residents in West Ottawa awoke to the sound of explosions this morning. They may have been stunned by grenades used by police in a massive early-morning raid. Several OPP and Ottawa police units arrived at a Wes-End townhouse this morning. A source told our sister station *CFRA* it's part of an ongoing investigation being conducted by biker gang operation. That investigation is going on right across the province. (CTV News Ottawa, 12:00 ET)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Libération conditionnelle : Le chauffard Laurent Raymond essuie un nouvel échec

Le jeune chauffard Laurent Raymond a fait des progrès depuis sa condamnation pour sa conduite dangereuse ayant grièvement blessé trois adolescentes, mais ce n'est toujours pas assez pour obtenir une libération conditionnelle totale. C'est que son crime en juillet 2010 était grave. Pour impressionner trois adolescentes, il avait conduit comme un fou dans un quartier résidentiel de Ville Mont-Royal pour finir sa course dans un arbre. Il avait consommé de l'alcool, malgré un permis avec tolérance zéro. Le chauffard de 22 ans, qui avait été condamné à trois ans de pénitencier en juin 2013, avait subi des blessures mineures comparativement aux occupantes du véhicule. Claudia Di Iorio était tombée dans le coma, Évelyne Méthot a eu entre autres la colonne vertébrale fracturée tandis que Justine Rozon a perdu une partie de son intestin. Elle sera nourrie par intraveineuse pour le reste de sa vie. Raymond n'a toutefois passé qu'une année derrière les barreaux, puisqu'il avait été transféré en juin dernier en maison de transition. Et il y restera, a tranché la CLCC qui s'est dite « étonnée » de certaines réponses données par le détenu. Raymond, qui a déjà été jusqu'à consommer du cannabis quotidiennement, a en effet affirmé qu'il comptait arrêter. Mais que s'il recommençait, il serait en mesure de la gérer de façon adéquate. [Journal de Montréal](#) ([Journal de Québec](#))

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Fighting bullying on Pink Shirt Day 2015

You may see a lot of people wearing pink on Wednesday or find the hashtag #PinkShirtDay popping up frequently on social media. Canadians are being urged to don pink shirts on February 25 as part of an anti-bullying campaign called "Pink Shirt Day." For some people, pink is considered a feminine colour – but some students decided to do their best to break that stereotype. Pink Shirt Day started in 2007, when two Nova Scotia high school students organized a school protest to wear the colour pink to take a stand for a grade 9 boy and fellow classmate, who was bullied for wearing a pink coloured t-shirt to school. The movement was later carried out to other major cities. The campaign is now in its eighth year, and bullying continues to be a major problem in schools, workplaces, homes, and over the Internet. Every seven

minutes someone is bullied on a playground in Canada, according to bullying.org. In fact, a recent survey found cyberbullying surpassed drugs and alcohol as the top concern among Canadian parents. [Global News](#)

How Pink Shirt Day has evolved

It was started seven years ago by some high school students in Nova Scotia who wanted to stand up for a classmate who was being bullied; it's now a global phenomenon. Travis Price and his friend began the anti-bullying movement, asking people in their high school to wear pink after they noticed a boy getting bullied for wearing a pink shirt. Since then, he's been busy travelling the country speaking to schools. Price says the response to Pink Shirt Day has been overwhelming. "You know, it's awareness, it's key, it's getting celebrities on board," Price said. "It's getting people to just step up and say, you know what, I was bullied too." Pink Shirt Day is now a fixture in 14 different countries. [660 News](#), [News 1130](#)

School District 60 recognizes Pink Shirt Day with anti-bullying campaign

The City of Fort St. John has awarded School District 60 with a Pink Shirt Day proclamation in recognition of the anti-bullying campaign and their work to-date. "I think what School District 60 does – all the teachers and students getting together is huge," says Councillor Trevor Bolin. "You see a lot of stories on social media that may not have those same systems that you guys do – so hats off to you." This Wednesday is National Pink Shirt Day, and as such, Robert Ogilvie Elementary has quite the day ahead of them. "We have an assembly starting at 9:00 a.m. where we will be showcasing some of the students' work and learning around anti-bullying and Pink Shirt Day," explains Principal of Robert Ogilvie Kathy Schek. "We will also have Morgan who is a student from North Peace [Secondary School] come do an interpretative dance, and we will be presenting the students the proclamation from the city for Pink Shirt Day." [Energetic City](#), [CJDC](#)

Antibullying day to transform downtown Vancouver with pink shirts

Downtown Vancouver will be turned into a sea of pink on February 25 when hundreds of volunteers take to the streets to raise awareness about bullying. The eighth annual antibullying Pink Shirt Day event will be held in front of London Drugs (710 Granville Street) from 7 to 9 a.m. Special guests include Pink Shirt Day founder Travis Price, CKNW radio personality and Pink Shirt Day spokesperson Simi Sara, Surrey School District Safe Schools' Rob Rai, Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast BC president Carolyn Tuckwell, and more. Volunteers, dressed in pink of course, will be selling buttons for donation. [Straight](#)

Red Cross promoting bully prevention and pink shirts

Bullying is a problem in schools and communities, but the Red Cross is working hard to prevent it. Although the Saskatchewan Day of Pink is April 1, many other provinces will be celebrating it on the National Day of Pink Wednesday. The Saskatchewan team may not be celebrating Pink Shirt Day until April, but they are using the national day as a jumping point to get the word out for their campaign. "Obviously, the pink shirt is the symbol of the day of standing up to bullying," said Richard, provincial development manager for the Red Cross in Saskatchewan. "Of course, we are encouraging schools and businesses to order their pink T-shirts and other merchandise we have available. "We have a new pink shirt design this year, a darker pink than we've had in past years and it has some large lettering on the back that says "No Bullying," which is the tag line of catchphrase that we use to promote our program." [Prince Albert Daily Herald](#)

Policing in pink

In support of Pink Shirt Day, Orangeville Police Const. Scott Davis and Chief Wayne Kalinski wore pink shirts on Wednesday (Feb. 25). Pink Shirt Day was originally organized by Nova Scotia students in sympathy of a Grade 9 student who was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. Students took a stand against the bullying by distributing pink t-shirts to several boys in their school. [Orangeville Banner](#)

Wear Pink and Take a Stand Against Bullying

Consider wearing pink on Wednesday, February 25th to symbolize you will not tolerate bullying. The annual Pink Shirt Day is back and the Okanagan Boys and Girls Club is marking their 7th year supporting the event, working to increase public awareness here locally and beyond. Wearing pink not only sends a message to bullies but also identifies that you, the wearer, are part of a movement to end bullying. Pink

Shirt Day originates in Nova Scotia when two young men stood up against bullying in their high school when a new student was bullied and harassed for wearing pink shirt. [Kelowna Now](#), [Northern View](#), [Langley Advance](#)

It's #PinkShirtDay: Canadians take a stand against bullying

Canadians from coast to coast were proudly sporting pink on Wednesday on a day of protest against bullying. Pink Shirt Day is one of several locally and internationally celebrated anti-bullying days – there are more coming in the spring. Today was all about the signature pink T-shirts made famous by a protest at a Canadian high school in 2007. Various jurisdictions in Canada celebrate anti-bullying days on different dates. The tradition of wearing pink shirts emerged in September, 2007, after a Nova Scotia high-school student was targeted with homophobic insults for wearing a pink shirt to school. Two Grade 12 students, Travis Price and David Shepherd, organized their schoolmates to wear pink in solidarity. After the protest spread to schools across Canada and around the world, Nova Scotia's then-premier, Rodney MacDonald, proclaimed a provincewide Stand Up Against Bullying Day on the second Thursday in September. [Globe and Mail](#)

Preparing for pink

Two days in February are now filled with pink. Many don the colour on Valentine's Day, but February 25, known as 'Pink Shirt Day' carries a more powerful meaning. Pink Shirt Day was created to make a visible stand against bullying, and now raises awareness for the issue and promotes resources available to bullying victims. The idea stemmed from Nova Scotia where two high school students organized a protest to wear pink in support of a new Grade 9 student who was bullied for wearing the colour. British Columbia now encourages everyone to show their support by wearing something pink on February 25. It recently created its online 'Erase Bullying' site, which features an anonymous and confidential online reporting tool for students. The province is asking to you join the online conversation Wednesday on Twitter @ERASEbullyingBC using the hashtags #Erasebullying and #pinkshirtday. [CTV News \(2015-02-24\)](#)

Boys and Girls of Richmond show their true colours

Some of them may be too young to fully comprehend what's going on. But one thing's for sure, come Pink Shirt Day this Wednesday, the 60 or so kids aged six to 12 at Richmond's Boys and Girls Club (BGC) will know they have lots of friends and will have a good idea of how to treat them. Every month, the local BGC, which is run out of Mitchell elementary at Cambie and No. 5 roads, has grown in number since it opened in 2011. However, the anti-bullying message on Feb. 25 remains the same, even if it sails over the heads of the popular club's younger members. "They know something important is going on," said Richmond club coordinator Kirsten Hamaoki. "We talk a lot about being a good friend and helping out any new kids that come into the club. We are trying to be very pro-active when it comes to the programming." [Richmond News](#)

Ranchers step up to offer anti-bullying training

Pink shirt day will move out of the schools and onto the land when staff at a ranch in the Cariboo take an anti-bullying seminar. "All ranches are required to take the course," said Liz Twan who along with her husband Bronc manage the Alkali Lake Ranch where the seminar will be held Wednesday. "When I booked the seminar I knew it was anti-bullying day so I bought pink shirts, pink coffee cups and pink paper plates." The seminar is taught by provincial ranch safety consultant Reg Steward, a contractor with the Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Association (FARSHA). Employers and work places are required through WorksafeBC to be educated in the procedure to report bullying in the workplace, understanding what it is and what it is not, Steward told the Tribune. [Williams Lake Tribune](#)

We asked local students to write about the topic: What does Pink Shirt Day mean to me?

An opinion piece states, "I am happy to report that over the last few years I have not only noticed more bullying awareness, but also a decrease in bullying around my high school, as we are not only more tolerant of each other, but also more accepting. Although there are many facets to bullying, and by no means has the problem been solved, I believe we have made huge strides in the right direction. Therefore, on Pink Shirt Day we should not only continue spreading the anti-bullying message, but also take a day to celebrate in our schools all the progress we've made. Finally, I think it's most important for

us to all reflect on Feb. 25. We should reflect on how we can personally make a difference beyond just one day." [North Shore News](#)

Pitt Meadows teen creates anti-bullying campaign in honour of Amanda Todd

Wednesday is Pink Shirt Day, a time to raise awareness about bullying. For Pitt Meadows high school student Sam Porta, talking about bullying is a year-round affair. Porta is the founder of Hockey Against Bullying, a youth-led initiative that uses hockey to get young people talking about bullying. She was inspired by the death of Amanda Todd, the Coquitlam teen who committed suicide in 2012 shortly after posting a video detailing the bullying she endured at school and online. "When Amanda Todd passed, I was like, this is enough, this shouldn't happen," says Porta. "My friends knew her. This could have been my best friend." Porta reached out to Amanda's mother Carol Todd, saying she wanted to start a pink shirt campaign in Amanda's honour. The two have since become good friends. The Hockey Against Bullying campaign started with pink t-shirts and jerseys and has now expanded through social media. Porta has found more ways to raise money and awareness, hosting a bake sale to raise funds for the Amanda Todd Legacy Fund. [Global News](#)

Positive action a way of tackling bullying

As the nation recognizes Pink Shirt Day Wednesday, Feb. 25, adults and youth in Williams Lake actually work year-round to curb bullying. For several years schools in Williams Lake have been promoting positive action to help prevent bullying, said Carla Bullinger, a facilitator with Communities that Care. "The positive action program encourages students to feel good about themselves, but it also teaches them how to build healthy relationships with others." Bullinger provides an orientation for teachers, but said it's the teachers and principals who carry out the work. Communities that Care has purchased kits for principals to use in the schools and each week Bullinger distributes a word of the week for the students. [Williams Lake Tribune](#) (2015-02-24)

No one is born to bully

Schools across the province stand united today in hopes of bringing an end to the devastating effects bullying can have on young lives. Pink Shirt Day takes place across B.C. today. The movement aims to eliminate schoolyard bullying and alleviate the negative consequences bullying can have on children in school. And the consequences of bullying can be life-altering, not just for the victims but for their families, schoolmates and community. The statistics tell a frightening tale. Bullying is not just an occasional event. According to a report from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, at least one in three teenaged students in Canada report being bullied, while 47 per cent of Canadian parents report having a child who has been a victim of bullying. Among adult Canadians, 38 per cent of males and 30 per cent of females report having experienced occasional or frequent bullying during their school years. [Victoria News](#) (Penticton Western News)

Cornwall and area bathed in anti-bullying colours

It's a bright day in Cornwall, but it has little to do with the sunshine. It's Pink Shirt Day and thousands of individuals are wearing colourful shirts, pants and even shoes to mark the occasion that draws awareness to a growing anti-bullying message. Students at Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School were decked out in their best pink outfits - and for good reason. The all-boys Grade 7-8 class was named winner of the Cornwall Boys and Girls Club PSA Contest. The class put together a public service announcement with a theme of 'Belonging' to capture the award. [Cornwall Seaway News](#)

Police turning to social media to offer tips on protecting property

Police plan to send out a flurry of crime prevention tips via social media Wednesday as part of a provincial "protect your property" campaign. Organized by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, the one day campaign aims to equip people with ideas on how to protect themselves from a range of crimes - from fraud to break-and-enters. It could come in handy to residents of London's Old South, where London police have noted a rash of break ins to homes. Since Jan. 1, police have received 15 break-and-enter reports from homes bounded by Carfrae St., Ridout St., Wellington Road and Baseline Rd. E. In most cases, culprits got in by forcing rear and side doors open or breaking windows. [London Free Press](#)

Le Canada montré du doigt pour le sort réservé aux autochtones

Le rapport 2014-2015 publié par Amnesty International observe au sujet du Canada que «les peuples autochtones» du pays sont «confrontés à des violations systématiques de leurs droits». Il note aussi que «les attentats perpétrés contre deux soldats canadiens ont suscité un débat à propos des lois relatives au terrorisme et à la sécurité nationale». Amnesty International observe que même si le gouvernement s'est rejeté un projet d'exploitation minière sur le territoire ancestral des Tsilhqot'in en Colombie-Britannique, il «a donné la priorité à l'exploitation des ressources naturelles sur les droits des peuples autochtones dans une série d'autres projets de grande envergure, dont ceux de l'oléoduc Northern Gateway destiné au transport de sables bitumineux et du méga-barrage du Site C, approuvés respectivement en juin et en octobre» de l'an dernier.... Un rapport de la GRC a fait état du meurtre d'au moins 1017 femmes et filles autochtones entre 1980 et 2012, «ce qui représente un taux quatre fois et demie supérieur à celui du reste de la population féminine». Amnesty regrette que le gouvernement fédéral refuse de lancer un plan d'action national ou d'ouvrir une enquête publique en cette matière. La question du droit des femmes autochtones a défrayé l'actualité une large partie de l'année sans que des mesures nouvelles viennent corriger la situation. Le Devoir

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

Students across Canada will be wearing pink at school today to mark anti-bullying day. A new poll reveals how much of a problem bullying still is in this country. This is also called pink-shirt day. The campaign started back in 2007 with a group of students in Nova Scotia who witnessed a boy being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. A new *Angus Reid* poll finds three out of four Canadians adults say they were bullied as a student. Well nearly half the parents say their own kids have been bullied at some point. (CTV News, 9:34, 10:04, 10:19, 10:33, 12:13 ET)

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3 Brooklyn Men Who Allegedly Plotted to Travel to Syria to Join ISIS, Attack NYC If They Failed, Arrested in FBI Raid: Officials

Three Brooklyn men who allegedly planned to travel to Syria to join ISIS were taken into custody during FBI terror raids in the borough Wednesday, law enforcement officials tell NBC 4 New York. The men, aged 19, 24 and 30, allegedly planned to return to New York to commit a domestic act of terror if they failed to join the group overseas, law enforcement officials said. The officials say any potential homegrown threat was aspirational, not operational, but authorities moved in because they believed the suspects' plans to travel abroad were imminent and their alleged intent to join ISIS real. NBC New York

Al-Qaida planning kamikaze attacks on ships in Mediterranean, cables claim

Al-Qaida has developed a seaborne unit to attack targets around the Mediterranean, according to a confidential report from Russian intelligence, one of a cache of secret documents from spy agencies around the world tracking jihadi terrorist groups. According to the Russians, North African al-Qaida (Aqim – al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb) has established a 60-strong team of suicide bombers to plant mines under the hull of ships and to use small, fast craft for kamikaze attacks. The claim, in a leaked document from Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB), is one of a string of reports on the rise of Islamic State (Isis) and al-Qaida. [UK Guardian](#)

At least 100 feared killed in Afghan avalanches amid winter storm

Avalanches caused by a heavy winter snow killed at least 108 people in northeastern Afghanistan, an emergency official said Wednesday, as rescuers clawed through debris with their hands to save those buried beneath. The avalanches buried homes across four northeast provinces, killing those beneath, said Mohammad Aslam Syas, the deputy director of the Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority. The province worst hit appeared to be Panjshir province, about 100 kilometres northeast of the capital, Kabul, where the avalanches destroyed or damaged around 100 homes, Syas said. [TheSpec.com](#)

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It's [#PinkShirtDay](#), day to raise awareness about the issue of bullying. We'll not tolerate it. <http://bit.ly/1DaWS4M>

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Standing with my colleagues as we mark [#PinkShirtDay](#) [#stopbullying](#) pic.twitter.com/2eSjhMN0jO

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CBCAlerts

Fire chief says 4 children dead in house fire near community of Kane, SW of [#Winnipeg](#). 3 children, parents survived.

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Lactualite

Stephen Harper est pressé de faire adopter le projet de loi antiterroriste [#polcan](#) <http://bit.ly/1EQnudJ>

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Assisted suicide debate push, C-51 debate limits on Wednesdays with Kady <http://ift.tt/1zHFB1X>

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Speakers of [#HoC](#) and [#SenCA](#) have asked RCMP for meeting to discuss security changes. Full steam ahead. [#cdnpoli](#)

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Since Oct. 22, Hill security officers have been armed, comms & emerg notifications improved, & security upgrades to buildings [#cdnpoli](#)

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Speakers: "Experience & expertise of members of our Protective Services will be vital to shaping this new era of security" on Hill [#cdnpoli](#)

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Harper's anti-terror law will turn Canada into a police state via @ElizabethMay <http://buff.ly/1A3UomL> #cdnpoli #c51

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Four years after vowing change, feds still working to improve oversight of spy agencies | iPolitics
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theprovince

Accused in B.C. legislature terror plot discussed whether to dig, drop or hide bombs <http://theprov.in/1DmU1sa>

globepolitics

RCMP called on to lead security on Parliament Hill <http://bit.ly/1akiyV8> #cdnpoli

TheHillTimes

Lib Sen. Campbell says from exp., RCMP only answer to RCMP, not ppl they have contracts with #HillSecurity
<http://bit.ly/1vzkP8i> #cdnpoli

MacleansMag

The best response to a terrorist threat? Pro tip from @Scott_Gilmore via Italy: "Travel tips and laughter."
<http://ow.ly/JE6Lx>

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

CanBorder

Canada has specific requirements for who can and cannot enter Canada. Find out more here: <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/ivc-rnc-eng.html#a3> ...

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

RCMPNB

RCMP arrest six people following stabbing at house party, #Moncton <http://ow.ly/JDzhv>

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GRC célèbre 40e anniversaire de femmes policières a son service! Évènement pour femmes Ottawa 7 mars Inscrit toi: <http://ow.ly/veSsh>

GRCSask

La GRC de la Saskatchewan demande l'aide du public en lien des cas d'exploitation sexuelle. <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/sk/news-nouvelle/news-nouvelle-2015/feb25-fra.htm> ... ^rd

CTVancouver

B.C.'s privacy watchdog calls for transparency around body cameras <http://bit.ly/1wedzd5>

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICES CORRECTIONNELS

OttawaCitizen

Former soldier sentenced to four years in prison for plot to attack Veterans Affairs office <http://ow.ly/JDwhB>

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LaureenHarper

Today is National #PinkShirtDay. Take a stand against bullying by wearing pink, talking to loved ones & raising awareness. @Pinkshirtday

GetCyberSafe

Find out how you can help #StopBullying in our blog post about #pinkshirtday!
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It's [#PinkShirtDay](#): Canadians take a stand against bullying <http://trib.al/OM3KBAE>

GetCyberSafe

If you believe it, retweet it. [#StopBullying](#)

bcRCMP

On Pink Shirt day we encourage everyone to wear pink and show your support [#PinkShirtDay](#)

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Encouraging everyone to wear pink today in recognition of [#AntiBullyingDay](#). Together we can make a difference to [#StopBullying](#)

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Bullying still a serious problem, poll says <http://ow.ly/2V9E9L>

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[#BREAKING](#): [@CTVMercedes](#) confirms Canadian Special Forces pulled from town in Niger over concerns of Boko Haram

BreakingNews

Paris prosecutors' office: 3 Al-Jazeera journalists are arrested for illegally flying a drone over the city - [@AP](#) <http://bit.ly/1BV90eR>

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[#ISIL](#) terrorists are a threat to regional and international security. We are confronting this threat head-on

CTVNews

Three arrested in U.S. on charges they plotted to join Islamic State <http://ow.ly/JEbSS>

guardian

Al-Qaida planning kamikaze attacks on ships in Mediterranean, cables claim <http://trib.al/C4hZ1rm>

Blogs

Toronto Jane: The First Woman to be Documented on the Front Lines with ISIS

The first case of a female on the Islamic State (ISIS) front lines has been documented. A Canadian woman has been tracked through every ISIS stronghold in Syria and Iraq over the past month via her cell phone location services and corresponding tweets. Western women traveling to the Islamic State is nothing new, but up until this development, females have only taken a supportive role to the cadre. It appears on the surface that the role of women in the Islamic State battlefield may be evolving. There is evidence from the locations of this woman that coincide with local Islamic State gains, which suggests that she may be involved in reconnaissance on behalf of the Caliphate. [iBRABO](#)

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CSIS needs power to stop high-risk travellers, says Steven Blaney

Canada must take action to prevent its citizens from travelling abroad for terrorist purposes, **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** said after a CBC News investigation revealed a 23-year-old Edmonton woman travelled to Syria after being radicalized. "**Clearly, Canada cannot become an exporter of terrorism. This is not the Canadian way of living,**" **Blaney** said Wednesday. The woman, whom CBC News is calling Aisha to protect her identity, made the journey to Syria to join up with ISIS last summer, after taking an online course to study the Qur'an taught by a woman based in Edmonton, according to her older sister Rabia (whose name has also been changed). **Blaney** said the Conservative-backed Bill C-51 — which would bolster CSIS's powers, allowing the security agency to disrupt the travel plans or financial transactions of Canadians the agency believes have been radicalized — is aimed at preventing stories just like Aisha's. "**In Bill C-51, there are provisions that enable our intelligence officers to interact with the families and the communities, not only to engage in a discussion but to reduce the threat and prevent individuals from travelling,**" he said. "**Currently, we are not able to prevent a high-risk traveller from boarding an airplane. With the bill, we will be able to prevent those individuals from getting on board.... So that's the threat diminishment measure that is in the bill, that clearly would have helped to avoid that kind of situation.**" **Blaney** said the bill — which has prompted vocal

opposition from civil libertarians and privacy advocates — would also criminalize the promotion of terrorism. [CBC News](#)

Five things to know about developments with the federal anti terror bill

Five things to know about developments Wednesday in the debate about the federal government's proposed anti-terrorism bill: The government says it is working on a means of better monitoring Canadian intelligence agencies — more than four years after having committed to do so. Opposition parties have criticized the government for not bolstering security oversight in Bill C-51, introduced last month. NDP Leader Tom Mulcair accused the government of trying to limit planned committee hearings on the bill, saying it was "reckless and irresponsible to try to ram it through." **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** said the opposition was attacking the credibility of security officers working to protect the public. Hearings on the bill are expected to begin next month. The National Union of Public and General Employees, which has about 340,000 members, criticized the legislation and said the government was using it to drum up Conservative support before a federal election. [Canadian Press](#) (Courier Islander)

Une Canadienne rejoint l'EI après un cours en ligne organisé à Edmonton

Une Canadienne de 23 ans partie rejoindre le groupe armé État islamique en Syrie s'est radicalisée après avoir suivi un cours en ligne à Edmonton, selon sa sœur. CBC/Radio-Canada a choisi de l'appeler Aisha pour protéger son identité. Certains détails, dont le lieu de résidence de sa famille, sont aussi tus pour des raisons de sécurité. Sa sœur Rabia, dont le nom a aussi été changé, soutient qu'Aisha a été recrutée par l'intermédiaire d'une Edmontonienne organisant un cours en ligne sur le Coran. CBC/Radio-Canada a pu confirmer l'identité de cette femme et a appris qu'elle a été renvoyée d'une mosquée où elle essayait de faire du recrutement. Nous ne dévoilons pas son identité, car elle ne fait l'objet d'aucune accusation. L'inspecteur Dan Jones, de la police d'Edmonton, a confirmé que la situation n'était pas connue de son service avant que la GRC l'appelle pour lui dire qu'un reportage allait être publié. « On ne peut pas être partout. Si on avait été impliqués un peu plus tôt, on aurait peut-être pu faire quelque chose. » « On ne peut pas se permettre d'échouer », a-t-il poursuivi à propos de la radicalisation. Il a demandé à la population d'alerter les autorités si jamais elle observe des cas suspects. **Le ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, a profité du cas pour faire la promotion du projet de loi C-51, qui doit permettre aux juges d'accorder des pouvoirs d'intervention plus importants aux policiers et aux agents du SCRS. « *Nos policiers ont besoin d'outils supplémentaires, a-t-il indiqué. Nous souhaitons faciliter cette démarche.* » [Radio-Canada](#)

Une jeune Canadienne a rejoint l'État islamique

Une Canadienne de 23 ans a rejoint les rangs de l'organisation radicale État islamique en Syrie après s'être radicalisée sur Internet, a indiqué sa famille dans un reportage diffusé mercredi par la chaîne CBC. Selon sa petite sœur, la jeune femme s'était inscrite à un supposé cours en ligne sur le coran donné par une femme d'Edmonton qui en fait expliquait comment se rendre à Raqqa, « capitale » autoproclamée de l'État islamique. À la suite de cela, elle s'est envolée à l'été dernier vers la Syrie, bien que des membres des Services canadiens du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) venaient d'avertir sa famille. « Ils nous ont dit qu'elle était en lien avec des personnes qu'ils pensaient dangereuses et qui l'influençaient dans l'été », a dit à CBC la petite sœur. La Canadienne n'a plus donné de signe de vie depuis plusieurs jours, selon sa famille qui craint pour sa vie. Pour **le ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique Steven Blaney**, cette affaire démontre la nécessaire adoption d'une réforme antiterroriste controversée. À l'étude actuellement au Parlement, elle permettrait d'enquêter et d'interpeller ce genre de candidats au djihad. [AFP](#) (La Presse)

Work on better spy monitoring still underway four years after promise: feds

The Conservative government says it is working on more comprehensive monitoring of Canadian intelligence agencies — over four years after committing to do so. In December 2010, the government promised to allow the review of national security activities involving multiple departments and agencies. The goal was to eliminate barriers that prevent spy watchdogs from talking to each other. It also pledged to create an internal mechanism to ensure accountability and compliance with the laws and policies governing national security information-sharing. The commitments were included in the Harper government's response to a federal commission of inquiry into the 1985 Air India bombing that killed 329 people, most of them Canadians. **Josée Sirois, a Public Safety Department spokeswoman**, says the

government is still developing options for inter-agency security review, adding she has no details on when it might be done. **"The government of Canada recognizes the importance of independent review in maintaining Canadians' trust in our national security activities," Sirois said. "I don't have any more specific details in terms of a timeline."** [Canadian Press](#) (Winnipeg Free Press; CTV News.ca; AM 1150.ca; Metro News.ca; La Presse; mysask.com; Times Colonist; Huffington Post; Blackburnnews.com; Squamish Chief; Baytoday.ca)

Parliament should give Harper's flawed anti-terror bill the scrutiny it merits

An editorial states, "Back in 2001 Parliament took the time it needed to give Canada's first anti-terror legislation after the Al Qaeda attacks a thorough vetting. Jean Chrétien's Liberal government heard from some 80 expert witnesses, many of them critical, at 19 committee hearings before voting an amended version into law. But that was then. Today Prime Minister Stephen Harper is moving with unholy haste to ram Terror 2.0, the new Anti-Terrorism Act 2015, on to the books with scant oversight and no changes. He has urged MPs to pass the hugely flawed Bill C-51 "as quickly as possible." Sober second thought has no place on his agenda. His Conservative government has cut short initial debate in the Commons. And as the Star's Alex Boutilier reports, it is now trying to do the same in committee. The Tory-dominated Public Safety and National Security panel wants to give **Public Safety Minister Stephen Blaney** and Justice Minister Peter MacKay a hearing to extol the bill. The panel then proposes to hold just three additional meetings to solicit opinion from expert witnesses. That could mean as few as 18 experts get to testify..." [Toronto Star](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés:

CBC News provided coverage of debate in Question Period between Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney and Opposition Leader Tom Mulcair on Bill C-51. [Rough Transcript](#)

CTV News - Power Play interviewed University of Waterloo professor Lorne Dawson regarding a woman from Edmonton who has reportedly gone overseas to join the terrorist group ISIS. **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney** was mentioned during the segment. [Rough Transcript](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Canada's new rules could cost railways that cause forest fires

Canada's new rail safety legislation would make it possible for governments to recover costs from railways for any fire they cause, not just accidents that involve crude oil, said Transport Canada, a change that could force railways to pay millions in costs associated with forest fires. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

RCMP's Parliament Hill security takeover to begin 'immediately'

After a combined total of just four days of parliamentary debate, both the House and Senate have signed off on a controversial proposal to hand over control of Parliament Hill security to the RCMP. The Conservatives used their majority to curtail debate on the motion in both the House and Senate. In a joint statement, House of Commons Speaker Andrew Scheer and his Senate counterpart, Pierre Claude Nolin, said that they've already sent a letter to RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson to "discuss next steps," but the integration process is expected to begin "immediately." [CBC News](#); [Agence QMI](#) (Le Journal de Montréal)

Edmonton police learned about alleged ISIS recruiter from CBC story

Within hours of a CBC News story appearing this morning about a young Canadian woman who travelled to Syria to join ISIS fighters after being radicalized by an Edmonton woman, police in the city held a news conference to discuss the issue. At a noon news conference Wednesday, Insp. Dan Jones with the

Edmonton police investigative support branch said he learned about the alleged recruiter after RCMP alerted him to a story published Wednesday morning on CBC websites across the country. "The RCMP made us aware of a news story that came out today," Jones told reporters. [CBC News](#); [Metro News](#); [Global News](#); [CBC News](#); [Edmonton Sun](#); [Edmonton Journal](#)

Young Canadian woman joins Islamic State group

A young Canadian woman abruptly left her family to join the Islamic State group in Syria after purportedly being radicalized while studying religion online, public broadcaster CBC said Wednesday. Canada's spy agency warned the family that their daughter had been "interacting with people they thought were dangerous and were influencing her in a negative way," according to the sister. It comes as the Canadian government is set to grant sweeping powers to its spy agency to thwart terror plots and disrupt suspected extremists' travel plans, such as preventing them from boarding a plane to join a banned group abroad. [AFP \(Yahoo! News\)](#); [Arutz Sheva](#)

Des cégepiens soupçonnés d'avoir rejoint le groupe État islamique

Au moins trois étudiants du Collège de Maisonneuve, dont deux filles, ont quitté le pays et ont vraisemblablement rejoint les djihadistes en Syrie, a appris notre Bureau d'enquête. Noura serait partie avec Ahmed (nom fictif), également étudiant au Collège de Maisonneuve. Le 21 janvier dernier, la GRC a rendu visite à un voisin et à la propriétaire de l'immeuble où il habite, dans Villeray. [Le Journal de Montréal](#)

Man accused of being Canadian security threat says weapons purchases fueled by love of guns, not terrorism

A Toronto man federal officials are alleging is a security threat and a member of a Pakistani terrorist group repeatedly professed his love of guns Wednesday as he was questioned about the weapons he once stockpiled. "I love guns," Mohammed Aqeeq Ansari, 30, said at an Immigration and Refugee Board hearing that will decide whether he will be deported back to Pakistan. The hearing began Tuesday and was expected to conclude next week. During his testimony, Mr. Ansari was asked by a Canada Border Services Agency official why someone who was jobless and living in his brother's basement would accumulate \$20,000-worth of guns and ammunition in four months. [National Post](#)

Canadian Association of Police Governance seeking membership feedback about Anti-Terrorism Act

The Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) has asked the local police services board to participate in a survey regarding the Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015, introduced in the House of Commons earlier this year. The proposed legislation, Bill C-51, is meant to strengthen Canadian security forces, says Barry Devolin, MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. The bill passed second reading on Tuesday (Feb. 24) and has been referred to the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security. "This is an important piece of legislation," says MP Devolin. "I presume this will be completed before we rise in June." In the report to the KLPS board, the CAPG stat's it's seeking feedback from its membership on the proposed anti-terrorism legislation. [myKawartha.com](#)

CSE monitors your emails to the government: What you need to know

Canada's electronic spy agency collects and stores millions of emails sent to the government to check for malware and suspicious links, according to documents obtained by NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden. But experts are concerned about the scope of the surveillance. The top-secret documents – obtained by Snowden and published by CBC in collaboration with U.S. news site The Intercept – reveal Communications Security Establishment (CSE) analysts comb through hundreds of thousands of emails a day and store details about those emails for "days to months." According to the CBC report, the emails are collected to protect the government from hackers, cyber criminals and enemy states. The article notes that CSE says "specific communications" are examined if they are "suspected to relate to a cyber-threat that could harm government of Canada systems and networks." [Global News](#)

Parents of B.C. man who volunteered to fight ISIS support his 'intense desire' to defend Canadian values

The parents of a British Columbia man who traveled to Syria last week to volunteer in the fight against ISIS said Wednesday they were proud of their son and supported his "intense desire" to defend Canadian values. The former member of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry is the second Canadian veteran known to have volunteered to fight ISIS alongside Kurdish forces, after Ontario's Dillon Hiller. Although he was no longer in the military, Mr. Glossop was upset that terrorists were targeting soldiers inside Canada and began planning a trip to Iraq to "take on ISIS on their own turf," his friend said. He was also "offended" by John Maguire, a former University of Ottawa student who became radicalized and appeared in an ISIS propaganda video last December calling for terrorist attacks in Canada. [National Post](#)

B.C. man accused in terror case wanted to be armed for Canada Day attack: trial

A B.C. man accused in a terrorism case appears in surveillance videos to be anxious to be armed with a gun for an alleged Canada Day attack at the provincial legislature. John Nuttall and his wife Amanda Korody were both charged in July 2013 after an RCMP investigation that captured hours of video and audio recordings. The videos have shown Nuttall and Korody developing their plan and discussing the details with an undercover officer, who they believe is an Arab businessman sympathetic to radical Islam. In the latest video played for the jury, recorded in a motel room on June 28, Nuttall curses as he tells Korody they must have guns before executing their plan. Nuttall appears angry that the supposed businessman hadn't yet obtained firearms, and he says he won't do anything without a gun. Previous videos have shown Nuttall repeatedly asking the officer to ensure they have automatic weapons, but the officer has not said whether that will happen. [Canadian Press](#) (Winnipeg Free Press)

Video shows terror suspect wanted to carry gun while planting bombs

A few days before an alleged plot to detonate bombs at the B.C. Legislature in Victoria, terror suspect John Nuttall is captured on police surveillance video saying he needs a gun to help carry out the conspiracy. Nuttall's comment is made after he and his wife, Amanda Korody, have spent several hours working on building bombs to be placed in planters and exploded outside the legislature on Canada Day 2013. [The Province](#)

Un Montréalais soupçonné de terrorisme

La Couronne demande une ordonnance préventive de ne pas troubler la paix contre un Montréalais, la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) ayant dit craindre qu'il ne commette un acte terroriste. Une assignation à comparaître a été émise pour Merouane Ghalmi, qui doit se présenter jeudi devant un juge de la Cour du Québec. L'assignation indique que l'homme âgé de 22 ans sera appelé à signer une ordonnance de ne pas troubler la paix. Le Service des poursuites pénales du Canada souligne que le gouvernement fédéral a utilisé à moins de dix reprises ces ordonnances de ne pas troubler la paix dans des cas reliés au terrorisme. Le porte-parole de la Couronne fédérale, Daniel Brien, a rappelé qu'il s'agissait d'une mesure préventive. La GRC au Québec n'a pas voulu commenter, mercredi, et une personne ayant répondu à un appel à la demeure de Merouane Ghalmi a raccroché lorsque jointe par La Presse Canadienne. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (La Presse); [Canadian Press](#) (mysask.com)

Attentat raté contre VIA Rail : Esseghaier planifiait une attaque à l'anthrax

Le procès des deux hommes soupçonnés d'avoir voulu fomenter un attentat pour le compte d'Al-Qaïda s'est poursuivi, mercredi, avec le témoignage d'un musulman que Chiheb Esseghaier a tenté de recruter pour faire dérailler un train en Ontario en décembre 2012. Un interdit de publication empêche toutefois d'identifier cet important témoin de la Couronne. [Radio-Canada](#)

Committee opts to study terror financing over oil, economy

Finance Minister Joe Oliver has gotten his wish: The Commons Finance committee has agreed to study terrorism financing — even though the topic was examined at great length by the Senate banking committee just recently. The committee, with its Conservative majority, voted in favor of the proposed study Tuesday morning. NDP Finance critic Nathan Cullen — who had called on the committee to study the effects of cheap oil on the Canadian economy — called it political opportunism. [iPolitics](#)

Ottawa twins charged with terror-related offences applying for Indian status

The Ottawa twins facing terror-related charges for allegedly trying to join ISIS are currently trying to obtain Indian status, APTN National News has learned. [APTN National News](#)

Anti-terrorism bill too far reaching: MP Stewart

What do Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan, gardening grannies along the Arbutus corridor and truckers serving local ports have in common? They could all find themselves the targets of Canadian Security Intelligence Service or RCMP operations if a proposed anti-terrorism bill is passed in Parliament, says Burnaby-Douglas New Democrat MP Kennedy Stewart. Bill C-51 defines "activity that undermines the security of Canada" as including that which interferes with "the economic or financial stability of Canada" and "critical infrastructure." [Burnaby NewsLeader](#)

Unnecessary terror bill to be rammed through Parliament

An opinion piece states, "Stephen Harper's government plans to ram its massive new security bill through Parliament with little debate. This is not exactly a surprise..." [Toronto Star](#)

Climate hysterics have wrong 'intel'

An opinion piece states, "Indulge me today while I dispense with a smear campaign some climate hysterics have spread about me in the wake of the leak of an RCMP report on environmental radicalism in Canada. Their smear is the false suggestion I provided "intel" to the RCMP in the preparation of this report, which began on one environmental website I'm not going to give any publicity to, and was then widely referenced on social media by people who had no idea of what they were talking about. Simply put, the suggestion I provided "intel" to the RCMP is a lie and anyone who says it is a liar..." [Toronto Sun](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News – Power & Politics discussed the case of a radicalized woman from Edmonton who travelled to Syria to fight for CSIS with Roxanne James, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety, along with MPs Chrystia Freeland and Megan Leslie. [Rough Transcript](#)

CTV News - Power Play interviewed Conservative MP Stella Ambler, NDP MP Jinny Sims and Liberal MP Yvonne Jones regarding a woman from Edmonton who has reportedly gone overseas to join the terrorist group ISIS. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News – Power & Politics discussed the impact of Bill C-51 on aboriginal and environmental dissent with Pam Palmater and Jim Emberger. [Rough Transcript](#)

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NY regulators analyze banks' cyber security, plan to examine insurers' protections

New York's top financial regulator says his office is considering tougher cyber security requirements for banks with more complex computer sign-ins and certifications from their contractors of their defenses. [The Associated Press](#) (Fox Business); [AFP](#) (Yahoo! News)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Cover preview: Inside the RCMP's biggest crisis

Four years after RCMP spokesperson Catherine Galliford shone a light on a crisis of sexual harassment and retribution within the force, female Mounties tell Maclean's that the same old syndrome persists: Faced with a revelations of harassment, they say, the RCMP too often manages to protect the accused

harasser while punishing the victim. The Mounties insist they've recognized the problem and, armed with new tools, are poised to act. Laws that came into force two months ago have beefed up Commissioner Bob Paulson's powers to fire perpetrators, while long-awaited processes for resolving harassment complaints are on the books. Yet the accusations keep coming. Maclean's speaks to a female Mountie whose harassment complaint was deemed unfounded by the force, after she complained she was sexually assaulted by a male superior. And Maclean's speaks to RCMP psychiatrist Greg Passey who calls the RCMP a "totally dysfunctional organization." [Maclean's](#)

'I put my hand on his head, tried to stop the bleeding': Couple that tried to save St. Albert Mountie

It was 20 minutes until close at the St. Albert Apex Casino in the early hours of January 17. Rodney and Irene Codner were having a night out and were playing slots. They had just contemplated going home but decided to stay. They were having a good night on the machines. It's a decision that will likely haunt them for the rest of their lives. "I heard a commotion," said Rodney. "I look up and I see the two officers... they were chasing the guy and the three were charging towards us." "One officer tried to grab ahold of the guy from behind... and the guy turned around with a gun and he shot the first officer in the head," said Rodney, his voice breaking. The two officers: Const. David Wynn and Auxiliary Const. Derek Bond. The shooter was 34-year-old Shawn Maxwell Rehn. [Global News](#)

Former RCMP spokeswoman frustrated by another delay in sexual harassment trial

A court delay means the frustration continues for a former RCMP spokeswoman who was the first to file a sexual harassment claim against the force. Catherine Galliford says the post-traumatic stress has become hard to handle. "I think about it every day." The trial was supposed to start February 16th, but Galliford says the judge felt it was going to take more time in court than they had originally put aside. "I'm waiting for closure, I'm just waiting for a resolution to this and so far that has not [happened]." She's technically still with the force as she continues to wait for a medical discharge. "One of the things that I've asked for is, I would like to go to a PTSD recovery group, and one of the things I've been told by the group is that I'm not treatable as long as I'm attached to the RCMP. Galliford's lawsuit against the feds, province and several officers claims years of abuse, including sex assaults, intimidation and harassment. There are other lawsuits now against the force from women with similar accusations. "I received the PTSD as a direct result of harassment within the RCMP," claims Galliford. So what I'm asking them for is to acknowledge the fact that I have PTSD...I would like the RCMP to help me find new tools to deal with it on a day to day level." [News 1130](#)

Whitehorse : un commerce attaqué à la machette

Cinq personnes ont été arrêtées après une attaque à main armée mardi dans un commerce de Whitehorse, a déclaré la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC). Selon un communiqué de la police, deux suspects munis d'une machette et d'une matraque auraient volé de l'argent d'un magasin de la rue Elliott vers 17 h après avoir demandé d'accéder au coffre-fort. Personne n'a été blessé lors de l'incident. Environ deux heures plus tard, la GRC a encerclé un véhicule au coin de la 2e Avenue et de la rue Hanson. Les policiers y ont découvert des objets qui seraient liés au commerce attaqué. Le chauffeur du véhicule et les quatre passagers ont été arrêtés sans incident, a déclaré la police. La GRC demande au public de lui fournir toute information pertinente dans cette affaire. [Radio-Canada](#)

Man pleads guilty to threatening to blow up Yorkton RCMP detachment

A man has pleaded guilty to threatening to blow up a RCMP detachment in Yorkton. Shayne James Trowbridge, who is 40, admitted in Yorkton provincial court to uttering threats to harm RCMP members and uttering threats to destroy an RCMP building. [Canadian Press](#) (CTV Regina)

Accused in Mob murder in court after extradition

One of the four men accused in the 2012 Mob-style execution of Johnnie Raposo in Little Italy made his first appearance in a Toronto courtroom Wednesday, amid heightened security, after finally being extradited from Greece. Toronto Police allege Rabih "Robby" Alkhalil, 27, and two associates - Nicola Nero, 36, of Niagara Falls, and Martino Caputo, 39, of Toronto - hired accused hitman Dean Wiwchar to carry out the brazen killing. Niagara Regional Police and the Surete du Quebec wanted Alkhalil on drug trafficking and importing cocaine charges. The RCMP wanted him for passport-related offences. [Toronto Sun](#); [The Province](#)

Des accusations en lien avec la pornographie juvénile contre Patrick Prud'homme

Un homme de 41 ans, Patrick Prud'homme, a été accusé au palais de justice de Roberval de dix chefs de possession, de distribution et de production de matériel de pornographie juvénile. Depuis sa création il y a douze ans, l'escouade constituée d'enquêteurs de la Sûreté du Québec (SQ) et de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) a mené près de 300 arrestations à travers le Québec en lien avec l'exploitation sexuelle des enfants. [Radio-Canada](#)

Two men who robbed gas station armed with handguns sought by Strathmore RCMP

Strathmore RCMP are looking for two men who, armed with handguns, robbed a gas station in Rocky View County. The two men entered The Filling Station in Wrangler Park at about 10:20 a.m. on Saturday, according to police. One then placed a handgun on the counter and demanded money from the employee behind the cash register. When the employee didn't comply right away, the man raised the gun and issued the demand again. [Metro News](#)

Legal armed robbery has Alberta RCMP seeking assistance

Officers with the Morinville RCMP are looking for a man who robbed the Super Mart in Legal, Alta. on Wednesday morning. With his face covered, the man entered the store, pulled out a handgun, and demanded money and cigarettes, according to police. He then fled with the cash and tobacco in an "older white domestic vehicle," eastbound on Highway 651, RCMP said in a release. [Metro News](#)

Former Sask. youth volunteer charged with sexual exploitation

Police believe there may be more victims after a Regina man was charged with child exploitation last month. An investigation into Nathan Michael Labatt began after a parent of a Lanigan, Sask. youth complained to RCMP in July 2014 that their son had received inappropriate text messages from a man. Labatt, 24, has also been charged with invitation to sexual touching and possession of child pornography. None of the allegations have been proven in court. [Global News](#); [CBC News](#)

Kinder Morgan drilling draws protesters

A handful of protesters are keeping watch over a Kinder Morgan drilling site in New Westminster - with several temporarily blocking traffic Tuesday on a Highway 1 on-ramp near the site. Wednesday, a few protesters could be seen gathered on the overpass, including Jakub Markiewicz, who a few months ago crawled under a Kinder Morgan vehicle and told media - using the pseudonym George Khossi - he wouldn't leave until "Kinder Morgan is held accountable and Stephen Harper is put out of power and Christy Clark and any other member of Parliament who is deemed unworthy to represent the people." A few hours later, he voluntarily climbed out. He also crawled up a tree during the Burnaby Mountain protests and had to be removed by RCMP. [24 Hours Vancouver](#)

Ontario chiefs of police target property crime in awareness campaign

Police chiefs from around the province want to crack down on property crime by getting the public more involved in their neighbourhoods and encouraging residents to report all crime, no matter how petty the incident. [Windsor Star](#)

La SQ doit abolir au moins 150 postes de cadre

La Sûreté du Québec n'échappera pas aux mesures d'austérité imposées par le gouvernement Couillard pour atteindre l'équilibre budgétaire. De nombreux cadres sont visés par des coupes de plusieurs millions de dollars dans le budget du corps de police provincial. [Radio-Canada](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Career criminal Albert Foulston who served 20 years for killing an Edmonton city cop in the '90s is back behind bars

A career criminal who served a 20-year prison sentence for his role in the killing of an Edmonton police officer in the early '90s is back behind bars. Albert Foulston was arrested Tuesday evening and is facing charges of robbery, break and enter and breaching a recognizance. Foulston has spent more than 30

years behind bars on more than 50 convictions, and is described in parole board reports as a remorseless drug addict, caught using heroin both in and out of prison. The former head of the Edmonton Police Association (EPA) called Foulston the poster boy for a failed parole system. His case is the catalyst for the EPA to start compiling files on repeat offenders. [Edmonton Sun](#)

Parole Board says convicted Terrace killer making progress

A convicted killer who is on an unescorted absence from prison had one of his release conditions modified to allow him to attend an event on Wednesday. Alexander has been denied parole four times since he became eligible in 2006, but has been granted a number of escorted and unescorted temporary absences. He is currently on a 60-day unescorted temporary absence that began in January. According to a recently released decision from the Parole Board of Canada, Alexander was to attend the Winter Closing Ceremony at the Kwikwèxwelhp Healing Village and return to his halfway house by 11:30 p.m. He attended the Winter Opening Ceremony in November with no concern. [The Province](#)

Sudbury PoV: Drunk driving fight an endless battle

An opinion piece states, "When he was sentenced in September 2010, Nicholas Piovesan asked for forgiveness. "I understand how much anger you must have toward me," Piovesan said. "I hope you all find strength to forgive me, not so much for myself, but for yourself, so the anger and hurt does not destroy you," Piovesan said, as he looked at the family and friends of Steven Philippe, 16, Jazmine Houle, 15, and Caitlin Jelley, 15. He struck and killed the teens as they walked along the shoulder of Municipal Road 80 around 12:30 a.m. on June 21, 2009... The tragedy shook the families of everyone involved, the city and the legal community. He was sentenced to seven years for criminal negligence in the operation of a motor vehicle causing death; at the time, it was the harshest penalty of its kind handed out in Canada. Now, however, Piovesan is about to be released from prison. The Parole Board of Canada says the now 31-year-old man will be freed in May and will live in Sturgeon Falls..." [Sudbury Star](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Missing and murdered women solution includes grassroots say minister, advocate

B.C.'s Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Rustad said grassroots movements are key to solving the large number of aboriginal women who go missing or are murdered in Canada ahead of a national roundtable on the issue. Starting on Friday, representatives from around the country, including the families of aboriginal women who have gone missing, will meet in Ottawa for the National Roundtable on Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women. [CBC News](#)

Aboriginal chief says Valcourt 'ill-informed' on violence against indigenous women

The country's top First Nations chief says federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt was "ill-informed" when he spoke about how indigenous men have a lack of respect for women on reserves. "I think they were ill-informed. We've got to do a better job of educating not only the ministers in government, but the general public, about the impacts of this situation - about missing and murdered women and girls and the violence in our communities." [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Community Safety Plan meeting this week

A stakeholder meeting is set for this week to build on the existing community safety plan for the city of North Battleford. The meeting is set for Thursday and was mentioned at council Monday by City Community Safety Co-ordinator Herb Sutton. He said about 50 people are coming to meet at the Chapel Gallery and it is a "wide cross-section of people from across the city," he said. Represented will various agencies from around the community. There will also be people coming from **Public Safety Canada** and the provincial Ministry of Justice. The idea is to build on the existing plan with the help of the federal and provincial governments. According to Sutton's report it includes a three-step process: a community leadership commitment, community mobilization and a community safety plan. This was a process by **Public Safety Canada** in co-ordination with the Building Partnerships to Reduce Crime. According to Sutton, **Public Safety Canada** approached BPRC to try the process out in a community in the province,

and North Battleford was recommended by the province "because they felt our community was well-poised to do this work." [News-Optimist](#)

Mayor upset PoCo not consulted ahead of Schoenborn decision

The Mayor of Port Coquitlam is voicing his concern that his community has no say in whether child killer Allan Schoenborn is granted escorted visits into the area. This comes one day ahead of an expected decision on the matter from the BC Review Board. Greg Moore is upset the panel that's making the decision on whether to give Schoenborn the visits hasn't come to city hall and it hasn't asked the community for any input. [News 1130](#)

On Pink Shirt Day, Edmonton students create lasting message against bullying

People across Edmonton shared photos on Twitter of their pink attire Wednesday, including councillors, RCMP, and many students at local schools. [Edmonton Journal](#)

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FBI: 3 Brooklyn Men Arrested For Attempting To Join ISIS, Plotting Terror Attacks In U.S.

FBI agents arrested three Brooklyn men for allegedly attempting to travel abroad to join the terror group ISIS, with one man agreeing to kill President Barack Obama if ordered to, according to a criminal complaint. The trio had also discussed launching attacks domestically if they were unable to travel to join the terror group, authorities said. Abdurasul Hasanovich Juraboev, Akhror Saidakhmetov and Abror Habibov face charges of conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists. [CBS News](#); [Daily Mail](#); [LA Times](#)

Chinese spies responsible for break-ins at African nuclear site: leaked documents

Chinese industrial spies were responsible for a series of mysterious break-ins by armed robbers at a South African nuclear research site, a leaked intelligence document says. It is the latest revelation from hundreds of leaked "spy cables" obtained by Al Jazeera and released in daily batches this week. The new documents on Wednesday expose how Africa has become a happy hunting ground for Chinese and Russian spies seeking technological and geopolitical advantage. [Globe and Mail](#)

3 Al-Jazeera journalists arrested for flying a drone in Paris; other drone flights unsolved

Three Al-Jazeera journalists have been arrested for illegally flying a drone in Paris Wednesday, after unidentified drones flew over the Eiffel Tower and key Paris landmarks for a second night running. It's further baffled French authorities who are investigating a spate of unidentified flying objects in the Paris skies at a time of high security across the country. [The Associated Press](#) (The Telegram)

Muslim forum on 'terrorism' seeks education reform

A counter-terrorism conference attended by senior Muslim scholars from around the world on Wednesday called for education reform to tackle religious extremism. [AFP](#) (Yahoo! News)

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CBCNews

'Canada cannot become an exporter of terrorism,' says public safety minister ift.tt/1AsiqMV

CBCAlerts

Public Safety Minister Blaney says CSIS needs power to stop Canadians from going abroad for terrorist purposes: cbc.ca/1.2972496 #ISIS

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Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney says C-51 would prevent Cdns from travelling to ISIS territory @... [instagram.com/p/ziPIsqkMX/](https://www.instagram.com/p/ziPIsqkMX/)

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"At this point #CSIS can only collect information," @MinStevenBlaney says. #C51 would give CSIS mandate to "disrupt"

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This is what Blaney is responding to: ISIS recruited Canadian woman to join fight in Syria cbc.ca/m/news/topstor...

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NDP Leader @ThomasMulcair leads of QP ...asking if govt will give more than three days for testimony #cdnpoli

HannahThibedeau

Pub Safety Min @MinStevenBlaney does not answer the question. Only to say imp't legislation ...needs to pass #cdnpoli

HBuzzetti

Pour ceux qui ça intéresse. La loi antiterroriste de 2001 avait fait l'objet de 19 séances de comité (38 heures). @MinStevenBlaney #cdnpoli

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If you wonder. The antiterror bill of 2001 (9/11) went through 19 committee sessions (38 hours). @MinStevenBlaney #cdnpoli

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Today I Learned: "Each time the government introduces a bill, it ensures that bill is constitutional." Thanks, Minister Blaney. #QP

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

PnPCBC

MPs Roxanne James, @cafreeland and @MeganLeslieMP talk ISIS female recruitment and if #C51 will help stem recruitment. #pnpcbc

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Roxanne James: CSIS' current mandate does not enable them to intervene. They have no ability to threaten disruption.

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@MeganLeslieMP: There's nothing in #C51 that will actually help us stop this radicalization.

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Roxanne James: can't comment on whether CSIS handed over information on radicalization to RCMP. #cdnpoli #pnpcbc

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@cafreeland: 2015 is a dangerous time. We're supporting the bill, we have serious concerns, but this is the reason why. #C51 #cdnpoli

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RCMP's Parliament Hill security takeover to begin 'immediately': After a combined total of just four days ... bit.ly/1LIRnRe #hw

CTV PowerPlay

@jbellava obtained a report saying the RCMP is worried about the use of drones by terrorist groups. #cdnpoli

APTNNews

Ottawa twins charged with terror-related offences applying for Indian status fb.me/4FSrL2y4T

nationalpost

Man accused of being Canadian security threat says weapons purchases fueled by love of guns, not terrorism natpo.st/1zfLYse

CJAD800

RCMP fears Montreal man will commit terrorism offence; seeks peace bond dlvr.it/8ktXZz

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RCMPAlberta

The #RCMP and @CityofLeduc team up against bullying on #PinkShirtDay rcmp.ca/-1rw

bcRCMP

The BC RCMP is once again proudly supporting Pink Shirt Day #PinkShirtDay

GRCduLMD

Nos services cynophiles intégrés prennent position contre l'intimidation #PinkShirtDay

GlobalEdmonton

Raw video: Full intvu w/ #StAB couple who witnessed #RCMP shooting & tried to help glnb.ca/JENr3#CstWynn

ctvregina

Man pleads guilty to threatening to blow up Yorkton RCMP detachment ow.ly/JEHR6

Blogs

Political activist Ken Stone takes CSIS to task for alleged harassment

What is it like to be targeted by Canada's spy agency? Veteran anti-war and environmental activist Ken Stone knows firsthand and is willing to talk about it. The retired school teacher is presently taking the legal route: making a formal complaint against the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). This action follows the sudden appearance of two agents at his Hamilton home two years ago. "The visit was not warranted under the mandate of CSIS. It caused anxiety for me and my family. It was an attempt to intimidate me, and my family members in lawfully exercising our charter rights, of freedom of speech and association, and my right to criticize the government of Canada, and its policies," said Stone. The Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) will be holding an in-camera hearing on March 26 and 27, where Lawyer Bijon Roy will present Stone's complaint against CSIS and CSIS will offer its rebuttal. Roy says Stone's unusual experience might be a sign of what's to come after the Conservatives push through Bill C-51's controversial measures, which will expand the scope of surveillance, targeting and disruption of dissenting groups in Canada. Rabble.ca

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La vidéo de Zehaf-Bibeau pourrait être dévoilée vendredi

La vidéo dans laquelle l'auteur de la fusillade au parlement d'Ottawa détaillerait les motifs expliquant son geste sera au coeur d'un témoignage du commissaire de la GRC vendredi. Bob Paulson, qui sera devant le Comité permanent de la sécurité publique et nationale, pourrait alors rendre publique la vidéo de Michael Zehaf-Bibeau. Les parlementaires devraient pouvoir regarder la vidéo - en entier ou en partie -, mais on ne sait pas si la séance sera publique. La Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) se base sur la vidéo en question pour imputer au tireur des motifs d'ordre « idéologiques et politiques ». Mardi, le gouvernement Harper demandait à son tour la diffusion de la vidéo. En dépit de « la sensibilité de l'enquête » en cours, « la position du gouvernement est que la vidéo devrait être diffusée à la population canadienne », a écrit mardi le porte-parole du **ministre de la Sécurité publique Steven Blaney**, Jean-Christophe de la Rue, dans un courriel. Quelques semaines après la fusillade, la GRC avait laissé entendre que la vidéo pourrait demeurer secrète, puisqu'elle constitue un élément central de la preuve. [Radio-Canada](#); [CBC News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (The Hamilton Spectator, IPolitics, Metro News, CTV News, Huffington Post); [La Presse](#); [Postmedia News](#) (National Post, Ottawa Citizen); [QMI Agency](#) (Ottawa Sun, London Free Press, Winnipeg Sun, Toronto Sun, Kingston Whit Standard); [The Globe and Mail](#)

Stephen Harper says proposed bill would deny parole for some murders

People found guilty in some killings should have to serve life in prison with little or no chance of parole, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in Scarborough, Ont. today. Harper said the Conservatives are proposing legislation to end parole for those convicted of murders involving: Sexual assault. Kidnapping. Terrorism. A police or corrections officer. Particular "brutality." Currently, those who are convicted of first-degree murder face an automatic sentence of life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years. Harper said those convicted of the crimes listed in the legislation could voluntarily petition the minister for public safety for release after serving no less than 35 years. "Decisions will not rest with an appointed board but with the federal cabinet," he said. **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** said in January the government would introduce legislation to ensure people convicted of the worst crimes have no chance of being released from prison. He said the bill would be introduced before June. [CBC News](#)

Le Canada a remis aux États-Unis cinq espions présumés depuis 2004

Le Canada a remis aux autorités américaines, entre 2004 et 2013, cinq personnes soupçonnées d'espionnage contre les États-Unis, a indiqué mercredi le ministère fédéral de la Sécurité publique, sans plus de précisions. "Dans les cas des cinq personnes soupçonnées d'espionnage déportées du Canada vers les États-Unis, il s'agissait pour le Canada de faire retourner aux États-Unis des gens soupçonnés d'espionnage contre les États-Unis", a expliqué à l'AFP Jean-Christophe De Le Rue, porte-parole du **ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**. Il faisait écho aux révélations publiées par les quotidiens Toronto Star et La Presse qui, en vertu de la loi sur l'accès à l'information, ont obtenu des documents officiels indiquant qu'entre 2004 et 2014, 21 espions présumés avaient été expulsés du Canada, dont cinq étaient des ressortissants américains. Le rapport de l'Agence des services frontaliers (ASFC) montre notamment que les cinq présumés espions remis aux autorités américaines l'ont été en 2004, 2007, 2008 et 2013. Outre les États-Unis, les autres personnes ont été expulsées du Canada vers la Chine, la Corée du Nord, Cuba, l'Inde, l'Iran, le Malawi, la Mongolie, l'Ouganda, la Russie, le Rwanda, la Suède, la Tunisie et le Venezuela. Les services du renseignement américains et canadiens sont étroitement liés via des accords de défense conclus à la fin de la Seconde guerre mondiale avec les autres alliés des "Fives Eyes", le Royaume-Uni, l'Australie et la Nouvelle-Zélande. [Huffington Post](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

Les audiences sur le projet de loi C-51 commencent mardi et c'est le **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney** qui va les inaugurer en quelque sorte, c'est le ministre parrain du projet de loi qui vient défendre sa législation. De plus, on est encore à négocier la liste des témoins. Ce qui est acquis, c'est que les quatre anciens premiers ministres, qui étaient quand même signataires d'une lettre qui exprimait beaucoup de réserves à l'endroit du C-51, ne seront pas invités. On ne s'est pas encore entendu, environ 48-50 témoins, un peu plus de la moitié pour le gouvernement, un peu moins de la moitié évidemment pour l'opposition. (RDI, 11h09 ET)

La GRC va dévoiler, vendredi, la vidéo de Michael Zehaf-Bibeau enregistrée avant l'attentat au Parlement. Le **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, l'avait réclamé mardi. Il avait joint sa voix à deux comités de la Chambre des communes et du Sénat qui réclamaient que l'enregistrement soit rendu public. (CBC Radio One Montreal, 7h33 ET; RDI, 7h13 ET; LCN, 8h07 ET)

Canada's spy agency is eyeing the threat of a homegrown anti-Islam movement spreading online. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service advised the office of **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** of its concerns during a secret September briefing. (AM640 Toronto Radio, 6h03 ET; Q107 FM Toronto, 8h14 ET)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Widespread power outages

Power outages are being reported across the Avalon and Bonavista Peninsulas this morning and as far west as Gander. Newfoundland Power says loss of supply from NL Hydro is the cause of the outages

and about 30,000 customers are without power. The power outages affecting many areas of St. John's began around 7:20 a.m. [The Telegram](#); [VOCM](#)

Toronto power outage: 15,000 still in the dark

Toronto Hydro is working to restore power to about 15,000 customers. Crews worked through the night after 25,000 customers experienced an outage due to Tuesday afternoon's winter storm. [Toronto Sun](#)

Power outages close most schools in Perth

Widespread power outages south of the city have forced the closure of several schools in the Perth area. Hydro One says there are currently about 15,547 customers without power in that area, and will remain without power until at least 10 a.m. They have given no reason for the outage, but the area was hit with snow and freezing rain Tuesday night and into this morning. There is another power outage in the Brockville area, according to HydroOne. About 5,500 customers will remain without power until 9:30 a.m. at the earliest. [Ottawa Sun](#)

Thousands without power in Montreal, surrounding areas Wednesday morning

Almost 9,000 Hydro-Québec customers are without power in the province after a series of blackouts overnight Tuesday to Wednesday. As of 9 a.m., the second largest outages are recorded in Montreal: 2,567 customers. Other areas around Montreal: Lanaudière, 2,036 customers; Laval, 1,861 customers; Montérégie, 1,219. Mathieu Rouy, a Hydro-Québec spokesperson, pointed out that this is 8,997 customers out of 4 million province-wide so it is not considered a large outage. [Montreal Gazette](#)

TSB still gathering data in Gogama, Ont. train derailment probe

The Transportation Safety Board investigators have left the scene of a CN train derailment near Gogama. Now, they're tasked with sifting through the data they collected to find out why 29 cars from a 100-car Canadian National Railway train carrying diluted bitumen derailed in the remote area of Ontario, south of Timmins on Feb. 14. More than one million litres of crude oil was spilled and caught fire, burning for two days. A spokesperson for the Transportation Safety Board said investigators will be combing through rail components to find out what happened. Meanwhile, CN's clean up efforts continue at the site of the derailment, which is being overseen by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and Environment Canada. [CBC News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Bill C-51: Breaking down a most terrifying debate

When the House of Commons reconvenes next week, the public safety committee will begin its study of Bill C-51, the Conservative government's Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015. That study will be limited to nine hearings, in which MPs will confront a five-part bill that raises questions about national security and civil liberties. In its current form, C-51 would, among other things, give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) a new ability to disrupt potential threats, create a new crime of advocating for or promoting terrorism, and allow for greater sharing of information across government departments. While the parties stake out positions—the Conservatives staunchly in favour, the NDP resolutely against, the Liberals supportive but desiring changes—critics beyond Parliament Hill are raising concerns. To advance that discussion, Maclean's convened a call with two experts: Ray Boisvert, a security analyst who spent nearly 30 years with CSIS, and Craig Forcese, a law professor at the University of Ottawa, who, along with Kent Roach, a professor at the University of Toronto, has written extensively about C-51. [Macleans](#)

Projet de loi antiterroriste : les ex-PM ne sont pas invités à témoigner

Radio-Canada a obtenu une liste de témoins qui pourraient être appelés à se prononcer sur le projet de loi C-51 du gouvernement fédéral. La liste comprend entre autres des experts en sécurité et en droit, mais on y note aussi de grands absents. Les audiences sur le projet de loi antiterroriste commenceront dans moins d'une semaine. Neuf séances sont prévues d'ici la fin du mois. Pour respecter cet échéancier, le Comité permanent de la sécurité publique et nationale devra mettre les bouchées doubles. Dans ce marathon d'audiences, les premiers témoins à être entendus seront **Steven Blaney, ministre de la Sécurité publique**, et Peter MacKay, ministre de la Justice. [Radio-Canada](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

A video made by Michael Zehaf-Bibeau just before that rampage will be made public on Friday. A commons and senate committee recently asked the RCMP Commissioner to let the public see it. (CTV News, 9h08 ET; CBC News, 10h21, 11h06, 12h37 ET; RDI 11h09 ET; CP24, 11h30 ET; TVA, 12h00 ET)

The RCMP Commissioner will also be asked to update on the status the investigation. (CBC News, 10h25, 12h37 ET)

CBC News learned that the committee hearing will be open and they will be allowed to televise it and it is understood that they will certainly be making that video available possibly even screening it. (CBC News, 13h09 ET)

Nearly half of Canadians say they feel less safe from terrorism than they did two years ago, according to a survey conducted for *CBC News*. Two-thirds say it is likely that an attack will occur in Canada within the next five years, including 42 per cent who expect that it will result in mass death and destruction. However, only nine per cent think terrorism and national security should be the top priority for federal politicians, behind unemployment (20 per cent), the economy (19 per cent) and health care (15 per cent). (AM640 Toronto Radio, 6h03 ET; CBC News, 10h19 ET)

The parents of a Quebec teenager thought to have left the country to join jihadists in Syria say they had no idea their son wanted to fight overseas. (CBC News, 12h25, 13h15 ET)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Unlabeled Botox vials seized from a downtown Vancouver business

Health Canada is issuing a warning after it seized unlabeled bottles of what appears to be Botox from a business in downtown Vancouver. The product was seized from Art Nails Ltd. on 751 Helmcken St. Health Canada says the product was being injected at this location and appears to be unauthorized as it contained no labelling. It says the store owner claimed the product was Botox that had been administered to consumers. Potential risks associated with injecting an unauthorized version of a health product such as Botox can range from mild local paralysis to death. All products administered by injection in Canada must be authorized by Health Canada and must have approved labelling. Art Nails is cooperating with Health Canada and has agreed to no longer import the product. Health Canada is also working with the Canada Border Services Agency to help prevent further importation of this product. [Global News](#)

Port Of Entry Statistics Reveal Importance Of Proper Immigration Paperwork

Officers at this POE conducted more than 173 immigration interviews that resulted in two Visitor Records, four Work Permits and eight voluntarily withdrawn applications to enter Canada. Below are some examples that outline the importance of various forms of paperwork you should have to avoid negative consequences. A foreign national arrived at this POE on December 1st and was referred for an immigration interview. In his interview, the foreign national said he intended to enter Canada to get a job to earn money for a plane ticket home. He had paid someone a small fee to drive him from the United States to the Canadian border. The traveller did not have a valid passport or any other identification, so he was given a departure order and was driven back to the United States. The traveller would not have been able to enter Canada to work unless he had a work permit, for which he would have been required to have valid identification. [Mondaq.com](#)

Will higher gas prices in Wash. State deter you from going south?

Washington State will soon raise the price at the pump but will that affect how often you hop across the border to save money when filling up the tank? Cross-border gas shopping is nothing new but a major gas tax hike will make it less enticing to head to the Evergreen State to gas up. Washington is raising the state-wide gas tax by almost \$0.12 a gallon to pay for a \$15 billion transportation improvement plan that was approved by the State Senate earlier this week. Gas analyst Michael Ervin with MJ Ervin & Associates says that likely won't be enough to stop Canadians from heading south to fuel up. "We've

seen people cross the street so-to-speak, for even a two-cent price difference in Canada. Any price difference greater than that certainly will create the incentive. Of course the more gasoline you buy times the price difference, translates into more money left in the consumer's pocket." If the new tax were to take effect today, current prices, according to GasBuddy, would mean fuel would still be roughly \$0.20 cheaper in Washington State. Ervin says nothing short of even-pricing will completely stop us from getting gas across the line. [News 1130](#)

We can finally start building the new bridge to Canada

There's something like 30,000 parts in every car. Here in the nation's auto capital, we know full well that successfully building a car that works is no small matter, requiring experience, patience and a smattering of good luck. Over the last four years, we've seen much the same factors at play in two complex events, both involving a bewildering number of moving parts. The first is the now successfully concluded Detroit bankruptcy, which involved the right people in the right places making the right decisions about a very complicated and contentious matter. The second biggie has at last come together: The New International Trade Crossing, the bridge across the Detroit River, which features complex international economics and also persistent — and ugly — politics. Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court resolved what should be the last real legal hurdle by refusing to hear a lawsuit blocking the bridge brought by the owner of the Ambassador Bridge and some community activists. Douglas George, the new Canadian consul general in Detroit, tells me the current state of play for the bridge is "ready to go." Canadian Transport Minister Lisa Raitt says she expects the bridge to be in operation by 2020, though that may be a trifle optimistic. A public-private partnership will oversee the design, building and operation of the bridge, though financing will ultimately be guaranteed by the Canadian government. [Holland Sentinel](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

U.S. Whistleblower Edward Snowden is taking part in a rare public discussion today live on CBC.ca. He'll be discussing privacy and surveillance issues. The panel is taking place at Ryerson University in Toronto moderated by CBC's Anna Maria Tremonti. (CBC News, 10h33, 11h31, 12h13 ET)

[Edward Snowden live chat](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Suspect on loose after double-stabbing in Surrey

Surrey Mounties are searching for a suspect following a stabbing that put two men in hospital early Wednesday morning. Officers were called to King George Boulevard near 132nd Street around 12:30 a.m. and found the victims, who said they'd been in a fight with a third man. One victim had a visible stab wound on his leg. The other told police he wasn't hurt, but paramedics examined him and discovered he was also stabbed in the side. Both were taken to hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. Mounties are searching suspect described as a younger man with a dark complexion, about six feet tall, who was wearing a dark shirt and jeans. [CTV News](#)

Potato tampering investigation ongoing

The investigation into a food tampering case involving sewing needles inserted into potatoes is still active, reports Prince Edward Island RCMP spokesperson, Sgt. Leanne Butler. The investigation has determined the potatoes have originated from two Prince Edward Island farms, but questions about when and how they were inserted, and by whom, remain unanswered. Butler said the RCMP is still waiting for some lab results in connection with the ongoing investigation. The Prince Edward Island government and the potato industry established a \$50,000 reward in November seeking information which would identify and lead to charges against the person(s) responsible for the food tampering incidents. The reward was subsequently doubled to \$100,000 and the deadline for providing information extended to the end of April. [Journal Pioneer](#)

Town nominates Cst. Porterfield for award

At its regular meeting on Feb. 23, Peace River Town Council passed a motion to nominate Cst. Holly Porterfield for the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE) Community Services Award. Porterfield, who transferred from Peace River last fall, was the detachment's community liaison officer. "The Town of Peace River has officially drafted a letter in support of all the extra effort Cst. Holly Porterfield (has exhibited)," said Orren Ford, town councillor. "It's an outstanding community services award that goes to RCMP members who go above and beyond the call of duty, doing all that extra work for the community we're in." The IODE Canada established an award to recognize a member, unit or detachment of the RCMP for exemplary public service to their community outside of their official duties. The office of the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police chooses the recipient each year. [PR Record Gazette](#)

Police lay bootlegging charges after traffic stops in northern Sask

RCMP seized nearly a hundred bottles of hard liquor during an anti-bootlegging operation in northern Saskatchewan designed to keep booze off of dry reserves. During check stops near the town of Southend, RCMP seized 100 cans of beer, 98 bottles of hard liquor and 28.5 grams of marijuana. According to an RCMP press release, the operation was a "dedicated effort" focused on preventing booze from entering various dry reserves where alcohol is outlawed. RCMP stopped at least 60 vehicles at the intersection of Highway 102 and 905 near the community of Southend and laid seven charges related to bootlegging alcohol. "The results of this initiative speaks to the hard work and dedication of the RCMP members who work at these Detachments with respect to keeping these substances out of our communities," Staff Sgt. Carmela Schneider said in a press release. [StarPhoenix](#)

Regina police use Taser during domestic assault call

Regina police used a Taser on a 30-year-old man during a domestic assault call on the 700 block N Vanier Drive Tuesday night. After attending the scene at about 8:30 p.m., police found a 27-year-old female victim had sustained minor injuries from an assault. During the arrest, the male suspect became agitated with police and a struggle ensued at which point the female officer deployed her Taser. He was successfully taken into custody. After being assessed by EMS and treated at the scene, the suspect was transported to RPS detention and subsequently charged. The suspect was charged with assault and two counts of assault peace officer. [Leader-Post](#)

No device found following bomb threat at Sir John Franklin

School administration confirmed to Moose FM that they received the threat around 1:20pm Tuesday afternoon. The school and the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre were quickly evacuated. Students were escorted to St. Patrick's High School, where classes were dismissed and parents were asked to pick up their children. RCMP conducted a thorough search of the grounds once children were off the property and are confident that the area is now safe. This is the second time in less than two months that a Yellowknife school has been evacuated because of a potential bomb threat. [Yellowknife Now](#)

RCMP on the lookout for missing Strathcona County teen

Strathcona County RCMP are on the lookout for a missing 15-year-old girl. Shayleen Johnson has not been seen since Monday, March 2, at around 3:00 PM, when she didn't return home after a disagreement at school. Police don't believe there's anything suspicious about her disappearance – but Johnson requires medication, and there is concern for her wellbeing. She is described as 6-feet tall, heavy set, caucasian, with short dark pink/purple and blue/green eyes. She was last seen wearing a black jacket, red toque, acid wash blue jeans, and white high-top runners. [iNews880](#)

RCMP seeking suspect in attempted abduction

Red Deer RCMP are on the lookout for a suspect after the attempted abduction of a seven year old girl. According to Mounties, it was between 3:00 PM and 3:30 PM on Tuesday, March 2, when the girl was walking north on Keast Way, when an unknown man standing nearby asked where she lived and offered to drive her home. The girl screamed and ran away, and the man got into his vehicle and left the area. The suspect is described as being in his 20's or 30's, with a dark complexion, slim to average build, under 6-feet tall with short brown hair shaved on one side and combed over. He was seen wearing a grey

hoodie under a black leather jacket and blue jeans, and he spoke with an accent. He was driving a newer, white, compact four-door car with silver trim. [630 Ched](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Harper va de l'avant avec la prison à vie sans possibilité de libération

Malgré les critiques, le gouvernement va de l'avant avec son plan d'imposer la prison à vie sans possibilité de libération pour certains criminels. Le premier ministre Stephen Harper a annoncé mercredi en banlieue de Toronto qu'un projet de loi sera déposé en ce sens à la Chambre des communes la semaine prochaine. Cet emprisonnement à vie serait imposé dans les cas de crimes de haute trahison ainsi que de meurtre avec agression sexuelle, enlèvement ou séquestration, terrorisme, assassinat de policiers ou d'agents correctionnels ou « tout meurtre au premier degré d'une nature particulièrement brutale ». Les tribunaux auraient la discrétion de choisir cette peine pour tout autre meurtre au premier degré ou lorsqu'un délinquant a déjà été reconnu coupable d'un assassinat à l'étranger. « Je suis fier d'annoncer que la semaine prochaine, notre gouvernement déposera un projet de loi pour que les criminels les plus haineux, ceux qui commettent les crimes les plus horribles reçoivent la peine la plus lourde prévue au Code criminel », a déclaré le premier ministre Harper. Cette mesure donne suite à une promesse faite dans le dernier discours du Trône voulant « qu'une sentence à vie soit bel et bien un emprisonnement à vie ». [La Presse](#), [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News, Huffington Post, Brampton Guardian, My Kawartha, Kingston Region), [Globe and Mail](#)

Solitary Confinement in Canada's Prisons

A recent lawsuit is challenging the use of solitary confinement in our prison system on the grounds that it violates Section 12 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which states "everyone has the right not to be subjected to any cruel and unusual treatment or punishment." The John Howard Society of Canada and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association allege that the use of prison segregation is both unconstitutional and discriminatory against mentally ill and aboriginal prisoners, as these populations are over-represented among those in segregation. This does not refer to disciplinary segregation, which occurs with a violation of prison rules and can be considered part of the checks and balances one might expect. Rather, it refers to administrative segregation, which does not allow for legal counsel, disciplinary hearings, time limits, external reviews, etc. According to this article, which makes reference to the Office of the Correctional Investigator's 2011-2012 annual report, "close to one-third of reported self-injury incidents (in federal prisons) occurred in segregation units". In 2011, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture, Juan Méndez named solitary confinement as a practice that can amount to torture and argued to the UN General Assembly's committee on social, humanitarian and cultural affairs that it should be banned completely as a punishment technique, as reference was made to areas of noted use, including Guantanamo Bay, Argentina, China and Kazakhstan. According to this article, "about 20 percent of inmates last year were segregated for 120 continuous days," meaning that long-term segregation is increasing in Canada. This is particularly problematic as this practice is disproportionately applied to aboriginal prisoners and inmates with mental health concerns, thereby constituting discrimination. From a mental health perspective, healthy socialization, behavioural activation, sleep, diet, and exercise are encouraged regularly for optimum wellness, all of which, are unlikely to be provided in solitary confinement. A lack of these supports adversely affects the outcomes of inmates as mental health is likely to deteriorate under these conditions, contributing to self harm and even suicide. Even if inmates survive their sentence despite this practice, mental health issues may pose challenges to re-integration into society following release back into their communities. This vicious cycle of dysfunction necessitates change to avoid tragic deaths like Ashley Smith, Kinew James, Edward Showshoe, Kyle Darren Tombaught, Gerald Joseph Cayer, Warren Robert Allen, etc. [Social Justice Solutions](#)

Convicted murderer is seeking parole again

One of the three men convicted in a Tsawwassen double murder more than two decades ago is up for parole again this week. Derik Lord, who is now in his early 40s, was one of three teens convicted in the slayings of his friend's mother and grandmother in a murder-for-hire inheritance plot in October of 1990. He was convicted of first-degree murder in 1992 and sentenced to life in prison without a chance for parole for 10 years in the deaths of Sharon Huenemann and Doris Leatherbarrow. As a young offender at

the time of his conviction - he was just 16 at the time of the murder - no parole for 10 years was the maximum sentence the judge could hand down. Lord is scheduled to appear before the parole board tomorrow. Throughout the investigation of the murder, his trial and his incarceration, Lord has maintained his innocence. [Delta Optimist](#)

Edmonton police issue warning after violent offender released from prison

Edmonton police are warning the public about a man who has been released from prison after serving his six year sentence. Michael Wayne Beauchamp, 32, was released from the Grande Cache Institution Tuesday night after serving time for robbery, overcoming resistance by attempting to choke, suffocating or strangling another person and failure to comply with court conditions. Police consider him to be a violent offender who poses a risk of significant harm to the community. Beauchamp will be residing in the Edmonton area and will be closely monitored by the Edmonton Police Service's behavioural assessment unit. Police issue these warnings after careful deliberation and say it's in the public interest to inform the community. [Edmonton Journal](#)

Remorseless ex-cop who beat, sexually assaulted wife undergoing chemo, denied early release

A Winnipeg newspaper says a convicted former city police officer who beat and sexually assaulted his ex-wife at a time when she was undergoing chemotherapy has lost his latest bid for early release. Documents obtained by the Free Press show the Parole Board of Canada has this week denied an appeal by the 59-year-old man, who argued that he does not pose a risk to public safety. The man, who can't be named to protect the identity of his victim, pleaded guilty to aggravated sexual assault and break-and-enter with intent. He was sentenced in 2009 to more than 12 years in prison after admitting to carrying out the attack in 2008. His former wife died of cancer in 2012 and her family told the parole board that they believe her illness was aggravated by the assault and contributed to her death. The former officer, who spent 25 years with the Winnipeg Police Service, is being held in British Columbia where he plans to work as a landscaper. He had been arrested five times since 2006 for breaching a protection order the victim obtained against him. [Hamilton Spectator](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News provided live coverage of Prime Minister Steven Harper giving details on new legislation the government will introduce next week regarding mandatory minimum sentences. PM Harper states the proposed legislation will end parole for convicted murderers involving sexual assault, kidnapping, terrorism, a police or corrections officer, particular brutality. [Rough transcript](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Public safety centre to be established in Slemon Park

The Atlantic Police Academy and the Slemon Park Corporation are partnering to create a new public safety centre. The Canadian Centre of Public Safety Excellence will move training options beyond the traditional police recruiting and training previously provided at the Atlantic Police Academy. The newly minted public safety centre's programming and facilities will be marketed nationally and internationally. The federal government will provide \$347,000 to Holland College for marketing activities and training equipment. The provincial funds will contribute \$99,500 over three years through the Department of Innovation and Advanced Learning. [The Guardian](#)

Nunavut must do more to reduce violence against women, MLA says

Though the Government of Nunavut doesn't support a national inquiry on missing and murdered indigenous women, MLAs who attended a national roundtable on the issue, Feb. 27, said the territory needs to do more to protect women and children from violence. "The statistics regarding missing and murdered women across Canada are shocking and heart-wrenching," Pat Angnakak, MLA for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu, said in Nunavut's legislative assembly, March 3. "However Mr. Speaker, it is clear to me

that these numbers do not stand alone. Women can face a number of issues and circumstances that put them at risk in the first place," the regular MLA said in her member's statement. Angnakak attended the Feb. 27 national roundtable in Ottawa with Jeannie Ugyuk, the Nunavut minister of family services and minister responsible for the status of women. [Nunatsiaq Online](#)

One in three men blame victims of domestic abuse, poll finds

Many Canadians continue to blame victims of domestic abuse and are reluctant to report suspected cases to police, according to a new poll conducted in Ontario. Twenty-four per cent of respondents believe it's possible for women to bring domestic abuse upon themselves, according to the poll conducted by Angus Reid. Victim-blaming is even higher among men, with one in three male respondents (34.3 per cent) claiming women bear some responsibility for the abuse they suffer. That number was lower among women (14.1 per cent). The Angus Reid Forum poll comes in collaboration with Interval House, a women's shelter in Toronto. Interval House commissioned the poll as part of a push to fight violence against women ahead of International Women's Day on Sunday. "There is no action or choice by a victim that can justify abuse," said Renee Weekes, Chair of the Interval House board of directors at Interval House. "Women who experience violence need to know that abuse is never their fault and that there are resources in the community to support them," Weekes said in a statement on Wednesday. The poll also found that only 58.3 per cent of respondents would be willing to intervene if they suspected abuse had taken place. Another 17.1 per cent said they would stay out of the situation because they wouldn't want to interfere. [CTV News](#)

Why I'm Disturbed By the Results of This Domestic Violence Poll in Ontario

An opinion piece states, "Last week a friend told me how she was feeling optimistic about the recent progress made in public attitudes to end domestic violence. The media turned up the volume to an unprecedented level in late 2014 to profile celebrity abuse cases. Obama interrupted the Grammy's with a poignant anti-abuse message. The Super Bowl was all about domestic violence ads. It's almost hip and even trendy to speak out against sex assault. We. Are. There. The tides have turned. The tipping point has been reached. Everyone finally gets it and ending domestic abuse is just around the corner. Or is it? I wish I could share her enthusiasm and optimism. But a new Angus Reid poll commissioned by Interval House, Canada's first shelter for abused women, shows that Ontario residents still privately hold some very disturbing and problematic attitudes about domestic violence. I fear we still have a long, long way to go. The study revealed that nearly a quarter (24 per cent) of Ontarians believe that it is possible for someone to bring abuse upon themselves. And this belief is higher among men (34.3 per cent) than among women (14.1 per cent). The term victim-blaming is becoming more widely understood but this is clear evidence that victim-blaming is still entrenched in our community. And the fact that a startling 1 in 4 feel this way gets to the heart of one of the reasons why we have such an enormous issue with domestic violence in our country. It's precisely why many women are trapped and have trouble leaving an abusive relationship; because they are terrified they will be blamed, not believed or have internalized that it is somehow their fault." [Huffington Post](#)

REDress exhibit speaks of missing, murdered indigenous women

The issue of missing and murdered indigenous women is on display this week at Confederation College. Winnipeg artist Jaime Black has hung about 100 red dresses around the campus, both indoors and out, as part of The REDress Project, which focuses on the issue of missing or murdered aboriginal women across Canada. Black said the dresses are empty to represent death and absence. She chose the colour red because it symbolizes many different things. "It's the colour of life blood. It's the colour of love, but it's also the colour of spilled blood. So it has connotations of both the positive and the negative aspects of being an aboriginal woman in Canada." Black said she hopes her exhibit can promote discussions around racism and violence. [CBC News](#)

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Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

L'un des plus importants procès de l'année aux États-Unis commence aujourd'hui. Djokhar Tsarnaev fait face à 30 chefs d'accusation liés à l'attentat du marathon de Boston, le 15 avril 2013. Tsarnaev est âgé de 21 ans, il est d'origine tchéchène, de confession musulmane. S'il est reconnu coupable, les deux seules peines possibles sont la prison à vie ou la peine de mort. (RDI, 9h02, 11h04 ET; CTV News, 9h08, 11h16 ET; CBC News, 10h00, 11h00 ET)

Au Chili, le volcan Villarrica s'est calmé après être entré en éruption hier. La plupart des 3000 habitants qui avaient été évacués d'urgence ont reçu l'autorisation de rentrer chez eux. Une alerte rouge est tout de même encore en vigueur dans un périmètre de 10 km autour du volcan situé dans le sud du pays. (RDI, 10h55 ET)

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Dernière heure: Cabinet @MinStevenBlaney dit se réjouir que la GRC rendre enfin publique la vidéo de Zehaf-Bibeau #polcan #tvanouvelles

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

CBCAAlerts

Feds now say #RCMP should release video made by Michael Zehaf-Bibeau on eve of his attack on Parliament Hill last October. #cdnpoli

CBCPolitics

Michael Zehaf-Bibeau video to be shown to House committee Friday http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/michael-zehaf-bibeau-video-to-be-shown-to-house-committee-friday-1.2981018?cmp=rss&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter... #cdnpoli #hw

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RCMP Commissioner Paulson to appear before House committee Friday to give update on Oct. 22 investigation. #cdnpoli #ottnews #ottawashooting

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It's expected that at committee meeting Friday, Paulson will show Michael Zehaf-Bibeau video. #cdnpoli #ottnews #ottawashooting

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Notice for Friday's meeting is out: Paulson will show, talk about Zehaf-Bibeau video. #cdnpoli #ottnews

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Posting for Friday's meeting has changed: removal of "display" video & word "barbaric." H/T [@kady](#). [#cdnpoli](#) [#ottnews](#)

[Kristie Smith](#)

Friday's special [#SECU](#) meeting showing the Zehaf-Bibeau video and featuring RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson set for 11am [#cdnpoli](#)

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RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson will show Michael Zehaf Bibeau video at 11am on Friday before Commons Public Safety Cmittee. [#cdnpoli](#)

[CBCAlerts](#)

Update: Parliament Hill shooter's video may not be shown publicly Friday. MPs have right to decide whether to screen privately. [#cdnpoli](#)

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RCMP to show parliament shooter's pre-attack video to MPs | iPolitics [ipolitics.ca/2015/03/04/rcm...](#) [#cdnpoli](#)

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Has anyone asked the West Edmonton Mall managers how they feel about [@CPC_HQ](#) posting terror threats on Facebook?

[CBCPolitics](#)

Terrorism survey: 50% of Canadians feel less safe than 2 years ago http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/terrorism-survey-50-of-canadians-feel-less-safe-than-2-years-ago-1.2978177?cmp=rss&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter... [#cdnpoli](#) [#hw](#)

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Snowden says he's not going to weigh in on C51 & whether it's a good or bad bill, but Canadian spies have weakest oversight in West.

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Snowden calls it astonishing that Canada's agencies are trying to expand their powers in that context.

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He's clearly read up on the debate so far. Mentions the fact that the government is declining to hear from former PMs on C51.

[MacleansMag](#)

30-year CSIS vet Ray Boisvert and law prof Craig Forcese break down the C-51 debate: ow.ly/JVtyK#cdnpoli

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[@adriarsenault](#) goes inside the RCMP's top secret operations centre and asks: Are we safe? amp.twimg.com/v/051120e8-b56...

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[PostmediaNews](#)

'A life sentence in Canada will henceforth mean just that,' Harper announces new tough-on-crime bill <http://ow.ly/JVQK6>

[josh_wingrove](#)

Here's the details of the new no-parole law - unpublished, but announced today by PM Harper - via PMO:

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Attentat d'Ottawa: la vidéo de Zehaf Bibeau sera diffusée vendredi Par Mélanie Marquis

La vidéo qu'a tournée Michael Zehaf-Bibeau avant de perpétrer son attentat à Ottawa en octobre dernier sera dévoilée vendredi matin par le commissaire de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), Bob Paulson, devant un comité des Communes. «La vidéo sera montrée (devant le Comité permanent de la sécurité publique et nationale) et le commissaire répondra aux questions reliées à celle-ci», a résumé mercredi dans un courriel le sergent David Falls, relationniste à la GRC. Il n'était «pas en mesure» de préciser si l'enregistrement serait présenté dans son intégralité ou si certains passages pourraient être censurés pour des raisons de sécurité nationale... **La demande émanait du bureau du ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney, qui n'a pas visionné l'enregistrement, selon son porte-parole, Jean-Christophe de le Rue, et qui a accueilli favorablement le nouveau développement dans ce dossier. «Nous nous réjouissons que la GRC ait pris la décision de rendre publique et de commenter la vidéo», a réagi le ministre Blaney par l'entremise du même porte-parole. «Cette attaque terrifiante reste un exemple important de la raison pour laquelle nous devons faire adopter notre Loi antiterroriste — afin que la police et les organisations chargées de notre sécurité nationale disposent des outils nécessaires pour protéger les Canadiens», a ajouté M. de le Rue dans son courriel...**Le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51 aurait-il pu prévenir cette attaque, comme le prétend le ministre Blaney? L'opposition officielle se montre sceptique, et reproche encore une fois

au gouvernement d'instrumentaliser ces événements à des fins électoralistes. «Je trouve que c'est pousser le bouchon un peu fort (...) C'est un peu gros de la part du ministre d'utiliser la diffusion de la vidéo pour mousser C-51. Je ne pense pas que ça (la vidéo) cautionne leur projet de loi antiterroriste», a prédit Mme Doré Lefebvre. Presse Canadienne (Journal Métro)

Critics attack Harper's 'life without parole' initiative

The Tory government's latest tough-on-crime initiative to make life sentence a sentence for life without parole appears to be aimed at scoring political points rather than protecting the public, some critics and legal experts said Wednesday. Prime Minister Stephen Harper told a Toronto crowd his government will introduce new legislation next week to ensure that what he called the country's "most dangerous, violent offenders," could not be allowed back on the streets...Harper said that in order to address constitutional concerns, under the new law, some killers serving life without parole will be permitted to petition the **minister for public safety** for release after serving no less than 35 years. Maclean's

(Update): Stephen Harper proposes bill to deny parole for some murderers

People found guilty in some killings should have to serve life in prison with little or no chance of parole, Prime Minister Stephen Harper says. He made the announcement Wednesday in Scarborough, Ont., accompanied by Justice Minister Peter MacKay, that his government is proposing legislation to end parole for those convicted of murders involving: Sexual assault. Kidnapping. Terrorism. A police or corrections officer. Particular brutality. Currently, those who are convicted of first-degree murder face an automatic sentence of life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years... **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** said in January that the legislation was coming. Harper has also hinted at it. CBC News

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

*RDI présente une entrevue avec Michel Juneau-Katsuya, ancien cadre du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité. On discute de la vidéo de Michael Zehaf-Bibeau et du projet de loi C-51. Le **ministre Steven Blaney** est mentionné. Transcription ébauche*

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Major chemical fire at Port of Metro Vancouver prompts Hazmat response

A fire at the Port of Metro Vancouver Wednesday afternoon has prompted a Hazmat response and the evacuation of hundreds of people. Trichloroisocyanuric acid (a bleaching agent and industrial disinfectant) is burning in at least one shipping container, forcing hundreds to be evacuated and the closure of the port. Further evacuations are being considered. The fire has been upgraded to a four-alarm blaze and the call has been put out for 21 firefighters to staff multiple alarm fire trucks. At least eight fire trucks and more than 24 firefighters have already responded. "They evacuated all the mechanics out of the maintenance yard," says one witness, Vince De Benedetto. "It's been getting worse by the second." Global News; CBC News; Canadian Press (CTV News)

Fort Saskatchewan gas explosion closes Highway 15

A loud gas explosion near Fort Saskatchewan shook homes kilometres away and caused a fireball near Highway 15. Firefighters and the RCMP arrived at the scene of the leak near 119th Street and Highway 15 just before noon Wednesday. "I heard a boom and the house shook," said Ann Bibby, who lives about 10 kilometres from the explosion. "I thought someone was trying to come in the back door, because the doors were rattling." Bibby said she went outside a few minutes later and heard another small explosion... "We are still getting details from the scene but I am told the incident is under control and there is no active fire at this time," he stated in a news release. CBC News

Canadian Pacific Railway wants to limit shipments of dangerous goods

Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. wants the power to refuse to haul dangerous goods, a signal it has grown weary of the risks and regulations that accompany the business of hauling oil. The country's second-

largest rail company says it wants an overhaul of the so-called common carrier obligations of the Canada Transportation Act that require railways to haul any and all legal goods in rail cars that meet safety standards. CP CEO Hunter Harrison has touted the railway's safety record as rail companies have faced criticism over several recent derailments and explosions. But Mr. Harrison said CP's board of directors, concerned about the company's liability and the potential dangers faced by the public in the event of a derailment, has decided it no longer wants to haul some dangerous goods, but was given legal advice that it had no choice. [Globe and Mail](#)

Earthquake measuring 4.9 strikes off Vancouver Island

A minor earthquake with a magnitude of 4.9 struck about 168 kilometres west of Port Hardy on the northwest tip of Vancouver island around 12:35 a.m. PT Wednesday, but no damage was reported. The Earthquakes Canada website said damage is unlikely from a quake of that magnitude. [CBC News](#)

4,500 Toronto Hydro customers still without power

Toronto Hydro says the lights have come back on for the vast majority of customers who lost power last night, amid a large-scale outage that was partially due to the long winter the city has faced. As of late Wednesday afternoon, Toronto Hydro CEO Anthony Haines said that some 4,500 customers were still without power. That was down from 87,000 customers at the peak of the problems on Tuesday night. [CBC News](#)

Letter - Railways and government committed to rail-network safety

A letter to the editor by Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport, states, Re: "Federal rail-safety measures remain inadequate" (Opinion, Feb. 25). The safety and security of Canadians is a top priority of the government of Canada, and as the Minister of Transport, I am vigilant in ensuring this. Our government will take action to improve the safety and accountability of Canada's railways when necessary. That is why we have tabled new amendments to the Railway Safety Act that will improve railway safety and strengthen oversight while protecting taxpayers and making industry more accountable to communities. This legislation is among the actions we have taken following the tragic Lac-Mégantic derailment in July 2013, and addresses recommendations in the Auditor General of Canada's fall 2013 report. We are strengthening oversight and increasing collaboration between communities and the rail industry and responding to concerns of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Research has shown that simply complying with government regulations cannot ensure safety. That is why Transport Canada has adopted the Safety Management System (SMS) model..." [Montreal Gazette](#)

Letter - Railways and government committed to rail-network safety

A letter to the editor by Michael Bourque, President and CEO, Railway Association of Canada, states, "Re: "Federal rail-safety measures remain inadequate" (Opinion, Feb. 25). Mark Winfield's article suggests Canada's railways are "self-regulated." Railways have to comply with dozens of regulations and hundreds of rules, in addition to the Railway Safety Act - a modern piece of legislation that has been regularly reviewed and updated. By law, each federally regulated railway must also have a Safety Management System (SMS) in place that is approved by Transport Canada. SMS frameworks have not replaced regulation. These safety systems serve as an additional layer of oversight and best practices on top of Canada's robust regulatory regime for rail safety... For example, under Transport Canada's Protective Direction 32, Class 1 railways must now provide municipalities with aggregate information on the nature and volume of dangerous goods being moved through their communities, information that is needed for emergency response planning and training. Short line railways must also provide this information, and have an additional legal duty to report any significant change in the volumes of dangerous goods that they move. The Railway Association of Canada collaborated with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the federal government in developing and implementing this information-sharing plan, and we believe that it strikes the appropriate balance between municipal emergency preparedness and public security..." [Montreal Gazette](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

PQ rails against federal anti-terror bill

Quebec sovereigntists, environmentalists against TransCanada Corp.'s Energy East oil pipeline project, aboriginal rights advocates, red squares. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service would have the power to snoop on all these groups and infringe on their privacy and freedom of expression under the new anti-terrorism bill, C-51, Parti Québécois justice critic and leadership candidate Alexandre Cloutier warned on Wednesday. "The struggle against terrorism shouldn't become a veritable witch-hunt," he told reporters at the National Assembly. "The responsibility of the Canadian secret service is to fight terrorism, not to keep records on Quebecers who participate in the democratic life in Quebec in good faith."

[Montreal Gazette](#)

Muslim Canadians worry about effects of anti-terror talk

"I'm a Muslim. I'm labelled a terrorist. I trust you, do you trust me? Give me a hug." That's what Mustafa Mawla's handwritten signs read as he stood in Toronto's Dundas Square on a frigid day in January. It was part of a social experiment he and a group of young Muslim-Canadian filmmakers undertook to explore their feelings in a country where politicians are ramping up the talk about fighting terrorism. [CBC News](#)

Michael Zehaf-Bibeau's hasty cellphone video takes aim at Canadian foreign policy

CBC News has details about the cellphone video made by Michael Zehaf-Bibeau before he shot a soldier and stormed Parliament Hill on Oct. 22. The video is to be shown to MPs at the public safety committee at a special meeting on Friday. The video, whose existence was first acknowledged by the RCMP four days after the Oct. 22 shooting, is short — less than a minute long, sources tell CBC News, and was recorded on a cellphone. The Ottawa Citizen was reporting Wednesday evening that it was filmed in the front seat of Zehaf-Bibeau's car in the moments before his attacks. Sources told CBC News the cellphone was not found on his body. In the video, Zehaf-Bibeau gives his reasons for attacking Parliament, including a reference to Canada's foreign policy and to Canadian Forces in Muslim countries. At the time, Canadian Forces trainers were in Iraq and the House had voted in support of Canada joining the air bombing campaign. Canada had also been a key participant in the air campaign against Libya, the homeland of Zehaf-Bibeau's father and a country to which the Parliament Hill shooter had long expressed a desire to return. [CBC News](#)

Tories Criticized Over 'Fear-Mongering' Facebook Post On Bill C-51, West Edmonton Mall Threat

A Conservative party Facebook post has spurred accusations that the government is using fear-mongering to promote its proposed anti-terror legislation. And at least one Alberta Tory politician has publicly suggested his federal cousins have gone too far. On Monday, a screengrab from a video by Somalia-based terror group al-Shabaab was posted to the official Facebook page of the federal Conservatives. The group, linked to al-Qaeda, attacked Kenya's Westgate Mall in September 2013 and murdered close to 70 people. [Huffington Post](#)

Edward Snowden says Canadian intelligence gathering has 'weakest oversight'

U.S. National Security Agency whistleblower Edward Snowden says Canada has one of the "weakest oversight" frameworks for intelligence gathering in the Western world. Snowden made the comments during a teleconference discussion hosted by Canadian Journalists for Free Expression and the Ryerson School of Journalism, moderated by CBC Radio host Anna Maria Tremonti. He was speaking via video link from Russia. "Canadian intelligence has one of the weakest oversight frameworks out of any Western intelligence agency in the world," he said. Snowden said he wouldn't specifically weigh in on the government's new anti-terror legislation, saying that whether it is good or bad is ultimately up for Canadians to decide. Bill C-51 provides for a sweeping range of measures that would allow suspects to be detained based on less evidence and lets CSIS actively interfere with suspects' travel plans and finances. Critics say the legislation is too broad and lacks oversight. The government, however, says the powers in C-51 are necessary to keep Canadians safe. It points to the requirement for judges to sign off in advance of CSIS breaking Canadian law, arguing that is adequate oversight for the new powers. [CBC News](#)

Legal experts worried about Canada's new anti-terror legislation

Nearly half of all Canadians feel less safe about a terrorist attack on homegrown soil than they did two years ago, according to a new poll. However, some of our country's top legal minds say Ottawa's response to the threat — Bill C-51 — goes way too far. An open letter to Parliament signed by 100 legal experts and professors, urges the prime minister to quash the legislation. Vancouver criminal lawyer Eric Gottardi explains their concerns. [News 1130](#)

La Couronne amorce ses plaidoiries finales

La Couronne estime que «les preuves sont accablantes» contre les deux hommes accusés d'avoir comploté pour faire dérailler un train de passagers entre New York et Toronto. Chiheb Esseghaier, qui étudiait au Québec lors de son arrestation, et Raed Jaser, de la banlieue de Toronto, font face à de nombreuses accusations liées au terrorisme. Jaser a plaidé non coupable alors que dans le cas d'Esseghaier, qui se représente lui-même, mais qui ne veut pas participer à ce procès auquel il ne croit pas, c'est le juge qui a enregistré le même plaidoyer en son nom. [Le Devoir](#) ; [Maclean's](#)

Bill C-51 is rightly aimed at violent Islamic jihadi terrorists

An opinion piece states, "Despite the general justification of the preamble, there are no marginal annotations explaining the details of Bill C-51, the government's proposed anti-terrorism law. This means that commonsense is required to rein in the anxieties of our imagination if we are to discern the reasons why changes to existing security legislation are warranted. We also need to be aware of why these changes are proposed now, whatever the weight one accords the attacks of last fall. The five parts of the bill deal respectively with: (1) information sharing among government agencies; (2) preventing suspected persons from boarding commercial aircraft - a "no-fly" list - along with appeal procedures available to those barred from flying; (3) new thresholds and provisions for judicial oversight regarding the arrest of persons suspected of terrorism or of advocating terrorism, including electronic advocacy; (4) expanding the capabilities of CSIS with warrants from the Federal Court and new reporting requirements; and finally (5) strengthening the ability of the Minister of Immigration to keep information on admissibility of prospective immigrants and refugees secret..." [National Post](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News' Power & Politics held a panel discussion with MPs regarding the likelihood that the Michael Zehaf-Bibeau video will be made public. [Rough Transcript](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

NIL

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Une première base de données Snowden est créée au Canada

La première base de données en ligne de documents classifiés dévoilés par Edward Snowden, ancien consultant de la National Security Agency (NSA) aux États-Unis, a été créée au Canada. L'archive Snowden est un projet conjoint des Journalistes canadiens pour la liberté d'expression (JCLE) et de la faculté d'information de l'Université de Toronto. Pour la première fois, des centaines de documents classifiés ont été indexés pour une recherche exhaustive en ligne. [Associated Press](#) ([Le Devoir](#))

The apps Edward Snowden recommends to protect your privacy online

There are a host of free, easy-to-use apps and programs that can help protect your privacy online, and if everybody uses them it can provide a sort of "herd immunity" said Edward Snowden in a live video chat from Russia on Wednesday. Snowden appeared via teleconference in an event hosted by Ryerson University and Canadian Journalists For Expression, to launch the CJFE's online database that compiles all of the publicly released classified documents the former U.S. National Security Agency contractor

leaked. In response to a Twitter question, Snowden expanded on what tools he recommends for privacy. [CBC News](#)

Microsoft Corp achieves ISO cloud privacy certification

Privacy is top-of-mind for many industries, especially when it comes to the cloud. Since the U.S. government began demanding access to cloud-based data from Microsoft's Irish data centre, customers realized that they may not be safe from privacy violations even if their information is not resident in the U.S. Microsoft and other industry players have been fighting the demands, since they're all placed in the awkward situation of breaking someone's laws no matter what they do. If they capitulate, the EU won't be happy (nor will customers), and if they don't, the U.S. government will be miffed. With lawyers. [National Post](#)

Mobile apps plagued by security problems

According to the February 2014 McAfee Labs Threat Report, many apps identified as having Secure Socket Layer (SSL) issues by the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) at Carnegie Mellon University last September have still not been fixed, putting users at risk. In an eWeek article, Intel Security's CTO, Raj Samani, talks about why this could be happening. [National Post](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Steinbach man allegedly assaults RCMP officer

A Steinbach man was arrested Sunday following an incident at the Frantz Motor Inn, RCMP report. While conducting patrols at the inn, police attempted to identify a man who had allegedly made threatening remarks to bar security. RCMP allege the man refused to co-operate with police and he was arrested. They allege during the arrest, the man assaulted an officer. A 19-year-old man of Steinbach was arrested for allegations of assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest and being disorderly in a licensed premises. [Winnipeg Free Press](#)

Booze bust: RCMP seize alcohol headed for northern communities

RCMP have seized a lot of booze after a check stop near the northern Saskatchewan community of Southend. Mounties were targeting those taking alcohol into communities where it is banned. [CTV News](#)

Two men charged in identity-theft investigation

Drugs, credit-card-making equipment, identification, piles of mail, an arsenal of weapons and thousands of dollars are among items seized in connection with what police are calling a sophisticated Port Coquitlam theft and fraud ring. In late February, members of the Coquitlam RCMP's prolific target team executed a search warrant on the home of Alvin Abhai Chand, 45. Chand had previously served a year in jail for running a large-scale credit-card creation and alteration factory, and after his release in early 2014 police noticed a spike in criminal activity around his home in the Citadel Heights neighbourhood. [The Province](#)

More than 300 fentanyl pills seized from Lethbridge home

More than 300 pills of fentanyl were removed from a Lethbridge home on Thursday, the second time in less than a week that officers in the southern Alberta city seized quantities of the potentially deadly opiate. Members of the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) in Lethbridge executed a search warrant at a home in the 100 block of Bluefox Boulevard North as part of a drug trafficking investigation. [Calgary Herald](#)

Langley man, 22, charged in attacks on three women

A Langley man has been charged in connection with physical and sexual assaults on three women. RCMP say 22-year-old Kevin Sharp is facing five counts after three separate investigations. Police say they began investigating last October, when a man assaulted a sex worker in his vehicle in Langley. [The Province](#)

Leanne John, schoolgirl missing at Clayoquot Wilderness Resort, found safe

Leanne John, the 14-year-old girl who went missing while in a remote part of Vancouver Island's west coast has been found safe. The teenager from Ahousaht was on a school trip to the Clayoquot Wilderness Resort on Bedwell Sound when she disappeared during a hike late Tuesday afternoon. RCMP at the resort confirmed just before 1 p.m. PT on Wednesday that she had been found in good condition. [CBC News](#)

Winnipeg man up on child porn charges busted again

The Winnipeg Police Internet Child Exploitation Unit and Tech Crime Unit have charged a 45-year-old Winnipeg man for breaching the conditions of his release. In April 2013, he was charged with possessing, accessing and distributing child pornography. The court case is ongoing. [CBC News](#)

Interviews complete for new deputy police chief

A new deputy police chief could be announced later this month. Tom Galloway, board chair for the Waterloo Regional Police Services Board, said interviews have been completed and an internal candidate will be selected. The new deputy chief could be in attendance at April's board meeting, he said. Deputy Chief Steve Beckett retired from the service last month after 35 years as a police officer. [The Record](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Wanted: Violent sex offender who planned to live in Edmonton

A violent sex offender who was just freed from Grande Cache Institution and planned to call Edmonton home is already wanted on a Canada-wide warrant. Ashton Dennis Natomagan -- born Nov. 21, 1981 -- is serving a five-year sentence for sexual assault causing bodily harm. He was freed from the medium-security prison 435 km west of Edmonton on March 2 and was to live in Edmonton but failed to report to authorities as required and is now wanted on the warrant. Even if Natomagan had reported to authorities, Edmonton city police were prompted to issue a warning to the public about his release. Edmonton police said Wednesday that Natomagan is considered to be a sexual offender who poses a risk of significant harm to the community and that he was to be closely monitored by Correctional Services Canada. [QMI Agency](#) (Edmonton Sun, Winnipeg Sun); [CBC News](#)

Police seek assistance finding federal offender

The OPP Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement (ROPE) Squad is asking for the public's assistance locating a federal offender. Jamaal Jackson, 30, is serving a seven-year, seven-month sentence for several robbery related offences, and now has a Canada-wide warrant for breaching parole. "Robbery is a theft with violence," Det.-Sgt. Brett Anderson, from the ROPE Squad, said. "Could have been an assault or weapon involved. There are several robbery offences he is serving time for." Anderson said Jackson is not at his halfway house in Toronto. [QMI Agency](#) (Whig-Standard)

Harper déposera son projet de loi pour mettre fin à la libération conditionnelle pour certains types de meurtres prémédités

Le gouvernement Harper déposera un projet de loi pour mettre fin à la libération conditionnelle des criminels condamnés à la prison à vie pour certains types de meurtres prémédités. Le premier ministre Stephen Harper et le ministre de la Justice, Peter MacKay, ont indiqué mercredi, lors d'une annonce en Ontario, que des modifications seraient ainsi apportées au Code criminel. Un projet de loi sera déposé aux Communes la semaine prochaine, a précisé le premier ministre Harper. Actuellement, de façon générale, les personnes condamnées pour meurtre au premier degré peuvent être admissibles à la libération conditionnelle après avoir purgé au moins 25 années de leur peine. [Le Journal de Montréal](#) ; [Radio-Canada](#) ; [Winnipeg Free Press](#); [Kelowna Now](#); [Agence France-Presse](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CTV News' *Power Play* interviewed Justice Minister Peter MacKay regarding proposed legislation that would deny parole for some murders. [Rough Transcript](#)

CTV News' *Power Play* interviewed law professor, Allan Manson, and Howard Sapers, the Correctional Investigator for Canada, regarding proposed legislation that would deny parole for some murders. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News' *Power & Politics* held a panel discussion with MPs regarding proposed legislation that would deny parole for some offenders. [Rough Transcript](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Unlocked doors, security blind spots at N.W.T. women's jail: report

The N.W.T. prison from which two women escaped six years ago still has a number of safety and security gaps, according to Tuesday's Auditor General of Canada report on the territory's corrections system. "These concerns are significant," said Glen Wheeler, the audit principal with the auditor general's office. "Addressing them will enable the Department of Justice to better ensure the safety and security of correctional facilities for inmates and staff." The female unit of the Fort Smith Correctional Complex dates back to the 1960s and has a capacity for 20 inmates. It's the only adult female facility in the territory. [CBC News](#)

Stephen Harper unlikely to be called to testify in Mike Duffy trial as PM's name left off witness list

The witness list continues to grow for the criminal trial of Sen. Mike Duffy, but one name remains off it so far: Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Harper had not been asked to testify as of Tuesday - just over a month before Duffy's trial is set to begin - suggesting that the Crown doesn't believe it needs the prime minister as a witness to prove its case against Duffy. Expectations are also diminishing that Duffy's defence team will try to call Harper as a witness. [Postmedia News](#) (Jordan Press, National Post)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

NIL

OTHER / AUTRES

Canada sending team of experts to Guinea to help with Ebola fight

Canada is sending more public health personnel to West Africa to help with the Ebola containment effort. The Public Health Agency of Canada says it will send a group of specialists to Guinea, the country where the outbreak began in December 2013. [Canadian Press](#) (Brandon Sun)

INTERNATIONAL

Boston: Tsarnaïev admet sa responsabilité

Djokhar Tsarnaev assume sa responsabilité dans l'attentat qui a ensanglanté l'édition 2013 du marathon de Boston tout en accusant son frère, tué lors de la traque policière, d'en être l'instigateur et le principal coupable, a déclaré une de ses avocates. Djokhar Tsarnaev a joué, selon Judith Clarke, un rôle secondaire dans l'attentat du 15 avril 2013 qui a coûté la vie à trois personnes et en a blessé plus de 260 autres et dans la fusillade qui a tué un policier quelques jours plus tard. [Le Figaro](#) ; [Associated Press](#) (National Post)

SOCIAL MEDIA / MÉDIAS SOCIAUX

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

CTVNews

UPDATE: Chemical fire at Vancouver's port prompts evacuation, health warnings <http://ow.ly/JWGFU>

BC1

65 firefighters in hazmat gear are on scene of [#PortofVancouver](#) chemical fire: <http://ow.ly/JWHLe> [#PortMetroFire](#)

CBCAlerts

Vancouver firefighters union says multiple shipping containers on fire at Port Metro Vancouver <http://www.cbc.ca/1.2982024>

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

CBCAlerts

Michael Zehaf-Bibeau video shot on cellphone, less than 1 minute. Shooter explains why he attacked Parliament Hill: <http://www.cbc.ca/1.2982016>

PnPCBC9

Have questions about [#C51](#)? Tomorrow [@evansolomoncbc](#) talks w/ the experts, the lawyers, the politicians about the anti-terror bill. Tune in!

PnPCBC

Don't miss tomorrow's [#C51](#) anti-terror bill special episode - 90 minutes where we dig deep into what the bill is about, with the experts.

TorontoStar

[#LIVE](#) Snowden goes into problematic provisions of Bill C-51. [#AskSnowden](#). <http://on.thestar.com/1w3ATiS>

bccla

[#HumanRights](#) ramifications of [#C51](#): international news! [@guardian](#) covers concerns of legal scholars & rights groups <http://tinyurl.com/qca2cea>

mgeist

Why Watching the Watchers Isn't Enough: My Talk on Privacy, Snowden & Bill C-51 <http://www.michaelgeist.ca/2015/03/watching-watchers-isnt-enough-talk-privacy-snowden-bill-c-51/> ...

HuffPostCanada

Tories accused of fear-mongering with Facebook post on Bill C-51 <http://huff.to/1KjUzWp>

stphnmaher

Has anyone asked the West Edmonton Mall managers how they feel about [@CPC_HQ](#) posting terror threats on Facebook?

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

ctvsaskatoon

Booze bust: RCMP seize alcohol headed for northern communities <http://regina.ctvnews.ca/booze-bust-rcmp-seize-alcohol-headed-for-northern-communities-1.2263907> ... via [@ctvregina](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

WhigStandard

Federal offender on the lam [#ygk](#) <http://www.thewhig.com/2015/03/04/police-look-for-assistance-finding-federal-offender> ...

pmharper

Announced our Govt's intent to introduce legislation to keep Canada's most heinous criminals behind bars for life.

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- Media coverage regarding Bill C-51 was minimal – moderate today.
- *Le Devoir* reported that former Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, who recently had his name attached to an open letter expressing opposition to Bill C-51 alongside former Prime Ministers Joe Clark, Paul Martin and John Turner, withdrew his opposition to the bill.
- Media reported today that legal scholars from the Saskatchewan and Saskatoon area have added their names to an open letter from over 100 Canadian law and legal professors expressing concern with the current form of Bill C-51.
- Media reported that according to the Parti Québécois, the current wording of Bill C-51 could be interpreted to incorporate environmentalists, protesters, and other groups in the bill's efforts to crack down on terrorism.
- Overall, the tone of coverage regarding Bill C-51 today was mostly negative with various articles questioning the language in Bill C-51, worrying that it could be interpreted too broadly.
- Social media activity was moderate and trends mainly focused on responses from March 4-5 on Edward Snowden's comments regarding Bill C-51.

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

General Coverage / couverture générale

- "What is important for us in that bill is we struck a balance that we can give the tools to both the law enforcement and intelligence officers so they can track terrorists so we can avoid radicalization and we can be better prepared to the evolving threat of terrorism." ~ Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney
- "We will support C-51 because of measures that will help keep Canadians safe: making better use of no-fly lists, building on the powers of preventative arrest, and allowing for more coordinated information sharing within government. However, there are also concerns, and we

hear them, and we will offer non-partisan amendments to address the gaps. We hope the government will be constructive, and work with us to make a better law..." ~ Liberal MP Wayne Easter

- "This new legislation will not make Canadians safer, but rather gives government agencies many new and unchecked powers to intrude on the rights of Canadians who are not at all involved in terrorist activities." ~ Sarah Buhler, an assistant professor at the University of Saskatchewan's college of law
- « La menace, elle est tellement large qu'elle inclut, par exemple, un groupe autochtone qui déciderait de revendiquer un parc... » ~ Alexandre Cloutier, porte-parole péquiste en matière de Justice
- "I think the question is what we now face with ISIS, and what we face with networked, digital recruitment ... whether this is a different threat than what we faced 10 or 15 years ago." ~ former Conservative Senator Hugh Segal

Threat Disruption / Perturbation des menaces

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Security of Canada Information Sharing Act / loi sur la sécurité de l'échange de renseignements au Canada

NIL

Passenger Protect Program / programme de protection des passagers

NIL

Immigration Refugee Protection Act / loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés

NIL

Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

NIL

News Releases / Communiqués

NIL

Print Media / Médias imprimés

General Coverage / couverture générale

Bill C-51 could violate rights, lawyers say

The federal government's anti-terrorism bill gives government agencies too much unchecked power, say Saskatoon legal scholars who added their signatures to an open letter to parliamentarians, urging them to

vote against the controversial law. "This new legislation will not make Canadians safer, but rather gives government agencies many new and unchecked powers to intrude on the rights of Canadians who are not at all involved in terrorist activities," said Sarah Buhler, an assistant professor at the University of Saskatchewan's college of law. Powers granted under the proposed legislation could be used by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) against groups such as environmental groups and First Nations, Buhler said. "The wording is so broad that it could potentially threaten to criminalize legitimate dissent," she said. Her colleague, assistant professor Clayton Bangsund, noted the Criminal Code already contains terrorism-related offences, which leads him to wonder what purpose the new law would serve. Bangsund said wording in the bill is "broad and ambiguous." The bill would authorize CSIS to "engage in intervention activities and disruptive measures," such as "wiping information from a target's computer or fabricating information to discredit a target," Bangsund said. It would also allow CSIS to ask a judge for a warrant to pre-authorize actions that contravene the charter, he said. [Postmedia](#) (Star Phoenix, A4)

La loi C-51 n'enchanté pas le PQ

(...) De passage en banlieue de Toronto, hier, le premier ministre Stephen Harper s'est montré peu ouvert à amender le projet de loi, dont l'étude en comité parlementaire débutera la semaine prochaine. «Évidemment, on va écouter, mais le gouvernement a fait beaucoup de délibérations sur le contenu de ce projet de loi et nous sommes tout à fait déterminés à l'adopter», a-t-il déclaré. Face aux craintes que suscite C-51, le **ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, a pour sa part assuré que «les activités pacifiques de protestation ne sont pas incluses» dans le projet de loi. [Le Journal de Québec](#), 20

Popular security bill could put lid on voices of dissent

An opinion piece states, "On Wednesday, I joined a small group of Canadians who have actually read Bill C-51, the Conservatives' bill designed to toughen up Canada's terrorism laws. The merits, or lack thereof, of Bill C-51 have consumed lots of attention in Ottawa, with **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** saying (over and over) that Canadians want more protection from terrorists, Opposition Leader Thomas Mulcair arguing the bill goes too far and has inadequate oversight of security agencies, and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau saying he'll support the bill, but wants better oversight and a mandatory review of C-51 in future. The bill forbids "changing or unduly influencing a government in Canada by force or unlawful means" and prohibits "interference with critical infrastructure." Democratically elected governments shouldn't be changed or influenced "by force," but how can protests or civil disobedience campaigns change laws if they can't "influence" the government? That's the whole point. And who gets to decide when such influence is undue? That section is likely to raise flags among groups like First Nations, student and labour activists and environmentalists, who sometimes break the law (i.e., block roads, stage sit-ins, etc.) in order to try to change policy." [The Chronicle-Herald](#), A13

Threat Disruption / Perturbation des menaces

Ex-Tory senator questions spy powers

A former Tory senator says the new powers proposed for Canada's spies under the Conservatives' new terror law are "unprecedented" in peace time. But Hugh Segal wonders if what Canadians are living through can properly be called "peace time." "I think the question is what we now face with ISIS, and what we face with networked, digital recruitment ... whether this is a different threat than what we faced 10 or 15 years ago," Segal said in an interview earlier this week. "And I would argue that it is." Bill C-51 would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service police-like powers to "disrupt" threats to Canada. CSIS would be able to use those powers to address terrorist threats, but also threats to Canada's infrastructure or economic stability. Both opposition parties and security experts have criticized the Conservatives for drastically expanding CSIS's powers, while declining to include more independent oversight over Canada's spies. Segal, who retired from the Senate last year and currently holds the post of master at Massey College, has long championed increased oversight for Canada's intelligence agencies. Unlike our closest security partners, Canada has no parliamentary oversight of the country's various spy agencies. The review bodies Canada does have are dwarfed by the agencies they're supposed to monitor. For instance, the Security Intelligence Review Committee - with 17 employees and a budget of under \$3

million - is tasked with reviewing the operations of CSIS, with a projected budget of \$537 million. The Communications Security Establishment - Canada's answer to the NSA, employing more than 2,000 - has a review body with an annual budget of around \$2 million. Toronto Star, A8

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Online Media / Médias en ligne

General Coverage / couverture générale

Terrorisme: Jean Chrétien réitère son opposition au projet de loi conservateur

Les audiences sur le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51 commenceront dans moins d'une semaine, et l'ex-premier ministre Jean Chrétien, qui n'a pas été invité à témoigner, a réitéré ses craintes à la suite d'une conférence à l'Université Concordia mercredi. « Quand on joue avec les droits et les libertés des citoyens, il faut être prudent. C'est une pente dangereuse, a prévenu celui qui a dirigé le Canada de 1993 à 2003. C'est facile de se servir des émotions, de la crainte des gens pour supprimer certaines libertés qui sont parfois difficiles à reconquérir. Moi qui ai été pour Pierre Elliott Trudeau le ministre de la Justice, c'est mon devoir d'être préoccupé. » Il propose que le gouvernement mette « au minimum » une clause faisant en sorte que la loi ne soit en vigueur que durant deux ou trois ans. « On a déjà beaucoup de lois qui donnent beaucoup de pouvoirs aux polices dans notre pays. » M. Chrétien fait partie des quatre anciens premiers ministres qui ont récemment signé une lettre ouverte réclamant un meilleur mécanisme d'examen des agences de sécurité nationale et qui n'ont pas été appelés à témoigner lors des audiences, selon une liste obtenue par Radio-Canada mercredi. Le Devoir

Legislation needs amendments

A letter to the editor written by Liberal MP Wayne Easter states, "In the wake of the deadly attacks on military officers in Quebec and on Parliament Hill last October, we must consider how to best protect Canadians from modern terrorist threats, while safeguarding our values. Although the government's new anti-terrorism legislation, Bill C-51, takes some proper steps in that direction, it will need fixing. Having been the government during 9/11 and other terrorist events, the Liberal Party is well aware of the tough issues and sensitivities involved. We will support C-51 because of measures that will help keep Canadians safe: making better use of no-fly lists, building on the powers of preventative arrest, and allowing for more coordinated information sharing within government. However, there are also concerns, and we hear them, and we will offer non-partisan amendments to address the gaps. We hope the

government will be constructive, and work with us to make a better law; if not, we will present our amendments to Canadians in this year's election." [Estevan Lifestyles](#)

Lincoln politicians address business community

Niagara West-Glanbrook MP Dean Allison touched on some foreign affairs by acknowledging the work on the anti-terrorism Bill C-51 and some of the significant progress that has taken place overseas in countries like Afghanistan, but the majority of his update reflected discussion about business-related issues, including trade, infrastructure, research and development and entrepreneurship. Allison said the federal government is looking at further ways to support business, including reducing some of the red tape businesses face. "We're trying to foster an environment that makes it easier for people to do business," said Allison, who noted corporate taxes were also reduced. Bill C-51 has been scrutinized, Allison said it's a matter of providing authorities with the power to protect Canadians from terrorist activity, and really only impacts people of risk. The bill, he said, will assist with better communication between government agencies who tend to "operate in silence." [Niagara This Week](#)

Standing on guard for Canada

A letter to the editor states, "On reviewing the federal Conservative government's Bill C-51, their "anti-terrorism" law, I see there is a clause that this law is to protect Canada against activities that undermine the security of Canada, including "the interference with the Government of Canada in relation to the economic or financial stability of Canada." I am also aware of the related RCMP document entitled, "Criminal Threats to the Petroleum Industry" which refers to "the anti-Canadian petroleum movement" and refers to alliances by the "anti-petroleum movement" with "violent aboriginal extremists" in BC. I am concerned that this law by Stephen Harper and his government will allow you to conduct surveillance on me because of my ongoing opposition to projects such as Enbridge Northern Gateway oil/ condensate pipeline." [Prince George Citizen](#)

Former watchdog chair Chuck Strahl says existing security oversight is enough

The former head of the committee watching over the country's security service says he doesn't see a need for greater oversight, even as the government expands the agency's mandate. Chuck Strahl says he thinks the existing five-member Security Intelligence Review Committee has done a good job to date and can handle it in the future. The government's latest anti-terrorism bill would expand powers of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and, among other things, would let it disrupt terror plots, rather than simply gathering intelligence. Strahl says he's leery of an NDP proposal to give parliamentarians a direct role in overseeing CSIS. [Canadian Press](#) (iPolitics)

Michael Den Tandt: Harper's betting Canadians are anxious to smite homegrown terrorists

An opinion piece states "Say what the critics might, as strategies go, it doesn't lack for dash. You'd have to reach back to 1988, and the great free-trade election, to find a gamble of similar moment on a single issue in our politics. For with their pending throw-away-the-key law, the federal Conservatives have bet the farm, tractor, livestock and kitchen sink on the assumption that Canadians are anxious to smite evil-doers, ranging from garden-variety serial killers to homegrown jihadi terrorists, and that the populist loathing of miscreants will supersede all else ahead of the federal election scheduled for October. Canadians who go abroad to fight for the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham could be locked up for life without parole upon their return to Canada, under the pending tough-on-crime law unveiled by Prime Minister Stephen Harper Wednesday, the Prime Minister's Office confirmed. "The highest responsibility of any government is to help keep Canadians safe and our country secure," PMO spokesman Stephen Lecce wrote in an email. 'Under our government's new legislation, High Treason would carry a life sentence without parole.' A PMO source confirmed that any Canadians who travel overseas to fight with ISIS could be guilty of high treason under the existing definition in the Criminal Code of Canada — and thus, imprisoned for the rest of their natural lives, if convicted and sentenced under the new law. What this amounts to, on the heels of Bill C-51, the Conservatives' new anti-terrorism legislation, is a doubling-down on public security as the issue, to a degree not seen before from this government. It marks a significant rightward shift for a party that, before now, had tended to tinker around the margins of hang-'em-high conservatism, with such measures as mandatory minimum sentences, without ever quite leaping in with both feet." [Postmedia News](#) (Canada.com)

Threat Disruption / Perturbation des menaces

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au Canada***

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Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Overall, broadcast media coverage regarding the forthcoming anti-terrorism legislation was minimal, while it received significant coverage on CBC television's "Power & Politics" program, including an interview with Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney.

General Coverage / couverture générale

CP24 interviewed Minister of Public Safety, Steven Blaney regarding Bill C-51. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News' Power and Politics featured an interview with Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney on issues surrounding Bill C-51. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News' Power and Politics featured a panel discussion of security and legal experts on the potential implications of Bill C-51. [Rough Transcript](#)

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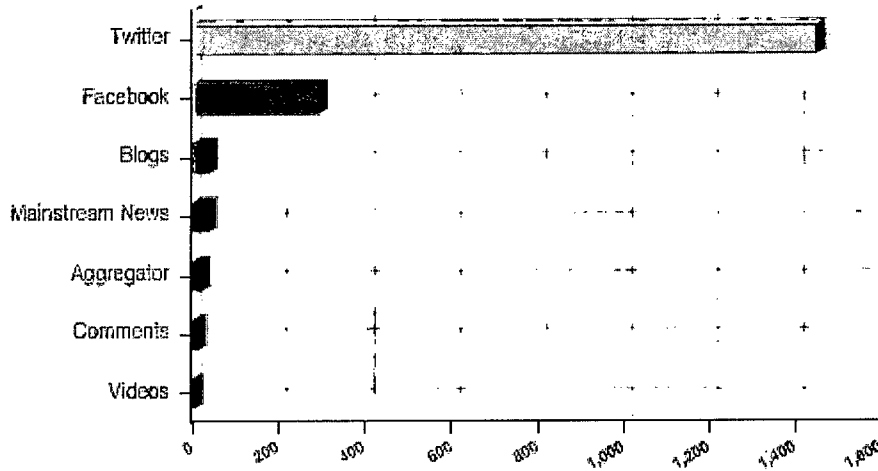
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Social Media / Médias sociaux

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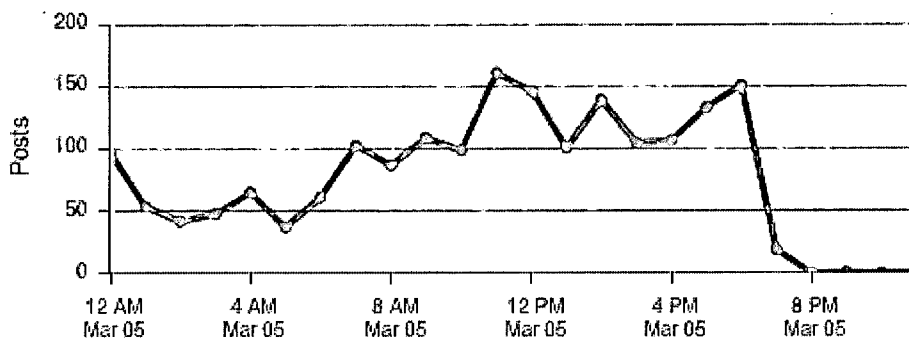
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"security legislation" AND "Canada"

There were a total of 1852 social media posts on March 5 2015. The following graph displays the breakdown of social media posts by type:



In total, there were approximately 1447 tweets, 292 Facebook posts, 38 blog posts, 36 news posts and 39 other posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout the day:



Coverage peaked between 12 pm and 6 pm ET on March 5 with social media posts based on tweets and retweets of Edward Snowden speaking on Bill C-51 and tweets from CBC News' Power and Politics based on a special edition focusing on terrorism and national security.

Stakeholders

[@CanadaFP](#)

When Canada recognizes a real threat like ISIL, we do not stand on the sidelines [#StopISIS](#)

[@ICLMG](#)

Bill C-51: Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015 | Voices Case Study, Reactions & Proposed Changes [voices-voix.ca/en/facts/profi...](#) [#cdnpoli](#) [#AttackOnDissent](#) [#C51](#)

[@ICLMG](#)

The govt can't intimidate activists by calling us extremists writes [@DavidSuzukiFDN](#) <http://huff.to/1AJuzIS> [#cdnpoli](#) [#C51](#) [#AttackOnDissent](#)

[@OpenMedia_ca](#)

Former PMs won't be able to speak up against secret police #BillC51 to parliament ow.ly/JZ3XB

[@OpenMedia_ca](https://twitter.com/OpenMedia_ca)

UBC students want [@JustinTrudeau](https://twitter.com/JustinTrudeau) to stand up for #privacy and fight secret police #BillC51 <http://ow.ly/JZ5oc>

[@bccla](https://twitter.com/bccla)

#HumanRights ramifications of #C51: international news! [@guardian](https://twitter.com/guardian) covers concerns of legal scholars & rights groups <http://tinyurl.com/qca2cea>

Media

[@ipoliticsca](https://twitter.com/ipoliticsca)

Former watchdog chair Chuck Strahl says existing security oversight is enough | iPolitics bit.ly/1EjM0XT #cdnpoli

[@PostmediaNews](https://twitter.com/PostmediaNews)

Michael Den Tandt: Harper's betting Canadians are anxious to smite homegrown terrorists <http://ow.ly/JZ8ng>

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Existing Security Oversight Enough: Ex-Watchdog Chair <http://huff.to/1KtuGU3> via [@HuffPostCanada](https://twitter.com/HuffPostCanada)

[@TorontoStar](https://twitter.com/TorontoStar)

Conservative party nourishes terror threats to bolster political fortunes: Tim Harper <http://on.thestar.com/1zR3rYm> #topstories

[@PnPCBC](https://twitter.com/PnPCBC)

Right now a special edition of #pnpcbc - Terror In Focus. Will the gov's new anti-terror legislation keep you safer? Join us as we dig deep.

[@PnPCBC](https://twitter.com/PnPCBC)

Vote now on tonight's #ballotbox question: do you think the new anti-terror legislation should be passed as is? <http://www.cbc.ca/1.2983490>

[@PnPCBC](https://twitter.com/PnPCBC)

Everything you need to know abt the gov't's anti-terror bill now on #pnpcbc. Get the facts and get informed - you are where you need to be.

[@CTV_PowerPlay](https://twitter.com/CTV_PowerPlay)

Oliver: I think we can all agree terrorism in Canada is real but I'm not so sure the level of anxiety or the fear of insecurity is realistic

Hashtags

[@moxyladies](https://twitter.com/moxyladies)

"I have never seen the #RCMP #CSIS have such a cosy relationship with #government. Not supposed to be" <http://natpo.st/1zdqqNY> #C51 #pnpcbc

[@Juicexlx](https://twitter.com/Juicexlx)

[@billhillier](https://twitter.com/billhillier) I came to the conclusion that there wasn't any oversight.. at all

<http://ottawacitizen.com/news/politics/spy-agencys-review-group-cant-perform-oversight-role...> #CDNPoli #CSIS #PolQC

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Today's News / Actualités
March 6, 2015 / le 6 mars, 2015
8:00 - 14:00 ET

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White powder in envelopes sent to offices of federal ministers harmless: police

Quebec police say the white powder found in envelopes sent to the riding offices of the four federal cabinet ministers from the province was harmless. Provincial police spokesman Richard Gagne says none of the four envelopes contained a noxious product of any kind. He says authorities know what the substance is but won't reveal that for now because it's an important element in their investigation. Gagne also said in an interview today it's believed the same person or persons were responsible. The envelopes were discovered Thursday in the riding offices of Denis Lebel, the Conservative minister responsible for Quebec, and three other cabinet ministers -- Christian Paradis, Maxime Bernier and **Steven Blaney**. Certain media reported the envelope sent to Lebel's office contained a warning the Conservatives would be annihilated. [CTV News](#); [La Presse](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

*CBC News reports on a statement released by **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** on the Zehaf-Bibeau video released today by the RCMP. [Rough transcript](#)*

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

NIL

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Privacy czar says federal anti terrorism bill is 'clearly excessive'

The federal privacy watchdog says the scope of the Conservative government's anti-terrorism bill is excessive and that it puts the personal information of Canadians at risk. In a submission to the House of Commons public safety committee, Daniel Therrien says measures in the bill to protect against unreasonable loss of privacy are seriously deficient. Therrien says all Canadians would be caught in this web. He says the bill could make available all federally held information about someone to 17 government departments and agencies with responsibilities for national security. Therrien says the legislation sets the threshold for sharing Canadians' personal data far too low. In addition, he's concerned the bill sets no clear limits on how long the information would be kept. [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist, Metro News, CTV News, CBC News, The Daily Courier)

Projet de loi C-51 : le commissaire à la vie privée a de nombreuses préoccupations

Le commissaire à la vie privée du Canada a exprimé plusieurs préoccupations concernant la protection des renseignements personnels dans le projet de loi C-51 dans un mémoire qu'il a fait parvenir vendredi au Parlement. Le projet de loi antiterroriste de 2015 déposé le 30 janvier par le gouvernement conservateur donnerait lieu à la création de la Loi sur la communication d'information ayant trait à la sécurité du Canada (LCISC) qui permettra de faciliter la communication d'information entre les institutions fédérales. Selon le commissaire Daniel Therrien, la loi permettrait à 17 ministères et organismes fédéraux exerçant certaines responsabilités en lien avec la sécurité nationale d'obtenir l'ensemble des renseignements personnels des Canadiens détenus par tout ministère. [Journal de Montreal](#)

Privacy Commissioner slams anti-terror Bill, C-51

"Canada's Privacy Commissioner, Daniel Therrien, has issued a devastating critique of the Conservative government's anti-terror legislation, Bill C-51. At the time the Conservatives unveiled C-51 cabinet ministers told Parliament that the government had "consulted" the Privacy Commissioner. They did not say what the Commissioner's view of the legislation was, but gave the impression he was onside. Now, we learn that the Conservative ministers were being disingenuous. In a letter to Conservative MP Daryl Kramp, the Chair of the House Public Safety and National Security Committee, Commissioner Therrien says: "the scale of information sharing being proposed is unprecedented, the scope of the new powers conferred by the Act is excessive, particularly as these powers affect ordinary Canadians, and the safeguards protecting against unreasonable loss of privacy are seriously deficient." Therrien does not mince his words. He does not even try to be conciliatory or diplomatic." [Rabble.ca](#)

Manitoba ombudsman concerned about anti-terrorism Bill C-51

Manitoba's ombudsman has joined other privacy commissioners in Canada expressing concerns about the Conservatives' proposed anti-terrorism Bill C-51. Canada's provincial and territorial privacy oversight officers jointly released a letter on Friday to the chair of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security expressing concerns about the privacy implications of the bill. "Provincial oversight officers share the commissioner's concerns," acting Manitoba ombudsman Mel Holley said in a news release, referring to a letter posted Thursday by federal privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien. [CBC News](#)

Provincial ombudsmen express concern over anti-terrorism bill

Concern over the Federal government's proposed anti-terrorism bill has prompted privacy commissioners across Canada to act. Provincial and territorial privacy oversight officers have jointly released a letter to the chair of the standing committee on public safety and national security expressing concerns about the privacy implications of Bill C-51, otherwise known as the anti-terrorism act. Provincial ombudsmen detailed seven amendment recommendations to the chair of the standing committee, specifically related to the general language being used in Bill C-51. "We are confident that it is possible to both improve our

capacity to preempt future terrorist attacks and enhance the privacy, accountability and transparency safeguards necessary to preserve our free and open democracy," the letter said. The document, signed by all 11 provincial and territorial Ombudsmen, was released in conjunction with a letter of similar concern from the Federal Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien. [Winnipeg Free Press](#)

Snowden: Canadians Face 'Intrusive' Spy Bill That Echoes US Patriot Act

In a teleconference hosted by the Canadian Journalists for Free Expression at Ryerson University on Wednesday, NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden warned that the country's intelligence agencies have the "weakest oversight" in the Western world, and that new anti-terror legislation championed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper was "an emulation of the American Patriot Act."

"And when [the agencies are] trying to expand their powers, it's pretty amazing that we have the Canadian government trying to block the testimony of former prime ministers who've had access to classified information, who understand the value of these programs, and who are warning the public broadly and saying this is something we really need to talk about, this is something we really need to debate, this is something we really need to be careful about," Snowden continued. As Common Dreams previously reported, the new surveillance legislation, known as Bill C-51, "would expand the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS)'s powers to 'disrupt terrorism offenses and terrorist activity,' make it easier for law enforcement agencies to carry out preventive detentions, and allow them for longer time, make it easier to federal agencies to share information, and give law enforcement agencies power 'to disrupt terrorism offenses and terrorist activity.'" While critics have said the scope of the legislation is overly broad and exploits recent attacks to expand unwarranted surveillance powers, Harper and others in Parliament say the bill is necessary for national security. [Mint Press News](#)

Conservative Party fights fear with fear with Bill C-51: Keenan

An opinion piece states, "Jihadi terrorists have declared war on Canada," a Conservative party fundraising email sent out this week reads. "They hate us for our values. They hate us because we love freedom and tolerance." On occasion, the Conservative government headed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper has shown an inclination to take on the role of the press — by producing and distributing its own approved news items to print and broadcast media through the PR agency News Canada Ltd., for example. It now appears it has decided to do the work of satirists, too. How else to explain the transparent layers of irony running through the Conservatives' public communications, the ham-fisted illustrations of doublespeak that so effectively lay bare the cynical, hollow heart and totalitarian inclinations of their new legislation? One imagines the frustrated novelists and comedians in the Conservative StratCom writers room shaking their heads at the efforts of editorial cartoonists and TV sketch troupes: You call that parody? Let us show you how this is done. "They hate us because we love freedom and tolerance." See, the devastating self-skewering element of this line is that it is nominally intended to serve as the justification for a proposed law, Bill C-51, that will restrict freedom. And it is offered at a time when members of the government are using the bill as a means of whipping up intolerance against Muslims to score cheap political points. Here we have a piece of legislation that would, among other things, curtail freedom of speech fairly broadly on matters related to terrorism and give an espionage agency domestic policing powers that allow it, in secret, to be specifically exempted from honouring the Charter of Rights." [Toronto Star](#)

Projet de loi antiterroriste : un père craint pour son fils radicalisé à Winnipeg

Un membre des Forces canadiennes à Winnipeg s'inquiète de l'impact que pourrait avoir l'adoption par Ottawa du projet de loi C-51 pour combattre le terrorisme sur son fils radicalisé. Le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) a communiqué avec le père lundi pour lui faire savoir que son fils se trouve dans sa liste de surveillance et qu'on le croit extrémiste radical. L'agence fédérale enquête sur ses activités depuis 2014 Le jeune homme, qui s'est donné le pseudonyme Harun Abdurahman sur Twitter, exprime dans les médias sociaux son appui à l'État islamique et aux combats de ses militants. [Radio-Canada](#)

Michael Zehaf-Bibeau case invites contrasts to Australian experience

An analysis piece notes "(...) How different the story is in Canada. Although more than four months have elapsed, the public has learned little from official sources about the Oct. 22 shooting that left Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and the gunman dead. Here; a coroner examined the body of gunman Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, but

the results have not been made public. The body was quietly released to his father and whisked out of the country for burial late last year — a fact that was only revealed by an Ottawa Citizen report this week. We still do not know whether Zehaf-Bibeau — a crack addict — was high or sober when he shot Cirillo at the National War Memorial and the stormed Parliament. What we do know about him comes almost entirely from reporters digging into his past. We know from people who spent time with him in homeless shelters he had a serious drug problem. We know from court records in B.C. that he asked to be imprisoned to get clean, and from those same records we know he believed he had an undiagnosed mental illness, but that a court-appointed psychologist didn't concur. We also know from former co-workers he expressed sympathy with the Taliban, and that he was watching and sharing jihadi videos as early as 2007. We know he was a hard worker who made good money at that point in his life. And we know the story of his longing to emigrate to Libya, where he had spent happy times as a teenager, and of the passport struggles that stood in the way. But we don't know any of that thanks to official sources." [CBC News](#)

Zehaf-Bibeau video / La vidéo de Zehaf-Bibeau

Privacy watchdog says federal anti-terrorism bill is 'clearly excessive'

The scope of the Conservative government's anti-terrorism bill is "clearly excessive" and puts the personal information of Canadians at risk, the federal privacy commissioner says. In a submission to the House of Commons public safety committee, Daniel Therrien says measures in the bill to protect against unreasonable loss of privacy are "seriously deficient." The government brought in the bill — which would significantly expand the Canadian Security Intelligence Service's mandate — following the daylight murders of two Canadian soldiers last October. The bill would give CSIS the ability to disrupt terror plots, make it easier to limit the movements of a suspect, expand no-fly list powers, crack down on terrorist propaganda, and remove barriers to sharing security-related information. Therrien says the bill could make available all federally held information about someone of interest to as many as 17 government departments and agencies with responsibilities for national security. The legislation sets the threshold for sharing Canadians' personal data far too low, he says. In addition, Therrien is concerned the bill sets no clear limits on how long the information would be kept. [Canadian Press](#) (Winnipeg Free Press, The Telegram, Times Colonist, Metro News, Toronto Star, CP24, National Post, CTV News, Macleans)

RCMP set to release Parliament Hill gunman video

After more than four months of waiting, Canadians will get their first glimpse today of a video manifesto made by Parliament Hill gunman Michael Zehaf-Bibeau. RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson is scheduled to appear before a House of Commons committee at 11 a.m. ET where he is to display and discuss the video, as well as brief MPs on the Mounties' investigation stemming from the shooting. The video could answer lingering questions about Zehaf-Bibeau's actions that day — when he killed Cpl. Nathan Cirillo at the National War Memorial then stormed Parliament Hill before dying in a shootout inside the Centre Block — including whether he acted alone or had any help planning or carrying out the shootings. The cellphone video, which is less than one minute long, was shot shortly before the attacks on Oct. 22. In the video, Zehaf-Bibeau discusses waging "jihad," takes aim at Canada's foreign policy, threatens the Canadian military and invokes Allah. [Jordan Press](#) (Ottawa Citizen)

Michael Zehaf-Bibeau video release supported by MP Wayne Easter

Canadians will soon get a look at the cellphone video made by the gunman who stormed Parliament Hill last October, and MP Wayne Easter says that's a good thing. Malpeque MP Wayne Easter says there are things to be learned from the video Michael Zehaf-Bibeau made before he killed Corp. Nathan Cirillo on Parliament Hill. (...) "There is no question it was a terrorist act that happened on Parliament Hill. How much was Bibeau inspired by radical elements and terrorist elements? We don't know. It might give us some indication there. And I think it will show us what motivates individuals to do a heinous act such as this." [CBC News](#)

Michael Zehaf-Bibeau video edited by RCMP

The video of Parliament Hill shooter Michael Zehaf-Bibeau is an edited version, missing 18 seconds while the RCMP continue its investigation, Commissioner Bob Paulson said Friday ahead of its first public viewing. Paulson told a special meeting of the House public safety committee that the RCMP were still

investigating whether anyone had helped Zehaf-Bibeau in the Oct. 22 attack and warned if that is the case, those individuals will be charged with terrorism offences. Because of that investigation, Paulson said the video shown Friday was missing 13 seconds from the beginning and five seconds from the end. [CBC News](#); [Radio-Canada](#); [Le Journal de Montreal](#); [TVA Nouvelles](#); [Global News](#); [La Presse](#); [Reuters](#); [Ipolitics](#); [CTV News](#)

Ottawa shooter in video: 'You are not even safe in your home land'

Michael Zehaf-Bibeau said he was seeking vengeance for Canada's military deployment in Muslim countries before killing a soldier at the War Memorial in Ottawa and storming through Parliament with a rifle. "You are not even safe in your home land," said the Ottawa shooter before the attack of Oct. 22, in which he was killed by guards and police. He was in his car as he made the video, which was presented at the public safety committee of the House on Friday. The recording was recovered from a cellphone left in a car used by Mr. Zehaf-Bibeau that day. The government has argued that the shooting was a terrorist act, based on Mr. Zehaf-Bibeau's comments about Canada's foreign policy. RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson said he views Mr. Zehaf-Bibeau as a terrorist and he would have been charged as such if he had been captured alive. He announced the RCMP removed 18 seconds from the video before releasing it to the public. The investigation into the attack, and whether Mr. Zehaf-Bibeau had any accomplices, is ongoing. [The Globe and Mail](#); [National Post](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Macleans, Windsor Star, The Gazette, Huffington Post, Metro News); [QMI Agency](#) (Toronto Sun, London Free Press); [CBC News](#); [Canoe](#); [Presse Canadienne](#) (Journal Metro)

Parliament Hill shooter calm in video shot minutes before attack

Just minutes before Michael Zehaf-Bibeau killed Cpl Nathan Cirillo and terrorized Parliament Hill in October, he hastily recorded a cellphone video from his car. In the video — released Friday morning to a special meeting of the Commons public safety committee — he says his attack is to show soldiers they are "not even safe in your own land." "Canada's officially become one of our enemies by fighting and bombing us and creating a lot of terror in our countries and killing us and killing our innocents," Zehaf-Bibeau says calmly. He ends: "Thank you." RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson told the committee they had debated the video's release, weighing the public interest against the fear that the video would be used for terrorist propaganda. "The video speaks for itself. It is what it is," Paulson said, noting that the release was in no way motivated or influenced by Parliament's debate concerning the Conservative's anti-terrorism Bill C-51. [Toronto Star](#)

Read transcript of the Michael Zehaf-Bibeau video

"To those who are involved and listen to this movie, this is in retaliation for Afghanistan and because Harper wants to send his troops to Iraq. So we are retaliating, the Mujahedin of this world. Canada's officially become one of our enemies by fighting and bombing us and creating a lot of terror in our countries and killing us and killing our innocents. So, just aiming to hit some soldiers just to show that you're not even safe in your own land, and you gotta be careful. So, may Allah accept from us. It's a disgrace you guys have forgotten God and have you let every indecency and things running your land. We don't, we don't go for this. We are good people, righteous people, believers of God and believing his law and his Prophets, peace be upon them all. That's my message to all of you in this, Inshallah, we'll not cease until you guys decide to be a peaceful country and stay to your own and I-, and stop going to other countries and stop occupying and killing the righteous of us who are trying to bring back religious law in our countries. Thank you." [The Globe and Mail](#) (The Hill Times); [Le Journal de Montreal](#)

Editorial: What the Michael Zehaf-Bibeau video tells us

"Canadians should have seen the video made by Michael Zehaf-Bibeau months ago. Even now, astoundingly, the RCMP won't show us the whole thing. Commissioner Bob Paulson had better have a sound investigative or ethical reason for censoring the video, because Canadians have been treated like children long enough. Paulson presented the video to a Parliamentary committee, and said that 18 seconds had been edited out, for "operational" reasons he would not disclose. Thirteen seconds at the beginning and five seconds at the end. Presumably, if the reasons truly are "operational," we'll be able to see the edited parts eventually. What we did see was not surprising, given what reporting has revealed so far and the hints dropped by government ministers. In the video, Zehaf-Bibeau says that his actions are "in retaliation for Afghanistan and because Harper wants to send his troops to Iraq." He includes himself

among the "mujahideen of this world." He rambles about Canadian society, although he was born and raised in this country: "It's a disgrace you guys have forgotten God and have you let every indecency and things running your land. We don't, we don't go for this." In other words, vague Islamist boilerplate. This was what we had to wait four and a half months to see?" [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News provided live coverage of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security. RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson presented a video recorded by Michael Zehaf-Bibeau before his attack. The recording was recovered from a cellphone left in a car used by Mr. Zehaf-Bibeau that day. Commissioner Paulson said he views Mr. Zehaf-Bibeau as a terrorist and he would have been charged as such if he had been captured alive. He announced the RCMP removed 18 seconds from the video before releasing it to the public. The investigation into the attack, and whether Mr. Zehaf-Bibeau had any accomplices, is ongoing. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News provided coverage of a Q & A with reporters and **Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Roxanne James** on the video recorded by Michael Zehaf-Bibeau. [Rough transcript](#)

CBC News provided coverage from the Center Block of Parliament of Randall Garrison of the NDP reacting to the video recorded by Michael Zehaf-Bibeau. [Rough transcript](#)

CBC News provided coverage from the Center Block of Parliament of Liberal MP, Wayne Easter reacting to the video recorded by Michael Zehaf-Bibeau. [Rough transcript](#)

CBC News interviewed Ray Boisvert, former director of intelligence for CSIS. They discussed a video recorded by Michael Zehaf-Bibeau. [Rough transcript](#)

CBC News reports on the case of a father whose son, alias Harun Abdurahman, is now considered a radical extremist and on a watch list. A CSIS agent contacted him on Monday. A man answering Abdurahman's cell phone refused to talk the CBC last night but hours earlier he tweeted, I may be in some very big trouble. [Rough transcript](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

900000 livres de sirop récupérées

Rappelons que ce vol spectaculaire aurait été commis entre le 1er août 2011 et le 30 juillet 2012. C'est en procédant à un inventaire de routine que la Fédération des producteurs acéricoles du Québec (FPAQ) avait constaté la disparition d'une quantité importante des inventaires de sirop d'érable détenus dans l'entrepôt de Saint-Louis-de-Blandford. Il appert que les voleurs ont eu accès à l'entrepôt de la FPAQ par l'intermédiaire d'un local situé dans le même immeuble. Sur une longue période, ils ont pu ainsi transvider le sirop d'érable dans des camions-citernes. Pour bien camoufler leur crime, les voleurs avaient même pris soin de remplacer le contenu de plusieurs barils par de l'eau. Pas moins de 300 personnes travaillant dans le secteur de la production et de la vente de sirop d'érable ainsi que dans le transport de marchandises ont été interrogées par les enquêteurs de la Sûreté du Québec (SQ), de l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada, de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada et par l'Agence américaine de l'immigration et des douanes. Le sirop d'érable volé avait pris la destination des différentes provinces et du nord-est des États-Unis. Le sirop d'érable volé récupéré - environ 900 000 livres - est entreposé par la FPAQ dans son entrepôt à Laurierville. Il demeure toutefois la propriété de la SQ, le temps que durera l'enquête. [Le Soleil](#), 23

CBSA intercepts source of tainted drugs in Saskatoon

Police have seized what they believe to be the same drug responsible for 10 life-threatening medical emergencies in Saskatoon last December. The Canada Border Services Agency intercepted suspicious package on Feb. 22, 2015 which was being shipped to Saskatoon from China. They found a significant

amount of amphetamine. They executed a search warrant on March 5 at a home in the 100 block of 5th Street East. Officers seized approximately 500 grams of amphetamine, 48.5 grams of marijuana and 11.4 grams of psilocybin. Investigators believe the amphetamine is the same drug related to the medical emergencies which was initially thought to be cocaine or ecstasy. Ten people took the illegal substance which was cut with dangerous chemicals. Officers were called to two of the incidents on Dec. 20 which involved boys in their teens. One was at a home while the other was driving a car with passengers when he crashed at Gray Avenue and Central Avenue. [News Talk 980](#)

Alain Philippon phone password case: Powers of border agents and police differ

The case of Alain Philippon, a Quebec man who was charged for refusing to give up his smartphone password at the Halifax airport, illustrates the differences in search-and-seizure powers of border agents and police, but may also signal a need to update such laws governing officials at the border. "If a police officer stops me on the street and says 'Empty out your bag' for no good reason [and] they don't allege I've committed an offence, that's patently illegal," said Benjamin Berger, an associate professor at Osgoode Hall Law School of York University. "And yet I habitually do it when I take an airplane. Why? Because no one has forced me to go to the airport." Philippon, 38, of Ste-Anne-des-Plaines, Que., was charged under [the Customs Act](#) for hindering or preventing border officers from performing their role when he refused to divulge his cellphone password to Canada Border Services Agency officers during a customs search Monday night at Halifax Stanfield International Airport. [CBC.ca](#)

Calgary woman facing 10 immigration fraud charges

Charges have been laid against a Calgary woman accused of making multiple immigration applications under different names. The Canada Border Services Agency launched an investigation after receiving information from U.S. Consular officials in Calgary earlier this year. Yi Min Weng, 28, was arrested Tuesday and charged with nine counts under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for misrepresentation and using documents, and one Criminal Code charge for fraud. CBSA alleges the woman made a number of immigration applications under different names, including a visa application in 2007, a claim for refugee protection in 2007, and an application for permanent residency in 2010. [Calgary Herald](#)

Canada : il risque la prison pour avoir refusé de donner le mot de passe de son portable

La protection des données personnelles, sujet largement débattu sur les médias depuis les révélations de Snowden, refait à nouveau surface au Canada. Cette fois, il s'agit non pas d'une affaire d'espionnage, mais du refus pour un passager de divulguer le mot de passe de son téléphone lors d'un contrôle de douane. Les faits remontent à lundi dernier lorsque Alain Philippon, ressortissant québécois, arrive à l'aéroport international Stanfield d'Halifax à Nova Scotia après avoir effectué un voyage en République Dominicaine. Ce dernier se soumet sans difficulté aux formalités douanières. Mais contre toute attente, il lui est demandé de communiquer le mot de passe de son téléphone portable BlackBerry en vue d'une inspection de son contenu. Ce dernier refuse systématiquement de se soumettre à cette dernière mesure, ce qui lui vaut une garde à vue et la saisie de son téléphone. [Developpez.com](#)

Please! Not a strip club!

City Council will be briefed next week on the reconstruction of Huron Street, scheduled to begin later this year and to be finished in 2016. Among other things, city planners will be talking about their search for ideas for some kind of sign or outdoor landmark to welcome visitors pulling onto Huron after clearing Canada Customs at the International Bridge. The feature is expected to be located in a small green space in front of a PUC substation at the corner of Huron and Queen. Speaking Thursday night to a meeting of the Sault's cultural advisory board, Steve Turco from the city planning department revealed one early concept (shown), based on the famous 32-foot-high LAX letters, surrounded by illuminated vertical tubes, that greet visitors to Los Angeles International Airport. The proposed Sault location used to be maintained by the city's public works department but has recently fallen into what Turco described as "a bit of a state of disarray." All that will change as the city works to convert Huron Street into a pleasing streetscape that will remind visitors that they have arrived somewhere special. [Soo Today](#)

Windsor-Detroit bridge authority adds financial execs

The Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority — the authority that will launch the public-private partnership to design, build, finance, operate and maintain a new \$2.1 billion bridge across the Detroit River — said Friday it has named four Canadian financial executives to serve as members of its Capital Markets Advisory Panel. The Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority is a not-for-profit Canadian Crown corporation that will manage the procurement process for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the new bridge between Windsor and Detroit through a public-private partnership. It will operate the bridge and will set and collect all tolls. "I welcome the appointment of this financial advisory panel as the WDBA looks to maximize the benefits of the Public-Private Partnership," said Lisa Raitt, Canada's Transport minister. "Since it began its work six months ago, the WDBA has made great strides on the New International Trade Crossing project. Our government looks forward to further progress over the coming months." [Detroit News](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

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LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

RCMP in Nova Scotia charge two teens after finding air-soft gun at school

RCMP in Chester have charged two teenaged girls after getting reports of students bringing air-soft guns to a local school. Officers received the information on Feb. 26 and visited the school the next day. According to a news release, police were able to "substantiate the information" and seize the gun in question. On March 4, two 14-year-old girls from the Chester area were arrested and charged with possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose. The Lunenburg County RCMP District Commander states in the release that even though air-soft guns are meant for recreational purposes, their presence in public places like schools is "extremely concerning" for police. "Even from a short distance away, someone that's highly trained would have a hard time determining if an air-soft gun is a real weapon or not," states Staff Sgt. Jean-Guy Richard. "We have to treat them as real weapons." [Metro News](#); [Chronicle Herald](#)

La Ronge student to be charged for school bus threats

RCMP say charges are pending for a student who threatened another student on a school bus. It happened in La Ronge on Thursday afternoon. Officers say a youth with a weapon threatened another student. The student who was threatened complained to the bus driver, and the bus driver spoke to the child accused of making the threat. RCMP say the student took off on foot in the middle of the conversation with the bus driver, but was found and taken into custody shortly afterward. [CBC News](#); [Global News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (mySask.com)

Winnipeg police budget increase small, but more sustainable: Bowman

While the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) received a modest \$5 million increase to its 2015 operating budget Tuesday, it will cease to see the annual budget boosts of old going forward, because Mayor Brian Bowman says they are no longer sustainable. The city's preliminary operating and capital budget of \$994 million for 2015 was released Tuesday at the city's executive policy committee. A total of 28 per cent of the nearly \$1 billion budget is earmarked for police. The \$5 million increase is small compared to past years, and the WPS won't be seeing the kinds of yearly increases to its budget that it use to. Bowman said that's what is different this year is the rate of escalation in the budget for police and its reduction. "The costs have been growing and they aren't sustainable," said Bowman. "This year's budget finds a modest reduction in the increase but there still is an increase." The mayor said the city doesn't suggest which areas of the department's budget should be targeted for cuts. But Bowman also said the department's pension plan eats up a large amount of its budget. [CBC News](#)

Man faces charges in woman's death following fire at home in Peel, N.B.

New Brunswick RCMP say a 25-year-old man faces charges in the death of a woman whose body was

found inside her burned out home. Police say the body of 52-year-old Phyllis Roy was discovered following Monday's fire in the community of Peel, north of Hartland. Police have not identified the accused or released any details on the charges pending a court appearance today in Woodstock. Investigators say the home was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived at the scene. The Mounties say the investigation is continuing. [Canadian Press](#) (Global News)

Missing St. Laurent teen last seen in Winnipeg

Lundar RCMP and the Winnipeg police are asking for the public's help locating a missing teenage girl. Juliette Forsyth, 15, of St. Laurent, Man. was last seen on Feb. 28 in Winnipeg, when she left a family residence. Family and friends have not heard from her since. Police believe she may be with a male acquaintance. Forsyth is listed at 5'3", 140-pounds. She was last seen wearing a black winter jacket, pink hoodie, blue jeans and tan mukluks. [The Carillon](#)

Hansel & Gretel's big wooden 'Sleepy Bear' stolen from candy company

RCMP officers on Vancouver Island are looking for anyone who may have recently acquired a big wooden bear, after a carved grizzly went missing from the Hansel and Gretel's Candy Company in Chemainus over the weekend. "It's a little bit of an icon up there, it's a very quaint community," said Cpl. Krista Hobday with the North Cowichan-Duncan RCMP. "We're not sure what motive would be behind stealing such an icon." Hansel and Gretel's Candy Company owner Ward Yeager said his store is decorated with 30 to 40 bears of various sizes on its lawn... The RCMP are actively investigating the theft and are appealing to the public to call the RCMP if they have any information about Sleepy Bear's whereabouts. "This is very easy to identify," said Hobday. "We do believe that whoever does have it in their possession, that others know about that." [CBC News](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Harper Moves to Jail Canada Jihadist Fighters Without Parole

Canada's move to stiffen jail terms for what the government calls "the most heinous" offenses means citizens caught fighting for the Islamic State could be locked away for good. Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Wednesday Canadians convicted of certain murders such as those involving acts of terrorism or "high treason" will now face life in prison without parole. The proposed legislation, which would apply only to new sentences and not retroactively, will be presented to parliament next week. Canadian warplanes are part of a coalition carrying out air strikes against Islamic State militants, and the government this year proposed a law to boost the powers of security agencies to investigate terror cases while rejecting calls for stronger oversight of those new powers. The latest announcement comes in an election year, with Harper and his majority Conservative Party trailing in some opinion polls. "The fact is there are certain criminals who should never, ever be allowed to walk the streets," Harper said at the announcement in Toronto. "For the most heinous offenders and the most horrific crimes, a life sentence in Canada will henceforth mean exactly that -- a sentence for life." The announcement was made before Friday's scheduled appearance of Royal Canadian Mounted Police Commissioner Bob Paulson before a parliamentary committee, which invited him "to publicly display and discuss" a video manifesto recorded by Parliament Hill gunman Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, who killed a soldier before dying in a shootout on Oct. 22. The RCMP has never released the video. (...) Canada averaged 40 new first-degree-murder convictions per year over the last decade, according to data compiled by the country's Office of the Correctional Investigator, a watchdog. As of Feb. 8, there were 1,169 Canadians who had been convicted of first-degree murder, 227 of them in some form of parole, the OCI data show. Statistics show re-offending rates are low among those granted parole during a life sentence. A 2012 report from The Correctional Service of Canada, a government agency, said 3.5 percent of the 1,129 offenders serving life sentences released on parole between 1995 and 2005 were put back in jail within five years due to a new offense. Among those convicted of first degree murder and then released on parole, 2.6 percent were put back in jail for another offense within five years. [Bloomberg News](#) (2015-03-05)

Why shouldn't life mean life?

An opinion piece states "Canadians, for whatever reason, seem to like tough on crime measures. The country is safe by any reasonable standard — safer than it's been since my mother was in kindergarten,

in fact — but the federal Conservatives still see value in churning out tough on crime measures one after another (30 bills have amended the Criminal Code since the Tories first took office, with nine more in progress or proposed). Why? Because, in general, it plays well with voters, many of whom, polling shows, are under the entirely mistaken impression that crime and particularly violent crime is getting worse. The latest example: Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Justice Minister Peter MacKay visited the Scarborough district of Toronto last Wednesday to announce that life will soon really mean life (sort of, anyway — more on that later). The choice of Scarborough was no coincidence, as parts of it have hit by some high-profile crimes in recent years. The actual legislation will come down next week, but based on what is known so far, it'll shake out like this: Someone convicted of first-degree ("planned and deliberate") murder, if that murder meets some additional criteria — if it occurred during a sexual assault or terror attack, if the victim was a police officer or correctional official, or if the crime was "of a particularly brutal nature" — will go away for life without parole. Life, in other words, will mean life. Again, there's a qualifier here. To sidestep the possibility that any such truly life sentence would be found unconstitutional, the Tories plan to leave in place one *possible* way for someone sentenced to life without parole to be released. After 35 years of their sentence has passed, they'll be able to petition the federal cabinet of the day for a special dispensation. This seems to be the Tories' way of making life really mean life to the maximum extent possible without triggering a judicial review they expect they'd lose." [National Post](#)

Mother of Smeltzer's victim applauds life-in-prison bill

The mother of a girl who was murdered nearly 35 years ago hopes a new bill regarding life sentences in Canada will save other families from living in fear like hers has.

Evelyn Thompson's voice is still emotional when she speaks about her five-year-old daughter. Kimmie was walking to school by herself for the first time in 1980 when she was abducted and then murdered by Harold Smeltzer. On Thursday, Evelyn spoke with Jill Slater and Dave Arnold on News Talk Radio, saying she still fears for the safety of her own family - and others - to this day knowing that Smeltzer is out on parole in Regina. [NewsTalk 650](#)

Sentence never ends for victim's family

Some years seem to have more significance than others, although really, there's little difference between one year and the next. Or the previous. But for some reason, anniversaries that fall on decades and half decades, feel like some kind of milestone. That's why this year is a particularly difficult one for Bob and Maureen Smythe who are marking five years since the killing of Bob's son Christopher. Christopher attended a house party on Rockland Road on Feb. 27, 2010 at a townhouse rented by Tyler Pastuck, then 26, and attended by Derek Crowther, 23, and Jacob Lawrence, 20, among others. The party progressed until the wee hours when neighbours called police after seeing a man being dragged by his ankles and then being "stomped on" by two or three other men. (...) In January 2012, Pastuck was sentenced to seven years in a federal prison while Crowther received a six-year term. However, their sentences were both reduced by 27 months due to time already served behind bars. Their sentences were upheld in an appeal. Lawrence never went to trial because he died in a motorcycle accident in June 2011. Now, the other two have one year left on their parole and are out of prison on statutory release (released into the community after serving two-thirds of your custodial sentence). Bob and Maureen Smythe, however, will never be released from their sentence. Their son is still dead. He won't come back. And the Smythes won't be able to "get over it." [Campbell River Mirror](#)

Federal offender wanted for parole breach

A Canada Wide Warrant is out for a man who breached his parole. Christopher Richardson is serving a two-year sentence for robbery and assault causing bodily harm. He is known to frequent Barrie, Richmond Hill and Newmarket. Richardson is described as a white male, 25 years of age, 6' (183 cm), 181 lbs (82kg). He has a tattoo on the right side of his neck, and numerous tattoos on both arms and hands. [Inside Halton](#) (Simcoe.com), [Orillia Packet](#)

Addiction root cause of break-ins, accused asks for federal sentence

A man from Portugal Cove-St. Philip's pleaded guilty in a St. John's court Thursday to two break and enters that happened on Boxing Day, which he says were motivated by his morphine addiction. Henry Lewis, 39, broke into two homes in the Southlands area of St. John's on Dec. 26 last year. (...) Lewis

asked the judge to give him a federal sentence, so he could avail of services while behind bars to help treat his drug addiction. [CBC News](#)

Even small amounts of serious drugs attract jail time

A man caught with a gram of methamphetamine and a strip cut from a fentanyl patch was sentenced to 110 days in jail in Sarnia court. Nicholas Ernest Williams, 43, of Sarnia pleaded guilty to the Jan. 27 possession of methamphetamine and fentanyl. (...) A four-month sentence was appropriate for Williams, a long-term offender, due to the serious drugs involved, said federal prosecutor Michael Robb. [Sarnia Observer](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

UN committee calls on Canada for inquiry into missing, murdered aboriginal women

A United Nations committee is echoing the call of critics who say Canada should establish a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women. The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women says Canada has violated the rights of aboriginal women by failing to thoroughly investigate why they are targeted for violence. The body is adding its voice to domestic calls for an inquiry, which the Harper government has repeatedly said isn't necessary. The UN report says Canada's police and the justice system have failed to effectively protect aboriginal women. It says native women face grave and systematic violations of their rights. Canada's formal response to the committee disagrees with the conclusion that there has been such a violation and rejects the call for an inquiry. [Associated Press](#) (The Guardian, CTV News), [Canadian Press](#) (680 News)

Missing and murdered indigenous women: Still looking for answers to a decades-old problem

There was a sense of optimism coupled with realism when Canadian federal ministers, premiers, chiefs and families of victims came together last week for a national roundtable discussion on missing and murdered indigenous women. "Families are looking for action today to make sure they're supported in their time of need, making sure they're protected when they experience these violent crimes," said Federal Minister for the Status of Women, Kellie Leitch. There was talk of action plans, creating a framework to raise awareness and plans to meet again next year, but no new money from the federal government and no inquiry. That left women, such as Bernadette Smith whose sister Claudette Osborne went missing in 2008, disappointed. [Global News](#)

Le féminisme à l'heure des réseaux sociaux

L'union fait la force, dit la devise adoptée par plusieurs pays. Bien des femmes l'ont compris au cours de la dernière année lorsque des discussions virtuelles ont été lancées sur les réseaux sociaux à propos d'enjeux les concernant. «Une par une, on peut faire une différence, mais lorsqu'on est en gang, on se soutient, on se protège et on se donne de la force aussi. Les réseaux sociaux permettent une telle expression», a affirmé la présidente de la Fédération des femmes du Québec, Alexa Conradi. Au cours des derniers mois, des hashtags féministes ont été partagés à des milliers, voire à des millions de reprises, notamment pour les femmes victimes de misogynie (#YesAllWomen), les lycéennes nigérianes kidnappées par le groupe de djihadistes Boko Haram (#BringBackOurGirls) et, plus près de nous, pour les femmes autochtones disparues et assassinées (#AmINext) et celles qui ont été agressées sexuellement (#AgressionNonDénoncée ou #BeenRapedNeverReported. La présidente du Conseil du statut de la femme, Julie Miville-Dechéne, qui est elle-même une grande utilisatrice des réseaux sociaux, croit que ces nouveaux outils de communication permettent d'ouvrir les débats et de multiplier les points de vue, qu'ils soient positifs ou négatifs. Si ces campagnes virales n'ont pas toutes engendrées des actions des autorités politiques pour endiguer les problèmes de violence faites aux femmes, les réseaux sociaux ont malgré tout permis de conscientiser une grande partie de la population à ces drames humains, selon l'ancienne journaliste. [Journal Métro](#),

Misogynie 2.0 : harcèlement et violence en ligne

« Suivant la logique de la misogynie en ligne, le droit d'une femme à la liberté d'expression est beaucoup moins important que le privilège que s'accorde un homme de la punir pour s'être exprimée librement. » Laurie Penny, *Cybersexism*. Nous sommes féministes. Nous partageons nos idées sur le Web. Et nous sommes unies par l'expérience de la misogynie latente qui ronge Internet, les médias sociaux, notre vie publique, notre vie privée. Lorsque nous prenons la parole sur le Web, surtout pour dénoncer la violence sous toutes ses formes que subissent les femmes, le retour de bâton s'associe à une pluie d'insultes et de menaces : « Conne », « J'veais te venir dessus », « Féminazie », « Ostie, j'te foudroierais avec ta p'tite jupe », « Sale chienne », « Grosse truie », « Je te *cockslaperais* jusqu'à ce que tu fermes ta yeule », « Tu mérites de te faire *gang raper* », « Tu ne devrais pas avoir le droit de te reproduire », « Impossible qu'elle se fasse pénétrer par un homme sans qu'elle crie au viol », « Fermez don' vos gueules... pendant qu'elles ferment encore! » Ceci n'est qu'un échantillon du refrain entonné ad nauseam par les graphomanes misogynes qui sévissent sur la Toile. Ces mots témoignent d'un sexisme, d'un antiféminisme, voire d'une haine des femmes si répandue qu'ils frôlent désormais la banalité. Le cybersexisme est omniprésent dans les conversations en ligne. Il imprègne les fils de commentaires sur les réseaux sociaux et sur les blogues, partout où les femmes prennent la parole dans l'espace public virtuel. Il prend diverses formes : paternalisme, infantilisation, *mansplaining*, surveillance, attaques personnelles, *slut-shaming*, *fat-shaming*, diffusion publique de données personnelles, attaque à l'intégrité physique, menaces de viol et de mort, etc. Cette violence misogyne prend une consonance particulière quand elle s'exerce avec des accents racistes, islamophobes, xénophobes, transphobes ou lesbophobes. [Ton Petit Look](#), [Actualités Sympatico](#), [Sisyphe](#), [Voir](#)

City spends thousands on hotel rooms because women's shelters are full

The city is spending thousands more year after year to put abused women and children in hotel rooms because there isn't enough space for them in local shelters. Taxpayers footed \$112,000 for hotel rooms and food last year for people without homes because local shelters were maxed out. That's up nearly \$20,000 from the year before. The city also spends money on hotel rooms for families without housing and people displaced by fires. But increasingly, the cost is to cover women and children leaving violent situations, city data shows. Those accounted for more than half of the cases last year. "There's little doubt that the demand is outstripping what's available in the community," said Katherine Kalinowski, chair of the Women's Housing Planning Collaborative. "I would even call it a crisis without overstating." City-funded hotel rooms for women's shelter clients are used "if there is no space and we've exhausted all the possibilities we can think of," Kalinowski said. That includes family and friends. But when that fails, as it did in more than 80 cases last year, the city foots the bill for a temporary hotel room. And that's happening more every year. In 2014, the city spent \$112,000 on hotel rooms because there was no shelter space, said spokesperson Jen Recine. In 2013, the city spent \$93,450 on hotel rooms, and in 2012, it cost taxpayers \$73,880 for hotel rooms. (...)The ministry has increased funding for violence against women services by 51 per cent in 2013-14, for a total of \$145 million for the province, spokesperson Kristen Tedesco said in an email. It spent \$82 million, it says, on emergency shelter agencies to support 2,045 beds for abused women and children. Hamilton has received nearly \$57 million for violence against women programs since 2003, she said. [CBC News Hamilton](#)

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Raif Badawi flogging delayed for 8th week in a row

Raif Badawi, the Saudi blogger jailed for criticizing Islam, has had his weekly lashes delayed for an eighth consecutive week. His supporters confirmed the development on Badawi's official Twitter account. Badawi was arrested in June 2012 after criticizing the Saudi regime and expressing views critical of Islam on his blog. He was eventually sentenced in May 2014 to ten years in jail and 1,000 lashes, to be delivered in batches of 50 every week. He was flogged for the first time on Jan. 9. Badawi is a 32-year-old

blogger and activist. His wife, Ensaf Haidar, and their three children are refugees living in Sherbrooke, Que. Haidar told CBC earlier this week she's heard from official sources in Saudi Arabia that her husband may face a new trial, this time for renouncing faith. [CBC News](#), [Agence QMI](#) (Journal de Montréal, Journal de Québec), [Associated Press](#) (Le Devoir), [Montreal Gazette](#)

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If anybody has any doubts about why the government wanted Paulson to testify at committee against his own will. Voici

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Paulson says jihadist movement is inspiring and he is persuaded that Zehaf Bibeau didn't come to this pact alone. [#cdnpoli](#)

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How broad was network involved in attack? asks CPC MP Ablonczy. Paulson says he believes Zehaf-Bibeau didn't come to path alone. [#cdnpoli](#)

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CSIS should have power to operate overseas, says minister

Canada's spies should be able to operate overseas without following the laws of *"failed states,"* **Canada's public safety minister** said Monday. **Steven Blaney** defended Bill C-44 in front of a Senate committee examining the government's planned expansion of CSIS powers. The proposed legislation would allow a judge to authorize CSIS to conduct foreign operations *"without regard to any other law, including that of any foreign state."* **Blaney** reminded senators of the threat posed by Canadians who become foreign fighters in unstable countries. *"We believe that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms provides sufficient guidelines for the activities of CSIS,"* **Blaney** told the Committee on National Security and Defence. *"Asking them to abide by the laws of the possibly failed states where the activities would take place, as some have suggested, is simply ludicrous."... "Our government fundamentally believes we should not share our citizenship with someone who would cut off heads because of a difference of beliefs."* [QMI Agency](#) (Canoe.ca, Standard-Freeholder)

(UPDATE) Anti-terrorism bill could be used to target activists: Amnesty International

A prominent human-rights group says the Conservative government's anti-terrorism bill could be used to target environmental activists and aboriginal protesters. In a brief made public Monday, Amnesty International Canada added its voice to those who say the bill would go beyond genuine security threats

to ensnare those who mount demonstrations that fall outside the strict letter of the law. The Conservatives brought in the bill -- which would broaden the Canadian Security Intelligence Service's mandate -- following the murders of two Canadian soldiers last October. The legislation would give CSIS the ability to disrupt terror plots, make it easier for police to limit the movements of a suspect, expand no-fly list powers, crack down on terrorist propaganda, and remove barriers to sharing security-related information... Still, **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** told the Senate national security committee Monday the bill would help track Canadians who travel to train and fight with terrorist groups overseas... Though he has done so in the past, CSIS director Michel Couombe was reluctant to provide updated figures, saying only that "there are more and more people" seeking to join militants overseas. "It is growing incrementally," Couombe said. "So it's not in the thousands today." Updating the figure continually could "reveal where we have to deploy resources," he added. **Blaney** backed Couombe, arguing that releasing numbers just begs further questions about whether the individuals are in Canada or abroad. Senate committee chairman Daniel Lang asked Blaney to reconsider and offer "at least some way of informing Canadians" so they understand the scope of the homegrown extremist threat. [Canadian Press](#) (CP24)

Spy watchdog expects to see 'smaller slice' of CSIS activities in future

The executive director of the watchdog that keeps an eye on the Canadian Security Intelligence Service is questioning whether the review body will have enough resources to do its job in the future. Michael Doucet, executive director of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, says the watchdog will see a smaller slice of CSIS's activities in coming years. Two bills before Parliament would reinforce the spy agency's long-standing ability to operate abroad and give it extensive new powers to disrupt security threats, rather than just gather information. Doucet told the Senate national security committee that his agency's annual budget has essentially been flat over the last number of years at about \$3 million. He says the agency has enough resources to handle complaints about CSIS, certify the spy service's annual report to the **public safety minister**, and carry out seven or eight reviews of various issues. [Canadian Press](#) (680 News)

ISIS spreading to Afghanistan, Pakistan, CSIS director warns

ISIS is spreading to Libya, Afghanistan and Pakistan, the head of Canada's spy agency warned at the Senate defence committee today. At the same time, Michel Couombe, the head of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, urged senators not to forget longer-running foes like al-Qaeda as Canada turns its focus to the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. "ISIS started in Iraq and Syria, but what we're seeing now, and you've seen it in media, it's spreading in Libya, Afghanistan, Pakistan," Couombe said. "Boko Haram just pledged allegiance to ISIS. So there's also this phenomenon of ISIS spreading." Canada's top security officials are appearing before the Senate defence committee today over the government's plans to extend the reach of CSIS overseas. Couombe and **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** kicked off the meeting. Other top security officials, privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien and former CSIS assistant director of intelligence Ray Boisvert will also be there. [CBC News](#)

Blaney, O'Toole, Bergen, Raitt hire new staffers

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney is a busy man these days, particularly since the government introduced its controversial new Anti-Terrorism Act, Bill C-51, and he's still hiring. **Mr. Blaney** hired Jeremy Laurin to serve as his new press secretary starting March 9. Until recently, Mr. Laurin was working as a manager of issues and stakeholder relations to Labour and Status of Women Minister Kellie Leitch, after being promoted from his role as principal secretary to Ms. Leitch at the beginning of the year. [Hill Times](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Gogama train derailment: 2 cars still in river after 38 leave track

Work at the site of a train derailment in northern Ontario, near the community of Gogama, continued through the night, CN Rail says. The company said Monday it is making good progress on putting out fires and car removal following the derailment of 38 cars on a 94-car train on Saturday. Two of the cars remain the Matagami River. The derailment site is about 110 kilometres southwest of Timmins. "Fire

suppression work continues at the site, and CN and its external specialists work to extinguish fires one car at a time," CN communications tweeted Monday morning. "Extinguished cars are pulled clear for purging and eventual disposal; 24 cars are clear of [the] main derailment site as of this morning." [CBC News](#)

Murphy Oil reports leak up to 17,000 barrels in northern Alberta

Murphy Oil says up to 17,000 barrels of petroleum product have spilled at its Seal heavy oil site in northern Alberta. The U.S.-based company says on the afternoon of March 1, it found condensate near the surface in three areas. It says the spill occurred over an extended period of time, but it's still assessing how big it is and how long it lasted. [Canadian Press](#) (Global News, CTV News, CBC News)

Lac-Mégantic: By no means the last explosion of its kind

An opinion piece states, "The federal government can't be charged with inaction – Ms. Raitt and her department have worked diligently – but that doesn't mean there has been sufficient action. When the federal government announced bulked-up rail-safety measures last fall, Transport Minister Lisa Raitt said, "Canadians are never going to forget what happened in Lac-Mégantic." The oil-fuelled fireball that claimed 47 lives in 2013 scarred our national consciousness, but Ms. Raitt's words would carry more heft if oil-ferrying trains didn't keep exploding on her watch. On Monday, firefighters wrestled with burning cars after a derailment near Gogama, Ont., about 600 kilometres north of Toronto. The rest of us are grappling with questions, such as: Weren't updated safety requirements for tanker cars and a stouter inspections regime supposed to make the booming oil-by-rail trade vastly safer for Canadian communities?..." [Globe and Mail](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News' Power and Politics held a panel discussion with MPs regarding railway safety and the recent derailments near Gogama, Ontario. [Rough Transcript](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Bill C-51 questioned by B.C. Premier Christy Clark

Premier Christy Clark has joined the ranks of Canadian leaders expressing concern that the federal Conservative government's anti-terror bill, C-51, could threaten Canadians' personal liberties. Last week Clark told Evan Solomon on CBC's Power and Politics that she has concerns about how the federal bill will balance security and freedom. "I think the federal government needs to be paying close attention to security for obvious reasons. I mean, we are engaged very much in the Middle East at the moment. And I think, you know, people want to know that they and their leaders are safe in the country," said Clark on Thursday. "I do think, though, it is important to remember that we have to keep our personal freedoms alive and whole," she said. "Generations of people for hundreds of years have fought for and preserved those personal individual freedoms that we have, and I would hate to see any changes that are going to mean that we start to water those freedoms down. That balance must be found." Over the weekend she repeated her views on CTV's Question Period, saying that Bill C-51 could diminish Canadian's personal freedoms in order to protect Canadians against unknown threats. [CBC News](#)

Denis Coderre présente le plan de Montréal contre la radicalisation menant à la violence

Le maire de Montréal Denis Coderre présente lundi après-midi la stratégie concertée de son administration avec les autorités policières et sociales pour lutter contre la radicalisation menant à la violence. Un centre de prévention de la radicalisation sera créé, ce qui est présenté comme une première en Amérique du Nord. Il aura pour but de travailler en amont du phénomène. [Huffington Post](#) ; [CBC News](#)

B.C. terror suspect says attack a call to action, trial hears

A B.C. man accused of plotting to bomb the provincial legislature on Canada Day recorded a video just days before the alleged planned attack saying he wanted to inspire others to follow in his shoes. John Nuttall and his wife Amanda Korody are on trial on multiple terrorism-related charges. Surveillance

footage played in court shows the couple preparing a video message, which they intended to be released after the attack. [Canadian Press](#) (Vancouver Sun)

Un réfugié algérien s'entend à l'amiable avec le Canada

Un réfugié algérien qui a été envoyé aux États-Unis au lendemain des attentats du 11 septembre a finalement conclu un arrangement à l'amiable avec le gouvernement du Canada. Benamar se bat depuis plusieurs années pour recevoir une compensation pour avoir été détenu dans de mauvaises conditions durant près de cinq ans aux États-Unis, après y avoir été transféré par les autorités canadiennes. Il affirme avoir été maltraité et battu par des gardes durant sa détention. [Presse Canadienne](#) (La Presse) ; [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist)

Top financial crime expert leaves RBC for post at Deutsche Bank

One of Canada's top experts at identifying money laundering and terrorist financing at financial institutions is leaving the country for a new job in Europe. Karim Rajwani will join the British offices of Deutsche Bank AG starting next week, ending a long stint at Royal Bank of Canada, where he led the bank's anti-money laundering operations for more than a decade. [Globe and Mail](#)

'Meet a Muslim Family' campaign off to slow start in Halifax

A national outreach campaign called Meet a Muslim Family, meant to break barriers between Muslims and non-Muslims, has gotten off to a slow start in Halifax. The two-week campaign, which was launched by the Ahmadiyya Muslim community on March 1, involves people registering online to meet Muslim people living near them to chat and ask questions. It hasn't resulted in any meetings in Halifax - and the Qureshi family wants to change that. [CBC News](#)

Offerings - Ahmadiyya Islam's 'jihad of the pen' inspires peaceful approach to crisis

An opinion piece by Mohyuddin Mirza, outreach director of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community in Edmonton, states, "There is no dearth of commentaries, analyses, ideas and reports on the subject of extremism, terrorism, extremist Islam and radicalization of youths from western nations. A renewed urgency of handling or tackling this problem resulted after attacks on Canadian soil and more recently the massacre in Paris. The Islamic State (IS) is in the news on a daily basis and there is no end in sight for this ideology. Why have we not been able to find solution to this malaise of terrorism, especially in the context of Islam? And how much can the religion of Islam be blamed for such acts of violence?..." [Edmonton Journal](#)

Would the Conservative party have violated C-51? Maybe(?)

An opinion piece states "Last week, the Conservative party posted an image and excerpt from Al-Shabaab's threat against West Edmonton Mall, the party apparently hoping to solicit support for C-51, the Anti-Terrorism Act. Press Progress, the media wing of the Broadbent Institute, subsequently wondered if this would have amounted to a transgression against C-51. The answer to that question is . . . debatable. And that ambiguity might be the problem. There is a separate conversation to be had about the wisdom, tastefulness and appropriateness of the party's post. Setting that aside for the moment, the hypothetical legality of the post depends on a reading of a new offence that would be established by C-51." [Maclean's](#)

Someone should watch the watchers

An opinion piece states "One of the recurring themes in science fiction is a dystopia. Books such as 1984, Animal House, and A Brave New World portray future society as anything but idyllic. Recently, there has been a spate of books for young adults with similar themes. The Hunger Games, The Giver, The Maze Runner, Divergent have now all been made into movies. Their central theme can be seen as the rebellion of youth against their elders but these stories all feature Orwellian levels of surveillance and control. In dystopias Big Brother is always watching... The difficulty with security measures, such as Bill C-51, is determining the limits. It is in assessing what is a real threat versus what is not. It is in making choices that protect society and not destroy it. We live in a digital age where our electronic footprint is huge. Companies collect and trade in this information. Making it available to the government for the sake of state security might not seem unreasonable. But what are the boundaries? Civilian or judicial oversight, at the very least, would seem appropriate." [Prince George Citizen](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

RDI présente en direct le point de presse du maire de Montréal, Denis Coderre sur la prévention de la radicalisation. On annonce la création d'un centre de prévention à la radicalisation. Ce nouveau centre pourra accueillir les jeunes appelés à se radicaliser, offrir un soutien à la famille et aux proches et assurer une réinsertion. [Transcription ébauche](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Temporary foreign worker program changes to impact Alberta most, report says

Alberta will be significantly affected by Ottawa's overhaul of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP), according to a Calgary-based think-tank. As of July, employers can have no more than 20 per cent of their workforce as low-wage temporary foreign workers. The number must drop to 10 per cent starting in July 2016. [CBC News](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Bloc Quebecois website targeted because of party's position on wearing of hijab

Islamic cyber pirates say they attacked the website of the Bloc Quebecois because of the party's position against the wearing of the hijab during citizenship ceremonies. The words "United Islamic Cyber Force" were sprawled in red letters across the top of a black page and there was also a link on the website to the group's Facebook page. Several other sites that were hosted by the same server as the Bloc's were also targeted. But the Albanian-based group said it was the separatist party that it had in its sights. In an email exchange with The Canadian Press, a spokesman wrote that the virtual attack was carried out simply because the Bloc showed a lack of respect toward women wearing the hijab. Simon Charbonneau, the Bloc's communications director, said no data was compromised during the hack and that police were made aware of the situation. [Canadian Press](#) (Brandon Sun)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

L'enquête de la GRC sur Pamela Wallin se précise

Après avoir passé au peigne fin des centaines de demandes de remboursement de la sénatrice Pamela Wallin, suspendue fin 2013 pour des dépenses jugées injustifiées, la GRC souhaite approfondir son enquête sur 150 d'entre elles. Il s'agit essentiellement de demandes de remboursement liées à des dépenses pour des déplacements, de l'hébergement et des repas. Selon des documents judiciaires rendus publics lundi, la GRC souhaite notamment obtenir plus de renseignements sur des dépenses encourues lors de 24 voyages effectués par Mme Wallin pour son travail au sein de conseils d'administration. [Radio-Canada](#) ; [Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Devoir) ; [CBC News](#); [Toronto Star](#)

Perquisition de la GRC dans les locaux du syndicat de la PPO

Le syndicat qui représente les agents de la police provinciale confirme que la GRC a effectué un mandat de perquisition dans ses locaux de Barrie, vendredi. La GRC indique que 13 mandats de perquisition ont été effectués vendredi en lien avec des individus associés au syndicat de la PPO, dans le cadre d'une enquête criminelle. Certains employés de l'Association de la police provinciale de l'Ontario (OPPA) ont pris congé et un a été suspendu par le conseil d'administration le temps que dure l'enquête. Le syndicat affirme qu'il n'est pas au courant d'accusation portée dans cette affaire. [Radio-Canada](#) ; [Canadian Press](#) (Globe and Mail, Mississauga.com, Brandon Sun, CBC News); [Postmedia News](#) (National Post); [QMI Agency](#) (Toronto Sun, Calgary Sun, 24 Hours, Tillsonburg News, Wiarton Echo); [Toronto Star](#)

Alberta Mounties will investigate after officer fired gun during Spruce Grove arrest

The RCMP will investigate after one of their officers fired a gun while arresting a suspect in Spruce Grove on Sunday. No one was hurt. Just after 3 p.m. on Sunday, a sheriff attempted to pull over a vehicle on Highway 16 near Stony Plain for a traffic violation. [Edmonton Journal](#)

Hey Joe - new face of RCMP

Kelowna RCMP media liaison Cpl. Kris Clark is leaving his position as spokesman after almost four years on the job. Clark's replacement will be Cpl. Joe Duncan, who hails from Windsor, Ont., and has 17 years with the force. Duncan started his career in Langley after finishing RCMP depot training in 1991. From there, he was posted to a satellite detachment in Fort Saint James for two years, before moving to Salmon Arm. [Castanet.net](#)

Windsor police officer faces new drug charge

A Windsor police officer previously accused by U.S. authorities of drug smuggling is facing a new drug trafficking charge - this time on this side of the border. Const. David Bshouty, 32, was arrested by the Windsor Police Service on Monday on a charge of trafficking a controlled substance. The arrest is the latest result of an ongoing internal investigation by WPS into Bshouty. [Windsor Star](#)

La police craint une augmentation des activités des gangs à Abbotsford

La police d'Abbotsford, dans le Lower Mainland en Colombie-Britannique, est inquiète à la suite de deux incidents violents qui se sont déroulés au cours des deux dernières semaines. Les policiers craignent une recrudescence des activités des gangs dans la ville. Le premier incident a eu lieu le 22 février en soirée lorsqu'un homme a été atteint par des coups de feu et un autre poignardé sur la rue Holly. Les deux hommes qui se connaissaient ont été transportés rapidement à l'hôpital. [Radio-Canada](#)

Blainville man, 21, faces more child-abuse, pornography charges

A 21-year-old Blainville man was back in court on Monday to face new charges related to his online activities, which allegedly involved tricking more than a dozen parents into allowing him to abuse or capture pornographic images of their children. Phylip St-Jacques, in custody since December, was clean-shaven and clad in a red-and-white striped shirt as he made a brief appearance at the Palais de justice. He faces charges in five cases involving approximately 15 parents with autistic children, who say he contacted them online and posed as an adult living with a form of autism. [Montreal Gazette](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Nombreux appuis à la demande de libération conditionnelle d'Omar Khadr

Des professeurs d'université, des médecins, des gens d'affaires - et même un ancien brigadier-général américain - mettent tout leur poids et leur réputation derrière le Canadien Omar Khadr, qui souhaite obtenir une libération conditionnelle, alors que le gouvernement le considère comme un dangereux terroriste. [Presse Canadienne](#) (La Presse, Le Devoir, Radio-Canada)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Report on Nunavut jail expected to raise 'extremely troubling concerns'

The Baffin Correctional Centre is a ticking legal time bomb that could go off at any moment, a senior bureaucrat warns in a newly disclosed memo that comes as the territory braces for a scathing report about Nunavut's most notorious jail. The Canadian Press recently obtained a copy of a January memo written by Nunavut's deputy minister of justice to several of her colleagues and copied to her boss, Justice Minister Paul Okalik. In it, Elizabeth Sanderson raises "serious constitutional and legal concerns associated with the ongoing use of the Baffin Correctional Centre" and urges cabinet secretary David Akeeagok to brief Premier Peter Taptuna about her concerns. [Canadian Press](#) (Toronto Star, CBC News, Globe and Mail, Maclean's)

G20 cop was unfairly punished for testifying, appeal judge says

The judge who sentenced Const. Babak Andalib-Goortani to 45 days in jail for using excessive force during the G20 unfairly penalized him for pleading not guilty and testifying in his own defence, an appeal court judge found. Superior Court Justice Brian O'Marra imposed a more lenient sentence on the police officer - a year of probation instead of jail time - according to the reasons for the appeal decision released last week. [Toronto Star](#)

Gun complaint nets Fernwood man 75 days in jail

A 23-year-old Fernwood man was sentenced to 75 days in jail after pleading guilty to uttering threats and possession of an imitation weapon in connection with an incident on the weekend. [CBC News](#)

Chilliwack man who was no-show for sex-assault sentencing may have 'done something rash', says his lawyer

A Chilliwack man who admitted to a prostitution-related charge and to sexually assaulting a teenage girl failed to show up at his sentencing hearing on Monday. David Thomas Hilpert was expected to appear in B.C. Supreme Court in Chilliwack. He pleaded guilty in December to two of the 13 charges he was facing. Hilpert's lawyer, Juan O'Quinn, said he had expected his client to be in court and feared that he may have "done something rash." Crown prosecutor Kimberly Jansen said she has asked the Chilliwack RCMP to check on Hilpert's well being. [The Province](#)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

NIL

OTHER / AUTRES

The Gargoyle – Kenney tweets misleading photos of Muslim women in chains

An opinion piece states, "Defence Minister Jason Kenney used the occasion of International Women's Day to rally support for the war against ISIS by tweeting photographs of Muslim girls and women covered in black and being lead off in chains. "On #IWD2015, thank-you to the @CanadianForces for joining the fight against #ISIL's campaign to enslave women & girls," he tweeted along with the pictures on Sunday... To the casual viewer, these appear to be compelling photographic evidence of the mistreatment of women in some parts of the Muslim world. And, read with Kenney's reference to ISIS, they suggest to the reader that these scenes occurred under the terror group's watch in Iraq or Syria. But Kenney did not explain that the images are actually from a ceremonial Shia Ashura procession that celebrates the heroism of the prophet Mohammad's grandson, Hussein, and his family. The girls and women in the photo Kenney tweeted symbolize Hussein's sister, who was taken in chains to Damascus after he was beheaded..." [Ottawa Citizen](#)

National Post View

An opinion piece states, "On Saturday, Canada lost its first soldier in Iraq. The circumstances of his death are not yet entirely clear. What is known is that a group of Canadian commandos, deployed to Iraq to assist and train Kurdish peshmerga militia, were travelling at night in an area that had seen heavy action between peshmerga troops and ISIS terrorists. Somehow, the Canadians were mistaken for the enemy, and were fired on by their Kurdish allies. Sgt. Andrew Joseph Doiron, of the Canadian Special Operations Regiment, was killed. Three other Canadian soldiers were injured and have been evacuated for treatment..." [National Post](#)

INTERNATIONAL

U.E: près de 100 nouvelles drogues identifiées

En 2014, la liste de ces nouvelles substances était encore une fois dominée par les "cathinones de synthèse" (31 substances) et les "cannabinoïdes de synthèse" (30 substances), soit des substituts légaux

de stimulants et de cannabis. En ce qui concerne la lutte contre le trafic de ces nouvelles substances, l'OEDT signale que le nombre de saisies en Europe a été multiplié par sept entre 2008 et 2013, à 47.000 saisies équivalent à 3,1 tonnes. L'Organe international de contrôle des stupéfiants, rattaché à l'ONU, s'était inquiété dans son rapport annuel, publié mardi dernier, de la multiplication des nouvelles drogues élaborées pour contourner les interdictions, pointant un "problème de plus en plus grave" de santé publique dans le monde. [Le Figaro](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA / MÉDIAS SOCIAUX

Twitter

MINISTER / MINISTRE

[canoepolitics](#)

CSIS should have power to operate overseas, says Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney <http://ow.ly/K7HGf>

[TondaMacC](#)

Sen Stewart-Olsen asks if Blaney would urge CSIS to publish most wanted terror list just like CBSA most-wanted deportees list.

[TondaMacC](#)

Blaney says the CBSA list is "a huge success" and "I would certainly take your recommendation for consideration."

[TondaMacC](#)

Blaney suggests a "most wanted" terrorist list is a "worthy" project & would help Cdns "feel involved."

[TondaMacC](#)

Now it's Blaney referring to [#C51](#) "prevention" efforts despite his initial statements about not being here to discuss it.

[TondaMacC](#)

Sen Beyak (who chided NCCM founder for being thin-skinned) thanks Blaney, "We're not concerned about race but about the radicals among us."

[TondaMacC](#)

Blaney: "If it walks like a duck and talks like a duck...we have to call a cat a cat." Agrees it's imp't to name things for what they are.

[TondaMacC](#)

Beyak defensive about her right to "ask tough questions" likely in light of this:

<http://www.thestar.com/opinion/commentary/2015/03/07/conservative-senators-hold-kangaroo-court-on-security-siddiqui.html> ... and this <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/we-are-not-the-enemy-muslim-leader-293794781.html> ...

[TondaMacC](#)

Sen Kenny asking about resources towards deradicalization strategy, how much money is new/incremental?

[TondaMacC](#)

Blaney: offers to provide list of mtgs [#RCMP](#) done then says: "Yes we'll have to allocate resources." Which seems to hint at more funding.

[TondaMacC](#)

Blaney refers to Toronto 18, says the Muslim community was key to derailing the "worst terrorist attack we faced in this country."

[TondaMacC](#)

Coulombe: yes, parents have come forward, some gone to RCMP, but says he doesn't have handle on overall total.

[TondaMacC](#)

Coulombe and Blaney refer to tiplines both RCMP and CSIS operate to take in information from people worried about suspicious activity.

RosieBarton

Blaney now reading out the CSIS tip line to the Senators: 613-993-9620. #hw

AndrewQMI

The RCMP's Canadian TERROR TIP LINE IS 613-993-9620 @MinStevenBlaney tells #Senate committee #terrorism

TondaMacC

Sen Mitchell asks about renewal of Kanishka project fund \$10/5 years about to expire.

TondaMacC

Sorry that of course was \$10 million over 5 years.. That fund expires at end of 2015. Blaney: we need to turn "research into action."

TondaMacC

Blaney all but says no to a renewal of the Kanishka project that funded research like this:

<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2015/02/27/soft-security-measures-also-needed-to-battle-home-grown-radicalism-experts-say.html> ...

RosieBarton

Coulombe says he believes SIRC is a robust review mechanism. #hw

StewartBelINP

"To misname things is to add to the world's unhappiness." @MinStevenBlaney quotes Camus at Senate committee hearing on anti-terror bill.

TondaMacC

Blaney: "protocols" to safeguard privacy rights will be developed once #C51 passes and allows info-sharing among 17 depts, agencies.

TondaMacC

Blaney clarifies #CSIS disruption warrants to apply where activity wd otherwise break law or infringe Charter; says only Cda requires this.

TondaMacC

Blaney still not clear on q of increasing #RCMP resources for deradicalization or other, but suggests he's aware of need to meet the threat.

TondaMacC

Hard to believe but in nearly 2 years as minister, this appears to be @MinStevenBlaney's first appearance at sen cttee on nat security/def

laura_payton

In discussion of oversight, Public Safety Deputy Minister Francois Guimont points out @OAG_BVG can audit the dept. #hw

Justin_Ling

CSIS director Coulombe says he doesn't want to put a number of suspected terrorists (previous #: 90) but says it's grown.

Justin_Ling

Also here at this committee is Michel Coulombe (head of CSIS) and Daniel Therrien (Privacy Commissioner.)

Justin_Ling

Blaney: "We believe the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms is enough guidance for CSIS." Even though C-51 allows them to ignore it.

Justin_Ling

C-44 allows CSIS to ignore laws of foreign states. Blaney says that means the agency won't be bound by the laws of failed states.

Justin Ling

Blaney just said that dual citizens who commit acts of terror are "betraying their oaths of allegiance." ...and if they were born here?

Justin Ling

Gov't sometimes neglects to mention that their citizenship-stripping bill (which C-44 helps to enact) would apply to Canadian-born citizens.

Justin Ling

In fact, under the new law, Canadians who hold no other citizenship (but who could have access to another passport) can be deported.

Justin Ling

I wrote this about the citizenship legislation in June. (C-44 speeds up its coming-into-force.)
[http://www.vice.com/en_ca/read/the-canadian-government-is-introducing-new-legislation-to-exile-and-banish-its-citizens ...](http://www.vice.com/en_ca/read/the-canadian-government-is-introducing-new-legislation-to-exile-and-banish-its-citizens...)

Justin Ling

Blaney doing that thing where he talks about the Five Eyes without saying "Five Eyes."

Justin Ling

Blaney talking up gov't's anti-radicalization strategy. "We did not get opposition support," he says. ...I don't think that was voted on.

@Justin_Ling

This committee really hasn't talked about C-44. They're talking about C-51. I think that's a shame.

Justin Ling

Blaney is quoting Albert Camus. [#ExistentialCommittee](#)

Justin Ling

Scrummed minister Blaney on whether CSIS needs warrants for all of its 'disruption' ops. Still kind of unsure. (bkgd nationalmagazine.ca/Blog/February-...)

Justin Ling

Six-on-three, nine-nine-three, nine-six-two-oh, tell us about the terrorist you know.

IAFFCanada

IAFF/AIP donne son premier cours Hazmat au Québec grâce au partenariat avec [@Securite_Canada](#), [@MinStevenBlaney](#)

IAFFCanada

IAFF hosts 1st Hazmat training course in QC thx to partnership w/ [@Safety_Canada](#) [@MinStevenBlaney](#) [#safercommunities](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

CN Comm

The comprehensive, coordinated response to the CN derailment at Gogama ON is making good progress

CN Comm

CN Environment developed protocol w/[@environmentont](#) & [@environmentca](#) to coordinate deployment & management of air & water testing systems

CN Comm

Structured, ongoing monitoring is enhanced through Mattagami First Nations elders & Gogama residents w/long knowledge of the local ecosystem

CN Comm

Fire suppression efforts progressing well as cars cleared from derailment site, which also facilitates ongoing construction of temp bypass

CN Comm

A CN work train will approach from the east later today; line remains closed & this work train contains only bypass construction materials

CBCNews

2 derailed CN rail cars carrying oil still in Ontario river <http://ift.tt/1F3zVFk>

CBCCalgary

Murphy Oil reports condensate leak up to 17,000 barrels in northern Alberta <http://ift.tt/185EtOC>

CTVNews

Murphy Oil says up to 17,000 barrels of petroleum product have spilled at its site in northern Alberta
<http://ow.ly/K7SUq>

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

CBCPolitics

UPDATED: CSIS director tells Senate committee ISIS is spreading to Afghanistan, Pakistan warns
[#cdnpoli #hw #c44](http://www.cbc.ca/1.2987027)

HuffPostQuebec

View translation Mise à jour - Un centre de prévention de la [#radicalisation](#) voit le jour à Montréal [#polmtl](#)
<http://huff.to/1Gkmvmw>

CBCMontreal

[#Montreal](#) to set up centre to address 'violent radicalization,' [@DenisCoderre](#) says <http://www.cbc.ca/1.2987464>

VancouverSun

B.C. terror suspect says attack a call to action, trial hears <http://ow.ly/2VIZik>

LP LaPresse

réfugié algérien s'entend à l'amiable avec le Canada <http://bit.ly/1GyVtv8>

globebusiness

Subscribers: Top financial crime expert leaves RBC for post at Deutsche Bank <http://trib.al/17kDHxF>

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

CBCNews

Temporary foreign worker program changes to impact Alberta most, report says <http://www.cbc.ca/1.2987500>

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

icisaskatchewan

L'enquête de la GRC sur Pamela Wallin se précise <http://rc.ca/8vBFQC>

HuffPostQuebec

L'enquête de la [#GRC](#) sur Pamela Wallin se précise [#Polcan](#) (SRC) <http://huff.to/1GkNnCT>

TondaMacC

Mounties accuse Pamela Wallin of fraud, breach of trust; probing 150 "suspicious" claims,
<http://on.thestar.com/1C2yHuC> via [@torontostar](#)

CTVNews

BREAKING: RCMP release production orders in investigation of suspended Sen. Pamela Wallin. More to come ...
[#CDNpoli](#)

RosieBarton

RCMP now looking at 24 expense claims Wallin made in relation to board work. There are 150 claims that merit further to investigation. [#hw](#)

CTVMercedes

[@RobertFife](#) says that the RCMP allege Sen Wallin misled the Senate in regards to some of her travel, to the tune of approximately \$27,000

amyminsky

Sen LeBreton told RCMP there was no agreement with Wallin where she could charge the Senate for personal expenses

amyminsky

LeBreton told RCMP she doesn't feel Wallin neither deliberately set out to "scam the system" nor that she committed a criminal offence.

icionario

La GRC perquisitionne dans les bureaux de l'Association de la police provinciale de l'Ontario <http://ici.radio-canada.ca/regions/ontario/2015/03/09/006-grc-perquisition-syndicat-ppo-opp-barrie-oppa.shtml> ...

CastanetNews

Hey Joe - new face of RCMP <http://bit.ly/1ELTEZU> [#Kelowna](#)

TheWindsorStar

[#Windsor](#) police officer faces new drug trafficking charge <http://blogs.windsorstar.com/news/new-drug-charge-laid-against-windsor-police-officer> ... via [@WinStarChen](#) [@WindsorPolice](#)

ici_cb

La police craint une augmentation des activités des gangs à Abbotsford <http://rc.ca/8v6KbH>

moniquebeaudin

Blainville man, 21, faces more child-abuse, pornography charges via [@mtlgazette](#) [@monique_muisse](#) <http://www.montrealgazette.com/Blainville+faces+more+child+abuse+pornography+charges/10874671/story.html> ...

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

TorontoStar

Report on Nunavut jail expected to raise 'extremely troubling concerns' <http://on.thestar.com/1Hollkr> [#topstories](#)

TorontoStar

G20 cop was unfairly punished for testifying, appeal judge says <http://on.thestar.com/1AaiuMU> [#topstories](#)

CBCPEI

Gun complaint nets Fernwood man 75 days in jail <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/gun-complaint-nets-fernwood-man-75-days-in-jail-1.2987761?cmp=rss> ...

natnewswatch

Kenney tweets misleading photos of Muslim women in chains, reports [@glen_mcgregor](#) <http://ottawacitizen.com/news/politics/the-gargoyles-kenney-tweets-misleading-photos-of-muslim-women-in-chains> ...

Blogs

Bill C-51: Labour must confront radical legislation with radical action

Thanks to documents leaked by Edward Snowden, we know that Canadians are under mass surveillance by state officials. Enter Bill-51, the Conservatives' so-called anti-terror legislation. Many of the changes proposed by the anti-terror Bill C-51 seem to legalize what is very probably already happening. Bill C-51 will lead to more cases like Arar's and Abassi's. For Indigenous people and communities, Bill C-51 represents nothing new. As the most criminalized and policed people in Canada, the anti-terrorism legislation simply looks like another attack following the traditions of: forced starvation, the pass system on reserve, residential schools, forced placement of children into child assistance services and the prison system. Communities or activists who question the very legitimacy of Canada or actively

disrespect the tenuous sovereignty on which Canada is built, are the enemies of this legislation. The very existence of people who do not accept the legitimacy of Canadian sovereignty is a threat to Canadian sovereignty. How this legislation will be enforced is still an open question, but it's false to say that the only problem with the legislation is oversight, as many have argued. Instead, the path that Bill C-51 sets forth is dangerous and, if the Conservatives are re-elected, will allow for more extreme forms of repression. Rabble.ca

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- Media coverage regarding Bill C-51 was fairly extensive. There were several articles which questioned the timing of the release of the Zehaf-Bibeau video given the proposed C-51 legislation. However RCMP Commissioner Paulson addressed this by saying, "The release of this video at this time could be seen as seeking to influence that process. I assure you I have no such motive. The video speaks for itself. It is what it is."
- Several media outlets continued to report on concerns that Canada's Privacy Commissioner, Daniel Therrien, has with regards to C-51.
- Similarities were drawn between C-51 and the United States' Patriot Act. In response to this comparison Minister Blaney said, « Si c'était le Patriot Act, je dirais, les péquistes ont peut-être raison de s'inquiéter, mais ce n'est pas qu'on oblige de transmettre de l'information: on donne aux autorités la capacité [de le faire] »
- BC Premier Christy Clark voiced her concerns over the legislation.
- Amnesty International Canada voiced concerns that Bill C-51 could be used to target legal activism.
- The tone of coverage was mostly negative.

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

General Coverage / couverture générale

- « *Le premier devoir d'un gouvernement est de protéger ses citoyens. C'est pourquoi nous avons déposé la Loi antiterroriste de 2015.* » ~ Ministre de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile du Canada Steven Blaney
- « *Si c'était le Patriot Act, je dirais, les péquistes ont peut-être raison de s'inquiéter, mais ce n'est pas qu'on oblige de transmettre de l'information: on donne aux autorités la capacité [de le faire]* » ~ Ministre de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile du Canada Steven Blaney

- *"The release of this video at this time could be seen as seeking to influence that process [C-51 legislation]. I assure you I have no such motive. The video speaks for itself. It is what it is. » ~ RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson*
- *"However, the scale of information sharing being proposed is unprecedented, the scope of the new powers conferred by the Act is excessive, particularly as these powers affect ordinary I, and the safeguards protecting against unreasonable loss of privacy are seriously deficient." ~ Privacy Commissioner, Daniel Therrien*
- *"I do think the Conservative party crossed the line in posting things on their Facebook site which might actually contravene their own new proposed legislation." ~ NDP Public Safety Critic Randall Garrison*
- *"We will regret that forever. When you give up personal freedoms, it's very hard to get them back." ~ B.C. Premier Christy Clark*
- *"It is absolutely vital that terrorist threats be addressed through measures that are in keeping with international human rights obligations," ~ Alex Neve, Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada.*

Threat Disruption / perturbation des menaces

NIL

Security of Canada Information Sharing Act / loi sur la sécurité de l'échange de renseignements au Canada

NIL

Passenger Protect Program / programme de protection des passagers

NIL

Immigration Refugee Protection Act / loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés

NIL

Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

NIL

News Releases / Communiqués

Print Media / Médias imprimés

General Coverage / couverture générale

Un comité parlementaire visionne le message enregistré par Zehaf-Bibeau

Michael Zehaf-Bibeau s'est installé dans sa voiture pour enregistrer une courte vidéo quelques minutes avant d'assassiner le militaire Nathan Cirillo et d'attaquer le parlement, le 22 octobre dernier à Ottawa. L'homme regarde directement la caméra de son téléphone et, en anglais, reproche au Canada d'envoyer ses militaires dans des pays musulmans. C'est sur ce court enregistrement d'à peine une minute que le commissaire de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), Bob Paulson, se base pour dire, sans équivoque, que l'homme était un terroriste. Le commissaire Paulson s'est présenté vendredi matin devant un comité parlementaire avec la vidéo. «Je tiens à vous assurer que ce n'est pas mon intention. La vidéo parle d'elle-même», a assuré M. Paulson. Quelques minutes après la séance du comité, **le bureau du ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, diffusait un communiqué lui attribuant une courte déclaration. **«Cette vidéo nous rappelle malheureusement que les Canadiens doivent rester vigilants, car la menace du terrorisme est une réalité, au Canada et à l'étranger»**, pouvait-on lire. Et le ministre d'enchaîner: **«Le premier devoir d'un gouvernement est de protéger ses citoyens. C'est pourquoi nous avons déposé la Loi antiterroriste de 2015.»** La Presse Canadienne (L'Acadie-Nouvelle, 27; Le Devoir, Le Droit) (2015-03-07)

'Canada's become one of our enemies'

Michael Zehaf-Bibeau spoke quickly but calmly, recording his last thoughts on a hastily shot cellphone video, declaring himself part of the mujahedeen out to retaliate for Canada's military missions in Afghanistan and Iraq. Zehaf-Bibeau's final message was heard publicly Friday for the first time, released at a special meeting of the Commons public safety committee at MPs' request and the urging of **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney's office**. **Blaney said** later it was "**shocking and disgusting**" and motivated him "**more than ever**" to push through a sweeping new anti-terror law, though he declined to point out exactly to how it would have prevented Zehaf-Bibeau's attack. Toronto Star, A1; Globe and Mail (2015-03-07)

Le commissaire à la vie privée inquiet

Nouveaux pouvoirs excessifs. Communication sans précédent de renseignements personnels à travers l'appareil fédéral. Violations manifestement démesurées du droit à la vie privée... Le commissaire à la protection de la vie privée du Canada, Daniel Therrien, s'est dit très préoccupé, hier, par les impacts du projet de loi C-51 sur les renseignements personnels des citoyens ordinaires. Il réclame des changements importants. **Le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, a déclaré du bout des lèvres qu'il étudierait les recommandations du commissaire, **mais son bureau a maintenu la ligne dure, dans une déclaration envoyée à La Presse**: **«Le mouvement djihadiste international a déclaré la guerre au Canada. Les Canadiens sont ciblés par les terroristes djihadistes simplement parce que ces terroristes ont en horreur notre société et les valeurs qu'elle représente. Le terrorisme djihadiste n'est pas un droit humain, c'est un acte de guerre»**. La Presse, A12 (Le Soleil) (2015-03-07)

Sécurité à deux vitesses

Un éditorial déclare, « La salle du Comité de la sécurité publique et nationale était pleine à craquer hier. Tout le monde voulait être aux premières loges pour voir la vidéo enregistrée par Michael Zehaf-Bibeau avant de commettre son attentat à Ottawa, le 22 octobre dernier. Le commissaire de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), Bob Paulson, a dit qu'il l'aurait rendue publique plus tôt, mais qu'on l'en avait dissuadé en invoquant le risque de nuire à l'enquête et de la voir récupérée par les mouvements djihadistes. Il a finalement cédé, a-t-il ajouté, à cause des pressions des parlementaires, bien qu'il en ait retranché 18 secondes pour des " raisons opérationnelles ". Qu'il ait plié devant les pressions a de quoi surprendre puisqu'il avoue toujours craindre l'impact sur l'enquête et une possible récupération par des groupes armés comme l'État islamique. La diffusion de cette vidéo permet toutefois au gouvernement d'insister à nouveau sur la menace terroriste. **Le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, a aussitôt réagi par voie de communiqué pour dire que "**cette vidéo nous rappelle malheureusement que les Canadiens doivent rester vigilants, car la menace du terrorisme est une réalité, au Canada et à l'étranger**". Il a aussitôt enchaîné en vantant les actions de son gouvernement. "**Le premier devoir d'un gouvernement est de protéger ses citoyens. C'est pourquoi nous avons déposé la Loi antiterroriste de 2015 -- pour que la police et les organisations chargées de notre sécurité nationale disposent des outils nécessaires pour protéger les Canadiens**", écrit-il... » Le Devoir, B2 (2015-03-07)

Officials flag federal anti-terror bill - Privacy commissioners, ombudsmen unite in labelling it 'far-reaching'

An opinion piece states, "Concern over the federal government's proposed anti-terrorism bill has prompted privacy commissioners across Canada to send out a warning. Earlier this week, provincial and territorial privacy oversight officers released a joint letter to Daryl Kramp, chairman of the standing committee on public safety and national security, expressing concerns about the privacy implications of Bill C-51, otherwise known as the anti-terrorism act... A spokesman for Steven Blaney, minister of public safety and emergency preparedness, defended the bill. **"Information-sharing is essential," said Jeremy Laurin. "We think Canadians would expect that if one branch of government is aware of a threat to their security, that this information would be shared with other branches of government to protect Canadians."** ... Winnipeg Free Press, A21 (2015-03-07)

The video, the PM and stoking fear

An opinion piece states, "The video that proves beyond reasonable doubt Michael Zehaf-Bibeau was neither drugaddled nor deranged, but rather that he committed a premeditated act of terror in retaliation for Canadian involvement in Afghanistan, bolsters the government's argument that we are at war with jihadists. **Steven Blaney, the public safety minister**, was quick to say the attack justified the Anti-Terrorism Act - even though the RC MP commissioner testified Friday that, had he lived, Zehaf-Bibeau could have been arrested under existing Criminal Code provisions..." National Post, A2 (2015-03-07)

We have reason to distrust the motives behind Bill C-51

An opinion piece states, "Ed. note: this is an open letter to Yukon MP Ryan Leef... Bill C-51, introduced on Jan. 30, has been rushed to committee already. Did you even have time to read it? Don't you think that something so important and so dangerous to our civil liberties requires better scrutiny? Shall we start with what is not in Bill C-51? Reading new legislation is hard. Every tiny word and phrase is defined and parsed to the smallest degree. Yet nowhere in Bill C-51, the Anti-terrorism Act, is there a definition of "terrorism" or "terrorist". Can you explain this? Bill C-51 is an omnibus bill. The reason for massive omnibus bills is to hide questionable legislation... **Public Safety Minister Blaney** and Justice Minister MacKay have refused to answer reasonable questions from Thomas Mulcair, preferring evasions and name-calling..." Whitehorse Daily Star, 17 (2015-03-07)

Anti-terrorism bill unduly exposes personal data, watchdogs say

The scope of the Conservative government's anti-terrorism bill is "clearly excessive" and puts the personal information of Canadians at risk, the federal privacy commissioner warns. In a submission to the House of Commons public safety committee, Daniel Therrien says measures in the bill to guard against unreasonable loss of privacy are "seriously deficient." Canadian Press (Hamilton Spectator, A13; The Record, The Guardian, Chronicle-Herald, Vancouver Sun, Telegraph-Journal, Times & Transcript); Postmedia News (Ottawa Citizen, A9; Windsor Star, Leader-Post, Edmonton Journal, The Gazette); La Presse Canadienne (Le Droit, 2); QMI Agency (Edmonton Sun, 18; London Free Press) (2015-03-07)

RCMP says no political motive in video's release

Michael Zehaf-Bibeau wanted his final words known. Should Ottawa have given him his wish? There has been debate since the video's existence was revealed last October as to whether it should be released publicly. When security services often cite online propaganda as a powerful tool to spread extremism, why would the RCMP release Zehaf-Bibeau's hasty attempt to justify his attacks in cellphone video recorded minutes before he stormed Parliament Hill? RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson addressed that question Friday even before it was asked, saying he'd decided it was in the public interest and could help Canadians understand the "phenomenon of terrorism." "The RCMP is not, nor should we be in the habit of, publicly discussing evidence or evidence collection during an active investigation," Paulson said in opening remarks to the Commons committee meeting Friday. Paulson noted the new legislation - currently before Parliament - in his remarks. "The release of this video at this time could be seen as seeking to influence that process," he said. "I assure you I have no such motive. The video speaks for itself. It is what it is. Toronto Star, A17 (2015-03-07)

Le patron de la GRC parle d'actes «terroristes»

Le témoignage du commissaire de la GRC, Bob Paulson, a donné le coup d'envoi à l'étude du projet de loi antiterroriste C-51 en comité parlementaire, hier. M. Paulson a divulgué le contenu de la vidéo tournée par Michael Zehaf Bibeau avant qu'il ne lance son attaque. Il a aussi fait le point sur l'enquête de son corps policier sur des actes qu'il a formellement qualifiés de «terroristes». Voici ce qu'on a appris. [La Presse](#), A12 (2015-03-07)

As jihadis go, this one was third-rate

Since his attack on Ottawa last Oct. 22, Michael Zehaf-Bibeau has become the chilling face of Canadian homegrown terrorism. A widely published photo showing him brandishing a rifle with a kaffiyeh scarf over the lower half of his face and his long hair flowing wildly has helped cement the image. But the RCMP's release Friday of what would become his martyrdom video when he was gunned down on Parliament Hill leaves the impression that Zehaf-Bibeau was not a particularly adept jihadi. Questioning from government members made clear that, while the video is of limited propaganda value to the jihadis, the Conservatives see it as a boost to their antiterror agenda. "I'm glad that in your opening remarks you clearly indicated that it was a terrorist attack," Ms. James said to Mr. Paulson. Her Conservative colleague, Diane Ablonczy, said Zehaf-Bibeau's attack had "strengthened the resolve of Canadians to push back and to fight this kind of terrorism." The Opposition NDP, on the other hand, asked whether police were investigating the role mental illness played in Zehaf-Bibeau's attack. And NDP MP Randall Garrison got Comm. Paulson to acknowledge that the Oct. 22 attack could have been prosecuted as terrorism under existing law, the implication being that the Tories proposed Anti-terrorism Act, Bill C-51, is unnecessary. [National Post](#), A3 (2015-03-07)

Video fuels terror bill debate

As MPs heard Parliament Hill shooter Michael Zehaf-Bibeau's voice for the first time Friday, it was impossible to separate his Oct. 22 shooting spree from the looming debate over the Conservative government's new anti-terrorism bill. RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson showed public safety committee members a video Zehaf-Bibeau made minutes before opening fire at the National War Memorial and on Parliament Hill. Paulson said the Mounties have no doubt he was a terrorist, bent on striking back at Canada for its involvement in the Middle East. The video's release came as a parliamentary committee prepares to consider Bill C-51 next week. Leaving Friday's meeting, MPs' comments on the video reflected their own party's stance. Conservatives cast Zehaf-Bibeau as a homegrown terrorist who underlines the need to overhaul Canada's antiterrorism laws. [QMI Agency](#) (Ottawa Sun, 6; Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun) (2015-03-07)

Security emerging as a top election issue amid terror threat: finance minister

Canada's finance minister is saying publicly what political observers have long suspected: expect to hear the Conservatives talking a lot about national security in the upcoming election campaign. Joe Oliver told a conference Friday that the threat of terrorism at home and around the world has become a significant concern for Canadian voters - rivalling even the economy, a perennial favourite. Perhaps not coincidentally, Oliver's remarks came on a day when terrorism was on the minds of Canadians, with RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson briefing MPs about the investigation into last year's deadly attack on Parliament Hill. Oliver told his Ottawa audience that while pocketbook issues remain the top priority for Canadians, national security is a mounting concern. Earlier this week, the Conservatives generated more controversy with a Facebook fundraising post that referenced a threat by the terror group Al-Shabab against the West Edmonton Mall. The post features a photo of a masked person wearing fatigues, complete with the mall's logo, and a caption asking for support for the government's proposed anti-terrorism legislation. [Canadian Press](#) (iPolitics; Cape Breton Post, The Guardian, Times-Colonist, Telegraph-Journal); [Ottawa Citizen](#) (2015-03-07)

Show us the entire video

An editorial states, "Canadians should have seen the video made by Michael Zehaf-Bibeau months ago. Even now, astoundingly, the RCMP won't show us the whole thing. Commissioner Bob Paulson had better have a sound investigative or ethical reason for censoring the video, because Canadians have been treated like children long enough... The long wait, the dramatic buildup and the mysterious edits have all imbued this video with political significance it would not have had if the RCMP had simply shown

it to Canadians in the days after the attack. This is convenient for the government, which has in the meantime got into the habit of using the Oct. 22 attack as a justification for its terrorism legislation, adding even more weight to this one man's words..." Ottawa Citizen, B7 (2015-03-07)

The face of terror

An editorial states, "Canadians gazed directly into the face of terror Friday with the release of a cellphone video made by Michael Zehaf-Bibeau moments before he launched his assault on Parliament Hill. Appearing lucid, calm and determined, he explained precisely the reason for his attack. It was "in retaliation for Afghanistan and because (Prime Minister Stephen) Harper wants to send his troops to Iraq," Zehaf-Bibeau said. His goal was "to show that you're not even safe in your own land." If nothing else, this confirms what most suspected, that the shooting of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and the storming of Parliament's Centre Block last October were indeed acts of terror... Despite its chilling tone there's nothing in this video to justify Bill C-51, the Harper government's excessively intrusive new anti-terror legislation, with its assault on freedom of speech, privacy and security of the person. Rather than legitimizing a wholesale erosion of cherished rights, the image of Zehaf-Bibeau chiding Canadians for having "forgotten God" and deserving punishment should spur more effective "deradicalization" efforts nationwide..." Toronto Star, IN6 (2015-03-07)

Video provides Tories with political cover, not justification

An opinion piece states, "Exhibit A in Stephen Harper's case for the most comprehensive national security overhaul since the terrorist attacks of 9/11 is a recording so short that it is almost a misnomer to call it a video. At only a bit more than a minute in length in its entirety, the message Michael Zehaf-Bibeau recorded on his cellphone before he killed a soldier at the National War Memorial on the way to a shooting rampage inside the main parliament building last October does little more than clear up the issue of personal motive..." Toronto Star, A17 (2015-03-07)

Terror fixation draws attention from economy

An opinion piece states, "Two issues dominate Canadian politics. One is talked about. The other is not. The one talked about is terrorism. It is the topic of the day. Politicians furiously debate the government's new anti-terror bill. Does it go too far? Would it do any good if passed? Or, perversely, would it make matters worse? ..." Toronto Star, A6 (2015-03-07)

Why was it so hard to see the tape?

An opinion piece states, "As more and more time passed after Michael Zehaf-Bibeau's attack at the War Memorial and then on Parliament, a conspiracy theory gathered momentum in the social media: The RCMP wouldn't release the video message Zehaf-Bibeau left behind because it was not the flinty-eyed terrorist manifesto the Conservatives hoped it would be, the better to push through draconian antiterrorism laws and gradually turn Canada into a police state. Rather, so the theory went, the tape was full of incoherent ramblings from an apolitical madman..." National Post, A12 (2015-03-07)

Building better anti-terrorism laws

An opinion piece states from MP Wayne Easter states, "In the wake of the deadly attacks on military officers in Quebec and on Parliament Hill last October, we must consider how to best protect Canadians from modern terrorist threats while safeguarding our values. Although the government's new anti-terrorism legislation, Bill C-51, takes some proper steps in that direction, it will need fixing. Having been the government during 9-11 and other terrorist events, the Liberal party is well aware of the tough issues and sensitivities involved..." The Telegram, A18 (2015-03-07)

Conservatives use PR smarts to fight fear with fear

An opinion piece states, "... See, the devastating self-skewering element of this line is that it is nominally intended to serve as the justification for a proposed law, Bill C-51, that will restrict freedom. And it is offered at a time when members of the government are using the bill as a means of whipping up intolerance against Muslims to score cheap political points. Here we have a piece of legislation that would, among other things, curtail freedom of speech fairly broadly on matters related to terrorism and give an espionage agency domestic policing powers that allow it, in secret, to be specifically exempted from honouring the Charter of Rights..." Toronto Star, IN2 (2015-03-07)

Police state in making

A letter to the editor states, "Bill C-51 is aimed at terrorists, but as now written will allow CSIS agents to detain anyone who, in their opinion, may engage in unlawful conduct for "a political, religious or ideological purpose or cause." This is far broader than terrorism. Many Canadians have become very worried but do they wish to write Stephen Harper a blank cheque? ..." Windsor Star, A6 (2015-03-07)

Kenney says homegrown terrorism a 'reality' in Canada

Defence Minister Jason Kenney is warning Canadians that homegrown terrorism in this country is now a "reality" and they should not ignore the likelihood of more "jihadist attacks". Moreover, he says the threat of terrorism has never been greater and some Canadians are guilty of "wilful blindness" about the inter-connection of "jihadi violence" throughout the world. Kenney delivered his message in a sober speech Saturday to a conference organized by the Manning Centre for Building Democracy... Kenney said the federal Conservative government is taking action to protect Canadians — implementing measures in its anti-terror legislation, some of which he said were recommended by public servants many years ago after the 9/11 attacks but were "rejected for political reasons." The government's bill, C-51, has drawn controversy in recent weeks. Critics say it gives too much power to CSIS and the RCMP, and will threaten civil liberties without sufficient independent oversight. The bill redefines threats to national security to include, among other things, interference with critical infrastructure, including cyber systems, and to the "economic and financial stability" of Canada. Ottawa Citizen

Projet de loi C-51 : le ministre Steven Blaney pourfend le Parti québécois

«Bouillié pour les chats», «campagne de propagande mensongère», le ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney, dénonce vivement la sortie du Parti québécois contre le projet de loi C-51 sur le terrorisme. Les souverainistes «peuvent dormir tranquilles», même si Ottawa choisit d'aller de l'avant avec le projet de loi C-51, a assuré le député fédéral de Lévis-Bellechasse, en entrevue avec notre Bureau parlementaire. Mercredi dernier, le porte-parole péquiste en matière de justice, Alexandre Cloutier, a martelé en point de presse qu'il craignait une véritable «chasse aux sorcières». Selon le Parti québécois, les souverainistes, au même titre que les Autochtones, les environnementalistes et les étudiants risquent d'être «fichés » avec les nouveaux pouvoirs qui seraient confiés aux autorités avec la loi C-51. «Des propos qui sont tenus manifestement par des gens qui ne se sont pas donné la peine de lire le projet de loi», croit le ministre fédéral Steven Blaney. Selon le ministre canadien de la Sécurité publique, avec le projet de loi C-51, on est encore loin du Patriot Act, cette loi antiterroriste qui a été votée par le Congrès des États-Unis sous George W. Bush, après les attentats du 11 septembre 2001. «Si c'était le Patriot Act, je dirais, les péquistes ont peut-être raison de s'inquiéter, mais ce n'est pas qu'on oblige de transmettre de l'information: on donne aux autorités la capacité [de le faire]», a expliqué le ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique. L'ensemble des organismes et départements devra suivre des protocoles «qui seront assujettis à la Charte canadienne des droits et libertés et à la Loi sur la vie privée», assure M. Blaney. «J'ai beaucoup de respect pour toute formation politique qui fait la promotion de ses valeurs politiques dans le respect de la démocratie», a fait valoir le ministre conservateur. «Et un des plus grand pour moi c'est René Lévesque, a continué M. Blaney. Il n'a jamais hésité à dénoncer la violence faite au FLQ: il l'a condamnée. Il a dit que c'étaient des actes barbares. Je pense qu'on a un très bel exemple d'un grand démocrate, d'un grand Canadien, d'un grand souverainiste québécois. » Le Journal de Québec, 11 (2015-03-08)

Security, at all cost?

An editorial states, "Just how far must Canadians be pushed to give up cherished privacy rights to help the authorities fight terror? That's the question federal Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien has raised as Parliament reviews Bill C-51, the Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015. It is a question that cuts to the heart of public concern over this hugely flawed, over-reaching legislation..." Toronto Star, A10 (2015-03-08)

Bill C-51 could have been used to prevent Arar from coming back from Syria to Canada, says lawyer

The federal government's proposed Anti-Terrorism Act, Bill C-51, would lead to "unbridled" information sharing, says immigration and refugee lawyer Lorne Waldman, a former co-counsel for Maher Arar, and had it been in place at the time, it could have been used to keep Mr. Arar from returning to Canada. "The

fact that we're going to expand the information sharing with less and less controls over how information is shared is a huge problem, especially when we consider the lessons that we thought had been learned through the experiences of Maher Arar. People do not appreciate the dangers that lurk in this sort of unbridled sharing of information," said Mr. Waldman, a Toronto-based lawyer. (...) The House Public Safety Committee begins its study of the Conservative government's proposed Anti-Terrorism Act on March 10 with testimony from Justice Minister Peter MacKay (Central Nova, N.S.) and **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** (Lévis-Bellechasse, Que.). [The Hill Times](#) (2015-03-09)

Tackling human rights abuses here and abroad

From solitary confinement and the plight of missing and murdered aboriginal women in Canada to the country's anti-terror bill and its role in preventing human rights abuses abroad, Alex Neve has a lot on his mind these days. As the secretary general of Amnesty International Canada, Neve has been criss-crossing the country to speak about the need to end human rights violations at home and overseas. On Wednesday, he'll address two public events at the University of Regina. At 2:30 p.m., the topic will be Canada and the Global Struggle Against Torture (Room 119 Research and Innovation Centre Theatre). His 7 p.m. address is called Canada Votes 2015 - Putting Human Rights Issues on the Election Agenda (Room 216 Language Institute Rotunda). Neve began his speaking tour last fall as part of Amnesty's global campaign to end torture. And that also means looking in our own backyard. Amnesty is concerned about the practice of solitary confinement in this country's prisons, including the length of time prisoners spend in confinement and how widely it's used. "When you really understand the severe and often irreversible physical and psychological harm that comes through solitary confinement, you understand why the UN says it's torture," said Neve in a telephone interview. Internationally, Neve is also concerned about Canada becoming complicit in torture occurring elsewhere - including using the "fruits" of torture such as interrogation information or deporting someone to a country where he may face torture. **Neve worries some of the lessons that should have been learned from the Maher Arar inquiry will be undone by the Tory government's Bill C-51 - the proposed anti-terrorism act that he believes will create "unprecedented and insidious new powers with virtually no oversight and accountability."** [Leader-Post](#), A5 (2015-03-09)

CSIS needs more resources, not more powers

An opinion piece states, "It is understandable that a majority of Canadians support the government's proposed antiterrorism legislation, Bill C-51. The incidents last October were shocking and traumatic, and the idea that a shooter could gain access to Parliament naturally increases our sense of vulnerability. It is less understandable why the government seems to be in such a rush to enact new legislation without a full debate about its content, its long-term impact, and its actual effectiveness in countering terrorism and protecting the security and lives of Canadians. The two terrorism trials taking place in Victoria (the Canada Day bomb plot) and Toronto (the Via Rail bomb plot) suggest that security intelligence and law enforcement already possess the necessary tools to confront the terrorist threat. This sense of urgency about passing Bill C-51 seems to be predicated on the notion that CSIS, in particular, needs new powers to better deal with security threats. Recent cases, both here and abroad, suggest however that it is not a question of new powers, but better communication, co-ordination, training, and most importantly, resources such as manpower and funding." [Ottawa Citizen](#), C5 (2015-03-09)

Oversight, out of mind

An opinion piece states, "Canada's system of national security 'oversight' is imperfect. Its system of national security 'review' is frayed, perhaps to the breaking point. The government's antiterrorism law, Bill C-51, will accelerate this pattern. Without a serious course correction, we risk the prospect of avertable security service scandals. We have now written five backgrounders and almost 200 pages of analysis on Bill C-51, posted at [antiterrorlaw.ca](#). The bill's shortcomings are acute. If we are to mitigate the risk of misadventure from this over-hasty law, it will be because the system has checks and balances - except those accountability systems are themselves imperiled." [National Post](#), A11 (2015-03-09)

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RCMP doubles its counter-terrorism efforts

The RCMP has doubled the number of Mounties on counter-terrorism investigations, with 130 of those officers hunting for possible suspects who may have aided Michael Zehaf-Bibeau's murderous rampage, RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson told parliamentarians Friday. NDP public safety critic Randall Garrison, whose party has said it will vote against C-51, said Paulson's remarks undermine one of the government's key arguments for the legislation. "What we heard very clearly was the RCMP commissioner saying the existing legislation was adequate to deal with this incident, both in terms of investigating and charging." Liberal public safety critic Wayne Easter said the video makes the case for C-51. Ottawa Citizen, A8 (2015-03-07)

Mounties seek suspects linked to Hill attack

The Mounties are searching for possible suspects who may have helped Michael Zehaf-Bibeau's murderous rampage on Parliament Hill last October, said RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson in releasing the gunman's last video in which he reveals his motivation. The committee is to begin hearing testimony Tuesday on the Conservatives' anti-terror legislation, Bill C-51, which would give sweeping new powers to police, spies and government to counter not just terror threats, but a broad range of "threats to the security of Canada." Commissioner Paulson said his decision to release the video was not connected to the political brawling over the legislation. "The release of this video at this time could be seen as seeking to influence that process," he said. "I assure you I have no such motive. The video speaks for itself. It is what it is." Postmedia News (National Post, A2) (2015-03-07)

Security of Canada Information Sharing Act / loi sur la sécurité de l'échange de renseignements au Canada

NIL

Passenger Protect Program / programme de protection des passagers

NIL

Immigration Refugee Protection Act / loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés

NIL

Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

NIL

Online Media / Médias en ligne

General Coverage / couverture générale

Zehaf-Bibeau video shows that 'there was a terrorist threshold that has been met' connected to Oct. 22 attack on Parliament, says NDP MP

Statements from RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson as he aired a previously secret video recorded by a gunman who stormed Parliament's Centre Block last Oct. 22 raise questions about the way Mr. Paulson and the RCMP handled and described evidence the Mounties had on the day of the gunman's attack, after he had shot and killed a reserve soldier at the National War Memorial only minutes earlier. The video Mr. Paulson aired at a special meeting of the Commons Public Safety and National Security Committee also suggests the government would have known a week after the attack-when **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** (Levis-Bellechasse, Que.) criticized NDP Leader Tom Mulcair (Outremont, Que.) in the Commons for declining to call the attack terrorism-that the RCMP had clear evidence from gunman

Michael Zehaf-Bibeau himself that he intended to commit a terrorist attack against the Canadian military because of Canada's role in the Afghanistan war and its decision to deploy F-18 fighter jets against Islamic militants in Iraq. NDP MP Randall Garrison (Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca, B.C.) acknowledged that the video was the kind of evidence that would have been crucial to the Official Opposition as it has battled against Prime Minister Stephen Harper (Calgary-Southwest, Alta.) for the past several months over his frequent and strident warnings of terrorist threats within Canada, as well as NDP and other widespread opposition to the government's recently-released and controversial legislation, Bill C-51, containing sweeping new powers for the Canadian Security Intelligence Agency to "disrupt" suspected public security threats before terrorism is carried out. [The Hill Times](#) (2015-03-07)

La vidéo de Zehaf Bibeau et l'apologie de l'approche sécuritaire

À l'occasion du dévoilement vendredi de la vidéo tournée par Michael Zehaf-Bibeau avant qu'il ne commette un attentat à Ottawa en octobre dernier, le commissaire de la GRC Bob Paulson et, plus tard, **le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, ont insisté sur l'approche sécuritaire dans la lutte au terrorisme et à la radicalisation. «*Le premier devoir d'un gouvernement est de protéger ses citoyens. C'est pourquoi nous avons déposé la Loi antiterroriste de 2015 – pour que la police et les organisations chargées de notre sécurité nationale disposent des outils nécessaires pour protéger les Canadiens*», en a conclu le parrain du projet de loi C-51. [45eNord](#) (2015-03-07)

Counter-terrorism work has 'sidetracked' 300 RCMP criminal probes

RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson says he thinks the full, unedited version of Parliament Hill shooter Michael Zehaf-Bibeau's self-filmed video will eventually be released. In an interview airing Saturday morning on CBC Radio's The House, host Evan Solomon asked Paulson if 18 seconds from the beginning and end of the video made on the day of the shooting would one day be made public by police. Paulson also expanded on a few of the topics that came up during his appearance before the House of Commons public safety committee on Friday, including counter-terrorism operations and the squeeze on RCMP resources. "We have over 600 officers reassigned to counter-terrorism, so that brings us up to 870 people [working on it]," he said. [CBC News](#) (2015-03-07)

RCMP seeing 'steady increase' of suspected extremists, commissioner says

The RCMP is tracking and investigating a "steadily increasing" number of suspected extremists, according to Commissioner Bob Paulson. Speaking to CTV's Question Period, Paulson said the RCMP is seeing an increase in such cases in certain areas of the country. "It's steadily increasing," said Paulson. "In Alberta, we're seeing a steady increase in the kind of files that are coming into the police. In Ontario, increasing. In Montreal, increasing." Security officials have said that more than 140 Canadians have left the country to fight with extremist groups overseas. While Paulson said this number has increased, he would not say by how much. "I'm trying to get out of the numbers business; it's increasing, the number of people that we are tracking and investigating," he said. Days ahead of another appearance before the committee - this time on the government's new anti-terror bill - Paulson also said he has no problem with strengthened oversight of the RCMP. Paulson will appear before the Commons public safety committee again Tuesday as it begins studying the Conservative government's Bill C-51. [CTV News](#) (2015-03-08)

Christy Clark says we could 'regret' giving away personal freedoms in Bill C-51

B.C. Premier Christy Clark is adding her voice to the chorus of criticism against the federal government's anti-terror bill, raising concerns that the legislation may compromise Canadians' personal liberties. In an interview on CTV's Question Period, the provincial leader said that Bill C-51 could "impinge" on the rights of Canadians, and requires "adequate oversight." "We should be very careful in Canada, in a country where so many people have sacrificed their lives to preserve our freedoms, to make sure that we aren't -- in the effort to protect ourselves against unknown threats -- really diminishing our personal freedoms," she said. "We will regret that forever. When you give up personal freedoms, it's very hard to get them back." Bill C-51 is the Conservative government's latest piece of legislation that is part of its broader tough-on-crime strategy. The anti-terror bill seeks to expand the powers of police and spy agencies, in order to stamp out terror plots before they unfold. The legislation has been a lightning rod for controversy, with critics suggesting that the bill crosses the line, giving authorities too much power without sufficient oversight to keep them in check. Canada's privacy commissioner, Daniel Therrien, agrees with Bill C-51's

intended goal to increase information-sharing between authorities, but stressed that the rights of innocent Canadians may be sacrificed in the name of intelligence-gathering. [CTV News](#) (2015-03-08)

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Bill C-51 questioned by B.C. Premier Christy Clark

Premier Christy Clark has joined the ranks of Canadian leaders expressing concern that the federal Conservative government's anti-terror bill, C-51, could threaten Canadians' personal liberties. Last week Clark told Evan Solomon on CBC's Power and Politics that she has concerns about how the federal bill will balance security and freedom. "I think the federal government needs to be paying close attention to security for obvious reasons. I mean, we are engaged very much in the Middle East at the moment. And I think, you know, people want to know that they and their leaders are safe in the country," said Clark on Thursday. "I do think, though, it is important to remember that we have to keep our personal freedoms alive and whole," she said. "Generations of people for hundreds of years have fought for and preserved those personal individual freedoms that we have, and I would hate to see any changes that are going to mean that we start to water those freedoms down. That balance must be found." Over the weekend she repeated her views on CTV's Question Period, saying that Bill C-51 could diminish Canadian's personal freedoms in order to protect Canadians against unknown threats. [CBC News](#) (2015-03-09)

Amnesty International says C-51 could be used to target activists

A prominent human-rights group says the Conservative government's anti-terrorism bill could be used to target environmental activists and aboriginal protesters. In a brief made public today, Amnesty International Canada adds its voice to those who say the bill would go beyond genuine security threats to ensnare those who mount demonstrations that fall outside the strict letter of the law. The Conservatives brought in the bill — which would significantly expand the Canadian Security Intelligence Service's mandate — following the murders of two Canadian soldiers last October. It would give CSIS the ability to disrupt terror plots, make it easier for police to limit the movements of a suspect, expand no-fly list powers, crack down on terrorist propaganda, and remove barriers to sharing security-related information... **Still, Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney told the Senate national security committee Monday the bill would help track Canadians who travel to train and fight with terrorist groups overseas.** [Canadian Press](#) (CP24; 2015-03-09)

Someone should watch the watchers

An opinion piece states "One of the recurring themes in science fiction is a dystopia. Books such as 1984, Animal House, and A Brave New World portray future society as anything but idyllic. Recently, there has been a spate of books for young adults with similar themes. The Hunger Games, The Giver, The Maze Runner, Divergent have now all been made into movies. Their central theme can be seen as the rebellion of youth against their elders but these stories all feature Orwellian levels of surveillance and control. In dystopias Big Brother is always watching... The difficulty with security measures, such as Bill C-51, is determining the limits. It is in assessing what is a real threat versus what is not. It is in making choices that protect society and not destroy it. We live in a digital age where our electronic footprint is huge. Companies collect and trade in this information. Making it available to the government for the sake of state security might not seem unreasonable. But what are the boundaries? Civilian or judicial oversight, at the very least, would seem appropriate." [Prince George Citizen](#) (2015-03-09)

Bill C-51: Labour must confront radical legislation with radical action

An opinion piece states "... Thanks to documents leaked by Edward Snowden, we know that Canadians are under mass surveillance by state officials. Enter Bill-51, the Conservatives' so-called anti-terror legislation. Many of the changes proposed by the anti-terror Bill C-51 seem to legalize what is very probably already happening. Bill C-51 will lead to more cases like Arar's and Abassi's. For Indigenous people and communities, Bill C-51 represents nothing new. As the most criminalized and policed people in Canada, the anti-terrorism legislation simply looks like another attack following the traditions of: forced starvation, the pass system on reserve, residential schools, forced placement of children into child assistance services and the prison system. Communities or activists who question the very legitimacy of Canada or actively disrespect the tenuous sovereignty on which Canada is built, are the enemies of this legislation. The very existence of people who do not accept the legitimacy of Canadian sovereignty is a threat to Canadian sovereignty. How this legislation will be enforced is still an open question, but it's false to say that the only problem with the legislation is oversight, as many have argued. Instead, the path that Bill C-51 sets forth is dangerous and, if the Conservatives are re-elected, will allow for more extreme forms of repression." [Rabble.ca](#) (2015-03-09)

Stewart, B.C./Hyder, Alaska border closure puts security at risk, says border guard union

The president of the union representing Canada's border guards says reducing the hours at the Stewart, B.C./Hyder, AK border is a hypocritical move for a federal government that says it places a priority on national security. "The government right now is about to pass a bill, C-51, in regards of the concerns that the government has with the terrorists and the people who are going off-seas to get training, and meanwhile they're reducing the hours at the border," said Jean-Pierre Fortin, president of the customs and immigration union. He's been told the reduction in hours at the northwestern B.C. border crossing is one of several such moves being undertaken by the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) in other parts of the country. [Terrace Standard](#) (2015-03-09)

Would the Conservative party have violated C-51? Maybe(?)

An opinion piece states "Last week, the Conservative party posted an image and excerpt from Al-Shabaab's threat against West Edmonton Mall, the party apparently hoping to solicit support for C-51, the Anti-Terrorism Act. Press Progress, the media wing of the Broadbent Institute, subsequently wondered if this would have amounted to a transgression against C-51. The answer to that question is . . . debatable. And that ambiguity might be the problem. There is a separate conversation to be had about the wisdom, tastefulness and appropriateness of the party's post. Setting that aside for the moment, the hypothetical legality of the post depends on a reading of a new offence that would be established by C-51." [Macleans](#)

QP Live: Amnesty criticizes Bill C-51, Tories move on

An opinion piece states "Vegas bookies pegged low odds on Amnesty International supporting Stephen Harper's latest anti-terror legislation. Just kidding: Nobody in Las Vegas, except maybe that drunken Canadian bachelor party that just woke up, even knows about Bill C-51. But everyone who knows Amnesty's record wouldn't be surprised at the organization's criticism of Bill C-51—namely, that proposed changes "fail to meet a range of important international human rights obligations." Among those obligations, Amnesty says, is the government's obligation to allow Charter of Rights-protected protest to continue unperturbed. The bill's critics all point to one subsection of C-51 that could target such protest." [Macleans](#)

Amnistie internationale s'inquiète du projet de loi antiterroriste

Amnistie internationale craint que le projet de loi anti-terroriste du gouvernement conservateur soit utilisé pour cibler des environnementalistes ou des militants autochtones. Dans un mémoire dévoilé lundi, l'organisme de défense des droits de la personne ajoute ses craintes à ceux qui croient que le projet de loi va bien au-delà des menaces réelles à la sécurité publique, et qu'il retient dans ses mailles des militants dont les activités sortent un peu du cadre strict des lois et règlements. Le projet de loi C-51, déposé à la suite des attentats d'octobre dernier à Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu et Ottawa, accorderait notamment des pouvoirs accrus au Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité. [Presse canadienne](#) (98,5 FM)

L'amnésie sélective de Jean Chrétien

Une pièce d'opinion dit « Le 19 février dernier, Jean Chrétien, ex-premier ministre canadien et ex-chef du Parti libéral du Canada, signait une lettre ouverte aux côtés de son successeur, Paul Martin, de son prédécesseur, John Turner, de même que l'ex-premier ministre conservateur Joe Clark. Le tout, complété d'une impressionnante brochette de juristes et ex-juges de la Cour suprême du Canada. Dans la foulée du projet de loi C-51 du gouvernement Harper – dit «antiterroriste», cette lettre conjointe critiquait ouvertement l'absence d'un mécanisme transparent et imputable apte à 'surveiller' ce que fera le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) des nouveaux pouvoirs élargis de police que C-51 lui conférerait. Pour les signataires, c'est une question cruciale en démocratie de 'protection du public' et de 'droits de la personne'... La semaine dernière, de passage à Montréal, Jean Chrétien réitérait sa critique de C-51. Dans le cadre d'une conférence donnée à l'Université Concordia, voici ce qu'il en disait : 'Quand on joue avec les droits et les libertés des citoyens, il faut être prudent. C'est une pente dangereuse. C'est facile de se servir des émotions, de la crainte des gens pour supprimer certaines libertés qui sont parfois difficiles à reconquérir. Moi qui ai été pour Pierre Elliott Trudeau le ministre de la Justice, c'est mon devoir d'être préoccupé.' Notez-la bien. Cette citation est à conserver pour la postérité... Pourquoi? Parce qu'elle est un symptôme patent d'amnésie sélective - un syndrome que développent souvent les anciens chefs de gouvernement... tous partis confondus. » Journal de Montréal

Threat Disruption / perturbation des menaces

ISIS spreading to Afghanistan, Pakistan, CSIS director warns - Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney, CSIS head Michel Coulombe among witnesses at Senate defence committee

ISIS is spreading to Libya, Afghanistan and Pakistan, the head of Canada's spy agency warned at the Senate defence committee today. At the same time, Michel Coulombe, the head of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, urged senators not to forget longer-running foes like al-Qaeda as Canada turns its focus to the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. "ISIS started in Iraq and Syria, but what we're seeing now, and you've seen it in media, it's spreading in Libya, Afghanistan, Pakistan," Coulombe said. "Boko Haram just pledged allegiance to ISIS. So there's also this phenomenon of ISIS spreading." Canada's top security officials are appearing before the Senate defence committee today over the government's plans to extend the reach of CSIS overseas. Coulombe and Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney kicked off the meeting. Other top security officials, privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien and former CSIS assistant director of intelligence Ray Boisvert will also be there... **Another bill, C-51, is a much longer piece of proposed legislation that also aims to increase CSIS's powers, including giving the spy agency the ability to ask a judge for permission to contravene the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.** CBC News (2015-03-09)

Suspected extremists tracked by RCMP increasing: commissioner

The number of suspected extremists being tracked by the RCMP is growing, according to Commissioner Bob Paulson. "It's increasing, the amount of people that we are tracking and investigating" Paulson told CTV's Question Period. "Although I am very satisfied with the framework that we are applying to assess the threat these individuals represent." Paulson did not say how many more they are tracking, but mentioned specific areas of the country where the RCMP has seen more activity. "In Alberta, we're seeing a steady increase in the kind of files that are coming into the police. In Ontario, increasing. In Montreal, increasing." Paulson also said the number of Canadians that have left the country to fight overseas with extremists is more than the 140 Security officials had previously said. "It's gone up a little bit" he said, but would not give an exact amount. "I'm trying to get out of the numbers business." Paulson will appear before the Commons public safety committee on Tuesday for the start of a study of the Conservative government's Bill C-51. The bill would grant Canadian security agencies additional powers, such as preventative arrest for the RCMP. CJAD (2015-03-09)

Security of Canada Information Sharing Act / loi sur la sécurité de l'échange de renseignements au Canada

Passenger Protect Program / programme de protection des passagers

NIL

Immigration Refugee Protection Act / loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés

NIL

Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

NIL

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Overall, broadcast media coverage regarding Bill C-51 was moderate. With the release of the Michael-Zehaf-Bibeau video came a great deal of speculation on political programs about whether or not the provisions of Bill C-51 would have prevented the attacks in Ottawa and Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu.

General Coverage / couverture générale

CTV News – *Question Period* interviewed RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson regarding the release of the Zehaf-Bibeau video and Bill C-51. Commissioner Paulson was also asked about the cases of suspended Senators Mike Duffy and Pamela and he was asked about morale in the RCMP. Rough Transcript (2015-03-08)

CTV News – *Question Period* interviewed Privacy Commissioner regarding his concerns on Bill C-51. Rough Transcript (2015-03-08)

RDI – *Les Coulisses de pouvoir* présente une entrevue avec le ministre de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile, Steven Blaney au sujet de la vidéo de Michael Zehaf-Bibeau et projet de loi, C-51. Transcription ébauche (2015-03-08)

CTV News broadcasted a live speech from the Manning Networking Conference in which Defence Minister Jason Kenney discusses Bill C-51, border security, and Canada's fight against homegrown extremism and global terrorism. Rough Transcript (2015-03-07)

CBC Radio's *The House* featured an interview with RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson on the Michael Zehaf and possible powers of Bill C-51 to disrupt such attacks (2015-03-07)

Threat Disruption / perturbation des menaces

NIL

Security of Canada Information Sharing Act / loi sur la sécurité de l'échange de renseignements au Canada

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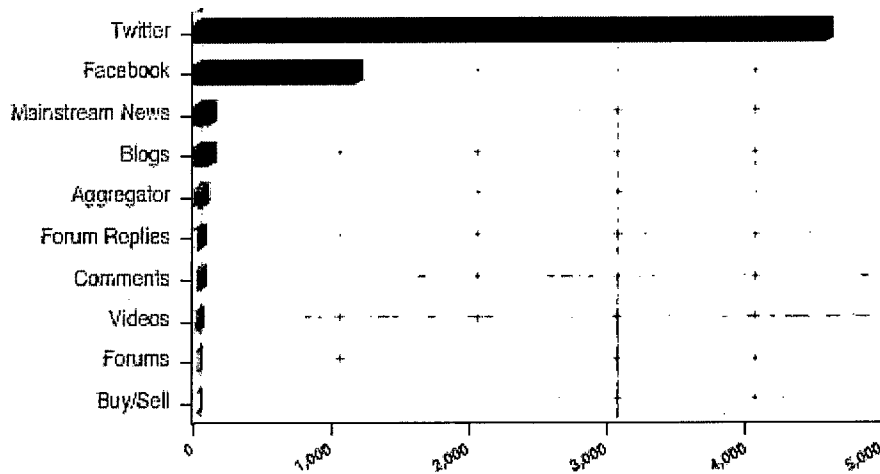
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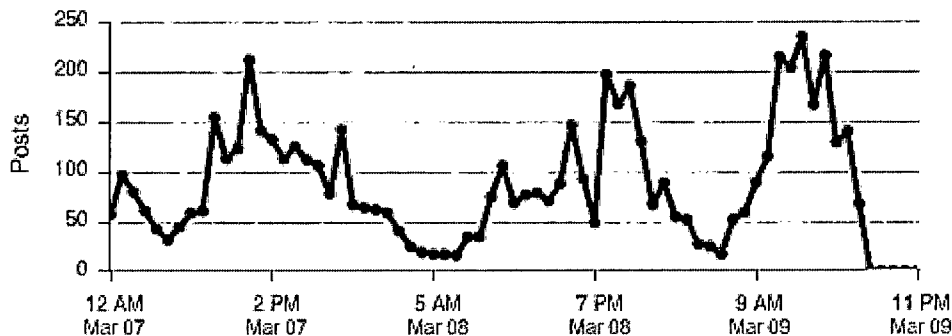
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"loi antiterroriste" AND "Harper"
"loi antiterroriste" AND "Ottawa"
"loi sur la protection du Canada contre les terroristes"
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"security legislation" AND "Canada"

There were approximately 6099 social media posts between March 7 and March 9. The following graph displays the breakdown of social media posts by type:



In total, there were approximately 2468 tweets, 1167 Facebook posts, 110 news posts, 105 blog posts, and 274 other posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout the period in question:



Coverage peaked at approximately noon on March 7, based on a variety of tweets and retweets, including reports on the Privacy Commissioner's issues on the Bill and an open letter from the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake. Activity peaked again at 1 pm on March 9 based on tweets and retweets from media about Amnesty International's condemnation of the bill and committee hearings on Bill C-44 and C-51.

Stakeholders

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RT [@cforcese](#): #C51 & review, oversight, accountability: "Parliamentary review is not redundant red tape" <http://natpo.st/1MmEFYO>

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RT [@cforcese](#): Bill #C51: Do our Allies Really Have Similar Powers to Violate the Law? <http://bit.ly/1C2xGmo> #antiterrorismact

[@bccla](#)

Free public discussion on [#C51](#) & [#humanrights](#) in [#PrinceGeorge](#) March 10 7pm. Join [@bccla](#) & [#StandupfortheNorth](#)! <http://bccla.org/?p=12913>

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1/2 Canada settles with asylum seeker who was sent to US on false terror allegations, detained & abused for 5 years <http://champlaw.ca/Benatta>

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2/2 Inaccurate info passed between gov'ts led to Benatta's detainment & abuse. [#C51](#) would expand info sharing betw gov'ts & increase risks

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Bill [#C51](#) could've been used to prevent [#MaherArar](#) from coming back from Syria says lawyer <http://www.hilltimes.com/news/news/2015/03/09/bill-c-51-could-have-been-used-to-prevent-arar-from-coming-back-from-syria-to-canada/41264...> [#cdnpoli](#) via [@TheHillTimes](#)

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Privacy Commissioner of Canada: Bill [#C51](#) goes too far [#privacy](#) [#infosharing](#) [#oversight](#) http://m.theglobeandmail.com/globe-debate/without-big-changes-bill-c-51-means-big-data/article23320329/?utm_source=twitter.com&utm_medium=Referrer:+Social+Network+Media&utm_campaign=Shared+Web+Article+Links... via [@globeandmail](#) [#cdnpoli](#)

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Defend Our Freedom: National Day Of Action To [#StopC51](#) - organize or join an action in your city! <http://we.leadnow.ca/stopc51> [#cdnpoli](#) [#C51](#)

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Debate on Bill [#C51](#) between law prof Craig Forcese & ex-CSIS assistant director on March 12 10am at [#UOttawa](#) <http://shar.es/1ff041> [#Ottawa](#)

[@ICLMG](#)

Benatta reaches settlement w Cdn govt - his story shows why [#C51](#) must be scrapped & why we need [#oversight](#) <http://champlaw.ca/Benatta> [#cdnpoli](#)

[@OpenMedia_ca](#)

Poll: Only 29% CDNs believe police/intelligence agencies should have more powers if erodes personal privacy <http://ow.ly/K4NTo> [#stopC51](#)

[@OpenMedia_ca](#)

Most Cdns do not want to give up privacy, so why is the gov't trying to set up a secret police force with [#BillC51](#)? <http://ow.ly/i/8VwLk>

[@OpenMedia_ca](#)

Well put. <http://ow.ly/K7z6m> [#cdnpoli](#) [#BillC51](#) [#privacy](#) [#spying](#)

[@privacylawyer](#)

Many of these inspirational women would be guilty of the inciting terrorism offence in Bill [#C51](#). Think about that. <http://ti.me/1E41Zqv>

Media

[@HuffPostCanada](#)

First Nations chief pens open letter to Harper on Bill C-51 <http://huff.to/18oBWP6> [#cdnpoli](#)

[@HuffPostCanada](#)

First Nations chief warns Bill C-51 'may fail in its obligation to protect' Canadians [#cdnpoli](#) <http://huff.to/18oqMtY>

@WNNews_Reddit

Canada: Anti-Terror Bill Greenlights Intel Obtained By Torture, Says Green Party Leader

[http://www.vice.com/en_ca/read/anti-terror-bill-greenlights-intel-obtained-by-torture-says-green-party-leader-274 ...](http://www.vice.com/en_ca/read/anti-terror-bill-greenlights-intel-obtained-by-torture-says-green-party-leader-274...)

@CTVNews

Canada's anti-terror bill could be used to target activists: Amnesty International <http://ow.ly/K793n> #CDNpoli

@AaronWherry

New from me: Would the Conservative party have violated C-51 with its Facebook post? Maybe(?)

[http://www.macleans.ca/politics/would-the-conservative-party-have-violated-c-51-maybe/ ...](http://www.macleans.ca/politics/would-the-conservative-party-have-violated-c-51-maybe/)

@CBCTheHouse

March 7 - RCMP Commissioner Paulson discusses Michael Zehaf-Bibeau video and Bill C-51. <http://buff.ly/1BcxQp7> #cdnpoli

@CBCPolitics

Bill C-51 questioned by B.C. Premier Christy Clark [http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/bill-c-51-questioned-by-b-c-premier-christy-clark-1.2987123?cmp=rss&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter ...](http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/bill-c-51-questioned-by-b-c-premier-christy-clark-1.2987123?cmp=rss&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter...) #cdnpoli #hw

@Justin_Ling

Blaney: "We believe the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms is enough guidance for CSIS."

Even though C-51 allows them to ignore it.

Hashtags

@AndrewQMI

#terrorism #CSIS Canada spy agency boss says there's "incremental" growth in no. of Canadians wanting to go abroad for #jihad. won't give #

@AndrewQMI

#RCMP + #CSIS have tip lines to receive anonymous info about #terrorists or suspicious activities: spy boss Michel Coulombe #cdnpoli #qcpoli

@OttawaCitizen

Kenney says homegrown #terrorism a 'reality' in Canada <http://bit.ly/1HgyRgJ> #cdnpoli

@Lactualite

Amnistie internationale craint que #C51 soit utilisé pour cibler des militants autochtones <http://bit.ly/1EvMMRB>

@nooneisillegal

#C51: Panel discussion on the anti-terror bill Morris J. Wosk Centre, 580 W. Hastings #Vancouver 6:30 pm <http://ow.ly/K7xF2>

@NDP_HQ

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Bill C-51: Blaney, MacKay questioned on anti-terror bill fine print - Justice Minister Peter MacKay, RCMP commissioner and CSIS director appear before committee

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney vowed to 'set the record straight' as he kicked off a much-anticipated committee review of his government's proposed new anti-terror measures on Tuesday morning. It was a pledge that opposition members, particularly New Democrat public safety critic Randall Garrison, were eager to put to the test. During his opening statement, **Blaney** highlighted the "key misconceptions" that he said had been put forward by members of the opposition and "so-called experts": the claim that "legitimate protest" could be treated as potential terrorist threats, which he called "completely false, and frankly ridiculous." Blaney also took issue with concerns raised over new information-sharing powers, which, he assured the committee, will only be done to protect Canadians. "Canadians would be unforgiving should we fail to fix this dysfunctional info-sharing system," he warned. Under questioning from Garrison, however, **Blaney** tacitly acknowledged that at least one concern articulated by legal experts is, in fact, legitimate. He admitted that CSIS won't require judicial authority for all disruption efforts, but only those that could potentially breach the Charter or Canadian law. Even so, **Blaney** insisted that such activities "follow a rigorous process." [CBC News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News); [Macleans](#)

Deux ministres fédéraux devant un comité parlementaire pour défendre C 51

Le **ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique** invoque l'holocauste pour justifier certains articles du projet de loi anti-terroriste du gouvernement conservateur. "L'holocauste n'a pas commencé dans les chambres à gaz; ça a commencé par des mots", a lancé le **ministre Steven Blaney** lors de son témoignage devant un comité parlementaire qui étudie C-51. Le ministre tentait de justifier un des articles du projet de loi qui rend illégal le fait d'applaudir à un acte terroriste. Son collègue de la Justice, Peter MacKay, assurait de son côté que cette interdiction était suffisamment circonscrite dans le texte du projet de loi. "Le test appliqué ici est la promotion ou le plaidoyer en faveur, alors l'encouragement, les efforts faits pour attirer une personne vers l'exécution d'actes terroristes", a tenté de clarifier le ministre MacKay. "Les termes "promotion" ou "plaidoyer en faveur", certains disent qu'ils sont trop vagues, en fait, il faut se fier à la jurisprudence", a ajouté le ministre. La référence à l'holocauste a fait bondir le député néo-démocrate Randal Garrison. Le député a réclamé que le **ministre Blaney** retire ses paroles. Le ministre, au contraire, s'est enflammé et les a répétées. "La violence ça commence avec des mots; la haine ça commence avec des mots", a repris le **ministre Blaney**, citant le génocide au Rwanda. Presse Canadienne (Le Devoir, Metro Montreal); La Presse; Radio-Canada

Blaney makes Holocaust comparison in C-51 hearing

Critics got a lot more than answers on the government's controversial anti-terrorism legislation at committee this morning when **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** made a comparison between jihadi propaganda and the Holocaust, a reference he repeated when asked to rescind it. The question asked was on propaganda and violent images online, but the response was what the opposition called "some of his extreme rhetoric". "The Holocaust did not begin in the gas chambers, it began with words," said **Blaney**. NDP Public Safety critic Randall Garrison asked the minister if he would retract his comment, saying it was "at best trivializing the Holocaust", but Blaney adamantly refused to, saying that "violence begins with words, genocide begins with words" and that if that is a shock, then so be it, but the responsibility now is to protect Canadians freedoms and safety. "I'm disappointed that the Minister did not take the opportunity to climb down from some of his extreme rhetoric, including his parallel to the Holocaust," said Garrison after committee ended. iPolitics

Jihadis hate Canadian values, says Public Safety Minister

New anti-terrorism measures are needed to protect the public from extremists who hate Canadian values, says **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney**. The international jihadi movement has "declared war on Canada" and other countries around the world, **Blaney** told MPs Tuesday as they began hearing testimony on the federal legislation. The House of Commons public safety committee plans to hear from more than 50 witnesses over the next few weeks. The Conservatives brought in the bill, which would broaden the Canadian Security Intelligence Service's mandate, following the murders of two Canadian soldiers last October. The legislation would give CSIS the ability to disrupt terror plots, make it easier for police to limit the movements of a suspect, expand no-fly list powers, crack down on terrorist propaganda, and remove barriers to sharing security-related information. The new disruptive powers do not apply to "lawful" advocacy, protest and dissent, but some critics say they could be used against activists who protest without an official permit. **Blaney** took issue with the idea the bill would allow CSIS to trample civil liberties, telling the committee he wanted to "set the record straight." Canadian Press (Hamilton Spectator, iPolitics, The Globe and Mail, Huffington Post, City News, Global News); QMI Agency (Toronto Sun, Kingston Whig Standard, London Free Press, Calgary Sun)

Conservative ministers downplay concerns terror bill infringes on freedoms

The Conservative government's top public safety and justice officials sought to quell criticism that its new anti-terror bill is too broad and would unnecessarily infringe rights and freedoms. At the first hearing to begin the Commons' detailed study of Bill C-51, **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** clarified a couple of provisions that have been the subject of widespread criticism.

Bill C-51 allows sharing of Canadians' private information among some 17 departments and agencies and it allows CSIS, with a judge's prior approval, to "disrupt" perceived threats with actions that would infringe Charter rights. However, **Blaney** said the new definition of threats to national security, which includes activity that interferes with "the economic or financial stability of Canada" or with critical infrastructure, will only apply to information-sharing provisions. **Blaney** said that definition would not be used when it comes to granting CSIS broad new powers to disrupt activities of suspected threats to national security. He said

the spy agency would continue to use its new powers against threats to national security as they have been defined in the CSIS Act for the past 30 years. He said the agency will not target lawful protest, advocacy or artistic expression, nor will the information-sharing provisions. Both **Blaney** and Justice Minister Peter MacKay defended the ability to have 17 departments and agencies share much more information among themselves as a measure that will close gaps and modernize the federal regime. **Blaney** raised the hypothetical example of someone in the Middle East who may show up at a consular office, wounded and seeking a new passport, claiming he'd lost his. **Blaney** suggested in that case it would raise suspicions but officials couldn't share the information to determine if the individual was a threat. [Toronto Star](#)

Empower CSIS to operate overseas

Canada's spies should be able to operate overseas without following the laws of "failed states," Canada's public safety minister said Monday. **Steven Blaney** defended Bill C-44 in front of a Senate committee examining the government's planned expansion of CSIS powers. The proposed legislation would allow a judge to authorize CSIS to conduct foreign operations "without regard to any other law, including that of any foreign state." **Blaney** reminded senators of the threat posed by Canadians who become foreign fighters in unstable countries. "We believe that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms provides sufficient guidelines for the activities of CSIS," **Blaney** told the Committee on National Security and Defence. "Asking them to abide by the laws of the possibly failed states where the activities would take place, as some have suggested, is simply ludicrous." The proposed legislation would also protect the identities of sources. [QMI Agency](#) (Calgary Sun, Kingston Whig Standard, Edmonton Sun, London Free Press)

Le grand patron du SCRS plaide en faveur de C-44

De passage devant un comité sénatorial, hier, le directeur du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS), Michel Coulombe, a défendu le controversé projet de loi qui devait être déposé le jour même où le tireur Michael Zehaf-Bibeau a perpétré son attaque au parlement canadien, en octobre dernier. La mesure législative devra permettre, a-t-il fait valoir, de mieux protéger les «sources humaines» qui collaborent avec les agents du SCRS. «Ces gens-là surtout dans le domaine du terrorisme collaborent avec le Service souvent au risque de leur vie, non seulement de leur vie si leur identité est dévoilée, mais de leur famille et je dirais même de leur famille étendue quand leur famille est encore dans leur pays d'origine par exemple», a-t-il expliqué. Le projet de loi permettra aussi de ne pas dévoiler l'identité des employés du SCRS, surtout les recrues, qui dans le futur seront appelés à collaborer sur des activités opérationnelles cachées. Devant le comité du Sénat, le **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, a pour sa part fait valoir l'importance d'écrire «noir sur blanc» dans la loi que le SCRS possède le pouvoir d'entreprendre des enquêtes à l'étranger. «Nous nous assurons ainsi qu'il sera très clair dans la loi que la Cour fédérale aura compétence pour lancer des mandats autorisant le Service à entreprendre certaines activités à l'étranger lorsqu'il enquête sur des menaces à la sécurité du Canada», a soutenu le ministre. [Le Journal de Montreal](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

Broadcast media report on a Q&A with reporters outside of the committee room by **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** regarding bill C-51. (CBC News, 10h53 ET; RDI, 11h30 ET) [CBC News rough transcript](#)

Le Comité permanent de la sécurité publique et nationale étudie le projet de loi C-51. Les **ministres Steven Blaney** et Peter Mackay ont commencé à expliquer en quoi C-51 viendrait combler des lacunes dans les autres lois sur la sécurité nationale. Le NPD a reproché aux conservateurs de ne pas avoir de stratégie nationale pour lutter contre la radicalisation. Cette séance d'étude est la première d'une série de neuf. Ce projet de loi donnerait plus de pouvoir aux différentes agences de renseignement. (RDI 10h49 ET)

RDI rapporte que le **ministre Steven Blaney** défend le projet de loi C-51, plus particulièrement le nouveau délit de communiquer de manière à préconiser ou à fomenter la perpétration d'actes terroristes. Le ministre indique qu'il ne faut pas inciter à la violence et ceci inclus des sites Web. Il

note que « l'Holocauste n'a pas commencé dans les chambres à gaz, il a commencé avec des mots. » [Transcription ébauche](#)

CBC News reports **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** states he is proud of bill C-51 because it protects the rights and freedoms of Canadians. **Minister Blaney** couldn't say exactly what in the bill might have stopped an attack like the one on October 22, given the suspect was not on anyone's radar or anyone's surveillance. The opposition believes the new powers provided by the bill require more stringent independent oversight. NDP Public Safety Critic, Randall Garrison states the minister himself said there's no judicial oversight of the warrant process. [Rough transcript](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Gogama derailment: Stronger tanker cars not the only answer, expert says - Train accidents can be 'extremely violent,' and thicker steel won't necessarily prevent spills and fires

Jean-Pierre Gagnon, a leading expert on the tanker cars involved in the two CN train derailments and fires near Gogama, Ont., says there is "no miracle solution" to preventing catastrophic accidents. Gagnon, who was Transport Canada's superintendent in charge of rail tank car regulations and standards before being laid off prior to the Lac-Mégantic rail disaster, says even the most heavily reinforced tank car can be breached. "Accidents can be extremely violent events," says Gagnon, who worked for 30 years with tanker cars and the movement of dangerous goods. "It's not just a matter of speed, but how the cars pile up, and if there's a rail pointing out like spear, and the car is at the right angle and goes into it, it's going to be breached. [CBC News](#)

Train derailments revive debate over how to move oil - With 4 oil-train derailments in North America in past 3 weeks, pipeline-vs.-rail debate resurfaces

There have been four oil-train accidents in the past month in North America, including two in Northern Ontario, one of which only recently stopped burning, near the town of Gogama. These trains were travelling at moderate speeds, in some cases well under the 80 km/h speed limit, and the CPC-1232 tanker cars were sturdier, made of tougher stuff than the rail cars that exploded so tragically in Lac-Mégantic in 2013. The 1232s were supposed to be safer. Still, in each derailment, the tanker cars caught fire. For some, this raises questions about rail safety, train speeds and length, tanker-car standards and stabilizing the oil within the tankers. For others, it means we should be talking about pipelines again. "Slowing down is one option," said Ian Naish, a former director of rail and pipeline investigations at the Transportation Safety Board of Canada. "Shorter trains might be another option, but that will cost money. And then — dare I say it — another option is pipelines or some other mode of transportation." When it comes to pipelines versus rail, it's not comparing apples to apples. When a pipeline leaks, more product is spilled, but it's not likely to explode. When an oil car derails, there is a higher chance of loss of life or destruction of property, but the spill is relatively contained. It really depends on what you're worried about — cost, CO2 emissions, safety, or the environment? [CBC News](#)

Ontario calls on feds to ramp up rail safety after recent derailments

Ontario's transportation minister wants the federal government to step up rail safety after the third CN derailment in the province in less than a month. Steven Del Duca said he will contact federal Transportation Minister Lisa Raitt, CN and CP this week to reiterate the Liberal government's "serious concerns with respect to ensuring our railways are safe." As of Monday morning, crews were still battling the blaze from the latest derailment. Authorities say a train with 38 cars carrying crude oil from Alberta went off the tracks early Saturday near the village of Gogama, Ont., about 150 km south of Timmins. Police said as many as five cars broke through the ice and into the Makami River, prompting health officials to advise Mattagami First Nation residents to avoid drinking the water. Nearby residents were also warned over the weekend to stay inside to avoid smoke inhalation. Raitt responded to Del Duca in a statement saying she's "very concerned" with the spike in derailments. "Should non-compliances be found, the company will face the full force of the law," she said. [QMI Agency](#) (Kingston Whig Standard; Toronto Sun; Ottawa Sun)

Les élus locaux pressent la ministre fédérale des Transports d'agir

Alors que le Bureau de la sécurité des transports (BST) intensifie son enquête sur l'incendie provoqué par un déraillement de train survenu samedi à Gogama, en Ontario, les voix s'additionnent pour dénoncer l'inutilité des nouveaux wagons renforcés et réclamer d'Ottawa un sérieux resserrement de la réglementation du transport ferroviaire. Lundi, deux wagons gisaient toujours dans la rivière Mattagami et, malgré le feu qui couvrait encore, quatre nouveaux inspecteurs du BST ont été dépêchés sur les lieux pour recueillir des pièces et interroger des témoins, a fait savoir une porte-parole de l'organisme fédéral. L'incident est survenu à quelques kilomètres de la petite communauté de Gogama, abritant 400 personnes, et de la réserve des Premières Nations de Mattagami. Le député néodémocrate de Nickel Belt, Claude Gravelle, se désolait de ce troisième déraillement survenu en moins d'un mois dans le Nord ontarien, malgré la présence, dans deux des incidents, de convois composés de wagons à sécurité renforcée. Le 14 février, une trentaine de wagons du CN charriant du pétrole brut avaient aussi quitté les rails, à 37 kilomètres de Gogama. [Le Devoir](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Privacy, security and terrorism: Everything you need to know about Bill C-51

The Conservative government has introduced multiple pieces of legislation in recent months that affect security, privacy and the power of policy agencies (read our earlier explanations of bills C-13 and S-4, and C-44). The latest, Bill C-51, would beef up the powers of Canada's spy agency (the Canadian Security Intelligence Service), criminalize the promotion of terrorism and provide the RCMP with new powers of preventative arrest. The Conservatives say the bill is necessary to combat the threat of terrorism, while critics say it constrains too many freedoms in the process. Here's what you need to know about the legislation. [The Globe and Mail](#)

Liberals Are Supporting Bill C-51 So Tories Can't Make 'Political Hay,' Trudeau Says

Federal Liberals are supporting the Conservatives' controversial anti-terrorism bill because they don't want the government to make "political hay" of national security issues in an election year, party leader Justin Trudeau suggested last week. Speaking at the University of British Columbia Wednesday, Trudeau encountered a student audience that was vocally critical of the Grits' support for the sweeping legislation. [Huffington Post](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News reports Justice Minister Peter MacKay is appearing before the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security to discuss bill C-51. [Rough transcript](#)

CTV News reports on Justice Minister Peter MacKay appearing before the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security to discuss bill C-51. [Rough transcript](#)

Le Commissaire à la protection de la vie privée a soumis un mémoire au Comité permanent de la sécurité publique et nationale. On ne sait pas s'il sera entendu. (RDI, 11h03 ET)

RDI présente une entrevue avec le commissaire à la protection de la vie privée du Canada, Daniel Therrien. On discute du projet de loi C-51. Il affirme ne pas avoir été consulté par Sécurité publique Canada mais plutôt informé. Il ajoute qu'on n'a pas tenu compte de ses préoccupations. Par ailleurs, il se dit d'accord avec l'objectif de façon générale. Par contre, le projet de loi va beaucoup trop loin dans le partage des renseignements des particuliers. Il dénonce le fait que le projet de loi autorise la collecte et le partage de l'ensemble des renseignements que le gouvernement détient sur l'ensemble des Canadiens. [Transcription ébauche](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Setting the right precedent (while you still can)

The ubiquity of progressively handheld technology has yet to stop presenting new questions for us to answer. Whether it's piracy and its effect on the media it deals with, and how that has changed the consumption of TV, movies and music; or the way that tech changed the nature of kid's social settings, with cyber bullying now a recognized (and ideally, prevented) factor of younger social scenes. Given how quickly the technology advances in capability and the way it is used, on occasion it presents an entirely unanticipated predicament to consider. On March 2, Alain Philippon, 38, resident of Ste-Anne-des-Plaines, Quebec did not submit his phone's password to Canada Border Services Agency (CSBA) workers when they compelled him to do so. Subsequently, Philippon was charged with obstructing border officials, which he has chosen to fight. The claim is that his refusal to give digital access to his phone fell under section 153.1 (b) of the Customs Act for hindering or preventing border officers from performing their role under the act, which could result in a minimum fine of \$1,000, with a maximum fine of \$25,000 and the possibility of a year in jail. Despite this point, the case is anything but cut and dry. There is no strict point of reference for the CSBA to ask a citizen to provide unlocked access to their phones. [Brock Press](#)

CBSA advises travelers of poultry ban

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) reminds all travelers that it is important to remember that certain food, plants, animals and related products are restricted or prohibited because they can harbor foreign animal and plant pests and diseases. These pests and diseases could threaten Canada's economy, pose a risk to human, plant or animal health, or cause irreparable harm to Canada's crops, livestock, or environment. Canadian law requires that you declare all goods including food, plants and animals and related products that you are bringing into Canada. If you do not declare your products, the CBSA could confiscate them and you could face monetary penalties, and/or prosecution. When you are planning your trip abroad, check beforehand to see if the goods you want to bring back are restricted or prohibited from entering Canada. General guidelines on what food, plants, animals and related products that you can or cannot bring into Canada can be found on the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's (CFIA) website. Specific CFIA import requirements for each product that you plan to bring to Canada can be found by consulting the CFIA's Automated Import Reference System (AIRS). [My Steinbach](#)

Privacy lawyer warns against flying with 'intimate information'

A privacy expert in Halifax says you might want to clean out your smartphone before you cross the border. When you're returning to Canada from vacation or a business trip, your smartphone is open to inspection, just like a suitcase. That surprised Quebec's Alain Philippon last week who got charged for refusing to give up his Blackberry password at the airport in Halifax. David Fraser, a privacy lawyer with McInnes Cooper, said consider deleting anything private from your device before you fly. "There's a huge amount of intimate information you might not want to share with anybody. It might be completely lawful, but you don't want to show it to people," he said. Fraser says the quality and quantity of information stored on smartphones has changed dramatically in recent years. It's unclear if border officers can check banking and email apps, which themselves are password protected. [CBC.ca](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News has learned an imam in Calgary known for speaking out against the threat of radicalization is a wanted man in the United States. The federal court has ordered a new refugee hearing for Abdi Hersy. Immigration Canada's position is Hersy misled or withheld information about the U.S. allegations. Hersy is asking the government to drop the case so he can focus on securing permanent residency here. (CBC News, 9h38 ET)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Hackers invade Bloc Québécois website

Hackers took over the Bloc Québécois' website Monday, replacing the homepage with a "United Islamic Cyber Force" banner. The separatist party's home page was completely black, except for a red inscription that quoted from the Muslim prophet Muhammed: "You will invade the Arabian peninsula and Allah will

grant it (to you). Then (you will invade) Persia and Allah will grant it (to you). Then, you will invade Rome and Allah will grant it (to you). Then, you will invade The Dajjal and Allah will grant him (to you)." The hackers' Facebook address appeared below the inscription. The page, created earlier this month, consists mostly of banners touting the "rise of the cyber jihadists." The hacked Bloc page remained up late Monday morning, and it was impossible to click through to the party's actual website. It wasn't immediately clear if the United Islamic Cyber Force is associated with ISIS, an ultra-violent terrorist group that controls large swaths of Iraq and Syria. ISIS recently hacked several websites in the U.S. and Europe. Bloc spokesman Simon Charbonneau said the party plans to notify the police. [QMI Agency](#) (Edmonton Sun, 37)

NSA mass surveillance targeted in lawsuit by ACLU and Wikimedia - 'This kind of dragnet surveillance constitutes a massive invasion of privacy,' lawyer says

The American Civil Liberties Union said Tuesday it had filed a lawsuit on behalf of organizations including the Wikimedia Foundation and the conservative Rutherford Institute against the U.S. National Security Agency and the U.S. Department of Justice, challenging the American government's mass surveillance program. The lawsuit alleges that the NSA's mass surveillance of internet traffic, often called "upstream" surveillance, violates the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which protects freedom of speech and association, and the Fourth Amendment, which protects against unreasonable search and seizure. The NSA and its partner spy agencies tap into the fibre-optic cables that carry internet traffic to collect hundreds of millions of emails and other internet communications, as part of their intelligence gathering. [Reuters](#)

Microsoft Corp warns 'Freak' security bug leaves hundreds of millions of PC users vulnerable

Hundreds of millions of Windows PC users are vulnerable to attacks exploiting the recently uncovered "Freak" security vulnerability, which was initially believed to only threaten mobile devices and Mac computers, Microsoft Corp warned. News of the vulnerability surfaced on Tuesday when a group of nine security experts disclosed that ubiquitous Internet encryption technology could make devices running Apple Inc's iOS and Mac operating systems, along with Google Inc's Android browser vulnerable to cyberattacks. Microsoft released a security advisory on Thursday warning customers that their PCs were also vulnerable to the "Freak" vulnerability. The weakness could allow attacks on PCs that connect with Web servers configured to use encryption technology intentionally weakened to comply with U.S. government regulations banning exports of the strongest encryption. If hackers are successful, they could spy on communications as well as infect PCs with malicious software, the researchers who uncovered the threat said on Tuesday. [Reuters](#) (National Post)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Fisherman dies after falling overboard off southwestern N.S.

A 64-year-old fisherman is dead after falling overboard off southwestern Nova Scotia. The RCMP say Larry Wayne Sears of Shag Harbour was lobster fishing in the Cape Sable area Monday evening when the incident happened. Investigators say Sears was hauling lobster pots with two crew members when the trawl line became snarled in the hauler. Sears was pulled overboard when he attempted to clear the snarl. The crew onboard a nearby fishing boat heard cries for help and pulled Sears from the water and onto their boat. [CTV News](#)

Look out, left-lane hogs: B.C. police are coming for you

Road rage and a dictionary's worth of expletives have yet to rid the world of left-lane squatters, so British Columbia is trying a new approach: stiff fines. On Mar. 3, Transportation Minister Todd Stone announced he would introduce a bill this spring to crack down on slow drivers set on staying in the passing lane. By amending the Motor Vehicle Act, the ministry hopes to give police more power to penalize left-lane hogs and, in turn, improve traffic flow and prevent accidents; provincial and RCMP data indicate slow drivers, and the tailgating and unsafe passing they induce, cause a large number of the province's motor accidents. [MacLean's](#)

Mounties allege Pamela Wallin committed fraud, breach of trust

The RCMP says Pamela Wallin committed fraud and breach of trust by billing the Senate for travel expenses related to her work on corporate boards, with court documents alleging she described an echocardiogram as networking and a meeting with an ex-lover as parliamentary business. According to the RCMP documents released by an Ottawa courthouse Monday, the ongoing police investigation into Wallin's travel expenses involves 150 "suspicious" travel expense claims filed over three years, including 24 trips to Toronto for board-related activities. [Toronto Star](#)

Pamela Wallin drags prominent Canadians into RCMP probe

Court records released yesterday show the RCMP interviewed a number of high-profile people after suspended Senator Pamela Wallin said she had official meetings with them. The Mounties are investigating Wallin's Senate travel expenses and allege she claimed 24 trips that weren't related to her work as a senator, for a total of \$27,493.72. Wallin told auditors at Deloitte, who examined her expenses at the request of the Senate, that she had official business with a number of prominent people. That led the RCMP to meet with them to try to verify Wallin's claims. [CBC News](#)

The Gargoyle – With expensive criminal trial looming, suspended Senator Mike Duffy mortgages home

Mike Duffy's loss of income and his upcoming criminal trial appear to be putting a financial stress on the suspended senator. Land registry documents show Duffy and his wife, Heather, have taken out a steep mortgage on the Ottawa home that initially triggered the scandal over his expenses. The Duffys borrowed \$550,000 against the home from the Royal Bank of Canada in November. Duffy purchased the new house next to a Kanata golf course for \$292,783 in 2003, when he worked as a broadcaster covering Parliament Hill. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Law enforcement hockey tourney raises \$7,000

Charity began at the rink for police who paid it forward with a fundraising effort for the BC Children's Hospital. Mounties from Merritt and Kamloops, along with sheriffs and conservation officers, participated in a five-team hockey tournament at the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena from Feb. 27 to March 1 and raised approximately \$7,000 in the process. The Law Enforcement Charity Hockey Challenge generated a \$2,000 increase in funds collected over last year's total. Organizer and Merritt RCMP Const. Derrick Francis said the funds were raised through community donations, raffles, a silent auction and a beer garden. [Merritt Herald](#)

Vernon RCMP remind drivers to slow down after speeding spike

The Vernon RCMP is reminding the public to slow down after clocking one driver going upwards of 50 km/h over the posted limit — just one of numerous drivers ignoring posted speeds. Traffic services noticed the excessive speeder Mar. 7 around 7:21 a.m. on Highway 6 near Ricardo Road in an 80 km/h zone, RCMP spokesperson Gord Molendyk said in a release. The officer's radar reading on the driver's speed showed he was travelling 56 km over the limit. "While our officer was dealing with the driver he noticed an odour of liquor on his breath. The driver was asked to provide two roadside breath samples, they resulted in a fail," Molendyk said. The 21-year-old Vernon man was charged with excessive speeding and officers issued him a 90-day immediate roadside prohibition and notice of impoundment. [Infornews.ca](#)

Firefighters, police officers honoured for saving baby Grant

Two Courtenay firefighters and two Comox Valley RCMP officers were recognized for their acts of bravery in rescuing a seven-month-old baby from the Puntledge River on January 30. Firefighters Margaret Hamilton and Chris Murdock, and constables Steve Trevor and Mike Wheeler were presented commendations for their heroic deeds by Mayor Larry Jangula in Monday night's regular council meeting. Jangula said the dramatic rescue event was an extremely difficult day for all the first responders from all agencies as they went to desperately search with the utmost urgency the freezing and fast-moving river for a baby and his mother, who were reported by passers-by after seeing them floating in the water. [Comox Valley Echo](#)

Kelowna RCMP produce sketch of child luring suspect

The Kelowna RCMP has released a composite sketch of the suspect in an attempted child luring incident. Police say on the afternoon of February 26th a 10 year old boy was riding his scooter on a path in the vicinity of Gramiak Road and Mary Court. The boy was approached by a man who asked if he wanted to talk, saying his house was just down the road. After being ignored the man asked if they could meet later. He was last seen heading eastbound on Saskatoon Road. Investigators believe the suspect may have been in the area of the Springvalley Schools earlier in the day. [Global News](#); [Castanet](#)

Edmonton Police Association head disappointed in cop steroid trafficking charges

The head of the Edmonton Police Association is disappointed to hear two officers have been charged with trafficking anabolic steroids. "We certainly don't want the city -- or the people we police in the city -- to make a big wide assumption there's this big rampant problem in regards to steroids," said Sgt. Maurice Brodeur. "Trafficking can be giving to somebody or simply one person purchasing this stuff for themselves, but a lot of times people have this big perception of trafficking as the drug dealer in the back alley and that's certainly not the case here." [Edmonton Sun](#)

Montreal police to cut 200 to 250 jobs

Montreal's police service will slash between 200 and 250 jobs over the next five years, as the city attempts to reduce salary costs. Montreal police chief Marc Parent confirmed the cuts in an interview with Radio-Canada. Parent says between 40 and 50 jobs will be cut each year, over the next five years. Parent says the positions will be eliminated by attrition, by not replacing police officers who retire. The job cuts are expected to save the city up to \$25 million dollars, or \$100,000 for every position that is eliminated. [CBC News](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Le cachot pour la vie

Un article d'opinion déclare, « Ce projet de loi sera au centre du programme conservateur pour les prochaines élections: quoi de plus rentable que de s'ériger en justicier implacable contre les criminels et de flatter dans le sens du poil les nostalgiques de la peine capitale? Or, ces derniers sont nombreux! Selon un récent sondage, les deux tiers des Canadiens souhaitent le retour de la peine de mort... Le gouvernement Harper n'entend pas la rétablir. Il fera pire, en un sens: on enfermera les criminels jusqu'à ce que mort s'ensuive, en jetant la clé du cachot à la mer. Dans ce système inspiré de la philosophie de la droite dure américaine, il n'y a pas de place pour la réhabilitation, pas de place pour l'idée qu'une société civilisée doit aider les criminels qui le veulent et le peuvent à s'amender après avoir été dûment punis. Il n'y a plus que ce concept primitif: oeil pour oeil, dent pour dent. Les auteurs de crimes crapuleux, les agresseurs sexuels, les terroristes et les assassins de policiers seront particulièrement visés. Outre qu'il s'agit d'une vaste catégorie dont les membres ne sont pas tous des monstres irrécupérables, rien n'empêchera des juges particulièrement zélés d'imposer cette peine à tous les individus coupables de meurtre prémédité. Le gouvernement avait déjà ouvert la voie en incitant les tribunaux à imposer des sentences consécutives pour les meurtres multiples. Ainsi, Justin Bourque, l'Acadien de 24 ans qui a tué trois policiers, a été emprisonné l'an dernier pour 75 ans sans possibilité de libération conditionnelle (trois fois 25 ans, qui était auparavant la peine maximale). Il pourra demander une libération (sans nécessairement l'obtenir) à l'âge de... 99 ans. » [La Presse](#)

La fatigue des détenus

Une lettre à l'éditeur déclare, « J'ai travaillé pendant 10 ans au Service correctionnel du Canada dans des pénitenciers à sécurité maximale. J'ai ainsi pu constater que l'un des principaux facteurs réduisant la récidive est la «fatigue» des détenus qui constatent, après parfois de nombreuses années d'incarcération, qu'ils n'auront pas le dessus sur le système judiciaire. Cette fatigue diminue grandement le risque de récidive. Selon moi, le principal élément dissuasif pour la plupart des criminels est leur évaluation des risques de se faire arrêter. Les conservateurs et penseurs de droite créent encore une fois un faux débat et réfutent les données factuelles parce que la peur fonctionne bien pour eux. » [La Presse](#)

Le pardon a ses limites

Un article d'opinion déclare, « Le gouvernement harper annonçait récemment son intention d'aller de l'avant en abolissant la possibilité des libérations conditionnelles après 25 ans pour certains crimes très graves. Les spécialistes de la compassion s'en sont tout de suite indignés: les conservateurs flatteraient l'électorat dans le sens du poil, ils joueraient sur la corde sensible de la loi et de l'ordre. Étrange réflexe. Comme si, en démocratie, on se grandissait en dédaignant le peuple et ses aspirations. Comme si en méprisant le peuple, on se rapprochait un peu plus du bien commun. Suffit-il que le commun des mortels désire quelque chose pour qu'on sache que c'est une chose mauvaise? Depuis quand s'intéresser à ce que souhaite l'électorat suffit-il à donner mauvaise réputation à un politicien? Mais l'essentiel est peut-être ailleurs. Le gouvernement Harper, ici, exprime peut-être une philosophie de la justice assez différente de celle qui prévaut en ce moment au Canada. L'idéologie dominante, en matière de justice, croit peut-être plus qu'elle ne le devrait à la réhabilitation. Le pire homme, après 25 ans en prison, peut avoir tellement changé qu'il ne représente plus une menace pour la société. Il doit avoir la possibilité de recouvrer sa liberté. » Journal de Montréal, 25 (Journal de Québec)

Here's a hot tip ...

Alleged serial killer Mark Moore phoned Crime Stoppers from jail to proclaim his innocence, blame police and implicate two men, a jury heard Monday. Moore's recorded phone conversation with the police crime tips service was played at the accused killer's murder trial. Moore made the jail-house call on Oct. 21, 2011, two days after being charged with four counts of first-degree murder in the shootings of Jahmeel Spence, 27, Mike James, 23, Courthney Facey, 18, and Carl Cole, 45. The violence started on Sept. 10, 2010 with the shooting of Spence and ended just over two months later on Nov. 24 with the killing of Cole, court heard. Moore, who turns 31 Tuesday, has pleaded not guilty to all charges. QMI Agency (Toronto Sun, 5)

Double meurtre: le procès du présumé chauffeur d'un tueur à gages est reporté

Leslie Greenwood, accusé d'avoir participé à un double meurtre commis à deux pas d'un restaurant McDonald's de l'arrondissement Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, en 2010, ne sera pas jugé avant l'automne prochain. Son procès, qui devait s'ouvrir lundi matin devant 12 jurés au palais de justice de Montréal, a dû être reporté au mois de septembre parce que la juge Sophie Bourque est dans l'impossibilité de le présider comme prévu. La juge Bourque se remet présentement d'un «sérieux» problème de santé et aucun autre juge de la Cour supérieure n'est disponible à court terme pour assurer sa relève, a expliqué le juge coordonateur Marc David, lundi, en remerciant les neuf hommes et trois femmes qui avaient été choisis pour former le jury. Originaire de la Nouvelle-Écosse, Leslie Greenwood, 44 ans, est inculpé des meurtres prémédités de Kirk Murray et d'Antonio Ones, abattus dans le stationnement d'un McDonald's de la rue Saint-Jacques, le 24 janvier 2010. Le tueur à gages devenu délateur, Robert William Simpson, qui était à la solde des Hells Angels, ainsi que son frère cadet, Shawn Timothy Simpson, ont déjà confessé les meurtres et purgent des peines d'incarcération à perpétuité. Détenu depuis son arrestation au printemps 2012, Greenwood aurait agi comme chauffeur des frères Simpson, d'après la preuve amassée par la Sûreté du Québec. Journal de Québec (Journal de Montréal)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

La Fraternité dénonce un plan de suppression de 250 policiers

La police de Montréal (SPVM) veut couper 250 postes au sein de ses troupes d'ici cinq ans, prévient le syndicat des policiers en accusant la ville de "tronçonner" les budgets en sécurité publique. C'est ce que vient d'écrire le président de la Fraternité des policiers et policières de Montréal (FPPM), Yves Francoeur, à ses quelque 4200 membres dans leur journal interne. M. Francoeur a précisé au Journal que la direction du SPVM l'a informé des intentions de la Ville, le mois dernier, lors d'une réunion d'un comité de travail. Le président du syndicat mentionne à ses membres qu'"informellement, on nous a annoncé que 250 postes de policier seraient supprimés sur cinq ans, au rythme de 50 par année". La première suppression de 50 postes est déjà prévue au budget 2015 du SPVM. Ces postes seraient abolis par attrition, soit des départs à la retraite non comblés. Journal de Montréal, 9 (Journal de Québec)

Police taking a second look at shootings

Guns and Gangs detectives are re-examining many of last year's shootings after arresting a man Saturday afternoon who is "well known" to police. Jordan Payette-McLean, 22, was arrested after a raid of a Cedarcroft Cres. home in the city's east-end. Staff Sgt. Ken Bryden said Payette-McLean faces 10 charges in relation to the raid where his officers found a loaded .380 automatic handgun with an altered serial number. Cops also found a bullet-proof vest and 86 rounds of ammunition. In addition to a slew of weapons charges, he's also facing a drug trafficking charge after cops seized an ounce of cocaine. However, Bryden said investigators don't believe Payette-McLean is affiliated with any gangs. [Ottawa Sun](#), 4

Local group wants city to address community violence, missing murdered Aboriginal women, in strategic plan

A local group wants the city to include solutions to violence in its next strategic plan. Walking with our Sisters Thunder Bay is a group of volunteers concerned about safety in the community and missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls. It came to city council Monday asking that the city make solutions to community violence a priority in the next strategic plan, work with the group to find solutions related to missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls and also include the First Nations community's voice in that plan. "We want to focus on understanding and we really want to focus on solutions," chair Leanna Marshall said. Marshall said the group didn't come to council to blame the city, which is considered a "hotspot" as more than 1,200 Aboriginal women and girls have gone missing or been murdered in Canada in the last 30 years. Instead, the group wants to join the city's efforts to find solutions. "It's not just an indigenous women's issue, it's everybody's issue," Ontario Native Women's Association policy and research director Kezia Picard said. [TB NewsWatch](#), [CBC News](#)

Say something and help end domestic violence

Saturday was International Women's Day. In Nanaimo, MLA Michelle Stilwell hosted a special event with an impressive array of speakers at the Grand Hotel. Other events were also held in the city and around the world to celebrate the event. There was plenty of important dialogue. To further that dialogue, we're happy to share the following opinion piece, from Minister of Children and Family Development Stephanie Cadieux and Dr. Balbir Burm: "March 8 was International Women's Day, an opportunity to reflect on and talk about the issues women face around the world. "One of those issues is domestic violence. Domestic violence has claimed the lives of 113 British Columbians over the past decade - and this chilling statistic only tells part of the story. Because incidents of domestic violence continue to be under-reported, it is difficult to say with certainty how many people suffer through this potentially deadly form of abuse. In 2013 alone, there were 12,359 victims of police-reported intimate partner violence in B.C., though research suggests that only about one in four victims ever reports the crime to police. [Nanaimo Daily News](#)

Why we need to bring back the Family Violence Intervention Court

An opinion piece states, "Over the past few decades, governments across North America have created domestic violence courts as they've recognized that, with its idiosyncrasies and tremendous importance, intimate partner violence demands a specialized approach. But in 2013, Newfoundland and Labrador's provincial government bucked this growing understanding by dismantling its Family Violence Intervention Court (FVIC) to save \$5,000,000 a year. When active, the FVIC offered support and protection to victims of partner violence that the present system does not. The FVIC focused on rehabilitating perpetrators of intimate partner violence. This approach was more effective in reducing the number of repeat offenders than any other intervention currently offered within the justice system. The FVIC operated from 2009 until 2013. During that time, offenders who committed violent crimes against intimate partners were tracked. It was found that, whereas 40 per cent of offenders who went through regular court ultimately reoffended, only 10 per cent of those who went through FVIC reoffended. [The Muse](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

Le Service de police de la Ville de Montréal va supprimer quelque 250 postes de policiers d'ici cinq ans. Cette information a été confirmée ce matin par son chef de police. Une situation que dénonce le président de la Fraternité des policiers. (RDI, 9h56 ET)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

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OTHER / AUTRES

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INTERNATIONAL

WHO creates independent panel to assess response to Ebola outbreak

The World Health Organization says it has created a panel of independent experts to assess its response to the biggest-ever Ebola outbreak in history. In a statement Tuesday, the UN health agency said the panel was commissioned after a resolution passed by its executive board. The panel will be chaired by Barbara Stocking, a former chief executive of Oxfam GB. A preliminary report is due in May. WHO's handling of the Ebola outbreak that has killed over 9,900 people in West Africa has been heavily criticized. WHO admitted in an internal draft report that it fumbled early attempts to curb the outbreak, blaming incompetent staff and a lack of real-time information. Others also criticized WHO for not declaring an international health emergency until nearly 1,000 people had died. [Associated Press](#) (CTV News)

SOCIAL MEDIA / MÉDIAS SOCIAUX

Twitter

MINISTER

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Bill C-51: Blaney, MacKay questioned on anti-terror bill fine print: Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney ... <http://bit.ly/1KRcTGv> #hw

kady

NO Minister Blaney -- Canada *condemns* torture, it doesn't "condone" it. #C51

TondaMacC

Blaney says CSIS dir Coulombe said yesterday he has all the resources he needs to confront the terrorist threat. (Will have to check).

cmaconthehill

Minister @MinStevenBlaney asked again about holocaust comments and once again defends his words #cdnpoli

RadioCanadaInfo

Blaney et MacKay défendent la loi antiterroriste <http://bit.ly/1E8WzKN>

globeandmail

Extremists have 'declared war on Canada,' public safety minister says <http://trib.al/Oaou2yn> #cdnpoli

QMInews

#BREAKING: Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney paraphrases Qur'an, says verse "goes against Canadian values"

ipoliticsca

Blaney makes Holocaust comparison in C-51 hearing | iPolitics <http://bit.ly/1C4t9Qs> #cdnpoli #C51

LizT1

Canadian Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney draws parallels between Islamist terrorism & Holocaust.
<http://www.ipolitics.ca/2015/03/10/blaney-makes-holocaust-comparison-in-c-51-hearing/> ... #cdnpoli #C51

[nationalpost](#)

'Holocaust did not begin in the gas chamber it began with words': Minister on anti-terror bill <http://natpo.st/1HvyleX>

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

[MacleansMag](#)

Ottawa defends rail safety efforts after derailment near Gogama, Ont.: <http://ow.ly/K9BCO> #cdnpoli

[CBCCanada](#)

Pipes vs. rails: Which is better for moving oil? <http://ift.tt/1E3b2pc>

[CBCCanada](#)

Stronger tankers not the only answer to derailment spills, expert says <http://ift.tt/1Mq7HXo>

[CBCPolitics](#)

Lisa Raitt says Gogama train derailments raise questions about CN operations
http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/lisa-raitt-says-gogama-train-derailments-raise-questions-about-cn-operations-1.2987105?cmp=rss&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter ... #cdnpoli #hw

NATIONAL SECURITY

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Tonight free event @cnc_bc_ca 7pm @bccla discusses #C51 #humanrights with #StandupfortheNorth Join us #PrinceGeorge! <http://tinyurl.com/ob4zboq>

[AaronWherry](#)

Just about to start the C-51 committee post-game show:
<https://twitter.com/MacleansMag/status/575315449640022017> ...

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Join @aaronwherry and @cforcece at 11:30 for a live chat on C-51. They want to hear from you. <http://ow.ly/K9Glj>

[TheHillTimes](#)

AFN National Chief Perry Bellegarde to testify on Bill C-51 at House Public Safety Committee March 12. #cdnpoli

[mgeist](#)

RT @althiaraj: Why The Liberals Are Really Supporting Bill C-51 http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2015/03/09/liberals-are-supporting-b_n_6835700.html ...

[OpenMedia_ca](#)

Edward #Snowden reveals just how weak Canada's #spying oversight framework is. <http://ow.ly/K80Hj> #BillC51

[MacleansMag](#)

.@cforcece in our live chat on #C51: "We think it is possible to make this bill at least a C+" Join our talk here: <http://ow.ly/K9Plj>

[Kristie_Smith](#)

Committee budget for #C51 passes. \$39,000 for eight days of expert testimony. #cdnpoli

[natnewswatch](#)

B.C. terrorist suspects made video to inspire others to join holy war: trial | National Newswatch
<http://www.nationalnewswatch.com/2015/03/10/b-c-terror-suspect-say-attack-as-call-to-action-trial/#.VP8fNFrg2G4.twitter> ...

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

CBCNews

NSA sued by Wikipedia over mass surveillance <http://ift.tt/1aZQvur> pic.twitter.com/aeE64kfkDU

RCMPNB

Online criminals try to acquire personal information by luring you to a website that looks legitimate, but is a fake site.
[#FPM2015](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT

TorontoStar

Agree or disagree? Reform our dopey marijuana laws: Editorial. [#cdnpoli](#) <http://on.thestar.com/1woJo8q>

bcRCMP

Firefighters, police officers honoured for saving baby Grant <http://shar.es/1fpZFE>

RCMPNS

[#RCMP](#) at scene of serious vehicle incident on Sunrise Trail, Pictou County. 42 y/o man taken to Aberdeen Hospital.
Traffic reduced to 1 lane

theprovince

RCMP allege that Pamela Wallin fabricated meetings in \$27K fraud <http://theprovince.in/1HqP4jv>

natnewswatch

Pamela Wallin drags prominent Canadians into RCMP probe <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/pamela-wallin-dragg-prominent-canadians-into-rcmp-probe-1.2988642> ...

INTERNATIONAL

guardian

Fukushima, Japan four years on: 'Nuclear power and humans cannot co-exist' – video <http://trib.al/2nRq8Tf>

TuThanhHa

Fukushima cleanup: 4 years after tsunami, bags of radio-active trash still pile up outdoors
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/multimedia/the-fukushima-cleanup-four-years-after-the-tsunami/article23354595/> ...

CTVCalgary

WHO creates independent panel to assess response to Ebola outbreak <http://bit.ly/1C1OvfA>

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- Media coverage regarding Bill C-51 continued to be extensive throughout the day today, while broadcast had lessened in comparison to yesterday. Of note:
 - An opinion piece in the New York Times written by legal scholars Craig Forcese and Kent Roach was highly critical of Bill C-51, stating that it takes a "breathtakingly broad view of national security" and among their criticisms state that Bill C-51 would empower courts to authorize CSIS conduct that violates "any other law, including that of any foreign state".
 - Numerous media outlets reported on a mail-out by Conservative MP Lawrence Toet highlighting Bill C-51. The mail-out received widespread criticism online and in media as it only contained two possible pre-determined answers: "I agree with my MP Lawrence Toet. We must take additional action to protect Canada from terrorism," or "I disagree. Terrorists are victims too."
- Overall, the tone of coverage was less balanced in comparison to yesterday, with some negative articles regarding Bill C-51 coming out later in the day.

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

General Coverage / couverture générale

- « Quand une loi permet à l'appareil de sécurité d'un État de faire certaines choses, il va le plus souvent se ranger du côté de l'application la plus extrême de cette loi » ~ Kumi Naidoo, directeur de Greenpeace International

Threat Disruption / perturbation des menaces

NIL

Security of Canada Information Sharing Act / loi sur la sécurité de l'échange de renseignements au Canada

NIL

Passenger Protect Program / programme de protection des passagers

NIL

Immigration Refugee Protection Act / loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés

NIL

Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

NIL

News Releases / Communiqués

NIL

Print Media / Médias imprimés

General Coverage / couverture générale

Tory ministers on defensive over criticism of terror bill

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney repeatedly invoked the Holocaust Tuesday as he sought to justify the Conservative government's tough new anti-terror provisions to curb radical speech. "***The Holocaust did not begin in the gas chamber; it began with words,***" said **Blaney** as he and Justice Minister Peter MacKay claimed new bans on the "promotion of terrorism" are necessary to protect Canadians from a "jihadist threat." **Blaney's** remarks came on the first day of hearings as a Commons committee began its detailed study of Bill C-51, the proposed Anti-Terrorism Act 2015. Several academic critics say the new ban on "promotion of terrorism" could chill legitimate dissent or speech, noting for example it could apply against an individual urging support for rebels fighting Russia's incursions in Crimea or eastern Ukraine. **Blaney** and MacKay scoffed at such notions and "so-called experts," insisting the "real" threat is from "radical jihadists" and is evolving fast. **Blaney** said "jihadist terrorists" have "declared war" on Canada "***simply because these terrorists hate our society and they hate our values.***" Toronto Star, A1

Blaney évoque l'Holocauste pour justifier le projet de loi C-51

L'opposition accuse le ministre fédéral de la Sécurité Publique, **Steven Blaney**, de « banaliser » l'holocauste en évoquant le génocide pour justifier certaines dispositions du controversé projet de loi antiterroriste. « ***L'Holocauste n'a pas commencé dans une chambre à gaz, mais avec des mots*** », a **déclaré le ministre Blaney**, devant le Comité permanent de la sécurité publique et nationale, qui a entamé hier l'étude du projet de loi C-51, qui prévoit notamment accorder plus de pouvoirs aux agents du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS). Le ministre faisait ainsi référence à une disposition visant à criminaliser la promotion du terrorisme et de permettre, par exemple, que du matériel en ligne soit retiré. Certains critiques estiment que cette mesure pourrait porter atteinte à la liberté d'expression. **La déclaration du ministre Blaney** suivait celle du ministre de la Justice, Peter MacKay, qui a expliqué au comité que la loi actuelle est insuffisante pour protéger le public de « l'effet corrosif du terrorisme et de la promotion ». QMI Agency (Le Journal de Montreal, 19)

Blaney utilise l'holocauste pour faire la promotion du projet de loi antiterroriste

Le ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique a invoqué l'holocauste pour justifier certains articles du projet de loi antiterroriste du gouvernement conservateur et il exhorte l'opposition à l'adopter par devoir moral. **« L'holocauste n'a pas commencé dans les chambres à gaz; ça a commencé par des mots », a lancé le ministre Steven Blaney** lors de son témoignage devant un comité parlementaire qui étudie C-51, mardi matin. Il tentait alors de justifier un article du projet de loi qui modifie le Code criminel pour ériger en infraction «le fait de sciemment préconiser ou fomenter la perpétration d'infractions de terrorisme en général» - en d'autres mots, la promotion du terrorisme. Presse Canadienne (L'Acadie Nouvelle, 18)

Ministers try to allay concerns regarding reach of terrorism bill

The federal government is trying to reshape the public perception of Bill C-51, five weeks after the anti-terrorism legislation was tabled and subjected to intense scrutiny and debate across the country. **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** and Justice Minister Peter MacKay appeared in front of a parliamentary committee on Tuesday in a bid to ease concerns over the reach of the bill. At the same time, they attacked critics as "so-called experts" who are raising needless fears about Canada's law-enforcement authorities. Their appearance was the first of nine meetings of the Public Safety Committee, which will hear from up to 48 other witnesses this month. Globe and Mail, A8

Terror bill worries are 'ridiculous': safety minister

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Government stands firm on security bill

The government stood firm on its contentious security legislation at a stormy parliamentary committee hearing Tuesday, refusing to consider changes to Bill C-51 that opposition MPs say would help prevent state security agencies from violating civil liberties. **"Protecting security while maintaining liberty are at the heart of our Conservative government's approach to national security," Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** said as the first of 50 experts and other witnesses expected to testify on the proposed bill this month before the Commons' public safety and national security committee. **"It is the jihadi terrorists who endanger our security and would take away our freedoms."** Flanked by Justice Minister Peter MacKay, **Blaney** and other Conservative committee MPs used much of the hearing to promote the bill's proposal to allow 17 departments to more freely share information about Canadians and others who undermine "the sovereignty, security or territorial integrity of Canada or the lives of the people of Canada." Postmedia News (Windsor Star, C6)

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Anti-terrorism bill concerns 'ridiculous'

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney is trying to assure Canadians an anti-terrorism proposal won't run roughshod over civil liberties. In his testimony Tuesday at committee hearings examining the federal legislation, **Blaney** dismissed concerns the new provisions would allow the Canadian Security Intelligence Service to squelch or infiltrate environmental protests that fall outside the letter of the law. The planned measures are needed to protect the public from extremists who hate Canadian values, **Blaney** said during a meeting of the House of Commons public safety committee. The international jihadi movement has "declared war on Canada" and other countries around the world, **Blaney** told MPs Tuesday, as they began hearing testimony on the federal legislation. The committee plans to hear from more than 50 witnesses during the next few weeks. Canadian Press (The Record, A2)

Quote kicks up controversy

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney's office denies he cited a verse from the Qur'an as an example of hate speech that "goes against Canadian values." **Blaney's office** says the minister's remarks about killing infidels originated from the terrorist group ISIS, not the Muslim holy book. The minister appeared before a Commons committee to defend Bill C-51, his government's new anti-terrorism legislation. It would allow authorities to remove online terrorist propaganda and charge the publishers. "If we click on the Internet, and a site is hosted in Canada, and promotes jihadism and says: '*Kill all the infidels wherever they are around the world, I believe it goes against Canadian values,*'" said **Blaney**. The quote appears to paraphrase chapter 9, verse 5 of the Qur'an, which reads in part: "Kill the polytheists (idolaters, pagans) wherever you find them." Many Muslim scholars say the verse refers only to self defence. In an e-mail to QMI Agency, a spokesman for **Blaney** said the minister was in fact quoting ISIS spokesman Abu Muhammad al-Adnani, who urged followers to kill westerners. QMI Agency (Winnipeg Sun, 11)

C-51 inquiète le directeur de Greenpeace

Le directeur de Greenpeace International, Kumi Naidoo, estime que le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51 donnera trop de pouvoirs aux agences de sécurité et aura pour effet d'intimider la société civile. Le militant originaire de l'Afrique du Sud a profité de son passage au Canada pour offrir son point de vue dans ce débat, le jour où des ministres du gouvernement Harper ont défendu leur initiative devant un comité parlementaire. Le **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, a balayé du revers de la main l'affirmation selon laquelle les pouvoirs accrus accordés au Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) pourraient leur permettre de perturber des manifestations pacifiques. «C'est ridicule», a-t-il affirmé sans ambages, soulignant à titre d'exemple que le SCRS ne se soucierait pas d'une manifestation qui serait jugée illégale dans les rues de Montréal parce que les organisateurs n'auraient pas obtenu un permis au préalable. Mais lors d'un entretien téléphonique avec La Presse, le directeur de Greenpeace International s'est dit sérieusement préoccupé par les impacts que pourraient avoir les changements proposés par Ottawa dans la foulée de l'attaque du parlement, en octobre dernier. La Presse, A10

Projet de loi antiterroriste - Les conservateurs se portent à la défense de la désobéissance civile...

Les environnementalistes, les autochtones et les autres militants de tout acabit, même ceux versant dans la désobéissance civile soft, ne doivent pas craindre le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51. C'est le plaidoyer que les ministres conservateurs sont venus livrer en comité parlementaire mardi. Ils ont donné leur parole que la loi ne sera pas utilisée par les espions canadiens pour déranger les activités citoyennes, même celles illégales. "*Cet article [de C-51] doit être lu de manière étroite de façon à exclure les formes de manifestation légitimes qui ne sont pas contraires au Code criminel. En d'autres mots, ne pas*

avoir un permis municipal pour une manifestation ne serait pas couvert par ce projet de loi", a déclaré le **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**. Sa comparution marquait le début des audiences sur le projet de loi. Le Devoir, A3

Jovialisme sécuritaire

A en croire le **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, et son collègue de la Justice, Peter MacKay, le projet de loi antiterroriste, C-51, serait un modèle parfait d'équilibre entre la protection des Canadiens contre la menace terroriste et la protection de leurs droits et libertés. Qu'importe ce qu'en disent les partis d'opposition et les " soi-disant experts ", les pouvoirs accrus accordés à la GRC et au Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) seront adéquatement surveillés, ont martelé les deux hommes, qui comparaissaient mardi devant le Comité parlementaire de la sécurité publique et nationale. Ils en veulent pour preuve qu'avant de contrecarrer une menace, comme le prévoit C-51, les espions canadiens devront obtenir l'approbation d'un juge pour avoir recours à une méthode illégale ou contraire à la Charte des droits et libertés. Et il y aura toujours le Comité de surveillance des activités de renseignement de sécurité (CSARS) qui pourra, après le fait, examiner la conduite du SCRS. Le Devoir, A3

Threat Disruption / perturbation des menaces

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Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

NIL

Online Media / Médias en ligne

General Coverage / couverture générale

Canada's Antiterror Gamble

An opinion piece states, "The Canadian Parliament is debating the country's most significant national security reform in over a decade. The proposed act, known as Bill C-51, would supplement antiterror laws enacted following 9/11. Responding to United Nations Security Council resolutions calling for the criminalization of terrorism, that legislation — passed without partisan rancor — modified Canada's criminal code, creating a host of new terror offenses. In contrast, Bill C-51, proposed in January by the Conservative government of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, is a highly politicized response in a parliamentary election year to the October terrorist attacks in Ottawa. With Conservatives controlling the

House of Commons, it is widely expected to pass before Parliament breaks in June... Bill C-51 would authorize the C.S.I.S. to "take measures, within or outside Canada, to reduce" national security threats. The government argues that this would enable a range of valuable actions, like allowing C.S.I.S. agents to speak with parents of potential terrorists. But the real endgame could be much more concerning. If the bill is passed, the C.S.I.S. could have the capacity to do things like block the return of Canadians fighting abroad; remove Web postings it found threatening; drain bank accounts; engage in disinformation campaigns; or bypass traditional police channels in order to detain suspects. The only limits explicitly spelled out in Bill C-51 are acts that would cause "death or bodily harm," willfully obstruct justice or violate sexual integrity.... Bill C-51 could see Canadian Federal Court judges asked to authorize lawbreaking or unconstitutional behavior by a covert agency whose mandate would extend beyond spying. If foreign governments have thus far eschewed commenting publicly on the proposed legislation, two features should stand out for the international community. Bill C-51 would permit C.S.I.S. interventions beyond Canada's borders. And it would even empower Canadian courts to authorize C.S.I.S. conduct that violates "any other law, including that of any foreign state." [NY Times](#)

Canada's anti-terror fight could be hit by lack of finances

A lack of resources could threaten Canada's efforts to combat terror attacks at a time when the government is talking up the threat of jihadist violence, say top current and former security officials. The right-leaning Conservative government wants legislators to pass a bill that would for the first time allow the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) spy agency to interrupt suspects' travel plans and communications. Yet Ottawa has given little sign it will boost the agency's budget at a time when the anti-terror fight is under strain. Canadian police on Wednesday said a man on a watch list of people suspected of wanting to fight for militant groups abroad had left the country illegally. Royal Canadian Mounted Police Commissioner Bob Paulson told legislators last week he had transferred 600 officers from organized crime, drug and financial integrity files to the counter-terrorism beat.

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Security bill's power to break foreign laws gains international attention

The government's maligned security legislation is gaining international scrutiny, in part for sanctioning Canadian spies to undertake offensive actions in other countries and for empowering Canadian judges to authorize those agents to break the laws of foreign nations. The explicit direction to ignore the statutes of sovereign states was highlighted in an online New York Times op-ed article Wednesday by Canadian legal scholars Craig Forcese and Kent Roach, whom the newspaper invited to write. They are to testify Thursday before a Commons committee studying the proposed Bill C-51. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

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Six Things Protesters Need to Know about Bill C-51

At over 60 pages, Bill C-51 -- the Anti-Terrorism Act -- is a heavy read. The Anti-Terrorism Act proposes a myriad of radical changes to Canadian law and to Canada's national security apparatus, many of which seriously jeopardize the rights and freedoms of Canadians while promising little improvement to public safety. Canada's privacy commissioner, ex-CSIS officials, former prime ministers and international whistleblower Edward Snowden have all raised alarm about the bill's impacts on Canadians' freedom and privacy. Lawyers at the B.C. Civil Liberties Association have gone over the bill paragraph by paragraph, and we've outlined the parts of this document that concern us most. [The Tyee](#)

NDP MP concerned Bill C-51 will see pipeline protests labelled as national security threat

B.C. could become a flashpoint if the antiterror bill C-51 passes, according to an MP who has served as legal counsel for the independent body that reviews the operations of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. "Given that there are pipeline issues that seem to be pronounced in British Columbia more so than perhaps other parts of the country, then it is possible that we will be seeing this bill applied to people who are fighting pipelines, no question," Murray Rankin told the Straight by phone Tuesday (March 10). "It's a scenario we need to be concerned with," added Rankin, former legal counsel with the Security Intelligence Review Committee and now the NDP MP for Victoria. Rankin was interviewed on the same day that the public safety committee of the House of Commons began hearing testimony on the proposed legislation. [Georgia Straight](#)

'Loaded' terrorism mailout from Conservative MP raises eyebrows

A mailout with a "loaded" question on terrorism from Conservative MP Lawrence Toet is getting a lot of attention on social media. Toet, who represents the Elmwood-Transcona riding in Winnipeg, sent the mailer this week about Bill C-51, or the anti-terrorist act being proposed by his party. After pitching the Conservative argument for the bill, Toet's mailout asks "What do you think?" and requests people check off one of the following options: I agree with my MP Lawrence Toet. We must take additional action to protect Canada from terrorism; I disagree. Terrorists are victims too. "It's a loaded question," said Curtis Brown, one of those who received the mailout on Monday. "What it's really about is identifying potential supporters and also people who are hostile towards you." Brown, who happens to be the vice president of Probe Research, a public opinion research firm, posted a photo of the question on Twitter, where it quickly spread and jumped to social networking and news website Reddit. Many people have expressed outrage at the "you're for us or you're against us" nature of the question and the money spent to send it out. [CBC News](#)

Conservative mail-out question on terrorism called 'ridiculous' by pollster

A survey question in a mail-out sent to voters in Winnipeg's Elmwood-Transcona riding by Conservative MP Lawrence Toet has been called "ridiculous" by a local pollster. Curtis Brown of Probe Research received the mail-out at his Winnipeg home Monday night. The kind of mail-out he said politicians are allowed to send to 10 per cent of people in their riding as part of their parliamentary privileges. The letter sent to people focused on the Conservative government's proposed anti-terrorism law, bill C-51. [CTV News](#)

Toet's terrorism mailout 'a joke'

A local researcher denounced a mailed-out survey by Conservative MP Lawrence Toet as “a joke.” Toet, who represents Elmwood-Transcona, tried to drum up support for the Conservatives' proposed anti-terrorism legislation C-51 and asked his constituents to check off one of the following two responses: “I agree with my MP Lawrence Toet. We must take additional action to protect Canada from terrorism,” or “I disagree. Terrorists are victims too.” “I got one the other night,” Probe Research vice-president Curtis Brown said Wednesday. “My wife and I had a chuckle about it ... 'Terrorists are victims, too' — that's what made me laugh. “I took a picture of it and posted it on Twitter and now, everyone's outraged by this.” Brown said his company would never have worded such a survey that way. [Winnipeg Sun](#)

Bill C-51 Mailout From Tory MP Features Loaded Question, Attracts Scorn

Canadians either support the government's new anti-terror legislation, or see terrorists as victims. That's the message a Conservative backbencher delivered to his constituents in a mailout that is now attracting a lot of attention — and scorn — online. Manitoba MP Lawrence Toet, who represents the Winnipeg riding of Elmwood-Transcona, sent the mailer this week expressing his support for Bill C-51. Constituents were invited to take a survey and mail the results back to Toet. However, the options left little by way of a middle ground. Recipients could either check a box saying they agreed with Toet that “additional action” is needed to combat terrorism, or one saying they disagree, as “terrorists are victims too.” Photos of the survey were posted to Twitter Tuesday, with many complaining about the loaded question, and the fact that taxpayers cover the cost of such mailers. By Wednesday morning, an image of the survey was a top post on social media site Reddit, with many commenters suggesting ideas for future polls. “Do you believe the Keystone pipeline is in Canada's best interests?” wrote one commenter. “Yes! It will create thousands of jobs. No! I am an environmental terrorist and should be put in prison.” “Will you be voting for Stephen Harper next election?” wrote another. “Yes, I want Canadians to be safe. No, I like ISIS.” [Huffington Post](#)

Conservative mailer's terrorism comments called 'preposterous,' mocked online

A Conservative Member of Parliament is being mocked online over questions about terrorism contained in a mailout to his constituents. The flyer from Lawrence Toet asks people in his Winnipeg riding to choose between two statements — either they agree with him that Canada needs more protection from terrorism, or they disagree and feel “terrorists are victims too.” The question prompted some acerbic parody on the social media site Reddit. [iPolitics](#)

Winnipeg Conservative MP's flyer being ridiculed for 'preposterous' survey

A constituency flyer sent by Conservative MP Lawrence Toet was singled out for ridicule Wednesday over a survey question a local market researcher says is simply preposterous. Curtis Brown, vice-president of Probe Research in Winnipeg, received one of the flyers at his home in Toet's Elmwood-Transcona riding this week. It prompted him to take a photo and tweet it with the message “Someone in @lawrencetoetMP's office needs to go to survey-question writing school.” At first it appeared similar to other mailings he receives from Toet, this time promoting the government's anti-terrorism bill. “Our Government has never hesitated to call jihadi terrorism what it is,” the flyer claims. “We understand that extreme jihadists have declared war on us, on all free people, and on Canada specifically.” [Winnipeg Free Press](#)

Winnipeg MP's terrorism 'survey' draws online scorn

A Conservative MP is being ridiculed for a pamphlet that suggests anyone who doesn't agree with the Harper government's proposed anti-terrorist legislation must sympathize with terrorists. Lawrence Toet, the Conservative MP for the Winnipeg riding of Elmwood-Transcona, sent the mailer to constituents to promote Bill C-51. It asks what readers think about the bill, with only two possible answers: “I agree with my MP Lawrence Toet! We must take additional action to protect Canada from terrorism. “I disagree! Terrorists are victims too.” The loaded question was called out by pollster Curtis Brown of Winnipeg's Probe Research, who posted it on Twitter... [Global News](#)

Justin Trudeau and a Liberal take on liberty - Paul Wells on Trudeau's speech, Bill C-51 and a nation's capital, gripped with fear

An opinion piece states “Here in the nation's capital, the Rideau Canal has finally thawed and everybody's odious. “*Where is the fear?*” Steven Blaney, the generally amiable minister of public

safety, said to a committee studying the government's proposed anti-terrorism law, **Bill C-51**. *"The fear is on the side of those who are attacking this bill."* And then he said that C-51 seeks to criminalize pro-terrorist speech because "the Holocaust did not begin in the gas chambers, it began with words." So. The government's opponents are fear-mongering, to hear the minister tell it, and they're also increasing the likelihood of some new Holocaust. As long as you don't see any connection between the Holocaust and fear, the minister was being perfectly consistent. **Blaney** spoke a day after Justin Trudeau delivered a humdinger of a speech in Toronto. It was certainly Trudeau's most important speech since he became Liberal leader, and probably the first time he has substantially helped his cause since last summer. Not that his arguments will be universally popular. Certainly, members of the Harper government didn't like what he said one bit." [Maclean's](#)

Blaney makes Holocaust comparison in C-51 hearing

Critics got a lot more than answers on the government's controversial anti-terrorism legislation at committee this morning when **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** drew a link between jihadi propaganda and the Holocaust - a reference he repeated when asked to retract it. Blaney was asked about propaganda and violent images online, but the response was what the opposition called "some of his extreme rhetoric". *"The Holocaust did not begin in the gas chambers, it began with words,"* said **Blaney**. [iPolitics](#)

Mulcair slams Blaney, Trudeau for Holocaust references

The Conservative government and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau were completely out of line in citing the Holocaust in recent statements about terrorism, Islam and C-51, said Opposition Leader Tom Mulcair. Speaking to reporters after the NDP's weekly caucus meeting today, Mulcair criticized **Minister of Public Safety Steven Blaney** for comments he made Tuesday, and Trudeau for a speech he delivered earlier this week. "Using any reference to the Holocaust in relation to the situation in Canada is singularly inappropriate," said Mulcair. In a Tuesday appearance before a Commons committee looking at the government's controversial new anti-terrorism bill, C-51, **Blaney** compared jihadi propaganda to factors leading to the Holocaust. *"The Holocaust did not begin in the gas chambers. It began with words,"* said **Blaney**. Mulcair pointed out that **Blaney** was given a chance to drop the Holocaust comparison. "When he was called to task by one of our MPs and given an opportunity to explain himself and back away from that statement, he doubled down," said Mulcair. "So what you're seeing there is the reflection of Stephen Harper's firm determination to use that type of inflated language to defy people." [iPolitics](#)

Bill C-51 protest in Lindsay takes place Saturday

Area residents have joined a national movement opposing the creation of Canada's Anti-Terrorism Act, Bill C-51. A rally is planned for Saturday, March 14 in front of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin's constituency office on McLaughlin Road in Lindsay. Mike Perry, local federal NDP candidate, will speak at the roughly hour long event that begins at 9:30 a.m. and coincides with National Day of Action to Stop #C51 rallies organized through Lead Now... [Kawartha Lakes This Week](#)

In Election Year, Bill C-51 Is Best Opposed by Supreme Court

An opinion piece states, "Unless you've been under a rock as of late, you've likely heard about the Conservative-proposed Bill C-51. The one that aims to transform our secret service, CSIS, into a de-facto policing entity. If you have, you've either expected your opposition leaders to fiercely oppose it, or you've been enthused, if slightly concerned, by the drastic powers given to the intelligence agencies under proposed legislation. One thing should be clear, in an election year rife with the pervasive, if elusive, threat of another ISIS-orchestrated attack like the Ottawa shootings, you should expect the supreme court to be the only effective opposition to the proposed changes to CSIS, the criminal code, and CSEC, in a majority Harper government. That is a good thing." [Huffington Post](#)

Bill C-51 wants you to stop protesting in support of Palestinians

A blog post sates, "One of the less discussed questions of the Harper government's anti-terror bill, Bill C-51, is whether Palestinian rights advocates and advocates of boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) will be targeted by CSIS agents armed with new powers to target and disrupt, courtesy of a judicial warrant. Admittedly, the legislation and its intended objects are vague, except that what constitutes "terrorism," seems to be broadening beyond wanton acts of violence. So, we need to be on guard when

Public Safety minister Steven Blaney, the author of Bill-C-51, also talks about "zero tolerance" for promoters of the international BDS campaign against Israel. What does that exactly mean? We know that Harper and his Conservatives have cozied up so close to Israeli government and policy that there appears to be little daylight between them at the moment." Rabble.ca

Threat Disruption / perturbation des menaces

Government's anti-Muslim rhetoric could harm intelligence gathering: Ex-CSIS operative

The ex-CSIS operative who infiltrated the Toronto 18 terror plot says the Harper government's anti-Muslim rhetoric risks sabotaging Canada's intelligence gathering efforts in the war against terrorism. Mubin Shaikh told iPolitics that Muslim communities across the country are frustrated with rhetoric that brands ISIS-inspired violence as Islamic and that their efforts to quell radicalization get little to no recognition from the government. Unless that rhetoric changes, he says, intelligence agencies could soon have a harder time finding members of those communities to work with them. "If you're trying to encourage the community to come forward, to be cooperative, then it doesn't make sense that we engage in these narratives that alienate and isolate the Muslim community further," Shaikh said. "If the community begins to feel that, why would they come forward? ... It's just very frustrating that the Muslim community is doing all this work and yet we get no credit for it." iPolitics

Security of Canada Information Sharing Act / loi sur la sécurité de l'échange de renseignements au Canada

NIL

Passenger Protect Program / programme de protection des passagers

NIL

Immigration Refugee Protection Act / loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés

NIL

Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

NIL

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Overall, broadcast media coverage regarding Bill C-51 was minimal in comparison to yesterday.

Of note:

CBC News provides live coverage of **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** speaking to reporters on the case of Jhanzab Malik who was planning a bomb attack on the U.S. consulate in Toronto. He was arrested by CBSA. Minister Blaney thanks CBSA, the RCMP and CSIS for their continued dedication towards the security of Canadians. He states bill C-51 will help these agencies by giving them the tools they need to destroy and degrade ISIL here and abroad. Rough Transcript

CTV News reports on the arrest by CBSA of Jhanzab Malik. It is alleged he was planning to attack several targets in Toronto, including the U.S. Consulate. *CTV News* gives details on Malik's background.

CTV News states the **Public Safety Minister** would not point to anything that was involved in this case that might be assisted by bill C-51. Rough Transcript

RDI rapporte des détails sur la vie de Jhazab Malik, cet homme arrêté lundi à Toronto. Il projetait faire exploser le consulat américain. Les autorités ont entrepris un avis d'expulsion. Le ministre Blaney mentionne le projet de loi C-51. Transcription ébauche

General Coverage / couverture générale

NIL

Threat Disruption / perturbation des menaces

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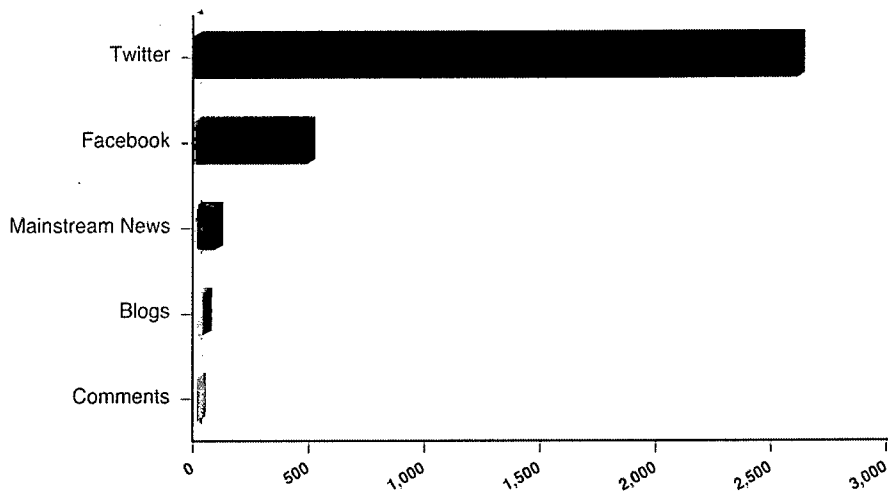
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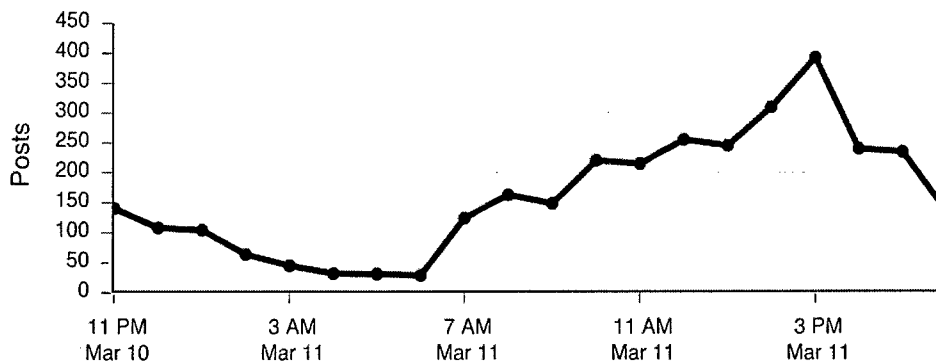
Social Media / Médias sociaux

Overall, there were approximately 3,232 social media posts today regarding Bill C-51. The following graph displays the breakdown of social media posts by type:



In total, there were approximately 2,608 tweets, 488 Facebook posts, 91 news site posts, 42 blog posts, and 15 comment posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout the day:



Coverage peaked from 15:00 – 16:00 ET with approximately 392 social media posts, the majority of which critical of Bill C-51. Of note, the following tweet from Canadian author Margaret Atwood was re-tweeted 130 times today:

MargaretAtwood

Bill C-51 will create "secret police" force in Canada. We must stop this. <http://fb.me/3iLMFfyJK>

Stakeholders

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RT @sniderm: First folio as editor - Bill C51 explainer from @danlebla and @channay. <http://Tgam.ca/billc51>

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Canada's Antiterror Gamble: important New York Times op-ed from @cforcese & Roach <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/12/opinion/canadas-antiterror-gamble.html> ... #BillC51

OpenMedia_ca

Canada's Privacy Commissioner has grave concerns about secret police #BillC51 <http://ow.ly/Kb01o>

OpenMedia.ca

The gov't is trying to ram through reckless secret police [#BillC51](#) - learn more: <http://ow.ly/Kd52l> [#StopC51](#)
[#rejectfear](#) [#cdnpoli](#)

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Shimon Fogel of Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, asked about Blaney's Holocaust C-51 comments, says they are not out of place [#cdnpoli](#)

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Fogel: Blaney spoke to "element of the legislation that focuses on the power of words & referenced Rwanda & the Holocaust in that context."

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Fogel: "Considering the genocidal statements issued by the Ayatollah calling quite literally for a new Holocaust targeting the Jews" (more)

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Fogel: "and the actions of ISIL along with their pronouncements, any discussion about the rationale for legislation that would address" (m)

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Fogel: "such language and its potential toxic influence is not at all out of place"

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Six Things Protesters Need to Know about Bill C-51 http://thetyee.ca/Opinion/2015/03/11/C-51-Six-Things-To-Know/?utm_source=editor-tweet&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=110315... [#cdnpoli](#)

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Tory MP's mailout says those against Bill C-51 see terrorists as victims <http://huff.to/1GrWRfQ> via [@HuffPostCanada](#)

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Today's News / Actualités
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Reports link Islamic state recruiter to Canadian Embassy in Jordan

Canada's embassy in Jordan, which is run by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's handpicked ambassador and former top bodyguard, is being linked in news reports to an unfolding international terrorism and spy scandal. The federal government refused to comment Friday on multiple Turkish media reports that a foreign spy allegedly working for Canadian intelligence - and who was arrested in Turkey for helping three young British girls travel to Syria to join Islamic State militants - was working for the Canadian Embassy in Amman, Jordan. Reports also say the suspect has confessed to working for Canadian intelligence and was doing so in order to obtain Canadian citizenship. He also previously travelled to Canada with the embassy's approval, said one report... **In Ottawa, Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney has refused to comment on the reports, citing operational security. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service, RCMP and Prime Minister's Office have also refused comment.** [Ottawa Citizen](#); [CBC News](#); [Toronto Star](#); [Canadian Press](#) (iPolitics)

Tories unrepentant for 'McCarthyesque' attacks on security-bill critics

Conservative MPs ignored opposition demands Friday to apologize to some of Canada's leading environmentalists, civil liberty advocates and Muslims for remarks that appeared to insinuate these people were national security threats because they spoke out against the government's security

legislation. Tory members on the Commons public safety committee launched strident questioning of three groups testifying this week against Bill C-51, which would radically change Canada's national security laws to combat terrorism and other security threats. The harsh remarks led the head of a group representing some of Canada's Muslims to accuse veteran Conservative MP Diane Ablonczy of engaging in "McCarthyesque" tactics, a reference to U.S. Republican Sen. Joseph McCarthy's practice in the 1950s of tarring political opponents with unfair and unfounded accusations of communist links. On Friday, NDP MP Megan Leslie rose in the House and called on Ablonczy – without success – to apologize for her "disgraceful behaviour." The us-versus-them tone of this week's confrontations also evoked a 2012 statement by then-Public Safety minister Vic Toews, who stood in the House and challenged critics of the government's proposed Internet snooping legislation with this line: "You can stand with us, or with the child pornographers." **A hint of how the government might handle some of its Bill C-51 critics at committee first came from Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney Tuesday. Leading testimony before the committee, he spoke out against members of the opposition and "so-called experts" who oppose the bill.** [Ottawa Citizen](#)

NP Explainer - What is Bill C-51, the government's proposed Anti-terrorism Act, and why is it so controversial?

Prime Minister Stephen Harper unveiled his government's new anti-terrorism bill, known by its parliamentary number as C-51, in late January from Richmond Hill. Adrian Wyld/ Canadian Press Justice Minister Peter MacKay (left), Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney, CSIS director Michel Coulombe and RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson arrive at the House of Commons public safety committee hearing witnesses on Bill C-51, Anti-terrorism Act on Tuesday March 10, 2015. Taking that show on the road from Parliament Hill to the Greater Toronto Area was the first in many controversies that have since emerged in legislation aimed at making Canadians safer but which critics warn could endanger their civil liberties. Justice Minister Peter MacKay and **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney** formally introduced the bill Jan. 30, and that's when it became C-51. The sweeping bill tackles everything from police powers to "terrorist propaganda" online. It's already been pushed through second reading and into committee, and could well become law before the house wraps its spring sitting and heads towards a fall election. [National Post](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

On eve of Bill C-51 protests, B.C. premier sounds note of caution over lost freedoms

B.C. Premier Christy Clark has entered the debate over the federal anti-terrorism bill, calling attention to the potential dangers of government overreach but stopping short of criticizing the legislation directly. Asked about Bill C-51 this week, the Premier said there is a need to balance the protection of personal freedoms with matters of national security. "I think it is really important that all Canadians recognize that both of those aspects of the debate are properly recognized," Ms. Clark said in Victoria. "I know that when personal individual freedoms are taken away by government, it's really hard to get them back. And we are so lucky to live in a free and democratic society, so I hope the parliamentarians in this debate can find some balance." The Premier said she could not provide in-depth comment on the bill, details of which she has learned through the media, and that her remarks were not meant as opposition. [Globe and Mail](#)

Spy nation: Six reasons you need to worry about C-51

At over 60 pages, Bill C-51 - the Anti-Terrorism Act - is a heavy read. The bill proposes a myriad of radical changes to Canadian law and to Canada's national security apparatus, many of which seriously jeopardize the rights and freedoms of Canadians while promising little improvement to public safety. Canada's privacy commissioner, ex-CSIS officials, former prime ministers and international whistleblower Edward Snowden have all raised alarm about the bill's impacts on Canadians' freedom and privacy.

Lawyers at the B.C. Civil Liberties Association have gone over the bill paragraph by paragraph, and we've outlined the parts of this document that concern us most. [iPolitics](#)

Q and A - Greenpeace executive director Kumi Naidoo highly critical of Canadian policy

Kumi Naidoo, the executive director of Greenpeace and veteran of the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa, was in British Columbia this week to attend a First Nations ceremony commemorating Greenpeace's 1971 voyage to stop a U.S. nuclear test. In an interview with the Montreal Gazette, he shared his thoughts on Canada's environmental record, federal anti-terrorism legislation Bill C-51, university fossil fuel divestment and more... What's your take on Bill C-51? It worries me in the sense that it could have a chilling effect on young people, in particular, who are wanting to get involved. Government is telling them don't participate in peaceful protest. Young people everywhere - I think Canada is no different - are worried about the future and they feel that adult leadership is selling their future down the drain by not acting on climate. I think it (Bill C-51) is tough on terrorism but hard on democracy. [Montreal Gazette](#)

SFU Prof. Tim Takaro called by RCMP after taking photos near Kinder Morgan site

A B.C. climate change scientist says he got an "intimidating" call from RCMP because he had taken pictures on Burnaby Mountain near the site of a proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline. Tim Takaro, a health sciences professor at SFU, says he was having lunch in Tofino with his family on Wednesday when his daughter's cellphone rang. When she answered it, she was told it was the Burnaby RCMP calling and they were looking for her father. "I was very upset that he had called my daughter and that he was basically threatening, intimidating on the phone," says Takaro. He says the officer asked him if he had recently had been taking photos near a Trans Mountain pipeline work site on Burnaby Mountain. They also told him they knew he had been to protest rallies that had taken place there a few months earlier. A few days before, Takaro says he had been taking photographs along the Burnaby Mountain conservation trails when a guard at the nearby work site approached him and told him he couldn't take any photos. Takaro says the phone call was "nerve-wracking," especially in light of the Conservative government's push to pass Bill C-51, the Anti-Terrorism Act. The bill mentions "activity that undermines the security of Canada," which includes "the economic or financial stability of Canada." [CBC News](#)

Tories let niqabs sidetrack them in terror debate

The Conservatives are hoping to win over voters with their tough talk on terror. But did Prime Minister Stephen Harper lose his way in a side skirmish over niqabs? "I think they've lost the plot, which was about fighting terror somewhere else and now they're in a discussion about dress code," said Bruce Anderson, chairman of Abacus Data. Terror, religion, culture and dress codes got meshed together in the debates this week on Parliament Hill. [Toronto Star](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés:

CBC News' Power and Politics featured an interview with security experts Wesley Wark and Ray Boisvert on Canadian connection to the man accused of helping three British girls join ISIS and Bill C-51. [Rough Transcript](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Temporary foreign workers pin hopes on April 1 reprieve

Stephan Belitsky is like thousands of temporary foreign workers in Alberta: his life is in limbo and all he can do is wait. His work permit will expire April 1, which is when a deadline kicks in for those workers who have been in Canada for more than four years. They either need to be on the path to becoming permanent residents, or they have to leave the country. [CBC News](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

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LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

RCMP officer says Halifax chemicals investigation began after wife came forward

The investigation of a Halifax man accused of possessing dangerous chemicals and threatening police began when his wife told the RCMP she felt her family's safety was at risk because of the materials he was storing, a Mountie testified Friday. RCMP Sgt. Lisa Stuart told the bail hearing for Christopher Phillips that his wife came to police on Jan. 19 and told them her husband's mental health was deteriorating and he was behaving strangely. Gosia Phillips told investigators her husband had osmium tetroxide in eight vials and possibly possessed uranium and she was fearful the chemicals posed a threat to her children's safety, Stuart testified. [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News)

Suspect arrested after two attacks on women near cemetery

Mounties have arrested a suspect following a pair of disturbing attacks on women near the same Vancouver Island cemetery. The first victim, a 21-year-old woman, was assaulted by a stranger while walking on a trail through Hatley Memorial Gardens in Colwood shortly before midnight Thursday. The man tried to speak with her, and when she ignored him he grabbed a suitcase she was carrying and punched her in the face. "The victim was not physically injured and did not require medical attention," Const. Alex Berube said in a release. Just 12 hours later, while Mounties were investigating that attack, another woman was assaulted in the same area by a man with a similar description. [CTV News](#)

OPP union leaders stole and laundered funds, RCMP allege

The RCMP is investigating allegations of fraud, breach of trust and money laundering by three senior managers of the Ontario Provincial Police union, search warrant documents show. The information comes from an affidavit used by the RCMP to obtain search warrants and has not been proven in court. None of the managers named in the court documents has been charged with a criminal offence. But the RCMP believe senior managers at the Ontario Provincial Police Association were involved in: - The unusual investment of union money in condos in the Bahamas. - The formation of a company to provide exclusive travel services for both union business and personal travel by members - The formation of a consulting company to advise the union about investments, including a three-year deal that would bill the union \$5,000 a month. - Questionable vacation and travel expenses billed to the union, in some cases totalling more than \$100,000 a year. The affidavit focuses on the dealings of three senior managers of the union, which represents more than 6,200 uniformed and 3,600 civilian members of the OPP. The RCMP probe began last October following complaints by union staff alleging fraud. [CBC News](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

B.C. man who assaulted mom with toddler present declared dangerous offender

A Penticton, B.C., man has been declared a dangerous offender after a brutal sexual assault on a 22-year-old woman whose toddler was nearby. B.C. Supreme Court Judge Peter Rogers says he found David Bobbitt to be the very definition of a psychopath. Thirty-nine-year-old Bobbitt pleaded guilty to seven charges stemming from the 15-hour attack in his second-hand store in July 2011. [Canadian Press](#) (Soo Today)

Calgary gang assassin Nathan Zuccherato gets life in prison

Being a major player in a "reign of terror" on Calgary citizens will mean a minimum 25 years behind bars for gangster Nathan Zuccherato, a judge ruled Friday. Justice David Gates agreed with submissions by Crown and defence lawyers that despite committing multiple murders, Zuccherato's parole ineligibility could not exceed 25 years. Gates sentenced Zuccherato, 28, to three concurrent life sentences and said he could apply for release to the Parole Board of Canada in a quarter century from his arrest. Since the Calgary man has been in custody since 2009, he can seek full parole beginning in June, 2034, when he'll be 48. [Calgary Sun](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Living in fear of being written off as another 'high-risk' aboriginal woman - Fort McMurray's Melissa Herman lives in a state of perpetual fear due to the RCMP's inaction on cases of murdered or missing indigenous women – a mindset she is passing down to her 10-year-old daughter

Melissa Herman takes the usual precautions when she goes for an early-morning run along the Snye River. She wears a bright yellow shell and brings along her bounding dog, a high-energy mashup of husky and chocolate lab named Charlie. But then she takes a further step, calling her brother and telling him when she's running and the route she'll take, so that someone knows where she is. It's not because Fort Mac is particularly unsafe, even in Ms. Herman's downtown neighbourhood next to the infamous Syncrude Towers. Running through Snye Park is no more dangerous than going for a jog through one of Toronto's leafy ravines. What troubles Ms. Herman, 28, is that, if she were actually to go missing or be murdered, she would be written off by the RCMP and by society as just another "high-risk" aboriginal woman. "I'm scared that if something happens to me, they're going to be, 'Oh, why was she jogging on that trail at 6 o'clock in the morning? High-risk behaviour!' It's so real," she says. "I think that's why I try to present myself the way that I do, because if I do [go missing] I don't want to be the 'high risk.' I don't want that in my profile at all. The possibility of going missing or being found dead is an ugly fact of life for aboriginal women. It happens at an alarming rate – an RCMP report in 2014 said that 1,017 aboriginal women were murdered and 164 went missing between 1980 and 2012. Aboriginal groups, including the Native Women's Association of Canada, and several provinces have been calling on the federal government to launch a national inquiry. Earlier this month, the United Nations' Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women added its voice to that chorus. The Conservative government has refused. [Globe and Mail](#)

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NDP MP Martin asks Conflict of Interest Commissioner to investigate former minister Toews

NDP MP Pat Martin has asked the federal conflict of interest commissioner to investigate a payment the common-law spouse of former Public Safety Minister Vic Toews received from a First Nation band in Manitoba on whose behalf Mr. Toews lobbied in the development of a horse-racing venture in the province. Mr. Toews' spouse, Stacey Meek, confirmed to Postmedia this week she received a payment of "less than \$50,000" from a lawyer handling financial transactions for the Peguis First Nation, on behalf of which Mr. Toews lobbied the Manitoba government after he left the federal Cabinet and resigned as an MP in July, 2013. But Ms. Meek denied that she had received \$966,500 from the Peguis band as claimed in a ledger presented as evidence the lawyer, Jeffrey Rath, presented to the First Nation to show how he had disbursed millions of dollars from the band's trust account. [Hill Times](#)

INTERNATIONAL

Boko Haram-ISIS alliance makes both groups more sustainable, experts say

The Islamic State's decision to accept Boko Haram's pledge of allegiance will make both groups more sustainable over the coming years, say terrorism experts. Dozens of groups have pledged allegiance to ISIS, or the Islamic State, over the past year but few have been officially welcomed into the fold of the terrorist army in the same way as Boko Haram. While many create trouble for the local governments and populations where they operate, few control much physical territory and are therefore of little long-term strategic benefit to a group like ISIS - which has gained legitimacy by securing swaths of land. [iPolitics](#)

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Hazmat incident in downtown Vancouver closes Burrard Street <http://ow.ly/Kja35>

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UPDATE: 6 people treated for nausea after 'suspicious' envelope found in Vancouver building <http://ow.ly/Kj9GQ>

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

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Spy accused of helping teens join ISIS claims he worked for Canadian intelligence <http://www.cbc.ca/1.2993716>

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Harper's anti-terrorism act is a torture act via Michael Keefer [#stopC51 #rejectfear](http://buff.ly/1b7Tt0c)

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Everything you need to know about Bill #C51 this weekend. And how we can stop it. [#cdnpoli](http://buff.ly/1CdhGwh)

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POLL TIME: What do your friends and family think about Bill C-51? [#stopc51 #c51](http://buff.ly/1AwiTJQ)

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On eve of Bill C-51 protests, B.C. premier sounds note of caution over lost freedoms [#cdnpoli](http://bit.ly/1EHPeob)

OttawaCitizen

Former Ottawa imam surfaces in video telling Libyans 'jihad today is simple and easily accessible' #ottnews
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LP_LaPresse

Radicalisation: le Québec va coopérer avec la France et la Belgique <http://bit.ly/1Be2Dx6>

TorontoStar

Tories let niqabs sidetrack them in terror debate [#topstories](http://on.thestar.com/1Fb4Qzf)

TorontoStar

Privacy experts: Bill C-51 contains information-sharing provisions that are clearly excessive
<http://on.thestar.com/1BCZ3Ah>

PnPCBC

First Nations chiefs are "on same page" opposing bill, says @perrybellegarde. #pnpcbc #C51

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@perrybellegarde: First Nations deserve more, but Canadians deserve more. That's why we're asking for the withdrawal of this bill. #C51

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More on The @CBCTheHouse tomorrow: the fatwa against ISIS and a discussion with the 2 professors leading the charge against #C51.

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

CTVNews

RCMP officer says Halifax chemicals investigation began after wife came forward <http://ow.ly/KjgmL>

CKNW

#Surrey RCMP identify driver involved in fatal hit and run <http://bit.ly/1BeCpup>

CTVancouver

RCMP probing two disturbing attacks on women near Vancouver Island cemetery: <http://bc.ctvnews.ca/rcmp-probing-disturbing-attacks-on-women-near-cemetery-1.2278961> ...

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Expert challenges government claims that C-51 similar to allies' powers

The government is being challenged over its repeated claim that its divisive security bill, C-51, will upgrade Canada's spy agency powers to those of our closest allies. Not so, says Craig Forcese, a national security law expert and leading critic of the proposed legislation. "I believe these claims to be incorrect, or at least require substantial nuancing," he writes in the respected National Security Law blog. When the Conservatives unveiled the legislation Jan. 30, a government backgrounder noted that "intelligence services in most of Canada's close democratic allies have had similar mandates and powers for many years." **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney has repeated it many times, as have other Conservative MPs.** Forcese recently reviewed national security law in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, and spoke with experts. He concludes that "none of our 'Five Eye' allies have seen fit to give their domestic covert service the power to do things domestically that the government wants CSIS to do in Canada. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Elizabeth May's voice rings loudest against Bill C-51 in flood of online chatter

Green Party leader Elizabeth May's online voice rose above the fray and fracas of Twitter noise protesting the Conservative government's anti-terror legislation this weekend. According to an analysis of social media activity from March 11 to March 15, May's Twitter account was the most tweeted individual

account on March 14 during cross-country protests against the government's controversial anti-terror legislation, Bill C-51... Critics of the bill — which was tabled in the House of Commons in January, after attacks on two Canadian soldiers in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu and Ottawa in October — say C-51 goes too far in giving Canada's spy agency CSIS and police authorities expanded powers, and that it infringes upon privacy rights. The Conservative government, however, insists the bill and its measures are necessary for keeping Canadians safe from terrorist threats. **The office of the minister of public safety, Steve Blaney, sent out a statement to media on Saturday in response to the cross-country protests. "We reject the argument that every time we talk about security, our freedoms are threatened. Canadians understand that their freedom and security go hand in hand. Canadians expect us to protect both, and there are safeguards in this legislation to do exactly that," the statement reads.** The exact number of how many Canadians turned out on March 14 is unclear. Media reports put the Toronto protest at 1,500 to 2,000 and a couple hundred in many of the other cities where protests took place. [Yahoo! News](#)

C-51 aurait nui aux mobilisations de 2012, selon Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois

Une loi antiterroriste comme celle actuellement à l'étude à Ottawa aurait privé d'oxygène le mouvement étudiant au printemps 2012, croit l'un de ses anciens porte-étendards. «À partir du moment où on soupçonne des gens de terrorisme ou d'incitation au terrorisme, c'est sûr que l'impact sur le moral des gens qui se mobilisent est indéniable, donc à mon avis, c'est sûr que ça aurait pu avoir un effet grave en 2012», a suggéré Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois en entrevue téléphonique avec La Presse canadienne, lundi. L'ancien coporte-parole de la CLASSE ajoute sa voix au concert naissant de voix québécoises qui commencent à s'élever pour dénoncer l'étendue des pouvoirs qui seraient conférés aux services de renseignement grâce au projet de loi antiterroriste C-51... **Le ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney, a balayé ce type de critiques du revers de la main, lundi dernier, les qualifiant de «complètement fausses et franchement ridicules».** Mais pour Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois, il y a un peu de place au doute: dans un contexte de «crise sociale» comme celui qui prévalait au printemps 2012, les autorités sécuritaires n'auraient probablement pas laissé filer l'occasion de profiter de toute l'étendue des pouvoirs que leur accorde C-51. «La situation était très tendue, les forces policières étaient sur les dents, les tribunaux également étaient très impliqués, et on a assisté à plusieurs dérapages», a-t-il lancé à l'autre bout du fil. «Il me semble que si des dispositions comme celles contenues dans le projet de loi C-51 avaient été en vigueur à l'époque, je pense qu'on aurait pu assister à des dérapages encore plus graves», a ajouté l'ancien militant étudiant, qui avait été rencontré par la Sûreté du Québec au plus fort de la crise. [Le Devoir](#)

U.S., Canada strike deal to speed border checks

Travel by roadway, rail and water between Michigan and Canada could become easier under a deal signed Monday by U.S. and Canadian officials. The impact on crossings in the Great Lakes state is likely years away, though the effects could be felt sooner in other states if the U.S. Congress and Canadian Parliament approve it. The proposed change could mean shifting some American customs inspections to the Canadian sides of the border crossings at Detroit and Port Huron, and allowing U.S. customs agents to carry weapons while stationed inside the Canadian border. The deal — years in the making as part of the Beyond the Border Initiative — sets out a legal framework allowing law enforcement agents into each other's countries to conduct customs, immigration and agricultural inspections inside the border. It is a process already in operation at eight Canadian airports, including Toronto. "This agreement will help facilitate the legitimate trade and travel that keeps our economy thriving as we maintain utmost vigilance to the security of our borders," U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said. "We remain committed to our deep partnership with Canada, a true ally, neighbor and friend of the United States." A new process for advance government screening of business shipments and individuals could relieve congestion and shave off time while traveling between the two countries, officials say. **Canadian Public Safety Minister Steve Blaney said the "historic" agreement builds on decades of successful pre-clearance operations in Canadian airports. About 4.5 million passengers traveling through Toronto airport now go through the pre-clearance process before traveling to the United States, Blaney said.** [Detroit News](#); [AFP](#) (Yahoo! News); [Reuters](#); [Buffalo News](#)

EDITORIAL: A welcome fix for border bottlenecks

An editorial states "A new Canada-U.S. deal to ease travel between the two countries will whisk individuals across the border faster — and business groups are optimistic that it will eventually do the same for cross-border trade. **The agreement, announced Monday by Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** and U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson in Washington, D.C., will extend U.S. customs pre-clearance at eight Canadian airports, including Halifax Stanfield International Airport. A streamlined customs regimen will also cover cars, trucks, buses, trains and ferries, reducing border holdups for the 400,000 people who cross the border each day. With the Canadian dollar some 20 per cent below its U.S. counterpart, this is welcome news for the Nova Scotia tourism industry. The deal will also help to ease growing concerns about Canada's relationship with the U.S. after President Barack Obama's February veto of the Keystone XL crude oil pipeline from Alberta to Nebraska." [Chronicle-Herald](#)

Protestor lost argument with Hitler sign

An opinion piece states "If you want to kill the momentum of a movement in this town, plan a public protest. St. John's has seen its fair share of demonstrations that went bust, the inflated balloon of optimism pricked as organizers struggle to understand why the masses didn't mobilize. Sometimes you get lucky... Not so Saturday, however. Barely 50 citizens showed up for an icy March march in downtown St. John's. It was part of a cross-Canada protest of C-51, the proposed anti-terrorism bill making its way through the committee process in Ottawa... When you're rallying the troops to protest a complex issue, you can't always be sure everyone understands the cause. And you're bound to get a few who miss the dartboard completely. Like the ones who came out Saturday with placards depicting Prime Minister Stephen Harper as Adolf Hitler. Such misguided souls were peppered through the crowds across Canada, including at least two or three in St. John's... You can overlook the scattered bird-brained placard when most in the crowd know what they're really fighting for -- or against. But you have to wonder when a senior member of government doesn't even understand the Hitler taboo. **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney made an oblique reference to the Holocaust last week in defending C-51. And Blaney is more than a face in the crowd.**" [St. John's Telegram](#)

Broadcast News

CBC News' Power and Politics featured an interview with US Ambassador to Canada Bruce Heyman on a number of topics, including yesterday's border pre-clearance announcement. [Rough Transcript](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

New federal rail-car standards should come faster, safety agency says

Canada's transportation safety agency is questioning a federal proposal to bring in new tank-car standards by 2025, saying a recent spate of fiery derailments shows that swifter action is needed. The Transportation Safety Board made the comments in a progress report on its investigation into a crude oil train accident earlier this month in northern Ontario. The board is investigating the derailment of a Canadian National train near Gogama, Ont. on March 7, which spilled crude oil into a nearby river and caused a massive fire that burned for more than three days. [Globe and Mail](#)

Elders speak out about devastating effects of flooded First Nations

Being forced out of their communities has created feelings of isolation, mental health issues and a higher rate of suicide. Four years after a devastating flood, elders from four first nations spoke out about the challenges they face as evacuees gathered in Winnipeg. Marshall Ross says he misses being able to take care of himself and his home. "I'm getting sick of it now, nothing to do, just sleep and eat where I'm staying. I had my own house, I had a few things to do outside, cleaning up my yard." [CBC News](#)

Nova Scotia snow storm: how to prepare your home

Here's how to best prepare your home to weather Nova Scotia's coming snow storm and to avoid flooding when the snow melts. Heather Mackenzie-Carey, the regional emergency management co-ordinator in Lunenburg County, spent Tuesday preparing for the Tuesday/Wednesday storm. [CBC News](#)

Winter Storm Warning issued for Yarmouth County

A winter storm warning was issued for Yarmouth County at 3:58 p.m. Tuesday. For the earlier part of the afternoon it appeared Yarmouth and Shelburne counties would be spared the weather event, with warnings issued for every other county in the province. [The Vanguard](#)

#WinterISurrender: Atlantic Canada turns tail on winter

Atlantic Canada shuddered when we learned yet another mid-March storm is about to dump up to 20 centimetres of snow on us tonight. Perhaps if we surrender, winter will take pity and leave us alone? Share your photos and videos of #WinterISurrender to add to our media wall. You can tweet, Facebook or Instagram us with that hashtag. [CBC News](#)

Halifax snow storm could take days to clean up

City officials in Halifax took the extraordinary step Tuesday of urging people to postpone non-essential travel for the next several days. The latest in a series of winter snowstorms will hit the city by midnight, bringing heavy snow and high winds to parts of the province already struggling to find new places to store the snow. [CBC News](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés:

CBC News' Power and Politics featured an interview with Transportation Safety Board Chair Kathy Fox on rail safety measures. [Rough Transcript](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Support Plummets For Harper's Anti-Terror Bill, New Poll Shows

Just weeks after one poll showed a convincing majority supported the Canadian government's sweeping new anti-terrorism law, a new survey suggests that support is dropping, and fast. The Forum Research poll, provided exclusively to VICE, says support for the legislation now stands at 45 percent, with nearly the same amount opposed to the bill. And as scrutiny increases, that support can be expected to drop even further. Of those who are familiar with the proposals in the bill—nearly 70 percent of those asked—support drops even further, with half saying they disapprove of the bill, and only 31 percent supporting it. Opposition proves to be pan-Canadian. British Columbia, the prairies, and Atlantic Canada prove most opposed to the legislation, with only slim pluralities in Alberta and Quebec endorsing the bill. [Vice News' QMI Agency](#) (Edmonton Sun)

Castlegar bands together to fight for freedom

Thousands of concerned citizens took to the streets on Saturday to oppose Harper and his governments anti-terrorism bill. In defiance of bill C-51, rallies were held in Toronto, Calgary and many other communities across Canada, including Castlegar. Gathered outside city hall and the RCMP building, near 100 people from Castlegar and the Kootenay area, hoisted signs along with their voices, in hopes of saving their freedom. "We are here today to tell our government we will not become a police state," said Gail Hunnisett, reading from a letter by Alex Atamanenko. "We need to tell Harper and his Conservatives that we will not be intimidated by his fear tactics. Please keep up the struggle, the future of our democracy depends on it." [Castlegar News](#)

Alleged terror plotter likely deported within six months, lawyer says

The lawyer for a man alleged to have plotted to bomb the U.S. Consulate in Toronto is certain his client will be deported within six months. Anser Farooq said Tuesday that Jahanzeb Malik will not be given an opportunity to properly defend himself at the Immigration and Refugee Board, a body where the threshold of evidence is lower than a criminal court. That means the 33-year-old, who is a permanent resident, will be deported, likely to his native Pakistan, the lawyer said. "They don't have to produce the kind of disclosure needed during a criminal proceedings," Farooq said. "I would expect within four to six months they're going to have a hearing to say, 'Look, we have enough information here to kick him out of Canada.'" Malik was arrested March 9. The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) alleges he told an undercover RCMP officer he planned to bomb the U.S. Consulate and targets in Toronto's financial

district. He has not been charged criminally in relation to the allegations, which Farooq says Malik denies. [Toronto Sun](#)

B.C. terrorism suspects drank methadone to avoid being 'dope sick' during attack – trial

John Nuttall roused his wife from sleep on the early morning of Canada Day 2013 with a gentle reminder of the task at hand. "Wake up for jihad," Nuttall told Amanda Korody as they started the day in a motel in Sidney, B.C., not far from where the ferry arrives from Vancouver. The couple, who are on trial for terrorism-related offences, had spent months plotting their alleged Canada Day attack on the provincial legislature in Victoria and now it was time to set the plan in motion. Video and audio from that day were played Tuesday for a B.C. Supreme Court jury, which has already sat through dozens of hours of recordings. The earliest video footage from that day shows Nuttall and Korody making last-minute preparations as Nuttall waxes about just how proud he is of himself and his wife. [Vancouver Sun](#); [Vancouver Province](#)

We can't accept Internet surveillance as the new normal

An opinion piece states, "As The Globe and Mail has reported today – based on classified documents obtained from an anonymous source – U.S. intelligence officials appear to be mapping the communications traffic of several large Canadian corporations, including Rogers Communications Inc., one of the country's largest Internet and telecom providers. Perhaps the most depressing aspect of this news is how completely unsurprising it is. By now, we have all been subjected to a veritable tsunami of surveillance-related leaks, courtesy of documents obtained by former U.S. intelligence analyst Edward Snowden, a trove from which this latest piece of information is also drawn. These files suggest that the National Security Agency uses every method at its disposal, legal and otherwise, to track every speck of Web and voice traffic, including tapping directly into the undersea cables that make up the backbone of the Internet. In that context, the idea that intelligence agencies are snooping on the networks of Canadian corporations like Rogers seems totally believable, despite the fact that there is a 66-year-old agreement between Canada and the United States that supposedly prevents each country from spying on residents of the other. While the classified document that has come to light doesn't say that any snooping is occurring, it seems clear that the behaviour it describes is designed to create a map of those networks in order to facilitate future surveillance activity..." [Globe and Mail](#)

Editorial - Terrorism bill reaches too far

An editorial states "The threat of terrorism to Canada should not be minimized, but neither should it be exaggerated. Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his government are doing the latter. In going too far, they threaten to erode the democracy they claim to protect. In January, the Conservative government introduced Bill C-51, the Anti-terrorism Act. The bill would broaden police powers and allow police to detain terrorism suspects. It would give new powers to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. These new powers come without corresponding provisions that would keep a proper check on those powers. Harper and his cabinet have played on people's fears as they promote the new legislation, and in doing so, have raised more fears than they have quelled. Thousands of people, including a huge crowd in Victoria, rallied across Canada on Saturday to protest the proposed legislation's sweeping powers and threats to civil liberties. The risks from terrorism are real, and we see and hear of horrifying scenes abroad, but the risks are relatively small in Canada. Despite highly publicized incidents, the vast majority of Canadians are not in danger from acts of terrorism from without or within. But all Canadians are in danger of having freedoms curtailed and their privacy invaded by legislation that is unnecessary." [Times-Colonist](#)

The Spectator's View: CSIS shines a light on relative terror threats

An opinion piece states "The question isn't whether or not we should be worried, even frightened, about terror attacks by religious and other extremists. Of course we should. But how worried should we be, and of what and who? Most Canadians today would probably answer we should be most concerned about terror attacks by those practising their own form of twisted Islam. That might seem like a reasonable position considering that we've had two attacks in recent memory, along with several others that have been thwarted. And the Harper government is playing to that perception, going to the extent of citing the threat of Islamic terror attacks as being the main driver of Bill C-51, which gives sweeping new powers to Canada's spy agency, among other things. But what does CSIS itself say about the relative threat? You

might be surprised. Internal documents obtained from the spy agency say that when it comes to so-called "lone wolf" attacks, the kind recently perpetrated against members of Canada's military, terror attacks are more likely to come from white supremacists and extreme right-wing ideologues as opposed to Islamic radicalism. The former two ideologies are responsible for 17 per cent of lone-wolf attacks worldwide, the CSIS documents state. Islamic extremism accounted for 15 per cent of similar attacks, while "black power" and left-wing extremists perpetrated 13 per cent." [Hamilton Spectator](#)

Opinion - Vague language in Bill C-51 is worrisome

An opinion piece states "In 2013, Edward Snowden and the Guardian newspaper revealed the extent to which the U.S. National Security Agency is able to track someone's calls, read emails and SMS, hack into a smartphone and computer, and monitor 'nearly everything a user does on the Internet'- even web browsing. NSA counterparts in Canada and other 'Five Eyes' countries reportedly have similar capabilities or have information sharing agreements with the NSA. Bill C-51, currently before Parliament, would now 'encourage and facilitate' information sharing between Canada's Communications Security Establishment and nine other Canadian federal government agencies, including Canada Revenue Agency. Information can be shared to protect Canada against activities that 'undermine its security.' Such activities do not include 'lawful advocacy, protest, dissent and artistic expression.' Surely federal government agencies should have the means to protect Canada against terrorism. But the definition of 'activities that undermine security' is too broad. It includes those that would 'unduly' influence a government by 'unlawful' means. Sounds reasonable, eh?" [Montreal Gazette](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Leahy says US-Canada deal step to restoring Montreal rail

U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy says a new agreement between the United States and Canada is a big step toward restoring rail service between Vermont and Montreal. On Monday U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and Canadian Minister of Public Safety Steven Blaney signed a new pre-clearance agreement in Washington. The agreement makes it possible for more travelers to pass through U.S. Customs and Border Protection inspections prior to traveling. Such an agreement was needed before discussions to create a pre-clearance facility at Montreal's Central Station. Leahy says the agreement is also a positive step for improving air service between Burlington International Airport and Toronto City Airport. Amtrak's cross-border service between Montreal and Vermont ended in 1995. Now Amtrak service ends in St. Albans. [Associated Press](#) (Washington Times; 2015-03-16)

Border agreement brings opposing viewpoints on Cornwall's port of entry

There are differing views on whether a new border security agreement between Canada and the U.S. signed Monday could change the future makeup of Cornwall's border. The customs pre-clearance agreement would also allow agents from both border agencies (Canada Border Services Agency and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection) to work in each others countries. This is part of the Beyond the Border plan signed by U.S. President Obama and Prime Minister Harper in 2011. North Country Chamber of Commerce Chairman Garry Douglas tells North Country Public Radio the plan would allow the CBSA to set up at the Massena port of entry in Hogansburg, N.Y. "Anybody who has crossed that crossing knows is the very tight landlocked situation they have on the Cornwall side, which doesn't have the space to adequately build facilities, to process trucks, let alone growing volumes of traffic," he tells NCPR. [Cornwall Newswatch](#)

Pair face multiple charges after border bust in Sault Ste. Marie

Two people are facing multiple charges following an RCMP and Canada Border Services Agency investigation in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., earlier this month. Police say a car with Alberta plates coming from the U.S. was sent for secondary inspection after the occupants told CBSA officials that they made a wrong turn and wished to return to Canada. The Mounties say the pair were arrested after a search resulted in the seizure of drug paraphernalia, oxycodone tablets and suspected stolen identification documents. [Canadian Press](#) (CP24)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

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LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Des armes à feu pour se protéger en milieu rural?

Stephen Harper a-t-il raison de laisser entendre que les armes à feu peuvent assurer une certaine sécurité dans des régions rurales parfois éloignées des secours policiers? Vérification faite : non. D'abord, la loi ne permet pas de garder une arme chargée à portée de la main au Canada, comme cela serait nécessaire dans les cas d'intrusion à domicile. Ensuite, qu'en est-il de la criminalité violente dans les régions rurales? Les dernières données de Statistique Canada comparant la criminalité entre les régions rurales et urbaines remontent à 2005. On dénombrait un peu plus de 1000 crimes violents par 100 000 habitants en zone rurale, contre un peu plus de 800 dans les grandes régions urbaines. [Radio-Canada](#)

Quebec premier rips Harper's pro-gun comment, says it risks legitimizing vigilantism

The fewer guns circulating in Quebec and Canada the better, says Premier Philippe Couillard, putting distance between himself and Stephen Harper. A small game hunter and proud to represent the rural riding of Roberval, Couillard nevertheless said he thinks "a good number if not the majority" of Quebecers would agree Quebec and Canada don't need more guns floating around. "A country where lots of guns are circulating is not a country the majority of Canadians and Quebecers want to live in," Couillard told reporters arriving for a meeting of the Liberal caucus. "The less firearms we have in circulation the better we are, the better we will all be." But Couillard drew a nuance between the sport of hunting and owning guns for other reasons. He fancies himself a sportsman and has been interviewed on hunting and fishing television shows. He can speak at length on salmon fly fishing. "Look, I'm a hunter myself - small game only mind you," Couillard said. "But I register my firearms. I have no problem with this at all." Couillard made the remarks as debate raged across the country in the wake of comments made recently by Prime Minister Harper. [National Post](#)

RCMP on lookout for violent offender

An arrest warrant has been issued for a local man police believe to be armed and dangerous. Robert Lee Milligan, 32, has been charged with breach of probation. He is described as a white male standing 5'11" tall, weighing 201 lbs. Milligan has brown eyes and brown hair that he often keeps shaved. "Milligan has an extensive history with police, is known to be violent and is presumed to be armed and dangerous," said a Prince George RCMP press release. [Prince George Citizen](#)

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Omar Khadr bail application violates U.S. plea deal, Ottawa says - Granting bail to Khadr would damage U.S. relations, federal government says

The federal government says Canadian courts have no authority to grant Omar Khadr bail while he appeals his war crimes conviction in the United States. And even if they do have the power, they should still refuse to release him, the government argues in a new legal brief prepared in response to Khadr's bail application. It also says that granting bail to Khadr would undermine public confidence in the justice system, subvert international law, and damage Canada's relations with the U.S. The document notes that Khadr pleaded guilty before a U.S. military commission in Guantanamo Bay and waived his right to appeal the conviction. It also states his transfer to Canada to serve out his sentence was done under a treaty that required the American legal proceedings to have been final. Ottawa says Khadr's bail application, which will be heard on March 24 and 25 in Edmonton, constitutes a "direct violation" of his plea deal. [Canadian Press](#) (CBC News); [Presse canadienne](#) (L'Actualité)

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Beyond bombing, critics ask: What's the plan to defeat the Islamic State?

A decision by the federal cabinet on renewing Canada's combat mission against the Islamic State is expected soon, but calls are getting louder for the Harper government to present a comprehensive war strategy beyond the military campaign. It's widely expected that the federal government will deliver a motion to the House of Commons within the next couple of weeks, to renew and possibly reshape the commitment of warplanes and special forces against extremists in northern Iraq. Prime Minister Stephen Harper has recently cast the conflict in wider terms, saying the terrorist organization and its affiliated jihadists have "declared war on Canada specifically." But analysts and opposition critics say he and his ministers rarely discuss what diplomatic, development and humanitarian measures are needed to tackle the instability and sectarian divisions that feed the conflict. Harper is not alone in facing that criticism. In the U.S., Barack Obama receives the same strident calls for clarity as his war resolution grinds its way through Congress. [Canadian Press](#) (Winnipeg Free Press)

U.S. Air Force vet accused of planning to join ISIS in Syria

A U.S. Air Force veteran who was recently fired from his job as an airplane mechanic plotted to travel to Syria to join ISIS and was arrested on terrorism charges, federal prosecutors said. Tairod Nathan Webster Pugh, of New Jersey, was indicted Monday on charges of attempting to provide material support to a terrorist group and obstruction of justice. He was in custody and will appear Wednesday in federal court in New York City. His lawyer did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment. [Associated Press](#) (Global News)

Japanese tsunami debris will continue to wash up on US shores, expert says

Debris from Japan's 2011 tsunami will continue to litter the North American coastline over the next three years, with everything from refrigerators to lumber and sports balls still floating offshore in the Pacific, an expert said on Tuesday. About 1m tons of debris was still lingering in the Pacific Ocean four years after a magnitude 9.0 earthquake – the most powerful ever recorded in Japan – set off a series of massive tsunami waves that devastated a wide swath of Honshu's Pacific coastline and killed nearly 20,000 people. It also damaged the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, leading to a series of explosions and meltdowns in the world's worst nuclear disaster since Chernobyl 25 years earlier. [Reuters](#) (UK Guardian)

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VIA TERROR TRIAL: jury question "important and difficult" according to judge. It is 2 pages long and looks to clarify element of intention

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Editing of jury question may take some time, so judge has ordered jury stop deliberating for the night #viatrial

TheTorontoSun

Man accused of plotting to bomb U.S. Consulate in Toronto likely to be deported within 6 months, his lawyer says. <http://bit.ly/1FxG24J>

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Child exploitation a pervasive threat for fast-growing chat apps <http://trib.al/gEAluAK> #cdntech

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Le NPD veut faire témoigner trois ministres québécois

Le NPD veut faire témoigner en comité parlementaire trois ministres du Québec qui ont soulevé des inquiétudes sur le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51. L'opposition officielle à Ottawa déposera une motion en ce sens durant la séance du comité, qui se réunit lundi soir, pour poursuivre l'étude du projet de loi. Dans une lettre transmise à leurs homologues fédéraux la semaine dernière, les ministres Stéphanie Vallée (Justice), Lise Thériault (Sécurité publique) et Jean-Marc Fournier (Affaires intergouvernementales canadiennes) ont fait part des nombreuses préoccupations que soulève C-51 au Québec. Ils ont reproché au gouvernement Harper d'avoir agi de façon unilatérale dans ce dossier et dit s'inquiéter particulièrement des nouveaux pouvoirs que C-51 accordera au Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS), «y compris la possibilité de poser des actes qui seraient contraires à la Charte des droits et libertés et aux règles du droit canadien». Les trois ministres du gouvernement Couillard demandaient ainsi à ce que des correctifs soient apportés pour s'assurer du respect des droits fondamentaux des Québécois. Ils invitaient Ottawa à mettre en place des mécanismes de surveillance et de contrôle pour mieux encadrer ces nouveaux pouvoirs. (...) La semaine dernière, le **ministre fédérale de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, qui pilote le projet de loi C-51, avait réagi aux critiques formulées par les trois ministres québécois. «Le ministre se réjouit de l'appui du gouvernement québécois

pour de nouvelles mesures visant à assurer la sécurité du public contre l'extrémisme violent», avait écrit son porte-parole, Jean-Christophe de Le Rue. [Le Journal de Quebec](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News reported on a group of alleged radicalized medical students, including one Canadian, who have travelled to Syria to work in ISIS-controlled hospitals. Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney was mentioned during this segment. [Rough Transcript](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Canadian National Railway's derailment numbers soared 73% before recent crashes

Canadian National Railway's safety record deteriorated sharply in 2014, reversing years of improvements, as accidents in Canada blamed on poor track conditions hit their highest level in more than five years, a Reuters analysis has found. Canada's Transportation Safety Board (TSB) said on Tuesday that track failure may have played a role in CN's three recent Ontario accidents, which have fuelled calls for tougher regulation. The agency said oil unit trains, made up entirely of tank cars, could make tracks more susceptible to failure. [Reuters](#) (National Post)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

Des citoyens font circuler une pétition en faveur d'une enquête publique sur la catastrophe de Lac-Mégantic. On veut savoir pourquoi les systèmes de sécurité ont failli. Aujourd'hui, un comité permanent et les élus se rencontrent. Ils vont décider s'ils appuient cette pétition. (RDI, 9h41 ET)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

No reason to criticize Bill C-51: Kramp

Prince Edward-Hastings Member of Parliament Daryl Kramp says Canadians have nothing to worry about Bill C-51, the proposed legislation that has been described as Canada's "anti-terrorism" bill. The bill was the subject of a nation-wide protest on March 14, with demonstrators picketing outside Conservative MPs' offices—including Kramp's Belleville office—arguing the bill will cause a police state and could make even peaceful demonstrations illegal. But in an interview from his Parliamentary Hill office on Monday, March 23, Kramp said the criticism from protesters isn't warranted. "Most of their information is dead wrong," he said. "They're quoting rumours and they're quoting mistruths." Kramp is directly involved with the bill as he's the chair of Canada's Public Safety and National Security Committee, which is in the process of writing it. More witnesses are expected to speak to the committee this week before the bill is tabled in the House of Commons. [Inside Belleville](#)

C-51 hearings: Topless protester dragged from House of Commons

An unidentified woman seated in the House of Commons gallery managed to put the government's proposed anti-terror legislation back in the parliamentary spotlight, albeit briefly, when she interrupted the proceedings to raise her voice — and bare her breasts — to protest the bill. "Seconds ago, tattooed, bare-breasted young #C51 protester in #HoC grabbed and removed by security," Liberal MP Joyce Murray tweeted moments after the interruption took place. "Wow!" added New Democrat MP Peggy Nash, also via Twitter. "[A] #StopC51 protester just flashed the #HoC from the spectators' gallery shouting No C51 and interrupting a speech on Viet Nam," Nash wrote. The demonstration came as MPs were debating a Senate-initiated private members' bill to create a "journey to freedom day" to mark the exodus of refugees from Vietnam. The House public safety committee is set to resume its review of the bill during a two-hour session this evening. [CBC News](#); [Le Journal de Montreal](#); [Global News](#)

Bill C-51 protects all Canadians, doesn't threaten your freedom

An opinion piece states, "The international jihadist movement has declared war on Canada. Canadians are being targeted simply because these terrorists hate our society and the values it represents. Jihadi

terrorism is not a human right; it is an act of war. The CSIS Act has not changed significantly since 1984, but the threats facing Canada have grown and become more complex. The interconnected phenomena of global terrorism, home grown terrorism and terrorist travel illustrate how the threats to Canada's security have evolved. That is why our government has put forward measures that protect Canadians against jihadi terrorists who seek to destroy the very principles that make Canada the best country in the world to live. Through Bill C-51, the government is taking additional action to ensure our law enforcement and national security agencies can counter those who advocate terrorism, prevent terrorist travel and the efforts of those who seek to use Canada as a recruiting ground and disrupt planned attacks on Canadian soil." [York Region](#)

Expert raises concern about anti-terrorism bill, C-51

An expert on Internet governance is warning policy-makers to carefully consider the range and scope of new security powers aimed at patrolling the illegal underbelly of the World Wide Web. Eric Jardine, a research fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation, says an increasing number of criminals are moving away from the top-level Internet most people use every day and shifting toward the more anonymous Dark Web. His comments come as the federal government is considering a new anti-terror bill, C-51. Technology and government policies have not kept pace with the shift, meaning as legislation is developed to better police the web, it is average citizens, not criminals, who are most likely to lose civil liberties. "Over-policing that top level (of the Internet) will only end up impinging upon individuals' rights without causing a real reduction in the occurrence of crime," said Jardine. Terrorists, drug and weapons dealers, child abusers and other criminals use the Dark Web to help co-ordinate their activities anonymously online. It is also used by repressed citizens, such as those living in Syria or China. The more anonymous nature of the Dark Web allows political dissidents in those countries to communicate with the outside world and share information. The new anti-terror bill would expand the powers of Canada's spy agency, known as CSIS. The bill has been criticized for a lack of oversight while giving CSIS too much power. Others have criticized it for the potential of targeting non-terrorism related activities, such as pipeline protests or land use disputes. [The Record](#)

Moore announces \$75M in drone tech funding

In a bid to catch up in the fast-growing drone market, Industry Minister James Moore has announced \$75 million in funding for Canadian tech firm L3-WESCAM to create the "next generations" of surveillance and targeting drones. The funding will disperse over five years and will lead to partnerships between L3-WESCAM and over 60 suppliers in Ontario. The announcement was made this morning in Burlington, Ont., at L3-WESCAM headquarters, where Moore highlighted past uses of WESCAM's cameras, saying "this technology has proven itself to be absolutely critical in responding to the realities of surveillance and search and rescue operations". As Canada's largest "manufacturing defence and security company", WESCAM's tech has been used in missions in Afghanistan and Iraq, in the 2014 search for the gunman who shot down three RCMP officers in Moncton and in security operations on the Canada/U.S. border. With the additional funding, WESCAM will invest \$2 million in universities and colleges for training in future security and defence tech positions. [iPolitics](#); [CTV News](#); [QMI Agency](#) (Kingston Whig Standard, London Free Press, Sault Star, Cornwall Standard, Canoe, Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun); [CBC News](#)

Customs asked where he'd been: 'I was in Iraq. Fighting ISIS with the Kurds'

Dillon Hillier can't help but laugh at the reaction as he surrendered his passport at Toronto's Pearson Airport, the dust of the world's most watched conflict still fresh on his boots. "Where did you go? What did you do?" came the Canadian customs query in the usual bored monotone. "I was in Iraq. Fighting ISIS with the Kurds," answered the bluntly truthful Hillier, 26, a former Canadian soldier with an unusual taste — quite obviously — for action. "Uh-huh," said the customs officer, who then went for the jugular. "Did you bring any cigarettes or alcohol back with you?" Okaaaay then. Welcome home, volunteer soldier. Just like that, Hillier was in — and in the air again, flying to the family home outside Ottawa. Later, two Canadian intelligence officials arrived at the door, less concerned about smokes and booze. A full debriefing followed, with Hillier spilling the beans, telling the full how/what/why of a journey into war with Islamic State radicals. Six weeks later, Hillier, son of Carleton Place MPP Randy Hillier, is licking his wounds in a west end bar. The scars are not from his two-month odyssey in Erbil province, but from the wide range of brickbats and bouquets that greeted his return. A hero to many, misguided to others. An

outright idiot, to the most critical few. Mostly, he says, the reaction has been positive. A case in point: he's a first-time Torontonian, thanks to an offer he couldn't refuse from a Toronto investment firm whose name he wants to keep private. "They said, 'We need risk-takers. You appear to be an interesting risk-taker.' They're training me from scratch. I'll be wearing suits for the first time in my life. It's a different kind of challenge. But an exciting one," said Hillier, a retired corporal who served five years with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, including deployment to Afghanistan. [The Record](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News' The National reported on growing opposition to Bill C-51 and testimonies set to take place this week during the Commons public safety committee hearings. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News reported on Canada's electronic spy agency and its cyber warfare capabilities and how those powers may expand if Bill C-51 is passed. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News interviewed a security expert regarding the Communications Security Establishment's cyber warfare capabilities and how those powers may expand if Bill C-51 is passed. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News reports the House of Commons debate on Bill C-51 was suspended for a few minutes while security escorted a woman away. She was protesting topless from the gallery. [Rough transcript](#)

CBC News provides live coverage of Industry Minister James Moore announcing at L-3 WESCAM headquarters in Burlington, an investment in that will support its R&D of new high-tech air, land and sea surveillance cameras and sensors that are essential to Canada's defence, security, and search and rescue operations. It's the new generation of drones that according to the Industry Minister could help fight terrorism in this country and internationally. [Rough transcript](#)

CTV News reports that a Canadian medical student is with a group of people suspected of crossing into Syria to join ISIS. A Turkish MP and the father of the Canadian student believe he crossed into Syria. The student is believed to be 21 or 22 years old from Toronto. [Rough transcript](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

A new report released by Canada's Border Services Agency says officers at small, remote crossings are facing safety hazards. It shows radon gas, pests, poor heating and drinking water and proper shelter at some posts. Lack of cameras also poses a threat to the general safety and security of officers. Another major concern is the proper maintenance of old buildings. The border agency plans to invest \$99 million over five years to address these issues. It will also upgrade technology to help officers record more traveler information. (CBC News, 12h18 ET)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

The undercover war on your internet secrets: How online surveillance cracked our trust in the web
A black shrouded figure appears on the screen, looming over the rapt audience, talking about surveillance. But this is no Big Brother figure seeking obedience though, rather its opposite - perhaps even its nemesis. NSA contractor-turned-whistleblower Edward Snowden is explaining how his former employer and other intelligence agencies have worked to undermine privacy on the internet, and beyond. [TechRepublic](#) (Yahoo! News)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Envelopes with unknown white powder sent to Senators' offices

The RCMP has been notified after envelopes containing an unknown white powder were received at two Senators' offices. The Senate Protective Service sent an email on Monday, notifying staff and senators that the envelopes and their contents have been secured. The return address on the envelopes is marked "Ottawa shooting." The mail services team has been advised to watch for other such envelopes, the Senate Protective Service said. Meanwhile, Senators and their staff have been asked not to open their mail unless it's from a confirmed source. None of the employees who came in contact with the envelopes are showing any signs of illness. [CTV News](#)

River Rock Casino revenue floated as stop-gap for social services

Richmond City Council is set to ratify a new spending plan for the money it makes from the River Rock Casino — but councillor Chak Au said the money could be better focused in a fund designed specifically to help social services in the city. Last year, the River Rock Casino generated \$21 million for the city — up 19 per cent from the year before, and the casino's profits are showing no signs of slowing down. While most of the surplus revenue goes towards capital reserve accounts, paying down debt and funding RCMP officers, staff recommended establishing a Council Community Initiatives Account that would offer one-time initiatives to social, environmental, recreation and sports, heritage, arts and culture, safety and security and infrastructure projects. [CBC News](#)

Robert's Arm break-ins: Police believe they have their man

Police believe a 21-year-old man from Robert's Arm was responsible for multiple break, enter and thefts in the small community in Green Bay over the past year. Springdale RCMP said the man has been in police custody since he was arrested in South Brook on Thursday. Members of the community of 800 began banding together after a major spike in the number of home break-ins, with neighbours keeping watch on each other's properties and holding public meetings. The RCMP said the man, who has 11 charges against him — nine of which involve break and enters into houses and sheds in the community, got inside the properties by climbing through windows, forcing open doors and "manipulating locks." [CBC news](#)

David Mande Saulnier found dead at Yarmouth waterfront

RCMP have confirmed a body found Monday morning at the Yarmouth waterfront is that of David Mande Saulnier. The 64-year-old went missing last Tuesday after he left his home but did not return. Police say his body was found after it washed up on shore near the Yarmouth wharf. RCMP Sgt. Al LeBlanc says Saulnier's family is "very devastated." "The man was missing since last Tuesday and, of course, I'm certain that it was their hope that he would be found alive," LeBlanc says. An employee who works at the Yarmouth wharf made the discovery, according to RCMP Cpl. Stacey Gosling. [CBC News](#); [Chronicle Herald](#)

Road rage video in Fredericton creates Facebook stir

A Fredericton man has apologized after a video of him in a road rage incident was shared widely on Facebook on Sunday evening. The road rage incident was captured on cellphone video by Iain MacDonald's son and posted to MacDonald's Facebook page on Sunday. It has been viewed more than 334,000 times on Facebook on Monday morning. MacDonald was driving on Priestman Street with his children when the angry driver approached their car after stopping in front of it. He then launched a tirade at MacDonald for cutting him off, something which MacDonald denies. "I pulled out with lots of room, I didn't cut this guy off or provoke him in any way," said MacDonald. MacDonald, who works at the CBC as a broadcast technologist, says five other people have contacted him to say they experienced similar incidents with a person who they believe was the same driver. He said he has been contacted by the Fredericton Police and the RCMP. [CBC News](#)

Men ages 25 - 34 more commonly killed in crashes over last 10 years

Provincial **police** say data compiled over the last 10 years suggests men aged 25 to 34 are the most

common victims in the fatal collisions they investigate. OPP say they are releasing the figures in order to shed light on the victims and factors involved in more than 3,500 deaths on provincially patrolled roads between 2005 and 2014. Young adult males are the hardest hit, **police** say, with the 10-year data revealing that twice as many males (2,358) have died in collisions as females (1,146). Men aged 25 to 34 accounted for 397 of the deaths and of those, 310 of them were drivers and 60 were passengers. Drivers accounted for about 69 per cent of the deaths, while about 23 per cent of those killed were passengers and 7.7 per cent were pedestrians. Over the 10-year period, 856 people died in crashes in which lack of seat belt use was a factor in their deaths - 611 of them drivers and 245 passengers. And a total of 696 people died in collisions involving large commercial transport trucks, with 604 of those killed being occupants of the other vehicles involved. Among the 92 truck drivers who died, 70 of them were reported as not driving properly at the time of the collision. A total of 279 motorcyclists died during the 10 years, with 190 of them reported as not driving properly at the time. [Hamilton Spectator](#)

Inquest called into Lee Allan Bonneau's death

The Chief Coroner of Saskatchewan has called an inquest into the death of Lee Allan Bonneau, a six-year-old foster child killed by a 10-year-old boy who was also receiving child welfare services. The inquest is set to begin April 6 at Regina Court of Queen's Bench and is slated for two weeks. Bonneau was in the care of the Ministry of Social Services and living with his foster parents at the time of his Aug. 22, 2013 death. He was found badly injured on the Kahkewistahaw First Nation and later died of his injuries. At a news conference called at the time, RCMP indicated Bonneau had been beaten to death with a blunt object — possibly a stick — after coming into contact with a boy outside a bingo hall on the First Nation that evening. [Leader-Post](#)

Police watchdog investigating after Calgary officer shoots and critically injures 30-year-old man

Alberta's police watchdog is looking for witnesses after it says an officer shot and critically injured a 30-year-old man shortly after he appeared to taunt demonstrators at an anti-racism rally. The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team issued a news release saying the shooting happened "in an open, highly populated, busy downtown location on a Saturday morning." The agency is asking anyone who saw or heard anything unusual in the area, or saw any part of the incident, to contact them. Witnesses have told local media that the man walked up to the demonstration and shouted "white power." [Canadian Press](#) (National Post)

Thunder Bay Police investigate racist Facebook pages

Thunder Bay Police expect more information to be available Monday in the investigation into racist Facebook pages. In a media release Friday, police said they were in the preliminary stages of an investigation into racially charged comments posted on two pages. Police said remarks made on the pages are extremely offensive and include posts of pictures of people who appear to be Aboriginal. The pages appear to originate in Thunder Bay. Police said it was too early to determine if there is a criminal aspect to the pages, but said it's necessary to condemn this kind of activity and a collective stand must be taken. [CBC News](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Nouvelle politique fédérale en santé mentale : l'accès aux soins des détenus compromis, selon un psychiatre

La nouvelle politique fédérale en santé mentale compromet l'accès aux soins des détenus. C'est ce que soutient un psychiatre de Moncton, le Dr Louis Thériault. Le gouvernement fédéral a annoncé la fermeture irrévocable du Centre de rétablissement Shepody, au pénitencier de Dorchester, au Nouveau-Brunswick, à compter du 1er avril 2015. « Ce sera le seul centre de traitement au Canada à passer sous le couperet du gouvernement Harper. On réduira le nombre de lits dans d'autres institutions, mais aucun autre centre de traitement ne sera fermé », raconte le Dr Thériault. « Le gouvernement fédéral actuel entame une transformation radicale des milieux carcéraux fédéraux. Dès 1935, la recherche démontrait que les sentences indéterminées ou encore les punitions cruelles n'avaient aucun impact sur le taux de récidive criminelle », soutient-il. Le Dr Thériault raconte qu'en 1960 on a mis en place des programmes éducatifs. On a commencé à ériger des centres de traitement pour les détenus souffrant de problèmes de

santé mentale. En 1990, on a reconnu l'importance de traiter les prisonniers souffrant de maladie mentale et on a jugé qu'ils avaient autant de droits que les détenus souffrant de maux physiques. En 1994, le Nouveau-Brunswick s'est doté d'une loi avant-gardiste sur la santé mentale, loi qui donne accès à un traitement pour le patient affligé d'une maladie mentale dont les conséquences sur soi ou autrui pourraient être tragiques. [Radio-Canada](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

U of S sex assault centre pitched

With the University of Saskatchewan facing scrutiny in its handling of sexual assault cases as recently as last year, an on-campus group has approached administration about the creation of a centre specifically tasked with addressing the issue. Called the Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CASA), the group is made up of both faculty and students, including members of the U of S Students' Union, women's centre and Graduate Students' Association. CASA has submitted a proposal to the university addressing what it feels is a need for greater education on sexual assault awareness, and outlining how a dedicated centre would help make this goal a reality. "We want the university to do more than write words on a page," said Liz Quinlan, assistant professor at the U of S and member of CASA. "That's not fundamentally going to make a bit of difference unless those policies are backed up with adequate resources so that the commitments expressed in those policies are translated into material change." The centre would be a prevention and response unit capable of administering trauma therapy, collecting forensic evidence and keeping records to accurately monitor sexual assault cases. Universities use different methods of tracking sexual assault, with the U of S relying on its Protective Services. [Leader-Post](#)

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Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

L'organisation Médecins sans frontières (MSF) dénonce la réaction de l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé et sa lenteur à répondre à l'épidémie d'Ébola qui a secoué l'ouest de l'Afrique. Alors qu'on souligne le premier anniversaire de la déclaration officielle de la maladie en Guinée, MSF publie un rapport qui fait état de ses actions pour contrer l'épidémie. (RDI, 9h32 ET)

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

[financialpost](#)

Canadian National Railway's derailment numbers soared 73% before recent crashes <http://natpo.st/1Hs7uTL>

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

KatieSimpsonCTV

Ambulance, fire, and lots of RCMP cars on the Hill re: white powder sent to 2 offices belonging to senators.

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CBCNews

See the miniature town on the front line of digital terrorism <http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/1.3004797> ...

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CyberCity: Model town on front line of digital terrorism <http://www.cbc.ca/1.3004797>

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CBC News: Canadian spies hacking into computers in Middle East, North Africa, Europe, Mexico
<http://buff.ly/1LKDCF8>

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From hacking to attacking, a look at Canada's cyberwarfare tools <http://fw.to/iHZGCFj>

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Topless C-51 protestor in RCMP custody: Speaker's office | iPolitics bit.ly/19fv2fx #cdnpoli #C51

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

CBCNews

Canadian border agents at small posts said to face safety hazards <http://ift.tt/1DO2vvI>

MacleansMag

Safety hazards plague small, remote border posts, from a lack of heating to a lack of drinking water
<http://www.macleans.ca/news/canada/safety-hazards-plague-small-border-posts-federal-evaluation-says/> ...

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RT @CdnPress_Ott: Safety hazards plague small border posts, federal evaluation says bit.ly/1FtC7HB via @JimBronskill #cdnpoli

HuffPostCanada

Man killed by U.S. border agent was wanted for Alberta murder huff.to/1LOmazx

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

TimesTranscript

Judge chastises RCMP officer for 'wolf pack' comment: [#NB ow.ly/KGxay](http://ow.ly/KGxay)

leaderpost

Inquest called into Lee Allan Bonneau's death <http://ow.ly/KGQhL>

leaderpost

Police watchdog investigating after Calgary officer shoots and critically injures 30-year-old man <http://ow.ly/KGkgS>

weathernetwork

A late, great submission to our [#MakeThisPhotoMoreCanadian](http://ow.ly/r/2oaoq) challenge. Thanks @jimpook! oak.ctx.ly/r/2oaoq

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Des opposants et des critiques du gvment rwandais qui habitent au Canada craignent pour leur sécurité -
<http://bit.ly/1G4Jnsz>

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U of S sex assault centre pitched <http://www.thestarphoenix.com/news/assault+centre+pitched/10911795/story.html>
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Aboriginal Affairs won't fund life-saving airstrip in Saskatchewan

A Cree community in northern Saskatchewan without access to air ambulance service says people's lives have been lost or endangered while the federal and provincial governments squabble over jurisdiction. Six hundred kilometres northeast of Saskatoon, on the southern shore of Reindeer Lake, the community of Southend is home to 1,000 people. It doesn't have an airstrip that can accommodate an air ambulance, and the nearest hospital and doctor are located in La Ronge, a two- to three-hour drive on a winding gravel road. [CBC News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Man arrested by RCMP over allegations he might commit terrorism

The RCMP have arrested a man after a peace bond was ordered against him based on allegations he might commit a terrorism offence. Police say Amir Raisolsadat was released on unspecified conditions and ordered to return to court on April 20. No other information about the man, including where he is from, was released by the RCMP, citing the fact there is an ongoing criminal investigation in the case. Radio station Toronto 680 News says the man was arrested in Prince Edward Island, but a spokeswoman for the Mounties in that province would not comment, referring questions about the case to RCMP national headquarters in Ottawa. "Due to the nature of the information laid, coupled with the fact that the investigation is currently underway, RCMP on Prince Edward Island will be referring all inquiries to national RCMP headquarters," said Sergeant Leanne Butler. The RCMP in Ottawa issued a news release on the arrest, but declined to answer any questions. [The Globe and Mail](#) (iPolitics)

Prince Edward Island RCMP make arrest on terror-related peace bond

Prince Edward Island RCMP have made an arrest under a section of the Criminal Code that is related to terrorism. RCMP said Amir Raisolsadat was arrested Tuesday under section 810.01 of the Criminal Code, which says police may pursue an application for an order to keep the peace if they have reasonable grounds to believe that a person may commit a terrorism-related offence. Police gave no specific details and made no mention of any charges pending against Raisolsadat, saying only that the man was released with conditions and would return to court on April 20. [CBC News](#); [Canoe](#) (Le Journal de Montréal, Le Journal de Québec)

Ottawa police, CSIS conduct joint training exercise

Ottawa police and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) is conducting a joint training exercise in the east end near Ogilvie Road Wednesday morning between 10 a.m. and noon. "During the training exercise, nearby residents may see an enhanced police presence in the vicinity and at (CSIS HQ at 1941 Ogilvie Rd)," police said in news release. Police said there will be no public or media access to the simulation exercise. [Ottawa Citizen](#); [Metro News](#)

Information privacy at threat by Bill C-51

Bill C-51, known as the anti-terrorism bill, has drawn criticism for provisions that many feel are excessive and open to abuse. One of these provisions allows government agencies to share information about Canadians for reasons of national security. Associate Professor Hasan Cavusoglu of the Management Information Systems Division at the UBC Sauder School of Business weighs in on the privacy risks for Canadians. [UBC News](#)

Bill C-51: First Nation chief worries 'lives will be lost'

A chief, who once went to jail for defending his First Nation's traditional territory during a mining dispute in northern Ontario, says he has grave concerns about Bill C-51. Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug Chief Donny Morris sent a letter to his MP, Natural Resources Greg Rickford, asking him to withdraw support for the proposed anti-terrorism law. Morris and six others from Kitchenuhmaykoosib went to jail in 2008 after peacefully protesting mining activity near Big Trout Lake, about 600 kilometres north of Thunder Bay, Ont. He's worried that under Bill C-51 the consequences for Indigenous activists will be much worse. "I take this to my heart," Morris said. "Because I know it will happen. It happened to us. We got sentenced. We got sent to jail, what's going to stop an officer from taking that next step." That next step, in Morris' mind, is First Nations people being shot by police during land-based disputes. [CBC News](#)

C-51 has sparked a much-needed conversation about security and rights

An opinion piece states, "The best thing that might come out of Bill C-51, the government's proposed new anti-terrorism legislation, will not be the bill itself, certainly not if it passes through the House of Commons and Senate un-amended. The best thing might be an affirmation that Canadians care about finding the right balance between security and democratic rights, including privacy rights. Achieving that balance is no easy matter, given the complexity and pace of change of security threats, and the modern Pandora's box of surveillance capabilities represented by what officials benignly define as the security "toolkit." High levels of official secrecy hamper the debate. Some 14 years after the Sept. 11 attacks and the original passage of Canada's first anti-terrorism legislation, we now are busy adding layers to what has become a dense legal foundation, compounding the problem of knowing whether our laws protect us or might

imperil us. It is, simply, hard to know what security and intelligence agencies might need to meet threats, hard to know how newly-minted capabilities might actually be used in the future, and hard to know what their impact on rights and freedoms might actually be. Maybe the impact will be less than feared and the security-rights balance that we worked so hard to create after 9/11 will be fine. Maybe not. Because of the unknowns, there have been many calls for matching new powers with catch-up provisions for strengthened accountability. Concerns on this front have been expressed, in an unprecedented way, by four former prime ministers; Canada has even been called out by none other than Edward Snowden, the NSA whistleblower, as having one of the weakest intelligence oversight systems in the Western world. Strengthened accountability may well be our best bet to ensure that new security powers are balanced against rights protections." [The Globe and Mail](#)

Canada may go after groups linked to ISIL as part of mission in Iraq, Syria

The Harper government is leaving the door open to targeting groups affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant as part of its expanded mission in the Middle East. Foreign Affairs Minister Rob Nicholson - who was supposed to have been joined by Defence Minister Jason Kenney - told a news conference today that Canada's fight is against ISIL. But asked specifically about going after other groups, he stuck to talking points about ISIL being the main target. "Our focus has been ISIL. We have been very clear from the start on that," Nicholson said. "We have had an outstanding record these past six months, a record we can be very, very proud of. Our commitment is to degrade ISIL. We have been very clear on that, and that will be the focus of our operations in the region." Nicholson spoke a day after Prime Minister Stephen Harper proposed to expand and extend Canada's war against ISIL to include air strikes on extremist positions in Syria. [Canadian Press](#) (iPolitics, The Gazette, Vancouver Observer); [CTV News](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CTV News interviews the General Council of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association about Bill C-51. They are concerned about the excessive powers given to CSIS without accountability mechanisms. [Rough transcript](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Opération contre le travail illégal dans l'Est ontarien

L'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada mène en ce moment une opération dans une usine de St-Eugène, dans l'Est ontarien. Une quarantaine d'agents, appuyés par la Police provinciale de l'Ontario (PPO), ont visité la Ferme Skotidakis. L'opération s'inscrit dans une enquête portant sur une agence de placement de travailleurs de Montréal. Deux autres interventions similaires se sont d'ailleurs déroulées ce matin à Montréal et à Beloeil. « C'est dans le cadre d'une enquête sur du travail illégal, qui vise une agence de placement de Montréal et son propriétaire. L'ASFC a mené une opération de contrôle des travailleurs qui se trouvaient sur la ferme de St-Eugène », confirme le porte-parole de l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC), Dominique McNeely. [Radio-Canada.ca](#); [Journal de Montréal.com](#) (Journal de Québec)

Skotidakis dairy farm, Quebec businesses raided for potential illegal workers

Agents from Canada Border Services are conducting raids on the Skotidakis goat dairy farm in eastern Ontario and two other businesses in Quebec regarding potential illegal workers. The raids are linked to an investigation into a Montreal-based placement agency, according to Dominic McNeely, a spokesman with Canada Border Services Agency. McNeely said agents raided the Skotidakis farm in St-Eugene, Ont., as well as a business in Montreal and one in Beloeil, Que., which is just east of Montreal. He would not confirm any arrests or details about the raids. McNeely would not reveal any details about the two businesses. The CBC's Denis Babin reported that Ontario Provincial Police officers and officials from CBSA arrived at the Skotidakis farm, located on County Road 10 in St-Eugene, Ont., on Wednesday morning. McNeely also said 40 border officials were involved in the three raids. [CBC.ca](#)

Patrick Brazeau's lawyer attacks credibility of alleged sex assault victim

The defence in suspended senator Patrick Brazeau's assault and sexual assault case attacked the credibility of the main witness today in a Gatineau, Que., courtroom. A publication ban prevents the identification of the alleged victim, who testified yesterday that Brazeau struck her, grabbed her by the throat, pushed her down a flight of stairs and smashed her head against a wall. She also alleges Brazeau pulled down her pants and touched her inappropriately. Brazeau's attorney, Gerard Larocque, went after the complainant on a number of different fronts on Tuesday. He began with her arrival from Mexico in Montreal in 2008 with her two children. Although she is Colombian, she used fake Mexican passports to get on the plane to Canada. Upon arriving at Canadian customs, she presented the officer with both the Mexican and Colombian passports and claimed refugee status. All of the passports were returned to her in 2013 when she received permanent resident status. [CBC.ca](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

CRTC fines PlentyOfFish

Canadian online dating website PlentyOfFish has paid a fine of \$48,000 after regulators found the company violated its new anti-spam legislation. The CRTC says the fine was levied after complaints alleged PlentyOfFish Media Inc. sent emails that did not have a clearly labelled or easy-to-use unsubscribe option. The apparent violations happened between July 1 and Oct. 8 of last year. [Canadian Press](#) (Castanet.net)

Google lets any app use its malware-blocking tools

If you've ever been saved from visiting a virus-laden website by Chrome's malware-blocking technology, we have good news: You can expect to see this safeguard in other apps, too. Google has added tools for spotting "unwanted software" to its Safe Browsing developer kit, so any program can stop rogue web downloads. It'll take a while before you see this show up elsewhere, but don't be surprised if future apps with built-in web viewers are smart enough to raise a red flag. [Engadget](#)

China clamps down on sexual content on WeChat

China's Internet regulator issued on Wednesday new guidelines prohibiting sexual and vulgar content on Tencent Holdings Ltd's popular messaging app, the latest step in the agency's perennial campaign to clean up China's Internet. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Thousands of fentanyl pills among massive Edmonton drug bust

Five people were arrested after a drug bust in Edmonton that included nearly 2,000 fentanyl pills among the \$545,000 worth of drugs seized by the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams. The bust is the first time in Edmonton that ALERT has seized fentanyl, which is a deadly synthetic drug that appears in the form of pills or powder. It is often referred to as 'greenies' on the street and is sometimes sold as OxyContin, because the pills look similar... The drugs seized include 1,841 fentanyl pills, 2.6 kilograms of cocaine, 1 kilogram of methamphetamine, and 468 grams of MDMA (Also known as Ecstasy or Molly). The value of the fentanyl alone, which was manufactured to look like oxycontin, is valued at \$147,280. An alarming number of Albertans are dying from illicit use of fentanyl, according to information released last week by RCMP, AHS and the Chief Medical Examiner. [Global News](#); [CTV News](#); [Edmonton Sun](#)

Albert Bridge man to appear on drug trafficking charges

Police have charged an Albert Bridge man with drug trafficking charges after searching a residence on Brickyard Road. Members of the Cape Breton Regional Police Street Crime Unit and RCMP Drug Section executed a search warrant under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act on March 24, seizing oxycodone and more than \$18,000 cash. A 39-year-old male was arrested and released on a Promise to Appear in Sydney Provincial Court on Oct. 19, when he'll face a charge of possession for the purpose of trafficking in oxycodone. Police are also conducting a proceeds of crime investigation. [Cape Breton Post](#)

NL RCMP paying close attention to intersections this morning

Members of "B" Division Traffic Services will be conducting intersection enforcement patrols in various communities. The goal of this enforcement initiative the RCMP explained in a press release, will focus on both education and enforcement. Traffic Services members will be monitoring intersections to identify infractions of the Highway Traffic Act. These infractions will primarily include failing to stop at a stop sign and failing to yield. In addition, any other traffic offences (e.g. occupant not wearing a seatbelt) that are observed by officers will also be enforced. With the high snow banks and reduced visibility this time of year for motorists, intersections can be a very dangerous place, the police said. The RCMP is reminding motorists to ensure your vehicle has come to a full stop at stop signs and to ensure it is safe to proceed through an intersection. [The Telegram](#)

Halifax man accused of threatening police with chemicals to stand trial

A Halifax man accused of threatening police with dangerous chemicals has been committed to stand trial. Defence lawyer Mike Taylor waived the right to a preliminary inquiry for his client Christopher Phillips, who appeared briefly in Dartmouth provincial court on Wednesday and was remanded into custody. Phillips, who is charged with uttering threats and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, is due in Nova Scotia Supreme Court on Thursday to set trial dates. He has elected to be tried by judge alone. Police have alleged that a cottage and a shed that the 42-year-old man owned in the Halifax area were filled with chemicals in various states of degradation. [680 News](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

Broadcast media report on a developing story in Prince Edward Island. The RCMP made a terror-related arrest, but the police force is not saying much about it at this time. The man was arrested last night after a peace bond was ordered. He has since been released on conditions, and is expected to appear in court on April 20th. The RCMP says it will make no further comment now because the case is before the courts. (680 News, 7h19 ET; CIWW-AM, 8h34 ET; CBC News, 6h13 ET; CHCH News, 7h32 ET; RDI, 10h04 ET)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

« Omar Khadr n'est pas un danger pour le public » selon son avocat

La Cour du Banc de la Reine s'apprête à entendre pour une seconde journée la cause d'Omar Khadr pour sa remise en liberté provisoire. Omar Khadr, 28 ans, veut sortir de prison pendant qu'il fait appel des accusations de crimes de guerre pour lesquelles il a plaidé coupable devant un tribunal militaire américain en 2010. Selon son avocat Me Dennis Edney, il ne représente aucun risque pour la société. « Il a démontré qu'il est un étudiant sérieux, attentionné et dédié », explique-t-il. Le gouvernement fédéral n'est pas du même avis. Selon le procureur fédéral de la Couronne Bruce Hughson, puisque Omar Khadr a été accusé aux États-Unis une cour canadienne n'est pas autorisée à lui accorder une remise en liberté. Le procureur ajoute que comme le détenu a accepté d'être transféré au Canada pour purger sa peine, il ne peut pas être considéré comme d'autres prisonniers au pays. [Radio-Canada](#)

Lyle Howe's appeal of sex assault conviction begins today

Suspended Halifax lawyer Lyle Howe is back in court this morning as he appeals his conviction for sexual assault. Howe was sentenced last July 30 to three years in jail for sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman in March 2011. He was convicted of the charge on May 31, 2014. Documents filed with the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal allege that Chief Justice Joseph Kennedy erred when he refused to instruct the jury in Howe's trial on considering the issue of honest but mistaken belief in consent. It claims doing that was important because the evidence had established an "air of reality to the fact that the complainant was not so incapacitated that she could not have initiated and consented to sexual activity." It also alleges Kennedy failed to adequately review the evidence -- including the testimony of Howe's friend, Jeff Brown, and expert toxicologists -- and inconsistencies between the woman's initial complaint to police and her later testimony. The appeal also says the judge "unfairly and improperly impugned an appellant's credibility" in front of the jury and undermined the position of the defence by asking inadmissible questions of a witness and denigrating his evidence. [Chronicle-Herald](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Project speaks against violence in all forms

Every woman living in Campbell River has the right to live without violence. And April 12-18 is a time for the woman and men of Campbell River to step forward to change social attitudes, beliefs and behaviors that allow violence to continue. The NI Transition Society, Community Based Victim Services, Stopping the Violence Outreach Program along with the CR Women's Centre will be hosting the "clothesline project" at Spirit Square on Tuesday, April 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They invite everyone to go down to view this powerful display. [Courier Islander](#)

Cindy Gladue case sends a chilling message to indigenous women

An opinion piece states, "The logic usually goes that if someone admits to injuring another person to the point that those injuries contribute to their death, the law will respond by convicting that person of a crime -- the crime of murder, or manslaughter, if intent to kill cannot be proven. Not so, it seems, for indigenous women like Cindy Gladue. Last week, a jury comprised solely of white men found Bradley Barton not guilty of Cindy Gladue's murder, despite evidence that he had caused the wound that led to her death. The details of the case are too traumatizing to recount in full, but you have to question what is considered justice if an 11 cm wound inside a woman's vagina that results in her bleeding to death is not evidence enough that a crime was committed. The details of the trial indicate how mechanisms within the justice system can be used to normalize violence against indigenous women. The violence they experience often seems to lie beyond the arms of the law: Violence with impunity; murder without fault. The illogics run deep, yet to indigenous women, they sound all too familiar." [Globe and Mail](#)

Valcourt used unreleased RCMP data to claim Aboriginal men responsible for majority of murders of Aboriginal women: Chiefs

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt said during a private meeting in Calgary last Friday that unreleased RCMP data shows Indigenous men were responsible for 70 per cent of murdered Indigenous women cases, according to two chiefs who were at the meeting. Valcourt met with Treaty 7 Grand Chief Charles Weaselhead, who chaired the meeting, Treaty 8 Grand Chief Steve Courtoreille, and Treaty 6

Grand Chief Bernice Martial last Friday in Calgary at the Delta Bow Valley Hotel. There were about 20 people in the room during the meeting including Lubicon Lake Band Chief Billy Joe Laboucan. Martial and Laboucan told *APTN National News* on Tuesday evening Valcourt said that according to the RCMP's statistics, Indigenous men were responsible for 70 per cent of the murders of Indigenous women. "He said that 70 per cent of the murdered and missing women is by Native men, that is what he stated right at that meeting," said Martial. "He said that yes," said Laboucan. "It was something that he quoted saying it was an RCMP investigation and that it was perpetuated by Native men, the deaths or the murders."

APTN

Winnipeg police officer who saw Tina Fontaine days before she died now suspended without pay

A Winnipeg police officer who came into contact with a missing teen days before her body was found in a river has been suspended without pay. Tina Fontaine, 15, was in a vehicle pulled over by two officers more than a week after she was reported missing last summer, but she was not taken into custody. Her body was found nine days later in a bag in the Red River. No arrests have been made in her death. Both officers were put on administrative leave in October. The force says the other officer will remain on administrative leave pending the outcome of disciplinary proceedings. Police have not said if their investigation determined whether the officers knew Tina's identity at the time, or whether they were aware she had been reported missing. Canadian Press (National Post, Huffington Post)

'Mean Tweets' video sheds light on gravity of cyberbullying in Calgary high schools

The harsh reality of cyber bullying is unveiled as Calgary students read real tweets on-camera for an anti-bullying video called "Teens Read Mean Tweets." "Why are you even alive? Kill yourself. You're a waste of DNA." This is a mild example of one the tweets read — more extreme posts contained profanity, racial slurs, and sexually violent content. All these tweets were sent by Calgary high school students. Aqurii Harvey, a Grade 12 student at Bishop McNally High School, said she chose to participate in the video because of her own experiences with bullying. With the prevalence of cyberbullying in high-school communities, Harvey said spreading awareness about the issue is critical. "I used to get teased a lot back home in Barbados, so I know what it's like," Harvey said. "The tweets were pretty harsh and some of them really hit home. But I think it's good to get the message out there." Fellow McNally student Joseph Suarez was also in the video, and said one of the scariest things about cyber bullying is the anonymity. Metro News (2015-03-24)

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Indian Prime Minister to visit Canada in April: PMO

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Toronto, Ottawa, and Vancouver from April 14 to 16, the Prime Minister Stephen Harper's office announced Wednesday. The visit is Modi's first bilateral visit to Canada since taking office and the first by an Indian Prime Minister since 1973. According to the release from the PMO, discussions will focus on science and technology, innovation, education, security, counter-terrorism, and energy. "Canada and India enjoy a close friendship based on shared values of democracy, pluralism and a mutual interest in expanding trade," Prime Minister Harper said in the release. "India's growing economy presents enormous opportunities for Canada and I look forward to meeting with Prime Minister Modi to further strengthen bilateral relations and expand our trade and investment ties with a view to benefitting citizens of both countries." iPolitics

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CBA News

We'll be live tweeting tonight's Bill #C51 appearance before #SECU. You can also watch it live here - <http://owl.li/KN3n2>. #cbaadvocacy

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RT @detaylor: So yeah, suffice to say, @CBA_News pretty much outlined all of the problems I have with #C51. Proud to be a member. #cdnpoli

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MT @jbsohn: READ: .@CBA_News Submissions on Bill C-51 Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015 with Recommendations #C51 #cdnprivacy <http://www.cba.org/CBA/submissions/pdf/15-15-eng.pdf> ...

CBA News

MT @SimcoeNorthNDP: Giving #C51 testimony @ #SECU tonight: @hassan_yussuff @MackenzieInst @CBA_News @DrZuhdiJasser <http://is.gd/6rwqO7>

CBA News

MT @CBAAlberta: .@CBA_News releases full submission to gov't on #C51 <http://owl.li/KMleH> #cbaadvocacy

CBA News

Here's what we think about Bill #C51. <http://owl.li/KMleH> #cbaadvocacy

CadsiCanada

2/2 D. McConkey (Canadian Gas Association), F. Breau (Via Rail) + special guest DM Public Safety Canada François Guimont.

OttawaCitizen

Ottawa police, CSIS in joint training exercise near CSIS HQ from 10 a.m. to noon. <http://ow.ly/KMvGn> #ottnews

tvouvelles

View translation La GRC arrête un homme soupçonné de complot terroriste <http://bit.ly/1OyPI8R>

globeandmail

Man arrested by RCMP over allegations he might commit terrorism trib.al/3MF0TDE

globalnews

Man arrested by RCMP on suspicion he may commit terrorism

JorgeBarrera

!?! RT @newstalk1010: RCMP make terror-related arrest in P.E.I. bit.ly/1brG7Mv

PEIGuardian

RCMP make terrorism arrest in P.E.I., according to Toronto radio station: The Mounties have arrested a man in ... bit.ly/1HDE4lu

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

CBCOttawa

Skotidakis dairy farm, Quebec businesses raided for potential illegal workers

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/skotidakis-dairy-farm-quebec-businesses-raided-for-potential-illegal-workers-1.3008774?cmp=rss> ...

iciottgat

Opération contre le travail illégal dans l'Est ontarien <http://rc.ca/96S185>

denis_babin

A raid on Skotidakis Farm in St. Eugene, Eastern Ontario, is conducted by the CBSA. [@CBCNews](#) [@CBCOttawa](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

CdnHumanRights

News: Unreleased RCMP data used to claim Aboriginal men responsible for majority of murders of [#Aboriginal](#) women: aptn.ca/news/2015/03/2...

APTNews

Valcourt used unreleased RCMP data to claim Aboriginal men responsible for majority of murders of Aboriginal... fb.me/3FipalclM

APTNews

Is the RCMP withholding part of its report into [#MMIW](#) goo.gl/oEvGwF

GlobalEdmonton

Thousands of fentanyl pills among massive Edmonton drug bust: [#YEG](http://gln.ca/KN5pV)

RCMPFoundation

Today at noon ET [#RCMPTalks](#) to Canada's east coast about Bullying and Cyberbullying rcmp.ca/-Uod

capebretonpost

Albert Bridge man to appear on drug trafficking charges <http://bit.ly/1HEH2mo>

CityNews

Halifax man accused of threatening police with chemicals to stand trial. <http://ow.ly/KMJYP>

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

icialberta

« Omar Khadr n'est pas un danger pour le public » selon son avocat <http://rc.ca/96NMXN>

CBCNS

Happening now: Nova Scotia Court of Appeal to hear case of suspended lawyer [#cbcns](http://cbc.ca/1.3007356)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

GlobeDebate

The [#CindyGladue](#) case sends a chilling message to indigenous women, [@thesarahhunt](#) and [@kwetoday](#) write. [#MMIW](http://ow.ly/KMtqi)

TorontoStar

Winnipeg police officer suspended without pay in Tina Fontaine case [#topstories](http://on.thestar.com/1GRAI0f)

INTERNATIONAL

Reuters

Hollande, Merkel, Rajoy arrive in French Alps for international tribute to the 150 #Germanwings crash victims:
<http://reut.rs/1N81XIB>

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Nova Scotia burning restrictions begin

It may be raining in much of Nova Scotia Wednesday, but the day also marks the beginning of annual burning restrictions across the province. The restrictions mean campfires and domestic brush burning are not allowed between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily. The Department of Natural Resources says domestic brush refers to burning on non-industrial lands, such as farms, woodlots and private properties. [CBC News](#)

Emergency crews respond to Peggys Cove after man falls in water

Emergency crews are responding to Peggys Cove, N.S. after receiving reports that a young man fell into the water. RCMP Cpl. Greg Church says witnesses at the Sou'Wester Restaurant saw the man fall off the rocks and into the water at 12:15 p.m. Police, fire crews and the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre are on scene, working to rescue the man. A Sea King has been dispatched from CFB Shearwater. Church says there are also reports of fishing boats heading to the area to assist. [CTV Atlantic](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

Authorities are watching New Brunswick's rivers as the province braces for more rain on top of the 25 millimetres that fell Tuesday. The province's Emergency Measures Organization said in its latest release that a state of local emergency remains in effect for areas at risk of flooding. (CTV News, 10h09 ET)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Harper Government Threat to Criminalize Criticism of Israel Generates Strong Opposition

A blog post states, "In recent years, Israel and its allies have become increasingly concerned about the growing international movement to expose and sanction Israel's behaviour. Their chosen response appears to be one designed to intimidate and suppress this opposition through the threat or actual use of legal punishments. Nowhere has Israel's call for help in this outrageous endeavor been more enthusiastically embraced than in the government of Stephen Harper, which is an unquestioning ally of the widely reviled Benjamin Netanyahu and his Likud party. In the face of growing efforts at intimidation by the Harper government, Independent Jewish Voices – Canada (IJV) decided to write a statement identifying the tangible threat to criminalize criticism of the state of Israel in this country. We reached out to civil society organizations across Québec and the rest of Canada, with the goal of finding broad public support in defense of our civil liberties, which are already under attack through the ominous Bill C-51." Rabble.ca

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

Reporting on the federal budget, *CBC News* notes that when it comes to security, \$290 million is set aside for the RCMP, CSIS, as well as CBSA, for counterterrorism measures. \$36 million is budgeted to improve security on Parliament Hill. (CBC News, 10h06 ET)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

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CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

FBI warns on airline hacking threat following tweet

The US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has issued a formal alert telling airlines to be on the lookout for hackers. It follows an onboard tweet from security expert Chris Roberts, who joked about being able to hack into a United Airlines plane's wi-fi network. A terrorist could theoretically take over systems that fly a plane by compromising equipment at their seat. United Airlines has now banned Mr Roberts from all its flights. The FBI and the US Transportation Security Administration (TSA) said they had no information to support claims a plane's navigation system could be interfered via its onboard wi-fi kit, but added that they were evaluating the evidence. BBC News

Computer Attacks Spur Congress to Act on Cybersecurity Bill Years in the Making

Responding to a series of computer security breaches, the House is expected on Wednesday to pass a bill, years in the making, that would push private companies to share access to their computer networks and records with federal investigators. The vote will come after false starts and bitter disappointment for the Obama administration on cybersecurity legislation. The cybersecurity bill, similar to a measure approved overwhelmingly by the Senate Intelligence Committee, would be Congress's most aggressive response yet to a burst of computer attacks that helped sink a major motion picture release by Sony Pictures Entertainment, exposed the credit card numbers of tens of thousands of customers of Target

stores and compromised the personal records of millions of people who did business with the health insurer Anthem. The House Intelligence Committee passed the bill unanimously last month. [New York Times](#)

FBI: Public officials at higher risk of cyberattack

The FBI is warning public officials that they are at an increased risk of cyberattack when their personal information is publicly available online. The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) issued an alert late Tuesday urging government leaders and law enforcement officials to beware of hackers that could use their visibility to launch attacks. [The Hill](#)

Why U.S. Grid Still Vulnerable to Cyber Attack

On Dec. 10, the Department of Homeland Security's Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) released a troubling update about an ongoing, sophisticated malware campaign that had compromised "numerous" industrial control system environments inside utilities and companies in other sectors. Several organizations working with ICS-CERT identified the malware, known as BlackEnergy, on a variety of human-machine interface (HMI) products connected to the Internet. Electric utilities use HMIs to help monitor and operate the grid; they also act as a user interface to the industrial control systems that generate, transmit, and distribute electricity. [Wall Street Journal](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Mother, 3 children under 9, slain in Tisdale, Sask

A mother and three children from Tisdale, Sask., were found slain and police say a suspect in the killings has also been found dead. Police made the grim discovery this morning in the northeast Saskatchewan town. The suspect's body was found in Prince Albert, the RCMP said Wednesday morning. A six-month-old baby was found with him. The baby appeared to be unharmed, [CBC News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Globe and Mail, CTV News); [620 CKRM](#); [CKOM 650](#); [Prince George Citizen](#)

Constables honoured for their dedication and service

Recently, the Surrey RCMP and the City of Surrey held a special ceremony to honour the city's dedicated auxiliary constable volunteers. More than 60 auxiliary constables were recognized for their valuable contributions to community safety and crime reduction. Dignitaries and special guests were in attendance including senior officers of the Surrey RCMP, the Mayor of Surrey and city councillors. "The quality of our auxiliary constable Program and the difference these individuals make in our communities is immeasurable," said Surrey RCMP Officer in Charge Chief Superintendent Bill Fordy. "Auxiliary constables are a valuable presence to our officers on the road and to any crime prevention activities we are involved in." [Surrey Leader](#)

Murder charge laid in Mission trailer home fire

The man accused of murdering a Mission woman and attempting to kill her two children by setting their mobile home on fire made his first appearance in court on Monday. Walter Joseph Ramsay, 42, was arrested April 18 and charged with one count of first-degree murder, two counts of attempted murder and one count of arson, stemming from the tragic incident that occurred the day before. Just after 3 a.m. on April 17, Mission RCMP were called to Green Acres Mobile Home Park on Shook Road by Hatzic Lake after a trailer home went up in flames. [Mission Record](#)

Man arrested after shots fired in Lower Sackville

A 19-year-old man is in custody after shots were allegedly fired on Jennifer Court in Lower Sackville, N.S. early Wednesday. The RCMP say a man was seen running down the street and a car was spotted driving away shortly after the incident at 12:30 a.m. A man matching the suspect's description was arrested a short distance away from the scene. Police initially said the Bedford man was released without charges, but they later said he remains in custody. There is no word on charges at this time. Police are still investigating and are asking anyone with information to contact them. [CTV News](#); [Metro News](#); [CBC News](#)

Man charged after woman assaulted in northeastern N.B.

A 25-year-old man has been charged after a woman was allegedly assaulted at an apartment building in Lagaceville, N.B. The RCMP responded to the building around 3 a.m. Tuesday. They say a 25-year-old woman was taken to hospital with serious injuries. Two children under the age of six were also found in the apartment. They were not injured. Police determined a small fire had been set in the apartment before they arrived but neighbours managed to extinguish the flames. A man was arrested and taken into custody. [CTV News](#)

Arun Bains was not a gang member, family says of Surrey homicide victim

The family of Arun Bains — the first person killed in a recent spate of gun violence in Surrey believed to be linked to gangs — says he was not a criminal. "Arun was not a criminal. He was not a gang member. He was loved by everyone who knew him," the family said in an emailed statement. "This is an extraordinarily painful time. Arun was the heart of our family." The family described Bains as a "fine young man" who had a "bright future ahead of him." He was the nephew of MLA Harry Bains... The RCMP has not confirmed whether this latest shooting is connected to a recent escalation in violence between rival gangs of Somali and South Asian descent in the area, but they did say they believed this was a targeted shooting. Bains' family is urging anyone with information to contact the police immediately. "We are determined to support our community's efforts to end this violence and spare another family this pain." [CBC News](#)

Metrotown stabbing under investigation by Burnaby RCMP

Police in Burnaby, B.C., say a 36-year-old man was stabbed in the leg in an apparently random attack by one or two other men in the Metrotown Mall food court just after 6 p.m. PT, Tuesday. RCMP Staff Sgt. Major John Buis said the victim, who was taken to hospital with serious but not life-threatening injuries, is not co-operating with the investigation and may have mental health issues. Officers are now reviewing surveillance tape from the mall and interviewing witnesses, he said. "I know there were quite a few people in that food court area. We are interviewing those people and we are very thankful people did come to the assistance of this person," said Buis. [CBC News](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News reports the RCMP are investigating the death of a woman and three children in Tisdale, Saskatchewan. [Rough transcript](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Canada-wide warrant issued for federal inmate known to frequent London area

OPP have issued a Canada-wide warrant for a 25-year-old federal inmate who is known to frequent the London area. The Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement Squad is asking for the public's help finding the man. Police say the warrant was issued as result of his breach of parole. Damien Elijah is described as 5'9" tall and 194 pounds. He has a tattoo of the name "Dallas" on the right side of his neck, and a tattoo of the name "Elijah" on his left upper chest. He is serving a two-year sentence for assault with a weapon, use of a firearm while committing an indictable offence and assault cause bodily harm. [CTV News](#), [AM980](#), [Blackburn News](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Kelly Goforth celebrated on her birthday

It was a great day for a barbecue as bright spring sun warmed the cool breeze as it blew through Heritage Park on Tuesday. "It's a Kelly day," said Maxine Goforth. "It's a beautiful day for her." More than 100 men, women and children showed up to help the family celebrate what would have been Kelly Goforth's 23rd birthday. Cake, balloons and traditional hand-drum singing were part of the day's events. On Sept. 25,

2013, Goforth's body was discovered in an alley on the 1700 block of McAra Street a day after she was last seen. Clayton Bo Eichler is charged with first-degree murder in her death. (...) Goforth said it's not just about her daughter anymore. It's about raising awareness about missing and murdered indigenous women in Canada because there are so many families, like hers, who have been hurt by such a loss. She's especially proud of her son Ezekiel Bigknife who has taken up the challenge to raise awareness about the issue. Although he's only 15, Bigknife already knows what needs to happen and why. "I was passed down the flag for missing and murdered indigenous women so I have to put on four events by Feb. 14th of next year," he said. "It's a big responsibility. I didn't expect it, but I'm going to do it." Holding a flag bearing the name of his big sister, Bigknife said he wants to do his part to not only honour his sister, but all indigenous women. [Leader-Post](#)

Police target Toronto gang in country-wide human trafficking probe

Toronto police have arrested nine people and laid 61 charges in a multi-province investigation into an alleged human trafficking operation. One person is still wanted, with a warrant outstanding. From October 2014 to April 2015, the Sex Crimes Human Trafficking Enforcement Team were looking into a Toronto street gang called the Complex Crip Gangsters for what they believed to be a Canada-wide human trafficking network. Police called the investigation Project Guardian. Police say the accused would recruit women at dance clubs, schools and group homes and force them into sex work. They would also befriend women online, using Facebook and Instagram. The victims involved ranged in age from 15 to 33 and were from Nova Scotia, Ontario and Alberta. The girls and women were forced to work and turn over the money they earned, and if they did not make enough money, they would be physically beaten and threatened, police say. The police allege the women were being forced to service 10-15 clients a day. Police say they identified four alleged victims during their investigation. [CBC News](#)

Cyberbullying situation at ELSS

The Algoma District School Board (ADSB) advises parents in Elliot Lake that we are managing a cyberbullying situation at Elliot Lake Secondary School (ELSS). Under the direction of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the school has taken precautionary measures to secure the building and the OPP are at the school directing school administration and staff on the situation and traffic in and out of the building. Classes are proceeding as normally scheduled. Director of Education, Lucia Reece, reminds parents that students' safety is always our first priority. We will continue to work in partnership with the OPP who will advise when the situation is resolved. We thank parents and the community of Elliot Lake for your patience, understanding and cooperation. Further updates and information will be shared through the local media. [Elliot Lake Standard](#)

York high school stands out as welcoming to Grade 9s

A collaborative initiative between staff and students at Archbishop Romero Catholic Secondary School is helping Grade 9 students feel welcome and safe in their first year of high school. And leading the initiative are the Grade 12 students in the religious education classes who developed, planned and implemented anti-bullying workshops with guidance from the school's child and youth workers. (...) This year, they specifically focused on the issue of cyber-bullying. [Inside Toronto](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

It was standing-room only in a Surrey gym Tuesday for a forum held in response to escalating gun violence in the city that took a man's life over the weekend. The forum at Tamanawis Secondary School, hosted by the City of Surrey, the Surrey School District and multiple police agencies, saw hundreds of concerned parents, students, teachers, police, politicians and community leaders pack the gym. (CBC News, 12h20 ET)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

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OTHER / AUTRES

From Vietnam to ISIS: Canada needs to apologize

A blog post states, "Over a four-hour period, they "methodically slaughtered more than five hundred unarmed victims, killing some in ones and twos, others in small groups, and collecting many more in a drainage ditch... They faced no opposition. They even took a quiet break to eat lunch in the midst of the carnage. Along the way, they also raped women and young girls, mutilated the dead, systematically burned homes, and fouled the area's drinking water." It sounds like a terrorism story ripped from today's headlines about ISIS, the kind likely to inspire ritualized name-calling ("death cult ... barbaric cultural practices ... no value for human life") from Stephen Harper, Jason Kenney, and their locker-room gang of over-grown boys eagerly vying to be the first to post on Twitter about Canadian aerial attacks." [Rabble.ca](#)

INTERNATIONAL

ISIL takes body blows in Iraq - but affiliates are growing elsewhere

Even as the Islamic State takes body blows in Iraq from a U.S.-led coalition, the extremist group's arms are extending elsewhere around the world. Aided by slick propaganda videos, the group, headquartered in Syria, has attracted affiliates in Egypt, Libya, Nigeria and Afghanistan-plus recruits and lone-wolf terror plotters from Western locales as far apart as Minneapolis, France and Australia. Its signature theatrical brutality was on display in a video released Sunday that showed executions by beheadings and shootings of dozens of Christian and other captives by affiliates in Libya. In the videos, killers wore khaki fatigues, while the Christian beheading victims wore orange jumpsuits and the shooting victims wore black. Color coordinated outfits, choreography and editing for such Internet films are some of the tools the Islamic State provides affiliates to attract followers across the region, says William McCants, a terrorism analyst at the Brookings Institution. The group uses the videos "to send a message to potential adversaries and to scare citizens in areas they're hoping to conquer," McCants said. "They're also trying to attract people, a calling card for other rough men that would be interested in joining a group that celebrates that kind of violence." Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi is recovering from life threatening injuries sustained last month during an allied bombing attack, according to a report Tuesday in The Guardian of London. But the group's coordinated fighting shows it can operate without him. [The Hamilton Spectator](#)

Taliban announce plans to ramp up attacks in Afghanistan

The Afghan Taliban on Wednesday announced the start of its annual spring offensive, warning it would ramp up attacks on foreign embassies and government officials, as well as military targets, starting on Friday. The Islamist militant group has been fighting the Afghan government and its foreign backers since it was ousted from power by U.S.-backed Afghan forces in 2001. "If the foreign occupiers really want to relieve themselves from this nuisance of fighting, they should immediately withdraw," the Taliban said in a statement. The Taliban typically steps up its military efforts when warmer weather facilitates the transit of fighters and weapons. This year's offensive has been dubbed "Azam" or "Resolution", similar to the name chosen for the NATO-led coalition's two year "Resolute Support" mission that started in January. [Reuters](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

Police have arrested a man who was allegedly planning an imminent attack on churches in Paris. Officials say the 24-year-old is an Islamic extremist who had an arsenal of heavy weapons. (CTV News, 9h15, 10h18; CNN, 10h30 ET)

RDI ajoute qu'il aurait eu l'intention de partir pour la Syrie pour rejoindre les rangs djihadistes. L'homme d'origine algérienne est aussi soupçonné d'être impliqué dans le meurtre d'une jeune femme. (RDI, 10h44 ET)

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Pastroptot

"Le budget va plaire aux Québécois, aux familles, aux aînés, aux entreprises" Steven Blaney >> ici.radio-canada.ca/emissions/c_es... pic.twitter.com/YsgRFEgLam

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

RickGrantCTV

A Halifax RCMP spokesman says witnesses at Sou Wester restaurant in Peggy's Cove saw a young man go off the rocks & into the water.

RickGrantCTV

RCMP say the man was seen going off the rocks & into the water at Peggy's Cove at 12:15. RCMP say Joint Rescue Co-ordination Ctr is involved

RickGrantCTV

RCMP Cpl Greg Church says Fire, Ambulance & Police responding. Church says there are reports of fishing boats headed to the area.

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Colinfreeze

@cbcamber has some fascinating ATIP docs re: Canadian surveillance agency CSE's reaction to Snowden WiFi YYZ leak. cbc.ca/1.3040816

Colinfreeze

CSE use of "Quova" databases explained pic.twitter.com/ws3zzX8Xc2

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3/X) This point seemingly validates (the still-awesome) @NewmanRobinson analysis of the deck luxexumbra.blogspot.ca/2014/08/analyz... pic.twitter.com/i41FvJPZZY

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4/X) In #22-#25 CSE seems resents reporting that it collected jointly with NSA. Says it got 300K IDs itself, dammit! pic.twitter.com/36HnhwttwJ

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5/X) The CBC YYZ wifi scoop of 2014 prompted watchdog office — doing a "metadata review" for years — to ask new Qs.

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6/X: When it comes to Big Data, CSE "CARE"S pic.twitter.com/0n9GE3J4Tl

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7/X) Spy agencies fear blown methods. Issue here was disclosing how SigInt "seed" locales show "roamers' geohops"

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natnewswatch

Unwilling dual citizens face 10-month wait to shed U.S. citizenship in Toronto globalnews.ca/news/1952125/u...

CTVNews

Potentially deadly sea-crossings worth risks, refugee claimant who arrived on MV Sun Sea says ow.ly/LYib4

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

KimberleyMolina

#RCMP priority crimes task force showcasing items seized from Markerville home incl. shells, plastic bottle drug pipe

nationalpost

Breaking: Five people — including three children under the age of 9 — found dead in Tisdale, Saskatchewan
natpo.st/1buZ29e

CBCCanada

Mother, 3 children, slain in Tisdale, Sask. ift.tt/1yPTG2J

CBCSask

RCMP have not confirmed the identities of the victims or suspect. More details here: cbc.ca/1.3043863 #Tisdale

canoepolitics

RCMP says woman and 3 children murdered at a Tisdale, Sask., home. Male suspect found dead alongside uninjured baby
cnews.canoe.com/CNEWS/Crime/20

CKNW

An anonymous bomb threat has forced the evacuation of Scott Creek Middle School in #Coquitlam. #RCMP say precautionary measures in place.

connie_walker

Fifty RCMP officers searching two Comox sites in relation to woman's 2013 disappearance shar.es/1p2to0 via @theprovince

dempsterCBC

Cocaine, heroin, ammunition, hand guns - all seized by RCMP at property near Markerville, Alberta last week. #CBC
pic.twitter.com/4UgDqhRdJR

dempsterCBC

About 100 RCMP officers descended on this Markerville, AB property last wk. Found explosives, firearms + drugs.
#cbc pic.twitter.com/wwnMRYKSqg

dempsterCBC

Along with drugs + guns, RCMP also seized stolen vehicles, including a Mercedes, from Markerville property. #cbc
pic.twitter.com/X0YSpd1zVt

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ChiefPinnell

Paul Charkavi from Corrections Canada discussing Electronic monitoring of Offenders in Ontario at #OACPBOD Mtg.

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dauidakin

#NewsNOW in Ottawa: Employment Min @PierrePoilievre announces funding for the Ottawa Police Service.

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Reuters

Taliban says it plans to ramp up attacks on foreign embassies and government officials: reut.rs/1IHSv5J
pic.twitter.com/mfVHIAeseU

cnnbrk

Man arrested in France in alleged church attack plot was directed by someone in Syria, prosecutor says.
cnn.it/1zL5DBR

[mashable](http://mashable.com)

Drone carrying bottle of radioactive material lands on Japanese prime minister's office on.mash.to/1Esb146
pic.twitter.com/tEZdZqsDDJ

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Supreme Court ruling hobbles pursuit of child predators, police say

Police officers assigned to fight child pornography say a Supreme Court of Canada decision is hobbling their ability to track down internet pedophiles and child sexual abusers. In a Charter of Rights and Freedoms case last June, the high court abruptly ended the ability of police to informally request subscriber information from internet service providers (ISPs), saying officers must first obtain a production order or warrant from a judge. The ruling immediately ended all so-called law enforcement requests to ISPs such as Rogers, Shaw and Bell, replacing them in part with time-consuming paperwork that has sharply reduced the number of cases that can be pursued by police. An internal document shows there were 1,038 such informal requests sent to ISPs in 2013 by the National Child Exploitation Co-ordination Centre, an RCMP-run agency in Ottawa that acts as a hub for police forces in Canada fighting internet-based child sexual abuse. And in the half-year until the Supreme Court decision on June 13 last year, known as R. vs. Spencer, the centre had already filed 726 such informal requests, a 50 per cent increase in caseloads to that point. But after that date, there are none. The RCMP now are limited to filing "jurisdictional requests," which simply ask an ISP for the city and province of a suspect IP address and whether the company will be retaining the subscriber's full information record for at least 60 days. Previously, full details of the identity of the subscriber were turned over to police. (...) The Supreme Court ruling suggested the government could pass a "reasonable" law to allow police to obtain basic subscriber

information from ISPs, but a spokesman for **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** indicated that is not yet in the works. "**Our government is currently reviewing the decision,**" said **Jeremy Laurin**. [CBC News](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News reports on how a Supreme Court decision from last June has slowed down or stopped investigations into child pornography by the RCMP. A **spokesperson for the Public Safety Minister's office** is mentioned. [Rough transcript](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Forest fire hazard level elevated

Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources has upgraded the forest fire hazard level for this region. Officials with the MNR say this region is now listed as high to extreme for forest fire conditions. This elevated status comes following five new confirmed fires in the Northwest Region. Most of the new fires are located in the Dryden and Kenora area. [TB News Watch](#)

Flooding forces Sask. R.M. to close bridge between Quill lakes

Flooding in east-central Saskatchewan has forced a rural municipality to close a bridge. Grid 640 in the R.M. of Lakeside, which allows motorists a passage between Big Quill and Little Quill Lakes, closed Tuesday afternoon. According to the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency, the lakes are at a record high of 520.64 meters – up nearly 16 inches from the summer of 2014. Kerry Holderness, a councillor with the R.M., said water has risen to dangerous levels, threatening the safety of the bridge on the 640, forcing the municipality to shut it down. "The road is still firm in centre although the sides are eroding with each east or west wind. The bridge is the most at risk," said Holderness. "There has been daily erosion on the abutments at each end on the west side, and today's east wind has eroded the southeast corner. Any windstorm at anytime day or night can remove the remainder of the travel surface." [Global News](#)

Ontario overdue for next 'big one' tornado, but don't panic

A generation has grown up with very little exposure to deadly tornadoes in southern and central Ontario, but it shouldn't deter anyone from being prepared for the next 'big one' when it arrives. In a weather preparedness seminar in Hamilton, Ont., Environment Canada's Geoff Coulson reminded the audience of the history of severe weather in Ontario and warned that awareness of the next 'big one' in southern Ontario remains paramount to limiting its destructiveness. "On May 31, 1985 there were 13 tornadoes across southwest and south-central Ontario, two of those events were rated as F4 events," Coulson said. "We have not seen the like in terms of an event that intense since that time and we feel that we are, in fact, overdue for a tornado of that intensity in Ontario. "We're using this group as a way to spread the word from here," Coulson added. "We're having key decision-makers in the crowd... and they'll pass the word along." [The Weather Network](#)

Mount Polley spill changing local ecosystem, new report says

It has been more than nine months since the Mount Polley copper and gold tailings pond spilled sending millions of cubic meters of hard metals into nearby lakes and creeks.. Now a new report has found that environmental disaster has led to major changes in the local ecosystem. The study done by researchers from the University of Northern British Columbia, analyzed samples taken two months after the spill. Quesnel Lake rose by nearly 10 centimetres in that time while the temperature in the lake increase by up 2.5 degrees Celsius. Sediment levels were also higher after the spill. But the main concern is how the spill will affect future generations of salmon that spawn in the affected bodies of water. Last fall, more than 800 salmon spawned in the area which is a promising sign. Experts are still keeping track of younger generations, however, worried that the prolonged exposure will start to show complications down the road. More research is required before the extent of the damage due to the spill is understood. [The Weather Network](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Amid Concerns, Canada Set to Pass 'Disturbing' Anti-Terror Law

The Conservative government under Prime Minister Stephen Harper is poised to pass anti-terror legislation Wednesday, despite overwhelming concerns about civil liberties from rights organizations, lawyers, and the public in general. The legislation, known as bill C-51, has been nearly universally panned for being too far-reaching in scope. As part of Canada's legislative process, a bill must go through a committee where the government and opposition legislators analyze the bill and propose amendments. However, Michael Geist, a law professor at the University of Ottawa who has been vocal about his opposition to bill C-51, said that "the government treated the committee process as theater." The Canadian Bar Association also came out strongly against the bill, saying, it puts "the entire Charter into jeopardy, undermines the rule of law, and goes against the fundamental role of judges as the protectors of Canada's constitutional rights," in reference to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which enshrines civil rights in the country. Former NSA contractor and whistle blower Edward Snowden also warned Canadians of the dangers of the anti-terrorism legislation, saying that the proposed legislation would create a "secret police" force. The criticism was echoed in an editorial by the right-wing Globe and Mail, who said Stephen Harper "wants to turn our domestic spy agency into something that looks disturbingly like a secret police force." Social organizations and activists also warned that the legislation could infringe on the right of Canadians to protest peacefully. Indigenous people in particular are concerned that the bill will target actions taken by them to protect their territories from unwanted resource exploitation. [Telesur](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

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CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

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LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Teenage victims of online exploitation sought by RCMP

A 24-year-old Moncton man may have victimized as many as 2,000 teenage boys around the world and is facing several sex-related charges. RCMP investigators say the man was luring boys online by pretending to be a teenaged girl. The man would contact boys online using a video of a teenaged girl who appeared to be live and convinced the boys to undress and initiate sex acts, which were then taped and distributed over the internet. The website Omegle.com, which doesn't require a username, was one site that was used frequently. The man's identity cannot be revealed because of a court-ordered publication ban. The sexual exploitation took place from at last January 2012 until the fall of 2014. The victims are believe to be as young as 10 and up to 16 years of age and some of them may not even be aware they have been victimized, stated the RCMP in a release. The RCMP's child exploitation unit is seeking the public's help to identify victims, Investigators say there could be as many as 2,000 victims living in Canada, the United States, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Australia, Russia and possibly elsewhere. [CBC.ca](#); [Kelowna Now](#)

RCMP seize cash, drugs in Charlottetown raid

P.E.I. RCMP officers seized marijuana, oxycodone pills and more than \$170,000 in cash from a home in Charlottetown last month. The RCMP confirmed a 32-year-old man and a 34-year-old woman were arrested and released pending charges related to the seizure from a home on Mulberry Avenue. Members of the RCMP federal investigation unit searched the home and seized more than \$170,000 in

cash along with 38 pounds of marijuana, 1.5 pounds of hashish and more than 500 oxycodone pills.
[Charlottetown Guardian](#)

St. Albert RCMP honoured at awards

The changes Geoffrey McKay makes in people's lives are said to be priceless. That's not hard to believe, said Kate Quinn, executive director with CEASE, the Edmonton Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation. She recently sorted through 11 letters nominating McKay for a Man of Honour award. The award was presented to him by the organization on May 1. It's a character award, given to men who demonstrate compassion and understanding, and develop healthy relationships and positive opportunities in their community, she said. "So when you have a man who has been nominated by 11 people from his community, how could you say no," she said. "He obviously has touched people in so many ways." McKay spent 25 years as an RCMP officer and has continued to work as a reservist with the RCMP in St. Albert since his retirement. He has helped a countless number of people turn their lives around and is frequently stopped in public by the many he has helped, his nomination letter stated. He is also a school resource officer and works to raise awareness on the dangers of illegal drugs, and the consequences of making poor choices. "He is a compassionate man who treats people with dignity and respect," stated Cpl. Laurel Kading in a letter. [St. Albert Gazette](#)

Démantèlement du réseau de trafiquants de cocaïne à Laval : saisie de plus de 3 M \$

Six individus appréhendés et plus de 3 M \$ de valeurs récupérées par les policiers lors de l'importante frappe policière menée, jeudi dernier, dans Chomedey et dans les Laurentides. Tel est le bilan livré aujourd'hui, mercredi 6 mai, par le Service de police de Laval. Trois membres de la famille Bigras, André, Michel et Danièle, ainsi que leurs complices Philippe Ouellette et Guy Roy demeurent détenus depuis la frappe et seront de retour devant la justice le 12 mai prochain. Ils ont comparu une première fois vendredi dernier, 1er mai, où ils ont été accusés d'une kyrielle de chefs. Un autre individu, Sylvain Monette, subit son enquête pro-format aujourd'hui. Les perquisitions ont été nombreuses pour le Service de police de Laval accompagné par la Sûreté du Québec, la Gendarmerie royale du Canada et la Police provinciale de l'Ontario tout au long de l'opération qui s'est terminée aux petites heures dans la nuit de jeudi à vendredi dernier. Outre à Laval, les policiers ont mené des saisies à Lac-des-Écorces et Lac-du-Cerf dans les Hautes-Laurentides. [L'Écho de Laval](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News reports on the need for RCMP sexual assault kits to be updated. [Rough transcript](#)

CBC News reports on an international child porn investigation by York Regional Police. Police forces make 41 arrests on more than 100 charges. Victims and suspects identified around the world. Project Hydra could uncover thousands more victims. [Rough transcript](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Omar Khadr poses 'low-moderate' risk to commit future crimes: psychological report

A recent psychological assessment of convicted war criminal Omar Khadr obtained by CBC News, found the young man poses a "low-moderate" risk to commit future violent crimes – as long as he stays away from "individuals or organizations involved in extremist or terrorist activities." Entered as evidence at Khadr's bail hearing in Edmonton Tuesday, the assessment portrays Khadr as a good prisoner who stayed out of trouble, followed his "correctional plan," and accepts what he did. "It is unlikely that Mr. Khadr will engage in generally violent behaviour (e.g. robbery, bar fights, etc.)," a prison psychologist at Bowden Institution in central Alberta wrote in a report dated April 9. "However, should he associate with members of any extremist or terrorist organization, his risk for committing violence or aiding and abetting acts of violence (eg. in the form of terrorist activities) would escalate significantly," the assessment states. "As such, the availability of strong positive community supports takes on extra import." [CBC News](#)

Inside the mind of Omar Khadr

Omar Khadr told a prison psychologist that he takes full responsibility for the grenade attack that killed a U.S. soldier in 2002, that he renounces the violent al-Qaeda ideology embraced by his late father, and that he's anxious for fellow Canadians to "get a chance to know the new me." He also said he blames himself for the 13 years he's languished behind bars—"I got myself into this s—," he said—but holds out hope people will judge him on the man he is today, not the naïve, uneducated teenager he was. "I've screwed up in the past and I'm worried it will haunt me," Khadr told the psychologist, Nhan Lau, during a lengthy interview on Feb. 20. "People will think I'm the same person as I was 12 or 13 years ago. ... However, if I carry myself with dignity and respect, people will respect me." Filed in the Alberta Court of Appeal as part of Khadr's much-publicized bail application, the psychologist's report provides the clearest glimpse yet of his current mindset—one day before the province's high court will decide if the former Guantanamo Bay inmate, now 28, should be set free with conditions. "I can't afford to be bitter," he said. "I did something bad and I'm here for a reason. The only way to survive is to have hope." [Maclean's](#)

Family's tale of murder's impact a familiar story for Muskoka resident

It was a chilling story that resonated with Leeana Kingmill. After she read the story in last week's newspaper regarding a former NHL star warning the Gravenhurst community that a convicted murderer could be walking their streets, the long-time Muskoka resident was immediately struck with a sobering thought. "They're not listening to him," she said after reading this newspaper's interview with Don Edwards regarding George Harding Lovie, who is reportedly working unsupervised in the south Muskoka region with the approval of officials from Beaver Creek Institute. (...) Edwards, a former goaltender with Buffalo, said Correctional Service Canada officials told him that Lovie had been granted the 60-day release by Beaver Creek officials, as of April 11. (...) Few could understand what the Edwards family is going through better than Kingsmill. The mother of slain Huntsville resident Jesse Coward has had to live for more than decade with the horror of her son brutally murdered by his then-friend Christopher Hammill in December 2001. (...) In the 13-plus years since he was convicted, Hammill has been moved from different federal penitentiaries – due to misconduct, claims Kingsmill – and is now being held at Mission Institution, a medium/minimum facility located about 80 kilometres east of Vancouver. (...) According to the Parole Board of Canada, day parole allows an offender to participate in community-based activities in preparation for full parole or statutory release. [Muskoka Region](#)

Alicia Murphy retrial set for November in Whitehorse

A trial date has been set for a Whitehorse woman, who will answer to a 2008 murder charge for a second time in court. Six years ago, 34-year-old Alicia Murphy was convicted of second-degree murder in the death of Evangeline Billy, who was found beaten and drowned in the Yukon River in downtown Whitehorse in June, 2008. Murphy was sentenced to life, and was nearly six years into her sentence when the Yukon's Court of Appeal ordered a new trial last year. [CBC News](#)

Terrace, B.C. killer given day parole

The family of a woman killed here in 1998 says it's devastated her murderer has been given day parole. "His release only serves to depreciate the seriousness of his crime, undermine respect for the laws of this country and marginalize our family's loss," Anita Johnstone said of the National Parole Board decision regarding Christopher Alexander who was convicted of killing her sister, Linda LeFranc. Alexander, who has been in jail for 13 years, over half of which has been spent at an aboriginal healing village in the Fraser Valley, was released to a halfway house in the Fraser Valley area this week. [Terrace Standard](#)

Father of Peter Whitmore abduction victim speaks out

The father of a young boy abducted almost ten years ago says it's vital for parents to talk to their children. In 2006, Peter Whitmore abducted and sexually assaulted two young boys, one from Saskatchewan and one from Manitoba. Whitmore pleaded guilty and was given a life sentence. The father of one of the boys, who can't be named because of a publication ban, spoke at a Child Find Saskatchewan event today. "There are a lot of things you can say and do," he said. "You've got to teach your kids simple things, to be aware of strangers, to talk to you, come forward." The father said the message is fairly simple, and should start in kindergarten, speaking to very young children. [CBC News](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Time to end the silence

An opinion piece states, "Terms such as sexual assault, sexual violence, sexual abuse are often thrown around and used interchangeably — but what do they actually mean? Often their meanings are the same because their effects are the same — resulting in fear and shame for victims and survivors. May marks Sexual Assault Awareness Month and is dedicated to creating awareness and promoting education. We know that sexual assault is a serious problem — one in three women and one in six men will experience sexual abuse and only 10 per cent of these will report this to police. We also know that these numbers are higher for certain populations — including aboriginal women, women with disabilities, younger women and immigrant and refugee women. Sexual Assault Awareness Month is a time to raise our consciousness and call attention to the issue. It is important for us as a community to move beyond narrow definitions of sexual violence as purely physical. We must acknowledge the broad continuum of sexually violent acts — from street harassment and sexual manipulation in intimate relationships to drug-facilitated rape and ongoing sexual abuse." [Hamilton Spectator](#)

Les « cyberagressions sexuelles » sous la loupe du CALACS d'Ottawa

Harcèlement, menaces, chantage : la violence sexuelle se déroule aussi sur Internet. Les victimes, en grande majorité des jeunes filles, ont de la difficulté à dénoncer leurs agresseurs. Le Centre d'aide et de lutte contre les agressions à caractère sexuel francophone d'Ottawa (CALACS) veut changer les choses. L'organisme souhaite aider à prévenir et à éliminer ce qu'il appelle les « cyberagressions à caractère sexuel ». Il s'inquiète du nombre grandissant de harcèlements sexuels, de menaces ou de partage de contenu intime sans consentement sur Internet et dans les médias sociaux. Pour mieux comprendre le phénomène, le CALACS interroge les élèves de quatre écoles secondaires francophones. Le premier volet de la recherche, intitulée « La cyberagression à caractère sexuel : aider la collectivité à intervenir », est publié cette semaine. [Radio-Canada](#), [La Presse](#) (2015-05-05)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

Top public service bureaucrat targets hiring, policy and mental health in her first report

Canada's top bureaucrat is making recruitment, policy development and mental health top priorities as she continues her drive to modernize the public service into a "high-performing" workplace. Privy Council Clerk Janice Charette Wednesday released her first report as clerk to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, laying out the public service's accomplishments over the past year and explaining where she hopes to guide it in the coming year as it faces massive changes. "The forces of change are many ... as our world continues to evolve, our focus continues to be and must remain excellence in delivering quality programs and services to Canadians and evidence-based advice to government," she said. Charette, the second female clerk in Canada's history, began the job last fall. She has been called the "transition clerk," leading change on many fronts. She is rolling out Blueprint 2020 (meant to transform the public service); preparing the bureaucracy for an election; and managing an embattled workforce that is coming through six years of job cuts and freezes. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

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RT @cancivlib: Bill C-51: Soon to be law, and as murky as ever <http://fw.to/2t94joe>

OpenMedia_ca

Commons FINAL VOTE on C-51 is coming TODAY at 6pm ET. MPs are being inundated with messages. Keep speaking up Canada! <http://ow.ly/Mzk6M>

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Last chance: HOURS to tell your MP to [#RejectFear](#) and [#StopC51](#) <https://stopc51.ca/?src=tw>

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CBCShane

RCMP have released this video detailing the case of on-line sexual exploitation charges against a [#NB](#) man <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EZxvXouZkM...>

CityNews

2,000 boys may be victims in a global child sexual exploitation investigation, RCMP says <http://ow.ly/MAXbL>

CBCCanada

Major child pornography bust leads to arrests, more victims ID'd <http://ift.tt/1JqOhQ5>

CBCNews

Suspicious packages prompt evacuations of N.L. courthouses <http://ift.tt/1JQlMrY>

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MacleansMag

What a new psychological report reveals about Omar Khadr: <http://ow.ly/MAGcC>

CBCEdmonton

Khadr poses little risk of future offences, psychologist's report says cbc.ca/news/canada/ed... [#yeg](#)

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Howard Sapers is being shown the door after investigating abuses in Canadian prisons: <http://bit.ly/1IKwhlM>

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PostmediaNews

Top public service bureaucrat targets hiring, policy and mental health in her first report <http://ow.ly/MBkp4> via [@ottawacitizen](#)

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Dakota du Nord - Un train en feu force l'évacuation d'une ville <http://bit.ly/1EXmzuA>

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Canada is providing more than 1500 tactical medical kits to [#Ukraine](#). [#UnitedForUkraine](#) <http://bit.ly/1FPm46K>

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Former Guantanamo Bay inmate Omar Khadr to be released on bail in Canada

A former Guantanamo Bay inmate convicted of killing a U.S. soldier will be released on bail Thursday after a judge refused a last-ditch attempt by the Canadian government to keep him imprisoned. Court of Appeal Justice Myra Bielby rejected the government's emergency request to stop Omar Khadr release's while he appeals his U.S. war crimes conviction. A lower court judge granted him bail last month. "Mr. Khadr you're free to go," Bielby said before cheers erupted in the court room. Khadr smiled. (...) Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative government has long refused to support Omar Khadr, reflecting ambivalence in Canada over the Khadr family. ***"We are disappointed with today's decision, and regret that a convicted terrorist has been allowed back into Canadian society without having served his full sentence,"*** said **Jeremy Laurin, a spokesman for Canada's public safety minister**. U.S. State Department spokesman Jeff Rathke declined to immediately comment on the judge's decision. [Associated Press](#) (Newser.com, KMPH, Chron.com, WQOW, NBC29, News Times, New Jersey Herald, KLKN TV, WAOW, Hawaii News Now, Hickory Daily Record, WAND, WBOC, Lynchburg News and Advance, Scottsbluff Star Herald, 12 News Now, Grand Island Independent, Town Hall); [Canadian Press](#) (Yahoo News); [Macleans](#); [Radio-Canada](#)

Khadr free on bail after 13 years in custody

"Mr. Khadr you're free to go." With those words, Alberta Court of Appeal Justice Myra Bielby turned down the federal government's last-ditch effort Thursday to keep the 28-year-old detained. Khadr and his supporters in the courtroom erupted in cheers when the decision was read. Khadr himself broke into a big, wide smile. He is expected to be released by mid-afternoon. "It is going to be a major adjustment for him but I'm sure he's up for it," Nathan Whitling, one of his two Canadian lawyers, said. "Whatever anybody might think of Mr. Khadr he has now served his time." (...)

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said of the decision, *"We are disappointed with today's decision, and regret that a convicted terrorist has been allowed back into Canadian society without having served his full sentence. Omar Khadr pleaded guilty to heinous crimes, including the murder of American Army medic Sergeant Christopher Speer. By his own admission, as reported in the media, his ideology has not changed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Sergeant Christopher Speer during this difficult time. We have vigorously defended against any attempt to lessen his punishment for these crimes. While Justin Trudeau refused to rule out special compensation for this convicted terrorist and the NDP actively tries to force Canadian taxpayers to compensate him, we believe the victims of crime, not the perpetrators, are the ones who deserve compensation,"* Blaney said. [Toronto Star](#); [Kamloops BC Now](#)

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney says the Parole Board of Canada has the funding to deal with a long-standing backlog of old pardon applications for serious offences. **Blaney** told a House of Commons committee this morning the board is meeting its objectives and on time in handling the application backlog, which dates back as far as 2012 when the Conservative government overhauled the pardons system. That will be news to the roughly 5,800 applicants whose efforts to seal their old criminal records and move on with their lives have been in limbo for years. The board said in March that it was on track to clear the backlog of old applications for less serious, summary convictions, but that it could not continue to devote resources to tackling the more serious cases. The Conservative government overhauled the pardons system to make it more expensive and rigorous after The Canadian Press reported in 2010 that serial sex predator Graham James had been granted a pardon three years earlier. [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist, CBC News)

Blaney touts budget proposals, C-51 at security committee

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney appeared before the House of Commons national security committee Thursday morning to review main estimates - and also took the opportunity to talk up the security funding proposals outlined in the federal budget and the passage of C-51. **Blaney** was invited to the committee to talk about 2015/2016 main estimates. He stressed the increasing demands being put on Canada's security agencies. In all, the government is expecting to spend \$8.5 billion on the public safety portfolio over 2015/2016 - a one per cent increase over the previous year. *"Obviously these are large amounts,"* said **Blaney**. *"I want to assure you they are being well used."* After running through a list of legislation the government has brought forward on the security front, Blaney outlined several of the initiatives in the budget that would slightly increase funding for security agencies and projects. The RCMP is seeking \$2.6 billion, Correctional Services Canada wants \$2.4 billion, CSIS will get another \$500 million, the Canada Border Services Agency wants \$300 million and \$1.2 billion will go to emergency response. There also will be \$848 million going to the provinces for natural disaster mitigation. [iPolitics](#); [La Presse](#)

Anti-terror Bill, C-51, passes the House amid angry and personal exchanges

A blog post sates, "Sometimes debate in the House of Commons becomes personal. On Wednesday night, the House of Commons passed the government's anti-terrorism law, Bill C-51, with a few small amendments. Both the ruling Conservatives and the Liberals voted in favour, although the latter have vigorously opposed a great many of the Bill's key provisions. Nobody keeps this sort of record, but one could probably safely say that we have never before seen the likes of this in the Canadian Parliament: a party opposing a bill, root and branch, and then voting for it. The Liberals say they did it because they think a small number of C-51's provisions are salutary. In a more candid moment, Liberal leader Justin Trudeau admitted that he did not want to leave himself open to the accusation that he is "soft on terrorism." That's where the personal part comes in. The day before the vote, there was a final debate on C-51. The **Minister of Public Safety Steven Blaney** led off for the government. He started by quoting Danny Eisen, the co-founder of a group that calls itself the "Canadian Coalition Against Terror." Eisen is

not an expert on civil liberties, human rights or security. He is someone, Blaney told the House, who "lost a relative on the American Airlines flight on 9/11." Opposition members did not take kindly to the Minister using this sort of emotional appeal. The government has not been willing to hear from many who have well-documented and legitimate concerns about many of C-51's provisions, including the Privacy Commissioner, an officer of Parliament." [Rabble.ca](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News reports Minister of Public Safety Steven Blaney has issued a statement reacting to Omar Khadr being granted bail. [Rough transcript](#)

CBC News reports Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney was in front of the Commons Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security to answer questions about the national security budget. The minister explained where \$300 million in additional spending will be going this year. The total national security budget is more than \$8 billion. [Rough transcript](#)

The Parole Board of Canada has the funding to deal with a long-standing backlog of thousands of old pardon applications for serious offences, **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** told a House of Commons committee that the board is meeting its objectives and is on time in handling the application backlog, which dates back as far as 2012. (CJFX-FM Antigonish, 12h04; NCI-FM Cross Lake, 10h02)

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Thunder Bay area residents urged to prepare for emergencies

NorWest Community Health Centres are marking emergency preparedness week by reminding people in the Thunder Bay area to make a plan, and pack a kit, in case of a disaster such as a flood, storm, or major power outage. On Thursday May 7 the health centres are hosting an event, titled "Are you Prepared?" from 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the NorWest Recreation Centre, where people can get started on building their own emergency preparedness kit. Everyone should have a kit ready with enough supplies to get them through three days, said Anita Jean, the manager of health and social programs with the NorWest Community Health Centres. [CBC News](#)

Open-air fires banned across southern Quebec

Open-air fires either in or close to forests have been banned in certain areas across southern Quebec due to current weather conditions. The ban was put in place on Wednesday by Quebec's ministry of forest, fauna and parks. Areas from Quebec City to the Outaouais region and everything south of that fall under the ban, including Montreal, Laval and parts of the Eastern Townships. The ban was announced at the same time as a fire ripped through six hectares of forest in Mont St-Grégoire Wednesday. [Montreal Gazette](#)

Saskatoon pleased with Notifynow alert system tests

The numbers are in from Saskatoon's Notifynow emergency alerting system test, conducted earlier this week. The city's Emergency Measures Organization is describing it as a success. The system is designed to be used to contact residents in the event of an emergency. The messages would be sent out by landline telephone, email, text and cell phone. The test showed that Notifynow reached 101,334 contact points in about an hour. This means that it could get word to a specific neighbourhood in about three minutes. The city plans to test the system twice a year. [CBC News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

Broadcast media report Bill C-51 has won the approval of the House of Commons. The Anti-Terrorism Act passed third reading. (CTV News, 9h10, 9h40, 11h11; CBC News, 10h11, 11h30 ET)

Broadcast media report the federal government will announce measures allowing officials to stop suspected extremists from leaving the country, take their passport away so they can't go. They also do it after people leave, so they can't come back. (CTV News, 9h12 ET; Lake 88 News Perth, 8h33; CHOZ-FM St. John's; 8h)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Ontario man fined \$5,000 for using illegal workers

A young man from Ontario has been fined \$5,000 after pleading guilty to immigration charges. Lior Haimov, 23, of Maple admitted Wednesday in Dartmouth provincial court that he knowingly violated the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act by employing five Israeli nationals who were not authorized to work in Canada. The offences were committed between October 2013 and March 2014. The Israelis -- four women and one man -- worked at kiosks throughout the Maritimes selling a product called Heat In A Click, a gel-like heating pad. Crown attorney Tim McLaughlin said Haimov is an Israeli national who has permanent resident status in Canada. "He told the workers the safest thing for them to do was to obtain a work visa, but he knew they didn't have one," McLaughlin said. "He knew the rules. He chose not to follow them." Haimov apologized to the court for his actions. Judge Timothy Gabriel accepted a joint sentencing recommendation from lawyers and fined Haimov \$1,000 on each count. The judge said offences like this are motivated by profit. "It's essentially greed," he said. "There are rules in place for a reason. They're in place for the protection of not only employers and the employees ... but for the public in Canada as well. "Individuals or corporations who choose to circumvent those rules, to take shortcuts to try to increase their profit, do so at their peril." The judge gave Haimov one year to pay the fine. McLaughlin said the illegal workers were deported after they were arrested by Canada Border Services Agency officers. [Chronicle Herald.ca](http://ChronicleHerald.ca)

Bad month for Cornwall, Ont. cigarette smugglers

Not everyone is enjoying the bright spring weather. Police say April has been a tough spring for tobacco smugglers near the eastern Ontario city of Cornwall. A task force of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ontario Provincial Police, Canada Border Services Agency, and the Ontario Ministry of Finance made five busts of cigarette smugglers. Some of the busts were relatively small while others involved large volumes of illegal cigarettes. They combined for seven arrests and seizures of more than 1986.7 kg of fine cut tobacco, 11 cases and 131 large baggies of cigarettes, six cases of cigars, 206 grams of marijuana, and three vehicles in a month. [Toronto Star](http://TorontoStar.com) (Metro News)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

NIL

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Young man escapes spray of bullets in Surrey shooting

A young man escaped harm this morning in Surrey after multiple shots were fired at his car. RCMP say shortly before 2:30 a.m., police received several 911 calls about shots being fired in the area of 68th Avenue, between 124th Street and 121st Street. Witnesses reported that a gold coloured car pulled up beside a vehicle stopped on the road. Then someone in the gold car fired shots at the parked vehicle. The driver of the parked car, a man in his 20s, was uninjured. He then drove westbound on 68th Avenue with the gold car in pursuit. He lost control at an intersection and struck a post. [Times Colonist](http://TimesColonist.com)

Policing in spotlight at annual National Police Week event

Policing will be in the spotlight next Thursday as various law enforcement agencies participate in National Police Week events at the Amherst Centre mall. Organized by the Amherst Police Department and the Cumberland RCMP, the daylong event will feature numerous interactive displays from various policing agencies and from their community partners. It's all part of National Police Week, which runs from May 11 to 17. "Police Week is a vehicle to reinforce ties with the community and to honour police for the services they provide and to inform the community of the role of police in the community," Const. Tom Wood of the Amherst Police Department said. Various community partners will also be participating in the event including EHS, the Amherst Fire Department and the Canadian Red Cross while there will also be information displays from a number of community organizations such as Amherst Youth Town Council, MADD, SADD, Silent Witness, CANSA, early intervention and others. [Cumberland News Now](#)

Bernard Naulalik relieved alleged RCMP assault to be investigated

An Iqaluit man allegedly hit by an RCMP officer in a holding cell last July says he's relieved there will be an independent investigation. "I just hope they're investigated and do what they have to do to do the right thing," says Bernard Naulalik, 24. "Make sure those officers are fully investigated." Naulalik filed a complaint against an officer last month alleging excessive force and public mischief. Surveillance video of an RCMP holding cell taken last July, and released publicly this week, shows Naulalik lying face down in the cell when an officer enters and starts searching him around his waist. Naulalik pushes the officer away, then a scuffle ensues as the officer tries to pin Naulalik down. For a moment, the prisoner has the officer backed into the corner. A second officer enters the cell and suddenly, the first officer is seen throwing five punches. [CBC News](#)

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Iqaluit court closes as RCMP investigate suspicious package

The Nunavut Court of Justice in Iqaluit has been evacuated after a suspicious package was found there this morning. Iqaluit RCMP say they received a call at 10:30 a.m. about a suspicious package at the Nunavut Court of Justice building. Police say blockades have been set up within the 500 block where the courthouse is located. Niaqunngusiaq, the main road, is still open. Nunavut justice officials tell CBC News the evacuation could be related to similar incidents at courthouses across Canada, including Manitoba and Nova Scotia. [CBC News](#); [Nunatsiaq Online](#)

Suspicious packages still arriving at Canadian courthouses - 'It looks like this is being done to create unrest, to create disruption,' says security expert

Suspicious packages, with postmarks from Asia, continue to arrive at Canadian courthouses, with the latest reaching one in Nunavut, as police forces investigate. The packages have police forces across the country investigating. However, authorities are releasing little information about what's inside them. On Thursday, the Nunavut Court of Justice in Iqaluit was evacuated after a suspicious package arrived. However, justice officials in the territory have only said it could be linked to others across the country. Another package was discovered Thursday morning at a post office in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador. It was addressed to the provincial court in the town. Including Nunavut, a total of about two dozen packages have been intercepted en route to or received at courthouses in: Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and The Northwest Territories. On April 8, packages were received by Manitoba court buildings in Winnipeg, Brandon, Morden and Minnedosa. RCMP tested the contents and have said they contained no dangerous chemicals, but police have not revealed the contents. [CBC News](#)

RCMP arrest 2 in Fredericton Junction credit union robbery

Two men have been arrested in connection with an armed robbery Wednesday at the Citizens Credit Union on Sunbury Drive in Fredericton Junction. RCMP arrested a 67-year-old man from McAdam and a 42-year-old man from Saint John shortly after 8 p.m. outside a residence in the St. George area. The men are scheduled to appear in provincial court in Burton Thursday afternoon to face charges. An undisclosed amount of cash and a weapon that police believe was used during the robbery were seized. On Wednesday, RCMP said two suspects fled the scene on a motorcycle at about 11 a.m. after entering the credit union with a weapon and demanding cash. A woman, whose identity is being protected for her safety, was disturbed by the armed robbery in the normally peaceful village. She says she saw the men fleeing the scene. "They were two grown men on a motorcycle that wasn't very big," she said. [CBC news](#)

RCMP urge parents to put computers in open areas at home

A child pornography investigator is encouraging parents to put computers in well-travelled areas of the home after dealing with a case where a Moncton man may have filmed as many as 2,000 boys under the age of 16 performing sexual acts. RCMP Sgt. Jean Marc Paré said having computers in places like a child's bedroom or a quiet basement increases the chances for such crimes to occur. "Obviously these youths had the opportunity to be alone on their computers to perform these sexual acts," said Paré, who is with the RCMP's internet child exploitation unit in New Brunswick. "Had those opportunities not been available to them, a lot of these crimes wouldn't have happened." [CBC News](#)

Canada Post employee may have saved Qualicum Beach fraud victim \$8,000

A Canada Post employee's keen eye may have saved a Qualicum Beach senior thousands of dollars. According to police, a 75-year-old woman wired approximately \$8,000 to fraud artists claiming to be lawyers and insurance agents representing the victim's son. "She was out around \$8,000 and when she came in (to the post office) again to make another transaction a post person said 'Hold on, you should contact police,'" Oceanside RCMP Cpl. Jesse Foreman told The NEWS. The Canada Post employee noticed "suspicious money transfers" and immediately stopped the victim. Police are investigating the incident, commonly known as the Family Emergency Scam. [PQB News](#)

N.S. man arrested for impaired driving twice within two hours

A Nova Scotia man is facing charges after he was allegedly caught driving under the influence of drugs twice within a two-hour period. The RCMP stopped the 21-year-old Heatherton man on Highway 245 in North Grant, N.S. around noon Wednesday. He was arrested and taken to the RCMP detachment in Antigonish where he was evaluated and charged for impaired driving by drug. The man was released but RCMP spotted him driving on Highway 104 in Heatherton less than two hours later. He was arrested and charged with impaired driving by drug a second time. His vehicle has been impounded. [CTV News](#); [Global News](#)

A tribute to retiring Staff Sgt. Mike Casault

I recall listening as Mike Casault taught the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program at Isabella Dicken Elementary School (IDES). Friendly and approachable to children and parents, Casault said hello when passing by in his police car and spoke to individuals in. Casault is admired and respected for his consistent community work, his friendliness, his compassion towards those that got in trouble and his understanding of how this affected parents. Casault truly is the policeman you want in your town, the one you look up to, the one you feel is there to protect and help you. He's someone you can trust. On Friday, May 1, a get-together was hosted to honour Casault on his retirement from the police force. It was great to see several retired officers and spouses as well as current officers and friends come to pay tribute to Casault. Staff Sgt. Lorne Craig said, "Thank you for coming to this dinner in honour of Mike who has retired from the RCMP after 25 years of service. Staff Sgt. Mike Casault Regimental #41287 first became exposed to the RCMP in 1986 when he was hired as summer student constable in McLennan, Alberta. After this experience Mike decided to volunteer as an auxiliary constable and focus efforts on his application to the RCMP. [The Free Press](#)

RCMP seek public help to locate Jennivera Rabbit

Maskwacis RCMP are asking the public's assistance to locate a 28-year-old woman. Jennivera Rabbit was reported missing by her family May 5. Her family has not seen or heard from her since April 27, 2015.

The last time Rabbit was seen was on May 4 in the Samson Town Site in Maskwacis. Rabbit is 160 cm (5'3") tall, weighs approximately 79 kg (174 lbs), has dyed light brown/blonde hair, and brown eyes. She has a tattoo of the letters JPR on her left arm and the Playboy bunny symbol tattooed behind her left ear. Rabbit has been known to frequent the Calgary and Morley areas. [Wetaskiwin times](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Omar Khadr to be freed on bail while awaiting appeal

After 13 years in prison Omar Khadr will be free on bail while he appeals his convictions in the United States for war crimes. In court on Thursday, Alberta Court of Appeal Justice Myra Bielby said there was no clear evidence there would be irreparable harm if he were released. Khadr was expected to be released within the next two hours and was expected to be free by noon MT. Some supporters gasped and clapped while others cried after hearing Justice Bielby ruling. Court of Queen's Bench Justice June Ross granted Khadr bail last month, but the federal government appealed that decision. Bielby heard arguments on Tuesday from Khadr's lawyers and from a federal prosecutor seeking an emergency stay of the lower court ruling. Khadr will have to continue seeing a psychologist and will live with his lawyer, Dennis Edney, under a curfew from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. [CBC News](#), [Postmedia Network](#) (Warton Echo, Sault Star, 24 Hrs Vancouver, Northern News, Cornwall Standard Freeholder, Tillsonburg News, Edmonton Journal, Toronto Sun), [Presse canadienne](#) (Journal Métro), [AFP](#) (5 Minutes, RTBF), [Radio NRJ](#), [Agence QMI](#) (Canoe, Journal de Québec, Journal de Montréal), Toronto Star, [Canadian Press](#) (iPolitics), [Radio-Canada](#), [Associated Press](#) (Newser), [Reuters](#) (Channel News Asia, EuroNews, Daily Mail, Huffington Post, KDAL, KFGO, WHTC), [Globe and Mail](#), [The Guardian](#) (UK), [La Presse](#)

Why life in prison rarely works out that way in Canada

An opinion piece states, "Life imprisonment doesn't necessarily mean life in Canada – but for the most heinous killers, it should. Our most severe penalty gives the most atrocious murderers parole eligibility after 25 years into their "life" sentence – and many are paroled. The federal government's Bill C-53 (Life Means Life Act) would change this by making life imprisonment without parole a mandatory sentence for heinous murders (such as planned and deliberate murders of police officers or planned and deliberate murders while the accused is committing sexual assault, hostage-taking or terrorism). These lifers could apply after 35 years to the federal Cabinet for "executive release." Heinous murderers should face stiffer sentences for several reasons. (...) Bill C-53 should be amended so that life without parole would be a discretionary – not a mandatory – sentencing option for heinous murders. Judges should also have the option of ordering a fixed-term parole ineligibility period of between 25 and 75 years for heinous murders." [Globe and Mail](#)

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Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

Broadcast media report a juge ruled to grant Omar Khadr bail. [CBC News rough transcript](#)

CBC News provides live coverage of Omar Khadr's lawyers speaking to the media in Edmonton.
[Rough transcript](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

West Shore mayors want regional crime unit restored

Less than six months after the successful regional crime unit folded, the mayors of Colwood, Langford and View Royal want the province to force its resurrection in response to a crime spike in the West Shore. It wasn't long after the regional crime unit - which targeted prolific offenders - disbanded at the end of 2014 that serious crime in the West Shore started to rise, said Langford Mayor Stew Young. "Everything was going great until the last three to six months, when we saw a spike in violent crimes," Young said. "It's doing so much damage to our community because it's not there." On the heels of a Tuesday meeting with West Shore RCMP Insp. Larry Chomyn, Young, Colwood Mayor Carol Hamilton and View Royal Mayor Screech will write a letter to the Justice minister and police services division asking for a meeting about West Shore's police resources and the possibility of bringing back the regional crime unit. Despite high-profile arrests of the region's most prolific property criminals, the unit folded after withdrawals by Victoria police in 2008, and Central Saanich police and Sidney-North Saanich RCMP last year. [Times Colonist](#)

Mishkeegogamang Walkers Headed to Thunder Bay to Honour Murdered and Missing

A group of walkers are headed to Thunder Bay from the First Nation community of Mishkeegogamang. The walk will start with an opening prayer by Eva Skunk at her residence. We will be walking from Mishkeegogamang to Sioux Lookout, then to Dinorwic, to Kakabeka Falls and completing the walk in Thunder Bay. This walk is to honour, acknowledge and bring awareness of our women that have been "reported missing", Sarah Skunk and Viola Panacheese, and the "unsolved murder" of Rena Fox. Also, to remember the unsolved cases within the community, Lena Lawson, Thomas Lyons and Sophie Wassaykeesic. [Net Newsledger](#)

How Idle No More Lives on in Canada

Idle No More, a movement that had so swiftly grown to command the attention of a nation, faded from view in the summer of 2013. Although prominent Aboriginal speakers talked about a "sovereignty summer" that would follow the winter of discontent, the groundswell of indigenous activism failed to materialize. But Idle No More was not gone. Far from it. (...) Idle No More lives on in the form of empowered and determined aboriginal activists. There were many committed and capable indigenous leaders in the past, but the movement added greatly to their ranks. There is a new and continuing level of commitment across the country that shows up in reaction to proposals such as the Northern Gateway Pipeline, and demands for an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women. It shows up, equally, in aboriginal confidence inside organizations and institutions, like universities and colleges, within local aboriginal governments, and in relations with government officials and corporations. [Huffington Post](#)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

NIL

OTHER / AUTRES

Progress spacecraft plummets to Earth this evening - Russian supply ship for ISS is expected to burn up almost completely in Earth's atmosphere

An out-of-control, unmanned Russian cargo spacecraft that malfunctioned on its way to the International Space Station last week will fall to Earth this evening. As of Thursday mid-morning, the Progress 59 M-27M spacecraft was expected to fall between 6:13 p.m. ET and 9:51 p.m. ET Thursday, the Russian

space agency Roscosmos reported. The ship is expected to burn up nearly completely in the Earth's atmosphere, and only a few small pieces will reach the planet's surface, Roscosmos said. They should be similar in size and nature to those that fall to Earth when a Progress spacecraft normally burns up in the atmosphere after making a successful delivery to the International Space Station, Roscosmos added.

CBC News

INTERNATIONAL

NSA mass phone surveillance revealed by Edward Snowden ruled illegal

The US court of appeals has ruled that the bulk collection of telephone metadata is unlawful, in a landmark decision that clears the way for a full legal challenge against the National Security Agency. A panel of three federal judges for the second circuit overturned an earlier ruling that the controversial surveillance practice first revealed to the US public by NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden in 2013 could not be subject to judicial review. But the judges also waded into the charged and ongoing debate over the reauthorization of a key Patriot Act provision currently before US legislators. That provision, which the appeals court ruled the NSA program surpassed, will expire on 1 June amid gridlock in Washington on what to do about it. The judges opted not to end the domestic bulk collection while Congress decides its fate, calling judicial inaction "a lesser intrusion" on privacy than at the time the case was initially argued.

UK Guardian

Sur les pas des fiancées du djihad

Les nouvelles d'étudiantes quittant leur pays pour se joindre au groupe État islamique ont choqué le monde. Métro s'est penché sur ce qui peut inciter ces jeunes femmes à se rendre dans les bastions islamistes en Syrie et en Irak. Pour une adolescente impressionnable, l'univers du groupe terroriste État islamique (EI) en est un de rêve et de rébellion. Se joindre au groupe armé lui offre aussi l'occasion d'épouser un séduisant «héros» islamiste. Mais qu'est-ce qui peut exactement fasciner des jeunes filles dans ce monde brutal? «Il y a deux ou trois ressortissantes britanniques à Raqqa, un bastion islamiste en Syrie. Le groupe État islamique est le principal recruteur de jeunes femmes – elles ont de 14 à 20 ans et ne comprennent pas qu'il s'agit d'un voyage où il n'y a pas de billet retour», explique à Métro Loretta Napoleoni, une analyste italienne du terrorisme. Journal Métro; National Post

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

A U.S. Court of appeals in New York ruled that the country's national security agency phone tapping program is illegal. (CTV News, 11h09 ET)

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@MinStevenBlaney is disappointed by Khadr decision, says "Trudeau refused to rule out special compensation for this convicted terrorist"

jasonfekete

Here's what Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney's spokesman has to say about Omar Khadr being granted bail: <http://twitter.com/jasonfekete/status/596354412697636864/photo/1pic.twitter.com/5PhAmyDrtF>

VassyKapelos

Statement from Steven Blaney's office re: #Khadr decision..."we're disappointed" #cdnpoli

journos_dale

Blaney's spokesperson goes for class and partisanship over #OmarKhadr.

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Blaney on Khadr: We regret a convicted terrorist allowed back into Canadian society without serving his full sentence.

ipoliticsca

Blaney touts budget proposals, C-51 at security committee | iPolitics <http://www.ipolitics.ca/2015/05/07/blaney-touts-budget-proposals-c-51-at-security-committee/> ...

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

mtlgazette

Open-air fires banned across southern Quebec <http://bit.ly/1canwVd>

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

VancouverSun

Changes due today making it easier to revoke passports of radicalized Canadians intending to join ISIL <http://ow.ly/2YI4Pw>

ddale8

Toronto extremist turned CSIS informant Mubin Shaikh is testifying to U.S. Senate committee on terrorist recruitment: <http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/download/?id=0243ef6a-d76e-4c27-afa1-bfc843042f61> ...

nationalpost

The Tories' controversial anti-terror bill is through the HoC, expected to be law by summer <http://natpo.st/1H3DJcc>

rabbleca

The #C51 vote got a little heated last night. @KarlNerenberg breaks down what happened: <http://buff.ly/1FOL0rb>
#stopc51 #rejectfear

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

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SharQc: 14 Hells Angels viennent de plaider coupable à une accusation de complot pour meurtre.

CBCPolitics

VIDEO: RCMP commish Bob Paulson says claims about under-resourcing are false: <http://www.cbc.ca/player/News/Politics/ID/2666620624/> ... #hw

theprovince

Another Surrey shooting leaves car immobilized, driver on the run <http://theprovince.in/1IkYi2w>
pic.twitter.com/xkmzdfRYUJ

CBCNews

Suspicious packages still arriving at Canadian courthouses <http://ift.tt/1FRUR3e>

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICES CORRECTIONNELS

MelanieNagyCTV

Still in Edmonton and back at court today for proceedings regarding #OmarKhadr's release on bail. #ctv

MelanieNagyCTV

Last month, an Alberta judge granted #Khadr bail. Justice June Ross accepted the argument that he is a low risk and issued release order. #ctv

MelanieNagyCTV

But earlier this week federal lawyers entered an emergency motion to stop his release. #OmarKhadr #ctv

MelanieNagyCTV

Today Court Appeal Justice Myra Bielby will rule on the stay of proceedings application. [#OmarKhadr](#) [#CTV](#)

[MelanieNagyCTV](#)

Federal lawyer Bruce Hughson argued that [#Khadr](#) should stay in prison until government's appeal of bail order is heard. [#ctv](#)

[MelanieNagyCTV](#)

If judge rules against stay [#Khadr](#) will be released on bail. His bail conditions were decided and finalized on Tuesday. [#CTV](#)

[MelanieNagyCTV](#)

[#OmarKhadr](#) is once again here for the court proceedings. He is wearing the same black shirt and smiled when greeted by his lawyer [#CTV](#)

[MelanieNagyCTV](#)

When greeted by longtime lawyer Dennis Edney [#OmarKhadr](#) smiled and asked Edney how he was doing. [#ctv](#)

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The Judge is now reading her decision

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The judge is going over context of stay application. Going over arguments presented. [#Khadr](#) listening closely. [#ctv](#)

[MelanieNagyCTV](#)

Everyone is on the edge of their seats waiting for the decision. Lots of shuffling from public gallery. [#Khadr](#) focused on judge. [#ctv](#)

[MelanieNagyCTV](#)

[#OmarKhadr](#) was smiling when judge ruled he could be released. It's expected to take two hours to process paper work. [#ctv](#)

[Perkel](#)

Bielby notes if the government bail appeal succeeds, likely in September, Omar [#Khadr](#) would have to go back to prison. [#cdnpoli](#)

[Perkel](#)

Bielby: 'Irreparable harm' to Canada if Omar [#Khadr](#) gets bail? Crown led no evidence from U.S. and CSC affidavit was 'speculative' [#cdnpoli](#)

[CBCEdmonton](#)

Follow CBC reporters as they tweet live from the Khadr bail ruling. <http://cbc.ca/1.3064168>

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Decision: Omar [#Khadr](#) will be free on bail after nearly 13 years in custody. Ottawa loses emergency motion to stop his release [#Guantanamo](#)

[suntonyblais](#)

Alberta's highest court ruled Thursday that former Guantanamo Bay detainee Omar Khadr can be released on bail pending his U.S. appeal. [#ye](#)

[shephardm](#)

Decision: Omar [#Khadr](#) will be free on bail after nearly 13 years in custody. Ottawa loses emergency motion to stop his release [#Guantanamo](#)

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[#Edmonton](#) judge allows release of [#OmarKhadr](#) on bail. Conditions include residing with lawyer Dennis Edney.

[briarstewart](#)

BREAKING Justice Bielby says [#khadr](#) is free to go [#cbc](#)

[RadioCanadaInfo](#)

La justice albertaine rejette la requête du gouvernement Harper; Omar [#Khadr](#) pourra être libéré sous conditions
pic.twitter.com/vspRQtxvYM

[CBCAlerts](#)

[#OmarKhadr](#) lawyer Nate Whitling pleased with client's release on bail, says freedom will be big adjustment.
[#Edmonton](#)

OTHER / AUTRE

[CBCNews](#)

Out-of-control Russian spacecraft plummets to Earth today <http://ift.tt/1FRE6Ft>

INTERNATIONAL

[metromontreal](#)

Sur les pas des fiancées du djihad... ces étudiantes qui quittent leur pays pour l'ÉI? <http://bit.ly/1cqIsJm>

[metromontreal](#)

Un autre puissant séisme secoue la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée - <http://bit.ly/1cqBgfa>

[CBCAlerts](#)

US appeals court rules Nat'l Security Agency's program of collecting billions of telephone records illegal. [#NSA](#)
[#PatriotAct](#)

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Canadians trying to join terror groups could have passports cancelled without notice

Canadians preparing to travel overseas to enlist with terrorist groups could have their passports cancelled without notice and revoked for up to 10 years under measures announced Thursday. The proposed changes would allow the Minister of Public Safety to cancel, refuse and revoke Canadian passports when federal authorities suspect that doing so would prevent a terrorist offence. At the same time, the government is introducing legislation allowing it to withhold the information upon which such decisions are based — although judges would still be allowed to rely on it. **Steven Blaney, the Public Safety Minister**, portrayed the measures as a response to the growing number of Canadians leaving to join violent extremist groups, notably the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant. ***"We cannot ignore the danger posed by high-risk travelers looking to travel to places like Syria, only to potentially return back to Canada with training and experience necessary to threaten the safety of Canadians by engaging in jihadi terrorism here at home," Blaney said.*** [National Post](#); [La Presse](#)

Blaney to get power to revoke passports under new budget bill

The government tabled its budget implementation legislation Thursday afternoon and in it are several significant changes to the way security is handled on the Hill — and to the process for deciding when to revoke the passport of a suspected extremist. Under the new Prevention of Terrorist Travel Act, proposed

in the budget bill, the minister deemed responsible by the governor in council — likely **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** and/or Citizenship and Immigration Minister Chris Alexander — would be able to make the decision on whether to revoke or refuse a passport to someone suspected of plotting to commit a terrorist act in Canada or abroad. Right now, that power resides with Passport Canada, while final authority rests with the Citizenship and Immigration minister. [iPolitics](#)

Canada introduces measures against high-risk travelers

Canada Thursday announced the introduction of the Prevention of Terrorist Travel Act and changes to the Canadian Passport Order (CPO), new measures designed to protect Canadians by preventing the travel of those seeking to engage in terrorist activity abroad. ***"Our Government has seen the troubling evidence of Canadians traveling overseas to participate in terrorist activities, particularly with the so-called Islamic State. We cannot ignore the danger posed by high-risk travelers looking to travel to places like Syria, only to potentially return back to Canada with training and experience necessary to threaten the safety of Canadians by engaging in jihadi terrorism here at home,"*** Canada's Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Steven Blaney, said. [Xinhua](#) (Shanghai Daily)

Pardons backlog can be cleared, says Blaney, but parole board has no time frame

The Parole Board of Canada has the funding to deal with a long-standing backlog of thousands of old pardon applications for serious offences, **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** said Thursday. Blaney told a House of Commons committee that the board is meeting its objectives and is on time in handling the application backlog, which dates back as far as 2012 when the Conservative government overhauled the pardons system. ***"A little more than 5,000 are left and Mr. (Harvey) Cenaiko (the chairman of the parole board) and his team confirmed to me that they have the financial resources to keep dealing with the backlog,"*** Blaney said in response to a question from a New Democrat MP. ***"And they really are on objective and on time."*** [Canadian Press](#) (Yahoo! News)

Omar Khadr released on bail

Omar Khadr has been released from prison after an Alberta Court of Appeal justice rejected a last-ditch government attempt to keep the Guantanamo Bay prisoner behind bars. Justice Myra Bielby ruled Thursday the government failed to prove that allowing Khadr out now would cause "irreparable harm" to Canada's international treaty obligations. Khadr was in the courtroom and let out a smile when Bielby announced her decision. It is Khadr's first taste of freedom in almost 13 years, since his capture as a wounded 15-year-old in Afghanistan in July 2002... **The government regrets a convicted terrorist has been allowed back in to Canadian society without having served a full sentence, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Steven Blaney** responded. ***"Omar Khadr pleaded guilty to heinous crimes, including the murder of American Army medic Sergeant Christopher Speer. By his own admission, as reported in the media, his ideology has not changed,"*** said Blaney. [Global News](#); [Edmonton Journal](#); [Toronto Star](#); [CBC News](#); [New York Times](#); [CTV News](#); [Globe and Mail](#); [Washington Times](#); [Wall Street Journal](#)

There will be more Omar Khadr. We need a better system to deal with them

An opinion piece states, "... Things didn't go that way on Aug. 6, 2002. That's the day that a United States Army unit fighting in Afghanistan entered the ruins of a building that had been bombed by U.S. aircraft. In that building waited 15-year-old, Toronto-born Omar Khadr. A grenade was thrown — probably by Khadr, though some doubt the veracity of his confession. Whoever threw it, it killed U.S. Army Sgt. Christopher Speer. In the resulting exchange of fire, Khadr was grievously wounded. But, thanks to rapid medical aid, he did not die. Thus began the long legal odyssey that had its latest chapter on Thursday, when a judge for the Alberta Court of Appeals in Edmonton ruled that Khadr would be released on bail pending an appeal of his conviction. Khadr was not serving a life term; he was always going to get out eventually. But the federal government had hoped to keep him behind bars for the rest of the prison term he was sentenced to by an American military tribunal. Critics of this ruling, and that includes the federal government, call this a disgrace. A terrorist will now walk freely in Canada, **the public safety minister** grumbled in a statement. Many, however, are relieved, if that's the right word: Khadr is a child soldier, they've long argued. He never should have been imprisoned and sentenced in the first place, and Canada should have done more to bring him home for rehabilitation sooner. Both sides are right. No one

should be comfortable with the fact that Khadr, who was, after all, fighting for our enemy, is now partially free while Speer remains dead. But it's also true that Khadr was, by any definition, a child soldier, and that's supposed to mean something. We don't have to like him or his family to recognize that no 15-year-old who follows his father into battle should be held totally and personally responsible for that. In any other context, we'd call that abuse, not a war crime..." [National Post](#)

The global debate over security and privacy may yet wound PM

An opinion piece states, "It came in like the proverbial lion, dominating debate both here and across the country, sparking protest and anger. But when Stephen Harper's anti-terrorism legislation passed the House of Commons this week, it was delivered on time, virtually untouched, just as he drew it up. It moved to the Senate, looking a little like a lamb. Bill C-51 passed as much of Ottawa was tied up in debate about tax breaks for the middle class and much of the country was marvelling at the electoral breakthrough in Alberta by the NDP... Then Thursday, Omar Khadr, the child soldier who had grown to become this government's tough on terror symbol, walked free in Edmonton after government lawyers were left with no arguments to overturn a decision by the Alberta Court of Appeal to grant him bail. **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** was left to bluster on about disappointment, heinous crime and the same boilerplate the government has always mustered in its bid to keep Canadian streets safe from the man who has served nearly 13 years behind bars at Guantanamo Bay and Alberta. The Canadian anti-terror debate is not happening in isolation, of course..." [Toronto Star](#)

Omar Khadr, free at last

An editorial states, "Omar Khadr is a free man today, no thanks to Prime Minister Stephen Harper's obsessively vindictive government. But the injustice Khadr has suffered continues to shame us all. When the ugly history of Guantanamo Bay and the war on terror is written, it will record that Canada, alone of all Western countries, did not press for the return of a detainee... And on Thursday Justice Myra Bielby quashed a federal bid to keep him behind bars, ruling that Ottawa failed to prove that setting him free would cause "irreparable harm" to Canada's relations with the United States and other treaty partners. As the Star's Michelle Shephard has reported, the U.S. State Department has made it abundantly clear that Khadr's release won't damage relations. Within hours, Khadr was free. The Canadian courts have got it right. Psychological profiling confirms that Khadr poses no great threat. He admits to having "screwed up" as a youth. He is appealing his dubious Gitmo conviction in the U.S. courts. And he hopes to rebuild his life. His tough bail conditions include living with Edney, wearing an electronic monitoring device, observing a curfew and having only restricted, supervised access to the Internet and his own family. Even so, the Harper government intends to press on, obtusely, with its appeal of Justice Ross' original bail order. Far from being humiliated by the court's rebuff, **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** seized the occasion to launch a crude attack on the Liberals and New Democrats for not being tougher on terror. It was a contemptible response..." [Toronto Star](#)

City takes pragmatic approach to proliferation of pot dispensaries

An editorial states, "Sooner or later, it was bound to happen. With the marijuana trade recently legalized in some U.S. states and British Columbians long toking in parks and on street corners, the policing of pot use was eventually going to become less rigorous in Vancouver... Health Minister Rona Ambrose and **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** are urging Vancouver council and the police department to close all the dispensaries which, they insist, are illegal operations. Much as the Harper government has refused to recognize the practical need for a safe injection site in Vancouver, it is denying the fact there is widespread recreational marijuana use on the West Coast..." [Vancouver Sun](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News provides live coverage of an announcement by Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Steven Blaney and Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada Chris Alexander. A new section under the Canadian passport order that will authorize the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness to cancel, refuse, or revoke passports in national security-related cases and terrorism-related offences. [Rough Transcript](#)

CTV News – Power Play interviewed Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney regarding Omar Khadr being released on bail as well as today's passport revocation announcement. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News – Power & Politics interviewed Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney regarding Omar Khadr being released on bail as well as today's passport revocation announcement. [Rough Transcript](#)

RDI – 24/60 a fait un entretien avec le ministre Steven Blaney au sujet de Omar Khadr et la révocation de passeport. [Transcription ébauche](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Evacuation ordered as brush fire burns east of Halifax

An out-of-control brush fire has prompted firefighters to issue a mandatory evacuation order for about 200 homes east of Halifax. Deputy fire Chief Roy Hollett says no injuries have been reported, but residents on about a dozen streets in East Lawrencetown have been asked to leave. [Canadian Press](#) (Metro Halifax); [CBC News](#); [Radio-Canada](#)

Northwest should plan on more severe storms, flooding

A meteorologist with Environment Canada said research shows you may be needing those emergency kits more frequently in the coming years. Geoff Coulson said the main weather concern for the northwest is that the region could see more severe thunderstorms. He said those storms can lead to flooding. [CBC News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Conservative budget bill sets up battle with federal unions

The Conservative government is giving itself new powers in the latest omnibus budget bill to impose controversial sick leave changes to the public service, a move that sets up a battle with federal unions just months before the October election. The budget bill tabled Thursday, C-59, has 157 numbered pages, which is less than half the size of both budget bills tabled last year. However Thursday's bill continues the pattern of jamming budget bills with a wide-range of substantive measures, including entirely new laws. **Bill C-59 includes the government's long-promised balanced budget legislation, as well as a new law called the Prevention of Terrorist Travel Act, which restricts the release of intelligence used by government to cancel a passport on national security grounds.** [Globe and Mail](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

NIL

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

NIL

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Paulson in the hot seat in committee after 16x9 investigation

MPs grilled RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson on Parliament Hill today, following a 16X9 investigation into the RCMP's equipment and training and the Moncton shooting. Questions were raised in the 16x9 report about the RCMP's training and preparation for an event such as the Moncton shooting, including

the years-long delay in rolling out the carbine program – a semi-automatic weapon. Asked about the investigation during a public safety committee meeting, Paulson accused 16X9 of using actors to draw a link between lack of equipment and the Moncton shooting, a link he didn't think was fair. During the committee meeting Liberal MP Wayne Easter said he's received emails from a number of RCMP members and the people who work with them since the investigation aired, and read one of the emails from a dispatcher aloud. Paulson interrupted Easter, insisting members could come forward. "People, they couch these criticism in the blanket of repercussion, and there are no repercussions," Paulson said. "What we are building, what I've built and what I insist on having is an organization where those conversations take place without repercussion." Easter hopes Paulson's comments about coming forward open the door to members doing so. "I would say to those officers if they do express them {their concerns} to Commissioner Paulson and there are repercussions, then give us a call," Easter said. [Global News](#)

Crown wants 3 years for Mountie who lied about Dziekanski's death

When Zofia Cisowski immigrated to Canada she saw the RCMP as the symbol of democracy and trust, but that was destroyed in the years since officers jolted her son with a Taser, a court heard. "My faith in the honesty of the RCMP has forever been shaken," said the mother's letter read at the sentencing of RCMP Const. Kwesi Millington on Thursday. Millington was convicted of perjury for lying during a public inquiry into Robert Dziekanski's death at Vancouver's airport in October 2007. His defence lawyer opposed allowing Cisowski to read her victim-impact statement into the record. But B.C. Supreme Court Justice William Ehrcke rejected the argument that Cisowski didn't qualify as a victim because Millington's crime was against the "administration of justice." [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News); [CBC News](#)

Officer acquitted in Dziekanski perjury trial files complaint

One of the two Mounties found not guilty of perjury in relation to the taser-related death of Robert Dziekanski at the Vancouver airport in 2007 has filed complaints against the prosecutors who tried to convict him. RCMP Constable Gerry Rundel made a brief statement outside the courthouse where the sentence hearing of another officer who was convicted is taking place. [AM 730](#)

RCMP withdraws disgraceful conduct allegations against Nunavut Mountie

The RCMP's disciplinary directorate has withdrawn allegations of historical sexual misconduct against a Nunavut officer. Sgt. Gregory Sutherland, with Nunavut RCMP in Iqaluit, was facing two allegations of disgraceful conduct involving a fellow member of the RCMP. His disciplinary hearing was supposed to be held in Federal Court in Calgary last month but it was postponed. On Thursday, the discipline directorate said after careful consideration of additional information it received, the allegations were withdrawn because they "could not be established on a balance of probabilities." Sutherland, who had been under suspension with pay, will soon return to work in Nunavut. [CBC News](#)

Moncton man accused in massive child porn case facing pre-existing sex-related charges

As word gets out about a child pornography case that could have thousands of unwitting victims, more information is coming to light about the accused Moncton man. A 24-year-old Moncton man was charged earlier this week by the RCMP, who say the investigation stemmed from information received by York Regional Police in Ontario. York Regional Police announced on Wednesday that 41 people had been arrested and charged for their alleged participation in an international child porn ring. RCMP say the Moncton man posed online a teenage girl, befriending teenage boys and asking them to perform sex acts, which he taped and distributed without their knowledge. Now, RCMP say the publication ban protecting his identity is connected to an earlier, separate investigation. The 24-year-old man was already facing charges that include making and possession child pornography, sexual assault, and touching a person under the age of 14 for a sexual purpose. Meanwhile, as RCMP face the difficult task of identifying all the victims all over the world, they say they're pleased with how quickly word of the case has spread. [CTV Atlantic](#)

Man known to police escapes spray of bullets in latest Surrey shooting

There was more gunfire in Surrey Thursday morning, as a young man escaped unharmed after he was shot at in a car. The latest shooting brings the number to more than two dozen such incidents since early

March. RCMP say shortly before 2:30 a.m., police received several 911 calls about shots being fired in the area of 68th Avenue, between 124th Street and 121st Street. [Vancouver Sun](#)

Calls for more police patrols after series of suspected arsons in Joggins, N.S.

A Cumberland County Councillor would like to see increased RCMP patrols in his community after a suspected arsonist destroyed five buildings and damaged another Tuesday night. Mike McLellan represents Joggins as a Cumberland County Councillor. "I'm going to ask for more police protection, show more presence of the RCMP," says McLellan. There has been increased RCMP activity in Joggins since Tuesday. Police are cautious about the progress as they continue to investigate, and explore any tips that come in. "They will see more police around here now because there are a number of follow up investigations, people to speak with," says RCMP Staff Sgt. Allan Carroll. [CTV Atlantic](#)

Two More Packages Sent to Government Buildings

While the RCMP investigation into suspicious packages is ongoing, VOXM News has learned that two more packages have been intercepted by Canada Post. RCMP Staff Sergeant Boyd Merrill says Canada Post identified packages in Harbour Grace and Happy Valley-Goose Bay which originated from the same international address as those reported yesterday. Merrill says the packages are suspicious because of the common address, and because they are similar in appearance and have the same markings as the other packages. RCMP say that suspicious does not necessarily mean hazardous, and there is no threat to public safety. The investigation into the packages is continuing. [VOXM](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Omar Khadr's lawyer calls Harper a 'bigot' after judge denies federal attempt to block prisoner's release

Omar Khadr's lawyer called Prime Minister Stephen Harper a "bigot" who "doesn't like Muslims" Thursday after an Alberta Court of Appeal justice rejected the Conservative government's last-ditch attempt to keep the former Guantanamo Bay prisoner behind bars. Justice Myra Bielby ruled the government failed to prove that allowing Khadr out now would cause "irreparable harm" to Canada's international treaty obligations. "My view is very clear, Mr. Harper is a bigot. Mr. Harper doesn't like Muslims," Khadr's lawyer, Dennis Edney told reporters outside court. "[Harper] wants to show he's tough on crime, and who does he pick on? A fifteen-year-old boy who was picked up and put in a hell hole in Guantanamo." Khadr was in the courtroom and let out a smile when Bielby announced her decision. It will be Khadr's first taste of freedom in almost 13 years, since his capture as a wounded 15-year-old in Afghanistan in July 2002. [Canadian Press](#) (National Post); [Toronto Star](#)

Omar Khadr's ordeal: When a war crime isn't a war crime

When Omar Khadr first arrived at Guantanamo Bay in 2002, he was a baby-faced 15-year-old and one of the military prison's youngest detainees. He had been severely wounded in a firefight in Afghanistan in which a U.S. army medic was killed and other U.S. soldiers injured. The incident began a 13-year ordeal marked by repeated interrogations, torture, alleged threats of rape, and a plea bargain with a fundamentally flawed military commission. After being imprisoned nearly half his life, Khadr, now a bearded 28-year old, was finally released on bail Thursday by a court in Canada. [MSNBC](#); [CNN](#); [BBC News](#)

Veronica Park's prison death details kept from family

Correctional Service Canada won't tell Veronica Park's family how the 38-year-old Newfoundland woman died in one of its prisons last month. Park was serving time at the Nova Institution for Women in Truro, N.S., for robbery and breach of recognizance. She began complaining of a sore throat in April and asked for medical help due to chest pain. The pain got worse, and on April 24, the 38-year-old Corner Brook woman died after being taken to hospital. Her family wants to know what happened. Correctional Service Canada has told them an investigation is underway, but not much more than that. CBC News asked Correctional Service Canada when the family might learn what caused Park's death. "Correctional Service of Canada does not share information regarding the investigation with the next of kin," it said in

response. Park's family may now have to file an access to information request to learn how she died in custody. [CBC News](#)

Harper treatment of Gov. watchdog abuse of power

An editorial states, "As Canada's correctional investigator or ombudsman for 11 years, Howard Sapers has been a burr under the saddle of three prime ministers. That's the nature of independent watchdogs. They tend to embarrass the government of the day. Prime Minister Stephen Harper, however, has decided it's time to eliminate the constant annoyance of being reprimanded for flaws in the federal parole and penal system. Mr. Sapers frequently challenged the government's law-and-order agenda and exposed abuse and injustice. The ombudsman has been particularly aggressive in the case of former Guantanamo detainee Omar Khadr — whose release on bail Thursday was opposed by the government — issuing three separate reports critical of his treatment by the correctional service..." [Winnipeg Free Press](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CTV News – Power Play interviewed Andrea Prasow of Human Rights Watch regarding Omar Khadr being released on bail. [Rough Transcript](#)

CTV News – Power Play interviewed MPs Elizabeth May, Blake Richards, Scott Simms and Robert Chisholm for their reaction to Omar Khadr being released on bail. [Rough Transcript](#)

CTV News – Power Play interviewed Benjamin Perrin, Senior Fellow at the Macdonald-Laurier Institute regarding Bill C-53, Life Means Life Act. [Rough Transcript](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

NIL

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

Federal government fends off criticism over \$97M in 'lapsed' funds

Money promised for federal programs but never spent, referred to as "lapsed funds," is a normal part of the budgeting process and has nothing to do with politics, federal Finance Minister Joe Oliver says. [CBC News](#)

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INTERNATIONAL

Report: US Strike Kills Top Al Qaeda Militant

A top al Qaeda militant who claimed responsibility for the Charlie Hebdo attack has been killed, SITE intelligence group reports. According to al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), Nasser bin ali al Ansi was killed in a US strike in Yemen, SITE reported. The militant group said he died alongside his eldest son and several others. The report could not be independently verified. Al Ansi appeared in video posted online in January claiming AQAP was behind the Paris attacks, which left 12 people dead. He said the attackers - Said and Cherif Kouachi - had been acting on the orders of al Qaeda's global commander, Ayman al Zawahiri. [Sky News](#)

Atlantic hurricane season may get early start

Though the official start of the Atlantic hurricane season doesn't start until June 1, meteorologists are keeping a close eye on a system off the coast of the Carolinas that could give the season an early start. The U.S. National Hurricane Center is forecasting a 70 per cent chance of tropical storm formation within the next 48 hours. Though the hurricane season hasn't officially started yet, it's not completely unheard of for a hurricane to develop in May. [Global News](#)

Spy scandal tarnishing German public's trust in Angela Merkel

Two years ago, Germany complained bitterly when whistleblower Edward Snowden revealed the extent of U.S. spying in Europe, which reportedly included monitoring Chancellor Angela Merkel's cellphone. Now there is a new scandal infuriating Germans. Only this time, the outrage is not because the country was a victim of aggressive intelligence gathering, but because reports suggest it was a willing participant. Germany's foreign intelligence service, the BND, allegedly carried out extensive surveillance at the request of the U.S. National Security Agency. The targets reportedly included European companies, institutions and individuals, violating German policy and possibly breaking the law. [Globe and Mail](#)

White House fence getting sharper spikes in security upgrade

The black iron fence surrounding the White House will be topped with a row of "sharp metal points" in July, the U.S. Secret Service said on Thursday, part of a series of security upgrades for the famous mansion where the president and his family live. [Reuters](#)

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MinStevenBlaney

Meilleurs vœux à Marc Parent du [@SPVM](#) un membre très respecté de la communauté des forces de l'ordre et un défenseur de la sécurité publique

MinStevenBlaney

All the best to [@SPVM](#) Chief Marc Parent a very respected member of the law enforcement community and advocate for public safety.

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LIVE NOW: [@MinStevenBlaney](#) announcement regarding Canada's national security ow.ly/MFfE5 [#cdnpoli](#)

CBCEdmonton

Watch live as Canada's public safety minister Steven Blaney reacts to Omar Khadr's release. cbc.ca/1.3064945

CP24

WATCH LIVE: Steven Blaney to make announcement on Canada's national security cp24.com/video?clipId=6...

ipoliticsca

Blaney to get power to revoke passports under new budget bill | iPolitics ipolitics.ca/2015/05/07/bla...

CBCAAlerts

Public Safety Minister says thoughts should be with victims of [#OmarKhadr](#), reiterates belief he should serve full sentence after confession.

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Steven Blaney: Won't say whether the government will appeal Omar Khadr's release to the Supreme Court of Canada. Says legal issues ongoing

PatMorrell_CBC

Steven Blaney, [@MinStevenBlaney](#), reacts to [#Khadr](#) [#omarkhar](#) 's Bail [snpv.tv/1EldmYu](#)

CTVCalgary

Public Safety Minister says parole Board has funding to clear old pardons backlog: [bit.ly/1zOIPqz](#)

CBCAlerts

Safety minister defends [#PMHarper](#) from bigotry accusation made by [#OmarKhadr](#) lawyer. [#Blaney](#) says PM champions tolerance, respect. [#cdnpoli](#)

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Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney says the government is "disappointed" with Khadr's bail. Pursuing ongoing legal action

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I reported that Omar [#Khadr](#) said his ideology hadn't changed - because he didn't have one then [@MinStevenBlaney](#) twisting words. [#cdnpoli](#)

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LIVE: [@MinStevenBlaney](#) on Omar Khadr being released on bail and new passport revocation rules. [#cdnpoli](#) [#ctvpp](#)

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[@MinStevenBlaney](#) says at this point he cannot comment on whether or not Khadr will receive a Canadian passport [#cdnpoli](#) [#ctvpp](#)

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[@MinStevenBlaney](#) says the gov't is disappointed with [#Khadr](#) decision - his thoughts are with the victims.

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[@MinStevenBlaney](#) says [#Khadr](#) is somebody who pleaded guilty to horrible crimes, agreed to spend 8 years in prison.

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[@MinStevenBlaney](#) says Omar [#Khadr](#) should serve out his entire sentence.

PnPCBC

[@MinStevenBlaney](#) takes issue with Dennis Edney's comments about [@pmharper](#). Says you can disagree with someone - but have to show respect

AMarieDussault

[#RD12460](#) maintenant: Omar [#Khadr](#) libéré après 13 ans de détention s'adresse aux médias vers 19h30 + la réaction de [@MinStevenBlaney](#) [#polcan](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

APTNews

How prepared is BC for an earthquake? APTN takes a look - APTN National News [fb.me/3L29XgEpk](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

rabbleca

Anti-terror Bill, C-51, passes the House amid angry and personal exchanges via [@KarlNerenberg](#) [buff.ly/1F0L1LA](#) [#stopc51](#) [#rejectfear](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

TorontoStar

It's a bad month for cigarette smugglers in Cornwall, Ont. on.thestar.com/1bAQ6OZ pic.twitter.com/pWJIMH1SOj

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

globalnews

RCMP Commissioner grilled by MPs after 16x9 investigation into Moncton RCMP shooting. glnb.ca/MFn5n

VassyKapelos

RCMP's Paulson calls 16X9 investigation into equipment/training "sensational", admits he hasn't watched it. globalnews.ca/news/1985955/p... [#cdnpoli](https://twitter.com/cdnpoli)

CTVancouver

Robert Dziekanski's mother wants to read statement at Mountie's sentencing hearing <http://bc.ctvnews.ca/dziekanski-s-mom-wants-to-read-statement-at-mountie-s-sentencing-hearing-1.2363805> ...

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Zofia Cisowski statement: Lies told by officers would have 'tainted' her son's memory forever and her faith in [#RCMP](https://twitter.com/RCMP) has been 'shaken'. 1/2

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2/2 'I can forgive, but I can never forget.' She's also grateful for witness video proving claims made by [#RCMP](https://twitter.com/RCMP) were wrong.

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Crown seeking jail time of 18-36 months for [#RCMP](https://twitter.com/RCMP) Constable Kwesi Millington re: perjury conviction linked to death of [#RobertDziekanski](https://twitter.com/RobertDziekanski).

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Judge reserves sentencing decision for [#RCMP](https://twitter.com/RCMP) Constable Kwesi Millington until 10am June 22nd. Millington declined opportunity to comment.

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Reuters

Omar Khadr, once a Guantanamo inmate, freed on bail in Canada: reut.rs/1F1ILVx

nationalpost

First steps of freedom for Omar Khadr after his lawyer calls Harper an anti-Muslim 'bigot' <http://natpo.st/1H3YLaB>

RadioCanadaInfo

« C'est un jour merveilleux pour la justice. » - Dennis Edney, avocat d'Omar Khadr ici.radio-canada.ca/regions/albert... pic.twitter.com/gTJ5LiNA0l

canoepolitics

'Mr. Khadr, you are free to go': Judge rejects federal government's to prevent release ow.ly/MFmuP

fullcomment

Matt Gurney: There will be more Omar Khadr's. We need a better system to deal with them natpo.st/1cbUg0c

Perkel

'Great day for justice' Omar [#Khadr](https://twitter.com/Khadr) out on bail. Story. j.mp/1F8mO87 [#cdnpoli](https://twitter.com/cdnpoli)

CBCAlerts

[#OmarKhadr](https://twitter.com/OmarKhadr) to speak outside his lawyer Dennis Edney's house in [#Edmonton](https://twitter.com/Edmonton) at 6.30 pm/et. [#cdnpoli](https://twitter.com/cdnpoli)

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.[@andreaprasow](https://twitter.com/andreaprasow) says it's Canada's obligation to rehabilitate Omar Khadr [#cdnpoli](https://twitter.com/cdnpoli) [#ctvpp](https://twitter.com/ctvpp)

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Perrin: Charter Challenge would strike down "life means life" bill. Says bill is "heading for a train wreck." [#cdnpoli](#)
[#ctvpp](#)

[TorontoStar](#)

What Omar [#Khadr](#)'s lawyer said: 'Mr. Harper is a bigot'
on.thestar.com/1F1WKtm

[PnPCBC](#)

Source tells [@evansolomoncbc](#) you are going to be surprised how "articulate" and "balanced" Omar [#Khadr](#) will be.
He is "amazing young man."

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

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Harper Brushes Off Khadr Remarks, MacKay Acknowledges Them

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Houseguest Omar Khadr a remarkable young man, Patricia Edney says

The woman who has invited Omar Khadr into her home says she has great hope for this "remarkable young man's" future. Weeks ago, Patricia Edney prepared a room for Khadr in her suburban home and bought him clothes, waiting for the day he would be released from a period of incarceration that began when he was 15 years old. That day came Thursday, when an Alberta Court of Appeal judge released the now 28-year-old on bail under strict conditions. Those conditions include living with Edney and her husband Dennis Edney, who is Khadr's lawyer. As well, Khadr will have to wear an electronic tracking ankle device and have limited contact with his Toronto family, including only talking to them via video or telephone under supervision and in English. Patricia Edney says she was "just delighted" when the decision was read Thursday and admits after the stress of the last few months, she burst into tears. "All our hopes and wishes for that moment kind of cascaded and I started to cry. It was wonderful," Edney told CTV's Canada AM Friday morning. Not everyone was pleased with Khadr's release. A spokesman for **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney**, Jeremy Laurin, said on Thursday that Khadr had pleaded guilty to "heinous crimes," including the 2002 murder of U.S. Army Sgt. Christopher Speer. [CTV News, 1](#)

Chief Isadore Day – C-51 Glaring Theft of Charter Rights and Freedoms

The Anti-Terrorism Act, also known as Bill C-51, easily passed third reading this week by a margin of 183 to 96. Chief Isadore Day, candidate for the Ontario Regional Chief position says, "Thanks to the Conservative government's majority, and the promised support of the third-party Liberals, we are witnessing one of the most glaring thefts of Charter Rights and Freedoms, known in modern times." Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney has said the legislation is required to keep Canadians safe from Jihadi-inspired attacks like those that claimed the lives of two soldiers in attacks just days apart last October. Chief Isadore Day along with a majority number of Canadians and First Nations alike, say that the federal Conservatives have designed other agendas in this bill that are clearly targeting Indigenous Peoples who step out and protest against government policy and/or development. "Chiefs in Ontario do not need more talk on Bill C-51 and its infringements – we need action," said Chief Day. "Simply, a third reading means that federal parliamentarians have had their say – we must turn up the volume in the loud speaker to the Governor General of Canada and denounce the passage of this through the "Royal Assent" process. We need to support and seek standing in a constitutional challenge; and we must educate all Canadians and Indigenous people across this country, and we must continue to rally, protest, and peacefully demonstrate against this insanity," urges Chief Isadore Day. It is expected that Day and other First Nation leaders across the country, who are being advised their legal experts, will not let this rest. [Net News Ledger](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CTV News provides live coverage of **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** answering questions from the media following an announcement on measures to combat human trafficking. Minister Blaney commented on Omar Khadr's release on bail. [Rough transcript](#)

En direct, *RDI* présente la conférence de presse de **Steven Blaney, ministre de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile du Canada** et le surintendant principal Jean Cormier, directeur de la Police fédérale de la GRC. On souligne les mesures prises pour lutter contre la

traite de personnes. On note le travail de l'équipe de la lutte contre la traite des personnes de la GRC situé à Montréal. [Transcription ébauche](#)

En réaction à la libération conditionnelle d'Omar Khadr, **le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney affirme, « Il a reconnu ses crimes, nous l'avons accepté, au pays, dans le cadre d'un accord international de transfèrement sur le fait qu'il s'était engagé à servir sa sentence de huit ans. »** (RDI, 9h40 ET)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Le recours collectif de la tragédie de Lac-Mégantic autorisé

Le recours collectif intenté à la suite de la tragédie de Lac-Mégantic a été autorisé contre World Fuel services et la compagnie de chemin de fer Canadien Pacifique (CP). Ces deux compagnies sont les seules poursuivies à la suite de la tragédie du 6 juillet 2013 qui a fait 47 morts et détruit le centre-ville de Lac-Mégantic qui ont choisi de ne pas s'inclure dans le règlement proposé en vertu de la Loi sur les arrangements avec les créanciers des compagnies (LACC) de la Montreal, Maine & Atlantic (MMA). En échange de leur participation dans le Fonds d'indemnisation des victimes de Lac-Mégantic, qui atteint près de 300 millions \$, les autres entreprises poursuivies pourraient obtenir une quittance des poursuites intentées aux États-Unis ainsi qu'au Canada dans le cadre du recours collectif. [La Tribune](#)

Flooding prompts Sask. RM to declare state of emergency

A state of emergency has been declared in the rural municipality of St. Louis due to flooding. Thousands of acres of land are under water in the central Saskatchewan RM, located south of Prince Albert. The RM declared the emergency state Thursday. Flooding around Lac Chicot has made several roads in the area impassable. [CTV News \(2015-05-07\)](#); [CBC News](#)

Event urges wildfire preparedness

Vernon residents can learn more about protecting their homes from wildfire. Predator Ridge will be the site of wildfire preparedness activities Saturday. "The event will feature a FireSmart information session by the Ministry of Forests' protection branch, demonstrating the tasks that need to be performed as part of becoming a FireSmart community," said Keith Green, Vernon fire chief. The Predator Ridge Community Emergency Management Committee is hosting Wildfire Preparedness Day beginning at 8 a.m. Directions to the event will be available at Predator Ridge fire hall. [Vernon Morning Star](#)

10th annual Emergency Preparedness Day

Police cars, fire trucks, army tanks. These are only some of the vehicles being showcased at today's 10th annual Sarnia Lambton Emergency Preparedness Day at the Clearwater Arena. Hundred of children are attending today's event to learn about the importance of being prepared for an emergency. CHOK talked to people at the event to find out their favourite part about the day. This week marks National Emergency Preparedness Week. Families are encouraged to assemble a 72-hour emergency supply kit to celebrate and prepare ahead of time. [Blackburn News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

I asked CSIS for its file on me. Here's what I got

Ever wondered if Canada's spy agency has a file on you? We know from Edward Snowden that spy agencies are vacuuming up unprecedented amounts of information. That got me wondering if, somewhere in a Canadian Security Intelligence Service database, my name would turn up. So in January, I asked CSIS to search their records by filling out a form on the federal government's Access to Information and Privacy website. The form took less than five minutes to fill out. Beyond basic personal information – like my home address and birthday – I was asked to tell them what I was requesting. This is what I wrote: "I'd like to be provided with documents or be informed about the existence of documents related to my identity. This might include but is not limited to, internet surveillance, publication history (I'm a journalist), travel history or any record where my name ("Craig Desson") occurs." My expectation of

even having a CSIS record was low. Besides watching a few ISIS propaganda videos on YouTube, I couldn't imagine how I might have attracted CSIS's attention. That's why I felt a minor panic when a sturdy envelope arrived in the mail three weeks later. (...) The letter was signed by "Ken Benson, Head, Disclosure I," and included sentences like this: "This is a Program Record and not a Personal Information Bank and thus contains no personal information about you." It also had this line: "Some of the information has been exempted from disclosure by virtue of one or more sections. . . as it relates to the efforts of Canada towards detecting, prevention or suppressing subversive or hostile activities." [Toronto Star](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Ottawa auto theft ring bust leads to 2 arrests

Two Montreal men have been charged in connection to a string of vehicle thefts in Ottawa last year. Ottawa police say investigators determined 25 vehicles, mostly Lexus/Toyota products, were stolen from driveways of private residences in various neighbourhoods in Ottawa from April to September 2014. The total value of these vehicles was in excess of \$800,000, police say. Six of the stolen vehicles were found in shipping containers at the port in Montreal. Police believe the remaining vehicles were either shipped overseas, dismantled for parts or had their vehicle identification number changed from a stolen vehicle to a legitimate one. [...] Ottawa police say the arrests came as a result of cooperation with Gatineau Police Service, RCMP National Port Enforcement Team and the Canada Border Services Agency. [CBC.ca](#); [Ottawa Sun](#)

CTA, PMTC Give Thumbs Up to New eManifest Rules

Two trucking groups have given their endorsement to changes in regulations regarding eManifest information required by Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) prior to arrival in Canada. The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) and the Private Motor Truck Council of Canada (PMTTC) responded following the Wednesday announcement in the Canada Gazette Part II. The rules indicate to carriers that there is now a short time to comply with CBSA's Advanced Commercial Information (ACI) eManifest requirements for all trucks, loaded or empty, coming into Canada. eManifest requires the electronic transmission of manifest information from highway carriers at least one hour prior to the trucks' arrival at the first port of entry into Canada. Information identifying the truck, trailer, shipment and driver can be sent to CBSA through a free web based portal, a direct connection to the CBSA or through a service provider. Beginning July 10, CBSA will begin to issue "zero-rated" penalties under the Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS). That means that although a penalty has technically been issued, no money will be owed to CBSA. The penalty will instead serve as a warning to carriers they must correct the issue that led to the penalty and be prepared to fully comply with ACI requirements. The "zero-rated" AMPS period will last for six months, after which, full AMPS will apply, including monetary fines, beginning Jan. 10, 2016. [Today's Trucking](#)

Big fine for undeclared vehicle

Two unidentified Canadian residents paid a hefty penalty for the return of their vehicle after making false statements about its value to Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) officers at the Lansdowne port of entry. The pair was fined \$14,382 after falsely stating they were returning to Canada April 21 in their brother's American-registered vehicle, on loan after their own motor vehicle broke down. Further investigation revealed the ownership of the suspect vehicle, valued at \$26,150 in Canadian currency, had been transferred to the pair, leading to the CBSA's seizure of the vehicle. If the owners had declared their intention to import the vehicle, they would have been charged about \$1,300 in goods and services taxes and \$2,900 in provincial sales tax. A CBSA spokesman said the names of the accused are not being released as they face no charges and will not be appearing in a court of law. [Recorder.ca](#)

Seaway bridge south span closed

The port of entry to New York state has closed, and will likely remain inaccessible for at least a few hours. It appears there may be a structural problem on the Seaway International south span bridge, said Andre Girard, spokesperson for Federal Bridge Corp., on late Friday morning. "Engineers are right on site now," said Girard, who did not want to speculate on the nature of the problem. He said last year's inspection report was "excellent." The Canada Border Services Agency is urging motorists to use the Prescott port of

entry. Girard added that access to and from Cornwall and Cornwall Island remains unchanged on the new low-level north span of the bridge. [Standard-Freeholder.com](#)

South channel bridge will be closed for the weekend

Traffic to the United States from Akwesasne and also from Cornwall to the U.S. has been halted and will likely be closed for most of the weekend. Seaway International Bridge Corporation spokesman Andre Girard tells Cornwall Newswatch the bridge has been closed since 8:30 a.m. this morning. Engineers have discovered an extension joint on the bridge deck at the south tower has shifted causing a misalignment of the bridge deck, he said. Speaking with CNW just before 1 p.m. Friday, Girard says the bridge will be closed for up to 48 hours. Girard maintains the integrity of the bridge is good and the latest inspection reports for the south span show "it's in perfect condition." The Canada Border Services Agency is recommending travellers use the border crossing at Prescott as an alternate in the meantime. [Cornwall Newswatch](#); [Cornwall Free News](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

U.S. concerned about China cyberattack on Internet content: State Dept

The United States is concerned about reports that China has interfered with Internet content hosted outside of China, the State Department said on Friday. "We are concerned by reports that China has used a new cybercapability to interfere with the ability of worldwide Internet users to access content hosted outside of China," State Department spokesman Jeff Rathke said. He said the United States has asked Chinese authorities to investigate the cyberattack. [Reuters](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Early-morning police incident in Surrey

It appears a police situation in Surrey is wrapping up. The incident began around 6 a.m.; Chad Dey in the News1130 Air Patrol flew over the scene at a home in Whalley; about a dozen RCMP cruisers were in the area. "The situation is definitely more calm now, at this house at 128th Street and 104th Avenue," he describes. "There are not many details at this time. They had a number of members surrounding this house. There is yellow tape up near the sidewalk, right at the back of this home, but it's still unclear what exactly happened this morning." News1130 has made several calls to the RCMP but they haven't confirmed any details. [News 1130](#); [CTV News](#); [Global News](#); [Vancouver Sun](#)

Man pleads guilty in major auto theft ring bust

One man has pleaded guilty to multiple charges, and a second is awaiting trial after police busted a major auto theft ring operating between Ottawa and Montreal. The Ottawa Police Service Organized Auto Theft Section worked in conjunction with Gatineau police, RCMP and the Canada Border Services Agency in the investigation. Cops laid charges against two men in the organized auto theft network that was targeting Lexus/Toyota products. Erik Poulin, 34 of Montreal, was charged on April 9 with 23 counts of theft of vehicle, 25 counts of possession of break-in instruments, four counts of attempted theft and two counts of possession of property obtained by crime. Joel Pilon, 27 of Montreal, was charged with 22 counts of theft of vehicle, 22 counts of possession of break-in instruments and two Counts of theft over \$5,000 on March 3. [Ottawa Sun](#)

UPDATE: Kamloops police find missing 13-year-old

Officers found a missing teenager who was last heard from yesterday, Wednesday, May 6. Shyla Billy is 13 years old, aboriginal, 5'3" and weighs 130 pounds. She has brown hair with blonde highlights and brown eyes. Cpl. Cheryl Bush, a spokesperson for the Kamloops RCMP, said police were concerned for Billy's well-being and urged anyone with information on her location to come forward. [Infote!](#)

Edmontonian's "spidey sense" helps locate stolen trailer: police

Thanks to one man looking to buy a trailer, police were able to find more than \$150,000 worth of stolen

goods. Almost a year ago, a man reported a suspicious ad for a trailer that he was interested in purchasing. After meeting the seller in person to check out the trailer, the man noticed the VIN of the trailer looked incorrect. Police were contacted and warrants were issued to check the property of the seller, which police found more than \$150,000 of stolen goods. Local officers worked in conjunction with 12 RCMP detachments in Alberta and Saskatchewan, along with the Saskatoon Police Service, and Calgary Police Service to recover and return almost \$85,000 worth of stolen property to their rightful owners. [Metro News](#); [Global News](#)

Portage RCMP share in the RBC Cup experience

RBC Cup fever is picking up speed and the Portage la Prairie RCMP are joining in as they handed out about 100 game tickets to unsuspecting drivers, recently. "What I instructed our members to do was, I gave them various tickets to various games and they went out during their regular patrols and enforcement, and if they found people that were obeying the laws they pulled them over and conducted a regular vehicle stop and informed them that ... we would thank them for driving safely and contributing to road safety and provided them with a complimentary pair of tickets. We've been able to hand out almost all of them and it's been a real positive effect," said Sgt. Brian Brewer. [Portage Daily Graphic](#)

Reddit moderator and 'doxing' victim says police reaction lacklustre

A Halifax man who says he was harassed and doxed on a local internet message board says he's had a "frustrating" time trying to get authorities to investigate, even though Nova Scotia has laws against it. Doxing — a shorthand of the word documents — is the practice of posting a person's personal information online, often against a person's wishes. Blake Hebb is a moderator on the popular online forum Reddit, where he says a recent thread about the upcoming federal election got out of control. The political escalated to the personal when Hebb said a user posted Hebb's full name and the street he lived on. "There are very few rules Reddit as an entity enforces, but one of the main ones is don't post personal information," says Hebb... Nova Scotia RCMP and Halifax Regional Police say this is the first case of doxing they've heard of. The RCMP doesn't comment on specific cases. The CyberScan unit, which was established to crack down on cyberbullying, says their involvement depends on what the user is doing with the personal information. If it's used to bully someone online, they can investigate. If someone uses personal information to harass an individual offline, it's a police matter. They referred CBC News to the police on the question of doxing. [CBC News](#)

Father appears to confess to killing his daughter, wife and his sister as police descend on burned-out home near Chilliwack

It appears that a man possibly involved in a triple homicide in Rosedale, B.C., has confessed online to murdering his wife, sister and daughter before killing himself by setting the family home on fire Thursday. Police haven't yet confirmed the nature of the fire, but The Province has learned that Randy Janzen, who appears to be a resident of a home that exploded on Llanberis Way, wrote a disturbing confession on his personal Facebook page before shooting his family. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team has since taken over the investigation of the blaze. While the details are yet to be confirmed, RCMP Insp. Davis Wendell told Global they're investigating a "very serious police incident which has resulted in the deployment of several specialized units." [The Province](#)

Cooke Aquaculture says vandals cut fish pens loose in St. Marys Bay

Nova Scotia RCMP are investigating a vandalism complaint filed by New Brunswick-based Cooke Aquaculture after the company says vandals cut loose some of its fish pens. The free floating equipment has since been secured. Nell Halse, a spokeswoman for Cooke Aquaculture, says the company received reports from the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre on Thursday that a salmon pen was floating free from a fallow salmon farm in St. Marys Bay, near Digby. "There was a pen that we found yesterday that had been cut away from one of our sites. Our guys have been out there last night and have brought it back to the site and resecured it," said Halse. [CBC News](#)

POLICE WEEK: A look at what police and partner agencies do for Kamloops

Local RCMP along with partner agencies plan to tell the public more about the work they do at this weekend's event to celebrate National Police Week. On Saturday, May 9, the public is invited to join local agencies in the Sahali Mall parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to see educational displays on law

enforcement and partner agencies in town. Families can expect to meet representatives from Kamloops RCMP, Kamloops Fire Rescue, B.C. Ambulance Service, B.C. Sheriffs, Federal Fisheries, B.C. Forestry, Search and Rescue, Community Safety and more. Each agency member will be open to answering questions about their careers. Displays will also include information on government vehicles, some of which will be present on site. [Infote!](#)

Idle No More movement was like 'bacteria,' says internal RCMP document

The Idle No More movement was like "bacteria" that spread across the country carrying with it the potential for an outbreak of violence, according to an internal RCMP document shared by senior officers. The internal document was a site report from Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence's camp which was set up during her liquids-only fast on Victoria Island in the Ottawa River within sight of Parliament Hill and the Supreme Court of Canada. The camp became a hub of activity during the height of the Idle No More movement between December 2012 and January 2013. The site report was written by RCMP Cpl. Wayne Russett, the Aboriginal liaison for the national capital region, and sent to Insp. Mike LeSage, the acting director general for National Aboriginal Policing. LeSage passed it on to Carrie Ann McPherson, a senior analyst with the RCMP's Operations Intelligence Analysis Section. [APTN](#) (2015-05-07)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Insulté par l'avocat d'Omar Khadr, Stephen Harper ne commente pas

Traité de sectaire et d'islamophobe par l'avocat d'Omar Khadr, jeudi, M. Harper n'a pas voulu commenter l'insulte alors qu'il était questionné vendredi matin au cours d'un point de presse à Ottawa. Le premier ministre s'est contenté de répéter que M. Khadr avait plaidé coupable à des crimes graves. Pour le reste, il s'est réfugié derrière le fait que M. Khadr poursuit sa lutte devant les tribunaux. Il a ainsi refusé de faire de plus amples commentaires. Le 14 mai, c'est devant la Cour suprême que les avocats des autorités canadiennes et ceux du jeune homme s'affronteront. Il s'agira alors de déterminer si Omar Khadr aurait dû être traité par les services correctionnels canadiens comme un délinquant juvénile puisqu'il avait 15 ans lorsqu'il a posé les gestes qu'on lui a reprochés. Libéré sous caution jeudi par la Cour d'appel de l'Alberta, M. Khadr attend également un appel de sa condamnation par un tribunal américain. [Presse canadienne](#) (Le Devoir, La Presse), [iNews 880](#) (630 CHED)

High-risk sex offender fails to return to Vancouver halfway house

A Canada-wide warrant has been issued for a high-risk sex offender for failing to return to his Vancouver halfway house last night. Gerald Richard McLean, 46, was convicted of sexually assaulting a child in 2000 and a teenager in 1995. He is a two-time federal offender, who is serving a long-term supervision order after completing a two-year sentence for sexual assault. [Global News](#), [News 1130](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

Broadcast media provide extensive coverage of Omar Khadr's release on bail. (RDI, 9h22, 9h40, 10h12; CBC News, 9h13, 9h42 ET)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Barely Illegal

Barely illegal: Canada's vice laws have undergone radical change in the last few years - but it hasn't necessarily affected how Canadians, and the police, behave. In a two-part package, National Post looks at enforcement (or the lack thereof) around marijuana and prostitution. If several thousand people gathered in Downtown Vancouver for a mass light-up of cigarettes, it would be assailed by condemnations from the city's chief medical health officer. If they came to chug moonshine, the gathering would be stopped in its tracks by riot police. But when a midsize town's worth of people convene to smoke marijuana in the heart of Vancouver, it is essentially a civic institution. On April 20 - the world's unofficial marijuana holiday - as many as 30,000 people gathered around the Vancouver Art Gallery for

the city's annual "smoke-out." By mid-afternoon, a crushing throng of people splayed for a block in every direction, all cloaked by a skunky thin haze. [National Post](#)

Sexting is a growing danger for young teens

This week York Police raided a home after receiving a tip about a potential child pornography perpetrator but instead found a young teenage victim who was coerced by unknown people on the net to send self-exploitative images of himself on popular social media sites. In May 2014, a global hunt for child pornographers and predators dubbed Project Hydra has led to the arrest and prosecution of dozens of individuals worldwide. But despite global efforts to crack down on child pornography, it continues to thrive and the reason has to do with the ease with which young teenagers can upload and send images of themselves to friends, lovers and other strangers in an instant. Sexting, is the rage among young teens across the world. Thousands of images of young teenagers from Canada and the US are circulating on the web and police are now stressing the need for parents to start educating their children about the dangers of sexting and keep the dialogue going. [CanIndia](#)

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Subtropical storm Ana forms off South Carolina coast

Subtropical storm Ana developed Thursday night about 170 miles south-southeast of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Ana is the first storm of the 2015 Atlantic hurricane season and it's a month ahead of schedule. The storm sustained winds of up to 25 mph and is moving at a rate of 2 mph. Ana is expected to strengthen but may weaken before it hits the Eastern Seaboard. A tropical storm watch was issued for the coast from Edisto Beach, S.C., to Cape Lookout, N.C. "We have had tropical storms and hurricanes in May before – including a Category 3 storm in 1951, which was named Able," said Weather Network meteorologist Dr. Doug Gillham. [The Weather Network](#)

ISIS activity prompts threat level increase at bases

Security conditions at U.S. military bases were raised Thursday night, because of growing concern of a jihadist threat in the U.S. It comes hours after FBI Director James Comey raised the prospect there are thousands of ISIS followers online in the U.S. "We have a general concern, obviously, that ISIL is focusing on the uniformed military and law enforcement," Comey told reporters Thursday. The order was signed by Admiral William Gortney, head of the command. "We have the same concern about the potential threat posed by violent homegrown extremists," said Captain Jeff Davis, spokesman for the U.S. Northern Command which oversees all U.S. military installations in the continental U.S. Davis declined to specify the new security measures. But a U.S. official confirmed to CNN that U.S. military bases are now at "Force Protection Bravo," which is defined by the Pentagon as an "increased and predictable threat of terrorism." US bases generally have not been at this level since the tenth anniversary of the 9-11 attacks the official said. [CNN](#)

FBI knew shooter might go to Muhammad drawing contest

FBI Director James B. Comey said Thursday his agents learned hours before the start of a cartoon contest and exhibit depicting the prophet Muhammad that one of the gunmen had expressed interest in going to the controversial event in Texas, but there was no indication he was planning an attack. Comey said the FBI sent an intelligence bulletin to local authorities through its Dallas field office that included a picture of Elton Simpson, 30, and other details such as his associates and possible license plate

numbers. "But we didn't know more than that," Comey said in an interview with reporters at FBI headquarters. Simpson and his roommate, Nadir Soofi, 34, who lived in Phoenix, were killed by a local traffic officer as they opened fire at a conference center in Garland, Tex., where the competition was taking place. [Washington Post](#)

5 things on NSA's mass spying being deemed illegal

A U.S. appeals court has declared illegal the National Security Agency program that collects data on the landline calling records of nearly every American. The ruling Thursday, the first of its kind by an appeals court, comes as Congress considers whether to continue, end or overhaul the program before June 1, when the legal provisions authorizing it expire. Five things to know about the court ruling, the program, and the congressional debate about where to go from here... [Associated Press](#) (Toronto Star)

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Le djihadisme, une «réalité du présent» au Canada, dit Harper

Trois jours après l'arrestation d'une dizaine de jeunes présumés djihadistes à l'Aéroport Montréal-Trudeau, le premier ministre Harper s'est rendu sur les lieux ce midi afin de souligner les investissements supplémentaires de son gouvernement dans la lutte contre le terrorisme. Flanqué de son **ministre de la Sécurité publique**, Stephen Harper a qualifié le terrorisme islamiste de «réalité du présent au Canada». Dans un garage d'entretien aéronautique, il a rappelé que le dernier budget fédéral incluait des enveloppes supplémentaires de 150 millions sur cinq ans pour la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) et de 5,4 millions sur la même période pour l'Agence des services frontaliers (ASFC). Le bureau du premier ministre a souligné l'importance de ces investissements pour «identifier les voyageurs à haut risque». Mardi, la GRC a confirmé qu'elle venait de mettre la main au collet d'une dizaine de jeunes Québécois qui s'apprêtaient à rejoindre des groupes extrémistes au Moyen-Orient. Leur passeport a été confisqué. [La Presse](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

BC's Northeast Experiencing Extreme Fire Danger Ratings

The public is encouraged to exercise caution when it comes to recreational activities in the backcountry. The Wildfire Management Branch reports that fire conditions east of the Rocky Mountains and north of the Peace River are extremely dry with the danger rating in many areas now at "extreme." Exhaust from recreational vehicles could potentially light a wildfire in these current conditions. Firefighters in the Prince George Fire Centre continue to battle the Little Bobtail Lake Fire that initially started on Saturday, May 9th. It is still an estimated 25,000 hectares in size but is 45 per cent contained. More than 315 fire suppression personnel are on the scene along with 11 helicopters, 38 pieces of heavy equipment and six airtankers. [Kelowna Now](#)

Feux de forêt : forte augmentation en Saskatchewan

Le nombre d'incendies de forêt a augmenté de 92 % en Saskatchewan en 2015 comparativement à 2014. La province a enregistré 136 feux de forêt depuis le début de l'année comparativement à 85 feux à pareille date l'an dernier. La plupart des incendies de forêt étaient situés dans les régions de Prince Albert et Buffalo Narrows. Douze feux étaient actifs dans la province mercredi, soit le double qu'à la même période l'an dernier. Le gouvernement provincial a pris les grands moyens pour combattre un brasier près de Creighton mercredi. Un bombardier d'eau et un hélicoptère ont été utilisés pour éteindre le feu. L'étendue de la zone touchée et les dommages causés par l'incident sont actuellement inconnus. Par ailleurs, des feux de forêt ont forcé l'évacuation d'environ 650 résidents de la Première Nation Black Lake Denesuline dans le nord de la Saskatchewan le 16 mai. [Radio-Canada](#); [CBC News](#)

Canadian Coast Guard temporarily loses radio communication with boat traffic

For at least the second time in a week, the Canadian Coast Guard's vessel traffic control system lost radio communications. The system went down Thursday morning for around 20 minutes. On Sunday, it was down for 15. The outages are drawing attention because they come after the federal government's decision to close the Coast Guard's communication centre in Vancouver and move it to Victoria. And that means that when the system goes down, the centre can't even have visual contact with vessels. The communication centre closure is one of several changes to the Coast Guard in Vancouver that have drawn immense public criticism, including the shuttering of the Kitsilano base in 2012. [CKNW AM 980](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Harper announces extra money for RCMP and border services to fight terrorism

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says the federal government will provide substantial resources to the RCMP and the Canada Border Services Agency in the fight against terrorism. Harper announced in Montreal today that the RCMP will receive \$150.4 million in new money over five years, beginning in 2015-16, and \$46.8 million a year after. The money will go to help the Mounties conduct criminal investigations related to terrorism. The border-services agency will get \$5.4 million over five years and \$1.1 annually in subsequent years, with some of the funds earmarked for identifying high-risk travellers. Harper says violent jihadism is not a future possibility but is a reality in Canada and around the world. He was speaking at the Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport, where 10 youths were arrested last weekend after being suspected of wanting to leave Canada to go join jihadist groups. [Canadian Press](#) (Globe and Mail)

Mother of ISIS recruit wants to expose recruiting

Security experts say the struggle against ISIS is different from the fight against Al Qaeda. ISIS is waging a war for hearts and minds that is not just taking place in Yemen, Syria and Iraq. But also in Europe, Canada and the United States. Isis has proven very effective at recruiting people in the west. One Canadian mother has made it her mission to stop them. [CNYcentral.com](#)

Secret Documents Reveal Canada's Spy Agencies Got Extremely Cozy With Each Other

Highly classified documents obtained by VICE News offer new insights into how Canada's two-headed spy apparatus works to blend its intelligence, skirt court oversight of its spying powers, and intercept communications inside the country's borders. The documents are protected under Canada's highest

intelligence classifications of "secret" and "top secret" and reveal that even the Canadian government was nervous over the agencies' effort to try and give themselves more latitude to operate free of political oversight. The 87 pages, released under Canada's access to information laws, include three agreements between the country's domestic spy agency, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), and its foreign intelligence counterpart, the Communication Security Establishment (CSE), as well as meeting notes and memos. It, however, is carefully redacted to keep secret crucial details about their work. Those who closely follow Canada's intelligence community, were not surprised to learn that the country's two main spy bodies worked so closely. For civilians, like independent member of parliament Brent Rathgeber, it's the limited oversight that gets their antennas up. [VICE](#) (2015-05-20)

Le SPVM se garde de lister des indicateurs visibles de radicalisme

Par crainte de « dérapages », le SPVM vient de mettre sur la glace toutes ses démarches pour dresser un « portrait type » de l'apprenti djihadiste basé sur des signes apparents facilement identifiables par les patrouilleurs. « J'ai mis un holà sur tout ce qui est signes et indicateurs. C'est important. C'est là qu'on pourrait déraiper, comme on l'a fait avant, avec le profilage racial », a raconté hier Fady Dagher, directeur adjoint au Service de police de la Ville de Montréal, lors d'un colloque sur la radicalisation tenu à Laval. Du côté de la GRC, la surintendante Martine Fontaine a elle aussi insisté sur l'importance de ne pas se fier à l'apparence des sujets d'enquête. « Il n'y a pas de profil de visage, de couleur de peau, de cheveux. Ce n'est rien par rapport à l'apparence, c'est une question de comportements », a-t-elle martelé. [La Presse](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News provides live coverage of PM Stephen Harper in Montreal, speaking on anti-terror efforts. PM Harper said there is no more important task than protecting Canadians. He stated Bill C-51 is designed to help authorities thwart terrorist attacks and allow the exchange of information as well as removing these threats from our streets. He said there is no excuse for a Canadian to become a terrorist. The RCMP and CBSA are receiving more funds to fight terrorist threats. The RCMP will receive \$150.4 million in new money over five years, beginning in 2015-16. The border-services agency will get \$5.4 million over five years. [Rough transcript](#)

Le gouvernement du Québec va proposer un plan d'action pour contrer la radicalisation d'ici la fin du mois de juin. (RDI, 12h06 ET)

The Quebec government will introduce new legislation to try to fight the radicalization of the province's youth. The move follows the arrest of ten young people at Montreal's Trudeau Airport over the weekend. (CBC News, 6h34 ET)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Land of the freeloaders: The battle for a new cross-border bridge

Chapter 1: 'Roy, get the bridge' Amid the homey nasal accents of America's Midwest, Roy Norton's formal locutions and precise enunciations give him the air of a proper gentleman diplomat of the old school. A one-time foreign policy adviser to Joe Clark, the Ottawa native had cashed in an inheritance to study U.S. politics at Harvard—"a sensible investment." Next came a Ph.D. in international relations and a diplomatic career that landed him at the Canadian Embassy in Washington. When his name comes up in conversation, it's often alongside the word "nerd," a label he embraces proudly. White-haired at 60, Norton does not seem like the type of guy to launch into public combat with one of the wealthiest men in America or end up in an episode of *The Daily Show*. But his life took an unexpected turn in the fall of 2010, when Norton was plucked from Washington and sent to Detroit to serve as Canada's consul general in Motor City. His orders from Ottawa came by phone. The then minister of foreign affairs, Lawrence Cannon, was brief and urgent. Canada wanted a new crossing between Detroit and Windsor. [Macleans.ca](#)

Albertans targeted in immigration scams, warns CBSA

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is warning Albertans about a number of immigration scams reported to them in recent weeks. In most cases, the CBSA says victims are threatened via email or phone by someone who tries to scare them into paying fictitious fees for immigration-related issues like permanent resident cards. The CBSA says they will never: ask you to deposit money into a personal bank account. ask you to transfer money through private money transfer service. use free email services, such as Hotmail, Yahoo Mail, or Gmail for official communications. call individuals for the purpose of collecting money, or a payment, via telephone. In another popular scam, the CBSA warns Canadians are meeting people online who say they are from overseas. Once they've established a relationship with that person, the scammer will say they plan to visit Canada, but will end up "detained at the border" unless a large sum money is transferred into a bank account to guarantee their release and entry into Canada. [Global News](#)

When saving lives does not count and government promises are not fulfilled

Since claiming a majority victory in 2011, the Harper government, with its Minister of Immigration Jason Kenney, and later Chris Alexander, has succeeded in quickly transforming Canada from a country known for its humanitarian tradition of welcoming outsiders and providing sanctuary to the oppressed into one that fears and distrusts refugees. In 2012, the government implemented the Protecting Canada's Immigration System Act. The Act, according to its architects, mainly aimed to deter 'bogus' refugee claimants who are allegedly wasting Canadian tax money. The government also promised a fairer (and faster) hearing process for refugees. Along with this Act, the Minister of Immigration committed to increasing the number of refugees resettled from overseas, depicted as 'genuine' refugees. [...] Government statements on tax savings are deceptive, however, since they fail to account for the costs associated with enforcing the new deterrence measures. The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) budget alone grew from 0.997 in 2003-2004 to nearly \$1.85 billion in 2013-2014. Then there are the millions of dollars spent on the legal fees of lawyers and consultants hired by the government to fight challenges to health-care cuts, the IRB appeal process, and the human smuggling law. Perhaps the Harper government will insist that spending the tax dollars is essential and justifiable when the goal is to secure Canadians, regardless of the consequences for people fleeing persecution and oppression. In actuality, the government record shows that these exclusive and ineffectual measures are an attack on refugee rights that implement a cynical vision of Canada. [Rabble.ca](#)

Busy summer ahead for tankers

Wayne Coulson has big plans for the Martin Mars water bombers this summer. The CEO of the Coulson Group of Companies, which owns the mighty twin tankers, said one of the planes should be in a U.S. museum later this summer, and the other will be training Chinese government workers to fight forest fires there. Chinese workers will be in the Alberni Valley this summer, Coulson said. They'll be learning how to operate the Hawaii Mars - the world's largest flying tanker. But Coulson's plans to ship the Philippine Mars to the U.S. National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Florida caught the attention of the Canadian Department of Heritage. Under federal law, certain items of historical and cultural value require a special permit to be exported. The CBC reported on the weekend that the federal department notified the RCMP and Canada Border Services Agency of the issue. The Department of Heritage did not comment on the case but noted in an email to the Times that permanent and temporary export permit applications are submitted to and issued by the Canada Border Services Agency permit issuing offices. Coulson said they may have been misinformed about the situation, and seemed to be unaware that the Hawaii Mars is still in the Alberni Valley. He received the notification from the department in an email earlier this year, he said. "They hadn't been told the whole story," Coulson said. "They didn't understand that there was two aircraft." Coulson is confident he can legally export the Philippine bomber, as it was originally built in the U.S. by the Glenn L. Martin Company during the Second World War. [Alberni Valley Times](#)

UN Experts Urge Canada To Compensate For Deporting Mentally Disabled Jamaican

Canada's deportation of a Jamaican man with a mental disability who had spent much of his life in Canada amounted to cruel and inhuman treatment, effectively leaving him without the medical and family support he depended on, a UN Committee has found after examining the case. The Geneva-based Human Rights Committee said Canada should allow the man, whom it identified by his initials 'A.H.G.', to return to Canada if he wished and give him adequate compensation. A.H.G., 52, who emigrated to

Canada when he was 18 years old, was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia in 1993. He was deported to Jamaica on 29 August 2011, after the Canadian authorities ruled that he was not eligible to be in the country on the grounds of serious criminality, in particular as a result of his conviction in 2005 of assault with a weapon. In its findings, the 18-member Committee recognized Canada's legitimate interest in protecting the general public but highlighted that A.H.G.'s criminal offenses were recognized to be related to his mental illness. The Committee experts noted that in 2005, after A.H.G. was evicted from his home and started living in shelters, he had difficulty in taking his medication and experienced psychotic relapses. [RTT News](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Canada in spy group looking to leverage mobile vulnerabilities: Report

What do we expect from Canadian spy and policy agencies empowered to intercept suspicious mobile communications — warn the public of a vulnerability discovered, or quietly exploit it? That's a question raised by a CBC report today from documents purloined by former U.S. whistleblower Edward Snowden. They show that Canada and the other countries in the Five Eyes spying partnership — the U.S., Britain, Australia and New Zealand — began targeting UC Browser in late 2011 after discovering it leaked revealing details about its half-billion users as part of a strategy to find ways to implant spyware on smartphones. Among the targets were servers used by Google and Samsung mobile app stores, ideal places to introduce spyware. What the agencies didn't do, says the CBC report, was warn the public, Google, Samsung, or UC Browser's maker of any vulnerabilities they found. "That potentially put millions of users in danger of their data being accessed by other governments' agencies, hackers or criminals," said the CBC. The report raises a lot of other questions, including how worried CISOs should be about the apps on the wide number of mobile devices allowed to connect to their networks. At the very least it shows data loss prevention software has to be part of every organization's arsenal. [IT World Canada](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

A document obtained by *CBC News* shows electronic intelligence agencies began targeting UC Browser — a massively popular app in China and India with growing use in North America — in late 2011 after discovering it leaked revealing details about its half-billion users. Their goal was to collect data on suspected terrorists and other intelligence targets — and, in some cases, implant spyware on targeted smartphones. The 2012 document shows that the surveillance agencies exploited the weaknesses in certain mobile apps in pursuit of their national security interests, but it appears they didn't alert the companies or the public to these weaknesses. University of Ottawa's Michael Geist, an expert on internet law, is troubled by the notion Canadian agencies are actively looking to exploit vulnerabilities in the software that millions of people are using. (CBC News, 10h02, 12h04 ET)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

RCMP take to the sky to catch speeding drivers near Corner Brook

Speeding drivers in Corner Brook had to have their eyes in the sky Wednesday to watch for police, as RCMP utilized a helicopter to catch speeders on the Trans-Canada Highway. Cst. Sam Munden said a spotter in the helicopter was able to monitor drivers as they passed through markers along the highway to find out how fast they were going. After a little bit of math, if it was calculated the driver was violating the speed limit, Munden said the spotter communicated that to the multiple squad cars on the side of the highway. "We'll explain to the driver at that time what method was used to calculate their speed and of course we always bring it back to the aircraft," he said. "It's not something that's used all that often, but it is one of the tools we have available to us. It raises a few eyebrows." According to Munden, there are other spots on the Trans-Canada Highway in this province that have similar markers that enable a police helicopter to monitor traffic when needed. [CBC News](#)

Alberta RCMP arrest armed and dangerous suspect

An Alberta man is behind bars after being arrested for a long list of charges connected to a dangerous incident in Grande Prairie. RCMP arrested Brandon Bjorgan, 25, Wednesday afternoon at a home in the northwestern Alberta city. Bjorgan is accused of stealing a pick-up truck and assaulting a woman with a sawed-off shotgun. He's facing numerous charges including robbery, assault with a weapon, and pointing a firearm. Bjorgan has lived in Manning, Edmonton and Grande Prairie. He remains in police custody awaiting a bail hearing. [Global News](#)

Surrey mayor addresses crime in State of the City speech

As she looks to stop a streak of shootings in Surrey, the city's mayor says the cost of new RCMP officers is inconsequential. Linda Hepner tackled the "elephant in the room" in her first State of the City speech. She says while statistics could show Surrey is a safe place, if people don't feel safe then that's all that matters. "I think we've made some good progress because I think that first of all, that elephant in the room relative to the crime and the shootings, we've already seen five arrests. We know that tree have gone to crown counsel and have been accepted. So we know we are making some progress there." Hepner says the 100 new Mounties approved by Ottawa will be on the job within the year. "It's actually a pretty specific time line. The contract requires them once the feds have approved to be within 12 months, but we have different levels, so we may get some transfers in, we may get some promotions." [CKNW AM 980](#)

Bertrand Charest, former Alpine Canada coach, faces new charges

Former Alpine Canada ski coach Bertrand Charest is set to appear in court again on Friday to face additional charges. Charest, 49, is already facing a total of 56 charges involving 11 alleged victims. He was arraigned in March on charges including sexual assault and breach of trust involving girls and young women between the ages of 12 and 19 between 1991 and 1998. Charest allegedly assaulted the women north of Montreal and in France, Austria, New Zealand and the United States. He has been denied bail and detained since his arrest. Alpine Canada said in a March statement it contacted the RCMP in 1998 about sexual-abuse complaints against Charest. The organization said it opened its own investigation early in 1998 and then told Charest he was being removed as a coach. Alpine Canada maintains it was not aware of the results of any RCMP investigation. [CBC News](#)

Creative Kids and RCMP partner for second year

Encore time! Creative Kids Saskatchewan and the RCMP are partnering for the second year in a row. On May 23, their sold-out charity gala will be held at the RCMP Drill Hall at "Depot" Division in Regina, bringing together 400 members of the arts, culture and business communities. Organizers hope to raise \$100,000 for grants to help children and youth who need financial assistance to access cultural activities. Last year, the Creative Kids RCMP Charity Gala raised \$85,000... The event features entertainment showcasing a variety of artistic mediums, from song and dance to visual arts. RCMP chef Jeff Varls will prepare Saskatchewan-inspired cuisine. All the money we raise goes 100 per cent to supporting applications we receive from children and youth throughout the province of Saskatchewan to participate in art and culture activities right in their own community," explained Nenson. "So kids that have those financial barriers to participation they can't afford to pay for music lessons, dance class, art classes, theatre, that kind of stuff can apply to Creative Kids and we will help pay for those activities." [Leader-Post](#)

Baby Albion funeral will be open to the public

The public is invited to attend the funeral for the baby whose body was found on the grounds near the Free Church of Scotland in Mount Albion on April 12. While the identity and family of the newborn, affectionately named Baby Albion by the RCMP, still hasn't been determined, the community and the RCMP have planned a funeral service. The funeral will be held May 30. The Free Church of Scotland with the assistance of the Hennessey Cutcliffe Charlottetown Funeral Home, and Heritage Memorial, are providing a burial and will erect a headstone. [CBC News](#); [CTV news](#)

Five designs for RCMP memorial presented to Moncton residents

Moncton residents were invited to see five models vying to be the city's RCMP memorial Wednesday evening. Wednesday night residents saw a variety of ideas that included massive maple leaves, life-sized sculptures of the fallen officers and public areas of reflection related to the event. [Global News](#)

RCMP Senate investigations could cost millions on top of \$21M audit

Taxpayers spent \$21 million on a sweeping new Auditor's General audit that uncovered 10 more senators with troubling expense claims, CTV News revealed Tuesday. Now, CTV has learned it will likely cost millions more in public funds for the RCMP to investigate those 10 unnamed senators. Documents show more than \$1.7 million was spent on police investigations into suspended Conservative senators Mike Duffy, Patrick Brazeau and Pamela Wallin, along with retired Liberal Sen. Mac Harb. The RCMP investigations into Duffy, Brazeau and Harb cost \$919,775. That's on top of an audit that cost \$138,784. The police investigation into Wallin, which is ongoing, cost \$823,685 as of last year. That followed an audit that cost \$390,058. [CTV News](#) (2015-05-20)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

À l'approche du premier anniversaire de la fusillade de Moncton, la ville souhaite ériger un monument pour commémorer la tragédie. *RDI* note que le projet va coûter plus de 1 million de dollars et le fédéral va financer le projet ainsi que le provincial et la ville de Moncton. (*RDI*, 10h23 ET)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Second of four sex offenders on the lam taken into custody

Update: Vancouver police say Gary Vogrig, 51, was spotted drinking near Second Beach in Stanley Park on Wednesday night. He was arrested without incident. Vogrig was the subject of one of four warrants issued in recent days for high-risk sex offenders on the lam. A second offender, 46-year-old Richard Galt of Abbotsford, was also captured after failing to return to his halfway house. However, two sex offenders remain at large: Timothy Daniel Jones, 48, and Gerald Richard McLean, 46. They're both wanted Canada-wide. [The Province](#), [CTV News](#)

Man just released on parole said to be victim of Halifax stabbing

A 28-year-old man released on parole earlier this month was stabbed in downtown Halifax Thursday morning. Halifax Regional Police received a call at 9:54 a.m. from the Salvation Army on Gottingen Street. A source at the scene said the injured man is Jason Kyle DeYoung, who was recently released from jail under a number of special conditions. Const. Pierre Bourdages of Halifax Regional Police said the man had been stabbed in the 5500 block of Cornwallis Street, near the intersection of Creighton Street, before making his way to Gottingen Street. He said paramedics took the man to hospital for treatment of what are believed to be non-life threatening injuries. [Chronicle-Herald](#)

Saskatchewan court rejects appeal in child porn case

While the defence contended an unconstitutional night search of a home smacked of a "police state" and should warrant overturning a man's conviction on child pornography charges, the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal didn't see it that way. Dallas Brian Poole's bail came to an abrupt end Wednesday when the province's top court rejected appeals of his conviction and 27-month prison sentence. Speaking for the appeal court, Justice Peter Whitmore said the judge who presided at Poole's trial had made no error to warrant reversing her decision, and her conclusions were reasonable. "The appellant overstates the effect of the decision below - that it would lead to an acceptance of night searches without authorization. This is not the effect of this case," said Whitmore. "Each case is decided upon its own merits." Poole, 42, was sentenced in April last year to one year in prison for possession of child pornography plus 15 months for creating it after Court of Queen's Bench Justice Janet McMurtry found him guilty of the two charges. [Leader-Post](#)

Auditor General: N.W.T. prison spending should focus on illness, not OT

Northwest Territories justice officials defended their record to territorial MLAs at a hearing Wednesday night, responding to a March corrections report by the Auditor General of Canada saying the department is failing to meet key responsibilities in its management of inmates. MLAs are currently reviewing the report prepared by Auditor General Michael Ferguson, which identified numerous major concerns, including everything from the availability of rehabilitation programs to safety gaps at some facilities. Ferguson was also present at the review, fielding questions about the report from MLAs. (...) This spring, Ferguson released reports on the corrections systems for all three territories. At the review hearing Wednesday, he said jails in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and the Yukon have problems that are particular to each, but all are doing a bad job of dealing with inmates with mental illness. "I think that's something that all correctional systems, including the federal correctional system, is really challenged to figure out how to manage that," he said. "I think most of these systems are not set up to manage mental health issues the way they need to be managed." [CBC News](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Non-assistance à personnes en danger

Un article d'opinion de la députée Carole Poirier déclare, «La violence - physique, sexuelle et psychologique - infligée aux femmes autochtones est documentée. Selon Statistique Canada, son incidence est trois fois plus élevée que pour les femmes non autochtones. Les actes violents perpétrés contre elles sont également plus graves, en moyenne. Cette violence, que l'on peut qualifier de systémique, est carrément une question de vie ou de mort pour un trop grand nombre de femmes autochtones. Selon la GRC, celles-ci sont quatre fois plus susceptibles d'être assassinées que les femmes non autochtones. Cette tragédie quotidienne ne se déroule pas dans un pays lointain. Elle a lieu ici même, au Québec, ainsi qu'au Canada. Bien sûr, les affaires autochtones sont, pour une large part, de responsabilité fédérale. Mais le Québec a son mot à dire; il partage cette responsabilité et, à notre échelle, non seulement nous pouvons agir, mais nous le devons. Il s'agit d'un impératif moral. [Huffington Post](#)

Des élèves suspendus à Bridgewater à la suite de plaintes pour photos inappropriées

Neuf garçons ont été suspendus de l'école secondaire de Bridgewater, en Nouvelle-Écosse, en raison d'allégations concernant des images inappropriées qui mettent en scène des filles. L'histoire a fait surface la semaine dernière quand plusieurs élèves se sont confiés à la directrice de l'école. Il est impossible de savoir pour le moment comment ces photos ont été obtenues et si elles ont été distribuées. Ni le personnel de l'école ni le conseil scolaire ne les ont vues. La direction de l'école a porté plainte au service de police. Les photos sont maintenant entre les mains des enquêteurs. Les neuf garçons ont été suspendus en vertu du code provincial de conduite dans les écoles. La durée des suspensions varie d'un à cinq jours. L'école secondaire de Bridgewater veut se servir de cette situation pour éduquer les élèves et les parents sur les conséquences que peut entraîner la distribution de photos inappropriées. [Radio-Canada](#)

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Canada lands second airstrike on ISIL in Syria, marking aerial return to region with assault on 'staging area'

Canadian fighter jets landed their second airstrike on an ISIL compound in Syria on Wednesday, according to the Department of National Defence. Defence Minister Jason Kenney said in a statement that two CF-18 Hornet aircrafts led an aerial assault on an ISIL "staging area" north of Ar-Raqqah, a city

in northern Syria. Casualty totals were not immediately clear. Kenney said an assessment of the damage is ongoing, adding that crew members aboard the CF-18 jets returned safely to their base. "These strikes demonstrate our government's firm resolve to tackle the threat of terrorism against Canada and to promote international security and stability," Kenney said. "[W]e will continue to work with our allies and partners to bring stability to the region." [National Post](#)

INTERNATIONAL

Terrorist accusations: British man charged with trying to join al Shabab in Somalia

A British man has been charged with making plans to travel to Somalia to link up with Islamic extremists there. Trevor Mulindwa of south London was charged Thursday with preparing to join the al-Shabab group responsible for a string of terrorist attacks in Africa. The 20-year-old is scheduled to answer the charges Friday in Westminster Magistrates Court. [Associated Press](#) (FOX News)

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Steven Blaney talks in Montreal before PM: says terrorists are targeting Canada simply because of our values. [#cdnpoli](#)

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We are running this country with tremendous integrity, Blaney says, contrary to what the NDP says. [#cdnpoli](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

[Justin_Ling](#)

Top secret documents show, for the first time, how closely CSIS & CSE cooperate to spy on you. <http://bit.ly/1EZMihl>

[Justin_Ling](#)

We updated our CSE/CSIS spying story to include all of the top secret documents we obtained from the Service. https://news.vice.com/article/secret-documents-reveal-canadas-spy-agencies-got-extremely-cozy-with-each-other?utm_source=vicenewstwitter...

[CKNW](#)

Your thoughts on Bill C-51? [@OpenMedia_ca](#) says "Canada's privacy deficit" has "alarming consequences for democracy" <http://player.cknw.com>

[davidakin](#)

Here's today's PMSH announcement: His government just passed C-51 and is giving the RCMP more resources to fight terrorism.

[davidakin](#)

PMO set this up event a couple of weeks ago, before RCMP arrested 10 would-be jihadis earlier this week here at PET airport.

[TurnbullJay](#)

Stephen Harper in [#Montreal](#) announcing millions to help CBSA and RCMP counter terrorism. [#canpoli](#) [#cbcmf](#)

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\$150M to RCMP over 5 years and nearly \$47M per year afterwards. [#canpoli](#) [#cbcmf](#)

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\$5.4M over 5 years for CBSA and \$1.1M per year afterwards. [#cbcmf](#) [#canpoli](#)

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#PMSH says \$ will "enhance organization's capacity to conduct criminal investigations related to terrorism" [#cbcm!](#) [#canpoli](#)

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Says it will enable CBSA to ID high-risk travellers. [#cbcm!](#) [#canpoli](#)

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Harper takes stage, says world is dangerous place, talks about Sept. 11, and discusses what he says are terror targets in Canada. [#cdnpoli](#)

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We will never forget the murder of our two soldiers on our territory, Harper says in Montreal. [#cdnpoli](#)

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"Here in Montreal we saw too many young people who have left their families to join terror groups," Harper says. [#cdnpoli](#)

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Harper is touting his government's legislation and laws against terrorism that "help make Canadians safe." [#cdnpoli](#)

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Harper announces "substantial new resources to RCMP and CBSA" to combat terrorism threats "at home and abroad" [#cdnpoli](#)

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Harper says new resources will "help support investigative abilities of the RCMP." [#cdnpoli](#)

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Harper says government will utilize "all necessary resources" to protect Canadians. [#cdnpoli](#)

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Martin Bolduc, VP Operations at CBSA: "Never before has it been more critical for us to work closely with RCMP." [#cdnpoli](#)

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Harper says he has evidence ISIS using its base to target Canada. [#cdnpoli](#)

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Harper: "There is no reason, no excuse, for Canadians to become members of terror groups, it's completely unacceptable." [#cdnpoli](#)

RichardMadan

PM Harper re-announcing \$\$ to enhance border security & anti-terror measures, first promised in [#budget2015](#). Now he's taking q's [#cdnpoli](#)

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Harper announcement: The threat of violent jihadism is a present-day reality here in Montreal and elsewhere in Canada [#cdnpoli](#)

680News

Harper announces "substantial additional resources" to the Canadian Border Services Agency and RCMP to counter terrorism [#cdnpoli](#)

danlebla

Annonce de Harper à Mtl: des fonctionnaires servent d'arrière-plan, alors que des partisans dans la foule applaudissent.

AndrewQMI

Why are so many [#CBSA](#) and other officers attending what is a very political news conference.... I am not comfortable, Nor should they be..

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

CanBorder

CBSA alerts public to immigration scams <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=977639> ...

GlobalLeth

Albertans targeted in immigration scams, warns CBSA: bit.ly/1PyL9c1

CanBorder

CBSA officers kept #Manitoba communities safe last month by screening for criminality. <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=977719> ...

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

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New leak from @CBC @the_intercept @citizenlab: #CSE led #FVEY effort v Chinese Web browser <https://citizenlab.org/2015/05/a-chatty-squirrel-privacy-and-security-issues-with-uc-browser/> ...

alexboutillier

New Snowden: Five Eyes (including Canada) planned to infiltrate your mobile by targeting Google, Samsung app stores. cbc.ca/news/canada/sp...

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BREAKING: #CSE and Five Eyes revealed targeting mobile browsers and App Stores <http://ow.ly/NfbIA> #NSA #Snowden

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BREAKING: CBC reports that spy agency CSE is hacking mobile browsers and App Stores - leaving millions at risk.

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

TimesTranscript

Top Story: 5 proposed designs for #Moncton RCMP memorial unveiled last night. See them here: ow.ly/Newgg

CBCNL

Sculptor Morgan MacDonald among 5 memorial proposals for Moncton's slain Mounties cbc.ca/1.3081450

Global_NB

Five designs for RCMP memorial presented to #Moncton residents globalnews.ca/news/2009385/f... by @brionglobal

vicecanada

RCMP Intercept 10 Youths at Montreal Airport Suspected of Wanting to Join Jihadists bit.ly/1eg6kyl via @vicenews

GlobalEdmonton

Alberta RCMP arrest armed and dangerous suspect: gln.ca/NeStm#yeg

TimesTranscript

RCMP continue to investigate possible explosives discovery in Grand Barachois: ow.ly/NeYoQ

VanObserver

Feds approve 100 new #RCMP officers as #Surrey gang war rages ht.ly/Ne25S

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A lawyer is arguing in a B.C. court this week that the RCMP systematically discriminated against women and a class action lawsuit against the federal government should go ahead. David Klein told reporters Monday that RCMP misconduct has occurred "over a period of months or years," was committed "by multiple perpetrators" and was "ignored by management on multiple occasions." Klein's client, Janet Merlo of Nanaimo, B.C., is seeking to represent 362 women from nine provinces... **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney responded that the government has a zero-tolerance policy on sexual harassment. "Members of the RCMP must feel safe and I'm confident the leadership will face these challenges with the appropriate tools and structures that are currently in place," Blaney said.** [CTV News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (News 1130; Vancouver Sun)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Feux de forêt au Yukon: un mois de mai record

Le mois de mai a connu un nombre record de feux de forêt au Yukon avec 93 brasiers, dont 70 brûlent toujours. Les températures modérées et la pluie ont fait baisser l'indice de risque d'incendie au cours de la fin de semaine, mais la foudre a allumé 17 nouveaux feux dans les régions de Carmacks, Mayo et

Beaver Creek. Trois nouveaux incendies ont été déclenchés dans la seule journée de dimanche, dont un brasier d'une superficie d'un hectare situé à 18 kilomètres de Pelly Crossing qui a nécessité une intervention immédiate des pompiers. L'incendie de Ruitter Creek à 11 kilomètres de Dawson demeure une priorité pour autorités et s'étend toujours sur une superficie de 220 hectares. Vingt pompiers, aidés d'hélicoptères, d'avions, et de machinerie lourde, combattent le brasier. [Radio-Canada](#); [CBC News](#)

Canada's SARS outbreak helped prepare us for MERS, doc says

One of Canada's SARS experts says health-care workers here need to be on guard for Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) after at least 17 people in South Korea were diagnosed with the virus in recent days. "(A confirmed case) might happen to us anytime. It's not likely, but the truth of the matter is it wasn't likely in South Korea either," said Dr. Allison McGeer, director of infection control at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital who travelled to Saudi Arabia in 2013 as part of a World Health Organization team to study MERS. MERS coronavirus, from the same family as the common cold and SARS, is largely centred in Saudi Arabia, but the disease is making its way out of the Middle East. On Monday, health officials in South Korea worked to contain an outbreak there - isolating 682 people for fear they may have the virus. [Postmedia Network](#) (London Free Press; Edmonton Sun; Toronto Sun; Calgary Sun)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Government fights disclosure of 'sensitive' CSIS documents on Montreal imam whose passport was revoked

The government has asked the Federal Court for permission to withhold "sensitive" intelligence documents about an Iranian-trained Montreal imam whose passport was revoked last year for national security reasons. Releasing the five Canadian Security Intelligence Service documents "could injure national security," the government argued in court filings that were themselves kept secret until a judge lifted the confidentiality of the case. A hearing on the matter was scheduled for Wednesday. The application for non-disclosure under the Canada Evidence Act was made in the case of Ali Sbeiti, whose Canadian passport was "invalidated" on Nov. 19 without explanation. After Sbeiti challenged the decision in court, the government released official documents showing he had been described by the RCMP's Integrated National Security Enforcement Team as a "subject of interest in an ongoing investigation." [National Post](#)

More questions than answers about new deradicalization centre

Almost three months after Mayor Denis Coderre announced the creation of a deradicalization centre in Montreal to great fanfare, neither the city nor the police can say when it will be opened, what or where it will be, or even who is on board. Applications for the centre's director position are being accepted. But the radicalization hotline, set up the same day to receive calls from worried parents or friends, has been ringing: It has received 125 calls since March 9, and the police have intervened on three occasions, according to a statement released by the Montreal police on Monday. The hotline has also received calls for help from five "outside" sources — notably Collège Maisonneuve, the CEGEP where 11 of 17 youths who left Quebec or were arrested at the airport en route to Syria or Iraq attended classes. [Montreal Gazette](#)

National Post View: The Parliament Hill shooter's manifesto has finally been released. As usual, it was a total fiasco

An opinion piece states "In March, after months of hemming and hawing over how and when and (outrageously) whether to allow Canadians to see Michael Zehaf-Bibeau's final videotaped thoughts before he murdered a soldier standing guard at the National War Memorial and then stormed Parliament, the RCMP finally released a version that was missing 18 seconds. Commissioner Bob Paulson offered no explanation for the redaction beyond 'sound operational [reasons]'. ... The House of Commons is conducting an internal review of how security forces reacted to the attack, and will release some of it. But Speaker of the House Andrew Scheer did not inspire much confidence before a committee last week when he mentioned such basic facts as "where people were standing at what time, and where resources were deployed," as potentially worthy of redaction. We know some noteworthy details of RCMP actions on Parliament Hill — both good and bad — only because CTV "learned of" the details. Good news is thin

on the ground. But Commissioner Paulson has at least promised unambiguously to release the Ontario Provincial Police's review of RCMP operations without delay. For once, he should follow through. This fiasco is unbecoming of a serious democracy." [National Post](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Calgary multi-million dollar fraud suspect arrested by CBSA

Calgary Police report Anshul Edison Fernando, a man suspected of taking part in defrauding an elderly victim out of \$8 million, was arrested on Saturday, May 30 at the Calgary International Airport. Last week, CPS officers arrested 66-year old Joseph Edison, a.k.a. Joseph Edison Fernando and 37-year old Stephanie Haase Fernando in connection with the alleged scheme. The two have been charged them with fraud and theft-related counts. [Beacon News](#); [Calgary Sun](#)

Canada to deport ASWJ man who had amassed large cache of weapons

A member of the banned Ahl-e-Sunnat Wal Jamaat will be deported from Canada to Pakistan next month after he was caught with a cache of firearms, an immigration hearing heard on Monday. According to the daily National Post, Muhammad Aqeeq Ansari had stockpiled Can\$20,000 worth of guns and ammunition in the basement of a Peterborough, Ontario home. He has lived in Canada since 2007, but was stripped of his permanent residency and ordered his deportation last month. An immigration and refugee board ruled him inadmissible to Canada on "security grounds" over his membership in the ASWJ, formerly known as Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan (SSP). [AFP](#) (Pakistan Express Tribune)

Hundreds make final bids to stay in Canada after deportation hold lifted

Ulrick Lafleur reaches into a brown envelope and gently pulls out a large folded piece of paper from the top of a pile of immigration forms. On official Haitian state letterhead with muted lettering, as if the printer needed ink, it informs Mr. Lafleur that his 49-year-old son, Nazaire, was shot to death and that his body was found on the street on May 12. It contains technicalities – his feet were pointing south, and his head north – but no condolences. Beneath that letter is Mr. Lafleur's application for permanent residency in Canada on humanitarian and compassionate grounds. It is dated exactly a week later, May 19, around the same time he received the letter from Haiti. Mr. Lafleur is one of 3,500 people in Canada – 3,200 Haitians and 300 Zimbabweans – who were affected when the federal government lifted a hold on deportations to their home countries, deeming the situation in Haiti and Zimbabwe to be stable. Those without status were given six months to apply for residency on humanitarian and compassionate grounds. Hundreds raced to submit the applications by the June 1 deadline. Some will be granted permanent residency and some will be eventually removed from Canada. [Globe and Mail](#)

CBSA Intercept Wisconsin Man At Tunnel

While attempting to enter Canada at the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, on May 22, Canada Border Security Agency officers referred a Wisconsin man to secondary inspection. There they discovered images of child sexual abuse on electronic devices belonging to the man. The CBSA arrested Jeremy Frederick, 32 of Fond du Lac, WI, and charged him under the Customs Act. He was then turned over to the Windsor Police Service and further charged with accessing and possessing child pornography. [The Windsor Square](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Justin Bourque's murderous path haunts Moncton neighbourhood

When Nadege Bujold looks out her front window and onto her quiet residential street, she is still sometimes haunted by the memory of a dying RCMP officer slumping to the ground. Bujold and her husband were on their back patio a year ago, enjoying a sultry June evening when the loud crackle of gunfire sounded out. At first, the pair thought little of it — perhaps a car backfired or kids set off fireworks. But when neighbours began pouring onto the street, shouting that someone was shooting police, the 37-year-old raced inside and peered out her window. She soon saw a solitary figure walking calmly down the street, looking like "Rambo" and closing in on their home with a large gun. At the end of a 70-second

burst of gunfire, Bujold watched in horror as Const. Douglas Larche fell to the ground. Justin Bourque didn't break stride as he continued his march down Mailhot Avenue and into the woods. It was 8:07 p.m. last June 4 and Larche had become the last of three Mounties murdered by Bourque in a 20-minute span in Moncton, N.B. [Canadian Press](#) (Metro News)

Marc Dupré et Karim Ouellet sur la colline du Parlement le 1er juillet

Marc Dupré et Karim Ouellet font partie des artistes qui se produiront sur scène lors de la prochaine fête du Canada, à Ottawa. La programmation a été dévoilée lundi matin. Les artistes invités comprennent aussi des représentants de la musique pop de Toronto, avec Magic! et le jeune Francesco Yates. Ce dernier, âgé de 19 ans, est considéré par le Billboard Magazine comme le « jeune prodige canadien ». Le chanteur country Gord Bamford, né en Australie, mais qui a grandi en Alberta, est aussi à l'affiche. Il partagera la scène avec Jonas and the Massive Attraction (Montréal, Qc), Andee (Lévis, Qc), The Jerry Cans (Iqaluit, Nunavut) et The Bishop Grandin Marching Ghosts (Calgary, Alberta). Pour ce qui est de la sécurité, la coordination a été revue depuis la fusillade du 22 octobre dernier. « Certainement ça va être très différent avec tout cela », reconnaît la ministre, tout en renvoyant à la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), responsable de la sécurité du la colline, pour les détails. [Radio-Canada](#)

Chief Rod Knecht reflects on 39 years of police service - Knecht's path to EPS police chief anything but routine

After nearly 40 years in the police service, Edmonton's chief of police says he's now busier than he's ever been — and he likes it. "It's an exciting time to be a chief of police because there's so much going on," Chief Rod Knecht told Mark Connolly in a sit-down on Monday. "The city is morphing." A huge part of that change comes from Edmonton's rapid expansion. According to Knecht, Edmonton can no longer go on with its small-town attitude, but must instead embrace its position as a growing metropolis, with a growing police force to match. Knecht, a 35-year-veteran of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, has been overseeing that growth for four years now, ever since he retired from Ottawa. "I thought I'd be slowing down a little bit and I can tell you quite candidly anything but ... I can say, as the chief of police, that I'm probably busier now than I was when I was ... as a senior deputy and overseeing all operations for the RCMP across Canada." "This is an exciting job." [CBC News](#)

Homme blessé par balle à Bouctouche

Le Groupe des crimes majeurs de la GRC enquête sur un incident au cours duquel un homme a été blessé par balles, vendredi dernier, dans la région de Bouctouche. [Radio-Canada](#)

3-year investigation leads to child porn charges

A Stoney Creek man is facing child pornography charges after a three-year investigation, police say. Officers started the probe back in 2012, after another police service executed a search warrant on a server company. Hamilton police won't say what police service was involved, what the company's name is or where it was based. At the time, several servers were seized that contained more than 800 links to child pornography, and Hamilton police launched its own investigation. [CBC News](#)

First Nation chiefs demand investigation into death of B.C. aboriginal teen Paige

The Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs is demanding police investigate the government agencies whose alleged inaction led to the overdose death of an aboriginal teenager in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Union President Grand Chief Stewart Phillip says workers in health care, education, policing and community agencies may have broken the law by repeatedly failing to report that 19-year-old Paige needed protection. Provincial legislation states that failure to inform the government of a child needing protection is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and six months in jail. Vancouver Police Chief Adam Palmer says that an investigation into Paige's death is necessary and that it should be conducted at arm's length by the RCMP. [Vancouver Sun](#)

Christopher Phillips, accused in chemical scare, begins trial

The trial of the man at the centre of a January chemical scare began his trial today in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, with testimony from an RCMP officer who said Christopher Phillips was considered a threat to public safety. Phillips, 42, is accused of uttering threats against police and one count of possession of a dangerous weapon - the chemical osmium tetroxide. The chemical can be absorbed

through skin and can be lethal. Phillips has pleaded not guilty to the charges. On Monday morning, RCMP Sgt. Lisa Stuart spent two hours testifying about the contents of emails sent to and from Phillips. She said police came to the conclusion that Phillips was considered a threat based on long, rambling emails from him that were turned over to police by Phillips's wife in late January. [CBC News](#); [Radio-Canada](#)

Food tampering reports come from Annapolis Valley, Bridgewater - Nail found in potato salad at Woodville community barbecue

Potatoes containing metal objects continued to turn up in food tampering incidents in two different parts of Nova Scotia over the weekend, police reported Monday. Kings District RCMP announced it is investigating an incident where a finishing nail was found in a potato salad at a community barbecue in Woodville on Sunday. No one was hurt in the incident. RCMP said the potato salad was made by Kings Processing in Middleton, which is working with investigators to determine the source of the potatoes. Police have the nail and the partially eaten meal. [CBC News](#)

Name the RCMP foal contest begins, contest open to kids across Canada - Six RCMP foal names needed this year

The RCMP is inviting kids from across Canada to help them come up with the names for six foals who were born this spring at the RCMP breeding farm west of Ottawa. The foals may grow up to be part of the world-famous RCMP Musical Ride. "Every year we look forward to seeing the creative names children and young people from across the country submit for the foals," says Superintendent Leslie Cook, Officer in Charge of the Musical Ride Branch. "The Name the Foal" contest is an annual tradition we look forward to, thanks in large part to the enthusiasm of the participants." [Beacon News](#)

New Brunswick gears up for another fight over energy project

Nearly two years after New Brunswick made news around the world with its fracking protest, another energy project is raising concerns in the province. On the weekend, hundreds of people rallied against the energy east pipeline. A growing coalition is concerned over its impact on the environment. [APTN News](#)

Colby Cosh: The weird, pointless secrecy of reports on Alberta police violence

An opinion piece states "The instinct of Alberta's police for pettifogging, pointless secrecy has now officially reached the point of generating poetry. On May 22, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT), a provincial police agency that investigates other police forces, released the results of an inquiry into the RCMP's fatal 2013 shooting of a suspect on the Cold Lake Indian reserve. The document tells the unhappy story of a former convict who had continued to lead a violent existence, but who was determined not to go back to jail. The final confrontation is explained, and justified, very convincingly. The report contains all the detail one could desire — except for names. The cop who killed a man is the 'Subject Officer'; the man he killed becomes the 'Affected Person.'... Confrontations having the nature of a distraught or disturbed person's "suicide by cop" are arguably more preventable than other police homicides, and more urgently in need of public scrutiny, not less. ASIRT is sowing confusion between a question of social sensitivity — essentially of etiquette — and a hard ethical principle: criminal justice must always, up to the ultimate limits of practicality, operate in public." [National Post](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Officials end lockdown, search at Dorchester Penitentiary

Officials have ended a lockdown that was put in place at the medium security unit at Dorchester Penitentiary on May 27, and the institution has resumed its normal operations. At about 2 p.m. on May 27, a lockdown was put in place in the medium security unit at Dorchester Penitentiary to enable staff members to conduct a general search. The search was ordered to ensure the safety and security of the institution, its staff and inmates. Officials with Correctional Service Canada (CSC) say they are strengthening measures to prevent the entry of contraband into its institutions in order to ensure a safe and secure environment for everyone. [Sackville Tribune-Post](#)

Lawyer wants inquiry into aboriginal incarceration in Saskatchewan - Saskatoon lawyer wants to know why Sask. has worse numbers than Alberta, Manitoba

A Saskatoon criminal defence lawyer wants an inquiry into Saskatchewan's over-incarceration of aboriginals. Michael Nolin said Saskatchewan has a disproportionately high number of incarcerated aboriginals compared with the rest of the country. That includes Manitoba and Alberta, both provinces with similar aboriginal populations. "What are the factors in play in Saskatchewan that are causing such a difference?" he asked. Aboriginals make up approximately 11 per cent of Saskatchewan's population, according to Statistics Canada data from 2011. They represent 16 per cent of the population in Alberta and 14 per cent in Manitoba. While aboriginal adults in correctional services exceed their representation in the general population in all provinces and territories, the gap is largest in Saskatchewan. The representation is seven times greater (81 per cent), according to 2007-2008 statistics. In Manitoba, 69 per cent of adults sentenced to custody are aboriginal and 39 per cent in Alberta are aboriginal. As of April 2013, there were 54 active dangerous offenders in Saskatchewan, 45 in Alberta and 17 in Manitoba, according to Corrections Canada. [CKOM News](#)

Inmate at federal pen was suspected of plotting to use drone to bring in tobacco

An inmate serving time at a federal penitentiary in Quebec was suspected of plotting to use a drone to smuggle contraband tobacco into the jail, a method that appears to be becoming increasingly popular in such institutions. The detail is just one of many contained in the Parole Board of Canada's recent decision to impose several conditions on the upcoming release of Kris Grabowski, 35, a man serving an 86-month prison term for his role in a home invasion in the Laurentians during which he and his brother Kyle, 29, assaulted a man and a woman while seeking revenge for marijuana plants that were stolen from them. A written summary of the decision reveals that Kris Grabowski has often been a problem for Correctional Service Canada since he started serving his sentence in 2011. He is alleged to have ordered an assault on another inmate following an argument over phone privileges and was himself the victim of an assault. He also refused to undergo urinalysis tests on three occasions based on what he considered a matter of principle. [Montreal Gazette](#)

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ISIS Revamps Recruitment Propaganda

After a selection of tunes, the presenter with an American accent offers "a glimpse at our main headlines." IS militants have just seized three Iraqi cities. A bomb blows up a factory, killing everyone inside. Militants destroy four enemy Hummers and an armored vehicle. The newscast's tone sounds much like National Public Radio in the United States. But this is Al-Bayan, the Islamic State radio targeting European recruits — touting recent triumphs in the campaign to carve out a Caliphate. All news is good news for Al-Bayan's "soldiers of the Caliphate." In this narrative, the enemy always flees in disgrace or is killed. The

broadcasts end with a swell of music and a gentle English message: "We thank our listeners for tuning in." [Associated Press](#) (Huffington Post)

While nobody was looking, the Islamic State launched a new, deadly offensive

Syrian rebels appealed for international assistance to counter a new offensive by the Islamic State in the northern province of Aleppo that could reshape the battlefield in Syria. The surprise assault launched over the weekend opened a new front in the multipronged war being waged by the extremist group across Iraq and Syria, and it underscored the Islamic State's capacity to catch its enemies off guard. The push took the militants within reach of the strategically vital town of Azaz on the Turkish border and came on the heels of their capture of the Syrian city of Palmyra and the western Iraqi city of Ramadi late last month. The offensive reinforces the impression that the Islamic State is regaining momentum despite more than eight months of U.S. led-airstrikes. [Washington Post](#)

NSA surveillance powers in limbo

For the first time since Sept. 11, 2001, Congress curtailed the National Security Agency's authority to track suspected terrorists as lawmakers struggled to restore approval for mass collection of phone records and other surveillance methods. No solution was likely before Tuesday at the earliest. The high-stakes drama played out as Congress debated significant changes prompted by the disclosures of Edward Snowden, the former NSA contractor who revealed the phone records collection and other main surveillance programs. While intelligence officials publicly warned of danger, they said they were not deeply concerned with a lapse of a few days or weeks, given that the authorities remain available in pending investigations. What they most fear is a legislative impasse that could doom the programs permanently. Republican Sen. Rand Paul, a presidential candidate, took credit for blocking the Senate from extending the surveillance powers in an extraordinary Sunday session. [Associated Press](#) (Chronicle-Herald)

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"Passed or not passed [Bill C-51] is an illegitimate law we must defeat." -- Josephine Grey [buff.ly/1FP5Ed0](#) [#stopc51](#) [#rejectfear](#)

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[#RCMP](https://twitter.com/RCMP) toxic to women, says lawyer as hearing begins for potential class-action bit.ly/1FPQVym

RCMPNS

June 4 marks the 1st anniversary of the Moncton tragedy where 3 [#RCMP](https://twitter.com/RCMP) members lost their lives and 2 others sustained serious injuries. 1/2

RCMPNS

A wreath laying ceremony will be held tmrw (June 2) in the Hfx Hall room at City Hall with [@MikeSavageHFX](https://twitter.com/MikeSavageHFX) at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome. 2/2

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Blogs

RCMP Slam doors shut on High River Access To Information requests

It's one thing for the RCMP to refuse to send all the records I have requested, under the authority of the Access to Information Act (ATIP), regarding the RCMP's illegal searches of 4,666 High River homes following the 2013 flood; however, it's quite another thing to exempt ALL the records I requested in their entirety. I couldn't believe it the first time it happened but now that I have received three responses in a row from the RCMP saying I was being denied copies of ALL the records I requested. It appears that a blanket cover-up is now underway on the High River Forced Entries, Unwarranted Searches and Seizures file. Here are the three High River ATIP files that have been exempted in their entirety in the last five weeks. Please note the hyperlinks in the titles below take you directly to my letters of complaint filed with the federal Information Commissioner and supporting documentation... [Canada Free Press](http://CanadaFreePress.com)

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Allan Légère: Miramichi craint sa libération conditionnelle

Il y a 25 ans, le tueur en série Allan Légère a mis en émoi tout le Nouveau-Brunswick. Le maire de Miramichi, Gerry Cormier, supplie la population de contacter la Commission des libérations conditionnelles du Canada pour éviter que le «Monstre de Miramichi» soit libéré d'un pénitencier à sécurité maximale en Alberta. Allan Légère a droit à une audience de libération conditionnelle cet automne. Plusieurs, dont le maire de Miramichi Gerry Cormier, souhaitent qu'Allan Légère, maintenant âgé de 67 ans, demeure derrière les barreaux pendant le reste de ses jours. «Il est censé avoir son audience en octobre. Le monde se souvient encore de cette terreur. Les gens ont encore peur, même après 25 ans», dit-il. Gerry Cormier se souvient encore des événements de 1989. «C'était une vraie terreur. Il est le Monstre de Miramichi. Même aujourd'hui quand son nom est mentionné, le monde se rappelle de la terreur. Les gens ne veulent pas qu'il soit libre.» Tilly O'Neill Gordon, députée conservatrice de Miramichi, s'est aussi immiscée dans le débat. Elle a soulevé la question devant la Chambre des communes plus tôt cette semaine. **Son homologue, Steven Blaney, ministre de la Sécurité publique, a rappelé la position du gouvernement Harper. «Nous allons prendre toutes les mesures possibles pour nous assurer que des individus comme Allan Légère sont gardés derrière les barreaux», a-t-il dit.** [L'Acadie nouvelle](#)

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Canada says no danger posed by U.S. anthrax shipment

The Canadian government confirmed on Tuesday that it received an anthrax sample kit from the U.S. Department of Defense that might have contained live bacterium, but it said there were no reported illnesses. In a statement, the Public Health Agency of Canada said it received the sample in August 2006, but that it had not been used for over five years and was relocated to a secure laboratory. [Reuters](#); [CBC News](#)

Alberta considers lifting northern fire bans

Alberta Environment officials are considering removing fire bans across the north later today and replacing them with less-stringent restrictions. Although fires bans have already been lifted in some areas, much of Alberta currently remains under one because of the dry spring. Wildfire information officer Geoff Driscoll said Tuesday that cooler and wetter weather has helped firefighters gain ground on blazes that had been fuelled by dry, windy conditions. Driscoll said there are 36 wildfires burning provincewide, down from a high of 65. There are still four fires out of control, but at one point 20 were in that category. A major fire 40 kilometres northwest of Cold Lake covers 31,000 hectares, Driscoll said. That blaze led to Canadian Natural Resources Limited and Cenovus to evacuate more than 2,000 workers from energy sites May 23. [Edmonton Journal](#)

N.W.T. forest firefighters get weekend off to battle fatigue

Most Northwest Territories fire fighters were given last weekend off, with the territorial government suggesting that it wants to address the issue of fatigue early in what has already become an above-average fire season. Richard Olsen, the territory's manager of fire services, says the decision was made in "recognition of last year," when 385 fires burned in the Northwest Territories at a cost of over \$56 million. This season, there are already 51 fires reported across the N.W.T. [CBC News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Footage from inside Centre Block won't be released for security concerns

A video showing Michael Zehaf Bibeau's first moments inside the Centre Block is being kept secret even as reports are to be made public Wednesday detailing the security response on the day of Parliament Hill shooting. Cameras near the front door of the Centre Block captured Zehaf Bibeau wrestling with a House of Commons security guard and shooting at other guards before sprinting down the Hall of Honour, according to two sources with knowledge of the video. There are no cameras in the hall itself, which runs between the Conservative and NDP caucus rooms. Zehaf Bibeau was killed in a shootout with security forces at the end of the hall. The Ontario Provincial Police had access to the video as part of its multi-pronged investigation into the actions of security forces on the day of the shooting. Heather Bradley, a spokeswoman for House of Commons Speaker Andrew Scheer, says the video won't be made public for security reasons. [Canadian Press](#) (Times-Colonist); [Presse canadienne](#) (La Presse)

Bureaucrats dismissed, deleted Oct. 22 shooting email alerts as spam: documents

An internal government report shows federal workers deleted emails alerting them to last October's shooting on Parliament Hill because they thought the messages were spam. The report from Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada, obtained by The Canadian Press, says not every department followed orders to lock down their Ottawa offices. Indeed, the documents say the majority of departmental emergency response plans don't even deal with lockdown incidents. In a separate questionnaire, the department told the Government Operations Centre that briefings and security reports during the day didn't help it make timely decisions, pointing to ongoing communication problems. On Wednesday, the public will get its first look at two reports on how security forces on Parliament Hill reacted on the day of the shooting. [Canadian Press](#) (Global News; Globe and Mail); [Presse canadienne](#) (L'Actualité)

It doesn't matter who actually killed the Parliament Hill gunman: MPs

With a report into the deadly rampage on Parliament Hill last October expected out tomorrow, we're learning more about what happened that day. While it may not have been Sergeant-at-Arms Kevin Vickers who killed gunman Michael Zehaf Bibeau, MPs say it's not important who fired the fatal shot. The CBC reports the Ontario provincial police report into the shooting will show that Michael Zehaf Bibeau was shot 31 times, and the kill shot to the head was actually fired by an RCMP officer. The NDP's Paul Dewar says this clarifies a lot for him, since he spoke with that very officer on October 22nd. "What he had told us is simply, 'I shot him. He's down. He's dead.'" But several MP's like Conservative James Bezan say regardless of who took that shot, the only thing that matters is that security and RCMP worked together to take out the threat. [News 1130](#); [National Post](#)

'You could be branded terrorists': RCMP officer to demonstrators

Protesters at a rally against Bill C-51 were treated to an unexpected conversation about the legislation with an RCMP officer on watch over the weekend. Video of the exchange surfaced on YouTube some time after the Saturday afternoon protest on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. In it, the officer and a couple of protesters are seen discussing Bill C-51, the government's controversial anti-terror legislation. "People are really scared that they're going to be taking the law to the worst possible limit. Is that going to happen? I'm not sure," the officer, so far unnamed, says in the video. "Whenever you're attacking the Canadian economy you could be branded a terrorist, right?" the officer says a little bit later. "Which is not necessarily what's going to happen, but it could happen." It's unknown whether "they" was in reference to the Conservative government, the Department of Justice or law enforcement brass. And it's also unclear whether the officer was relaying his personal opinion about the bill or repeating interpretations and analysis from the media. In a post on his CANADALAND web site, journalist and media critic Jesse Brown noted that the officer believes the bill gives authorities the power to "temporarily revoke a protester's rights and status as a Canadian citizen." [Yahoo! News](#)

Accused terrorists could be not guilty of terrorism even if part of al-Qaida: judge

A B.C. Supreme Court judge has told a jury that a couple accused in a bombing plot could be found not guilty of terrorism even if it decides they thought they were acting on behalf of al-Qaida. Catherine Bruce says that Crown prosecutors in the trial of John Nuttall and Amanda Korody have argued the accused were part of a terrorist group involving only them. Bruce says finding that the couple acted on behalf of any other terrorist group would not be enough for a guilty verdict. She reminds jurors to disregard the involvement of undercover police officers because by law they can't be part of a staged conspiracy. [Canadian Press](#) (MySask.com)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Gay Palestinian seeking asylum in Canada set to be deported despite death threats

If the Canadian government decides to deport John Calvin back to Palestine on Nov. 4, he believes he will be killed. "It's a known thing that it will be a death sentence, so there would be no way around it," he said from his home in Edmonton. "Scared, terrified, disappointed, there's a bunch of different things that one in my situation would feel." The Canadian government believes the 24-year-old is, or was, a member of the Palestinian militant organization Hamas and therefore is ineligible to seek asylum in Canada as a refugee... Citizenship and Immigration Canada referred a request for comment to the Canada Border Services Agency, which said in a statement that it cannot speak to the specifics of the case and that "the decision to remove someone from Canada is not taken lightly." "Everyone ordered removed from Canada is entitled to due process before the law and all removal orders are subject to various levels of appeal," the statement read. "Our position is clear, once individuals have exhausted all legal avenues of recourse/due process, they are expected to respect our laws and leave Canada or be removed." CBSA says a pre-removal risk assessment by CIC "is one of the safeguards in place to ensure people in need of protection are not removed," which is where Calvin's case currently stands. [Global News](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

UN watchdog group warns of cyberattacks on nuclear facilities

Nuclear facilities around the world are facing daily cyberattacks on their systems, a United Nations nuclear watchdog group said during a Monday conference. "Reports of actual or attempted cyberattacks are now virtually a daily occurrence," said Yukiya Amano, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). "Last year alone, there were cases of random malware-based attacks at nuclear power plants and of such facilities being specifically targeted." The conference at which Amano spoke, the International Conference on Computer Security in a Nuclear World, is in its inaugural year and goes until June 5, the UN reported. [SC Magazine](#)

IRS data breach would have been 'much more difficult' with security upgrades

The Internal Revenue Service failed to implement dozens of security upgrades that might have prevented the hacking of more than 104,000 US taxpayers, according to J Russell George, treasury inspector general for tax administration, at a Senate committee hearing on Tuesday. It would have been much more difficult if they had implemented all of the recommendations we made," George, told the Senate finance committee about the data breach. The data breach occurred in Get Transcript, a system set up to make taxpayers' interactions with the IRS more convenient and allow them to download their tax "transcript" online. The hackers, who attempted to download transcripts from around 200,000 questionable email domains, made about 104,000 successful downloads. To successfully download the transcripts, the hackers must have passed a security screen that asked for required information including a social security number, date of birth, tax filing status and street address. [UK Guardian](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

'It erodes your spirit': Hammonds Plains woman alleges gender discrimination, harassment in RCMP

Cathy Mansley said her time in the RCMP eroded her spirit and her self-worth. Now the Hammonds Plains woman is one of hundreds of women who have come forward in a class action lawsuit against the Mounties. The lawsuit is currently before B.C. Supreme Court and has not yet been certified. The female complainants say the Mounties failed to provide a work environment that was free from gender-based discrimination, bullying and harassment. Mansley joined the RCMP in 1995 and worked in the Yarmouth, Tantallon and Sackville detachments. But she describes a working environment that was hostile to women. [Global News](#)

RCMP Insp. Tim Shields suspended with pay

B.C. RCMP Insp. Tim Shields has been suspended with pay, CBC News has learned. The high profile former spokesman for the RCMP was suspended May 19, according to "E" division spokesman Sgt. Rob Vermeulen. Vermeulen did not provide a reason for the suspension. Shields is being sued by his former civilian co-worker, Atoya Montague, who is accusing him of sexual harassment. Shields has denied Montague's allegations. [CBC News](#); [CTV News](#); [Vancouver Province](#); [Radio-Canada](#)

Christopher Phillips's chemical trial continues in Halifax today

An RCMP forensic science expert says police found 510 different chemicals that could be used to make 11 different homemade explosives when they searched properties where they suspected Christopher Phillips stored chemicals. Phillips, 42, is accused of uttering threats against police and one count of possession of a dangerous weapon - the chemical osmium tetroxide. The chemical can be absorbed through skin and can be lethal. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges. [CBC News](#)

Richmond RCMP probe shooting of family dog by Mountie - After being operated on for its wounds, the dog is now convalescing at home, albeit very subdued and heavily medicated

Richmond RCMP has launched an investigation after a Mountie shot a family dog in the face during a property search. The incident happened at 3340 Garden City Road in north Richmond as officers — reacting to reports of a break-in nearby and believing the suspect was still in the area — honed in on a duffel bag, matching the description of the suspect's bag, police say was inside the dog owner's yard. Noticing "beware of dog" signs all over the fencing, officers claim they shouted out to the owners and made plenty of noise so not to startle any animals as they investigated the bag. As they ventured into the yard last Friday around 9 a.m., police say one of the family's two pitbull-cross rescue dogs, Koda, ran at

the officers, one of whom fired his weapon as he fled, apparently in fear for his safety. [Richmond News](#) (Vancouver Sun)

La Ronge man dies while in RCMP custody

A 43-year-old man has died while in custody of La Ronge RCMP, and the Saskatoon police major crimes unit is investigating. According to RCMP, a man was found unresponsive in the La Ronge RCMP cell on Sunday around midnight. The La Ronge man was taken to a local hospital and then transferred to Saskatoon hospital before being pronounced dead on Monday. RCMP said in a news release that the Saskatoon Police Service was asked to conduct an independent external review into the man's death. In addition, RCMP asked the Ministry of Justice to appoint an independent observer. Saskatoon police will report the results of the investigation to the Ministry of Justice and the attorney general. [Star-Phoenix](#); [CTV News](#); [CBC News](#)

Former Canadian Forces members say they were kicked out for being gay, ask government for apology

Darl Wood says she was "purged" from the military 37 years ago for being gay and the memories of what she went through are still vivid. "I was young and idealistic. It sounds naive, but I went into the military just wanting to serve my country," she said. Wood says she had been working for three years when she was called into her boss' office and 'accused' of being a lesbian. I was then taken into custody by the special investigation unit, where I was interrogated for hours and hours," she said. "Two men railed me about my sex life, they wanted to know how, who, when, where and what we did in the privacy of our home and bedroom." Wood is part of the newly-formed "We Demand an Apology" network. Members of the group were in Ottawa Tuesday to band with the opposition and demand a formal apology from the government for the way they say they were treated... Researchers say Wood is one of hundreds, if not thousands of gay and lesbian Canadians kicked out of the military and other national security agencies beginning in the 1950s because their homosexuality was seen as a weakness that could make them vulnerable to the 'enemy'. Victims claim the RCMP even used what was known as a "fruit machine" to identify gay members among the rank and file. The test allegedly measured heart rates as officers were shown pornography. [Global News](#)

Moncton cyclists to honour fallen RCMP officers with ride

A group of cyclists in Moncton are coming together to pay tribute to the three RCMP officers killed in Moncton's north end almost a year ago. Henry Greene is organizing a community ride that he says will take place through the very neighborhood where the three RCMP officers were gunned down last June. "I was in the lockdown zone yes and that was scary seeing armored vehicles in the streets." He says it has not been easy for the community to move forward and that's why he and his cycling group are planning a cruise in support of the three fallen officers, their families and RCMP officers still paroling the city. [Global News](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Correctional service officially installs deputy commissioner of Ontario

Correctional Service Canada held a change-of-command ceremony at its regional headquarters in Kingston on Monday, installing Mike Ryan as the new deputy commissioner of Ontario. He replaces Lori MacDonald, who has taken up another position in the federal government. According to a CSC news release, the ceremony reinforces the responsibility of leadership in the role of the regional deputy commissioner. It represents the symbolic passing of responsibility, authority and accountability from one correctional leader to another. "It is with great pride that I accept the position of regional deputy commissioner to manage Correctional Service Canada in the Ontario Region," Ryan said in a statement. He has held a variety of positions with CSC since 1985. [Kingston Whig-Standard](#)

Alexandria man with lust for old ladies dodges dangerous offender tag

An Alexandria alcoholic with an appetite for women of a certain age narrowly escaped a dangerous offender designation last month that could have seen him imprisoned indefinitely. Andre Taillefer, 49, was instead branded a long term offender two years after his latest conviction -- a 2013 criminal harassment

rap for spamming a senior with 104 sex notes. The Crown had argued Taillefer was a menace to seniors who couldn't be safely managed in the community. But defence lawyer Geraldine Castle-Trudel convinced Judge Robert Pelletier a fixed sentence and a long-term offender designation -- which will keep him under court supervision for up to 10 years -- would be sufficient. [Ottawa Sun](#)

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Man accused of threatening father of Rehtaeh Parsons has charges withdrawn

Charges were withdrawn against a Nova Scotia man who pleaded not guilty to threatening the life of Rehtaeh Parsons's father online after the Crown determined there wasn't enough evidence to convict him. Attorney Eric Taylor said in Dartmouth provincial court Tuesday that he reached an agreement with the defence to dismiss charges of uttering threats and criminal harassment that were laid last year following complaints by Glen Canning. Canning alleged earlier that the charges related to online threats made against him in 2013 on a YouTube site. But, Taylor said a finding of guilt was unlikely even though there was material of a threatening nature. "There were threats that were posted on a YouTube account against the complainant -- that evil would befall the complainant and his family," Taylor said outside court. "There was some suspicion, but obviously not enough for a conviction." [Cape Breton Post](#)

INTERNATIONAL

U.S. Red Team agents expose gaps in airport security - Special team from Department of Homeland Security identified a weakness so glaring that the operators successfully concealed mock explosives and weapons from airport screeners 67 out of 70 times

They are so expert at evading airport security that a former head of the Transportation Security Administration once hailed them as "super-terrorists" for their ability to smuggle weapons and other prohibited items aboard planes. They are said to use disguises and false identities, and one recently managed to sneak fake explosives taped to his body past a TSA screener's routine pat-down. But they are undercover federal agents, known as the Red Team, working for the inspector general at the Department of Homeland Security, and their job is to test airport screening in an effort to expose security gaps and keep TSA screeners sharp. In recent tests, the Red Team identified a weakness so glaring that the operators successfully concealed mock explosives and weapons from screeners 67 out of 70 times, according to a law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal reports. That stunning failure rate of more than 95 per cent was behind Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson's decision late Monday to reassign Melvin Carraway, the acting administrator of the TSA. [Toronto Star](#)

Allies back Iraq plan against ISIS, Baghdad seeks more help

Western and Arab states carrying out air strikes on Islamic State fighters backed on Tuesday Iraq's plan to retake territory from the jihadist movement after being accused by the Iraqi premier of not doing enough to help Baghdad push back the insurgents. Around 20 coalition ministers met Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi in Paris, in part to persuade his Shi'ite Muslim-led government to repair relations with Iraq's Sunni minority to strengthen its campaign against the Sunni Islamic State, also known as ISIS. Despite a show of unity, Abadi appeared to reject suggestions that Baghdad was paying insufficient

attention to reconciliation with Sunni. He said the world had "failed" Iraq, highlighting the significant number of foreign Islamic State volunteers entering Iraq from countries in the coalition. [Reuters](#)

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Who fired the fatal shot that killed Michael Zehaf-Bibeau? Eyewitness account suggests it wasn't Kevin Vickers ow.ly/NMJyv

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It's now official, the OPP report into the Parliament Hill shooting will be released tomorrow at 1:00pmET. Media lock up at noon #cdnpoli

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RCMP have released new photo of Darwin Lescano, 38-year-old Richmond man accused of killing his mom last month.

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Court hearing to decide whether \$432M settlement for Lac-Mégantic victims can go ahead

A Quebec Superior Court justice will begin hearing arguments Monday that could determine whether more than \$431 million can be distributed to victims and creditors of the Lac-Mégantic train derailment or if the entire settlement process will come to a screeching halt. Lawyers for Canadian Pacific Railway - the sole firm accused of responsibility in the rail disaster not to participate in the settlement offer - will argue the process is illegitimate and unfair, according to court documents and lawyers representing the victims. CP spokesman Martin Cej wrote in an email while families of the 47 victims of the July 6, 2013 tragedy deserve compensation, CP is not one of the companies responsible for what happened when the runaway train owned by Montreal Maine and Atlantic Railway Limited (MMA) derailed and exploded in Lac-Mégantic's downtown core. Lawyer Jeff Orenstein, of Consumer Law Group, helped launch a class-action against about 25 companies - including MMA and CP - accused in the derailment. The class action

was put on hold, however, pending the result of the settlement process. If the Superior Court Justice Gaetan Dumas approves the settlement fund, all the companies who together offered the combined \$431.5 million will be released from legal liability in the U.S. and Canada and permanently removed from the class-action. [Montreal Gazette](#)

Rain brings relief for Alberta firefighters

Rain appears to be helping firefighters in Alberta. Provincial wildfire staff say the 14-hundred-hectare Rockslide Creek wildfire received about 15 millimetres of rain by yesterday morning. It's still out of control and has burned into Jasper National Park, but officials say it doesn't pose a threat to Grand Cache or other communities, and they say additional rain is forecast. Rain has also brought relief for firefighters in the Slave Lake area, where crews continue to battle three fires from last week that were sparked by lightning. [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News)

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Amanda Lindhout breaks silence after RCMP arrest suspect in her brutal kidnapping

The Canadian journalist at the centre of a seven-year probe to find the men who kidnapped and brutalized her for 15 months in Somalia has broken her silence. "I'm not sure I ever quite believed it would happen," Canadian journalist Amanda Lindhout said in a statement released Sunday morning. She was kidnapped in August 2008 alongside Nigel Brennan, an Australian photographer, and their translator and driver, while working as a freelance journalist in Somalia. Lindhout was held for 15 months and tortured, beaten and sexually brutalized in an ordeal she has since detailed in her book, *A House in the Sky*. For seven years, Canadian officials have been trying to track the men who took her hostage, and on Thursday they made one arrest: Ali Omar Ader. Police believe he was the "main negotiator" in the journalists' kidnapping, and Lindhout recalls him terrorizing both her and her family. When the RCMP called Thursday with the news Ader had been arrested in Ottawa, the reporter says she broke down with relief. "I was stunned that they'd made the arrest. I was even more stunned that the accused kidnapper was in my home country," Lindhout said. "I had forgotten to sit down, and my knees gave out. I lay on the floor crying, saying the words, 'Thank you, thank you, thank you so much,' again and again." On Friday the RCMP detailed the sweeping investigation that spanned continents and investigative services. [National Post](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Metro News); [Global News](#); [Ottawa Sun](#); [Calgary Sun](#); [Toronto Sun](#); [Globe and Mail](#); [International Business Times](#); [CBC News](#); [Radio-Canada](#)

No military involvement in arrest of Somali kidnapping suspect: Kenney

The Canadian military was not involved in the arrest of a Somali man alleged to have been part of the 2008 hostage-taking of a Canadian freelance journalist, according to Defence Minister Jason Kenney. Speaking to CTV's Question Period, Kenney said he was not aware of any military involvement in the arrest of Ali Omar Ader, who was arrested Thursday in Ottawa, for his alleged role in the kidnapping of Amanda Lindhout and Australian photographer Nigel Brennan in Somalia. Kenney applauded the RCMP for years' worth of investigative work on the case. "The fact that the RCMP, with other international police agencies, have stayed on the case and brought this investigation to a successful conclusion is a great credit to them." Sources told CTV News that Ader's arrest was the result of a sophisticated operation that involved several government agencies as well as the Australian police. Kenney refused to provide any further details. "I can't get into operational details," said Kenney. "I suppose some of that may come out when this person faces a trial." In other remarks, Kenney said Canada's security and police agencies have been on a "higher state of alertness" in the last year, due to domestic and international terror threats, including those posed by Somalia terror group al-Shabaab. "We have seen several dozen Canadians travel to Somalia to join al-Shabaab," said Kenney. "And this is something that we can't ignore ... Those who have not made it abroad but have violent intent obviously impose a serious threat to us here at home." [CTV News](#)

Human Rights Watch raises concerns over B.C. terrorism trial - Canadian police using U.S. post-9/11 tactics to target vulnerable individuals in sting operations, group claim

A terrorism trial underway in British Columbia runs disturbingly parallel with an emerging trend in U.S. anti-terror efforts targeting some of society's most vulnerable people, says an international human rights

group. Human Rights Watch members have been observing the case of John Nuttall and Amanda Korody, two Vancouver-area residents found guilty earlier this month of plotting to decimate the provincial legislature with pressure-cooker bombs. Andrea Prasow, the organization's deputy Washington director, says the case resembles U.S. authorities' post-9/11 undercover operations to thwart terror attacks before they happen. [CBC News](#)

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CTV News - Question Period interviewed Defence Minister Jason Kenney regarding the arrest of Ali Omar Ader among other subjects. [Rough Transcript](#)

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Russia, China crack Edward Snowden files, U.K. pulls out spies

Britain has pulled out agents from live operations in "hostile countries" after Russia and China cracked top-secret information contained in files leaked by former U.S. National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden, the Sunday Times reported. Security service MI6, which operates overseas and is tasked with defending British interests, has removed agents from certain countries, the newspaper said, citing unnamed officials at the office of British Prime Minister David Cameron, the Home Office (interior ministry) and security services. He went to Russia via Hong Kong, and although he claimed in 2013 that the encrypted files remained secure, Britain believed both Russia and China had cracked documents which contain details that could allow British and American spies to be identified, the newspaper said, citing officials. British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond said Snowden had done a huge amount of damage to the West's ability to protect its citizens. An official at Cameron's office was quoted, however, as saying that there was "no evidence of anyone being harmed." A spokeswoman at Cameron's office declined to comment when contacted by Reuters. A Home Office source told the newspaper that Russian President Vladimir Putin did not grant Snowden asylum for nothing. "His documents were encrypted but they weren't completely secure and we have now seen our agents and assets being targeted," the source said. A British intelligence source said Snowden had done "incalculable damage." "In some cases the agencies have been forced to intervene and lift their agents from operations to stop them being identified and killed," the source was quoted as saying. British security agencies declined to comment. The Russian and Chinese governments were not immediately available for comment. [Reuters](#) (CBC News)

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2 men in hospital after second Surrey shooting in 2 days

For the second time in as many days, two men have been injured in a shooting in Surrey. Surrey RCMP received reports of shots fired between two vehicles in the 18600 block of Highway 10, at about 10 p.m. Saturday night. Officers responded, but didn't find anyone at the scene. Two homes were hit by the gunfire. Nobody inside was hurt. Shortly afterwards, police say two men arrived at hospital with gunshot wounds, forcing the hospital to be put on lock down. The men are being treated for their injuries, which police describe as non-life-threatening. Police say the shooting does not appear random, but it's too early to say if it's linked to other recent shootings in the city. On Friday night, two men were injured in an apparent drive-by shooting that left a home on 152 Street riddled with bullet holes. [CTV News](#); [News 1130](#); [Global News](#); [Radio-Canada](#); [Metro News](#)

RCMP, Nelson SARS conduct search for missing Blewett man

Nelson RCMP and Nelson Search and Rescue conducted a ground search of the area around the residence on Blewett Road and the Kootenay Canal/Rover Creek area Saturday evening. Nelson RCMP said to date no signs of Joe Moyer, age 42, have been located. Friends and family advised they will be conducting their own searches this morning, with Nelson Search and Rescue regrouping Sunday afternoon. Family is very concerned as Moyer has not been eating regularly and his condition when last seen was described as weak. [Castlegar Source](#)

The culture of sexual abuse in the RCMP and Canada's military - Michael's Essay

An opinion piece states, "Why do we always seem to be shocked, then outraged, when we read about the sexual harassment of women in our armed forces and national police service? The evidence, anecdotal and actual, would fill a dozen filing cabinets in a fair-sized room. We know it goes on. And we know it has gone on for decades. A familiar pattern has developed over the years. Public outrage is followed by promises by the military and the RCMP to do better. Public outrage then cools. To the military leadership of the armed forces and the officer corps of the RCMP, sexual abuse, including sexual assault, seems to constitute a public relations problem to be managed rather than a culture and practice to be expunged. If the years of allegations had been taken seriously, senior serving officers would have been degraded in rank or discharged from the armed forces altogether. Responsible Mounties who engineered cover-ups, and attacked the character of complainants would have been kicked off the force. In the armed forces, denial has become standard operating procedure. As late as last May, the now retiring Chief of the Defence staff said he did not accept the "notion" that sexual violence was part of the military culture. Former Supreme Court Justice Marie Deschamps put paid to that idea in her sweeping report. There is indeed a sexualized culture in the military, she wrote, which intimidates female victims and discourages them from reporting the harassment. It's the same in the RCMP. Female members are fearful of speaking out because of reprisals against their career advancement. Seeking protection in numbers, some 350 female RCMP members are waiting to see if a judge will certify their class action against the forces. To repeat: that's more than 350 women." [CBC News](#)

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Tories introduce 'born to die' bills before Parliament breaks

The Harper government has stuffed the legislative pipeline with newly introduced bills in the past two weeks, despite being well aware that those proposed laws are dead in the water. Seven of 10 new bills introduced so far this month and sponsored by Conservative ministers are stalled. They range from a new national marine conservation area for Lake Superior and the Georges Bank Protection Act, to motor vehicle safety amendments, copyright changes, new mandatory minimum sentences for gun crime and changes to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. With seven or fewer sitting days remaining before the House of Commons rises for the summer recess, the bills can't possibly be passed before the break. [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News)

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Kurdish fighters close in on key ISIS-held town, officials say

Thousands of Syrians cut through a border fence and crossed over into Turkey on Sunday, fleeing intense fighting in northern Syria between Kurdish fighters and jihadis. The flow of refugees came as Syrian Kurdish fighters closed in on the outskirts of a strategic Islamic State-held town on the Turkish border, Kurdish officials and an activist group said, potentially cutting off a key supply line for the extremists' nearby de facto capital. Taking Tal Abyad, some 80 kilometres (50 miles) north of the Islamic State stronghold of Raqqa, would deprive the militant group of a direct route to bring in new foreign militants or supplies. The Kurdish advance, coming under the cover of intense U.S.-led coalition airstrikes in the area, would also link their two fronts and put even more pressure on Raqqa. [Associated Press](#) (CTV News)

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It's been a whirlwind few days. Here are some of my thoughts. [facebook.com/AmandaLindhout...](#)

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Ader expressed a desire to visit Canada, marry Lindhout and her mother, according to Lindhout #cdnpoli [pic.twitter.com/KZ9nGucJjd](#)

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Amanda Lindhout says she recognizes man arrested by RCMP as kidnapper who made ransom demands. [facebook.com/AmandaLindhout...](#)

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Amanda Lindhout has thanked the RCMP for capturing and charging her alleged kidnapper [ow.ly/Oifgr](#)

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Earthquake detected near Fox Creek

Natural Resources Canada recorded an earthquake near Fox Creek, Alta., just before 6 p.m. Saturday. The 4.4-magnitude quake was recorded 36 kilometres east of Fox Creek. Earthquakes with a magnitude between 3.5 and 5.4 on the Richter Scale are described on NRC's website as "often felt, but rarely cause damage." [EdmontonJournal.com](#)

B.C. wildfire forces evac

The Lytton First Nations community in B.C. has evacuated 10 homes as a 1,500-hectare wildfire south of Lytton, B.C., continues to spread. Another 65 homes are on evacuation alert. B.C.'s Wildfire Management Branch says more than 80 firefighters and seven helicopters are battling the blaze. [Edmonton Sun](#), 48

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Human Rights Watch raises concerns over B.C. terror trial

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ISIL fighter's mother in Ottawa, offering a voice for new approach to anti-radicalization

There's another face to Islamic extremism, one filled with tears, not hate. The heart-wrenching documentary film of Christianne Boudreau, mother of a dead 22-year-old Islamic State fighter from Calgary, arrived in Ottawa on the weekend, part of a cross-country tour by the Extreme Dialogue project aimed at reducing the appeal of all forms of extremism among teens and young adults. A second slick film explored the hate-filled radicalization of Daniel Grant, a former white supremacist. The effort is led by the Institute for Strategic Dialogue in Britain, with funding from the federal Kanishka Project. Packages of educational resources to accompany the films and other details are at [extremedialogue.org](#). Boudreau's son, Damian Clairmont, was killed fighting in Syria in January 2014, about four years after he converted to Islam. She soon found, as the mother of a "terrorist," that there was no place to get help with her grief, anger and similar fears for her younger son. She is now one of the country's most vocal advocates for a more nuanced approach to anti-radicalization that doesn't simply demonize individuals. Boudreau spoke to the Citizen Saturday following a showing of the film. [OttawaCitizen.com](#)

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Russia and China crack Snowden files: report

Russia and China have cracked the top-secret files stolen by Edward Snowden, according to a report from London newspaper the Sunday Times. The report cites anonymous government sources who said the alleged decryption forced British intelligence agency MI6 to pull its agents out of "live operations in hostile countries." Moscow has gained access to more than a million classified files, according to the Sunday Times report, while China has also decrypted documents which contain details allowing British and American spies to be identified. In regards to questions about any potential Canadian security impact, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and department of Foreign Affairs could not offer comment by press time. [Toronto Star](#), A8; [TheSundayTimes.co.uk](#)

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Gun violence sends 2 to hospital in Surrey

Surrey RCMP are investigating, after more gun violence sent two men to hospital on Saturday night. Police said the shooting happened between two vehicles — a white or light-coloured sports utility vehicle (SUV) and a silver Pontiac Vibe — in the 18600 block of Highway 10 in Surrey, B.C. Several people reported hearing shots fired in the area, just after 10 p.m. PT. Police responded and found evidence that shooting had occurred, including bullet damage on two houses. Surrey RCMP said they were alerted by a regional hospital that two victims had turned up with non-life-threatening gunshot injuries. The hospital was subsequently locked down as a safety precaution. Police believe the attack was targeted, but couldn't say whether it was connected to the drug turf war that has recently been blamed for many shootings in the city. [CBC.ca](#); [CKNW.com](#)

Two injured in Surrey drive-by shooting

Two men were sent to hospital Friday evening following what's believed to be a targeted drive-by shooting in Surrey. Just before 10 p.m., police responded to the 5700-block of 152nd Street following several reports of shots fired. Upon arrival, Surrey RCMP discovered two men suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Both were taken to hospital. Their condition is unknown. A man at the scene Saturday morning identified himself as a relative of one of the victims. The man told the Sunday Province that one of the victims was grazed in the head by a bullet, while the other was shot in the foot. [The Province](#), A18; [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist)

RCMP investigate death of wanted man

Police are investigating the death of a Fort Saskatchewan man who may have died by suicide in his house while police were trying to enter and arrest him. Early Saturday morning, Fort Saskatchewan Mounties went to the residence of a 31-year-old man who was wanted for outstanding robbery related offences and a parole violation. Once inside the home, officers discovered the man in medical distress due to "self-inflicted wounds." EMS were called, but the man was pronounced dead at the scene. The investigation into the death is continuing. Fort Saskatchewan RCMP are being assisted by the Edmonton Major Crime Unit and the Edmonton Forensic Identification Unit. [EdmontonJournal.com](#)

Remains ID'd as those of Richmond County woman killed by son

The body of a Richmond County woman, who has been missing for two years, has been positively identified. Human remains exhumed May 27 have been positively identified as those of Michelle Marie Demers. Demers-Kennedy's son, Merlin Demers-Kennedy, of Framboise, pleaded guilty to manslaughter last month in connection with her death. After a seven-month investigation, RCMP arrested the 32-year-old in January 2014. He has been in custody ever since and will be sentenced June 19 in Port Hawkesbury Supreme Court, the release said. [TheChronicleHerald.ca](#); [CBC.ca](#)

More guns and drugs, including fentanyl, seized by ALERT Edmonton

More guns - including an assault rifle - and the deadly fentanyl drug have been seized by police, this time from a group of suspected fentanyl and cocaine dealers, says the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT). ALERT Edmonton conducted a joint investigation with Bonnyville RCMP that concluded with three search warrants being executed in Bonnyville on June 5. A total of eight firearms and three body armour vests were seized along with an estimated \$125,000 worth of drugs. [CalgarySun.com](#)

Citizen tip aids arrest of robbery suspects

A call from a concerned citizen about suspicious persons near St. Albert led to the arrest of four young offenders. Around 12:45 a.m., Morinville RCMP received a call from a civilian about the suspicious young people in the Sturgeon River Valley subdivision. After extensive patrols, Mounties located four suspects, along with items that had been stolen from vehicles. Charges for theft from a motor vehicle and possession of property obtained by crime have been laid and all four suspects are expected to attend youth court on Aug. 20 in Morinville. [EdmontonJournal.com](#)

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Man jailed for attack on First Nations elder

A man who attacked and robbed a 74-year-old First Nations elder has been designated a dangerous and long-term offender. Kenneth Kirton, 48, was convicted in October 2013 of aggravated assault, robbery and assault. He was sentenced last week in provincial court in Vancouver to 12 years in prison followed by a 10-year supervision order. [The Province](#), A26

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Attentats : le ministre Blaney parle de gestes ignobles

Le ministre de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile du Canada, Steven Blaney, a qualifié d'ignobles, de morbides et de sauvages les attentats perpétrés aujourd'hui en France, en Tunisie, au Koweït et en Somalie. «C'est avec consternation que j'ai appris qu'une nouvelle attaque terroriste avait été perpétrée en France, sans oublier les incidents qui se sont déroulés en Somalie, au Koweït et en Tunisie», a-t-il indiqué alors qu'il était de passage à Saint-Camille dans sa circonscription de Lévis-Bellechasse. «Cela démontre, a-t-il ajouté, que nous devons faire affaires à une organisation qui est prête à toutes les atrocités pour arriver à ses fins et troubler nos collectivités». Monsieur Blaney a indiqué qu'il a écrit, ce matin, au ministre français de la Sécurité intérieure, Bernard Caseneuve, «pour lui réitérer notre empathie, notre sympathie et notre solidarité». «Nous attendons le résultat des enquêtes qui seront menées, mais tout cela démontre à quel point la menace est réelle et que nous devons rester vigilants», a-t-il conclu. [Le Peuple Lévis](#); [Radio-Canada](#); [Journal de Montréal](#)

David Sweat en route vers le Canada?

Même si son complice a été abattu vendredi par les policiers, David Sweat, qui s'est évadé de la prison de Dannemora il y a 20 jours, pourrait choisir le Canada comme prochaine destination. «Nos recherches nous ont permis de développer des preuves comme quoi les suspects pourraient se diriger vers le Canada», a indiqué le Major Charles E. Guess, porte-parole de la police de l'État de New York. Ces propos ont été tenus avant que les autorités localisent et tuent l'autre fugitif Richard Matt. Les préoccupations demeurent toutefois les mêmes, puisque l'un des deux évadés, considéré comme étant extrêmement dangereux, court toujours... Dans l'éventualité où Sweat se déplace toujours à pied, il n'aurait besoin que de quatre heures pour se rendre jusqu'à la frontière canadienne. Seulement 20 kilomètres séparent Malone de Beith, la municipalité québécoise la plus près de la frontière. Les autorités croient que le fugitif se déplace la nuit. **«Le Canada ne sera pas un refuge pour les criminels violents et les terroristes, a indiqué Jean-Christophe de Le Rue, porte-parole du ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile, Steven Blaney. Les responsables canadiens de police et de sécurité ont travaillé en étroite collaboration avec leurs homologues américains sur cette situation.»** Journal de Montréal

One of 2 escaped murderers shot near Canadian border: reports

Richard Matt, one of two convicted murderers who escaped from a maximum-security prison three weeks ago, has been shot near the town of Malone, N.Y., according to multiple reports. Malone is located 15 kilometres south of the New York-Quebec border. The town is about 50 kilometres southeast of Cornwall, Ont. and approximately 110 kilometres southwest of Montreal. The shooting has not been confirmed by CTV News... **Public safety minister Steven Blaney's office said Friday that Canadian officials are working closely with American counterparts to catch the escapees. "All necessary law enforcement resources will be brought to bear," Blaney's spokesperson said. "Should these individuals enter Canada, they will be found and brought to justice."** CTV News; iPolitics; New York Daily News; Associated Press (National Post); UK Guardian

Hand it over - Judge agrees Harper government can't be trusted

An opinion piece states "As soon as you draw a comparison to Hitler, you lose the argument. That's the conventional wisdom. Up until that point, however, Federal Court judge Luc Martineau was making a pretty sly point. The occasion was a hearing in Montreal Monday as to whether the federal government should be required to hand over a hard drive of Quebec gun registry data to the court. The request was made by lawyers for information commissioner Suzanne Legault, who launched a court battle Tuesday over legislation that would pardon government agencies who may have prematurely destroyed gun registry data before court cases were resolved. It all sounds a little tangly, but the question is this: can the government be trusted to secure the data until court proceedings have been exhausted? Judging from their past record, the answer is no. **So on Monday, Martineau ordered Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney and the RCMP commissioner to hand over the goods – which they did the next morning.** The message is pretty extraordinary. Martineau agreed that the Harper government can't be trusted. And he wasn't just playing politics." Cape Breton Post

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Fires in northern Saskatchewan lead to evacuations, fire ban

The Ministry of Environment is issuing an update on the escalating wildfire risk in northern Saskatchewan. The province is recommending people avoid travelling north of La Ronge, Sask. A fire ban has been reinstated for all parks within northern forests. Tammy Cook-Searson, Chief of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band, said they are organizing the evacuation of 456 people from Sucker River. An evacuation order has been lifted for the communities of Sikachu Lake and Clam Lake Bridge. Cook-Searson said arrangements are being made to return people to their homes. CBC News; CTV News; CKOM News Talk 650

\$20M Alberta flood lawsuit filed against 10 insurance companies

A \$20-million lawsuit claims insurance companies didn't honour policies for seniors' and assisted living facilities damaged in the 2013 Alberta floods. The non-profit housing management company, Foothills Foundation, is suing 10 insurance companies. A statement of claim filed at the Calgary Court Centre alleges four seniors' and assisted living facilities in High River and Black Diamond have not received

insurance compensation for damages. A fifth property is an administration office in High River. The document details the June 20, 2013 discovery that the properties were "severely damaged or destroyed" by the flood. Insurers were supposed to pay for "remediation and or replacement of equipment, personal property and/or damage to structures or dwellings on the properties." Losses and damages pegged at \$20 million, plus other unnamed punitive costs. [CBC News](#)

Virus du Nil occidental : risques toujours présents en Saskatchewan

Les risques de contracter le virus du Nil occidental sont plus élevés entre la mi-juillet et la fin août avec les hautes températures, selon les autorités sanitaires de la province. Les intervenants ne sont pas en mesure d'indiquer si les risques sont plus élevés cette année, mais ils rappellent aux citoyens de se protéger contre le virus qui se transmet à l'humain par les moustiques. Un texte de Nahila Bendali La majorité des gens qui contractent le virus du Nil se rétablissent d'eux-mêmes, mais les patients doivent être vigilants si des symptômes plus graves se déclarent, indique la médecin en chef adjointe de la Saskatchewan par voie de communiqué. La province souligne que la prévention est de mise, particulièrement à la tombée de la nuit. Depuis 2003, les autorités provinciales ont recensé 157 cas neurologiques sévères et 17 décès liés au virus. Toute personne dans la province ayant des questions au sujet du virus peut appeler la ligne Info-Santé au 811. [Radio-Canada](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Winnipeg ISIS supporter back in custody after losing bail condition

The Winnipeg man labeled a potential terrorist threat by the RCMP is headed back to jail. Aaron Driver, 23, was re-arrested Friday afternoon at his home in Charleswood, after a woman who helped bail him out withdrew her support. "He will be taken into custody the bail is no longer in effect," said Ian Mahon, Chief Federal Prosecutor in Manitoba. Driver was living in a woman's house on Carlotta Crescent; she put up a \$1,500 surety and Driver was required to live in her house under strict conditions as part of his bail. Members of the RCMP national security section arrested Driver June 4th at the Carlotta Crescent home, and applied to court for a peace bond over fears Driver "will participate in or contribute to, directly or indirectly, the activity of a terrorist group for the purpose of enhancing the ability of any terrorist group to facilitate or carry out a terrorist activity, pursuant to S.810.01 of the Criminal Code." [Global News](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés

CBC News' Power and Politics featured a discussion with security experts Amarnath Amarasingam and Mubin Shaikh on terror attacks and Canadian security. [Rough Transcript](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Canadian solar module makers say duties needed to survive cheap Chinese imports

A band of small Canadian solar panel manufacturers is banking on an upcoming trade decision in hopes of surviving an onslaught of low-priced Chinese imports. The four Ontario companies say they hope a decision next week by Canada's International Trade Tribunal will uphold duties on imports they say are priced below the Chinese companies' actual cost of production... An investigation by Canada Border Services Agency alleged in early June that about half a dozen Chinese companies, and a China-based subsidiary of Canadian Solar International, were benefiting to varying degrees from government subsidies – in contravention of World Trade Organization agreements. "We're obviously pleased with their findings," says Silfab's Atkins. "We believe it mimics what we experienced in the marketplace." Canadian Solar International, a Nasdaq-listed company based in Guelph, Ont., declined to comment prior to a report from the trade tribunal, to be released by July 3, that will determine whether the CBSA can continue to charge provisional duties set in March. The law firm acting for most of the Chinese companies didn't respond to requests for comment. [Canadian Press](#) (Medicine Hat News)

Florida man tries to enter Canada with four handguns, 10 over capacity magazines

A 54-year-old Florida man is in hot water after getting caught trying to bring four undeclared guns across the border. The man, from Venice, Fla., was trying to enter Canada at the Rainy River border crossing on May 21 to bring his boat to his summer camp for the season. A search resulted in Canada Border Services Agency guards discovering one handgun with loose ammunition. A more detailed examination of the vehicle found three more guns and 10 overcapacity magazines of ammunition. The man has been charged with non-report of goods, willful evasion, possession of illegally imported goods and smuggling. [TB Newswatch](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

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LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Mountie charged with stealing rifle, shotgun from Manitoba detachment

A Manitoba Mountie is facing several criminal charges, including theft of guns from a detachment. RCMP allege Cpl. Jason Prettie of Dauphin was working in Minnedosa when two weapons were stolen in 2009. A spokeswoman says the rifle and shotgun were not police-issue and had been in RCMP custody. The guns were found this year in a private residence connected to Prettie. The officer has suspended with pay pending the outcome of his court case. Prettie is also charged with obstructing justice and possession of a weapon obtained by crime. He is to appear Tuesday in Dauphin provincial court. [Canadian Press](#) (Westman Journal); [CBC News](#); [QMI Agency](#) (Winnipeg Sun); [Presse canadienne](#) (98,5 FM)

ALERT seizes 'significant' amount of GHB from northeast Edmonton home

More than eight litres of GHB, an odourless, colourless, tasteless liquid commonly called the "date-rape drug" was seized from a northeast Edmonton home last week. The 8.5-litre seizure of gamma-Hydroxybutyric acid, or GHB, was the largest bust of that drug by the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams and resulted in the arrest of four people. A total of 44 charges were laid against the quartet, relating to drugs, guns, stolen property and breaches. Last year, ALERT teams from across the province seized a total of eight litres of GHB. [Edmonton Journal](#); [CBC News](#)

Surrey : une fusillade fait 2 blessés

Deux personnes ont été transportées à l'hôpital après une fusillade à Surrey en Colombie-Britannique. L'enquêtrice de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) Anick Pasqua explique que les policiers répondaient à un appel concernant un méfait sur Iona Place, lorsqu'ils ont reçu un autre appel rapportant qu'une personne avait été atteinte par balle. « En arrivant sur les lieux, on a trouvé qu'il y avait deux victimes », souligne-t-elle. [Radio-Canada](#)

RCMP seek help locating Taylor McCauley, 15, of Moncton

Codiac Regional RCMP are seeking the public's help in locating a missing 15-year-old Moncton boy. Taylor McCauley was last seen at his residence on June 15. [CBC News](#)

UPDATE: RCMP raid huge crystal meth lab in Kamloops, more arrests pending

A massive crystal meth operation capable of producing 60,000 hits of the drug in one batch has been shutdown by Kamloops RCMP in the Barnhartvale area and the two men arrested are facing charges. A house in the 1700-block of Pratt Road has had a heavy police presence in front of it since June 24. According to the RCMP's drug unit coordinator Cpl. Derek Westwick, officers wearing hazmat gear will stay on site until all the evidence is collected and the scene is cleaned up. At this stage in the investigation, Westwick says it appears the lab was operating solely out of a garage on the property. [Vernon InfoNews](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Final Confession: Man who killed Ottawa police officer reveals full story of his crime

In 1983, Peter Collins killed police officer David Utman in at Bayshore Shopping Centre. Now, on his own deathbed, he reveals to Andrew Duffy the full story of his crime, what he would say to his younger self, and his plea to die outside prison walls. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Dying Collins waits for "compassionate" parole hearing

Correctional Service Canada (CSC) has sent the case of Peter Collins to the federal parole board for an early hearing to decide if he'll be released after 32 years in prison. It will be the sixth time he has stood before the parole board in the past seven years. A date has not yet been set for the special hearing, convened under a provision that allows for the compassionate release of dying inmates. The legal test for Collins's release, however, will be no different than in past applications. Collins's case is complicated by the fact that he doesn't hold Canadian citizenship and, if released, must be deported to Britain where he won't be subject to mandatory supervision. The parole board has always insisted that a "gradual and structured release" for Collins should include time in minimum-security. Collins, however, said CSC has repeatedly denied his requests to transfer to a minimum-security prison. What's more, CSC has refused to award him the escorted temporary absences that might also help to prove he can be trusted in a less-secure facility or outside prison walls. It is, he said, an impossible Catch-22 situation: The parole board wants him to engineer a structured release, but the prison system denies him the tools to do it. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

"Prison is not good for people": Peter Collins

Few people have more experience with the prison system than Peter Collins, which makes his critique of the system, if not unbiased, at least well informed. "I've been in prison for more than 30 years and I'm sure of one thing: prison is not good for people," he says. Collins has done time at Millhaven, Ste-Annes-Plaines, Joyceville and Bath. He has spent three years in two super-maximum security special handling units and long stretches in solitary confinement, including one six-month stint after he was falsely accused of a 1994 inmate murder at Joyceville. Another prisoner was arrested last year in that cold case based on new DNA evidence. Collins says most people emerge from their prison experience more frustrated, unstable and dangerous than when they went in. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

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PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

Harper makes changes to senior ranks of public service

The Prime Minister announced a number of changes to the senior ranks of the public service in a press release Friday afternoon. With the retirement Louis Lévesque, Deputy Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, and Luc Portelance - President of the Canada Border Services Agency - a number top bureaucrats were shifted around four months before the fixed federal election date... Linda Lizotte-MacPherson, currently President of the Canada School of Public Service, becomes President of the Canada Border Services Agency, effective July 6, 2015... John Ossowski, currently Associate Deputy Minister of Public Safety, becomes Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, effective July 6, 2015. Gina Wilson, currently Associate Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development, becomes Associate Deputy Minister of Public Safety, effective July 6, 2015. [iPolitics.ca](#)

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INTERNATIONAL

Bomb-making instructions, execution videos and 46K pro-ISIL Twitter accounts: Path to jihad runs wild online

Once on the path to violent extremism, there is no end to what would-be terrorists can find online to solidify their beliefs. It's all just a few clicks away. While it remains unclear just how connected Friday's trio of terror attacks are to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, there is no arguing that the group has made it maddeningly simple for sympathizers worldwide to take up the extremists' cause. It takes about 30 seconds to create a Twitter account and connect to someone in Syria. And as one journalist in France found out, expressing an interest in ISIL on Facebook quickly leads to a flood of information as the service's algorithms suggest similar sites and friends with the same interests. A constant stream of beheadings and images of children with guns soon starts to seem normal. ISIL has put out a guide to travelling to the territory it controls, as well as information on how to be a jihadi in the West, complete with training on toy Nerf guns, making pressure-cooker bombs and stealing money from infidels. [Postmedia News](#) (National Post)

Unknown if Canadians among casualties in Tunisian terror massacre

The Foreign Affairs department says its officials in Tunisia are trying to determine whether any Canadians are among the dozens killed in a fearsome terrorist attack. A gunman fired on sunbathers at a beach near two hotels in the coastal resort city of Sousse. The department says 826 Canadians were known to be in Tunisia. However, that number is only an estimate, since registration is voluntary and the figure is typically not fully representative of the actual number residing or visiting an area. [Chronicle-Herald](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA / MÉDIAS SOCIAUX

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[@MinStevenBlaney](#) parle de gestes ignobles #attentats bit.ly/1LAE8o8

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

[PnPCBC](#)

[.@CaliphateCop](#) says Aaron Driver should be in custody. He's endorsing attacks on soldiers, police. No question he's a terrorist sympathizer

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[.@CaliphateCop](#) there's one way to deal with these ISIS attacks: send in special ops from Jordan, Turkey; bomb the group in Iraq and Syria.

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[.@AmarAmarasingam](#) tells us Aaron Driver - ISIS supporter from Winnipeg - is the real deal. He was plugged in with fighters in Iraq, Syria.

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[.@CaliphateCop](#) says we're not really making progress on radicalization.

[PnPCBC](#)

[.@AmarAmarasingam](#) says ISIS attacked Shia mosque in Kuwait to set off sectarian strife.

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Is the Islamic State's military success in Iraq and Syria inspiring terrorist attacks around the world?

[CBCPolitics](#)

MP James Bezan wants Aaron Driver charged for inciting terrorism cbc.ca/news/canada/ma...
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"If pressed, say nothing" - that was spy agency CSE's attitude to this key Parliamentary committee.
cbc.ca/news/politics/...

Lactualite

L'agence canadienne d'espionnage électronique se plaint des fuites de [#Snowdenbit.ly/1GxSE9K](https://bit.ly/1GxSE9K)
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BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

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Escaped N.Y. prisoner killed by police: Report ottawasun.com/2015/06/26/esc... pic.twitter.com/bFIUGRonc9

CTVCalgary

One of 2 escaped murderers fatally shot near Canadian border: reports bit.ly/1TSEMjo pic.twitter.com/uFxzXBGHtN

CBCAlerts

#RCMP: No reason to believe **#EscapedPrisoners** are in Canada. **#NewYork** police say they may try to cross border.

nationalpost

The two escaped murderers may be headed to Canada, police say, and they're likely armed natpo.st/1LtZLWI

guardian

New York prison break convict Richard Matt shot and killed by police trib.al/5PrdTyC

CanBorder

Four undeclared firearms seized at the Rainy River port of entry
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CanBorder

Officers stopped a handgun and suspected child pornography from making its way into **#Saskatchewan** last month.
news.gc.ca/web/article-en...

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

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On the 5th anniversary of the G20 in Toronto **#MyG20** memory: reporting for CBC and chased off the streets by police. pic.twitter.com/88ZNVr7Tdy

VancouverSun

RCMP say two men face charges after meth lab discovered in Kamloops house ow.ly/30Cby5

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

PostmediaNews

Nine senior federal bureaucrats take on new jobs in government ow.ly/ORaaw via [@ottawacitizen](https://twitter.com/ottawacitizen)

INTERNATIONAL

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Islamic State attack in northeast Syria reported to displace 60,000, UN says trib.al/bXPbPQs
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Execution videos and 46,000 pro-ISIL Twitter accounts: The path to jihad runs wild online natpo.st/1Lu5TxG
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Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

*CP24 reports on a terrorist attack in southeastern France. **Minister Blaney's** tweet is mentioned.
[Rough Transcript](#)*

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NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Latest Conservative ad could violate government's own anti-terror law

A new Conservative attack ad takes aim at Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau's position on the mission against the Islamic State, but it uses the terrorist group's own horrifying propaganda images. In the online ad, posted on the Conservative Party's Facebook page, Trudeau is shown in a CBC interview saying he would end the CF-18 bombing campaign against the terrorist group, also known as ISIS or

ISIL. The ad uses Islamic State propaganda, including gruesome images of prisoners facing death by drowning and beheading -- and those images may actually violate the government's own anti-terror law. The new C-51 legislation gives a judge "the power to order the seizure of terrorist propaganda or, if the propaganda is in electronic form, to order the deletion of the propaganda from a computer system." "Here they are using the music and images of a terrorist organization. So not only does it undermine decency, but it undermines the credibility of the Conservatives on their own bill," NDP MP Paul Dewar told CTV News. Advertising executive Tony Chapman wondered how the uses of ISIS imagery would help the Conservatives score political points. [CTV News](#)

Canada's electronic spy agency says Snowden leaks 'diminish the advantage' over terrorists, other targets

Canada's electronic spy agency says leaks by former U.S. intelligence contractor Edward Snowden have "diminished the advantage" it enjoyed over terrorists and other targets, both in the short term and — of more concern — well into the future. In newly released briefing notes, the Communications Security Establishment says Snowden's disclosures about CSE's intelligence capabilities and those of its allies "have a cumulative detrimental effect" on its operations. The Ottawa-based CSE monitors foreign communications of intelligence interest to Canada, and exchanges a large amount of information with partner agencies in the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand. The notes, obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act, were among the briefing materials prepared for CSE chief Greta Bossenmaier's March 25 appearance before the House of Commons committee on national defence. Documents Snowden handed to the media revealed the U.S. National Security Agency — the CSE's American counterpart — had quietly obtained access to a huge volume of emails, chat logs and other information from major Internet companies, as well as massive amounts of data about telephone calls. [National Post](#) (Charlottetown Guardian)

More than a third of Canadians condone torture, says poll

New numbers from the Pew Research Center show that, despite categorical evidence that torture does not work as an investigation tool, over a third of Canadians believe they could justify the torture of terror suspects after 9/11 — and would condone the Canadian government torturing suspected terrorists. The survey asked: "If the Canadian government used torture against people suspected of terrorism to try to gain information about possible attacks in our country, do you think this could be justified or could not be justified?" A whopping 37 per cent said yes, while two per cent said 'it depends'. "I am surprised and frankly concerned that so many Canadians would be okay with using torture on people we haven't even confirmed — just suspected," said Irwin Cotler, retiring Liberal human rights critic and former justice minister and attorney general. Alex Neve, secretary general of Amnesty International Canada, said it's disappointing to see such "significant numbers of Canadians who feel that torture can and could be justified in some circumstances." [jpolitics.ca](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Police believe two escaped New York prisoners headed to Canada

Two escapees from an upstate New York prison are believed to be headed for Canada, New York State Police Major Charles Guess said on Friday. Guess said police have a "high degree of confidence" that the convicted killers who fled nearly three weeks ago from Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, New York, about 20 miles from Canada, are moving north to the border. The conclusions were based on items found and being tested for DNA, Guess said, but he declined to give further details. [Reuters](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

*CBC News reports police believe two escaped New York prisoners are headed to Canada.
[Rough Transcript](#)*

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

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LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Police presence will be heavy on Saskatchewan highways this weekend

Expect some heavy police presence on Saskatchewan highways this weekend. In particular - Highway 11. RCMP will be stepping up enforcement and checkpoints on Highway 11 to coincide with the Roughriders regular season home opener. The Riders host Winnipeg at Mosaic Stadium tomorrow at 6:00. RCMP have already sent out tweets and other alerts indicating police presence will be high on the roads. They warn they will be targeting impaired, distracted and aggressive drivers ensuring all fans get to and from the game safely. Police say they will employ this strategy through the entire 2015 season. [CKRM 620](#); [CBC News](#); [News Optimist](#)

Two in hospital after overnight shooting near Surrey high school

At least two people were taken to hospital after an overnight shooting in Surrey. Residents reported hearing gunshots in the area of Iona Place around midnight, but RCMP say it is not known how many shots were fired. There is now a heavy police presence in a residential neighbourhood close to L.A. Matheson Secondary School. Investigators say it is unclear whether the shooting is related to more than a dozen others that have been linked to a gang turf war involving the street-level drug trade. Mounties have not released any further information. [Canadian Press](#) (the Province); [CTV News](#); [News 1130](#); [CBC News](#)

RCMP raid huge crystal meth lab in Kamloops

A massive crystal meth lab has been shutdown by Kamloops RCMP in the Barnhartvale area and the two men arrested are facing charges. Police say a home in the 1700-block of Pratt Road was raided by the RCMP Targeted Enforcement Unit on Wednesday, June 24 as part of an ongoing investigation. Two Kamloops men were arrested, a 55-year-old and a 25-year-old, and are facing charges of production and trafficking of a controlled substance, according to a RCMP media release. "The RCMP Clan Lab Team was deployed to assist with the execution of the search warrant and the processing and cleaning up of the scene," Cpl. Cheryl Bush says in the release. "This process is anticipated to take several days." [Infotel](#); [Castanet](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Glen Assoun to miss daughter's wedding after Crown denies move to N.S.

Glen Assoun has missed out on a lot of major family events since he was imprisoned for 1995 killing of his former girlfriend, Brenda Way, a murder he has always said he didn't commit. He wasn't around to watch his children grow into adults, the births of his six grandchildren or to attend the funeral of his mother. After serving more than 16 years in prison, last November the 59-year-old was released on bail while federal officials probe whether he was the victim of a possible miscarriage of justice. But it looks like he's about to miss another huge family milestone: walking his youngest daughter, Amanda Assoun, down the aisle when she gets married in August. His request to move to Nova Scotia to be close to his four children who support him has been rejected. His children are outraged. [CBC News](#)

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Attentat en Isère : un corps décapité, deux hommes interpellés

Une personne est morte, décapitée, et au moins deux autres ont été blessées dans un attentat commis contre une usine chimique à Saint-Quentin-Fallavier (nord de l'Isère, dans le sud-est de la France). Vendredi matin, une explosion a secoué l'usine Air Products. D'après nos informations, la déflagration a été causée par deux individus qui ont foncé en camionnette contre le bâtiment, percutant des bouteilles de gaz. L'explosion a fait au moins deux blessés. Une tête a été retrouvée accrochée au grillage de l'usine, à côté d'un drapeau avec une inscription en arabe dans une « mise en scène macabre », selon une source policière proche de l'enquête. Le corps de la victime, qui ne fait pas partie des employés de l'usine, a été retrouvé un peu plus loin. Selon une source proche du dossier, la victime était un chef d'entreprise résidant dans le Rhône. François Hollande, qui participait vendredi à un sommet européen à Bruxelles, s'est exprimé avant de rentrer « en tout début d'après-midi » à Paris, où il présidera un conseil de défense restreint à 15 h 30. Le chef de l'Etat a confirmé la « nature terroriste » de cette attaque. Le président a confirmé qu'un suspect avait été « arrêté » et « identifié », et évoqué un possible deuxième auteur dans cet attentat qui a fait un mort et deux blessés légers. Selon nos informations, un deuxième homme, « soupçonné d'avoir fait des repérages sur le site », a été interpellé. Le ministre de l'intérieur, Bernard Cazeneuve, qui s'est rendu sur place, a divulgué l'identité du suspect interpellé : il s'agirait de Yassin Salhi, un homme âgé de 35 ans qui avait fait l'objet d'une « fiche S », pour sûreté de l'Etat, en 2006 pour radicalisation. Cette dernière n'avait pas été renouvelée en 2008. L'homme n'avait pas de casier judiciaire et « résiderait à Saint-Priest » (dans la banlieue sud-est de Lyon), selon M. Cazeneuve. Le ministre a évoqué « plusieurs gardes à vue » en lien avec l'enquête, sans en préciser le nombre. Selon une source judiciaire, l'épouse de Yassin Salhi a été interpellée près de Lyon. [Le Monde](#); [Le Figaro](#); [NY Times](#)

37 morts et 36 blessés dans un attentat dans un complexe touristique en Tunisie

Trente-sept personnes ont été assassinées et 36, blessées dans la ville touristique de Sousse en Tunisie, par un homme armé qui a ouvert le feu sur les vacanciers. D'après les autorités, l'attaquant est arrivé par la plage en cachant une carabine Kalachnikov dans un parasol avant d'ouvrir le feu sur les touristes. À partir de là, il est entré dans l'hôtel Imperial par l'aire de la piscine, tout en tirant sur des gens. Il a infiltré l'hôtel Riu Imperial Marhaba de Sousse, une ville située sur la côte ouest de la Tunisie, et a ouvert le feu sur les clients. Les forces de la sécurité sont immédiatement intervenues et l'ont tué "durant un échange de coups de feu". Les autorités croyaient d'abord qu'il y avait plus d'un attaquant, mais le secrétaire d'État du ministère de l'Intérieur, Rafik Chelli, a indiqué à une station de radio qu'il n'y en avait qu'un, un jeune étudiant riginnaire de la ville de Kairouan, inconnu des autorités. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (98,5 FM); [Associated Press](#) (CP24); [BBC News](#)

Explosion At Mosque In Kuwait City Kills 25, More Than 200 Injured

A suicide bomber killed 25 people when he blew himself up inside a packed Shi'ite Muslim mosque in Kuwait city during Friday prayers, the interior ministry said, the first attack of its kind in the major oil-exporting country. The Islamic State militant group claimed responsibility for the attack, which also wounded 202 people according to the interior ministry, in the district of Sawaber in the eastern part of the Kuwaiti capital. [Reuters](#) (Huffington Post); [Associated Press](#) (National Post); [International Business Times](#)

Al-Shabaab kills dozens of African Union troops at base in Somalia

Dozens of soldiers have been killed after Al-Shabaab overran an African Union base in Somalia, according to witnesses. People in the village of Lego, about 62 miles north-west of the capital Mogadishu, described intense fighting on Friday which left corpses strewn on the ground. Witnesses said there were as many as 50 bodies, some of which had been decapitated, but this could not be confirmed. The military outpost had been manned by about 100 Burundian soldiers, part of the 22,000-strong African Union Mission in Somalia (Amisom). [AFP](#) (The Guardian); [The Nation](#)

Attacks in France, Tunisia, Kuwait prompt fears of jihadi influences' spread

Terrorists attacked sites in France, Tunisia and Kuwait on Friday, leaving a bloody toll on three continents and prompting fresh concerns about spreading jihadi influences. In France, attackers stormed a U.S.-owned industrial chemical plant near Lyon, decapitated one person and tried unsuccessfully to blow up the factory, in what French authorities said was a terrorist attack. In Tunisia, gunmen opened fire at a beach resort, killing at least 27 people, officials said. At least one of the attackers was killed by security forces. And in Kuwait, the Islamic State claimed responsibility for an explosion at a mosque in Kuwait City. Local news reports said twenty-five people were dead and 202 people had been wounded, according to Reuters. There was no immediate indication that the attacks were coordinated. But the three strikes on three continents came at roughly the same time, and a mere days after the Islamic State, the militant group, called for such operations during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. While authorities in each country were investigating, the timing of the attacks raised the possibility that militants from the group that has seized territory in Iraq and Syria were increasingly inspiring sympathizers to plan and carry out attacks in their own countries. [NY Times](#) (Globe and Mail); [Bloomberg News](#) (Toronto Star); [CNN](#)

Canada 'mourns' after wave of deadly attacks

Prime Minister Stephen Harper condemned a wave of deadly attacks on three different continents Friday morning, saying Canada will work with allies to track down those responsible. Early-morning and midday attacks Friday in France, Tunisia, Kuwait and Somalia have left dozens killed, including at least 28 people after gunmen stormed a hotel in a Tunisian resort town. Also on Friday, French authorities say one man was decapitated and others injured after an attack on a gas factory in southeast France. And on the same day, an Islamic State group claimed responsibility after a blast at a mosque in Kuwait's capital killed at least 16. In a tweet, Harper said Canada "mourns" with France, Kuwait, Tunisia and Somalia, and vowed to help allies track down those responsible for what he referred to as acts of terror. [CTV News](#)

Islamic State kills at least 145 civilians in Syria's Kobani

Islamic State fighters killed at least 145 civilians in an attack on the Syrian town of Kobani and a nearby village, in what a monitoring group described on Friday as one of the worst massacres carried out by the hardline group in Syria. Islamic State pressed a separate assault to capture government-held parts of the northeastern city of Hasaka, blowing up a security building and triggering a government appeal for all residents to take up arms. The United Nations said 60,000 people were reported to have fled the attack. [Reuters](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA / MÉDIAS SOCIAUX

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MINISTER / MINISTRE

[MinStevenBlaney](#)

My thoughts and prayers are with France this morning. We are following the situation closely.

[MinStevenBlaney](#)

Mes pensées et prières sont avec le peuple de France ce matin. Nous suivons la situation de près.

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

CBCPolitics

CSE says Snowden leaks eroding spy agency's long-term advantage over terrorists [cbc.ca/news/politics/...](http://cbc.ca/news/politics/) #cdnpoli
#hw

Securite_Canada

Michel Coulombe, directeur du SCRS, commente la sanction royale de la Loi #antiterroriste de 2015.
pic.twitter.com/3TUxloSYC0

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

RadioCanadaInfo

La police américaine croit que les deux évadés de la prison de New York sont en fuite vers le Canada

ReutersUS

Police believe two escaped New York prisoners headed to Canada reut.rs/1LKCQnA

INTERNATIONAL

CNN

Terror attacks on 3 continents: Shooting in Tunisia, beheading in France & bombing in Kuwait. cnn.it/1GNFt6U

CBCAlerts

Death toll soars after suicide bombing at #Kuwait mosque. At least 25 dead, 202 wounded. #ISIS claims responsibility.

CTVNationalNews

Tunisian state TV raises toll from beach attack to 28 dead
ow.ly/OQpWc

BBCBreaking

Death toll rises to 37, with 36 wounded in #Sousse attack, Tunisian health minister says bbc.in/1QTX9pa

CBCAlerts

Death toll from shooting attack on #Tunisian resort hotel in #Sousse rises to 37, health ministry says.

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Feds Sold New CSIS Mandate To Public With Completely Inaccurate Claims: Baloney Meter

"With its new mandate, CSIS could take measures, at home and abroad, to disrupt threats when it had reasonable grounds to believe that there was a threat to the security of Canada. ... Intelligence services in most of Canada's close democratic allies have had similar mandates and powers for many years." Public Safety Canada backgrounder on proposed anti-terrorism bill, January 2015. In introducing its sweeping security bill earlier this year, the government said the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, Canada's spy agency, did not have a legal mandate to take action concerning threats. Rather, CSIS was limited to collecting and analyzing information as well as advising the government. The government characterized the bill's proposed new powers — which have since received royal assent — as a means of bringing the spy service's capabilities in line with those of allied counterparts... **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** defended the planned powers at a Commons committee, saying: ***"Currently CSIS can detect security threats but is unable to take action unlike most allies are doing. With the new threat disruption mandate, CSIS would be authorized to take direct action to disrupt threats to the security of Canada at home and abroad like most of our allies, such as Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, France, United States, United Kingdom, and Australia. It's about time, Mr. Chair."***... The

office of **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** declined to provide any additional information about CSIS and international parallels. [Canadian Press](#) (Huffington Post)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

University of Saskatchewan study tracks risk to family ties due to wildfires

A study at the University of Saskatchewan suggests more care must be taken to protect family and culture when wild fire threatens northern communities. The study, by Julia Scharbach and James Waldram in the department of Archaeology and Anthropology at the U of S, takes a look at the experiences of the Hatchet Lake Denesuline First Nation who were evacuated due to wildfire back in 2011. The findings are particularly relevant this year, as an unprecedented number of people were forced to flee their homes this summer as forest fires raged across northern Saskatchewan. [CBC News](#)

Prince Albert SPCA dealing with arrival of dogs from northern communities

John Morash's duties as Executive Director of the Prince Albert SPCA include many things, but unloading a truck with 15,000 pounds of donated dog food from across the province is not normally on the list. But for the past three weeks, Morash and his staff have been making it up on the fly. "I don't know if this has ever been done before in Prince Albert," said Morash as he wiped the sweat from his forehead. The SPCA has taken in more than 150 dogs and cats from northern communities affected by wildfires. Most of the animals have owners who were not allowed to bring their pets with them to evacuation centres. On June 27, Morash and his team sprang into action. "We sent a convoy of six trucks to La Ronge to pick up 44 dogs, one cat and a turtle. We brought them back and had 20 cars lined up with families ready to take them in as fosters." [CBC News](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News reports hundreds of people forced from their homes in northern Saskatchewan can now return, but the battle against the wildfires is not over yet. (CBC News, 11h00 ET)

CBC News reports Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall suggests new national repository of firefighting equipment to help fight future wildfires. (CBC Radio – World Report, 11h29 ET)

CBC News reports rain is in the forecast for northern Saskatchewan and should prevent fires from growing any larger. (CBC News, 12h15)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

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BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

CBP agents not consistently screening unaccompanied migrant children, GAO says

Congressional investigators said Customs and Border Protection agents aren't properly screening the tens of thousands of unaccompanied migrant children who cross the U.S. borders at Mexico and Canada each year to make sure they aren't victims of trafficking or persecution before being sent back to their home countries. In a new report published July 14, the Government Accountability Office said "agents made inconsistent screening decisions, had varying levels of awareness about how they were to assess certain screening criteria, and did not consistently document the rationales for their decisions." The report largely focused on unaccompanied children from Mexico. The report recommended that federal agents who come in contact with such children need to better understand the agency's policy and the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act, or TVPRA, of 2008 requirements that establish certain criteria for the Homeland Security Department to follow before the children can be returned to their home countries. [Fierce Homeland Security](#)

Falling loonie cuts Canadian shopping in Maine border towns

A weakening Canadian dollar, which fell Wednesday to its lowest point against the U.S. dollar in six years, has Maine businesses along the border seeing a dip in Canadian shoppers. Nicknamed the "loonie" because of the loon imprinted on the face of its \$1 coin, the Canadian dollar plunged to as low as 77.34 cents U.S. Wednesday after the Bank of Canada cut a key interest rate and lowered its forecast for the economy, according to the Chronicle Herald. It was the lowest the loonie has dropped since March 2009, when Canada was in the midst of a deep recession. "We have seen a customer count drop in our Aroostook County stores that we believe is related to Canadian business," said Craig Burgess, general manager of the Marden's chain of surplus and salvage stores. "Based on discussion that our store staff are having with Canadian customers, they are expressing that the weak Canadian exchange rate is reducing the frequency of their shopping trips and the amount they purchase." Ethel Donovan, a Woodstock, New Brunswick, resident who was shopping at the Houlton Marden's on Monday, said that she pays attention to the exchange rate and also carefully combs catalogs, watches sale fliers and clips coupons to get the best deals. [Bangor Daily News](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Spectacular breach at Italian surveillance company puts the world's spymasters in the hot seat

A dramatic breach at an Italian surveillance company has laid bare the details of government cyberattacks worldwide, putting intelligence chiefs in the hot seat from Cyprus to South Korea. The massive leak has already led to one spymaster's resignation and pulled back the curtain on espionage in the iPhone age. More than 1 million emails released online in the wake of the July 5 breach show that Hacking Team sold its spy software to the FBI and to Russian intelligence. It worked with authoritarian governments in the Middle East and pitched to police departments in the American suburbs. It even tried to sell to the Vatican all while devising a malicious Bible app to infect religiously minded targets. "It's a mini-Snowden event," said Israel-based security researcher Tal Be'ery, likening the impact of the leak to the publication of top secret NSA documents by former intelligence worker Edward Snowden. [The Telegram](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Burnaby shooting: Risk to City of Vancouver staff reduced, say police

Vancouver police are scaling back their presence outside several city work sites following the fatal shooting of a City of Vancouver staffer outside a Burnaby home on Wednesday. "As the risk to a City of Vancouver employee has been substantially reduced, the VPD are scaling back resources at work sites," said police spokesperson Randy Fincham. Security at Vancouver City Hall, the Manitoba and National works yards, and the Crossroads building on West Broadway was ramped up following the shooting on Wednesday afternoon. The city has confirmed the shooting victim was a staff member, but he has not yet been officially identified by police or city officials. "The City Management Team, elected officials and staff across all departments are shocked and saddened to learn of the tragic murder of a longtime city employee," the city said in a written statement issued on Thursday morning. The flag at city hall is flying at half-mast in honour of the employee, the statement added. [CBC News](#)

Heavy police presence at Vancouver City Hall after murder of sanitation superintendent

A Vancouver city sanitation superintendent was shot and killed in Burnaby Wednesday, triggering an extraordinary police presence at city hall and a number of city work sites. Burnaby RCMP found a critically injured man at a house on Wickham Place, a residential cul-de-sac, after they received a report around noon about multiple gunshots being fired. The man died a short time later in hospital. Shortly after, Vancouver city administration sent a number of sanitation and engineering crews home after it said a "very serious incident" had happened that involved threats to at least one city staff member. Gerry Kahrmann / PNG staff photo Vancouver Police officers guard city hall, Vancouver July 15 2015. The works yards were also shut down for security reasons. The victim is believed to be Hanif Jessa, a Vancouver city employee, and sources told the Vancouver Sun that the suspect is a former city employee. A Vancouver City staff directory lists Jessa as a night superintendent for street cleaning operations. Calls to his home went straight to a voice mailbox that was full. Jessa is listed as living on Wickham Place. RCMP

and Vancouver police released few details other than to say the shooting had been turned over to the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team. [Postmedia News](#) (National Post)

Shaken workers return to City Hall after shooting of city sanitation superintendent

The shooting occurred at around noon Wednesday when a suspect approached a Burnaby home, a shouting match with the homeowner ensued and shots were fired. RCMP in Burnaby say the victim, who has not been officially identified, died a short time later in hospital and the case has been turned over to the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team. The City of Vancouver locked down one of its public works yards in the wake of the attack and increased security at other yards and engineering department offices, but security levels have since been scaled back and operations are returning to normal. A statement issued by the City of Vancouver says counselling and support is being offered to staff and the man's co-workers, and the flag at City Hall has been lowered to half-mast in honour of the victim. No arrests have been made but homicide investigators have said further details could be released today. [Postmedia News](#) (Vancouver Sun)

Wetaskiwin Mounties look for missing teen

The Wetaskiwin RCMP need your help in locating a missing teenage girl. Shaylynn Roasting, 14, was last seen by her family on July 11, around 10:30 p.m. It's believed she snuck out of her residence later that evening or early in the morning of July 12. Roasting is described as aboriginal, about 5' tall, 130 pounds with brown shoulder length hair and brown eyes. The RCMP believe the teen may be in the Louis Bull or Samson First Nations Area in Maskwacis. Anyone with information is asked to call the Wetaskiwin RCMP Detachment at 780-312-7200 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). [660 News](#); [Wetaskiwin Times](#)

RCMP tight-lipped about circumstances of man found dead near Doyles

Police say they will have a further update today on the death of a man found near Doyles on Tuesday. Dr. Simon Avis, the province's Chief Medical Examiner, was to conduct a postmortem examination to determine the identity of the man and the circumstances surrounding his death. The attention of the RCMP in Port aux Basques was drawn to an abandoned vehicle on the railbed by an ATV rider who was in the area late Tuesday night. Upon investigation, the man's body was found. Besides Avis, the subsequent investigation has involved the RCMP Major Crimes Unit, Forensic Identification Section and officers from the Port aux Basques detachment. [Western Star](#)

Search continues for missing boater on Wabamun Lake

Crews resumed the search Thursday morning on Wabaman Lake hoping to find a missing boater, but were forced to call off their efforts due to choppy water. Police say two men were out on the lake Wednesday afternoon when their boat hit a large wave, throwing them from the vessel into the water. One of the men swam back to the small motor boat, but the other man - believed to be in his 30s, did not make it to the boat or to shore, according to the RCMP. Cst. Melanie Murdy with the Stony Plain/Spruce Grove RCMP said the men weren't wearing life jackets and the one who is missing was not a swimmer. "This is a very difficult situation for any family and any community," Cst. Murdy told reporters at the lake on Wednesday evening. "There is a lot of family here... the support is great but it's still a very tragic event." [CTV News](#); [CBC news](#)

La GRC ne dévoile plus l'identité des victimes de tragédie

La Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) ne révèle plus l'identité des victimes d'accidents de voiture ou d'autres accidents tragiques, comme elle le faisait avant. La GRC veut respecter la Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels. Cette nouveauté a été gardée sous silence et la GRC ne révèle pas pourquoi la politique vient d'être mise en place. La porte-parole de la GRC Julie Gagnon souligne qu'il y a trois exceptions : l'information est déjà accessible au public; la divulgation d'informations est nécessaire pour faire avancer une enquête; la GRC croit que l'intérêt du public justifie de dévoiler des informations privées. Par exemple, la GRC pourrait décider de dévoiler le nom d'une victime d'homicide quand elle a besoin d'informations du public pour faire avancer l'enquête. [Radio-Canada](#); [CBC News](#) (Huffington Post)

Kamloops RCMP member may face charges after independent investigation

The independent investigation office of B.C. delivered a report to Crown counsel following an RCMP

incident which left a man with serious injuries to his spine last year. Investigators with the office independently examine cases when members of the public sustain injuries after coming in contact with RCMP members. According to members of the Kamloops detachment, on Sept. 10, 2014 officers were attempting to take a local man into custody near Yew Street on the North Shore when he fled. Members found the man injured after he went over a fence and transported him to Royal Inland Hospital for the injuries to his back. The office's Chief Civilian Director investigated the file, completed his review and opted to forward a report to Crown Counsel after determining the officer involved may have committed an offence. [Infotel](#)

Police investigating death of young P.E.I. man in Nova Scotia

RCMP are investigating the death of a Summerside man who was attending a music festival in Antigonish, N.S. over the weekend. Police are investigating the death of a young P.E.I. man who was attending a music festival in Nova Scotia. Dylan Jonathan Avery Champion died Tuesday at the Halifax Infirmary. "We are gathering information about the circumstances that led to the death of a 21-year-old man from Summerside...we want to understand how this happened," says RCMP Sgt. Alain LeBlanc in Halifax. "This must be a difficult time for the family...something very tragic - the death of a 21-year-old man." LeBlanc says an autopsy will be performed today. Champion was attending the Evolve Music Festival in Antigonish last weekend. [The Guardian](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CTV News reports about a shooting in Burnaby, B.C. on Wednesday. In addition, a threat was made against an employee of the city. The mayor commented on the incident. [Rough Transcript](#) (CBC News 9h12 ET, 12h09 ET)

CBC News reports Vancouver police increased security at a number of city sites after a municipal employee was shot and killed yesterday. Burnaby residents fear the victim was targeted. (CBC News, 12h07 ET)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

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COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Manitoba offers to host roundtable on missing, murdered women

The Manitoba government has offered to host a second national roundtable on missing and murdered aboriginal women to follow up on last winter's event in Ottawa. Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Paul Davis said Tuesday that Canada's premiers support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations and will act on them – with or without Ottawa's help. Davis spoke Wednesday at a closing news conference after hosting provincial and territorial leaders and the heads of five national native groups in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, N.L. The provinces have not only pledged to act on the commission's 94 recommendations but, in some cases, have already started, he said. Prime Minister Stephen Harper's longstanding absence from first ministers' meetings is a missed chance for collaboration, he also said. An RCMP report has said almost 1,200 aboriginal women have been murdered or have vanished since 1980. [Canadian Press](#) (Global News)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

O'Toole's office fires back at union ad campaign

Veterans' Affairs Minister Erin O'Toole's office is firing back at a new ad campaign launched by Canada's largest federal public service union, alleging that a top veterans union official admitted privately that - contrary to the messaging in the PSAC ad - some veterans offices "had to be closed." This week, the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) launched a Vote to Stop the Cuts ad campaign, which includes

the Harper government's controversial cuts to veterans' services. The campaign, being launched before the formal election campaign spending restrictions come into effect, is to include billboards, posters, radio ads and targeted social media ads. John MacDonell, O'Toole's chief of staff, said the admission that some of the closures of veterans' affairs offices were necessary was made by Carl Gannon, president of the Union of Veterans Affairs Employees (UVAE) - a PSAC affiliated union - during a closed-door meeting between the two men on Jan. 26. [iPolitics](#)

OTHER / AUTRES

Teen swatter has 'Jekyll and Hyde' persona, victim says

One of the U.S. victims of a Coquitlam, B.C., teen who shut down Disneyland as part of a campaign of internet harassment says her family is still traumatized by the youth's actions. The woman — whose identity is protected by a publication ban — told CBC News the 17-year-old faked a bomb threat at her daughter's apartment, exposed their personal information online and trolled them repeatedly. And he live streamed all of it to his followers. "He is almost like on a stage with a live audience and he is performing to the hilt," the woman said from her home in Arizona. "There was nothing shy about him. Nothing geeky. Nothing quiet. Nothing humble. Nothing subdued. He was so far the opposite that it was scary. This kid is a Jekyll and Hyde. He's a master manipulator." [CBC News](#)

INTERNATIONAL

Chattanooga college on lockdown after shooting in Tennessee city

A police officer was shot on Thursday and Chattanooga State Community College in Tennessee was placed on lockdown after a shooter fired at what appeared to be a military-related center, the school and media reports said. "Horrific incident in our community," Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke wrote on his Twitter feed, saying more information on the shooting will soon come. The school on its website said there was a shooting and added: "Everyone stay inside, close doors." [Reuters](#) (Globe and Mail); [CNN](#)

Barbados rocked by magnitude 6.5 earthquake

A magnitude-6.5 earthquake struck northeast of Barbados early Tuesday, jolting thousands from their sleep but causing no reported damage or casualties. It also was felt in the nearby French Caribbean island of Martinique. Barbados Police Const. Chris Greg told The Associated Press by telephone that the earthquake was felt throughout the island. "It was strong," he said. [CBC News](#)

ISIL affiliate in Egypt says it destroyed one of country's navy vessels with rocket fire

The Islamic State's affiliate in Egypt's Sinai says it has destroyed an Egyptian navy vessel with a rocket off the strategic peninsula's Mediterranean coast. The claim of responsibility by the Sinai Province of the Islamic State, as the group calls itself, was made in a brief statement posted on Twitter accounts known to be linked to the group. The authenticity of the statement could not be immediately verified, but it was accompanied by photos purporting to show what appears to be a rocket flying toward the vessel, a large explosion engulfing most of the boat and then black smoke rising up from the vessel. [Postmedia](#) (National Post)

Obama visits prison to call for a fairer justice system

Barack Obama is set to become the first sitting U.S. President to visit the inside of a federal prison as part of a push to change the country's justice system. Obama will meet separately Thursday with law enforcement officials and nonviolent drug offenders who are paying their debt to society at a medium-security prison for male offenders in the state of Oklahoma. From shortening the prison sentences of nearly four-dozen non-violent drug offenders to advocating the reduction, or outright elimination, of severe mandatory minimum sentences, Obama has argued forcefully this week for an alternative to the continued lengthy incarceration of people convicted of crimes he said did not fit the punishment. [Associated Press](#) (CTV News, CBC News).

SOCIAL MEDIA / MÉDIAS SOCIAUX

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

CBCAlerts

Thousands to return home in [#Saskatchewan](#) as evacuation order lifted in La Loche, Montreal Lake, Ramsey Bay, Weyakwin, Timber Bay. [#skfire](#)

Jantafrench

Evacuation orders lifted for Montreal Lake, La Loche, Weyakwin, Michel Village/St. George's Hill, Timber Bay and Ramsey Bay, Dillon [#spnews](#)

Jantafrench

More good news for wildfire situation: 20-30 mm of rain forecast for parts of northern Saskatchewan during next couple days

Jantafrench

"If the forecast holds true, it has a major impact," says Daryl Jessop, director of wildfire support for Sask. Min of Environment.

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Jessop says firefighters are now able to move to "offensive" firefighting, rather than defensively backed against the edge of La Ronge

Jantafrench

A total of 99 structures have now succumbed to wildfires in northern Saskatchewan.

globebusiness

Supreme Court rebuffs Bell Mobility challenge over 911 service fees [trib.al/Tbl2aZN](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

CBCPolitics

Baloney Meter: With new powers, is CSIS simply catching up to allies? [cbc.ca/news/politics/...](#) [#cdnpoli](#) [#hw](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

cbcnewsbc

RCMP quietly stops naming victims, citing privacy act [ift.tt/1I5fMm3](#)

Colinfreeze

Finding RCMP "just got easier" [rcmp.gc.ca/detach/en](#) Finding out what they do just got harder [cbc.ca/news/canada/no...](#)

CitytvNews

Original [@MayorGregor](#) statement [@CityofVancouver](#) threat. [@GS_Harper](#) reports possible link w#Burnaby shooting death. [pic.twitter.com/dZyQXkaTEo](#)

CTVVancouver

A fatal shooting in Burnaby and possible links to Vancouver remain under investigation. [bc.ctvnews.ca/police-called-...](#) [pic.twitter.com/lunF1UusRT](#)

CTVVancouver

[#Update](#): A long-time City of Vancouver employee has been confirmed killed. [bc.ctvnews.ca/long-time-city...](#)

CBCNews

Risk to staff 'substantially reduced' say Vancouver police after Burnaby shooting [ift.tt/1I615xd](#)

VancouverSun

Heavy VPD presence at Vancouver City Hall after shooting of city sanitation superintendent [shar.es/1srl7g](#)

CKNW

Some @CityofPoMo staff worked with #Burnaby murder victim & have been told by police they may be danger. 1/2 #Vancouver #Burnaby #PortMoody

CKNW

2/2 One @CityofPoMo staff person in particular was told by police not to go home last night, and he didn't. #Vancouver #Burnaby #PortMoody

metrohalifax

Young man dies in Halifax hospital after attending Evolve Music Festival, RCMP investigating. ow.ly/PHvZx

jsjayward

@ErinOTooleMP & @CPCGailShea announces 61 new #VAC positions for #PEI to support Canada's Veterans & RCMP retirees.

globalhalifax

RCMP investigation into fatal shooting complete; gln.ca/PHT8z

NatashaPace

Just in: Nova Scotia RCMP has concluded an investigation into a fatal shooting that occurred on January 12, 2015 in Bathurst, New Brunswick.

NatashaPace

On January 13th, Nova Scotia RCMP was requested by Bathurst Police Force to investigate a fatal shooting

NatashaPace

Michel Vienneau, a 51-year-old man from Tracadie-Sheila, was fatally wounded by police as part of an ongoing investigation.

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A team of Nova Scotia RCMP major crime investigators was assigned to investigate.

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The full investigation has been handed over to NB Public Prosecution Services who will review to determine if charges are appropriate.

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The #NS #RCMP say they will not be commenting on the details of the investigation at this time.

OTHER / AUTRE

theprovince

Near collision on Ottawa airport runway part of a larger problem: report theprovince.in/1O8P9Lk #canada

globalnews

EXCLUSIVE: Amal Clooney says Cdn officials assured her they will support her effort to secure @MFFahmy11's release gln.ca/PHMXK

INTERNATIONAL

CTVNews

Suspected extremists admitted plans to behead officer on camera: French official ow.ly/PHhDp

CP24

At least 3 Indonesian airports closed due to volcano eruptions cp24.com/world/at-least...

CTVNews

Why Obama will be first U.S. president to visit a federal prison ow.ly/PHkJM

ChattanoogaPD

Active shooter situation is over. Details forthcoming [#chanews](#)

cnnbrk

Update: Navy now confirms shooting at Navy Reserve center in Chattanooga, Tennessee [cnn.it/1J2yZ6F](#)

cnnbrk

"Active shooter incident" reported at Navy support center in Chattanooga, Tennessee, fire chief says. [cnn.it/1J2yZ6F](#)

cnnbrk

Memorial Hospital in [#Chattanooga](#), Tennessee, on "precautionary" lockdown after reports of shooting in the city [cnn.it/1J2yZ6F](#)

cnnbrk

Tennessee emergency managers request flight restrictions around [#Chattanooga](#) after shooting [cnn.it/1J2yZ6F](#)

cnnbrk

[#Chattanooga](#) police tweet that the "active shooter situation" is over. Details forthcoming [#chanews](#) [cnn.it/1J2yZ6F](#)

ReutersUS1:22pm via SocialFlow

BREAKING: Active shooter situation is over, Chattanooga police say in tweet.

USNavy

#BREAKING: [#USNavy](#) confirms no shooting at Reserve Center on Amnicola Highway, [#Chattanooga](#), TN. (1/2)

USNavy

(2/2) Investigating report of shooting at Navy recruiting building on Lee Highway. More to follow.

USNavy

#BREAKING CORRECTION: [#USNavy](#) confirms shooting at building on Amnicola Highway.

CBCAlerts

Shooting in [#Chattanooga](#), [#Tennessee](#) reportedly involves multiple victims. Police say situation now under control.

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Evacuees focus on restocking food as Sask. wildfires decrease

As residents from northern Saskatchewan displaced by wildfires return home to their communities, they're now starting to focus on restoring some semblance of order to their lives. Hall Lake and Clam Lake Bridge were the last two areas in the province that had evacuation orders in place this past week. Local leaders and the province lifted the evacuation orders for the two areas on Wednesday. Kyla McKenzie said most of the evacuees she has been working with are happy to be back home, but they're now shifting their focus to restocking food and finding their pets. [CBC News](#)

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Traveller's Rest marijuana seizure one of largest in P.E.I. history

RCMP in Prince Edward Island say the drug unit has seized one of the largest batches of marijuana plants in the Island's history and they may have been planted by accident. On Friday, police say they found 1,250 immature marijuana plants in a farm field in Traveller's Rest. [CBC News](#)

'It was never a concern,' RCMP believe shooting at Geary speedway was accidental

A 39-year-old man remains in serious but stable condition after being shot while asleep in a camper at Speedway 660 in Geary. The incident happened around 5 p.m. Saturday, during the races that happen most Saturdays at Speedway 660. RCMP believe the bullet came from the property beside the Speedway's campground where people were target practicing. "We heard some people screaming, and we went over and there was a lady who said her son had been shot so we went in to help with him, and people went to try to find the shooters to tell them what had happened," said Corrie Oblenenis, a resident of the campground. One of the owner's of the speedway told Global News the property has been a popular spot for target practice for years. [Global News](#)

Teen, man, arrested in homicide on Red Earth First Nation

Carrot River RCMP and the RCMP Major Crime Unit are investigating after a 42-year-old man was found dead on the Red Earth First Nation on Saturday. Police were called to the home around 11:20 a.m. CST, for a call of an injured man, but when RCMP arrived he was dead. A 16-year-old boy and a 20-year-old man were arrested later that day, after being located at two separate homes on the First Nation. An autopsy on the man is scheduled for Monday at Saskatoon City Hospital. No charges have been laid. The man's name has not been released. [CBC News](#); [Global News](#)

RCMP search for missing Bear Island man

RCMP in New Brunswick are looking for a Bear Island man reported missing Saturday morning. Kevin Boudreau was last seen around 2 p.m. Friday driving an all terrain vehicle off Route 105 in Bear Island. Police believe the 41-year old may have become stuck in the woods. [CBC News](#); [Global News](#)

Un guide de pourvoirie retrouvé mort à South Indian Lake

La Gendarmerie royale du Canada enquête sur la mort suspecte d'un homme de 28 ans à South Indian Lake, dans le nord du Manitoba, survenue jeudi matin. L'homme travaillait comme guide à la pourvoirie de chasse et pêche Big Sand Lake Lodge, sur la réserve crie d'O-Pipon-Na-Piwin depuis 10 ans, selon la gérante de l'établissement, Linda McKerchar. La GRC n'a pas donné plus de détails sur les circonstances de la mort. [Radio-Canada](#)

Un homme arrêté après la découverte d'un corps à l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard

La GRC à l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard dit avoir arrêté un suspect à la suite de la découverte du corps d'une femme, vendredi soir, à Pleasant Grove. Le corps se trouvait dans un secteur boisé le long du chemin de Pleasant Grove, indique Leanne Butler, de la GRC. Mme Butler affirme que le suspect et la victime se connaissaient. Selon elle, il ne s'agit pas d'un geste commis au hasard. Elle ajoute que le public ne court aucun risque. [Radio-Canada](#)

RCMP warn Albertans about phone scam

RCMP in Alberta are warning residents about a phone scam being used in the province. Investigators explained that callers claim to be with the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) and say they are auditing past income tax claims. [CTV News](#)

B.C. mental health services and RCMP must communicate better, says dad

Gord Bylo has watched his 33-year-old son Brian bounce in and out of jail after being arrested 60 times, but he's not upset with his son — he's upset with the system. Surrey teenager Brian Bylo was a good student, athlete and son. "He was liked by pretty well everybody," said his father. But in March 2000, it became apparent that something was wrong. Since then, Brian has been diagnosed with many different forms of mental illness, including bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. But to this day, Bylo said his son still hasn't received the help he needs, and frequent arrests aren't helping things. Bylo points to flaws in the communication between law enforcement and health services. He says when officers make an arrest, their computer systems are only able to access a record of that individual's past charges and convictions. "There's nothing in their computers about health-care because the two agencies don't share information," said Bylo. "That's why I'm always fearful when he's out on the street, when he's homeless, for the safety of him, because his insight is extremely low, and he is at risk. He is at risk to himself. This is a nightmare for a family." "The health-care databases and the police databases are separate for very good reasons," said Cst. Taylor Quee with the Surrey RCMP Mental Health Intervention Unit, the first of its kind in Canada. "We shouldn't really have access to that detailed level of information." Instead, officers are trained to liaise with hospitals and on-duty psychiatric professionals to determine how best to approach each individual situation. While officers can bring at-risk patients to the hospital for immediate treatment following a street-level intervention, it is ultimately up to the patient and their health professionals to set a long-term course of action. "We don't control behaviour at the end of the day. We don't control clients' choices," Quee said. [CBC News](#) (2015-07-25)

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Al Shabab suicide truck bomb rams top Somali hotel, killing at least 8

A suicide bomber rammed a truck rigged with explosives into the outer wall of one of Mogadishu's most secure hotels, severely damaging the building and killing eight people, said police Capt. Mohammed Hussein. The attack was claimed by the al-Qaida-linked Al-Shabab group and also wounded 20 people. The walled, luxury Jazeera Hotel is considered the most secure in Somalia's capital and is frequented by

diplomats, foreigners and visiting heads of state. [Associated Press](#) (Global News); [Al Jazeera](#); [BBC News](#); [Reuters](#)

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B.C. fires: Harrison Lake wildfire still growing officials say

A wildfire near Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., continues to burn uncontrolled and is still growing say officials with the Ministry of Forests. The B.C. Wildfire Service says it hasn't been able to assess the exact size of the fire on the west side of Harrison Lake due to heavy smoke. But it says the fire more than doubled in size over the weekend to 100 hectares by Monday evening. "We're going to be reassessing the fire's growth and continue to work toward containment," said Donna MacPherson with the B.C. Wildfire Service. The flames are currently spreading northward, away from the community of Harrison Hot Springs. [CBC News](#)

Tornadoes: El Nino may give Canada's twister season a boost

An above-average number of tornadoes may be ripping through — and ripping up — Canada this summer, scientists say. Just this past Sunday, a tornado near Guelph, Ont., smacked down trees and

powerlines and caused "significant damage" to two houses. Last week, a 'monster' tornado whipped through southwestern Manitoba, uprooting trees and smashing fences and buildings for nearly three hours. A week earlier, a tornado touched down southwest of Calgary amid a thunderstorm, funnel clouds and golf ball-sized hail. Canada may see more than the usual number of tornadoes this year because it's an El Niño year, and that may give tornado activity in Canada a boost, says John Allen, postdoctoral research scientist at the International Research Institute for Climate and Society at Columbia University in Palisades, N.Y. "El Niño seems to produce the conditions that we would expect to foster more tornadoes in Canada, similar to what is seen in Florida in El Niño years," he told CBC News. [CBC News](#)

'It was nuts': Manitoba reservist back from fighting Saskatchewan fires

A Manitoba reservist is back in the province after fighting wildfires in Saskatchewan – an experience 12 years in the making. Keith Griffith was seven years old and living in the Okanagan Valley in 2003 when wildfires ripped through the area, destroying homes and prompting evacuations. Griffith watched soldiers arrive and help people get out – something he knew he wanted to do when he got older. Now, he's 19, back in Manitoba and has helped families escape from La Ronge, Sask. "I would describe it life changing in a way -- knowing that I lived through that," he said. "I know what evacuation and all that feels like, and seeing the community basically almost being destroyed because of the fire that was coming at them -- life changing. That's how I'd describe it." [CBC News](#)

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Protéger les Canadiens au détriment de leur vie privée

Le 18 juin dernier, le projet de loi C-51, qu'il faudra désormais appeler la Loi canadienne antiterroriste de 2015 (la «Loi») est entré en vigueur dans une relative indifférence de la population canadienne. Essentiellement, la Loi vise à resserrer les règles existantes afin de faciliter l'identification, le contrôle et la répression des menaces envers la sécurité du Canada. Si l'objectif de la Loi est sans conteste louable, c'est plutôt sa portée et les répercussions qu'elle aura sur le quotidien des Canadiens qui a suscité certaines critiques relativement à la protection des droits et libertés individuelles. En effet, on reprochait notamment à la Loi de permettre une surveillance indue des activités des Canadiens. D'ailleurs, le Commissaire à la protection de la vie privée, Daniel Therrien, soulignait en janvier dernier que l'atteinte aux droits à la vie privée semblait disproportionnée par rapport aux objectifs de la Loi. Or, ces critiques auront été insuffisantes pour faire reculer le gouvernement fédéral, qui contrôle la majorité de la Chambre des communes et du Sénat. [Branchez-vous.com](#)

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CBSA Seizes 115lbs of Coke

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has announced the seizure of 52 kilograms of suspected cocaine at the Ambassador Bridge. On July 27, a border services officer referred a commercial truck and trailer, driven by a 26 year-old man, for a secondary examination. While searching the truck, officers discovered 52 bricks of suspected cocaine inside three duffel bags and a tote, located in the storage area of the truck. "This seizure was outstanding work by all involved," said Rick Comerford, CBSA's Regional Director General for Southern Ontario Region. Since January 2014, the CBSA in the Southern Ontario Region has made 57 cocaine seizures with a combined total weight of 302 kilograms. CBSA officers seized the suspected cocaine and arrested the individual. They then contacted the RCMP, who took custody of the drugs and the suspect. The RCMP have charged Lavdrim Mehmeti, of Scarborough, with importing cocaine and possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking. Mehmeti is currently in custody and is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Windsor today. [Windsor Square](#)

Border Guards Make 11 Drug Seizures at Winnipeg Ports

The Canada Border Services Agency was kept busy during the second quarter in Winnipeg, including its airport, commercial and inland operations. The CBSA reported from April to June, officers made 11 suspected narcotics seizures including over 115 grams of suspected marijuana, and 514 dosages of suspected steroids. Officers also intercepted four separate shipments containing substances suspected

to be the steroid dehydroepiandrosterone, commonly known as DHEA. These substances were destined for various addresses Alberta and Winnipeg and the packages were declared as different types of supplements. Border guards at James Richardson International Airport seized four grams of suspected loose marijuana on June 19, as well as as over 92 grams of cookies and candies infused with suspected marijuana from a 38-year-old California man. [ChrisD.ca](#)

Drugs, weapons, cash seized from northeast home

City police have charged two people after officers seized drugs, weapons, cash and stolen property from a northeast home. Members of the drug unit and tactical unit were called to a residence in the 300 block of Taralake Way N.E. on July 28 to execute a search warrant. [...] With the help of Canada Border Services Agency officers, city police made two arrests. Gurnazbir Singh Sandhu, 25, of India, was charged with one count each of possession of methamphetamine for the purpose of trafficking, possession of proceeds of crime, possession of stolen property, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose and two counts of breach of probation. [Calgary Herald](#)

Protestation contre la venue à Montréal d'un blogueur qui banalise le viol

Des associations dénoncent la venue dans la métropole québécoise de l'auteur et blogueur américain Daryush Valizadeh en raison de ses propos misogynes qui banalisent le viol. L'homme, plus connu sous le pseudonyme Roosh V, doit présenter une conférence samedi dans le cadre d'une tournée mondiale entamée en juin, au cours de laquelle il donne des conseils aux hommes pour coucher avec des filles, tout en faisant la promotion du viol et de l'antiféminisme. Parmi ses propos controversés, il dit qu'il « faut rendre le viol légal si c'est fait dans une propriété privée » et que « le féminisme fait croire aux femmes que leur simple présence suffit pour réussir ». La présidente du Conseil du statut de la femme du Québec, Julie Miville-Dechéne, trouve que ce genre de propos est extrêmement décevant, mais qu'il est remarquable qu'il y ait une forte mobilisation pour s'y opposer. Une pétition pour tenter d'empêcher le blogueur américain d'entrer au Canada, sur la base qu'il fait la promotion et la diffusion de la haine, a récolté jusqu'à maintenant 7798 signatures. La pétition invite les signataires à envoyer un courriel à l'agence des services frontaliers. [Radio-Canada.ca](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

The Deep, Dark Web Is Getting Some Company Soon — From Canadian Cops

Canada's federal police service is investing in software that, it hopes, will let it shed light onto the darkest regions of the deep internet. The money, part of a wide-reaching program aimed at defense and security research, will be spent developing software to trace and monitor supposedly nefarious activity on the darknet — a series of encrypted sites that advertise everything from human trafficking to hitmen. The Canadian Safety and Security Program (CSSP) is a funding regime that provides resources to various public safety, policing, and military programs run in conjunction with government departments. Previous rounds of funding have contributed to products that can track explosives, equipment that can detect drugs from their vapors, and training to protect Canada's energy infrastructure from cyber attacks. The most recent cash infusion, worth some \$12 million for a dozen projects, focuses on everything from efforts to combat radicalization in Muslim communities, to defusing improvised explosive devices (IEDs), and technology targeting drones. Perhaps the most politically-charged and potentially controversial project is run by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and two technology firms. [VICE News](#)

The digital nudist colony

An opinion piece states "Hacker group blindsides CSIS with 'cabinet-level' security breach, July 29. As usual the hackee, this time the Canadian government, cries foul while scrambling to catch up with the hacker. Of course the hacker is to blame; nice people do not pry into other peoples' secrets. But in this, and in every other case I can recall, no one mentions the security professionals who design and implement the obviously inadequate protections that Anonymous, Edward Snowden or Royal Canadian Navy Sub-Lt. Jeffrey Delisle are able to circumvent. Incompetent and negligent "experts" are collecting hundreds of millions of dollars from governments, companies and citizens for an illusion of security and, worse, we continue to pay for the privilege of belonging to this digital nudist colony." [Toronto Star](#)

Canadian hacktivists use Donald Trump's website to praise Jon Stewart

The Canadian arm of an anonymous, decentralized hacktivist group is taking credit today for sending a public thank you message to outgoing *Daily Show* host Jon Stewart — via Donald Trump's official corporate website. "We are writing you today via Mr Trump's website because, seeming, the only way to get anyone to pay attention any more is to grease a Presidential candidate's website," reads an archived version of a page on Trump.com entitled "Your Moment of Zen, Mr. Stewart." Signed by TelecomixCanada, the letter goes on to thank Stewart for his "many happy years of quality journalism and entertainment" on *The Daily Show*, and to extend an invitation of sorts. [CBC News](#)

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Alberta woman charged in death of 2-year-old boy

An Alberta woman has been charged with second-degree murder in the death of a two-year-old boy. The 29-year-old woman from the Tsuu T'ina First Nation was arrested on July 31 and will appear in court today. The child died in a Calgary hospital on Sept. 25 last year after being admitted to hospital on Sept. 18 with injuries. Police have not released the woman's name or details about the autopsy, which was concluded in April. Police say the child was in her care when he received the injuries RCMP led the investigation with the help of police from the reserve. [CBC News](#); [Global News](#); [Calgary Sun](#); [AM 770](#); [660 News](#); [CTV News](#)

Terror Threat Case Back In Court

The case of a Winnipeg man accused by RCMP of being a terror threat is back in court today. Aaron Driver is challenging a peace bond that would seriously limit what he can and can't do. His lawyers are meeting with a federal crown prosecutor and a judge to try and have his challenge heard more expeditiously. Last month a court heard it may be next Spring before the case makes it in front of a judge. Driver is not facing criminal charges and is living under strict conditions while he waits for a ruling. [CJOB AM 680](#)

Woman charged in man's death on Waywayseecappo First Nation

A 37-year-old woman is charged with manslaughter in the death of a man in western Manitoba. The man was found dead from a stab wound on Aug. 1 at a home on Waywayseecappo First Nation. Police say the victim and the accused were known to each other. Out of respect for the family members, the man's name will not be released, RCMP said. The RCMP are investigating, along with the Dakota Ojibway Police Service. [CBC News](#); [Winnipeg Sun](#)

Police investigate vandalism at church in New Brunswick

Police in New Brunswick are investigating two acts of vandalism in the village of Bath, including damage that was done to the doors of a Catholic church. The numbers "666" were painted twice in red on the doors of the church, along with an upside down cross. The RCMP says nearby on Church Street, a crosswalk sign was painted with what they believe is the same red paint. The Mounties say the vandalism happened sometime through the night on Friday into the early morning on Saturday. [CTV News](#); [CBC News](#)

N.B. man charged with murder after death of 68-year-old man in Central Waterville

RCMP in western New Brunswick say a man is charged with second-degree murder in the death of a 68-year-old man. Thirty-year-old Andrew Merlin Schriver of Central Waterville was charged during a court appearance today in Woodstock. Police say they were called to a home in Central Waterville on Sunday where they found two men injured with what appeared to be stab wounds. Both men were taken to hospital where police say Richard Foster later died of his injuries. The Mounties say an autopsy is being conducted to determine the exact cause of the Bull Lake man's death. [Canadian Press](#) (Global News)

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B.C. picks company to upgrade electronic-monitoring program for high-risk offenders

The province has picked the company for a re-vamped program to electronically supervise high-risk offenders. Headed up by U.K.-based company Buddi Ltd., the new system will allow BC Correction to program ankle bracelets using GPS technology and track offenders and make sure they stay within their court-ordered area. Currently, monitoring in B.C. is done mainly by corrections and police officers visiting offenders under house arrest and by curfew. Ankle bracelets are used but offenders can't be tracked if they go out of bounds, such as failing to return to their halfway house. The issue came under scrutiny last September after 17-year-old Serena Vermeersch was killed in Surrey. The high-risk offender accused in her death was not being electronically monitored. [CKNW](#)

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'Girls' keep working streets despite serial predator warning

Chantelle walks the same streets her sister used to walk, head held high, determined to turn another \$20 trick, then kick her crack addiction and figure out how to get a roof over her head. Determined as well, on this July night, to never forget her sister Edna Bernard - a mother of six who was strangled, lit on fire, then dumped in a farmer's field near Leduc in 2002. Her sister's remains were among five bodies found since that year within an eight-kilometre radius, something that last week prompted the RCMP to say they're looking for a "serial predator." Police identified the other victims as Katie Ballantyne, Delores Brower, Amber Tuccaro and Corrie Ottenbreit, the latter the most recent to be discovered after disappearing in 2004. (...)CBC's Aboriginal Unit has revealed there are at least 15 unsolved cases of indigenous women who vanished or were murdered in and around the Edmonton area. While the discovery of the remains of the five women near Leduc looms large on Edmonton city streets, it barely resonates with some of the women Thomason stops to speak with. They're used to threats, black eyes, broken bones. For Thomason, though, the prospect of a serial predator makes her fearful for the safety of these street women. Her life's passion is on the city streets, delivering blankets, cans of soup, driving women to medical appointments, listening to their concerns. She's spent almost two decades tracking them, and has known personally many who have been murdered, like Ottenbreit. [CBC News](#)

Prévenir la violence faite aux femmes autochtones : de Thunder Bay au reste du pays

Un programme de prévention de la violence faite aux femmes autochtones qui a vu le jour à Thunder Bay se répand en Ontario et ailleurs au pays. « Je suis un homme bon » ou « Kizhaay Anishinaabe Niin » offre du soutien aux hommes autochtones et les aide à retrouver leur culture et leur rôle au sein de leur communauté. La participation est volontaire, mais elle peut aussi être imposée par un ordre de la cour. Le programme, offert notamment dans cinq centres de détention de la province, est chapeauté par l'Association ontarienne des centres de l'amitié autochtone. Une douzaine de centres de l'amitié l'ont aussi adopté autant en Ontario, en Alberta qu'en Colombie-Britannique. Besoin d'une enquête nationale sur les femmes autochtones Le responsable du programme Sylvia Maracle croit cependant qu'une enquête nationale sur les nombreux cas de femmes autochtones assassinées ou disparues est indispensable. [Radio-Canada](#), [CBC News](#)

Walk for missing, murdered indigenous people passes 800 km mark

A group of Canadians are walking west from Manitoba to Prince Rupert, B-C to press the federal government to launch an inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women and men. The group left Winnipeg yesterday after having already trekked 800 kilometres from Norway House, Manitoba. They plan stops in many cities along the way, including Saskatoon and Edmonton, and hope others will join them. The group's GoFundMe page bills the trek as an "awareness walk for all missing and murdered." [570 News](#), [Radio-Canada](#)

New Toronto police mobile app makes it easier to report crimes

The Toronto Police Service has launched a mobile app that will allow users to report crimes and quickly get information about crime prevention across the city. Using their smart phones, residents will be able to file certain police reports, get safety alerts, locate police stations, file traffic complaints, and receive notifications from police social media accounts, among other features. "We feel that this will help with the relationship we have with victims," said Const. Hugh Ferguson during a press conference on Tuesday

morning. Specifically, residents can use the app to report incidents that include damage to property or vehicles under \$5,000, fraud under \$5,000, theft under \$5,000, graffiti and driving complaints, among others. Users can also contact Toronto Crime Stoppers anonymously through the app, police say. "It gives the public an opportunity to report crime when it's convenient," Ferguson said. [Toronto Star](#), [Toronto Sun](#)

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Massive California wildfire jumps containment line; evacuees settling in emergency shelters

As firefighters battled a massive Northern California wild land blaze threatening numerous homes, some of the 13,000 people urged to flee their residences were spending what may be just one of many nights in evacuation shelters. The blaze that has charred nearly 97 square miles of brush and timber, jumped a highway Monday that had served as a containment line. Its rapid growth caught firefighters off guard and shocked residents. [Associated Press](#) (Globe and Mail)

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Weather experts confirm a tornado ripped through a southwestern Ontario community on Sunday: [ow.ly/QsX9O](#)

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Latest on the wildfire near Harrison Hot Springs: It's now at 600 hectares, and still 0% contained.

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The RCMP want to police the darknet. I spoke to the academics who might make that possible.

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Drone drops package of drugs in U.S. prison yard, spurring inmate fight trib.al/6vAdZ16

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Safeway recalls cucumbers over salmonella risk

Safeway is recalling field cucumbers and products that contain cucumbers because of the risk of salmonella related to a U.S. outbreak that has sickened 285 people in 27 states.

The Canadian recall covers Safeway grocery stores in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. No illness has been reported in Canada from contaminated cucumbers, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency reports. The recall covers fresh field cucumbers and in-store products that contain cucumbers, including Greek salad, vegetable trays, sushi and sandwiches bought at Safeway on or before Sunday. The recall was triggered by a recall in California involving Andrew and Williamson Fresh Produce of San Diego which announced a recall of its "Limited Edition" brand cucumbers on Friday. [Toronto Star](#); [i-Politics](#)

Tragédie de Lac-Mégantic: le procès criminel pas avant le printemps ou l'automne 2016

Le procès criminel en lien avec la tragédie de Lac-Mégantic ne se déroulera vraisemblablement pas avant la fin du printemps ou même l'automne 2016. La cause pour négligence criminelle ayant causé la mort de 47 personnes le 6 juillet 2013 a été reportée au prochain terme des assises criminelles au palais de justice de Lac-Mégantic. Au cours des prochaines semaines, l'un des accusés Jean Demaître devra cependant se dénicher un nouvel avocat. Celui qui le défendait depuis le début des procédures en 2014, Me Gaétan Bourassa, a demandé au juge de se retirer du dossier étant donné que son client n'était admissible à l'aide juridique. [La Tribune](#) (La Presse); [Radio-Canada](#)

Wildfire season illustrates the good, bad side of drones

As a wildfire raged near Testalinden Creek in southern British Columbia last month, threatening award-winning Okanagan vineyards, the B.C. Wildfire Service put some muscle into the fight, launching eight helicopters and five aircraft to support fire crews on the ground. Everything was going as well as could be expected in the midst of an out-of-control forest fire when suddenly a drone appeared. No one knew where it had come from or who was piloting it, but there was only one solution - ground all firefighting aircraft until it was gone. "That incident had a significant impact on our firefighting suppression efforts that day," said Noelle Kekula, a fire information officer for the B.C. Wildfire Service. "I have no idea why someone would do that." It wasn't the first time it had happened - or even the first time this summer. In early August, a helicopter supporting ground crews at a wildfire west of Kelowna was forced to land after multiple drones were spotted in the area. This prompted the B.C. Wildfire Service to issue a press release pointing out that Transport Canada explicitly prohibits the use of drones near a wildfire because they can pose a "significant safety risk to personnel." If caught - a task that's easier said than done - violators can face fines of up to \$5,000 and up to six months in jail. [Financial Post](#) (Windsor Star, Montreal Gazette)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Teen charged after bringing time-bomb alarm clock in carry-on bag to Toronto's Pearson Airport

A 15-year-old has learned the hard way to think very carefully about what to put in a carry on bag when boarding a plane. Screening staff at Toronto's Pearson Airport called in a police bomb disposal unit Saturday night when they detected what they thought was an explosive device. The police force responsible for security at Pearson, Peel Regional Police, say the device was fake. They say it turned out to be a novelty alarm clock that looked like several sticks of dynamite bound together with a timer. The teen has been charged with mischief. [National Post](#)

Terrorisme: début du procès d'un adolescent montréalais

Le procès du jeune Montréalais de 15 ans qui est soupçonné d'avoir voulu quitter le Canada pour participer à des activités terroristes doit s'ouvrir ce matin en Chambre de la jeunesse de la Cour du Québec, à Montréal. L'adolescent, dont l'identité est frappée d'un interdit de publication, fait face à deux chefs d'accusation reliés à l'activité terroriste. L'adolescent est soupçonné d'avoir commis un vol qualifié «au profit ou sous la direction» d'une organisation terroriste en plus d'avoir voulu quitter le Canada pour participer «aux activités d'un groupe terroriste à l'étranger». [La Presse](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Un mur à la frontière canadienne : «Ça paraît ridicule»

Avancée par le candidat à l'investiture républicaine aux États-Unis Scott Walker, l'idée de construire un mur à la frontière canadienne reçoit un accueil glacial dans le secteur de Newport, une petite municipalité située à l'extrémité sud du lac Memphrémagog. À Newport, plusieurs personnes portent un nom de famille d'origine québécoise. Le maire de la ville s'appelle par exemple Paul Monette. De nombreux Québécois se sont installés en Nouvelle-Angleterre, au fil des décennies, et leur descendance est souvent demeurée dans le pays d'adoption. Compte tenu de la filiation existant entre la Nouvelle-Angleterre et le Québec, il est facile de comprendre pourquoi les habitants de la région de Newport rejettent l'idée de mur suggérée par Scott Walker. Mais cela va plus loin, car la population de ce secteur semble tout simplement préférer vivre en harmonie avec ses voisins et refuser le repli sur soi. « J'ai entendu parler de cette suggestion du

candidat républicain et, bien franchement, je la déteste, confie Larry Boisvert, un citoyen rencontré par La Tribune dans la petite ville américaine. Un mur serait mauvais pour les échanges entre nos deux pays. » « En plus, je ne pense pas que ça changerait quoi que ce soit en ce qui concerne l'immigration illégale en provenance du Canada vers les États-Unis, lance M. Boisvert. Ça paraît ridicule. » « Je n'aime pas cette idée de mur, déclare Edna Petit, dont un des aïeux a quitté le Québec pour s'établir aux États-Unis au 20e siècle. Selon moi, l'origine de ce type de proposition, c'est le 11 septembre 2001. Ce qui est arrivé ce jour-là a changé bien des choses. Les gens ont peur et une forme de paranoïa s'est installée. » [La Presse](#)

Border idea should be smashed into a thick wall

For many years, there has been desultory talk of a wall between the United States of America and its southern neighbour, Mexico. Given the size of the project, it has always seemed a little “over the top.” Nevertheless, that border has always been a sieve. With only a shallow river separating the countries in some places, it has always been easy for illegal immigrants to walk or swim across. When we spent time in southern Arizona some years ago, we were warned to look out for people walking on highways, carrying jugs of water. There seemed to be quite a few. Border patrols checked out the area where we stayed every day, but when they took the illegals back across the border, they just returned the next night. Or they tunneled under the border to crawl to what they considered to be safety. It has been a never-ending problem, so it is not surprising that the US government has been constantly in search of solutions. It's not surprising either that Donald Trump, after his tirade against Mexicans, and other presidential hopefuls should bring up the subject now. Trump, of course, would like to deport 11 million illegal aliens from Mexico. I wonder who he thinks will replace them in hotels, motels, restaurants etc. At the same time, it seems counterproductive when in recent presidencies “The Three Amigos” – Canada, the USA and Mexico - have declared their friendship and solidarity. Which way should our neighbour to the south go, back to the isolationism of the 1930s, or onward to a greater continental unity? [Niagara This Week](#)

U.S. man arrested on child porn charges while crossing Canadian border

A 48-year-old man from California is facing charges related to child pornography after being arrested Monday at the Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., border crossing. Niagara Region police say they were called by the Canada Border Services Agency after searching a vehicle at the Queenston-Lewiston Bright. As a result of the investigation, Brian Galeazzi was arrested and charged with possession of child pornography and importing child pornography. Galeazzi was held in custody pending a bail hearing today in St. Catharines. [CTV News](#)

Seafarers' union takes government to court over foreign sailors

The Seafarers International Union of Canada is preparing to take the federal government to court over the use of foreign sailors — some of whom are allegedly being paid as little as \$2 per hour — on internationally-flagged ships in Canadian waters. The labour group, which represents unlicensed sailors in all of the country's coastal waters, has been firing warning shots for month over the growing refusal of shipping agents to hire Canadian crews — something to which the federal government has allegedly has turned a blind eye. The Canadian Press has learned the union intends to ask the Federal Court in Vancouver on Tuesday for a judicial review of the practice of issuing the foreign sailors temporary work permits. The union points to the 60,000 ton, Greek-owned tanker Almathea, which was just in the Port of Montreal and licensed to be transporting crude oil in Canadian waters until Sept. 13. Fourteen employment contracts, obtained by The Canadian Press, show hourly wages for non-licensed crew members range from as little as \$2.13 to \$8.80, depending upon the job and before overtime. [CBC News](#)

Yoga teacher, Cuban national both jailed for importing cocaine

A Mississauga man and Brampton man are each going to jail for more than six years after a Superior court judge ruled the pair acted as “couriers” in smuggling more than \$600,000 worth of cocaine into Pearson International Airport. Some of the drugs were smuggled in through an inflatable toy, Justice Michal Fairburn heard prior to handing down her sentence. In convicting Juan Carlos Carrera-Vega, 25, of Mississauga, and Roberto Sablon-Leal, 60, of Brampton, of importing cocaine into Canada, jurors rejected their evidence that they had purchased new luggage while vacationing in Panama back in

December 2011, chose to bring the bags back empty and were "shocked" to discover the new bags contained more than seven kilograms of cocaine when they were busted by Canada Border Services Agency officers. [Mississauga News](#)

Un syndicat canadien dénonce l'embauche à bas prix de marins étrangers

Le Syndicat international des marins canadiens (SIU) se prépare à traîner le gouvernement fédéral devant les tribunaux concernant le recours à des marins étrangers sur des navires battant pavillon étranger dans les eaux canadiennes. Le groupe, qui représente les marins non brevetés travaillant dans toutes les eaux côtières du pays, dénonce depuis plusieurs mois le refus des agents maritimes d'embaucher des marins canadiens, un phénomène qui semble vouloir prendre de l'ampleur et qu'Ottawa aurait apparemment décidé d'ignorer. La Presse Canadienne a appris que le syndicat avait l'intention de demander, mardi, à la Cour fédérale à Vancouver de procéder à une révision judiciaire de la pratique consistant à délivrer des permis de travail temporaire à des marins étrangers. Le SIU a notamment mentionné le cas de l'Almathea, un pétrolier de 60 000 tonnes appartenant à des intérêts grecs, qui a récemment mouillé l'ancre dans le port de Montréal et qui a reçu la permission de transporter du pétrole brut dans les eaux canadiennes jusqu'au 13 septembre. [Radio-Canada.ca](#)

Brampton man arrested for allegedly importing fentanyl from China

A Brampton man has been charged with illegally importing approximately 513 grams of the drug fentanyl from China. The RCMP says it also found a set of body armour, a number of long knives and cash at the man's home when he was arrested on Sept. 2. "Fentanyl trafficking and abuse is a serious concern that plagues Canadians coast to coast. The RCMP is determined to stop the illegal importation of fentanyl into Canada and to arrest the people who are responsible for it," RCMP Insp. Dean Dickson said in a statement. Street drugs The RCMP says it partnered with the United States Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) and the U.S. Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) on the investigation. The 31-year-old man faces charges including importing drugs into Canada and conspiracy, and is scheduled to appear in Brampton Provincial Court on Oct. 2. [CBC News](#)

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CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Apple couldn't comply with warrant because of encryption

Apple rejected a court order to turn over communications sent using its iMessage feature citing their encryption system, *The New York Times* reported. It's a situation the Department of Justice (DOJ) and FBI have long warned about, but has rarely been seen. Federal investigators apparently wanted to intercept, in real time, the text messages that two suspects using iPhone were sending to each other. Both individuals were thought to be part of an illegal drugs and guns scheme. But Apple rebuffed the request, arguing the system is encrypted and the company can't access those messages. Reportedly, some within the DOJ and FBI pushed to take the Silicon Valley titan to court over the matter. Officials have backed off for now. The incident is a stark example of the long-brewing tensions between federal investigators and the tech community. In the wake of the surveillance programs exposed by former National Security Agency (NSA) contractor Edward Snowden, companies like Apple, Google and Microsoft have moved quickly to bolster their encryption in the hopes of keeping customer data out of reach from the government. [The Hill](#)

Beijing expected to escape US hacking sanctions

Looming sanctions aimed at Chinese interests suspected of stealing and profiting from U.S. trade secrets are unlikely to directly target Beijing, as the White House is expected to go after companies instead of foreign governments. A series of leaked comments from unnamed White House sources over the past few days has revealed that sanctions against hackers are now in the works. But experts say they won't

apply to cyberattacks like the recent hack of the federal Office of Professional Management, which compromised the personal information of millions of workers and is widely considered to be the work of state-backed hackers. That's because the Obama administration is wary of imposing sanctions for normal state-sponsored intelligence gathering tactics the U.S. government itself employs on an ongoing basis. [The Hill](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Two Police Shootings in a Year Leave RCMP, RNC Investigating Each Other

The RNC are investigating the circumstances surrounding a police shooting in Cartwright Labrador over the long weekend. RCMP responded to a call about a man assaulting a woman. When they arrived, they were confronted by a man brandishing a weapon. After he failed to heed police orders to drop his weapon, police shot the 25-year-old man, sending him to hospital with non life-threatening injuries. It's the second police shooting in the province this year. On Easter Sunday, an RNC officer, part of the premier's security detail, was investigating comments made on Twitter, when something went awry. He shot and killed 59-year-old Donald Dunphy in his Mitchell's Brook home. That matter is now under investigation by RCMP. [VOCM.com](#)

Une femme évacuée pour cause d'insalubrité extrême

Une femme âgée aux prises avec la maladie mentale a été évacuée de sa maison dans des conditions d'insalubrité extrême, à Saint-Antoine. D'une quinzaine de chats retrouvés dans la demeure, six ont été euthanasiés. «C'est le pire cas que j'ai vu de ma vie et ça fait 28 ans que je travaille auprès des animaux.» Pauline Cormier n'en croyait pas ses yeux lorsqu'elle est arrivée sur les lieux pour s'occuper des félins. Habituellement chargée de s'occuper des chiens, l'agente de contrôle des animaux indépendante de Dieppe a été appelée par la GRC, après que la Société pour la prévention de la cruauté envers les animaux du Nouveau-Brunswick (SPCANB) ne soit pas intervenue (lire texte en page 5). L'appel d'urgence initial a été logé par un employé de Meals on Wheels, peu après 18 h le 13 août. «Quand les policiers m'ont dit d'apporter une combinaison Hazmat, je me doutais que c'était grave, mais pas à ce point...» La scène était digne d'un film d'épouvante. Le plancher était complètement recouvert d'excréments d'animaux et d'autres déchets secs et organiques, le lit de la femme était entouré de sacs de vidanges et parsemé de crottes, et le bain était rempli à ras d'excréments humains ; elle s'en servait comme toilette depuis déjà quelques mois. L'odeur était pestilentielle. [L'Acadie Nouvelle](#)

N.B. RCMP probe Molotov cocktails left in front of Credit Union

The RCMP are investigating after Molotov cocktails were left in front of the Credit Union in Blackville, N.B. Monday afternoon. Police responded to a report that bottles containing flammable liquids had been left in front of the building on Main Street around 2 p.m. Police seized the bottles. No one was injured and nothing was damaged. [CTV News](#); [CBC News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Global News)

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3 youth charged with arson in Peter Pitseolak High School fire

Nunavut RCMP say they have charged three youth with arson after a fire at Cape Dorset's Peter Pitseolak High School. In a news release, RCMP say the fire, which burned the school to the ground Sunday, was deliberately set. Three youth between the ages of 13 and 16 have been charged with arson with damage to property and arson with disregard for human life. There will be no classes for Peter Pitseolak students Tuesday and Wednesday while classes continue as usual at Sam Pudlat elementary school. [CBC News](#); [Nunatsiaq Online](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Lockdown lifted at Millhaven Institution

A five day lockdown put in place at Millhaven Institution has been lifted, said a press release from Correctional Service Canada, on Tuesday. The lockdown was put in place at the maximum security institution around 4 p.m. on Thursday Sept. 3. Over the long weekend staff conducted an exceptional search of the facility which houses over 400 inmates. Some visits were affected by the lockdown, said an earlier release but normal operations have resumed. CSC did not say what they were looking for or how the contraband was brought into the institution. [Kingston Whig-Standard](#)

Voting rights extended to over 22000 prisons

In the upcoming election, thousands of inmates will vote from prisons across Canada. According to current Canadian law, prisoners are eligible to vote in the riding where they lived before they were incarcerated. During the 2011 federal election, 54 per cent of eligible voters in prison cast their vote, a number which closely resembles our own population voting turnout. In 2002, a Supreme Court ruling granted federal prisoners the right to vote based on constitutional grounds. The vote was 5-4 however, showing how split the judges were on this controversial issue. The ruling stemmed from the Richard Sauvé, a former biker in Satan's Choice gang who was serving a life sentence who challenged the law which prevented him from voting. Following the case, all Canadians living in the country were made eligible to vote in the federal election excluding Canada's Chief Electoral Officer. Though the prisoners' voting day is different than the rest of the country, Elections Canada will send representatives to each prison to administer the vote. According to Melissa Hart, a spokeswoman for CSC, "One or more polling stations are set up in the institution and voting starts at 9:00 a.m. local time. Polls will remain open until everyone who wants to vote has voted, but no later than 8:00 p.m. local time". [Brock Press](#)

Lawyer to get new trial

The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal has ordered a new trial for a high-profile Halifax lawyer sentenced last year to three years in prison for sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman. In a written decision released Friday, Justice David Farrar concluded the judge who heard Lyle Howe's case in May 2014 was mistaken when he told the jury the complainant was unconscious when she engaged in sexual activity with Howe. This was a key point in the case because, under the law, an unconscious person is incapable of giving consent to a sexual act. According to Farrar's judgment, the trial judge instructed the jury: "Even if she expresses her consent in advance ... it is not possible for an unconscious person to satisfy the requirement of actual, active consent throughout every phase of the sexual activity." Farrar's decision says the Crown's position and evidence presented at the trial gave no indication that the complainant was unconscious at the time of the offence. [Canadian Press](#) (Cape Breton Post)

Statutory release revoked for man who robbed Kingston pharmacy

The Parole Board of Canada has revoked statutory release for an Annapolis County man who robbed the Kingston Pharmasave at knifepoint in January 2013. Mark Howard White, 27, of Nictaux, was sentenced to two years federal custody for the robbery in February 2013. (...)The Parole Board of Canada imposed special conditions on White's statutory release as part of an April 24 decision. He had served two-thirds of his sentence. White was released from custody May 7. The Correctional Service of Canada suspended White May 26 after his "strange behaviour and the criminal behaviour of another resident of the community residential facility created suspicion" regarding White's activities. It was later determined that White had spent the evening drinking alcohol with another resident who reoffended during the evening. (...)Information from the parole board states the Correctional Service of Canada "is of the opinion that you (White) cannot be trusted under conditional release in the community and that your risk can no longer be managed as it has become undue." [Kings County News](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Missing people subject of Shelburne walk

They carried flags and wore shirts inscribed with the names of those missing, as they walked to remember people who have disappeared. The walk, held in Shelburne on Sept. 5, and organized by Jeanette Nickerson, included a performance of the Women of the Shore drummers, and a message from Acadian First Nations chief Deborah Robinson. Chief Robinson said community efforts such as Saturday's walk were an important part of the process of finding answers and she called for a national inquiry on the issue of murdered and missing aboriginal women. [Shelburne County Coast Guard](#)

The Story of Fentanyl, Part 1: A prescription drug turned dangerous pill

Brigette Krieg sits by her daughter's hospital bed, waiting for 16-year-old Ally to wake up. The Saskatoon teenager is in a coma after purposefully taking a pill to try and end her life. The illegal tablet contained toxic amounts of fentanyl, a strong prescription painkiller. When used appropriately, fentanyl isn't lethal. But its deadly effects have been felt across Saskatchewan, with a heightened awareness over the past year. The Office of the Chief Coroner has confirmed six deaths related to illicit fentanyl pills in Saskatchewan since 2013. Five were in Saskatoon, one was in Kindersley and all of them were men. But that only includes overdose deaths where victims accidentally took fentanyl thinking it was OxyContin, or "fake oxy." Nineteen other people have died in Saskatchewan from overdoses involving pharmaceutical fentanyl, according to the latest government statistics obtained by CKOM News. [CKOM](#)

View of the City from a Patrol Car

It's a relatively quiet night on city streets for Saskatoon Police Patrol Sgt. Paul Pitzel as he surveys the central division of Saskatoon. Pitzel, who has been with the force for 16 years, has a supervisory role with police. He assesses and watches over up to 12 officers in his area that covers downtown Saskatoon and avenues A to Z, and provides backup when needed. (...)Pitzel says there's been more calls for service since he started in Saskatoon, and there's been more calls for firearm-related incidents. However, he says police are always adapting to crime, and there's also been better training, facilities and equipment for officers since he began. Nearly two months ago, Statistics Canada ranked Saskatoon atop the country in their Crime Severity Index. Pitzel believes Saskatoon is a safe city, and that the stats show that people are more comfortable with police in reporting information. [Saskatoon Homepage](#)

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Mohamed Fahmy case: 300 notable supporters ask Stephen Harper to help get journalist home

In an open letter released today, nearly 300 prominent Canadians are asking Prime Minister Stephen Harper to act directly to help get jailed journalist Mohamed Fahmy released from an Egyptian prison. Many are members or officers of the Order of Canada. At least two are non-Canadians. Fahmy, an Egyptian with Canadian citizenship, was sentenced Aug. 29 to three years in prison after an appeal of his earlier conviction failed. The charges are terror related and widely denounced as a sham. "The world knows that Mr. Fahmy is an innocent man trapped in a political nightmare — that he is in prison simply for doing his job," the letter says. It concludes: "We urge you, as Canada's Prime Minister, to communicate directly with President [el-Sisi] the need to have Mr. Fahmy returned home safely and swiftly. It goes to the very heart of what it means to be Canadian that we defend the rule of law and protect our fellow citizens from harm." [CBC News](#)

INTERNATIONAL

David Cameron draws up 'kill list' of Isis fighters who can be taken out at a moment's notice

David Cameron has drawn up a secret hit-list of Isis fighters who can be taken out at a moment's notice if the opportunity arises, it has emerged. The National Security Council, which is chaired by the Prime

Minister and meets weekly, authorised a list of about 10 jihadists earlier in the summer and included the two British Isis fighters who were killed by the RAF in a drone attack in Syria last month. It means the RAF can launch another drone attack on anyone on the hit list without having to go back to the NSC or the Attorney General for approval. Among them is Mohammed Emwazi, otherwise known as Jihadi John, who has been filmed carrying out barbaric murders on a number of British hostages. Last month's secret killing of Cardiff-born Reyaad Khan and Ruhul Amin, from Aberdeen, was revealed by the Prime Minister yesterday. It was the first time the UK government targeted a British citizen in a foreign country. News of the hit list led to a father of two young British men who are believed to be fighting for Isis in Syria voicing concerns that they too are on the Government's hit list. The Prime Minister defended the killing of Mr Khan and Mr Amin, insisting it was "entirely lawful" and the Government was "exercising Britain's inherent right in self defence". Mr Cameron told MPs that Mr Khan and Mr Amin had been linked to a number of plots in the UK, including ones to target public commemorations, understood to have been the VE Day and Armed Forces Day events this summer, which were attended by the Queen. The security services had identified Mr Khan and a second UK-born target, Junaid Hussain, as "a direct threat to the UK", with evidence showing he was actively recruiting people to carry out terrorist attacks in the West. [The Independent](#); [The Telegraph](#); [Daily Mail](#)

US places 4 Hamas, Hezbollah operatives on terrorism blacklist

The Obama administration is placing four members of the radical Hamas and Hezbollah groups on a terrorism blacklist that subjects them to U.S. sanctions. The State Department announced Tuesday that Hezbollah spokesman Samir Kuntar along with Hamas military leaders Yahya Sinwar, Rawhi Mushtaha, and Muhammed Deif had been added to the specially designated global terrorists list. The move will freeze any assets they may have in U.S. jurisdictions and bans Americans from doing business with them. [Associated Press](#) (NY Times)

Freddie Gray's family settles with city of Baltimore for \$6.4M

The city of Baltimore says it has reached a \$6.4 million wrongful death settlement with the family of a black man who died after suffering a critical spine injury while in police custody. Freddie Gray's death in April sparked protests, rioting and unrest that shook Baltimore for days. Six Baltimore police officers face criminal charges stemming from Gray's death. Gray, 25, was critically injured April 12 in the back of a prisoner transport van after he was arrested. The settlement still needs the approval of a board that oversees city spending. They meet Wednesday.

[Associated Press](#) (Global News, CBC News)

Thousands seeking new lives in Europe enter Hungary as country works on 4-metre-high border fence

Thousands of people seeking new lives in Europe entered Hungary on Tuesday, even as the government pledged renewed efforts to stop migrants from the Middle East, Asia and Africa with a fence on the Serbian border. Outside the border village of Roszke, around 400 migrants were at a collection point at noon, waiting to be taken a fenced-in registration area nearby. Impatience among the migrants who had crossed over from Serbia was growing, as only two buses had been sent to get them since 6 a.m.

[Associated Press](#) (National Post)

German Vice Chancellor says half a million refugees can be harboured per year 'for several years'

A top German official said his country could take half a million refugees a year "for several years," even as some critics questioned Tuesday whether generous asylum policies serve to entice more migrants to make the dangerous trek for Western Europe. "I believe we could surely deal with something in the order of half a million for several years," Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel told broadcaster ZDF late Monday night. He spoke amid signs that the migrant flow — many from war-battered Iraq and Syria — is only escalating amid a humanitarian crisis that has sharply tested European cooperation and fundamental policies such as open borders. [National Post](#)

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HomicideTeam

Significant developments in the 2014 homicide of Nicholas Hannon. #IHIT holding Presser with family today at 8:30am at RCMP EHQ /GTimbers

DavidBellICTV

RCMP confirm 2 bodies found in house fire at 12 Denis St. in Bouctouche NB, bodies taken to Saint John for autopsy.

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Nunavut RCMP charged three youths with arson in connection with the Peter Pitseolak high school fire in Cape Dorset #CBCnorth

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In a release, RCMP say the youths, 13-16, have been charged with "arson with damage to property" & "arson with disregard for human life"

NunatsiaqNews 12:11pm via Twitter Web Client

#Nunavut RCMP have charged three youth, aged 13-16, with arson in connection with the Sept. 6 Cape Dorset school fire.

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Henri Fizzles Out, Fog Continues

That's about it for tropical storm Henri. It has fizzled out without causing any real trouble. The southeast Avalon got the highest amount of rain on land in the region as the heaviest rain remained offshore overnight and this morning. However, Provincial Airlines and Aerospace meteorologist Brian Walsh says that with a slight shift in direction, the Avalon could have been in for 30-50 mm of rain. Winds were not a factor. In the meantime, heavy fog is causing some flights to alter their plans. While no flights have been cancelled, some outbound ones are being delayed for anywhere between 15 or 20 minutes to a couple of hours. The fog is expected to hang around metro for most of the day. VOCM; St. John's Telegram

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Trouble shooting - America's computers and networks are under attack. Retaliation against Chinese hackers looms

IF CHINESE spies broke into an American government building and stole important documents, or were seen planting explosives in the electric grid, uproar or worse would ensue. Yet state-supported Chinese hackers have, officials say, been getting away with the digital equivalent for years, with notably little response. Now President Barack Obama's administration has drafted economic sanctions against Chinese companies that it believes have profited from trade secrets stolen from American firms. Amid wrangles inside the administration, there are hints that they could come into force soon, though probably not before Xi Jinping, China's president, visits Washington this month. [The Economist](#)

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Fallen RCMP Officers to be Honoured in Regina Sunday

On Sunday, two fallen officers will be honoured at the RCMP Academy in Regina. The names of Cpl. George Ronald Hawkins and Cst. David Matthew Wynn will be added to the Cenotaph, the Honour Roll and the Memorial Wall. Each year, the service honours members, special constables, auxiliary constables and civilians that lost their lives in response to a police duty, where there was the element of life threatening risk. [SaskatoonHomePage.ca](#)

RCMP investigate after man suffers stab wounds near Metrotown SkyTrain station

Burnaby RCMP are investigating after a man was found with stab wounds at the Metrotown SkyTrain station. Police rushed to the scene at around 11:30 p.m. Friday and found a 25-year-old man who suffered two knife wounds. He was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. [Global News](#)

RCMP investigating homicide in Crowsnest Pass

The RCMP has determined foul play was involved in the death of a woman found dead in her Crowsnest Pass home. The investigation began Wednesday, when police and paramedics responded to a call from a concerned neighbour and found Hannah Meketech, 69, dead inside her home in Coleman, 145 kilometres west of Lethbridge. An autopsy determined that someone killed Meketech, but police are withholding her cause of death for investigative reasons. The RCMP is now in the process of trying to determine the comings and goings from Meketech's home at 1421 81 St. in Coleman in the days leading up to her death. Meanwhile, the RCMP's major crime unit is also probing a death in central Alberta on Friday. [Calgary Herald](#); [CTV News](#); [Radio-Canada](#)

Vancouver marijuana dispensary responds to warning letter from Health Canada

The BC Compassion Club Society is looking for some more details after the federal government threatened to call in the RCMP unless it and 12 other marijuana dispensaries close. John Conroy is the Compassion Club's lawyer and says they've written back to Health Canada. "[We are] asking them to comply with the duty to act fairly that falls upon all administrators when they are going to take action that could adversely affect anyone." Conroy believes if the Mounties move in, you'll see patients in wheelchairs complaining about police taking their medicine. "We'll see if they charge sick people with the situation, bearing in mind [that a] lot of these folks used to be on all kinds of prescribed opiates. Many of them are now not on any opiates and doing much better." He says raids used to happen when the Compassion Club first started 20 years ago. "There [were] patients on the news complaining about the police taking away their medicine." Conroy adds they want specifics about claims the non-profit club is

advertising "It's a bit puzzling what they have come up with and why they seem to have focused on the ones that are the best, the most compliant." [News 1130](#)

Battlefords RCMP respond to report of gunshots near school

Saskatchewan RCMP are on the lookout for a suspect involved in a reported shooting in North Battleford Friday morning. At about 8:35 a.m., RCMP received a call about a suspicious person in the area of Douglas Avenue and St. Laurent Drive. Shortly after, multiple shots were fired in the area, according to authorities. No one was injured but property was damaged as result of the discharge of the firearm. [Global News](#)

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Canada promises more humanitarian aid for victims of conflict

Canada will be supplying additional humanitarian assistance for victims of the conflict in Syria. International Development Minister Christian Paradis on Saturday announced that the federal government will match "eligible" Canadian donations up to \$100 million under the Syrian Emergency Relief Fund. That's in addition to \$503.5 million in humanitarian assistance funding Canada has already allocated for humanitarian efforts in Syria and neighbouring countries since the beginning of Syria's civil war. Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne commended the federal move Saturday while announcing her province is pledging \$10.5 million to help more refugees settle in Ontario and support international relief efforts. Wynne says \$8.5 million over 2 1/2 years will go to support refugees, increase the number coming to Ontario, and help settle them once they arrive, while the remaining \$2 million will be donated for humanitarian efforts. [Canadian Press](#) (Macleans; Ottawa Sun; Vancouver Sun)

Mom of four kids allegedly abducted overseas wants Canadian government to 'bring them back'

Vancouver Island mother fears her four missing children are in the same region where hundreds of thousands of refugees are fleeing. Alison Azer's children were allegedly abducted by her ex-husband overseas a month ago and she believes they could now be in the Middle East. The Canadian government needs to do more to bring them home, Azer says. "I'm a Canadian citizen. My children are Canadian citizens. We need the Canadian government to locate them and bring them back," she says. "After one month, I certainly expected more from my own government." The four children were legally allowed to travel to France and Germany with their father in early August, but the group did not return as scheduled. [Canadian Press](#) (Edmonton Sun)

At least 89 people killed, 100 injured in twin explosions at central India restaurant

At least 89 people were killed at a restaurant in central India on Saturday when a cooking gas cylinder exploded and triggered a second blast of mine detonators stored illegally nearby, police said. The restaurant, located next to the main bus station in the town of Petlawad in Madhya Pradesh state, was crowded with people having breakfast when the blasts occurred. The building where the restaurant was located and an adjacent building were destroyed in the explosions, and motorbikes outside the restaurant were flattened, said Mewa Lal Gond, a police inspector in the mining district of Jhabua, where Petlawad is located. Rescue workers extricated 89 bodies from under a huge heap of rubble, Gond said. Local police officer Kamlesh Bamaniya said early Saturday evening that the rescue operation had ended and that there were no more bodies under the rubble. Bamaniya said a local contractor, Rajendra Kashawa, had been given a license to purchase detonators for his business of digging wells, but had stored the detonators illegally in a room adjacent to the restaurant. [Associated Press](#) (Newser)

'They're using mustard': U.S. official says ISIL is creating its own chemical weapons

ISIL is increasingly believed to be manufacturing its own crude chemical weapons, according to a U.S. official. The extremist group has used mustard agents on at least four occasions as it fights to expand its self-declared caliphate across Syria and Iraq. [The Telegraph](#) (National Post)

Obama's bid to shut Guantanamo mired in federal-state politics - Detainee transfers ensnared in red tape as myriad agencies review cases

The Obama administration's struggling quest to close the U.S. detention centre at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is mired in state and federal politics. Frustrated White House and Pentagon officials are blaming each other for the slow progress releasing approved detainees and finding a new prison to house those still held. U.S. Defence Secretary Ash Carter is facing criticism from some administration officials who complain that he has not approved enough transfers, even though 52 Guantanamo detainees are eligible. Carter's predecessor, Chuck Hagel, was forced from the Pentagon job in part because the White House felt he was not moving quickly enough to send detainees to other countries. [Associated Press](#) (CBC News)

Russian military planes carrying aid, not troops to Syria, government says

Russian military cargo planes have taken supplies to Syria to set up a tent camp for more than 1,000 refugees, Russia's Defence Ministry said Saturday as the main Syrian opposition group blasted Moscow over its military presence in the Arab country. U.S. President Barack Obama has expressed concern about Russia's increased military activity in Syria, particularly at an air base near the coastal city of Latakia. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has said that Russia is airlifting weapons to Syria, a longtime ally, and Russian troops are training the Syrian army on how to use them. Defence Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said Saturday the humanitarian aid included materials for setting up a tent camp, including beds, mattresses, stoves, water cisterns and food. The Syrian National Coalition condemned what it called "direct Russian military intervention," describing such a step as "hostile behaviour." The coalition's statement said the Russian intervention puts Moscow in a position that is "hostile to the Syrian people and turns its forces in Syria to occupation forces." [Associated Press](#) (CP24)

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Obama's bid to shut Guantanamo caught in blame game <http://ift.tt/1Qw10Vv>

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Tech founder puts up cash to put the brakes to Bill C-51

A Vancouver-based entrepreneur who has earmarked \$1 million of his own fortune to combating the Harper government's controversial anti-terrorism bill said the laws dredge up unsettling memories of the totalitarian regime he fled as a child. Frederick Ghahramani said the sweeping surveillance measures contained in Bill C-51 undermine some of the central Canadian principles that prompted his family to relocate from Iran in 1985. A desire to uphold those values, coupled with concern for the bill's effect on the Canadian economy, have prompted him to offer financial support to organizations intent on overturning the bill. Ghahramani has already contributed \$100,000 to Canadian Journalists for Free Expression, the University of Ottawa's Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic and OpenMedia, adding he plans to determine how best to spend the remaining \$900,000 after Monday's general election... The legislation, which went into effect in May with support from both the Conservatives and Liberals, gives the Canadian Security Intelligence Service more power to thwart suspected terrorist plots -- not just gather information about them. It also increases the exchange of federal security information, broadens no-fly list powers and creates a new criminal offence of encouraging someone to carry out a terrorist attack. **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney has said the legislation is required to keep Canadians safe from jihadi-inspired attacks, while a raft of opponents from Amnesty**

International to the United Nations have decried the bill as a fundamental breach of privacy rights.
[Canadian Press](#) (CTV News)

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'We were damn near killed': Atlantic Charger captain speaks out on survival, rescue

The nine men who survived the sinking of the Atlantic Charger off Nunavut last month are trying to put the harrowing ordeal behind them, with the skipper speaking out strongly about why a helicopter was not on the scene to rescue them. "It's on my mind continually. It just haven't left me," Byron Oxford, the Atlantic Charger's captain, said in an interview with CBC Radio's The Broadcast. Oxford, who is still recovering from the Sept. 21 incident, also becomes emotional as he describes the gruelling wait the crew endured for an anticipated air rescue that never arrived. Instead, the nine-member fishing crew was brought to safety amid heavily rolling waves to another ship. "I'm angry. You can't be cutting things to the point where lives are in danger and nine of us aboard one vessel and a lot of these ships down there got 25 or 30 people on them," Oxford said. "Search and rescue needs to step up." [CBC News](#)

Nova Scotia flu shots free and ready now

Flu shots are now available from Nova Scotia pharmacies, doctors, nurses, workplaces and clinics - and health officials suggest you get your vaccination now. The shot is for the seasonal flu, not the other kind of "bird flu" that's currently afflicting workplaces. [CBC News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

New law makes Canadian Jews second-class citizens

An opinion piece states "The past 10 years have seen many changes that have fundamentally altered the Canada that we love. The Conservative government has made it more difficult for refugees to find safety for themselves and their children on our shores. It has passed Bill C-51 anti-terror laws that threaten fundamental civil rights and expand state espionage against citizens, even over objections from national security experts that the new laws will not make us safer. It has singled out certain 'others' within Canadian society as the object of fear, for political benefit. These are just a few examples of how this government has pitted Canadians against each other. Perhaps the starkest example of the divisions that this government has created, in legal terms, are the changes to citizenship law that formally creates unequal classes of Canadians. The new law has transformed every Canadian Jew into a second-class citizen. Jewish Canadians remember Canada policy on Jewish immigration from the 1930s: 'none is too many.'... Let's be clear. We have no sympathy for criminals and terrorists. All Canadians convicted of a crime deserve to be sentenced. Yet we believe it is absurd to apply different rules to Canadians who commit the same crime, based on where they or their families were born. This is discrimination, baked right into the law that is supposed to treat us all as equals. Many Canadians are not aware how far-reaching this law could be. The provisions that could banish dual citizens can also apply to Canadians who might be able to obtain a second citizenship. This would include Canadian-born citizens who are descendants of many countries that grant citizenship to children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren born abroad. Many countries, like Italy, Ireland, and India grant citizenship or easier access to citizenship to members of their diaspora." [Toronto Star](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Family weeps as young cocaine smuggler handed stiff sentence in Kelowna courtroom

Kelowna woman who tried to smuggle a large amount of cocaine into Canada from the United States has been handed a lengthy prison sentence. Friends and family members of Caitlin Gladdish wept Tuesday as a provincial court judge in Kelowna sentenced her to six years and nine months behind bars. Judge James Threlfall said a longer term would have been appropriate, but noted the 27-year-old pleaded guilty, shows genuine remorse, has no previous criminal record and has excellent prospects for rehabilitation.

But Threlfall also said Gladdish knew her car had been modified with a secret compartment and had already used the vehicle to cross the U.S. border five times. Gladdish was arrested near Trail in July, 2014 as she attempted to return to Canada with 35-kilograms of cocaine hidden in her car. [Vancouver Sun](#)

Ambassador Bridge inspection appears to be underway

It appears an inspection of the Ambassador Bridge is underway. Michael Evans snapped a shot of what looks like inspectors checking the underside of the international crossing. City officials say Wyandotte Street West will likely remain closed between Huron Church Road and Indian Road for the rest of the week, as they sort out what needs to be done in the wake of falling debris from the Ambassador Bridge. The City of Windsor closed the street Oct. 9 as a precaution against fallen debris from bridge. The city is meeting with Ambassador Bridge representatives this week to determine next steps prior to reopening the area. A gaping hole in the bridge can be seen from the street below. In an email to Radio-Canada, Transport Canada said the bridge must undergo routine inspections. [CBC News](#)

Ça tape du pied à l'aéroport - Labeaume attend des appuis formels des partis fédéraux pour le centre de prédédouanement américain

Le maire Régis Labeaume s'impatiente. A quelques jours du vote, il presse les candidats aux élections fédérales d'appuyer formellement le projet de centre de prédédouanement américain à l'aéroport de Québec. Il en va de la vitalité économique de toute la région, selon lui. Le maire de Québec a fait un tour à l'aéroport international Jean-Lesage, mardi matin, pour lancer un nouvel appel aux partis fédéraux. «Ce qu'on demande aux partis politiques, c'est de dire que ce projet-là est incontournable, qu'il sera pour leur gouvernement une priorité et que même si d'autres aéroports s'y opposent, Québec a besoin d'un centre de prédédouanement», a-t-il résumé. Selon lui, «la timidité de certains» pourrait s'expliquer par le fait que d'autres aéroports au pays veulent aussi obtenir un tel équipement. C'est le cas de Billy-Bishop à Toronto, qui fait concurrence au géant Pearson dans la même ville. «Pourquoi il y aurait un deuxième centre à Toronto et pas à Québec?» a demandé M. Labeaume, perplexe. Le maire ainsi que le président et chef de la direction de l'aéroport, Gaëtan Gagné, ont fait valoir que l'appui du gouvernement du Canada était indispensable, même si ce sont les Américains qui, au final, décident où ils installent leurs douanes. Sans le ok des autorités locales, le projet est mort-né. «Ça prend un engagement ferme», a insisté M. Gagné, mettant de l'avant les retombées économiques et touristiques évaluées à 75 millions \$ par année. [Le Soleil](#); [Journal de Québec](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Moldovan man charged in bank phishing scheme that cost Pennsylvania drilling firm \$3.5 million

Federal prosecutors in Pittsburgh say a man from the eastern European country of Moldova ran an email phishing scheme that enabled him and others to steal banking information from U.S. companies, including a western Pennsylvania drilling firm that lost more than \$3.5 million as a result. Thirty-year-old Andrey Ghinkul was indicted under seal in August; the charges were announced late Tuesday. [Associated Press](#) (Cape Breton Post, The province, Brandon Sun, The Telegram)

Siri will obey hackers from 16 feet away

Siri is fickle enough to do the bidding of hackers, a pair of French researchers discovered recently, and will readily obey the commands of anyone who talks to her. Hackers using radios to transmit commands from 16-feet away can control the Apple iPhone "personal assistant," according to a report in Wired. The researchers, from the French government agency ANSSI, used radio waves to prompt voice commands (silently) on an iPhone or Android that features Siri or Google Now and is being used in conjunction with headphones plugged into the phone's jack. The headphone cord is essentially used as an antenna to change electromagnetic waves to electrical signals. The phone's OS then recognizes the signals as audio from the microphone, the report said. [SC Magazine](#)

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One dead, several hurt in attack at B.C. band office

One man is dead and as many as 10 people are hurt, some with life-threatening injuries, after a man walked into the Bridge River Indian Band office in Lillooet, B.C., armed with a hammer. Michaela Swan with the Interior Health Authority says it's caring for two patients in critical condition, another two in serious condition and six others with non-life threatening injuries. The injured people have been distributed at hospitals around the region. RCMP say they were called just before 8:30 a.m. to a report that a man with a weapon and found the suspect already restrained, but he was unconscious and unresponsive. [Canadian Press \(CP24\)](#); [CBC News](#); [Presse canadienne \(L'Actualité\)](#)

Alleged fencing ring used drug addicts and downtrodden to steal for it

Charges are expected after the arrests of three people alleged to be the masterminds of a large fencing ring in Metro Vancouver. At a media briefing to show off the \$100,000 worth of stolen goods seized in Vancouver and a business along Surrey's King George Boulevard, police said the people behind the massive theft ring preyed on drug addicts and the downtrodden who supplied them with the stolen merchandise. Investigators believe certain products stolen from drug stores were being sold to people involved in a methamphetamine lab. "A lot of the cold medication products were acquired for methamphetamine drug labs," said Vancouver police Insp. Earl Andersen. He said police expect more people to be apprehended as they continue the investigation... Most of the goods were stolen from retailers in the Vancouver area and then taken out to an operation in Surrey. "Hundreds and hundreds of crimes were being committed every month to fuel this business," Andersen said. Surrey RCMP Insp. Ghalib Bhayani said busting the fencing ring was the result of a multi-jurisdictional approach to law enforcement. [Vancouver Province](#)

Mounties arrest man who may know about central Alberta shootings

Andrew Snow was arrested by Red Deer RCMP on Tuesday afternoon while travelling as a passenger in a vehicle. Police say they arrested him without incident following a reported sighting. Snow is facing charges for breaching court-imposed conditions and remains in custody. In September, Mounties asked the public for help in finding Snow, describing him as armed and dangerous. They said they believed he had information about a Sept. 17 shooting in Sylvan Lake and another shooting in Eckville on Sept. 2. [Global News](#)

Dramatic video reveals suspects preparing for thwarted B.C. home invasion

The RCMP have released dramatic video footage of an attempted home invasion robbery in Richmond, B.C. The Mounties say the video was taken Oct. 6, outside a north Richmond home, as four men surrounded the house shortly before midnight. The video shows two men approach the front door of the house while two others, who appeared to be armed with a rifle and a shotgun, waited at the side. Once the original two men leave, the armed pair enter the frame, though the door slams and they don't get inside. Cpl. Dennis Hwang says the attack is not believed to be random. The homeowner is co-operating with police. [Canadian Press \(Globe and Mail\)](#)

Canada's Justice System Is Totally Racist and Classist: Study Confirms the Obvious

The disproportionately high rate of visible minorities and poor people in Canada's prisons is rooted in the discriminatory decisions made by the politicians who run our cities, a recent study claims. McGill professor Jason Carmichael analyzed the factors that determine the size of a city's police force and discovered it had little to do with crime rates. Rather, he found officials determined the number of officers on the ground based primarily on the size of the city's visible minority and lower-income populations, regardless of criminality. VICE sat down with the sociologist to discuss his work, his hopes for the upcoming election, and his take that more police actually means more crime. [Vice.com](#) (2015-10-13)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

More drugs intercepted at Joyceville

For the third time in a week, staff at the medium-security at Joyceville Institution have intercepted a cache of drugs and tobacco entering the institution. On Sunday afternoon around 3 p.m., correctional officers stopped an inmate who was trying to bring contraband into the institution... According to a release from Correctional Service Canada, the seizure was the result of the combined efforts of correctional officers and security intelligence officers at the institution. [Whig-Standard](#)

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Quebec Conservative candidate backtracks on inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women

A Conservative candidate in Quebec has clarified his position after seeming to contradict leader Stephen Harper in suggesting the party would launch an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal if re-elected. Yvon Boudreau, running in the riding of Manicouagan, was asked about the idea during a debate in Forestville Tuesday night. "There is an opening and I believe, upon our return to power, there is going to be a commission of inquiry that is going to happen," Boudreau said. [CBC News](#)

Winnipeg advocates stand up to fight modern slavery

Justache October's second annual 30-Hour Standoff begins Friday in downtown Winnipeg. Members of the advocacy group will stand for 30 hours to bring attention to modern-day slavery around the world, such as forced child labour and human trafficking for the sex trade. The hope is to raise \$50,000 for International Justice Mission Canada. The group believes that amount would be enough to extract as many as 11 people from slavery. [CBC News](#)

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Veterans Affairs has hired only 25 injured soldiers in last decade

Despite a federal government push to hire former soldiers who were released due to medical issues, Veterans Affairs Canada has only hired 25 of them in the past 10 years. According to statistics from the Public Service Commission, Veterans Affairs only hired 25 former soldiers who had been medically released in the past decade, and just one in the last two years, as the government was emphasizing the need for such hirings... Correctional Service Canada is the second-largest employer with 63 such employees, followed by Employment and Social Development Canada with 52. Public Works has hired 28, Fisheries and Oceans 27 and the RCMP 25. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

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Anti-surveillance items helping people go off the grid - An undulating cloak that hides you from Google trackers, a kaleidoscopic one-piece that thwarts face-recognition software - they're real examples of anti-surveillance wear that smartphone users can don to keep private information under cover

We've come a long way from the tinfoil hat, that traditional aluminum trademark of conspiracy theorists. These days, the idea that average citizens need protection from Orwellian-style surveillance seems more practical than paranoid, because of Bill C-51, Canada's expansive "anti-terror" legislation that allows for more personal information to be shared among a list of government departments or the warnings of former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden, who advocates for greater global privacy-protection rights. While the concept of blocking unwanted signals - ones that transfer data from your phone, including your whereabouts, your surfing habits and your e-mail history - isn't exactly mainstream, product designers are coming up with a surprisingly broad range of surveillance (or anti-surveillance) items designed to protect our privacy. The trend was neatly encapsulated by Ways to be Secret, a recent display at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, which ran from April to September. Curated by Corinna Gardner, the show drew attention to objects that both encourage sharing information online (such

as the selfie stick) and block it (such as the Cryptophone 500, a military-grade mobile with the highest security standards on the market - 100,000 of them are in use worldwide). "Moments of social, economic and political change are articulated through these objects," says Gardner, a curator in the museum's department of contemporary architecture, design and digital, who attributes the growth in this category to increasing awareness of surveillance "creep." [Globe and Mail](#)

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149 Child Sex Trafficking Victims Rescued In Nationwide Sting

The FBI and local authorities arrested 150 pimps and johns and rescued 149 sexually exploited children in a nationwide sweep last week, dubbed Operation Cross Country. In the operation's ninth year, authorities netted more recoveries and arrests than in any previous enforcement year, the FBI reported Tuesday. The sting spanned more than 135 American cities, with about 500 agencies working together with the FBI and National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to help save victims. [Huffington Post](#)

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SURREY IN FOCUS: Shedding crime image hasn't been easy for city

An opinion piece states, "For decades, Surrey has been fighting the negative image that it's a crime-ridden bedroom community of Vancouver. Some of that perception has been inflated, but statistics bear out a lot of the claims of crime waves... Surrey First, which installed Mayor Linda Hepner and all eight councillors, promised 100 new officers in the coming budget. They were ordered and the community waited for them to arrive. Many doubted whether the force could deliver such a large number to Surrey. After being hammered by the NDP in the House of Commons, **Federal Minister of Public Safety Steven Blaney** said in June there were **"20 boots on the ground"** in Surrey. But none had arrived by that time. Meanwhile, crime statistics in the city continued to paint a grim picture. RCMP-generated quarterly statistics showed that in the first half of 2015, violent crime skyrocketed by 34 per cent and attempted murders were six times higher than during the same time in 2014..." [Surrey Leader](#)

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Montreal mayor says federal government 'negligent' for halting raw sewage dump into St. Lawrence River

The federal government is "irresponsible and negligent" to have ordered a halt to the City of Montreal's plans to begin construction work that would see eight billion litres of raw sewage dumped into the St. Lawrence River, Mayor Denis Coderre said Wednesday. Coderre said Ottawa's decision "makes no sense" and puts the city's water-treatment infrastructure in jeopardy... Five experts at Montreal's Ecole polytechnique engineering school published a position paper on the proposed dump last week, suggesting the city was correct in its assertion there were no other viable options. They say it is important to weigh the impact of such discharges against the dangers of neglecting maintenance or repair of critical infrastructure. They noted the repair work, once complete, will limit sewage getting into the river. [Canadian Press](#) (National Post)

A baby saved, a mother swept away

Five Etobicoke firefighters, answering a call to rescue people stranded in a car by the Humber River, are tossed into the roiling waters and drown when their fire truck overturns. Thirty-five people on Raymore Dr. in Weston die when floodwaters carrying the remnants of a bridge knock out the foundations of their homes, sweeping them away... These are just some of the heartbreaking stories of Hurricane Hazel, which struck the Toronto area on Oct. 15-16, 1954, with winds that reached 124 kilometres an hour and more than 200 millimetres of rain falling in 48 hours. It remains one of Canada's worst hurricanes and one of the GTA's worst natural disasters, resulting in 81 deaths, leaving some 1,900 homeless and racking up more than \$1 billion in damages in today's dollars. Toronto was not prepared. A number of factors had conspired to make the city ripe for the "perfect storm." [Hamilton Spectator](#)

Christian evangelist Will Graham giving people hope for tough times

When the massive flood of two summers ago swept through the Siksika Nation east of Calgary, Samaritan's Purse and the Rapid Response Team chaplains with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Canada quickly sprung into action to help people in the devastation. On Thursday, Will Graham, 40, son of preacher Franklin Graham and grandson of evangelist icon Billy Graham, was holding a Celebration of Hope outreach program at the Nation. [Calgary Herald](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Hundreds participate in Frontier Sentinel 2015 military exercise in Yarmouth
Moans, bloody injuries and confusion greeted paramedics who arrived at the scene of a mock terrorist attack at the Yarmouth ferry terminal around noon on Thursday. The scenario was one of several that took place during Frontier Sentinel 2015, a joint/combined interagency exercise involving Joint Task Force Atlantic, the U.S. and Canadian Coast Guards, the RCMP, the Royal Canadian Navy and the U.S. Navy Fleet Forces as well as Transport Canada, **Public Safety Canada**, Health Canada, Canada Border Services Agency, Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness, Emergency Health Services and the Nova Scotia Health Authority and the Town of Yarmouth. [NovaNewsNow.com](#)

The Woman Who Joined the Taliban

The Woman Who Joined The Taliban is the personal and tragic story of a woman's quest for truth amidst the global war on terrorism. Beverley Giesbrecht is a publishing executive and devout Christian living near Vancouver, when the events of September 11th change her life. Within seven months, she converts to Islam and begins a journey that takes her to the heart of Taliban territory in the mountains of Pakistan. As a Canadian Muslim convert, Giesbrecht sees herself as a bridge between two warring cultures. Her website Jihad Unspun presents the radical Islamist's views to readers in Canada and the West. Determined to present an alternate view of militant Islam, she travels as a journalist to the most dangerous place on earth – the Taliban-controlled mountains of Pakistan - to make a first person documentary. But before she can finish her project, she is betrayed and taken captive by Taliban fighters who are convinced she is an American spy. [CBC Firsthand](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Abdi Hersy, Calgary imam wanted on U.S. sex assault charges, granted new review

A Calgary imam facing criminal charges in the United States has launched a new bid to remain in Canada as a refugee. Abdi Hersy is wanted in the United States on sexual assault charges. Earlier this year, the Immigration and Refugee Board revoked Hersy's protected status in Canada. But on Thursday the Federal Court agreed to review the decision. Hersy is accused of sexually assaulting two female patients while working as a respiratory therapist in Minnesota in 2006. He lost his job and his licence soon after the reports surfaced. Then he crossed the border into Canada. [CBC News](#)

Voters worried about public service cuts: PSAC poll

A large majority of Canadians want the federal government to restore funding for the country's military veterans and re-open nine veterans' services offices that the Conservatives closed to cut costs, according to a new poll. The survey by EKOS Research Associates for the Public Service Alliance of Canada on Canadians' views of government spending cuts – either made or planned – suggests a majority are heading to the polls Monday concerned about cuts to public services, especially for veterans, food inspection, border services and environmental monitoring... About 60 per cent agreed that defending Canada's borders is too important for border services to be cut while about 21 per cent felt reducing government spending mattered more. Albertans were the big outliers with only 49 per cent saying border security was too important to cut staffing. The Canada Border Services Agency's plans and priorities reports show about 1,100 positions at the Canada Border Services Agency will be cut by 2017, including border workers, intelligence officers and dog detector teams... Food inspection, border security and services to veterans were slashed under the Harper government," said PSAC President Robyn Benson. "We hope that Canadians will elect a new government on Monday, so we can begin to restore the services that all citizens rely on." [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Former horse owners charged with animal cruelty now face arrest warrant

An arrest warrant has been issued for a couple after they failed to appear in P.E.I. provincial court for the sixth time on animal cruelty charges related to a massive horse seizure from their property last year. Last November and December Department of Agriculture and Forestry officials seized 41 horses at the property of Tawni Frank and George Smith on Byrnes Road near Morell... Their lawyer Peter Ghiz told the court he hasn't been able to reach them. He said the couple is living somewhere in the United States but has changed their phone numbers and haven't responded to his emails... Crown attorney Jeff MacDonald says, to the best of his knowledge, Frank and Smith are New York state residents. Unless the couple returns to Canada or there's an extradition order to get them back in the country, there's little the courts can do, he says. [CBC News](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Le transfert Europe-USA de données personnelles est compromis

Dans une décision rendue le 6 octobre, la Cour de justice de l'Union européenne a invalidé le « Safe Harbour », un arrangement administratif qui permettait le transfert de données personnelles entre l'Europe et les États-Unis. La décision est une conséquence des révélations d'Edward Snowden au sujet des intrusions de l'agence américaine de sécurité dans les données personnelles de milliers d'internautes. Elle remet en question le cadre juridique qui permet le transfert massif de données d'un continent à l'autre, notamment plusieurs services reposant sur des solutions « infonuagiques », comme Facebook, Google ou Amazon. [Agence QMI](#) (Journal de Montréal, Journal de Québec)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

RCMP look for man after police assaulted on Manitoba First Nation

A 27-year-old man allegedly assaulted RCMP officers before escaping out the window of a home on a Manitoba First Nation. Officers were called to the home on the Ebb and Flow First Nation, about 180 kilometres from Winnipeg, on Oct. 10. During their investigation, police learned a man in the home, who

falsely identified himself, was wanted on a warrant. They tried to arrest him but the man fought off the officers and assaulted them, RCMP alleged in a news release. The man then left the house through a window. The officers ran after him but couldn't catch the man, who they say was Victor Norbert St. Paul. St. Paul is now wanted for assaulting a peace officer, obstructing a peace officer, theft, uttering threats, possession of a weapon and another assault charge. [CBC News](#); [CJOB AM 680](#); [Winnipeg Sun](#)

CRDA files centre of court dispute between RCMP and ombudsman

Lawyers for the RCMP and Nova Scotia's ombudsman squared off in court in Amherst Thursday over a request by fraud investigators for confidential files related to the Cumberland Regional Development Authority. The RCMP wants the Nova Scotia Office of the Ombudsman to turn over everything it has related to its 2012 probe of questionable financial reporting at the now defunct development agency. Much of the information is already in the hands of police, however, the ombudsman is resisting a formal production order that seeks what's left. [CBC News](#)

Driver charged in Coquitlam hit-and-run that left cyclist with 'catastrophic' injuries

Three criminal charges have been approved against 28-year-old Sean William McAllister of Port Coquitlam in connection with a hit-and-run in Coquitlam in July of last year. He has been charged with failure to remain on scene, impaired driving causing bodily harm and dangerous driving causing bodily harm. McAllister came forward and identified himself as the driver in August of last year. [Global News](#); [CBC News](#)

Chambers Canada: Brian Greenspan makes short list of elite white-collar crime practitioners

When trouble hits members of the Canadian elite, many turn to Toronto lawyer Brian Greenspan for help. His name is connected with a number of high-profile trials that have captured the attention of the business world... The feedback we were receiving from clients is that more and more companies were looking to equip themselves to deal with criminal investigations and required knowledgeable counsel with the sophistication to do so," says Joanna Lane, an editor with Chambers & Partners. She notes the RCMP has cracked down on enforcement, leading to a number of high-profile charges and some convictions. RCMP and regulatory agencies are taking steps to beef up their investigations of corporate crime. This year the force's Integrated Market Enforcement Team (IMET) moved into the headquarters of the Ontario Securities Commission, Canada's largest securities regulator. This was done to better coordinate their efforts. "We now have the capacity to take on more complex cases," says Karen Manarin, Deputy Director of Enforcement at the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC). "We expect more solid outcomes; more cases in courts, more jail time, and greater protection for the investing public." A 2012 study out of Toronto's York University and Holland's University of Tilburg suggests there is room for improvement. Schulich School of Business professor Douglas Cumming studied "fraud risk" at three leading stock exchanges. He found there was 10 times less reporting or litigation of corporate fraud in Canada than in the U.S... The apparent cracks in the system are clearly visible to Greenspan. He says IMET investigators "truly missed their mark" in the Royal Group Technologies Inc. case where he acted as defence counsel. In another high-profile prosecution, of Nortel Networks Corp., he believes the RCMP's financial crimes unit relied upon flawed information. "The Integrated Market Enforcement Teams were remarkably unsuccessful in effectively investigating and prosecuting, presenting cases for successful prosecution. They do not have a stellar record of success," Greenspan said. Both of these cases, defended by Greenspan, were closed without any convictions, leading to pointed criticism of the RCMP and their investigation methods. There were even calls, at the time, for IMET to be dismantled. Manarin calls white-collar crime enforcement a tough business. She believes working collaboratively with police partners "an elevator ride away" is generating results. "We will continue to fight the hard fight," she says, "as we know that insider trading is a serious issue for the integrity of our markets." [National Post](#)

Blood spatter expert tells Oland trial he was called four days after crime

An RCMP blood spatter expert says he was called four days after Richard Oland's murder to assist in the investigation. Sgt. Brian Wentzell of Halifax testified today that he arrived in Saint John, N.B., on July 11 and began to examine the scene. [Canadian Press](#) (Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun, London Free Press, Canoe.com)

La criminalité en baisse au N.-B. en 2014

Les taux de criminalité ont continué de diminuer au Nouveau-Brunswick. C'est ce qui ressort du rapport annuel 2014 de la division néo-brunswickoise de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada. Selon les statistiques avancées dans le rapport, les crimes contre les biens sont en baisse de 6% et ceux contre la personne en baisse de 2 % comparativement à 2013. « Depuis plusieurs années, la GRC au Nouveau-Brunswick a adopté une démarche axée sur les preuves et le renseignement, et cela a donné de bons résultats », a déclaré le commissaire adjoint Roger Brown, commandant de la GRC au Nouveau-Brunswick. [Radio-Canada](#) ; [Global News](#)

RCMP investigate arson, gunshots in Whitehorse neighbourhood

RCMP in Whitehorse are investigating after discovering a series of gunshots had been fired into a city residence early this morning. [CBC News](#)

Enlèvement à Drummond: la GRC détient un suspect

La GRC a arrêté Gilbert Thériault, 43 ans, en lien avec un enlèvement survenu le 5 octobre 2015 à Drummond au Nouveau-Brunswick. La victime, un homme de 62 ans, est maintenant en sécurité. Il a été légèrement blessé, mais n'a pas eu besoin d'être hospitalisé, selon les forces policières. La GRC a procédé à l'arrestation de Gilbert Thériault à Plaster Rock, jeudi vers 13h (HA). Le 8 octobre, un mandat d'arrestation pancanadien avait été lancé contre Gilbert Thériault relativement à cet enlèvement. [Radio-Canada](#) ; [CBC News](#)

Airdrie RCMP lay charges in relation to several arsons

Mounties in Airdrie have charged two men in relation to several arsons that occurred on Monday, and RCMP say they are continuing to investigate a spate of suspicious fires in the city and surrounding rural areas over the past two weeks. On Tuesday, RCMP received a tip regarding two suspicious men seen in the vicinity of a dumpster fire on Monday in downtown Airdrie. [Calgary Herald](#)

Mounties nab suspect in shooting near Surrey school

One of the men wanted in connection with a shooting near a Surrey elementary school last month has been arrested. Surrey Mounties collared Amarpreet Samra, 21, early Thursday morning after the vehicle he was in tried to avoid a traffic stop. [The Province](#)

Steinbach RCMP make arrests in drug trafficking investigation

On October 13, 2015, at approximately 5pm, Steinbach RCMP stopped a vehicle on Reimer Avenue near Main Street in Steinbach after receiving a call from a concerned member of the public. RCMP report that a quantity of methamphetamine was seized from the vehicle, along with items related to the sale of methamphetamine. Also seized in this investigation were several weapons. [My Steinbach](#)

Cocaine seized in Marystown

A search of a Marystown residence has resulted in the confiscation of drugs and drug paraphernalia. On October 14 the RCMP searched a residence and found a quantity of cocaine. Also seized was an amount of cash, along with various sized baggies, scales, score sheets, and cutting agents. [The Telegram](#); [CBC News](#); [VOCM News](#)

Alberta community mourns three sisters killed in farming incident

Catie, Jana and Dara Bott liked to play ball, camp, fish and go quadding. The sisters did chores on their generational family farm – three blond kids getting dirty as they helped and played. Now, members of this rural community are mourning at their church, the Withrow Gospel Mission, after the three were killed in a farming incident this week. Catie was 13 years old. Dara and Jana were 11-year-old fraternal twins, although they had separate birthdays – one born just before midnight, the other after. The sisters on Tuesday were “playing on a grain truck loaded with canola when they were buried in the grain,” the RCMP said in a statement. [Globe and Mail](#)

'You're definitely putting everyone at risk': RCMP nab drunk driver going 185 km/h

RCMP caught a drunk driver going 185 kilometres per hour on Highway 11 near Prince Albert over the long weekend. “You're really putting the odds against yourself and everyone around you. You're definitely

putting everyone at risk," said Staff Sgt. Stephane Caron, commander of North Central Saskatchewan Traffic Services. [Leader-Post](#)

Police union survey to give 'clear' sense of members' feelings about the service

The Hamilton Police Association is set to release a new survey sounding out members' opinions on the current state of affairs in the service and looking to the future. The survey, which is expected to be released imminently, arrives as the Hamilton Police Services Board is discussing whether to reappoint Police Chief Glenn De Caire for another three years. [Hamilton Spectator](#)

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Mort d'un détenu au pénitencier Dorchester

Un détenu est mort mercredi au pénitencier Dorchester au Nouveau-Brunswick. Robert Lionel Hatt, un détenu de l'unité à sécurité moyenne du pénitencier, a été trouvé inconscient dans sa cellule. Le personnel a pratiqué des manoeuvres de réanimation cardiorespiratoire et les services d'urgence ont été appelés. Le détenu de 54 ans n'a cependant pas pu être réanimé. Il purgeait, depuis le 2 avril 2008, une peine d'emprisonnement pour ne pas s'être conformé aux conditions de probation et agression armée. Il avait demandé sa libération en février, mais la Commission des libérations conditionnelles du Canada avait refusé, considérant qu'il était trop dangereux. Le Service correctionnel du Canada examinera les circonstances de ce décès. [Radio-Canada](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

An Ex-Cop's Mission to Solve the Murders Along the Highway of Tears

British Columbia's Provincial AutoRoute 16, more well-known as "The Highway of Tears," is both a trucking passage and the winding graveyard of up to 42 Aboriginal women. The RCMP, the chief police force investigating the murders, believes there have been a number of serial killers operating along the highway over the past four decades. However, the Mounties put the official number of women who have been murdered along the highway at only 18, a number far lower than the estimates from Aboriginal organizations... Ray Michalko, a former RCMP member who quit the force, is now looking into the disappearances and murders as a private investigator. He works directly with the families of missing or murdered Indigenous women on his own dime. Michalko took VICE on a tour of the Highway of Tears and connected us with the families who have turned to him after sometimes decades of stalled police investigations. [Vice News](#)

Rehtaeh Parsons report to prompt review of school polices on investigations

The province's education minister says school board policies on police investigations will be reviewed in the wake of a report that looked at how investigators and prosecutors handled the case of Rehtaeh Parsons. Last week's report by Murray Segal found officers were "thwarted" by school authorities when trying to interview students at Cole Harbour High School as they investigated allegations Parsons had been sexually assaulted and a photo of the incident was being circulated. [CBC News](#); [The Telegram](#)

Gordon Stuckless n'est pas un délinquant dangereux selon un psychiatre

Le pédophile notoire Gordon Stuckless n'entre pas dans la catégorie des délinquants dangereux selon un rapport psychiatrique que la Couronne avait commandé en cour de l'Ontario. L'ancien placier du Maple Leaf Gardens de Toronto a plaidé coupable en avril 2014 à une centaine d'accusations de nature sexuelle contre 18 mineurs. Un texte de Jean-Philippe Nadeau Gordon Stuckless a déjà purgé cinq ans de prison pour une première série d'agressions contre 24 garçons qui se sont produites dans les années 1960 et 1970. La Couronne souhaite l'écrouer à vie en tant que délinquant dangereux depuis qu'il a plaidé coupable à une seconde série d'accusations semblables contre 18 autres mineurs pour des faits survenus dans les années 1970 et 1980. [Radio-Canada](#)

Procès SharQc: un contrat sur la tête du témoin Sylvain Boulanger

Les mesures de sécurité auraient été fortement augmentées au Centre de services judiciaires Gouin si le témoin-vedette Sylvain Boulanger avait témoigné, parce que l'ancien Hells Angels aurait un contrat sur sa tête. C'est ce que l'on apprend dans une décision rendue le six octobre dernier par le juge James L. Brunton de la Cour Supérieure dans laquelle le magistrat ordonne une série de mesures visant à resserrer la sécurité dans le petit palais de justice du boulevard Gouin. [La Presse](#) ; [Agence QMI](#) (Journal de Montréal, Journal de Québec) ; [Montreal Gazette](#)

La Ville de Longueuil dévoile son plan pour la sécurité en milieu urbain

Près d'un an après le meurtre toujours non résolu de Jenique Dalcourt, la ville de Longueuil a dévoilé jeudi les grandes lignes de son plan visant à améliorer la sécurité sur son territoire. Ce plan d'action triennal d'un demi-million de dollars a été élaboré par la Ville à la suite d'une consultation de ses citoyens, qui visait à recenser les endroits où la sécurité doit être renforcée. Il comprend notamment des radars photo mobiles qui seront installés afin d'accroître la surveillance de la circulation routière dans certains secteurs. Le mobilier urbain sera également géolocalisé, dans le but de faciliter le travail des autorités dans les situations d'urgence, en leur donnant des points de repère plus précis. [Radio-Canada](#)

Missing, murdered indigenous women an election issue for all Canadians, advocates say

The need for a national inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women is not just an aboriginal issue and should be on all Canadians' minds when they cast their ballots on Monday, the Native Women's Association of Canada says. "So long as there is any group of people in Canada who are not safe, we really cannot all consider ourselves safe," said the association's president Dawn Harvard in an interview with CBC News. "We need to make sure we are protecting and doing right by the most vulnerable members of our population." Calls for an inquiry have intensified since the release of several reports over the last year, including a 2014 RCMP report that found aboriginal women are "over-represented among Canada's murdered and missing women." [CBC News](#)

Discussing law as it pertains to aboriginal people

Is there a better role justice can play in the lives of First Nations people? That question is at the forefront of a three day conference being held at the Delta Bessborough in Saskatoon as leaders in the Canadian legal field say what we're doing now, is simply not working. Following opening remarks on Wednesday, Justice Murray Sinclair took the stage in front of the best and the brightest when it comes to the law. Nearly 300 people, including several judges and First Nations chiefs, gathered in one room to listen, learn and lead the country when it comes to aboriginal justice. [Global News](#)

Non-violent crime on decline in London

While non-violent crime continues to decrease in London, reports of sexual assault and robbery are up considerably this year, compared to the same period of 2014, according to police statistics. Since January, police have dealt with 139 reports of sexual assault, a 32% hike compared to the 105 reports they responded to between January and September of 2014. Weapons offences (258 so far this year) and robberies (183 so far this year) are up by even more, at 33% and 36% respectively. As has been previously reported, homicides in London for 2015 (6) have already doubled the number for all of 2014. [London Free Press](#)

Court freezes assets of Coquitlam man alleged to be high-level drug dealer and money launderer

The B.C. Supreme Court has frozen more than \$3 million in assets of a Coquitlam man who the provincial director of civil forfeiture alleges is a high-level drug dealer and a money launderer. The director argued that the assets of Dennis Alexander Halstead - including a \$1.6-million home in Coquitlam, the net proceeds of \$1.2 million from the sale of a Downtown Eastside hotel and a 2014 Porsche Cayenne valued at \$120,000 - were either the proceeds of unlawful activity or an instrument of unlawful activity, or both. [The Province](#)

Terrace man found guilty of murdering his pregnant teenage girlfriend

A B.C. Supreme Court jury needed barely five hours to reach its verdict in the case of a Terrace man charged with murdering his teenage girlfriend. Damien Taylor, 24, has been convicted of the second-degree murder of 16-year-old CJ Fowler, who learned she was pregnant just hours before she was found

dead... Mounties initially interviewed Taylor as a witness and seized evidence from his hotel room, including a pair of socks with Fowler's blood on them. They also discovered the SD card from her cell phone in his backpack, and her phone atop the RCMP detachment's roof near the hotel. [The Province](#)

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Ken Taylor, former Canadian ambassador to Iran, dead at 81

Former Canadian ambassador to Iran Ken Taylor has died. He was 81 years old. Taylor sheltered a group of Americans who escaped capture when a mob of Iranians stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and took most people inside hostage in November 1979. His actions during the hostage crisis were portrayed in Ben Affleck's movie *Argo*. [CBC News](#); [Globe and Mail](#)

Canada can and should do better on Syrian refugees

An opinion piece states, "While James Bissett and Martin Collacott argue that the Canadian government's current policy toward Syrian refugees is "realistic", it is certainly far from the best Canada can do - and has done in the recent past. The government has announced it plans to take in 10,000 Syrian refugees in the next 15 months (and another 10,000 by 2017, if it is re-elected). Let us recall that in 1979-80 Canadians welcomed over 60,000 Southeast Asian "Boat People" in a short period of time. We have also had special programs for thousands fleeing places like Kosovo and Uganda..." [Montreal Gazette](#)

INTERNATIONAL

US, Mexico announce air cargo pre-inspection program; pilot to begin in 3 border locations

The United States and Mexico on Thursday launched a pilot air cargo pre-inspection program that aims to facilitate trade between the two nations. Under the program, air cargo will be inspected just once in the exporting country by customs officials from both nations. Officials say it has the potential to ease shipping congestion by reducing wait times up to 80 per cent and lower storage costs and other expenses. U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said at a news conference in Mexico City that the program "represents a remarkable evolution" of the bilateral relationship. "The pre-inspection pilot program which this memorandum will enshrine opens the door for a 21st century approach to trade facilitation between our two countries," Johnson said. [Associated Press](#) (Canadian Business)

Obama says 5,500 troops to stay in Afghanistan as he leaves office

U.S. President Barack Obama announced plans Thursday to keep nearly 10,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan through most of next year and 5,500 when he leaves office in 2017, casting aside his promise to end the war on his watch and instead ensuring he hands off the conflict to a successor. Obama called the new war plan a "modest but meaningful" extension of the U.S. military mission in Afghanistan, which he originally planned to end next year. He acknowledged America's weariness of the lengthy conflict but said he was "firmly convinced we should make this extra effort." [Associated Press](#) (Toronto Sun)

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RCMP used 'closer' to finish undercover B.C. terror operation: senior Mountie

The RCMP brought in a new lead investigator in the 11th hour of an undercover terrorism operation because they knew he was a "closer" who could wrap up the elaborate plan, a senior Mountie has confirmed in B.C. Supreme Court. Insp. Stephen Corcoran testified on Tuesday that Staff Sgt. Vaz Kassam joined the operation in June 2013, one week before a couple was arrested for plotting to detonate three pressure-cooker bombs around the B.C. Legislature on Canada Day (...) "Did he ever tell

you that he essentially wanted to bring in Kassam because he thought Kassam could close this thing down -- in other words, he would be his closer?" asked Korody's lawyer Mark Jette about the operation commander's decision. "I don't know in that sense, using those exact words," said Corcoran. "But in that spirit: yes." Jette suggested earlier in the hearing that Kassam had encouraged investigators to motivate the pair to leave their home and the distractions of drugs and video games to focus them on their bomb plot. Kassam disagreed with that notion, arguing that removing the two from their element would allow police to better assess their threat to public safety. [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News, Globe and Mail, The Province, St. John's Telegram, Prince Albert Daily Herald, Brandon Star, Western Sun)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Court rules immigration detainees can argue indefinite custody illegal

Ontario's top court has opened an avenue for long-term detainees from abroad to challenge the legality of their detentions in Superior Court rather than through the immigration process and Federal Court. In its ruling Tuesday, the Court of Appeal made it clear the idea wasn't to have the courts interfere in immigration decisions (...). The case involved four foreigners kept behind bars pending deportation or extradition for periods ranging from two years to more than eight years. They argued their detention had become illegal because of its length and the uncertainty of its duration. In March, Superior Court Justice Kenneth Campbell ruled he had no jurisdiction to hear the case. Their sole recourse under case law dating to 1989, Campbell ruled, was through the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, which says reviews must go through Federal Court. The four appealed, arguing the 1989 ruling did not apply because their detention appeared to be indefinite. The only issue on appeal was whether they did indeed have a right to turn to Superior Court for relief. [Globe and Mail](#)

Charges dropped against U.S. man accused in cancer-drug smuggling conspiracy

A federal judge on Tuesday dismissed a case against an Illinois man accused of participating in an international cancer-drug smuggling conspiracy, after the man reached a deal to defer his prosecution. The prosecutors who made the deal with Ram Kamath of Downers Grove asked U.S. District Judge Dana Christensen to drop the charge of conspiracy to smuggle goods into the United States against him. Kamath had been accused of conspiring with an online Canadian pharmacy to smuggle mislabeled, unapproved and counterfeit prescription drugs into the U.S. [Associated Press](#) (Toronto Star)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

How the NSA broke encryption on trillions of secure connections

Some Edward Snowden leaks have revealed that the NSA and other intelligence agencies can break encryption barriers for mass surveillance purposes. It has been theorized that a flaw in encryption used by many Internet services lets the spy agency decrypt HTTPS, SSH, and VPN traffic, and a new paper seems to prove that. Indeed, a massive effort comparable to the attempts of breaking the German Enigma coding machine during the World War II seems to have given the NSA the tools required to break trillions of secure connections. [BGR](#) (Yahoo! News)

Senate to consider controversial cyber security bill

The U.S. Senate is expected to begin considering as soon as Tuesday a long-delayed bill that would make it easier for corporations to share information about cyber attacks with each other or the government without concern about lawsuits. The House of Representatives passed its version of the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act (CISA) in April. A few lawmakers and several big tech companies, however, have come out against the measure, arguing that it fails to protect users' privacy and does too little to prevent cyber attacks. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

Sony settles employees' hacking lawsuit, to pay up to \$8 million for loss, identity protection

Sony Pictures Entertainment has reached a settlement with current and former employees, agreeing to pay up to \$8 million to reimburse them for identity-theft losses, preventative measures and legal fees

related to the hack of its computers last year. The settlement was filed with the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles late Monday and still needs to be approved by a judge. [Associated Press](#) (The Province, Charlottetown Guardian, St. John's Telegram, Globe and Mail)

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Lillooet band office attacker's death not linked to police response, IIO finds

B.C.'s civilian police watchdog (IIO) has found police were not connected to the death of a man who viciously attacked the Bridge River Indian Band office near Lillooet, B.C. earlier this month. David Allan Patrick James, 22, died after he allegedly entered the band office with weapons just before 8:30 a.m. PT on Oct. 14, and assaulted staff, sending 11 people to hospital. Lillooet RCMP officers who first arrived at the band office said they found James already restrained, unconscious and unresponsive. Attempts to resuscitate him were unsuccessful. [CBC News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News)

RCMP officer found not guilty of assaulting man outside Kelowna pub

A Kelowna RCMP officer has been found not guilty of assault in an incident outside a downtown pub in June of 2014. Several members of the RCMP were in the Kelowna courtroom on Tuesday to hear the judge's decision and to show support for their colleague. Cst. Grant Jacobson was charged with one count of common assault after he threw John McCormick to the ground and punched him several times during an arrest at Roses Pub. Jacobson's lawyer, Norm Yates, says the decision will give his client and other officers some confidence. [Global News](#)

Police searching for man who left gun in taxi cab

Winnipeg police are looking for a man who left a loaded gun in a taxi more than eight months ago. A man got into a cab early in the morning of February 1 in the first 100 block of St. Anne's Road, and was driven to the 300 block of Blake Street, where he got out but left behind a loaded gun, police said. Investigators have now released photos of a man they believe is connected to the investigation. [Winnipeg Free Press](#); [CBC News](#)

Death of man found on lawn deemed not suspicious

Halifax RCMP say the death of a man linked to a suspected break-in attempt on Oakhill Drive in Lower Sackville is not suspicious. When asked Tuesday afternoon whether the man died of natural causes, Halifax RCMP Cpl. D.L. Allen replied, "No, I wouldn't say that." "The investigation continues, but it's not suspicious," Allen said. He would not disclose any further information. [Chronicle-Herald](#); [Metro News](#); [CBC News](#)

Man arrested after police chase in southeast Saskatchewan

A 34-year-old man is facing 16 charges after a police chase in southeast Saskatchewan on Sunday. RCMP initially received a call about an assault involving a man and a woman on the side of the highway south of Weyburn, Sask. A few minutes later a second call, this time involving erratic driving, was reported from the same area. Callers in both incidents described a red Cadillac Escalade. [CBC News](#)

Enderby shooting victim in critical condition

A 55-year-old man remains in hospital with critical gunshot wounds after an attack near the north Okanagan community of Enderby. RCMP Const. Jocelyn Noseworthy said it happened at about 5:15 p.m. Monday on the outskirts of the town, about 35 kilometres north of Vernon. The name of the victim has not been released but Noseworthy said he knew his attacker and that the shooting was targeted. She said a 58-year-old man was arrested a short time later. [Canadian Press](#) (The Province)

Drug courier pleads guilty

He spent five weeks defending himself in court, but now Kurtis Donald Scott has admitted defeat and pleaded guilty to charges arising from a covert police sting. Scott, 43, pleaded guilty Monday to trafficking in cocaine and drug trafficking in benefit of a criminal organization, putting an end to a jury trial that wasn't scheduled to wrap up until late December. Scott was one of more than a dozen suspects arrested in March 2012 following a 10-month police operation dubbed Operation Flatlined, targeting illegal drug

dealing by the Hells Angels and "support group" Redlined. Scott is not alleged to be a member of the Hells Angels or Redlined. According to an agreed statement of facts filed in court, Scott admitted to stashing and delivering bulk amounts of cocaine on behalf of then Manitoba Hells Angels president Dale Sweeney. [Winnipeg Sun](#)

Pasadena man charged after boys struck at bus stop

Police say a man who struck two boys at a bus stop in Pasadena last week didn't offer assistance or call the children's parents. Deer Lake RCMP have charged a man, 34, from the town with failing to make a report and driving without due care under the Highway Traffic Act. The boys, ages 12 and 14, were reportedly waiting for a school bus near Church Street Friday when a driver struck them while pulling into a driveway. [CBC News](#)

Woman charged in Bouctouche shooting

RCMP have charged a 45-year-old Bouctouche woman in connection with a shooting in Bouctouche Bay in May. Following a lengthy investigation, RCMP say the woman was arrested on Oct. 8 and held in custody following a bail hearing. She is charged with discharging a firearm with intent, unsafe storage of a firearm, careless use of a firearm and aggravated assault. [CBC News](#)

Toronto police's lethal force in Sammy Yatim death 'not reasonable': Crown

Sammy Yatim refused to comply with demands to drop his knife and mocked police during a confrontation on a Toronto streetcar in the early morning hours of July 27, 2013. Seconds later, he was fatally shot by Toronto police Constable James Forcillo, an Ontario Superior Court jury heard on Tuesday morning. Constable Forcillo is on trial on charges of second-degree murder and attempted murder in the death of the 18-year-old high school student. The trial began on Tuesday with opening arguments by lead Crown attorney Milan Rupic, who outlined to the jury the "road map" the prosecution intends to present at the trial. "The fundamental issue is whether it was necessary to fire nine shots, when Sammy Yatim was surrounded by armed officers," Mr. Rupic told the jury. The lethal force "was not reasonable," the prosecutor stated. [Globe and Mail](#); [Hamilton Spectator](#)

Eric Amaral charged with 1st-degree murder in Kitchener, Ont., arrow death

Eric Amaral, the man accused of shooting a Waterloo Regional Police Service officer in the face with a pellet gun, has been charged with first-degree murder in the arrow shooting death of Michael Gibbon of Kitchener, Ont. Amaral, 29, appeared in a Kitchener court Tuesday afternoon to answer to the charge. [CBC News](#); [CTV News](#)

Attempted murder, kidnapping charges in case that saw Peel officer shot

Two Toronto men have been charged with attempted murder and kidnapping in connection with Friday night's shooting of a Peel Regional Police officer and a civilian on a residential Brampton street. The hunt continues for one more suspect. [Brampton Guardian](#)

Youth arrested after online threat to Mississauga school

A "young person" has been taken into police custody after an investigation of an online threat against Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School in Mississauga. The threat led to a hold and secure which has since been lifted, according to the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. Many parents were waiting outside the school for updates during the hold and secure. [Toronto Star](#)

Police union survey to give 'clear' sense of members' feelings about the service

The Hamilton Police Association is set to release a new survey sounding out members' opinions on the current state of affairs in the service and looking to the future. The survey, which is expected to be released imminently, arrives as the Hamilton Police Services Board is discussing whether to reappoint Police Chief Glenn De Caire for another three years. Clint Twolan, association president, says almost 58 per cent of the 1,200 members completed the survey. [Hamilton Spectator](#)

Toronto's billion-dollar police budget needs a re-write

An editorial states "Toronto's gold-plated police force wants more money than ever, with a proposed budget for next year totaling \$1.015 billion (yes, billion). That represents a 3.7-per-cent increase over last

year's budget, despite Mayor John Tory's request that all city agencies and divisions save at least 2 per cent. The Toronto Police Service typically answers such calls for restraint with a spending hike well in excess of inflation. And it's no different now. The money grab proposed for 2016 would add up to a 35-per-cent increase in the police operating budget since 2006. Over the same period, Toronto's crime rate fell by more than 27 per cent. There's an obvious disconnect here. It was with good reason that Toronto's police board sent the proposed billion-dollar budget back for a re-write. They instructed Chief Mark Saunders on Monday to "identify additional reductions and efficiencies" and submit a revised spending plan at a board meeting set for Nov. 12." [Toronto Star](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Drugs intercepted at Millhaven Institution

A Millhaven Institution inmate was caught attempting to bring contraband into the institution, according to Canadian Correctional Service. On Oct. 15 at about 11:55 a.m., officers at the maximum-security federal institution intercepted an inmate who was attempting to smuggle in contraband. This seizure is the result of the combined efforts of Correctional Officers and Security Intelligence Officers. The contraband seized includes 88.1 grams of marijuana. The total institutional value of this seizure is estimated at \$8,810. [Kingston Whig-Standard](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Action needed on missing, murdered indigenous women: aboriginal leaders

Canada's indigenous people expect their votes to matter to the new Liberal majority, starting with an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal people, three of Manitoba's First Nations leaders said Tuesday. "I hope this shows when we do participate, we do make a difference," Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief Derek Nepinak said at a press conference to respond to the federal election that brought down the Conservative government. Indigenous voter turnout was up dramatically coast to coast and Manitoba's leaders said their people's votes helped give the Liberals a stunning majority. [Winnipeg Free Press](#); [Vancouver Sun](#)

La légalisation soulève des questions

La légalisation de la marijuana promise par les libéraux fait des heureux au Québec, mais soulève aussi plusieurs questions quant à l'encadrement de la vente éventuelle du produit, surtout auprès des jeunes. «On est bien ravi! C'est ce qu'on souhaitait», a réagi Marc-Boris Saint-Maurice, un militant pour la légalisation du pot depuis plus d'une vingtaine d'années (...) Du côté de l'Association canadienne des chefs de police (ACCP), cette légalisation soulève plusieurs doutes. «Jusqu'ici, on n'a pas assez de recherches qui montrent quels impacts la légalisation aura sur la sécurité publique au pays», indique Timothy Smith, responsable des communications. Ce dernier ajoute que l'ACCP souhaite que les policiers aient plus de pouvoir de donner des contraventions pour la possession de petite quantité de cannabis. La Gendarmerie royale du Canada et le Service de police de la Ville de Montréal ont refusé de commenter le dossier. [Le Journal de Québec](#) (Le Journal de Montréal)

Our Drug Policy Shouldn't Be a Criminal Justice Issue

Finally, after decades of the failed "war on drugs" mentality (an unfortunate 1970s holdover), there could be light at the end of the tunnel. First, let's clear something up: drug use and dependence, which are not one and the same, are overwhelmingly public health -- not criminal justice -- issues. It now seems that Canadians, and a growing number of their would-be political representatives, largely understand this, and aren't interested in criminalizing every 19-year-old with a joint or a cannabis plant. Unfortunately, with the erroneously-named *Safe Streets and Communities Act* enacted in 2012, the Government of Canada made mandatory minimum sentences for various drug offences the law of the land, moving a public health matter even more squarely into the realm of criminal law. [Huffington Post](#)

Hamilton crisis team featured in documentary

A new documentary examining police shootings involving people in crisis features Hamilton's mobile crisis unit. "Hold Your Fire" premières on CBC Television's new documentary series "Firsthand" on Thursday at 9 p.m. It chronicles several high-profile police shootings, including the 2013 death of teenage Sammy Yatim on a Toronto streetcar, and the growing tide of public and police discourse about using de-escalation tactics instead of force. Filmmaker Helen Slinger said she hopes the documentary inspires a broader public and police discussion about lethal force. "I don't expect police officers to be perfect ... but there's got to be a better way," she said. There are no nationwide statistics about police shootings available in Canada, but a broad look at inquests between 2004 and 2014 uncovered 72 police shootings (42 per cent of all police shootings examined) involved people in mental crisis. [Hamilton Spectator](#)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

Liberal majority leaves Ottawa civil servants cautiously hopeful

After a decade of Stephen Harper holding the country's reins, public servants in Ottawa are voicing cautious optimism at the fact Justin Trudeau is poised to become Canada's next prime minister. Trudeau's Liberals won a solid majority Monday night, taking 184 seats — including all but one in the city of Ottawa — and ousting a Conservative government whose relationship with federal employees was often seen as adversarial. One of those federal employees, Statistics Canada economist Mesfin Mirotschie, told CBC News Tuesday morning that he's hoping the new Liberal government will forge a "constructive relationship" with civil servants. [CBC News](#)

L'AFPC se réjouit du «changement»

Du même coup, la présidente Robyn Benson n'a pas tardé à demander au gouvernement de Justin Trudeau de remplir «sans tarder» ses promesses faites pendant la campagne électorale «pour redresser les torts causés par les conservateurs et améliorer les relations de travail au sein de la fonction publique fédérale.» L'AFPC, le plus grand syndicat de la fonction publique fédérale avec un effectif de 175 000 membres, souhaite maintenant rencontrer le plus tôt possible les représentants du nouveau gouvernement pour discuter des mesures à prendre. «Le nouveau gouvernement libéral a maintenant un solide mandat pour changer les choses. Nous enjoignons donc aux libéraux d'oser une nouvelle façon de faire de la politique et de concert avec les députés démocrates et tous les autres élus progressistes, de travailler pour remettre le Canada sur les rails» a fait savoir la présidente Benson. [La Presse](#); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Devoir)

OTHER / AUTRES

Trudeau promises equal number of men, women in cabinet

Canada's prime minister-elect Justin Trudeau pledged Tuesday to announce his first cabinet in November, adding that it will include an equal number of men and women. During the campaign, the 43-year-old pledged parity in the gender composition of his cabinet, and on Tuesday he said he would keep that vow. "I'm very happy to be able to say that we will absolutely fulfill that promise," he told a press conference. The new cabinet will be announced on November 4 -- the same day Trudeau officially becomes prime minister after a transition from the previous administration. [Agence France Presse](#) (Yahoo! News); [Newstalk 1010](#); [CBC News](#); [CTV News](#)

INTERNATIONAL

US student arrested after threatening, attacking Muslim woman

A 19-year-old Indiana University student accused in a racially motivated attack on a Muslim woman says he had been drinking alcohol and had not taken his anti-anxiety medication prior to the incident. Court records show Triceten D. Bickford faces multiple felony charges including intimidation, strangulation and battery in the Saturday evening attack in a cafe in Bloomington, Indiana. He was released on \$500 bond and returned to class Monday. [Associated Press](#) (Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun, Toronto Sun, Edmonton Sun)

Ex-federal agent sentenced to 6 1/2 years for stealing digital money from Silk Road drug website

A former undercover federal agent has been sentenced to 6 1/2 years in prison for using his position to steal more than \$700,000 in digital currency from an online drug bazaar known as Silk Road. Federal prosecutors on Monday announced the sentence against former Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Carl M. Force, who pleaded guilty to extortion and other charges. Force was tasked with masquerading as a drug dealer who had connections to hit men and establishing communications with Ross Ulbricht, operator of the multimillion-dollar marketplace for illegal drugs and other contraband. After he infiltrated the website, Force sold Ulbricht information about the Silk Road investigation. Ulbricht has been sentenced to life in prison. [Associated Press](#) (The Telegram, The Province)

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HamiltonPolice

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CFRAOttawa

Memorial event for Cpl. Cirillo and Warrant Officer Vincent Thursday will see F-18 fly past around 11:20 a.m. over War Memorial. [#ottnews](#)

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Whale-watching boat that capsized, drowning five off B.C. coast, towed away for investigation

A whale-watching vessel has been towed to a secure location days after it flipped in the water near Tofino, B.C., sending five people to their deaths. The Transportation Safety Board says the Leviathan II will be monitored by the RCMP and that another team of TSB experts will plan some detailed testing of the vessel in the coming days. The agency says the current investigation team has left Tofino after interviewing survivors and people who rescued passengers last Sunday. Those who died were British nationals, and an Australian man remains missing (...) The TSB says its next steps include verifying information about the vessel's stability, reviewing any modifications that were made and analyzing data from electronic equipment recovered from the ship. Transport Canada documents show the vessel was lengthened and an upper deck was added in 1996, but that it passed a stability test after the changes. [Canadian Press](#) (National Post, Vancouver Sun)

Marine safety plans should be mandatory: investigator

The recent capsizing of whale-watching boat in Tofino highlights the need for the federal government to require safety-management systems for all passenger vessels, says a former Transportation Safety Board investigator. A safety-management system is developed by an operator to assess everything done on a day-to-day basis, said Ken Potter, former manager of marine investigation operations for the Transportation Safety Board, on Saturday. Potter retired a year and a half ago from the TSB and heads Veritas Marine Ltd., a marine accident and prevention investigation firm. A company has to ask: "What could possibly go wrong? What could happen that could cause an accident?" A plan is then developed to identify and mitigate risks, Potter said. [Times Colonist](#)

N.B.'s whooping cough outbreak: Blame the anti-vaxxers or blame the vaccine?

The current whooping cough outbreak in New Brunswick continues to grow, with an increasing numbers of children and adolescents implicated in the current outbreak. According to Dr. Yves Leger, Medical Officer in the Eastern Region of New Brunswick, which is at the centre of this outbreak, most people who have whooping cough symptoms have immunity against the disease because they have been vaccinated. [CTV News](#)

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A Black American Is Seeking Refuge In Canada From Police Racism

An African-American U.S. citizen is seeking asylum in Canada to escape police mistreatment. Vice reported that Kyle Lydell Canty traveled to Canada in September as a tourist and decided to apply for protection as a refugee. Canty is facing criminal charges for a number of misdemeanors, including offenses as minor as jaywalking, which he claims are all unfounded and the result of racist policing. He also says he has been denied due process in his efforts to challenge the charges. Canty is under no illusions that Canada's criminal justice system is entirely free of racial bias, but he thinks it would be a marked improvement. [Huffington Post](#)

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RCMP response to new witness in Catcheway case 'step in the right direction': Sheila North Wilson

One of Manitoba's grand chiefs says RCMP's response to a new witness in the Jennifer Catcheway case is a step in the right direction. In 2008, 17-year-old Catcheway disappeared and her family has been searching for her ever since. On the week of Oct. 25, the Catcheway family got a tip from a member of the Dakota Tipi First Nation and a witness came forward to RCMP to give a statement. MKO Grand Chief Sheila North Wilson said RCMP originally refused to take the statement, telling the person they would have to speak to the officers directly involved in the case. But, she said, officers called the witness back shortly after and took the statement. [CBC News](#)

Chief asks parents of missing daughter to bring RCMP for next search

Animosity is brewing in Manitoba between a mother and father desperate for clues into the disappearance of their missing daughter, and a First Nations chief who says band members have grown tired of searchers digging holes on their reserve. Bernice Catcheway, whose daughter, Jennifer, disappeared seven years ago, says she, her husband and other searchers are now barred from entering the Dakota Tipi reserve near Portage la Prairie after their latest search of the community's dump and other areas last week. The searchers brought a backhoe, and while they didn't find any physical evidence, Catcheway says a resident gave them another tip. Chief David L. Pashe says his community initially welcomed the searchers when they first came to the reserve several years ago. He said they offered the visitors the use of their community centre and cooked food for them. In the following years, they donated money. But Pashe says they've been digging holes, knocking down trees with their equipment and searching in places outside of the areas they said they'd be in, including near a cemetery. He says they can come back, but if they do, they should bring the RCMP. RCMP Sgt. Bert Paquet said in an email that there was insufficient information to request a warrant to search the landfill or other areas where the searchers looked last week. He says police recommended the family ask for permission to search themselves, which they did and subsequently received. [Canadian Press](#) (Waterloo Region Record)

Police in northern N.B. seize 13,000 cigarettes after search warrant

RCMP in New Brunswick arrested two people after finding more than 13,000 contraband cigarettes during a search of a home. Police conducted the search on Tuesday night in the community of New Jersey, roughly 30 kilometres northeast of Miramichi. Police say a 61-year-old man and a 49-year-old woman were arrested during the search. [CTV News Atlantic](#)

Whirlwind police chase ends with attempted car-jacking in Regina

A hunt for a truck spanned four hours on Saturday, involving three police services, two cities, two spike belts, and one attempted car-jacking. The whole thing started on Gordon Road near Lewvan Drive, in the south end of Regina, around 9 a.m. Police said they were called there to investigate a suspicious vehicle. When the officer got there he talked to the driver of the vehicle, and thought the driver was intoxicated. But the truck took off into traffic, refusing to stop for police. Officers didn't continue the chase because it was too dangerous. Police said the truck was seen heading west on Highway 1 out of Regina about 10 minutes later. They informed RCMP, but the Mounties called off a short chase because it got too dangerous. The truck was spotted again a little while later at a gas station in Moose Jaw. Again, the truck took off, officers didn't chase. A 21-year-old woman who was left at the gas station was arrested. It's alleged she had been in the truck. Shelby Donald is charged with possession of morphine, possession of meth, and 2 counts of flight while pursued by a peace officer. [CJME News Talk 980](#)

11 flown from Red Sucker Lake to Winnipeg hospital after drinking poison

Eleven adults from Manitoba's Red Sucker Lake First Nation were air lifted to a Winnipeg hospital on Thursday to be treated for chemical poisoning, band councilor Lester Harper told CBC News. Five of them were drinking an unknown chemical at a mining site near the dry first nation before they brought it back to the community. There, they shared it with six others. Harper said the adults were flown in as a pre-caution, and all have since been released. According to RCMP, investigators are aware of what happened but there is no evidence to support criminal intent or the need for an investigation. [CBC News](#)

14 people killed in collisions across Alberta in less than 48 hours

The end of October and first day of November have been deadly on rural Alberta roads. Between 8 p.m. Friday and noon Sunday, 14 people were killed in eight different collisions on rural roads in Alberta. Several more drivers and passengers were injured in the crashes. [Global News](#); [CTV News Edmonton](#); [Edmonton Journal](#)

Yorkton man faces 18 charges following high-speed pursuit between Moose Jaw and Regina

A 28-year-old male is charged with 18 offences including robbery, evade police, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and obstruction of justice. As well, a 21-year-old female is also charged with evading police and unlawful possession of a controlled substance. The incident began at about 9 a.m. on Saturday, patrol members were dispatched to the 4500 block of Gordon Road to investigate a suspicious truck. [Leader-Post](#)

Police report quiet Halloween in Kings County

Police in Kings County reported a quiet Halloween night Oct. 31. Kings District RCMP reported "a lot of people out and about" on Halloween, but "not a lot of Halloween-related calls." [Kings County News](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Lockdowns climb at Ottawa jail, and AA, other programs suffer

The number of lockdowns at the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre continued to soar over the summer, with prisoners being fully locked down at the short-staffed jail nearly once every three days on average in July and August. The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services said there were 19 full lockdowns during those two months. That was on top of 15 partial lockdowns that may have locked down a single unit or smaller area of the 525-bed jail. And according to inmates and correctional officers, the lockdowns are now affecting the programming available to prisoners. Programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous are routinely cancelled because volunteers can't access the facility or there are a lack of correctional officers to move the inmates. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

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PRIMEUR - PKP se rendra à Val-d'Or lundi pour rencontrer la communauté autochtone

Le chef de l'opposition officielle, Pierre Karl Péladeau, se rendra à Val-d'Or lundi, a appris *Le Huffington Post Québec*. Le leader péquiste souhaite rencontrer la communauté autochtone dans la foulée des allégations d'abus de pouvoir et d'agressions sexuelles qui auraient été commises par des policiers de la Sûreté du Québec. [Huffington Post](#)

'Large quantity' of prescription opioids stolen from Simcoe, Ont. Pharmacy

Provincial police are looking for a man who allegedly stole a "large quantity" of prescription opioids from a Shoppers Drug Mart in Simcoe, Ont. They say he approached a pharmacy employee and displayed a weapon on Saturday night. They say he stole fentanyl and hydromorphone. [Canadian Press](#) (CP24)

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Sinai plane crash: Russian airliner 'broke up in mid-air'

A Russian airliner which crashed in Egypt's Sinai peninsula, killing all 224 people on board, broke up in mid-air, a Russian official says. Victor Sorochenko, the head of Russia's Interstate Aviation Committee, said it was too early to conclude what caused the crash on Saturday. He told reporters debris was found across a 20sq km-wide area of Sinai. So far 163 bodies have been found (...) Jihadists allied to so-called Islamic State in Sinai, where such groups are active, had made a claim on social media that they had brought down flight KGL9268. But Egyptian Prime Minister Sharif Ismail said experts had confirmed that a plane could not be downed at 9,450m (31,000ft), the altitude the Airbus 321 was flying at, by weapons the militants are known to possess. President Abdul Fattah al-Sisi also urged caution on Sunday, saying the

investigation into the cause was a "complicated matter" that could take months. [BBC News](#); [Associated Press](#) (CBC News); [Reuters](#); [The Telegraph](#); [The Guardian](#); [AFP](#) (Yahoo! News); [USA Today](#); [NY Times](#); [Bloomberg News](#)

Rare cyclone strikes Yemen island, leaving 1 dead

A rare and rapidly intensifying cyclone killed one person and injured nine Sunday on the remote Yemeni island of Socotra as it moved toward the Yemeni mainland, local security officials said. The officials said Cyclone Chapala seriously damaged or destroyed at least 20 homes on the island, where trees have been uprooted and fishing boats sank. They said many residents living near the coast are taking shelter in caves or in schools. The island is being hit by heavy rain and strong winds, and rising waves are battering the coast. The officials said coastal areas are flooded. Authorities on the island have transported 9,000 people from their homes to other places to take refuge, mainly schools, said Socotra Deputy Governor Ramzi Mahfouz. But the evacuation was only carried out in the provincial capital, Hadibo, and residents elsewhere are facing more challenges. The situation is being compounded by a shortage of fuel on the island for more than 20 days, he said. In al-Mahra, Yemen's easternmost province, security officials said dark clouds are forming amid unusually strong winds, though no damage has been reported yet. [Associated Press](#) (CTV News); [Weather Network](#)

Iraq PM declares emergency in areas hit by heavy rain

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi declared an emergency in areas overwhelmed by heavy rain that has caused widespread flooding and multiple deaths, his office said Sunday. Abadi ordered a "declaration of emergency in the areas affected by torrential rainwater that exceeded drainage capacity", his office said in a statement. And he announced the "mobilisation" of ministries, provinces, security forces, civil defence and civilian volunteers for rescue efforts in Baghdad and other provinces. Iraq was hit by multiple days of heavy rain that, when combined with the country's decrepit infrastructure, caused major flooding in Baghdad and other areas that resulted in deaths and health problems. [AFP](#) (Daily Star)

Turkish PM declares victory after preliminary election results show majority in parliament

Turkey's Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu has declared victory for his ruling party after preliminary election results showed it restoring its majority in parliament. State-run TRT television reports that with more than 97 per cent of the votes counted, the ruling Justice and Development Party, or AKP, has won just above 49 per cent, which would comfortably restore its ruling majority. [Associated Press](#) (CTV News, CBC News)

At least 12 killed as Shebab attack Somalia hotel

At least 12 people were killed in the Somali capital of Mogadishu on Sunday after Shebab gunmen used a vehicle packed with explosives to blast their way inside a hotel, police said. The Al-Qaeda-linked Shebab claimed responsibility for the dawn attack at the Sahafi hotel, popular with members of parliament, government employees and businessmen. After the car bomb ripped a hole in the hotel's fortified walls, gunmen stormed the building firing semi-automatic rifles and throwing grenades, witnesses said. [AFP](#) (Yahoo! News); [Associated Press](#) (Global News)

Britain to unveil new online spying laws

Britain's government gave the first details Sunday of contested plans to update Internet spying laws to keep pace with the digital age. The proposed law comes as intelligence agencies and police grapple with monitoring terrorist activity online amid a debate sparked by Edward Snowden over government access to personal data online. Home Secretary Theresa May told the BBC that the measures would not ban encryption and "will not be giving powers to go through people's browsing history". [AFP](#) (Yahoo! News)

Winston Salem State University: 1 dead, 1 injured in shooting, gunman still sought

One student was shot dead and another wounded after gunfire erupted Sunday near dormitories on the Winston-Salem State University campus. Authorities were searching for a suspected gunman, but police and university spokesman Aaron Singleton would provide no identifying details. The historically black school urged visitors to the campus to stay away, but said student services were operating normally and that classes will be held on regular schedules Monday. [Associated Press](#) (U.S. News & World Report)

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How Trudeau Can Improve Our National Security Policy-Making Process

When overhauling Bill C-51 in the coming months, the new Trudeau government should give serious consideration to revamping Canada's national security policy-making apparatus to ensure the adoption of well-informed and objective national security and foreign policies. In doing so, the process should include an executive-level whole-of-government approach for maximum policy effectiveness. This would tie-in nicely to the Liberal government's proposal to institute parliamentary oversight of national security affairs by essentially enhancing the policy process from beginning to end. Given the dynamic and complex issues faced with abroad, there is no time better than the present to rethink how Canada approaches national security and foreign policy. [Huffington Post Blogs](#)

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UPDATE: RCMP confirm 13 people have died in seven different crashes in the last 48 hours. [#ABRoads](#)

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Trudeau's decision on national security file promising and risky, experts say

Justin Trudeau's decision to take charge of a new cabinet committee on Intelligence and Emergency Management was described by security experts as a bold but risky move that could put the prime minister on the hook if there is a security intelligence failure. Trudeau and **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** have a big to-do list to improve Canada's national security system as the Liberal campaign platform promised, however vaguely. But the Liberal government's first steps are promising, a panel discussion at the University of Ottawa heard Tuesday. **Goodale**, a past cabinet minister under former prime ministers Paul Martin and Jean Chrétien, chairs another cabinet committee on Canada in the World and Public Security, and Trudeau took charge of the even smaller group of trusted ministers to oversee intelligence matters. Law professors Craig Forcese and University of Toronto's Kent Roach, and Wesley Wark, a visiting professor from the University of Toronto, said Trudeau's decision signals that security is a priority but if all his committee does is meet once a year to rubber-stamp the national security agencies' priorities, "it will be useless," as were previous iterations of similar committees. (...)Roach said with the positioning of Trudeau and **Goodale** on the file, the government may actually be "inching towards" the kind of

accountability envisaged by the Air India inquiry, which was that "at the end of the day, someone has to be in charge, and we can't exist in this environment of bureaucratic defensiveness and plausible deniability." (...)The latter inquiry recommended the federal government create a more powerful national security adviser to the prime minister to monitor and serve as a referee in disputes between federal agencies, principally CSIS and RCMP, on the exchange of intelligence - a recommendation the Conservatives dismissed as creating unnecessary bureaucracy. [Toronto Star](#) (2015-11-11)

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B.C. storm to bring heavy rain, gusty wind

Environment Canada weather warnings remain in place for much of B.C. as a cold front sweeps across the province Thursday morning, bringing strong winds, heavy rain and rising snow levels. After heavy rain and wind gusts over 90 km/h hit the North and Central Coast overnight Wednesday, the front will continue to track towards the South Coast today for one of our biggest storm so far this season. This system is known as an atmospheric river — also known as a pineapple express — a narrow weather system that directs concentrated moisture from sub-tropical regions to the South Coast in this case. Winds will begin to pick up and showers will become heavier through the morning hours for much of Metro Vancouver, Fraser Valley and the North Shore. But southern areas of the city will likely only see showers thanks to a rain shadow for places like Richmond, White Rock and Delta. [CBC News](#); [News 1130](#); [Kelowna Now](#)

Hydro crews preparing for outages as windstorms blow through southern Ontario

Ontario hydro crews are preparing for power outages as a powerful windstorm blows over the Great Lakes. Strong southwesterly winds with frequent gusts are expected as a sharp cold front blasts across southern Ontario, Environment Canada said Thursday. Gusts are expected to be strongest near the shore of eastern Lake Erie, as the wind picks up over the lake. The weather agency issued wind warnings for the Dunnville, Niagara and Simcoe areas, where gusts may reach speeds of up to 90 km/h. The warning said winds will be strong enough to cause tree damage, with power outages also possible. [CTV News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Federal NDP names shadow cabinet

The NDP's new shadow cabinet will be fronted by parliamentary veterans with leader Tom Mulcair handling the contentious energy portfolio. All 44 New Democrat MPs have been given opposition critic responsibilities with a roughly 50-50 male-female ratio. As energy critic, Mulcair will almost certainly be drawn into the debate over the proposed Energy East pipeline, which is not popular in his home province of Quebec. During the recent election campaign, Mulcair was accused of waffling on the issue, saying he generally supported the pipeline but wants a tougher federal pipeline review process. Long-time MP David Christopherson, NDP deputy leader in the last Parliament, will serve as public safety critic as the new Liberal government overhauls the controversial Bill C-51 national security legislation, which the NDP vehemently opposes. Christopherson, a former Ontario minister of correctional services and solicitor-general, also will chair the party's priorities and planning committee. [Ottawa Citizen](#); [National Post](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

TSN and W5 Take a look at the Ease of Purchasing Illegal Steroids Online

In *Cheating the Game*, TSN Senior Correspondent Rick Westhead introduces viewers to former University of Waterloo football player Matt Socholotiuk, who explains why he turned to illegal steroids in order to gain an edge while pursuing his athletic dreams. Socholotiuk's hopes of playing professional football were shattered in 2010 after he tested positive for steroid use while playing for Waterloo. A widespread problem on Canadian campuses, eight Canadian university football players have tested

positive for performance enhancing drugs (PEDs) in the past two years alone – with police seizing a record \$10 million worth of illegal PEDs in one bust. Westhead visits the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) to examine their effectiveness in stopping illegal drugs from being shipped into Canada, and then puts the CBSA's vigilance to the test. After easily finding and placing orders for a variety of substances banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency from three online sources, Westhead's packages arrive by express courier in about two weeks – completely evading customs detection. [ChannelCanada](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Federal security officials eye 'big data analytics' in a bid to pinpoint threats

Federal security agencies risk being overwhelmed by threats - or failing to even foresee them - unless they embrace the digital-age phenomenon of big-data crunching, warns an internal **Public Safety Canada** presentation. With billions of people using mobile phones and surfing the Internet, security officials are preoccupied with getting timely access to valuable information. But the recent past is littered with challenges related to information sharing and privacy - including controversy over the Conservative omnibus bill known as C-51, the presentation notes. Officials acknowledge the public might not trust government to respect privacy in the process, pointing to revelations by former U.S. spy contractor Edward Snowden about widespread surveillance of communications. "Canadians are increasingly concerned about issues of crime and terrorism, but in the post-Snowden era, public concerns about government data use may stand as a barrier to the effective use of innovative data analytics by law enforcement and security organizations," the presentation says. Big data analytics generally refers to the process of gathering and systematically sifting through millions or even billions of pieces of data - numbers, text, graphics, videos and sensor information - to glean insights that can't be detected through standard methods. Given the pace of technological advancement and the exponential increase in the amount of data produced worldwide, there may be opportunities to do things more efficiently and identify patterns through innovative techniques, the presentation says. "In other words, once we have the information, how can we ensure that we are in a position to use it effectively?" The May 2015 presentation, Big Data Analytics in the World of Safety and Security, was prepared for **Public Safety Canada's internal policy committee**. The Canadian Press obtained a declassified version of the secret draft presentation under the Access to Information Act. Small portions were withheld due to their sensitivity. [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News)

Government requests for info on Canadian Facebook users up 47% from 2014

The Canadian government is requesting more information about Canadian Facebook users than ever. Government requests for Facebook account data jumped by almost 50 per cent in the first half of 2015 according to a report released Wednesday by the social media giant. In the first half of 2015 the company reported 410 requests from the Canadian government concerning 508 accounts relating to "valid requests relating to criminal cases." Facebook handed data over to the government 79 per cent of the time. This was a 47 per cent increase from 2014 when the government made 279 requests involving 355 accounts in the last half of 2014. During this period, Facebook complied with the requests 58 per cent of the time. [Global News](#); [iPolitics](#)

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In the first half of 2015, Ottawa asked for information about 500 Canadian accounts. Facebook says the vast majority of requests are regarding criminal cases. The government usually asks for basic user information, i.p. addresses and the content of some online posts. (CBC Vancouver, 6h10; CBC News, 11h25 ET)

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BC Ferries says Active Pass jumping stunt cost \$40,000

A man who deployed a life raft and jumped overboard a ferry in Active Pass last week cost BC Ferries \$40,000, according to a company spokeswoman. Deborah Marshall says the cost was greater than a

typical search and rescue mission because the life raft was damaged and had to be repaired. She said BC Ferries is working with the RCMP, which is investigating the incident which happened last Wednesday night. Marshall says BC Ferries intends to implement a lifetime ban on the person who jumped from travelling on any B.C. ferry. Marshall said the total bill includes the cost of repairing the damaged life-raft, outfitting the ferry with a replacement raft, overtime pay for the crews of the Coastal Celebration and the Spirit of British Columbia and extra fuel for both vessels. A young man was arrested after he allegedly jumped off a ferry, swam to Galiano Island, and broke into a house while naked. The bizarre incident happened on the Coastal Celebration at about 9:30 p.m. The vessel had stopped in Active Pass, after a man, believed to be in his mid 20s, threw one of the boat's 100-person life rafts into the water and then jumped overboard. [Vancouver Sun](#)

Lawyers continue fight for documents in Michel Vienneau case

Court of Queens Bench Justice Larry Landry told the court Wednesday he couldn't make an immediate decision on whether to order the coroner's office and the RCMP to produce documents pertinent to Michel Vienneau's death. Vienneau's common-law partner, Annick Basque, and her lawyer, Charles Leblanc, made a motion to request that police and government submit documents to assist in their lawsuit against the City of Bathurst. Vienneau, 51, was shot and killed by a Bathurst police officer Jan. 12, 2015 after he was apprehended in his car outside the Bathurst Via Rail station. Basque was also in the car at the time of the shooting. She alleges Vienneau's death is a result of police negligence. [CBC News](#)

Union calls for new strategy to protect workers in wake of ER assault

The president of the Nova Scotia Nurses' Union wants a plan in place to protect her members after a nurse and security guards were assaulted in the Hants Community Hospital emergency room Tuesday night. Janet Hazelton says the occurrence, which resulted in minor injuries, is far from a rarity and needs to stop. There were 153 assaults on nurses by patients last year, she said. "When a violent patient comes into (a hospital) we should have a plan. We should have security that are actually able to restrain patients if they have to." Charges of assault and causing a disturbance are pending against a 40-year-old man who RCMP have not yet identified. The accused, who has no fixed address, is expected to appear in Kentville provincial court today and was a patient at the hospital. [Chronicle Herald](#)

Police arrest 49-year-old man in sexual assault cold case from 1990

Toronto Police have arrested a 49-year-old suspect in a sexual assault cold case that happened near Thorncliffe Park in July of 1990. Austin Wyclef Thomas was arrested in the United Kingdom and extradited to Canada to face charges on Tuesday. Police allege that on July 27, 1990 Thomas entered a ground floor apartment near Millwood Road and Overlea Boulevard through an open window and attacked a woman who was asleep inside. They say he then tried to choke the woman and sexually assaulted her. In 2002 the Sex Crimes unit was able to develop a DNA profile of a male suspect and it was added to the national DNA database in Ottawa. Then in 2013 the cold case was reviewed by Project Timeless and investigators identified Thomas as the male suspect. Since then police have worked with Interpol and British police to locate Thomas and bring him to Canada. He appeared in Toronto court this morning for a bail hearing. This is the second cold case Toronto police believe they've cracked this week. On Tuesday, a 61-year-old man was charged with first-degree murder in the 1990 slaying of a gas station attendant. [CBC News](#)

Northern Alberta man charged in wife's death

A man has been charged in the death of his common-law wife on a northern Alberta First Nation. Peter Noskey, 35, has been charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Vicky Cardinal, 35. Cardinal was transported from Peerless Lake, a community 235 kilometres east of Peace River, to hospital in Edmonton on Thursday. She died Sunday. An autopsy has been scheduled. Cardinal and Nosky lived together on Peerless Trout First Nation. [Canadian Press](#) (Edmonton Journal)

Students in Nanaimo, Ladysmith locked in schools after online threat

Students in Nanaimo and Ladysmith were locked inside their schools following a non-specific threat, according to the district. The schools were under hold and secure status, meaning all the doors to the buildings were been locked. Students remained in class while the schools were locked, the district said. The district has confirmed the threat was made online, prompting the order at around 9 a.m. The

hold and secure status was lifted at 10:20 a.m. RCMP have yet to comment on the nature of the threat.
[CTV News](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

'It's a violent life;' Day by day, former gang member rebuilds

It was the first time in his life Brad Christianson truly feared going to jail. He was 23 years old on the cold January morning when he walked into court, knowing his fate was sealed. By that time in his young life, Christianson was no stranger to incarceration. He was first locked up when he was 12, after pulling a pocket knife on an older kid. This time around, he was truly frightened. This time, he wouldn't have the protection of his gang to see him through the hard days ahead. (...) For a gang member, he says, prison is not a scary place. If you wear the right colours and are "cliqued up" with the right gang, a five-year stint is nothing. Jail was a given — another part of the street life, where laws are flouted daily. Higher-ups in the gang exert their control behind bars, as well as on the outside. "When you are in the federal penitentiary, gangs are dominant. It's open population. You see when you go eat, when you go to the weight pit and the gym," he says. When Christianson was sentenced to five years for his role in a violent home invasion in 2010, he no longer had the backing of his gang. He had dropped his colours.

[StarPhoenix](#)

Lawyer appeals conviction of Christopher Falconer in murder of Nova Scotia woman

The lawyer for a Nova Scotia man appealing his first-degree murder conviction in the death of Amber Kirwan says the Crown and trial judge made errors in the way they described evidence to the jury. Lee Seshagiri argued today in the Appeal Court of Nova Scotia that the jury may have been confused on whether evidence had to be accepted as fact in the trial of Christopher Alexander Falconer last February. A panel of three judges heard his detailed legal arguments about what evidence was binding in the case. Falconer was given an automatic sentence of life in prison with no parole eligibility for 25 years after he was convicted by a jury in January. [Canadian Press](#) (The Guardian, The Telegram, Chronicle-Herald)

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Correctional Services of Canada has seized a significant amount of marijuana at the medium security Dorchester Penitentiary. (CFXY-FM Fredericton, 8h04)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Minister wants to get started on missing women inquiry 'as soon as we possibly can'

Carolyn Bennett, Canada's newly appointed minister of indigenous and northern affairs, says the Liberal government wants to announce a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women "as soon as we possibly can." Speaking with reporters ahead of a caucus meeting on Thursday, Bennett said she's hoping to announce a pre-inquiry consultation process within the next 100 days. In terms of an inquiry, she said it's "a matter of what's doable, but we need support to make sure that we get it right." [CTV News](#)

Waiting for Daleen; How a family never gave up their search for justice

How long would you wait for someone you love? If one day you wake up to find a loved one is missing, do you exhaust mind and body to recover what is lost or do you let obsessive hope give way to accepting an absence beyond your control? Daleen Kay Bosse disappeared one night in May 2004. Her family woke up knowing only that her absence worried them. They waited four years to find out what had happened to Daleen and they could have spent the rest of their lives searching for answers. Daleen, a 25-year-old married mother of a three-year-old girl, wasn't living what police call a "high-risk lifestyle." She had finished her third year of education at the University of Saskatchewan, aspiring to be a teacher like her parents, Pauline and Herb Muskego. They raised Daleen and her siblings as engaged citizens, culturally aware and responsible. Daleen, a Cree woman with roots in the Onion Lake Cree Nation, dabbled in

photography, art and drama. She was only vulnerable because she was an aboriginal woman.
[StarPhoenix](#)

Searching for the line between free speech and cyber bullying

When does free speech become online bullying, or a negative review become slander? Those are the questions being asked after an incident on the review site Abbotsford Rants and Raves. (...) Someone posting a negative review about a business online isn't a unique circumstance, however, this situation prompts a question: *When does a review site cross the line between exercising free speech and condoning cyber bullying?* When animosity is displayed with such ferocity amongst strangers, it's referred to as a mob mentality. While in "real life," crowds of level-headed people would not gather to promote malicious behaviour, that exact scenario is somehow allowed and often encouraged online. In Abbotsford, a business owner felt threatened, a girl and her family felt wronged, and the online community wanted justice, armed with only one side of the story. The Abbotsford Police Department (APD) do not get involved in such matters for this reason. They are not in a position to regulate online activity or authorize what qualifies as cyber bullying. Ultimately, it is subjective, as anyone offended by a comment could claim they are being bullied and demand action by the police. [VanCity Buzz](#)

Residents put draft police business plan under the microscope

In its desire to ensure it is working with the right community-based partners, the Ottawa police have likely already found a good match. Police brass recently turned to the public for another round of input on potential gaps in its three-year business plan, which is now being developed to guide service delivery, provide for policing staffs and work with the right community partners. Following the first of two brainstorming sessions at the St. Elias Centre in the Riverview Park community on Nov. 5, residents made several suggestions, including rethinking the plan's language to ensure inclusivity for high-needs communities, more proactively engaging with immigrants and newcomers, more prominently including youth and schools and having officers more positively interact with residents. "We felt that the police might be a little bit too much for negative actions in terms of ... drug checks," said Sandy Hill resident Jan van Heuzen, one of 124 people at the meeting. "We'd like to see more positive actions where they use their community to engage in a positive way and sort of show police as a friend instead of police as a uniform." [Ottawa Community News](#)

OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEES / OPÉRATION RÉFUGIÉS SYRIENS

Cabinet expected to approve Syrian refugee resettlement plan

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau meets with his cabinet today and one of the top priorities is to approve a plan to resettle 25,000 refugees from Syria. The fast-track Liberal plan needs to work out the logistics of how to get them here before year's end, and where to house them once they arrive. The Canadian Armed Forces is expected to play a crucial role in the refugee resettlement process. Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. Jonathan Vance, is attending today's cabinet meeting. Arriving on Parliament Hill, Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan kept tight-lipped about the possibility of temporarily accommodating refugees at military bases and other facilities. "Still working on it," he said. It's expected refugees will be chosen from Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, and Canada's representative at the United Nations High Commission for Refugees says U.N. staff are trying to keep expectations realistic. [CBCNews](#)

Refugees a long-term investment in the country

According to an opinion piece, "The deadline is probably unnecessarily tight and, to do it right, Canadians would probably give the new Trudeau government the breathing room needed to push the Jan. 1 deadline. But the government has the support of the UN Refugee Agency, provinces, cities, the military, airlines, labour organizations, churches and Canadians. It evokes memories of the last time this country opened its arms in such a compassionate embrace, and one Toronto man knows better than any the work involved in pulling off such a herculean task. Scott Mullin was 22 and barely out of Carleton University when the Toronto Star headlined a March 5, 1979, piece about him - "Viet refugees view Canadian as a god." [Record](#)

Peter Showler: Canada can rise to the refugee challenge

During the election, Justin Trudeau promised to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada by the end of the year. It was a well-intentioned and uninformed promise that under normal circumstances could not be kept. At the same time, there are many good reasons for trying to keep it. There are more than 4.5 million Syrian refugees in the neighbouring countries of Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey. Some have been there for as long as four years and most are in desperate circumstances. It's a situation so hopeless that over 600,000 refugees – men, women and children – have been driven to risk their lives in over-crowded boats to reach Europe where they face both humanitarian welcomes and barbed wire at some borders. Nearly 3,500 refugees did not complete that voyage. [OttawaCitizen](#)

Canadian Foodgrains Bank commits to helping Syrian refugees

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank has committed \$4 million to help over 200,000 people in seven different countries. One project will respond to the needs of displaced people within Syria. As the Syrian conflict continues, millions of people have been forced from their homes to other parts of Syria and neighbouring countries. Even for those who have not been displaced, livelihoods have been disrupted, and households are hosting family members from other parts of the country. Many people are struggling to get by. As savings are depleted, families are becoming increasingly desperate. In response, through their partner Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development, World Renew is providing 2,000 families (about 12,000 people) with emergency food baskets on a monthly basis for six months. The project total is \$676,000. [MyToba](#)

An Antidote to Cynicism in Canada

According to an editorial, "It has become common to bemoan the sorry state of politics, what with all the big money, dirty tricks, image molding, partisan gridlock and general cynicism. Yet voters seem never to cease longing for a leader who can restore pride to high office and rekindle the national spirit. Sometimes it actually happens. John F. Kennedy will be remembered for his youth and his inspiring call for sacrifice in his Inaugural Address. For all the tribulations of his presidency, Barack Obama's election was a shining moment for Americans. Now Canada is having its moment with Justin Trudeau, the new prime minister." [NYTimes](#)

Refugee resettlement commitment doable, but not on time: expert

The Trudeau government's plan to welcome 25,000 Syrian refugees into Canada by the end of the year is commendable, says one immigration expert, but it is unrealistic to expect that so many can be settled by Jan. 1. Peter Showler, a former chair of the Immigration and Refugee Board, says resettlement is always complicated, but becomes even more so when the plan is to bring in tens of thousands of refugees at once. The first problem, he says, will be figuring out how to house that many newcomers. [CTV News](#)

How will Liberal cabinet handle Syrian refugee resettlement?

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau meets with his cabinet today to, among other things, review how Canada will keep its commitment to resettle 25,000 refugees from Syria. The Liberal plan has so far focused on the logistics of getting some of them here before year's end, but also on where to house them. It's expected refugees will be chosen from Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, and Canada's representative at the United Nations High Commission for Refugees says UN staff are trying to keep expectations realistic. Unlike usual procedures, where refugee cases are processed individually, this program will likely involve the batching together of groups and the simplification of paperwork. [Canadian Press](#) (CBC News)

Federal cabinet to talk refugee logistics

The new federal cabinet meet today and will attempt to deal with the logistics of trying to bring 25-thousand Syrian refugees to Canada by the end of the year. It's expected refugees will be chosen from Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. UN officials doing the assessment work overseas have suggests the process might be streamlined by fasttracking those considered a low security risk. Of the 4.2 million people registered as refugees from Syria's civil war, the UN wants to resettle a third of them. Earlier this week, Air Canada said it had a window of opportunity before the Christmas rush started to make some of its planes available to help the government transport refugees. Meanwhile there's still no plan in place for how Alberta will deal with an influx of Syrian refugees. Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson says there's no

question some of the refugees will be coming here. He says the immediate issues will be finding accommodations and proper winter clothing. He says a number of agencies and organizations will have to step up to help the government make this a smooth transition. [CHQR News Talk 770 AM](#)

Canada Plans To Bring In 500 Syrian Refugees A Day Until Year's End

The Canadian government is forging ahead with its pledge to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of the year, honoring an audacious campaign promise made by newly-elected Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Canada will need to take in refugees at a rate of around 500 people per day if it is to meet that mark, a pace that has resulted in some aid agencies questioning whether the government can accomplish the difficult feat without sacrificing care for refugees. The government has remained steadfast in its commitment, though, with Minister of Immigration John McCallum reaffirming this week that officials are doing all they can to ensure the government properly achieves its goal. "We're committed to do this fast, but we're also committed to do it right, to do it well," McCallum told the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. The details of how Trudeau's administration aims to deal with the numerous practical concerns associated with resettlement will be revealed Thursday, when the prime minister and his cabinet review a roadmap for final approval. [Huffington Post](#)

As Liberals decide how to bring 25,000 Syrians to Canada, the choice is also who to accept

Somewhere right now, in a refugee camp in Amman or a rental apartment in Beirut or on a street in Istanbul, sits a Syrian hoping to be among the 25,000 people resettled to Canada, possibly by the end of the year. United Nations staff working with the Canadian government to figure out who will be on the planes or ships dispatched to the region in the coming weeks say they are trying to keep expectations realistic. "Rumours are already going in the refugee populations that there's a large program, that Canadians are coming," said Furio De Angelis, the Canadian representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. "We have to explain, present it as it is, an extraordinary effort but not everyone is eligible." The UN refugee agency, tasked with overseeing what's been called the greatest refugee crisis since the Second World War — is actually very specific when it comes to selecting people for resettlement. [National Post](#)

Surrey braces for influx of Syrian refugees

An estimated 2,700 Syrian refugees are expected to arrive in B.C. by the end of the year and it's likely more of them will settle in Surrey than any other municipality in the province. "The city has a history of welcoming refugees and my understanding is nearly 30 percent of refugees that come to British Columbia end up settling in Surrey," says Councillor Judy Villeneuve. "There's a reason for that. The housing in Surrey is less expensive than Vancouver, Richmond or Burnaby." [CBC News](#)

Finding housing for new refugees could pose problem: Manitoba agency

The head of a non-profit agency that helps newcomers find a place to live says it's wonderful Manitoba will be taking in more refugees — but finding homes for them will be a challenge. Sally Nelson is the interim executive director of New Journey Housing, which helps newcomers find affordable housing. It also educates them on how to be a good tenant and their rights and responsibilities. Newcomers include refugees, immigrants, international students and foreign workers. [CBC News](#)

L'ONU presse le Canada d'accueillir non pas 25 000 Syriens, mais 125 000!

Puisque le Canada « reçoit 280 000 résidents permanents et à peu près 200 000 travailleurs migrants temporaires annuellement », la cible de 25 000 nouveaux réfugiés syriens d'ici le mois de janvier que s'est fixé le nouveau gouvernement canadien n'apparaît pas « très grosse ». C'est ce qu'affirme le rapporteur spécial des Nations unies pour les droits de l'homme et des migrants, François Crépeau. Selon cet universitaire canadien, le Canada devrait ouvrir ses portes à 25 000 réfugiés syriens annuellement sur une période de cinq ans. Cela constituerait selon lui « un bel effort pour un petit pays de 36 millions d'habitants » en plus d'envoyer un « signal de solidarité ». « Le Canada reçoit 280 000 résidents permanents et à peu près 200 000 travailleurs migrants temporaires annuellement, donc presque un demi-million de personnes. Vingt-cinq mille réfugiés, ça ne me paraît pas un très gros chiffre par rapport à ces chiffres-là » a-t-il illustré. [Radio-Canada International](#)

Syrian refugees Summerside-bound

A Summerside church group has sponsored two Syrian refugee families, and expects them to arrive on P.E.I. in the new year. The sponsorship group at Trinity United Church says donations have been pouring in. The church committee agreed to put up \$15,000 per family and get homes ready for those families. [CBC News](#)

2000 élèves réfugiés syriens attendus dans les écoles à Montréal

Une vague de quelque 2000 élèves réfugiés syriens, âgés de 4 à 17 ans, grossiront les rangs des écoles de l'île de Montréal dès janvier prochain. En entrevue à Radio-Canada, Catherine Harel-Bourdon, présidente de la Commission scolaire de Montréal (CSDM), a expliqué qu'elle travaillait avec les deux autres commissions scolaires francophones de l'île de Montréal sur les hypothèses d'accueil de ces élèves. À elle seule, la CSDM recevra la moitié des nouveaux élèves soit entre 600 et 900 enfants de plus. Il s'agit notamment de se préparer à leur offrir des cours de francisation et « à mettre toute en œuvre pour l'intégration des familles ». [Radio-Canada](#)

Refugee agencies lost federal money, now trying to ramp up

The anticipated influx to Canada of 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of the year has grassroots settlement agencies in Ottawa calling on the government to restore funding cut in recent years. Details about the Liberals' Syrian resettlement plan — as well as the money to go with it — could come as early as Thursday afternoon when the government is expected to make another announcement. Meanwhile, the umbrella group Refugee 613 has emerged to co-ordinate settlement agencies and community services. [CBC News](#)

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In Calgary, private sponsors expect as many as 2,000 Syrians will arrive here over the next few months, and the local Syrian community is ready to help. (CFCN News (CTV Calgary), 6h45)

Au Québec, la Commission scolaire de Montréal se prépare à accueillir entre 600 et 900 enfants âgés entre 4 et 17 ans. Catherine Harel Bourdon, présidente, Commission scolaire de Montréal explique qu'il y a des enseignants formés expressément dans l'accueil et la francisation. La commission scolaire a un mandat de s'assurer que l'intégration se passe bien. Elle demande du financement de Québec. (RDI, 9h45 ET)

En scrum, la ministre de l'Immigration, de la Diversité et de l'Inclusion du Québec, Kathleen Weil, explique que la province se prépare à accueillir 2400 réfugiés qui viendraient dans les prochains mois. [Transcription ébauche](#)

CBC News reported live from the House of Commons where Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Minister John McCallum responded to reporters' questions regarding the government's plan to bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees. Of note, the Minister stated that a detailed plan will be the laid out in the coming days. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News reported live from the House of Commons where Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale responded to reporters' questions regarding the government's plan to bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees, among other topics. [Rough Transcript](#)

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EU passport-free area under threat as nations take action to slow huge influx of migrants

European leaders scrambled Thursday to keep their passport-free travel zone from collapsing, after Germany, Sweden and Slovenia acted on their own to tighten borders or erect fences to slow the relentless influx of people marching into Europe. A two-day summit held on the Mediterranean island of Malta was meant to focus on how to send back to Africa those who don't qualify for asylum and discourage others from attempting the risky journey across the seas in search of a better life. But the gathering of European Union and African leaders quickly became overshadowed by fears that one of Europe's prized benefits the ease of travel through its Schengen passport-free area was unraveling. "Saving Schengen is a race against time," EU Council President Donald Tusk warned. [Guardian](#)

Turkey: 11 IS suspects reported detained in raids in Istanbul, days before G 20 summit

Turkey's state-run news agency says police have detained 11 people in a new security sweep in Istanbul against suspected Islamic State militants. The Anadolu Agency says the suspects, including seven foreign nationals, were detained Thursday during simultaneous raids on some 20 addresses in the city. The report said the suspects had arrived in Turkey to join the IS group. There was no information on their nationalities. Turkey has detained dozens of IS suspects in recent weeks, including some 20 in or near the city of Antalya, which will be hosting U.S. President Barack Obama and other G-20 leaders at a summit meeting Sunday and Monday. [Associated Press](#) (Today's Zaman)

37 killed in twin suicide bombing in Beirut

A twin suicide bombing struck the southern suburb of the Lebanese capital Beirut has killed at least 37 people, local media said. A Red Cross official was quoted Lebanese TV channels 37 people have been killed when two suicide bombing struck the Burj Al Barajneh area, a stronghold of the militant group Hezbollah, on Thursday evening. Al Jadeed TV quoted a health official as saying 181 have been injured in the two attacks which hit the Mosque road in the neighborhood. "A third suicide bomber failed to detonate his explosive belt but managed to escape. He is at large and we are looking for him," the channel quoted police sources as saying. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombings. Southern Beirut is a stronghold of Hezbollah that is fighting in Syria along with government forces there. The area has been hit in the past. Militant groups that fight the Syrian regime of Bashar Al Assad have threatened to carry out more such attacks. [Gulf News Lebanon](#); [Reuters](#); [Sky News](#); [Bloomberg News](#); [Associated Press](#) (Canada.com)

Around 25 dead in Boko Haram raid in Niger and clashes with army

Around 25 people were killed on Wednesday in a Boko Haram attack on a village in southern Niger and subsequent clashes between the Islamist militants and the army, Niger military officials said. Fighters from the Nigerian militant group killed five civilians in their initial attack on the village located in the West African nation's Bosso district. Niger soldiers drove back the militants, killing around 20 of them, the officers said. [Reuters](#)

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Government requests for info on Canadian Facebook users up 47% from 2014 <http://gln.ca/UzkL7>

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Red Deer RCMP investigate following body found in woods <http://ow.ly/UzaRr>

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RCMP investigating discovery of body in Red Deer <http://bit.ly/1Mplnzl>. #yeg

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Charges laid in Peerless Trout First Nation death <http://bit.ly/1OGjo0u>. #yeg

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Three Kimberley RCMP vehicles damaged in chase. http://www.dailybulletin.ca/breaking_news/346789382.html....

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Breaking: RCMP say no charges will be laid against Chad Pasloski, the man caught on tape verbally yelling racial slurs at a #yyc cab driver.

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Alta RCMP drug expert Cpl Jeff Cain says fentanyl an epidemic there; 150 deaths by end of August, forecast 300 for the year.

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Minister hopes to announce missing women pre-inquiry consultation within 100 days <http://ow.ly/Uzwar> #cdnpoli

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Justin Trudeau will review Syrian refugee commitment in cabinet meeting <http://bit.ly/1kPpb6Q>

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Around 25 dead in Boko Haram raid in Niger and clashes with army: <http://reut.rs/1WTNmGc>

BBCBreaking

At least 17 killed in Beirut as blasts hit Hezbollah-dominated suburbs, Lebanese security sources tell BBC Arabic <http://bbc.in/1krDz5l>

AP

Lebanese official says death toll in twin blasts in southern Beirut's Shiite suburb reaches 16: <http://apne.ws/1MZIGHN>

Reuters

BREAKING: At least 20 people killed in suicide attacks in Beirut's southern suburbs, senior interior minister source says.

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Death toll in twin [#Beirut](#) blasts said to rise to 23; more than 100 others wounded. Explosions took place in [#Hezbollah](#)-held [#Shia](#) district.

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BREAKING: At least 27 killed in Beirut explosions: Hezbollah medics

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Kelly Block and Gerry Ritz are now part of the Conservative's new shadow cabinet

Two Saskatchewan MPs are now part of the Conservative's new shadow cabinet. Interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose announced Friday that Carleton Trail-Eagle Creek MP Kelly Block will serve as the Conservative critic for Transport. Former minister of agriculture Gerry Ritz will serve as the Conservative critic for International Trade. Gerry Ritz, former agriculture minister, will serve as the Conservative critic for International Trade. "I believe the team we have assembled will be the strongest Official Opposition this country has ever seen," Ambrose said in a news release Friday morning. In the release, Ambros also took the opportunity to slam Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's plan to bring 25,000 new Syrian refugees into the country by the end of the year. "Today, I am asking Prime Minister Trudeau to be open and transparent on how he will safely and responsibly settle 25,000 Syrian in less than six weeks, which is over 500 people per day," Ambrose said in the release. Block was first elected in 2008 in the Saskatoon - Rosetown - Biggar riding. She was re-elected in the newly formed Carleton Trail - Eagle Creek riding last

election. Ritz, who was agriculture minister since 2007 in Stephen Harper's government, was re-elected in his Battlefords - Lloydminster riding in Oct. Other Saskatchewan MPs received critic portfolios as well. David Anderson (Cypress Hills - Grasslands) will serve as the critic for Human Rights and Religious Freedom and Brad Trost (Saskatoon - University) will serve as the critic for Canada/US Relations. Regina-Wascana's **Ralph Goodale** is the only Saskatchewan MP to hold a cabinet position in Trudeau's Liberal government. [StarPhoenix](#)

Refugees to be temporarily housed at military sites in Quebec, Ontario

The Canadian Armed Forces are preparing to lodge hundreds of refugees at bases in Ontario and Quebec on a temporary basis as the government prepares to resettle 25,000 refugees by year's end. The government has yet to say how it intends to meet its goal of resettling thousands in a limited timeframe, but an announcement is expected soon. "The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) is currently planning on providing interim lodging at bases in Quebec and Ontario as a priority," said Dominique Tessier, a media relations officer with the Department of National Defence, in an email to CBC News. "Other bases and locations may be used if requested by government of Canada planners." **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** was asked on Wednesday about plans to resettle 1,000 refugees at CFB Trenton in Ontario and 500 refugees at CFB Valcartier in Quebec as early as Dec. 1. "***We recognize the urgency. We want to release the details as rapidly as possible,***" said **Goodale**, adding that the specifics would be announced by the immigration minister in the coming days. **Goodale** and Immigration Minister John McCallum met with two of Quebec's ministers today to discuss the government's "ambitious" plan. [CBC News](#)

Wall says Saskatchewan will set up a refugee settlement centre

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall says the government will establish a refugee settlement centre to co-ordinate the arrival of Syrian refugees into the province. The announcement comes just days after Wall said the federal government should suspend its plan to bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees by year's end because of safety concerns. "Notwithstanding our disagreement with the federal government, we want to be there for refugees, we want to move ahead in an effective way, and so I'm announcing today the creation of the refugee settlement centre," Wall said Thursday at the legislature in Regina. The centre will co-ordinate settlement groups, community-based organizations and school districts. For example, schools may need more support for English as a second language programs. The premier says it's important to ensure that refugees who come to Saskatchewan make a successful transition to life in Canada. However, Wall also says he remains concerned that a rushed political deadline could compromise the success of the refugee resettlement effort. "We don't think a deadline-driven process is the right thing to do. I still don't think that, but we're going to do our part. We're going to be ready, not just to do our part, but to do it well in the interest of effective settlement." The premier says many questions remain unanswered about the federal government's resettlement plan, but the province needs to be ready to welcome the refugees whenever they start to arrive. He estimates about 850 refugees could settle in Saskatchewan. Wall said in a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau that the attacks in Paris are a grim reminder of the death and destruction even a small number of "malevolent individuals can inflict upon a peaceful country and its citizens." Gunmen and suicide bombers killed 129 people and injured about 300 in the French capital last Friday night. The premier said Canada should take in refugees, but security should be "first and foremost" the concern for the provincial and federal governments. Wall says he has since spoken to federal **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** and was given more information about the refugee screening process. Many questions remained unanswered, he added. The premier says he asked **Goodale** again to get rid of the deadline. "We'll be very supportive of as many as possible, as soon as possible, but let's just work to results, not a deadline," said Wall. [Canadian Press](#) (iPolitics)

ATTACKS IN PARIS / ATTENTATS A PARIS

Mort d'Abdelhamid Abaaoud: des questions en suspens

Né en 1987 dans la commune bruxelloise de Molenbeek, Abaaoud était devenu une vedette locale pour les jeunes radicalisés, notamment grâce à son utilisation des médias sociaux. Une vidéo où on le voyait en Syrie traîner des cadavres derrière un véhicule avait beaucoup circulé. Va-t-il être érigé en martyr en raison de sa mort au combat ? « Comme martyr, ils vont sûrement le vénérer comme étant mort pour une

raison que certaines personnes admirent, oui », a expliqué Nasser Houdak, intervenant jeunesse à l'Association de la jeunesse molenbeekoise, dans un entretien avec La Presse hier. « Notre travail quotidien, c'est justement d'essayer que les jeunes ne soient pas récupérés de cette façon », dit-il. [La Presse](#)

France to keep border checks as long as 'terrorist threat' lasts

France will maintain controls along all its borders with fellow EU countries for as long as the imminent threat of attacks remains, French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said on Friday. "France will maintain the border controls it established last Friday as long as the terrorist threat makes it necessary," Cazeneuve told a press conference after a crisis meeting with his EU counterparts following last week's deadly Paris attacks. The Paris attacks in which 129 people died have raised troubling questions about border security in the Schengen zone, where citizens of 22 EU countries, plus non-EU Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein enjoy passport-free travel. "There is a high level of terrorist threat and it's our duty to protect the French people," Cazeneuve said, defending France's decision to re-establish borders within the zone. [AFP](#) (Yahoo! News)

Paris attacks: Police say 3rd body found from raid that killed alleged ringleader

The Paris prosecutor's office says that a third body was found overnight in an apartment raided by police searching for suspects in last week's Paris attacks. The office said in a statement Friday that the body is that of a woman but her identity is unclear. Prosecutors earlier identified one of the others killed in Wednesday's raid in Saint-Denis as suspected mastermind Abdelhamid Abaaoud. The development comes as European Union interior and justice ministers are gathering for an emergency meeting in Brussels on how best to respond to the threat of violent extremism. It is expected France and Belgium will push to tighten gun laws, toughen border security and choke off funds to extremist groups. But the ministers are not expected to order any new measures that could be immediately introduced to restore calm among countries rattled by the coordinated attacks in Paris, claimed by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) organization, that killed 129 people. Documents prepared for the Friday meeting in Brussels and seen by The Associated Press indicate the ministers instead will try to push forward on priorities already identified, but not acted on, by EU leaders following an earlier round of deadly attacks in Paris on a satirical newspaper and a kosher grocery in January. [CBC News](#); [BBC News](#); [Toronto Star](#); [France24](#); [Chicago Tribune](#); [New York Times](#); [Huffington Post](#); [London Free Press](#); [Wall Street Journal](#); [Associated Press](#) (Kingston Whig-Standard, Toronto Sun, Edmonton Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun)

Tapped phone led Paris attack leader to his death

The top suspect behind last week's Paris attacks was watched by police being led into a building by a woman suicide bomber the evening before they both died there during a raid by special forces, a police source said on Friday. Police had been tapping the phone of Hasna Aitboulahcen as part of a drugs investigation and were able to track her down to the Saint-Denis suburb north of the French capital. They watched the 26-year-old take Abdelhamid Abaaoud, suspected mastermind of the Nov. 13 bombings and shootings that killed 130 people, into the building where both died early on Wednesday morning. She detonated a suicide belt during the seven-hour police assault on the building, where officials said a third unidentified person died with them. Aitboulahcen may be Abaaoud's cousin. Once they learnt Abaaoud was in France from Moroccan officials, French police focussed on Aitboulahcen, a woman with links to him whom they were already trailing. [Reuters](#)

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Paris attacks a 'game changer' for security in the West, NATO official says

One of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's senior most officials says the November 13th Paris attacks are a "game changer" for security in the West as the ascendant Islamic State moves beyond its self-proclaimed caliphate in Iraq and Syria to wage al-Qaeda-style attacks on distant targets. General Petr Pavel, the chairman of NATO's military committee, said all western countries are at risk of not just Islamic State-inspired attacks but now also terrorism planned and executed directly by the Islamic State, also known as ISIL and ISIS. "Anyone who is not following the values of ISIL should be afraid." Recent examples include attacks organized by the Islamic State in Beirut, Turkey and Paris, where 129 people were killed and hundreds wounded by gunmen and bombers. "It is apparent that the Islamic State has reached the limits of geographical expansion and now they are even losing some so they [will] probably expand into our domain and one of them may be even hitting us on our own ground," Gen. Pavel said in an interview. He is in Halifax for the Halifax International Security Forum, an annual gathering of security and defence experts sponsored by the Canadian government. "We are most probably at the beginning of a new phase of ISIL activities that will affect us in our own countries and we will have to take appropriate measures," the general said. [Globe and Mail](#)

How Isis attack in Paris changed the landscape of militancy

The headline is brutally uncompromising. The letters, in red over an image of French firefighters treating a casualty, spell two words: "Just Horror". On the next page is a phrase attributed to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the Jordanian street thug turned militant who a decade ago in Iraq founded the group that was eventually to evolve into Islamic State. "The spark has been lit ... and its heat will continue to intensify ... until it burns the crusader armies in Dabiq," it reads. Dabiq is a village in northern Syria, currently under Isis control, where Islamic apocalyptic prophecies site the final battle between good and evil, belief and unbelief, the west and Islam. It is also the name of the Isis magazine, the 12th edition of which was published three days ago. [Guardian](#)

Paris Attacks: Who Was the Female Suicide Bomber?

The woman who blew herself up during an anti-terror police raid in suburban Paris on Wednesday has been identified as a 26-year-old daughter of a Moroccan immigrant. Hasna Aitboulahcen, 26, has described herself in the past as a cousin of Abdelhamid Abaaoud, the suspected ringleader of the Nov. 13 terror attacks in Paris, but her actual relationship to Abaaoud remains unclear. Friends described her to NBC News as a party girl who drank and had tried drugs. She detonated a suicide vest as police stormed an apartment in the suburb of Saint-Denis as part of the search for those responsible for planning and executing the attacks. In an audio recording of the raid an officer can be heard shouting, "Where is your boyfriend?" The woman replies, "He's not my boyfriend." [NBC News](#); [Hamilton Spectator](#)

Police Scotland confirm spike in hate crime after Paris attacks

Police Scotland has confirmed a significant spike in hate crime since last Friday's terrorist attacks in Paris, as Muslim community leaders warn of a "fierce backlash". Iain Livingstone, deputy chief constable, said there had been 64 reports of racially or religiously motivated crimes across Scotland, including online and offline abuse. He was unable to say how many were directly linked to the Paris atrocities, but confirmed that suspects had been identified in 40 of these cases. There were 71 charges relating to Islamophobic hate crime in 2014-15, out of a total of 569 incidents of religiously aggravated offending in Scotland. Speaking at a gathering of faith leaders at Glasgow Central Mosque, Livingstone encouraged members of the Muslim community to continue reporting such incidents, insisting: "There is no place in Scottish life for such behaviour." He said: "We take a firm stance on dealing with all allegations of hate

crime including those motivated by racial and religious intolerance. The increased police activity in responding to international terrorism is matched by the increased efforts of Police Scotland officers dealing with hate crime." The gathering, which included representatives from the Catholic church, and the Jewish and Sikh communities, was convened with the purpose of publicly expressing solidarity across faith groups. This follows a spate of crimes, including a gang attack on a takeaway outlet in Methil, Fife, on Sunday, which resulted in the owner needing treatment for a serious eye injury and has so far led to four arrests. On Monday morning, a mosque in Bishopbriggs, to the north of Glasgow, was the subject of a suspected arson attack. Death threats have been made to the Strathclyde University Muslim Students' Association. Jamil Moghul of Glasgow Central Mosque said: "Innocent Muslims are facing a fierce backlash, in part due to ignorance of Islam and in part due to Islamophobia. This has created a climate of fear and anxiety, such that school trips to this very mosque have been cancelled." [Guardian](#); [Guardian](#)

Bombing Syria Won't Make Paris Safer

Bomb ISIS. Go ahead. They deserve it. It certainly satisfies the primal need for visible retaliation after the Paris attacks. It may even do some good in the struggle against terrorism in Europe. Some—but probably not very much. The enemy against which France and Europe are struggling is not centered in Syria. It receives examples and inspiration from Syria. It travels to Syria for practice and training. But it arises and is formed at home, inside Europe. It threatened Europe long before ISIS ever took shape. In 1995, for example, Khaled Kelkal, a young Algerian raised in France, played a central role in a campaign by members of Algeria's Armed Islamic Group to place bombs at commuter rail stations, at the Arc de Triomphe, and—in a familiar pattern—at a Jewish school. The bombing campaign killed eight people and wounded hundreds more. These "RER bombings"—so-called after the French commuter rail line they targeted—introduced France to indigenous terrorism in the name of Islam. But more, much more, was to come. Unlike the Hamburg, Germany cell that incubated the 9/11 hijackers, or the largely Moroccan authors of the 2004 Madrid train bombing that killed 191 and wounded almost 2,000, Islamist violence in Europe over the past decade has been predominantly the work of the European-born. And there's been considerable violence. This year alone, France has been struck seven times, beginning in January with the *Charlie Hebdo* killings and the attack on a kosher supermarket. These are only the attacks that succeeded: This week, British Prime Minister David Cameron revealed that U.K. intelligence services had prevented seven attacks within the past six months. [The Atlantic](#); [iPolitics](#); [1](#)

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L'Union Européenne annonce une série de nouvelles mesures pour renforcer la sécurité une semaine après les attentats de Paris. (RDI, 9h04 ET)

One week after the attacks in Paris, the death toll has risen to 130. (CBC News, 10h ET)

The Paris prosecutor's office says that a third body was found overnight in an apartment raided by police searching for suspects in last week's Paris attacks. (CBC News, 10h ET; RDI, 10h ET; CTV News, 10h ET)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Insurance industry aims to reduce huge losses from climate change extremes

This story is part of a package of special coverage of climate change issues by CBC News leading up to the United Nations climate change conference (COP21) being held in Paris from Nov. 30 to Dec. 11. The insurance industry has been hit by mounting claims from extreme weather, and for years now it has pointed out that the real costs associated with climate change are already with us. In the past decade, insurers have come to see that the only way to handle the changes ahead is to find ways to limit their costs, according to Craig Stewart, vice-president of federal affairs for the Insurance Bureau of Canada. "The property and casualty insurance industry has been on the front lines of this," Stewart told CBC News. "For the industry, climate change is a priority. We're working with every level of government to try to impress preparedness." The difference after 2013 - the year of catastrophic flooding along Alberta's rivers and a huge summer storm that flooded parts of Toronto - is that policy-makers actually started to

listen. That's the year the federal government had to write a cheque to Alberta for \$2.8 billion for flood damage, to partly compensate for damage of more than \$6 billion. The property and casualty insurance industry paid out \$1.7 billion in claims in Alberta alone that year - while claims in southern Ontario from severe weather totalled \$1.1 billion - a total of \$3.4 billion in claims from catastrophic weather events for the year. Previously the worst weather event was the 1998 ice storm, which resulted in \$1.6 billion in claims. That contrasts with 1983, with total "catastrophic loss" claims of \$82.8 million for the entire industry, 1993, with total claims of \$328 million, and 2003, with claims of \$519 million. Flooding from extreme weather Overwhelmingly, the costs of climate change come from flooding, as storms bring higher levels of rainfall and rivers overflow from sudden spring melts and heavy rain. Ice storms and fires also cause damage, but the main concern is floods. **Public Safety Canada** approached the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) about addressing flood risk last year, and the result has been an effort to design a public-private insurance mechanism that would cover the 10 per cent of Canadian properties that are at risk of repeated flooding, Stewart said. [CBC News](#)

McKenzie Lake hillside eroding as city ponders plan to shore it up

Calgary city council will consider next month how to shore up a slumping hillside in the deep southeast part of Calgary. The edge keeps creeping closer to the backyards of people who live along Mt. Alberta View S.E. in the community of McKenzie Lake. The city has spent \$4.4 million in recent years to stabilize the slope. It has recovered \$3.8 million of that from the province's Disaster Recovery Program (DRP). [CBC News](#)

LRT up and running for Edmonton's Friday commute

The City of Edmonton says both LRT lines are operating normally this morning. Service was restored following a power outage on Wednesday night when a train pulled the overhead power wires off their supports at about 9:40 p.m. north of downtown, shutting service throughout the system just as nearly 17,000 Oilers fans were leaving the game. Continued service disruptions made for delays in the commute Thursday morning. Edmonton Transit officials are promising a full review of their public alert systems after passengers complained of chaos, disorder and confusion during the power outage. [Edmonton Journal](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Muslim women feeling 'unsafe' : Manitoba Islamic Association

Manitoba's Muslim community feels threatened after recent acts of Islamophobia in Ontario. "Especially women now, they are feeling [threatened] after the attacks [in] Toronto, everyone is feeling sometimes unsafe," said Eptifam Esshaki, spokesperson for Manitoba Islamic Association. In Toronto, two women riding a subway on Wednesday were verbally assaulted and physically accosted, the Toronto Transit Commission reported. On a separate public transit system in the Greater Toronto Area, racist graffiti against Muslim girls was discovered in a train washroom. Last weekend, a mosque in Peterborough, Ont., was burned down, an act being treated as a hate crime. There are concerns around the world that recent attacks in Paris could spur anti Muslim violence. Recent instances of Islamophobia in Canada bring those threats closer to home, said Esshaki. "Especially when we hear the news, attacking Muslim women with hijab and pulling them, threatening them and beating them up. I think it's a big threat for us, yes," said Esshaki. She hopes that an open house this weekend will help prevent any assaults from arising in Winnipeg. "We are hoping to reach out to other communities and other faiths to understand [Islam]," said Esshaki. [CBC News](#)

Toronto says #IIRideWithYou to Muslims after racist attacks

Like many Toronto residents, Kelly Boaz said she "naively assumed" the backlash against Muslims, seen elsewhere in the wake of Friday's deadly attack in Paris, wouldn't occur in Toronto. But to date, at least four suspected anti-Muslim incidents, including an assault, have been reported: Two Muslim women were accosted and verbally harassed Wednesday night on a train at Sherbourne station.

Metrolinx discovered anti-Muslim graffiti Wednesday night on one of its trains. A Muslim mother was assaulted and robbed Monday afternoon by two men at a North York school. A Muslim U of T student says he was spat on and insulted on the weekend. "When I heard about the attack at the school

in Toronto, my heart sank," said Boaz. Boaz is among the dozens of Toronto transit riders who are offering to accompany Muslim riders by using the hashtag #IIRideWithYou. [CBC News](#)

Young Muslim Canadians on edge after string of attacks

Students at one of the largest Islamic schools in the Greater Toronto Area say they are concerned for their safety because of string of reported hate crimes in the region following the Paris attacks. Youngsters attending the Islamic Foundation of Toronto in Scarborough — many of whom are second- and third-generation Canadians — say they are fearful of being the next victims of discrimination. "You don't know what's going to happen," Grade 12 student Ammaar Jan said. [CBC News](#)

Muslim women, children urged to walk in pairs after attack in Flemingdon Park

Children and young Muslim women are being told to walk in pairs by local community leaders in Flemingdon Park as Toronto police continue to investigate a brutal assault they believe was a hate crime. The director of the local mosque has encouraged children to use the buddy system after a woman was assaulted and called a terrorist when she went to pick up her two children from Grenoble Public School Monday. "Young kids, they are afraid and they cannot understand," Aleemuddin Syed said in an interview Wednesday. "They feel like if they're going out alone, they're not safe." [CBC News](#)

Muslim student allegedly spat on, insulted by stranger

A Muslim student at the University of Toronto claims he was spat on and insulted in what appears to have been a racially charged, attempted assault outside Robarts Library. Osama Omar, 21, says he was attacked while waiting for a streetcar near Spadina Avenue and College Street, after a weekend study session. "A man approached me, without saying anything at all, he just came up to me and spat directly in my face," he told CBC News. Toronto has seen a number of racist incidents in the wake of last week's deadly attacks in Paris, for which ISIS has claimed responsibility. [CBC News](#)

After Paris, there will be no stopping the surveillance state now

An old acquaintance who spent years in Canada's secret world, where he developed a you-don't-know-the-half-of-it smile, regularly sends me taunting emails and links. The general theme is that thanks to all the whinging in the mainstream media about civil liberties, and the cavilling by politicians who disagreed with Stephen Harper about the imminent danger posed by Islamic terrorism to Canadians everywhere, our security agencies are unnecessarily hobbled. After the mass murders in Paris this week, he passed on an article by the conservative writer Mark Steyn, who wrote that instead of meeting about climate change, "a problem that doesn't exist," Western leaders should be doing something about the millions of Muslims who now live in Europe, most of whom "at a certain level either wish or are indifferent to the death of the societies in which they live — modern, pluralist, Western societies." My friend the ex-spy — who, like a number of security professionals I've met over the years, holds an advanced degree — clearly believes the only sensible remedy is increased powers for state security organs. And that anyone who refuses to accept that premise, or who wants to debate root causes, is quite simply advocating self-destruction. John Brennan, the CIA director, used the Paris massacre to make essentially the same point this week, denouncing "a lot of hand-wringing over the government's role in the effort to try to uncover these terrorists." Brennan was referring to the backlash created by former CIA/NSA contractor Edward Snowden, who, after fleeing the U.S., provided reporters with proof that America's electronic eavesdroppers for years have been scooping up the "metadata" of just about every email and phone call in the country. This was being done without warrants and was determined to be illegal, and prompted remedial action by both the president and Congress. In the view of Brennan and his cohort in the secret world, that reaction was insane. To them, privacy concerns are nothing more than the clucking of utopian dilettantes when set against the requirements of security agencies, which are, after all, charged with protecting us in the real world. The New York Times replied to Brennan with an editorial titled "Mass Surveillance is Not the Answer," noting in the process that Brennan and other security chiefs have lied on several occasions to the American people, and have never proven that their saturation-level monitoring of the public has actually prevented any attack. But what Brennan didn't mention — and no doubt covets — are the tools European security agencies now have at their disposal. They would make any American or Canadian intelligence officer drool. [CBC News](#) (2015-11-19)

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Reading between the lines of the cabinet mandate letters

Last week, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sent each of the 30 members of his cabinet a letter, with messages of congratulations, encouragement and exhortation. The letters also contained the ministers' individual marching orders - the prime minister's expectations of where they will focus and what they will accomplish, at least in the opening years of their mandate. In this, Trudeau was following the practice of his predecessors dating back to his father's days in the PMO. Justin Trudeau has departed significantly (and no doubt irreversibly) from past practice by making these letters - once the closely-guarded preserve of a handful of politicians and senior officials - entirely public. In so doing he both underscored and raised the stakes in his commitment to more open and accountable government. The chances are fair that no newly minted Canadian prime minister has ever formally articulated a preference for closed and unaccountable government. It's not surprising then that commentators have spoken of the "cut and paste" quality of all but the specific ministerial commitments and of the "pious nostrums" that may be found in the shared generic text. Arguably, however, there is more to these letters than meets the eye. [iPolitics](#)

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Halifax, Nova Scotia, will hold the annual International Security Forum. This year, the president of the forum said that the topics will likely be much more focused. The events in Paris have focused in on the challenges caused by what's called the Islamic State. Canada's new Defense Minister will open today's forum. He may offer more details about the refugees coming here to Canada. He may offer more details of exactly what Canada's role might be in that new expanded training mission. (CBC News, 10h30 ET)

Toronto residents are marching in solidarity after a Muslim woman was attacked on Monday by two men who pulled off her hijab and hurled racist comments at her. (CBC News, 12h45 ET)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Montana Commercial Entry Port Cutting Back Hours

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has announced the reduction of operational hours from 24 hours per day to 16 hours per day at the Raymond, MT port of entry (POE), effective Dec. 27. The new hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to midnight, seven days per week. The port will close at midnight on Saturday, Dec. 26 and reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 27. The Port of Raymond will maintain its designation as a commercial port of entry. The Port of Raymond is south of the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) Port of Regway in Saskatchewan, five miles north of Plentywood, MT and 162 kilometers

south of Regina, SK. CBP said it evaluated potential security implications, total annual operating costs, average annual crossing for commercial and passenger vehicles, and proximity to alternate ports of entry. [Today's Trucking](#)

BusinessView: Canadian retailers have opportunity to boost holiday sales as more Canadians prefer to shop local this Black Friday

Canada-U.S. border officials are set to see a marked drop in the volume of southbound traffic during the U.S. Thanksgiving weekend as Canadian consumers change their purchasing habits. UPS Canada's annual Black Friday survey conducted by Leger shows that fewer Canadians are taking their holiday shopping list cross-border for U.S. Black Friday deals. This U.S. Thanksgiving, the number of Canadians who are likely to buy goods from the U.S, either online or by cross border shopping, has dropped by 22 per cent since 2014 (37 per cent vs. 29 per cent in 2015). Shoppers are aware of the economy and among consumers unlikely to purchase from the U.S. during Black Friday, the unfavourable exchange rate (56 per cent) is listed as the top reason. On par with 2014, consumers unlikely to shop in the U.S., prefer to shop Canadian (39 per cent) and one quarter highlight that local retailers are offering Black Friday sales (26 per cent). "In the past, we've seen Canadian consumers flock across the border to take advantage of Black Friday deals, but this year 84 per cent are unlikely to cross-border shop," said Craig Calvert, director of customer solutions, UPS Canada. [Northumberland View](#)

Herb Gray Parkway completed, final stretch to open Saturday

After over four years of construction and traffic headaches, the final four-kilometre stretch of the \$1.4-billion Herb Gray Parkway will open to traffic Saturday ending all road construction under the new Highway 401 extension. "We are pleased to have reached this major milestone with the completion of the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway," said Ontario Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca. "This project has created more than 12,000 jobs and helps improve the movement of goods and people in the region. (...)Once the final stretch opens this weekend, the parkway - or 401 extension - will dead end and force traffic to get off at the intersection of Ojibway Parkway and E.C. Row. Eventually, a bridge overpass will take traffic over top of Ojibway Parkway into the plaza of the new Gordie Howe International Bridge, which is scheduled to open in 2020. [Windsor Star](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Computer outage shuts down key government websites, email

A significant equipment failure at the Aviation Parkway Data Centre on Montreal Road has brought down a number of federal government websites and left thousands of employees without email service, according to an insider familiar with the Centre. The precise nature of the equipment failure is not clear, but it's likely related to delays in the government's efforts to consolidate nearly 500 data centres into just seven. "They've spent years starving the older data centres," the source said, adding that the centres have become vulnerable to disruption as hardware becomes obsolete. Some of the software that's supposed to keep everything running smoothly is also obsolete. Phone and email queries at Public Works and Shared Services were not returned as of noon. The websites of both departments were down Friday morning. Attempts to fix the Aviation Centre data centre reportedly began Thursday evening and will likely continue for much of Friday, and possibly into the weekend. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Starwood says some hotel systems hit by malware, no data compromised

Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc said the point-of-sale systems at some hotels in North America had been infected with a malware designed to collect payment card data. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

A who's who of the Montreal underworld: The mafiosi, bikers and gangsters swept up in police raids

Some of the most well-known names in Montreal's underworld were arrested Tuesday in sweeping raids. Sûreté du Québec Chief Inspector Patrick Bélanger said the arrests targeted "very influential heads of

organized crime who formed an alliance" between the Mafia, the Hells Angels and street gangs. Here is a description of some key people and places thrust into the spotlight by Projects Magot and Mastiff. [Postmedia Network](#) (National Post)

Murder plots and police projects - the allegations behind the raids

The alleged murder plot - The investigation uncovered a plot to murder Raynald Desjardins, 62, a longtime associate of Vito Rizzuto during the 1980s in particular. Desjardins is currently detained and awaiting his sentence after pleading guilty to taking part in a plot to murder Salvatore Montagna, who was a leading member of a group that tried to take control of the Mafia in Montreal until he was killed on Nov. 24, 2011. Maurice (Mom) Boucher, a former leader among the Hells Angels in Quebec who is serving a life sentence at a penitentiary in Ste-Anne-des-Plaines, is alleged to have issued the order to kill Desjardins. According to the indictment filed in connection with the murder plot, Boucher used his pregnant daughter, Alexandra Mongeau, 25, to relay messages Gregory Woolley, 43, a former underling in the Hells Angels who acted as Boucher's bodyguard during the 1990s. Woolley is alleged to have since risen among organized crime circles to the point where he was the key man in the alliance of organized crime groups uncovered by Project Magot and Mastiff. The alleged conspiracy to murder Desjardins began in July and ended on Nov. 9. According to the police, Boucher and his daughter used "coded language" when she visited him. "We worked with the prison authorities on that case," said Sûreté du Québec Lt-Det. Benoit Dubé. "Gregory Woolley was executing what Mom Boucher wanted to do." [Montreal Gazette](#)

Former cabinet minister swears legal oath about release of secret recording

A former Nova Scotia cabinet minister at the centre of a political skirmish has sworn a legal oath that he has released all of the recordings of a conversation he had with the premier's chief of staff. Andrew Younger made the claim in the provincial legislature today, where he was pressed to hand over the full recording between himself and Kirby McVicar. Younger insisted he did not have the remaining 20-minute portion of the secretly recorded conversation, of which 43 seconds were dropped off anonymously at the legislature. The recording and an enclosed letter have been handed over to the RCMP, which is investigating. [Canadian Press](#) (St. John's Telegram)

Politicians seek solution to low RCMP staffing levels

Community leaders met last week to brainstorm solutions to the recent spike in break-and-enters and thefts in Oliver. At the November 10 meeting, Mayor Ron Hovanes, Area C director Terry Schafer, MLA Linda Larson and Sgt. Blaine Gervais of the RCMP talked about ways to reduce the number of theft-related calls to the RCMP and the possibility of getting more officers in Oliver. "As local politicians we agreed that the RCMP are short staffed in relation to the recent [spike in crime], but understand they're doing the best they can under the circumstances," Schafer wrote in an email. [Oliver Chronicle](#)

Kamsack, Sask. RCMP warn of fake \$100 bills

RCMP are warning the public about fake \$100 bills that have surfaced in the Kamsack, Sask. area. Police say the counterfeit money has recently been passed or has been attempted to be used at area businesses. Although the bills closely resemble a true \$100 bill from a distance, officers say there are several apparent anomalies upon closer inspection including poor paper quality and a difference in size from a real bill. There is tape over where the transparent strip is located and that the transparent window should feel smooth with the rest of the bill. [Global News](#)

Gryba to face child porn, voyeurism charges after double-jeopardy argument dismissed

Convicted sex offender Justin Gerard Gryba will face new child pornography charges after a Saskatoon judge ruled against a defence argument to dismiss the case under Canada's double-jeopardy laws. Saskatoon police first arrested Gryba in November 2011 after he used a file-sharing program to share his collection of illegal images with another user who turned out to be an undercover Toronto police investigator. Gryba was sentenced in January 2013 to two years less a day a jail after pleading guilty to possessing and distributing about 2,100 images of child pornography. During that sentencing, Crown prosecutor Michael Segu made a point to note that police found an online chat message in which Gryba said his collection contained more than 25,000 images and 800 videos of naked boys or sexually explicit scenes. If forensic investigators were able to crack the military-grade encryption, more charges could be

coming, Segu said. After two and a half years, police got into the two external hard drives and laid charges of making and possessing child pornography, as well as two charges of voyeurism (on his hard drive were secretly-recorded videos of three young boys removing their clothes in a Saskatoon hotel pool change room). He entered the rarely-used pleas of "autrefois convict" and "autrefois acquit," or double jeopardy, meaning Canadian law won't allow the courts to try someone twice for the same crimes. [Star-Phoenix](#)

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Group battles human trafficking in Sudbury

A few eyes welled up with tears as former prostitute Billie Skevington shared her harrowing story of abuse Thursday with a group of Sudburians determined to combat sexual exploitation in the city. "I am a survivor of sexual abuse and human trafficking," Skevington related, via a written statement that was read aloud by Angels of Hope founder Cristina Scarpellini. Skevington, who is hearing impaired, stood beside Scarpellini as her words were conveyed to the group of about 16 people gathered at The Workplace in New Sudbury. (...)Scarpellini said she started the Angels of Hope advocacy group this summer because of the level of human trafficking in Sudbury and her sense that nothing was being done about it. "I found it was just getting brushed under the carpet," she said. "People think these kinds of things happen down south and in other countries, not here in Sudbury. Unfortunately that's not the case, and this is on the rise right now." About 10 people are now members of the citizen group, which aims to educate the public about human trafficking as well as support and empower those who are sexually exploited. [Sudbury Star](#)

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Cost of Syrian refugee plan pegged at \$1.2B over 6 years

The cost of the Liberal government's plan to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees has been pegged at \$1.2 billion over the next six years, The Canadian Press has learned. A government document obtained by The Canadian Press that lays out the proposed funding model says \$876.7 million would be needed in 2015-2016 alone. Some of that will be covered this year by \$16.6 million announced by the previous Conservative government during the election and \$100 million coming out of an existing pool of funds to respond to international crises. The document, called "Responding to the Syrian Refugee Crisis: Rapid Resettlement of 25,000 Syrians Funding Table," says \$1.1 billion in new money will be required between now and 2021. The document says six government departments will require funds to handle the program, including Immigration, which would need \$528.4 million this year and Defence, which requires \$98.7 million. What's not clear from the funding model is how much of the money is connected to the year-end target to bring in that many Syrians in total and how much to the Liberal promise that the government itself would settle that many over a longer time period. The Immigration department would not provide any detail. [Canadian Press](#) (CBC News, Maclean's), [Radio Canada International](#)

Canada's defence minister defends government's refugee plan

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan is defending the Liberal government's plan to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees by the new year. Speaking at the opening press conference of the Halifax International Security Forum, Sajjan says many of the refugees will bring skills to Canada that will ultimately benefit the country. He says the government will be mindful of the recent attacks in Paris and Beirut when screening applicants, and also acknowledged the hospitality and compassion of Canadians who have offered up their homes to refugees. A government document obtained by The Canadian Press pegs the cost of the

resettlement plan at \$1.2 billion over the next six years. The report says \$876.7 million would be needed in 2015-2016 alone. [Toronto Star](#), [Radio-Canada](#), [Canadian Press](#) (The Guardian)

Most Canadians Reject Trudeau's Plan to Welcome Syrian Refugees

Canadian intelligence and security forces may be comfortable with the arrival of 25,000 Syrian refugees in the country, but a majority of Canadians, however, have rejected Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's idea of welcoming so many asylum seekers at once. According to an Agans Reid Institute poll, some 54 percent of Canadians oppose or strongly oppose the idea of bringing Syrian refugees to Canada. The heads of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) supported the government's plan to screen thousands of Syrian refugees escaping the war-torn region and bring them to the country by the end of the year. Provincial and municipal authorities, however, requested additional time to conduct the security screenings on the asylum seekers. [PanAm Post](#)

Le Québec et l'Ontario discutent de l'accueil de réfugiés syriens

L'accueil de milliers de réfugiés était au coeur de la rencontre, aujourd'hui à Ottawa, entre la première ministre de l'Ontario, Kathleen Wynne, et son homologue du Québec, Philippe Couillard. Cette « discussion informelle » s'inscrit en marge de la Conférence annuelle de l'organisme Canada 2020. Ce midi, Mme Wynne a prononcé une allocution à la mosquée principale d'Ottawa, en compagnie du député d'Ottawa-Centre et ministre de la Sécurité communautaire et des Services correctionnel, Yasir Naqvi. L'Ontario s'est engagé à en accueillir 10 000 réfugiés avant la fin de 2016. De son côté, le Québec prévoit recevoir 5500 réfugiés. Ces réfugiés pourraient être hébergés sur des bases militaires. Il n'y a toutefois que 12 000 logements sur ces dernières et la plupart sont déjà occupés par des militaires et leurs familles. Des mesures sont toutefois en cours. Ainsi, une directive de la Défense nationale, obtenue par Radio-Canada, a demandé que cinq bâtiments d'hébergement de la base de Valcartier soient libérés « le plus tôt possible ». [Radio-Canada](#)

Former Bécancour school offered as temporary lodgings for Syrian refugees

The owners of a former school in Bécancour near Trois-Rivières say the building could serve as temporary housing for around 100 Syrian refugees. The Mont-Bénilde building, which for years served as a private school and summer residence for Navy cadets, has furnished rooms, washrooms, a cafeteria, gym, classrooms and communal spaces. "We have bedrooms, all the necessary installations. It's a humanitarian gesture that would put part of the building to use," Jean-Guy Doucet, a representative of Mont-Bénilde's developers, told Radio-Canada. Mont-Bénilde's building and lands are in the process of being developed for business and residential uses. The owners have approached the federal and provincial immigration ministries with the offer and have advised the office of the Mayor of Bécancour, Jean-Guy Dubois. Dubois said the offer raises a number of questions that need to be answered. [CBC News](#)

Eric Hoskins says Ontario has will, capacity to resettle Syrian refugees

"We can get this job done," said Ontario's health minister about Canada's ambitious plan to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of this year. Eric Hoskins, speaking on *Metro Morning* Friday, said the province has the resources and capacity it needs to deal with the influx of refugees — even though it's still unclear exactly how many Syrians will be coming to this province; though Hoskins did say an estimate of 10,000 sounded plausible. "We've indicated that we're willing to take our fair share," Hoskins said, adding this is a "once in a generation" challenge for Canada. The federal government has yet to release detailed plans for the refugees, though some Canadian Forces bases in Ontario and Quebec are being modified to help house some of them. Hoskins, who co-chairs the ministers' ad hoc committee on refugees, also said most of the refugees will be arriving from United Nations camps in places like Lebanon. "We have a pretty good idea of the range of individuals that will be coming," he said. Hoskins has experience in the area. In 1999, he worked alongside Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy to resettle 5,000 refugees who were fleeing the violence in Kosovo. Before that, he worked as a doctor in refugee camps. [CBC News](#)

Syrian refugees should be in Windsor within a couple weeks

Windsor within the next couple weeks is likely to see the first of up to 1,000 Syrian refugees coming to this city. Immigration Minister John McCallum phoned mayors of cities across Canada on Friday morning, including Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens, to brief them on the federal government's latest actions on its commitment to start moving up to 25,000 refugees into this county. "I was told that within a matter of days they will be making a more detailed announcement," Dilkens said. "The minister said this will be done fast, but they are going to make sure it's done right." Dilkens will be among a group of mayors and other key partners who are being summoned to attend a briefing in Ottawa within the next week, he said. "We don't have a firm number we can expect," Dilkens said. "Within a matter days we will have a more detailed plan." But Dilkens guessed the number of Syrian refugees directed to this city will be anywhere from 200 to 1,000. [Windsor Star](#)

Moved by moral imperative, Canadian synagogues sponsor Syrian refugees

Vancouver, British Columbia's Temple Shalom and Peterborough, Ontario's Beth Israel Synagogue couldn't be more different. One is the largest Jewish congregation in one of Canada's largest cities, while the other has a membership of only 35 families, employs no professional clergy, and attracts at most 100 worshippers for High Holiday services. Yet, these two disparate synagogues at opposite ends of the country are representative of the efforts being made by Jewish congregations across Canada to help Arabs affected by war far away in the Middle East and Muslims targeted by hate crimes close by. Unlike the United States, which has severely restricted the entrance of Syrian civil war refugees (just 1,854 have been absorbed since 2012), Canada has already resettled 23,000 Iraqi refugees and has announced a plan to accept 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of this year, after having absorbed several thousand already. Jewish congregations and community organizations are actively — alone or in concert with other Canadian groups — sponsoring Syrian refugee families. [Times of Israel](#)

Winnipeg woman asks Canada not 'repeat mistake' by denying refugees entry

While some question the Trudeau government's promise to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada by the end of 2015, one Winnipeg woman says Canada can't afford to repeat the mistake of denying entry to refugees again. Both of Belle Jarniewski's parents survived the Holocaust, but each endured tragedy because Canada refused to open its doors to Jews fleeing Nazis, she told CBC. She says her parents experienced "great difficulty" entering Canada, even when the war was over. "In Mackenzie King's government, the director of immigration was called Frederick Blair. When asked how many Jews Canada could accept, his infamous statement was, 'None is too many,'" she said. Jarniewski's father was taken to six concentration camps. He lost everything, she says, including his first wife and child. Her mother, whose parents died of starvation and disease in the Lodz ghetto, was a teenager when her young brother was taken away to be murdered with other children aged 10 and under. Rather than being able to settle in a new country after the horror of the Holocaust, they continued to struggle to enter Canada. Jarniewski does not want others to live under similar circumstances. [CBC News](#)

Letter: PM's promise on welcoming Syrian refugees commendable

A letter to the editor from the Richmond Multicultural Community Services states, "Dear Editor, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Canadian government must be commended for opening Canada's doors to 25,000 Syrian refugees. This is a very desirable, noble and compassionate gesture to help those in need. Though the time line is bit tight yet, with all of the resources at the disposal of the government, it shouldn't be that much of a problem. Richmond is a very caring, inclusive and compassionate community. It is likely that we will be getting quite a few of the Syrian refugees. In this context, it may be appropriate to mention that Richmond Multicultural Community Services (RMCS) has been serving this community in the area of settlement and integration of newcomers and refugees for more than 30 years." [Richmond News](#)

Refugees will face a cultural cliff in Canada - and Canadians will be tested too

An opinion piece states, "At a guess, I spoke last week with a couple of hundred Syrian refugees who are among the four million registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. I asked everyone I talked to about what they knew about Canada. About half of them were aware that it was cold there. The same number knew that Christians lived there. Almost nobody could tell me where Canada was, except that it was far away. Mentioning the names of Justin Trudeau or Stephen Harper drew a total blank. So did any mention of hockey. Aside from a few of them who had relatives or friends who had

emigrated to Canadian cities such as Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, the refugees that Immigration Canada is considering for selection appear to be blissfully ignorant about where they are going. (...)Canada rightly decided it wanted no truck with those who were so obviously economic migrants, more than they were genuine refugees. Ottawa's priority is to take strong family groups that are still languishing in Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey because they could not afford the extortionate fees charged by human smugglers to get them to Europe. Canada's refugees are being drawn from a pool of the poorest of the poor. The prospective settlers whom I met in Lebanon and during previous visits to Jordan and Turkey overwhelmingly struck me as honest people who have lived through the twin hells of Bashar Al Assad's tyrannical regime and subjugation by ISIL and the other violent outfits which want to inherit his mantle. [National Post](#)

Les réfugiés syriens n'ont pas leur place au Canada... vraiment?

Un article d'opinion déclare, « Ce matin paraissait dans *La Presse* un sondage de la firme CROP affirmant que six Québécois sur dix disent non à l'accueil des réfugiés syriens tel que promis par notre Premier ministre. Un sondage semblable réalisé cette fois par la firme Léger avait été publié dans les médias de Québec un peu plus tôt cette semaine, montrant que la majorité des Québécois ne sont pas d'accord avec la décision du gouvernement libéral de faire venir 25.000 réfugiés syriens au Canada. À tous ceux qui refusent catégoriquement l'arrivée des réfugiés, j'aimerais expliquer quelque chose. Oui, il y a un risque. Oui, il va falloir qu'on s'adapte. Oui, cela va demander des efforts de notre bord. Oui, les réfugiés syriens ne sont pas parfait eux non plus. Oui, ils sont différents de nous, culturellement, religieusement, linguistiquement. Oui, certains d'entre nous vont trouver cela dérangement et vont être forcés d'aller hors de leur zone de confort aseptisée typiquement nord-américaine. Mais j'aimerais tout d'abord rappeler à tous quelques épisodes de notre histoire. Vous savez, ces parties de l'histoire dont on ne nous parle presque pas à l'école parce que ce n'est pas glorieux pour nous ou ne nous victimise pas face à un grand méchant oppresseur. » [45^e Nord](#)

Refugee crisis gives voice to the Ugly America

Canadians who were discomfited by the unattractive tone of the Conservative election campaign can't help but be flatly appalled at the naked ugliness that has infected the U.S. debate on refugees and immigration. Using the term "debate" is a polite way of describing what's been happening across the United States. More accurate words might be "paranoia", "xenophobia," or "fear-mongering", with "ignorance" and "bigotry" thrown in. Though most pronounced within the extreme right wing of the Republican party, it is not confined to either party: a bill to halt the resettlement of Syrian and Iraqi refugees passed the House of Representatives on Thursday with the help of 47 Democratic votes. President Barack Obama has threatened to veto it, but the extent of Democrat support indicates the wave of fear flooding across the U.S. is not entirely partisan in nature. Republicans definitely hold the lead in volume, though. Donald Trump, the businessman/politician, declared he would "absolutely" require Muslims to register with a special database if he were president. Asked how that differed from the Nazi registration of Jews, he responded "You tell me." Rival candidate Ben Carson compared the need to control immigration to a neighbourhood dealing with a rabid dog. [National Post](#)

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CTV News reports details from the 72-page plan named "Operation Syrian Refugees", explaining how Canada will bring in the refugees in order to meet their timeline of 25,000 by the end of the year. The majority will be coming from refugee camps in three separate countries. Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey. The United Nations will be at the camps and will be responsible for identifying the refugees. CSIS will be on the ground, using several tools, including biometric data, to weed out potential threats. CBSA will also be present to determine who actually gets on the plane. *The Canadian Press* reports the operation will cost \$1.2 billion over the next six years. (CTV News, 9h05 ET)

CBC News reports military bases will provide temporary housing with the first refugees set to arrive in two weeks. (CBC News, 9h30 ET)

Tout indique que la base de Valcartier va jouer un rôle majeur dans l'accueil de réfugiés Syriens. Un million et demi de dollars seront investis pour rénover et isoler une dizaine de maisons du camp des cadets. (Radio-Canada Première Chaîne, 10h03 ET)

CBC News interviewed Dr. Ashna Bowry. She provides primary care to refugees and helps in a Syrian refugee clinic in Toronto. She discusses the needs and concerns of health workers regarding the arrival of 25 000 Syrian refugees. [Rough Transcript](#)

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Canadian among hostages freed in Mali hotel attack

One Canadian was among the hostages freed after Islamic extremists armed with guns and throwing grenades stormed the Radisson Blu hotel in Mali's capital Friday morning, Malian state TV reported. At least three people were, authorities said. The Brussels-based Rezidor Hotel group that operates the hotel said early on that the assailants had "locked in" 140 guests and 30 employees. Malian troops reacted quickly. As people ran for their lives near the hotel along a dirt road, the soldiers in full combat gear pointed the way to safety. Within hours, local TV images showed heavily armed troops in what appeared to be a lobby area. Malian state TV reported that 80 people in the hotel when the assault began have been freed. At least one Canadian man was reportedly among them. Malian special forces were freeing hostages "floor by floor," Malian army commander Modibo Nama Traore told The Associated Press. Still, Rezidor Hotel group put out a new statement saying 125 guests and 13 employees were still in the hotel. Traore said at least one guest reported that the attackers instructed him to recite verses from the Qur'an before he was allowed to leave the hotel. It was not immediately clear which Muslim extremist groups might be behind the attack, which unfolded one week after the attacks on Paris that killed 129 people. A handful of jihadi groups seized the northern half of Mali -- a former French colony -- in 2012 and were ousted from cities and towns by a French military intervention. [Associated Press](#) (Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun, Whig-Standard); [1](#) (National Post); [Toronto Sun](#)

U.S ambassador to start calling ISIS 'Daesh' but DFATD holding firm - for now

Each time the group most commonly known as ISIS perpetrates a bloodbath, a discussion emerges among politicians and media about whether it's time to stop calling the militants by their preferred name. To be fair, there's no shortage of names to choose from: the group that started out as Islamic State in Iraq has been alternatively known in recent years as Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham, Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and Islamic State in the Levant (ISIL). Recently, it dropped the geographic references and consolidated itself more simply - and controversially - as the more authoritative Islamic State (IS). But there's another name for the group, one it hates so much that it threatens to cut out the tongues of those who use it: Daesh. It's the acronym for the Arabic name of the group, *al-dowla al-islamiyya fii-il-i'raaq wa-ash-shaam*, but it never gained much traction and the group's branding tends to use the English translations. It's also very similar to the Arabic words *daes* and *dahes*, which refer to someone who crushes something underfoot and someone who sows discord, respectively. While Western politicians and media have tended towards using variations of ISIS/ISIL, there's been a gradual increase in the number of leaders referring to the group as Daesh. In the wake of deadly attacks by the group in Paris that left more than 120 dead, U.S. Ambassador to Canada Bruce Heyman is the latest to announce he will now be among those using the Arabic name. "I'm using the term 'Daesh' now, instead of ISIL," Bruce Heyman told the Canadian Press. "I think it's unfair to refer to Islam, and it's totally inappropriate to think of it as a state - so anything calling it the 'Islamic State' is wrong." Although former defence minister Jason Kenney frequently used the term to describe the group, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has not and the Department of Foreign Affairs says it currently has no plans to start using the name itself. "This terrorist group is referred to in various ways, including ISIS, ISIL and Daesh," said Foreign Affairs spokesperson

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Heritage Minister nabs Google official as chief of staff

Ministers filling staff positions ahead of return of House of Commons business on Dec. 3. Ms. Joly, whose priorities include promoting the Canada 150 celebrations and increasing funding for CBC/Radio-Canada and other cultural organizations, has hired Leslie Church as her chief of staff, said people familiar with the move. Ms. Church, currently the head of communications and public affairs for Google's Canadian division, will start the new job in a couple of weeks. Ms. Church has been with Google since 2012 and previously served as director of communications to Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff while he was leader of the opposition. She also worked on Mr. Ignatieff's leadership campaign. It's important for the people at the top of the Heritage Department to recognize there's no longer a separation between digital culture and other culture, said Michael Hennessy, an independent media and communications consultant in Ottawa and former head of the Canadian Media Production Association. "Increasingly, all media that we're really consuming is digital or on digital platforms, so understanding the appropriate intersection of those two

things is critical," he said. In other new hires, people familiar with staff moves said Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan has hired Brian Bohunicky as his most senior aide.

Also a former senior adviser to Mr. Ignatieff, Mr. Bohunicky previously worked as a director-general in the federal departments of Transport and Agriculture. Most recently, he had executive positions with companies Maple Pure Products Inc. and consulting firm Baker Group International, according to his LinkedIn page. Renée Filiatrault, a public relations professor at Algonquin College, has also moved into Mr. Sajjan's office as director of communications. Ms. Filiatrault is a former ministerial aide and worked on public diplomacy in Afghanistan with the government's Task Force Kandahar. Another confirmed hire is Rick Theis, who is serving as chief of staff to Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett. Mr. Theis worked on issues management for Mr. Trudeau's national campaign. Ms. Joly, a former consultant, writer, and journalist with CBC, has been one of several cabinet ministers stretched for aides. As of Wednesday, some cabinet offices remained without chiefs of staff, including that of Innovation Minister Navdeep Bains, whose portfolio covers the massive Industry Department. **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** was also without a permanent chief. [GlobeandMail](#)

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On High Alert Since Paris Attacks, French Gear Up for Climate Talks

Just two weeks after the terrorist [attacks in Paris](#), France is gearing up for an exceptional security challenge — the global mega-conference on [climate change](#) — that will test its ability to ensure the safety of nearly 50,000 visitors and 147 heads of state who will descend on the city beginning on Sunday. The coincidence of the start of the conference in the same month as the attacks has brought together in one place two issues of global importance — climate change and terrorist networks — that has made Paris a focus of intense international scrutiny at a time of deep trauma for the city. With just days to go before the start of the conference on Monday, and bomb alerts occurring regularly in the Métro, Parisians remain determined to carry on with daily life, if also jittery and downcast as newspapers publish photographs of the 130 mostly young victims of the Nov. 13 attacks. [NewYorkTimes](#)

Pope Francis delivers stern warning ahead of Paris climate conference

Pope Francis celebrated a historic Mass in Kenya on Thursday before delivering a stern environmental warning to the world, just days ahead of a potentially pivotal climate change conference in Paris. "It would be sad, and I dare say even catastrophic, were particular interests to prevail over the common good and lead to manipulating information in order to protect their own plans and projects," the Pope said, urging nations to reach agreement over curbing fossil fuel emissions. He said politicians must work together with the corporate and scientific worlds as well as civil society leaders in finding solutions to stop environmental degradation. No country, said the Pope, "can act independently of a common responsibility. If we truly desire positive change, we have to humbly accept our interdependence." [Q13Fox.com](#)

Paris attacks: Politicians failed the people of Brussels, says Vincent Kompany

The failure to deliver the "beauty of democracy" was one of the chief reasons behind the Paris attacks, says Belgian soccer star Vincent Kompany. The suicide bombings and shootings in the French capital killed 130 people and left hundreds wounded. It shocked the watching world and brought to the fore Europe's problem in dealing with terrorism. Attention quickly switched to the Belgian capital of Brussels, which remains at the center of investigations that an ISIS terrorist cell working in the area carried out the attacks. Kompany said Belgian politicians had failed to recognize the potential problems because of their lack of interaction with the local communities. "There's a sense of me that really believes that it was predictable, really predictable," Belgium's national captain, who grew up in a troubled Brussels neighborhood, told CNN's Amanda Davies.

"I think it was inevitable, because I only used to see politicians in our neighborhoods once every six years when they needed to come for votes," he said. "Then and now something would pop up out of the ground and somebody cut a red ribbon to say that we've done this for the community." [CNN](#)

Security steps in Paris, Brussels, may be spreading anxiety

At a Paris train station, the zap of a pigeon getting electrocuted on the tracks is enough to send some jittery people scurrying for cover. And in the aftermath of the devastating Nov. 13 attacks on Paris, the center of Brussels has often been deserted as armed soldiers patrol tourist sites amid repeated government warnings that a terrorist attack is "serious and imminent." Some experts say it will take months for Europeans to psychologically adapt to life after the Paris attacks and warn that some government measures intended to reassure people may backfire, creating instead the impression of cities under siege. "We go about our daily lives and every so often they're punctuated by something outrageous like a terrorist attack on an average Friday night," said Dr. David Purves of the British Psychological Society. "After that shock, something that is highly statistically unusual may suddenly feel much more likely to happen." [YahooNews](#)

Terrorism, more bark than bite

In an opinion piece, "By sheer coincidence, a book I wrote called "Don't Panic: Islamic State, Terrorism and Today's Middle East" was published just before the terrorist attacks in Paris. So naturally everybody interviewing me about the book asked me if it is time to panic now. They couldn't resist it. And of course I replied no, it is not time to panic. If a train derailed in the Paris Metro, killing 130 people and injuring over 300, the story would dominate the news in France for around 24 hours, 48 hours tops. In other countries it would definitely be only a one-day story: just one more transport accident, in a world where trains collide, planes crash and ships sink from time to time. But if it's not an accident - if human beings deliberately caused those deaths - then the media feeding frenzy starts. The story is 20 times as big, and it can dominate the news schedules for a week. Most people in Europe, North America and the Middle East have watched at least several hours of coverage of the Paris events and their aftermath - as long as a feature film - and even in more distant parts of the world it has been the event of the week." [Postmedia Network](#) (Red Deer Advocate, A4)

German police arrest suspected jihadists

Police in Berlin arrested two suspected extremists on Thursday during a series of raids targeting possible Islamists in the German capital. The police said they were also examining a "suspicious object" discovered during the operation in the Britz neighborhood of Berlin, prompting the evacuation of several nearby buildings as "precautionary" measure. The two suspects in custody were men aged 28 and 46, according to German news agency DPA. An Islamic cultural center in the district of Charlottenburg was also searched with police sniffer dogs, but the authorities later reported that no source for concern had been found. The "suspicious object," which the police did not elaborate on, was found in the mens' vehicle. [Deutsche Welle](#); [Associated Press](#) (ABC News); [Reuters](#)

Bruxelles abaisse d'un cran son niveau de menace terroriste

Le niveau 4, le plus élevé, était de mise depuis samedi. Jeudi 26 novembre, Bruxelles est repassée au niveau 3 de menace terroriste, sur décision de l'Organe belge de coordination pour l'analyse de la menace (Ocam). Le niveau 3 correspond à une menace "possible et vraisemblable", alors que le niveau 4 représentait une menace "sérieuse et imminente". La capitale belge était placée en niveau 4 depuis samedi. Dimanche soir, la police avait mené des opérations antiterroristes d'envergure. Le métro et les écoles étaient restés fermés jusqu'à mardi. Ils avaient rouvert mercredi sous forte surveillance policière. [RTL](#) ; [Associated Press](#) (Metro News); [Wall Street Journal](#)

Suspicious powder found at Brussels Grand Mosque

Firefighters and decontamination teams have attended the oldest mosque in Brussels, located close to the European Union headquarters, after a suspicious powder was found there that was feared to be anthrax. About a dozen emergency and police vehicles were seen on Thursday outside the Grand Mosque of Brussels, which houses the Islamic and Cultural Centre of Belgium, the Reuters news agency reported. A spokeswoman for the fire service said it had taken a call from the mosque from a person saying they believed that they had found anthrax powder, prompting the deployment of specialist crews. [Al Jazeera](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Hydro-Québec charged with violating environmental regulations in 2014 oil spill

Hydro-Québec has been charged with violating provincial environment regulations in connection with an oil spill on the Magdalen Islands in September last year. More than 100,000 litres of diesel from the power utility's pipeline poured into the water near the Cap-aux-Meules harbour. Hydro has been charged for allowing the spill to occur and for failing to notify the Environment Ministry about it immediately. The public utility is facing a minimum fine of \$42,000. [CBC News](#)

Drone aids Renfrew paramedics in life-threatening situations

A drone is being used to help first responders in eastern Ontario deal with situations in which someone's life might be at risk, including a recent triple homicide in the town of Wilno, Ont. Michael Nolan, chief of the Renfrew County Paramedic Service, said he recently hired a consultant who operated an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) for the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan. That man, James Power, now operates the UAV, commonly called a drone, in Renfrew County to improve the safety of the community and first responders, Nolan said. "James has the ability to fly a drone into a motor-vehicle collision and identify the chemicals or contaminants in a transport truck that's flipped over on the highway," Nolan told Robyn Bresnahan, host of CBC Radio's Ottawa Morning. [CBC News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

It's time to restore sanity to Canadian policies

An opinion piece states, "The new Liberal government under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is scheduled to convene Parliament on Dec. 3. For Canadians mulling over the attacks by ISIL terrorists in Paris, it's time to get down to business of governing. (...) None of these issues, however, are in greater need of urgent debate than those pertaining to the application of clauses in the anti-terrorism bill, C-51, and the Liberals' commitment to remove our CF-18s from Iraq. Minimizing the potential for terrorist threats in Canada is Ottawa's responsibility, and the Conservatives exploited this issue to an unprecedented extreme during the election campaign. Now, there's a vitriolic segment of our population that not only rejects the very idea of Canada accommodating refugees from war-torn regions of the Middle East, but sees all such individuals as potential terrorists, thus suitable targets upon whom to express their sentiments through violence. Within hours of the Paris attacks, this reactionary sentiment was expressed in setting fire to a mosque in Peterborough, Ont. Two grim points of irony emerged from this act of extremist stupidity. First, under Bill C-51, this incident is an act of terrorism. It will be interesting to see whether local authorities will C-51 to charge any perpetrators who are caught. The second point is more subtle: The Peterborough riding, once represented by disgraced Conservative Dean Del Maestro, is now held by Liberal MP Maryam Monsef, a Muslim and former refugee from Afghanistan. This lends credence to the proposition that the fire was a less-than-veiled reaction to the government's intentions to bring in so many Syrian refugees." [Postmedia Network \(StarPhonenix\)](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Airlines shouldn't have to pay to return passenger rejected at border, Air Canada says

Major Canadian airlines say they're unfairly shouldering the costs of removing from Canada people who arrive with a passport or other valid document only to be turned away by federal officials. There are "numerous scenarios" in which air carriers must pay the tab for returning such inadmissible arrivals to their home country, Air Canada says in a submission to a federal review panel studying transportation policy. These cases may involve people who arrive with proper documentation but are barred by Canadian authorities because they have a criminal record — something the airline would have no way of knowing — or their refugee claim is denied. "In extreme cases, should the passenger become ill and be hospitalized before they leave Canada, carriers are even expected to pick up the medical bills," Air Canada says in its submission to the review of the Canada Transportation Act. [Canadian Press \(CBC News\)](#)

Manitoba shoppers warned about longer wait times at border

If you're heading south of the border for a turkey dinner or a Black Friday deal, be prepared for heavier traffic. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CPB) is reminding travellers driving to North Dakota or Minnesota to anticipate longer waits at the border, during American Thanksgiving and Black Friday. Manitobans travelling around the American holiday can expect the usual delays due to unpredictable weather and heavier traffic on the highways. [Global News](#)

Con man Carr to face restrictions upon release

Lloyd Carr may be getting out of prison, but the convicted con man must obey a handful of court-ordered restrictions. Carr, 50, once a bogus mental-health counsellor in Flin Flon, will receive supervised release in December, a privilege afforded to most offenders who have served two-thirds of their sentence. As part of his release, Carr, who has said he had a gambling problem, must not gamble or visit a gambling establishment. He must also follow psychological counselling, receive approval from his parole supervisor before accepting a job or paid training, and provide full financial disclosure. The Parole Board of Canada, which set the restrictions, told Carr at an Oct. 10 hearing that he is considered a low risk to reoffend and has high reintegration potential. [The Reminder](#)

Thunder Bay Gladue report workshop aims to educate aboriginal youth

The Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre wants to make sure aboriginal youth know their rights, should they end up before the courts. It's hosting a workshop Thursday to teach students about Gladue services. Gladue reports inform the courts about an aboriginal person's background, including family history and any historical trauma. The Gladue services worker at the Friendship Centre told CBC News it's important for youth to know about the reports, especially in light of higher incarceration rates for indigenous people, and concerns about police street checks. [CBC News](#)

Will ISIS Enter US Through Canada? Amid Islamic State Fears, Border Worries Linger Ahead Of Resettling Syrian Refugees

The Canadian border with the United States has come under renewed scrutiny following Tuesday's announcement that Canada would slow down its ambitious plan to welcome 25,000 Syrian refugees. The plan, aimed at resettling the refugees by the end of the year, has been extended to February. Critics have argued that the border connecting the U.S. with Canada is a hotbed for illegal immigration and is much more of a threat to allow potential terrorists, such as the so-called Islamic State militant group, into the U.S. than the nation's southern borders with Mexico. "If somebody is set on doing it, there are plenty of opportunities to cross this border," U.S. Border Patrol agent Andrew Herdina told Reuters while standing in Havre, Montana, near that state's 500-mile border with Canada. The U.S. has said it will resettle up to 10,000 Syrian refugees by next year. [InternationalBuisnessTimes](#) (2015-11-25)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

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LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

David Fraser opposes warrantless access to internet users' information

A Halifax privacy lawyer has come out against recent comments made by Canada's top Mountie advocating direct access to internet users' subscriber information. "The Supreme Court of Canada says you and I have a right to anonymity online. We can choose to identify ourselves, we can choose not to identify ourselves," David Fraser said Thursday. "The Supreme Court of Canada said you have a reasonable expectation of privacy associated with your internet activity. And that's that." RCMP commissioner Bob Paulson said Wednesday a recent ruling by the court curtailing the flow of basic data about customers - such as name and address - has "put a chill on our ability to initiate investigations," into child predators and other online criminals. He told a security conference in Ottawa that police should have warrantless access to subscriber information, comparing it to using licence-plate data to find a vehicle owner's name. Fraser called the comments offensive. "What I find really frustrating about this is that is either ignorant or disingenuous. You can't be the chief of Canada's federal police service and not

understand what the Supreme Court of Canada has said about the most important law that we have in Canada which is the Charter [of Rights and Freedoms]. "He said the Canadian Chiefs of Police have submitted a proposal containing the initiative to the Department of Justice and the Department of Public Safety, "which I've asked for and which they've refused to provide me." [CBC News](#)

Man acquitted of breaking terrorism-related peace bond conditions

A Montreal man who was accused of violating the terms of a terrorism-related peace bond was acquitted of the charge on Thursday. Merouane Ghalmi, a 23-year-old from Pierrefonds, had signed a peace bond in March after the RCMP expressed fear he would commit a terrorism offence. He was then arrested in May on suspicion that he violated one of the conditions he had agreed to abide by: to not access or consult terrorist material or material that promotes extremist or radical ideas. At the Montreal courthouse on Thursday, prosecutor Lyne Décarie said that new information provided by the defence led to a re-evaluation of the file, and new elements discovered resulted in the withdrawal of the charge. None of the evidence collected by the RCMP that called for the peace bond was ever made public. Ghalmi faced the possibility of a maximum two-year prison term if he had been found guilty. The dropped charge does not change the peace bond Ghalmi signed. Ghalmi must continue to respect the conditions that came with it. The 23-year-old will need to be on good behaviour for the duration of the bond, wear a tracking device and abstain from owning any firearms. He must provide police access to his computer and smartphones, including passwords, and not use social media to communicate with anyone in Syria, "or any other people who are linked to a terrorist group, as defined in the Criminal Code." [Gazette](#); [La Presse](#)

Medical pot users given OK to use drug anywhere

Ontario is giving the green light to smoking or vaping medical marijuana anywhere, anytime - from booze-free restaurants to stores, movie theatres, at work or in cars with children. New regulations exempt medicinal pot users from a ban on using e-cigarettes in non-smoking areas and medical marijuana is not covered by the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which places strict limits on puffing tobacco in public places. The controversial move, confirmed Wednesday by associate health minister Dipika Damerla, follows a push by patient groups to improve access to pain control and symptom management. But it also allows proprietors and bosses, for example, to refuse permission in a "balancing of rights." About 24,000 people in Canada use medical marijuana. "As an employer or a restaurant owner you can say, 'There's no vaping, no smoking of medical marijuana here,' " Damerla told reporters. If a person given a prescription for medical marijuana by a doctor were to continue smoking "they are breaking the law," she added. [Toronto Star](#), A1

RCMP says 'no imminent threat' from men seen near Rogers Centre

The RCMP says there's no imminent threat to national security but they would like to know more about two men who were reportedly acting suspiciously near the Rogers Centre on Aug. 31. Supt. Lise Crouch declined to tell a news conference on Thursday in Milton exactly what was considered suspicious about their behaviour on the John St. bridge. Both of the men are described as between 20 and 30 years old, with medium builds and brown skin. "It has nothing to do with brown skin," Crouch said. She called them "persons of interest" and not suspects. "I don't think the public should be concerned at this time," Crouch said. "There is no imminent threat." The men's behaviour was reported by just one passerby, Crouch said. Nothing has been found to link the men to a visit by then-prime minister Stephen Harper, Crouch said. At the time the incident was reported, Harper was at Rogers Centre as the Toronto Blue Jays prepared to play the Cleveland Indians. Suspicions about the men's behaviour were reported to what Crouch called "private-sector partners," who told local police, who passed on a "suspicious incident report" to the RCMP in Ottawa. [Toronto Star](#); [CTV News](#); [iNews880](#); [Wall Street Journal](#) ; [City News](#); [Toronto Sun](#); [Global News](#); [CBC News](#)

Several horses perish after falling into icy slough

There's sadness for some horse owners in the Prince Albert, Sask., area after several of their animals went into an icy slough on Wednesday and perished. However, thanks to the efforts of a number of people, including members of the Prince Albert Fire Department, some horses survived. The department was called around 1:15 p.m. CST to a farm east of the city. Horses had fallen through the ice and were stuck in the slough. The firefighters used chain saws to cut away the ice to get the horses closer to the shore. "Ropes, manpower and a tow truck were used to get them on land," the fire department said on its

Facebook page. "Sadly some of the horses perished before they could be rescued." [CBC News](#); [Postmedia News](#) (StarPhoenix)

Derek Saretzky's psych assessment says fit to stand trial: RCMP

RCMP say Derek Saretzky — the man accused of killing southern Alberta toddler Hailey Dunbar-Blanchette and her father — has been deemed psychologically fit to stand trial, although a judge has yet to rule on the matter. Saretzky is charged with first-degree murder in the September deaths of Hailey Dunbar-Blanchette and her father, Terry Blanchette. RCMP say the Alberta Crown informed police of the ruling on Wednesday. Saretzky was initially sent for a 30-day review of his mental health, but last month a judge was told doctors needed more time for their analysis. He was arrested in the Crownsnest Pass area after Blanchette's body was found in his Blairmore home. Saretzky made a brief court appearance via CCTV in Lethbridge court Thursday morning. But the matter was adjourned to February to give defence counsel time to review the fitness assessment. [Canadian Press](#); [AM980](#); [Presse Canadienne](#) (L'Actualité)

Two arrested after N.B. RCMP seize 1.5 million contraband cigarettes

A 63-year-old woman and a 35-year-old man have been arrested after the RCMP seized more than 1.5 million contraband cigarettes in northeastern New Brunswick. Police executed a search warrant at a home in Val-Doucet on Wednesday. Officers seized the contraband cigarettes, as well as nearly eight pounds of marijuana and a large quantity of alcohol and cash from the home during their search. The man and woman were both released from custody on a promise to appear in court at a later date. [CTV News](#)

Suspects rammed police cruiser, led chase across Metro Vancouver: RCMP

Mounties have arrested two suspects who allegedly rammed a police cruiser with a stolen car then led officers on a long chase across Metro Vancouver early Thursday morning. Sgt. Duane Honeyman said the incident started while Mounties were responding to a reported break-and-enter in Surrey around 1 a.m. "As a police dog unit was heading to the scene, a Honda Civic vehicle came toward them head-on and swerved into their path," Honeyman said. [CTV News](#)

Prince George defers decision to hire more police officers

City council in Prince George, B.C., has deferred a decision about hiring extra police officers, despite claims from the department that they're overworked. RCMP Supt. Warren Brown made the request for three additional RCMP officers for 2016 during budget meetings on Wednesday. Brown says the officers are needed, even though Prince George no longer holds the status of the most dangerous city in Canada. "We are a very violent community, and I'm not proud of that," said Brown. "High crime has been the status quo here. I don't accept that. However, some seem to." [CBC News](#)

Torture Victims Win Legal Battle in Fight Against Canadian Government

The fight to find out just why three men were detained and tortured in a Syrian prison cleared one roadblock on Wednesday, after a court rejected an appeal from the Canadian government. The men, Abdullah Almalki, Ahmad El Maati and Muayyed Nureddin, have been deadlocked in a legal battle with Ottawa for years, as they seek compensation for the time they spent in Syrian jail cells — where they were tortured and interrogated, with some involvement of Canadian agents — and answers for why they ended up there. Ottawa, meanwhile, is struggling to defend the identity of its intelligence agents and confidential informants who may have provided the information that led Syrian authorities to arrest the men, despite shaky evidence that they were ever involved in terrorism. Their lawsuit, however, had gone virtually nowhere over the past decade. That is, until they finally got a break — on Monday, a Canadian judge ruled that the federal government would not have the power to shield the confidential sources it used to gather evidence on the three men. For the three men, it could mean exposing the direct role play by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in their interrogation and torture, and proving that their detention was the result of little more than post-9/11 hysteria. [VICE News](#)

La GRC souhaite accéder à l'information des internautes sans mandat

Le corps policier fédéral déplore le fait que les télécoms exigent l'approbation d'un tribunal pour tout type de demande de renseignements d'identification de base. Selon le commissaire de la Gendarmerie royale

du Canada, Bob Paulson, la seule façon de traquer efficacement les prédateurs sexuels et autres criminels en ligne est d'avoir un accès plus rapide aux renseignements confidentiels des clients de fournisseurs d'accès Internet. Il s'est prononcé à ce sujet lors d'une conférence organisée par l'Association des industries canadiennes de défense et de sécurité cette semaine à Ottawa. [Branchez Vous](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés:

CBC News presents a live press conference from the RCMP, in Milton, Ontario, regarding a "suspicious incident" that took place in Toronto in August. They say there is no imminent threat in Toronto. [Rough Transcript](#)

Broadcast media report the RCMP are looking for two men who may have been involved in a "suspicious incident" at the Rogers Centre last August. Investigators say there is no threat to the public. (CTV News, 10h30 ET; CBC News, 11h17 ET; CHCH News Hamilton, 10h30 ET; CP24, 11h ET; CHAS-FM Sault Ste. Marie, 12h03; CIXX-FM London, 12h02; CBC Radio Two Toronto, 12h)

The RCMP wants access to information on Internet users without a warrant. Commissioner Bob Paulson said police should be able to obtain names and home addresses without a warrant in order to keep pace with today's criminals. He claims a Supreme Court ruling last year that limits access to customer's data is hampering investigations. (CP24, 10h40 ET)

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COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Live at 2 p.m. ET: Ask us about our investigation into Canada's untold missing and murdered indigenous women

Hello, I'm Kathryn Blaze Baum, The Globe's beat reporter dedicated to covering the issue of Canada's missing and murdered indigenous women. (...) Our analysis revealed aboriginal women are roughly seven times more likely to die at the hands of a serial killer than non-aboriginal women. The investigation also found that at least 18 indigenous women were slain by convicted serial killers since 1980. To illuminate the human element of all this, we recently launched The Taken, a multimedia project that traces the lives of five indigenous women slain by different serial killers. Have questions for us? Head on over to Reddit today from 2-3 p.m. ET and we'll answer them. [Globe and Mail](#)

Une précommission à la commission d'enquête sur les femmes autochtones disparues

La commission d'enquête sur les femmes autochtones disparues ou assassinées pourrait avoir jusqu'à cinq volets régionaux, en plus de la commission nationale, selon les plans proposés à la ministre des Affaires autochtones. Carolyn Bennet doit d'ailleurs annoncer, dès la semaine prochaine, la première étape du projet : la mise sur pied d'une précommission d'enquête, afin de consulter les victimes, leur famille et les groupes autochtones. [Radio-Canada](#)

Investigating homicide rates - Manitoba highest among provinces in indigenous deaths: StatsCan

Of the 10 provinces, Manitoba had the highest homicide rate involving indigenous victims in 2014, a new study shows. For the first time, Statistics Canada tracked the number of Aboriginal Peoples who were victims of homicide. They are nine times more likely to be killed by homicide than non-indigenous Manitobans. In 2014, 29 aboriginals were victims of homicide in Manitoba, compared with 15 non-aboriginal victims. The homicide rate of aboriginal victims was 13.29 per 100,000 in Manitoba. Of all provinces, Manitoba had the highest homicide rate in Canada for the eighth consecutive year. The

province reported 3.43 homicides per 100,000 residents, followed by Alberta (2.52 per 100,000) and Saskatchewan (2.13 per 100,000), Statistics Canada reported. One-third of those accused of homicide across Canada in 2014 were aboriginal. In Manitoba, 37 aboriginal people were accused of homicide last year, compared with eight non-aboriginal suspects. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), A3; [CBC News](#)

OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEES / OPÉRATION RÉFUGIÉS SYRIENS

A list of Canadian cities that will welcome Syrian refugees

Approximately 15,000 of the 25,000 Syrian refugees who will arrive in Canada in the coming weeks are being resettled by the federal government. Where they will go after arriving in Toronto or Montreal is linked to where there are organizations which can provide settlement services through contracts with the federal government. Here is a list of destination communities provided by the Immigration Department. [Maclean's](#)

Syrian refugees supported by furniture drive

Syrian Canadians on Prince Edward Island are hoping to make life easier for the hundreds of refugees coming from their homeland. While many of the 250 refugees expected on P.E.I. over the next few months will be mostly funded by government, about 100 are privately-sponsored family re-unifications. The Syrian Association of P.E.I. is working to make their arrival a little easier with a furniture drive. [CBC News](#), [The Guardian](#)

Lifeline Syria-Cape Breton preps for refugee arrivals

Cape Bretoners have offered homes, rooms and medical help for the Syrian refugees on their way to the island. Amanda McDougall of Lifeline Syria-Cape Breton said more than 250 volunteers are eager to help bring 100 families. She expects them to come in groups of 10 over the next year. "People will call and say, 'I have this summer home. I never use it. It's winterized. Please, take it for the year.' People who have tourism-based businesses are offering rooms or cottages, that type of thing. Many people are saying, 'I have a house. There's only myself and my husband. Please, let me welcome in a family.'" McDougall said the organization must have "money in the bank" to proceed with helping the families. [CBC News](#)

Moins de Syriens à Québec

Le Québec devrait accueillir jusqu'à 9350 réfugiés syriens en 2015-2016, dont 3650 Syriens d'ici le Jour de l'an, la plupart à Montréal et dans les environs, mais beaucoup moins qu'attendus dans la capitale. L'opération devrait coûter au moins 29 M\$ à la province cette année et vraisemblablement autant l'an prochain, puisque le Québec reconduira le même plan en 2016, avec la même cible de 3650 réfugiés syriens, pour un total de 7300 pour l'exercice 2015-2016, a annoncé hier le gouvernement Couillard. Pour ce qui est de la part additionnelle souhaitée par le gouvernement Trudeau, Québec est prêt à relever le défi, mais l'argent du fédéral devra être au rendez-vous. «C'est la condition», a signalé la ministre québécoise de l'Immigration, Kathleen Weil, puisque les coûts reliés à cet effort supplémentaire ne pourront être assumés par la province. Le plan dévoilé mardi par Ottawa vise l'accueil de 25 000 réfugiés syriens à travers le Canada d'ici la fin février, ce qui, pour le Québec, implique d'accueillir 2050 réfugiés de plus. [Journal de Québec](#), 7 (Journal de Montréal)

Syrian refugee delay a 'relief'

Quebec is breathing a "deep sigh of relief" at the delay in Ottawa's plan to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees into the country. While Ontario is still working out its plan to resettle as many as 10,000 people from refugee camps in the Middle East and through private sponsorships, Quebec Immigration Minister Kathleen Weil said her government is ready to accept between 3,650 refugees and 5,750 Syrian refugees in both 2015 and 2016. Already, some 2,900 people have been picked and are being processed to come to 13 cities across the province starting in the coming days. But Quebec is also prepared to do more if required by the federal government and if the financial resources are made available, said Pierre Moreau, Quebec's municipal affairs and acting public safety minister. [Toronto Star](#)

Labeaume a été «écouté» par Ottawa

Critiqué après avoir déclaré qu'il ne voulait pas accueillir des «gars de 20 ans frustrés» parmi les réfugiés syriens, le maire de Québec estime, au final, qu'il a été entendu et se réjouit du plan d'Ottawa. «Visiblement, on n'avait pas tout faux», a laissé tomber Régis Labeaume au lendemain de l'annonce du plan du fédéral qui accordera la priorité aux familles, aux femmes et aux personnes de la communauté gaie. «Quelque part, on peut penser que le gouvernement fédéral nous a écoutés et a écouté d'autres personnes dans la société. Quand les gens disaient: "Ah, ça ne fonctionne pas comme ça". Ben oui, ça peut marcher comme ça. On peut faire des choix, on peut changer les choses et je suis très heureux si je peux avoir contribué à ces changements- là», a-t-il déclaré hier, se disant satisfait du report de l'échéance pour accueillir 25 000 réfugiés. [Journal de Québec](#), 7

Accueil de réfugiés syriens : le SERY est prêt

Solidarité Ethnique Régionale de la Yamaska (SERY) devrait accueillir 30 réfugiés syriens d'ici le 31 décembre 2015 et 40 autres d'ici février 2016. À cela devrait s'ajouter une troisième cohorte, précise la directrice générale de l'organisme, Joanne Ouellette. «Ces 70 -là sont du plan régulier du gouvernement du Québec, précise Mme Ouellette. Sauf que le Québec va prendre une portion des 25 000 du fédéral, donc il va y avoir entre 2000 et 2500 personnes qui vont arriver par-dessus ces gens-là». Le SERY s'attend ainsi à recevoir 150 réfugiés syriens. Chose certaine, fort d'une expérience dans l'accueil de réfugiés depuis 1996, le SERY n'a pas froid aux yeux. «On est prêts, dit d'emblée Joanne Ouellette. Qu'ils soient Syriens, Colombiens ou Bosniaques, nous allons les recevoir comme tous les autres et c'est à bras ouverts», mentionne la directrice générale. [Granby Express](#)

Pétition pour que le HEC parraine des réfugiés

Un étudiant de HEC Montréal a lancé une pétition en ligne pour que son établissement parraine deux jeunes réfugiés syriens et leur permette d'y étudier gratuitement. Nader Daher souhaite que leurs frais de scolarité, de logement et de subsistance soient assumés par la communauté universitaire. Pour financer ce projet, il propose d'ajouter 5 \$ à la facture des 13 000 étudiants de HEC. Il s'inspire d'une initiative similaire mise en oeuvre à l'Université Bishop's, où on parraine des réfugiés depuis des années. Fils d'un immigrant libanais qui a fui la guerre, Nader Daher est particulièrement touché par la réalité des réfugiés. Il croit que l'éducation joue un rôle central dans l'intégration des nouveaux arrivants. «En plus de mon père, six de ses frères et soeurs sont venus au Canada. Ils ont tous obtenu des diplômes d'études supérieures et ils contribuent largement à la société.» [Journal de Montréal](#), 21

Province to reveal plan to welcome Syrian refugees to Manitoba

Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger is expected to reveal details on Thursday of the province's plan to welcome Syrian refugees to the province. Bequie Lake, director of the Manitoba Immigrant and Refugee Settlement Sector Association, Hani Alubeady, a counsellor at Welcome Place, and Shawn Feely, vice-president of the Canadian Red Cross in Manitoba, will join the premier in the rotunda at the legislative building at noon. The federal government announced Monday that Syrian refugees coming to Canada will be limited to women, children and families, gays and lesbians, and single men accompanying parents as part of a family. [CBC News](#)

Selinger wants refugee help from feds

Manitoba wants federal officials on the ground to help co-ordinate Syrian refugee settlement. Premier Greg Selinger says Ottawa must send staff to help co-ordinate refugee housing, regardless of whether Syrians arrive in the province through private sponsorships, public placements or a combination of both. "The federal government has to make its officials available in Manitoba to work with our officials," Selinger told an audience of municipal leaders Wednesday at an Association of Manitoba Municipalities gathering at the Keystone Centre in Brandon. "We want the federal government at that table, not in Calgary, not in Ottawa." Selinger said he expressed his concerns to Ottawa during the recent first ministers meeting, primarily because Ottawa now has control over settlement services. The premier said it isn't clear how much Ottawa is willing to pay for rents for refugee housing. He said it's Manitoba's preference to avoid the sort of barracks housing planned for Ontario and Quebec and said he has not heard of any such plans for this province. "We'd prefer to settle people in permanent locations, or at least semi-permanent locations as much as possible, close to schools, health and social services." Citizenship and Immigration Canada wouldn't say whether it's considering sending staff to cities to help with refugee settlement. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), A16

Alberta pledges an additional \$1 million for refugee resettlement

The Alberta government is setting aside an additional \$1 million to help with the resettlement of Syrian refugees in five cities across the province. The province will help approximately 2,500 to 3,000 refugees resettle in Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge, Labour Minister Lori Sigurdson said Wednesday. "We don't know specifically yet how many will be coming to Alberta, but we want to do our part." She said she doesn't know how many refugees will arrive in each of the five cities, but will meet next week with federal Immigration and Refugees Minister John McCallum to discuss details. "We've made it clear to the federal government that the cost of settling these newcomers to Alberta will require additional resources, which the federal government is responsible to provide," she said. [Edmonton Journal](#)

Syrian refugees to get help to overcome trauma

Edmonton settlement agencies are getting ready to support Syrian refugees facing mental health challenges. "We have been alerted that a significant number of the Syrian refugees will face some trauma issues," said Alice Colak, vice president of immigration and settlement service at Catholic Social Services. "We are trying to gear up and prepare for that, both internally as well as in the community and in discussions with Alberta Health and other colleague organizations who might have those supports." Alberta is welcoming up to 3,000 refugees in the next few months. About half are expected to settle in Edmonton as government-sponsored refugees. They are arriving from United Nations' refugee camps in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey after fleeing the bloody civil war now in its fifth year. [CBC News](#)

No 'miss' in this mission

An editorial states, "The headline Wednesday read as though it were a mistake or a failure of sorts: "Liberals will miss target on refugees." It read as if our new government had blown it, reneging on its campaign pledge to bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees before the end of this year. And indeed, Immigration Minister John McCallum was on the defensive as he told reporters they will resettle 10,000 Syrians by Dec. 31, and bring the rest in by the end of February. Well, we say bravo." [Edmonton Journal](#)

MP must challenge newcomers plan

An opinion piece states, "In light of what happened in Paris recently with the ISIS terrorist attacks, does anyone in their right mind think it is wise for the Justin Trudeau government to allow 25,000 Syrian refugees into our country? These radical 9-11 extremists posed as refugees in Paris. My point being is you can't properly vet each individual because Syria and every other Third World corrupt government has no database for its people of origin. They have no system like ours, Canada and the U.S. Terrorists can submit false documents and say who they are but let's not kid ourselves, we won't really know. And, why is it the higher percentage of refugees are in the age group of 18 to 40 years old? If you have been following U.S. news, as of Nov. 18, their Congress just voted to delay Barack Obama's request to allow these refugees into the U.S. due to safety concerns. I ask our new MP Tracey Ramsey if she'll take this up on the floor of the chamber? Challenge and ask Prime Minister Trudeau's party if they are willing to put Canadians at risk and be accountable. God forbid if just one person granted asylum commits an act of terror on our soil. God bless our troops." [Postmedia Network](#) (Windsor Star, A11)

Canadian PM Trudeau: Syrian refugees not security risk

A day after his government revealed its hotly debated plans for bringing 25,000 refugees to Canada from the devastating, years-long civil war in Syria, Trudeau made an impassioned and highly political appeal that plumbed numerous themes of the October election that vaulted his Liberals to power. The majority will come from Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey, though some may arrive from other places as well. These refugees will be admitted into Canada, in either Montreal or Toronto, and then continue directly on to their destination community. Tuesday's announcement could raise alarm in the US, where many Republican governors have said they don't want any Syrian refugees. Priority for government refugees will be given to complete families, women at risk, members of sexual minorities and single men only if they are identified as gay, bisexual or transgender or are travelling as part of a family. [NewsTelegraph](#)

Canada to Accept Gay Syrian Refugees

In an interview with Canada's CBC broadcaster, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said the delay stemmed from a desire to "get it right" when it came to refugee resettlement. Services like free tuition for 1,000 students at Khalsa School for one year, free meals, clothing and blankets for 2,000 refugees from many gurdwaras, transportation and medical services would be offered to the refugees. Canada has pledged up to \$678 million (635 million euros) over six years toward resettling and integrating Syrian refugees into Canada, and 36 cities have been identified as "destinations". "So it's the whole system", McCallum said. As pressure mounts on Canadian officials over security concerns following the Paris attacks, Canada's Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said that there would be no compromises on that front. [Newstelegraph](#)

Turkey- Canada won't make Syrian refugee target by year's end

Canada announced Tuesday that 10000 of 25000 Syrian refugees will arrive by Dec. 31 with the rest coming by the end of February from Turkey Lebanon and Jordan. The government had originally promised to welcome 25000 in 2015. At a televised press conference in the capital of Ottawa Immigration and Refugees Minister John McCallum said the deadline was pushed back because of the intricacies involved – settlement housing medical services etc. "There are a lot of moving parts here" he told reporters. "That is why [the deadline is extended]. Canadians have said yes do this [but] do it right ... take the time." The government was to have sponsored the 25000 refugees but McCallum said the arrivals by the end of February would include private sponsors. He added that in 2016 the government will bring its refugee intake up to 25000 and with private sponsorship the figures will total more than 25000 although he did not put a number on it. [MENAFN](#)

Réfugiés syriens: à Montréal pour se rapprocher de la diaspora, dit Moreau

La grande majorité des réfugiés syriens prendront le chemin du Grand Montréal parce que c'est là que se trouve la diaspora qui les accueillera, a indiqué jeudi le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Pierre Moreau. Selon les projections rendues publiques par le gouvernement Couillard mercredi, 85% des Syriens qui arriveront au Québec d'ici la fin 2016 seront établis à Montréal, Laval ou Longueuil. Les 15% restants seront saupoudrés dans 10 autres municipalités. Pourquoi une telle concentration dans la métropole ? Parce que la grande majorité des réfugiés seront parrainés par des Québécois - souvent d'origine syrienne - plutôt que pris en charge par l'État, indique M. Moreau. [La Presse](#)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

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OTHER / AUTRES

U.S. presidential envoy and Defence Minister Sajjan discuss ways to counter Islamic State

U.S. Special Presidential Envoy Brett McGurk visited Canada Wednesday at the invitation of Canadian Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan. In meetings with Sajjan and other senior Canadian government officials, McGurk expressed the United States' appreciation for Canada's "important and ongoing contributions as a member of the global coalition" to counter the Islamic State, according to a news release from the U.S. Embassy. The two also discussed how to increase pressure on the Islamic State and fight its global terror network, U.S. officials said. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Canada's Miss World contestant denied entry to China

Canada's outspoken Miss World contestant said she was barred Thursday from entering China to take part in this year's pageant in the southern island province of Hainan. Chinese-born Anastasia Lin said she was unable to board her connecting flight from Hong Kong after a Chinese official told her by telephone that she would not be granted a visa on arrival. While she cleared customs in Hong Kong, she was not allowed to board her next flight to Hainan, according to a friend, Caylan Ford, who released a statement from Lin. "The Chinese government has barred me from the competition for political reasons. They are trying to punish me for my beliefs and prevent me from speaking out about human rights issues," Lin said in the statement, prepared before her departure. [Al Jazeera America](#); [Associated Press](#) (CP24)

INTERNATIONAL

Trudeau won't 'point fingers' in Turkey-Russia crisis

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau doesn't want to "point fingers" at who's to blame after Turkish jets shot down a Russian warplane Tuesday, saying he wants to "de-escalate" the situation instead. Trudeau made the comments during a meeting with British Prime Minister David Cameron Wednesday on the first day of a six-day overseas trip to London, Malta and Paris. Both Russia and Turkey blame each other for the incident, the first time a NATO member jet has downed a Russian plane since the Korean War in the 1950s. Russian President Vladimir Putin vowed there will be "serious consequences" for what he calls a "stab in the back." NATO has called an emergency meeting, at the request of Turkey, to discuss the incident and how to respond. Trudeau said Canada will "absolutely" stand by NATO ally Turkey, but says it's still not entirely clear what contributed to the Turkish jets shooting down the Russian warplane near the border of Turkey and Syria. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Russia 'plans sanctions' against Turkey over jet downing

Russia is preparing wide-ranging economic sanctions against Turkey over the downing of one of its jets on the Turkey-Syria border. Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said the measures would be drafted within days, and could hit joint investment plans. Also on Thursday, Russia's military suspended all communication channels with the Turkish military, including a 'hot line' to help avoid air accidents. Turkey says the plane violated its airspace - charges Russia denies. [BBC News](#)

German interior minister calls for European refugee cap: newspaper

Europe should set a limit on the number of refugees it takes in and seek out those most clearly entitled to protection, German Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere said in an interview with Austrian newspaper Der Standard. In remarks published a day after Chancellor Angela Merkel, a fellow conservative, pledged to stick to her open-door refugee policy, de Maiziere said Europe should commit to "a generous concluding intake of refugees", but did not provide a number. [Reuters](#)

Pakistan Taliban commander allegedly killed by drones

A senior commander of Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has been killed in US drone strikes in Afghanistan's Khost province, Pakistani intelligence officials told Al Jazeera. Khalid Mehsud - alias Khan Said Sajna - was killed with 12 fighters on Wednesday when four US drones carried out strikes in the Damma area of Afghanistan, close to Pakistan's North Waziristan province, the officials said on condition of anonymity. [Al Jazeera](#)

Suspected Boko Haram militants raid Niger village riding motorcycles, killing 16

Witnesses say suspected militants from the Boko Haram extremist group have killed 16 people in a Niger village not far from the border with Nigeria. Adam Boukarna, who runs a radio station in the town of Diffa, said the attack on took place Wednesday night, with the assailants arriving on motorbikes and firing on "anything that moved." He said the gunmen also raided local shops and that multiple people were injured in addition to those killed. [Associated Press](#) (Fox News, Metro News)

Moldovan police detain 13 suspected of plot to attack capital and city with Russian majority

Moldovan police have detained a total of 13 suspected members of a paramilitary group allegedly planning to attack the capital and a northern city with a majority Russian population, with the aim of creating a new separatist republic similar to the one in eastern Ukraine. The General Police Inspectorate said Thursday that the group wanted to assault state institutions in the capital, Chisinau, and in Balti, a city some 120 kilometres (75 miles) away — and seize the northern city. [Associated Press](#) (Metro News, Business Standard)

SOCIAL MEDIA / MÉDIAS SOCIAUX

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ATTACKS IN PARIS / ATTENTATS A PARIS

AJE News

Suspicious powder found at Brussels Grand Mosque <http://aje.io/xjvn>

The Globe and Mail

German police arrest two in Berlin suspected of planning attack <http://trib.al/8gH001U>

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

TorontoStar

Trudeau to talk terrorism in Malta at Commonwealth summit <http://on.thestar.com/1T7MXGt> [#topstories](#)

Montreal Gazette

Man acquitted of breaking terrorism-related peace bond conditions <http://bit.ly/1Nachac>

Justin Ling

Three men were arrested and tortured in Syria on CSIS' intelligence — their lawsuit has finally inched forward. <https://news.vice.com/article/torture-victims-win-legal-battle-in-fight-against-canadian-government> ...

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

CBC Newfoundland

Bell Island RCMP investigating vehicle fire near Freshwater. No one was injured. [#nlcrime](#)

Michael Geist

RT [@privacylawyer](#): Once again RCMP calls for warrantless access to online info. Once again RCMP is wrong <http://bit.ly/1N9GRko>

Ray Boisvert

Consequences if we let Snowden hysteria hamper routine policing: RCMP need warrantless access to subscriber info <http://www.cbc.ca/1.3337028>

CBC News

RCMP need warrantless access to online subscriber info: Paulson

<http://www.cbc.ca/1.3337028>

CTV Calgary

RCMP apprehend Saad Osman, third Airdrie vehicle fire homicide suspect, in Surrey, BC <http://bit.ly/1lbD1ey> [#yyc](#)

CTV Vancouver

Suspects rammed police cruiser, led officers on chase across Metro Vancouver: RCMP <http://bc.ctvnews.ca/suspects-rammed-police-cruiser-led-chase-across-metro-vancouver-rcmp-1.2675377> ...

CTV Vancouver

Mounties have arrested 2 people after a high speed chase from Surrey to West Vancouver. More [@CTVMorningLive](#)

Globalnews.ca

RCMP asks for help identifying 2 men after 'suspicious behaviour' on Toronto bridge <http://glnb.ca/V6jTe>

CP24

LIVE NOW: RCMP to discuss investigation into suspicious incident near Rogers Centre <http://www.cp24.com/video?clipId=68596&binId=1.1127680&playlistPageNum=1> ...

Global Montreal

RCMP Boss wants personal info on internet subscribers available to police <http://glnb.ca/V5JBW>

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

The Province

Vancouver police say "one-punch" attacks on the rise, leading to serious injuries and deaths <http://bit.ly/1IMeRNC>

CBC News Alerts

Status of Women Minister Patricia Hadju says 2014 homicide statistics 'reveal the need for an inquiry' into #MMIW.

Globalnews.ca

Where are Canadians being killed? Compare homicide rates across the country <http://glnb.ca/V4VNT> #cdnhealth #amp6

OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEES / OPÉRATION RÉFUGIÉS SYRIENS

David Johnston

As Canada prepares to #WelcomeRefugees, I met with @MaurerICRC and @ConradSauve. @ICRC @redcrosscanada

Derek Stoffel

VIDEO: How @Refugees offers assistance to #SyrianRefugees in Beirut. <http://bit.ly/1Ik1Z0G> #CBC #Lebanon

Magazine L'actualité

Les réfugiés plus vulnérables aux problèmes de santé mentale <http://bit.ly/1lhrJ3d>

CTV Calgary

Up to 900 Syrian refugees a day to land in Toronto, Montreal: document <http://bit.ly/1OiwW/hw>

Kristy Kirkup

Some premiers raise refugee funding questions via @cdnpress <http://www.southwesternontario.ca/news-story/6135970-some-premiers-raise-refugee-funding-questions/> ... #cdnpoli

Magazine L'actualité

Les bases militaires se préparent à accueillir des milliers de réfugiés <http://bit.ly/1P9OnSN>

VICE Canada

Trudeau is disappointed by how US politicians are reacting to Syrian refugees: <http://bit.ly/1YuVfMd>

La Presse

Réfugiés syriens: à Montréal pour se rapprocher de la diaspora, dit Moreau <http://bit.ly/1IMhMGk>

OTHER / AUTRES

CBC Politics

Justin Trudeau not being asked to reconsider taking fighter jets out of ISIS battle, adviser says http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/government-position-fighter-jets-1.3338186?cmp=rss&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter ... #cdnpoli #hw

The Associated Press

Outspoken Miss World Canada Anastasia Lin denied entry to China to compete in pageant: <http://apne.ws/21hPSIG>

INTERNATIONAL

CNN Breaking News

Turkey won't apologize for downing Russian jet, Turkish President Erdogan tells @BeckyCNN. <http://cnn.it/1IcILVw>

The Associated Press

Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City gets underway, with big crowds and record number of police: <http://apne.ws/1XthAaG>

CBC News Alerts_

Police report says 4 passengers removed from flight at #Baltimore airport on Nov. 17 after woman says she saw a text with word 'dynamite.'

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MINISTER / MINISTRE

Parliamentary stand-offs: Let the sparring begin

No matter how much the federal parties insist they'll behave in the new House of Commons, expect some pitched battles between Liberal cabinet ministers and opposition critics. Here are a few matchups to watch during question period. **Public Safety: Ralph Goodale** versus Erin O'Toole (Con.) versus Randall Garrison (NDP): **Goodale** is unflappable, having served under three prime ministers (one of whom was Pierre Trudeau). He'll bring a firm hand to a hectic and high-profile portfolio, ranging from security services to refugee screening to the promised overhaul of the Conservatives' national security Bill C-51. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE / DISCOURS DU TRÔNE

Perry Bellegarde to Liberal government: Talk first, act later

Even as Justin Trudeau makes acting on First Nations' issues a priority for his new government, the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations has a surprising warning for him: talk first, act later. Perry Bellegarde says he wants the new Prime Minister to consult with First Nations more broadly before he embarks on his ambitious agenda that was outlined in the Speech From the Throne on Friday. That agenda includes launching an inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. [Maclean's](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

NIL

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Des extrémistes pourraient infiltrer des manifestations pacifiques

Des hauts fonctionnaires craignent que des extrémistes se glissent dans des manifestations contre la construction de pipelines, l'exploitation des sables bitumineux ou le transport du pétrole par train afin d'encourager la violence, indique un rapport récemment dévoilé. Le document rédigé par le service du renseignement de sécurité de Transports Canada, qui porte sur une analyse des menaces contre les services ferroviaires voyageurs, donne une nouvelle tournure au débat concernant la surveillance dont font l'objet les manifestants écologistes par l'État en laissant entendre que des activistes pacifiques pourraient involontairement accueillir dans leurs rangs des terroristes. Cara Zwibel, directrice du programme des libertés fondamentales pour l'Association canadienne des libertés civiles, a toutefois remis cette affirmation en question, doutant que le ministère ait des preuves pour étayer ses dires. Selon elle, il est dangereux de présenter le militantisme actif comme une couverture potentielle pour des activités terroristes. La Presse Canadienne a obtenu copie du rapport de six pages datant de novembre 2014 en vertu de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Radio-Canada); [Canadian Press](#) (National Post)

Halifax mosque opens its doors for panel discussion on terrorism and national security

The Ummah Mosque in Halifax held an open house Sunday afternoon to invite the public to learn more about Islam and discuss "the elephant in the room." The event included food, art and displays featuring commonly-asked questions about the religion. There were also two panel discussions on the subjects of safety, national security and terrorism. The first panel included Halifax RCMP Superintendent Dennis Daley and Halifax Regional Police Chief Jean-Michel Blais, while the second panel featured several Halifax imams. [Global News](#)

NSA's shuttered program was 'a sacrificial lamb' in U.S. mass surveillance

The National Security Agency in the United States may have shuttered its controversial bulk phone record collection program, but that doesn't mean people living in that country suddenly have their communications free from government scrutiny... Snowden also revealed that Canada's electronic spy agency tracks millions of downloads daily by people around the world, including Canadians. While it's hard to know much about the Canadian Security Establishment because of the secrecy surrounding the agency, there is "evidence of the same kind of indiscriminate surveillance as the NSA engages in," says David Lyon, the director of Queen's University's surveillance studies centre and author of *Surveillance after Snowden*. [CBC News](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

NIL

CYBER SECURITY / CYBERSÉCURITÉ

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Canada-wide warrant issued for escaped prisoner

A Canada-wide warrant has been issued for the New Brunswick prisoner who escaped from guards Friday afternoon at the Truro Justice Centre. Marc Joseph Pellerin ran off while being transferred from one Sheriff Services vehicle to another at about 5:45 p.m., on Friday and has not been seen since. [Chronicle Herald](#)

Cram the Cruiser overwhelming success in Lake Country

A fundraiser for the Lake Country Food Bank gets more successful every year. The 4th annual Cram the Cruiser event was held on yesterday, Dec. 5, raising over \$3,700 in cash and gathering over 3,000 lbs. of non-perishable food and other items, according to a media release. Members of the Lake Country RCMP detachment and Lake Country Fire Department are behind the event. This year more than 30 people volunteers their time and several businesses were involved. [InfoTel News](#)

It's the time for Christmas parties and check stops

As the Christmas season approaches, members of the Airdrie RCMP are preparing for check stops to ensure everyone is being safe this holiday season. With Christmas comes company parties, which leads to individuals having a couple of drinks to celebrate with their fellow employees. While this is going on, RCMP will be ensuring that everyone is making it home safely by setting up check stops in various parts of the city. [Discover Airdrie](#)

RCMP trumpeting return

RCMP are hailing a man for allowing a West Kelowna musician to be reunited with his stolen trumpets after they were turned into the Vernon/North Okanagan RCMP. The instruments were stolen from the owners' vehicle while it was parked in the 2700 block of 32nd Street in Vernon, November 23, 2015. [Castannet.net](#)

RCMP investigate after seriously injured girl found south of Edmonton

Maskwacis RCMP are turning to the public for help after a seriously injured girl was found on a gravel road in the rural area of the Samson Cree Nation early Sunday morning. According to police, the unidentified girl, whose age is not known, was taken to hospital with unidentified injuries. No other details have been released. [CTV News Edmonton](#); [Edmonton Journal](#); [Edmonton Sun](#)

6 face 167 charges over string of rural Saskatchewan break-ins

Six people, including a youth, are facing a long list of charges — 167 altogether — for a rash of break and enters in the countryside around Yorkton, Sask. RCMP said Sunday that they had been working on a number of files, some of which go back to August. Among the allegations: break and enter, theft, mischief and dangerous operation of all-terrain vehicles. Officers from the Yorkton detachment of the RCMP laid charges against five adults and one youth after linking the suspects to multiple cases. [CBC News](#)

Mystery card giver offers holiday greetings to local police and fire

Ironically, the only month Windsor's mystery card lady is not actually writing out Christmas cards is December. For the third year in a row, Judy filled out 900 holiday cards for everyone in the Windsor Police Service and the Windsor Fire and Rescue Services. Not interested in the spotlight landing on her, she did not want her real name used or her photo taken. [Windsor Star](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

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COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Justin Trudeau assistera à un événement commémoratif

La journée de dimanche sera consacrée à honorer la mémoire des 14 victimes de l'École Polytechnique de Montréal abattues il y a 26 ans parce qu'elles étaient des femmes. Une cérémonie à leur mémoire, à laquelle assistera le premier ministre du Canada, Justin Trudeau, est entre autres prévue sur le belvédère du Mont-Royal. [Le Devoir](#); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Radio-Canada); [Global News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Brampton Guardian)

La Saskatchewan se souvient du massacre de l'École Polytechnique de Montréal

Des cérémonies pour souligner la mémoire des 14 femmes qui ont été tuées à l'École polytechnique de Montréal, le 6 décembre 1989, ont lieu dimanche partout à travers le pays, notamment en Saskatchewan. À Regina, une veillée aux chandelles a eu lieu dimanche à 11 h 30 à la salle de spectacle Artesian. À Saskatoon, une commémoration se tiendra dans les locaux de l'Alliance de la fonction publique du Canada à 18 heures. [Radio-Canada](#)

Calgary landmarks will be lit red tonight to shed light on violence against women

Two Calgary landmarks will light up Sunday evening to remember women who have lost their lives to gender-based violence. Langevin Bridge and McMahon Stadium will shine red in recognition of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, established by the federal government to remember the 14 women killed at the Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal in 1989. [Calgary Herald](#)

Montreal Massacre 26th anniversary ceremonies set for GTA

Sunday marks the 26th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, and ceremonies across Canada and here in the GTA are set to honour the victims of the mass shooting. On Dec. 6, 1989, Marc Lepine entered an engineering class at Ecole Polytechnique, opened fire, and killed 14 women before turning the gun on himself. The sixth of December has become known as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. [680 News](#)

Sheridan College remembers women killed in École Polytechnique massacre

Two long tables, covered with white cloth, were set up alongside one another in the main lobby of Sheridan College's Davis campus on Friday morning (Dec. 4). Fourteen framed portraits lined the conjoined furniture, each displaying the name and face of a woman killed in the Montreal Massacre 26 years ago at École Polytechnique. [Brampton Guardian](#)

Senate has no legitimacy, says BC Premier Christy Clark

British Columbia's premier says the idea of lending her province's support to a new process for selecting senators is "just wrong."... Clark was also asked on Sunday about the legalization of marijuana, something the Liberal government promised to do during the federal election campaign. On that point, Clark struck a far more cooperative tone. "We're happy to work with whatever the federal government decides on that," she said. "You know (the federal Liberals) were really clear ... about their position on this, and so we're prepared to move forward on it and I know lots of ideas about how we might regulate it." [Global News](#)

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CTV News - Question Period interviewed Conservative leader Rona Ambrose regarding the settlement of Syrian refugees into Canada as well as missing and murdered aboriginal women.
[Rough Transcript](#)

OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEES / OPÉRATION RÉFUGIÉS SYRIENS

What Canada will do to help Syrian refugees: Four key points

Canada is being both praised and criticized for its plans to bring Syrian refugees into the country. The liberal government highlighted its updated plans to see 10,000 admitted by December 31 and a 15,000 more by the end of February. The refugees will be a mixture of government and privately sponsored, with the Immigration Minister John McCallum reportedly saying that the total number could reach 50,000 by the end of 2016. So what do we know about what Canada is doing for Syrian refugees? Here are five key points. [Al Bawaba](#)

Edmonton area prepares for Syrian refugee influx

An Edmonton agency is setting up a volunteer hotline in preparation for the arrival of Syrian refugees in what's likely the largest influx since the arrival of Vietnamese 'boat people' in the late 1970s. The Mennonite Centre for Newcomers is receiving 30 to 40 calls a day offering to help, but some people are shuttled between groups as they narrow down where assistance is most needed, executive director Erick Ambtman says. [Edmonton Journal](#)

Former refugees say Canadian winters can be a shock for newcomers

It was a frigid February in 1985 when Getachew Woldeyesus arrived in Saskatchewan as a refugee. The young man from Ethiopia stayed inside for two months. "Because you don't know, is it slippery out there? Are you wearing the right shoes? It's freezing out there, so I was afraid to go out," Woldeyesus recalled in an interview with The Canadian Press. [Canadian Press](#) (Global News)

Here's how Canada is preparing refugees for the winter

It's expected that Canadians will welcome 25,000 Syrian refugees this winter before January 1, many of which who are unfamiliar with the season's harsh conditions. However, social agencies, church groups and private citizens across the country have been organizing donations and preparing programs to help ease the transition. Take Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS) for example. The organization provides a wide range of services from refugee resettlement to family counselling and English in the workplace. The Weather Network's Nathan Coleman spoke with ISANS instructor Alex Atiol about how newcomers should prepare for a Canadian winter. [Weather Network](#)

Local communities pitch in on Syrian refugee efforts

Ottawa city has been pulling out all stops to welcome Syrian refugees to the city, but smaller surrounding communities are flinging open their own doors too. A Syrian family of six has a home waiting for them in Wakefield, Que., where a group of volunteers has been working to get everything lined up for a warm welcome. And the surrounding community has been pitching in too – in just two weeks since the fundraising efforts began, Wakefield for Refugees has raised more than \$25,000 to help pay for food, clothing, and shelter for one year. Their fundraising goal is \$50,000, with the hopes of welcoming a second family. [Metro News](#)

'In Syria, people faced us with live bullets'

Hany al Moulia, 22, described to Austin M. Davis what drove his family out of their country, the long journey to their new home and the challenges of resettlement. I had a normal life back home. I was born in a very middle-class family. I had my education and everything. I didn't have to do any jobs. I was just studying and trying to do a lot of things. I'm into acting and writing. [Postmedia News](#) (National Post)

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CTV News - Question Period interviewed Immigration Minister John McCallum regarding the settlement of Syrian refugees into Canada. [Rough Transcript](#)

CTV News - Question Period interviewed Conservative leader Rona Ambrose regarding the settlement of Syrian refugees into Canada as well as missing and murdered aboriginal women. [Rough Transcript](#)

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U.S. expecting Canada to be part of the solution to defeat ISIS

Outgoing Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. Gary Doer says that while the Americans respect Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's decision to withdraw from the air war against ISIS, they expect Canada to continue contributing to the fight against the terror group. [CTV News](#)

Teen pleads for Liberals to help secure the release of her father, held in a U.A.E. jail without charges

An Ontario teen is calling on the new Liberal government to secure the release of her father, who has been languishing in a United Arab Emirates prison without charge for more than a year. Marwa Alaradi has written to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and every MP on Parliament Hill asking for Canada to intervene in her family's ordeal. [Canadian Press](#) (National Post)

INTERNATIONAL

San Bernardino: la femme pourrait avoir été l'instigatrice de l'attentat

Les enquêteurs tentent de déterminer si Tashfeen Malik a poussé son mari américain Syed Farook à se radicaliser et si elle était l'instigatrice de la fusillade de la semaine dernière à San Bernardino, en Californie, qui a fait 14 morts, ont indiqué deux responsables, dimanche. Cette hypothèse a émergé la semaine dernière, quand il a été révélé que cette femme née au Pakistan avait prêté allégeance au groupe armé État islamique dans un message sur Facebook publié à peu près au moment où l'attaque a commencé, mercredi, lors d'un banquet des employés des services de santé du comté. Pendant ce temps, les hommages aux victimes se poursuivaient dimanche, tandis que le président Barack Obama préparait un discours à la nation sur la sécurité et le terrorisme. [La Presse Canadienne](#); [Associated Press](#) (The Province)

San Bernardino terrorism probe widens as Obama is set to speak

With President Obama set to deliver a rare prime-time address from the Oval Office on Sunday, the investigation into the San Bernardino massacre continued Sunday both in the United States and Pakistan, where one of the attackers once lived. The FBI on Saturday raided the home of one of the shooter's friends as agents searched for the source of the guns used in the attack. And in Pakistan on Sunday, the interior minister said the country has launched its own investigation and offered assistance to U.S. authorities. Obama's speech will provide an update on the federal investigation into Wednesday's attack that killed 14 people at a holiday party at a San Bernardino conference center and will "discuss the broader threat of terrorism — including the nature of the threat, how it has evolved, and how we will defeat it," according to the White House. The FBI is investigating the shooting as an act of terrorism apparently inspired by the extremist group Islamic State. U.S. Atty. Gen. Loretta Lynch urged the public Sunday not to jump to conclusions about the motive for the attack or the couple's ties to ISIS. She said Farook had made contact with some people the FBI was monitoring but again stressed the investigation is ongoing. [LA Times](#); [Associated Press](#) (CBC News); [Maclean's](#)

The Latest: Saudi Spokesman Says No Sign of Radicalization

Saudi Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Mansour Al-Turki tells AP that authorities there have received no indication Tashfeen Malik was radicalized in Saudi Arabia. Al-Turki said Saudi records show she was not a resident of Saudi Arabia and had been to the kingdom only twice in her life. On both trips, she came to visit her family, once in 2008 for several weeks and the second time in 2013 for four months. [Associated Press](#) (ABC News)

San Bernardino gunman obsessed with ISIS and Israel, dad says

San Bernardino gunman Syed Farook shared ISIS' ideology, wanted to see the establishment of an Islamic caliphate and was fixated with Israel, Farook's father told an Italian newspaper during an interview in which he also offered his own unusual ideas about Israel. "My son said that he shared [ISIS leader Abu Bakr] Al Baghdadi's ideology and supported the creation of the Islamic State," said Farook's dad, also named Syed Farook, who lives in Corona, Calif., with another son who is a Navy veteran. "He was also obsessed with Israel." [FOX News](#)

Lashkar-e-Taiba plot to attack PM Narendra Modi in Delhi foiled with 'arrests'

Blowing the lid off a sinister plot to target Prime Minister Narendra Modi's gatherings or assassinate other high-profile politicians in Delhi, Intelligence Bureau (IB) and Delhi Police's special cell sleuths are carrying out a joint operation to nab at least three to four hardcore Lashkar-e-Taiba militants, who have managed to sneak in to Jammu & Kashmir from across the border. At least four terrorists had infiltrated into the country last month and were in contact with Lashkar commander Abu Dujana for logistics and ground support, highly placed sources told TOI. J&K police has also been roped in for the counter-terror operation and at least two of the militants have been reportedly arrested in J&K. [Times of India](#)

Lufthansa passenger threatens to open plane door

A man aboard a Lufthansa flight from Frankfurt to Belgrade has been arrested Sunday after threatening to open a plane door during the flight, Serbian authorities said. Passengers quoted by Belgrade media said he banged on a cockpit door threatening to bring down the plane while it was flying over Austria if he was not allowed inside. Lufthansa said the cabin crew and passengers on Flight 1406 managed to restrain him for the rest of the journey, adding that the plane doors can't be opened during a flight anyway. Lufthansa spokesman Andreas Bartels said the plane landed safely in Belgrade and the passenger was handed over to local authorities. Belgrade Blic daily said the man is a Jordanian with an American passport. Police questioned him after the plane landed in Belgrade. [Associated Press](#)

Face of the threat

A new report, "ISIS in America: From Retweets to Raqqa," has been written by the George Washington University's Program on Extremism. It attempts to provide a profile of Islamic State recruits/sympathizers from the U.S., (I'm not aware of a similar study by Canadian researchers but if there is let me know). Here is what the U.S. researchers found after going through court records, social media accounts and other documents: Average age: 26. Eighty-six per cent are male. Twitter and other social media is the main venue they use to gather and spread information about the Islamic State. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

'#YouAintNoMuslimBruv' top UK Twitter trend after London stabbing

YouAintNoMuslimBruv became Britain's top trending Twitter hashtag Sunday after a passer-by shouted the dismissive remark at a knife-wielding man in a London Underground station. Police are treating Saturday's attack at Leytonstone Tube station in east London as a "terrorist incident". [Agence France-Presse](#) (Yahoo! News)

Yemen: Governor, 6 bodyguards killed; ISIS claims responsibility

The governor of the major Yemeni city of Aden and six bodyguards were killed in a car bombing Sunday - an attack ISIS said it committed. Gov. Jaafar Saad was at the branch of the Ministry of Telecommunication in the southern city of Aden when the blast occurred, local officials said. [CNN](#)

Commuter train slams into passenger bus in Indonesia; 18 dead

A commuter train slammed into a passenger minibus Sunday at a railroad crossing in Indonesia's capital, killing at least 18 people and seriously injuring six others. The bus driver allegedly ignored the warning signals when he crossed the rail tracks and was rammed by the train in western Jakarta, said Wirdhanto, the police chief in the neighbourhood of Tambora. Like many Indonesians, Wirdhanto uses only one name. [Associated Press](#) (CBC News)

Storm Desmond brings flooding and disruption to parts of UK

High-speed winds and heavy rain are causing severe disruption as Storm Desmond continues to batter the UK. People were evacuated from their homes as flash flooding swept through parts of Cumbria, and police in the area declared a "major incident". Dozens of train routes have been cancelled, and roads

have been closed in Scotland, England and Wales. Scores of severe flood warnings are in place in England, with two more issued in south-west Scotland. [BBC News](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA / MÉDIAS SOCIAUX

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NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

[PostmediaNews](#)

Extremists could use peaceful pipeline protests in Canada as cover, intel report claims <http://ow.ly/VxVo8> via [@nationalpost](#)

[RadioCanadaInfo](#)

Des extrémistes pourraient infiltrer des manifestations pacifiques <http://rc.ca/CxFJRb>

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

[ctvqp](#)

Going forward, Doer says that Canada-U.S. relations will be highly focused on security. [#cdnpoli](#) [#cdnfp](#)

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Canadian Ambassador to U.S. Gary Doer says he & former PM Harper had a shared priority of reaching the Beyond the Border agreement [#cdnpoli](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

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RCMP trumpeting return <http://bit.ly/1SHevhv> [#VernonBC](#)

[AIR1061FM](#)

As the Christmas season approaches, members of the Airdrie RCMP are preparing for check stops to ensure everyone... <http://fb.me/2z9VdZfaA>

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[@RonaAmbrose](#)'s message to the government on [#MMIW](#): "Please do it fast." [#cdnpoli](#)

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Assembly of First Nations National Chief [@perrybellegarde](#) hopes for an inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women by April 1.

[TheWestBlock](#)

On the legalization of marijuana, Clark is far more positive. "We're happy to work with whatever the federal government decides on that."

[CBCCanada](#)

Cards of Compassion support people living with mental illness <http://ift.tt/1XMahQL>

OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEES / OPÉRATION RÉFUGIÉS SYRIENS

[CBCPEI](#)

Have no fear, past experience suggests Syrian refugees will only enrich Canada <http://www.cbc.ca>

mtlgazette

Quebec is ready to handle 3,000 Syrian refugees, ministers promise <http://bit.ly/21FLYDm>

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@JohnMcCallumLPC says the Syrian refugee resettlement commitment is taking up every minute of his life, and is going "extremely well."

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@JohnMcCallumLPC admits that housing is a challenge as Canada prepares to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees. [#cdnpoli](#)

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@JohnMcCallumLPC says many "business people" have come forward to offer free or subsidized rental accommodation for Syrian refugees.

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@JohnMcCallumLPC is hoping that many more business people and Canadians come forward to help with housing for Syrian refugees.

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@RonaAmbrose would like to see new refugees integrated into communities, and not have to stay on military bases. [#cdnpoli](#)

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@RonaAmbrose is glad to see that Trudeau backed off on the Jan. 1 deadline and hopes that he continues to take the refugee process slow.

OTHER / AUTRES

CTVNews

U.S. expecting Canada to be part of the solution to defeat ISIS <http://ow.ly/VxGP3>

INTERNATIONAL

theprovince

Tashfeen Malik may have been the driving force in the San Bernardino massacre plot: officials <http://theprovince.in/1NDa1IW>

GlobalNational

Woman behind California shooting became fervently devout in recent years <http://glnb.ca/Vxwv1>

PostmediaNews

Man reportedly shouts 'This is for Syria' before attacking people with a knife at London subway... <http://ow.ly/VxBnu> via [@nationalpost](#)

AP

VIDEO: Alleged attacker appears to wield a knife at a tube station in east London on Saturday: <http://apne.ws/1YRXXLY>

cnnbrk

ISIS claims responsibility for car bomb killing governor of major Yemeni city and six bodyguards. <http://cnn.it/21H7Dva>

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Nova Scotia digging out after latest winter storm

Many Nova Scotians are waking up to snow-filled driveways today after the province was hammered by snow and wind last night and the storm's aftermath continues to pose some transportation problems. The province's Department of Transportation says many roads and highways across the province are snow-covered but passable. It will be a fairly nice day for clean-up work, Environment Canada is calling for a mix of sun and cloud for much of the province. Several flights into and out of Halifax's Stanfield International Airport have been cancelled this morning. The Marine Atlantic ferry service to Newfoundland is running on time as are the Bay Ferries between St. John and Digby Nova Scotia. All provincial ferries are also running today. Saturday night's storm brought whiteouts and blowing snow that caused crews some problems as they worked to clear roads. [CBC News](#)

Enbridge to increase security following recent cases of pipeline sabotage

In a field on the outskirts of Sarnia, Ont., there's a big blue wheel surrounded by a chain-link fence. Attached to the fence and nailed to a nearby wooden post is a warning: high pressure petroleum pipeline. Early one December morning, a trio of anti-pipeline activists managed to get to the other side of the fence. Photos show them smiling broadly as they turned the wheel, to which they then locked themselves. While the incident caused no injuries or significant service disruptions, the owner of the pipeline – the newly reversed and expanded Line 9 between southwestern Ontario and Montreal – said that incident and others have raised “serious concerns.” “Enbridge sites are locked, secured and monitored for the safety of people and the environment. As with any vital infrastructure or service, they can be made dangerous if tampered with or sabotaged,” said Graham White, a spokesman for Calgary-based firm Enbridge Inc. (TSX:ENB). “We are assessing and employing various additional, permanent measures to enhance our security and safety at these sites to help prevent these types of tampering activities in the future. As part of ensuring the effectiveness of these measures, we will not provide details or discuss them publicly.” Lindsay Gray, speaking on behalf of the “land defenders” in an interview on the day of the Sarnia protest, said there wasn't much stopping them. “Anyone could have done this,” she said. “Anyone.” [Canadian Press](#) (iPolitics, Chronicle-Herald, Hamilton Spectator)

'This will leave a terrible mark on all of us,' Nexen says after death of employee

Nexen Energy says it is “reeling” after an explosion Friday afternoon killed one employee and critically injured another at its oilsands plant south of Fort McMurray. “Yesterday marked one of the darkest days in Nexen's history,” Nexen CEO Fang Zhi said during a press conference Saturday in Calgary. “Standing here today to share this type of information is the worst thing a CEO ever wants to do. But no matter how badly we feel, it pales in comparison to the pain two of our employees families are experiencing.” The Calgary-based Nexen is a subsidiary of China's state-owned CNOOC Ltd., after being acquired by CNOOC more than two years ago. An explosion at Nexen's Long Lake oilsands facility in northern Alberta has ended with one fatality and a second person in hospital, the facility has been shutdown, on Jan. 16, 2016. Nexen and Alberta Occupational Health and Safety said the explosion occurred as two employees were changing valves on a compressor inside a building at Nexen's Long Lake facility about 3:20 p.m. Friday. [Edmonton Journal](#)

Risques d'inondation aux abords de la rivière des Outaouais

La formation de couvercles de glace et les forts débits ont créé une instabilité dans le couvercle, ce qui vient partiellement obstruer la rivière par endroits, notamment dans le secteur de Grenville et Hawkesbury. En raison de cette obstruction à la circulation, le niveau de l'eau augmente de façon importante tout au long de la rivière, jusqu'à Gatineau. La Commission estime qu'il existe un risque important de voir l'eau monter et venir inonder certaines zones riveraines. L'organisme de surveillance de la rivière des Outaouais rappelle également aux citoyens d'être prudent à l'approche du cours d'eau et qu'il existe des dangers associés à la présence de neige et de glace sur les rives lorsque le niveau d'eau est élevé. Le Comité de régularisation de la rivière des Outaouais, un organe de la Commission de planification de la régularisation de la rivière des Outaouais, est composé, notamment, de Travaux publics et Services gouvernementaux Canada, Ontario Power Generation, Hydro-Québec et du ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques du Québec. [La Presse](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Trudeau visits Peterborough, Ont., mosque repaired after arson

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was in Peterborough, Ont., today, where he spoke at a mosque that was damaged by arson last November. He toured Masjid al-Salaam, the city's only mosque, which reopened in late December after repairs were made, and attended its open house. “What happened to this place of worship just one day after the brutal terrorist attacks in Paris is reprehensible. I have not met a single Canadian who was not as profoundly disturbed as I was to see this kind of hate crime taking place,” Trudeau said. A firebomb was placed in one of the windows of the mosque one day after the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris, for which the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria claimed responsibility. The arson was one of

a string of anti-Muslim assaults in Ontario that followed the bloodshed in the French capital. [CBC News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (CKTB 610)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Task Force has been busy along the river

Cornwall's Regional Task Force continues to make a difference in this community. Between August and December, the RTF arrested 23 individuals and seized 13 pickup trucks, five boats, five outboard boat motors, 40.5 cases of cigarettes, one boat trailer and 7,693 kilograms of fine cut tobacco. On Oct. 22 the RCMP received information that there was someone at a cottage property in South Glengarry while owners were away. Members attended the scene and located nine garbage bags of fine cut tobacco on the property. There were no suspects in the area. A total of 142 kilograms of contraband tobacco was seized. The investigation is still ongoing. On Nov. 5 CRTF members were called to the Canada Border Services Agency port of entry for a female that was crossing through the border with contraband tobacco. Officers arrived on scene and observed a 2015 Dodge Ram pickup truck with several bags of tobacco in the box under the tonneau cover. [Cornwall Standard-Freeholder](#); [Seaway News](#)

CYBER SECURITY / CYBERSÉCURITÉ

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RCMP investigate suspicious death of Quesnel man

Police are investigating the suspicious death of a 67-year-old man in Quesnel. Officers were called to a home in the 100-block Brears road North just before noon Friday and found the man dead. He was surrounded by evidence that suggested foul play, police said. The RCMP's North District Major Crime Unit has been called to lead an investigation. The man's identity has not been released and his cause of death has not yet been determined. Police said they don't believe there is any risk to the public in connection to the ongoing investigation. [Vancouver Province](#)

Const. David Wynn's death leaves St. Albert, RCMP closer a year later - City, RCMP decline to mark one-year anniversary of shooting with special event or ceremony

St. Albert is a community more united following the shooting death of Const. David Wynn at Apex Casino one year ago, says Mayor Nolan Crouse. "The mark that it leaves, it brings the community closer together," Crouse said. "It shows the family and the RCMP just how supportive we are as a community, as a city." Aux. Const. Derek Bond and Wynn were shot at about 3 a.m. Saturday Jan. 17, 2015 while confronting a suspect about a stolen vehicle found near the casino. Wynn later died. Bond was shot in the arm and torso and released from hospital later the same day. Officers tracked the suspect, later identified as Shawn Rehn, to a nearby rural home. When they entered the house, they found him dead. [CBC News](#)

St. Albert MP pushes forward 'Dave Wynn's Law' one year after constable's murder

One year after RCMP Const. David Wynn was shot in the line of duty at a casino in St. Albert lawmakers are honouring the fallen officer by trying to prevent similar tragedies. On Jan. 17, 2015, Const. Wynn was investigating a stolen vehicle complaint with another constable when he was fatally shot by 34-year-old Shawn Maxwell Rehn at the Apex Casino in St. Albert. Rehn left the scene, leading to a nine-hour manhunt (...) St. Albert MP Michael Cooper believes Const. Wynn would still be alive if the judge who let the Rehn out on bail at the time of the shooting had known about his nearly 60 convictions and made a different decision. It's the reason Cooper is reintroducing "Dave Wynn's Law." "It is common sense legislation that would require the Crown to lead evidence of a bail applicants criminal convictions, outstanding charges and failures to appear," Cooper said. [Global News](#)

Province to name lake after murdered RCMP officer Dennis Strongquill

The late Dennis Strongquill will be the first law enforcement officer to have a geographic location named in his honour and memory. Attorney General Gord Mackintosh and Assistant RCMP Commissioner Kevin Brosseau, commanding officer, 'D' Division, and Strongquill's eldest daughter Theresa Strongquill will announce Monday morning that a lake about 45 kilometres north of Flin Flon will be named after Strongquill. Strongquill was a 52-year-old constable stationed in Waywayseecappo just before Christmas of 2001, when he was shot to death during a routine traffic stop just east of Russell. [Winnipeg Free Press](#)

Summerside police chief named municipal police force officer of the year

Summerside police Chief Dave Poirier picked up some hardware at this week's P.E.I. Crime Stoppers annual meeting. Each year Crime Stoppers recognizes exceptional work being done by Island police services by presenting awards to two officers, one municipal and one RCMP who go above and beyond their regular duties during the past year. This year's recipients were Poirier and RCMP Staff Sgt. Kevin Baillie from Kings District. [Journal Pioneer](#)

RCMP make pair of drug busts near Clarenville

The RCMP Clarenville detachment arrested two men Saturday night following two separate traffic stops. Police said they stopped vehicles in Hillview and George's Brook and seized an undisclosed quantity of marijuana and cash. A 22-year-old man from Sunnyside and a 41-year-old man from Clarenville both face charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking. [CBC News](#)

Iqaluit RCMP investigating after hit and run injures 7-year-old boy

RCMP in Iqaluit are searching for the driver of an all-terrain vehicle that hit a 7-year-old boy in the city's Legoland neighbourhood Sunday morning. Cpl. David Lawson said police are now looking for the driver of a green ATV who remains at large. He would not say if police suspect alcohol was a factor in the incident. He said the ATV also crashed into a nearby parked vehicle. [CBC News](#)

Traffic fatalities down on provincial roads

In a challenging year for RCMP in Alberta, traffic stands out as a positive. The number of fatalities, injury collisions and impaired drivers were all down in 2015 from 2014, something K-Division Deputy Commissioner Marianne Ryan chalks up to increased enforcement. "I think it will always be the number one for us because it takes so many lives every year, but interestingly enough, this past year, we actually saw a decrease in the total number of fatalities, the number of people killed on the highways," Ryan said. In 2014, 279 people died in collisions on the provincial roads, but the number dropped to 236 in 2015. "One fatality is too many, but the decrease is good to see," she said. [Edmonton Sun](#)

'Tower dumps' may tell police far too much

An editorial states "Has your private but more or less innocuous information been scooped up by a police force? It seems very likely. "Tower dumps," containing enormous amounts of personal data, are harvested by police from traffic on cellphone towers. The process is not basically different from the vast "bulk collection" of communications by the U.S. National Security Agency, as revealed by Edward Snowden, though Canadian police forces are more concerned with ordinary robberies than with international terrorism. "Production orders" have sometimes swept up 40,000 people's accounts from cell towers. Police officers find this convenient because a criminal gang is often in continuous cellphone contact while actually committing a crime. But the rest of us don't want our banking and credit-card information and whatever else to be broadcast to the world – which is much more than the mere "phone directory" information that some police forces speak of dismissively." [Globe and Mail](#)

Start studying pot sales: union to LCBO

Give them the green light. The union that represents LCBO workers wants the retailer to start studying how it could sell marijuana. Right now, the LCBO says it won't start researching marijuana sales until the drug is actually legalized. Despite public musings from several prominent politicians — including Premier Kathleen Wynne — that its stores would be the ideal place to sell weed, the LCBO has no data on whether that would be a good idea. In December, the Toronto Sun made a Freedom of Information request seeking access to documents on any studies done by the LCBO on marijuana sales at its stores. The agency says no documents exist and confirmed this week no studies have been done. LCBO spokesman Christine Bujold said despite that, the agency is monitoring the situation carefully. In addition

to legalization at the federal level, Bujold said the LCBO would need specific instructions from the province to launch a study. [Ottawa Sun](#) (2016-01-16)

Sophisticated car theft ring targeting luxury vehicles

In the middle of the night, in a Hamilton suburb, a young man walks up a driveway, turns a key in the door of a parked Acura and quietly gets into the driver's seat. He doesn't start the car, instead reaching into his bag to pull out something that looks a bit like an oversized vintage Nintendo controller, 13-by-30 centimetres with a bright blue rubber border. With a USB cable, he plugs it into the car's diagnostic system and punches some buttons. Then, trying the key, he hears the engine come to life. He backs out and drives away. Before the sun rises, he does the same with four more cars - and in that way, in less than a year, 500 cars in and around the GTA worth \$30-million are silently taken. "They never think they're going to get caught, because this isn't a violent crime," said Toronto police Staff Inspector Mike Earl, who helped bust the car-theft ring in the GTA last year - a more sophisticated scheme than police had seen before. "They're flying under the radar because they're doing these things at three, four o'clock in the morning." The cars, he said, are "already maybe in a shipping container before they're even reported stolen." Forget hot-wiring: It's a new day for the old crime of stealing cars. Today's thieves exploit the vulnerabilities of modern automotive technology, bypassing security systems in a matter of seconds. [Globe and Mail](#)

Brampton man suing police called 'author of his own misfortune'

A Brampton man acquitted of murder after a judge raised serious concerns about the police tactics used during the investigation "was entirely the author of his own misfortune," the Peel Police Services Board, former police chief and lead detectives allege in a statement of defence in a multimillion-dollar lawsuit. Eric Morgan is suing the board, former police chief Michael Metcalf and five Peel homicide detectives for about \$25 million after he spent more than three years in pretrial custody before being acquitted of murder in 2013. His freedom came after Ontario Superior Court Justice Fletcher Dawson took the unusual step of instructing the jury to acquit Morgan after finding police had used "abusive" and "threatening" tactics against key witnesses and "manufactured" evidence incriminating Morgan. But in a statement of defence filed last month, the police board, Metcalf and the five detectives on the case claim Peel police were at all times acting "in the interest of public safety." Their defence claim emphasizes the results of a recent ruling by the Ontario Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD), which found there was insufficient evidence to lay any misconduct charges because the tactics officers used to pressure witnesses "were consistent with their training." Those tactics - aggressive interrogation often referred to as Reid technique - have been the subject of a growing chorus of concern over what some experts say is an elevated risk of false confessions and wrongful convictions. [Hamilton Spectator](#)

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Feminism missing from consultations on missing and murdered women's inquiry: advocates

A chairwoman of Vancouver's annual memorial march for missing and murdered aboriginal women says she's concerned a national inquiry will leave out a crucial issue - feminism. Fay Blaney, who co-chairs the February 14th Women's Memorial March Committee said the starting point of an inquiry must be the barriers indigenous women face in Canadian society. Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett is touring the country to meet with families, survivors and aboriginal representatives to hear what they want from an inquiry. Blaney attended an all-day meeting in Vancouver last Wednesday and wants to meet with Bennett to discuss the inquiry's parameters. "It needs to proceed from a feminist perspective. This is an issue of indigenous women's equality," she said. "I didn't hear that coming from them." Her fears are part of a broader concern among front-line workers and advocacy groups that they are being shut out of

the process. Blaney said the consultations appear to be focused on families, and while it's important for them to have a voice, they're only one perspective. [Canadian Press](#) (iPolitics, The Province)

A good start to a long haul

The federal government has approved work on an inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women, which is great news, but now what? The federal Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs will have to determine what the inquiry will look like and how it will investigate why indigenous women are so grossly over-represented in murder and missing persons statistics. This is where it gets complicated. The amount of success the government sees from this exercise correlates directly with how carefully it listens to the many people across Canada who are affected by this violence. After meeting with a group of indigenous Yellowknife women to glean some pre-inquiry advice last week, Indigenous and Northern Affairs minister Carolyn Bennett said she heard one of the most important things the commission will need to do is understand regional differences between Canadian First Nations and Inuit groups. [News North](#)

OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEES / OPÉRATION RÉFUGIÉS SYRIENS

Gay Syrian refugee relieved to be in Canada after facing dire threats at home

If it weren't for the castration threats, Rasheed might have believed Syrian police were only hounding him for his political views. He and his friends had begun receiving unwelcome attention from cops in his hometown of Damascus as early as 2012, and they were told that perceived opposition to Syria's extremist government was the reason for the increasingly tense encounters. But Rasheed, who requested not to have his full name used for this story because he hasn't told his family about his sexuality, believes the real motive came to the fore the day he and a few fellow gay men were carted off to a local jail. The police who blindfolded him and beat him with electrical cables made revealing comments after seizing his cell phone containing pictures and videos that made his sexual preferences plain. Amid derogatory taunts and homophobic slurs, he said the officers threatened him with much worse... The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has named single men identifying as gay, bisexual or transgender as among those who are most vulnerable in Syria and in need of urgent relocation to another country. Canada is following the commissioner's guidelines in identifying 25,000 refugees for government-assisted resettlement in the next few months, and has included gay men among priority candidates. They join complete families, women at risk and members of sexual minorities. [Canadian Press](#) (iPolitics, Edmonton Sun, Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Vancouver Sun, Toronto Sun, Ottawa Citizen)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

Religious freedom office faces uncertain future as Liberals consider wider human-rights proposals

The Liberal government is considering whether to scrap Canada's controversial Office of Religious Freedom - considered a signature achievement by the previous Conservative government - and instead focus on ways to champion a broader array of human rights abroad. Unless the new government intervenes, current Ambassador for Religious Freedom Andrew Bennett's three-year term will expire Feb. 18. The office's mandate and funding, about \$5 million a year, will run out on March 31. Supporters of the office are urging the Liberals to save it. Others are calling for big changes, if not its outright abolition. The government is weighing its options. "Beyond March, the government has not made a decision with respect to the mandate and associated budget of the office," said Adam Barratt, a spokesman for Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion. "The minister is examining options and how best to build on the work that has been accomplished in the area of religious freedom while promoting human rights as a whole." The Office of Religious Freedom was the subject of controversy even before it was formally established on Feb. 19, 2013. It was promised by the Conservatives during the 2011 election, but some worried it would be used to selectively champion Christianity, woo certain ethnic voter groups and pursue pet projects of the government. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

OTHER / AUTRES

Terrorisme: les conservateurs interpellent le gouvernement Trudeau

Réagissant à l'attaque d'Ouagadougou, au Burkina Faso, au cours de laquelle six Québécois ont été tués, la chef intérimaire du Parti conservateur du Canada, Rona Ambrose, a pressé le gouvernement Trudeau de rassurer les Canadiens. Mme Ambrose estime qu'ils ont besoin de savoir qu'Ottawa prend toutes les mesures possibles pour combattre le terrorisme et assurer la sécurité de la population. Elle a incité notamment le gouvernement à revoir ses plans de retrait des CF-18 participant aux frappes contre l'État islamique. Sans surprise, le député conservateur de Louis-Saint-Laurent a répété le même message que Rona Ambrose lorsqu'il a accordé une entrevue à La Presse Canadienne dimanche matin. «Il faut maintenir la pression de toutes les manières possibles entre autres par le maintien des missions aériennes que nos aviateurs canadiens assument avec fierté et diligence», a déclaré Gérard Deltell. Il a poursuivi en faisant valoir qu'il était carrément impossible de «rester insensible» face à ce qui s'est produit au Burkina Faso. «Il est nécessaire de continuer la lutte aux terroristes de toutes les manières possibles pour éradiquer ces ennemis-là», a martelé M. Deltell. [Presse canadienne](#) (L'Actualité)

Canadian detained in UAE to go to trial on Monday

A Canadian man detained without charge in the United Arab Emirates for more than a year is expected to finally learn what he's accused of at a trial set to begin on Monday. Salim Alaradi, a 46-year-old Canadian of Libyan origin, was running a business in Dubai when he was abruptly arrested in August 2014. His family and lawyers have received no explanation from U.A.E. authorities for his continued detention and there have been allegations he has been tortured behind bars. Alaradi's trial will be held at the State Security Chamber of the U.A.E. Federal Supreme Court, a venue his Canadian lawyer said suggests he will be charged with terrorism-related offences. [Canadian Press](#) (Global News, Vancouver Sun)

Vancouver mayor apologizes to men in mall photos who were labelled 'suspicious'

The mayor of Vancouver has apologized to two men and a teenager singled out in an internal police bulletin for "suspicious behaviour" at a downtown shopping mall. Gregor Robertson says it was a mistake that a document containing unblurred photos of three men described as "Middle Eastern" was leaked and that an online media outlet published the pictures on Thursday. [Canadian Press](#) (Winnipeg Free Press)

Men wanted for taking pictures at Pacific Centre explain what they were doing and claim damage caused by media

On January 15, Vancouver police sent out a media release stating three men previously wanted for questioning in relation to an incident at Pacific Centre were "completely innocent" (...) Before the men were declared innocent, the media outlet that first reported they were of interest to police, VancityBuzz, published photographs that included all three men's faces. That led members of the public to repost those images on Reddit and other online forums, prompting many to search for further information about the men's identities. In another interview, Sharaz, told the *Vancouver Sun* the three men subsequently feared for their safety. "My son is registered blind, and now when he goes back to school and somebody looks at this picture, his face is clear as day," he said. "It's going to be very difficult for him to get on with the rest of his life. That's the only thing I'm concerned about." Sharaz added he did not fault the police. "I'm just blaming the news—the people who broadcast our pictures without blurring our faces," he said. [Georgia Straight](#)

INTERNATIONAL

Deux tornades tuent deux personnes en Floride

Deux adultes ont été tués et quatre enfants sont blessés après le passage de deux tornades dans le centre de l'État de la Floride. Les responsables du comté de Manatee ont déclaré à la chaîne télévisée WFLA-TV que plusieurs personnes avaient été blessées quand le mauvais temps s'est abattu sur Duetta et Siesta Key, dans les comtés de Sarasota et Manatee, tôt dimanche matin. Plusieurs maisons ont été endommagées près de Siesta Key, sur la côte ouest de la Floride. Au moins une demeure a été détruite et une femme a dû être extirpée des décombres par les premiers répondants. [Associated Press](#) (Journal Métro)

New York police say assailants chanted 'ISIS' while beating man

New York City police were investigating on Sunday an assault on a man who was pummeled by suspects shouting "ISIS, ISIS," leaving him with bruises on his head and face, authorities said. The 43-year-old man was attacked while walking with a nine-year-old girl in the Bronx around 5:30 p.m. on Friday, according to the New York City Police Department. He was punched several times in the head, knocked down and kicked, police said. The victim, whose name was not given, was treated for injuries at a hospital and released. He had been wearing a shalwar kameez, a traditional South Asian outfit featuring a long tunic, the New York Times reported. The attack comes amid increasing anxiety in the United States over the threat posed by Islamic State, also known as ISIS, which has claimed responsibility for militant attacks around the world. [Reuters](#)

Opinion: Muslim states need to stymie radicalism

An opinion piece states "Following the horrific attacks in Indonesia and Turkey carried out by ISIL extremists in the name of Islam, a fundamental question needs to be raised: Why is this group or other extremist Islamic groups able to recruit locals? Why do they find an audience in Islamic countries who are then manoeuvred to attack their own people? Is it possible that certain ideologies have crept into mainstream Islamic schools of thought that aid them? There is absolutely no doubt that the overwhelming majority of Muslims condemn terrorism and absolutely abhor all extremist groups. However, Pew Research recently showed that a tiny minority in many majority Muslim countries hold a favourable view of ISIL. While the percentage is low, these turn out to be alarmingly high numbers. [Montreal Gazette](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA / MÉDIAS SOCIAUX

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The Globe and Mail

How do we help the first responders who endure trauma when helping us? <http://trib.al/l208we>

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Dear Liberals, We need to talk about Bill C-51 again. Particularly about how terrible it is. <3 rabble <http://buff.ly/234Vlb7> #c51 #cdnpoli

CBC News Alerts

PM is greeted by families of [#SyrianRefugees](#) outside [#Ontario](#) mosque. Mosque now open after fire.

CBC Canadian News

Trudeau visits Peterborough, Ont., mosque, repaired after arson <http://ift.tt/2081J4i>

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

OttawaCitizen

Adami: Court gives man reprieve on deportation to Ukraine where he fears he will be killed <http://bit.ly/1SnXFvz>

HuffPost Canada

U.S. border agents find \$1.6M worth of Xanax on Canadian's sled <http://huff.to/1NemUZe>

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RCMP investigate suspicious death of Quesnel man <http://bit.ly/1QfMi7A>

TorontoStar

About 2,700 kg (roughly \$28k worth) of lobster stolen from Nova Scotia fishermen <http://on.thestar.com/1PiGrc3>

The Globe and Mail

Sophisticated car theft ring targeting luxury vehicles <http://trib.al/xpFNf4t> From @GlobeToronto

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Studying, skiing, going to the mall: Omar Khadr settles into his new life <http://bit.ly/1PikFWb>

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The Province

Feminism missing from consultations on murdered women's inquiry: advocates <http://bit.ly/1Q7NNCU>

The Georgia Straight

Health Canada steps towards overdose antidote available without prescription <http://bit.ly/1OlmLqU>

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Toronto Sun

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Justin Trudeau

"Family 417" is safe in Peterborough - and had a special gift for me today. Welcome to Canada, Amal Alkhalaf.

Maclean's Magazine

A family of Syrian refugees, featured on our cover, meets Justin Trudeau—and brings a gift. <http://ow.ly/XbOLH>

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

OttawaCitizen

Single federal public service email system delayed amidst continued glitches <http://bit.ly/1n8FAF8> #cdnpoli

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CanadaFP

Statement by Min Dion and Min Bibeau concerning the death of more than 20 civilians in Burkina Faso
<http://ow.ly/XamUL>

nationalpost

Quebec family on humanitarian mission among six Canadians killed in Burkina Faso attack <http://natpo.st/1ZsdRek>

CBCAlerts

5 out of 6 Canadians killed in [#BurkinaFaso](#) identified. 5th person had accompanied family on humanitarian trip:
<http://cbc.ca/1.3407614>

Tony Clement

On [@CBCNews](#) to talk the terrorist attack in [#BurkinaFaso](#) and what Canada should do...

Lactualite

Terrorisme: les conservateurs interpellent le gouvernement Trudeau <http://bit.ly/2089t6o>

Global Montreal

Canadian detained in UAE to go to trial on Monday <http://gln.ca/Xb3eY>

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Men wanted for taking photos at [#PacificCentre](#) claim damage caused by media <http://bit.ly/1U58DE0> [#Vancouver](#)

Shannon Paterson

Mohammed Sharaz, his son and friend accept mayors apology. VPD have offered to show them the sites this week.

INTERNATIONAL

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L'EI enlève 400 civils en Syrie après une tuerie <http://goo.gl/WPdlwE>

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Torture: la politique de partage de renseignements à l'étude par les libéraux

Les libéraux de Justin Trudeau vont réévaluer des directives controversées promulguées par le gouvernement Harper qui permettent le partage de renseignements même quand ceux-ci peuvent mener à la torture d'une personne, a déclaré **le ministre de la Sécurité publique**. Une "**série de questions troublantes**" soulevées par la politique de partage de renseignements avec des pays étrangers "**seront abordées dans le cadre de nos consultations**" sur la politique nationale globale du nouveau gouvernement, a indiqué **Ralph Goodale** lors d'une récente entrevue avec La Presse Canadienne. Cette nouvelle fait suite à la pression exercée par des défenseurs des droits humains et aussi du respect de la vie privée qui demandent que soient examinées les politiques de sécurité mises en place par les conservateurs, qui ont été évincés du pouvoir lors de l'élection d'octobre. La politique fédérale sur le partage de renseignements avec des pays étrangers a été critiquée pour avoir comme conséquence, dans les faits, de condamner des personnes à la torture dans des prisons outremer, contrairement au droit international et aux engagements du Canada envers les Nations unies. [Presse canadienne](#) (Le Devoir)

Successful settlement of Syrian refugees crucial, Goodale says

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says it's vital that resettled Syrian refugees are successfully integrated into Canadian towns and cities, not just from a social and cultural perspective, but from a public safety perspective. ***"It's extremely important that they settle well and successfully and we and the settlement agencies and the provinces and the cities need to work at that to make sure that it is successful. If we, being Canada, are going to maintain our very successful efforts so far at pluralism, at diversity and inclusion . . . then we've got to be among the best in the world at counter-radicalization. "Because if we fail to detect the causes or the signs, or we don't have the capacity to intervene at the right point, and then don't make the intervention successful, then those values of openness and the plural nature of the country will be in jeopardy," he said. "And that's the very essence of Canada, so we've got to do outreach and counter radicalization very well."*** Three months into his job in charge of Canada's national security agencies, which have been intimately involved in the resettlement project, Goodale says one of the priorities set out in his ministerial mandate letter was to boost efforts to counter violent extremism. At this time, he will say only that ***"a lot more attention"*** must be paid to outreach efforts, and the question of increasing funding for such programs and research into what leads people to become radicalized will be answered ***"a ways down the road."*** [Toronto Star](#)

Canadian on no-fly list for over a decade still searching for answers

The return of Parliament later this month will also mean the return of Bill C-51. The legislation has been contentious from the start. It will expand the powers of Canada's civilian spy agency, streamline information sharing among government departments and allow police to hold people for longer before laying charges. And though Trudeau voted in favour of Bill C-51, he's vowed to amend some of its more controversial parts. Shahid Mahmood is all too familiar with one aspect of the anti-terror legislation — the part expanding the scope of Canada's no-fly list. He is an urban planner and part-time political cartoonist whose name is on a no-fly list... **The Current did invite the Minister of Public Safety Ralph Goodale, but he was not available for this segment.** [CBC Radio – The Current](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Alberta snowmobilers rescued in Golden, B.C., face big bill and potential fines

Four snowmobilers face potential fines and a hefty rescue price tag after their machines were stuck over the weekend in Glacier National Park, where snowmobiling is forbidden. The four men - three from Alberta, one from Saskatchewan - became stranded in the national park near Golden, B.C. on Saturday and needed to be rescued, according to Parks Canada. RCMP said they were advised on Saturday that the group was stranded and required a helicopter to rescue them. Instead, a search and rescue team from Golden headed out on snowmobiles and found the group of four, who were uninjured and waiting at an area cabin. Const. Spencer Lainchbury said the group is believed to have crossed into Glacier National Park when they got stuck and were unable to get their snowmobiles out. [CBC News; Canadian Press](#) (Edmonton Sun)

Flood forecasters move into new facility

Manitoba's flood forecasters have left their cramped headquarters in west Winnipeg and moved into roomier digs on Broadway, equipped with the latest technology. "It's a state of the art facility and measures up with any facility that we've seen in North America," said Doug McMahon, an assistant deputy minister responsible for overseeing Manitoba's flood-fighting efforts. McMahon gave reporters - and Premier Greg Selinger - a tour on Tuesday, the final day before a 90-day blackout period on government announcements takes effect in advance of the April 19 provincial election. Improved technology and work space for flood forecasters were among the recommendations of the 2011 Flood Review Task Force report issued in 2013. [Winnipeg Free Press](#)

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CYBER SECURITY / CYBERSÉCURITÉ

Nuclear Threat Initiative gives Canada high score on cyber security but much of world's weapons-grade material 'still to vulnerable to theft'

Much of the world's enriched uranium and plutonium is "too vulnerable to theft" and a cyber attack on a nuclear facility could "facilitate" either theft of nuclear material or sabotage, the Nuclear Threat Initiative warned in a recent report. "Nearly 2,000 metric tons of weapons-usable nuclear materials remain stored around the world, much of it still too vulnerable to theft," wrote Sam Nunn, Co-chairman and CEO of Washington, D.C.-based NTI, in a forward to the 2016 NTI Nuclear Security Index: Theft and Sabotage. "The risk is compounded by the fact that a terrorist group wouldn't need much nuclear material to make a nuclear bomb." Of the 24 nations with weapons-usable nuclear material, nine, including Canada, received the maximum score for cyber security. Seven scored zero. Countries were rated on a scale of 0 to 100, where 100 is the most favourable nuclear security conditions. For risk environment, Canada scored 79. In addition to cyber security, Canada scored 100 each in on-site physical protection, control and accounting procedures, response capabilities, international legal commitments, voluntary commitments, international assurances, domestic nuclear legislation, independent regulatory agency and pervasiveness of corruption. Canada scored 80 on its implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 154. That resolution requires all UN members to "have and enforce appropriate and effective measures against the proliferation" of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons and their delivery systems, the U.S. State Department notes. In NTI's index, Canada scored above average but not 100 in insider threat prevention (67), political stability (85) and effective governance (88). Canada scored average (50) when rated by group (s) interested in committing acts of nuclear terrorism, and number of sites (60). [Canadian Underwriter](#)

Internet expert says Twitter outage shows it's important to have options

An Internet expert says sporadic Twitter outages that kept some from using the social media network Tuesday morning highlight the importance of having "other options" for sharing information. Elizabeth Dubois of the University of Ottawa says that while the disruption is "off-putting" for the average person, it can be a "substantial issue" for those who rely on Twitter for work, such as first responders and politicians. Dubois, whose research focuses on technology and communication, says social media users can't count on a one-stop shop given technology's fallible nature. [Canadian Press](#) (Toronto Star); [Reuters](#)

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Burkina Faso Attacks: RCMP Dispatched After 6 Canadians Killed

RCMP officers have been dispatched to Burkina Faso to help local authorities after more than two dozen people — including six Canadians — were killed in a terrorist attack. A government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, says the Mounties will assist officials with victim identification and paperwork so the bodies of Canadian victims can be returned home. Six Quebecers on a humanitarian mission were killed in Burkina Faso's capital of Ouagadougou last week during an attack carried out by al-Qaida. [Canadian Press](#) (Huffington Post); [Québec Hebdo](#)

RCMP searching for alleged attempted murder suspect

Police are still looking for a Grand Rapids man wanted for an alleged attempted murder last month. Manitoba RCMP say Alex Sanderson, 22, is considered armed and dangerous. He's wanted in connection with a Dec. 11 shooting and stabbing in Grand Rapids that left two victims with non-life-threatening injuries. Police believe Sanderson may be in Winnipeg, Brandon, Grand Rapids or Easterville and urge the public to call 911 or their local police if they see him. [Winnipeg Free Press](#); [CTV News](#)

N.S. RCMP puppy recruit dies following surgery

Just a month after being introduced to the public, one of the Nova Scotia RCMP's newest puppy recruits has died due to complications following surgery. Police say it appears 14-week-old Helo ingested some rocks and rope earlier this month, which caused internal issues. They say Helo received medical care immediately and underwent three surgical procedures. However, he died Monday at the University of Prince Edward Island Atlantic Veterinary College. [CTV News](#); [CBC News](#)

Missing Dawson Creek teen seen in Fort St. John area -RCMP

RCMP in Dawson Creek say they have received reports that a missing 15-year-old girl from the city has been spotted in Fort St. John. [Alaska Highway News](#)

Seven charged in Muskowekwan home invasion

Mounties are hunting for three men after a violent home invasion on a Saskatchewan First Nation. Police say it happened Monday night at a home on the Muskowekwan First Nation, about 140 kilometres northeast of Regina. RCMP say seven people in disguise forced their way into the home with steel bars, baseball bats and a firearm. The six adults and two children were in the home at the time. [Leader-Post](#); [CBC News](#)

Nunavut RCMP investigate stabbing in Pangnirtung - 22-year-old man medevaced to Iqaluit

RCMP are looking for a suspect after a 22-year-old man was stabbed in Pangnirtung, Nunavut, on Saturday. Police say the man was outside his home when he was stabbed. He was medevaced to Iqaluit, where he's being treated for non-life-threatening injuries. [CBC News](#)

Wig-wearing suspected bank robber arrested: RCMP

A man wanted in Surrey, B.C., for wearing a unique disguise during a bank robbery is now in custody. RCMP say the 39-year-old Surrey resident has been identified and arrested. Police asked for public help identifying the man following the heist at a financial institution near the Guildford Town Centre on Dec. 29. The man was wearing a patterned dress, white wool sweater, a long blond, curly wig and a pink toque that partially obscured his face. In a release issued Tuesday, Mounties confirmed the man was in custody, but did not release his name or say what led them to him. [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News)

Toronto police to get military-style assault rifles – Toronto the last GTA police force to acquire high-powered rifles for its front-line officers

Dozens of front-line Toronto police officers will soon be equipped with semi-automatic assault rifles similar to those carried by Canadian Forces soldiers and specialized tactical units, CBC News has learned. The Toronto Police service is set to buy at least 50 C8 carbine assault rifles from Colt Canada, which is based in Kitchener, Ont. The rifles, which cost \$2,000 each, will be carried in patrol cars in all of the city's 17 divisions beginning in May... Dozens of front-line Toronto police officers will soon be equipped with semi-automatic assault rifles similar to those carried by Canadian Forces soldiers and specialized tactical units, CBC News has learned. The Toronto Police service is set to buy at least 50 C8 carbine assault rifles from Colt Canada, which is based in Kitchener, Ont. The rifles, which cost \$2,000 each, will be carried in patrol cars in all of the city's 17 divisions beginning in May. [CBC News](#)

Marijuana in Montreal: How legalization could affect the illicit drug trade

Philippe Paul spent 28 years with the Montreal Police force, most of that working on the drug and anti-gang squad. Paul is also an expert witness in narcotics trafficking cases and author of the book *Coupable d'être policier*. Here are key excerpts of his interview with Daybreak host Mike Finnerty. How big is the illicit sale of marijuana? It's quite significant. Quebec-grown marijuana is in demand, in Canada and elsewhere in the world. It's a very large part of organized crime. At least 50 per cent of the narcotics sold here in Quebec is marijuana. What might happen if we legalize marijuana in two years time? [CBC News](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Lockdown at Ontario prison ends; some inmates had respiratory illness symptoms

A lockdown at a medium security prison in eastern Ontario has ended after two weeks. The lockdown at Warkworth Institution near Campbellford began on Jan. 5 as a precautionary measure after a number of prisoners showed symptoms associated with respiratory illness. The Correctional Service of Canada says it immediately began working with the Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge District Health Unit to resolve the situation. Regularly scheduled visits were affected and some programs were also suspended. Acting assistant warden Scott MacPherson says the prison has returned to normal operations, including visits to the institution. [Canadian Press](#) (News Talk 610 CKTB)

UPDATE: Convicted robber apprehended in Ottawa: OPP

A convicted robber who police say wanted to be paroled to his hometown of Ottawa rather than Kitchener, Ont., has been apprehended, according to the OPP. Ottawa police took Curtis Richard Clorey into custody the morning of Jan. 18, three days after the OPP's repeat offender parole enforcement squad issued a public appeal for help in locating the 22-year-old man. No further details on the arrest were immediately available, including where in Ottawa he was taken into custody... After being behind bars for more than four months at Collins Bay Institution in Kingston, Clorey was released and was to travel to Kitchener and stay in a halfway house and report to a parole officer. Clorey never showed up, breaching his parole, said Sermet. He was to have finished serving his sentence on Aug. 17, 2016. "He didn't want that (Kitchener parole location) at all but that's where (he was assigned by) Corrections Canada," Sermet said. "Corrections Canada wanted him to go there but he has friends and family in Ottawa. He wanted to stay in Ottawa – that's why he didn't report." A Canada-wide warrant was issued for his arrest. [Ottawa Community News](#)

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Some Canadian refugees are more equal than others

Some refugees and asylum-seekers come to Canada saddled with debt and without full access to health care — and some don't. Which one you are depends on where you're from and when you got here. The federal government's highly publicized Syrian refugee resettlement initiative, a scaled-down version of a Liberal campaign promise, has made for teary airport reunions and galvanized Canadians across the country to help welcome more than 10,000 people making their new home here. But it's also created a stark disparity between different groups of refugees. Refugees who've come to Canada under the feds' Syrian refugee program get full coverage under the Interim Federal Health Program. All other refugees are still subject to cuts imposed by the Conservative government three years ago — cuts the Liberals pledged to reverse but haven't. [Global News](#)

Feds may consider forgiving flight costs for all Syrian refugees – McCallum

The federal government may consider forgiving the flight costs for Syrian refugees who came to Canada before the Liberals came to power, the federal immigration minister said Tuesday. Until Nov. 4, all refugees arriving under the government's resettlement programs were required to cover their own airfare, a long-standing policy dating back decades. But the Liberals decided to waive that requirement for Syrian refugees it was bringing to Canada as part of its program to bring 25,000 Syrians to Canada by the end of February and a further 10,000 by the end of 2016. "We only came to power on Nov. 4, so our policy affects post-Nov. 4 refugees," Immigration Minister John McCallum said outside a Liberal cabinet meeting taking place in New Brunswick. "But we will consider whether we should make a special case for the pre-Nov. 4 refugees. That is one of the things that we will be considering very soon." [Canadian Press](#) (Ottawa Sun)

Syrian families fill up Ottawa hotels as federal government pauses flow of refugees

Refugee settlement organizations in Ottawa and Vancouver have asked the federal government to stop sending Syrian refugees to their communities, because they have nowhere for them to live. It's a temporary pause of five days in Vancouver, and five-to-seven days in Ottawa. The problem is finding permanent housing for the Syrian families. Although 700 government-sponsored refugees have arrived so far in B.C., only seven families have found permanent housing... "We have received requests to slow down arrivals in some communities, including Ottawa and Vancouver," said a spokesperson for the Ministry of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship in an emailed statement Monday evening. "We are working with them to try to ease the strain they are currently experiencing, which includes pausing arrivals for a few days as we continue toward the goal of resettling 25,000 Syrian refugees across Canada by the end of February. We are redirecting refugees to other centres during this time." [Global News](#)

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Canada Wants Drones to Bomb Terrorists, Track Pirates, and Spy on Protesters

The Canadian Air Force is moving ahead with its weaponized drone program, and it's hoping to find a model that's good for everything from blowing up enemy convoys to helping drowning sailors. The government published the call-out to the defense industry on Friday, asking military contractors to spell out how they would build a Canadian drone fleet. The Joint Unmanned Surveillance and Target Acquisition System (JUSTAS), after years of trying to acquire non-weaponized drones, is now searching for a single type of unmanned aerial vehicle to do many different things, including dropping bombs. The Royal Canadian Air Force is hoping to get as many as 12 drones, and wants them to be a veritable Swiss Army knife — able to run top-of-the-line surveillance, but also capable of dropping precision missiles. [VICE News](#)

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan says anti-ISIS meetings held 'all the time' - Former Liberal foreign minister Lloyd Axworthy says Canada 'cannot afford to be sidelined' in ISIS fight

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan is rejecting any suggestion that Canada is being sidelined by its anti-ISIS coalition partners, after the minister was not invited to participate in a key meeting with allies in Paris this week. "Not at all," Sajjan told reporters at a cabinet retreat in New Brunswick today. "Meetings happen all the time. There's a number of other meetings that happen that you may not be actually aware of. "I have a meeting at Norad that's happening in a couple of days that's very important ... and I have a couple of meetings that are going to be coming up in the next few weeks to talk about [ISIS]." [CBC News](#); [UK Guardian](#)

Can Canada's intelligence capability help in war on ISIL?

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan has been touting the potential for Canada's military to help gather intelligence in Iraq in the battle against Islamic extremists. But with no recent history of meaningful involvement in Iraq or Syria, a scarcity of Arabic speakers, and a lack of intelligence-gathering equipment such as drones, how much of a contribution can Canada's military make? In late December, Sajjan told journalists that the Liberal government is considering contributing an intelligence capability to the war against the Islamic State, including helping improve the abilities of Iraqi security forces to target extremists. He suggested the Canadian Forces have technology to play this role but didn't specify whether that would be equipment on the ground or in the air. In other interviews, the minister has stated that Canada's intelligence capabilities are second to none and the government was looking at how to increase that in the Iraq war. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Burkina Faso: Quebec volunteer program 'intensifies' security measures

The director of a Quebec-based volunteer program in Burkina Faso says the group has no plans to leave their work in West Africa, but will strengthen its security policies following last weekend's attack on a hotel and café popular with foreigners. Uniterra, part of the International Centre for Studies and Cooperation in

Montreal, has been working on development programs in Burkina Faso and other West African countries for several years. Director Odette McCarthy said volunteers based in Burkina Faso had noted increased security concerns on the border with Mali in recent years. However, the attack in Ougadougou, which left 29 people dead, came as a shock... "There were recommendations to avoid obviously public places, places where foreigners are to go, but that directive is definitely being intensified in terms of having a very clear list of places not to go," McCarthy said. "The rise of terrorist acts, randomly choosing targets in different countries across the world, is going to shape the way that we inform people, and we prepare them and the security measures we have in place. Our organization and many others are going to continue to adjust to this new reality."... Currently, the Canadian government has an advisory to "exercise a high degree of caution" in Burkina Faso with regional advisories about travel near the Mali border. Canada has a similar advisory for France and Belgium. [CBC News](#)

Aid workers 'deliberately targeted,' says head of Canadian Foodgrains Bank

The nature of their jobs used to keep foreign aid workers safe from attacks, but now they're facing greater risks, says the head of a Winnipeg-based charity. On Friday six aid workers from Quebec died when four fighters linked to al-Qaeda attacked the Burkina Faso luxury hotel where the Canadians were staying. "There used to be a sense in conflict zones that aid workers were protected, that no one would attack them. That in many places is gone," said Jim Cornelius, executive director of Canadian Foodgrains Bank in Winnipeg. The organization offers emergency food assistance to the developing world. "In fact, aid workers at times are deliberately targeted," he said, adding that isn't what happened in Burkina Faso. "What was being targeted was the bigger system of westerners, and those that were from outside in the country - so aid workers - become part of that bigger group." [CBC News](#)

John Ivison: How can the Liberals leave others to defend our national security?

An opinion piece states "Tuesday, October 7, 2014 will go down as a day of ignominy for the Liberal Party of Canada. For crass electoral reasons, the party voted that day against the Conservative motion to send CF-18 fighters to join the coalition arranged against the barbarians of the Islamic State, the militant group who, at the time, were knocking at the gates of Baghdad. Calculating that the war would become unpopular, particularly in Quebec, the Trudeau Liberals locked themselves into a position advocating a 'military role of a non-combat nature.' That they still haven't found a face-saving way to fix that blunder is now Canada's disgrace. Camille Carrier, the mother of Maude Carrier, who was killed in a terror attack by Islamic fundamentalists in Burkina Faso on Friday, said she is ashamed of Canada. "I have plenty of friends in France who are ashamed of us," she said, as she called for military action against jihadist forces.... It's still not clear what Canada's response will be. Sajjan said last week he is still assessing that role after a Christmas visit to Iraq. But it seems whatever we do, we will cling to the notion of a military, non-combat role. This, despite the unprovoked attack last week by jihadist zealots that left six Canadians dead for the crime of building a school in Burkina Faso. This, despite a UN Security Council resolution that calls for members to "take all necessary measures" to prevent and suppress terrorist acts committed by ISIL. This, despite this country's proud record in Afghanistan and beyond in defence of human rights and justice. We know that more attacks are being planned, here and abroad, whether we fight back or not." [National Post](#)

INTERNATIONAL

'Jihadi John' confirmed dead by ISIS-linked media outlet - U.S. military said in November it was 'reasonably certain' the combatant was killed in a drone strike

A magazine associated with ISIS released a eulogy on Tuesday for "Jihadi John", a member of the militant group who won global notoriety for his filmed executions of hostages, the monitoring organisation SITE reported. The militant, who was identified as Mohammed Emwazi, a British citizen of Arab origin, was described in Islamic State's Dabiq magazine by his nickname in the group of "Abu Muharib al-Muhajir". The U.S. military said in November it was "reasonably certain" it had killed Emwazi in a drone strike. [Reuters](#) (CBC News)

Une loi antiterroriste « incompatible » avec les droits de la personne

La législation antiterroriste britannique est « incompatible » avec la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme (CEDH), ont estimé mardi des juges britanniques en se penchant sur une affaire liée aux révélations d'Edward Snowden. La Cour d'appel de Londres avait été saisie par David Miranda, le compagnon de l'ex-journaliste du Guardian, Glenn Greenwald, qui contestait son arrestation à l'aéroport de Heathrow en 2013. David Miranda avait été arrêté à l'aéroport londonien alors qu'il était en transit entre l'Allemagne et le Brésil, où il réside avec Glenn Greenwald. Il était en possession de fichiers relatifs aux documents obtenus par l'ex-consultant de la NSA (Agence de sécurité américaine) Edward Snowden révélant l'ampleur des programmes de surveillance américain et britannique. Il avait passé neuf heures en détention et la police avait saisi son ordinateur portable, son téléphone et ses cartes mémoires. Les avocats du Brésilien avaient déploré une « atteinte disproportionnée à son droit à la liberté d'expression ». [AFP](#) (Le Devoir)

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Canadian on no-fly list for 11 years shares his Kafkaesque tale, and thoughts on Bill C-51. <http://cbc.ca/1.3409941>

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HuffPostCanada

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TheWestBlock

Syrian families fill up Ottawa hotels as federal government pauses flow of refugees <http://gln.ca/Xi4oz> #cdnpoli

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In its push to resettle Syrian #refugees, is Canada creating a 2-tier system? <http://gln.ca/XhS43> #cdnpoli @amp6

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Canada wants drones to bomb terrorists, track terrorists, and spy on protesters: <http://bit.ly/1nj3Lkz>

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Can Canada's intelligence capability help in war on ISIL? #cdnpoli <http://ow.ly/XhZxV>

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No invite to Paris anti-ISIS meeting? No problem, says Canada's defence minister <http://ift.tt/1Isvdu6>

guardian

Canada's Conservatives call Justin Trudeau 'incoherent' in fight against Isis <http://trib.al/EJzYRwC>

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Wesley Wark: Canada increasing intelligence efforts against terrorism a good idea <http://ow.ly/XhIPz> #Cdnpoli

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All of Canada is 'standing' with community of La Loche: Goodale

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says all of Canada is standing with the community of La Loche, Sask., as it grieves for four residents who were killed in a mass shooting. **Goodale** is scheduled to travel to La Loche on Sunday, along with Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall and AFN Chief Perry Bellegarde, to meet with local residents and extend their condolences. **"(The purpose of the visit) is to share the grief and the necessary healing in that community,"** Goodale told CTV News Channel in a phone interview on Sunday. **"That's number one: to share in that horrible sense of loss and to make the point that the country is standing with them."** Goodale also said it would be important for the visiting leaders to listen to the needs of the community. **"This is a community that has had difficulties in the past, and they have a sense that governments haven't listened to them well enough,"** he said. **"Solutions here need to be built from the community up, not from the top down."** Police say a gunman shot and killed four people and injured seven others on Friday at two different locations in La Loche, a remote community of about 3,000 people... On Saturday, RCMP announced that they had charged a 17-year-old suspect with four counts of first-degree murder in the case... About 250 mourners gathered in a Roman

Catholic church in the community on Sunday, where Archbishop Murray Chatlain offered encouraging words to attendees. [CTV News](#)

Tuerie à La Loche: la convalescence sera longue, dit un archevêque

Les gens de La Loche devraient se concentrer sur leur générosité en ces temps difficiles, a déclaré l'archevêque Murray Chatlain à l'occasion de l'office dominical dans une église catholique de la communauté autochtone du nord de la Saskatchewan. Mgr Chatlain a reconnu que la convalescence serait longue à la suite de la fusillade qui a fait quatre morts et sept blessés dans le village vendredi, mais a insisté sur le fait que cette tragédie ne définissait pas La Loche et ses habitants, qui sont des gens loyaux et bons. L'archevêque de Keewatin-Le Pas a révélé avoir rencontré les proches des victimes ainsi que la famille du garçon de 17 ans qui fait face à quatre chefs d'accusation de meurtre prémédité, sept chefs de tentative de meurtre et un chef de possession illégale d'une arme à feu... La Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) de la Saskatchewan a indiqué que neuf personnes avaient été atteintes par balles durant une période de huit minutes à l'école communautaire La Loche vendredi après-midi... Le premier ministre de la province, Brad Wall, et le **ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale**, ont rencontré les leaders de la communauté à La Loche, dimanche soir, après que leur avion eut été retardé en raison des conditions météorologiques. [Presse Canadienne](#) (L'actualité) ;

Saskatchewan Premier's arrives in La Loche after travel delay

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall has arrived in the community of La Loche – where a shooting involving a school claimed four lives – after his visit was initially delayed due to poor weather. Premier Wall, **Minister of Public Safety Ralph Goodale** and Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde landed in La Loche on Sunday afternoon, after their flight was initially diverted to Fort McMurray, Alberta, due to fog. [Globe & Mail](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CTV News reported **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale's** comments on the importance of supporting the community of La Loche, SK. [Rough Transcript](#)

CTV News reported **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale's** comments on rebuilding in the aftermath of the shooting in La Loche, SK. [Rough Transcript](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Snowmobiler dies in avalanche northeast of Prince George

An avalanche northeast of Prince George has claimed the life of a snowmobiler. According to Prince George Search and Rescue, five snowmobilers were riding in the Torpy area Saturday when one of the members of the group was caught up in an avalanche. The other four riders were uninjured and notified RCMP. [Global News](#); [CBC News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

All eyes on the economy as Parliament returns

After spending most of last week in Switzerland with some of the world's biggest movers and shakers, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his ministers get down to the nitty-gritty business of governing when Parliament resumes on Monday... Here are some of the matters the new government will be tackling during a busy winter... Bill C-51: The Liberals promised to repeal the problematic parts of the Conservatives' anti-terror bill and replace it with new legislation. The bill is one of several Conservative laws the new government will be reviewing. [Metro News](#)

Terrorism forum coming to the Lower Mainland

Attacks like those in Paris or San Bernardino, California can have a big impact on us, but can also leave us wondering how to respond. A local university is set to host an event that will focus in part, on

answering that question. "Terrorism is, of course, something that is experienced locally. It happens in shopping malls, on buses, sporting events, someone's backyard, and of course, not just our backyard, but other folks' backyard as well," explains Ken Brealey with the University of the Fraser Valley... The forum, called "Towards Peace and Security: Putting Terrorism in its Place" will include speakers within and outside of, the university. It's happening at 6:00 Tuesday evening, in the Student Union Building. [News 1130](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

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CYBER SECURITY / CYBERSÉCURITÉ

Les voitures intelligentes sous la loupe du commissaire à la vie privée

Pendant que les constructeurs automobiles mettent au point des techniques de pointe pour emmagasiner les données personnelles des conducteurs, le commissariat à la protection de la vie privée tente de s'assurer qu'il n'y ait pas trop de dérapages sur cette autoroute technologique. On sait déjà que des systèmes de navigation routière peuvent déterminer où se trouve un véhicule et où il a été. Mais de nouvelles composantes électroniques permettent désormais de stocker et d'analyser des données sur les habitudes de ceux et celles qui utilisent une voiture et sur leur conduite. [Presse Canadienne](#) (Journal Métro) ; [Canadian Press](#) (Yahoo! News, Lethbridge Herald, Vancouver Sun)

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Accused in La Loche shooting is related to two victims

The teenager accused of murdering four people and wounding seven others in La Loche, Saskatchewan, is related to two of the victims. The accused 17-year-old boy is a cousin to the 13-year-old and 17-year-old victims, according to Ronnie Lemaigre, a member of the community and heavily involved in the family's Catholic church. Archbishop Murray Chatlain said the same. The three were close, often referred to as brothers by people in this isolated Dene community, and their mothers are sisters. The three cannot be identified because of their age. Mr. Lemaigre believes one of the mothers dropped them off at school before flying to her job at a uranium mine Friday. [Globe & Mail](#)

Court appearance for 17 year old charged in La Loche shootings set for Monday

The 17 year old boy charged in Friday's mass shooting in La Loche will be in Meadow Lake court Monday for his first court appearance. The boy, who can't be named, faces four charges of first-degree murder and seven counts of attempted murder after going on a rampage at a home in the small northern Saskatchewan town of 3-thousand people and the community school. Two people were killed in a home with two teachers being killed at the school before the boy was brought into custody. [620 CKRM](#); [Daily Herald](#)

La Loche teen facing four first-degree murder counts in shooting spree

"It's scary, you know?" said Paula Montgrand as she served customers behind the counter at a fried chicken restaurant as a fine, wet snow fell on this tiny northern community. "You only see this stuff happening out there - you don't think of it happening in a small town." As the sun began to sink into the leaden sky late Saturday afternoon, RCMP officers were still present at a yellow clapboard house on Dene Crescent, its white picket fence draped in yellow police tape. Through a shattered front window, a member of the police forensic identification team could be seen moving through the house wearing a protective white suit. The horror that rocked La Loche to the core on Friday came to a "surreal" climax Saturday as a 17-year-old suspect, who can't be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, was officially charged with four counts of first-degree murder and seven counts of attempted murder (...)

At a news conference, RCMP Supt. Grant St. Germaine said, "There has never been a (secondary) school shooting of this magnitude in this country." He said police have no indication of the shooter's motive. [Toronto Star](#); [Globe and Mail](#)

Family of alleged La Loche shooter are "good people"

Recent cuts to school supports and other services must be reviewed in light of Friday's shooting, the local archbishop said following a packed service at Our Lady of Visitation Roman Catholic Church Sunday morning. "There has been some cutting back of programs these last couple of years that has had a direct effect on our schools and people of La Loche. I think those things need to be revisited. Our cuts sometimes end up costing more," Diocese of Keewatin Le Pas Archbishop Murray Chatlain said. When asked if he thinks the cuts played a role in the tragedy, Chatlain said, "It's a possibility. There are many factors at play. That could be part of it." [Canadian Press](#) (Whig-Standard, London Free Press)

'They were my best friends': Emotional grandfather mourns teen boys slain in La Loche shooting

The grandfather of two boys killed in a shooting at a La Loche home Friday said he can't believe his "two babies" are dead. "They were my best friends," Norman Fontaine said of the boys. "Never again, I guess." Dayne Fontaine, 17, and Drayden Fontaine, 13, have been identified as the victims. Norman heard the news while driving out of La Loche Friday, and turned around his vehicle immediately. He said the news is particularly hard on the boys' grandmother. Norman said family members gathered at a La Loche home Friday evening, and more are expected to arrive today. [Postmedia News](#) (National Post)

La Loche, the Canadian Town Where 4 Were Killed, Has a Bleak History

Sudden deaths in La Loche, Saskatchewan, where shootings at two locations left four people dead and seven wounded on Friday, are an all too familiar event. But before Friday, suicide was the main cause of such deaths (...) La Loche is more than seven hours northwest of the nearest major city, Saskatoon. It is a community with high levels of unemployment and addiction to drugs and alcohol and a reputation as a tough town. In 2011, two Mounties were forced to barricade themselves into the local health clinic when a mob attacked them after incorrectly assuming that the officers had beaten a man who had been injured in an all-terrain vehicle accident. A police truck was also burned, and an ambulance badly damaged. When La Loche appears in the provincial news media, it is usually in connection with violence or drug arrests. [New York Times](#) (2016-01-23)

Taxes stables en 2016 à Clair

La taxe foncière et la facture annuelle d'aqueduc demeureront inchangées dans le Village de Clair en 2016. Dans un budget de 971 000 \$ en 2016, la taxe foncière sera maintenue à 1,23 \$ par 100 \$ d'évaluation. La facture annuelle du service d'eau et d'égout demeurera à 432 \$. Le maire Pierre Michaud reconnaît qu'il n'est pas facile pour les municipalités de réussir à équilibrer les budgets sans hausser les taxes... Le maire Michaud faisait allusion à la facture annuelle pour les services de la GRC qui sera en hausse de 13 000 \$, pour atteindre 161 000 \$. «Les coûts de la GRC sont passés de 112 000 \$ à 161 000 \$ depuis 2013 alors que nous avons la même population de 850 habitants. Un moment donné, il faut être logique avec les choses. Au niveau de la protection publique, notre brigade de pompiers volontaires en fait beaucoup également, notamment comme premiers répondants, mais nous ne sommes pas nécessairement en mesure de mieux l'outiller», a ajouté le maire Michaud en laissant entendre que la localité aimerait bien construire une nouvelle caserne d'incendie, mais qu'elle doit s'y résigner. [Acadie Nouvelle](#)

RCMP say it's too early to deem hunting death accidental

RCMP are saying it's too early to determine whether a hunting-related death in Saddle Hills County last week was an accident. Four people were hunting near Bonanza on Monday, Jan. 18, when one of the group's members, a 26-year-old man, died from a single gunshot wound, Alberta RCMP said in a media release Saturday. [Alaska Highway News](#)

Vol à main armée à Moncton: suspect recherché

L'unité des crimes sérieux du détachement Codioc de la GRC est à la recherche d'un homme à la suite d'un vol à main armée commis dans le dépanneur JJ's Convenience Store à Moncton, samedi matin. L'appel d'urgence a été fait à 7 h 43. [Acadie Nouvelle](#)

Rivière-Verte: des voleurs se servent dans les voitures non verrouillées

La GRC de Rivière-Verte a reçu plusieurs plaintes au cours de la dernière semaine concernant des vols dans les véhicules. Tous les vols ont été perpétrés dans des véhicules qui n'étaient pas fermés à clef. [Acadie Nouvelle](#)

Airdrie RCMP reportedly clock alleged impaired driver travelling at 202 km/h

A man from Carstairs faces dangerous driving and impaired driving charges following a Saturday evening traffic stop on a highway east of Crossfield. "Mixing alcohol with high speed in poor visibility is a recipe for disaster," said RCMP Constable Matt Gervais. "We are lucky the traffic unit was in the right place at the right time to prevent anything serious from occurring." [CTV News](#)

Airdrie RCMP use spike belt and gps to capture stolen truck

GPS tracking and a spike belt were deployed by the RCMP on Saturday in the pursuit of a stolen vehicle. On Jan. 23, near 8 p.m., Airdrie RCMP were advised that a stolen truck was entering their patrol area. It had been reported stolen from a Sylvan Lake business earlier and was being tracked by GPS. [Metro News](#)

Kelowna RCMP make dramatic takedown

A series of bizarre incidents led to a dramatic takedown on Sunset Drive in Kelowna Sunday morning. RCMP say they received multiple calls about a man acting violently and bleeding from the head. Residents of a townhome reported the man crashed through a large window and came into their home. When police arrived, the man was out on the street and being combative. Several RCMP vehicles were called to the scene to help with the takedown. "I do know that... a taser may have been used," said Sgt. Brad Swecera, "as well as other devices such as pepper spray." [Global News](#)

RCMP investigate fatal stabbing near Lytton

A 38-year-old man is dead after a stabbing near Lytton on Friday night. It happened on a rural property on Two Mile Road at about 7:45 p.m., according to Southeast District RCMP. Police said the victim was rushed to hospital, but couldn't be saved. A 19-year-old man has been arrested in connection to the death, RCMP said in a statement. Police have not released the names of the victim or the arrested man. [CBC News](#)

Ways to cut Toronto Police budget

An opinion piece by Norm Gardner, former chairman of the Toronto Police Services Board, states, "The Toronto Police budget is once again under scrutiny by critics who see it as bloated, and management is looking for efficiencies without compromising public safety. I would like to offer suggestions — some of which might require changes in provincial legislation — for consideration. Uniformed civilian employees could be trained to investigate traffic accidents, freeing up police officers to enhance other areas of enforcement. Traffic aides are used extensively by major U.S. law enforcement agencies..." [Toronto Sun](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News interviewed former director of Health with Métis Nation Saskatchewan regarding the shooting in La Loche. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News' Sunday Scrum discussed the responses of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall and media to Friday's school shooting in La Loche, SK. [Rough Transcript](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Police hunting inmate after Kingston, Ont. Jailbreak

The Ontario Provincial Police are conducting a manhunt after an inmate escaped from Collins Bay Institution. A statement from the Correctional Service of Canada says inmate Marc Leroux was missing

during the 11:15 a.m. head count at the minimum-security facility Saturday. The CSC notified the OPP's Joint Penitentiary Squad and a warrant was issued for his arrest. [Global News](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

On a 'good path,' away from drugs

Judge Ernie Quantz looked at the young woman sitting before him in provincial court. She had been there many times over the years. Natasha Day, a crystal meth addict living on the streets since she was 16, had a long criminal history of drug and property offences. But this court appearance would be different. Quantz accepted Day's guilty pleas for possession for the purpose of trafficking, possession of a controlled substance and possession of stolen property under \$5,000. He also accepted a joint submission by the Crown and defence lawyers to keep her out of jail and place her on probation for three years, based on her "impressive efforts" at rehabilitation. "Ms. Day, I would never have predicted this," Quantz said Thursday. "What stands out in this case, and I think it's exceptional, you haven't just told me what you think I want to hear. You've essentially done everything that could be expected in a one-year period." Defence lawyer Michael Munro said the 29-year-old had undergone a transformation after entering a residential treatment program at Harte House in Surrey. [Times Colonist](#)

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Attentat terroriste au Burkina Faso: les corps des 6 Québécois rapatriés mardi

Les corps des six travailleurs humanitaires de la région de Québec qui ont été tués dans l'attaque terroriste du 15 janvier dernier au Burkina Faso devraient être rapatriés mardi. C'est ce qu'a indiqué Frédéric Carrier, qui a perdu son père et sa soeur dans l'attentat qui a fait au total 30 morts. M. Carrier se dit soulagé puisqu'il craignait que les dépouilles soient retenues au Burkina Faso pendant une longue période, pour les besoins de l'enquête. Les funérailles pourront maintenant être planifiées. [Presse Canadienne \(L'Actualité\)](#) ; [Montreal Gazette](#); [CBC News](#)

INTERNATIONAL

Magnitude 6.8 earthquake hits Alaska, 1 home explodes

A magnitude-6.8 earthquake knocked items off shelves and walls in south-central Alaska and jolted the nerves of residents in this earthquake-prone region. But there were no immediate reports of injuries. One home was extensively damaged and an entire neighbourhood was evacuated after a gas leak was reported, Kenai Police Chief Gus Sandahl said Sunday morning. The earthquake struck about 1:30 a.m. Alaska time and was centred 53 miles west of Anchor Point in the Kenai Peninsula, which is about 160 miles southwest of Anchorage, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. About two hours later, a magnitude-4.3 aftershock hit the Cook Inlet, the agency said. A slightly stronger aftershock - magnitude-4.7 - hit the Cook Inlet at 5.29 a.m. [Associated Press](#) (Hamilton Spectator, Whig-Standard, Winnipeg Sun, Toronto Sun)

UK reports Zika cases

Three British travelers have been infected with the Zika virus, health officials revealed this week. "As of January 2016, three cases associated with travel to Colombia, Suriname and Guyana have been diagnosed in UK travelers," Public Health England said on its website. The government agency did not provide further details about the cases but added that the virus "does not occur naturally in the UK." Zika "is not spread directly from person to person," it said. [CNN](#)

Disquiet grows over French state of emergency

When a state of emergency was imposed in France after the November attacks, numb and terror-weary citizens welcomed the show of force. But a sense of creeping unease over civil liberties has turned to outright opposition in many quarters as French President Francois Hollande indicated this week he would seek to renew the measure for another three months. [Digital Journal](#)

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L'avion de [@PremierBradWall](#) , [@perrybellegarde](#) et [@RalphGoodale](#) vient d'atterrir à La Loche. Vol a été retardé à cause du brouillard. [#rcsk](#)

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Saskatchewan [@PremierBradWall](#)'s visit to [#LaLoche](#), [#Sask.](#), delayed. He is flying to FortMcMurray, [#Alberta](#).

[Global Montreal](#)

Public safety minister, Sask. premier head to La Loche after deadly shooting <http://gln.ca/XsZ3e>

[CBC News Alerts](#)

Teen boy accused in [#LaLoche](#), Sask. shootings to appear in court in Meadow Lake on Monday: <http://cbc.ca/1.3416918>

[Métro Montréal](#)

Le ministre Ralph Goodale se rend à La Loche [#Saskatchewan](#) - <http://bit.ly/1QmtjGo>

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Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, Federal Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale and several other ministers will travel to [#LaLoche](#) today.

HuffPost Québec

La Loche endeuillée, Ralph Goodale s'y rendra [#Saskatchewan](#) <http://huff.to/1VibrOc>

Sukh Dhaliwal

[@fromnewton](#) [@RalphGoodale](#) 75 officers already on the ground in [#SurreyBC](#) 10 likely arrived this month & 15 more by Apr. deadline [#Cdnpoli](#)

Philip Mai

A Good Start...but Only a Start: Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale on government plans for Bill C-51 <http://www.cbc.ca/radio>

CYBER SECURITY / CYBERSÉCURITÉ

HuffPost Canada

Privacy watchdog examining smart cars that can share driving info <http://huff.to/1S3OKQi>

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Fusillade en Saskatchewan: la convalescence sera longue, dit un archevêque goo.gl/9qSwNj
pic.twitter.com/F733AVt2O3

TorontoStar

"I kind of feel like she's out there." Brother remembers [#LaLoche](#) victim Marie Janvier <http://on.thestar.com/1ZKIZG2>

The New York Times

La Loche, the Canadian Town Where 4 Were Killed, Has a Bleak History <http://nyti.ms/1OFMn1X>

Devin Heroux

An image that'll stick with me for a while. Don Herman stares at [#LaLoche](#) school remembering his 2 nephews killed.

Maclean's Magazine

In [#LaLoche](#), hurt, grief and disbelief: [@Markusoff](#) reports <http://ow.ly/XstM7>

The National

The uncle of two teenagers killed in [#LaLoche](#) says the local graveyard is running out of room because of suicides in the community.

GlobalOkanagan

WATCH: Here's some of the footage from a police take down in downtown Kelowna this morning: globalnews.ca/news/2474208/k...

RightBrainNic

RCMP are now saying it's too early to determine if a Jan. 18 hunting related death in Saddle Hills County was an... fb.me/4tdXActSK

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Vol à main armée à Moncton: suspect recherché acadienouvelle.com/actualites/201... via [@acadienouvelle](#)

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Police hunting inmate after Kingston, Ont. jailbreak gln.ca/XsMrV pic.twitter.com/uLBbeUubOd

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The West Block

Should citizenship for refugees and immigrants be tied to residency? @TheWestBlock on Global TV at 11 am Est.

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Magazine L'actualité

Attentat terroriste au Burkina Faso: les corps des 6 Québécois rapatriés mardi <http://bit.ly/1RH8iJM>

CBC Montreal

Burkina Faso: Quebecers' bodies to be sent home <http://ift.tt/1nstois>

Blogs

Canada could be caught in privacy perfect storm due to the TPP

An opinion piece by Michael Geist states "The Trouble with the TPP has examined the barriers to data localization requirements an emerging policy choice for countries concerned with weak privacy protections once personal data is transferred outside the country. The TPP goes further in undermining potential privacy protections, however, as it also establishes a ban on data transfer restrictions. Data transfer restrictions are a key element of the European approach to privacy, which restricts data transfers to those countries with laws that meet the "adequacy" standard for protection. That approach is becoming increasingly popular, particularly in light of the Snowden revelations about governmental surveillance practices. Several TPP countries, including Malaysia, Singapore and Chile, are moving toward data transfer restrictions as are countries such as Brazil and Hong Kong. Rabble.ca

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House of Commons pauses for moment of silence for La Loche victims

There could be help for remote communities in the coming federal budget, Saskatchewan's lone cabinet minister hinted Monday as Parliament remembered the victims of last week's deadly shooting in La Loche. The remote northern town is just one of many isolated communities in need of help, **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** said after the first question period of 2016 — one that included MPs bowing their heads for a moment of silence. ***"The lessons from La Loche will have broader application than just this one community,"*** Goodale said outside the Commons. ***"La Loche, obviously, has particular difficulties but you will find similar problems in other communities as well."*** Members from all sides of the Commons spoke of the loss that still echoes from the tragedy, in which four people were killed and seven others wounded in La Loche, a remote northern town populated predominantly by First Nations members. "The entire government and, indeed, the country, stands with the community of La Loche," said Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. "Our heartfelt condolences go out to the community, to the family members and we offer all our support." ... **Goodale** said **he** had also spoken with Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall about the lack of infrastructure in La Loche, in particular, as a possible reason why people may feel isolated, and said the tragic shooting has focused a light on problems in the community that need to

be addressed. ***“We are going to listen to the messages from this community and work with them, and work with the province, and work with First Nations organizations to do what needs to get done.”*** [Canadian Press](#) (Blackburn News, Hamilton Spectator, Maclean's)

'Every one of us in La Loche has been victimized,' shooting victim's aunt says

Annette Montgrand, who had a family member shot on Friday afternoon in La Loche, Sask., says this is her third family member who has been shot in the past seven years in the northern Saskatchewan community. She carries a lot of pain as she waits at a hospital in Saskatoon to support her family member injured in the latest shooting... On the weekend, Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall and **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** arrived in La Loche and spoke about the need for change in the community of around 3,000. Montgrand said it's unfortunate it's taken this event to get promises of change. [CBC News](#)

Editorial: Tragedy in La Loche deserves Trudeau's presence

An editorial states “Prime Minister Justin Trudeau spent much of last week at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. By all accounts, it was a successful tour on the world stage for the prime minister, with many of the attendees buzzing over the Trudeau team’s “Canada is back” message. He was also photographed having meetings, both official and casual, with a broad sampling of the global celebrityariat, including Bono, Melinda Gates, Sheryl Sandberg and Jack Ma. Then, in the last days of the Davos conference, tragedy struck in the First Nations community of La Loche, some 600 kilometres north of Saskatoon. Four people were left dead in a shooting rampage, and seven remain in critical condition. A 17-year-old has been charged with murder, attempted murder and other offences... **Yes, Ralph Goodale, Trudeau's public safety minister, went.** Brad Wall, the premier of Saskatchewan, has gone, too, as has Perry Bellegarde, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations. Trudeau made a lot of noise — rightly — on the campaign trail about First Nations, about a new relationship, about fixing problems, about righting historical wrongs. But then, sadly, he isn't present for the first major tragedy of his time in office... Trudeau, on the First Nations file as others, was positioning himself as the opposite of Harper — accountable and open. He was going to lead from the vanguard. **This is why he should be in La Loche now, not just Goodale.** There are a myriad of reasons why getting there would've been complicated. But the kind of guy Trudeau said he was to Canadians would've made it work. He should be there, spending time with the heartbroken people in a small town with two bars and a liquor store on Main Street, but no hotel and no family restaurant. **Goodale has said Trudeau will visit as soon as possible.** Good. His heart is clearly with the people of La Loche. The rest of him should be, too.” [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News' Power & Politics interviewed **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** regarding the shooting in La Loche, Saskatchewan. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News' Power & Politics held a panel discussion with the Parliamentary Secretary to the **Minister of Public Safety**, Michel Picard, public safety Conservative critic, Erin O'Toole, and Charlie Angus, NDP critic for indigenous and northern affairs regarding the shooting in La Loche, Saskatchewan. **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** was mentioned during this segment. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News' Power & Politics interviewed former chief of the Clearwater River Dene Nation, Roy Cheecham, regarding the shooting in La Loche, Saskatchewan. **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** was mentioned during this segment. [Rough Transcript](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Helicopter searchers find 2 snowmobilers missing north of Baie-Comeau

An RCAF search-and-rescue helicopter located a pair of snowmobilers Monday morning, after they got lost in a remote area about 330 kilometres north of Baie-Comeau. [CBC News](#)

Sunrise Propane hit with \$5.3M in fines for 2008 blast

A fiery explosion at a Toronto propane plant that forced thousands out of their homes in the dead of night and claimed the life of an employee caused "unprecedented" devastation, an Ontario judge ruled in imposing \$5.3 million in fines against the company and its directors. Sunrise Propane, which is no longer in operation, has two years to pay \$5.1 million, while its directors Shay Ben-Moshe and Valery Belahov have three years to each pay \$100,000, Justice Leslie Chapin said Monday... Though the disaster has since been eclipsed by the deadly train derailment in Lac-Mégantic, it remains significant enough to warrant serious fines, the judge said. [Canadian Press](#) (Winnipeg Sun,

Pioneer female firefighter loved her job

Cindy Maltman can remember every detail of her first "big fire" as a rookie firefighter. It was at an abandoned house in Burnaby and, luckily, no lives were in danger. "We pulled up, and flames were coming out of the roof," she said. "I'll never forget it. I can relive every moment - the chaos, the excitement." When Maltman talks about the job from which she retired last May after more than 21 years of service - nearly four of which she spent as a lieutenant - her eyes light up and a huge smile spreads across her face... by-the-numbers look at women in firefighting, in B.C. and Canada. 3.8 per cent: Percentage of Canadian firefighters that are female, according to the 2011 Census; 4.6 per cent: Percentage of B.C. firefighters that are female, according to the 2011 Census. [The Province](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Doctor-assisted dying is 'time-sensitive issue' : P.E.I. premier

Physician-assisted dying was one of the topics on the table at a recent meeting of provincial justice and public safety ministers in Quebec City, attended by Premier Wade MacLauchlan... The ministers also heard presentations from Public Safety Canada on cybersecurity and the radicalization of Canadians going abroad to become involved in terrorism. [CBC News](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Man wanted for homicide in New Jersey captured at Rainbow Bridge

A man wanted in New Jersey for homicide was captured at the Rainbow Bridge. U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers say they arrested Steven Segarra, 37 on Friday as he was trying to enter Canada. They found a warrant for his arrest during a secondary inspection. Segarra was turned over to Niagara Falls Police to begin the process of extradition. "CBP works closely with our state, local, federal and cross-border partners, especially when searching for fugitives that may attempt to flee the country," said Acting Port Director Cary Frieling. "Thanks to the efforts of our officers and CBSA, this fugitive was captured and the legal process can begin." From October 2014 to September 2015, Border Protection officers with the Buffalo Field Office made more than 400 arrests. at 16 ports of entry in the state. [WIVB 4](#)

CYBER SECURITY / CYBERSÉCURITÉ

'Artisanal spam' fashions emails in a new kind of cyberattack

Traditional spam email attacks follow a mass-market, "one-size-fits-all" approach: by sending the same message to as many targets as possible, a small number of people will be tricked into sharing their passwords or downloading a malicious program. But a new kind of attack, so-called "artisanal spam," targets smaller groups with painstakingly crafted messages, with the aim of breaking through spam-filtering algorithms and achieving a higher rate of success. [CBC News](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Le contrôle des armes ne passe pas nécessairement par un registre, selon la CAQ

Le contrôle des armes à feu ne passe pas nécessairement par la mise en place d'un nouveau registre québécois, a déclaré lundi le député caquiste André Spénard, porte-parole du dossier de la sécurité publique pour son parti. M. Spénard a affirmé que le caucus de la Coalition avenir Québec est divisé sur l'opportunité du projet de loi 64, présenté en décembre par le gouvernement. «On est en train d'en discuter, comme dans toutes les formations politiques, il y en a des pour, il y en a des contre, alors on va analyser la situation», a-t-il dit. Cette initiative a été annoncée par Québec à la suite de la décision du gouvernement fédéral d'abolir le fichier national des armes d'épaule... «On a toujours été pour le contrôle des armes à feu mais ça ne veut pas dire que ce contrôle passe par un registre comme il en existait un avant au gouvernement fédéral, a-t-il dit dans un point de presse. Y aurait-il un meilleur moyen, tout en épargnant l'argent des contribuables?». La CAQ a affirmé que le chef péquiste contreviendrait à la loi électorale et à ses dispositions sur le financement politique en dotant personnellement l'institut, qui n'a pas encore été créé, des fonds nécessaires à ses activités. [Presse Canadienne](#) (L'actualité)

Évasion à Peace River : la GRC recherche un fugitif

La Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) est à la recherche d'un fugitif suite à une évasion avec complices de la prison de Peace River, dans le nord-ouest de l'Alberta. Les forces de l'ordre ont lancé un avis de recherche pour Harley John Lay, évadé vers 10 h lundi. Elles demandent de ne pas approcher cette personne jugée dangereuse. Le fugitif s'est évadé grâce à la collaboration de deux complices, dont au moins l'un d'entre eux est armé. Les trois hommes se sont enfuis dans une fourgonnette beige de marque Dodge. La GRC peut être appelée au 780-624-6677 ou par l'intermédiaire d'un service de police régional. [Radio-Canada](#) ; [Global News](#)

Toronto cop found not guilty of murdering Sammy Yatim, but IS found guilty of attempted murder

A Toronto police officer has been found guilty of attempted murder in the shooting death of a teen on an empty streetcar. Const. James Forcillo was cleared of the more serious charge of second-degree murder in the death of 18-year-old Sammy Yatim in July 2013. Forcillo, 32, had pleaded not guilty to both charges in the shooting that was captured on cellphone videos and went viral online, sparking public outrage. Crown prosecutors had argued Forcillo's actions weren't necessary or reasonable, while his lawyer called those actions justified and carried out in self-defence. The trial heard that Yatim had consumed ecstasy at some point before boarding a streetcar where he exposed himself and pulled out a small knife, sparking a panicked exodus. Forcillo testified Yatim seemed completely unafraid and refused his commands to drop the knife. The officer told the court he believed the teen was about to come off the streetcar to attack him, which was why he fired his gun. The crux of the ruling is seemingly based around the jury finding the first round of bullets - which killed Yatim - were arguably justified while the second round of shots - which did not impact whether Yatim died or not - were not. [Canadian Press](#) (National Post)

School safety expert warns of La Loche copycats, urges compassion in days following shooting deaths

The threat of a copycat killer will remain high in the immediate future after four people were fatally shot in La Loche, a school safety expert says in a memo distributed to school staff across North America. "The tragedy in La Loche is the highest profile incident in a Canadian high school since the 1999 shooting in Taber, Alberta," Kevin Cameron said Monday in a memo sent to school divisions and principals in Canada and the United States after Friday's shooting in the northern Saskatchewan town. Four people - teacher Adam Wood, 35; teaching aide Marie Janvier, 21; Drayden Fontaine, 13; and Dayne Fontaine, 17 - were killed during the noon-hour shooting. [Star-Phoenix](#)

Cocaine, prescription narcotics seized in South River

A traffic stop early Saturday morning led to the seizure of cocaine, prescription narcotics and drug paraphernalia, according to a report from the Trinity Conception RCMP. A 24-year-old man from Holyrood was arrested in the traffic stop in South River. He was released from custody but will appear in Harbour Grace Provincial Court at a later date. He is facing two charges of possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking. [The Telegram](#)

Natuashish-bound marijuana, whisky intercepted by police

Bottles of whisky were found on an in-bound plane in the dry community of Natuashish Friday, police say. In a news release Monday, the RCMP said officers searched freight and cargo on a plane on the local airstrip and found 10 bottles of whisky. The street value of smuggled alcohol is significantly higher than prices in a liquor store. The Innu community of Natuashish on Labrador's northern coast banned the sale, purpose and possession of alcohol in 2008. [CBC News](#)

Les policiers de Rouyn-Noranda seront munis de « tasers »

Un projet pilote sur l'utilisation du pistolet à impulsion électrique, dit « taser », entrera en vigueur dans les prochaines semaines au sein poste de la Sûreté du Québec à Rouyn-Noranda. Selon la sergente Mélanie Dumaresq, le projet servira à tester l'utilisation du taser à la Sûreté du Québec. Actuellement, seuls le Groupe d'intervention tactique et les maîtres-chiens sont actuellement formés pour l'utiliser. [Radio-Canada](#)

Police board looks inside ranks for new Hamilton chief

The Hamilton police board is starting its search for a new chief within the service's own ranks. "We think we have a number of qualified candidates," said board chair Lloyd Ferguson on Thursday after the board met behind closed doors to decide how to proceed on selecting a new chief. [Hamilton Spectator](#)

Teen arrested in Rockland had replica handgun, police say

A 17-year-old arrested last week after a report of an armed teenager spurred lockdowns at schools in Rockland, east of Ontario, was carrying a replica revolver and not a real gun, Ontario Provincial Police say. The boy was arrested Thursday after police were told that a male carrying a firearm was walking along Giroux Street in Rockland. Area schools were alerted and implemented "safety protocols" as a precaution, police said. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

2 UN gang members charged with murder

Two men, who homicide investigators say are UN gang members, have been arrested and charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of Jonathan Barber and Kevin LeClair. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) made the announcement at a news conference in Surrey this afternoon. [CBC News](#)

Structural rebuild of police needed

A letter to the editorial states, "Biggest transformation' facing force, Jan. 25. Deputy Chief Peter Sloly is correct in stating that savings in the police budget are possible. I don't necessarily agree with eliminating officers, but by using them more efficiently this would lessen the need to add more officers, and possibly free up some officers for foot-patrol duty. For example: when there is a fire, we usually see two or maybe three fire engines at the scene unless it is a multiple-alarm fire. On the other hand, when there is a crime scene we usually see multiple police cruisers..." [Toronto Star](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Graham James' victims call granting of day parole a 'farce'

Two men, sexually assaulted by former junior hockey coach Graham James, say they are disappointed he was granted day parole from a halfway house under certain conditions. "Canada needs to wake-up," said Todd Holt, who played with James' team, the Swift Current Broncos, from 1989 to 1994. "Graham James raped us players," Holt said. "It's a farce ... If I was a pedophile out there today I'd be laughing at the justice system." Holt and Sheldon Kennedy, also assaulted by James, argue the amount of time James has served in prison pales next to the seriousness of his crime. James is currently serving a seven-year sentence for sexual abuse, in addition to a 3 ½-year term he served in the late-1990s. The man once named "Hockey Man of the Year" has been convicted of molesting a total of six children. "I believe enough time is when the system acknowledges and recognizes the impact of this crime," said Kennedy, who now leads the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre in Calgary, AB... James requested the federal parole board grant him full parole on Monday, but the board found he lacked sufficient empathy and instead limited him to day parole. According to the Correctional Service of Canada,

offenders can be granted day parole to prepare them for full parole or release. James will be staying at a halfway house and is prohibited from being in the presence of anyone under 18 or having a job where he's in a position of authority over anyone under that age. [CBC News](#)

Nova Scotia prisoner escape caused by human error, faulty equipment - Report

An internal review says human error and equipment error allowed a prisoner to escape from custody last month in Nova Scotia. Marc Joseph Pellerin escaped from the sheriff's van in the parking lot of the Truro Justice Centre Dec. 4 as he was being transferred from New Brunswick to Halifax for a court appearance. Pellerin was recaptured Dec. 7 by the RCMP in Stewiacke, roughly 30 kilometres south of Truro. [Canadian Press](#) (Calgary Sun, Truro Daily, Winnipeg Sun); [CBC News](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

A look at how the Canadian courts handle young people charged with murder

A 17-year-old boy has been charged with four counts of first-degree murder and seven counts of attempted murder after a shooting in northern Saskatchewan. Because of his age, he falls under the Youth Criminal Justice Act. David Milward, a law professor at the University of Manitoba, explains how Canadian courts handle young people charged with murder: Can a youth be "tried as an adult?" Canada doesn't have that distinction at the trial stage, but if the charges are serious enough, the attorney general can direct the Crown to request that a youth be sentenced as an adult if convicted. [Cape Breton Post](#)

Doctor-assisted dying is 'time-sensitive issue' : P.E.I. premier

Physician-assisted dying was one of the topics on the table at a recent meeting of provincial justice and public safety ministers in Quebec City, attended by Premier Wade MacLauchlan... Pot low on list. While legalizing marijuana is a commitment MacLauchlan expects the government to followed through on, he said the ministers barely mentioned it in Quebec. "I would say it's a little further down the road in terms of how the federal ministers are looking at that," said MacLauchlan. [CBC News](#)

Hate crimes charges laid in graffiti case

Hate-crime charges have now been laid against one of two suspects accused of spraying racist graffiti at a northwest LRT station. A lawyer for Kyle Kames Mackenzie appeared in provincial court Monday where a new information charging him with publicly inciting hatred was put on the record. [Calgary Sun](#)

Update - Edmonton gore-site owner pleads guilty in Magnotta video case

An Edmonton webmaster who posted a video on his website of convicted killer Luka Magnotta murdering a Chinese student was put under house arrest Monday. Mark Marek, the 41-year-old owner operator of the bestgore.com website, was handed a six-month conditional sentence to be served in the community after pleading guilty to corrupting morals by publishing obscenities. [Postmedia News](#) (Edmonton Journal)

First-time offender gets 35-month sentence for role in drug trafficking ring

A first-time offender caught with a kilogram of cocaine was sentenced Monday to nearly three years in jail for his role in a widespread drug trafficking ring. Frank Molle, 26, was sentenced to 35 months in jail after pleading guilty to trafficking marijuana, possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking and conspiring to traffic cocaine. [Windsor Star](#)

OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEES / OPÉRATION RÉFUGIÉS SYRIENS

Montréal crée un Bureau d'intégration des nouveaux arrivants

La métropole a créé il y a deux mois un Comité de coordination montréalais pour l'accueil des réfugiés syriens, réunissant plusieurs services municipaux et organismes communautaires. Après deux mois, le responsable embauché par la Ville pour coordonner ce groupe, Michel Dorais, en est venu à recommander à Montréal de mettre en place un bureau permanent. Dans un rapport remis à la Ville, il estime que «la nécessité d'être prêt à tout et d'avoir à réagir à très court terme requiert un niveau d'alerte

qui est difficile à maintenir à moyen terme». Le Bureau qui sera créé s'inspire directement du Toronto Newcomer Office, dont le travail est de coordonner les services offerts aux nouveaux arrivants dans la métropole canadienne. Montréal attend d'ailleurs d'ici le 30 janvier un rapport détaillé sur le fonctionnement de ce bureau torontois. Pour le moment, peu de détails sont connus sur la forme que prendra le Bureau montréalais. Celui-ci comptera au «maximum» une dizaine de personnes. Son budget est encore indéterminé. Le Bureau ne sera pas destiné exclusivement aux réfugiés syriens, mais bien à tous les nouveaux arrivants. [La Presse](#)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

Brison promises PS unions he'll quickly repeal sick-leave measures

Treasury Board President Scott Brison has promised federal unions that steps to repeal Tory legislation that gave the government power to unilaterally impose a new sick-leave regime will begin when Parliament resumes this week. Treasury Board officials notified the unions in a letter that sections of Bill C-59, which allow the government to force a sick-leave deal, will be repealed as one of the "first orders of business." The move lifts a major threat hanging over bogged-down contract talks on sick-leave reforms and come as the largest union, the Public Service Alliance of Canada, gets ready for its first bargaining session with the Liberals on Feb. 1. "We are pleased that the new Liberal government has promised to repeal the labour law changes in Bill C-59 and given assurances that they will not unilaterally take away our negotiated sick leave provisions," said PSAC president Robyn Benson. But Brison isn't going as far with another Conservative omnibus bill, C-4, which completely changed the rules for collective bargaining in the public service. The unions also want those changes repealed for the rest of this round of bargaining. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Top bureaucrat's past comments on 'brownshirts' spur protest

The Liberal government stood by its new head of the public service Monday after fresh objections arose over remarks he made last year equating a student protest with the actions of "Brownshirts and Maoists." Michael Wernick was appointed last week by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to be Clerk of the Privy Council. Monday was just his second day on the job. In the House of Commons, NDP leader Tom Mulcair demanded Trudeau ask Wernick to "apologize for these totally unacceptable remarks." But the prime minister, who appointed Wernick to replace Janice Charette, simply said he was "very pleased" to see the veteran bureaucrat assuming the new job. "Mr. Wernick has had a long career in the public service," Trudeau told MPs. "And we look forward to working with him to renew the professional and non-partisan public service." On Monday, the head of a students' group called on Trudeau to take a close look at the words Wernick used to describe the protesters – and to distance himself from those remarks. "I think at the very least we need to hear from the prime minister that Mr. Wernick's comments are not reflective of his own approach to governing," said Michael Bueckert, president of the Graduate Students' Association at Carleton University. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

OTHER / AUTRES

Liberal government warns both Israel and Palestinians

The Liberal government on Sunday put out its first statement on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, calling Israel a "steadfast friend and ally" but warning it against building more settlements on disputed land. Released by Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion as the wave of violence that has swept Israel and the West Bank reached its 100th day, the statement represents a shift in tone from the previous government's staunchly pro-Israel messaging. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

INTERNATIONAL

Les réseaux djihadistes communiquent avec un arsenal toujours plus perfectionné

De l'adresse cachée au jeu en ligne, les réseaux djihadistes utilisent de mieux en mieux les ressources d'internet pour recruter et communiquer, entraînant les services de sécurité dans une course-poursuite technologique pour les localiser et décrypter leurs messages. Peut-on agir impunément sur le web en restant anonyme ? Pas complètement, même si, selon des experts réunis au Forum international de la cybersécurité (FIC) à Lille, dans le nord de la France, les méthodes des cellules terroristes sont désormais les mêmes que celles des hackers. Pour rester discret sur internet, il faut d'abord se procurer une adresse IP (l'identification de l'appareil) exotique. Et, explique à l'AFP Thierry Karsenti chez l'éditeur d'antivirus israélien Check Point, ne jamais surfer depuis chez soi, en profitant au maximum du wifi public. Il faut ensuite utiliser des flux anonymisés, comme le réseau TOR. Et crypter ses communications. A cet égard, l'affaire Snowden a laissé des traces. Car la révélation, en 2013, d'un programme de surveillance massif des services américains et britanniques, a poussé le monde de l'internet à tout crypter, ou presque. Aux Etats-Unis, relève M. Karsenti, le tiers du trafic sur le net est désormais chiffré, contre 3 à 5% il y a deux ou trois ans. «Les prévisions, c'est que ça va doubler cette année», ajoute-t-il. [AFP](#) (Journal de Montréal)

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@CharlieAngusNDP: we're looking at a systemic issue. We talk about being there, but it's long-term problems we're facing. #pnpcbc

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@CharlieAngusNDP: these are communities where children are regularly denied access to quality education. #pnpcbc

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@ErinOTooleMP: I think all levels of govt need to talk about challenges of remote communities to health care access. #pnpcbc

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@CharlieAngusNDP: These young people could transform our country, yet they seem to be the last factored into government decisions. #cdnpoli

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La Loche school shooting highlights systemic poverty and racism: <http://bit.ly/23oZUCJ>

TheTorontoSun

17-year-old charged in #LaLoche killings had been bullied relentlessly. <http://bit.ly/1njZUTG>

TorontoStar

#LaLoche shootings should be another reason for reform #editorial <http://on.thestar.com/1S78Hpr>

mrabson

I keep thinking, if a school shooting happened on many MB northern reserves, RCMP wouldn't arrive in 8 minutes. It could take hours.

tylerrdawson

Trudeau's heart is clearly with the people of La Loche. The rest of him should be, too." <http://ottawacitizen.com/>

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"Until we understand the true impact on victims we'll never have sentences to match" @ShelKenn on James day parole. pic.twitter.com/gxicC4FnAW

TheTorontoSun

Former junior hockey coach Graham James granted day parole. <http://bit.ly/1PgAnFN>

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@ShelKenn says day parole for Graham James sends a bad message to those who want to come forward with their story.

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Murray Brewster

Experts wonder what "more robust" means as cabinet set to decide on ISIL mission <http://www.metronews.ca/> via [@metrotoronto](#) [#cdnpoli](#) [#ISIL](#)

Blogs

Top five digital issues MPs are facing as parliament resumes

Canada's Parliament is back in session after a long winter break, and MPs have no shortage of pressing digital rights issues to come to grips with... Bill C-51: This Saturday will mark the one-year anniversary of the introduction of Bill C-51 and its controversial spy powers, which were forced through Parliament last year by the previous government. So far, the Liberals have promised to repeal what they call the "problematic" parts of the bill, and Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says he plans to hold public consultations on what changes should be made. We're still awaiting clarification on what these public consultations will look like, how the government will ensure that all Canadians will be engaged and whether they will really be open to all options, including the full repeal most Canadians want. Email your MP today, and let them know that C-51 is an issue you won't settle on... Spy Agency Oversight: Canada has long been one of a tiny handful of industrialized nations without any parliamentary oversight of government surveillance activities -- an issue all the more pressing given the passage of Bill C-51 and the RCMP's efforts to spy on Canadians without a warrant. Improved oversight was a top priority identified by the over 100,000 Canadians who took part in shaping our crowdsourced pro-privacy action plan last year. Check out the detailed recommendations we set forward based on your input. The good news is that Public Safety Minister Goodale has promised to strengthen oversight mechanisms, but we'll need to keep up the pressure to ensure Canada gets the world-class oversight system we deserve. Support the Protect Our Privacy Coalition at OurPrivacy.ca as we work for effective oversight of our spy agencies. Rabble.ca

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Liberals introduce 'sea change' to Canada's refugee system

Canada's refugee system has undergone "a sea change" since the arrival of the new Liberal government, says a prominent refugee rights advocate. Mitchell Goldberg, president of the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers, says numbers speak for themselves as the government works to fulfil its promise to bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of February. "In four years since Syria's civil war began, the previous government allowed only 3,000, in four years!" Goldberg said. "It's a sea change, a dramatic shift between before the (Oct 19, 2015) elections and after the elections with regards to refugees selected overseas."... McCallum was also mandated to work with the minister of justice and the **minister of public safety and emergency preparedness** to repeal provisions in the Citizenship Act that give the government the right to strip citizenship from dual nationals. [Radio-Canada International](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Cargo Kathryn Spirit : une « catastrophe imminente » sur le fleuve Saint-Laurent

Un cargo immobilisé sur le lac Saint-Louis contenant de l'eau contaminée par des résidus pétroliers risque de se renverser de façon imminente, selon la Ville de Beauharnois. La municipalité a appris la semaine dernière que les opérations de pompage de l'eau souillée vont cesser. Ce vieux bateau rouillé de 150 mètres de long par 20 mètres de large est immobilisé sur le lac Saint-Louis depuis quatre ans. La Ville a appris la semaine dernière que l'entreprise mexicaine à qui appartient le navire, Reciclajes Ecologicos Maritimos, renonce à ses droits de propriété. Les opérations de pompage vont donc cesser. La Ville prévient que l'eau va s'infiltrer dans la carcasse rouillée du navire, accentuant son inclinaison et provoquant éventuellement son chavirement dans le lac Saint-Louis, un réservoir d'eau potable pour le Grand Montréal. Selon le maire de Beauharnois, Claude Haineault, c'est une question de semaines avant qu'une catastrophe ne survienne. [Radio-Canada](#)

Public Health Agency of Canada issues travel notice for Zika virus

The Public Health Agency of Canada has issued a travel notice for the Zika virus, which has been linked to a surge in miscarriages and birth defects in Brazil. In a notice posted to its website on Friday, the agency says pregnant women and women considering becoming pregnant should discuss travel plans with their doctors to assess their risk. It also recommends these women "consider postponing travel to areas where the Zika virus is circulating in the Americas. The Zika virus is spread by mosquitos, and while it has been native to parts of Africa and Asia for years, it was recently introduced into the Americas. While the virus is not normally considered worrisome, researchers have noticed a still-unproven link between Zika and a sudden rise in babies born in Brazil with microcephaly. The conditions of microcephaly include small heads and underdeveloped brains. [CTV News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Burkina Faso attack shows need to boost information-gathering

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan says better intelligence capabilities, as well as co-operation with Canada's allies, are essential for preventing the types of terror attacks that have struck Burkina Faso and other parts of the world. Six Canadians were killed over the weekend when militants linked to al-Qaida stormed a hotel in Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso in West Africa. Days earlier, a Canadian was killed during an attack by Islamic State-inspired terrorists in Indonesia. Speaking on the sidelines of a three-day retreat between Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his cabinet ministers, Sajjan said Canada has "to get better at our intelligence capabilities in other parts of the world so that we have a better chance of preventing attacks like this from happening. "This only happens if we start working in greater co-operation with our intelligence partners," he added. "Which means not just the military, but also the police forces as well." Intelligence co-operation between Canada and its allies has been the subject of massive controversy in recent years, particularly after U.S. whistleblower Edward Snowden revealed that American and Canadian spy agencies have been running massive intelligence-gathering operations. The previous Conservative government also enacted controversial anti-terror legislation, Bill C-51, that increased the scope and powers of Canada's intelligence operations. The Liberals promised during the election to amend the law, but haven't said how. Instead, they have promised broad consultations first. Sajjan, who is responsible for the ultra-secret Communications Security Establishment, which is Canada's electronic spy agency, said "the safety of Canadians will always be paramount," but also that there "has to be a balance." "There can be a fine balance with security, and when it comes to preventing these types of attacks and co-operation between agencies, it does not have to infringe on Canadian rights," Sajjan said. "We can actually do this better. It's just a matter of being better co-ordinated." [Ottawa Citizen](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Why trade between Canada, U.S. is a hassle

One-third of domestic small businesses think twice about trading across the U.S. border, according to a new report by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business. Based on more than 8,000 responses from small business owners, the report looks at the performance of both the Canada Border Services Agency and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency in facilitating cross-border trade. (...)“Eliminating unfair and costly rules at the Canada-U.S. border is an inexpensive way of supporting small businesses, who employ more than half of all working Canadians,” says Corinne Pohlmann, CFIB’s senior vice-president of national affairs. “Prime Minister Trudeau and President Obama [are] scheduled to meet this spring, [so] we hope they will take steps to improve cross-border trade.” Since 2010, the Canada Border Services Agency has shown some improvement in how they treat customers, says the CFIB report. But, it adds, the agency has showed little improvement in how it provides and communicates relevant information. In fact, small business owners gave the CBSA website a worse rating for user friendliness than in 2010. [Advisor.ca](#), [Canadian Plastics](#), [Canadian Manufacturing](#)

Loonie’s collapse leaves Canada tallying the high price of a low dollar

When completed, the Gordie Howe Bridge will help boost Canadian trade. The new crossing between Windsor and Detroit will relieve congestion on the aging Ambassador Bridge that currently carries trucks transporting more than a quarter of Canada’s exported goods. But for now – the bridge could be the latest victim of Canada’s battered loonie. With the dollar at its lowest level since the spring of 2003, construction and other costs for the bridge could nearly double to more than \$4.8 billion, according to one estimate. Like the new bridge – the depressed loonie was supposed to kickstart Canada’s economy. But so far, it hasn’t worked out that way. [BNN](#)

Drug-addicted Brampton father jailed for life in shooting of wife in front of kids

A Brampton man who shot his wife in the head in front of their two young children has been sentenced to life in prison and will not be eligible to apply for parole until he has spent 13 years behind bars. And if Jatinder Dhaliwal, 44, ever does get out of prison on parole, he will be deported back to India because he is a permanent resident and not a Canadian citizen, court heard at his sentencing Thursday. Dhaliwal pleaded guilty last November to second-degree murder in the death of his wife of 12 years, Lakhvir Dhaliwal, 37. He shot her seven times in the bedroom of their Sled Dog Road home on May 28, 2012. He kicked her in the stomach and insulted her as she lay on the floor already mortally wounded, then delivered the final shot to her head even as their two sons, aged 8 and 9 years, begged him not to hurt her. He then threatened to kill the youngsters if they told the police what happened, court heard. Court heard Lakhvir Dhaliwal had hidden her drug-addicted husband’s heroin from him and he wanted it back, sparking that final, fatal confrontation between them. [Hamilton Spectator](#)

Failing infrastructure severs vital transportation link

An opinion piece by MP Carol Hughes states, “By now we have grown accustomed to the compelling arguments in favour of re-investing in Canada’s crumbling infrastructure, but what are we to make of the damage to the bridge over the Nipigon River which is new and not even fully constructed? In case you missed the story, the bridge failed recently when bolts holding the structure to the western abutment snapped. As a result the bridge was fully closed for a period of time and the initial repair has load restrictions. (...)While some vehicles can re-route through the United States, this is not so easy for truckers. Ever since the US tightened their borders over security concerns, it is more difficult for truckers to use the southern route around Lake Superior. According to the Ontario Trucking Association and the Canadian Trucking Alliance, \$100 million worth of goods crosses the Nipigon River every day. An initial repair is allowing smaller trucks through but those carrying very large loads are not being allowed across which is why it is important for governments to look for a solution at the American border as quickly as they can.” [Wawa News](#)

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Gustafsen Lake standoff: protesters renew calls for an inquiry

Several First Nations protesters involved in the 1995 Gustafsen Lake standoff are calling for a national inquiry into the level of force used by the RCMP during the 31-day confrontation. Protest leader William Jones Ignace, known as Wolverine, and the Ts'Peten Defence Committee submitted a letter on Jan. 4 to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Attorney General and Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould, calling for an inquiry. "The brutal force that was leveled against the defenders, some of which were 14, 15, and 16 years old, [and] young pregnant women, is utterly abhorrent," said Anushka Azadi, a spokesperson for the committee. Wolverine, now 82, was too sick to provide comment to CBC News, but Azadi spoke on his behalf, saying he wants the following to come out of an inquiry: "A conversation specifically about his jail time, and why they were persecuted for crimes when what they were doing was enacting their own tribal, traditional laws. Additionally he says he wants the RCMP officially charged for treason. "Lastly, maybe the most important thing ... is a settlement of the land question, that is the question of unceded and unsurrendered territory. (...) In response the RCMP brought in 400 armed officers, backed by helicopters and armoured personnel carriers, blew up a supply pick-up truck with buried explosives, and fired thousands of rounds of ammunition. Both sides exchanged gunfire and one person was injured but no one was killed in the confrontation. [CBC](#)

Over 1,000 needles found in Prince George drug house bust

For the second time in two months, Prince George RCMP say they've busted a downtown drug house full of dirty needles. A 40-year-old man and 22-year-old woman, both known to police, were arrested Friday morning at the duplex located in the 2100 block of Oak Street. "Inside they located an abundance of suspected stolen property - some of it has been confirmed stolen - a small quantity of cocaine and over 1,000 needles," said RCMP Constable Sonja Blom. Police are recommending charges of being unlawfully in a dwelling house and mischief against the pair. "It's a problem house that's well known to police," said Blom. In November, Prince George RCMP busted a drug house nearby where officers discovered 10,000 dirty needles. [CBC](#)

Strongquill Lake named in honour of gunned-down Manitoba Mountie

Manitoba has named a lake near Flin Flon after RCMP Const. Dennis Strongquill - the first time a geographic location in the province has been named after a law enforcement officer. "All Manitobans remember the tragic loss of Const. Strongquill, and it is truly our honour to permanently create a place that will recognize his life and ultimate sacrifice," Conservation and Water Stewardship Minister Tom Nevakshonoff said Monday during the announcement at the RCMP headquarters in Winnipeg. The lake is about 45 kilometres north of Flin Flon in northern Manitoba. "Const. Strongquill dedicated his life to protecting the people of Manitoba and making our communities safer. The naming of Lake Strongquill is a humbling honour and will ensure that his sacrifice is never forgotten," said RCMP Assistant Commissioner Kevin Brosseau. Killed in line of duty. A 20-year veteran of the police force, Strongquill was shot dead after a traffic stop outside Russell, Man. Strongquill, 52, and his partner, Const. Brian Auger, were heading for a coffee just after midnight on Dec. 21, 2001, when they spotted a truck driving on the highway with its high beams on. They pulled it over simply to caution the driver to turn down the headlights. But as they approached the truck, one of the people inside opened fire. The officers ran back to their vehicle and were chased into the town of Russell by the truck. As the RCMP cruiser pulled up to the detachment office, it was rammed by the truck. [CBC](#)

Calgary police arrest 3, seize drugs and guns after Red Deer trafficking probe

Police have seized guns, drugs and ammunition after a months-long drug trafficking investigation that started in Red Deer and ended in Calgary with the arrest of three suspects. "The suspects were active in drug trafficking and violent crimes in the Red Deer area," police said. In addition to nine guns, 12,159 rounds of ammunition, \$14,400 in cash and almost 400 grams of drugs were seized, police said. The men were arrested in a "high-risk takedown" in Calgary as they fled an attempted pawn shop robbery in a stolen vehicle, Calgary police said in a statement. The break in the case has put a "significant dent" in an organized crime group that was active across Alberta and had ties to B.C., police said. They will release more details at a news conference in Red Deer later today. More charges may be laid in the coming weeks as the investigation continues. [CBC](#)

Fatal Nexen explosion puts focus on oilpatch safety

There's a universal pledge from companies across the oilpatch that everyone goes home safely every day. The message - fundamental to the idea that safety is essential to workplace culture - is reinforced constantly, but it didn't happen Friday for two workers at Nexen Energy's Long Lake oilsands plant. An explosion tore through a building that housed a natural gas compressor, killing one maintenance employee and sending another to hospital in Edmonton in critical condition with severe burns. "Every day we strive to send our employees home safe to their families, and yesterday we did not live up to that," Ron Bailey, the senior vice-president of Canadian operations for Nexen, told a subdued news conference in Calgary on Saturday. "This will leave a terrible mark on all of us at Nexen." The explosion occurred in the hydrocracker unit at the 70,000-barrel-a-day facility about 75 kilometres south of Fort McMurray at about 3:20 p.m. Investigators from the Alberta Energy Regulator and Occupational Health and Safety are on site. The names of the two employees, who OHS officials have said were changing a valve on a compressor before the blast, were not released as of Sunday. Nexen officials said the Long Lake operation, which was producing about 50,000 barrels a day of bitumen, has effectively been shut down while authorities investigate the cause of the explosion. RCMP said Friday it didn't appear suspicious. Nexen wouldn't speculate about the fatal explosion but Fang Zhi, chief executive of Nexen Energy, a subsidiary of the Chinese state-owned oil company CNOOC, called it "one of the darkest days in Nexen's history." He expressed his "deepest sympathies" to the families of the two workers. "Our motto is that nothing is so important it can't be done safely. Yesterday we did not live up to that standard," Fang said, "and I deeply regret it." Brad Grainger, deputy fire chief for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, called it "a major explosion," noting that Nexen crews quickly got the fire "under control and extinguished." Nexen said there was no danger to neighbouring communities. [Calgary Herald](#)

Ontario man to appear in Saskatoon court facing second degree murder charge

An Ontario man living in Saskatoon is facing a second degree murder charge. John Glen MacAulay, 46, of North Bay, Ont., was charged in relation to the death of Norman Playter in May 2014. RCMP said that Playter was reported missing to the Calgary Police but the investigation showed that the man had been visiting the Saskatoon area in the days leading up to his death. A lengthy investigation by the RCMP Major Crime Unit also found that MacAulay was living in Saskatoon at that same time and the two men were known to each other. MacAulay will be in Saskatoon provincial court later this morning. [CBC](#)

Hamilton police want to honour their fallen

Hamilton police want to see their fallen remembered on local overpasses. The Hamilton Police Service is asking the City of Hamilton to pass legislation allowing some of the bridges that cross the Lincoln Alexander Parkway to be named after officers who died in the line of duty. The request was submitted by former police Chief Glenn De Caire before he announced his retirement last month. It will come before council Jan. 20. Seven police officers in Hamilton have died in the line of duty, including Const. James Barron, County Const. Albert Springstead, Const. Reginald Pryer, Const. Fredrick Raynes, Det. William Clark, Const. David R. Gregory and Acting Sgt. John (Cam) McMurrich. The police service is asking that the Mohawk Road/Golf Links, Garth, West 5th, Upper James, Upper Wellington, Upper Wentworth and Upper Gage street overpasses be named after these officers, who died between 1903 and 1968. Ontario passed an act in 2002 allowing the province to name bridges and other structures on the King's Highway in memory of officers who died in the line of duty. According to the request, Hamilton police considered this route, but decided the Linc would be more fitting because it runs through the middle of the city and is named after Lincoln Alexander, an honorary chief of police in Hamilton. [Hamilton Spectator](#)

4 raisons pourquoi les chasseurs sont fâchés

La relation entre les 400 000 chasseurs et le gouvernement du Québec s'est détériorée dans la dernière année à la suite de hausses de coûts. Voici quatre raisons pourquoi 2016 sera une année difficile pour les chasseurs. 1- Hausse des coûts pour les camps de chasse. Si votre camp de chasse est situé sur une terre de la Couronne, attendez-vous à des hausses salées des coûts de location. D'ici 2019, le coût moyen pour un bail de villégiature augmentera de 167% au Québec. Dans la région de Québec, la hausse sera de 244%. Par exemple, dans la région de Québec-Portneuf-Charlevoix, un propriétaire qui payait 1015\$ par année pour louer un terrain verra sa facture passer à 2185\$. [Journal Montréal](#)

Chilliwack senior hit by phone tax scam

It is a new year but an old scam. There are fraudsters posing as Canada Revenue Agency reps over the phone, and a Chilliwack senior was targeted recently by one of them, said Coletta Holmes of the Chilliwack & District Seniors' Resources Society. The local senior was contacted by someone claiming to be from the CRA, who told her there was a problem with her income tax return. The local Seniors' Resources Society offers an income tax service run by volunteers, in conjunction with CRA, and that is how they found out about a Chilliwack resident being hit by a scammer. "We know the CRA doesn't contact people that way," Holmes said. "We tell them to hang up and call the CRA's 1-800 number to check their account." She said sometimes an elder will hear that the "taxman" is on the phone, and they'll panic, and do whatever they say. They tried to call back the fake 1-613 number, and the way it was answered just sounded wrong, so they reported the attempted fraud to RCMP, who told them to report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. [Progress](#)

Accused murderer, victim both members of Outlaws Motorcycle Club

The victim and the accused in a May 2014 homicide were both members of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club, say police. John Glen MacAulay, 46, of North Bay, Ont., is charged with second-degree murder in the May 2014 death of Norman Playter. MacAulay appeared Monday in Saskatoon provincial court, where RCMP said that both he and Playter were members of the club. The death of Playter, however, had nothing to do with Outlaws business or membership, said police. MacAulay was remanded until his next scheduled appearance on Jan. 25. When asked by the court if he would be hiring a lawyer, MacAulay said, "Most definitely." Playter had been reported missing to the Calgary Police Service, although an investigation by RCMP revealed he had been visiting the Saskatoon area in the days leading up to his death, RCMP said last week in a news release. MacAulay was residing in Saskatoon in May 2014. He and Playter were known to one another. [StarPhoenix](#)

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Le bilan des morts canadiens dans l'attentat d'Ouagadougou était toujours à six, hier, tandis qu'une demi-douzaine de corps restaient encore à identifier. Le gouvernement fédéral a dépêché des membres de la GRC pour aider les autorités du Burkina Faso à mener l'enquête sur l'attaque revendiquée par Al-Qaida au Maghreb et qui a fait une trentaine de morts dans la capitale, vendredi. (TVA, 9h04 ET)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

More than sunny ways needed to address mandatory minimums

An opinion piece states, "Sunny ways. This is the promise of Justin Trudeau and his newly elected Liberal government. If there is one dark vestige of the Conservative government that could benefit from the light it is criminal justice policy. Over the last 10 years, our Criminal Code has been radically altered. The changes did not happen all at once but slowly as evidence-based police gave way to partisan ideology. The death was one of a thousand cuts. The Conservatives were wicked smart in implementing their crime agenda. Major legislative changes were buried in massive omnibus bills. Small but problematic amendments were hurried through Parliament and shielded from constitutional scrutiny in private members bills, and the parliamentary review process was gamed to suppress evidence that contradicted the government's agenda. We are living with the sad results: overcrowded jails, massive costs, reduced public safety, and law after law ruled to be unconstitutional. And there is no better example of the Conservatives' disdain for evidence-based criminal justice policy than mandatory minimum sentences. The Harper government promoted mandatory minimum sentences as a tough-on-crime elixir. However, the reality is that mandatory minimum sentences are simply poor policy. They are not supported by the evidence." [Canadian Lawyer Magazine](#)

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Toughest part of Syrian resettlement still ahead

An opinion piece states, "... Of the political and national conversation on the Trudeau government's ambitious Syrian refugee program has revolved around targets and timelines. But that has obscured a larger truth. As the country's 10,000th Syrian refugee arrives in Canada, the toughest part of this project for the Liberal government lies ahead. For the first time, government-sponsored refugees have topped the numbers of privately sponsored refugees, and another 15,000 displaced Syrians—a mix of both programs—will arrive by the end of February. Military bases are standing by to potentially house government-sponsored refugees in the dead of a Canadian winter and this is a much more vulnerable, at-risk group than those that have the privately-sponsored support system awaiting their arrival. This country, because of geography, some prudent planning despite the rush and the ability to pick and choose its new arrivals, can legitimately look on our effort with pride. We are now standing virtually alone in not having to face down some type of refugee backlash. But as their numbers swell, it will not take much to spark one. There can be no perception that housing, schooling or job queues are jumped and the resettlement effort has to continue relatively seamlessly so that anxieties are not heightened on either side. There are those who want this government project to fail and they are lurking, on social media and email inboxes, waiting with matches to ignite that spark." [The Hill Times](#)

Liberals introduce 'sea change' to Canada's refugee system

Canada's refugee system has undergone "a sea change" since the arrival of the new Liberal government, says a prominent refugee rights advocate. Mitchell Goldberg, president of the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers, says numbers speak for themselves as the government works to fulfil its promise to bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of February. "In four years since Syria's civil war began, the previous government allowed only 3,000, in four years!" Goldberg said. "It's a sea change, a dramatic shift between before the (Oct 19, 2015) elections and after the elections with regards to refugees selected overseas." [Radio Canada International](#)

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Deaths of Quebecers strengthen resolve in terrorism fight: Couillard

Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard says nothing can explain attacks on people who work to build a better world. Couillard paid tribute today to seven Quebecers who died in terrorist attacks abroad late last week in Indonesia and Burkina Faso. A Laval resident died Thursday in Jakarta while six people from the Quebec City area were killed during a siege in Ouagadougou late Friday. The premier said in a statement at the legislature in Quebec City that the fight against terrorists must continue. [Canadian Press](#) (MacLean's, iPolitics)

'It's a tragedy'

Officials at a Quebec City area school board are struggling to deal with the tragic deaths of six locals killed in the terrorist attack in Burkina Faso. Four of the six Canadians were current or former employees of the board, which cancelled classes today for students at both Jean-de-Brebeuf and Cardinal Roy high schools. The Canadian victims are Yves Carrier, his wife Gladys Chamberland, their adult son Charlelie

Carrier and Yves' adult daughter, Maude Carrier. The family members, along with the two other Quebecers who were killed -- Louis Chabot and Suzanne Bernier -- had been on a humanitarian mission in Burkina Faso. They were among at least 28 people killed when terrorists linked to al-Qaida stormed a hotel and cafe in the African country's capital of Ouagadougou late Friday. [Canadian Press](#) (Kingston Whig Standard, London Free Press)

Un cri du coeur à Justin Trudeau

La mère de Maude Carrier, l'une des victimes de l'attentat terroriste survenu vendredi à Ouagadougou, lance un cri du coeur directement adressé au premier ministre, Justin Trudeau. «J'aimerais ça que Justin Trudeau, au lieu de condamner seulement avec les mots et sa petite bouche, j'aimerais ça que ses CF-18, ses avions... Qu'il combatte lui aussi. J'ai honte, j'ai honte», a affirmé Camille Carrier sur les ondes du FM 93, lundi matin. C'est le message que la femme, ex-conjointe d'Yves Carrier et mère de Maude Carrier, deux des six victimes québécoises, a voulu lancer à l'attention du premier ministre canadien, alors que ce dernier prévoit depuis son arrivée au pouvoir l'arrêt des frappes aériennes contre l'État islamique. [Journal de Montréal](#)

British Men With Visual Impairment Mistaken for Potential Terrorists Because They Took Pictures of a Canadian Mall

A British family on vacation in Vancouver were mistaken for potential terrorists by social media and local police last week when pictures were published of them photographing the inside of a shopping mall. Mohammed Kareem and Salahuddin Sharaz were taking pictures inside Pacific Centre Mall last Tuesday when security cam photos of them were leaked by Vancity Buzz, later validated by the Vancouver Police Department as part of an investigation into a "suspicious incident." Shortly after the official press release, their images were circulated widely on social media and media websites, with much speculation around whether the men were potential terrorists. Not long after, the two men and one of their fathers came forward to dispel rumours—noting that both Kareem and Sharaz have visual impairments and that they were taking photos in order to see the mall better. [VICE News](#)

Le Québec n'est pas à l'abri de la barbarie, dit Philippe Couillard

Les attentats djihadistes de Ouagadougou et Jakarta, où sept Québécois ont récemment perdu la vie, montrent que le Québec n'est pas à l'abri de la barbarie, a déclaré lundi le premier ministre Philippe Couillard. Dans une déclaration, M. Couillard a affirmé que l'attaque de vendredi dans la capitale du Burkina Faso avait ciblé les valeurs de démocratie et de solidarité de la société québécoise. Le premier ministre a estimé que ces attentats montrent la nécessité de combattre le terrorisme aux côtés des pays alliés contre les groupes djihadistes. Lundi, M. Couillard est intervenu publiquement à la suite du décès d'un résident de Laval dans la capitale de l'Indonésie, et de six résidents de la région de Québec au Burkina Faso, où ils étaient allés faire de la coopération internationale. À l'Assemblée nationale, le drapeau québécois était en berne, lundi, alors que le réseau scolaire de la capitale était ébranlé par le décès de deux enseignants et de deux cadres retraités qui sont morts à Ouagadougou, vendredi. M. Couillard a affirmé que la douleur des familles éprouvées était partagée par l'ensemble du Québec. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (L'actualité); [Radio-Canada](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Metro News)

Burkina Faso attack shows need to boost information-gathering: Sajjan

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan says better intelligence capabilities, as well as co-operation with Canada's allies, are essential for preventing the types of terror attacks that have struck Burkina Faso and other parts of the world. Six Canadians were killed over the weekend when militants linked to al-Qaida stormed a hotel in Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso in West Africa. Days earlier, a Canadian was killed during an attack by Islamic State-inspired terrorists in Indonesia. Speaking on the sidelines of a three-day retreat between Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his cabinet ministers, Sajjan said Canada has "to get better at our intelligence capabilities in other parts of the world so that we have a better chance of preventing attacks like this from happening. "This only happens if we start working in greater co-operation with our intelligence partners," he added. "Which means not just the military, but also the police forces as well." [Ottawa Citizen](#)

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L'enquête suit son cours au Burkina Faso

Militaires et policiers burkinabés sont toujours à pied d'œuvre lundi dans la capitale Ouagadougou près du café Cappuccino et de l'hôtel Splendid, visés vendredi par une attaque terroriste qui a fauché la vie de 29 personnes, dont 6 Canadiens. Le site demeure bouclé par un périmètre de sécurité, à l'intérieur duquel des enquêteurs, vêtus de blouses blanches et de gants pour la plupart, s'affairent à collecter tout ce qui pourrait permettre de jeter un éclairage sur ce qui s'est produit. Dix-huit enquêteurs français sont notamment sur place pour épauler la police scientifique, le parquet antiterroriste de Paris ayant ouvert une enquête sur cette attaque, la première d'une telle ampleur à secouer le pays. Selon le ministre de l'Intérieur, Simon Compaoré, trois djihadistes ont été identifiés. Les autorités tentent toujours cependant de déterminer si d'autres assaillants ont participé à l'attaque, des témoins ayant évoqué qu'il y en avait plus de trois, ou encore si les assaillants ont bénéficié de complicités. [AFP/Radio-Canada](#); [Associated Press](#) (ABC News)

Le Canada veut maintenir ses liens avec le Burkina Faso

Trois jours après l'attaque djihadiste de Ouagadougou, au Burkina Faso, la consternation demeure au Canada. Six Québécois ont perdu la vie lors de cet attentat qui a fait 23 autres victimes et de nombreux blessés. Trois djihadistes ont été identifiés jusqu'à présent et les autorités tentent de déterminer si d'autres assaillants ont participé à cette attaque ou s'ils ont bénéficié de complicités. Au Canada, pendant ce temps, la communauté de Lac-Beauport, dans la région de Québec, est toujours sous le choc. C'est là que vivait la majorité des victimes, soit une famille de quatre personnes. [Radio Canada International](#)

Al-Qaeda names Burkina hotel attackers

Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) Monday named three gunmen who killed at least 29 people in an attack on a top hotel in Burkina Faso, including several foreigners. AQIM said the hotel attacked Friday night, the four-star Splendid Hotel, was "one of the most dangerous dens of global espionage in the west of the African continent," according to a statement carried by U.S.-based monitoring group SITE. The three gunmen were identified in the statement as Battar al-Ansari, Abu Muhammad al-Buqali al-Ansari and Ahmed al-Fulani al-Ansari. [AFP](#) (Daily Star)

Arrestation au Maroc d'un Belge lié aux attentats de Paris

Les autorités de Rabat ont annoncé lundi l'arrestation au Maroc d'un Belge d'origine marocaine directement lié aux auteurs des attentats du 13 novembre dernier à Paris et Saint-Denis, qui ont fait 130 morts. Le ministère de l'Intérieur s'est contenté de donner les initiales du nom en arabe de l'activiste et a indiqué qu'il avait combattu en Syrie dans les rangs du Front Al-Nosra, la branche syrienne du réseau Al-Qaïda, avant de rejoindre le groupe armé État islamique (EI). Le suspect, dont les initiales pourraient être traduites par J.A. (ou G.A.) a été appréhendé le 15 janvier dans la ville de Mohammédia, près de Casablanca. « Il s'était rendu en Syrie avec l'un des kamikazes de Saint-Denis », indique le ministère dans son communiqué. Abdelhamid Abaaoud, un Belge de 28 ans qui selon les autorités a dirigé le groupe des auteurs des attentats du 13 novembre, est mort, ainsi que deux autres personnes, le 18 novembre lors de l'assaut donné par la police à l'appartement dans lequel ils se trouvaient, à Saint-Denis. [Reuters](#) (Radio-Canada); [Reuters](#) (Daily Mail); [Associated Press](#) (SF Gate); [Le 360](#); [The Guardian](#); [Wall Street Journal](#)

Boko Haram attacks mosque in northern Cameroon, kills 5 worshippers

At least five Muslim worshippers were killed Monday morning when a suicide bomber attacked a mosque in northern Cameroon. The attacker had joined an early prayer session at the mosque in the locality of Guetchewe in Cameroon's Far North Region, regional governor Midjiyawa Bakary told German Press Agency (DPA) by phone. A similar suicide attack in a mosque in the Fotokol district of northern Cameroon left 13 people dead on January 13. Cameroon's far north has been hit by suicide bombings since July of last year. All the attacks have been blamed on terrorists from Boko Haram. [Daily Sabah](#)

4 in UK accused of IS linked plot to kill soldier or police

Four British men inspired by a call by the Islamic State group to kill "disbelievers" plotted drive-by shootings to murder police officers, soldiers or civilians on the streets of London, a prosecutor said Monday. The men, aged between 21 and 26, are accused of acquiring a pistol, a silencer and ammunition as part of plans thwarted by their arrest in late 2014. The four went on trial Monday charged with conspiracy to murder and preparation of terrorist acts. They deny the charges. [Associated Press](#) (Business Standard)

Islamic State seizes new areas from troops in eastern Syria

Islamic State militants launched a fresh offensive Monday, taking advantage of a sandstorm that sharply reduced visibility in eastern Syria and capturing new areas from government forces near the city of Deir el-Zour, opposition activists said. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the militants captured areas just north of the city, including an army base known as the "Saiqa Camp" and parts of arms depots in the village of Ayash. Opposition activist Omar Abu Leila reported that IS fighters had in fact captured the entire Ayash village, which is just north of another town that IS captured over the weekend. [Associated Press](#) (Washington Times)

Baby born in Hawaii with brain damage confirmed to have Zika infection

A baby born with brain damage at a hospital in Oahu, Hawaii, has been confirmed to have been infected by the Zika virus, that state's department of health said, in what appears to be the first U.S. case of the mosquito-borne virus. The Hawaii State Department of Health said in a written statement that the mother was believed to have had a Zika infection while living in Brazil in May 2015 and that the baby was likely infected in the womb. [Reuters](#) (FOX News); [CBS News](#)

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Cargo Kathryn Spirit : une « catastrophe imminente » sur le fleuve Saint-Laurent <http://bit.ly/1V21WTm>

CTVNews

Public Health Agency of Canada issues travel notice for Zika virus <http://ow.ly/XeqkS>

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Asked what he tells the Carrier family, & when will Cdns see anti-terror plan, [#PMJT](#) expresses sympathy...

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..& Trudeau says govt w work w/ int'l allies to fight terror in "responsible and effective manner." No direct answer on when plan to come.

EmbassyNews

ICYMI: Warnings against clickbait permeate Canadian spy agency's reports <http://bit.ly/1PqFi2L>

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

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Introducing Jan 25: changes to how importers, brokers and the CBSA will work together. [#cdntrade](#) <http://ow.ly/XehuS>

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#DYK that what your child shares online could have legal consequences? Learn more: getcybersafe.gc.ca/cnt/cbrblng/p...

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ICYMI: RCMP receive 100 complaints of phone tax scam in last month ow.ly/XdyN1

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A noticeable RCMP presence here in Saint Andrew's for the Trudeau gov't cabinet meeting.

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Ce n'est pas un simple uniforme, c'est un symbole de fierté. #carrieresgrc grc.ca/-dAR pic.twitter.com/9Uq9iCLHRD

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It's not just a uniform; it's a symbol of pride. #rcmpcareers rcmp.ca/-dAR

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'Strongquill Lake' to honour slain Manitoba RCMP officer: bit.ly/1V1JRx #ctwvpg

CBCNL

RCMP make pair of drug busts near Clarendville
cbc.ca/1.3407797 #nlcrime

metrocalgary

Red Deer RCMP and CPS investigation results in massive drug, gun bust ow.ly/XerKW #yyccrime

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Manitoba lake named after RCMP officer who died in the line of duty in 2001. bit.ly/1OB4S5j

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HuffPostCanada

Saskatoon inmate's death report will remain unsealed: judge <http://huff.to/209SYa1>

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CBCPolitics

John McCallum says more Syrian refugees could settle in francophone areas http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/john-mccallum-syrian-refugees-francophone-1.3408321?cmp=rss&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter... #cdnpoli #hw

MacleansMag

Ottawa will seek to settle more Syrians in French communities, says @JohnMcCallumLPC: <http://ow.ly/XeAvu>

TheHillTimes

'I've never done anything like this before': @JohnMcCallumLPC on helping Syrian refugees bit.ly/1PbdDc5
pic.twitter.com/sEMscqQaV6

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Immigration Minister @JohnMcCallumLPC says govt on track to hit target of 25K refugees in Canada by end of Feb. #cdnpoli #hw

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Challenge now, says @JohnMcCallumLPC is to find homes, jobs, language training for refugees in order to settle them well in Canada #hw

ctwinnipeg

'Strongquill Lake' to honour slain Manitoba RCMP officer: [#ctvwpg](http://bit.ly/1V1JRx)

CBCPolitics

Ottawa agencies overwhelmed by fast pace of refugee arrivals [#cdnpoli #hw](http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ottawa-agencies-overwhelmed-by-fast-pace-of-refugee-arrivals-1.3405809?cmp=rss&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter...)

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British men with visual impairment mistaken for potential terrorists because they took pictures of a Canadian mall: <http://bit.ly/1PbmNp3>

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Premier Couillard says Quebecers died at the hands of 'barbarians' <http://trib.al/hELHxNb>

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Premier Couillard says terror attacks on Quebecers the act of cowards <http://bit.ly/1Q9L4J4>

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Electronic spy agency stops sharing information with partners over privacy concerns

Canada's electronic spy agency breached privacy rules by sharing certain types of information with its Five Eyes partners, a federal watchdog says. In his annual report released Thursday, Jean-Pierre Plouffe said the Communications Security Establishment passed on "certain types of metadata containing Canadian identity information" to counterparts in the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand, which make up the Five Eyes network. The report says that information contained in the metadata was "not being minimized properly" before it was shared (...)**Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** said Thursday that the new government is undertaking a "**complete review**" of Canada's security intelligence framework, which will include the creation of a "**parliamentary mechanism**" to keep spy agencies in check. He said the objective is to "**keep Canadians safe**" while protecting their privacy. [CTV News](#)

CSIS repeatedly obtained confidential taxpayer data without warrants, watchdog says

Canada's spy agency CSIS improperly obtained taxpayer information from the Canada Revenue Agency without a warrant. And it happened more than once. That's according to the annual report of the Security

Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), the independent office that oversees the activities of CSIS. The report, tabled Thursday morning in the House of Commons, outlines how, during an application for a warrant from the federal court, a judge raised questions about a regional CSIS intelligence officer's access to confidential taxpayer information. In August 2014, Canadian Security Intelligence Service director Michel Coulombe asked SIRC to investigate, after determining that the officer accessed the information improperly. Coulombe asked SIRC to figure out what happened and make recommendations about how to stop employees from doing it again (...) **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** released a statement Thursday in response to the tabling of the SIRC report. **"We believe more can be done to strengthen scrutiny, and the government is currently developing legislation that will strengthen our system of accountability for national security."** [CBC News](#)

Canada's electronic spy agency stops sharing some metadata with partners

Canada's electronic spy agency, the Communications Security Establishment, has stopped sharing certain metadata with its international partners after discovering that the information wasn't being sufficiently protected before the data was shared. Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan says the sharing won't resume until he is satisfied that the proper protections are in place. The issue is disclosed in the annual report of CSE commissioner Jean Pierre Plouffe, which was tabled in the House of Commons Thursday morning (...) Appearing alongside Sajjan, **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** noted that the federal government is in the process of reviewing its security intelligence operations and is committed to introducing new parliamentary oversight of intelligence agencies. [CBC News](#); [iPolitics](#)

Trudeau to visit La Loche on Friday

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will travel to La Loche one week after the school shooting that plunged the northern First Nations community into shock. The Prime Minister's Office announced Thursday morning that Trudeau will travel to the town of about 3,000 people on Friday. The visit had been expected since federal **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** visited La Loche on Sunday and told reporters that Trudeau intended to make the trip. The prime minister has been in Ottawa this week for the first session of Parliament of the new year. Trudeau is usually followed by many staffers and media, and his visit to the tiny Dene community comes as some residents have grown wary of the outside attention turned on their town in the wake of the shooting. Many in the tight-knit community had relatives injured in last Friday's violence, which killed four people and wounded seven others. [Toronto Star](#) (Huffington Post); [CKOM 650](#)

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[CBC News](#) provides live coverage of a press conference by **Minister of Public Safety Ralph Goodale** and Minister of National Defence Harjit Sajjan. [Rough Transcript](#)

[CBC News](#) reported on the release of SIRC Annual Report. There are concerns regarding the protection and sharing of personal information between agencies. The **Minister of Public Safety** was mentioned in this report. [Rough Transcript](#)

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UPDATED: Get Ready. Another winter storm bears down on N.S.

Nova Scotians are hunkering down for another winter storm that could bring as much as 25 cm of snow to central and northern parts of the province on Friday. Environment Canada says the storm will start as rain along the Atlantic coast, turning to snow in the afternoon. The heaviest snow will hit in the late afternoon and evening and could make travel difficult. Frankie MacDonald says to expect a massive storm. [Chronicle-Herald](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Canada's electronic spy agency broke privacy law by sharing info: watchdog

A federal watchdog says Canada's electronic spy agency broke privacy laws by sharing information about Canadians with foreign partners. In his annual report, Jean-Pierre Plouffe says the Communications Security Establishment passed along the information known as metadata to counterparts in the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Metadata is information associated with a communication such as a telephone number or email address but not the message itself. The Ottawa-based CSE uses highly advanced technology to intercept, sort and analyze foreign communications for information of intelligence interest to the federal government. Documents leaked in 2013 by former American spy contractor Edward Snowden revealed the U.S. National Security Agency a close CSE ally had quietly obtained access to a huge volume of emails, chat logs and other information from major Internet companies, as well as massive amounts of data about telephone calls. As a result, civil libertarians, privacy advocates and opposition politicians demanded assurances the CSE was not using its extraordinary powers to snoop on Canadians. [Telegram](#) (Prince Albert Daily Herald, Western Star, Truro Daily, Brandon Sun); [Mississauga News](#); [Radio-Canada](#)

Canada's electronic spy agency stops sharing some metadata with partners

Canada's electronic spy agency, the Communications Security Establishment, has stopped sharing certain metadata with its international partners after discovering that identifying information wasn't being sufficiently protected before the data was shared. Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan says the sharing won't resume until he is satisfied that the proper protections are in place. The issue is disclosed in the annual report of CSE commissioner Jean Pierre Plouffe, which was tabled in the House of Commons Thursday morning. "While I was conducting this current comprehensive review, CSE discovered on its own that certain metadata was not being minimized properly," Plouffe explained in the report. [CBC News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Huffington Post, Mississauga News); [Telegram](#) (Prince Albert Daily Herald, Western Star, Truro Daily, Brandon Sun)

Watchdogs report lapses in CSIS, CSE intelligence practices

Both of Canada's spy agencies took serious hits to their credibility Thursday in a pair of reports that slammed the Communications Security Establishment for breaking the law and sharing Canadians' metadata, and slapped the Canadian Security Intelligence Service with an accusation that it is not adequately dealing with insider threats. A review by the Security Intelligence Review Committee, the board tasked with after-the-fact review of CSIS's activities, suggested that the domestic spy agency had significant shortfalls in how it assesses insider threats and tracks and investigates breaches of secure information. The report flagged multiple issues with how CSIS conducts internal investigations, particularly that employees are insufficiently trained to conduct investigations into the breach of secure information and how to conduct sensitive investigations, and stressed that there is a "haphazard application" of how the agency tracks who accesses sensitive information. But since modern intelligence agencies are less siloed than those in the past, that could be a big problem, said one former spy. [iPolitics](#)

Spy watchdog says Ottawa not properly policing 'insider threats'

Canada's watchdog for domestic spies is complaining that the Canadian government is not being kept abreast of "insider threats." The Security Intelligence Review Committee said in an annual report released Thursday that it has found problems with the way the Canadian Security Intelligence Service screens the federal bureaucracy for potential spies and people with divided loyalties. The watchdog said that it launched a probe that "revealed a number of deficiencies, and in one situation in particular, SIRC found that CSIS had failed to give a case the appropriate level of attention and to take follow-up action." The most famous "insider threat" Canada has lately faced comes from the case of former Canadian Forces naval sublieutenant Jeffrey Delisle. In 2013, he was criminally convicted of selling Canadian, U.S., and U.K. military secrets to Russia's military spy service. CSIS is a secretive domestic intelligence agency that is best known for trying to track terrorism suspects in Canada. But it also plays other important security roles. [Globe and Mail](#)

Canadian volunteers fighting with Kurds in Iraq might violate anti-terror law

The notion that Canadian volunteers fighting with Kurdish forces in northern Iraq and Syria could face prosecution under the former Conservative government's tough anti-terror laws has one human rights group calling for stricter supervision of the country's military training mission in the war-torn region. A secret "Canadian Eyes Only" analysis of the Kurdish peshmerga, prepared by Transport Canada's

intelligence branch, warns there are some factions of the militia group that are designated as terrorist entities under federal law. "Any Canadians claiming to have links to organizations such as the People's Worker Party (PKK) are likely to become the subject of Canada's anti-terror legislation," says the report to the department, one of many federal agencies with a security assessment branch. The assessment comes to light following an Amnesty International report last week that accused peshmerga forces of bulldozing, burning and blowing up Arab villages in apparent retaliation for supporting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Canadian special forces are training Kurdish fighters, and the Trudeau government is preparing to significantly increase the size of that commitment - a mission that Alex Neve of Amnesty International Canada says requires careful human-rights monitoring. [Canadian Press](#) (Ipolitics, Toronto Sun, Whig-Standard, London Free Press, Sault Star, Cornwall Standard)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés:

Broadcast media mention the release of the annual report by the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC). In their report this year, they raised concerns about two situations; the first one has to do with how internal threats of the agency are treated. They're also looking at how CSIS gets along with other departments. The Communications Security Establishment may have broken Canadian privacy laws. (CTV News, 12h10 ET; CBC News, 13h06 ET; CBC Radio One, 12h ET; CFX-AM Victoria, 8h47)

CTV News reports on the release of the SIRC Annual Report. [Rough Transcript](#)

Les médias rapportent que le nouveau ministre de la Sécurité publique du Québec est Martin Coiteux. (RDI, 10h38 ET)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Deepan Budlakoti's appeal to be declared Canadian citizen dismissed by Supreme Court

Canada's top court on Thursday dismissed, with costs, the case of a twice-convicted Ottawa man who was born in Canada but was never granted Canadian citizenship. Under Canadian law, citizenship by birth doesn't apply to people whose parents were in Canada as diplomats or representatives of a foreign government, or whose parents were employed by such a person, at the time of their birth. When Deepan Budlakoti was born in Ottawa in 1989, his parents were both Indian nationals working for the Indian High Commission. In 1992, Budlakoti's parents were granted permanent resident status. They applied for citizenship for themselves but not for their son. Their application was accepted. According to court documents, Budlakoti was convicted in 2009 of breaking and entering and sentenced to four months in jail. He was considered a permanent resident of Canada at that time. In 2010, he was convicted of weapons trafficking, possession of a firearm and drug trafficking and was sentenced to three years in jail. (...) When his sentence was complete, Budlakoti was transferred to the Canada Border Services Agency, where he was to be detained pending his removal from Canada. In 2013, India's High Commission said it didn't recognize Budlakoti. He was later released from CBSA custody with certain conditions, including that he not leave the Ottawa area and check in with the agency regularly. Some of those conditions were later eased. [CBC News](#)

CBSA 2015 year in review for southern Manitoba

In their continued commitment to keeping our borders safe and secure, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) officers in southern Manitoba executed 172 seizure actions of various goods, including weapons, drugs, and child pornography last year. They also refused entry to those with criminal histories and those seeking entry to Canada for illegitimate reasons. Officers arrested ten people for suspicion for impaired driving and 23 others on outstanding warrants. (...) A Wisconsin man was sentenced to 18 months incarceration for unlawful possession and attempted smuggling of child pornography in December following a seizure at the port of Sprague in May. Sprague officers also uncovered a mobile methamphetamine laboratory in June containing 85 g of the drug. A 35 year-old Minnesota man was

arrested and turned over to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. [MySteinbach](#), [Winnipeg Free Press](#), [Global News](#), [Estevan Mercury](#)

CYBER SECURITY / CYBERSÉCURITÉ

U.S. utilities worry about cyber cover after Ukraine grid attack

U.S. utilities are looking hard at their cyber vulnerabilities and whether they can get insurance to cover what could be a multi-billion dollar loss after hackers cut electric power to more than 80,000 Ukrainians last month. The Dec. 23 incident in Ukraine was the first cyber attack to cause a power outage, and is one of just a handful of incidents in which computer hacking has caused physical effects on infrastructure rather than the loss or theft of electronic data. A similar attack in the United States could cripple utilities and leave millions of people in the dark, costing the economy more than \$200 billion, an insurance study estimated last year. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Red Deer drug bust nets cocaine, methamphetamine and \$35K

Three men face charges after a drug trafficking sting in Red Deer turned up stashes of cocaine and methamphetamine and over \$35,000 in cash. RCMP carried out a search warrant at a house on Clearview Ridge on Jan. 22, finding 217 grams of cocaine, about 50 grams of methamphetamine and almost \$2,100 cash. Two men who were in the house were arrested without incident, police say. A third man was arrested entering the house as police were searching it. Police allege he was carrying another 111 grams of cocaine and more than \$33,000 in cash. Red Deer RCMP began their investigation into the suspected trafficking operation on Jan. 14. A 22-year-old man from Red Deer, a 23-year-old man from Blackfalds and a 32-year-old man from Lloydminster all face numerous drug trafficking and stolen property charges. The first two suspects are set to appear in court in Red Deer on Jan. 28. [CBC](#); [Global](#); [Calgary Herald](#)

Kamloops Mountie back at work 13 months after being shot

The Kamloops Mountie who was shot during a traffic stop more than a year ago has returned to work. RCMP Supt. Brad Mueller said Jean-Rene Michaud is back on the job — but not back on patrol. “All I can comment on is that he’s started back at the detachment, obviously working in an admin capacity and graduated hours at this point,” he said. “It’s a very positive step and we’re certainly glad to have him back.” Mueller said he couldn’t comment on if or when Michaud would resume full-time hours. Earlier this month, a lawyer representing Kenneth Knutson, the man charged with attempted murder stemming from the shooting, said a guilty plea will be entered in March. Michaud was shot in the early-morning hours of Dec. 3, 2014, while conducting a traffic stop in Batchelor Heights. Knutson was arrested following a 12-hour manhunt. He is slated to enter a guilty plea on March 17. [MerritHerald](#)

Charges still being laid against those caught with pot, say police

The federal government may have intentions to legalize marijuana but Thompson RCMP are following the letter of the law and continuing to make arrests for possession of the drug, most recently in Burntwood Jan. 26. Thompson RCMP executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrant at a Burntwood area residence Tuesday and seized a small amount of marijuana and cocaine, with three adults charged with possessing controlled substances as a result. “The Thompson RCMP want to remind residents that while possession of cocaine is always illegal, possession of marijuana is also still illegal in Canada,” said a press release from Thompson RCMP police community relations officer Const. Sandra Deibert. [Thompson Citizen](#)

Firearms, butterfly knives and a crossbow among items seized at Manitoba border in 2015

Firearms, tasers and a mobile meth lab were among the seizures made by the Canada Border Service Agency at the Manitoba border in 2015. Officers at the Manitoba border crossing made 172 seizures — including weapons, drugs and child pornography — while processing more than 1.6 million travellers in

the year, the CBSA said. On August 1, Emerson officers seized five undeclared guns and 62 prohibited large-capacity magazines from a 36-year-old Alaska man towing a trailer. The man was arrested, and later released on bail with a promise to appear. On November 23, a 55-year-old U.S. man received a \$12,000 fine for attempting to smuggle a firearm at the Sprague border crossing in September. And a Wisconsin man was sentenced to 18 months in prison for unlawful possession and attempted smuggling of child pornography in December following a seizure at the Sprague Border Crossing. [Global; Winnipeg Free Press](#)

Alleged pedophiles to be arraigned in Montreal

Some or all of the 13 men arrested for allegedly exchanging tips on ways to sexually abuse children are expected to be arraigned in Montreal today. They were nabbed in Quebec and Toronto on Wednesday after a three-year investigation by Quebec provincial police and the RCMP. About 150 officers from different forces took part in the raids. Those arrested are aged between 27 and 74. It is not clear whether the arraignments will take place in the morning or the afternoon. A Quebec police spokeswoman said the accused allegedly used online discussion forums to exchange information about their sexual experiences with children and to talk about what tactics to use and where to go to sexually abuse them. [AVTimes](#)

No charges after gun taken to school

An incident that forced a Vernon high school into lockdown won't result in criminal charges. Police converged on Vernon Secondary School after 9 a.m. Wednesday after receiving a report of an individual entering the school with what appeared to be a weapon. "We will not be proceeding with charges," said Const. Jocelyn Noseworthy, with the Vernon RCMP, adding that it was determined that a student had an air soft pistol. The student was interviewed by police but Noseworthy could not say why the student brought the pistol to school. "There was no criminal intent," she said. "The student will be dealt with by the school board." As a result of the incident, the school district will initiate a threat assessment protocol. "We will look at all of the issues that led to it," said Joe Rogers, superintendent. The process will include the student and parents. "It could also involve the Interior Health Authority if there is a need for counselling," said Rogers. Rogers would not speculate on any potential punishment, such as suspension. "We need to find out all of the background first. We need to find out what was going through the student's thinking at the time," he said. Students and staff were in the midst of exams when they were told to initiate lockdown measures. "She (my daughter) was scared. It was a level one lockdown so no lights and they had to hide for over 30 minutes before they were told all was OK," said a parent. [VernonMorningStar](#)

Whitehorse RCMP trying to fix digital fingerprint machine 'ASAP'

The Whitehorse RCMP is asking for the public's patience while it gets its fingerprinting machine up and running. The Live Scan machine, used to digitally scan and send prints to Ottawa, has been broken for about a week. Const. Julia Fox says police are using the old paper and ink method to fingerprint people with criminal charges. Fox is asking those requiring fingerprinting for a criminal record check to hold off for now. "If people can continue to be patient just for a little while longer, we are actively working on this and trying to get it repaired as soon as possible," she said. Criminal record checks are mandatory for many people working or volunteering with youth. The executive director of Sport Yukon said a small number also require fingerprinting. "Sometimes there's people across Canada that have a similar name or may have a record and, all of a sudden, those people need to have fingerprints done," said Tracy Bilsky. She hopes the machine is fixed soon, especially with the Arctic Winter Games around the corner. "The amount of volunteers who may be affected by this would probably be about - I would estimate - 20 or 30," she said. The RCMP installed the Live Scan fingerprint machine in 2011, to speed up the time it takes to process criminal record checks. Fox says it can take as little as three days to process a check with the machine. Without it, the wait can jump to four months. For people under a time crunch, there is another machine in Watson Lake, five hours east of Whitehorse. [CBC](#)

Bomb threat at Come by? Chance refinery

Second bomb threat for the facility, support called in. The RCMP is responding to a bomb threat at the North Atlantic Refinery Ltd. facility in Come By Chance. In a statement issued at roughly 9:30 a.m., the

RCMP noted support was called in for investigators out of the Clarendville detachment and "speciality assistance" was on route. The facility's first bomb threat came in October 2015. [Telegram](#)

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Trudeau launches inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women

In a stark contrast to his predecessor, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has announced an inquiry into the disappearance of an estimated 1200 indigenous women and girls across Canada. The announcement came on December 8, following a meeting with Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs in Gatineau, Quebec. The assembly's national chief, Perry Bellegrade, called the announcement "a long time coming." "After years of denial and deflection, it is my hope we can make real strides in achieving justice for families and achieving safety and security for all our people," Bellegrade said in a written statement to the CBC. Canadian Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould said that the government will consult the families of victims on how to proceed. Wilson-Raybould is the first indigenous person to serve in the position. (...) According to the RCMP, aboriginal women account for roughly 16 percent of all female homicides while they represent only 4.3 percent of Canada's overall female population. The findings corroborated similar rates reported by the Native Women's Association of Canada, Between 1908 and 2013, 1,181 aboriginal women went missing or were murdered. Among those, 1,017 were killed. [Coast Mountain News](#)

Une sénatrice dépose un projet de loi pour protéger les femmes autochtones

La sénatrice saskatchewanaise Lillian Eva Dyck propose un projet de loi pour aider à protéger les femmes autochtones, qui sont plus à risque de violence. Le projet de loi S-215, dont la sénatrice a parlé en deuxième lecture à Ottawa mercredi, modifierait le Code criminel pour faire en sorte que le fait d'être une victime autochtone de sexe féminin constitue une circonstance aggravante dans les cas d'homicides, de voies de fait et d'agression sexuelle. Dans un communiqué, le bureau de la sénatrice cite comme justification des études qui démontrent que les femmes et les filles autochtones courent plus de risques d'être victimes de violence que les autres Canadiennes. Elles sont de trois à quatre fois plus à risque d'homicide ou de disparition au Canada, rapporte la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC). [Radio-Canada](#)

OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEES / OPÉRATION RÉFUGIÉS SYRIENS

Les citoyens de Rimouski sont ambivalents quant à l'accueil de réfugiés syriens

Une vingtaine de citoyens ont participé à une rencontre d'information sur l'accueil de réfugiés syriens, mercredi soir, à l'invitation d'Accueil et intégration Bas-Saint-Laurent. Cette rencontre visait à expliquer le processus de parrainage privé de réfugiés, puisqu'il s'agit, pour l'instant, de la seule façon pour Rimouski d'accueillir des réfugiés syriens. Rappelons que Québec n'a pas ajouté la capitale du Bas-Saint-Laurent à la liste des 13 villes québécoises qui recevront des réfugiés parrainés par l'État, parce que la capacité d'accueil des villes déjà désignées est suffisante pour l'instant. (...) D'autres citoyens ont soulevé des inquiétudes sur la capacité de Rimouski d'intégrer ces éventuels nouveaux arrivants et sur la possibilité que des intégristes se glissent parmi les réfugiés. C'est le cas d'Antoine Deschênes, qui tient à souligner d'abord qu'il n'est pas antireligieux ni antimusulman. « Il y a peut-être lieu d'être inquiets. Parce que le but de l'intégrisme islamique, c'est de détruire des démocraties pour imposer la théocratie. Et avec la théocratie apparaît la charia », souligne M. Deschênes. [Radio-Canada](#)

New Justin Trudeau poll

After 100 days in office, young Quebecers age 18-24, women, and Montrealers give Prime Minister Justin Trudeau high marks, while men, older people and Quebec City residents are unsatisfied, a new poll shows. Trudeau was elected Oct. 19. The survey of 8,053 Quebecers was conducted Jan. 22-25 by the SOM polling firm for Cogeco Nouvelles. (...) Only a third of those polled said his government has been firm enough in the fight against ISIS. Men, older people and Quebec City residents were most likely to say he has been soft. Even among those who tend to support Trudeau - young people and Montrealers - less than half said he has been firm enough. Just under half - 48 per cent - said they support Trudeau's decision to withdraw Canadian planes from the bombing campaign in Syria and Iraq. The biggest supporters: young people, women, Montrealers and Gatineau residents. Just over half (48 per cent) of those polled support Trudeau's pledge to accept 50,000 Syrians as refugees. [Montreal Gazette](#)

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OTHER / AUTRES

Canadian charged with spying, stealing secrets in China

China's official news agency says a Canadian has been accused of spying and stealing China's state secrets. Xinhua says Kevin Garratt has been indicted by prosecutors in Dandong city in northeast China's Liaoning province. The report said that during an investigation Chinese authorities found evidence that implicates Garratt in accepting tasks from "Canadian espionage agencies to gather intelligence in China." Garratt has been detained since August 2014 by Chinese authorities. He was arrested along with his wife, Julia, who was released on bail in February 2015. [Canadian Press](#) (Toronto Star); [Yahoo News](#); [Globe and Mail](#)

INTERNATIONAL

Zika virus outbreak emergency meeting called for Feb. 1, WHO chief says

Declaring that the Zika virus is "spreading explosively," the chief of the World Health Organization announced that it will hold an emergency meeting of independent experts on Monday to decide if the virus outbreak should be declared an international health emergency. At a special meeting Thursday in Geneva, WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan said the virus — which has been linked to birth defects and neurological problems — is becoming more of a threat. Chan said although there was no definitive proof that the Zika virus was responsible for a spike in the number of babies being born with abnormally small heads in Brazil, "the level of alarm is extremely high." She also noted a possible relationship between Zika infection and Guillain-Barre syndrome, which can cause temporary paralysis. [Associated Press](#) (CBC News)

Nominated commander for Afghanistan will re-evaluate counter-terrorism efforts

The general chosen by Barack Obama to command the Afghanistan war through the end of his presidency has signaled an intention to intensify counter-terrorism efforts and re-evaluate the schedule for troop reductions. Army Lieutenant General John Nicholson told the Senate armed services committee on Thursday that stopping the growth of the Islamic State and the re-emergence of al-Qaida in the theater of America's longest war will be his "first and foremost" priority. "We need to have an adequate counter-terrorist force in place," Nicholson told a panel that bluntly expressed skepticism, on a bipartisan basis, at the wisdom of Obama's plans to bequeath a force of 5,500 troops in Afghanistan to his successor. [Guardian](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés:

The World Health Organization says it expects that the Zika virus could infect 3 million to 4 million people in the Americas. There are cases now of travellers from other countries, including Canada, contracting the Zika virus after they have been to affected countries. Canada's Health Minister said yesterday, Canada has seen three cases. (CBC News, 10h ET)

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Safety Canada

Minister Goodale tabled the Security Intelligence Review Committee annual report on CSIS activities <http://ow.ly/XDSAQ>.

Securite Canada

Le ministre Goodale a déposé le rapport annuel du CSARS sur les activités du SCRS. <http://ow.ly/XDSNk>.

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Safety Canada

Security reviews help strengthen our national security and provide accountability and transparency to Canadians.

Securite Canada

Les examens de sécurité aident à renforcer notre sécurité nationale et assurent la transparence des activités pour les Canadiens.

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Canada's Foreign Spy Agency Accidentally Gave Your Information To Other Countries [#cdnpoli](http://www.buzzfeed.com/paulmcleod/csec-shared-your-info-overseas)
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Canadian spy agency busted for breaking privacy laws and sharing info on Canadians with foreign partners [#cdnpoli](http://fb.me/4hMiBh)
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Nothing in the OSCEC report speaks to scale of ("incidental") Cdn metadata collection by CSE. Scale would be really nice to know.

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(2) But in general, the bigger the better from a collection standpoint. Metadata is only revealing if done in bulk.

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(3) That's why US NSA (via FBI) asked Verizon for all customer phone bills on an ongoing basis. Metadata, metadata, metadata.

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(4) For positive take on Cdn metadata collection see [@geoffreyyork](http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/rcmp-using-cellphone-data-in-bid-to-track-down-burkina-faso-attackers/article28367071/) in Burkina Faso. But where did the set come from? <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/rcmp-using-cellphone-data-in-bid-to-track-down-burkina-faso-attackers/article28367071/>

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From 2013: "Metadata" collection program got green light from MacKay in 2011 <http://fw.to/ezSYZbj> with raw doc <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/raw-documents-canadas-top-secret-data-mining-program/article12446852/?from=12444909>

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Better link for Metadata ministerial directive <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/711481/freedom-of-information-request-on-canadas-top.pdf>.....

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This is the first time in history that the CSE has given a technical briefing, Sajjan points out

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CSIS repeatedly obtained confidential taxpayer data without warrants: watchdog
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Documentary about #LaLoche resurfaces after school shooting <http://huff.to/20vbfyM>

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TheWestBlock

Canada could reap as much as \$5 billion in tax revenues from the sale of legal marijuana. <http://qlbn.ca/XDMFz>

CdnPress

BREAKING: Canadian in China charged with stealing secrets: Xinhua <http://bit.ly/1SINK8r>

CanadaFP

Minister Dion to travel to Ukraine and to meeting of Global Coalition to Counter #ISIS <http://ow.ly/XE8r3>

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PM Trudeau travels to La Loche after 'heartbreaking and devastating' school shootings

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says he has travelled to La Loche, the scene one week ago of one of the worst school shootings in Canadian history, "to personally express the country's shock and sadness." Trudeau is visiting the northern Saskatchewan community on Friday, seven days after four people were killed and seven injured in the town of around 3,000 people, approximately six hours northern Saskatoon. Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall is joining the prime minister as he meets with locals from the remote community Friday morning. Trudeau is then scheduled to speak publicly around 4 p.m. (...) Among those joining Trudeau and Wall in La Loche on Friday were Georgina Jolibois, the former mayor of La Loche and now NDP MP for the Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River riding; Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould; **Liberal MP Ralph Goodale**; Health Minister Jane Philpott; Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Chief Perry Bellegarde; Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) Chief Bobby Cameron; and acting Mayor Janvier. [StarPhoenix](#); [Chronicle Herald](#); [Saskatoon Homepage](#); [CKOM 650](#); [Toronto Star](#); [CKOM News](#)

Discussing PTSD at the University of Regina

A national roundtable discussion is happening at the University of Regina on Friday, to highlight the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. **Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Ralph Goodale** attended the event via skype and spoke on how serious the issue is across Canada. Dr. Nicholas Carleton with the University of Regina says the meeting provides a good starting point for developing better supports. The full day event is bringing in representatives from various government groups and organizations as well as mental health care professionals. [CKRM 620](#)

Deported refugee fears for his life in Liberia

Canada knew when it began deportation proceedings against Cindor Reeves in 2011 that it might have been sending him to his death. Late last year in Liberia, where Reeves returned after being forced from Canada, seven men tried to kill him. They almost succeeded. The aspiring assassins came for Reeves because of the role he played in bringing to justice Charles Taylor, a former warlord and president of Liberia who is now serving a 50-year sentence for aiding and abetting war crimes and crimes against humanity (...) Canadian officials also knew that in the opinion of those at the Special Court who deeply probed the crimes committed during the civil wars in Sierra Leone and Liberia, Reeves's personal culpability was limited. While Reeves never denied he participated in running guns and diamonds, Brenda Hollis, then-prosecutor for the Special Court, in a 2010 letter told **Victor Toews, then Canada's minister of public safety**: "According to our information, at no time was Reeves in a high position within the Taylor regime." (...) The decision to deny Reeves refugee protection did not solely come down to Canada's immigration and refugee bureaucracy. Canada's then-Conservative government, through the **minister of public safety**, intervened directly in the case to argue against Canada accepting Reeves as a refugee. [MacLean's](#)

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Ouverture officielle du Bureau de reconstruction du centre-ville de Lac-Mégantic

Le Bureau de reconstruction du centre-ville de Lac-Mégantic procédera à l'ouverture officielle de ses locaux demain après-midi. La population est conviée à la Gare patrimoniale de Lac-Mégantic pour une présentation du Bureau et de ses partenaires, et pour en savoir davantage à propos du plan de reconstruction et des projets en cheminement. L'honorable Marc Garneau, ministre des Transports du Canada, au nom de l'honorable Navdeep Singh Bains, ministre de l'Innovation, des Sciences et du Développement économique, sera l'un des intervenants présents. La présentation du Bureau sera suivie d'une conférence d'inspiration de Michel Angers, maire de Shawinigan, à 14h30. Le thème sera «<Shawinigan se relève. Quelles leçons pour Lac-Mégantic? >». [O 97.3](#)

Cape Breton to be hardest hit by storm

A winter storm could dump as much as 40 cm of snow on parts of northern Nova Scotia Friday afternoon. Environment Canada has most of the province under a snowfall and winter storm warning, with the exception of southwestern counties. The storm will start as rain late in the morning changing to snow in the afternoon. Central parts of the mainland can expect 15 to 20 cm of snow, while northern parts and Cape Breton could get as much as 25 to 40 cm. Gusty winds and heavy snow could cause whiteout conditions, making travel difficult. [Chronicle-Herald](#); [CBC News](#)

Three Canadians infected with Zika virus after travel

Three Canadians who are infected with the Zika virus travelled to Colombia and El Salvador before their illness, a government health spokeswoman said on Friday. Two are from the province of British Columbia and one is an Alberta resident, said Rebecca Gilman of the Canadian health department. Gilman could not say when the people travelled or returned to Canada, nor confirm further details about them. Canadian Health Minister Jane Philpott told reporters on Thursday that none of the cases were caused by transmission of the virus in Canada, and that local transmission should not be of concern to Canadians. The mosquito-transmitted virus has been linked to brain damage in thousands of babies in Brazil. There is no proven vaccine or treatment. Philpott said the virus has spread through 21 countries. [Reuters](#) (Globe and Mail)

Zika virus risk low on P.E.I., says chief health officer

The risk of contracting the Zika virus on P.E.I. is very low, says the province's chief public health officer. The mosquito-borne Zika virus is drawing global attention due to its rapid spread and possible connection to a rare neurological birth defect. It is spread by mosquitoes not native to Canada. "It's really important for the public to know this is not something that is transmitted from me to you, from person to person. That's not how you get ill," said Dr. Heather Morrison. "It's from the mosquito, an infected mosquito that bites you and that's when you can get the virus. And the only transmission really that can occur is a mother to a child if you are pregnant." Morrison advises pregnant women to rethink traveling to countries where the virus is prevalent, such as those in Central and South America and the Caribbean. [CBC News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

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BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Alleged Somali war criminal first exposed by the fifth estate now in landmark U.S. case

An alleged war criminal from Somalia, first exposed by the fifth estate in 1992, now finds himself in the middle of a landmark human rights lawsuit in the U.S. Yusuf Abdi Ali, also known as Colonel Tukeh, was first investigated by the fifth estate in 1992 for allegations that he executed, tortured and maimed countless people during Somalia's civil war. He was living in Toronto at the time of the original broadcast. Just days after the fifth estate's story aired, Ali was deported back to the U.S. — his original port of entry. (...) Almost a quarter-century later, it turns out that Ali is still living in the U.S., working in the Washington area. He is at the heart of a lawsuit in the U.S. where he is being sued for war crimes in Somalia, specifically for allegations brought forward by Farhan Warfaa, who says he was the target of a brutal interrogation by Ali in December 1987. [CBC News](#)

U.S. border has special rules

Q. The U.S. has inland Border Patrol checkpoints up to 160 kilometres from the border (usually with Mexico rather than Canada). Despite having broken no laws and being far from the actual border, all highway traffic is stopped and everyone inside each vehicle is detained to determine their immigration status. In Ontario, I believe, only the driver must provide identification if stopped by police. Passengers need not identify unless suspected of a crime. Is this correct, or do we lose freedoms near the border here, too? A. Apparently, special rules do apply near our border with the U.S. (...) Ajay Woozageer of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation added: Section 154.2 HTA was enacted in 2006. The Canadian and U.S. border authorities offer pre-border security clearance for registered commercial and passenger vehicles under the "FAST" and "NEXUS" border-crossing programs. It's an offence for unauthorized drivers to use FAST/NEXUS lanes, and all occupants in the vehicle using a border-approach lane must demonstrate that they are eligible by providing police with the appropriate documentation. [Toronto Star](#)

North American ministers meet in Quebec as U.S. actions in TPP casts shadow

North America's three foreign ministers will be all smiles when they meet Friday to discuss the upcoming Canadian-hosted leaders' summit, but Canada and Mexico may bring some lingering resentment towards their American amigo on trade. (...) Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion said Thursday he was looking forward to hosting Friday's meeting in Quebec City with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Mexican Foreign Minister Claudia Ruiz Massieu. Dion's office said they would hold a day of talks on the environment and clean energy co-operation, as well as security issues. The meeting will set the stage for the full-fledged Three Amigos leaders' summit, featuring Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, U.S. President Barack Obama and Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto, somewhere in Canada later this spring. A report by the Centre for International Governance Innovation released Thursday called for greater bilateral co-operation between Mexico and Canada as the key towards building greater prosperity across the North America. "A good example of that are the recent TPP negotiations on autos, where Canada and Mexico co-operation was important in getting modifications to that accord, as well as the co-operation in

the WTO on U.S. country-of-origin labelling," Fen Hampson, the report's author, said in a speech to the Canada2020 think tank in Ottawa. (...) Meanwhile, the visa that the previous Conservative government imposed on Mexican travellers—a major irritant in the relationship—remains unresolved. Trudeau has said he wants to see the visa lifted, but sources say there will be no major announcement on that at Friday's foreign ministers' meeting. [Canadian Manufacturing](#); [580 CFRA Radio](#)

Phone Scam Reported To OPP - Jan. 29, 2016

The Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police would like to warn the public about, yet another phone scam that occurred in a neighbouring County recently. The complainant received a telephone call from a male who was described as having an East Indian accent. The complainant initially spoke to a male and was later transferred to a female. The complainant was provided a case number and advised that there was a warrant for her arrest. He also left a phone number; (613) 946-6059 which returns to the Government of Canada Case Processing Centre in Ottawa for Temporary Resident Visa Applications. (this number has been linked to other fraud related incidents) She was advised that she had two options; either attend her local RCMP detachment immediately, or do nothing and get arrested on an Immigration warrant. The complainant advised that she would attend her local detachment and was then told that she needed to do so immediately. [Fountain Pen](#)

CYBER SECURITY / CYBERSÉCURITÉ

Airstrike on British hacker working for Isis also killed three civilians, US admits

The airstrike that killed a British hacker for the Islamic State (Isis) also killed three civilians and wounded five more, the US military has announced. A US drone strike killed Junaid Hussain near the militant group's Syrian capital of Raqqa on 13 August, but US Central Command, the military command overseeing the war against the jihadist army, had not until Friday acknowledged killing any civilians in the process. [Guardian UK](#)

'Murdered' Silk Road Employee Sentenced to Time Served

On Friday, the notorious former Silk Road employee Curtis Green was sentenced to time served—two days, and four years of supervised release—by Chief US District Judge Catherine C. Blake in a Baltimore court. Green had pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine. [Motherboard](#)

HSBC fights off denial of service attack on its internet banking systems

HSBC has confirmed that it fought off a denial of service attack on its internet banking systems this morning. A spokesperson for HSBC said: "HSBC internet banking came under a denial of service attack this morning, which affected personal banking websites in the UK. "HSBC has successfully defended against the attack, and customer transactions were not affected. We are working hard to restore services, and normal service is now being resumed. We apologise for any inconvenience this incident may have caused." HSBC's online banking login page currently displays a notice which says "We'd like to apologise to all our customers for Online Banking being unavailable. We know how inconvenient this is and we are doing everything we can to rectify the problem. Please try later." A denial of service attack floods a site with junk traffic so it cannot respond to legitimate requests for access - like stuffing a letterbox with junkmail so that genuine letters can't be received. [ZDNet](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

RCMP testify in trial of youth charged in death of Charlotte Lafferty

The first days of the trial of a Fort Good Hope youth accused in a brutal murder have focused on the RCMP's initial investigation of the crime. The jury has heard from two of the four R.C.M.P. officers stationed in Fort Good Hope the morning the bloodied body of young mom Charlotte Lafferty was found near the community's seniors complex, on March 22, 2014. A young man from Fort Good Hope, aged 17 at the time, is facing trial on a charge of first-degree murder. His name cannot be published under the

Youth Criminal Justice Act. On the witness stand in the N.W.T. Supreme Court the detachment commander, now Staff Sergeant in Inuvik, Kent Pike said he got called at 7:45 a.m. Two officers were at the scene of the murder near the seniors complex. Pike called another officer, Const. Adam Wood (now stationed in Tuktoyaktuk), and told him to meet him at the crime scene. Pike and Wood arrived within 20 minutes. Pike said his main concern was preserving the crime scene until investigators from the Major Crimes Unit in Yellowknife arrived. When he arrived, one of the two other officers on duty told him the body had been moved from where it was found during a desperate attempt to get the person to the health centre. Officer never suspected Lafferty was the victim. Wood took the first photos of the crime scene then cordoned off the area. He testified that other officers at the scene told him the accused youth was responsible for the murder. He spent much of the day in his cruiser stationed outside the youth's home. At 10:30 a.m. Pike called Louisa Lafferty, Charlotte's mother, after getting a call from dispatch in Yellowknife. Lafferty told Pike her daughter was missing. He told Lafferty he would look around town for Charlotte. [CBC](#)

Legal weed would take government revenues higher, with CIBC estimating a \$5 billion boost per year

A new report from CIBC World Markets says Canada's federal and provincial governments could reap as much as \$5 billion annually in tax revenues from the sale of legal marijuana. CIBC economist Avery Shenfeld crunched the numbers using current estimates of Canadian recreational pot consumption, the revenue experience in U.S. states that have legalized, and other factors - such as prevailing "sin tax" rates on alcohol and tobacco. "The bottom line is that federal (and) provincial governments might reap as much as \$5 billion from legalization, but only if all the underground sales are effectively curtailed," writes Shenfeld. "That's on the order of 0.25 per cent of GDP, no barnburner." The Liberal government has promised to legalize, tax and regulate marijuana and has made MP Bill Blair, the former Toronto police chief, the lead on investigating a new regulatory model. Trudeau maintains that legalized pot will not be a cash cow, and that all revenues will be used to address mental health and addictions issues. [National Post](#)

Gander beefs up enforcement after bold break-ins

The town of Gander is hiring another full time enforcement officer after a rash of break-ins that left residents feeling uneasy. The move comes after some argued that the town wasn't doing enough to deter thieves. "Everybody in town is concerned about these break-ins, it puts fear into everybody," said Coun. Rob Anstey, who chairs the public works and services committee. "In Gander years ago, you never even locked your house, and it's sad that it's come to this," he said. "People are now afraid to be in their homes, afraid of what's going to happen. It's a serious problem and we're trying to work through it the best we can." Anstey said the town has changed the shifts of its three municipal enforcement officers and worked with the RCMP to provide round-the-clock coverage. It has also decided to replace a part time enforcement officer who worked 16 weeks a year with another full time position. [CBC](#)

RCMP finishes investigation into Don Dunphy's death

The RCMP has completed its final report in the investigation into the shooting death of Don Dunphy by a Royal Newfoundland Constabulary officer. According to the RCMP, arrangements are now being made to have an external investigation service complete an independent review of the file. The RCMP has completed its final report in the investigation into the shooting death of Don Dunphy by a Royal Newfoundland Constabulary officer. According to the RCMP, arrangements are now being made to have an external investigation service complete an independent review of the file said RCMP spokesperson Laura Hepditch in a statement. The RCMP said it cannot provide any further details on the investigation until it receives the results of the independent review and completes any required follow-up. "We continue to be in regular contact with the Dunphy family and understand and respect that they, as well as the general public, are anxious to learn the results of our investigation," Hepditch said. Dunphy was shot and killed by RNC officer Joe Smyth last April. Smyth, a member of former premier Paul Davis's security detail, went to Dunphy's house to investigate tweets made by Dunphy about Davis and other politicians. The RCMP said that Dunphy pointed a loaded gun at Smyth, which was why the officer fired his weapon. Justice and Public Safety Minister Andrew Parsons had said the government will proceed with a public inquiry into the shooting, but that it cannot do so until the police investigation is complete. [CBC](#)

Guns finally go silent at Chilliwack's RCMP open-air gun range

Conspicuous in their absence, volleys of gunfire no longer ring out near the Vedder Bridge as regular weekday Rotary Trail users and University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) staff and students have noticed. It was April 2014 when those behind the RCMP's Pacific Regional Training Centre (PRTC) announced \$19 million in federal dollars to build the new indoor firing range to replace the open-air range, long the bane of UFV students and faculty, Vedder Crossing residential neighbours and Rotary Trail users. [Chilliwacktimes](#) (2016-01-28)

Peel police board picks Ahluwalia as chair

Amrik Singh Ahluwalia is the new chair of the Peel Police Services Board and will now lead the oversight body for the country's third-largest municipal police force. "My first thoughts are, what a wonderful country we live in," he said, after immediately taking the chair's seat following Friday morning's unanimous vote. Ahluwalia briefly described arriving in Canada decades ago, "with \$7 in my pocket." He said, at the time, he couldn't have fathomed one day being bestowed with the "honour" and responsibility of what was just bestowed upon him. The board was recently in a fight with the force's chief, Jennifer Evans, who in September ignored a request from the board to stop the controversial practice of police carding, known as street checks in Peel. Ahluwalia, along with Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey and Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie, pushed to stop carding. Outgoing chair Laurie Williamson voted to keep carding in place. On Friday Ahluwalia said the board and the force would work to improve things, "collaboratively". "I will do my best to serve the public and serve the police force . . . the men and women in the force who day in and day out do such an exemplary job." ILLUS: Amrik Singh Ahluwalia is the new chair of the Peel Police Services Board. [Toronto Star](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés:

The RCMP is reviewing an incident in the town of Cumberland, B.C. that some are claiming is police brutality. The incident started when a 14-year-old was stopped for riding on the sidewalk and not wearing a bicycle helmet. Cellphone video shows the officer restraining the teen. The RCMP say situations like this can be very challenging for the officer when he is alone among a group of people. (CP24, 10h47 ET)

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COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Social media workshop for parents attracts a packed crowd in New Westminster

A workshop for parents to learn about the risks inherent with their kids' social media and online lives drew a sold-out crowd in New Westminster on Thursday night. The seminar was put on at the Justice Institute of B.C. by New Westminster police, along with school and parents groups. "Ask yourself: what would my adolescence, my youth, my adulthood look like if I could Google it today," social media expert Jesse Miller asked the eager crowd. "Right there you stop and say, 'Thank goodness the internet did not exist.'" One of Miller's key pieces of advice to parents was to join their kids on social media and get involved. (...) Carol Todd, the mother of B.C. cyberbullying victim Amanda Todd, also spoke at the workshop. She tried to share the lessons she learned from her daughter's tragic death. [CBC News](#)

Family members gather in Iqaluit for MMIW pre-inquiry

Families from across Nunavut are in Iqaluit today to take part in the pre-inquiry meetings into missing and murdered indigenous women with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett. "We were affected by this tragedy 11 years ago and it's still hard 'til this day to just think back," said Danielle Cormier, who traveled from Moncton, N.B., to take part, along with four of her siblings. Her mother, Sylvia

Lyall Ritchie, was strangled to death by her common law spouse in Iqaluit in 2004. "She was murdered by her common law and it's something that is actually really hard to bear, it's very tough," said Jayko Ritchie, Cormier's brother. Even after more than a decade, Lyall Ritchie's children are still haunted by her death. "It's not just the indigenous women who are being affected, it's also everybody that they have around them, their entire families," said Ritchie. "When a woman, mainly a mother, gets hurt in any way, it doesn't just affect her, it affects everybody else in the most drastic ways, it hurts," he added, holding back tears. All the siblings say they are taking part in the pre-inquiry because they want to get people talking about violence against indigenous women. [CBC News](#)

OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEES / OPÉRATION RÉFUGIÉS SYRIENS

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Include Canada in missile shield

The United Nations recently lifted sanctions against Iran after inspectors concluded that the Islamic Republic is complying with the terms of a controversial international nuclear agreement. However, the rogue regime continues to develop and test missiles that could destabilize both the Middle East and the broader international system. In response to Iran's recent provocative missile tests, the United States imposed new sanctions on the regime. Canada has also expressed concern about Iran's missile program. Canada should also be concerned that North Korea is developing weapons of mass destruction. It's clear that North Korea, a nuclear weapons state, is attempting to develop intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) capable of striking distant lands. According to a 2014 report produced by Canada's Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence, North Korea's Unha-3 rocket could possibly deliver "a 700-kilogram payload over 8,000 kilometres, thus placing continental North America within its striking range." The Senate committee also expressed wariness of the bellicose Iranian regime. "Iran may, at present, have neither the capability nor the intention to strike North America," stated the report, "but it continues to develop a means to this end." The report, entitled *Canada and Ballistic Missile Defence: Responding to the evolving threat*, warned that Iran could one day "pose a serious threat to North America." The Senate committee pointed out that America's key allies are partners in building ballistic missiles defences (BMD). "NATO has embraced BMD as part of its new strategic concept and allies such as Australia, South Korea and Japan are also participating in what will become a global network of regional BMD systems," the report stated. Earlier this month, the North Korean regime claimed to have successfully test-detonated a hydrogen bomb. Although there is reason to question the Communist regime's claim, there is no doubt that North Korea test-detonated atomic weapons four times over the last decade. [Kingston Whig-Standard](#)

A peaceful world needs more Canada as 'honest broker': ex-UN refugee chief

A former United Nations refugee chief says Canada's new foreign policy makes it perfectly suited to play a major role in bringing peace to a world facing a dramatic shortage of it. Antonio Guterres said Canada is now perceived as an honest broker and can play a leading role in bringing together warring factions to negotiate peace. It's just one of many countries that must help negotiate peaceful solutions to the ongoing wars across the globe and their ensuing — and escalating — refugee crises, Guterres said Friday at a foreign policy conference hosted by the Canada2020 think tank. "It is my deep belief that Canada is in a privileged position to play an important role in this regard," he said, citing the country's membership in the G7, G20 and NATO as advantages. "But at the same time with your new foreign policy, I believe Canada

has all the conditions to be perceived as an honest broker." Guterres, who stepped down last year after a decade as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said Canada can play a major role in helping resettle the world's record number of displaced citizens. [Canadian Press](#) (Metro News)

INTERNATIONAL

U.S., U.K reportedly spied on Israeli drones for 20 years, according to leaked documents

U.S and British intelligence cracked the codes of Israeli drones operating in the Middle East and monitored their surveillance feeds for almost 20 years, according to documents leaked by an American whistleblower and published in international media on Friday. Reports by the German daily Der Spiegel and the investigative website The Intercept said the details emerged from documents leaked by Edward Snowden, the former National Security Agency contractor who leaked millions of documents about U.S. government surveillance in 2013. The reports said the intelligence agencies were able to watch information that the drones and other aircraft broadcast back to their handlers. The project codenamed "Anarchist" has operated since 1998 and was based near the highest point in Cyprus. Israel was the focus of the program but it also hacked into systems in Egypt, Turkey, Iran and Syria, the reports said. [Associated Press](#) (National Post); [CBC News](#)

'The level of alarm is extremely high': Millions at risk as Zika virus 'spreading explosively' in the Americas

The Zika virus is "spreading explosively" and could affect as many as four million people in the Americas, the World Health Organisation said Thursday. After almost 4,000 infections were recorded in Brazil, Dr Margaret Chan, the WHO director-general, said the virus posed a threat of "alarming proportions", with new cases reported in 23 countries in South America and elsewhere. "It is now spreading explosively," she said. "The level of alarm is extremely high." [UK Telegraph](#) (National Post)

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Humbled to be attending the National #PTSD Roundtable discussion in Regina. @RalphGoodale @ToddDohertyMP @MPPKevinFlynn

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Public Safety Minister Goodale rejects US security concerns regarding refugee fast-track resettlement program. <http://ow.ly/XEF0J>

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OCLA writes to Minister @RalphGoodale asking for end to expulsion procedures against @HarkatUpdates: <http://ocla.ca/ocla-letter-canadas-threatened-expulsion-of-refugee-mohamed-harkat/> ... #secretrials

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@RalphGoodale we don't like being watched, do you? Let's talk #BillC51, because #MyPrivacy matters.

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WATCH: Chief Public Health Officer stresses #ZikaVirus threat to Canada is low, would like to avoid fear-mongering snpy.tv/1JMyiFi

PeterAkmanCTV

Government asking ppl to wait 1 month before giving blood after coming back from #ZikaVirus hotspots @CanadianBloodSe @CTVNews

CBCAlerts

Health officials: #ZikaVirus a low risk to public health in Cda, but pregnant women should avoid travel to areas where present. #cdnhealth

CKNW

#ZikaVirus Public Health Agency update: All confirmed cases in #Canada from travellers. 2 in BC & 1 each in Alberta and Quebec

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.@HealthCanada "No case of local transmission in #Canada" because the type of mosquito carrying #ZikaVirus doesn't exist in Canada.

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.@HealthCanada won't say which countries the 4 infected Canadians were in. #ZikaVirus

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Médias de retour à La Loche pour la visite de Justin Trudeau. PM attendu à 11h30. GRC sur place [#rcsk](https://twitter.com/rcsk)

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'We are still here,' teachers say ahead of Trudeau visit to La Loche <http://saskatoon.ctvnews.ca/we-are-still-here-teachers-say-ahead-of-trudeau-to-visit-la-loche-1.2757357> ...

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PM Trudeau travels to La Loche after 'heartbreaking and devastating' school... <http://bit.ly/1PYDWwp> [#Canada](https://twitter.com/Canada)

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Trudeau, Wall, Bellegarde hold meeting in La Loche today [#LaLoche](https://twitter.com/LaLoche) [#cdnpoli](https://twitter.com/cdnpoli) [#FirstNations](https://twitter.com/FirstNations) <http://ow.ly/XGHtg>

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Here's the RCMP plane landing in [#LaLoche](https://twitter.com/LaLoche). [@GlobalEdmonton](https://twitter.com/GlobalEdmonton) [@GlobalRegina](https://twitter.com/GlobalRegina) [@GlobalSaskatoon](https://twitter.com/GlobalSaskatoon)

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Increased RCMP presence in La Loche in advance of Prime Minister Trudeau's visit

VancouverSun

B.C. Mounties describe harrowing recapture of escaped Alberta prisoner ow.ly/3alHOj

MCSCanada

RCMP searching for [#missing](https://twitter.com/missing) 15 y/o Kelsey Muir last seen in [#PrinceAlbert](https://twitter.com/PrinceAlbert) [#SK](https://twitter.com/SK) RT! <http://thestarphoenix.com> [#Humboldt](https://twitter.com/Humboldt)

CBCSask

ICYMI: RCMP search for suspects after bank robbery in Imperial, Sask. <http://www.cbc.ca/1.3424921>

vicecanada

RCMP release video of young woman wanted in brutal murder, say she could be anywhere: <http://bit.ly/1PJSiKS>

globalhalifax

Video from [@RCMPNB](https://twitter.com/RCMPNB) pleads for help locating murder suspect Marissa Shephard. Watch here: <http://glbn.ca/XEDqg>

919TheBendNews

[#NB](https://twitter.com/NB) Students To Benefit From Cops, Kids and Computers Program - See more at: <http://www.919thebend.ca> [#rcmp](https://twitter.com/rcmp) [#computers](https://twitter.com/computers)

CBTribune

ICYMI [@RCMPNB](https://twitter.com/RCMPNB) seek info on [#Dawsonville](https://twitter.com/Dawsonville) homicide, but are saying little themselves <http://ow.ly/XEISs>

CBCNL

[#TBT](https://twitter.com/TBT) yesterday: that time a Trepassey RCMP officer was on The Price is Right <http://cbc.ca/1.3424067>

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[#Corrections](https://twitter.com/Corrections) Edmonton corrections officer shows support for Peace River officers vf.to/5tiVVxWD5qd

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Discussing PTSD at the University of Regina. Details at bit.ly/1Qxk2LO pic.twitter.com/LvaRKYfMia

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RT @alice_aiken: In Regina @ National Roundtable on PTSD. Focus on public safety personnel. Representing @CIMVHR_ICRSMV and @queensu

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#YXE EMO is pleased to be participating in a National Roundtable on #PTSD. pic.twitter.com/YWXr5rjYq8

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Social media workshop for parents attracts a packed crowd in New Westminster <http://ift.tt/1RQXity>

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Family members gather in Iqaluit for MMIW pre-inquiry <http://ift.tt/1Pn6zXS>

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'Scared' and Spied On Under Harper, Why Child Advocate Didn't Give Up thetye.ca/News/2016/01/2... #cdnpoli

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When Cindor Reeves was deported, he worried assassins would try to kill him. They are: ow.ly/XFlwp pic.twitter.com/wlCeSQ3c1K

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ISIS's only grievance is that the world does not succumb to its fanatical effort to create a pre-medieval Caliphate.

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North American foreign ministers meeting: What's at stake? <http://dlvr.it/KLvdZI>

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RCMP association calls for overhaul

A group vying to become the Mounties' first bargaining unit is using new allegations of sex harassment and bullying to try to make its case for a group to represent rank and file officers. A representative for the Mounted Police Professional Association said the RCMP is mismanaged, and higher-ups turn a blind eye to allegations of harassment and assault in the workplace. Rob Creasser points to a CBC report last week detailing allegations of unwanted sexual touching, bullying and rampant nudity in the workplace at the explosives training unit of the Canadian Police College in Ottawa. The report prompted a sharp reaction from **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale**. He said he told RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson he expects a comprehensive, transparent investigation, strong discipline, support for victims and a plan to end what he calls "**this toxic workplace behaviour**." Creasser said the allegations show RCMP officers

need an association to encourage transparency and accountability in the force. [Canadian Press](#) (Blackburn News)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Multiple patients rushed to hospital following another avalanche near Golden

Emergency crews and search and rescue teams are dealing with more than a dozen potential patients caught in an avalanche near Golden. It's the second slide in the area in as many days. While exact injuries in this latest incident aren't yet known, the first — a slide Saturday that caught up a group of snowmobilers — was deadly. Late Sunday morning ground and air ambulances as well as search rescue teams were sent to the Chatter Creek area following reports of an avalanche, BC Emergency Health Services confirmed. There they discovered 13 people were involved in the incident, about 30 km northwest of Golden. BC Emergency Health Services says seven people were rushed to hospital straight away and the scene is still an active one. [Vancouver Province](#); [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News)

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Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés

CTV News' Question Period interviewed Public Safety Minister, Ralph Goodale on national security issues including radicalization of youth, changes to the Passenger Protect Program, collaboration with Five Eyes partners and the creation of a parliamentary oversight committee on national security. [Rough Transcript](#)

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Common Software Would Have Let FBI Unlock Shooter's iPhone

The county government that owned the iPhone in a high-profile legal battle between Apple Inc. and the Justice Department paid for but never installed a feature that would have allowed the FBI to easily and immediately unlock the phone as part of the terrorism investigation into the shootings that killed 14 people in San Bernardino, California. If the technology, known as mobile device management, had been installed, San Bernardino officials would have been able to remotely unlock the iPhone for the FBI without the theatrics of a court battle that is now pitting digital privacy rights against national security concerns. [Associated Press](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

RCMP officers build bridges with Kwanlin Dün First Nation

There are a couple of new faces at the Kwanlin Dün First Nation in Whitehorse — RCMP constables whose primary assignment is to police the community, and hopefully build trust while they're at it. "I know the relationship between the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the police isn't great right now," said Const. Kerry Jury, one of the new officers. "Just hoping to improve that a little bit." Jury, along with Const. Jordan Booth, have been stationed in the community since the start of the year. They work out of a small office at the First Nation's administrative building. [CBC News](#)

RCMP looking for Kamloops man

RCMP are asking for the public's help to find a Kamloops man. Police say they are urgently trying to locate Matthew (Matt) Cloutier, 29, to deliver important information to him. He also goes by the name Stephen Cloutier, according to a RCMP media release. Infotel.ca

Brooks woman dead, man in custody charged with aggravated assault - Tanya Campbell-Losier was taken to a Calgary hospital but died of her injuries on Sunday

A 19-year-old Brooks woman is dead and a 26-year-old Brooks man is in custody following an alleged assault on Friday. RCMP and EMS were called to a Brooks residence at 3:55 a.m. on Feb. 19 and found Tanya Campbell-Losier with severe injuries. She was taken to a Calgary hospital and died on Feb. 21. Police charged Jesse Dick with aggravated assault and said they are not seeking any other suspects in the case. The investigation continues and involves the Brooks RCMP as well as the RCMP Major Crimes Unit and Forensic Identification Services Unit. CBC News

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Parole Board of Canada imposes conditions on Chase James Roper

Roper, 25, involved in a violent robbery of a drug dealer, is serving a four-year sentence. A P.E.I. man who was involved in a violent robbery of a drug dealer was recently granted full parole. Chase James Roper, 25, is serving a four-year sentence for several offences, including armed robbery, assault with a weapon and drug trafficking. In a recent report, the Parole Board of Canada said it was satisfied releasing Roper wouldn't result in an undue risk to the community and would help with his reintegration as a law-abiding citizen. Roper has been on day parole since last summer and the board's report said he successfully completed a substance abuse program. Charlottetown Guardian

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La Loche School To Reopen One Month After Deadly Shooting

The doors of a northern Saskatchewan high school that was the site of a deadly shooting are reopening. Teachers will be back at the La Loche high school Monday and classes are to resume shortly after that for students. The community is organizing a "Reclaiming Our School" walk for Wednesday. The school has been closed since a teacher and an aide were killed and seven other people were wounded Jan 22; two teenage brothers were also found dead in a nearby home. Betsy Kelly, executive director of North Sask Victim Services, has been in La Loche offering support to victims and the community. Kelly says it can take a while for a community to work through the grief, but she described La Loche as "a very strong community." "I always compare it to a person's grief," says Kelly. "As an individual, you don't get over grief in a month or two, it can take years. And similarly a community, it will take many years to be able to move forward." Canadian Press (Huffington Post)

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Opinion - Plight of indigenous women rooted in systemic inequality

An opinion piece by NDP leader Tom Mulcair states "Just a few days before we learned that the number of missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada could be much higher than RCMP estimates, I visited the epicentre of this violent epidemic - Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Standing in the pouring rain, on the corner of Main and Hastings, hundreds gathered in one of the poorest neighbourhoods in the country to call for justice... These women and girls are not statistics - they are their sisters, mothers, and

daughters. Despite adversity and pain of such profound loss, I saw such strength in a community standing together and speaking out. It's the same strong determination I've seen in communities and at Sisters in Spirit Vigils all across Canada. This national crisis is rooted in deep inequality faced by Indigenous women - inequality that goes beyond the wealth disparity that has seen the gap between the rich and everyone else grow wider and faster in Canada than most of the rest of the developed world. An Indigenous woman living in the Downtown Eastside can't escape the fact that she is three times more likely to face violence and seven times more likely to be killed than non-Indigenous women. At the same time, she is more likely to struggle just to find a safe and affordable place to call home, and more likely to be driven onto the streets and an unending cycle of poverty and violence. This is systemic racism and injustice, pure and simple." [Vancouver Sun](#)

OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEES / OPÉRATION RÉFUGIÉS SYRIENS

'Real Canadians hate Syrians': Calgary school vandalized once again with hateful messages

Calgary police are investigating after the walls of a southeast junior high were once again sprayed with hateful messages directed at Syrians and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Officers were called just before 9:30 a.m. Saturday to Wilma Hansen junior high school in the community of Queensland after someone in the neighbourhood reported the vandalism to police. "We are still doing neighbourhood inquiries," said Sgt. Kelly Todd, adding the incident could potentially be investigated as a hate crime. On the walls of the school, in black spray-paint, someone wrote messages including "Syrians are animals" and "real Canadians hate Syrians" as well as "burn all mosques." [Postmedia News](#) (National Post)

Business groups fear refugees and immigrant families will crowd out spaces for foreign workers in Canada

Provinces and businesses are waiting nervously to see if the federal government will cut back on the number of foreign workers admitted into Canada this year to make room for Syrian refugees and immigrant families. The government admits a set number of immigrants each year. In 2015, for example, the Conservative government planned to admit up to 285,000 immigrants. Of those slots, 66 per cent were reserved for economic immigrants; 24 per cent of the slots were for the family members of immigrants; and the remaining 10 per cent were for refugees and other humanitarian entrants. The federal government is supposed to provide its immigration admission numbers by Oct. 31 each year. Because of last fall's federal election, the numbers for 2016 haven't yet been published. The government now has until March 9 to come up with its plan. [Ottawa Citizen](#) (National Post)

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Provisional agreement reached on Syrian ceasefire, car bombs kill 46 in city of Homs

Secretary of State John Kerry said Sunday that a "provisional agreement" has been reached on a Syrian ceasefire that could begin in the next few days, but he acknowledged that it's not finalized and all parties might not automatically comply. Explosions meanwhile ripped through the central Syrian city of Homs and a Damascus suburb, killing dozens of people, and government forces backed by Russian warplanes pressed a major offensive north of Aleppo that has undermined previous efforts to halt the fighting.

Kerry said he discussed the terms with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and said the two must now reach out to the opposing forces in the conflict. He declined to go into the details of the agreement, saying it "is not yet done." [Associated Press](#) (Montreal Gazette, Vancouver Province)

Australia warns of possible terror attacks in Kuala Lumpur

Australia has warned that terrorists may be plotting attacks in and around Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's largest city. The Australian High Commission in Malaysia says there's an ongoing terrorism threat in Malaysia, noting that Malaysian authorities have arrested a number of people allegedly involved in planning attacks. It warned in a travel advisory posted on its website Sunday that attacks could be indiscriminate and may target Western interests or locations frequented by Westerners. [Associated Press](#) (Yahoo! News)

Snowden willing to return to U.S. with guarantee of fair trial

Speaking via Skype from Russia, Edward Snowden told an audience of supporters in New Hampshire on Saturday that he is willing to be extradited to the United States if the federal government would guarantee he would get a fair trial. The former National Security Agency contractor in 2013 leaked details of a secret government eavesdropping program and left the country. He faces U.S. charges that could land him in prison for up to 30 years. Snowden spoke Saturday at the New Hampshire Liberty Forum, heavily attended by libertarians. WMUR reported that forum organizers did not allow the media to video record his remarks. "I've told the government I would return if they would guarantee a fair trial where I can make a public interest defence of why this was done and allow a jury to decide," Snowden told his audience. [Associated Press](#) (Toronto Star)

Protests planned to back Apple in battle with FBI

Protesters are preparing to assemble in more than 30 cities to lash out at the FBI for obtaining a court order that requires Apple to make it easier to unlock an encrypted iPhone used by a gunman in December's mass shootings in Southern California. The protests organized by the Internet rights group Fight for the Future are scheduled to occur Tuesday outside Apple stores in the U.S., the U.K., Hong Kong and Germany. The U.S. protests will be in cities scattered across more than 20 states, including in New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Washington, where protesters plan to express their discontent outside the FBI's headquarters. [Associated Press](#)

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[@RalphGoodale](#) notes that Canada is the only Five Eyes member that doesn't have Parliamentary oversight of their security apparatus [#cdnpoli](#)

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[@RalphGoodale](#) confirms the review of no-fly list policies will look to add additional info to help reduce false positives. [#cdnpoli](#)

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[@RalphGoodale](#) says the info airline employees can currently see is only a name when someone is flagged on the no-fly list. [#cdnpoli](#)

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[@RalphGoodale](#) says the Departments of Public Safety and Transport are working together to review no-fly list policies. [#cdnpoli](#)

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[@RalphGoodale](#) says the CDN office of counter-radicalization will be a separate department, but will draw resources

from across the gov.

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@RalphGoodale confirms that the Liberals will create a new national office of counter-radicalization this calendar year. #cdnpoli

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"We need to find ways to combat the negative messages that lead people to radicalization," says @RalphGoodale. #cdnpoli

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@RalphGoodale says DND and CSIS will be "engaged in appropriate activity within the region" to combat ISIS. #cdnpoli

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@RalphGoodale says Canada has increased its security and intelligence activity in relation to ISIS. #cdnpoli

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After the break, Public Safety Minister @RalphGoodale. #cdnpoli

Robert Fife

On CTV Question Period today, Public Safety Minister @RalphGoodale talks no fly list, anti-radicalization & Cdn spying vs ISIL. #cdnpoli

Robert Fife

On CTV Question Period Sunday, Alberta Premier @RachelNotley & Public Safety Minister @RalphGoodale Hope you will tune in. #cdnpoli

Chris Hall

@markesaube @RalphGoodale @CBCTheHouse we talked at length about Parl oversight, expanding role of SIRC.. both civilian agencies

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Toronto Star

Avalanche near Golden, B.C. kills one, injures another <http://on.thestar.com/21iGVHU> #topstories

CTV Calgary

Size three avalanche near Golden, B.C. claims snowmobiler from Calgary <http://bit.ly/1Qu9hgl> #yyc

theprovince

Multiple patients rushed to hospital following another avalanche near Golden <http://bit.ly/1mRikur> #Canada

CTVNews

13 people involved in B.C. avalanche near area where fatal slide happened Saturday <http://ow.ly/YzXnC>

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SC Magazine

New Xbot trojan phishes, steals data, and uses ransomware | <http://ow.ly/Yxslm>

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metromontreal

Une association blâme les dirigeants de la GRC <http://bit.ly/20OhMCR>

HuffPostCanada

Group says RCMP turns a blind eye to harassment, assault allegations <http://huff.to/1Q3iYRX>

Global News

Five Mounties sue RCMP in alleged medical privacy breach <http://on.gln.ca/6oOjY6>

Brennan Leffler

ICYMI last night's @GlobalTV16x9 story from me & @VassyKapelos on medical privacy breaches in the #RCMP. #cdnpoli <http://youtu.be/1mSfVVLkukQ>

CBC Aboriginal

RCMP officers build bridges with Kwanlin Dün First Nation <http://ift.tt/1Q2ANMR>

Althia Raj

La Loche school set to reopen one month after deadly shooting http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2016/02/21/la-loche-school-reopen_n_9285056.html ... via @huffpostalberta

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HuffPostCanada

RCMP hope to track down owner of stolen WW2 letters <http://huff.to/1TxjrxB>

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The last of the Stanley Cup rioters are being jailed <http://huff.to/1Ug8Fep>

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CTV Vancouver

Online illusion: Social media used to lure into prostitution
<http://bc.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=813113&playlistId=1.2786408&binId=1.1184694&playlistPageNum=1> ...

VancouverSun

La Loche school to reopen after deadly shooting, as community copes with grief <http://ow.ly/3bzEIP>

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Joanna Smith

Minister Carolyn Bennett looking at how to include #Indigenous law in #MMIW national inquiry
<http://m.thestar.com/#/article/news/canada/2016/02/20/inquiry-into-missing-aboriginal-women-must-not-ignore-indigenous-law-advocates-say.html> ... via @TorontoStar

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The Province

Business groups fear refugees and immigrant families will crowd out spaces for... <http://bit.ly/1mR9T2e> #Canada

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The Province

Provisional agreement reached on Syrian ceasefire, car bombs kill 46 in city of Homs <http://bit.ly/1mQMKNf>

CBC News Alerts

#ISIS claims responsibility for triple blast in #Damascus suburb that killed at least 22 people: @AP

New Straits Times

Australia warns of possible terror attacks in Kuala Lumpur

Mirror Politics

PM warns of terror threat saying EU has "strength in numbers in a dangerous world" <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/david-cameron-begs-boris-johnson-7410699?clearcache=1> ...

The Province

Nearly all of Fiji without power after country hit with monstrous cyclone, killing at least... <http://bit.ly/1L3p2sD>

Reuters

Fiji super cyclone kills 10 and raises fears of health crisis <http://reut.rs/20OwOJ0>

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Canada's recently elected prime minister, Justin Trudeau, has promised to ratify a United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples

After the meeting, Wall said the community will get the support it needs from the province to help people who are struggling after Friday's tragedy, as well as in the longer term on its infrastructure, education and health-care needs. "So sad I don't have no more babies". LeBlanc said improving the lot of the First Nations was "a huge challenge". Police also said they still don't know the minor suspect's motive and did not also disclose the gun use on the incident. "I'm not going to make any comments about that, other than it will be something the Crown will be considering". "It is a slow process". RCMP announced on Saturday that they had charged a 17-year-old suspect with four counts of first-degree murder, seven counts of attempted murder and unauthorized possession of a firearm. He can't be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act. Royal Canadian Mounted Police Supt. In a statement to the media on Friday, RCMP Chief Superintendent Maureen Levy said, "members attended the La Loche Community School at the Dene Highschool". A gunman shot 11 people, killing four, at a school and home in La Loche, Saskatchewan, an impoverished northern community with high rates of suicide, addiction and

unemployment. La Loche student Noel Desjarlais told the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation that he heard multiple shots fired at the school, which has about 900 students. As per the school's Facebook's page, La Loche community school is from pre- kindergarten to Grade 12, and it houses not less than 900 students in two buildings. He is due in court next week. The isolated town of La Loche, in the western province of Saskatchewan, and its neighboring Clearwater River Dene Indian reserve, six hours away from the nearest airport, embody the dire prospects for Canada's Aboriginals, also known as First Nations. "This is a significant event for Canada", said Supt. **"It is a huge tragedy, one that reaches far beyond this community"**, Goodale said of the shooting. **"I think it's part of changing times"**
[NanoNews](#)

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Ouverture du bureau de reconstruction

Le ministre des Transports du Canada, Marc Garneau, a annoncé samedi une subvention de 1,965 million de dollars pour la mise en place et le fonctionnement du Bureau de reconstruction du centre-ville de Lac-Mégantic pour les trois prochaines années [Q 97.3](#)

3.7 magnitude earthquake registers near St. Andrews

A 3.7 magnitude earthquake hit New Brunswick on Tuesday, at 7:56 a.m., about 27 kilometres southeast of Saint Andrews according to Earthquakes Canada. At least 18 reports came in to the Natural Resources Canada internet intensity map, with one report describing the earthquake as feeling moderate with very light damage, and the rest reporting it as weak or light. Jana Sutherland, who lives on the waterfront in Eastport, Maine, says the earthquake hit with surprising intensity. [CBC News](#)

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Where privacy and security intersect, will police and intelligence (finally) work together?

An opinion piece by David Ormond, member of CIGI-Chatham House Global Commission on Internet Governance, states, "Concerns that two of Canada's intelligence agencies, the Canadian Security Establishment (CSE) and the Canadian Security Intelligence Services (CSIS), broke the rules by sharing intercepted data with Canada's allies, will further spur public debate about how to strengthen public oversight and accountability mechanisms for Canada's intelligence gathering agencies. Since the revelations of Edward Snowden that authorities can access personal communications from mobile devices and computers, the public the world over has become sensitized to issues of online privacy. At the same time, terrorist atrocities have continued. The murder in Burkino Faso of six Quebeckers along with many others follows the 2015 Paris attack on journalists working for Charlie Hebdo, on a Jewish synagogue, on British and other European tourists murdered on a Tunisian beach, the downing of a Russian airliner, the Bataclan theatre massacre in Paris, and the San Bernardino killings. The Internet is filled with ultra-violent jihadi images from Syria. Criminal activities of human traffickers result in refugees being drowned trying to reach Europe. Every week brings new cyber attacks on our financial system and infrastructure. Presidents Assad and Putin remind us of the dangers that authoritarian regimes can pose. The year 2016 must be one of reconciliation in which democracies work out a social compact to allow their authorities lawfully to obtain the digital intelligence needed to keep us safe and secure, but under strong safeguarding norms of proper behaviour towards information on the Internet that ensure respect for our rights to privacy and free speech. One norm should be to have independent judicial and parliamentary oversight of intelligence activity towards which Canada seems to be moving under the leadership of Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety. Another norm should be commitment by nations to do nothing that might weaken the security of the systems upon which the Internet relies and might reduce our confidence in it as a secure medium to do business. [Globe and Mail](#)

CSIS compares ISIS to Uber, says it's reshaping the jihadist movement

The rise of the so-called Islamic State could reshape the modern jihadist movement - and unless allies fighting the militants get past their regional rivalries, things are going to get worse before they get better, a

new report published by Canada's spy agency argues. "The fight against ISIL is not the first priority for most regional state actors; they may agree on opposing the group, but only as a secondary priority, while they often oppose each other on their first objectives," reads the report - *The Foreign Fighters Phenomenon and Related Security Trends in the Middle East*. "Economic grievances, resentment at stagnant and repressive political systems, as well as violence are also in other countries of the region, including Yemen, Egypt and Libya. This underpins the conditions favouring the emergence of additional safe havens for foreign fighters." The report focuses on concerns raised during a workshop held by CSIS on October 28 and 29 as part of its academic outreach program. Its assessments are not the formal position of CSIS, nor do they count as an analysis by CSIS of the foreign fighter threat. Conducted under the Chatham House rule - meaning none of what was said can be attributed to the person who said it - the event brought people from the intelligence field together with specialists to discuss papers submitted by researchers from the Middle East, Europe and North America. The goal was to examine "the dynamics underpinning the conflict in Syria and Iraq and related security consequences," the report says. Attendees focused on four themes during their discussions: the main drivers of instability in the Middle East; how those drivers have contributed to the rise of ISIL and the phenomenon of foreign fighters; the nature and level of the threat posed by foreign fighters, and; the tools and programs needed to counter this threat. They also assessed how ISIS is changing the structure of the modern jihadist movement and, in doing so, challenging security agencies to adapt their counterterrorism policies to cope with a more fluid, dynamic foe than traditional jihadist power structures like al Qaeda. "If Al-Qaeda evoked the 'franchise' metaphor, ISIL is more akin to UBER: digitally empowered entrepreneurship with a low-maintenance framework and an unusual ability to absorb pre-existing networks such as residual state bureaucracies, Baath Party remnants and rogue tribes," the report said. [iPolitics](#)

Canada Revenue Agency doesn't know the contents of files it improperly gave to CSIS

The federal revenue agency says it doesn't know what sort of taxpayer information a rogue employee improperly shared with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service because CSIS has wiped the files from its database. The Canada Revenue Agency told *The Canadian Press* that the employee who handed over the sensitive data - doing so even though CSIS lacked a judicial warrant - is no longer with the department. The agency refused to disclose whether the person was fired or left voluntarily, citing privacy reasons. And it is not clear if the taxpayers whose information was compromised were ever notified of the improper sharing. The CRA is unable to determine the details of the information that was shared with CSIS as it was removed permanently and in its entirety from CSIS systems. The Security Intelligence Review Committee, the watchdog that keeps an eye on CSIS, revealed last week in its annual report that the spy and revenue agencies repeatedly breached the rules. Questions were first raised by the Federal Court, prompting CSIS to ask the review committee to look into the matter. After concerns emerged, there were assurances the sensitive revenue agency information had been purged from a CSIS database when, in fact, it was still there, the review committee's report says. CSIS spokeswoman Tahera Mufti says the information is now "deleted from CSIS databases." "It should be noted that none of the information received from the CRA was shared beyond CSIS," she added. [National Post](#)

Motive a mystery in apparent targeted shooting of cousins

A 22-year-old man who was ordered not to be in contact with an alleged terror recruiter and financier was shot in the chest inside a Somali restaurant Sunday evening. His cousin took a bullet to his head and died almost instantly. Ayyub Arab, 22, was shot alongside his mortally wounded cousin Marwan Arab, 20, inside the Shifa Restaurant at the corner of Cobden Road and Iris Street in the Pinecrest neighbourhood. When police arrived, they found two victims, one dead and another "very seriously injured," said Insp. Sean McDade. Both young men attended Algonquin College. Ayyub, in stable condition at The Ottawa Hospital as of Monday afternoon, continues to be listed as a secretary on the executive of the Muslim Students' Association. It was in that role that he is believed to have met Awso Peshdary, 25, who almost a year ago was charged by RCMP with participating in the activity of a terrorist group, facilitating an activity for a terrorist group, and conspiring to participate or to contribute in an activity of a terrorist group. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

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CBSA not examining nearly one in five high-risk exports: AG report

At one Canadian port, a border services officer went on vacation and export control examinations took a break in their absence. At another, rail shipments once went over a month without the required targetting of cargo because of "staffing fluctuations." One Canada Post parcel centre was ignored altogether. In the Auditor General's 2015 fall report, staffing issues are just one of several reasons why 17 per cent of goods shipments deemed "high-risk" were allowed to leave the country without being examined. "The agency has missed opportunities to stop some goods that did not comply with Canada's export control laws from leaving the country," Auditor General Michael Ferguson said in prepared remarks. Canadian goods exports totalled \$529 billion in 2014, but the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) had less than one per cent of its full-time equivalents dedicated to export control activities, the Auditor General estimates. There were too few people with too much to do. The agency relied on export declarations to identify high-risk shipments, for example, but wasn't able to review all of them. And too many of those it did flag went unchecked. "We found that the agency had implemented processes to select high-risk shipments for counter-proliferation and stolen vehicles," the report notes. "These processes were effective on some measures, but we found that about one in five high-risk shipments identified by the agency's centralized targeting units was not examined at the port of exit, for a variety of reasons." When it came to stolen vehicles, there was some good news: a combination of local and centralized targeting resulted in the agency finding approximately 700 stolen cars between April 2013 and December 2014. As with counter-proliferation targets, however - think military goods and technologies - the fact that so many goods shipments went unexamined suggests a significant amount of goods were exported that shouldn't have been. (...) "We found that capacity and control practices varied among (ports of exit). In addition, under the Customs Act, border services officers could examine such shipments only if they identified signs of non-compliance," the report said. "They could not simply open parcels at random." Those limitations on their examination authorities, CBSA officials told their auditors, "reduced their effectiveness in preventing the export of illegal drugs." [iPolitics](#); [Toronto Star](#); [CBC News](#); [CTV News](#); [Maclean's](#); [La Presse](#); [Journal de Montréal](#)

Lax border checks allow illegal drugs, stolen cars to slip out of Canada

The Canada Border Services Agency is not keeping a close enough eye on exports, causing high-risk shipments - including illegal drugs and stolen cars - to leave the country undetected, auditor general Michael Ferguson says. In his latest series of reports examining the efficiencies and failings of various government departments, the federal watchdog finds the border agency is not reviewing all export declarations and not examining many shipments flagged by its own internal system - or by warnings from other departments. Up to 20 per cent of high-risk exports identified by the agency's centralized targeting units were allowed to pass without inspection. Much of the breakdown relates to staff levels; in some locations, inspections cease entirely if a single staff member goes away on vacation. "We also found that the agency did not always conduct targeting and examinations during all hours and days when export shipments move," the audit said. "This meant that non-compliant shipments were exported undetected." The audit found that when the agency did detain shipments, it was holding on to legitimate goods far too long and - in some cases - costing businesses their contracts. [Hamilton Spectator](#); [Huffington Post](#); [Radio Canada International](#)

Weapons of Mass Destruction May Be Slipping Through Canada's Ports

Short-staffing and outdated technology at Canada's borders could be helping groups abroad build weapons of mass destruction. The findings of a new audit, tabled Tuesday, found almost a fifth of high-risk exports are not being screened, while gaps in screening could mean exporters are gaming the system. Things slipping through the northern border could include nuclear materials, chemical and biological agents, and even types of missiles. Following the audit, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has promised to draw up plans "to reduce the proportion of targeted high-risk shipments [that are] not examined." The agency, which is charged with counter-proliferation of dangerous weapons at the border, works with intelligence agencies to determine which exports should be checked before leaving Canada. During the 21-month audit, 29 per cent of shipments deemed high-risk had not complied with the agency's rules during the audit. While most of the issues were minor, the CBSA thwarted "several shipments that were cause for national security concern." [VICE News](#); [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Roosh V and his views not welcome in Ottawa, Mayor Jim Watson tweets

The views of a U.S. blogger known to preach pro-rape and misogynistic behaviour are not welcome in Ottawa, Mayor Jim Watson tweeted today in response to reports of a meeting of the blogger's supporters. Roosh V, whose real name is Daryush Valizadeh, has attracted outrage through his blog posts, including one advocating that rape be made legal inside a private home, and another suggesting that men seek out women with eating disorders. (...) Last summer, Toronto Mayor John Tory and city Coun. Norm Kelly both tweeted at Roosh V, telling him he was not welcome in the Ontario capital. An appearance in Montreal last August also drew protests and a petition of more than 40,000 signatures arguing that Roosh V should not be allowed to cross the border into Canada. [CBC News](#)

Windsor council denies Ambassador Bridge request to tear down Indian Road home

City council denied a request Monday by the Ambassador Bridge company to tear down a dilapidated, abandoned house located at 446 Indian Road, in the Sandwich Heritage Conservation District. An administrative report recommended against the demolition pending the outcome of long-standing litigation between the city and Canadian Transit Company that is bound for the Supreme Court of Canada. "The Building Inspector has determined that the property, while damaged by fire, does not threaten public safety," says a city report. Stan Korosec, the director of security with the CTC, disagreed with that assessment. "There is a safety issue here, not to the people walking down the street but obviously these homes are being entered and I just don't want to see anybody get hurt," said Korosec Monday night. "At some point they're going to have to come down anyway. If people don't like they way they look and everything then let's tear them down now and put some grass." [Windsor Star](#); [CBC News](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés:

The Auditor General is tabling his latest report in the House of Commons. Michael Ferguson's role is to aid accountability by conducting independent audits of the government. The report finds that illegal exports are getting out of Canada because of an inability by the Canada Border Services Agency to check or willingness to check all of these shipments, and it says things like illegal drugs and stolen cars could be among the items that are making it across the border. (CTV News Channel, 10:10, 11:30, CBC News Network, 10:06, CHQR-AM, 8:30, CKFR-AM, 8:04, 8:33, CFAX-AM, 8:34, CKNW-AM, 9:04, CBC R1 Ottawa, 9:02, CKGL-AM, 10:32, CIWW-AM, 10:24, CHML-AM, 10:33, CJAD-AM, 11:03, CFMJ-AM, 11:02, CHOK-AM, 12:07)

[CBC News](#) presented Auditor General Michael Ferguson's press conference in which he discussed his office's Fall 2015 reports. [Rough Transcript](#)

Canada Border Services Agency has arrested a man wanted for alleged sexual assault over three decades ago. Jeffrey Martin was taken on January twenty first at the Woodstock border crossing. CBSA says officers had determined Martin was wanted by the Toronto Police for two counts of sexual assault dating back to 1980. (CJCJ-FM, 6:01, 7:01)

Two people are facing multiple charges in connection with alleged immigration fraud in Regina. Canada Border Services Agency alleges the men acted as immigration consultants but weren't licensed. The agency says the pair provided false job offer documents to foreign nationals between 2007 and 2013. (CJWW-AM, 7:32, Global News Regina, 6:02, 7:02)

CYBER SECURITY / CYBERSÉCURITÉ

EU to step up checks on Bitcoin, prepaid cards to fight terrorism

The European Commission will propose by the end of June stricter rules on prepaid cards and virtual currencies in a bid to reduce anonymous payments and curb the financing of terrorism, documents released on Tuesday showed. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

EU plans to coordinate a key mobile spectrum in Europe

European Union regulators proposed on Tuesday to roll out a key mobile spectrum across the 28-nation bloc to improve access to internet services and technologies, including in remote areas. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

Fisher-Price smart bear allowed hacking of children's biographical data

In September, Mattel's Fisher-Price brand announced it had partnered with a tech company to make Smart Toy, a stuffed bear that can learn a three-year-old's name. Naturally, it's hackable. Researchers at Rapid7, a Boston-based security company, found that the app connected to the Fisher-Price toy had several security flaws that would allow a hacker to steal a child's name, birthdate and gender, along with other data. The toymaker encourages parents to use the app so that the toy can better interact with children. [Guardian UK](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

No proof that massive IT system overhaul is saving money: AG

The federal government's plan to save money by consolidating computer systems is behind schedule and its record keeping is so incomplete that it is impossible to know whether it is actually saving money, says Auditor General Michael Ferguson. In his audit made public Tuesday, Ferguson found that Shared Services Canada (SSC) is also not counting the costs for individual government departments in transforming things like e-mail systems and data centres. "Without consistent practices to determine savings, including structured governance and oversight responsibilities, total savings generated from SSC's investments and activities for the government as a whole will remain largely unknown," Ferguson wrote. While Shared Services Canada maintains that it is saving the government money, it can't prove it, he added. "Although SSC has reported that it is generating savings, it does not have consistent practices in place to demonstrate that government-wide savings are being achieved or to recognize that there are partner costs involved in all transformation projects." For example, Shared Services Canada's Email Transformation Initiative (ETI) to combine 63 different government e-mail systems into one is supposed to cost \$72 million a year and save the government \$56 million. However, implementation of the project is running behind schedule, Ferguson wrote (...) Ferguson also detailed how lack of communication between Shared Services Canada and RCMP led to a 40 minute outage of emergency radio services in Saskatchewan in 2014. "The outage was caused when SSC accidentally rendered a critical feature of the radio network unavailable while making changes to the network to conform to its shared services network standard," Ferguson wrote. "Had SSC followed an adequate change management process, which would have included proper testing and user acceptance, the RCMP could have ensured that SSC took the necessary steps to avoid the outage." [iPolitics](#)

«Club social» de pédophiles: plusieurs des accusés pourraient être libérés aujourd'hui

Plusieurs des 13 présumés pédophiles arrêtés la semaine passée lors d'une vaste rafle de la Sûreté du Québec pourraient être libérés dès aujourd'hui, sans même avoir d'enquête sur remise en liberté. «Ça va être selon les garanties qu'ils ont à offrir», a expliqué à la Cour Me Cynthia Gyenizse de la Couronne ce mardi au palais de justice de Montréal. Les autres accusés, devront subir leur enquête sur remise en liberté, prévue pour se dérouler ce mardi. En tout, la police provinciale a arrêté 13 individus la semaine passée, qui auraient fait partie d'un véritable « club social » de pédophiles. Ils auraient échangé entre eux sur comment se rapprocher d'enfants, et plusieurs des accusés avaient occupé des postes les mettant en contact avec des mineurs. La semaine passée, Le Journal révélait que jusqu'à leur arrestation, Dave Turcotte, 36 ans, et Claude Paquette, 31 ans, étaient assistants pour l'Association des aventuriers de Baden-Powell (AABP), respectivement à Beloeil et à Outremont, auprès de jeunes de 9 à 12 ans. Paquette a également été enseignant au primaire. Un autre accusé, Didier Chetelat, enseignait à HEC jusqu'à ce qu'il soit suspendu avec salaire à la suite des accusations. Le groupe des 13 font face à des accusations diverses, allant de la possession de pornographie juvénile à la production de ce matériel illégal. Certains sont aussi accusés d'avoir conseillé autrui à commettre des contacts sexuels sur des mineurs. Les faits reprochés, dans leur ensemble, remontent à 2003 et se seraient déroulés jusqu'à tout récemment. [Journal de Montréal](#) (Journal de Quebec)

Peace bond will limit activity of Aaron Driver, terrorist planning suspect

Aaron Driver, a man accused of being involved in terrorist activity, says he had no choice but to agree to a peace bond, which limits his activity. "If I fought it, they would have added even more conditions than I'm already under," Driver told CBC News outside the Winnipeg courthouse following a hearing on Tuesday morning. Driver will not be going to trial. He is not facing criminal charges, but his lawyer and the Crown agreed to a peace bond to limit his activities (...)Driver will be bound by the peace bond for 10 months, expiring on Dec. 1. He is subject to the following conditions: Keeping the peace and being of good behaviour. Appearing before court when required. Carrying a copy of the peace bond on him at all times and producing it when a peace officer asks for it. Living at a specified address in Strathroy, Ont., and notifying a specified RCMP sergeant of any changes in address. Reporting twice a month to the specified RCMP sergeant. Not possessing or acquiring any firearms, ammunition, prohibited devices or explosive substances. Not applying for any passport from Canada or any other country. When he was released on bail in June, he was ordered to surrender any passports he had at the time. Not possessing any cellular phones, computers, laptops, tablets or similar electronic devices "unless permitted in advance in writing from specified RCMP officer." This condition expires on Aug. 31. [CBC News](#)

Saint John man wanted on Canada-wide warrant for child luring

A Saint John man is being sought on a Canada-wide warrant in connection to an investigation dealing with online child sexual exploitation. RCMP have released a photograph of Richard (Ricky) Michael Michaelson, who is charged with child luring and extortion. Michaelson is accused of extorting images of a sexual nature from an underage girl and threatening to distribute the images online. RCMP said the incidents are alleged to have taken place between July and October 2014. [CBC News](#)

Ontario man who taped up dog, left it to die gets two years in federal prison and 25-year ban on having pets

A man who taped a dog's muzzle shut, bound its legs and left it to die in a field will spend the next two years in a federal penitentiary. Michael Earl Hill, 32, entered a surprise guilty plea Monday to a charge of causing unnecessary suffering to an animal. Hill had been scheduled for a closed door meeting about his case, but insisted on pleading guilty instead, said lawyer Ahmad Ammar. After his release, Hill will be on probation for three years and is banned from having a pet for 25 years (...) Rawlins ordered Hill to get psychological counselling. "People who become serial killers begin with small animals," she said. Hill is also prohibited from possessing weapons during his probation and he must provide a blood sample for the national DNA databank police use to solve crime. [Postmedia News](#) (National Post)

New Brunswick man whose daughter fatally shot wants gun registry debate reopened

A New Brunswick man whose young daughter was gunned down in a robbery 29 years ago is calling for a renewed debate on the federal long-gun registry. Ron Davis of Riverview says he's concerned about military-style guns winding up in the hands of the wrong people on city streets. He decided to speak out after a two-page ad from a gun shop featuring mostly military-style firearms appeared in a local newspaper in December. Davis says he has nothing against hunting rifles, but he questions the need for the types of powerful firearms seen in mass shootings in the United States and Canada, including the June 2014 murders of three Mounties in Moncton. Davis's 16-year-old daughter, Laura, was shot and killed with a handgun in a convenience store holdup in Moncton in 1987. The 74-year-old says he and his family will attend a parole hearing in Quebec in April for the man convicted in his daughter's shooting. [Guardian](#)

Who killed Mary Ann? Yarmouth County 1990 Lamrock murder still a mystery

There's a saying: No news is good news. If you're Linda Lloyd, however, no news is agony. Lloyd is the sister of Mary Ann Lamrock and continues to hold out hope that there will be justice for her sister - a Yarmouth County woman who was murdered in 1990. But that hope fades as each year goes by. Jan. 29 marked 24 years since Lamrock's skeletal remains were found in woods by hunters off Highway 103 near the intersection of the Scott Road and Oak Park Road... Over time, many different RCMP members have investigated or revisited the case. Usually tips that have come in are ones the RCMP have already heard. People have been ruled out as suspects during the past two decades. Police wondered if they had caught a break when a serial killer named Michael Wayne McGray, who is from Yarmouth County, confessed to several killings in Canada - including one in Digby County of a teenaged girl named Elizabeth Gayle Tucker. But he was ruled out as a suspect in the Lamrock case since he was in jail at the time of her

death. The Lamrock case is one of many files being handled by the South West Nova Major Crime Unit. Asked whether the case has been revisited over the past couple of years, Const. Mark Skinner provided the following response from the RCMP: "Each unsolved homicide or missing person case is considered 'open' but given the complex nature of the investigation they may be at different stages. Due to privacy concerns it would not be appropriate to comment on the specific stage of the Lamrock investigation." [Cape Breton Post](#)

Dog recovering after being shot with arrow near Regina

A dog is on the mend after somebody shot it with an arrow on the weekend. It happened Sunday northeast of Regina. Some homeowners found the injured dog on their property with the arrow still stuck in its body. A Regina animal rescue organization, CC RezQs, took the dog, an adult female, to veterinarians in Lumsden for x-rays and emergency treatment. "Dr. K at TM'z Vet Clinic says she is the luckiest dog in the world," the group said on its Facebook page. "The arrow shot through her missed her spinal cord by millimetres!! She is staying over night to have her wound flushed. The entry and exit wounds are very disturbing to see, but we are so thankful she was able to be rescued in time." The dog, dubbed Arrow, may need surgery to remove fragments of vertebrae, the group said. The Facebook page notes many people have come forward offering to help or donate money to cover vet bills. "Pretty inspired by the huge amount of offers of help for this beautiful dog," Lynne Sheldon said on Facebook. "To me, that goes to show that while there are some terrible people who do things like this, there are more wonderful ones who want to make it right." The group says it believes the dog is a stray, but has found a foster home to care for her while she recovers. Members have reported the incident to the RCMP. [CBC News](#)

Winnipeg police seize \$508K in marijuana from 3 West End grow ops

Winnipeg police say they've seized over half a million dollars' worth of marijuana plants from three addresses in the West End this week. Officers seized between 95 and 199 marijuana plants, along with thousands of dollars in grow operation equipment, from the following locations on Monday. [CBC News](#)

Police hand out students' art with \$196 speeding tickets

Children are using art to remind speeding motorists to slow down near Lauwelnew Tribal School on West Saanich Road. The busy thoroughfare runs directly in front of the Tsartlip First Nation's school, and has long caused concern for the community. So in a campaign launched Monday called "Think of Me," police officers began handing out student-made pictures with road-safety messages, along with tickets for speeding in a school zone. The students did "an amazing job" with their warnings to drivers, said Sidney/North Saanich RCMP Const. Rob Figueiredo. "I think it really hits home to drivers where the students take the time say: 'You know what, we'd like you to slow down. Please make us safe.'" Speeding in the school zone is the top complaint from the Tsartlip area, said Sidney/North Saanich RCMP Const. Dan Steffes, who is in charge of First Nation policing. Central Saanich police are also involved in the campaign, which Steffes said will continue through the end of the school year. [Times Colonist](#)

Opération Magot-Mastiff: un important accusé collabore avec la police

Patrick Corbeil, 43 ans, soupçonné d'avoir dirigé un réseau très actif dans le quartier Hochelaga-Maisonneuve, à Montréal, aurait retourné sa veste dans les heures qui ont suivi son arrestation ainsi que l'arrestation de ceux qu'on croit être ses complices, le 19 novembre. Selon nos informations, même si le suspect collabore avec la police, il n'aurait pas encore signé de contrat de témoin repentin en bonne et due forme. Dans l'enquête Mastiff, la police comptait déjà sur le travail effectué durant plusieurs mois par un agent civil d'infiltration, dont on doit taire le nom en vertu d'un interdit de publication, qui était très proche de Corbeil dans l'organisation de ce dernier. L'individu, qui transportait l'argent de l'organisation et effectuait les payes, aurait permis aux policiers d'amasser une preuve accablante. L'annonce de la collaboration de Corbeil, alias Bart, est un autre pavé lancé dans la mare des accusés, parmi lesquels on retrouve notamment l'influent membre des Hells Angels Salvatore Cazzetta, un membre des Nomads de l'Ontario, Carlos Fernandez, et un membre des Red Devils, club supporteur des Hells Angels, Dominique Gauthier. [La Presse](#)

Rocco Zito 'had few superiors' in Mafia, retired RCMP investigator says

He lived in a modest home in north Toronto, drove a Chevy Malibu and listed his occupation as a ceramic tile salesman. But Rocco Zito — who was shot dead Friday in his house — was a violent member of the Mafia with "few superiors," according to an RCMP officer who investigated him (...). Larry Tronstad is a retired RCMP staff-sergeant who investigated Zito as a member of the Mounties' Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit, a team that worked with a handful of police forces to investigate organized crime. Tronstad, who now works as a private investigator, told *Metro Morning* that despite his unassuming appearance, Zito was a high-ranking organized crime leader with connections to the Calabrian Mafia. [CBC News](#)

RCMP treat Moncton woman's death as suspicious

Codiac RCMP say the body of a 30-year-old Moncton woman was discovered in a residence on King Street early Tuesday morning. RCMP are treating the woman's death as suspicious. Police were called to the residence shortly after 1 a.m. An autopsy is scheduled to be performed to determine the woman's cause of death. The investigation continues. [CBC News](#); [CTV News](#)

N.S. woman arrested after RCMP seize stolen items, dismantle grow-op

A 63-year-old woman is facing charges after the RCMP recovered a number of stolen items and dismantled a marijuana grow operation in Mahone Bay, N.S. Police searched a home on Highway 325 on Thursday. Officers seized over \$20,000 worth of stolen property, including two utility trailers, several empty beer kegs, concrete forms and lumber, from the home. Police also discovered and dismantled a grow-op and seized 25 marijuana plants. The RCMP discovered and dismantled a grow-op and seized 25 marijuana plants from a Mahone Bay home. (RCMP) "This investigation was significant in that we solved four separate theft files from the past two months," said Lunenburg RCMP District Commander S/Sgt. Jean-Guy Richard. "Police regularly locate and recover stolen property during drug investigations as it can become a form of currency in exchange for drugs." [CTV News](#); [Global News](#); [Chronicle Herald](#)

Commander Noémie comme on commande une pizza

En ce samedi matin, Martine a mis le cap sur le centre commercial Place Versailles, dans l'est de Montréal, mais pas pour aller faire des emplettes. Pour aller à la police. L'unité des enquêtes du SPVM s'y trouve. Pas mal de bandits savent ça. Tous les flics savent ça. Bien des journalistes savent ça. Mais les mères de famille de la Rive-Sud ne savent généralement pas ça...- Comment tu savais, Martine ?- Je sais pas comment je savais. Je savais que je n'allais pas juste aller porter plainte dans un poste de quartier. Mais l'unité était fermée, c'était un samedi matin, après tout. Martine a décroché le téléphone de la porte d'entrée, une voix préenregistrée a dit : « Si vous vous rapportez pour votre probation, faites le 1... » Martine a appuyé sur le 1, même si elle n'était pas une détenue fraîchement relâchée. Dring, dring. Une policière a répondu. Martine a annoncé qu'elle n'était pas en probation, mais qu'elle voulait voir un enquêteur là, tout de suite, maintenant, ça presse...- Êtes-vous en danger, madame ?- Non, non. Je viens pour ma fille.- Est-elle en danger, votre fille ? Et c'est là que Martine a craqué, qu'elle a tout lâché dans un déluge de larmes... Noémie qui tombe amoureuse d'un gars, qui déménage avec ce chum qu'elle fréquentait depuis quelques mois. Noémie qui s'habille soudainement de plus en plus sexy. Noémie qui met des photos d'elle sur Instagram, sur Facebook, des photos super sexy. Les doutes, les soupçons, les recherches, les « mais voyons donc, pas Noémie, pas nous », puis les preuves, la certitude...- Ma fille se prostitue, madame l'agente. [La Presse](#)

Legalization of Marijuana: Good drug policy

A letter to the editor states "Marijuana clone plants that are used to grow medical marijuana are displayed under a light in this Canadian Press file photo. I am writing in response to the recent article about the petition to stop the legalization of marijuana (also known as cannabis). Mitch Reid states that he is very concerned about legalization, which he believes will make things worse when it comes to addiction in our society. Cannabis is not a benign substance so Mr. Reid is right to be concerned about how it is handled. In an effort to raise awareness on this important topic, and to perhaps put Mr. Reid's mind at ease, I will share the views of a few respected organizations that are in support of legalization, starting with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). CAMH is Canada's largest mental health and addiction teaching hospital, and one of the world's leading research centres in its field (...) The organization Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), which is made up of current and former members of the law enforcement and criminal justice communities, among others, also advocates for legalization. LEAP

states that existing drug policies "have failed, and continue to fail, to effectively address the problems of drug abuse, especially the problems of juvenile drug use, the problems of addiction, and the problems of crime created by criminal control of illegal drug sales." [Canadian Press](#) (Guardian)

Auditor slams delays, arduous, outdated paperwork process for disability appeals

Canadians with terminal illnesses are waiting too long for disability pension benefits from the federal government, and those with grave conditions are being snowed under with paperwork, Canada's auditor general says. In his latest twice-annual assessment of various federal government departments, agencies and programs, Michael Ferguson's most eyebrow-raising findings came from his examination of how Ottawa parcels out Canada Pension Plan disability benefits and deals with disputed denials (...) Had Shared Services checked with the RCMP and local responders about the network upgrade, auditors said the outage could have been avoided. Ferguson also found that 20 years after vowing to assess how legislation and programs affect men and women, the federal government had made limited progress on that front. Ferguson's auditors found gender-based analyses were not always complete or consistent across departments. [Calgary herald](#); [Huffington POst](#); [CBC News](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés:

RCMP officers and local business owners in Surrey are sitting down to breakfast with the members of the public. Public safety and crime are on the menu. Some believe the time for talking has passed.

A spokesperson for the Newton Community Association, Doug Alfred doesn't think much of politicians and police officers getting together to discuss surrey's crime problem. The meeting is part of a series taking place in multiple neighbourhoods across Surrey this year. (CBC TV Vancouver, 6:30)

The RCMP investigation into the shooting of Don Dunphy by former Premier Paul Davis' RCMP security detail has been turned over to an independent body. The justice minister has called in a civilian led agency in Alberta to review how the Mounties handled the case. (City TV Edmonton, 8:20)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Minimum sentencing needs a second look

An opinion piece states, "The federal government has not decided what it plans to do about Canada's controversial approach to mandatory minimum sentences. But Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould has said this will be an important conversation. She's right. Mandatory minimum sentences violate two key elements of sentencing in Canada: individualization and proportionality. Individualization is important because offenders are individuals, not groups. Every offender is entitled to have a judge consider his own particular circumstances — not just slap on one sentence for all cases of the same crime. Proportionality — making the sentence fit the crime and the offender — is even more important. Twenty years ago, Parliament legislated the fundamental principle of sentencing: a sentence must be proportionate to the seriousness of the crime and the offender's responsibility for that offence. For a court to craft a proportionate sentence, it must consider the specific crime and the circumstances of the offender. Parliament cannot know in advance how serious a particular crime is, or how much blame should attach to this specific offender. So a mandatory sentence, or a mandatory sentence presumed to apply to all offenders, undermines proportionality in sentencing. Every time Parliament creates a new mandatory sentence, it undermines the very principle it made fundamental back in 1996." [Times Colonist](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Daughter of Anna Mae Pictou-Aquash upset with Halifax MMIW pre-inquiry meeting

The daughter of a Mi'kmaw activist who was murdered on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota in 1975 is criticizing the way the pre-inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women was organized in Halifax. Denise Maloney-Pictou, the daughter of Mi'kmaw activist Anna Mae Pictou-Aquash, wrote about her experience attending the pre-inquiry that was held at a downtown Halifax hotel January 20. She posted her note on the wall of a Facebook group dedicated to her mother's memory on January 27. Federal ministers for Indigenous and Northern Affairs and the Status of Women met with approximately 100 people in Halifax to get input on how a public inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women should be conducted. The meeting was the only one held in Atlantic Canada. In her Facebook post, Maloney-Pictou described how many family members of missing and murdered indigenous women were confused about the format of the two-day meeting. (...) Maloney-Pictou wrote that organizers should have had local facilitators as well as properly trained trauma and grief counsellors on hand to help the family members during the pre-inquiry. [Kukukwes](#)

Tk'emlúps woman gets rare opportunity to interview Prime Minister one-on-one

Nikki Fraser didn't start off with a plan to interview Justin Trudeau, but last night, Jan. 31, she met with Canada's Prime Minister for a one-on-one discussion. "It never started with did you want to meet the prime minister," she says. "It started with my story." As a Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc member who has lost an aunt and a cousin, missing and murdered indigenous women and girls is an issue that directly affects her and her family. Fraser is the Native Women's Association of Canada western youth representative and involved with the B.C. Native Women's Association. She got involved when she heard about the associations' involvement with missing indigenous women. That was the topic she discussed with the Trudeau. [InfoTel](#)

Police violence in Ontario has reached a crisis level and we should be very upset

An opinion piece states, "In 1989, the Royal Commission on the Donald Marshall Jr., Prosecution found that the criminal justice system failed Marshall "at virtually every turn" due "to the fact that Donald Marshall, Jr., is a Native. Donald Marshall Jr., was a Mi'kmaw man who spent over a decade in prison after being wrongfully convicted of murder. In 1999, The Aboriginal Justice Inquiry of Manitoba concluded that: "The justice system has failed Manitoba's Aboriginal people on a massive scale." Again in 2004, the Saskatchewan Commission on First Nations and Metis Peoples and Justice Reform noted we still have the same problem: "racism is a major obstacle to healthy relations with the First Nations and...police organizations." After the shooting death of unarmed land defender, Dudley George, the Ipperwash Inquiry concluded in 2007 that: "cultural insensitivity and racism was not restricted to a few 'bad apples' with the OPP but was more widespread." It's 2016, and we still have the same problem and it looks like police racism and violence against Indigenous peoples has spread to women and racialized minorities everywhere." [Rabble.ca](#)

Report: cyber-bullying creates a vicious cycle

A McCreary Centre Society report has found cyber-bullying creates a vicious cycle. Executive Director Anne Smith says the linkage was pretty clear. "They were ten times more likely to have bullied someone else online if they had been the victim of cyber-bullying themselves. We didn't see many young people at all who were bullying others who hadn't been the victim." Smith says the key to disrupting the cycle is education for parents and their children about online behaviour. "When we have taken these results back we have had young people not really thinking about some of the stuff they have posted and some of the stuff they have said." The report also found children who sext, had been cyber bullied, or met someone 'unsafe' online were more likely to suffer anxiety and depression. [CKNW](#)

Advocates, governments look for answers to worsening fentanyl crisis

The federal Liberal government must employ an expansive multidisciplinary response leveraging pivotal relationships with stakeholders and expediting concrete policy actions to address Canada's increasingly urgent opioid abuse situation, healthcare advocates say. Most proponents, though, acknowledge that Ottawa has limited tools at its disposal to tackle an ever-evolving challenge that transcends jurisdictional boundaries and societal cleavages, and has even evoked debate about the sorts of drugs prescribed by healthcare professionals. Despite these challenges, the Canadian Pharmacists Association is calling on the federal government to establish a national narcotic strategy in hopes that directing resources and attention will help spur broader action on the file. "We've been very vocal in the last few years. This

problem with prescription drug abuse, especially opioids, has been really gaining motivating, and we've been very vocal in addressing the risks of abuse and misuse," said Phil Emberley, the advocacy association's director of pharmacy innovation, in a phone interview with The Lobby Monitor. "We are really trying to highlight the significance of it. When we engage with stakeholders, such as the federal government, we want to be really solution-driven," he said. Abuse of prescription opioids has emerged as a major public health challenge in recent decades, with Canadians increasingly turning to the notoriously addictive pain-relievers in rates among the highest in the world, according to a 2012 article from the Canadian Medical Association Journal, which also cites concerns about the creation of medical dependent addicts. This is in reference to how many opioid abusers first encounter the drugs after being prescribed one of them by their physicians, rather than recreational experimentation. The journal article references an estimate pegging the number of Canadians currently addicted to painkillers at about 200,000. Synthetic opiate Fentanyl, specifically, has become a major concern for healthcare providers and first responders as overdose deaths linked to the powerful drug -which is occasionally mixed with other illicit drugs - surged in several Canadian jurisdictions in 2015. According to the B.C. government, fentanyl was detected in 30 per cent of the province's 465 illicit drug overdose deaths last year, up 27 per cent from 2014. [Lobby Monitor](#)

OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEES / OPÉRATION RÉFUGIÉS SYRIENS

Au-delà des égoportraits

Je me suis posé la question après ce reportage à Toronto sur les traces d'Abdul, un réfugié syrien dont ma collègue Michèle Ouimet avait raconté l'histoire à Beyrouth. En discutant avec Abdul et les familles hébergées dans le même hôtel que lui, j'ai vu ce que les images officielles et les beaux chiffres ronds ne montrent pas : des gens vulnérables qui, devant des services d'accueil débordés, peinaient à obtenir l'aide et l'information de base dont ils avaient besoin. Certains voient dans ces difficultés de nouvelles raisons de remettre en cause la politique d'accueil du gouvernement Trudeau. L'État n'a pas les moyens d'accueillir autant de réfugiés syriens, disent-ils. Ce n'est pas ma vision des choses. Je ne suis pas de ceux qui croient que 25 000 réfugiés au Canada, c'est trop. En fait, 25 000, c'est très peu. (...) Cela ne veut pas dire qu'il n'y a pas quelques ratés ici et là et des ajustements qui s'imposent. Bien accueillir des milliers de réfugiés en si peu de temps comporte son lot de défis. Tous ces égoportraits du premier ministre Trudeau avec des réfugiés syriens sont peut-être bien touchants, mais ils ne racontent qu'une partie de l'histoire. Ils ne nous disent rien sur le sous-financement des organismes qui viennent en aide aux réfugiés pris en charge par l'État. Rien sur la difficulté de trouver un logement abordable dans une grande ville comme Toronto. Rien sur le manque de soins en santé mentale pour des survivants hantés par des images d'horreur. Rien sur le vertige de celui qui se retrouve exilé dans un pays enneigé où il ne connaît personne. En fait, l'accueil des réfugiés agit comme une loupe qui nous montre à la fois le meilleur et le pire chez ce pays. [La Presse](#)

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Highlights from the federal auditor general's latest report

Key findings from the fall report of the federal auditor general. Key findings from the fall report of the federal auditor general, released Tuesday: Employment and Social Development Canada was inconsistent in making decisions on whether to grant Canada Pension Plan disability benefits, and often failed to meet guidelines for deciding more quickly in cases of terminal illness (late-stage cancer) or grave conditions (Alzheimer's, liver cancer, Parkinson's disease). (...) Goods that violate Canada's export control laws, such as stolen property, have been allowed to leave the country because the Canada Border Services Agency lacks the necessary resources _ weaknesses in export authorities, information, practices and controls _ to properly carry out its enforcement duties. (...) Shared Services Canada, established in 2012 to update, consolidate and manage the federal government's information technology infrastructure, does not adequately measure, track or report on its costs, progress or savings, or on the expectations and satisfaction levels of its department and agency partners, making it impossible to

determine whether it is actually saving taxpayer dollars. In March 2014, SSC-managed radio communications for 9,000 police officers, paramedics, firefighters and other first responders failed for a full 40 minutes, an outage that was linked to the agency's failure to establish service expectations with the RCMP; affected personnel were forced to rely on spotty cellphone service in the interim. (...) Some 20 years after gender-based analysis was first adopted, only a relative handful of federal departments and agencies use the tool to analyze how policy decisions might impact women and men differently; for those that do, the analyses are often incomplete or inconsistent. [Canadian Press](#) (Maclean's)

Shared Services Canada's Email Transformation Initiative could cost feds millions more than planned

The consolidation of the 63 government of Canada's email systems to the streamlined your.email@canada.ca format could end up costing the government millions more than budgeted for. The initial plan to implement Shared Services Canada's transformation initiative and maintain its existing services was projected to cost \$82-million to complete, but the cost from each department to migrate their email systems—more than 600,000 mailboxes in total—was not accounted for, according to the Auditor General's report on Shared Services Canada's progress. The seven departments the auditor general consulted in the course of this study—Canada Revenue Agency, Employment and Social Development Canada, Environment Canada, Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada, Industry Canada, Public Service Commission of Canada, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police—reported costs ranging from \$170,000, to \$7-million to fund the migration. According to the report, "A recent independent review in July 2014 of the ETI that was commissioned by SSC found that the unaccounted costs incurred by partners to implement the ETI could range from \$500,000 to \$5-million each." [HillTimes](#); [Globe and Mail](#)

Michael Ferguson to reveal audit of troubled Shared Services Canada

Auditor General Michael Ferguson's latest report is set to lay bare the operations of the federal government's troubled information technology services at Shared Services Canada. CBC News will carry Ferguson's news conference live starting at 11:30 a.m. ET, followed by political reaction. - ITAC posts revised report on federal contracting. Last month, Shared Services Canada revealed efforts to create a single email system for the government were put on hold indefinitely amid technical problems, characterized as hardware issues that could have jeopardized the agency's ability to keep email up and running. The email migration began just over a year ago. Twelve of the 43 organizations have moved 51,700 email accounts and 12,100 BlackBerry users to the new system. Some 375,000 email accounts in 43 of the heaviest information technology users in the government are supposed to be on the new system by September. The original deadline was last March. The billion-dollar upgrade was expected to result in better service and annual savings of \$60 million. Reports suggest morale is poor among employees of Shared Services Canada, which was created in 2011 to streamline and modernize federal IT services by finding ways to share systems and technology across departments and agencies. Instead, problems have reportedly created frustration among employees working with outdated software and compromised abilities to communicate. Other reports to be released Tuesday include: A study of whether selected departments implemented gender-based analysis to inform government decisions. An examination of whether the Canada Border Services Agency has the necessary information, practices, and controls to prevent the export of illegal goods and facilitate legitimate trade. [CBC](#)

CPP disability claims delayed by massive backlog, auditor finds

Auditor General Michael Ferguson's latest report lays bare massive delays processing Canada Pension Plan disability payments that have left some of the most vulnerable Canadians waiting years for benefits. "These are Canadian workers. These are people who have worked in the Canadian workforce and they made their contributions to the CPP, and this is one of the benefits that they expect to be there when they need it," Ferguson said Tuesday. "The department needs to treat it as a service for people and make the whole system better." In his annual fall report, the auditor general also found Shared Services Canada is also unable to demonstrate any cost savings from its much-delayed streamlining of government information technology services. [CBC](#)

Bureaucrats who secretly investigated health and safety officer must prove they have no 'anti-union animus'

Bureaucrats at Canada's labour program will have to prove they harboured no "anti-union animus" when they teamed up with Parks Canada to unlawfully investigate and discipline the health and safety officer who had issued a controversial order to arm Canada's park wardens with handguns. Robert Grundie, the health and safety officer who directed Parks Canada to arm park wardens 15 years ago, is proceeding with an unfair labour practices complaint against Employment and Social Development Canada. He alleges the department joined Parks Canada on a "witch hunt" to get him fired for colluding with the union that represents the wardens. Grundie's safety investigation and the subsequent fallout dominated 15 years of his working life. He is seeking costs and unspecified compensation for losses he faced, mental distress, continued loss of employment and an "affront to his dignity" during the seven years the government's allegations of wrongdoing hung over his head. The complaint comes on the heels of a Public Service Labour Relations and Employment Board ruling that gave the two departments a drubbing for wrongly reprimanding Grundie for doing his job in enforcing the provisions of the Canada Labour Code. Ted Jacob / Postmedia NewsMike Henderson, a warden with Parks Canada, posts notices at a trailhead leading to the area of a bear attack near Banff. The adjudicator concluded Parks Canada wanted "retribution" against Grundie for directing that park wardens be armed over the fierce objections of senior management. In the complaint, Grundie claims his union involvement partly motivated a behind-the-scenes probe into his conduct while investigating a park warden's safety complaint about the risks of the job. He said he was "intimidated, threatened, and disciplined" because he was a union member and an officer of an Alberta local, as president and vice-president. Grundie filed the two complaints when he learned the departments had done a "behind-the-scenes" probe into his conduct eight years after he delivered his final report on park warden safety. The parties agreed to set aside the unfair labour practices complaint until the main "unlawful reprisal" case was resolved. The arming of park wardens was a highly controversial issue that divided Parks Canada employees, including many wardens at the time. Management did not want wardens armed for handling law enforcement. [National Post](#); [Ottawa Citizen](#)

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Explosion rocks school building in Sweden

A "powerful explosion" rocked a school building in the Swedish town of Karlstad Tuesday and could be heard throughout the city, emergency officials said. "We are on site now and are trying to ascertain what has exploded," Ola Akesson of Karlstad's emergency services told the Expressen newspaper. There have been no reports of casualties or injuries. Akesson said the blast at the Tingvallagymnasiet school was a "powerful explosion" that could be heard in other parts of the city. Plumes of smoke could be seen rising from the site of the blast. [Fox News](#); [Express UK](#); [Breitbart](#); [RT](#)

Two injured as explosion forces plane to turn back in Somalia

Two passengers were injured in an explosion that blew a hole in the fuselage of a commercial plane taking off from the Mogadishu on Tuesday, an airline representative said. There was no immediate explanation of the explosion from the airline or Somali government officials. "Daalo airline was enroute to Djibouti but it landed shortly after it took off. A fire exploded and two passengers were slightly wounded," Mohamed Hussein, an agent for Daallo Airlines, the operator of the flight, told Reuters. [Reuters](#)

French schools cite terrorism as reason to lift smoking ban

French high schools say students should be allowed to smoke on school grounds so that they don't become terrorist targets when they gather for cigarette breaks on the street outside. French high schools say students should be allowed to smoke on school grounds so that they don't become targets for extremists when they gather for cigarette breaks on the street outside. A leading union of school administrators first made the request five days after the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris that left 130 people dead

and 350 wounded. Following a refusal by the Health Ministry, the SNPDEN union last week renewed its call for a loosening of the school smoking ban as long as France remains under a state of emergency. Around one-third of French teens between the ages of 15 and 19 smoke, according to government statistics. In its letter dated Nov. 18, the SNPDEN union said "During each recess, in more than 2,000 schools in France, dozens of youth or even hundreds at the largest establishments form static and compact groups in a predictable way for 15 to 20 minutes." [Associated Press](#) (Toronto Star)

Canada won't act in Libya until single government in place, Dion says

Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion says Canada has 'an obligation to help,' but stable government required for intervention. Canada has an obligation to help Libya, which is under threat by Islamic State fighters, but will not play a role until a single government recognized by the West is in place, Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion says. "We certainly have an obligation to help the people of Libya," he said Tuesday on the sidelines of the Rome meeting of the U.S-led coalition against Islamic State extremists. "The way to do is something we need to consider with our allies, not alone, and the first step is to have a government that will be our interlocutor." The Americans have been putting pressure on the coalition fighting the self-styled Islamic State (also known as ISIS, ISIL or Daesh) to prevent IS from forming a caliphate in oil-rich Libya, whose Mediterranean border is only an hour-long flight or less from the southern frontier of the European Union. IS has already threatened to set "Rome on fire" and was behind the terrorist attacks in Paris in November that killed 130. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry used the Rome meeting to lobby the 25 coalition countries that have a military role in fighting IS in Syria and Iraq to prevent it from gaining a "stranglehold" in Libya. "We're still not at the victory that we want to achieve, and will achieve, in either Syria or Iraq, and we have seen Daesh playing a game of metastasizing out to other countries, particularly Libya," Mr. Kerry told reporters in Rome. He added that, in Libya, "the last thing in the world you want is a false caliphate with access to billions of dollars of oil revenue." [Globe and Mail](#)

'They don't want to see it anymore'

Refugees drown off the coast of a now apathetic Europe. Five months ago, a 3-year-old Syrian boy's corpse on a Turkish beach galvanized public action for refugees. Now, strikingly similar images are generating little more than a collective shrug. It's partly about timing, circumstance and the exceptional power of last September's photos of Aylan Kurdi. But it's also because sensitivities are growing dull. Boats arrive on Europe's shores daily, or sink on the way - like the one that capsized off Turkey's coast on Saturday, killing at least 37 people including babies and other young children. Images from the latest tragedy, including the bodies of children, failed to generate the same level of shock. Fears - that refugees will stage extremist attacks or molest women - threaten to displace compassion. And Europe has yet to find the magic solution to its migrant dilemma. [National Post](#)

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MP urges feds to ease customs duty for northwestern B.C. LNG project

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important project, which has strong support from local communities and First Nations," wrote Cullen to **Goodale** who is responsible for the Canadian Border Services Agency. [Terrace Standard](#)

UN Secretary-General to visit McGill

As part of his three-day working visit to Ottawa and Montreal, the United Nations Secretary-General, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, will be on McGill's downtown campus on Friday, February 12, 2016. Ban will speak to a group of political science, law and international students from McGill and other Montreal universities. His speech will be on "Threats and Opportunities: The Power of Young People to Shape a New Future." The event will be webcast beginning at 2:30 p.m. "We are honoured that Mr. Ban has accepted our invitation to visit Canada so early in the government's mandate," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who will be meeting with Ban in Ottawa, said in a statement. Trudeau has expressed his pride in Canada's involvement in UN human-rights and peacekeeping initiatives, and his wish to "restore Canada's voice and leadership role" within the organization. [McGill](#)

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Robert Somerville, Canadian who claims he fought ISIS, says he will be deported from Australia

A Canadian who says he fought alongside Kurdish forces against ISIS in Syria tells CBC News that he will be deported from Australia, where he was detained earlier this week as he was trying to enter the country. Robert Somerville, who is originally from Sooke, B.C., is a Canadian veteran who fought in Afghanistan. He says he spent six months fighting ISIS alongside the YPG, a Syrian Kurdish militant group. Upon arrival in Australia, he said he was detained and border services questioned him. Somerville said the reason they gave him for his deportation to Canada was that he had failed to disclose a Kurdish nickname he had received. He said he was not going to fight the deportation and would likely be leaving within a few hours for the airport. [CBC News](#)

Texan caught with gun at border

A Texas man caught lying to border officers about a handgun was fined \$8,000 in Sarnia court. A Toronto lawyer representing Robert Glass, 48, of Sweetwater, Texas entered a plea to the June 18, 2015 attempt to evade Customs Act compliance. Glass was not present. On June 18 Glass entered Canada at the Blue Water Bridge for work. He told a Canada Border Services Agency officer he had no weapons, as he was not permitted to carry guns in a work vehicle. But a search of the vehicle found a 9mm handgun and two loaded ammunition magazines in a golf bag. Glass also had nine tins of chewing tobacco. [Sarnia Observer](#)

Guilty plea for hiring foreign nationals

An Edmonton woman has pleaded guilty to Immigration related charges following a five-year Canada Border Services investigation into foreign nationals working in Canada. The agency says 68 people were alleged to be working without authorization in the country between 2007 and 2010. They were in Canada as visitors or with work permits for other employers. In three cases, people from the Philippines were induced to Canada, and then not paid what was promised for their labour. Jennilyn Morris pleaded guilty to two counts under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. A sentencing hearing will be on May 16th. [CHQR News Talk 770 AM](#)

Without mandated safeguards, Canadian exporters face unbalanced border measures

The day after Canada signed the TPP (and a Leger poll found huge opposition to the agreement's IP and ISDS provisions), the shift toward consultation and study can continue in earnest. Chrystia Freeland, Canada's Minister of International Trade, used the signing to emphasize once again that signing is not the same as ratifying and that the government is committed to a robust Parliamentary and public review of the agreement. The Trouble with the TPP series continues today with another example of the lack of balance in the text. An earlier post noted how in the TPP rights holders' provision are often mandatory, while those for users are treated as optional. The lopsided approach is also evident in the border measures rules. This week I discussed the expansion of border measures provisions without court oversight, which could lead to customs officials being asked to make difficult legal assessments on whether to detain goods entering the country. Canadian law currently includes several safeguards to mitigate the risk of detention for importers and other businesses. Given the possibility that detention can be used by competitors to delay entry of legitimate goods into the country, limitations are an important part of any legislative package. [Rabble](#); [Rabble](#)

Canadian man sentenced in Syracuse for smuggling 12 people into US

A 39-year-old Canadian man has been sentenced to five years in an American federal prison for illegally smuggling 12 people across the border into the United States. The U.S. Attorney's office in Syracuse says Renaldo Reyes of Quebec was sentenced this week in federal court. He was found guilty last September of smuggling offenses after a three-day trial in Albany. [Associated Press](#) (Auburn Pub)

Edmonton woman pleads guilty to illegally employing foreign nationals

After a five-year investigation by Canada Border Services into foreign nationals working in the country, an Edmonton woman has pleaded guilty to two counts under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. Jennilyn Morris was charged in connection with close to 70 people working improperly in Canada. Between 2007 and 2010, Canada Border Services says Morris employed at least 68 foreign nationals who were not authorized to work in Canada. The foreign nationals were in Canada as visitors or with work permits for other employers. [Canadian Press](#) (Global News)

Québec sommé d'interdire la venue du blogueur Roosh V

Le gouvernement Couillard est sommé d'agir pour interdire la venue du blogueur américain Roosh V en sol québécois ce week-end. Le controversé personnage est connu pour ses propos misogynes banalisant le viol. Une pétition ayant récolté plus de 8000 signatures circule sur le Web, alors que l'une des instigatrices du mouvement pour empêcher sa venue se dit elle-même victime de menaces de mort et de viol. « Roosh V tient des propos clairement haineux envers les femmes, a dénoncé la députée péquiste d'Hochelaga-Maisonneuve, Carole Poirier, mardi. La ministre responsable de la Condition féminine doit l'empêcher d'obtenir une tribune, à Montréal ou ailleurs au Québec. C'est son devoir de lancer le message que les propos banalisant le viol ou faisant la promotion de toute autre forme de violence contre les femmes sont non seulement inacceptables, mais criminels. » Carole Poirier réagissait à l'article du Journal de Montréal, qui rapportait certains propos du blogueur américain Daryush Valizadeh. Entre autres choses, celui-ci estime que le viol doit être légalisé « si c'est fait dans une propriété privée ». Il décrit les conditions nécessaires à « une bonne scène de viol » et soutient que « le féminisme abaisse la qualité des femmes en leur permettant d'être laides et d'avoir des relations sexuelles quand bon leur semble et avec qui elles le désirent ». Dans le cadre de sa « tournée mondiale », rapportait l'article, il conseille aux hommes de choisir des femmes saoules et ayant des troubles alimentaires pour avoir des relations sexuelles. Plusieurs organismes se sont insurgés contre ces propos, faisant ainsi écho à un petit groupe de femmes qui a lancé une pétition pour demander aux services frontaliers canadiens de l'empêcher de séjour au Canada. [Le Devoir](#)

CYBER SECURITY / CYBERSÉCURITÉ

Deception technology enhances honeypots for cyber defence

Intellectual property can be as valuable as gold for some companies. And for those firms leading-edge cyber security can also be as valuable as a precious metal. Which is why Altera Corp., a California maker

of programmable logic chips used in a wide range of electronic equipment turned to a old idea — a honeypot to lure online attackers — with a new spin. [IT World Canada](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

8 deaths so far in 2016: Canada's first responder PTSD crisis

At least four paramedics and four police officers have killed themselves this year across Canada. And those are just the ones we know about. "These are the suicides that have been reported to us that we are able to confirm," says Vince Savoia, founder and executive director of The Tema Conter Memorial Trust. Toronto Police Const. Darius Garda's body was pulled from Lake Ontario Thursday, the third death of an Ontario first responder over five days. [Global News](#)

Vague de vols d'armes à feu dans la région de Moncton

Une vingtaine d'armes à feu ont été volées ces dernières semaines dans la région de Moncton signale la GRC qui invite au passage les propriétaires à faire preuve de prudence. Depuis la mi-décembre, le Service régional de Codiac de la GRC a reçu plusieurs plaintes au sujet d'introductions par effraction dans des résidences de Moncton, de Dieppe, de Riverview et de la région avoisinante. Dans plusieurs cas, des armes à feu ont été volées. Un total de 22 armes à feu ont été volées lors de ces incidents, dont dix dans une même résidence, où elles étaient entreposées de façon sécuritaire. La majorité des armes étaient des fusil de chasse, mais une reproduction de pistolet et un revolver ont aussi été volés. Dans certains cas, le ou les voleurs sont aussi partis avec des appareils électroniques, des bijoux, de l'alcool et de la nourriture. Le Service régional de Codiac rappelle aux membres du public qu'ils peuvent prendre des mesures pour diminuer la probabilité que leur résidence soit ciblée par des voleurs. [L'Acadie Nouvelle; CBC News](#)

BC RCMP on high alert after powerful drug W-18 found in Alberta

Police forces across B.C. are on alert after a drug that is 100 times more potent than fentanyl was found in Alberta. It is called W-18. Calgary Police discovered it in three of 100 fentanyl pills they recently seized. RCMP here in B.C. say they're aware and warn it's only a matter of time before the new drug shows up here. More than 450 people died of drug overdoses in B.C. in 2015. Fentanyl was responsible for just under one-third of those deaths. [Global News](#)

RCMP request thousands of DNA samples in Manitoba murder case

RCMP are asking men in a remote Manitoba First Nation to provide police with DNA samples in an effort to solve the murder of an 11-year-old girl. Teresa Robinson never returned home after leaving a birthday party in May, 2015. Her body was found days later, and the investigation has remained active ever since. In a move that police say is unprecedented in the community, this week investigators began collecting DNA samples in Garden Hill First Nation, from up to 2,000 men between the ages of 15 and 66. All DNA samples are being provided on a voluntary basis. [CTV News](#)

Canada Seized a Hells Angels Bar Over Crimes That Haven't Happened Yet

The Hells Angels want their clubhouse back, but the government of British Columbia won't fork it over because it thinks the building might be the venue for crimes — in the future. While it may sound like a very Canadian sequel of Minority Report, this precrime is an integral part of the B.C. government's civil forfeiture program. And a Vancouver judge had to side with the government on Wednesday. The B.C. Supreme Court decision was the latest installment of a nine-year "tortured history" between three chapters of the Hells Angels and the provincial government, which the judge called a series of "unending...skirmishes." It began with Operation Halo, in 2003, when the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) raided three Hells Angels clubhouses — in Vancouver, Nanaimo, and Kelowna. Halo did not lead to criminal charges, but that didn't stop the government from trying to get its hands on tens of thousands of dollars worth of biker stuff. [VICE News](#)

Surrey Mounties investigating stabbing

Mounties in Surrey are investigating after a man was stabbed overnight in front of a business. The RCMP was called at around 10 p.m. Thursday to the 8200-block of 120th Street. When they arrived, officers

found a 36-year-old man suffering from a stab wound. He was transported to hospital in stable condition with non-life threatening injuries, according to RCMP. [Vancouver Sun](#); [Surrey Now](#)

Masked suspect still at large after armed bank robbery

Codiac RCMP are still searching for the suspect after an armed robbery at a Caisse Populaire bank this morning. RCMP responded to the call around 10:45 this morning at the Caisse Populaire Acadienne on Churchill street. They say a single man armed with a handgun and wearing a ski mask entered the bank demanding money. [Global News](#); [Acadie Nouvelle](#)

4 charged in Sheshatshiu drug bust, marijuana seized

Four people from Sheshatshiu have been charged after a drug bust in the Labrador community Thursday. RCMP in Sheshatshiu used a police dog to search a home. Marijuana, cash and drug trafficking paraphernalia were found, police said in a news release Friday. [CBC News](#)

Shellbrook, Sask., RCMP arrest Manitoba man on theft charges for \$25K

A 19-year-old Manitoba man has been arrested and charged, again, with theft and possession of stolen property over \$5,000 after RCMP arrested him for the second time, near Shellbrook, Sask. He was arrested on Wednesday after police saw a pickup truck in the area towing a 20-foot snowmobile trailer, which was stolen from Brandon, Man., on Tuesday. The trailer also had a large amount of brand new heavy truck tires also stolen from a business in Brandon, according to the RCMP. The total value of the tires and the trailer is more than \$25,000. [CBC News](#); [CKRM](#)

Mailbox theft a growing concern for RCMP

Kilpatrick and Jameson. To most Nanaimo residents, it is a rural intersection west of the city, just past the B.C. Hydro substation on Jingle Pot Road, home to single-family homes on large, secluded lots. To the community's criminal underbelly, however, it is ground zero. Seven times in the past 13 months, the corner's small collection of community mailboxes has been ransacked by thieves hot for money and personal information. According to the RCMP, it is a poster child for a rash of community mailbox crime afflicting not only Nanaimo, but the entire Island and beyond. [Nanaimo News](#)

New deputy joins Delta police from RCMP

A high-ranking RCMP officer has joined the Delta Police Department. Chief Neil Dubord announced Monday that Norm Lipinski is joining the department as deputy chief beginning March 14. "It gives me great pleasure to announce that Norm Lipinski has been selected as our new deputy chief constable," said Mayor Lois Jackson, who also heads the Delta police board. Lipinski served with the Edmonton Police Service, attaining the rank of deputy chief there before accepting a position as assistant commissioner with the RCMP. He has been the district officer in the Lower Mainland and the criminal operations officer in E-Division for the last five years. "Norm is an accomplished police leader who has built a strong reputation as a credible and collaborative leader who is grounded in the philosophies of community policing and service to the public," Dubord said. [Delta Optimist](#)

Why is marijuana legal in Vancouver and not Saskatoon?

An opinion piece states "Canada is a country, right? Canadian law is supposed to apply equally, everywhere, to all of us, right? So why is marijuana openly for sale by retailers all over Vancouver and Victoria, while elsewhere in the country, people still are getting busted for a lousy joint? That's more like two different countries than one country. In Vancouver and Victoria, the retail business operates under the rubric of medical marijuana. Hardly anyone takes this medical aspect seriously. To buy a sack of weed, you need only present a prescription or facsimile thereof. It doesn't even have to be a prescription for medical marijuana. Show a prescription for anything - an antibiotic for a sinus infection, an anti-inflammatory for a sprained ankle, ointment for a rash ... anything - and they will sell you a sack of weed. You can show them an old prescription pill bottle or even a picture on your iPhone of an old pill bottle and they will sell you a sack of weed." [StarPhoenix](#)

Broadcast media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News reports the RCMP in Nova Scotia are launching an educational campaign tonight, live tweeting 9-1-1 calls. [Rough Transcript](#)

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Inquest scheduled in inmate death

An inquest will be held into the death of an inmate at a former maximum security prison in Kingston, Ont. Twenty-seven-year-old Andrew Townsend died on December 17, 2012 while in custody at Kingston Penitentiary, which closed the following year. An inquest is mandatory under the Coroners Act. Dr. Paul Dungey, the regional supervising coroner, says the inquest will examine the circumstances surrounding Townsend's death, and the jury may make recommendations aimed at preventing similar deaths. The inquest is set to begin March 3 in Napanee, Ont. and last two days. [Simcoe](#), [Kelowna Daily Courier](#), [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News)

How to adopt prison-based needle and syringe programs

A research study has concluded that prison-based needle and syringe programs (PNSPs), which provide sterile injection equipment to prisoners who inject drugs and help prevent the spread of HIV and hepatitis C virus (HCV), are indisputably feasible in Canada and should be implemented in Canadian prisons without delay. "The most significant finding was that all research participants expressed a high level of support for PNSPs," said Professor Emily van der Meulen of the Department of Criminology at Ryerson University, lead author of the study. "Research participants emphasized the need for PNSPs to be accessible, confidential and complemented by ongoing education in order to tackle HIV and HCV transmission behind bars." In Canada, the estimated HIV and HCV prevalence among federal prisoners is, respectively, 10 and 30 times higher than in the general population. A recent report outlined the findings of the two-year study, which involved unprecedented consultation with a broad array of stakeholders, including former prisoners, Canadian and international researchers, health-care providers, and representatives from HIV, indigenous, women's health, harm reduction and prisoners' rights organizations, as well as prison site visits in Switzerland. [Medical Xpress](#)

Trent University student Jessica Reid says Canada is ignoring children with incarcerated parents leads to more problems

Kelly remembers drawing pictures for her father. She recalls seeing him the orange prison jump suit. She was just four years old in 1989 when her father was sentenced to a year in behind bars for stabbing a family member. "It is really hard to understand as a kid," says the now 30-year-old who wished to remain anonymous to protect the identity of her father. (...) Trent University psychology master's student Jessica Reid says Kelly isn't alone. Ms. Reid recently received a prestigious \$17,500 national scholarship (that honours Nelson Mandela) for her research into the support of children affected by parental incarceration. She estimates that 350,000 children in Canada are affected by parental incarceration. (...) Ms Reid is the co-founder and executive director of Fostering Empowering Advocating Together (FEAT) for Children of Incarcerated Parents, the only non-profit Canadian organization dedicated to providing supportive programs that foster self-esteem and security for children when their parents go to jail. [My Kawartha](#)

Male worker at Okimaw Ohci Healing Lodge charged with sexual assault

A male worker at the Okimaw Ohci Healing Lodge in Maple Creek is facing a charge of sexual assault. The lodge houses female aboriginal offenders. The 49-year-old accused is now on leave because of the charge, according to Kim Pate, national director Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies. "The individual male staff member who is implicated is on leave at this time," Pate told CBC News. She said it is a "very good thing" that the allegation has been taken seriously by the administration. Sources tell CBC News that other inmates at the lodge are being interviewed as part of the ongoing investigation. [CBC News](#)

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COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Mentally ill in Durham remain in criminal justice system longer

The path through the criminal justice system can be long for those who are declared not criminally responsible for their actions. During a symposium designed to raise awareness of the forensic mental health system, Dr. Karen DeFreitas, medical director of the forensic program at Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences in Whitby, outlined the process as it unfolds for someone suffering from mental illness who is charged with a crime. "People who have committed some act and been charged for that, but who don't understand the court system well enough to navigate it, they would come to the hospital and we would attempt to treat them until they are fit to stand trial," she explained, noting the process is different for those who are deemed Not Criminally Responsible (NCR) for their actions. "If you're charged with an offence and you committed that offence but because of an illness that person didn't understand what they were doing or that what they were doing was wrong, they would be sent to our facility for treatment." (...) Once in the forensic system it is a long road to rehabilitation, with an individual's fate decided by the Ontario Review Board (ORB), which operates independently of the criminal system and is given great deference. Any appeal of an ORB decision goes straight to the Court of Appeal. [Durham Region](#) (2016-02-04)

OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEES / OPÉRATION RÉFUGIÉS SYRIENS

Toronto lawyer outlines security risks of Syrian refugees to U.S. lawmakers

This week a U.S. Senate committee took a closer look at Canada's plan to fast-track Syrian refugees, and whether it comes at a cost to American security. (...) Three Canadians spoke at Wednesday's senate hearing, including Guidy Mamann, a Toronto immigration lawyer who has raised some concerns about the refugee plan. "I'm pretty concerned," he said. "I think the pace at which we're going might be a bit too much, which causes unique challenges for us." (...) Mamann argued to the U.S. lawmakers that there are risks Canada was taking with accepting so many refugees so fast. One of his arguments is that it's very difficult to vet the Syrian refugees for potential security risks. "We have no Canadian personnel in Syrian who can confirm these things," he said. "The information we have access to is old and unreliable." He said many of the refugees in the world share Canadian values, and don't have opposition to role of women or gay, lesbian or transsexual people in society. He suggested refugees from the Middle East have that opposition. He also agreed there is a threat of terrorism with Syrian refugees. "When compared to other large groups of refugees, one could easily argue that this group represents a relatively higher-risk demographic. Syria is widely considered to be a major hotbed of international terror," he said. [CBC News](#)

L'accueil des réfugiés au Québec

Les attentats de Paris, le vendredi 13 novembre dernier, ont fait 150 morts et 351 blessés. (...) Aussi, comme vous le savez probablement, beaucoup de Syriens vont bientôt s'installer au Québec et plusieurs d'entre nous sont en désaccord ou craintifs face à leur venue prochaine. Plusieurs craignent que des terroristes envahissent nos terres, ils ont peur pour leur vie, leur famille et c'est compréhensible d'une certaine manière. Cependant, savent-ils que parmi les réfugiés, ces femmes, ces enfants et ces hommes sont majoritairement innocents et avant tout des victimes dans leur propre pays? Ces gens fuient la guerre, les images atroces qu'ils ont vues, les explosions dont ils ont été témoins et les souffrances qu'ils ont ressenties. Le gouvernement a déclaré qu'environ 7300 réfugiés vont être accueillis au Québec. Certains pensent que parmi ces gens, il y a de potentiels terroristes. (...) J'ai confiance que les personnes de l'immigration ne choisiront pas n'importe qui. Ils ont un rôle important à jouer dans la sélection des personnes qui peuvent entrer dans notre pays. De plus, le Canada est un pays pacifique, je ne vois pas pourquoi nous serions victimes d'un attentat. C'est probablement pour ces raisons que le Canada est ouvert à accueillir des réfugiés. [L'Étudiant Outaouais](#)

Justin Trudeau meets Big City Mayors' Caucus in Ottawa

Talks between the mayors of Canada's largest cities and federal representatives continue today in Ottawa. The group's chair, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson, and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau are holding a news conference starting at 10:30 a.m. ET. The consultations and lobbying by the Big City Mayors' Caucus (BCMC) come as Trudeau's government prepares its first budget, expected late next month. (...) Several ministers, including Finance Minister Bill Morneau, Immigration Minister John McCallum and Environment Minister Catherine McKenna, are meeting separately with the mayors later Friday to discuss issues of particular concern to their portfolios, including housing issues related to Canada's efforts to help Syrian refugees. [CBC News](#)

Some refugees turning down housing options in Ottawa, centre says

A lack of affordable housing and desires to be settled close to other refugees and mosques are complicating the search for permanent homes for incoming families, according to Carl Nicholson, executive director of the Catholic Centre for Immigrants. Only half of the more than 600 government sponsored refugees who have arrived in Ottawa since Dec. 31 have found homes. Nicholson said it's a slow process because in some cases, families are turning down the housing that's being offered. Refugees are often given two choices when it comes to their new housing arrangements, but families also have their own expectations about where they want to live. [CBC News](#)

U.S. Senate hearing once again calls on Canada to help settle an argument

It's almost a tradition now. From time to time our esteemed neighbours to the south will say they'd love to see us again, and Canada will say "Sure!" But then we get there – it's just awkward. Sometimes it feels as if the U.S. has us over to their place only when the two sides of the House are fighting, and one side, left or right, thinks Canada will back it up. It happened again this week at the U.S. Senate's Homeland Security meeting, leadingly entitled "Canada's Fast-Track Refugee Plan: Unanswered Questions and Implications for U.S. National Security." One imagines "Peril From the North: Attack of the Abominable Snow Refugees" was at least considered. Our government sensibly declined to attend this show-inquiry, choosing instead to send a letter outlining our exhaustive refugee-screening process, but needless to say our nation, as a notion, was very much present. There sat Canada, metaphorically pushing its food around the plate while arguments flew from both sides of the table, basically all of them ending with: "You're with me on this, right, Canada?" [Globe and Mail](#)

Refugees' needs expose Canada's housing crisis

An editorial by Sharad Kerur states, "Canadians are a generous people. In the late 1970s, we welcomed 50,000 Vietnamese "boat people" who were fleeing the horrific aftermath of the Vietnam War. Community groups and non-profit organizations played a key role in helping to settle these refugee families and easing their transition to a new life. More than 25 years later, Canadians want to be generous again. Last October, we elected a federal government committed to bringing 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada. But a lack of affordable housing has left hundreds of refugees stuck in hostels and hotels, delaying their opportunity to settle into Canadian life. Earlier this month, settlement agencies in Toronto, Vancouver and Ottawa asked for a break in the arrival of refugees until permanent housing could be found for the refugees who had already arrived. The shortage of affordable homes isn't just a problem for newcomers.

The urgent need of Syrian refugees shines a light on a much larger housing crisis. Across Canada, 40 per cent of renter households spend much more than they can afford on housing. Families struggle to pay rent and put food on the table. Even in a country as wealthy as ours, 235,000 people experience homelessness each year. The private sector hasn't built the homes needed by low and moderate-income Canadians. Since 2001, rental housing has accounted for only 10 per cent of annual housing starts in Canadian cities. At the same time, the few rental units that are built may not be appropriate for families. For incoming refugee families of up to 10 people, for example, finding a home that is affordable and a decent size is especially challenging. When the private market doesn't respond, it's the government's job to step in and help families find a safe and secure place to live. But over the past 25 years, the federal government has decreased funding for affordable housing by 46 per cent. The result: in Ontario alone, more than 168,000 households are on waiting lists for affordable housing. Many of these families will wait as long as 10 years." [Toronto Star](#)

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Liberal government will unveil 'holistic' new plan to fight ISIL in Syria and Iraq within days

The Liberal government will unveil its new plan for fighting the Islamic State in days. International Development Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau confirmed the pending announcement in a telephone call with reporters from London Thursday. She said Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will present the plan with her, Foreign Minister Stephane Dion and Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan. [National Post](#)

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UN secretary general to visit Ottawa as PM stresses closer ties with world body

The Prime Minister's Office says UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon will visit Ottawa and Montreal next week. He and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau are scheduled to discuss a number of topics, including climate change and the Syrian refugee crisis. The PMO says Trudeau will use the meeting to reaffirm Canada's commitment to the UN and to greater co-operation on the world stage. The meeting is another step in Trudeau's effort to reinvigorate Canada's relationship with the UN. [Canadian Press](#) (News Talk 610 CKTB)

Funeral services Saturday for Quebecers killed in Burkina Faso

Prime minister Justin Trudeau will be in Quebec City Saturday to attend the funerals of six people who were killed in terrorist attacks in Burkina Faso. A funeral service takes place at 11 a.m. for Suzanne Bernier, and in the afternoon a mass service will take place for Yves Carrier, Gladys Chamberland, Charlélie Carrier, Maude Carrier, and Louis Chabot. Trudeau was criticized for how he first handled Canada's reaction to the deaths. [CTV News](#)

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Western democracies have exploited the climate of insecurity and used a climate of fear to limit civil liberties," Edney told several hundred students. [The Province](#)

INTERNATIONAL

U.N. police base under attack in Mali's Timbuktu - United Nations

Unknown assailants attacked and withdrew inside a U.N. police base in the Malian city of Timbuktu on Friday morning, the United Nations said, while security sources said a Malian army checkpoint in the city had also come under fire. The attackers drove up to the entrance of the U.N. base in the former Hotel Palmeraie at around 6:30 a.m. (0630 GMT) and then detonated their vehicle, said Olivier Salgado, spokesman for the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Mali, MINUSMA. "An unknown number of assailants have withdrawn inside the camp. An operation is currently under way with Malian and MINUSMA forces," he said, adding that an injured police officer had been evacuated. A military source in Timbuktu said the site, near the entrance to the city, had been taken over exclusively by a Nigerian police contingent, and there were no other residents as the hotel was no longer operational. He could not say whether there were any U.N. personnel inside the site with the attackers. Salgado said it had been empty at the time of the attack, barring a few guards. [Reuters](#)

ISIS Using Migrant Crisis to Smuggle In Terrorists, Germany Says

The Islamic State is using the influx of migrants into Europe to smuggle in terrorists "camouflaged as refugees," the chief of Germany's domestic intelligence said on Friday after the arrest of a 35-year-old Algerian man. The man, who was said to have trained with the Islamic State in Syria and was suspected of planning an attack in Germany after crossing into the country at the Bavarian border at the height of the refugee inflow last fall, was detained with a woman described in media reports as his wife at a shelter for asylum applicants in North Rhine Westphalia early Thursday. The comments from Hans-Georg Maassen, the head of Germany's domestic intelligence service, reflected a concern that has been intensifying after it was revealed that several of those involved in the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris entered Europe by disguising themselves as migrants, and the raids on Thursday were part of a broader police operation intended to prevent a terrorist attack. [NY Times](#)

Germany: Suspect in attack plot registered as Syrian refugee

German police say one of four Algerian men suspected of plotting an attack in Berlin had registered in Germany as a Syrian refugee and another had contacts in Belgium. Police, who suspect the four had ties to the Islamic State group, conducted raids Thursday in Berlin and western Germany. One of the Algerians and his wife were arrested at a refugee home because they were sought by Algerian authorities for belonging to the extremist group. Berlin police said Friday the man arrived in Germany at the end of last year and sought asylum under a Syrian identity. They said they established that another of the Algerians, who wasn't arrested, had contacts with Belgium. They didn't elaborate, but the country has a strong Islamic extremist scene. [Associated Press](#) (San Francisco Chronicle)

Tonga declares Zika epidemic after 5 confirmed cases

The tiny South Pacific kingdom of Tonga said Friday it has a Zika epidemic after five people tested positive for the virus and another 265 are suspected of having it. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in addition to Tonga, the Pacific islands of American Samoa and Samoa have also reported Zika outbreaks and it is warning Pacific travellers to protect themselves from mosquitoes, which spread the virus. Tonga Health Minister Dr. Saia Piukala told The Associated Press on Friday the Zika outbreak is the island's first and it is awaiting the results of more blood tests that have been sent overseas. He said many people aren't being tested because of the cost, but are being diagnosed anyway because of their symptoms. [Associated Press](#) (Castanet)

Zika virus: Brazilian health institute discovers Zika in saliva, urine

Zika has been identified in the saliva and urine of two patients infected by the virus, a leading Brazilian health institute said on Friday, adding that further studies are needed to determine if those fluids could transmit the infection. [Reuters](#) (CBC News); [CNN](#)

Belgium to hire 1,000 more police to combat radicalism

The Belgian government has approved a plan to combat Islamic radicalism and the threat of extremist violence by hiring 1,000 new police officers over the next four years. The plan, presented Friday to reporters by Interior Minister Jan Jambon, calls for adding 300 officers this year, and more than 500 by 2017. Jambon says 300 new officers will be added in Molenbeek and other neighbourhoods with a history of radical Islamist activity. Ninety-six police investigators will be hired, and 260 TV cameras positioned to monitor movements on the highways. Earlier reports spoke of just 100 new officers being hired. [Associated Press](#) (Belfast Telegraph)

Gang armed with machine-gun shoot dead man at Dublin hotel

One man is dead and two others are in hospital after a gang of armed men opened fire at a boxing match weigh-in at a Dublin hotel this afternoon. Witnesses said three gunmen, one of whom was armed with what gardaí believe was an AK47 assault rifle, entered the Regency Hotel at around 2.30pm. They started shooting at a group of people attending a weigh-in ahead of a planned boxing event on Saturday. Gardaí believe the gunmen targeted this group. Three people were injured during the shooting, one of whom, later died from his injuries. The injured have been taken to the Mater and Beaumont hospitals. One line of inquiry being examined by gardaí is whether the shooting is linked to a growing feud between a large criminal gang in Dublin and an Irish-led crime cartel based in the south of Spain. The dead man is aged in his twenties, from west Dublin, and well-known to gardaí for involvement for organised crime. [Irish Times](#); [Associated Press](#) (U.S. News); [Dublin People](#); [The Mirror](#); [The Guardian](#)

Official say 19 killed in hotel fire in Irbil, Iraq

Nineteen people have died and several others have been injured in a fire at a hotel in Irbil, capital of the Kurdistan region of Iraq. The governor of Irbil, Nawzad Hadi, said that a large fire broke out at Hotel Capitol in Irbil at 4pm on Friday afternoon. He says that 14 of the victims have been identified as citizens of the Philippines, three were Iraqis and one was Palestinian. The cause of the fire, which started at the hotel and then spread to a nearby massage centre, is still unknown. There have been no early indications that the incident was a terrorist attack. [Associated Press](#) (Yahoo! News)

Radicalisme : La Belgique embauchera 1000 policiers de plus d'ici quatre ans

Le gouvernement belge a autorisé un plan de lutte à l'islam radical et à la violence extrémiste qui prévoit notamment l'embauche d'un millier de nouveaux policiers d'ici quatre ans. Le plan a été présenté aux journalistes vendredi par le ministre de l'Intérieur Jan Jambon. Trois cents policiers seront ajoutés dès cette année et plus de 500 d'ici la fin de 2017. M. Jambon a dit que 300 nouveaux officiers seront déployés à Molenbeek et dans d'autres quartiers où le radicalisme semble bien implanté. Près d'une centaine d'enquêteurs seront aussi embauchés et 260 caméras de surveillance installées pour filmer les autoroutes. [Associated Press](#)

French PM defends state of emergency extension, new powers

French politicians appeared split over government plans to extend emergency powers until May and to amend the constitution to strip French citizenship from those convicted of terrorism. The lower house of parliament debated the controversial plans on Friday in the wake of the deadly terror attacks in Paris that left 130 people dead in November. Under the proposals, those convicted of crimes constituting a "serious attack on the life of the nation" could be stripped of their French citizenship. Most of the attackers in the November 13 coordinated assaults held French or Belgian citizenship, and some also Moroccan nationals. [Deutsche Welle](#)

US government jet lay in wait for Snowden in Copenhagen

US government jet was lying in wait in Copenhagen to extradite the whistleblower Edward Snowden if he had come to Scandinavia after fleeing to Moscow in June 2013, the Danish government has revealed. The twin-engined Gulfstream aircraft, which had previously been used to fly Abu Hamza to the US from the UK, landed shortly before the FBI called on Scandinavian police forces to arrest Snowden and hand him over for extradition. Søren Pind, the justice minister, wrote to Danish MPs (pdf): "The purpose of the aircraft's presence in Copenhagen airport is most likely to have been to have the opportunity to transport Edward Snowden to the United States if he had been handed over from Russia or another country." This week, Pind confirmed to the Danish parliament that the aircraft had been given high-level permission to

land in Copenhagen, but said he did not know the purpose of its visit. "I must note that my answer was not adequate at this point," he wrote in the letter, dated Thursday 4 February and revealed by MPs on Friday. "Usually, information of this nature is confidential because of Denmark's relations with foreign states. In view of the impression that my earlier answer may have created, I think it proper to inform parliament thereof. The US authorities have also been informed." [Guardian](#); [China Post](#); [Europe Online Magazine](#)

Sweden, U.K. slam 'frankly ridiculous' UN claim that Julian Assange has been 'arbitrarily detained'

A United Nations human rights panel has sided with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange in his long-running battle with Swedish and British authorities, saying he should be freed immediately and compensated for the years he has lost. The U.N. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, which falls under the offices of the U.N. human rights chief, said Assange has been "arbitrarily detained" by Britain and Sweden since December 2010, when he was first sought for questioning on allegations of sexual misconduct. Ecuadorian embassy considered sneaking Julian Assange out dressed in 'fancy dress' The panel's recommendation was immediately rejected by Swedish and British officials who said Assange's legal situation is unchanged. He remains in the Embassy of Ecuador in London, where he sought refuge more than three years ago. Speaking by video link from the embassy, Assange told a news conference the finding that he has been unlawfully detained is a significant victory that completely vindicates him. He said it brought a smile to his face. His lawyers said Assange must be freed immediately and given protection from possible extradition to the United States. [National Post](#); [La Presse Canadienne \(Le Devoir\)](#); [Metroland Media \(Hamilton Spectator\)](#); [Associated Press \(Washington Post\)](#); [CBC](#)

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RCMP's portrayal of Islam in terror sting 'eyebrow-raising': Expert ow.ly/XZJqD

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

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There has been a significant drug seizure at the Canada-US border between #Alberta and #Montana. CBSA and RCMP not released details yet.

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CBSA and RCMP officers have intercepted a large quantity of drugs at the Canada - USA border. Media conference at 11 at Raymond RCMP.

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RCMP request thousands of DNA samples in Manitoba murder case: <http://bit.ly/23NBmn9>

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Manitoba grand chief defends RCMP collection of DNA from 2,000 men, boys on First Nation cbc.ca/news/canada/ma...

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Male worker at Maple Creek healing lodge for aboriginal women charged with sexual assault cbc.ca/1.3435570 #yxe

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UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon makes Canadian stops in Ottawa & Montreal next week. #cdnpoli

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Liberal government will unveil new plan to fight ISIL in Syria and Iraq within days <http://natpo.st/20LyO6v>

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Prime Minister won't confirm reports the new ISIS mission will be announced next week [#cdnpoli](#)

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Global Affairs Canada is aware of reports of attacks in Timbuktu, [#Mali](#). No reports of Canadians being affected to date 1/2

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2/2 Global Affairs Canada is gathering additional information and stands ready to provide consular assistance as required.

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[#Japan](#): [#volcano](#) alert level raised to 3 for mount [#Sakurajima](#). Follow the advice of local authorities

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Active Zika virus detected in saliva and urine, Brazilian public health institute says. <http://cnn.it/1S5cT8U>

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Brazilian health official warns pregnant women to be cautious with kissing as concern grows over the Zika virus:

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Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés :

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale responded to suggestions that his government is barely increasing funding for counterterrorism, saying last week's federal budget actually includes about a billion dollars that will help the country's police and security agencies. (CBC Radio, The Current, 9h49 ET)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Fire kills 9 at Pikangikum First Nation in Ont.: local MP

The member of Parliament for the riding that includes Pikangikum First Nation says he has been told nine people died in a house fire in the northwestern Ontario community. "We're being told nine, including three kids -- that's what I was told this morning," Robert Nault said in an interview from Ottawa. All are believed to be members of the same family, Nault said. Ontario Provincial Police Const. Diana Cole said the fire broke out shortly before midnight in the remote community near the Manitoba-Ontario border that's been plagued by suicides. [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News, Canada.com, National Post); [News 880 AM](#); [Global News](#)

L'enquête du BST se met en branle

Une équipe d'enquêteurs du Bureau de la sécurité des transports du Canada (BST) était attendue aujourd'hui aux Îles-de-la-Madeleine, à l'endroit où un avion nolisé s'est écrasé mardi, causant la mort de sept personnes, dont le chroniqueur politique Jean Lapierre. «Le BST fera une collecte d'informations et évaluera l'événement», a écrit l'organisme par communiqué. Les enquêteurs n'avaient pas pu se rendre sur place mardi, car les conditions météorologiques ne leur permettaient pas d'atterrir. D'ailleurs, tous les vols en direction et en partance des Îles-de-la-Madeleine avaient été annulés à la suite de l'écrasement. [TVA Nouvelles](#); [CTV News](#); [Radio-Canada](#) (Huffington Post); [98.5 FM](#)

Les Madelinots consternés par la tragédie qui a fauché sept vies

« Pour nous, c'est une immense tragédie. » C'est en ces mots que le maire des Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Jonathan Lapierre, a décrit ses sentiments au lendemain du drame. Mardi, il s'est rendu rapidement sur les lieux de l'écrasement. Il restera marqué par la scène. « Avec la température qu'il y avait - la brume, la neige, les forts vents et les conditions météorologiques très difficiles - et de voir l'appareil abîmé en plusieurs sections dans un champ non loin d'une maison résidentielle, c'est une scène carrément surréaliste. » se rappelle-t-il. [Radio-Canada](#)

A call for more volunteers as search continues for missing Nunavut MLA

Search and rescue teams are calling for more volunteers to assist in the ground search for Uqqummiut MLA Pauloosie Keyootak and two other missing travellers on Baffin Island. Keyootak, his 17-year-old son and another adult were expected in Pangnirtung last Wednesday, but didn't arrive. A search was triggered on Sunday morning after the territorial government was made aware that the group was missing on Saturday night. The search now includes parties from Pangnirtung, Qikiqtarjuaq and Iqaluit, as well as Canadian Forces aircraft. [CBC News](#)

Missing Roddickton man located, being airlifted for medical attention

A 71-year-old man reported missing in the Roddickton area on the Northern Peninsula has been located. The RCMP said in a news release, the man's snowmobile had been spotted earlier by a Cormorant helicopter from 9 Wing Gander. Search efforts were then concentrated in that location. The man was located near the snowmobile. He is being transported by the Cormorant for medical attention. [St. John's Telegram](#)

Missing boarder on Mount Seymour found

It took them 8 hours, but members of North Shore Rescue have found a missing snowboarder on Mount Seymour. Team leader Don Jardine says a secondary team located the man at about 3:30am Wednesday. [CKNW](#); [CBC News](#)

Fracking triggers 90% of large quakes in B.C., Alberta oil and gas patch

There's bad news and good news when it comes to fracking and earthquakes in Western Canada, according to new research from a paper co-authored by a Geological Survey of Canada scientist. The new research confirms a definitive link between hydraulic fracturing and almost every large induced earthquake recorded in B.C. and Alberta's oil and gas patches since 1985. In other words, scientists now have evidence that 90 per cent of seismic events over magnitude 3.0 that shook the region were triggered by crews fracking for oil and gas underground. But with so many fracking wells in operation, the evidence also shows only a tiny fraction of them - less than one percent - directly triggered earthquakes. Now,

scientists say, they need to determine what factors caused 39 wells to trigger quakes. [CBC News](#); [Radio-Canada](#)

P.E.I. 911 call routed to N.B. causes confusion for Wellington firefighters

An apparent communications mixup combined with howling winds conspired to ensure that there was little the volunteers could do but watch a large, detached garage in Cape Egmont burn and try to save the nearby home from the intense heat of the blaze. No one was injured and the home was not seriously damaged, but the case is unusual, said Desmond Arsenaault, president of the Wellington Volunteer Fire Department. "Unreal – I'm not even really sure how to describe this. It was a just a number of circumstances that led to this." [Telegram](#)

Environment Canada issues rainfall warning, special weather statement

Environment Canada has issued a rainfall warning for parts of the region. According to the national weather office, the rain will start Wednesday night and will continue into Thursday. The rain will be heavy at times with the total rainfall amounts of 25 to 50 mm expected. Forecasters say there is also a risk of an isolated thunderstorm late Wednesday evening or overnight. [CTV News](#); [CFRA](#)

Hikers warned to keep out of Grand River conservation areas

Parks, trails and conservation areas under the Grand River Conservation Authority will remain closed until further notice due to flooding and ice storm damage. Signs warning hikers and outdoor enthusiasts to keep out of affected areas were stapled to trees and fences on Friday after a winter storm pelted the region with between 10 to 20 mm of ice. [CBC News](#)

Yamaska river floods in Brigham, Que. following heavy rain

Backyards and farm fields were flooded in Brigham, Que. following heavy rain on Monday. The flooding occurred near Choinière Road and Decelles Street after the Yamaska River spilled its banks sometime Tuesday morning. At its worst, the flood water was a metre and a half deep. Still, in a written statement, the municipality described the situation as "minor." "Residents of this area often have more than one flood per year," wrote village spokesman Jean-François Grandmont. [CBC News](#) (2016-03-29)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News reports a house fire in the Pikangikum First Nation in northwestern Ontario has claimed the lives of 9 people. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News reports a house fire has claimed the lives of several people at the Pikangikum First Nation, 500 kilometers northwest of Thunder Bay. [Rough Transcript](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

RCMP feared Canadian al-Qaida suspect 'may commit' three terrorist offences

A court document released Wednesday in the Kevin Omar Mohamed case hints at broader police concerns about the Canadian, who was charged with terrorism after allegedly traveling to Turkey to join al-Qaida in Syria. In a sworn statement, RCMP Sgt. Adam MacIntosh wrote that he had reasonable grounds to fear the 23-year-old former engineering student arrested in Waterloo last Friday "may commit" three terrorist offences. He said police were concerned Mohamed would travel to participate in the activity of a terrorist group, advocate or promote terrorist offences and "facilitate a terrorist activity," and asked a judge to impose conditions on him for one year. The "fear of terrorism" peace bond was withdrawn by federal prosecutors on Tuesday, after Mohamed was charged with a single count of participating in the activities of a terrorist group. He also faces two charges over a hunting knife. But while the peace bond was dropped, it sheds some light on the police concerns about Mohamed. His lawyer said Mohamed had been willing to consent to the peace bond but now that he faces a terrorism charge he is being held in custody awaiting a bail hearing scheduled to begin on April 19. The case was the latest of about a dozen in which police had sought peace bonds in terrorism cases, many of them directed at ISIL supporters. The law allowing peace bonds to be issued against those police fear may commit terrorism is

controversial. ... About 180 people "with a nexus to Canada" are active in overseas terrorism - including 100 in Syria and Iraq alone, according to the director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. Another 60 have returned to Canada after engaging in terrorist activity, while 90 to 100 have not left Canada but want to, Michel Coulombe testified during a March 7 appearance before the Senate Committee on National Security and Defence. [National Post](#)

Ayanle Hassan Ali, accused in Toronto military stabbing case, to appear in court

A man charged in a double stabbing at an armed forces recruiting centre in Toronto will appear in court today. Ayanle Hassan Ali, 27, is facing nine charges, including three counts of attempted murder, for the March 14 incident. Two soldiers were injured when a man with a knife attacked them. Police say the man said afterward that Allah told him to do it. The attack took place at the Joseph Shepard Building at 4900 Yonge St., which is located just north of Sheppard Avenue in the northern part of the city. The building also houses Passport Canada and Service Canada offices. Police Chief Mark Saunders says there does not appear to be any connection to terrorist groups, but says it seems the suspect deliberately targeted military personnel. Ali's lawyer has said that the accused will be seeking bail. [CBC News](#)

Getting religion

An opinion piece by Evan Solomon states "In the age of terror, some deaths appear more equal than others. The horrific terror attacks in Paris, Brussels and the Easter attack in Lahore, Pakistan, rightly shocked the world, but just three days after Brussels, 29 people were slaughtered at a soccer match near Baghdad. It hardly registered a hashtag. Back in January, 86 people were massacred in Nigeria by Boko Haram. Do you recall a march? Do you even recall an image? What about recent attacks in Ankara or Damascus? It is tragically hard just to keep up, let alone calibrate an appropriate reaction. But a condemnation of our collective empathy deficit is cheap self-righteousness. The more important question remains: what's driving so much of this terror and what is the proper response? The questions are urgent not only because of the noxious bromides Donald Trump passes off as a coherent response to security issues, but because here in Canada, the Liberals have confirmed their intention to shutter the Office of Religious Freedom. Is that the right call? ... Conflicts of the future will have twin threats: terror, and the danger of giving in to a xenophobic response. Winning both sides will mean being unafraid to talk about religion, and engaging with religious communities. Without an office to do that, how does this become a government priority?" [Macleans](#)

Europe's crisis of competence

An opinion piece by Terry Galvin states "The jihadi mayhem that killed at least 35 people and injured more than 300 in Brussels on March 22 just might signal the moment that Europe at long last musters the resolve to get itself sorted and abolish the terrorist safe havens that have established themselves across the subcontinent, from Denmark to the Dardanelles. Putting it off any longer certainly won't do. "The world's wealthiest failed state," as it has come to be known, Belgium endured 589 days without a functioning elected government between June 2010 and December 2011, and remains a dysfunctional, linguistically divided waxworks of one federal and five regional-cultural parliaments. With two scandalously under-resourced intelligence agencies, an army of only two brigades and six battalions and a public security patchwork so fragmented that Brussels alone is patrolled by six separate police forces, Belgium is like Waziristan, except mainly Flemish and Walloon. ... While only about 130 Canadians and 250 Americans are believed to have succumbed to the Islamic State's sociopathology, Belgium has contributed 470 Islamic State fighters to the genocides under way in Syria and Iraq, all by itself." [Macleans](#)

ATTACKS IN BRUSSELS / ATTENTATS A BRUXELLES

Europe's jihadi HQ

An opinion piece states "The predominantly Muslim district of Molenbeek in Brussels is like a separate city state, spread across six square kilometres, and with a population of close to 100,000, it is nearly twice as dense as the average Brussels neighbourhood. Twenty-four hours after the recent terrorist attack in which at least 35 people were killed, the area is bustling where other parts of Brussels are deserted. Groups of young men hang around on the street and shoppers go about their business. As I

stand around talking with locals about the bombing, a car full of young men slows down and begins to shout at us angrily in Arabic. When I ask my companion, a 45-year-old Belgian-Moroccan father of two named Samir Benelcaid, what his friends are saying he shrugs irritably and says he's never met them before. "They think I shouldn't talk to the press," he says. "Because they think you are Islamophobic and will twist everything we say." It's a common sentiment in this increasingly divided country, in which roughly six per cent of the population is Muslim and youth unemployment is at a staggering 22 per cent. After the arrest of Salah Abdeslam, one of the suspected Paris attackers, on this very street earlier this month, Belgian police clashed with locals who were angry that one of their own had been apprehended. In the days since the Brussels attacks, Belgium has been widely characterized as the weak link in Europe when it comes to cracking down on terror networks. Illegal gun running is a serious issue here-the *Charlie Hebdo* attackers obtained their weapons in Brussels. And according to the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Political Violence, more Belgians have gone to fight for Islamic State than any other European country, per capita. About 470 Belgians have left to fight in Syria and Iraq." [Macleans](#)

Laptop belonging to Brussels terrorist contained file with floor plan, photographs of Belgian PM's office

A file with the floor plan and photographs of the office of the Belgian prime minister was found on a laptop computer discarded in a garbage can last week by one of the terrorists linked to the Brussels attacks, a government official said Wednesday. The computer was found during a raid on Rue Max Roos in the Schaerbeek section of Brussels several hours after the attacks on March 22. The toll from the attacks at Brussels Airport and the Maelbeek subway station was revised downward Tuesday, to 32 from 35, as the authorities finished identifying the victims. Several Belgian newspapers, including L'Écho, De Tijd and De Morgen, reported Wednesday that the information about the prime minister's office, in Rue de la Loi, the site of regular meetings by Cabinet ministers, had been found on the laptop. [Telegraph UK](#) (National Post)

Le projet d'attentat déjoué en France au coeur d'une vaste enquête européenne

Le projet d'attentat déjoué en France était mercredi au coeur d'une vaste enquête dans trois pays européens, mettant en lumière les ramifications des réseaux jihadistes après les attentats du 22 mars à Bruxelles. Dans la capitale belge, siège des institutions européennes, l'aéroport international, dont le hall des départs a été dévasté par une double attaque-suicide, est resté fermé mercredi. Une décision est attendue dans la journée sur sa réouverture très partielle, repoussée de jour en jour. Mais une reprise totale prendra « des mois », a prévenu la société gestionnaire Brussels Airport. Nouvelle illustration du difficile retour à la normale, la circulation dans le métro bruxellois également frappé par un kamikaze, censée reprendre complètement mercredi, est finalement toujours limitée: le Conseil national de sécurité a jugé que tout changement était prématuré. Les attentats, les plus meurtriers depuis 1945 en Belgique, ont fait 32 morts et 340 blessés, dont 94 toujours hospitalisés. Quarante-neuf blessés étaient encore aux soins intensifs mardi soir. Toutes les personnes décédées ont été identifiées. Parmi elles, 17 Belges mais aussi, dans cette ville cosmopolite au coeur de l'Europe, de nombreux expatriés et voyageurs de 13 nationalités différentes. L'enquête sur les attentats à Bruxelles, perpétrés par le même réseau du groupe jihadiste Etat islamique (EI) qui a tué 130 personnes le 13 novembre à Paris, se concentre toujours sur le principal suspect en fuite. La police recherche « l'homme au chapeau », repéré sur des images de vidéosurveillance à côté des deux kamikazes de l'aéroport et qui a abandonné sa valise piégée avant de prendre la fuite. Les enquêteurs disposent aussi d'un nom, ou plutôt d'un faux nom: les empreintes d'un homme connu sous la fausse identité de Naïm Al Hamed ont été retrouvées dans l'appartement de Bruxelles d'où étaient partis les assaillants de l'aéroport, et où des explosifs ont notamment été retrouvés. Les enquêteurs se demandent si ce suspect mystérieux est le troisième assaillant de l'aéroport, ou un autre fuyard. [AFP](#) (Journal de Québec, Journal de Montréal)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Canada making new promises to refugees

Canada is making new promises to refugees today at a UN conference in Geneva exploring the next steps in finding millions of Syrians safe homes. Immigration Minister John McCallum is set to make three main commitments during his address to a meeting that includes the UN secretary general, the high

commissioner for refugees and representatives of 91 other countries. Canada will not be pledging more spots for Syrians at the meeting; that commitment -- if one is made -- would come closer to this fall's announcement of the federal immigration plan for 2017. But McCallum told The Canadian Press in an interview that in the meantime, there are other things Canada wants to do. He says the Liberals will commit in Geneva to exploring ways to expand the number of refugees who could come to Canada as post-secondary students to continue their education. "We already do that, but we would like to do that more," he said from Geneva. The government is also pledging to get the private sector more engaged in the economic integration of refugees. A third pledge is to provide technical training and support to other countries in a bid to open up more spaces for the estimated 4.2 million Syrians fleeing the five-year-old civil war in that country. The UN is hoping to find over 400,000 more resettlement spots for Syrians by 2018. [Canadian Press](#) (Kingston Whig-Standard, Toronto Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun, Ottawa Sun, National Post, iPolitics)

Kevin Lacey says EI reforms can end reliance on temporary foreign workers

The Atlantic director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation says temporary foreign workers would not be needed if Ottawa reformed the Employment Insurance system. Kevin Lacey said if fish plant owners and other employers fought for changes to EI and paid workers a proper living wage, there wouldn't be a need to bring in workers from abroad. Lacey is critical of the Trudeau government for loosening restrictions on temporary foreign workers. One of the changes allows temporary foreign workers to work in fish plants for six months instead of four. He called the situation absurd. "We have areas of very, very high unemployment and yet, at the same time, we are hiring thousands of people from foreign countries to come in and temporarily work here," he said. On average, more than 32,000 people in New Brunswick collected regular Employment Insurance benefits each month in 2015, said Lacey. "We can't afford, in this [economic] climate, to not be able to take advantage of jobs that are available. Our businesses need those workers and we cannot grow our economy without those workers into the work force." (...) But Lacey challenges the notion that plants can't find local workers. He says a temporary foreign worker does not have the rights of citizens or immigrants who can decide where they want to work and for how much. "They have only one choice. They either get up in the morning and go to the job that they've been brought in to do or they go home," he said. Lacey said that makes it easier for companies to bring in temporary foreign workers than hire Canadians who may not stay at the job. But he also said the foreign workers get paid less, and suggested it's hard to get Canadians to take the jobs when foreign workers drive down the wages. "You combine that with the fact you're competing against an EI system that will pay as much or more than that," he added. [CBC News](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Canada urged to fight ISIS online

ISIS is using the internet as a weapon of war and Canada needs to fight back online, say digital security experts. "If we really want to defeat the group, if we want to weaken its ability to attract new foreign fighters to Iraq and Syria or to stop it from having lone wolf attacks carried out in the west or in Brussels or wherever, then we need to have a cyber strategy to counter it online," says Kyle Matthews, founder of the Digital Mass Atrocity Prevention Lab at Concordia University in Montreal. [Radio-Canada](#) (2016-03-29)

Apple versus FBI - it's just begun

The Justice Department has called off a high-profile legal battle with Apple after it was able to unlock an iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino shooters without the company's help. But rather than resolve the fight, this latest development is likely to motivate Apple and other companies to strengthen the security of their devices even more and force the government to keep up with any new security measures, technology executives and security analysts said. "They're in an arms race," said Matthew Blaze, a cryptography researcher and professor at the University of Pennsylvania. "The FBI is trying to find new ways in and Apple is trying to find new ways to defend against that." Apple isn't the only company that is aiming to install greater encryption around products. The FBI case appears to have intensified efforts among tech companies such as Snapchat and Facebook to employ better encryption - a trend that began after Edward Snowden's revelations of government spying in 2013 and a massive wave of cyber-hacking in recent years. [Toronto Sun](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Massive raids of contraband and drugs involve 700 cops worldwide, including a big role for Quebec police

The Sûreté du Québec announced Wednesday morning they are involved in worldwide raids targeting contraband tobacco, drug trafficking and money laundering. Arrests were being made and searches conducted in Montreal, Kahnawake and Ontario. The SQ expected to make about 60 arrests. Operation Mygale started in the fall of 2014. They said the operation is the largest to be conducted in North America. Seven hundred police are involved in the operation, which is taking place on three continents, the SQ tweeted. Media reports said those continents were North America, South America, and Europe. Opération en cours: ce projet d'enquête est le plus important réalisé à ce jour en Amérique en matière de #contrebandetabac March 30, 2016. Opération en cours visant un réseau de d'importation de tabac, de trafic de stupéfiants et blanchiment d'argent à l'échelle internationale. [National Post](#); [Radio-Canada](#); [Gazette](#); [La Presse](#); [Radio-Canada](#); [CTV](#); [Turtle Island News](#), [AFP \(Euro News\)](#), [L'Éveil](#), [Zone 911](#)

Guilty pleas scuttle hearing that risked revealing RCMP surveillance technology

Murder case outcome ends possibility of Quebec Court of Appeal hearing on controversial 'mobile device identifier'. Prosecutors resolved a Montreal mafia murder case on Wednesday with 11th-hour guilty pleas that scuttled a same-day appellate court hearing that risked revealing sensitive RCMP surveillance technology. The outcome of the case means there will be no binding Quebec Court of Appeal hearing related to a "mobile device identifier" technology that police had used to keep tabs on alleged mafia members. What the Crown refers to as "MDI" technology bears similarities to controversial devices more generally known as "IMSI catchers" that essentially impersonate cellphone towers and pull data off all phones in a given radius. Police use of such devices has never been officially acknowledged in Canada. But as The Globe reported earlier this month, the so-called RCMP "MDI" technology had been used in an investigation dubbed Project Clemenza. The technology had helped lead to the arrests of seven people after a reputed mobster was shot dead on the streets of Montreal, in 2011. In recent years, lawyers for some accused had been fighting for revelations about the technology and Crown prosecutors had been resisting claiming it fell under "police investigative techniques privilege." [Globe and Mail](#)

Human remains found in Mission

Homicide investigators were called to Mission Wednesday morning after human remains were found in the area. Mission RCMP say a person driving along a local forest service road reported seeing the remains in the evening March 29. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team and RCMP are gathering evidence at the scene and will release further information later. [Postmedia News \(Vancouver Sun\)](#)

'It's child abuse until the day my kids die'

When a Saskatoon mother learned that photos would be shown in court at the sentencing of a man who pleaded guilty to child pornography charges, she couldn't stop crying for two weeks. The woman's two sons are among the victims of Justin Gerard Gryba, a 27-year-old Saskatoon man scheduled to be in court on Thursday for sentencing on the second set of child pornography charges that arose out of a police investigation in 2011. Knowing the images of her boys exist and were surreptitiously taken by someone for his own pleasure is "unbearable," said the mother, who can't be named to protect her sons' identities. "People getting off on my kids' pictures is just the worst imaginable thought that a mother can have ... It's sick. It's just totally wrong," she said. "It's child abuse until the day my kids die." Her sons, were both preteens when they came into contact with Gryba through the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saskatoon mentoring program, one of Gryba's many volunteer roles before his criminal activities came to light. In January 2013, Gryba was sentenced to two years less a day in jail, plus three years of probation, after pleading guilty to possessing and distributing child pornography in relation to the 2011 investigation. [StarPhoenix](#)

Police warn about three scams that have cost Calgarians millions

As a variety of scams circulate in Calgary, bilking millions of dollars from unsuspecting citizens, authorities are reminding people to take the proper steps to protect their financial and personal information from fraudsters. Police say the Canada Revenue Agency scam, the employment or secret shopper scam, and the contractor scam are currently the three most common schemes in the city, and con artists are constantly tweaking the ploys to trick their victims. Anyone who has lost money in a scam should report the incident by calling the Calgary Police Service's non-emergency line at 403-266-1234. Anyone who has received a call from scammers is encouraged to report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. How the scam works: Fake job ads are posted online and those who are "hired" are sent a fraudulent cheque in the mail, with instructions to purchase office equipment, keep a percentage of the money and deposit the rest in a specific bank account. "By the time it's all done, the bank says the cheque you deposited is fraudulent and you're out the funds," said Staff Sgt. Kristie Verheul with the Calgary Police Service's economic crimes unit, adding it's possible the scam is making the rounds now due to the high number of unemployed Calgarians searching for work. How much money has been lost: According to Calgary Police Service figures, 693 people lost \$23 million in 2014. That rose to 915 victims and \$29 million lost in 2015. And so far this year, there have been 231 victims identified and more than \$6 million lost. Verheul said the same scam will sometimes use bitcoin currency instead of cheques, a tactic that is "growing exponentially." There was one victim identified who lost \$1,000 in 2014. That jumped to five victims and \$31,000 in 2015. And so far this year, there are already 11 victims identified who have been defrauded of \$46,000. [Calgary Herald](#)

Saguenay : envoi suspect au Centre de données fiscales

Les pompiers et les policiers de Saguenay se sont rendus au Centre de données fiscales de l'arrondissement de Jonquière, mercredi matin, pour un envoi suspect. C'est un employé de l'Agence de revenu du Canada qui a contacté les services d'urgence. À l'intérieur d'une enveloppe, il a trouvé une lettre contenant des menaces et des propos incohérents. Les policiers sont intervenus immédiatement, mais ils n'ont pas eu à évacuer le bâtiment. Des enquêteurs de la Sécurité publique de Saguenay sont sur place pour en apprendre davantage et tenter de retracer l'auteur de cet envoi. [Radio Canada](#)

Windsor police seize Taser and \$50,000 worth of narcotics

Windsor police seized \$50,000 worth of drugs Tuesday after pulling over the suspect in an ongoing narcotics probe. The drugs and guns unit had obtained a search warrant for a house in the 700 block of Assumption Street. Around 4:30 p.m., the tactical unit stopped a suspect who was driving a short distance from the house. They searched him and allegedly found 617 oxycodone pills, 11 fentanyl patches and \$1,310 in cash. Police said the drugs are worth about \$50,000. Officers then executed the search warrant at the house around 6:45 p.m. Police said they found a Taser. A 39-year-old Windsor man is charged with possession of oxycodone for trafficking, possession of fentanyl for trafficking and possession of a prohibited weapon. There were two more men in the house but police released them with no charges. [Windsor Star](#)

Les Taser Guns: à utiliser davantage au Québec?

L'utilisation de pistolets à impulsion électrique pourrait être utilisée davantage au Québec, selon un expert en emploi de la force de l'École nationale de police de Nicolet. Une étude sur les enquêtes indépendantes dévoilée mercredi révèle que dans 41 % des agressions ou menaces d'agression envers les policiers au Québec, les sujets sont armés d'une arme blanche ou d'un objet contondant. La distance des tirs policiers dans ces contextes est en moyenne est de 2,7 mètres pour une arme blanche et de 1,5 mètre pour un objet contondant. «L'étude est un argument pour l'utilisation des armes à impulsion électrique», dit l'expert-conseil en utilisation de la force de l'École nationale de police de Nicolet, Bruno Poulin. Il explique qu'une arme électrique, communément appelé Taser Gun, peut être utilisée quand les sujets menaçant ne sont pas en contrôle d'armes à feu. Les policiers ont plus de marge de manoeuvre avec des armes blanches ou objets contondants, c'est ce qui explique qu'ils attendent à la dernière minute pour tirer, qu'il y a peu de distance entre le sujet menaçant et l'arme à feu. L'étude révèle aussi que les tirs policiers blessent plus qu'ils ne tuent lors d'interventions policières au Québec. [Journal de Montreal](#) (Journal de Quebec)

Son of Fred Sasakamoose, former NHL player, prime suspect in fatal Sask. reserve shooting

The prime suspect in a fatal shooting on a Saskatchewan First Nation is related to well-known former

NHL hockey player Fred Sasakamoose. Sources tell CBC that 59-year-old Elgin "Chucky" Sasakamoose was the suspected shooter in the death a 56-year-old man yesterday. RCMP found Sasakamoose on the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation at approximately 5 p.m. CST, when a gunshot went off. He was taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead. Police officers said they did not fire their weapons. His father was the NHL's first aboriginal player, and played for the Chicago Blackhawks in 1953-54. [CBC News](#)

Saskatchewan shooting suspect dead after police track him down

The suspect in a fatal shooting on Tuesday in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan is dead after apparently turning his gun on himself once police tracked him down. Saskatchewan Royal Canadian Mounted Police said late on Tuesday that officers had found a 59-year-old man in the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation, an aboriginal community. A gun was fired, and the man, whom police did not name, was pronounced dead at a local hospital. Police would not confirm that the suspect had shot himself. They said, however, that the officers did not fire their guns and there was no indication of any other shooter in the area. Another police service is investigating circumstances around the suspect's death. The shooting was Saskatchewan's second in slightly more than two months, following the January killings of four people at a high school and home in remote La Loche, Saskatchewan. A 17-year-old boy faces charges in connection with those deaths. [Reuters](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés :

The SQ, Ontario provincial police working with Canadian Border Services Agency descended on 70 different locations in Quebec and Ontario, including Kahnawake and the Six Nations reserve in Ontario, armed with arrest warrants for 60 people. All of them were allegedly involved with this massive operation that saw tens of thousands of kilograms of smuggled tobacco worth \$13.5 million into Canada between 2014 and today. (CTV-Montreal, 12h16 ET)

CBC News reports on what police are calling the largest contraband tobacco raids in North American history. Raids are happening in Montreal. There are links to organized crime such as the U.S. mafia and also the Hells Angels. [Rough Transcript](#)

RDI rapporte que la Sûreté du Québec annonce le déploiement d'une très vaste opération de neutralisation de trafiquants illégaux qui auraient oeuvré à l'échelle internationale. On fait des perquisitions dans des résidences de personnes liées aux bandes de motards criminalisés et au crime organisé autochtone. [Transcription ébauche](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Christopher Falconer appeal denied after murder conviction in Amber Kirwan slaying

The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal has dismissed an appeal by Christopher Alexander Falconer. Falconer was convicted of first-degree murder on Jan. 28, 2015 in Pictou Supreme Court by a 12-member jury. He received an automatic life sentence. The appeal was filed by Falconer on the grounds that the trial judge erred in his instructions to the jury about the admissions parties tendered. Falconer appealed claiming that the agreements of the admissibility of evidence should not have been included in the agreed statement of facts. The appeal claimed this caused the jury to be inappropriately informed about the voluntariness of the appellant's statements and that the judge's failure to intervene led to the jury being confused about the admissions. In its written decision, the Court of Appeal said that no error took place and the appeal is dismissed. [Metro News](#)

Justice system examined at First Nations conference

Called the first gathering of its kind, leaders and community members from the Robinson Superior Treaty Territory have gathered to identify legal issues effecting First Nation people. One of the biggest issues is tied to mental health and addictions issues," stated Michelle Solomon, a councillor from Fort William First Nation. "We have people who have untreated mental health issues, people with untreated addictions issues and they seem to circulate through the system." "And there are barriers to the treatment system

who have legal issues that are pending before the courts." Solomon said the forum is a way to brainstorm and look for solutions for the communities and set some priorities. In 2012, the Nokiiwin board of directors in consultation with leadership identified the need in communities for assistance in accessing legal services. "The justice system is a huge apparatus and trying to navigate through that is pretty important," Chief Wilfred King of the Gull Bay First Nation. (...) King also added the high incarceration of First Nations who represent only four per cent of the population in Canada, "but our jails are full of aboriginal people." "If you look at federal prisons I think we represent 25 per cent of the population . . . we think there has to be a systemic change to the whole system in terms of First Nations people and access to justice," explained King. [Chronicle Journal](#)

No political activity for Reyat: parole board

Air India bomb-maker and former Duncan resident Inderjit Singh Reyat is prohibited from taking part in any political activities as one of various conditions of his mandatory parole, a decision maintained by the Parole Board of Canada in response to a request from Reyat's lawyer to change the condition. In the Parole Board of Canada's newly released Feb. 29 decision, spokesman G. McRae noted that "after a thorough file review and consideration of your lawyer's comments about your rights under the Charter to participate in political matters, the Board finds that your political views and your associations with others of a similar mindset were directly risk related and led to the murders of many innocent people." Reyat, who was convicted in connection with a bombing in Japan and the bombing of Air India Flight 182 which killed 331 people, was granted mandatory parole after serving two-thirds of a nine-year sentence in a parole board decision dated Jan. 14 of this year. Reyat was required to be released to serve out the remaining third of his sentence until August, 2018 at a halfway house in an undisclosed location. There were a number of conditions attached to the mandatory parole, including that Reyat not take part in any political activities and not access or possess any extremist propaganda. [Cowichan Valley Citizen](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés :

The Correctional Service of Canada says an inmate is in hospital after being assaulted at the Atlantic Institution on Monday night. The RCMP is investigating. (CKOE-FM Moncton, 12h01)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Somali-Canadian's death sparks call to end gun violence, solve cases

At the end of his latest video, rapper and poet Cannon2x hauntingly calls out the names of Somali-Canadians killed by gun violence over the past decade. "This poem is for Abdi Yusef, Omar, it's for Nooredin, it's for Sharmarke and Natasha" But a week after posting the video, the Ottawa-based Somali-Canadian poet is mourning another childhood friend. Family members have identified 30-year-old Amin Mohammed Abdullahi, known to friends as Hamza Tyme, as the man who died in Edmonton after a shooting outside a Whyte Avenue nightclub last Sunday. (...) "There's a crisis, a state of emergency right now," said Cannon2x, a core member of an Ontario-based campaign called Canadian-Somali Youth Matters (CSYM). "We have to recognize it as that, and I think that's the first step." Indeed, as shock, grief and outrage ripple through Somali Canadian communities in Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto and Ottawa where Abdullahi grew up, those feelings are also fuelling growing calls to tackle gun violence and solve outstanding homicide cases. "More than 100 have died! "It's estimated since 2005, more than 100 have died," said Sadiq Alihashii, CSYM organizing committee chair. "And what's so tragic is some of these cases are not resolved yet. It's concerning to us as citizens of this country." Earlier this month, Edmonton police renewed rewards for information about 11 unsolved homicides. Most of the victims are from the Somali-Canadian community. [CBC News](#)

Panel working to spread awareness of cyber abuse

Two mothers who lost their young daughters to suicide made it clear cyber bullying should actually be called cyber abuse during a panel discussion at Laurier Brantford. Assistant professor of youth and child studies and psychology Danielle Law brought the panel together to discuss the issue in front of her students last Wednesday. The panel included Brook Gardner of Woodview Mental Health and Autism

Services, youth representative Dylan Stewart, youth probation officer Frank Casale, social worker Marc Laferriere, mother Janie Jamieson of Six Nations and mother Carol Todd of British Columbia. Todd has been touring the world speaking about how her 15-year-old daughter Amanda was continually abused, bullied and hounded online for flashing her chest on a web camera. Amanda took her life after suffering many months of abuse. Jamieson's 13-year-old daughter Jewel Monture committed suicide after dealing with constant ridicule and shaming for being a successful performer. "We really need to work hard to bring awareness to how we should speak to children about bullying and what we can do to help," Law said. Todd said she has learned cyber abuse is a problem all around the world that doesn't change from country to country. "Kids tell me they don't want to be talked at," she said. "They want to be talked with." Todd said she has often found, more in Canada than the U.S., that some schools have turned her down as a guest speaker because the topic of suicide is such a big part of her story. [Brant News](#)

NATIONAL INQUIRY INTO MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS / ENQUÊTE NATIONALE SUR LES FEMMES ET LES FILLES AUTOCHTONES DISPARUES ET ASSASSINÉES

Pink Feather Society supports MMIW survivors

The Pink Feather Society would like to congratulate Wonda Jamieson for being the recipient of the first Pink Feather Society's Bursary. Jamieson was given the \$1,000 bursary on Mar. 29, along with a Pink Feather Society pin. The bursary is given to a survivor of a murdered or missing Indigenous woman who is currently seeking to further their education. The Pink Feather Society was created by students in the Social Service Worker program at Six Nations Polytechnic and students in the Honours Bachelor of Social Work program at Wilfrid Laurier University Brantford. Their mission is to help the children of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW) with post-secondary educational support. [Two Row Times](#)

REGULATION OF MARIJUANA / RÉGLEMENTATION DE LA MARIJUANA

1st Medical Marijuana Clinic in Calgary Nears its One Year Anniversary

420 Clinic, the first marijuana clinic in Calgary, is about to celebrate its first anniversary in just a few days. In an interview with the media, the company, through its spokesperson Thomas Wells, took the opportunity to talk about the clinic's products and services and what the future holds. "As we approach our first year anniversary, all we can say is we're thankful for the support we have received," Wells says. "We understand and are aware of the need for medical marijuana services in Calgary, and that's the reason we opened up shop, so to speak." The anecdotal evidence for the medical benefits of marijuana is voluminous, but now the same thing can be said for the scientific and medical data in support of it. In countries around the world, medical marijuana is being accepted in the mainstream. However, before 420 Clinic, there were no marijuana clinics in Calgary, but the company took a major decision to open one. [Digital Journal](#)

Medical Marijuana Plant Opens

A seven acre medical marijuana growing site in Tiverton is getting down to the business of growing marijuana after three-years of development. Advanced Medical Marijuana Canada or AMMCan, a division of Supreme Pharmaceuticals, showed off their facilities in the Bruce Energy Centre to a group of dignitaries and media. The President and CEO of Supreme, John Fowler says before the week is out, they'll start growing 10 varieties of medical marijuana. The growing process needs to be approved by the federal government as well before they get their licence to actually sell the product. [Bayshore News Centre](#)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

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Nuclear terrorism threat will be focus of summit drawing Trudeau, world leaders to Washington

The world has yet to experience an act of nuclear terrorism. High-level discussions this week in Washington will resolve to keep things that way as fresh attacks in Brussels loom over the talks. Leaders from more than 50 countries, including Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, meet Thursday and Friday in the U.S. capital for the fourth and final Nuclear Security Summit, a conference dedicated to ensuring the most devastating weapons remain out of the reach of would-be attackers. The summit, an initiative led by U.S. President Barack Obama, confronts the growing menace of ISIS and how best to address nuclear smuggling and transnational intelligence-sharing. It will take place against an alarming backdrop. Security analysts fear that ISIS has been seeking radioactive material to build a "dirty bomb," noting that iridium capsules were stolen from a storage facility in Basra, Iraq, in February. At least four groups, including Al-Qaeda and the Japanese doomsday cult Aum Shinyriko, have for years harboured nuclear ambitions, according to reports. And just days after the massacre that killed 130 people in Paris last November, Belgian authorities made an eye-opening find: Evidence of spying on a top nuclear official in Belgium by a suspected Islamic State conspirator. "What we know is that an ISIS associate had this footage seized from a videotape showing the comings and goings of a nuclear scientist and his family," said Carl Robichaud, an expert in strengthening nuclear security with the Carnegie Corporation of New York. "That suggests that there was an interest in nuclear and radiological material." [CBC News](#)

John McCallum touts education, integration at UN refugee conference

Canada is making new promises to refugees today at a UN conference in Geneva exploring the next steps in finding millions of Syrians safe homes. Immigration Minister John McCallum made three main commitments at a meeting that includes the UN secretary general, the high commissioner for refugees and representatives of 91 other countries. Canada will not be pledging more spots for Syrians at the meeting; that commitment — if one is made — would come closer to this fall's announcement of the federal immigration plan for 2017. [CBC News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Maclean's, National Post, iPolitics)

A look at Syrian refugee resettlement by the numbers

The United Nations is seeking to find permanent homes in other countries for about 480,000 Syrian refugees in the next two years. At a high-level ministerial conference in Geneva on Wednesday, some countries did pledge new spots but most didn't. The meeting was the first of several planned for this year to address new solutions to the Syrian refugee crisis and future pledges are expected. Europe is currently striving to halt the unchecked flow of migrants across the Mediterranean through the continent's porous borders and the UN hopes that direct humanitarian admission and other legal immigration programs targeting Syrians could help address that issue. A total of 179,147 places have been made available since 2013. [Canadian Press](#) (Winnipeg Free Press)

Safety versus privacy

When the FBI in the United States went to court last month to force Apple Inc. to help it break into the iPhone of San Bernardino terrorist, Syed Farook, it touched off an important debate: Is it possible to have both safety and privacy? The American Founding Father, Benjamin Franklin, once wrote, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." That pretty much sums up my opinion. If hacking into terrorists' phones opens all of us to hacking by criminals or surveillance by the government, then even if it saves lives the vulnerability of our privacy and personal data just isn't worth it. Surely, though, there must be a third way, I thought? [Postmedia Network](#) (Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun, Winnipeg Sun)

INTERNATIONAL

Hollande Abandons Plan To Strip Convicted Terrorists Of French Citizenship

French President Francois Hollande is abandoning a proposed constitutional amendment that would have allowed the government to strip convicted terrorists of their French citizenship. "A compromise appears

out of reach on the stripping of terrorists' nationality," Hollande told reporters, according to AFP. "I also note that a section of the opposition is hostile to any constitutional revision. I deeply regret this attitude." NPR's Eleanor Beardsley told our Newscast unit that the proposal also would have enshrined the state of emergency in France's constitution. A state of emergency has been in effect since the November terrorist attacks in Paris, and was extended to May 26. The measure has sharply divided France since it was proposed three days after the November attacks. It seems to have provoked soul-searching about the nature of citizenship and the protections that entails, while also underscoring the challenges authorities face in the wake of increasingly sophisticated militant attacks. [WAMU 88.5](#)

Reda Kriket, suspect dans un projet d'attentat avorté en France, est mis en examen

Ces sources ont précisé que Reda Kriket a été mis en examen pour association de malfaiteurs, en lien avec une entreprise terroriste criminelle. Cet homme de 34 ans, soupçonné d'appartenir à un réseau djihadiste, avait été arrêté en banlieue parisienne jeudi dernier. Reda Kriket est le principal suspect dans une affaire d'attentat que les autorités françaises sont parvenues à déjouer. Lors de son arrestation, le ministre français de l'Intérieur, Bernard Cazeneuve, avait parlé de la mise « en échec [d']un projet d'attentat en France conduit à un stade avancé ». Une perquisition effectuée dans l'appartement du suspect avait permis la découverte d'armes et d'explosifs. Reda Kriket est en garde à vue depuis son arrestation. [Radio Canada](#)

German train operator introduced women-only carriages in aftermath of mass sexual assaults

A German train operator has decided to introduce a women-only carriage in the aftermath of mass sexual assaults blamed on migrants from the Middle East and North Africa. Mitteldeutsche Regiobahn will reserve a carriage for female passengers on the Leipzig to Chemnitz line, positioned beside the train conductor for maximum safety. Boys aged 10 and under will also be admitted. Germany accepted more than one million migrants last year and their arrival has coincided with a series of sexual assaults. In Cologne, a crowd of about 1,000 men described as being "of North African or Arab appearance" massed around the railway station on New Year's Eve, with roving gangs allegedly attacking at least 200 women. Markus Boehm / Associated Press In this Dec. 31, 2015 picture, persons gather at the Cologne, Germany, main station. In Leipzig in eastern Germany - where the women-only service will begin - the city's mayor warned in January of "terror on the streets" after far-Right thugs protested against migrants by looting shops and burning cars. Last week saw the first sexual assault charge arising from the Cologne violence. A 26-year-old Algerian was accused of groping a woman while he and about 10 other men surrounded her. However, a spokesman for Mitteldeutsche Regiobahn said the decision to reserve a carriage for women was prompted solely by "passengers who want more privacy." The company added: "It has nothing to do with sexual harassment." The introduction of the carriages has sparked debate on German social media, with women giving examples on Twitter of when they have felt harassed on trains. [National Post](#)

Cyprus court orders Egyptian hijack suspect held for 8 days

A Cypriot court on Wednesday ordered an Egyptian man to be detained for eight days after authorities said he admitted hijacking a domestic EgyptAir flight and diverting it to the Mediterranean island by threatening to blow it up with a fake explosives belt. Cyprus police prosecutor Andreas Lambrianou said the suspect, whom authorities had identified as 59-year-old Seif Eddin Mustafa, faces preliminary charges including hijacking, illegal possession of explosives, kidnapping and threats to commit violence. The allegation regarding explosives could be dropped if the liquid found with Mustafa is not explosive material. Judge Maria Loizou said she found the police request for the maximum eight-day detention necessary because of fears the suspect might flee and the fact that he admitted to the hijacking in a voluntary statement to police. Egypt's General Prosecutor Nabil Sadek, meanwhile, has officially asked Cyprus to extradite Mustafa in order to start an investigation, his office said. Tuesday's hijacking, which started when authorities said Mustafa claimed to have explosives and forced a flight from Alexandria to Cairo to land in Cyprus, ended peacefully about six hours later. Most of the 72 passengers and crew aboard the Airbus A320 were released soon after the plane landed, although a handful were held for longer. All were let go before Mustafa surrendered. [Hamilton Spectator](#)

Suspect in foiled attack on Paris charged with terrorism

The main suspect in a foiled French attack plot was charged Wednesday with membership of a terrorist

group, sources close to the investigation said. French national Reda Kriket, 34, was arrested near Paris last week and found to have assault rifles and homemade explosives at his home. His arrest came just four months after the jihadist carnage that claimed 130 lives in Paris, and investigators said another major attack had been in an "advanced stage" of planning. [Agence France-Presse](#) (France 24)

Car blast in Russia's Dagestan kills policeman after IS claims earlier attack

One policeman was killed and another injured when a car exploded at a checkpoint in Russia's volatile region of Dagestan Wednesday, local police said, hours after another officer died in a bombing claimed by Islamic State jihadists. "As police were trying to stop a car, the driver drove past and the car exploded," local police spokeswoman Fatina Ubaydatova told AFP. "As a result one policeman was killed and one was injured, according to preliminary information." Ubaydatova said the identity and fate of the people in the vehicle remained unknown. [Agence-France Presse](#) (Yahoo! News)

Obama commutes sentences of 61 federal prisoners

President Barack Obama on Wednesday commuted the sentences of 61 federal prisoners, more than a third of whom were serving life sentences, bringing his total commutations to 248 individuals, the White House said. "Throughout the remainder of his time in office, the president is committed to continuing to issue more grants of clemency as well as to strengthening rehabilitation programs," White House Counsel Neil Eggleston said in a blog post. [Reuters](#)

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Public Safety Canada

Min. Goodale delivers opening remarks at the first Indigenous Public Safety and Policy Forum. [#IPSPF](#) [#AFN](#)

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Honoured to hear Minister Goodale at the AFN Indigenous Public Safety Forum. Important work and happy to partner.

Meaghan Willis

[@RalphGoodale](#) says the government will fund the long awaited National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. [#sask](#) [#yqr](#)

Meaghan Willis

Minister of Public Safety [@RalphGoodale](#) says the federal government values Indigenous people, reflected in budget.

Meaghan Willis

Minister of Public Safety Ralph Goodale & Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde will both speak at today's event. [#yqr](#)

RalphGoodale

Forum nat. à Régina auj. sur les enjeux de sécurité publique autochtone-content d'y assister & travailler ensemble

Ralph Goodale

National forum on Indigenous Public Safety issues in Regina today - happy to attend, listen + work together.

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Ralph Goodale

Attristé par le décès de Jean Lapierre. Un grand ami et collègue – une énorme perte pour le Québec et tout le Canada.

Ralph Goodale

Saddened at the death of Jean Lapierre. A great friend and colleague – an enormous loss for Québec and all of Canada.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Kathleen Wynne

My thoughts are with the First Nations community of #Pikangikum and those who lost loved ones in last night's devastating house fire.

Postmedia News

Fire engulfs house on remote First Nation in Ontario, killing nine people, including three children <http://ow.ly/3d0hSS>

CTV News

Fatal house fire kills nine people in Pikangikum First Nation in Ont. <http://ow.ly/105Msz>

Global News

UPDATE: Nine people, including 3 children, dead after fire in Northern Ontario community of Pikangikum gln.ca/K1mODT

CBCAlerts

More details: Fire was at 3-bedroom house, all victims related, according to Chief Dean Owen. Story will be updated: cbc.ca/1.3512105

Pascal Poinlane

#ilesdelamadeleine enquêteurs du @BSTCanada viennent d'atterrir #rcqc

Radio-Canada

Ecrasement aux Îles-de-la-Madeleine : les enquêteurs de la SQ arrivés sur les lieux <http://bit.ly/1Smu6pl>

Globe and Mail

Study confirms link between fracking, earthquakes in Western Canada <http://trib.al/jwDs7BT> From @GlobeBC

Motherboard

Even fracking fans wonder why the feds would allow drilling under this lake <http://bit.ly/1pXmIKK>

HuffPost

Yes, fracking caused Canadian earthquakes: study <http://huff.to/1PETfTi> via @huffpostalberta

TranBC

Avalanche control today. #BHwy1 to be closed 43-52km east of #Revelstoke 1-2 pm bit.ly/1RKVEEg

The Province

Avalanche Canada issues special avalanche warning for all of Western Canada <http://bit.ly/1RJeLLQ>

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

National Post

RCMP feared Canadian al-Qaida suspect 'may commit' three terrorist offences: document natpo.st/1ZKPgTU

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

CBC Saskatchewan

ICYMI: 36 criminals stopped at Sask.-U.S. border in February <http://www.cbc.ca/1.3510726> #yqr #sask #crime

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Get Cyber Safe

Our Twitter chat in French [#EntrepriseCybersecuritaire](https://twitter.com/EntrepriseCybersecuritaire) is tomorrow at 7pm EDT Join us 4 tips on protecting your biz!

Pensez cybersécurité

Notre discussion sur Twitter au sujet [#EntrepriseCybersecuritaire](https://twitter.com/EntrepriseCybersecuritaire) aura lieu demain à 19h (HAE).

Public Safety Canada

"We're at a turning point in our [#cybersecurity](https://twitter.com/cybersecurity) efforts where we can revolutionize our approach"- Colleen Merchant

Public Safety Canada

Our Nat'l Cyber Security Directorate DG Colleen Merchant is speaking abt [#cybersecurity](https://twitter.com/cybersecurity) @uOttawa's "Canada in Global Affairs" conference

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Radio-Canada

La SQ confirme avoir arrêté 60 individus liés aux motards et au crime organisé autochtone <http://ici.radio-canada.ca/breve/50447/sq-confirme-arrestation-60-individus...>

620 CKRM

UPDATE: RCMP confirm suspect dead in Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation shooting [#SK](https://twitter.com/SK) [#yqr](https://twitter.com/yqr) [#yxe](https://twitter.com/yxe) <http://bit.ly/1SwwBba>

CBC Saskatchewan

ICYMI: Shootings on Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation leave 2 men dead <http://www.cbc.ca/1.3510890> #Ahtahkakoop #yqr #sask #crime

RCMP Saskatchewan

Thank you to the public for staying away from the area so RCMP members could conduct their work safely. [#Ahtahkakoop](https://twitter.com/Ahtahkakoop) ^mm

globalnews

Quebec, U.S. police, RCMP bust drug, illegal tobacco ring with ties to bikers, reserves glnb.ca/MWw2LF

CBCAlerts

700 Que. police involved in raids targeting illegal tobacco networks across 3 continents; Arrests in Ont., Kahnawake cbc.ca/1.3511876

TVA Nouvelles

L'opération de la SQ baptisée Mygale vise les motards et le crime organisé autochtone. bit.ly/1RldrPx

The Province

IHIT called out after body found in Mission bit.ly/1RjhzPu

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

AFN Updates

Some guest speakers at today's [#Indigenous](https://twitter.com/Indigenous) PublicSafety&Policing Forum in [#Regina](https://twitter.com/Regina) Watch LIVE livestream.com/afn/policingfo... pic.twitter.com/OIEr0FmCsQ

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#AFN NC @perrybellegarde addressing #Indigenous PublicSafety&Policing Forum in #Regina Watch LIVE now livestream.com/afn/policingfo...

AFN Updates

@perrybellegarde "Safety&security for our ppl means we must #CloseTheGap" #Indigenous PublicSafety&PolicingForum pic.twitter.com/YewtSoaLHX

Meaghan Willis

AFN National Chief @perrybellegarde hopes this meeting will help in making communities safe. #yqr #sask

AFN

For more info on #Indigenous PublicSafety&PolicingForum on now in #Regina pls visit <http://www.afn.ca/en/indigenous-public-safety-and-policing-forum-15...> #MMIW #pledgeendviolence

AFN

Former #AFN Reg Chief Cameron Alexis speaks to 20 yrs with #RCMP #AFN #Indigenous PublicSafety&PolicingForum

AFN

#FSIN Vice Chief Dutch Lerat: "We know the problems,we need solutions" #AFN #Indigenous PublicSafety&PolicingForum

AFN

@MNC tweets Muriel Stanley Venne: "Now is the time to act. Things are in place for change" #AFN #Indigenous PublicSafety&PolicingForum

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CheyenneFineDay on need for youthparticipation in creating safe communities #Indigenous PublicSafety&PolicingForum

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Former #AFN Reg Chief Cameron Alexis speaks to 20 yrs with #RCMP #AFN #Indigenous PublicSafety&PolicingForum

AFN

ChargingBearDrumGroup opens #AFN #Indigenous PublicSafety&PolicingForum LIVE webcast <http://livestream.com/afn/policingforum...> #Regina

Meaghan Willis

Traditional drums at the Indigenous Public Safety and Policing Forum put on by the Assembly of First Nations. #yqr

Public Safety Canada

In Regina: Charging Bear Drum opens the Indigenous Public Safety and Policy Forum #IPSPF

Sécurité publique

À Regina: Le Charging Bear Drum ouvre la cérémonie du Forum sécurité publique et services police autochtones #IPSPF

Sécurité publique

Regardez en direct maintenant: Forum sur la sécurité publique et les services de police autochtones #IPSPF

Public Safety Canada

Watch live now: Indigenous Public Safety & Policy Forum. #IPSPF

AFN

Watch LIVE webcast of #AFN #Indigenous Public Safety & Policing Forum <http://livestream.com/afn/policingforum...> from #Regina now #MMIW #pledgeendviolence

Sécurité publique

Aujourd'hui à Regina: forum sur initiatives/enjeux autochtones liés aux services police/correctionnels
[#IPSPF #APN](http://ow.ly/105hGU)

Public Safety Canada

In Regina today: a forum on Indigenous initiatives and issues related to policing and corrections. [#IPSPF #AFN](http://ow.ly/105hvM)

NATIONAL INQUIRY INTO MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS / ENQUÊTE NATIONALE SUR LES FEMMES ET LES FILLES AUTOCHTONES DISPARUES ET ASSASSINÉES

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Read summaries of what we heard at [#MMIW](#) inquiry design meetings, including Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton & Calgary: <http://ow.ly/102PWX>

REGULATION OF MARIJUANA / RÉGLEMENTATION DE LA MARIJUANA

Georgia Straight

City gives [#marijuana](#) dispensaries new deadline to come onsite or close their doors ow.ly/104m9X [#vanpoli](#)

OTHER / AUTRES

CBC Politics

Canada's Syrian refugee effort hailed at Geneva talks but no new number yet [#cdnpoli](http://www.cbc.ca/1.3511948)

National Post

Immigration minister to pledge Canada will expand and export Liberal refugee programs at UN
<http://natpo.st/1ZKIHAV>

ipoliticsca

McCallum pledges Canada will expand and help export refugee programs | iPolitics ift.tt/1q2d0a5

INTERNATIONAL

AFP

[#BREAKING](#) Main suspect charged in foiled France attack plot: investigation source

AFP news agency

[#UPDATE](#) Car blast in Russia's Dagestan kills policeman after IS claims earlier attack <http://u.afp.com/ZXdG>

National Post

Laptop belonging to Brussels terrorist contained file with floor plan, photographs of Belgian PM's office
<http://natpo.st/1ROEV9k>

globeandmail

Why Belgium is ground zero for jihadi terrorism trib.al/9vGPcCs [@GlobeDebate](#)

Reuters

Exclusive: Most Americans support torture against terror suspects according to poll: reut.rs/1V4dlnD

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Public Safety, RCMP saying little about WhatsApp encryption

The Liberal government and the RCMP are saying little about whether they are concerned by the move by social messenger WhatsApp to encrypt its full spectrum of communication services, and how they think that will affect the ability of Canadian security agencies to monitor plots. WhatsApp, which has roughly one billion users around the world, announced Tuesday it is switching on end-to-end encryption for every single text, photo, video, phone call and file its users send. The company had partially encrypted its services in 2014 but the move towards full spectrum encryption is being touted as a major step forward for those who argue that only the person who sent the message and the intended recipient should be able to read it, and that law enforcement officials should not be able to access communications through so-called back door channels. **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale's** office did not comment specifically

on the issue, instead emailing the same statement it released when the FBI asked Apple to unlock the iPhone of one of the San Bernardino shooters. [iPolitics](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Search underway in western Labrador for missing snowmobiler

A ground search is underway in western Labrador for an overdue snowmobiler. The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary issued a news release Wednesday, saying Edward Power, 39, failed to return from a trip to the Shabogamo area Tuesday evening. Police and the Labrador West Ground Search and Rescue team are involved in the search. [CBC News](#)

Warm spring forecast not good news for N.W.T. firefighters

Environment Canada is predicting a warmer-than-average spring for the Northwest Territories, and that coming on the heels of a warm winter could mean yet another bad fire season this summer - the territory's third in a row. Senior Climatologist David Phillips says the territory is coming off a warm winter thanks to El Niño, and moisture levels in the soil are low. "Our models are suggesting across the Northwest Territories, for the last part of April and into May and then following it, we look like warmer-than-normal conditions. Which is probably not good news for forest firefighters," he said. [CBC News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

EU-Canada deal to share air travelers' data raises privacy fears

An agreement between the European Union and Canada to share airline passenger data that they say is key to fighting terrorism drew tough scrutiny at an EU court hearing on Tuesday because of privacy concerns. The dispute over the retention and sharing of passenger name records (PNR) has become a shibboleth in Brussels for the debate over balancing people's privacy with the need to protect against terrorism. The agreement with Canada foresees the retention and sharing with Canadian authorities of airline passenger data by carriers operating flights between the EU and Canada. The Luxembourg-based Court of Justice of the European Union (ECJ) heard arguments for and against the agreement at a six-hour proceeding. "We ... know that these crimes do not respect borders," said D. Fennelly, a lawyer for Ireland. "The European Union cannot and should not act in splendid isolation. "Islamist militant attacks in Paris last year and last month's attacks in Brussels have stoked calls for law enforcement agencies to have easier access to people's data. Ireland, France, Britain, Spain and Estonia, who intervened in the case, emphasized that PNR do not allow investigators to paint a detailed picture of someone's private life. But the European Parliament and privacy advocates cast doubt on that assertion. [Business News Network](#) (Reuters Canada)

Montreal teen gets three-year sentence for terror-related offences

A Montreal teen convicted on two terrorism-related charges has been handed a three-year sentence. He was found guilty in December on two charges: committing a robbery in association with a terror organization and planning to leave Canada to participate in the activities of a terrorist group abroad – the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Despite some concerns, youth court Judge Dominique Wilhelmy agreed to a joint suggestion of 24 months of supervised detention, comprised of 16 months behind bars and eight months in the community. That is to be followed by 12 months probation. The case stems from an October 2014 convenience store robbery linked to the accused's plan to go to Syria to take part in the conflict there. Reports filed by experts suggest the teen, who cannot be named, has made strides to break free of radical thought. His father told the court his son has changed a lot in the past year. [Globe and Mail](#); [CBC News](#); [CTV News](#); [Journal de Montreal](#)

The danger of preventive counter-terrorism powers

Kevin Omar Mohamed was arrested as a terrorist last month — but not, as one might expect, for an act of terrorism already committed. Instead, the arrest was initially described by police as “preventive,” based on a “fear” that Mohamed might engage in terrorism abroad; according to the police's own statement, “there was no indication of any plans for a domestic attack.” Even before being charged with any terrorism

offence (as he eventually was), Mohamed was publicly branded a terrorist. His name and his face were broadcast on prime-time news as a "terror arrest," all on the strength of a "fear." In the Kafkaesque world of preventive counter-terrorism, one can be treated like a criminal without actually being accused of any crime. Canadian law criminalizes a sweeping range of actions as terrorism offences, including preliminary steps only remotely connected to actual violence. But even those who have not been charged with any crime may be arrested and detained, their freedom abrogated not for what they have done in the past but for what the state thinks they might do in the future. Canada's already-problematic regime of preventive arrest and detention was exacerbated by Bill C-51, the Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015. Bill C-51 more than doubled the maximum time permitted for preventive detention (from three days to seven), while lowering the threshold for preventive arrest. Individuals may now be arrested if police believe that a terrorist activity may (not will) be carried out, and that arrest is likely (not necessary) to prevent it. [Daily News](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Canada Border Services agent arrested for sexual assault, extortion

A Canadian border agent arrested in Montreal last week has been charged with sexual assault, breach of trust and extortion related to his work in Dartmouth, N.S., more than a decade ago. The man, 55, is accused of using his position as a Canada Border Services Agency employee to extort a woman facing deportation. The accusations date to 2003, but the complaint was made to Halifax police in November 2014. Halifax Regional Police Cst. Dianne Woodworth said police started investigating then. "Based on the investigation, it's alleged the CBSA employee used his position of authority as an immigration officer over a then 26-year-old woman, who was scheduled to be deported in June 2003, by extorting and sexually assaulting her on more than one occasion in Dartmouth that same year," she said in a news release. [CBC News](#), [Global News](#), [CTV News](#), [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist, Metro News, 680 News), [The Coast](#), [Presse canadienne](#) (La Presse), [Kelowna Now](#)

Battle Creek man was following GPS instructions

An American who crossed the international border at Sarnia in a stolen vehicle while under the influence of alcohol was fined in Sarnia court Tuesday. Timothy Crane, 23, of Battle Creek, Mich., pleaded guilty to the March 30 charge of drunk driving, along with possession of a stolen car, electronics and a wallet. Court was told that at approximately seven o'clock that morning Crane inadvertently entered Canada at the Blue Water Bridge while following GPS instructions. Crane failed a roadside breath test by a Canada Border Services Agency officer, who was alerted by an odour of alcohol. Subsequent breath tests showed the American's blood alcohol level was one-and-a-quarter times the legal limit. It was also found that Crane was driving a car reported as stolen in Battle Creek. Stolen property, including a tablet, a laptop, a GPS and the vehicle owner's wallet, were in the car. It seems to be fairly common for Americans to find themselves unknowingly on the Blue Water Bridge, said Justice Jonathon George. [Sarnia Observer](#)

City of Vancouver considers access without fear

A plan to offer sanctuary to Vancouver residents who are afraid of detention or deportation on the basis of their immigration status is slated for public hearing Wednesday morning. Staff have asked councillors to approve their plan to provide "Access to City Services Without Fear," and to encourage police, library services and the park board to follow suit. As previously reported by Postmedia, the proposed policy would mean that city staff would not ask for the immigration status of residents or provide it to other public institutions unless required by law. The policy would only apply to services provided by the city, and not to civic services provided by police, parks and libraries, which are all governed by individual boards. It would also not cover the agencies of other governments that are active in the city. For that reason, the city has shied away from the term "sanctuary city," which is used by dozens of municipalities around North America with similar policies already in place. The push to offer sanctuary in Vancouver to undocumented individuals and those with uncertain immigration status came after the 2013 death of Mexican national Lucia Vega Jiménez. Jiménez had been picked up by TransLink police for a transit violation and later hung herself in a Canada Border Services Agency holding cell at Vancouver International Airport while awaiting deportation. [Vancouver Sun](#) (The Province)

Estranged wife: Rupeka, girlfriend dead in Tijuana motel

Self-styled police watchdog Adam Rupeka and his girlfriend Jennifer Ogburn, who both faced misdemeanor sex abuse charges, died of apparent drug overdoses in a motel room in Mexico, Rupeka's estranged wife told the Times Union Wednesday morning. Rebecca Rupeka said she was called by U.S. consulate officials on Monday who told her that Rupeka died Sunday at the motel and Ogburn died Monday in a Tijuana hospital. (...)The couple had said on social media that they had fled to Canada. Each posted \$5,000 bail to get out of the Rensselaer County Jail on March 26 after Troy police charged them with misdemeanor counts of endangering the welfare of a child, sexual abuse and forcible touching. (...)A day later, Rupeka posted a video showing snow and a body of water and spoke about crossing the Canadian border. Rupeka did not appear in that video, and it was unclear where and when the video was made. [Times Union](#)

Dans ma valise, un drone

Pour un nombre grandissant de voyageurs, le drone est devenu un compagnon d'exploration essentiel : c'est grâce à lui qu'ils captent toutes ces photos et vidéos aériennes, nouvelles coqueluches des médias sociaux. Survol du phénomène, de vidéos à faire rêver et de conseils de pros, à l'heure où la réglementation des divers pays est en pleine mutation. (...) Premier écueil qui guette les dronistes touristes : peuvent-ils emporter leur drone à bord d'un avion ? La réponse est oui, en général, « mais il vaut mieux s'informer chaque fois au préalable auprès de la compagnie aérienne », explique Maxime Contour, blogueur français spécialisé en vidéos de voyage. (...) Maxime Contour ajoute : « Pour éviter toute confusion aux douanes, j'ai toujours en main une copie imprimée des règles de l'IATA (International Air Transport Association) concernant le transport des batteries. » Air Canada, Air France et Air Transat se conforment à cette réglementation : les batteries doivent accompagner le passager en cabine et ne doivent pas dépasser 2 g de lithium. Si leur énergie se situe en deçà de 100 Wh, aucune permission ne doit être demandée au préalable. [La Presse](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés :

A Canadian border agent arrested in Montreal last week has been charged with sexual assault, breach of trust and extortion related to his work in Dartmouth, N.S., more than a decade ago. (CBC Radio One, 13h02 ET)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Canadian law firms a 'sweet spot' for attack, says intelligence expert

Canadian lawyers are among those in the global legal community who may be looking closer at their information security procedures after the revelation of a massive hack of international documents from a Panamanian law firm. They ought to, according to an Ontario cybersecurity lawyer (...) Because they hold sensitive corporate and personal information law firms are logical targets of attackers. However Ray Boisvert, a former assistant director of intelligence at the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and now president of the advisory firm I-Sec Integrated Strategies, said in an interview they may not appreciate what they hold. "Sometimes organizations, law firms, some government relations firms and lobbyists and others don't always recognize how valuable their information assets are," he said. "I think they see their role and quality and value as provisioners of advice — and that's true — but they also have great repositories for stuff." In this country attention on cybersecurity has mainly been focused on organizations related to critical infrastructure — banks, utilities, governments and law enforcement agencies, and transportation companies. [IT World Canada](#)

Why WhatsApp's Encryption Embrace Is a Landmark Event

The news that Facebook's WhatsApp now supports encryption across all its apps is nothing short of seismic. There have always been those who were keen on using encrypted communications — politicians trying to avoid the gaze of their rivals and foreign spies, corporate executives trying to protect their trade secrets, activists trying to organize opposition to oppressive regimes and, yes, criminals trying to evade law enforcement. But, in the big picture, these are fringe cases. Before Edward Snowden told the world about the extent of state surveillance in 2013, few "normal" people were interested in adding heavy

protections to their communications. Soon, over a billion of them will be using this facility without even trying. [Fortune](#); [Washington Post](#) (Toronto Star)

Locky Ransomware Morphs as Spam Attacks Spike

Locky, an emerging ransomware threat that first burst on the scene in February, has already started to mutate and morph into new variants. The changes come just as researchers observe a fresh spike in propagation. Locky is distributed via email attachments, specifically Word documents disguised as invoices. The docs contain macros which download and install the ransomware. When originally discovered, the botnet behind the spam mail was found to be the same as that which delivers the majority of emails containing the infamous Dridex trojan. Locky is also spread via exploit kits. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Nest disables smart home device, triggers IoT security concerns

Internet of Things (IoT) thermostat company Nest will disable the company's smart home product Revolv on May 15, sparking concerns over the future security of the IoT devices. The decision to disable the \$299 device was announced by Revolv founders Tim Enwall and Mike Soucie on Revolv's website. The founders will re-focus on building Works with Nest, a platform of compatible devices that integrate into the Nest system. "Unfortunately, that means we can't allocate resources to Revolv anymore and we have to shut down the service." [SC Magazine](#); [CBC News](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Condolences for Mountie Sarah Beckett pouring in

As condolences pour in for the Mountie killed in a collision yesterday near Victoria, the RCMP says it is talking with her family about plans for a possible public memorial. Const. Sarah Beckett died early Tuesday morning when her police cruiser was in a collision with a pick-up truck in the Victoria suburb of Langford. Beckett, an 11-year member of the force who spent her entire career on Vancouver Island, is survived by her husband and two young children. The popular officer's death has triggered an outpouring of condolences on social media, including a message from the prime minister. [CBC News](#); [Vancouver Sun](#)

'They treated him worse than an animal': RCMP allegedly beat man while he was naked and handcuffed

Police continued to beat Christian Duckchief long after he was on the floor and handcuffed, his fiancée says — until his orbital bone, cheek and nose were all fractured. Chantel Stonechild said Duckchief, 23, was dragged from the house, naked. "They treated him worse than an animal," she said. Duckchief and Stonechild were asleep, in bed in her Siksika Nation home, when Gleichen RCMP came for him Friday morning — Stonechild believes their eight-year-old daughter let the Mounties in. She woke up to Duckchief struggling with an officer on top of him. Duckchief's lawyer said his client didn't know what was happening. "Somebody jumped him on the bed and woke him up out of his sleep, grabbing his arms," Dale Fedorchuk said. [Postmedia News](#) (National Post)

Surrey RCMP station hit by bullet, say police

The Guildford Community Police Station may have been hit by a bullet. Mounties say a maintenance worker discovered a hole in a window on the north side of the station located at 10395 148 St. on Tuesday. "Police are currently examining the area and have found evidence consistent with a bullet causing the damage. The hole is about the size of a quarter," said a statement released by police "The damage does not appear recent and it is not known when this incident occurred. There are no witnesses or suspects at this point." [CBC News](#); [Times Colonist](#)

Kamloops RCMP introduces new media relations officer

The Kamloops RCMP introduced a new media relations officer on Wednesday morning. Cpl. Jodi Shelkie will officially take over the role on Monday, April 11. "With 19 years of service in the RCMP, we are very fortunate to have Cpl. Shelkie's experience and background," said Supt. Brad Mueller. Prior to coming to Kamloops, Shelkie worked as a media relations officer in Fort St. John. Current media relations officer.

Cpl. Cheryl Bush, will be working alongside Shelkie throughout the remainder of this week before returning to general duties in a supervisory capacity. [Kamloops BC Now](#); [CFJC Today](#)

Family of beaten N.W.T. woman upset she flew solo to Edmonton for treatment

The mother of a woman who was brutally attacked in Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T., last week says health staff allowed her daughter to fly unescorted to Edmonton for medical treatment. Crystal Kudlak's family says she was beaten in the head by someone she knows and was flown out for medical treatment last week. Now they're trying to raise money so Kudlak's mother can be by her side in an Edmonton hospital, as she undergoes plastic surgery to repair her face. "I was so upset," Emma Green, Kudlak's mother said from her home in Paulatuk. "I couldn't believe what was happening to her."... RCMP say they won't comment about the case, but confirm an incident happened with a woman in the community early in the morning on March 31. They said the woman was medevaced out of the community, but they did not know where. Police also confirm a man was arrested, but say he has not been charged. RCMP would not say if the incident on March 31 was related to the fundraising efforts by Kudlak's family. [CBC News](#)

Fraud Case Takes Grim Turn

A Fort McMurray woman under investigation after thousands of dollars were stolen from a memorial fund for a widow and her two children has been found murdered in British Columbia. Discovered last month The burned body of Vikki Heppner, 28, was found near a service road by Stave Lake, located approximately 40 kilometers north of Mission, B.C., on March 29. Heppner's body was discovered by someone driving through the area. Police are not releasing the woman's identity pending an autopsy, but CTV Vancouver has identified Heppner as the victim. Heppner's mother in Clifton, Ill., confirmed to the station that police had identified her daughter as the victim. Her mother said Heppner had left Fort McMurray after the alleged theft was made public last fall. Police have charged Ryan Jack Armstrong, 29, with second-degree murder and indignity to a body. Investigators say the two knew each other at the time of the murder. "Our early investigative theory supports this as a targeted homicide and it is believed that the victim and suspect were known to each other," police in B.C. said. "An important piece to this investigation was the support of the public who came forward with information that has aided in the rapid progression from initial investigation to charge approval." Last fall, Wood Buffalo RCMP began investigating Heppner after money for the family of Roger Belanger was withdrawn from an online fundraiser. Belanger, a 29-year-old man from Sudbury, Ont., died in a car crash near London, Ont. on July 28, 2015. [Edmonton Sun](#), A3

4e fusillade à Surrey en 4 jours

La Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) a ouvert une enquête après une nouvelle fusillade ciblée survenue à Surrey mardi soir vers 23 h 10, la quatrième en quatre jours. À leur arrivée sur place, les policiers ont pris en charge un homme blessé par balle qui a été transporté à l'hôpital dans un état de santé stable. Un autre homme, décrit comme ayant la peau foncée et conduisant un VUS, a été vu quittant les lieux rapidement après l'incident. La police a également remorqué une berline blanche qui se trouvait à l'endroit des tirs. La zone a été fermée plusieurs heures, tôt mercredi matin, pour que la police puisse poser des questions aux résidents du quartier. Il s'agit de la 32e fusillade à Surrey depuis le début de l'année 2016. [Radio-Canada](#); [Vancouver Sun](#)

Toronto family doctor among arrests in fentanyl trafficking ring

A doctor who runs a family practice in Toronto is among several people who've been arrested in what police allege was a fentanyl trafficking ring. York region police said they began an investigation in October when fentanyl patches were being illegally obtained and transported to the Sudbury area to be sold. Investigators allege that two individuals, one of whom is Dr. George Otto, who runs a practice in Toronto, were working with street-level fentanyl dealers to obtain and distribute the fentanyl patches. Police allege the patches were sold at a street value of about \$400 to \$500 per patch. As a result of the investigation, police have seized nearly 300 fentanyl patches, more than \$50,000 in cash, as well as prescription notes and documents. [CTV News](#); [Metro News](#)

Detainees from Toronto G20 summit win right to sue via class actions

More than 1,000 people detained during the chaotic G20 summit almost six years ago won the right Wednesday to go the class-action route in lawsuits against police and others. In approving the class-

action process, Ontario's top court said various reports on the events to date had made only non-binding recommendations. "The remedies sought by the plaintiffs, which include a declaration that class members' charter rights have been violated and an award of damages, would be stronger instruments of behaviour modification," the Court of Appeal said in its decision. The G20 summit over a weekend in June 2010 _ marred by vandalism from several dozen protesters _ saw more than 1,000 people arrested or detained in what was later described as one of the worst violations of civil liberties in Canadian history. Many were kept in appalling conditions at a makeshift detention centre. Almost all were released without charge within 24 hours. [Canadian Press \(Global News\)](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News reported on allegations of police brutality during an RCMP-led arrest on the Siksika First Nation south of Calgary. [Rough Transcript](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Heroin, marijuana seized at Millhaven Institution

On March 29 at about 5:30 p.m., correctional officers at Millhaven Institution, a maximum-security federal institution, intercepted an inmate who was attempting to bring contraband into the institution. The seizure is the result of the combined efforts of correction officers, the detector-dog team and security intelligence officers. The contraband seized includes 6.2 grams of heroin and 15.7 grams of marijuana. The total institutional value is estimated at \$7,000. Police have been notified and the institution is investigating. CSC say they use a number of tools to prevent drugs from entering institutions, including ion scanners and drug-detector dogs to search buildings, personal property, inmates and visitors. CSC has set up a telephone tip line for all federal institutions to receive additional information about activities relating to security at CSC institutions. These activities may be related to drug use or trafficking that may threaten the safety and security of visitors, inmates and staff members working at CSC institutions. [Kingston Region](#)

Appeal decision for convicted killer expected today

An appeal decision is expected to come down today on the second-degree murder conviction of a Medicine Hat woman found guilty of the 2011 homicide of Casey Armstrong. Armstrong was found dead from stab wounds in his Southview Drive home on May 22, 2011. In January 2012, city police announced that two women were charged with first-degree murder in connection with the Armstrong homicide. (...) The second woman, Connie Oakes, was convicted by a city jury following a two-week second-degree murder trial in November 2013 and was subsequently sentenced in 2014 to life in prison with no eligibility for parole for 14 years. Oakes's appeal was filed within the 30-day appeal period following her sentencing. [Medicine Hat News](#)

Mafia murder suspected

Laval Multisports parking lot was the scene of a deadly shooting, at around 7:40 a.m., March 1. Sûreté du Québec took over the investigation, suspecting that the murder could be linked to organized crime. The victim, a 52-year-old man, could be Lorenzo Giordano, a high-profile member of the Rizzuto clan. Doctors pronounced him dead upon arrival at the hospital. Giordano was arrested during the Colisée investigation in 2006, which targeted the Mafia. He was sent to jail for 15 years and had been out on parole in a transition house since last December, after serving two-thirds of his sentence. [The Suburban](#)

My friend Kinew

A letter to the editor from Nicole Kish, an inmate currently serving a life sentence, states, "You recently published an article about systemic discrimination against Indigenous people in Canada. The article touched my heart and the hearts of many of the women at the Grand Valley Institution for Women, where I am imprisoned. The words resonated with us as truths we are not allowed to understand. When I read the comparison of prisons to "new residential schools," I felt validated. We make this comparison inside all the time. We feel deeply concerned with many of the current practices in Canadian judicial and prison systems. We know they represent horrors because we experience those horrors. (...) I had the feeling

that Kinew wouldn't get out of here alive, but when I said it, it was not because I wanted it to happen. I wondered how human beings could be so callous to one another, how the guards could not see the violence that they were enacting in their positions. I was witnessing the dynamics and effects of imprisonment on First Nations people and people with mental illness from a maximum security unit, the units where the most harm in the Canadian prison system occur. I have wondered, over the years, when harming people and abandoning them to prisons became okay. I wonder why so little is known about our prison system and I wonder when it stopped being about rehabilitation. It is such a cold and violent system, with intense potential for irreversible harm." [Maclean's](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Injecting common painkiller an alternative to heroin, Vancouver study finds

Drug addicts who inject themselves with a commonly prescribed painkiller can't tell the difference between it and medically prescribed heroin, a Vancouver-based study released today has found. The finding, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association's JAMA Psychiatry, could open the way to prescribing hydromorphone to people who have been unable to quit street drugs by using methadone or suboxone, the only two legal opiate substitutes in Canada. Addictions researcher Eugenia Oviedo-Joekes headed SALOME - the Study to Assess Longer-term Opioid Medication Effectiveness - at Providence Health Care's Crosstown Clinic on Hastings Street in the heart of the Downtown Eastside. While methadone taken daily in liquid form is effective for most people who want to quit opioids, it doesn't work for at least 10 per cent of the chronically addicted, she says. "There is an important minority of people who we have nothing to offer," said Oviedo-Joekes in a telephone interview. "The majority of them have been injecting for 15 to 20 years. These are people with very few resources in any area of their lives." SALOME recruited 202 heroin users who had a documented drug addiction for at least five years. Participants were randomly divided into two groups and given syringes filled with pharmaceutically prepared hydromorphone, the opioid pain medication sold under the brand name Dilaudid, or diacetylmorphine, the active ingredient in heroin. Neither the patient nor the health care worker handing out the syringes knew which drug they contained. [Vancouver Sun](#)

Woodstock and Brantford Police Services partner on human trafficking investigation

Woodstock and Brantford Police Services recently partnered on a joint investigation into human trafficking. Nine women in the sex trade in both communities were contacted by police and offered assistance at the end of last month, Woodstock Police said in a media release. All of these women "appeared to be working independently and not being controlled," police said. None of them wished to accept police help at that time. But investigators believe that one of the women they spoke with was a victim of human trafficking and an investigation is ongoing. [Woodstock Sentinel Review](#) (2016-04-05)

Overall crime down again in Cornwall in 2015, says police chief

Crime is down overall in the Seaway City. That's according to Cornwall Community Police Service Chief Dan Parkinson, who presented year-end statistics for 2015 to the Cornwall Police Services Board at city hall Wednesday (April 6). "The numbers reflect an ongoing trend going downwards in the total amount of crime happening in this city," Parkinson told Seaway News in an interview. According to the report, drug violations were down 26.73 per cent (27 incidents) in 2015 compared to the same time period in 2014, while violent crimes were down 5.8 per cent (48 incidents), and the offence type category 'other crimes' dropped 3.6 per cent (28 incidents). He said the lower crime rate is the result of a number of factors. [Cornwall Seaway News](#)

Measure of Harm for Crime Needs to Be Adopted

A "menu of harm" that measures crime according to the price of damage inflicted on victims – rather than counting crimes as if they are all of equal seriousness – needs to be adopted worldwide to focus police resources on the worst criminal acts, say leading University of Cambridge criminologists. "Not all crimes are created equal. Counting them as if they are fosters distortion of risk and accountability," said Professor Sherman, Director of the Cambridge Institute and Honorary President of the 2,000-member Society of Evidence-Based Policing. "If shoplifting drops while murder triples, crime is reported as 'down'

– yet any common sense view of public safety cries out for some adjustment for seriousness.”
(...) Sherman, Neyroud and colleagues have devised the Cambridge Crime Harm Index (CHI), which they describe as essentially a crime version of the cost-of-living index – a classification system weighted by, in this case, the likely impact of an offence on victims. (...) Sherman believes that adoption of the Cambridge CHI would help make optimal use of scarce resources through more targeted policing, which could, in turn, reduce prison populations. [Net News Ledger](#)

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Someone knows something, says author of book on northwestern B.C. murders

Ray Michalko would never have predicted that putting an ad in a northern B.C. paper in 2006 would end up with him writing a book 10 years later. Obstruction of Justice details the private investigator's probing into the numbers of the missing and murdered women along the Highway of Tears, a name given to the 722 km stretch of Hwy 16 between Prince Rupert and Prince George. "I think it's going to make people aware about a lot of things and I've tried not to be judgemental but present the information or facts and let readers make up their minds about the whole thing," he says about what he hopes the book will accomplish. "I'm sure it'll generate more calls for me," said the former police officer who lives on the Lower Mainland. When Michalko began his search way back in early 2006, seven women were missing or had been found murdered along the highway, which grew to nine – the number Michalko talks about in his book – then jumped to 18 when the RCMP decided to add more cases, some from Alberta and some from further south in B.C., saying they were related. [Terrace Standard](#)

REGULATION OF MARIJUANA / RÉGLEMENTATION DE LA MARIJUANA

How to do drugs right: go Dutch?

Should you find yourself in Amsterdam, cycling along the city's complex latticework of bike paths, be wary along the canals. It is not uncommon for reckless cyclists to accidentally veer into the water. By the city's estimates, between 12,000 and 15,000 bicycles are dredged out of the canals each year. It would seem that installing some rudimentary barrier or guardrail along all the canals may prevent such wanton loss of property. But such modest precautions seem antithetical to Amsterdam's spirit—they're patronizing and nanny-ish in a city where it's the individual's duty conduct him- or herself non-moronically, and not the duty of civic leaders to prevent anyone from doing so. It's a notion also at work in Amsterdam's tourist-heavy Centrum neighbourhood, with its famous coffeeshops (read: cannabis cafés) and their twinkling, visibly toasted customers, and shops selling knockoff Bob Marley posters and hand-blown glassware. In the Netherlands, the sale of cannabis is technically illegal "but not punishable." Despite being something of a pot mecca, cannabis is only decriminalized de facto. That should soon put the country behind Canada when it comes to marijuana laws. Already, the changes to medical marijuana laws have seen a proliferation of not-quite-illegal dispensaries in Toronto, Vancouver and cities coast to coast, all of which seem to operate on the assumption that the cops won't bother to shut them down with pot legalization seeming imminent. While ostensibly dispensing only medical marijuana, many sport the aesthetic of the head shops of old, suggesting they might want to appeal to more than people struggling with, say, glaucoma or chronic pain; a few are part of a breed of designer stores selling marijuana in apothecary-chic settings. With a change coming in the law for recreational use, some leaders, including Tom Mulcair, have called for an end to marijuana arrests in the meantime. [Maclean's](#)

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Europe Under Siege

As the list of deadly attacks grows longer, Europe's great cities have had to improvise an iconography of grief and wariness. A visitor arriving in Brussels last week, days after bombs at the airport and in the metro killed 32 people, was struck not so much by fear as by déjà vu. It was so much like Paris after the *Charlie Hebdo* murders. These things have a shape and a rhythm to them now. At the Bourse, the Belgian capital's stately old stock exchange, crowds of tourists were still laying flowers and hanging banners. Chalk inscriptions on sidewalks and on the building itself bore messages of hope or sadness or helpless banality. "Just smile," said one. "It will make them angry." "Diversity is Brussels and they won't take it away from us," said another. The subways were running for only 12 hours a day, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., under heavy security. As a train on the main line sped through Maelbeek station without stopping, floor-to-ceiling screens hid any view of the platforms. It was at Maelbeek that 14 people died in the second attack of March 22, an hour and 13 minutes after the bombs at the airport detonated. There were soldiers everywhere, usually working in pairs and carrying assault rifles. I passed two Belgian army regulars as I entered the Canadian Embassy on a cold spring afternoon, and it wasn't until later that I learned they were stationed there well before the latest attacks. "They've been there since the Thalys incident," Dan Costello, Canada's ambassador to the European Union, told me. "Oh, no-since the Verviers Ring was taken apart." It can be hard to keep up with the mayhem. Let's recap. The Thalys is a high-speed rail network that serves Brussels. On Aug. 21, 2015, a 25-year-old Moroccan, Ayoub El-Khazzani, was arrested after a man boarded the train at Brussels and began shooting and stabbing its occupants, none fatally. Four passengers, including two off-duty members of the U.S. armed forces, overpowered the assailant. Seven months earlier, on Jan. 15, 2015, Belgian police killed two men in a series of raids on houses in Verviers, in eastern Belgium, and across Brussels. The Verviers raids came eight days after gunmen in Paris killed 12 people at the Paris offices of the satirical newspaper *Charlie Hebdo*. Police said the suspects in the raids were connected to the so-called Islamic State terror cult and that they were on the verge of planning new attacks. Investigators later said the Verviers group's ringleader, relaying orders by telephone from Athens, was Abdelhamid Abaaoud. Abaaoud remained free long enough to help organize the massive coordinated terror attack on Paris restaurants, bars and the city's main sports stadium on Nov. 11. He died in a bloody police raid in a Paris suburb a week later. Investigators believe the driver for the November Paris attacks was Salah Abdeslam, born in 1989 in Brussels to Moroccan parents. He escaped the dragnet around Paris last autumn. Police finally caught him in Molenbeek, an inner-city Brussels neighbourhood that is home to many Moroccan and Turkish immigrants. A manhunt across two countries ended on March 18 when police, alerted by a suspiciously large pizza order, raided Abdeslam's Molenbeek flat. His capture probably spurred his associates to carry out the Brussels airport and metro bombings four days later. [Maclean's](#)

Liberal budget makes it tougher to scrutinize fate of public purse: PBO

The federal budget watchdog says the Liberal government's inaugural budget has made it more difficult for people to scrutinize public finances. The parliamentary budget office says in a new report that last month's budget failed to separate purely discretionary decisions, like new measures and changes in planning assumptions, from shifts in economic conditions, as past governments did. Budget officer Jean-Denis Frechette's report also says the Liberal decision to introduce a risk adjustment that lowered the projected budgetary balance by \$6 billion a year was excessive and eroded the independence of using private-sector forecasts. [CBC News](#)

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Brussels attacks a security failure, but Belgium not a failed state: PM

The March 22 Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) attacks in Brussels signalled a security "failure", Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel admitted on Wednesday (April 6), but he rejected the notion that his country was a "failed state". "When there is an attack like that of course that's a failure and nobody can deny this," he told reporters in Brussels. But, he added, "I cannot accept the idea that we're a failed state." [Agence France-Presse](#) (Straits Times)

One of Brussels bombers had worked in EU Parliament: spokesman

One of the Islamic State suicide bombers who killed 32 people in Brussels on March 22 had worked as a cleaner for a short period in the European Parliament six years earlier, a spokesman for the EU assembly said on Thursday. In 2009 and 2010, "one of the perpetrators of the Brussels terrorist attacks worked for a period of one month for a cleaning company which was contracted by the European Parliament at the time," spokesman Jaume Duch Guillot said in a statement which did not name the individual. An EU official said the person was Najim Laachraoui, a 25-year-old Belgian who prosecutors said blew himself up in the airport attack and is also suspected of making suicide vests for last November's Paris attacks in which 130 people died. [Reuters](#)

Border force warns terrorists could enter EU by abusing asylum checks

The EU's border force has warned that terrorists may have infiltrated Europe by hiding among asylum seekers, noting that two of the bombers in last November's Paris attacks arrived on the continent in a smuggling boat from Turkey. Frontex's annual risk analysis released on Tuesday, said: "The Paris attacks in November 2015 clearly demonstrated that irregular migratory flows could be used by terrorists to enter the EU." Echoing observations made five months ago, the report added: "Two of the terrorists involved in the attacks had previously irregularly entered through Leros and had been registered by the Greek authorities. They presented fraudulent Syrian documents to speed up their registration process. [Guardian UK](#)

Spying on Friends? Atmosphere of Distrust Hinders EU Anti-Terror Cooperation

The man who wants to explain the psyche of Germany's foreign intelligence service sips a cappuccino and talks about the abduction of German tourists in the Sahara Desert a few years ago (...) The French intelligence services had good sources in the region, but they had been unwilling to share their information with the Germans, so the BND decided to spy on the French to get it. This was how it came to be that the Germans spied on a government agency in a friendly country, one they treated as being among of their closest political allies. Friendly? Allied? (...) It took only a few hours after three bombs had exploded in Brussels and 35 people had been killed for politicians and experts to begin calling for better cooperation among intelligence services in Europe (...) The argument makes sense: If terrorists are forming cross-border networks, then governments must do the same to fight terrorists. Nevertheless, cooperation among security agencies in Europe remains rudimentary. [Spiegel](#)

Cyber Command Gets 'First Wartime Assignment' in Fight against ISIS

The U.S. Defense Department's relatively new Cyber Command has received its "first wartime assignment" in the fight against the Islamic State, the Pentagon's top civilian said. Defense Secretary Ashton Carter made the statement during a question-and-answer session after a speech Tuesday at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a defense think tank in Washington, D.C. (...) His remarks about Cyber Command, which was created in 2009 and is based at Fort Meade in Maryland, came in response to a question posed by John Hamre, the president and chief executive officer of the center and a former Pentagon comptroller and deputy defense secretary. Hamre said, "Any future war we fight will probably begin in the cyber space, really. How do you see that we integrate the physical fight that's kind of led and planned and coordinated by regional combatant commanders with a Cyber Command? How is that going to work?" [Military.com](#)

FBI: It's 'simply too early' to say whether anything valuable is on the San Bernardino iPhone

After a protracted and very public dispute between the FBI and Apple, federal authorities said last week that investigators were able to access a locked iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino attackers. So what have they actually found? It's too soon to say, according to the FBI's top lawyer (...) Baker said investigators had obtained data from the phone. He also hinted it was possible that the bureau may never reveal the phone's contents, saying that the FBI will make a decision on what to disclose only after they finish analyzing the iPhone's data. [Washington Post](#)

Boston Marathon Security: 5,000 Cops, No Drones or Backpacks

Public safety officials have outlined a tight security plan for the Boston Marathon three years after two bombs inside backpacks exploded near the finish line. Authorities said during a news conference Wednesday that there will be up to 5,000 law enforcement officers, enhanced checkpoints and dozens of

surveillance cameras along the 26.2-mile route on April 18. The special agent in charge of the FBI's Boston division says officials aren't aware of specific threat against the marathon. Special agent Hank Shaw says officials are incorporating lessons learned from attacks in Paris, Brussels and San Bernardino, California, into the marathon security plan. [Associated Press](#) (ABC News)

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Montreal youth gets 2 years for terrorism.

La Presse

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New era in war fighting begins, as the next war will indeed "begin in cyber", see how Cyber Command takes on ISIS: <http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/04/05/cyber-command-gets-first-wartime-assignment-in-fight-isis.html> ...

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La Presse

Agence des services frontaliers: un employé québécois arrêté <http://bit.ly/1UW4lxq>

Halifax Police

CBSA employee Carie Willis charged w/ sex assault/breach of trust/extortion re 2003 incidents as immigration officer <http://ow.ly/10m2qd>

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TorontoStar

[#@&5!?](#) WhatsApp launches full encryption on all platforms. on.thestar.com/1qrrSyT

CBC Canadian News

Companies can — and may — brick your connected devices at any time <http://ift.tt/23gd0Bc>

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Toronto Star

Detainees from Toronto G20 summit win right to sue via class actions <http://on.thestar.com/1oCqLBI> #topstories

CBC Canadian News

Court to rule on G20 'kettling' class action against Toronto police <http://ift.tt/1SApWdl>

Kim Bolan

The violence continues in Surrey <http://vancouversun.com/news/staff-blogs/the-violence-continues-in-surrey/> ...

CBC News Alerts

#Alberta #RCMP accused of breaking facial bones of First Nations man during arrest: <http://cbc.ca/1.3521620>
#Siksika

CKNW

#NorthVancouver RCMP investigating fatal house fire, 2000-BI Wembley Dr, 61yr man, 1030am Tuesday. Arson not ruled out.

CTV News

Criminal investigation underway after RCMP officer killed in B.C. crash <http://ow.ly/10kTpb>

CBC News Alerts

B.C. #RCMP say driver in custody after Mountie killed near #Victoria in early morning crash: <http://cbc.ca/1.3521471>

NYPD In Memoriam

The #NYPD sends condolences to the members of @bcRCMP and to the friends and family of Constable Sarah Beckett #RCMP

RCMP Nova Scotia

charges being laid in weapons incident near Millwood High yesterday #RCMPNS @HfxRegPolice <http://ow.ly/10mISD>

Natasha Pace

#RCMP say having extra police at #Millwood High is meant to provide reassurance to students, staff & parents

Connie Walker

RCMP release new images of missing woman Lorlene Bone in an attempt to help find her <http://ctv.news/88vSane>
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La Presse

Cannabis: un employé de la GRC voit son licenciement annulé <http://bit.ly/23geH1G>

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EVA BC

Sexual-assault task force calling for anon reporting system on campuses <http://fw.to/Y02wYfl> EVA BC's excited to be a part of this work!

Jessica Prince

Shout-out to Heidi @CRCVC for telling Min. @Puglaas about Caber, a BC dog helping victims of crime: <http://deltapolice.ca/media-releases/2015/05/delta-police-trauma-k9-caber-makes-courthouse-history-b-c/> ...
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UN Women

Racism & colonialism are root causes of violence agnst Indigenous women in Canada- @Melina_MLM <http://ow.ly/10fYBC> @WomenintheWorld #mmiw

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Arms deal by Canadian firm violated international embargo: UN report <http://fw.to/QOB4IzC>

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AFP News Agency

Brussels attacks a security failure, but Belgium not a failed state: PM <http://u.afp.com/ZBSK>

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One of #ISIS #suicidebombers who killed 32 in #Brussels March 22 worked as a cleaner in the European Parliament 6 years earlier, EU says.

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#WhiteHouse to redirect \$589M in unused funds to fight/protect against #ZikaVirus. Urges Congress to authorize \$1.8B in emergency spending.

Washington Post

White House to spend \$589M in Ebola funds to fight Zika <http://wapo.st/1N8NAMA>

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Public Safety, RCMP saying little about WhatsApp encryption

The Liberal government and the RCMP are saying little about whether they are concerned by the move by social messenger WhatsApp to encrypt its full spectrum of communication services, and how they think that will affect the ability of Canadian security agencies to monitor plots. WhatsApp, which has roughly one billion users around the world, announced Tuesday it is switching on end-to-end encryption for every single text, photo, video, phone call and file its users send. The company had partially encrypted its services in 2014 but the move towards full spectrum encryption is being touted as a major step forward for those who argue that only the person who sent the message and the intended recipient should be able to read it, and that law enforcement officials should not be able to access communications through so-called back door channels. **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale's** office did not comment specifically

on the issue, instead emailing the same statement it released when the FBI asked Apple to unlock the iPhone of one of the San Bernardino shooters. [iPolitics](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Search underway in western Labrador for missing snowmobiler

A ground search is underway in western Labrador for an overdue snowmobiler. The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary issued a news release Wednesday, saying Edward Power, 39, failed to return from a trip to the Shabogamo area Tuesday evening. Police and the Labrador West Ground Search and Rescue team are involved in the search. [CBC News](#)

Warm spring forecast not good news for N.W.T. firefighters

Environment Canada is predicting a warmer-than-average spring for the Northwest Territories, and that coming on the heels of a warm winter could mean yet another bad fire season this summer - the territory's third in a row. Senior Climatologist David Phillips says the territory is coming off a warm winter thanks to El Niño, and moisture levels in the soil are low. "Our models are suggesting across the Northwest Territories, for the last part of April and into May and then following it, we look like warmer-than-normal conditions. Which is probably not good news for forest firefighters," he said. [CBC News](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

EU-Canada deal to share air travelers' data raises privacy fears

An agreement between the European Union and Canada to share airline passenger data that they say is key to fighting terrorism drew tough scrutiny at an EU court hearing on Tuesday because of privacy concerns. The dispute over the retention and sharing of passenger name records (PNR) has become a shibboleth in Brussels for the debate over balancing people's privacy with the need to protect against terrorism. The agreement with Canada foresees the retention and sharing with Canadian authorities of airline passenger data by carriers operating flights between the EU and Canada. The Luxembourg-based Court of Justice of the European Union (ECJ) heard arguments for and against the agreement at a six-hour proceeding. "We ... know that these crimes do not respect borders," said D. Fennelly, a lawyer for Ireland. "The European Union cannot and should not act in splendid isolation. "Islamist militant attacks in Paris last year and last month's attacks in Brussels have stoked calls for law enforcement agencies to have easier access to people's data. Ireland, France, Britain, Spain and Estonia, who intervened in the case, emphasized that PNR do not allow investigators to paint a detailed picture of someone's private life. But the European Parliament and privacy advocates cast doubt on that assertion. [Business News Network](#) (Reuters Canada)

Montreal teen gets three-year sentence for terror-related offences

A Montreal teen convicted on two terrorism-related charges has been handed a three-year sentence. He was found guilty in December on two charges: committing a robbery in association with a terror organization and planning to leave Canada to participate in the activities of a terrorist group abroad – the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Despite some concerns, youth court Judge Dominique Wilhelmy agreed to a joint suggestion of 24 months of supervised detention, comprised of 16 months behind bars and eight months in the community. That is to be followed by 12 months probation. The case stems from an October 2014 convenience store robbery linked to the accused's plan to go to Syria to take part in the conflict there. Reports filed by experts suggest the teen, who cannot be named, has made strides to break free of radical thought. His father told the court his son has changed a lot in the past year. [Globe and Mail](#); [CBC News](#); [CTV News](#); [Journal de Montreal](#)

The danger of preventive counter-terrorism powers

Kevin Omar Mohamed was arrested as a terrorist last month — but not, as one might expect, for an act of terrorism already committed. Instead, the arrest was initially described by police as “preventive,” based on a “fear” that Mohamed might engage in terrorism abroad; according to the police's own statement, “there was no indication of any plans for a domestic attack.” Even before being charged with any terrorism

offence (as he eventually was), Mohamed was publicly branded a terrorist. His name and his face were broadcast on prime-time news as a "terror arrest," all on the strength of a "fear." In the Kafkaesque world of preventive counter-terrorism, one can be treated like a criminal without actually being accused of any crime. Canadian law criminalizes a sweeping range of actions as terrorism offences, including preliminary steps only remotely connected to actual violence. But even those who have not been charged with any crime may be arrested and detained, their freedom abrogated not for what they have done in the past but for what the state thinks they might do in the future. Canada's already-problematic regime of preventive arrest and detention was exacerbated by Bill C-51, the Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015. Bill C-51 more than doubled the maximum time permitted for preventive detention (from three days to seven), while lowering the threshold for preventive arrest. Individuals may now be arrested if police believe that a terrorist activity may (not will) be carried out, and that arrest is likely (not necessary) to prevent it. [Daily News](#)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Canada Border Services agent arrested for sexual assault, extortion

A Canadian border agent arrested in Montreal last week has been charged with sexual assault, breach of trust and extortion related to his work in Dartmouth, N.S., more than a decade ago. The man, 55, is accused of using his position as a Canada Border Services Agency employee to extort a woman facing deportation. The accusations date to 2003, but the complaint was made to Halifax police in November 2014. Halifax Regional Police Cst. Dianne Woodworth said police started investigating then. "Based on the investigation, it's alleged the CBSA employee used his position of authority as an immigration officer over a then 26-year-old woman, who was scheduled to be deported in June 2003, by extorting and sexually assaulting her on more than one occasion in Dartmouth that same year," she said in a news release. [CBC News](#), [Global News](#), [CTV News](#), [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist, Metro News, 680 News), [The Coast](#), [Presse canadienne](#) (La Presse), [Kelowna Now](#)

Battle Creek man was following GPS instructions

An American who crossed the international border at Sarnia in a stolen vehicle while under the influence of alcohol was fined in Sarnia court Tuesday. Timothy Crane, 23, of Battle Creek, Mich., pleaded guilty to the March 30 charge of drunk driving, along with possession of a stolen car, electronics and a wallet. Court was told that at approximately seven o'clock that morning Crane inadvertently entered Canada at the Blue Water Bridge while following GPS instructions. Crane failed a roadside breath test by a Canada Border Services Agency officer, who was alerted by an odour of alcohol. Subsequent breath tests showed the American's blood alcohol level was one-and-a-quarter times the legal limit. It was also found that Crane was driving a car reported as stolen in Battle Creek. Stolen property, including a tablet, a laptop, a GPS and the vehicle owner's wallet, were in the car. It seems to be fairly common for Americans to find themselves unknowingly on the Blue Water Bridge, said Justice Jonathon George. [Sarnia Observer](#)

City of Vancouver considers access without fear

A plan to offer sanctuary to Vancouver residents who are afraid of detention or deportation on the basis of their immigration status is slated for public hearing Wednesday morning. Staff have asked councillors to approve their plan to provide "Access to City Services Without Fear," and to encourage police, library services and the park board to follow suit. As previously reported by Postmedia, the proposed policy would mean that city staff would not ask for the immigration status of residents or provide it to other public institutions unless required by law. The policy would only apply to services provided by the city, and not to civic services provided by police, parks and libraries, which are all governed by individual boards. It would also not cover the agencies of other governments that are active in the city. For that reason, the city has shied away from the term "sanctuary city," which is used by dozens of municipalities around North America with similar policies already in place. The push to offer sanctuary in Vancouver to undocumented individuals and those with uncertain immigration status came after the 2013 death of Mexican national Lucia Vega Jiménez. Jiménez had been picked up by TransLink police for a transit violation and later hung herself in a Canada Border Services Agency holding cell at Vancouver International Airport while awaiting deportation. [Vancouver Sun](#) (The Province)

Estranged wife: Rupeka, girlfriend dead in Tijuana motel

Self-styled police watchdog Adam Rupeka and his girlfriend Jennifer Ogburn, who both faced misdemeanor sex abuse charges, died of apparent drug overdoses in a motel room in Mexico, Rupeka's estranged wife told the Times Union Wednesday morning. Rebecca Rupeka said she was called by U.S. consulate officials on Monday who told her that Rupeka died Sunday at the motel and Ogburn died Monday in a Tijuana hospital. (...)The couple had said on social media that they had fled to Canada. Each posted \$5,000 bail to get out of the Rensselaer County Jail on March 26 after Troy police charged them with misdemeanor counts of endangering the welfare of a child, sexual abuse and forcible touching. (...)A day later, Rupeka posted a video showing snow and a body of water and spoke about crossing the Canadian border. Rupeka did not appear in that video, and it was unclear where and when the video was made. [Times Union](#)

Dans ma valise, un drone

Pour un nombre grandissant de voyageurs, le drone est devenu un compagnon d'exploration essentiel : c'est grâce à lui qu'ils captent toutes ces photos et vidéos aériennes, nouvelles coqueluches des médias sociaux. Survol du phénomène, de vidéos à faire rêver et de conseils de pros, à l'heure où la réglementation des divers pays est en pleine mutation. (...) Premier écueil qui guette les dronistes touristes : peuvent-ils emporter leur drone à bord d'un avion ? La réponse est oui, en général, « mais il vaut mieux s'informer chaque fois au préalable auprès de la compagnie aérienne », explique Maxime Contour, blogueur français spécialisé en vidéos de voyage. (...) Maxime Contour ajoute : « Pour éviter toute confusion aux douanes, j'ai toujours en main une copie imprimée des règles de l'IATA (International Air Transport Association) concernant le transport des batteries. » Air Canada, Air France et Air Transat se conforment à cette réglementation : les batteries doivent accompagner le passager en cabine et ne doivent pas dépasser 2 g de lithium. Si leur énergie se situe en deçà de 100 Wh, aucune permission ne doit être demandée au préalable. [La Presse](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés :

A Canadian border agent arrested in Montreal last week has been charged with sexual assault, breach of trust and extortion related to his work in Dartmouth, N.S., more than a decade ago. (CBC Radio One, 13h02 ET)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Canadian law firms a 'sweet spot' for attack, says intelligence expert

Canadian lawyers are among those in the global legal community who may be looking closer at their information security procedures after the revelation of a massive hack of international documents from a Panamanian law firm. They ought to, according to an Ontario cybersecurity lawyer (...) Because they hold sensitive corporate and personal information law firms are logical targets of attackers. However Ray Boisvert, a former assistant director of intelligence at the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and now president of the advisory firm I-Sec Integrated Strategies, said in an interview they may not appreciate what they hold. "Sometimes organizations, law firms, some government relations firms and lobbyists and others don't always recognize how valuable their information assets are," he said. "I think they see their role and quality and value as provisioners of advice — and that's true — but they also have great repositories for stuff." In this country attention on cybersecurity has mainly been focused on organizations related to critical infrastructure — banks, utilities, governments and law enforcement agencies, and transportation companies. [IT World Canada](#)

Why WhatsApp's Encryption Embrace Is a Landmark Event

The news that Facebook's WhatsApp now supports encryption across all its apps is nothing short of seismic. There have always been those who were keen on using encrypted communications — politicians trying to avoid the gaze of their rivals and foreign spies, corporate executives trying to protect their trade secrets, activists trying to organize opposition to oppressive regimes and, yes, criminals trying to evade law enforcement. But, in the big picture, these are fringe cases. Before Edward Snowden told the world about the extent of state surveillance in 2013, few "normal" people were interested in adding heavy

protections to their communications. Soon, over a billion of them will be using this facility without even trying. [Fortune](#); [Washington Post](#) (Toronto Star)

Locky Ransomware Morphs as Spam Attacks Spike

Locky, an emerging ransomware threat that first burst on the scene in February, has already started to mutate and morph into new variants. The changes come just as researchers observe a fresh spike in propagation. Locky is distributed via email attachments, specifically Word documents disguised as invoices. The docs contain macros which download and install the ransomware. When originally discovered, the botnet behind the spam mail was found to be the same as that which delivers the majority of emails containing the infamous Dridex trojan. Locky is also spread via exploit kits. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Nest disables smart home device, triggers IoT security concerns

Internet of Things (IoT) thermostat company Nest will disable the company's smart home product Revolv on May 15, sparking concerns over the future security of the IoT devices. The decision to disable the \$299 device was announced by Revolv founders Tim Enwall and Mike Soucie on Revolv's website. The founders will re-focus on building Works with Nest, a platform of compatible devices that integrate into the Nest system. "Unfortunately, that means we can't allocate resources to Revolv anymore and we have to shut down the service." [SC Magazine](#); [CBC News](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Condolences for Mountie Sarah Beckett pouring in

As condolences pour in for the Mountie killed in a collision yesterday near Victoria, the RCMP says it is talking with her family about plans for a possible public memorial. Const. Sarah Beckett died early Tuesday morning when her police cruiser was in a collision with a pick-up truck in the Victoria suburb of Langford. Beckett, an 11-year member of the force who spent her entire career on Vancouver Island, is survived by her husband and two young children. The popular officer's death has triggered an outpouring of condolences on social media, including a message from the prime minister. [CBC News](#); [Vancouver Sun](#)

'They treated him worse than an animal': RCMP allegedly beat man while he was naked and handcuffed

Police continued to beat Christian Duckchief long after he was on the floor and handcuffed, his fiancée says — until his orbital bone, cheek and nose were all fractured. Chantel Stonechild said Duckchief, 23, was dragged from the house, naked. "They treated him worse than an animal," she said. Duckchief and Stonechild were asleep, in bed in her Siksika Nation home, when Gleichen RCMP came for him Friday morning — Stonechild believes their eight-year-old daughter let the Mounties in. She woke up to Duckchief struggling with an officer on top of him. Duckchief's lawyer said his client didn't know what was happening. "Somebody jumped him on the bed and woke him up out of his sleep, grabbing his arms," Dale Fedorchuk said. [Postmedia News](#) (National Post)

Surrey RCMP station hit by bullet, say police

The Guildford Community Police Station may have been hit by a bullet. Mounties say a maintenance worker discovered a hole in a window on the north side of the station located at 10395 148 St. on Tuesday. "Police are currently examining the area and have found evidence consistent with a bullet causing the damage. The hole is about the size of a quarter," said a statement released by police "The damage does not appear recent and it is not known when this incident occurred. There are no witnesses or suspects at this point." [CBC News](#); [Times Colonist](#)

Kamloops RCMP introduces new media relations officer

The Kamloops RCMP introduced a new media relations officer on Wednesday morning. Cpl. Jodi Shelkie will officially take over the role on Monday, April 11. "With 19 years of service in the RCMP, we are very fortunate to have Cpl. Shelkie's experience and background," said Supt. Brad Mueller. Prior to coming to Kamloops, Shelkie worked as a media relations officer in Fort St. John. Current media relations officer.

Cpl. Cheryl Bush, will be working alongside Shelkie throughout the remainder of this week before returning to general duties in a supervisory capacity. [Kamloops BC Now](#); [CFJC Today](#)

Family of beaten N.W.T. woman upset she flew solo to Edmonton for treatment

The mother of a woman who was brutally attacked in Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T., last week says health staff allowed her daughter to fly unescorted to Edmonton for medical treatment. Crystal Kudlak's family says she was beaten in the head by someone she knows and was flown out for medical treatment last week. Now they're trying to raise money so Kudlak's mother can be by her side in an Edmonton hospital, as she undergoes plastic surgery to repair her face. "I was so upset," Emma Green, Kudlak's mother said from her home in Paulatuk. "I couldn't believe what was happening to her."... RCMP say they won't comment about the case, but confirm an incident happened with a woman in the community early in the morning on March 31. They said the woman was medevaced out of the community, but they did not know where. Police also confirm a man was arrested, but say he has not been charged. RCMP would not say if the incident on March 31 was related to the fundraising efforts by Kudlak's family. [CBC News](#)

Fraud Case Takes Grim Turn

A Fort McMurray woman under investigation after thousands of dollars were stolen from a memorial fund for a widow and her two children has been found murdered in British Columbia. Discovered last month The burned body of Vikki Heppner, 28, was found near a service road by Stave Lake, located approximately 40 kilometers north of Mission, B.C., on March 29. Heppner's body was discovered by someone driving through the area. Police are not releasing the woman's identity pending an autopsy, but CTV Vancouver has identified Heppner as the victim. Heppner's mother in Clifton, Ill., confirmed to the station that police had identified her daughter as the victim. Her mother said Heppner had left Fort McMurray after the alleged theft was made public last fall.

Police have charged Ryan Jack Armstrong, 29, with second-degree murder and indignity to a body. Investigators say the two knew each other at the time of the murder. "Our early investigative theory supports this as a targeted homicide and it is believed that the victim and suspect were known to each other," police in B.C. said. "An important piece to this investigation was the support of the public who came forward with information that has aided in the rapid progression from initial investigation to charge approval." Last fall, Wood Buffalo RCMP began investigating Heppner after money for the family of Roger Belanger was withdrawn from an online fundraiser. Belanger, a 29-year-old man from Sudbury, Ont., died in a car crash near London, Ont. on July 28, 2015. [Edmonton Sun](#), A3

4e fusillade à Surrey en 4 jours

La Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) a ouvert une enquête après une nouvelle fusillade ciblée survenue à Surrey mardi soir vers 23 h 10, la quatrième en quatre jours. À leur arrivée sur place, les policiers ont pris en charge un homme blessé par balle qui a été transporté à l'hôpital dans un état de santé stable. Un autre homme, décrit comme ayant la peau foncée et conduisant un VUS, a été vu quittant les lieux rapidement après l'incident. La police a également remorqué une berline blanche qui se trouvait à l'endroit des tirs. La zone a été fermée plusieurs heures, tôt mercredi matin, pour que la police puisse poser des questions aux résidents du quartier. Il s'agit de la 32e fusillade à Surrey depuis le début de l'année 2016. [Radio-Canada](#); [Vancouver Sun](#)

Toronto family doctor among arrests in fentanyl trafficking ring

A doctor who runs a family practice in Toronto is among several people who've been arrested in what police allege was a fentanyl trafficking ring. York region police said they began an investigation in October when fentanyl patches were being illegally obtained and transported to the Sudbury area to be sold. Investigators allege that two individuals, one of whom is Dr. George Otto, who runs a practice in Toronto, were working with street-level fentanyl dealers to obtain and distribute the fentanyl patches. Police allege the patches were sold at a street value of about \$400 to \$500 per patch. As a result of the investigation, police have seized nearly 300 fentanyl patches, more than \$50,000 in cash, as well as prescription notes and documents. [CTV News](#); [Metro News](#)

Detainees from Toronto G20 summit win right to sue via class actions

More than 1,000 people detained during the chaotic G20 summit almost six years ago won the right Wednesday to go the class-action route in lawsuits against police and others. In approving the class-

action process, Ontario's top court said various reports on the events to date had made only non-binding recommendations. "The remedies sought by the plaintiffs, which include a declaration that class members' charter rights have been violated and an award of damages, would be stronger instruments of behaviour modification," the Court of Appeal said in its decision. The G20 summit over a weekend in June 2010 _ marred by vandalism from several dozen protesters _ saw more than 1,000 people arrested or detained in what was later described as one of the worst violations of civil liberties in Canadian history. Many were kept in appalling conditions at a makeshift detention centre. Almost all were released without charge within 24 hours. [Canadian Press \(Global News\)](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés :

CBC News reported on allegations of police brutality during an RCMP-led arrest on the Siksika First Nation south of Calgary. [Rough Transcript](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Heroin, marijuana seized at Millhaven Institution

On March 29 at about 5:30 p.m., correctional officers at Millhaven Institution, a maximum-security federal institution, intercepted an inmate who was attempting to bring contraband into the institution. The seizure is the result of the combined efforts of correction officers, the detector-dog team and security intelligence officers. The contraband seized includes 6.2 grams of heroin and 15.7 grams of marijuana. The total institutional value is estimated at \$7,000. Police have been notified and the institution is investigating. CSC say they use a number of tools to prevent drugs from entering institutions, including ion scanners and drug-detector dogs to search buildings, personal property, inmates and visitors. CSC has set up a telephone tip line for all federal institutions to receive additional information about activities relating to security at CSC institutions. These activities may be related to drug use or trafficking that may threaten the safety and security of visitors, inmates and staff members working at CSC institutions. [Kingston Region](#)

Appeal decision for convicted killer expected today

An appeal decision is expected to come down today on the second-degree murder conviction of a Medicine Hat woman found guilty of the 2011 homicide of Casey Armstrong. Armstrong was found dead from stab wounds in his Southview Drive home on May 22, 2011. In January 2012, city police announced that two women were charged with first-degree murder in connection with the Armstrong homicide. (...) The second woman, Connie Oakes, was convicted by a city jury following a two-week second-degree murder trial in November 2013 and was subsequently sentenced in 2014 to life in prison with no eligibility for parole for 14 years. Oakes's appeal was filed within the 30-day appeal period following her sentencing. [Medicine Hat News](#)

Mafia murder suspected

Laval Multisports parking lot was the scene of a deadly shooting, at around 7:40 a.m., March 1. Sûreté du Québec took over the investigation, suspecting that the murder could be linked to organized crime. The victim, a 52-year-old man, could be Lorenzo Giordano, a high-profile member of the Rizzuto clan. Doctors pronounced him dead upon arrival at the hospital. Giordano was arrested during the Colisée investigation in 2006, which targeted the Mafia. He was sent to jail for 15 years and had been out on parole in a transition house since last December, after serving two-thirds of his sentence. [The Suburban](#)

My friend Kinew

A letter to the editor from Nicole Kish, an inmate currently serving a life sentence, states, "You recently published an article about systemic discrimination against Indigenous people in Canada. The article touched my heart and the hearts of many of the women at the Grand Valley Institution for Women, where I am imprisoned. The words resonated with us as truths we are not allowed to understand. When I read the comparison of prisons to "new residential schools," I felt validated. We make this comparison inside all the time. We feel deeply concerned with many of the current practices in Canadian judicial and prison systems. We know they represent horrors because we experience those horrors. (...) I had the feeling

that Kinew wouldn't get out of here alive, but when I said it, it was not because I wanted it to happen. I wondered how human beings could be so callous to one another, how the guards could not see the violence that they were enacting in their positions. I was witnessing the dynamics and effects of imprisonment on First Nations people and people with mental illness from a maximum security unit, the units where the most harm in the Canadian prison system occur. I have wondered, over the years, when harming people and abandoning them to prisons became okay. I wonder why so little is known about our prison system and I wonder when it stopped being about rehabilitation. It is such a cold and violent system, with intense potential for irreversible harm." [Maclean's](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Injecting common painkiller an alternative to heroin, Vancouver study finds

Drug addicts who inject themselves with a commonly prescribed painkiller can't tell the difference between it and medically prescribed heroin, a Vancouver-based study released today has found. The finding, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association's JAMA Psychiatry, could open the way to prescribing hydromorphone to people who have been unable to quit street drugs by using methadone or suboxone, the only two legal opiate substitutes in Canada. Addictions researcher Eugenia Oviedo-Joekes headed SALOME - the Study to Assess Longer-term Opioid Medication Effectiveness - at Providence Health Care's Crosstown Clinic on Hastings Street in the heart of the Downtown Eastside. While methadone taken daily in liquid form is effective for most people who want to quit opioids, it doesn't work for at least 10 per cent of the chronically addicted, she says. "There is an important minority of people who we have nothing to offer," said Oviedo-Joekes in a telephone interview. "The majority of them have been injecting for 15 to 20 years. These are people with very few resources in any area of their lives." SALOME recruited 202 heroin users who had a documented drug addiction for at least five years. Participants were randomly divided into two groups and given syringes filled with pharmaceutically prepared hydromorphone, the opioid pain medication sold under the brand name Dilaudid, or diacetylmorphine, the active ingredient in heroin. Neither the patient nor the health care worker handing out the syringes knew which drug they contained. [Vancouver Sun](#)

Woodstock and Brantford Police Services partner on human trafficking investigation

Woodstock and Brantford Police Services recently partnered on a joint investigation into human trafficking. Nine women in the sex trade in both communities were contacted by police and offered assistance at the end of last month, Woodstock Police said in a media release. All of these women "appeared to be working independently and not being controlled," police said. None of them wished to accept police help at that time. But investigators believe that one of the women they spoke with was a victim of human trafficking and an investigation is ongoing. [Woodstock Sentinel Review](#) (2016-04-05)

Overall crime down again in Cornwall in 2015, says police chief

Crime is down overall in the Seaway City. That's according to Cornwall Community Police Service Chief Dan Parkinson, who presented year-end statistics for 2015 to the Cornwall Police Services Board at city hall Wednesday (April 6). "The numbers reflect an ongoing trend going downwards in the total amount of crime happening in this city," Parkinson told Seaway News in an interview. According to the report, drug violations were down 26.73 per cent (27 incidents) in 2015 compared to the same time period in 2014, while violent crimes were down 5.8 per cent (48 incidents), and the offence type category 'other crimes' dropped 3.6 per cent (28 incidents). He said the lower crime rate is the result of a number of factors. [Cornwall Seaway News](#)

Measure of Harm for Crime Needs to Be Adopted

A "menu of harm" that measures crime according to the price of damage inflicted on victims – rather than counting crimes as if they are all of equal seriousness – needs to be adopted worldwide to focus police resources on the worst criminal acts, say leading University of Cambridge criminologists. "Not all crimes are created equal. Counting them as if they are fosters distortion of risk and accountability," said Professor Sherman, Director of the Cambridge Institute and Honorary President of the 2,000-member Society of Evidence-Based Policing. "If shoplifting drops while murder triples, crime is reported as 'down'

– yet any common sense view of public safety cries out for some adjustment for seriousness.”
(...) Sherman, Neyroud and colleagues have devised the Cambridge Crime Harm Index (CHI), which they describe as essentially a crime version of the cost-of-living index – a classification system weighted by, in this case, the likely impact of an offence on victims. (...) Sherman believes that adoption of the Cambridge CHI would help make optimal use of scarce resources through more targeted policing, which could, in turn, reduce prison populations. [Net News Ledger](#)

NATIONAL INQUIRY INTO MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS / ENQUÊTE NATIONALE SUR LES FEMMES ET LES FILLES AUTOCHTONES DISPARUES ET ASSASSINÉES

Someone knows something, says author of book on northwestern B.C. murders

Ray Michalko would never have predicted that putting an ad in a northern B.C. paper in 2006 would end up with him writing a book 10 years later. Obstruction of Justice details the private investigator's probing into the numbers of the missing and murdered women along the Highway of Tears, a name given to the 722 km stretch of Hwy 16 between Prince Rupert and Prince George. "I think it's going to make people aware about a lot of things and I've tried not to be judgemental but present the information or facts and let readers make up their minds about the whole thing," he says about what he hopes the book will accomplish. "I'm sure it'll generate more calls for me," said the former police officer who lives on the Lower Mainland. When Michalko began his search way back in early 2006, seven women were missing or had been found murdered along the highway, which grew to nine – the number Michalko talks about in his book – then jumped to 18 when the RCMP decided to add more cases, some from Alberta and some from further south in B.C., saying they were related. [Terrace Standard](#)

REGULATION OF MARIJUANA / RÉGLEMENTATION DE LA MARIJUANA

How to do drugs right: go Dutch?

Should you find yourself in Amsterdam, cycling along the city's complex latticework of bike paths, be wary along the canals. It is not uncommon for reckless cyclists to accidentally veer into the water. By the city's estimates, between 12,000 and 15,000 bicycles are dredged out of the canals each year. It would seem that installing some rudimentary barrier or guardrail along all the canals may prevent such wanton loss of property. But such modest precautions seem antithetical to Amsterdam's spirit—they're patronizing and nanny-ish in a city where it's the individual's duty conduct him- or herself non-moronically, and not the duty of civic leaders to prevent anyone from doing so. It's a notion also at work in Amsterdam's tourist-heavy Centrum neighbourhood, with its famous coffeeshops (read: cannabis cafés) and their twinkling, visibly toasted customers, and shops selling knockoff Bob Marley posters and hand-blown glassware. In the Netherlands, the sale of cannabis is technically illegal "but not punishable." Despite being something of a pot mecca, cannabis is only decriminalized de facto. That should soon put the country behind Canada when it comes to marijuana laws. Already, the changes to medical marijuana laws have seen a proliferation of not-quite-illegal dispensaries in Toronto, Vancouver and cities coast to coast, all of which seem to operate on the assumption that the cops won't bother to shut them down with pot legalization seeming imminent. While ostensibly dispensing only medical marijuana, many sport the aesthetic of the head shops of old, suggesting they might want to appeal to more than people struggling with, say, glaucoma or chronic pain; a few are part of a breed of designer stores selling marijuana in apothecary-chic settings. With a change coming in the law for recreational use, some leaders, including Tom Mulcair, have called for an end to marijuana arrests in the meantime. [Maclean's](#)

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Europe Under Siege

As the list of deadly attacks grows longer, Europe's great cities have had to improvise an iconography of grief and wariness. A visitor arriving in Brussels last week, days after bombs at the airport and in the metro killed 32 people, was struck not so much by fear as by déjà vu. It was so much like Paris after the *Charlie Hebdo* murders. These things have a shape and a rhythm to them now. At the Bourse, the Belgian capital's stately old stock exchange, crowds of tourists were still laying flowers and hanging banners. Chalk inscriptions on sidewalks and on the building itself bore messages of hope or sadness or helpless banality. "Just smile," said one. "It will make them angry." "Diversity is Brussels and they won't take it away from us," said another. The subways were running for only 12 hours a day, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., under heavy security. As a train on the main line sped through Maelbeek station without stopping, floor-to-ceiling screens hid any view of the platforms. It was at Maelbeek that 14 people died in the second attack of March 22, an hour and 13 minutes after the bombs at the airport detonated. There were soldiers everywhere, usually working in pairs and carrying assault rifles. I passed two Belgian army regulars as I entered the Canadian Embassy on a cold spring afternoon, and it wasn't until later that I learned they were stationed there well before the latest attacks. "They've been there since the Thalys incident," Dan Costello, Canada's ambassador to the European Union, told me. "Oh, no-since the Verviers Ring was taken apart." It can be hard to keep up with the mayhem. Let's recap. The Thalys is a high-speed rail network that serves Brussels. On Aug. 21, 2015, a 25-year-old Moroccan, Ayoub El-Khazzani, was arrested after a man boarded the train at Brussels and began shooting and stabbing its occupants, none fatally. Four passengers, including two off-duty members of the U.S. armed forces, overpowered the assailant. Seven months earlier, on Jan. 15, 2015, Belgian police killed two men in a series of raids on houses in Verviers, in eastern Belgium, and across Brussels. The Verviers raids came eight days after gunmen in Paris killed 12 people at the Paris offices of the satirical newspaper *Charlie Hebdo*. Police said the suspects in the raids were connected to the so-called Islamic State terror cult and that they were on the verge of planning new attacks. Investigators later said the Verviers group's ringleader, relaying orders by telephone from Athens, was Abdelhamid Abaaoud. Abaaoud remained free long enough to help organize the massive coordinated terror attack on Paris restaurants, bars and the city's main sports stadium on Nov. 11. He died in a bloody police raid in a Paris suburb a week later. Investigators believe the driver for the November Paris attacks was Salah Abdeslam, born in 1989 in Brussels to Moroccan parents. He escaped the dragnet around Paris last autumn. Police finally caught him in Molenbeek, an inner-city Brussels neighbourhood that is home to many Moroccan and Turkish immigrants. A manhunt across two countries ended on March 18 when police, alerted by a suspiciously large pizza order, raided Abdeslam's Molenbeek flat. His capture probably spurred his associates to carry out the Brussels airport and metro bombings four days later. [Maclean's](#)

Liberal budget makes it tougher to scrutinize fate of public purse: PBO

The federal budget watchdog says the Liberal government's inaugural budget has made it more difficult for people to scrutinize public finances. The parliamentary budget office says in a new report that last month's budget failed to separate purely discretionary decisions, like new measures and changes in planning assumptions, from shifts in economic conditions, as past governments did. Budget officer Jean-Denis Frechette's report also says the Liberal decision to introduce a risk adjustment that lowered the projected budgetary balance by \$6 billion a year was excessive and eroded the independence of using private-sector forecasts. [CBC News](#)

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Brussels attacks a security failure, but Belgium not a failed state: PM

The March 22 Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) attacks in Brussels signalled a security "failure", Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel admitted on Wednesday (April 6), but he rejected the notion that his country was a "failed state". "When there is an attack like that of course that's a failure and nobody can deny this," he told reporters in Brussels. But, he added, "I cannot accept the idea that we're a failed state." [Agence France-Presse](#) (Straits Times)

One of Brussels bombers had worked in EU Parliament: spokesman

One of the Islamic State suicide bombers who killed 32 people in Brussels on March 22 had worked as a cleaner for a short period in the European Parliament six years earlier, a spokesman for the EU assembly said on Thursday. In 2009 and 2010, "one of the perpetrators of the Brussels terrorist attacks worked for a period of one month for a cleaning company which was contracted by the European Parliament at the time," spokesman Jaume Duch Guillot said in a statement which did not name the individual. An EU official said the person was Najim Laachraoui, a 25-year-old Belgian who prosecutors said blew himself up in the airport attack and is also suspected of making suicide vests for last November's Paris attacks in which 130 people died. [Reuters](#)

Border force warns terrorists could enter EU by abusing asylum checks

The EU's border force has warned that terrorists may have infiltrated Europe by hiding among asylum seekers, noting that two of the bombers in last November's Paris attacks arrived on the continent in a smuggling boat from Turkey. Frontex's annual risk analysis released on Tuesday, said: "The Paris attacks in November 2015 clearly demonstrated that irregular migratory flows could be used by terrorists to enter the EU." Echoing observations made five months ago, the report added: "Two of the terrorists involved in the attacks had previously irregularly entered through Leros and had been registered by the Greek authorities. They presented fraudulent Syrian documents to speed up their registration process. [Guardian UK](#)

Spying on Friends? Atmosphere of Distrust Hinders EU Anti-Terror Cooperation

The man who wants to explain the psyche of Germany's foreign intelligence service sips a cappuccino and talks about the abduction of German tourists in the Sahara Desert a few years ago (...) The French intelligence services had good sources in the region, but they had been unwilling to share their information with the Germans, so the BND decided to spy on the French to get it. This was how it came to be that the Germans spied on a government agency in a friendly country, one they treated as being among of their closest political allies. Friendly? Allied? (...) It took only a few hours after three bombs had exploded in Brussels and 35 people had been killed for politicians and experts to begin calling for better cooperation among intelligence services in Europe (...) The argument makes sense: If terrorists are forming cross-border networks, then governments must do the same to fight terrorists. Nevertheless, cooperation among security agencies in Europe remains rudimentary. [Spiegel](#)

Cyber Command Gets 'First Wartime Assignment' in Fight against ISIS

The U.S. Defense Department's relatively new Cyber Command has received its "first wartime assignment" in the fight against the Islamic State, the Pentagon's top civilian said. Defense Secretary Ashton Carter made the statement during a question-and-answer session after a speech Tuesday at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a defense think tank in Washington, D.C. (...) His remarks about Cyber Command, which was created in 2009 and is based at Fort Meade in Maryland, came in response to a question posed by John Hamre, the president and chief executive officer of the center and a former Pentagon comptroller and deputy defense secretary. Hamre said, "Any future war we fight will probably begin in the cyber space, really. How do you see that we integrate the physical fight that's kind of led and planned and coordinated by regional combatant commanders with a Cyber Command? How is that going to work?" [Military.com](#)

FBI: It's 'simply too early' to say whether anything valuable is on the San Bernardino iPhone

After a protracted and very public dispute between the FBI and Apple, federal authorities said last week that investigators were able to access a locked iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino attackers. So what have they actually found? It's too soon to say, according to the FBI's top lawyer (...) Baker said investigators had obtained data from the phone. He also hinted it was possible that the bureau may never reveal the phone's contents, saying that the FBI will make a decision on what to disclose only after they finish analyzing the iPhone's data. [Washington Post](#)

Boston Marathon Security: 5,000 Cops, No Drones or Backpacks

Public safety officials have outlined a tight security plan for the Boston Marathon three years after two bombs inside backpacks exploded near the finish line. Authorities said during a news conference Wednesday that there will be up to 5,000 law enforcement officers, enhanced checkpoints and dozens of

surveillance cameras along the 26.2-mile route on April 18. The special agent in charge of the FBI's Boston division says officials aren't aware of specific threat against the marathon. Special agent Hank Shaw says officials are incorporating lessons learned from attacks in Paris, Brussels and San Bernardino, California, into the marathon security plan. [Associated Press](#) (ABC News)

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Montreal youth gets 2 years for terrorism.

La Presse

Peine maximale pour un ado montréalais qui voulait rejoindre l'EI <http://bit.ly/23hy8Hm>

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[#Montreal](#) teen gets 2 yrs custody, 1 yr probation for 2 terror-related offences. Robbed store to raise money to go to Mideast to join [#ISIS](#).

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New era in war fighting begins, as the next war will indeed "begin in cyber", see how Cyber Command takes on ISIS: <http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/04/05/cyber-command-gets-first-wartime-assignment-in-fight-isis.html> ...

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[#JustinTrudeau](#) avoids direct answer on whether bank fined \$1.1M by anti-[#moneylaundering](#) agency should be named. <http://cbc.ca/1.3522013>

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La Presse

Agence des services frontaliers: un employé québécois arrêté <http://bit.ly/1UW4lxq>

Halifax Police

CBSA employee Carie Willis charged w/ sex assault/breach of trust/extortion re 2003 incidents as immigration officer <http://ow.ly/10m2qd>

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TorontoStar

[#@&5!?](#) WhatsApp launches full encryption on all platforms. on.thestar.com/1qrrSyT

CBC Canadian News

Companies can — and may — brick your connected devices at any time <http://ift.tt/23gd0Bc>

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Toronto Star

Detainees from Toronto G20 summit win right to sue via class actions <http://on.thestar.com/1oCqLBI> #topstories

CBC Canadian News

Court to rule on G20 'kettling' class action against Toronto police <http://ift.tt/1SApWdl>

Kim Bolan

The violence continues in Surrey <http://vancouversun.com/news/staff-blogs/the-violence-continues-in-surrey/> ...

CBC News Alerts

#Alberta #RCMP accused of breaking facial bones of First Nations man during arrest: <http://cbc.ca/1.3521620>
#Siksika

CKNW

#NorthVancouver RCMP investigating fatal house fire, 2000-BI Wembley Dr, 61yr man, 1030am Tuesday. Arson not ruled out.

CTV News

Criminal investigation underway after RCMP officer killed in B.C. crash <http://ow.ly/10kTpb>

CBC News Alerts

B.C. #RCMP say driver in custody after Mountie killed near #Victoria in early morning crash: <http://cbc.ca/1.3521471>

NYPD In Memoriam

The #NYPD sends condolences to the members of @bcRCMP and to the friends and family of Constable Sarah Beckett #RCMP

RCMP Nova Scotia

charges being laid in weapons incident near Millwood High yesterday #RCMPNS @HfxRegPolice <http://ow.ly/10mISD>

Natasha Pace

#RCMP say having extra police at #Millwood High is meant to provide reassurance to students, staff & parents

Connie Walker

RCMP release new images of missing woman Lorlene Bone in an attempt to help find her <http://ctv.news/88vSane>
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La Presse

Cannabis: un employé de la GRC voit son licenciement annulé <http://bit.ly/23geH1G>

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

EVA BC

Sexual-assault task force calling for anon reporting system on campuses <http://fw.to/Y02wYfl> EVA BC's excited to be a part of this work!

Jessica Prince

Shout-out to Heidi @CRCVC for telling Min. @Puglaas about Caber, a BC dog helping victims of crime: <http://deltapolice.ca/media-releases/2015/05/delta-police-trauma-k9-caber-makes-courthouse-history-b-c/> ...
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UN Women

Racism & colonialism are root causes of violence agnst Indigenous women in Canada- @Melina_MLM <http://ow.ly/10fYBC> @WomenintheWorld #mmiw

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Arms deal by Canadian firm violated international embargo: UN report <http://fw.to/QOB4lzC>

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AFP News Agency

Brussels attacks a security failure, but Belgium not a failed state: PM <http://u.afp.com/ZBSK>

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One of #ISIS #suicidebombers who killed 32 in #Brussels March 22 worked as a cleaner in the European Parliament 6 years earlier, EU says.

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#WhiteHouse to redirect \$589M in unused funds to fight/protect against #ZikaVirus. Urges Congress to authorize \$1.8B in emergency spending.

Washington Post

White House to spend \$589M in Ebola funds to fight Zika <http://wapo.st/1N8NAMA>

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Freight train crashes into car in Brampton, killing one and critically injuring an elderly man

One person is dead and an 80-year-old man has been airlifted to hospital after a freight train crashed into a car at a railway crossing in Brampton, Ont. CBC News reports the elderly man who received life-threatening injuries was in the vehicle at the time of the crash. A spokesman with Peel Regional Police says the train was not carrying any hazardous materials when the collision took place just before 10:30 a.m. [Canadian Press](#) (Vancouver Province)

Nova Scotia Power crews working to fix thousands of outages after high winds - The utility says high winds and heavy rain are pushing trees onto power lines

Up to 11,000 homes and businesses started Friday without electricity due to power outages stretching from the Annapolis Valley to parts of Cape Breton. Nova Scotia Power says it is investigating the cause of the outages, which range from Coldbrook, Tatamagouche, Antigonish and Cheticamp. By 11:00 a.m., the number of outages was down to about 5,050. "We have very strong winds across the province and in some areas we also have pockets of very heavy rain," said Bev Ware, a spokeswoman for Nova Scotia Power. "The wind and a number of areas, combined with the rain, is causing trees and branches to come down onto the lines." The outages have led to some cancelled schools. The Strait Regional School Board sent students at Cape Breton Highlands Education Centre/Academy home at 9:30 a.m. Gaspereau Valley Elementary School planned to dismiss classes at 11:15 a.m. [CBC News](#); [Chronicle-Herald](#)

Winnipeg Children's Hospital declares emergency over flu - Manitoba Nurses Union president says hospital is at 'critical capacity'

The Children's Hospital of Winnipeg is in a state of emergency as its nurses work around the clock to care for kids with the flu, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority officials say. The Manitoba Nurses Union president Sandi Mowat said the hospital, including the pediatric and neonatal units, is at "critical capacity." Nurses at the hospital have been working extra shifts, extra hours on those shifts and some have even given up their vacations to care for sick children, Mowat said. [CBC News](#)

Énergie Est: les prises d'eau potable menacées

Les prises d'eau de près de 3,2 millions de Québécois sont concernées par le projet de pipeline Énergie Est, selon un rapport de groupes écologistes publié mercredi et intitulé Énergie Est : une menace à l'eau potable. Pour arriver à ce chiffre, les environmentalistes ont analysé les 4600 km du tracé envisagé par l'entreprise TransCanada, les quelques 3000 plans d'eau traversés et les municipalités qui pourraient être touchées en cas de fuite majeure dans un cours d'eau. Sachant que lors de la fuite de la rivière Kalamazoo, en juillet 2010, la rivière a été polluée sur près de 60 km, le rapport conclut que l'eau potable de 5 millions de Canadiens (dont 3,2 millions de Québécois) est à risque. «À Kalamazoo, six ans plus tard, on trouve encore du pétrole lourd qui a coulé dans le fond de la rivière. Si ce scénario se répétait dans la région de Montréal, les prises d'eau potable qui sont dans les rivières et le fleuve pourraient être inutilisables pendant des mois, voire des années», lance Patrick Bonin de Greenpeace Canada qui a participé à l'élaboration du rapport. «Les conséquences économiques et écologiques associées à une dégradation de la qualité de l'eau dans cette région ne s'arrêteraient pas là. Les activités de plaisance et le trafic commercial sur le Saint-Laurent pourraient être touchés, voire interrompus. Les entreprises agricoles et les industries qui dépendent de l'eau provenant d'une de ces rivières pourraient aussi en souffrir», mentionne le rapport. [Le Peuple Lévis](#)

Canadian researcher's mosquito trap offers hope in fight against Zika spread

A new mosquito trap designed by a Canadian researcher is almost seven times more effective than conventional devices, according to a new study conducted in northern Guatemala, providing hope that the spread of mosquito-borne viruses such as Zika can be better controlled. Laurentian University researcher Dr. Gerardo Ulibarri has been crafting and testing mosquito traps for years. His latest is called "ovillanta." The low-cost trap, made from discarded tires and other recycled materials, has proven to be highly successful in Sayaxche, Guatemala, a region deemed at risk for viruses such as dengue, chikungunya and now Zika – all diseases carried by mosquitoes. The target is *Aedes aegypti*, which is known commonly as the yellow fever mosquito and is suspected of transmitting Zika, a disease attributed to rising rates of microcephaly (children born with abnormally small heads) and other serious neurological disorders, such as Guillain-Barré syndrome, which can affect anyone. The study, released Thursday, was conducted in seven neighbourhoods in Sayaxche during a 10-month period in 2015 and pitted 84 ovillantas against 84 ovitraps – one-litre bucket contraptions filled with water. During the study, ovillantas captured and destroyed 181,336 mosquito eggs, compared with 27,053 eggs eliminated by the more conventional traps, according to the study. [Globe and Mail](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés :

[CBC News](#) reports a train collided with a car, killing one person, in Brampton, Ontario. [Rough Transcript](#)

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Windham man gets day in jail for illegally crossing US border

A Windham man was sentenced Thursday in U.S. District Court to serve one day in jail and ordered to pay a \$3,000 fine for crossing from Canada into Maine illegally, according to the U.S. attorney's office. Bruce Mayberry, 55, pleaded guilty Nov. 19, 2015, to one count of failure to present himself at a border crossing, a federal misdemeanor, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney James Moore. Mayberry was stopped Oct. 29, 2015, after his red Saturn sedan triggered sensors and was seen by a U.S. Border Patrol agent driving on a field road from New Brunswick, Canada, into Maine, according to a news release issued by the U.S. attorney's office. When stopped by the agent, Mayberry admitted that he had been in a Canada a few days and had seen a dentist in the province. An officer employed by the Canadian Border Services Agency reported that Mayberry had been refused entry into Canada in 2005 as result of his criminal history, according to the release. Mayberry's criminal history was not immediately available but his previous convictions are reportedly more than 20 years old. In addition to the jail time, which he already has served, Mayberry also paid a civil penalty and a \$500 fee associated with impoundment of his sedan. [Bangor Daily News](#), [Keep Me Current](#)

New Peace Bridge customs building aims to speed truck inspections

A new \$24 million U.S. Customs office and truck inspection facility on the Peace Bridge plaza should speed up processing times and help ease air pollution in the surrounding neighborhood, officials said Friday. The extensive renovations and expansion to the 65-year-old office building next to Front Park, coupled with an upgraded cargo bays that should speed up truck inspections, are part of a broader five-year improvement plan costing \$186 million that now is underway at the Peace Bridge plaza. "Welcome to the 21st Century," said Sam Hoyt, the chairman of the Peace Bridge Authority during a ceremony to mark the official opening of the U.S. Customs Commercial Building. "For too long, we've been living in the previous century." The renovation work, carried out in phases over the past two years, increased the size of the building by more than 50 percent to more than 67,000 square feet of space. The high-efficiency building, which is eligible for LEED certification, is expected to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions associated with its operations by 86 percent, Hoyt said. The new building also will make it more efficient for customs officers to carry out inspections on some of the 940,000 trucks that cross the Peace Bridge each year, said Rose Hilmey, acting director of the Buffalo field office of the Customs and Border Protection Service. [Buffalo News](#), [Buffalo Business First](#)

EU visa standoff strains allies Canada needs to pass trade deal

Could Canadians soon require a visa to travel to the European Union? It may sound crazy, but unless the Canada's visa requirements are dropped for Romanians and Bulgarians by April 12, the European Union is required to reciprocate with visa requirements of its own. Even if brinkmanship subsides and a visa war is averted, the hard feelings come at a bad time for Canada, as it tries to rally votes needed to ratify its trade deal later this year. Next Tuesday in Strasbourg, France, the EU's College of Commissioners - roughly equivalent to its executive, or cabinet, representing all 28 member states - is expected to proceed with a "delegated act," imposing a visa requirement for Canadians and Americans visiting Europe. The Europeans believe they are obligated to reciprocate when unwarranted visas are imposed on citizens of member countries. The EU set April 12 as the deadline for all countries to comply with a visa reciprocity mechanism adopted in 2014. That means Canada needs to lift its visa requirement for Romanian and Bulgarian citizens by Tuesday. The U.S. currently requires visas for citizens from five EU member states and is part of the same dispute. The issue has dragged on for years, originating with fears that as some central and eastern European countries with vulnerable migrant populations, such as the Roma, joined

the EU, too many could overstay visits in North America or claim asylum. An earlier dispute between Canada and the Czech Republic was resolved in 2013. But for Romanians and Bulgarians, visa requirements remain in place. [CBC News](#)

Detroit Tigers home opener: Everything you need to know

Planning on heading to Detroit for the home opener against the New York Yankees? Here is everything you need to know before you leave. (...)Early Friday morning, there were no delays reported at the Ambassador Bridge or the Windsor-Detroit Tunnel, though that should change as the day progresses. If you're planning on crossing, leave yourself plenty of extra time. [CBC News](#)

Grey market milk substitutes could see crackdown at Canada-U.S. border

The federal government is promising the dairy industry a crackdown on surging milk substitute imports. NAFTA regulations exempt U.S. dairy producers from tariff rate quotas (TRQs) on milk protein products, giving them nearly unfettered access to the Canadian market for these products. They're used mainly to make cheese, and the dairy industry says the U.S. industry has become adept at finding and exploiting loopholes, creating a grey market that's unfair to Canadian producers. One of the most controversial issues is the use of "diafiltered" milk in cheese making. Diafiltered milk is produced when water is added to milk and then ultrafiltered, causing soluble materials such as milk sugars to be removed and non-soluble material such as milk fat to be retained, resulting in a product that's more than 85 per cent protein, and thus exempt from any import restrictions when coming from the U.S. What it is subject to are restrictions on its use in cheese making, something the Canadian dairy industry says is happening more and more, and something the federal agriculture minister conceded to the Commons agriculture committee is a growing issue. [Manitoba Cooperator](#)

Les producteurs de lait se mobilisent contre le lait diafiltré

Les Producteurs de lait de Chaudière-Appalaches ont réclamé au gouvernement fédéral qu'il règle rapidement et définitivement le problème des importations de lait diafiltré lors d'un point de presse hier à la fromagerie la Pépite d'or. Cette problématique vient du fait que le lait diafiltré provenant des États-Unis est considéré comme un ingrédient laitier lorsqu'il traverse la frontière, ce qui fait en sorte qu'aucun tarif n'est demandé à la compagnie exportatrice tandis que l'Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments (ACIA) le considère comme du lait. Ce faisant, son utilisation pour remplacer le lait dans la fabrication de fromage n'est pas contrôlée. (...)En effet, l'importation des produits laitiers au Canada est limitée par des tarifs douaniers, un contrôle essentiel au bon fonctionnement de la gestion de l'offre, le moyen par lequel les producteurs de lait établissent le meilleur équilibre possible entre l'offre et la demande de leurs produits et qui leur permet de tirer leur revenu entièrement du marché, sans subventions. [En Beauce](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Anonymous Has Lost Its Touch

An opinion piece states "This April 7 will be remembered as another sad day in the annals of hacking. Anonymous, once thought of as a sophisticated band of anarchist hackers, established its Annual Hack Israel Day, aka OPISRAEL. The yearly Cyberattack-palooza, which began in 2013, coincides with Holocaust Memorial Day. This group of loosely linked hackers who try to wreak havoc against people, corporations and nations that it deems evil is so warped in its analysis of good and evil that it chose what it considered the perfect day to inflict the most pain on Israel. Kick them while they are down, so to speak... on Holocaust Memorial Day." [Observer](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

RCMP regimental funeral planned for Const. Sarah Beckett

Plans are underway for an RCMP regimental funeral for Const. Sarah Beckett, the RCMP officer who died this week in a collision in Langford, B.C. The funeral for Beckett will be held on Tuesday at the Q Centre in Colwood, according to information released by the Capital Regional District. The arena seats about

3,100 people. Yesterday, hundred of Victoria area residents lined the streets as police escorted Beckett's body to the airport so it could be flown to Vernon for tests. The return flight is due back this afternoon. There will be a second procession to escort the casket from the airport to Sands Funeral Home in Colwood home starting around 2:30 p.m. PT today. Const. Sarah Beckett died early Tuesday morning when her police cruiser was in a collision with a pick-up truck in the Victoria suburb of Langford. Beckett, an 11-year member of the force who spent her entire career on Vancouver Island, is survived by her husband and two young children. The driver of the other vehicle was arrested at the scene and released Wednesday. No charges have been laid, but police said the investigation is ongoing. [CBC](#); [Mississauga News](#)

Winnipeg man accused of sending letter bombs faces more charges

A Winnipeg man accused of targeting his former wife and two lawyers with potentially lethal letter bombs is facing more charges in an explosion two years earlier. RCMP say Guido Amsel is accused in the detonation of an explosive device outside a home in the Rural Municipality of St. Clements northeast of Winnipeg in April 2013. Police say Amsel faces two counts of attempted murder as well as several explosives and weapons-related charges. He is already in custody waiting for a bail hearing on attempted murder and weapons charges from last summer. [Telegram \(Guardian\)](#); [Winnipeg Free Press](#); [CBC News](#); [Global News](#); [Brandon Sun](#); [CTV News](#); [Radio-Canada](#)

Comox Valley RCMP hunt for suspect in attempted sex assault

Comox Valley RCMP are on the hunt for a man who shoved a woman to the ground early Thursday morning in an attempted sexual assault. Comox Valley RCMP Const. Rob Gardner said at about 2 a.m. on Thursday a woman was walking near the corner of Centennial Drive and Back Road when a man grabbed her and shoved her to the ground. The woman fought back causing the man to run off, police said. The man is described as Caucasian, standing 5 feet 10 inches tall, with a slight build, and pale skin. The man had dark scruffy hair, bad teeth and bad breath. At the time he was wearing jeans and a black or dark grey hoodie. [Times Colonist](#)

Brandon man faces child porn charges, police say

A Brandon man has been charged with accessing and possessing child pornography as a result of an investigation that started late last year, police said Friday. The 58-year-old was arrested on Thursday. The investigation started in October of 2015 and police executed a search warrant at the man's residence in February, Brandon police said. Officers seized computers during the raid, according to police. The man has been released on conditions and is scheduled to appear in court in June, police said. [CBC](#)

UBC warns students after man attempts to break into residence lounge

The University of British Columbia has sent a warning email to students who live on campus after a man attempted to break into a residence lounge where a female resident was studying. The incident happened Friday at 2 a.m. outside the Marine Drive Building 5 lounge, where a male was seen pressing himself against the exterior window. The man tried to enter the building but was unsuccessful, and the resident fled, said Andrew Parr, managing director of student housing and hospitality services. "She looked up from her studies, saw this individual doing what he was doing, quickly packed up and left," he said in a phone interview Saturday. RCMP and campus security were called and arrived quickly, but were unable to apprehend the man. The resident wasn't able to provide a strong description of the suspect, Parr said. "I think she was more focused on her own safety and obviously was a bit traumatized by the situation, and wanted to leave the area as quickly as possible." It's unclear whether the incident is connected to a recent series of "night prowler events" where a man was seen lurking in bathrooms and bedrooms at UBC residences, Parr said. [Times Colonist](#), A6

RCMP post video of Saint-Quentin jewelry heist in bid to ID suspect

Surveillance video of a suspect in an armed robbery at a jewelry store in Kedgwick earlier this week is being circulated by RCMP in Saint-Quentin in the hopes someone may recognize the man. At about 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, a man walked into the Boutique Or-Déco at 64 Notre-Dame St. The man then left with jewels worth several thousand dollars, said RCMP. The man got into the rear seat of a white, four-door sedan. There were two people in the front seat. RCMP say the suspect is between five feet, eight

inches and six feet tall. The man is of average build and spoke French. The suspect was wearing jeans and either a black and grey or white plaid jacket, or a sweater with a hood. [CBC](#)

Brampton man, woman accused in sex-crime investigation

A Brampton man and woman have been accused of forcing an 18-year-old woman into prostitution, following a lengthy investigation by the Toronto police Human Trafficking Enforcement Team. Police allege the victim was lured into prostitution by a man and forced to provide sexual services. She was then "given" to another man and woman who also forced her into prostitution. In November, the woman managed to escape and contacted police. One man was arrested, and that launched the investigation, which resulted in two search warrants that were executed Wednesday, and the arrest of the two Brampton residents. Police allege photographs were taken of the victim in various stages of undress, and those photographs were posted on [backpages.com](#), and sexual services advertised. She was allegedly forced to provide sexual services for clients in several hotels and residences in the GTA, according to police. [Mississauga News](#)

Montreal cops to investigate police shooting in Lac-Simon

Two brothers from northwestern Quebec. Two eerily similar deaths. Sandy Tarzan Michel, 25, was shot by police during an altercation on a small Algonquin reserve in Lac-Simon on Wednesday evening and later died of his injuries. Provincial police Sgt. Benoit Coutu said officers from the Lac-Simon force were responding to reports of a man allegedly brandishing a knife as he was walking in public at about 7:30 p.m. Michel was struck by a police cruiser and later shot several times for reasons that are still unclear. In 2014, the Montreal Gazette published an in-depth report on policing in the aboriginal community of Opitciwan, about three hours' drive west of Roberval, exploring the challenges of maintaining security on a reserve with a painful history and complicated relationships with its police force. Click here to read the report, which was nominated for a National Newspaper Award. As friends and relatives paid tribute to Michel on social media, they pointed to a tragic coincidence also highlighted in local media reports Thursday: the deceased's brother died in January 2009 after being shot by police in Lac-Simon as he allegedly held a knife. [Gazette](#)

Police recover gun after closing down Vimy Avenue over 'suspicious activity'

A firearm has been recovered during an ongoing investigation that had police close a St. John's street to traffic and pedestrians Friday morning. Police have closed off Vimy Avenue in St. John's after police dog services tracked two suspects to the area. The males are believed to have been carrying a gun. Several Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) cruisers were on Vimy Avenue, off Cashin Avenue, where "suspicious activity" was reported Friday morning. The RNC said in a tweet that around 10:20 a.m., police received a report of two suspicious males in the area of Ropewalk Lane who were possibly carrying a firearm. "Police Dog Services tracked the males to the area of Vimy Ave where a search is underway," the RNC wrote. A resident of the street said they saw what appeared to be a pistol. [Telegram](#)

Three Calgarians charged with use of counterfeit currency in Cochrane

Three Calgarians have been charged in connection with the recent use of counterfeit currency at local businesses in Cochrane. Mounties received multiple complaints Thursday from local businesses in the town west of Calgary of three people using fake bills. RCMP say the bills are of "poor quality" and the businesses were specifically targeted on the belief the fake money would be more easily accepted than at businesses in Calgary. When police arrived, they stopped a vehicle matching the description provided by witnesses outside a local Shoppers Drug Mart, and arrested the three occupants. A search of the vehicle turned up a counterfeit Canadian \$100 bill, several counterfeit Canadian \$50 bills, and three counterfeit American \$20 bills. Police also seized a small amount of methamphetamine. Jason Soroichinski, 31, Gina Soroichinski, 33, and Teri Machinskini, 19, all of Calgary, were charged with possession and uttering counterfeit currency, and possession of methamphetamine. RCMP in other jurisdictions have been warning citizens to be on the lookout for counterfeit currency. [Calgary Herald](#); [Cochrane Times](#); [Calgary Sun](#)

More drug seizures for Her Majesty's Canadian Ships Saskatoon and Edmonton

Further to the drug seizures of March 7 and March 19, Her Majesty's Canadian Ships Saskatoon and Edmonton assisted in separate cocaine shipment "disruptions" while on patrol in the eastern Pacific

Ocean on March 25, the Royal Canadian Navy says. HMCS Edmonton and its embarked United States Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment were assisted by United States Ship (USS) Lassen in intercepting a vessel of interest in international waters off the coast of Central America, the RCN noted. The vessel intercepted, a "panga"-style fishing boat, was identified by a maritime patrol aircraft while on routine patrol. With the help of USS Lassen's helicopter, the vessel was hailed to stop, after which it began to jettison its cargo, the navy noted. HMCS Edmonton assisted the U.S. Coast Guard detachment which seized control of the vessel and retrieved 27 bales of cocaine from the water. The bales weighed a total of 650 kilograms. The interception involving HMCS Saskatoon and its U.S. Coast Guard team began the evening of March 25 when a maritime patrol aircraft conducting a routine patrol located a target of interest in international waters off the coast of Central America. The fishing boat jettisoned its cargo and fled the scene. After several hours of searching, HMCS Saskatoon found the jettisoned cargo in the early morning of March 26. Sixteen bales of cocaine were retrieved from the water; there was an estimated 640 kilograms of coke. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Cop punished for 'disgraceful manner' four years after incident

former Terrace RCMP officer has been given a reprimand and docked two days pay for using excessive force to subdue a man inside a detachment jail cell in April 2012. Const. Brian Heideman appeared at the South East District RCMP headquarters in Kelowna before a three-person RCMP adjudication panel hearing via video conference with Ottawa. The panel found his actions in the Terrace incident carried out in a disgraceful manner that brings discredit to the RCMP. Heideman, joined in the hearing by his Kelowna lawyer Norm Yates, chose this particular process because the facts surrounding the incident were not in dispute and he wanted a resolution to the disciplinary actions he was facing. [BC Local News](#) (2016-04-07)

Enquête sur la SQ à Val-d'Or: 30 victimes potentielles

Depuis qu'il a pris en charge l'enquête sur les allégations d'inconduite de policiers de la Sûreté du Québec (SQ) à l'encontre de femmes autochtones de la région de Val-d'Or, le Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) a identifié 30 victimes potentielles qui racontent avoir été enlevées, séquestrées, avoir subi des voies de fait ou des agressions sexuelles, révèlent des documents judiciaires obtenus par La Presse. (...) Les documents d'enquête énumèrent les nombreuses techniques d'enquête utilisées dans ce dossier afin d'étayer et de valider les témoignages des plaignantes et des témoins. De nombreuses entrevues ont été réalisées, des registres ont été demandés chez des fournisseurs afin d'essayer de déterminer la position de personnes à certains moments. Des albums photo ont été montrés aux victimes alléguées pour voir si elles reconnaissaient un agresseur. Le SPVM a même demandé une ordonnance judiciaire afin que la SQ lui fournisse l'historique de géolocalisation d'une voiture de patrouille mise en cause dans l'un des cas qui font l'objet d'une enquête. [La Presse](#)

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Crowds of people lined the streets to offer their support and condolences as officers from police departments across southern Vancouver Island solemnly escorted the body of Const. Sarah Beckett, an 11-year member of the West Shore RCMP, killed in a two-vehicle crash in Langford early Tuesday. (CTV News, 9h09 ET)

CBC News reports on the current situation in Lac-Simon following the death of a man during an altercation with the police. The community reacted. Police were attacked and three men were arrested. [Rough Transcript](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Man convicted of Kentville attempted murder sentenced for assaulting sheriff

A man who was handed a 10-year federal sentence for attempted murder and two counts of aggravated assault in March has been sentenced for assaulting a Department of Justice sheriff. Paul Eldon Lake, 55, formerly of Kentville, was present in Kentville provincial court in custody April 6. He pleaded not guilty in September 2014 to an original charge of assaulting a Department of Justice sheriff engaged in the

execution of his duty. Lake was scheduled to stand trial April 6 but pleaded guilty to the included offence of assault. (...) Judge Patrick Duncan sentenced Lake to 10 years in prison March 18, less 935 days credit for time spent remanded in custody. The court imposed a lifetime firearm prohibition against Lake, granted a forfeiture order for weapons and granted a DNA order. Lake was ordered to have no contact with the three victims. [Yarmouth County Vanguard](#) (Nova News Now)

La Commission des libérations conditionnelles révoque un pardon accordé à Bernard Gauthier

La Commission des libérations conditionnelles du Canada révoque un pardon accordé au représentant syndical de la FTQ-Construction sur la Côte-Nord, Bernard « Rambo » Gauthier. Bernard Gauthier a reçu un pardon en 2007 pour deux condamnations qui remontent à la fin des années 1990. Dans sa décision, la Commission reproche au représentant syndical d'avoir eu des démêlées avec la justice au cours des dernières années, notamment pour des affaires d'intimidation. Bernard Gauthier pourra toutefois continuer d'exercer ses fonctions de représentant syndical. Il envisage contester cette révocation devant la Cour fédérale. Pour sa part, la FTQ-Construction compte appuyer son représentant syndical dans ses démarches devant la justice. [Radio-Canada](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Dramatic decline in Hamilton Police street checks

The new provincial rules for police street checks, or carding, aren't in effect yet, but the latest figures show there's already been a dramatic decline in the number of checks being carried out by Hamilton Police. The CBC says Hamilton officers did 30 checks last year, down from nearly 200 in 2014. No reason is being given for the drop. Last summer, former Chief Glenn De Caire warned the province there would be "unintended consequences to limiting the investigative aid." Starting January 1, police must inform any citizens who voluntarily stop for them on the street that they have a right not to give any identifying information. That additional protection, along with the appointment of an independent reviewer, were announced by Community Safety Minister Yasir Naqvi following consultations held since draft rules to clamp down on controversial practice of racially biased street checks were released in October. [AM 900 News](#); [CBC News](#)

Criminalité à Ottawa : outiller les communautés pour évacuer les traumatismes

Une conférence intitulée « Traumatismes et voisinages » se tient à Ottawa de 8 h à midi, vendredi, au Confederation Education Centre, qui est situé au 1645, avenue Woodroffe. Cet événement est organisé par Prévention du crime Ottawa. Les participants pourront en apprendre plus sur la nature des traumatismes que les nombreuses fusillades survenues ces derniers mois à Ottawa peuvent avoir infligés aux communautés. Ils assisteront aussi à des présentations portant sur la façon d'introduire des réseaux de soutien post-traumatique dans les quartiers et le type de soins à prodiguer. « Nous avons constaté que quand il y a des événements violents, tels que des fusillades, des meurtres, ce ne sont pas juste les victimes directes qui seront affectées. C'est tout le voisinage, le quartier », soutient la directrice générale de Prévention du crime Ottawa, Nancy Worsfold. Cette triste réalité a été documentée lors d'une étude réalisée auprès de quatre communautés de logement communautaire d'Ottawa, qui sont situées au cœur de quartiers réputés difficiles dans la capitale nationale. Afin d'aider les différents intervenants, un cadre de mise en œuvre d'une stratégie d'action a été développé. Elle consiste à s'assurer d'avoir les bons mécanismes pour orienter les citoyens ébranlés vers les services appropriés, et ce, tout de suite après un événement violent. [Radio-Canada](#)

NATIONAL INQUIRY INTO MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS / ENQUÊTE NATIONALE SUR LES FEMMES ET LES FILLES AUTOCHTONES DISPARUES ET ASSASSINÉES

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REGULATION OF MARIJUANA / RÉGLEMENTATION DE LA MARIJUANA

How to legalize marijuana? Go Dutch

Should you find yourself in Amsterdam, cycling along the city's complex latticework of bike paths, be wary along the canals. It is not uncommon for reckless cyclists to accidentally veer into the water. (...) In the Netherlands, the sale of cannabis is technically illegal "but not punishable." Despite being something of a pot mecca, cannabis is only decriminalized de facto. That should soon put the country behind Canada when it comes to marijuana laws. Already, the changes to medical marijuana laws have seen a proliferation of not-quite-illegal dispensaries in Toronto, Vancouver and cities coast to coast, all of which seem to operate on the assumption that the cops won't bother to shut them down with pot legalization seeming imminent. [Maclean's](#)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to visit Thunder Bay today

Justin Trudeau is scheduled to be at the Thunder Bay Transit Bus barn on Fort William Road at 1:30 p.m. No other details have been given about that stop. But before arriving in Thunder Bay, Trudeau will stop at the Sault Ste. Marie bus barn in the morning. The government has been making funding announcements for public transit as part of its infrastructure investments. He was in Sudbury yesterday, where he made a \$27 million infrastructure funding announcement. The Prime Minister is expected to meet later with First Nations leaders, including Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler and Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day. Grand Chief Fiddler said he's looking forward to talking about Pikangikum and other NAN priorities. [CBC](#)

OTHER / AUTRES

Trudeau says he has no money in offshore accounts

You won't find the name Justin Trudeau in the leaked documents that sparked an international furor over tax avoidance, the prime minister insisted Thursday during a brief stop in northern Ontario. Trudeau, in Sudbury, Ont., to make an infrastructure announcement, said he has been fully open with Canadians about the investments he holds. The prime minister was unequivocal when asked directly whether he or any of his family members hold cash or investments in offshore accounts. "No, we do not," Trudeau said as some in the audience chuckled. "I have been entirely and completely transparent about my and my family's finances." Trudeau said the Panama Papers have highlighted the concerns that people around the world have about political leaders and other powerful corporate figures using offshore accounts and tax havens to avoid paying taxes. [CTV News](#)

INTERNATIONAL

Paris attacks suspect Abrini Mohamed arrested

Mohamed Abrini, wanted over November's ISIS attacks in Paris, has been arrested in Brussels, Belgium's public broadcasters said on Friday, adding that he was probably involved in last month's Brussels bombings. Public prosecutors confirmed in a brief statement only that police had made several arrests related to the Brussels attacks. Abrini, a 31-year-old Belgian, was "more than likely" the "man in the hat" seen on security camera footage at Brussels airport on March 22 with two suicide bombers, VRT and RTBF said on their websites, citing unidentified sources. If confirmed, the arrests could mark a success for Belgian security services, which have faced fierce criticism at home and abroad since Brussels-based militants organized the attacks that killed 130 in Paris on Nov. 13. They took place a day after police issued new images and detail on the "man in the hat" and follow the arrest in Brussels three weeks ago of the prime surviving suspect in those attacks. [Reuters](#) (CBC News); [Presse canadienne](#) (Le Soleil); [Toronto Star](#); [La Presse](#)

Edward Snowden urges British public to rise up and force David Cameron to resign over offshore fund

The British Prime Minister has admitted benefitting from an offshore trust. Fugitive whistleblower Edward Snowden has put further pressure on David Cameron following the release of the Panama Papers by urging the British public to force his resignation. Mr. Cameron faced a difficult week of questions before he admitted on Thursday to profiting from the sale of shares in an offshore fund. Mr Snowden, who resides in Russia – whose leadership has been linked with the Panama Papers revelations – sought to ratchet up the pressure on the PM on social media. [Independent](#); [Mirror](#); [Washington Post](#)

San Francisco police fatally shoot man carrying knife

San Francisco Police officers shot and killed a homeless man carrying a knife, the third fatal shooting of a minority suspect without a gun over the last two years. The shooting Thursday morning in the city's Mission District neighbourhood comes amid the department's attempt to reform its "use-of-force" policies and repair an image battered by two separate incidents of officers exchanging racist and homophobic text messages. San Francisco Police Chief Greg Suhr says two officers shot the unidentified Latino man after he refused demands to drop a knife and after the suspect was shot four times with nonlethal beanbags. The incident was the second fatal shooting of a knife-wielding suspect since December. The previous shooting of knife-wielding black man along with the fatal shooting of a Latino man carrying a stun gun in March 2014 and the recent texting scandals has led to several protests, calls for the chief's firing and wrongful death lawsuits. The U.S. Department of Justice recently agreed to requests from Suhr and Mayor Ed Lee to review the department's procedures and policies. Suhr has called in outside law enforcement experts to help the department develop less lethal responses to suspects not carrying guns. The latest incident began Thursday morning when city homeless outreach officials checking on residents living in tents called police to report a man carrying a knife, Suhr said. Suhr didn't identify the man, who officers reported charging at them before firing. Seven bullets casings were found and the kitchen knife recovered, Suhr said. The blade was 10 inches to 12 inches long, and witnesses described it as a chef's knife, he said. [Cape Breton Post](#) (Guardian)

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PostmediaNews

Freight train crashes into car in Brampton, killing one and critically injuring an elderly man <http://ow.ly/3dkPwE>

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Two people airlifted to hospital after freight train crashes into car in Brampton <http://natpo.st/1S7I4RT>

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Canadian researcher's mosquito trap offers hope in fight against Zika <http://trib.al/JtqS2vl> @JulienGignac

CYBER SECURITY / CYBERSÉCURITÉ

SCMagazine

#Pentagon unclear on who will defend the U.S. against a cyberattack | <http://ow.ly/10n9d2>

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

TorontoStar

10 years ago today, an 'execution assembly line' wiped out an entire Toronto biker gang called the Bandidos.

HuffPostCanada

Winnipeg man accused of sending letter bombs facing more charges <http://huff.to/1MZhacJ>

RCMP SK

Come see @sassjordan at this year's RCMP Charity Ball. For more info go to: <http://www.kidshelpphone.ca/rcmpcharityball> ^bz

CBCNews

Lac-Simon victim's brother also fatally shot by police <http://ift.tt/1SjGm9V>

Surrey RCMP

Working together to reduce crime in downtown core with Community Cooperation Committee @TransitPolice @dtsurreybia

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#Surrey - One male in custody following assault with a weapon <http://bit.ly/1YjgAau>

CTVNewsVI

Public gets another chance to pay respects to Const. Sarah Beckett today <http://ctv.news/k0xoPzk>

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INTERNATIONAL

FoxNews

Suspected terror accomplice known as 'Man in the Hat' reportedly among several arrested: <http://fxn.ws/1S7JKea>

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Un suspect-clé des attentats de Paris interpellé en Belgique <http://goo.gl/DMHZrq>

SkyNews

Last suspect still at large following #ParisAttacks has been arrested <http://trib.al/gRI5MpW>

Blogs

Our obligation to Omar Khadr

The federal government recently announced they would not proceed with the Conservative government's appeal of Omar Khadr's release on bail. There was a collective sigh of relief from those who have followed his tragic case. Although Omar is no longer in prison, Canadians cannot be complacent. We must question how we allowed such a gross travesty of justice to occur; how, for over a decade, we sanctioned or acquiesced to the most serious violation of a citizen's rights and to the torture and abuse of a child. A letter writing campaign launched by the Free Omar Khadr Committee calls on the Canadian government to finally address our obligation to Omar. Our individual liberties and equality before the law depend on the universal enforcement of rights and remedies for violations. Violations of those rights must be remedied; otherwise rights protected by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and international treaties are meaningless. In 2004 a civil claim was filed against the Canadian government seeking compensation for the violations of Omar's protected rights due to the actions of Canadian authorities and the participation of Canadian officials in his torture and abuse in the U.S. military prison in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. Rather than accepting the conclusion of the Supreme Court that Canadian officials were complicit in the human rights violations suffered while Omar was detained in Guantánamo, the Canadian government, at taxpayer's expense, persistently has fought Omar's legal team at every level of court -- only to lose each and every time. Rabble.ca

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Officials: Second hack exposed sensitive military and intelligence officer data

The Associated Press
Ken Dilanian and Ted Bridis
June 12 2015, 18h47 ET

Hackers linked to China have gained access to the sensitive background information submitted by intelligence and military personnel for security clearances, U.S. officials said Friday, describing a cyberbreach of federal records dramatically worse than first acknowledged.

The forms authorities believed may have been stolen en masse, known as Standard Form 86, require applicants to fill out deeply personal information about mental illnesses, drug and alcohol use, past arrests and bankruptcies. They also require the listing of contacts and relatives, potentially exposing any foreign relatives of U.S. intelligence employees to coercion. Both the applicant's Social Security number and that of his or her cohabitant is required.

In a statement, the White House said that on June 8, investigators concluded there was "a high degree of confidence that ... systems containing information related to the background investigations of current, former and prospective federal government employees, and those for whom a federal background investigation was conducted, may have been exfiltrated."

"This tells the Chinese the identities of almost everybody who has got a United States security clearance," said Joel Brenner, a former top U.S. counterintelligence official. "That makes it very hard for any of those people to function as an intelligence officer. The database also tells the Chinese an enormous amount of information about almost everyone with a security clearance. That's a gold mine. It helps you approach and recruit spies."

The Office of Personnel Management, which was the target of the hack, did not respond to requests for comment. OPM spokesman Samuel Schumach and Jackie Koszczuk, the director of communications, have consistently said there was no evidence that security clearance information had been compromised.

The White House statement said the hack into the security clearance database was separate from the breach of federal personnel data announced last week — a breach that is itself appearing far worse than first believed. It could not be learned whether the security database breach happened when an OPM contractor was hacked in 2013, an attack that was discovered last year. Members of Congress received classified briefings about that breach in September, but there was no public mention of security clearance information being exposed.

Nearly all of the millions of security clearance holders, including some CIA, National Security Agency and military special operations personnel, are potentially exposed in the security clearance breach, the officials said. More than 4 million people had been investigated for a security clearance as of October 2014, according to government records.

Regarding the hack of standard personnel records announced last week, two people briefed on the investigation disclosed Friday that as many as 14 million current and former civilian U.S. government employees have had their information exposed to hackers, a far higher figure than the 4 million the Obama administration initially disclosed.

American officials have said that cybertheft originated in China and that they suspect espionage by the Chinese government, which has denied any involvement.

The newer estimate puts the number of compromised records between 9 million and 14 million going back to the 1980s, said one congressional official and one former U.S. official, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because information disclosed in the confidential briefings includes classified details of the investigation.

There are about 2.6 million executive branch civilians, so the majority of the records exposed relate to former employees. Contractor information also has been stolen, officials said. The data in the hack revealed last week include the records of most federal civilian employees, though not members of Congress and their staffs, members of the military or staff of the intelligence agencies.

On Thursday, a major union said it believes the hackers stole Social Security numbers, military records and veterans' status information, addresses, birth dates, job and pay histories; health insurance, life insurance and pension information; and age, gender and race data.

The personnel records would provide a foreign government an extraordinary roadmap to blackmail, impersonate or otherwise exploit federal employees in an effort to gain access to U.S. secrets _ or entry into government computer networks.

Outside experts were pointing to the breaches as a blistering indictment of the U.S. government's ability to secure its own data two years after a National Security Agency contractor, Edward Snowden, was able to steal tens of thousands of the agency's most sensitive documents.

After the Snowden revelations about government surveillance, it became more difficult for the federal government to hire talented younger people into sensitive jobs, particularly at intelligence agencies, said Evan Lesser, managing director of ClearanceJobs.com, a website that matches security-clearance holders to available slots.

"Now, if you get a job with the government, your own personal information may not be secure," he said. "This is going to multiply the government's hiring problems many times."

The Social Security numbers were not encrypted, the American Federation of Government Employees said, calling that "an abysmal failure on the part of the agency to guard data that has been entrusted to it by the federal workforce."

"Unencrypted information of this kind this is disgraceful _ it really is disgraceful," Brenner said. "We've had wakeup calls now for 20 years or more, and we keep hitting the snooze button."

The OPM's Schumach would not address how the data was protected or specifics of the information that might have been compromised, but said, "Today's adversaries are sophisticated enough that encryption alone does not guarantee protection." OPM is nonetheless increasing its use of encryption, he said.

The Obama administration had acknowledged that up to 4.2 million current and former employees whose information resides in the Office of Personnel Management server are affected by the December cyberbreach, but it had been vague about exactly what was taken.

J. David Cox, president of the American Federation of Government Employees, said in a letter Thursday to OPM director Katherine Archuleta that based on incomplete information OPM provided to the union, "the hackers are now in possession of all personnel data for every federal employee, every federal retiree and up to 1 million former federal employees."

Another federal employee group, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, said Friday that "at this point, we believe AFGE's assessment of the breach is overstated." It called on the OPM to provide more information.

Former Rep. Mike Rogers, one-time chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said last week that he believes China will use the recently stolen information for "the mother of all spear-phishing attacks."

Spear-phishing is a technique under which hackers send emails designed to appear legitimate so that users open them and load spyware onto their networks.

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CSIS under scrutiny for programme that illegally kept metadata

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Canada's spy agency is under scrutiny itself after a scathing court ruling said it was illegally keeping data on Canadians who posed no threat national security threat.

The programme had been going on since 2006.

Ottawa says it will ensure the spy agency is in is full compliance with Thursday's Federal Court decision.

The news came in the wake of revelations that police in Quebec had been spying on journalists.

The Federal Court ruling said that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) had been illegally keeping and analysing so-called "associated data", more commonly known as metadata, from third party communications.

That metadata, which could include the date, time, and telephone number linked to a phone conversation or an email address, was collected legally.

But it could only be retained if it was related to national security threats or of use to an investigation or prosecution.

It could also be kept if it was related to national defence or international affairs.

The court found CSIS was holding onto data from an unknown number of Canadians unrelated to threats or to the target of the warrants and that did not fall under any of those categories.

The spy service also failed to inform the court about that programme for a decade.

CSIS said it has suspended all access to and analysis of that metadata while it determined the its next steps .

Canadian Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said on Friday that CSIS's compliance with the judgement will be supervised by Canada's security intelligence review committee.

Opposition New Democrat MP Murray Rankin called the retention of the metadata "a gross abuse of power and an unjustifiable intrusion into the privacy of Canadians" and said that Canadian spy agencies lacked oversight.

The court judgment added to an ongoing debate in Canada over police powers, press freedom and privacy following revelations that Quebec police had spied on at least seven journalists.

Quebec announced it will hold an inquiry into the surveillance of journalists by police forces in the province.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called the surveillance "troubling" and said nothing similar was happening at the federal police force level.

Two of the province's police forces admitted they had obtained court warrants to monitor phones owned by journalists in order to track sources linked to leaks.

NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden spoke out on the revelations, calling police actions a "radical attack on the operations of the free press".

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Edward Snowden tells students mass data collection can hamper attempts to foil attacks

CBC News
Feb 2 2015, 21h41 ET

U.S. National Security Agency whistleblower and international fugitive Edward Snowden told students at Upper Canada College that the mass collection of data by government spy agencies can get in the way of foiling terrorist plots.

Such programs can sometimes take resources away from targeted data collection of specific threats, Snowden, told students at the private school in Toronto, where he was invited to speak.

The problem with mass surveillance is when you collect everything, you understand nothing," he said during the video conference Monday evening.

Snowden, who exposed the NSA's domestic spying program in 2013, was the keynote speaker at the World Affairs Conference, which is co-organized by Upper Canada College, where he also took questions from students.

The title of the talk, which also included journalist Glenn Greenwald, was "Privacy vs. Security: A Discussion of Personal Privacy in the Digital Age."

He told students that electronic spying programs constitute a threat to democracy and ought to be subject to more public debate about limits on how information is collected and used.

"This fundamentally changes the balance of power between the citizen and the state," he said.

Project Levitation

Snowden remains a controversial figure. The documents he leaked in 2013 revealed the U.S. government has programs in place to spy on almost everything that hundreds of millions of people do online, including emails, social networking posts, online chat histories, phone calls and texts.

Some of the documents revealed that other intelligence agencies, including the U.K.'s GCHQ, engage in the same kind of domestic spying.

Snowden mentioned the Levitation program, which sifts through millions of videos and documents downloaded online every day by people around the world, over the course of the 90-minute talk.

Details of the Communications Security Establishment project were revealed last week in a document obtained by Snowden and released to CBC News.

He also mentioned Canada's new anti-terror legislation that was introduced on Friday and includes a range of measures that would allow suspects to be detained based on less evidence and let CSIS actively interfere with suspects' travel plans and finances.

Snowden said it was important to be cautious when expanding such powers, particularly during what he called times of fear and panic.

"Once we let these powers get rolling, it's very difficult to stop that boulder," he said.

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney has said he believes the Security Intelligence Review Committee has the expertise to keep an eye on CSIS.

'Mother Teresa or Adolf Hitler'

Snowden fled to Hong Kong and later Russia after illegally releasing documents that exposed widespread collection of citizens' phone and internet metadata by U.S. and other intelligence agencies.

Some have praised Snowden for exposing the breadth of government spying. Others feel his actions are treasonous.

Snowden told students that sometimes media coverage has focused too heavily on himself and not enough on the issues raised by the revelations of mass data collection.

"Whether or not I'm Mother Teresa or Adolf Hitler, that has bearing no whatsoever on the content of the reporting," he said.

Conor Healy, the student who arranged to have Snowden speak, said the decision prompted a fierce debate at his school.

"Our goal is to expose the student delegates to issues that are globally significant to them," Healy said Monday in an interview on CBC Radio's Metro Morning. "Snowden is undoubtedly one of the foremost perspectives on one side of an essential debate about our relationship with the government as it relates to personal privacy."

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Turning security flaws into cyberweapons endangers Canadians, experts warn

[CBC News](#)

J.M. Porup

2016-09-02, 5:00 ET

Apple's decision to issue emergency security updates to iPhone users and the recent news that a hacking group apparently stole NSA cyberweapons and posted them online is prompting security experts to question whether the use of security flaws as weapons by intelligence agencies puts citizens in danger.

Spyware or malware that exploits previously unknown security flaws, such as the three fixed by Apple, can enable a hacker to take control of a device and spy on calls and messages, turn on the microphone and camera to eavesdrop on nearby conversations and even modify, delete or add information.

While Apple and other companies have issued patches to protect users after security flaws are discovered, security experts are concerned that intelligence agencies are withholding knowledge of flaws so they can exploit them. In the meantime, those same flaws could be exploited by others, too.

The iPhone security flaws were discovered after they were used in an attempt to hack a human rights activist in the UAE and a journalist in Mexico.

An investigation by Citizen Lab and mobile security firm Lookout linked the attack to Israel-based cyber outfit NSO Group, which sells spyware to governments.

Intelligence agencies like the NSA and Canada's Communications Security Establishment (CSE) treasure security flaws because they make it easy to hack into computers around the world to engage in espionage, or even sabotage.

The documents leaked by NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden in 2013 revealed close ties between the NSA and CSE.

'Exploit it all'

At a 2011 meeting of the Five Eyes intelligence agencies, the NSA described its "collection posture" as "Collect it All," "Process it All," "Exploit it All," "Partner it All" and "Know it All," according to a slide leaked by Snowden.

"Five Eyes work in lockstep on all of this," said security expert Bruce Schneier, a fellow at the Berkman-Klein Center at Harvard University, referring to the partnership involving the security agencies of the U.S., U.K., Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

"The Snowden docs demonstrate that CSE is active in identifying vulnerabilities," Christopher Parsons, a post-doctoral fellow at Citizen Lab, told CBC.

"The fact that CSE identifies vulnerabilities and is not reporting them means users are not receiving patches in order to secure their networks."

Parsons said this "creates a really dangerous scenario."

"Canadians need to have a discussion about this. Do we want to live in a world in which we're protecting our own citizens? Or should the priority of Canadian government organizations [like CSE] be first and foremost hacking foreign systems?"

Weaponized security flaws can have destructive powers, as was seen with the Stuxnet worm.

Discovered in 2010, the joint U.S./Israeli operation used the cyberweapon to destroy centrifuges at Iran's Nantaz nuclear enrichment facility.

Using a browser flaw

An investigation by CBC last year revealed that CSE exploited security flaws in one of the world's most popular browsers and planned to hack into smartphones using links to Google and Samsung app stores.

If CSE can find a security flaw, then Russia or China or a criminal might find the same flaw. A foreign intelligence agency could also steal the flaws CSE decides to weaponize, Schneier said, pointing to the theft of the NSA's cyberweapons.

The NSA's weapons were posted online by a group going by the name of Shadow Brokers, ostensibly as a teaser for an "auction" of more weapons: "!!! Attention government sponsors of cyber warfare and those who profit from it !!!! How much you pay for enemies cyber weapons?"

The stolen weapons date from 2013, and contain numerous security flaws in popular routers.

"Russians hacked the NSA and stole security vulnerabilities and they're going to use them against us," Schneier said.

If the NSA - the most powerful spy agency in the world - can get hacked, CSE can also get hacked, critics said.

"Hoarding vulnerabilities harms our security," Schneier said, "and if Canada is complicit in it happening, then Canada is at fault."

The Shadow Brokers leak highlights the tension between a government's desire to use security flaws for intelligence gathering and law enforcement purposes and the need to fix security flaws to prevent foreign spies and criminals from exploiting them.

Conflicting interests

Snowden himself chimed into the debate after the Shadow Brokers leak via Twitter.

The U.S. government has tried to balance these conflicting interests with the Vulnerabilities Equity Process (VEP), which evaluates security flaws discovered by the U.S. government and decides which to fix and which to use.

The VEP is a good start to the conversation, Parsons said, but a terrible end result from a policy perspective.

"There's widespread acknowledgment among experts that the VEP is a farce," Chris Soghoian, principal technologist at the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington, told CBC. He criticized the process for weighing too heavily in favour of weaponizing security flaws.

"On the other hand," he added, "even though it's a farce, it's still better than anything any other country has."

Canada lacks such a process.

CSE declined to comment on how it evaluates security flaws.

'Toxic' secrecy

Public Safety Canada noted in a statement that the Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre (CCIRC) "works to protect organizations from cyber threats in part by sharing timely and accurate information regarding vulnerabilities."

Public Safety Canada also recently announced an eight-week public consultation on cybersecurity that ends in mid-October.

However, there is no evidence that the CCIRC has any decision-making role in the CSE's evaluation process, which remains secret.

"The secrecy is toxic," Schneier said, "and [also] the fact that we are prioritizing surveillance over security."

"We are choosing insecurity," he added. "We are choosing surveillance. If we do the right things the process will work. If we do the wrong things the process will fail."

Canadian politicians, judges, journalists and business leaders use smartphones vulnerable to the flaws now fixed by Apple - and to flaws still unknown. The country's infrastructure is increasingly networked and vulnerable to sabotage by a foreign intelligence agency.

In such a world, Parsons wondered, does national security mean using security flaws against potential enemies? Or disclosing and fixing them?

"We haven't had that debate in this country," he said.

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Lawyer lands discharge for angler caught with pot at border

A New Jersey man avoided a criminal record on Tuesday for entering Canada with 14 grams of marijuana in his vehicle last year. However, Matthew Simonelli has likely earned himself trouble crossing the border, Judge Henrik Tønning noted in Saint John provincial court. The judge accepted the arguments from defence counsel Charles Bryant to grant the 30-year-old, Toms River, N.J., native an absolute discharge for possession of marijuana at St. Stephen on Sept. 9. (...) Federal Crown prosecutor Peter Thorn related in court that Simonelli and his wife crossed the border at St. Stephen and declared two expensive bamboo fishing rods. The Canada Border Services Agency officer discovered that one Ryan Mockler tried to bring these same rods into the country earlier but he was deemed inadmissible to Canada, Thorn said. Border agents searched Simonelli's vehicle and found the marijuana plus \$600 U.S. in a black shoulder bag, the prosecutor said. The agents investigated further and found messages on Simonelli's cellphone "that made a reference to other drugs and pills being contained in a container or cooler," Thorn said. The border guards searched the vehicle but found nothing, Thorn said. The agents issued a civil penalty of \$250 and turned the matter over to the RCMP. [Telegraph-Journal](#), B2

Charges won't affect citizenship bid, says lawyer

The lawyer of a stateless man who has again been charged with drug crimes says the new charges will not affect Deepan Budlakoti's efforts to be declared a Canadian citizen. Yavar Hameed said he is waiting

to hear back on his application to the Supreme Court of Canada for review of a Federal Court of Appeal decision "relating to the factual and legal question of whether or not (Budlakoti) is a Canadian citizen." The Citizen reported Monday that Budlakoti was charged Dec. 18 with possessing drugs for the purpose of trafficking and possessing property obtained by crime. He was arrested at his Gatineau apartment by the Gatineau police anti-gang squad in a raid that turned up nearly \$10,000 worth of cocaine, a semi-automatic handgun and ammunition. "These charges have no bearing on that application," Hameed said in a statement to the Citizen. "In terms of removal prospects under immigration law, the new charges do not make him a citizen of India or any other country, so his removal is still unenforceable in law." (...) Budlakoti learned of his unusual citizenship status in 2010 when he was sentenced to three years in prison for weapons and drug trafficking. Officials said the serious nature of those convictions necessitated deportation, but Indian authorities refused to take him. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A4

Deadly Montrose hit-and-run suspect arrested at US-Canada border

A man accused in a deadly hit-and-run accident in Montrose earlier this month is now behind bars in North Dakota. Matthew Alan Putterman is charged with failure to stop and render aid. He was arrested by border agents while trying to cross into Canada. Police say Putterman is responsible for the January 8 death of 23-year-old Michael Alexander Hill. Hill was struck and killed by a red-light runner as he tried to cross Westheimer at an intersection near Taft. The driver sped off. Officials say Canadian border patrol officials noticed the damage to his vehicle and found text messages between him and his sister talking about the accident and ways to fix his damaged car. [KTRK-TV](#) (2016-01-19)

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And the red tape award goes to ...

We have a winner. Stewardship Ontario, Halifax Regional Municipality and Canada Border Services have each received a Paperweight Award from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB). The CFIB's annual list, provided exclusively to the Toronto Sun, gives top "honours" a municipal, a provincial and a federal agency that creates the most red tape for small business owners. CFIB vice-president Satinder Chera said he hopes the recognition helps spur change. (...) The federal award goes to Canada Border Services Agency for its website. With no warning, the CFIB says the federal agency dropped a section on its website which included call centre numbers for small business owners. No timeline has been given for its replacement. [Toronto Sun](#), A12 (Edmonton Sun, Winnipeg Sun)

Dozens of families with no-fly list stories contact Ontario boy's mother

It turns out the little Ontario boy who's been having trouble boarding airplanes is far from alone. The whirlwind of publicity about six-year-old Syed Adam Ahmed's difficulty at the airport has prompted dozens of other families with similar stories to contact Khadija Cajee, the boy's mother. Twenty-one of them agreed to be mentioned in a letter that Cajee has sent to federal cabinet ministers involved in the high-profile issue. (...) Tales of other children with the same sorts of travel challenges soon emerged. And now Adam's mother has become an unofficial liaison with the Liberal government on behalf of many families. "When they saw this in the media, they contacted us," said Cajee, who lives in Markham, Ont. "Because I guess they were surprised and happy to know they were not the only ones." The 21 cases Cajee is sharing in confidence with Goodale and other ministers involve Canadian-born children ranging in age from six months to 17 years. "They've never been denied boarding, but they've all had some level of delay and inconvenience," Cajee said. "Some of them have actually missed flights because of this." After Adam's case hit the headlines, Goodale said his officials had reminded airlines they don't need to vet children against Canada's no-fly list. His department is also exploring possible changes to the Secure Air Travel Regulations that would help identify those who have similar or the same names as people on the no-fly list, but are not the intended targets. In addition, Goodale indicated the no-fly regime - officially known as the Passenger Protect Program - would be examined during broad public consultations on Canada's overall security framework. (...) However, it's difficult to understand exactly why he and the other young travellers have been stopped at the airport, in part due to the quiet use of U.S. air-security lists in Canada. Other countries are at liberty to develop their own rules for their own purposes, Goodale said in a recent interview with The Canadian Press. "But it can have a spillover effect that is very difficult to manage. We'll obviously look at that in the process of the consultation that we're going to undertake

with the airlines and with the general public. It's just critically important to get this balance right." [CTV News](#)

Des impacts pour la région

Les besoins des Canadiens en produits laitiers ont augmenté de 18 % en 2015. La vente de crème et de beurre a connu une hausse marquée, mais celle du lait ne cesse de diminuer depuis quelques années. Et même si le Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean a connu une bonne année au niveau de la production, la baisse mondiale du prix du lait a eu des conséquences sur les agriculteurs. (...)« Nous voulions dresser un portrait de la situation et discuter des perspectives pour l'année 2016 avec les producteurs de la région. Évidemment, nous parlons des ventes, des quotas, mais aussi des différents accords et du contrôle des frontières. Mais je dois dire que depuis l'élection fédérale de l'automne dernier, nos producteurs ont une bonne compréhension du Partenariat transpacifique et de la gestion de l'offre, qui sont devenus des enjeux électoraux. En 2016, notre regard sera surtout tourné vers l'accord entre le Canada et l'Europe et vers le contrôle des frontières. Le Partenariat transpacifique nous fera moins mal que l'accord Canada-Europe, qui n'a toujours pas été conclu. On peut dire que ce sera encore une fois une année très politique », a indiqué Daniel Côté, le président régional des Producteurs du lait. [Le Quotidien](#), 16 (La Presse)

Lametti on CETA: 'We'll get this deal to work'

Canada's new government is keeping an "open mind" when it comes to the controversial investor-state arbitration clauses in its proposed Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement with the European Union, says David Lametti, the Liberal parliamentary secretary for Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland. (...) Heading off another dispute with the United States over softwood lumber is another priority for the government, as is exploring free trade with China and pursuing Canada's stalled free trade talks with India, said Mr. Lametti. "A trade agreement with China, could it be reached, would be a good thing" if it was "done right," he said, adding the government has already begun to explore the possibility of trade talks with China in "very concrete ways." (...)The government's consultation process for the Trans-Pacific Partnership is another priority, said Mr. Lametti. Ms. Freeland has already spoken with at least 80 groups and individuals about the deal, and other ministers have also discussed the deal with stakeholders, including Finance Minister Bill Morneau and Agriculture Minister Lawrence MacAulay, he said. Mr. Lametti downplayed the importance of the signing ceremony for the deal, expected to take place Feb. 4 in New Zealand. The government still has not decided whether it will sign or ratify the agreement, he said. Whether or not to ratify the TPP is the key decision, he said, adding, "signing really isn't all that important." The TPP and CETA cover many of the same issues, with chapters ranging from competition policy to telecommunications and tariffs. The government is taking a more cautious approach to the TPP primarily because the Liberal politicians now in power have not had as much time to examine the deal, the text for which was only revealed to them during this summer's election campaign. [Embassy](#)

SI eyes Canada's labour mobility opportunities

FOREIGN Affairs Minister Milner Tozaka has confirmed Solomon Islands Government's interest to engage in Labour Mobility opportunities with Canada. And to further strengthen relationship between Government and people of both countries, the Mr Tozaka said that plans are underway for the Solomon Islands Prime Minister, Manasseh Sogavare to make a historical visit to Canada and hold discussions on a number of important bilateral issues including labour mobility arrangements, clean energy and to also seek export opportunities for the people of Solomon Islands. These commitments were expressed by Minister Tozaka during his meeting in Honiara last week with the visiting Chairman of Canadian International Training & Education (CITREC) and Solomon Islands Honorary Consul General Mr. Ashwant Dwivedi. (...) "Canada has significant job opportunity which Solomon Islanders can be engaged into as temporary foreign workers. There is no doubt Hon. Minister that almost 80 per cent of Solomon Islands youth population is unemployed and this is an opportunity which can with proper training and education help see Solomon Islands nationals being employed by a Canadian employer," Chairman Dwivedi said. [Soloman Star](#)

Canada – New Electronic Travel Authorisation effective 15 March 2016

On 15 March 2016 the Canadian government will enforce the new Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA) program. The eTA process went into effect in August 2015 but will not be mandatory until 15 March. The

eTA is an online registration system that travellers access online. eTAs are valid for five years, or until the expiration date of a passport, whichever comes first. The eTA requirement applies to travelers who do not need a visa to enter Canada and who are planning to arrive by air. Visa exempt countries include the UK, Japan, Australia, Korea, countries in the European Union and more. The eTA requirement does not apply to citizens of the US and it is not required if a person is entering at a land or sea port of entry. Nationals of certain visa-required countries (Brazil, Bulgaria, Mexico or Romania) who hold a current US non-immigrant visa, or who have held a Canadian visa in the past ten years, will be allowed to enter Canada with an eTA instead of a visa. This special visa exemption may not, however, be in place by 15 March 2016. [Relocate Magazine](#)

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Stabbed in the back

Stabbed in the back, resident Patrick Mullin concluded bluntly. Yes, you were, Olde Sandwich Towne. By the very people you elected to represent you. The stately and historic John L. Forster Secondary School, once a hub on Windsor's vulnerable west side, now belongs to Matty Moroun, block-busting, neighbourhood-destroying owner of the Ambassador Bridge. It's not like the public school board didn't know the bridge company wanted - needed - this property. "There was an awareness the bridge company would be a potential buyer," board spokesman Scott Scantlebury admitted to the Windsor Star's Dave Battagello. The company has been hovering, waiting to snatch it, for more than a decade. The school's playing field off Felix Avenue is next to the site of a proposed new truck inspection plaza that the company needs for its planned twin span. (...) It's not like the trustees didn't know the bridge company. Everyone in Windsor knows the bridge company. It's the company that bought more than 100 houses on Indian Road, Edison Street, Bloomfield Road and elsewhere, boarded them up and left them to rot, creating a swath of blight, the scene of fires and rodents, that scars the west side. All for a new span that it doesn't have permission to build. [Windsor Star](#), A2

Plaza upgrades approved for Lewiston-Queenston Bridge

The plaza on the U.S. side of the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge is scheduled for a \$50 million modernization project. U.S. Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., announced Tuesday afternoon that U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. General Services Administration have signed off on funding for the effort. (...) "The Lewiston-Queenston Bridge is a critical artery to cross-border commerce and is the lifeblood of Western New York's regional economy – but the U.S. plaza has needed a major upgrade for years. CBP and GSA have heeded our call and finally approved this \$50 million expansion to the plaza is great news for Buffalo and Western New York," Schumer said. (...) Niagara Falls Bridge Commission Chairwoman Kathleen Neville praised Schumer's efforts. "The funding of the Lewiston Plaza project is an important regional trade and transportation priority that will have immense economic benefits for both Western New York and Southern Ontario," she said. [Lockport Union-Sun & Journal](#); [Glens Falls Post-Star](#)

EDITORIALS & OPINIONS / ÉDITORIAUX ET LETTRES D'OPINIONS

Population issues symposium topic

An editorial states, "Islanders are encouraged to attend a public symposium Thursday that will discuss Amish settlers to P.E.I. and the Temporary Foreign Worker Program. (...) Population change has always been at the core of the development of small islands - and it is no different on P.E.I. Every day the public media deliver news about some aspect of population: youth outmigration, rural depopulation, an aging workforce, temporary foreign workers, refugees, wealthy immigrant investors. The symposium will provide an opportunity for the public to hear about and contribute to the debate on several of the salient population issues that are crucial to the future of P.E.I." [Guardian](#), A6

Weighing our privacy against security

A letter to the editor states, "Re: Thousands flagged for scrutiny by Canada's air screening system, Jan. 15. With a spike in terrorism over the past 15 years, governments around the world have moved to

enhance border security. At first it was seen in more flight security and stricter travel laws but with advances in computer technologies security agencies have turned their attention toward spying on their own citizens. Agencies like the NSA have inserted themselves into the homes of almost every U.S. family, and even share data with other countries. In light of revelations into just how widespread government surveillance is, thanks to whistleblowers like Edward Snowden, a global debate has erupted on the ethical implications. Do governments have the right to collect data on their own citizens without their consent? And should personal freedoms like privacy be sacrificed in the name of security?" Toronto Star, A12

Sunny ways won't cure economic woes

An opinion piece states, "Some questions are awkward to ask. Those who raise them risk being accused of hateful intentions. News this week that several Ottawa agencies are calling for a pause in this city's refugee flow has to raise the question of whether we have tried to do too much, too quickly, to meet a target founded in politics and hope, not realism and numbers. More than 11,300 Syrian refugees have arrived in Canada since November, including more than 500 here in the capital. The bulk of the initial wave has been privately sponsored. Local aid agencies say they are already experiencing a service bottleneck, though temporary, for those refugees. What's coming next is a larger, government-assisted wave. That is also expected to challenge language and other support services. The assistance to Syrians that Canada and, more locally Ottawans, are offering is admirable and heartfelt. It has been good to see. But to bring families into a new life, to have them properly acclimate to our city and country, takes resources and support. Strained services and inadequate supports won't serve Syrian families and newcomers who are desperate not only for a safe haven, but for place where they can prosper and thrive. Let us make sure that we, as a city, get this right." Ottawa Sun, A12

Canada should look after poor, not refugees

A letter to the editor states, "In response to Liz Wall's letter to the editor Jan. 13, about blasting the prime minister on his refugee policies; Ms. Wall, if we people don't speak up against unwise or unfair policies made by government, who will? The prime minister promised to have 25,000 refugees from Syria in Canada by Jan. 1, 2016, and backtracked when it was said it couldn't/shouldn't be done so quickly, especially if security was to be maintained. It has also been reported that not a single applicant who has been screened to come to Canada has been refused refugee status. Canadians were right and the prime minister was wrong." Times & Transcript, A8

OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEES / OPÉRATION RÉFUGIÉS SYRIENS

Goodale calls refugee integration crucial

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says it's vital that resettled Syrian refugees are successfully integrated into Canadian towns and cities, not just from a social and cultural perspective, but from a public safety perspective. "It's extremely important that they settle well and successfully and we and the settlement agencies and the provinces and the cities need to work at that to make sure that it is successful. If we, being Canada, are going to maintain our very successful efforts so far at pluralism, at diversity and inclusion ... then we've got to be among the best in the world at counter-radicalization. "Because if we fail to detect the causes or the signs, or we don't have the capacity to intervene at the right point and then don't make the intervention successful, then those values of openness and the plural nature of the country will be in jeopardy," he said. "And that's the very essence of Canada, so we've got to do outreach and counter-radicalization very well." Three months into his job in charge of Canada's national security agencies, which have been intimately involved in the resettlement project, Goodale says one of the priorities set out in his ministerial mandate letter was to boost efforts to counter violent extremism. At this time, he will say only that "a lot more attention" must be paid to outreach efforts, and the question of increasing funding for such programs and research into what leads people to become radicalized will be answered "a ways down the road." (...) Goodale stressed the importance of outreach, and research efforts "to identify what contributes to radicalization, how the process works." He said a national cross-cultural roundtable is a useful forum for different faith leaders, police agencies and social service agencies to work together. But he said there is a definite need for more such groups on a local

level. There are some scattered across Canada, often led by local Muslim leaders, he said. But it's a "massive project," he admitted. [Toronto Star](#), A10

'We are ready'

As some cities take a breather from resettling government-assisted Syrian refugees, others say their doors are open - if the federal government asks and also offers to pay. While the home communities for refugees with private sponsors is dictated by where those sponsors are, refugees whose costs are covered entirely by the federal government are sent to just 36 cities. Not included is Victoria - the lone provincial capital that isn't an official reception centre for government assisted refugees. The only Syrians arriving there as part of the Liberals' Syrian program are those whose costs are split between the government and private sponsors, as well as those coming thanks to private sponsors alone. Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps said she told the federal immigration minister even before the Liberal program was unveiled that her city was interested in taking in Syrians but is still waiting. "We are ready. The church, the school board, the credit union, private donors, private families, we're ready," she said. [Canadian Press](#) (Edmonton Sun, A34, Ottawa Sun, Times & Transcript, Daily Gleaner, Times Colonist)

Soldiers prove they're up for any task thrown their way

There were tears, laughter, hugs and enough happiness to spread over this part of the world. It was a scene that could easily have been taken from the cover of a Hallmark greeting card. Early on Jan. 12 approximately 60 infantry soldiers, mostly from The Second Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment (2RCR) returned home from deployment in the Middle East - everyone was safe and sound. The unusual part of it all was what the kind of deployment they were coming back from. Usually, when infantry soldiers depart on a mission, they are heading into combat or peacekeeping scenarios. But not this group. They were in Lebanon and Jordan as part of Operation Provision, the federal government's initiative to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees in Canada by the end of February. They left Canada on Nov. 26 and Nov. 28. An Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) initiative, the ongoing mission sees Forces personnel provide assistance for data entry and biometric screening. (...) Base Gaagetown commander Col. Dan MacIsaac said he was "very proud" of the returning soldiers. "It's a fantastic demonstration of the professionalism and agility that we have in the Canadian military and the fact that we are always ready for any missions," he said. [Daily Gleaner](#), A7

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Canadian border service has gaps in rail security

An internal audit has uncovered numerous gaps in the federal border agency's efforts to prevent dangerous cargo and people from entering Canada aboard freight trains. The Canada Border Services Agency review found inadequate managerial oversight, a lack of timely information on which to base decisions and shoddy targeting of incoming rail shipments for scrutiny. The auditors made several recommendations to remedy the shortcomings, all of which were accepted by the border services agency. "Improved strategic direction, infrastructure, information for decision-makers and targeting would help reduce the risk of non-compliant goods and/or inadmissible individuals from entering Canada through the commercial rail mode," says the newly released audit report, completed in December. Rail shipments worth tens of billions of dollars - everything from auto parts to fertilizer - arrive annually through 27 entry points. (...) While the border agency provides mandatory health and safety training to all employees, it had not developed training programs specific to rail yard examinations or health and safety awareness in this mode, the report says. The Railway Association of Canada, which represents more than 50 freight and passenger railway companies, has no comment on the audit findings, said spokesman Alex Paterson. Esme Bailey, a border agency spokeswoman, said the agency was taking steps to implement the audit recommendations by: Renewing its focus on rail through internal committees and outside forums where it engages with rail industry partners; Identifying the highest risks to the commercial rail mode by early summer; Developing management controls, to be fully in place by December of next year, to address risk assessment and targeting, examination processes, security and regular monitoring. [Canadian Press](#) (Times & Transcript, B3, iPolitics, Global News, Montreal Gazette, Chronicle-Herald, Waterloo Region Record, Globe and Mail, Daily Courier), [Presse canadienne](#) (Voix de l'Est, La Presse, Le Droit, Le Devoir) (2016-04-17)

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Rwandan jailed for life for 'inciting' genocide

A Rwandan court on Friday sentenced former politician Leon Mugesera to life in prison for inciting the 1994 genocide. (...) Mugesera, 63, the former head of the party of assassinated President Juvenal Habyarimana, denied all charges and appealed the verdict. He said he was in Canada when the killings began in Rwanda in 1994. The prosecution said that Mugesera, a linguist, called Tutsis "cockroaches" and "scum", and encouraged his fellow Hutus to kill them in a 1992 speech. Lawyers argued the speech helped trigger the Rwandan genocide two years later in which an estimated 800,000 people, mainly Tutsis, died. Mugesera, however, challenged the authenticity of the recording of the speech. Canada deported him in January 2012 after 15 years of court battles. [Chronicle](#)

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Federal spending spiked during final scramble to meet Syrian refugee deadline

The Liberal government spent \$30 million on commercial flights and another \$4 million on other expenses as it scrambled to meet its end-of-February deadline to bring 25,000 Syrians to Canada, CBC News has learned. Half of that money was spent in February alone, as the government dramatically ramped up its effort to meet its revised deadline. Those costs to transport, house and process the refugees amounted to about \$1,360 per refugee. (...) Groups involved in resettling Syrian refugees across Canada are in Ottawa for a two-day debrief with the government starting April 18. They are expected to talk about what went wrong and how to improve the process. "There were some hiccups in terms of how things went. But it was good to have a shake-up," said Janet Dench, the executive director of the Canadian Council for Refugees, about the government's tight deadline. "I think it helped to make sure the way that refugees were processed changed radically. I think we'll maybe see the benefit of that in the months and years to come, because Canada unfortunately has gotten into the habit of doing extremely slow processing for refugees, which is really problematic." [CBC News](#)

Nova Scotia beekeepers importing thousands of international bees

Joe Goetz is unpacking some precious cargo, introducing tens of thousands of Australian honey bees to new living quarters at his farm in Windsor Forks. Goetz, who owns Scotian Bee Honey, imported about 300 1.5 kilogram packages of bees from Tasmania, at an estimated cost of \$68,000. He's one of the many beekeepers in Nova Scotia hoping to populate new hives with the help of international bees, shipped in packages with at least one queen bee and thousands of female worker bees. "Winters here are sometimes a little hard and we can experience fairly high losses and what we want to do is be built up in the spring, when the fruit trees flower ... right when we need it the most," he said. Don't be confused by a sign at the border. Imported bees from approved regions are allowed in Nova Scotia with a permit. This year thousands packages of bees will be shipped into the province, part of efforts to strengthen the local population. [CBC News](#)

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Is the absence of Liberal MPPs hurting Windsor?

Windsor was one man's decision away from having Sandra Pupatello become the new premier of Ontario. On that January 2013 day, Pupatello went into the Liberal leadership convention as the frontrunner only to lose on the final ballot to Kathleen Wynne after being "double-crossed" by fellow MPP Eric Hoskins who switched his allegiance to Wynne at the last minute. Since that moment — which soon after was followed by the resignation of finance minister and long-time Liberal MPP Dwight Duncan — the Windsor area has moved away from years having a strong government voice in Queen's Park to today having three MPPs across Windsor and Essex County from the third-party NDP. Funding announcements locally have dried up in the minds of many local leaders who increasingly are speaking up with each perceived snub. (...) Windsor officials were upset last week on being shut out of a provincial government fund designed to fix roads near border crossings. Windsor had applied for \$2 million under the \$20-million Connecting Links program through Ontario's transportation ministry to renew Huron Church Road

between Tecumseh Road and E.C. Row Expressway. But the money went to 23 other municipalities. (...) Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens said Thursday it is difficult to believe other communities stepped in front of Windsor for the Connecting Links funds. "It is very disappointing to see the route leading to the nation's busiest border crossing was ignored this round," he said. "Clearly something else is in play when you look at our connection leading to the border versus what is happening for instance in Barrie." Windsor Star (2016-04-17)

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Many migrants still treated as dangerous 'invaders' Many migrants are still treated as dangerous

An opinion piece states, "On May 23, 1914, the Komagata Maru arrived in Vancouver harbour from Hong Kong, bearing 376 Indian subjects of the British Empire. But those on board were not allowed to come on land. A 1908 amendment to the Immigration Act required that all immigrants arrive by "continuous journey" from their country of origin. It was neutral on the face of things, but effectively excluded migrants from India, who had no way of travelling directly to Canada. And so, the Komagata Maru's passengers were detained on the ship for two months, and then forced to return to India. (...) Migrants are the only population in Canada that can be incarcerated for long periods of time, without being charged or convicted of any crime; thousands are detained every year, including hundreds of children. The Immigration and Refugee Protection Act gives the Canadian Border Services Agency broad powers to detain migrants if they believe they are a flight risk, a danger to public safety, inadmissible to Canada on security grounds, or inadequately identified. The vast majority, 94.2 per cent, are detained on grounds other than posing a security threat. Since 2012, the Protecting Canada's Immigration System Act has also imposed mandatory arrest and detention for all migrants designated as "irregular arrivals," including children as young as 16. The law may appear neutral, but effectively attaches punishment to circumstances commonly connected with migration and asylum-seeking, particularly for the most vulnerable: "irregular arrival" using smugglers; lack of identity documents; fear of deportation to the country one has fled, leading to application of the "flight risk" label. The most recent data made available by the government shows 7,300 were detained in 2013." Toronto Star, A13

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Houses Privacy Committee needs to make Canada's weak privacy protection legislation relevant

A little-known parliamentary review of Canada's antiquated 1982 Privacy Act is underway. Their task is daunting: just how do you combat or at least slow down widespread "legal" and illegal sharing of and access to personal data, mitigate against "big data" mining, and restrict data profiling? Canadians are increasingly looking for more access to and control over their own personal information. Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien's recommendations (posted on his office's web) are the first in: some have merit, but others simply reinforce the status quo. They are bound to disappoint those challenging the intrusive nature of Bill C-51 who would want to go further. There is not much there for instance that puts a stop to online snooping and mining, biometric identity matching, that restricts the growing use of secretive, newer surveillance technologies like the Stingray cellphone listening devices, or that prevents the increasing sharing of Canadians personal data with foreign authorities. Nor is there much in the way of remedies proposed against what Edward Snowden revealed in the way of over-the-top secretive mass surveillance trolling, or any regulatory suggestions on how to handle the increasing amount of personal data housed or transmitted via the United States captured under its Patriotic Act or the personal data held by international intelligence gathering groups to which Canada belongs, particularly the Five Eyes group. Therrien is a former senior Justice Canada lawyer who handled public safety files including at Canada Border Services. Since his controversial appointment over a-year-and-a-half ago, he has maintained a fairly low profile. Hill Times

Le gouverneur de la Banque du Canada défend le libre-échange

Le gouverneur de la Banque du Canada affirme que les décideurs ont le devoir d'expliquer à la population les avantages du libre-échange en cette époque où le sentiment antimondialiste se propage à travers la planète. Stephen Poloz prononcera un discours dans deux semaines à New York sur

l'importance de renforcer le commerce mondial, dont la croissance a été ralentie par divers facteurs, incluant la chute des prix des matières premières et la crise économique qui touche de nombreux pays. Dans un échange avec les reporters après une rencontre financière internationale samedi, le gouverneur a révélé que le protectionnisme était aussi une source d'inquiétude, sans toutefois donner d'exemple. (...) Tous les candidats importants à la course présidentielle aux États-Unis s'opposent au Partenariat transpacifique. Donald Trump et Bernie Sanders vont même plus loin en proposant d'abolir les ententes existantes comme l'Accord de libre-échange nord-américain (ALÉNA). Interrogé au sujet des tendances économiques internationales, M. Poloz a répondu que le fait que le commerce devienne impopulaire, ou moins populaire, représentait un risque pour l'économie. Il a ajouté que les décideurs avaient la responsabilité de parler des effets bénéfiques du commerce, du fait qu'il crée des gains et des pertes mais qu'ultimement, le positif l'emporte sur le négatif. Acadie Nouvelle, 14

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Government to rebuild immigration detention facilities

Immigration holding facilities in Vancouver and Laval, Que., will be replaced as part of a \$138-million overhaul intended to improve detention conditions for newcomers to Canada. The federal government will also move ahead with plans to expand the range of alternatives to locking up immigrants, with the aim of making detention a last resort, said Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale. In addition, a community supervision program will be developed for released detainees. Goodale announced the details Monday during a visit to the aging Laval facility. The Canada Border Services Agency holds people who are considered a flight risk or a danger to the public and those whose identities cannot be confirmed. The Canadian Red Cross Society has found numerous shortcomings at facilities for immigrant detainees, including overcrowding and lack of mental health care. Newcomers are often held in provincial jails or police facilities alongside suspected gang members and violent offenders. There are three federal immigration holding centres and the government has flagged the Vancouver and Laval facilities as most in need of attention. One in Toronto is considered to be in better shape. The planned improvements are designed to reduce reliance on provincial facilities. Some of the new money will go to mental health and medical services for detainees in federal holding centres. [Canadian Press](#) (Guardian, A5, Red Deer Advocate, Cape Breton Post, Chronicle Herald)

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La détention des immigrants remise en question

L'annonce de la réfection des centres de détention canadiens doit relancer la réflexion, jugent des groupes. Le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale, a annoncé lundi des investissements de 138 millions de dollars, principalement pour moderniser les centres de détention d'immigrants à Laval et en banlieue de Vancouver. Des voix s'élèvent pour réclamer la fin de cette pratique, digne d'un traitement réservé aux criminels dans certains cas. En mai dernier, Carmelo Monge s'est présenté aux bureaux de Citoyenneté et immigration Canada 1010 à Montréal, croyant qu'il repartirait avec un permis de travail renouvelé. Il a plutôt été arrêté. " Ils m'ont mis les menottes et alors je me suis senti comme si j'avais fait quelque chose de très grave ", relate-t-il, encore sous le choc. " Je ne suis pas un criminel, je suis ici pour travailler, pour aider ma famille restée au Mexique ", dit l'homme de 45 ans. Il est au Canada depuis huit

ans, en attente d'une demande de résidence permanente fondée sur des considérations humanitaires, après avoir vu sa demande d'asile déboutée. A son arrivée au centre de détention de Laval, des bâtiments entourés de barbelés, c'est la surveillance constante qui l'a marqué. " J'ai vu une femme du Pakistan avec son enfant à l'entrée, avec des gardes autour d'eux ", rapporte M. Monge. Circonstances : En 2014-2015, l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC) a détenu 6800 personnes. Si un agent de l'ASFC doute de l'identité d'un ressortissant étranger, s'il croit que celui-ci se soustraira aux procédures d'immigration ou encore s'il considère que sa demande est inadmissible, il a le pouvoir de le détenir. Le Devoir, A1, A8; Presse Canadienne (Acadie Nouvelle, 14, Quotidien, Voix de l'Est, Tribune, Soleil)

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Plea ends potential test of privacy rights

A Quebec man arrested last year at the Halifax airport for refusing to provide border officers with the password for his cellphone pleaded guilty Monday and was ordered to pay a \$500 fine. Alain Philippon's plea on the eve of a scheduled trial brought an abrupt end to a case that was being watched closely as a test of the line between privacy rights and the state's power to control its borders. Robert Currie, director of Dalhousie University's Law and Technology Institute, said the plea deal represents a "missed opportunity" to explore an emerging legal question. "We've got case law around the Customs Act, going back in time, which says essentially that you have next to no privacy at the border," Currie said in an interview. "On the other hand, we've got very recent case law from the Supreme Court of Canada, starting in about 2010, that says you've got an intense amount of privacy in your electronic devices. "What we have not seen to date is a case where a court has really wrestled with all of this and tried to put it all together." Philippon, 39, was returning to Canada from the Dominican Republic in March 2015 when he was pulled aside by the Canada Border Services Agency and as part of a search asked to provide access to his BlackBerry. He refused to give the password and was charged under the federal Customs Act with hindering or preventing an officer from doing his job. Postmedia Network (Ottawa Citizen, N1, Edmonton Journal, London Free Press, StarPhoenix, Windsor Star, Leader-Post, Montreal Gazette, National Post, Vancouver Sun, Calgary Herald); Radio-Canada (2016-08-15)

Un véritable arsenal confisqué

Un couteau format carte de crédit, des arbalètes miniatures, des poings américains, des pistolets paralyseurs et des vaporisateurs de gaz irritants ne sont là que quelques exemples d'armes prohibées saisies par les agents des services frontaliers du Canada à trois points d'entrée de la région d'Ottawa au cours des 18 derniers mois. Une liste des armes illégales interceptées par les douaniers canadiens à Prescott, à Cornwall et à l'aéroport international Macdonald-Cartier d'Ottawa en 2015 et jusqu'à présent en 2016 fait état d'une variété d'articles saisis. C'est le cas à Prescott, un petit poste douanier situé à une soixantaine de minutes de voiture au sud d'Ottawa. (...) Les douaniers de Prescott ont aussi mis la main depuis janvier 2015 sur deux arbalètes miniatures, deux pistolets paralyseurs, quatre vaporisateurs de gaz poivré, deux pistolets à impulsion électrique (Taser), deux nunchakus, huit armes de poing et trois couteaux à ouverture automatique. Une interception menée le 16 juin 2015 a d'ailleurs permis aux douaniers de mettre la main sur 33 armes prohibées, dont des poings américains et des poings américains munis d'un canif. Du côté de Cornwall, les agents de l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC) ont saisi une dague à pousser (poignard), huit couteaux à ouverture automatique, une arme de poing, une sarbacane avec des fléchettes, un Taser, deux vaporisateurs de gaz poivré, une réplique d'une arme à poing et une matraque rigide à ressort. A l'aéroport international Macdonald-Cartier, seul un vaporisateur de poivre a été intercepté par les douaniers depuis le début de 2015, selon les données fournies par l'ASFC. Le Droit, 2

Police appeal for help after four shootings

In three decades of policing in Ottawa, Supt. Don Sweet says he doesn't think he's seen any other day quite like Sunday: four shootings in the city in just 13 hours, including the nightclub killing of a known gang member. Police say they're mobilizing every available resource to investigate the killing and the gun violence, but they are also turning to the public for help. Potential links between the shootings are being investigated and police are asking anyone with information to come forward - while promising to protect

them from any retaliation - and reassuring all Ottawans that the city remains safe. Within hours on Sunday, police rallied officers from forensics, guns and gangs, general investigations and patrol over multiple scenes with lots of evidence and witnesses, Sweet said. He said he's confident there will be an arrest soon in the slaying of Omar Rashid-Ghader, 33, who was shot multiple times inside the Sentral nightclub in the ByWard Market at about 3:20 a.m. Sunday. (...) Chief Charles Bordeleau said that while he understands residents are concerned, the incidents were targeted shootings involving criminal activity and gang members. "They are not random," Bordeleau said at the Shaw Centre, where the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police is holding its national meeting. Bordeleau said that Ottawa is not alone as urban police forces see an increase in gang-related shootings. Ottawa police are working with the RCMP and border forces to stem the flow of smuggled handguns, such as a recent arrest of someone bringing the illegal guns through Cornwall to Ottawa. Bordeleau urged witnesses to come forward despite what he called legitimate concerns about retribution for going to police. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A3 (Ottawa Sun)

Passenger denied boarding over travelling with only a Nexus card

A Washington state man was recently denied boarding for a flight from Newark to Toronto after only presenting his Nexus card, thinking it was the only documentation he needed. Justin Thompson is a U.S. citizen and was travelling on Porter Airlines from Newark Airport to Billy Bishop Airport in Toronto in July. Thompson was travelling with his Nexus card and did not have his passport. When he tried to board the flight, the Porter Airlines gate agent refused to allow him on. (...) There are eight designated Canadian cities with Nexus kiosks. While Billy Bishop Airport isn't on the list, CBSA's website says there is a "trusted traveller kiosk" for Nexus members at that airport for incoming flights. In a statement to CTV News, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) said that a Nexus card can be used in lieu of a passport for "Canadian and American citizens who are Nexus members entering Canada from the U.S." (...) Porter Airlines told CTV News that it's in the "best interest of all international travellers to carry a valid passport" and "the language on our website and flight reminder is explicit noting the requirement for a passport, which is supported by CBSA indicating that an airline may do so." CBSA's website also states that a passport may be required by an airline or alternative transportation authority. [CTV News](#) (2016-08-15)

Deportation overturned

Media attention, including a recent Vancouver Sun column, has helped a man thrown out of Canada because of a wrongful sexual assault conviction obtain a permit to return and seek redress. Vancouver lawyer Jason Gratl said his client, Gurdev Dhillon, was ecstatic after the immigration department did an about-face late Friday afternoon and said the subsistence farmer in Punjab could come back. He was wrongly convicted in October 2005 of participating in a July 2004 Surrey gang rape at his apartment and served four years in prison before deportation. The convictions were set aside in December, 2014. [Postmedia Network](#) (Vancouver Sun, A6); [Voice Online](#) (2016-08-15)

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Cimenterie

La Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ) ne croit pas que la nouvelle ronde de financement réalisée pour compléter le projet de cimenterie de Port-Daniel ravivera les menaces de barrières tarifaires aux États-Unis. Son président et chef de la direction, Michael Sabia, a voulu se montrer clair vendredi, en marge de la mise à jour semestrielle, en affirmant qu'il ne s'agissait pas de fonds publics. Le projet de cimenterie, dont le principal marché d'exportation sera les États-Unis, a fait l'objet de critiques au sud de la frontière, où des membres de l'industrie et certains élus crient à la concurrence déloyale. Questionné à ce sujet, M. Sabia a affirmé que la CDPQ était un investisseur privé qui a pris une décision d'affaires afin de générer du «rendement pour ses clients». Il n'a pas semblé craindre que le dossier puisse prendre une ampleur similaire à celui du bois d'oeuvre canadien, qui a fait l'objet de barrières tarifaires à la frontière étant donné que les Américains estimaient que l'industrie était subventionnée. Selon M. Sabia, il n'y a «pas un soupçon» de subvention dans le financement de 250 millions \$ auquel contribue la CDPQ dans une proportion de 125 millions \$. Le dossier de la cimenterie, qui fait face à des dépassements de coûts de l'ordre de 450 millions \$. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Soleil, 37, La Tribune, La Voix de L'est)

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Halifax port boom tops all across North America

Container traffic at the Port of Halifax is spiking this year as it grabs a growing share of the market due to its newfound ability to receive bigger cargo ships coming through the new Suez and Panama Canals. (...) And while there has been growth at some ports, like Miami which saw an increase of 5.5 per cent, the biggest percentage jump so far this year has been in Halifax. Industry insiders are chalking it up to three things: a low Canadian dollar; fast and efficient turnaround of container cargo in Halifax; and the port being ready to handle the new, big ships coming from Asia through the newly-widened and lengthened Suez and Panama canals. (...) When the Canadian Border Services Agency needs to inspect a container, that extra space makes things easier for the Port of Halifax where these inspections are done more quickly than in Vancouver, said Snowden. The executive director of the national freight forwarders thinks the time lost at the Port of Vancouver, compared with Halifax, may be encouraging companies to use the Atlantic seaport. [Chronicle Herald](#), B1

Windsor's weather, traffic and gas price for Tuesday

Weather It is currently 23 C (74 F) in Windsor. A special weather statement is in effect. (...) At the border: Ambassador Bridge - Traffic is heavy for Canada-bound trucks. Windsor-Detroit Tunnel- No unusual delays. [CBC News](#)

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*** Masse politicizes Ambassador Bridge debate**

An opinion piece by Doug Sartori states, "I find it neither "troubling" or "alarming" that Dwight Duncan is diligently pursuing all options with respect to the current and future crossing. Government ownership of the Ambassador Bridge would address many issues faced by residents of Windsor West, particularly the residents of Sandwich Town who have been caught in the crossfire between the City of Windsor and the Ambassador Bridge Company. It's absurd to suggest that it is not in the best interests of our community to explore this option. I find it troubling that the Windsor West Member of Parliament has chosen a needlessly aggressive approach in requesting answers from the government. Surely, if Mr. Masse was sincere about his concerns, he would see that over-the-top accusations are a counter-productive way to engage with the government." [Windsor Star](#)

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Privacy Commissioner of Canada Daniel Therrien, Ontario Information and Privacy Commissioner Brian Beamish and Commission d'accès à l'information du Québec President Jean Chartier, hold a news conference to discuss privacy issues and the federal government's national consultation on modernizing Canada's national security Framework, following the release of a submission to the ongoing public consultation.

Moderator: Alors bonjour et bienvenue à cette conférence de presse des commissaires à la vie privée. Nous avons ici à ma droite M. Brian Beamish qui est Commissaire à l'information et à la protection de la vie privée de l'Ontario, M. Daniel Therrien qui est Commissaire à la vie privée – à la protection de la vie privée du Canada et M. Jean Chartier qui est président de la Commission d'accès à l'information du Québec.

Thank you very much for being at this press conference regarding privacy issues. We have to my – to my right Brian Beamish from the Ontario Information and Privacy who is the Ontario Information Privacy Commissioner, Daniel Therrien Privacy Commissioner of Canada and M. Jean Chartier de la Commission d'accès à l'information du Québec. There will be short statements and after we will take questions.

Daniel Therrien: So good morning everyone. Bonjour et merci de vous être déplacés. Je ferai une brève déclaration et puis mes collègues, le Commissaire Beamish et Me Chartier diront quelques mots, et enfin nous serons heureux de répondre aux questions sur notre mémoire qui a été endossé par tous les ombudsmans et les commissaires à la protection de la vie privée au Canada. Ma déclaration d'ouverture sera brève et à un niveau général, mais je discuterai volontiers par la suite des questions de détail.

Dans son Livre vert sur la sécurité nationale et les pouvoirs policiers, le gouvernement suggère que les forces de l'ordre ne sont plus en mesure d'assurer notre protection à l'ère numérique. Je pense que tous seront d'accord pour dire que les forces policières et les services de renseignements doivent avoir les outils nécessaires pour assurer notre protection, et que ces outils doivent être bien adaptés au monde numérique. Mais ces agences ont vu leur pouvoir augmenter de façon très considérable ces dernières années particulièrement en vertu des Projets de loi C-51 et C-13.

Everyone can agree that police and national security agencies require adequate tools to fulfil their key role in keeping Canadians safe and that these tools need to be adapted to the digital world. However, the powers of police and national security agencies have already been significantly increased in particular with the passage of Bills C-51 and C-13. Remember as well that post-9-11 we had seen too many cases of inappropriate and sometimes illegal conduct by State officials that impacted on the rise of ordinary people who are not suspected of criminal or terrorist activities.

In my view, these serious incidents were caused by deficient legal standards that failed to set appropriate limits on government actions. Key lessons from history, from the Arar inquiry to the Snowden revelation about mass surveillance

to more recent cases involving metadata collection by the CSE, by CSIS and by police in Québec remind us that clear safeguards are needed to protect rights and prevent abuse that national security agencies must be subject to effective review and that any new State powers must be justified on the basis of evidence.

The government should only propose and Parliament should only approve new State powers if they are demonstrated to be necessary and proportionate not merely convenient. In my view, this is not the time to further expand State powers and reduce individual rights. Rather, this is the time to enhance both legal standards and oversight to ensure that we do not repeat past mistakes and that we achieve real balance between security and respect for basic individual rights.

Nous devons tirer de l'histoire des révélations d'Edward Snowden aux cas plus récents de la surveillance des journalistes, des enseignements clés. L'histoire nous a montré que des garanties juridiques claires sont nécessaires pour protéger les droits que les organismes de sécurité nationale doivent faire l'objet d'un contrôle efficace et que l'octroi de nouveaux pouvoirs à l'État doit être justifié par des faits réels. Le gouvernement ne devrait proposer et le Parlement approuver l'octroi de nouveaux pouvoirs à l'État que s'il est prouvé qu'ils sont nécessaires et proportionnés et non simplement pratiques.

À mon avis, pour l'avenir, nous n'avons pas besoin comme société de donner encore plus de pouvoirs à l'État et de réduire encore plus nos droits et libertés. Le temps est plutôt venu de renforcer les protections juridiques et le contrôle des agences de sécurité nationale afin d'éviter de répéter les erreurs des dernières années et de rétablir un meilleur équilibre entre la sécurité et le respect de nos droits.

Brian Beamish: Good morning everyone. I'd like to start by thanking Commissioner Therrien for the invitation to participate today. I also want to commend the Commissioner for his leadership on this really important issue and indicate my support for his submission. The need for a national security framework that respects the fundamental values of Canadians, including privacy, is paramount. And because of that I'm pleased to add my support to his submission along with Commissioner Chartier and our provincial and territorial colleagues from across the country.

There are a couple of specific privacy issues I'd like to very briefly touch upon, starting with the need for effective oversight. The government's plan to create a national security and intelligence committee comprised of Parliamentarians is a very good start. However, as the submission indicates it's crucial that the committee's work be supported by those with expertise in the activities of our national security agencies. The democratic accountability of Parliamentarians needs to be balanced and supported by expert accountability.

The second issue of concern to me is the proposal to further enable police services to access and collect communications data, for example subscribers data, metadata and other private information. Again, as the submission indicates any plans to weaken or eliminate a judge's role in supervising police access to communications information poses a really significant risk to the privacy of all Canadians. Here in Ontario as in other provinces we already have concerns around the potential use of surveillance technology by police. For example, Stingray technology that has the possibility of collecting large amounts of information about the communications activity of innocent Ontarians and other Canadians. As a result, the need for transparency and accountability can't be overstated.

So let me close by saying I'm pleased to stand with my counterparts from across the country in support of Commissioner Therrien's submission.

Jean Chartier: Bonjour à tous. Je vous dirai d'entrée de jeu que c'est sans hésitation que la Commission québécoise a signé le document préparé par le Commissaire à la vie privée du Canada, mon collègue Therrien. Des modifications envisagées par le gouvernement fédéral sont préoccupantes en ce qui nous concerne parce qu'elles auraient pour effet de permettre de collecter plus rapidement, plus facilement des métadonnées générées par les appareils de communication des citoyens du Québec.

Les pouvoirs actuels nous semblent suffisants et leur encadrement par le pouvoir judiciaire nous semble essentiel et cela même si parfois il y a lieu de se questionner sur la façon dont ces mêmes pouvoirs judiciaires ont été utilisés. La protection des renseignements personnels et de la vie privée des citoyens devrait aussi être une préoccupation des agences de sécurité et des corps policiers. Mais les révélations récentes relatives à la surveillance de certains journalistes au Québec nous permettent de conclure autrement.

Des cas récents de collecte de métadonnées par exemple par le Centre de sécurité des télécommunications, le SCRS, la Gendarmerie royale du Canada, la Sûreté du Québec et du Service de police de la Ville de Montréal montrent qu'il faudrait en fait resserrer les normes existantes et renforcer les mesures de protection de la vie privée. Dans de nombreux cas la collecte de métadonnées, y compris après l'obtention d'un mandat, visait des personnes innocentes qui n'étaient soupçonnées d'aucune espèce d'activité criminelle. C'est pourquoi nous croyons qu'un meilleur encadrement de ces

pouvoirs nous semble de loin préférable à leur élargissement. Nous appuyons donc sans réserve le document déposé ce jour par mon collègue, le Commissaire à la vie privée du Canada. Merci.

Moderator: Alors on va maintenant passer aux questions. We'll take questions. Alex Bouthillier (ph) from the Toronto Star.

Question: Monsieur Therrien, I imagine in your submission that an encryption the government should explore discrete technical solutions to the problem for a wide sort of legislative approach. But isn't that sort of the crux of the problem that discrete technical solutions to encryption are in fact very hard to come to – to find them in that same entire debate around this. So what are you specifically suggesting the government do when it comes to these technical solutions that you referenced?

Daniel Therrien: Encryption is – is a real dilemma in this regard. We know, we agree that encryption can be an obstacle to the enforcement of judicially obtained warrants by the police. So that's a real issue, but the encryption is also bringing essential benefits to not only privacy but to the security of data, and frankly to the digital economy as a whole. The digital economy depends on encryption and if it was not for encryption, the digital economy would suffer greatly. So encryption is a benefit for the population at large. Yet, it may be in some cases an obstacle to the enforcement of judicially authorized warrants. So there is a real dilemma.

How to address that dilemma? The – currently, the law – there are some legal provisions to address this. Bill C-13 for instance, which came into force last year, authorized judges to issue a system's order so that if there is a search warrant or a production order and the police face the problem that the data in question is encrypted, a judge can issue an assistance order to require either a company or even a suspect to facilitate and give effect to the warrant. So that's an existing provision.

There are some solutions. There are some technical requirements under the then Solicitor General so now Public Safety Rules which address the technological issue. Our point about – about discrete solutions versus other types of solutions is that the Green Paper refers to the possibility of legislating in that area and we know that some other countries have legislated in that area, and one could envisage so-called back doors so systemic access to law enforcement that would give access to law enforcement despite encryption. And the difficulty there is that if you create back doors, you cannot create a back door only for law enforcement or for national security. If you do that, you also put at risk the data of ordinary citizens, of consumers who rely on encryption.

So that's the dilemma. Faced with that dilemma, we say rather than to legislate broadly for systemic solutions, it would be better for government to consider technological solutions that would focus on individual devices for instance, as opposed to putting at risk the data of everyone. It still remains a dilemma. It still remains difficult, but if solutions are to be found we suggest that solutions of that kind would be less harmful for the population at large.

Moderator: (inaudible – off microphone)

Question: Subnational police forces using surveillance technology. We focus a lot on the RCMP, on CSIS, on CSE but comparatively little attention is paid to the OPP or the Toronto Police. And in fact, they don't even acknowledge some of the technologies and methods that they have. Do you think that it's time for either Queen's Park or frankly the federal government to issue some kind of requirements for subnational police forces to be a little bit more up front about what they're doing with any of these data?

Brian Beamish: You're right. There is almost a trickle-down effect. There is a focus on the national security context sometimes forgetting that there is on-the-ground policing happening across Canada. I think for the most part – I can only speak for Ontario. The police in Ontario are subject to privacy legislation in that province, and for the most part that has worked pretty successfully even with technology, body-worn cameras, automated licence plate recognition systems, that type of thing.

Something like Stingray technology though does pose an additional threat potentially. And I think you'll see in the paper itself there is the suggestion that not only should judges remain involved, but there may be a need to underpin judges' work in issuing orders by setting out a framework. If you are collecting large amounts of data, how do you protect the vast majority of that which is the innocent data of citizens?

So that type of intrusive technology perhaps should be left as a – to a last resort. There needs to be a way to ensure that the data of innocent people is deleted once the analysis has been done and it's not retained, those kinds of protection. So they may need to be – to be put into legislation to ensure that's effective.

Moderator: Daniel LeBlanc (ph), Globe and Mail.

Question: You've recently seen – you can answer en français ou en anglais. I'll ask in English. That will avoid translating back, but you've seen the RCMP asking for new tools, new powers. I guess you were not swayed by those calls and the kind of the clear description that they've provided to the CBC and The Star of investigations in which they were harmed by encryption, for example.

Daniel Therrien: So I would start by saying, as I said in my statement, that we agree that the police and national security agencies require adequate tools in the digital age to protect us all. So in terms of the overall objective we agree. The question is which tools are required to achieve that end in the digital age and Bill C-13 and Bill C-51 have significantly enhanced their powers. So to be precise when the Green Paper says that the police are having difficulty adding access to basic subscriber information, metadata, that would be very useful for them from an investigative perspective. We do not put it down that metadata is useful for investigative purposes, but Bill C-13 to take that – that piece of legislation as an example has reduced legal standards, thresholds, for access to metadata such that the police can get access to metadata what is called transmission data in the legislation based on reasonable grounds to suspect that this will be useful to an investigation.

It used to be reasonable grounds to believe that it will be useful for investigation. So that's the current law as of 2015. So we agree that they need tools, but reasonable grounds to suspect that this will be useful. I cannot conceive of a lower test than reasonable grounds to suspect. Does the police really need access to information without reasonable suspicion that it will be useful? So perhaps in years past there was a need to amend legislation, but as of today that is the legislation in place and that is the exercise that I think needs to occur, not at the level of objective, yes the police needs to have adequate tools.

But let's look at what the current tools are and I think it is incumbent on the government and on police to explain how these new laws are insufficient to allow them to do their work.

Question: So la question de la surveillance des journalistes – on parle ici de la sécurité nationale, mais qu'est-ce que ça vous fait dire sur – est-ce que ça l'a augmenté vos préoccupations de voir la facilité avec laquelle les journalistes ont été épiés au Québec, potentiellement ailleurs? Qu'est-ce que ça vous fait craindre cette surveillance-là, cette mesure-là où les policiers pour des raisons – des causes peut-être criminelles, peut-être non – même pas criminelles, aient pu utiliser des outils de surveillance comme ça.

Daniel Therrien: Comme le disait mon collègue, Me Chartier, il est important pour ce qui est de l'accès par la police aux données des citoyens en général, y compris des journalistes. Le rôle judiciaire est essentiel parce que seulement les juges peuvent assurer l'indépendance du processus qui nous donne un système plus juste. Et je vous rappellerai que le Livre vert du gouvernement fédéral suggère qu'une des options à envisager est que plutôt que de demander la permission à un juge, les policiers pourraient demander la permission à un supérieur de la police ou un procureur de la Couronne pour avoir accès aux métadonnées.

Alors nous on dit, premier point, il est essentiel que les juges continuent à avoir un rôle parce que seulement les juges ont l'indépendance nécessaire pour faire ce travail-là. Point un. Deuxièmement, ce que les incidents autour de la surveillance des journalistes nous révèle, je pense, c'est que d'avoir l'indépendance que donnent les juges est un élément important mais il n'est pas suffisant. Ce serait à notre avis aussi important de mieux encadrer les conditions en vertu desquelles les juges se prononcent sur l'émission de ces mandats-là de sorte que – et on revient à la question des normes et des seuils – de sorte que les juges aient en tête le caractère sensible des données demandées avant de donner une autorisation en question.

Le Livre vert laisse entendre que les métadonnées sont moins sensibles que le contenu des communications et en fait une chose que le public doit comprendre très bien c'est que les métadonnées peuvent en fait révéler plus sur les activités, sur des opinions, sur le caractère d'une personne que le contenu des renseignements. Le service secret britannique a même dit publiquement que les métadonnées étaient plus utiles que le contenu des communications pour des fins de renseignements. Alors les juges doivent avoir un rôle mais il est à notre avis nécessaire entre autres à cause de ce qu'on a appris suite à la surveillance des journalistes d'avoir certaines règles qui viennent rehausser les conditions d'accès aux métadonnées.

Jean Chartier: Si vous me permettez de compléter, je dirais que les incidents qui ont été révélés – en fait, les événements qui ont été révélés au Québec nous portent à penser que même le processus judiciaire lui-même qui est actuellement en force tel que je l'ai mentionné nous porte à penser que même celui-là reste à parfaire et – et mérite peut-être d'être mieux encadré. Comme mon collègue l'a dit, autant chez les journalistes, autant chez la population en général

les métadonnées c'est plus ou moins bien connues. Les gens se disent, ah, c'est l'adresse IP) d'un ordinateur. C'est le numéro de téléphone. Il n'y a rien de personnel là-dedans.

Mais les métadonnées comme mon collègue Therrien l'a mentionné ça peut révéler le – les croyances religieuses, l'orientation sexuelle. Ça peut révéler des problèmes de santé, et au surplus évidemment ça peut révéler l'ensemble des appels ou des communications que la personne qui est actuellement ou qui pourrait être actuellement suivie a reçus ou va donner. Alors évidemment c'est hautement préoccupant. Évidemment, en ce qui concerne les événements relatifs aux journalistes, le gouvernement québécois a institué une commission d'enquête, là, qui je l'espère entendra la Commission sur ces questions et qui rendra des – et qui rendra des recommandations sur ce sujet.

Mais au-delà des journalistes, la collecte de métadonnée, au-delà du simple problème relatif à la – je dirais à l'écoute ou au suivi des conversations des journalistes, il y a – il y a – et pour nous c'est ce qu'il y a de plus important, il y a l'ensemble des métadonnées de nos concitoyens québécois. Et dernière chose sur laquelle je veux insister c'est que les pouvoirs policiers qui réclament à grands renforts de tambours l'augmentation de leurs pouvoirs et qui se retrouvent finalement et qui ont trouvé une oreille attentive de la part du gouvernement fédéral dans le Livre vert n'ont jamais fait la preuve qu'ils ont besoin d'obtenir ce genre d'autorisation administrative.

Ils n'ont jamais fait la preuve que le système actuel judiciaire, avec autorisation préalable judiciaire ne fonctionnait pas et ne leur permettait pas de traquer évidemment ce pourquoi nous sommes tous d'accord, c'est-à-dire les véritables personnes qui sont à la source des actes criminels ou des actes terroristes. L'ensemble des concitoyens, des Québécois sur lesquels les métadonnées sont collectées sont – et c'est sur quoi nous insistons tous les trois – sont des citoyens sur lesquels et contre lesquels nous n'avons – les services policiers n'ont absolument rien à reprocher.

Moderator: Hélène Busetier (ph), (inaudible).

Question: Je voudrais juste revenir à la charge – c'est une question de l'encadrement judiciaire. Donc vous semblez dire essentiellement que ce n'est pas parce qu'un juge doit avaliser une collecte d'information qu'il le fait nécessairement de manière correcte. Vous dites qu'il y a besoin d'encadrement. Est-ce que vous pouvez être plus précis dans les mesures d'encadrement que vous envisagez pour peut-être mieux contrôler les juges? Est-ce que vous avez des recommandations spécifiques là-dessus?

Daniel Therrien: J'appellerais pas ça le contrôle des juges, mais je dirais dans – on revient – la différence quant au caractère sensible des métadonnées par rapport au contenu des communications. Il existe des règles de tout temps qui font en sorte que les juges ont un rôle pour donner – pour émettre un mandat pour avoir accès au contenu des communications et ces pouvoirs d'émission de mandat-là font l'objet de certains critères juridiques.

Le Livre vert laisse entendre que les métadonnées ayant un moindre caractère de sensibilité, les règles peuvent être plus libérales et effectivement elles le sont présentement comme je l'ai expliqué tantôt. Mais en fait les métadonnées peuvent avoir un caractère aussi sensible et parfois plus sensible. Alors en gros ce qu'on dit c'est que les critères juridiques pour avoir accès aux métadonnées lorsqu'il s'agit de caractère sensible devraient faire l'objet de conditions semblables à l'accès au contenu.

Et de façon concrète ce qu'on dit par exemple c'est que comme pour ce qui est d'avoir accès au contenu, il serait utile que les juges aient à se demander ou à demander aux policiers est-ce que l'accès aux métadonnées est une mesure de dernier ressort? Quelles sont les autres méthodes d'enquête qui ont été utilisées avant de faire ce genre de demande-là? Possiblement on pourrait limiter l'accès aux métadonnées aux crimes les plus graves de sorte que l'équilibre entre la gravité du crime et l'importance du risque à la sécurité publique de par la définition d'un crime grave deviendrait plus important que des atteintes possibles à la vie privée. L'équilibre doit être différent si on parle de crimes contre la propriété de moindre importance, par exemple.

Alors il y a des conditions qui iraient à l'accès pis ensuite même si l'accès est accordé, les juges pourraient être habilités – je pense que ce serait important et utile – pourraient être habilités à assortir leur autorisation de certaines conditions. Par exemple, comme le mentionnait mon collègue Beamish, si l'accès est accordé et que dans la collecte de renseignements de métadonnées il y a des métadonnées de personnes innocentes qui communiquaient avec un criminel ou avec un terroriste pour des fins toutes autres qui n'ont rien à voir avec des activités de criminalité, une fois que cette analyse-là a été faite, que les données doivent être détruites à ce moment-là. Alors il y aurait des conditions juridiques quant à l'accès et ensuite lorsque l'accès est accordé des conditions qui viennent protéger la vie privée des citoyens ordinaires.

Question: Une deuxième question qui n'a absolument aucun lien. Dans votre mémoire vous faites référence à quelques reprises au Comité de surveillance, là, parlementaire qui serait mis sur pied. Pis vous dites, bon, vous l'accueillez d'un

bon œil mais vous semblez quand même assez critique lorsque vous dites qu'on vous – que vous estimez toutefois qu'un examen par des experts ayant une connaissance approfondie des activités de renseignements doit s'imposer aussi. Est-ce qu'on doit comprendre par là que vous n'avez pas beaucoup de confiance dans la capacité des élus qui ne savent pas nécessairement de quoi on parle?

Daniel Therrien: Pas du tout, pas du tout.

Question: De faire de la surveillance.

Daniel Therrien: Je pense – ce qu'on dit c'est qu'un système de contrôle efficace des activités des – des services de renseignements doit se faire à plusieurs niveaux. Il y a les tribunaux judiciaires qui ont un rôle. Il y a des experts comme le CSARS pour ce qui est du SCRS nous – etc., des gens qui ont une connaissance du droit plus pointue, et le Comité parlementaire en devenir a aussi un rôle ce qui n'est pas un rôle moindre, qui est simplement – il y a plusieurs briques à l'édifice. Et la brique parlementaire offre un avantage de légitimité démocratique que d'autres institutions n'ont pas. Alors chacun joue son rôle et ce qu'on dit c'est que pour avoir un système de contrôle efficace et complet ça prend le rôle de plusieurs joueurs institutionnels dont les parlementaires.

Question: Canada's intelligence agency, CSIS, is basically saying the laws are quite old. They need to be updated to deal with the kinds of things you're talking about metadata and such. What do you say to that that it's – to that notion that it's just a matter of updating the law so they can do the things they want to do with the kinds of information that's out there in the cyber sphere net?

Daniel Therrien: Hum, so we do not dispute at all that police or national security agencies need adequate tools that are modern and that reflect the digital age in which we live. So as a matter of objective we're in agreement with that. The question is whether they need additional tools to the tools that were recently, very recently, enhanced to legislation such as Bill C-51 and Bill C-13. So it's not as though there is an absence of tools for the police and national security agencies. They do need the tools. We say with C-51 and C-13 they already have very formidable tools and it's not theoretically inconceivable that they may need additional tools, but we haven't seen the demonstration of that.

And so the exercise requires once you agree with the objective they need tools to do their job correctly, it needs a very robust and rigorous look at what are the tools that they have and why are these tools insufficient? And it is on that part of the analysis that we remain to be convinced, that we do not think that they have made their case.

Question: Commissioner Beamish, you mentioned the notion of expert review in addition to the parliamentary committee that will be created. Do you mean to support it or other agencies, civilian type agencies to bolster the ones that exist?

Brian Beamish: Well, you'll see in the submission it doesn't come down to say here's exactly what it should be. I think the point is that the – the review par parliamentarians is important. It adds democratic legitimacy to the process but there needs to be expert advice and expert support as well. I think that it's – it might be unfair to expect parliamentarians to understand exactly how a lot of this technology works and what the meaning of that is, what the possibilities are. So I think it needs – you need the combination of both.

And I should add that the – the involvement of Commissioner Therrien's office is an important element of that as well. I think the office of the federal Privacy Commissioner should also continue to have oversight in this area.

Question: I want to go back to the issue of individual devices versus technological solutions for individual (ph) legislation. Where does then that become – does that not just become ignored if you have perhaps one device then you have got the means to – to crack (ph) them all and is that not putting it on the same level as – as someone else said?

Daniel Therrien: I'm not a technologist but I'm told that there is – this is not an easy task. So even to propose that raises issues as to technological feasibility, but I am advised that it may be possible in some circumstances to get access to individual devices without creating the kind of systemic risk that everyone fears. And there is more of a risk in creating risk for the population at large if you try to create systemic back doors to systems as opposed to look at situations on a case-by-case basis. But it is – we do not deny that this is a real dilemma, but the stakes are extremely high and I think that the police knows, the government knows or should know that back doors create risks for the population in general and it is in everyone's interest to ensure that encryption remains.

Encryption is not only used by criminals and terrorists. Encryption is a benefit for the population at large. We rely on it to do banking online in a safe way and for all kinds of commercial or other online activities. It is essential for the privacy and the security of our information each and every one of us. So we urge extreme caution in developing solutions that would put at risk the data of the population at large.

Question: Where do you feel that the discrepancy lies right now? Because in the Green Paper it talks about these companies are already wired to have the technical capability for interception and surveillance – I'm sorry, sorry. The Green Paper said they don't – they're not complying with that, but your submission says that they – the requirements already exist. So where – where's that? Where do you think that discrepancy is coming from or they're – it's simply just not being enforced and maybe we should be enforcing them?

Daniel Therrien: Hum, so a few things on that point. They – the Green Paper says there is no law on that subject and if you look at the Statute Book it is correct. But there are licensing requirements that were issued in the '90s when public safety was the Solicitor General's department which enact (ph) certain rules. They don't have – they're not statutes but they are licensing requirements, real rules that apply to telcos. So there're existing rules. The government says there should be a law. Perhaps, but what would the law do that the current licensing requirements do not do? Point one. Point two, what is it in substance in these licensing requirements that is deficient and that needs to be enhanced? I don't know that.

The Green Paper doesn't explain that and it's one of the things that we would like the government to explain further. What is it in substance in these licensing requirements that need to be enhanced to give the police and national security agencies the tools they need?

Question: In a less – this is more of a broader picture question. When Canadians, you know, will hear this tonight and they're going to see your plea to ensure the privacy protections, safeguards are in place, do you think Canadians – the average Canadian understands why privacy, why their privacy needs to be protected? Do you think that, you know, with the recent event with CSIS admitting to collecting innocent people's data, holding on to that data, while it shouldn't have been there, do you think there is an understanding in Canada that this is a concern? Can you explain why you feel it should be?

Daniel Therrien: There is – there is more knowledge to be gained by Canadians on these issues. There is no question about that. Canadians of course want to be protected and want the police and intelligence services to have the tools to protect them. I understand that perfectly well. But we have seen since 9-11, but also very recently with the Quebec journalist cases, with the CSIS case that the data of ordinary Canadians is being handled inappropriately, sometimes illegally. So let's just take the CSIS example for a second.

So CSIS in a judgment of the Federal Court was found to have retained the metadata of ordinary Canadians, people not suspected of threats and keeping them for a long while, about ten years, for – to be able to analyze and cross check with data banks and identify terrorists. So I'm all for detecting terrorism. Cross checking data banks if it's with the right information that protects privacy is fine. But here we have a court saying that CSIS was holding on for ten years information about people who are not suspected threats.

Now, think of how we collectively thought of countries in Eastern Europe that retained files on ordinary citizens for long periods of time because it may be helpful, useful for intelligence purposes. I'm not comparing CSIS to the intelligence agencies of these countries before the Cold War, but objectively we're talking about the retention of large amounts of data about ordinary citizens for the purpose of detecting terrorists. I don't think this is the kind of society we want to live in, and I don't think Canadians if they think about just that scenario, for example – there are many others – will conclude that their desire – their legitimate desire to be protected means that they have to allow the secret service to have access to that amount of data for that long, even though they constitute no threat to national security.

Question: And my follow-up is about the journalism that – the surveillance in journalism cases. Have you heard anything from authorities to reassure you that surveillance of journalists in the way it was conducted is not continuing? Michel Coulombe was here about a month ago and although he said of the top he would not comment, later in the news conference we kept pressing him and he said he won't comment on this because it's operational. So do you – have you heard any reassuring words from whether it be CSIS whether it be authorities in Quebec that this practice is not continuing?

Daniel Therrien: We have not received nor did we ask for that kind of information.

Jean Chartier: C'est la même chose pour le Québec. Nous n'avons pas demandé et nous n'avons pas eu d'assurance de la part des corps policiers qu'ils soient municipaux ou provinciaux à l'effet que ce genre de comportement, de filature, de – de collecte de métadonnées ou de – ne se poursuivait pas. Et la raison pour laquelle nous n'en avons pas – nous n'avons pas fait cette demande-là c'est évidemment que pour le moment ce que nous savons c'est que les collectes et les analyses qui ont été faites à partir des données ont été faites à la suite de mandats autorisés par le système judiciaire.

Alors évidemment la Commission n'a pas de juridiction sur le système judiciaire lui-même. On attend la Commission d'enquête pour vérifier de quelle façon ç'a pu être fait, où est-ce que – et à quel endroit le – les manques ont pu apparaître. Est-ce que par exemple tout à l'heure mon collègue Therrien mentionnait que il n'est pas question de ne pas avoir confiance dans le système judiciaire. Au contraire, on dit justement que ce système judiciaire là nous apparaît comme étant un rempart nécessaire. Mais peut-être que même chez les gens du système judiciaire – et je le dis en tout respect pour les gens qui exercent ces fonctions – il y a peut-être un minimum de de formation. Il y a peut-être de l'information qu'ils ne possèdent pas encore sur le – ce que révèlent les métadonnées, à quoi servent les métadonnées, de quelles façons elles sont collectées.

Et vous savez, j'ajouterais une dernière chose. Dans nos lois respectives au Canada et dans toutes les provinces – et la loi fédérale est la même en matière de protection des renseignements personnels – pour pouvoir collecter des renseignements personnels, le critère doit être la nécessité et ça s'applique même aux corps policiers. Un corps policier qui veut collecter des métadonnées, qui veut collecter des renseignements personnels sur des individus, le critère est la nécessité. Et ça s'applique même à eux.

Et je le répète, nous n'avons pas eu de la part du gouvernement fédéral, et surtout de la part des corps policiers qui demandent plus de pouvoirs, la démonstration que c'est nécessaire, que les pouvoirs qu'ils demandent en plus demeurent nécessaires.

Question: Hi, Amela Connelly (ph) with iPolitics (ph). You – just to go back to your points on more of a device-focused approach to (inaudible) encryption and that. The FBI in the San Bernardino case paid close to a million dollars to break the lock on that iPhone. Is it practical, I guess, to expect law enforcement here and taxpayers as well to shoulder the cost of that rather than creating more of a one-size-fits-all approach?

Daniel Therrien: It perhaps could be theoretically if it were not for the fact that the – what you call the one-size-fits-all approach is exactly the approach that puts at risk the data of everyone in this room and – and in the world. So, yes, to require device specific or case specific solutions may present difficulties, but if the alternative is to create through back doors or systemic access risks for the population at large, I think that's too high a price to pay.

Question: And just as a follow-up here, a slightly – slightly different topic here but Michael Geist put up a blog post this morning basically being – he was critical of the government's democratic reform survey saying the profile section of that – the information that you had to submit is part of that to have your voice heard through it could potentially identify people in small towns based on the questions that they're asking there. Do you – what are your thoughts on that? And do you share his concerns with the information being collected in that survey?

Daniel Therrien: We haven't been consulted by the government before that process started and we haven't looked at the details, but we certainly will have a look. But I don't have anything to say at this point because we've not analyzed the situation.

Moderator: Alex Bouthillier (ph).

Question: If I may. They're asking for income levels –

Moderator: Oh, I'm sorry, Shirley.

Question: No, no, go ahead.

Question: They're asking for income levels, education levels, postal codes. I forget what else – age –

Question: Age, gender, what occupation area are you working in. So it's kind of – yeah, the kind of information you could kind of piece together that (inaudible).

Question: So it's – it's almost census like in terms of the information that's required. Does that raise any concerns for you that people may not –

Daniel Therrien: Enough to probably give a call to the relevant department.

Question: Just to pick up on Jim's question. On the balance between State powers and citizens' rights, you say that you don't dispute that police need their job – police say that the balance is tipped towards personal rights at the expense of law enforcement, but here I just want to be clear that you're saying that it's actually already tipped towards law enforcement and not citizens' rights. You write: ... this is not the time to further expand further state powers and reduce

individual rights. Rather, it is time to enhance both legal safeguards” yadi-yadi-ya “ultimately achieve the real balance between security. So it seems that you’re already saying that police have more powers in this balance structure.

Daniel Therrien: That’s a question of more – more powers, but the – with the greater activities against terrorism since 9-11 with legislation with C-51 and C-13, we have seen real concrete examples of violations of human rights generally, and privacy in particular. So these are not invented. These are real cases. I wouldn’t put the question as do the police have too much powers? What we’re saying is that in giving these powers not enough attention has been given to ensure at the same time that there are appropriate legal safeguards, things like standards required of the police to have access to data, etc. or the relevance test for information sharing under Bill C-51. So legal safeguards are, in our view, deficient which has led – which is the cause in part of the problems that we have seen.

And oversight is also insufficient. That is being corrected in part through Bill C-22, but we need more than that. We need broader oversight, expert review for all departments involved in national security. So there are deficient rights protecting safeguards is our point given the sum total of legislation adopted in the past few years.

Question: I’ll just toss this out to whomever wants to respond to it, but when we talk about breaking encryption are we really talking about breaking citizens’ encryption because law enforcement, nation, states, government departments they’re not going to give up their top secret networks. They’re not going to give up their protected communications. So when we – when police talk about weakening encryption, are we really talking about setting up two tiers of security? State and law enforcement deserve security but citizens don’t?

Daniel Therrien: I’ll answer your question this way and it’s very important for the purpose of the Green Paper. Yes, the suggestions made in the Green Paper would affect the encryption therefore the protection given to the general population, to citizens. Is that a distinction with the State? Perhaps, but what people need to understand is that encryption is available everywhere in the world. It’s produced everywhere in the world and criminals and terrorists know that.

So laws that would diminish the protection of encryption for ordinary citizens, law-abiding citizens would probably do nothing at all as a measure against the people that the police and national security agencies actually care about, i.e. the criminals and the terrorists, because the latter can find a way through encryption obtained outside Canada. They can do it themselves. So reduction of the benefits of encryption for the population would have very little impact on the people that we should all care about the terrorists and the criminals in terms of getting the data that police need to do their job.

So that’s a fundamental issue. So when you put all of that together should the police be able to decrypt information? I think that perhaps everything else being equal, but if you do that you reduce the protection of ordinary citizens and you probably do nothing to the protection of criminals and terrorists. So it’s not a very – it’s not a very effective means of getting at the problem.

Question: You talked about the limitations of the Canadian law when it comes to foreign threats to our privacy and I want to ask you specifically about the incoming administration in the United States. Donald Trump talked about closing down parts of the Internet that he perceived were a threat to national security. Some believe some of his rhetorics suggest a disregard for cyber privacy. So I’m wondering if you’re concerned at all about the implications for Canadians given that borders online are quite blurry and some of those policies could inevitably end up infringing on our privacy.

Daniel Therrien: That obviously moves across borders and there are many rules and safeguards that are – that exist in one country that have an effect on the other. So, yes, rules to be adopted in the US could have an impact on Canada which in part, I think, reinforces our recommendation that in Canada legal safeguards and oversight should be enhanced so that there is a better guarantee that the data of Canadians will be sufficiently protected.

It’s all always a question of balancing security interests and human rights and privacy, and we think that with enhanced safeguards and oversight we will have a better balance, including in a world where in the US certain measures may be taken to reduce privacy safeguards. So it’s important to have a robust made-in-Canada regime to increase the possibility that our data will be sufficiently protected.

Question: What are some of the limitations of our regime given that obviously there are issues of national security? There’s agreements between intelligence agencies, information sharing. What are some of the potential threats to Canadian privacy should a Trump administration pursue some of these more aggressive measures that could infringe upon privacy? I mean inevitably our laws will have limits, will they not?

Daniel Therrien: Yes, and so Canada can control what happens within its State but when data moves across border and data does move every day across borders, there is a loss of control which is why one of our recommendations is to require that when data is shared internationally between States, that there should be agreements with certain guarantees within these agreements on how the data will be handled. It’s not an absolute guarantee. And does that mean that

Canada has absolute control over what the US will do? No, but agreements would enhance the level of protection given to the data of Canadians.

Question: Is your office pursuing this at all in an active way, engaging with your national counterpart and doing any preparatory work?

Daniel Therrien: Not – not in light of the election of Mr. Trump per say but we have recommended to Parliament in the context of potential amendments to The Privacy Act that this requirement for information sharing agreements with minimum contents and safeguards become part of federal law.

Moderator: Merci beaucoup. Thank you very much.

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Canada's electronic spies at the centre of beefed up ISIL intelligence effort

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Canadian Press, By: Murray Brewster

OTTAWA - The Communications Security Establishment, Canada's electronic spy service, is set to play a more prominent role in the war against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, The Canadian Press has learned.

Multiple sources familiar with the plans, speaking on condition of anonymity owing to the sensitivity of the matter, say the government is deploying a capability that only a "handful of countries" in the world can provide.

CSE is part of the so-called "Five Eyes" community, along with the U.S. National Security Agency _ the NSA.

CSE spokesman Ryan Foreman acknowledged the agency is helping the Canadian Armed Forces under the umbrella of Operation Impact, the name of Canada's anti-ISIL mission in the Middle East, but refused to discuss specifics.

"While we are proud of our contributions to CAF's missions, CSE is obligated to respect the Security of Information Act, and cannot address specific operational questions," Foreman said.

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan has for weeks been signalling that the military will introduce a "more robust" intelligence-gathering regime, one that allies _ chastened by the withdrawal of the six CF-18s _ are happy to be bring to the fight.

Separately, **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** confirmed Thursday that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service will also play a stepped-up role in the fight against the Islamic State, but he also refused to be specific.

"We are providing new and additional intelligence capabilities in the region and while by its very nature I cannot elaborate, CSIS will have a role to play," Goodale said.

"It will certainly be an increased role to accomplish larger objectives."

The defence conference where **Goodale** and Sajjan were speaking heard Thursday about how CSIS agents cultivated human sources in Afghanistan.

But CSE played a pivotal role alongside the Canadian Army during the Afghan war, providing by its own admission half of the crucial battlefield intelligence on Taliban militants, their movements and the locations of key commanders.

The information was used to plan military operations and for targeted capture or kill missions by special forces. But one official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Canadians would provide targeting only and not take part in any "direct action."

Although he's been eager to trumpet the "doubling" of the intelligence effort, Sajjan has been decidedly opaque about what that means, even last week when he announced the retooled mission.

"Enhanced intelligence capability will help protect our forces in theatre as well as those of our coalition and host nation partners," Sajjan said.

"Therefore, we will significantly increase the resources we dedicate to intelligence, both in northern Iraq and theatre-wide. Our intelligence capabilities will help the coalition and Iraqi security forces develop a more sophisticated picture of the threat and improve our ability to target, degrade and defeat ISIL."

What that likely means in practical terms, according to sources and intelligence experts, is the involvement of the secretive CSE and specialists from the 21st Electronic Warfare Regiment.

It also means deploying Canadian intelligence officers into the highly secure all-source intelligence centre in Kuwait, and potentially hacking ISIL computers and smartphones.

When pressed, Sajjan refused to discuss the details.

"Unfortunately, I'm not going to talk (about it) in public for operational security reasons," he said.

"The last thing you want to be able to do is show your hand to (ISIL) and let them know what type of capability you are bringing in, but we have very unique capabilities for the coalition, and what I will say is capabilities for theatre-wide for the entire coalition and then we have very specific capabilities for our troops in the north as well."

Paul Robinson, a blogger and expert on signals intelligence, said it is a matter of public record that the military and CSE have an integrated operational model for field operations, which proved highly successful in Afghanistan.

"It was a pretty substantial contribution on the intelligence side," said Robinson, who noted that signals kept watch over not only the movement of Taliban units and commanders, but also provided early warning of threats _ such as the planting of roadside bombs _ and even kept tabs on local Afghan government officials.

Deploying a similar capability to northern Iraq would, in Robinson's estimation, be a significant step-up in terms of the fight.

"It's a plausible argument that this is a contribution that would be valued just as much as the fighter-bombers," he said. "Increasingly, I think this kind of warfare is down to intelligence."

It is likely filling a gap that the Americans are unable to cover themselves, Robinson added.

Throughout the war against the Islamic State, U.S. commanders have repeatedly called for more intelligence data, mostly in the form of extra drone flights. Washington was forced to strip the remote-controlled aircraft from operations in Afghanistan, according to published reports.

Documents leaked by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden indicate "that in the Horn of Africa and Afghanistan, they were not getting all the signal intelligence they wanted," Robinson said.

That's one of the reasons Canada deployed its own capability to Kandahar during the war, he added.

The game could be upped even further with the purchase of special tactical intelligence surveillance planes, similar to the King Air turboprop aircraft used by special forces in Afghanistan under a contract with the U.S. Army. The federal government quietly floated a letter of interest in September to see if defence contractors could deliver three aircraft.

In addition, Robinson says Canadian intelligence officers are highly valued in multi-national intelligence hubs like the one in Kuwait, because they "are cleared into the Five Eyes community."

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Canada's electronic spy agency won't reveal if shared info leads to torture overseas

Canadian Press (Global News), by Jim Bronskill
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Canada's electronic spy agency won't say how often it shares information that could lead to someone being tortured in an overseas prison.

The Communications Security Establishment – which monitors threats from foreign terrorists and spies – has censored documents that spell out the figures, even though the RCMP and Canadian Security Intelligence Service have revealed such numbers in the past.

The reticence prompted Amnesty International Canada to say “much greater transparency” is needed from the Ottawa-based CSE.

“At stake is Canada's compliance with crucial international human rights obligations to prevent torture and ill-treatment,” said Alex Neve, Amnesty's Canadian secretary general.

The secretive CSE has been thrust into the national spotlight in recent years due to leaks by Edward Snowden, the former spy contractor who worked for the National Security Agency, CSE's American counterpart.

It is also among a handful of Canadian agencies, including the RCMP, CSIS, the Canada Border Services Agency and National Defence, bound by a government instruction that allows it to share information with foreign partners – even when it means someone could be abused as a result of that exchange.

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said earlier this year the Liberals will review the “troubling set of issues” raised by the foreign-sharing policy, enacted by the previous Conservative government.

A four-page 2010 federal framework document says when there is a “substantial risk” that sending information to – or soliciting information from – a foreign agency would result in torture, the matter should be referred to the responsible deputy minister or agency head.

In deciding what to do, the agency head will consider factors including the threat to Canada's national security and the nature and imminence of the threat; the status of Canada's relationship with – and the human rights record of – the foreign agency; and the rationale for believing that sharing the information would lead to torture.

Records obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act offer a glimpse into how the CSE handled such cases in the first three months of 2015.

The quarterly report to CSE Chief Greta Bossenmaier, labelled Top Secret and for Canadian Eyes Only, told her the number of cases that required a “mistreatment risk assessment” and the level of risk associated with passing the information to others.

But those details were deleted from the publicly released version of the document.

Under the rules for deciding whether to share, the greater the risk, the higher the level of approval required. When the risk of mistreatment is low, a manager can decide. When the risk is substantial and cannot be managed – for instance, by seeking assurances from the foreign agency that someone will not be harmed – then the CSE chief or the defence minister must make the call.

The report says there were “no known instances” of a recipient country’s non-compliance with conditions attached to information-sharing during the three months. But little else was disclosed.

The CSE faces “unique considerations” it must weigh when discussing details of assessments, said Christopher Williams, a senior spokesman for the intelligence agency. “With this in mind, we are not able to release the specific number you have requested without risking revealing insight into our capabilities.”

However, the number and content of such assessments are reviewed by the independent watchdog who keeps an eye on the CSE, said Williams.

In addition, none of the requests in the three-month period involved a Canadian, all green-lighted information-sharing requests got the nod “to help mitigate foreign security threats,” and requests are approved only after a thorough review, he added.

Amnesty’s Neve said that when Canada shares intelligence information, there is a very real risk of contributing to torture.

The assessments are the safeguard meant to ensure that does not happen, he said.

“For Canadians to have any confidence that is the case we do, at a minimum, need details of how many assessments are being conducted, the breakdown of requests that are approved and denied, and some general information that conveys the basis for the decisions that have been reached.”

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CSIS obtained taxpayer info from Canada Revenue Agency without warrant

Jim Bronskill
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OTTAWA - The Canadian Security Intelligence Service repeatedly obtained taxpayer information from the Canada Revenue Agency without presenting a court-approved warrant for the data.

That revelation was among several concerns raised in the latest annual report of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, which monitors CSIS compliance with law and policy.

The report tabled Thursday said the spy service must do more to ensure insiders don't pilfer secret material. It also urged CSIS to inform the Federal Court how it uses metadata — the telltale digital trails that accompany messages and phone calls — collected from cyberspace.

The findings came the same day the watchdog over the Communications Security Establishment, Canada's electronic spy agency, found the CSE had improperly shared metadata about Canadians with key foreign allies.

The reports prompted the NDP to express concern about erosion of civil liberties.

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale stressed the Liberal government was embarking on a comprehensive review of Canada's national security and intelligence framework with the twin aims of effective security and respect for rights.

Far from being an isolated incident, there were "multiple instances" of a CSIS regional office getting warrantless access to taxpayer data from the federal revenue agency, the review committee said in its report for 2014-15.

Questions about the practice were first raised by the Federal Court, prompting CSIS to ask the review committee to look into the matter.

Following the incident, there were assurances the sensitive revenue agency information had been purged from a CSIS database when, in fact, it was still there, the review committee's report says.

Spy service management issued a "stern reminder" to employees of the need for a warrant to collect taxpayer information, but the review committee says that may not be sufficient.

The committee made several recommendations, calling on CSIS to assess its own handling of the incident after it became clear information had been improperly collected. The spy service complied with that request.

Review committee chairman Pierre Blais said CSIS had made "a mistake" but he expressed confidence the committee would not "see that in the future."

The Canada Revenue Agency had no immediate explanation as to why it gave CSIS the data.

The review committee says it also found shortcomings in the spy service's training, investigation and record-keeping practices intended to manage so-called insider threats.

Concern about such threats has grown due to recent breaches by intelligence employees in the United States and Canada, the committee noted.

Former U.S. spy contractor Edward Snowden leaked a trove of files revealing widespread surveillance by the U.S. National Security Agency, while Jeffrey Paul Delisle, a Canadian naval intelligence officer, sold sensitive secrets to the Russians.

The review committee found insufficient training, gaps in policy and procedures, and a lack of managerial feedback for those at CSIS working on internal security investigations.

It also concluded procedures governing internal probes were unclear. In addition, the committee found CSIS did not properly document decision-making about investigations.

The review committee singled out one particular internal investigation, finding CSIS "had failed to give the case the appropriate level of attention and scrutiny, and to take followup action."

The committee recommended CSIS re-examine the case due to concerns about internal policy violations and "possible information breaches."

Though CSIS agreed with some aspects of the committee's recommendations, it refused to reopen the case in question, saying it was satisfied there were no lingering security concerns.

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Electronic spy agency defends its role in Internet hunt for terrorists

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Canadian Press, By: Jim Bronskill

OTTAWA _ Canada's electronic spy agency is defending its role in the search for extremists following a report that says it sifts through millions of videos and documents downloaded globally every day through file-sharing services.

Details of the Communications Security Establishment project, called Levitation, are revealed in a 2012 PowerPoint presentation obtained by former U.S. intelligence contractor Edward Snowden, CBC News says.

CBC analyzed the document with U.S. news website The Intercept, which obtained it from Snowden. It also posted the presentation online, with some of the information blacked out.

The Ottawa-based CSE employs mathematicians, codebreakers, linguists and software experts with the aim of both collecting foreign secrets and shielding Canada's confidences from prying eyes.

The document says that under Levitation, CSE analysts can access information on about 10 to 15 million uploads and downloads of files from free websites each day.

Extremists generally use free file-uploading sites to distribute training materials, while al-Qaida uses them to spread jihadist propaganda, the document says.

It notes CSE finds about 350 "interesting download events" per month, citing one on how to make a gas bomb.

The document also makes a light-hearted reference to filtering out Glee TV episodes, with a schematic of how its supercomputers track down the small number of files of concern.

One privacy advocate expressed alarm at the CBC report.

"CSE is clearly spying on the private online activities of millions of innocent people, including Canadians, despite repeated government assurances to the contrary," said OpenMedia.ca spokesman David Christopher.

"Law-abiding Internet users who use popular file hosting services are now finding themselves under the government's microscope."

CSE stood by its methods, saying they have helped counter terrorism.

"CSE's foreign signals intelligence has played a vital role in uncovering foreign-based extremists' efforts to attract, radicalize, and train individuals to carry out attacks in Canada and abroad," agency spokesman Ryan Foreman said in an emailed statement Wednesday.

It noted that CSE is legally authorized to collect and analyze metadata _ data trails about messages and calls, though not the actual content.

Privacy advocates have stressed that metadata is far from innocuous, as it can reveal much about a person's online behaviour.

CSE said it takes strict measures to protect the privacy of Canadians when it comes across their information.

"In collecting and analyzing metadata, CSE does not direct its activities at Canadians or anyone in Canada, and, in accordance with our legislation, has a range of measures in place to protect the privacy of Canadians incidentally encountered in the course of these foreign intelligence operations," the CSE statement said.

The agency said it could not comment further on "operations, methods or capabilities," as that would constitute a breach of the federal secrets law.

"Furthermore, we regret that the publication of techniques and methods, based on stolen documents, renders those techniques and methods less effective when addressing threats to Canada and Canadians."

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Federal security officials eye 'big data analytics' in a bid to pinpoint threats

November 12, 2015
Canadian Press, By: Jim Bronskill

OTTAWA _ Federal security agencies risk being overwhelmed by threats _ or failing to even foresee them _ unless they embrace the digital-age phenomenon of big-data crunching, warns an internal **Public Safety Canada** presentation.

With billions of people using mobile phones and surfing the Internet, security officials are preoccupied with getting timely access to valuable information. But the recent past is littered with challenges related to information sharing and privacy _ including controversy over the Conservative omnibus bill known as C-51, the presentation notes.

Officials acknowledge the public might not trust government to respect privacy in the process, pointing to revelations by former U.S. spy contractor Edward Snowden about widespread surveillance of communications.

"Canadians are increasingly concerned about issues of crime and terrorism, but in the post-Snowden era, public concerns about government data use may stand as a barrier to the effective use of innovative data analytics by law enforcement and security organizations," the presentation says.

Big data analytics generally refers to the process of gathering and systematically sifting through millions or even billions of pieces of data _ numbers, text, graphics, videos and sensor information _ to glean insights that can't be detected through standard methods.

Given the pace of technological advancement and the exponential increase in the amount of data produced worldwide, there may be opportunities to do things more efficiently and identify patterns through innovative techniques, the presentation says.

"In other words, once we have the information, how can we ensure that we are in a position to use it effectively?"

The May 2015 presentation, Big Data Analytics in the World of Safety and Security, was prepared for **Public Safety Canada's** internal policy committee. The Canadian Press obtained a declassified version of the secret draft presentation under the Access to Information Act. Small portions were withheld due to their sensitivity.

The presenters cite examples of using big data analysis to create efficiencies, find a needle in a haystack and fill data gaps. For instance:

_ Philadelphia police mined data to predict a parolee's risk of reoffending to determine the necessary level of supervision;

_ U.S. researchers found that a genetic variant related to schizophrenia was not detectable when reviewing 3,500 cases but were able to pinpoint a trend by looking at 35,000 cases;

_ In Guatemala, a pilot project revealed how mobile phone movement patterns could be used to predict socioeconomic status.

More than two years ago, Jennifer Stoddart, the federal privacy commissioner at the time, cautioned that big data had not simply increased the risk to privacy _ it had changed the very nature of that risk.

The Public Safety presentation allows that privacy considerations and building public confidence must be taken into account.

"Privacy does not need to be a barrier to innovative data analytics," it says. "We need to think strategically about what we want to accomplish with data and then design in appropriate privacy protections."

The officials also stress the importance of finding the right partners to pursue "promising practices" as well as ensuring agencies have the technology, policies and people to make the most of the techniques.

Other federal departments and provincial security partners are exploring the potential of big data analytics, they note, but "innovation is limited and often done in silos."

The risk of not harnessing big data is a "reduced capacity to respond to _ or even understand _ the changing threat environment," the presentation warns.

Ultimately, the presenters ask whether officials should explore big data opportunities in more depth and, if so, which ones would be most useful to the portfolio?

Public Safety had no immediate comment on the department's plans.

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Survivant d'une fusillade, un ex-hockeyeur réclame 3 M

Atteint par neuf balles lors d'une fusillade près d'un bar de Mirabel, Dannick Lessard réclame un dédommagement de 3,2 millions \$ aux autorités fédérales qui ont libéré le présumé tireur du pénitencier et auraient négligé de le surveiller. Dans sa poursuite déposée lundi, l'exhockeyeur allègue que lors de la fusillade survenue le 2 octobre 2012, Ryan Wolfson était «illégalement en liberté depuis deux mois», ayant fui la maison de transition où il devait demeurer. Lessard, 37 ans, reproche au **Service correctionnel du Canada (SCC)** d'avoir «manqué grossièrement à son devoir de surveillance de Wolfson». Il prétend aussi que la Commission des libérations conditionnelles du Canada (CLCC) aurait préalablement dû garder le présumé tireur au pénitencier, en raison de son «risque élevé» de récidive. [Journal de Montréal](#), 11

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Undoing citizenship faces new test

A former business student imprisoned for his role in an al-Qaida-inspired plot to bomb downtown Toronto in 2006 has asked the Federal Court to stop the government from revoking his citizenship. Saad Khalid, 29, is the latest to challenge a controversial law that allows federal authorities to strip convicted terrorists of their Canadian citizenship -- provided they are also citizens of another country. Prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau campaigned on a promise to repeal the five-month-old law brought in by the Conservatives. But the government has not yet given any indication it is backing off. Asked if the revocations underway had been suspended, Citizenship & Immigration Canada spokeswoman Nancy Caron would say only it was "pre-mature for the department to comment at this time." How the Liberal government would undo the law remained unclear. "It could be complicated," said Craig Forcese, a University of Ottawa law professor and coauthor of *False Security, The Radicalization of Canadian Anti-Terrorism*. Toronto 18 leader Zakaria Amar has already lost his citizenship, and another nine cases are under way. Five imprisoned terrorists, now including Khalid, have launched court appeals arguing the law, C-24, is unconstitutional. [Postmedia News](#) (London Free Press, B3, Edmonton Journal, Ottawa Citizen, Windsor Star, National Post)

Canada-wide warrant for federal inmate

A Canada-wide warrant has been issued for a federal inmate who failed to return to the St. Catharines halfway house he was staying at. Eric Marchis signed out from the halfway house on the morning of Oct. 18 and was required to return before midnight that same day. He has not returned since. He is described as a white male, 35 years old, 5 feet 9 inches, 285 pounds with hazel eyes and short blond hair. Marchis has a scar on his abdomen and tattoos across his forearms that say "AGAINST ALL ODDS". He is serving a sentence of nine years, 11 months and 13 days for several bank robberies and possession of a weapon for a dangerous person. Police say the offender is known to frequent the Toronto area. While he has no known associates in the Niagara, police say he may very well have befriended people in the area. [Hamilton Spectator](#); [Niagara This Week](#), 610 CKTB, [St. Catharines Standard](#) (2015-10-28)

Man sent back to prison after violating parole

Police have sent a 27-year-old man back to prison after he violated his parole. Police were called to the Parrrtown community correctional centre at 9 a.m. Tuesday. The man has his parole revoked for violating the conditions of his release, said Sgt. Lori Magee of the Saint John Police Force. Sheriffs took the man back to the penitentiary. [Telegraph-Journal](#), B5

La Commission des libérations conditionnelles statue sur le sort de Richard Charlish

Richard Charlish, condamné à huit ans de pénitencier en 2003, pourra de nouveau demeurer en établissement résidentiel communautaire, mais l'homme de Mashteuiatsh devra rentrer chaque soir. Un texte de Denis Lapierre La Commission des libérations conditionnelles annule la suspension de ce privilège qui avait été imposée à la suite de manquements à diverses conditions. L'homme de 50 ans a reçu sa peine à la suite d'une agression violente sur une femme d'Alma. L'agression était survenue à Montréal. Sa peine était assortie d'une ordonnance de surveillance d'une durée de dix ans. Sorti du pénitencier en 2011, Richard Charlish a contrevenu à de nombreuses reprises à ses conditions de surveillance, entre autres en matière de consommation d'alcool. Il a également omis de rentrer à la résidence le soir venu. Même si la Commission des libérations conditionnelles n'a pas caché ses inquiétudes à son sujet, elle a choisi de rétablir l'ordonnance de surveillance de longue durée, en vigueur jusqu'en 2022. [Radio-Canada](#)

Une chauffarde ira en maison de transition

Une jeune chauffarde condamnée à deux ans d'emprisonnement pour avoir causé la mort de deux amies au volant de sa Mercedes pourra quitter la prison pour la maison de transition. Sarah Cousineau-Denis sera éventuellement transférée en maison de transition pour un minimum de trois mois, a statué hier la Commission des libérations conditionnelles du Canada. «Trois mois en maison de transition, c'est très court, mais c'est mieux que la liberté totale qu'elle demandait », s'est consolé David Jones, l'oncle de Natasha Lavigne, une des deux victimes. Lors de son audience qui s'est tenue mardi au pénitencier de Joliette où elle est incarcérée depuis février, la jeune femme de 21 ans demandait effectivement une liberté totale à sa résidence familiale de Knowlton. «Nous espérons qu'elle aura l'encadrement nécessaire pour changer en maison de transition. Pour l'instant, on note un travail inachevé», a commenté M. Jones. [Journal de Montréal](#), 14 ([Journal de Québec](#)), [Voix de l'Est](#)

Convicted fraudster contests failure to appear

A recently convicted fraudster and serving prisoner is looking to go to trial over charges that he failed to show up for his original trial two years ago. Steven Vincent Weeres, 56, was sentenced Oct. 9 to five years in prison for fraud and money laundering. He was found guilty July 30 in the Regina Court of Queen's Bench after a seven-week trial and testimony from 50 witnesses. His trial had been set to begin on Oct. 28, 2013, but Weeres (who was self-represented) allegedly failed to show up. At that time, Justice Catherine Dawson issued a warrant for Weeres' arrest at the request of Crown prosecutor Jerome Tholl. The trial didn't proceed, and two months later, Tholl was appointed as a judge to the Court of Queen's Bench family division. In Regina Provincial Court on Wednesday, Weeres pleaded not guilty to the failure to appear charge, and said he wanted a trial set for February in order to give him time to get a lawyer. [Leader-Post](#), A3 ([StarPhoenix](#))

Man convicted in 2010 robbery spree back in court on eight fresh armed robbery charges

A man dubbed the "screwdriver bandit" for a robbery spree five years ago was back in court on Tuesday facing eight new charges of armed robbery and sporting cuts and bruises on his face. Philip Haskett, now 36, was sentenced to four years in prison in 2011 for seven robberies of gas bars and convenience stores in Kitchener and Waterloo the previous year. Armed only with a screwdriver, Haskett threatened clerks to hand over money to support his \$500-a-day heroin and crack cocaine habit. On Monday night, Haskett was arrested in a car in Waterloo near University Avenue and Fischer-Hallman Road, Waterloo Regional Police said. Police said he was arrested "without incident." Haskett, of no fixed address, faces eight counts of armed robbery. [Waterloo Region Record](#) (2015-10-28)

Cops feared violent arrest of triggerman in N.D.G. double murder

As the RCMP moved in to arrest Robert Simpson, the triggerman in a double murder carried out in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce five years ago, they feared the worst. Simpson's arrest was described for the jury hearing the trial of Leslie Greenwood, 46, who is alleged to have been the getaway driver when Simpson

carried out the Jan 24, 2010, murders of Kirk (Cowboy) Murray and Antonio Onesi. The murders were ordered by Jeffrey Albert Lynds, a Hells Angel based in Nova Scotia. The trial is unfolding at the Montreal courthouse. Simpson, who later became a cooperating witness for the prosecution, told the jury two weeks ago about how he was on the lam during the six months that preceded the murders. He had left a halfway house on Ogilivie Ave. in Montreal while on parole, and had decided not to return. A Canada-wide warrant was issued for his arrest, but he was only located weeks after the murders were carried out. Sgt. Addie MacCallum, an RCMP investigator based in Nova Scotia, said Simpson was finally located, on Feb. 12, 2010, near Truro, N.S., after the RCMP received information about a series of robberies and assaults that had been reported in the area. By then, MacCallum was aware of Simpson's parole violation. He had been supplied with an extensive file that included details on Simpson's criminal record and his personal life. His official record, at that point, included an acquittal for having killed an inmate at a federal penitentiary in Ontario, because he had acted in self-defence, and a manslaughter conviction for his role in the death of an elderly woman in Montreal. [Montreal Gazette](#), A8

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Porn is a privilege, not a right

An opinion piece states, "Once again the issue of prisoners' right to pornography is up for debate; this time in Canada. In 2013, **Correctional Service Canada** blocked inmates' access to TV channels showing late-night pornography after complaints that female correctional officers were feeling harassed. "It was found that sexually explicit material undermined a person's sense of personal dignity, and in the circumstances under consideration, particularly that of female correctional officers," state the records. Haris Naraine, who was an inmate at the time at Archambault Prison in Quebec filed a grievance, eventually taking his case to Federal Court, arguing that banning access to porn infringed on his constitutional right to freedom of expression. The judge concluded that banning the channels was not legal but, it seems, Quebec Minister of Public Security Lise Thériault disagrees. After learning that inmates at Quebec's Amos detention centre were accessing porn via a late-night movie channel, she vowed to install parental controls in prisons across the province in order to block access to channels that showed porn. **Correctional Service Canada** is still reviewing the court ruling and the policy so, in the meantime, there is ample opportunity to debate things like "sexuality" and "morals" and to prove how sexy and unprudish we really are when it comes to men's right to misogyny. In a repulsive but revealing report by Brigitte Noël for *Vice*, she accuses Thériault of "pearl-clutching" and goes on to discuss the issue of "sexuality in prison," as though male sexuality is inseparable from pornography. This kind of commentary is useful as it gets at one of two key issues here: 1) The "right" to access any media one likes, and 2) The idea that men are unable to function in a healthy manner without access to pornography." [Rabble.ca](#)

Restorative justice

A letter to the editor states, "I recently listened to a radio broadcast that used the Cheyann Peeteetuce case of what might have been had she faced a restorative system when her spiral of crime began, instead of the punitive justice system we currently have. The broadcast was based on Justice Murray Sinclair's recent speech in Saskatoon. I do have to agree with most of what he said. I had to sit through two trials - one for the youth and one for Cheyann, whose example was given. In both trials that involved six court appearances, not once did I hear any statements from them on what their thoughts were leading up to the accident that killed my daughter, Sarah, and James Haughey. They were basically allowed to hide behind their lawyers. With a restorative justice system they would have had to face everyone in court, explain their actions and be held accountable. The current system left me with no closure, with unanswered questions and hugely disappointed with our justice system. I disagree with Justice Sinclair on the Gladue reports. I also wonder why a restorative system for First Nations people only should not be for all Canadians. After all, does his position not represent all Canadians equally?" [StarPhoenix](#), A9

Prison, strangely, has become 'happy' place

An opinion piece by federal inmate Jose Vivar states, "Prison has made me a happier person. It is kind of like a monastery, minus having to shave my head and walk around in a robe all day. But like a monastery, I live a simple life here. I wear simple clothes and eat simple food and do simple things. I abstain from the many vices that exist in the world, like gambling, drugs and alcohol and womanizing. I

am no longer bothered by what my neighbour has, or what I do not have. In fact, nothing bothers me at all. I am happier now because of things like this. (...)But of course prison does not make everyone a happier person. There are people who kill themselves in places like this. People who walk around with permanent mean faces, like they are defecating 24-7 or like they walked into a room sprayed with halitosis. Not only prisoners, but even those who get to go home every day. They are not happier people, for they are in constant battle with their egos, or in combat with themselves or with the future. Their war is in their minds. They do not realize that happiness does not matter where you are." Kingston Whig-Standard, B4

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Un projet de loi pour la prise d'empreintes

La libération malheureuse de Francis Boucher à la suite d'une comédie de gaffes des services correctionnels force la main de Lise Thériault, qui propose des modifications législatives pour que cette bévue ne reproduise pas. Le projet de loi 63 va permettre aux autorités de «vérifier l'identité des personnes incarcérées au moyen d'un procédé permettant la prise de leurs empreintes digitales, et ce, sans leur consentement». Il touchera aussi les personnes déjà incarcérées. Rappelons que Francis Boucher a été libéré par erreur le 24 mars. Ce jour-là, les services correctionnels ont réalisé qu'un autre Boucher aurait dû être relâché la veille. Journal de Montréal, 21

Manitoba jails bursting at the seams while crime rates continue to fall

The Manitoba government jails a greater proportion of its population than any other province in the country, at a time when crime rates have fallen to historic lows. A CBC analysis reveals that the ballooning inmate population is having far-reaching consequences for the most vulnerable members of society, and also taxpayers. Inmate population figures released by the province, paint a dire picture of the state of affairs in Manitoba jails. Overall, Manitoba jails are bursting at the seams with the occupancy rate currently at 127%. The Pas Correctional Centre which is designed to house 114 inmates, currently has 262 people behind bars. Headingley jail's rated capacity is 549, but is easily surpassed now at 792 inmates. The Manitoba Government Employees Union (MGEU), which represents the province's correctional officers, says jail cells intended to house two prisoners in some cases now hold five, and gymnasiums have been converted into temporary dormitories. "I've done the tours of the jails and I've literally seen where the inmates are sleeping with their head up against the toilet on the floor because there isn't a bunk for them. So when you've got overcrowding to that capacity, how long before more frustration and more anger is happening within the jail system itself," says Michelle Gawronsky, president of MGEU. According to Statistics Canada, throughout the 1990s and early 2000s, the inmate population in Manitoba grew modestly by 16%, tracking roughly the population growth. However, from 2005 to 2014 that number exploded by 106%, with an average daily inmate count last year of 2,370. CBC News

Saskatchewan among the highest incarceration rates in Canada

When it comes to putting people behind bars, Saskatchewan ranks among the leading provinces in Canada. In 2013-14, Saskatchewan imprisoned 195 people per 100,000. Comparatively, Canada's rate was 86.53 people per 100,000. Only Manitoba and the three northern territories had a higher rate than Saskatchewan. Using data provided by Statistics Canada, CBC News learned incarceration rates in Saskatchewan have also continued to increase over the past 20 years, dating back to 1993-94. While Canada's overall incarceration rate has dropped four per cent since then, the prairie province has gone in the opposite direction. It has increased its incarceration rate by 16.21 per cent over the same time period. An assumption that these rising numbers is an indication of more crimes being committed would not be accurate. A report earlier this year by Statistics Canada stated that the serious crime rate (which includes violent acts like homicide and assault) across Canada has been steadily dropping for the past 11 years. It also concluded that serious crime in general fell to its lowest relative level since 1969. CBC News, Radio-Canada (2015-10-28)

Prison not the only option for offenders: justice expert

In Saskatchewan, there's a good chance that if you commit a crime, you'll do the time. But a professor at the University of Regina says that shouldn't always be the case. CBC looked into the numbers provided

by Statistics Canada. It found that the rate of people behind bars in Saskatchewan is one of the highest in the country and continues to rise while the national rate falls. In 2013-14, 195 people per 100,000 ended up in jail. Nationally the number sits at 87 per 100,000. Only Manitoba and the territories put more people per capita in jail. Nick Jones, associate professor in the Department of Justice Studies at the University of Regina, said the high rate is related to Saskatchewan's "Law and Order" approach to crime. "I think we've become very conditioned as a society into what one might call a 911 mentality," Jones said. Jones said this means that there is an inclination to believe that the criminal justice system needs to get involved. However, crime rates and incarceration rates don't have to go hand-in-hand, according to Jones. "In some circumstances incarceration is absolutely, 100 per cent needed. I think we need to rethink on what basis we turn to incarceration." Jones said research shows there has been much success when the person who commits a crime -- helps repair the harm they caused, as it "can be empowering to them".
[CBC News](#)

"No culture of wellness" in jails, says Sask. advocate

A group of former inmates say jails could help people deal with the issues that helped pull them into the justice system in the first place. But it takes a change in thinking. Saskatchewan is putting or keeping more people in jail than nearly all other provinces in the country. In 2013-14, Saskatchewan's incarceration rate was 195 people per 100,000 people. Comparatively, Canada's rate was 86.53 people per 100,000 people. Father André Poilièvre works with former gang members in Saskatoon. He said the Saskatoon Correctional Centre is failing to offer programs that help inmates. "There are no programs in the jail that I know of at this time that are serious about rehabilitation. The inmates that go into the Correctional C in Saskatoon," Poilièvre said. "It's a warehouse. It's a dead end environment. Any programs that are serious are very limited." He said there used to be two teachers in classrooms full time, but because of minimum sentences and a large number of people who are serving time in remand, there isn't enough room. [CBC News](#)

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CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Sikhs for Justice seek referendum in India – and a new reputation

The Globe and Mail, Sunny Dhillon, 2016 06 04

Vancouver - Advocates for an independent Sikh homeland say they're looking to the future and pushing for a referendum in India within four years, but the Khalistan movement has been hit by a familiar controversy – an alleged link to extremist violence. Hardeep Nijjar, a B.C. man who has collected signatures to have anti-Sikh violence in India in the 1980s recognized as genocide, was accused in an Indian newspaper report this week of running a "terror camp" east of Vancouver. Mr. Nijjar was also alleged to be the operational head of a group known as the Khalistan Terror Force and said to be linked to a 2007 attack on a cinema that killed six people. He denied wrongdoing and sent a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in which he said he has never supported violence. Sikhs for Justice, a non-profit organization with headquarters in Toronto and New York for which Mr. Nijjar has volunteered, rushed to his defence and accused the Indian government of trying to discredit the push for Sikh self-determination. The incident highlighted the trouble the Khalistan movement has had shedding its violent reputation, particularly in Canada. Khalistan proponents were linked to extremist violence in the 1980s, most notably the Air India bombings, which killed 329 people on an airliner and two baggage handlers in Tokyo in 1985. During the subsequent trial, the Crown alleged the bombings were carried out in response to the Indian government's raid on the Golden Temple, Sikhism's holiest shrine, a year earlier. Since the report involving Mr. Nijjar surfaced, the RCMP has said little about his case specifically, or about the Khalistan movement generally. But a former analyst at the Canadian Security Intelligence Service said the movement appears to have quieted down in recent years and Canadian law-enforcement agencies have shifted resources to other targets, such as Islamist extremism.

2. Toronto 18 leader 'enjoys notoriety,' board says

The Toronto Sun, Sam Pazzano, 2016 06 04

Toronto - The leader of the Toronto 18 terrorist group still appears to "enjoy the notoriety" and has made "insufficient change" to warrant release from prison, the Parole Board of Canada has ruled. In a seven-page decision, the board ruled that while Fahim Ahmad had recently "entered a process of change," he still did not appreciate the gravity of his crimes. He also appeared to relish the opportunity to speak at conferences. "It appeared you were more concerned about the impacts of your criminal behaviour on you and your family than on the community and country writ large," the decision stated. "You believe people will seek you out as a member of the Toronto 18. You expect to be offered opportunities to speak at conferences. "On the one hand, you seemed negative to this idea, but on the other hand you said you had a responsibility and were looking forward to it," the decision stated. "You said you owed it to the imams." The Toronto 18 plotted shootings and truck bombings in Toronto against the CSIS office and CBC, along with Parliament in Ottawa, unspecified military bases and a nuclear power plant, Justice Fletcher Dawson said at Ahmad's sentencing in 2010. "Ahma drepeatedly expressed that it was religiously permissible to attack targets in Canada because Canada was attacking Muslims in Afghanistan," said Dawson.

Canada

3. Allies will cut us off over suit : CSE boss

The Canadian Press, 2015 06 04

Ottawa - Close allies will curb or even halt the flow of intelligence to the Communications Security Establishment if the electronic spy agency is forced to spill its closely guarded secrets in open court, argues a senior CSE official. In turn, that could dry up the flow of "quality information necessary to

ensure the safety and protection of Canadians and Canadian interests," says Scott Millar, director general of strategic policy and planning at CSE. Millar's warning comes in an affidavit filed in a legal tug-of-war between the federal government and a civil liberties watchdog over what CSE must disclose in court. The B.C. Civil Liberties Association is suing the national surveillance agency, claiming it breaches the constitutional rights of Canadians by intercepting their private communications.

4. Visite secrète à Ottawa

Le Journal de Montréal, Andrew McIntosh, 2016 06 04

Ottawa - Le Canada a déjà reçu une délégation d'importants responsables chinois. Ça inclut Fu Kui, qui était ministre adjoint de la commission anticorruption chinoise à Ottawa en juin 2015, selon les documents. Cette visite sur un sujet délicat n'a pas été annoncée publiquement et s'est tenue durant une des périodes les plus tranquilles dans la capitale fédérale, soit la semaine entre la fête nationale du Québec et la fête du Canada. Des procureurs et enquêteurs chinois, accompagnés par Luo Zhaohui, l'ambassadeur de la Chine à Ottawa, ont rencontré de hauts responsables des Affaires mondiales, du ministère de la Justice, de la GRC, des services frontaliers et du ministère de la Sécurité publique. Les Chinois ont alors demandé que le Canada accélère ses procédures judiciaires pour permettre le rapatriement plus rapide des Chinois suspectés de corruption. Le message que le Canada aurait livré aux fonctionnaires chinois était très clair: «Une coopération avec le Canada sur des fugitifs doit se bâtir avec une communication proactive, des protocoles mutuellement acceptables qui rencontrent les normes judiciaires dans les deux pays, et des demandes claires et précises», selon un document résumant la position du Canada.

5. Des agents d'infiltration chinois au Canada ?

Le Journal De Montréal, Andrew McIntosh, 2016 06 04

Ottawa - Des enquêteurs anticorruption chinois qui chassent des suspects en cavale en Amérique du Nord auraient conduit des opérations secrètes au Canada et aux États-Unis pour en forcer certains à se rendre en Chine pour faire face à la justice. Une partie des notes de service estampillées «SECRET» obtenue du ministère des Affaires mondiales par notre Bureau d'enquête s'intitule «Canadiens pincés en vertu de l'Opération Fox Hunt». Les passages qui suivent ce titre ont été entièrement caviardés. Cette opération est une initiative internationale de la Chine afin de débusquer et de traduire en justice des fonctionnaires corrompus et des fraudeurs qui ont fui le pays après avoir commis des crimes. Le président de la Chine, Xi Jinping, et le Parti communiste ont déclenché une vaste campagne anticorruption depuis 2012. M. Xi soutient que la corruption des dirigeants de l'État est une menace pour la survie de son parti. L'Opération Fox Hunt se veut le volet international de cette campagne. Le président pense que si les fonctionnaires corrompus savent qu'ils seront pourchassés partout dans le monde, ils seront moins tentés de voler. David Mulrone, ancien ambassadeur du Canada en Chine de 2009 à 2012, a publié en 2015 un livre sur la Chine intitulé *Moyen pouvoir, moyen royaume*. Selon M. Mulrone, le Canada doit faire plus pour bloquer l'entrée au pays de l'argent sale de la Chine et on devrait collaborer davantage avec les enquêteurs chinois de Fox Hunt. En 2015, le New York Times et Xinhua, l'agence de nouvelles officielle de la Chine, ont rapporté que les États-Unis avaient expulsé certains enquêteurs du groupe Fox Hunt pour méconduite.

6. Stephane Dion criticized for not protecting freedom of the press

Global News, 2016 06 04

Ottawa - Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion is being criticized for staying silent in a news conference earlier this week after Wang Yi, the Chinese foreign minister, unleashed a tirade on a Canadian reporter. The reporter had asked Dion about human rights in China – specifically the case of Kevin Garratt, a Canadian detained since Aug. 2014 and charged with stealing state secrets. Wang reacted angrily and called the reporter's question "unacceptable" and that it was "full of prejudice against China and arrogance." At the time, Dion didn't defend the journalist. Asked about the incident Friday on a

teleconference from Paris, Dion said he felt the journalist could fend for herself. Opposition MPs felt Dion's comments didn't get to the heart of the issue. "Completely beside the point," said Conservative MP Tony Clement. "I think it's a real mistake. I think he missed an opportunity to say in Canada we have a fundamental principle that we adhere to, that all Canadians adhere to," said NDP MP Peter Julian.

7. Cost to kill Saudi arms deal would be huge

Toronto Star, Tonda MacCharles, 2016 06 04

Toronto - The government of Canada would be on the hook for a multibillion-dollar cancellation penalty if it were to break a controversial deal to sell light-armoured vehicles to Saudi Arabia under the contract signed by the previous Conservative government, the Star has learned. The onerous price tag for cancelling might help explain the resistance of the Liberal government to growing calls by critics to cancel the \$14.8-billion contract reached by the Tories. However, it also raises questions about whether such a heavy penalty effectively guts the ability of any future government to oversee any human rights violations that could result from deployment of the weaponized vehicles known as LAVs. "I'm not going to comment on the details of the contract. That's for the current Liberal government to respond to," said former Conservative international trade minister Ed Fast, who worked on the deal along with Stephen Harper's foreign affairs minister, John Baird. "All I will say is it is a very significant-sized contract. It has very significant benefits to Canada's economy and I will certainly acknowledge that a termination of the contract unilaterally by one party will have very significant consequences," Fast said in an interview with the Star.

8. Islamophobie : l'arnaque

Journal de Montréal, Richard Martineau, 2016 06 04

Chronique: Juste comme on vient de jeter aux poubelles un grand pan de PL59, le projet de loi du gouvernement Couillard qui devait aider l'État à mieux combattre les discours haineux, la branche ontarienne du Parti libéral du Canada vient d'adopter une résolution demandant au gouvernement Trudeau de mettre sur pied un groupe de travail destiné à lutter contre «toutes les formes d'islamophobie ». Cette résolution (qui constitue une menace pour la liberté d'expression) m'amène à poser trois questions. 1) Pourquoi lutter seulement contre l'islamophobie? L'antisémitisme, ça ne compte pas? L'islam est la seule religion qui est attaquée? 2) L'islam n'est pas une race, c'est une religion. Et une religion, c'est une idée. Vous êtes en train de nous dire qu'on n'aura plus le droit de critiquer une idée au Canada? Au nom de quoi? C'est quoi, la suite? Interdire toute critique du socialisme, du communisme, du libéralisme? 3) Qu'est-ce que ça veut dire, «toutes les formes d'islamophobie»? On ne pourra plus critiquer les islamistes sans se faire traiter de racistes? Cette résolution stupide n'a pas encore été adoptée par les hautes instances du PLC, mais connaissant la personnalité gngnan de Justin Kumbaya Trudeau, ça ne me surprendrait pas qu'elle passe comme du beurre dans la poêle. Je rêve peut-être les yeux ouverts, mais j'aimerais qu'avant de passer au vote, les p'tits amis du premier ministre lisent l'entrevue que Zineb El Rhazoui a accordée à la revue Technikart le 30 mai dernier. Ça les empêcherait de faire une grosse bêtise.

9. Kurdish fighters seek Canadian weaponry

Ottawa Citizen, David Pugliese, 2016 06 04

Ottawa - The Kurds are pushing Canada to supply them with the heavy weapons they need to fight ISIL - as well as to defend themselves after they separate from Iraq. The Canadian military has a stockpile of armoured vehicles that could be of use to the Kurds but has yet to figure out whether to turn those over. The military has in its surplus stocks three Husky armoured vehicles used in Afghanistan to help clear improvised explosive devices and one Buffalo vehicle used for similar operations, according to data compiled by the Canadian Forces. Also surplus are 181 Coyote wheeled armoured vehicles and 46 tracked light armoured vehicles. Some of those upgraded carriers were used in Afghanistan and received good reviews for how they protected troops. The Canadian military also has a variety of graders, tractors

and other heavy equipment in its surplus inventory, according to the data. Such equipment could be of use in moving barricades and other fortifications erected by Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant forces. Canada also could provide the Kurds with small arms and anti-tank weapons. The U.S. military already has outfitted such units with mortars, anti-tank weapons and armoured personnel carriers.

10. Trudeau 'dissatisfied' with Chinese minister's behaviour

The Globe and Mail, Michelle Zilio, 2016 06 04

Toronto - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says the government has relayed its “dissatisfaction” to China after its foreign minister lashed out against a Canadian reporter this week for asking a question about the country’s humanrights record and the imprisonment of a Canadian missionary. Mr. Trudeau emphasized the importance of freedom of the press at a media conference in Winnipeg on Friday, two days after Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi’s outburst at a joint news conference with Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion in Ottawa. “I can confirm that both Minister Dion and department officials at Global Affairs Canada have expressed our dissatisfaction to both the Chinese foreign minister and to the ambassador of China to Canada ... with the way our journalists were treated,” Mr. Trudeau said. “The fact is freedom of the press is extremely important to me ... We know that the job of the media is to ask tough questions and we certainly encourage you to do that.” But Mr. Dion, who stood by without comment as Mr. Wang lost his cool with iPolitics reporter Amanda Connolly, said Friday there is no need for him to defend her.

11. Dion justifie, Trudeau exprime son insatisfaction

La Presse Canadienne, Mélanie Marquis, 2016 06 04

Ottawa - Le ministre canadien des Affaires étrangères, Stéphane Dion, juge qu’il n’avait pas à voler au secours de la journaliste qui a subi les foudres du ministre chinois des Affaires étrangères en conférence de presse à Ottawa, plus tôt cette semaine. En conférence téléphonique vendredi depuis Paris, où il se trouvait pour des discussions entourant le conflit israélo-palestinien, il a affirmé qu’il ne lui appartenait pas de défendre une journaliste en sol canadien, où la liberté de presse est entière. En revanche, ce qu’il appartient à un ministre canadien des Affaires étrangères de faire, c’est de soulever la question des droits de la personne auprès des régimes qui les bafouent — et Stéphane Dion a assuré l’avoir fait « très clairement » auprès de son homologue chinois. Par ailleurs, ultimement, « le ministre (Wang Yi) a fait des déclarations, et c’est à lui à vivre avec ses déclarations », a tranché M. Dion à l’autre bout du fil. Il a nié que l’intention du gouvernement libéral de réchauffer les relations avec la Chine soit à l’origine de cette timidité à intervenir publiquement auprès du représentant du gouvernement chinois.

12. Will defend human rights after Canuck journalist berated

The Canadian Press, Mike Blanchfield, 2016 06 04

Ottawa - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau signalled Friday he'd take a firm stand with China on human rights, revealing how Canada expressed its "dissatisfaction" with the country after its foreign minister publicly berated a Canadian journalist. Trudeau said freedom of the press is very important to him, noting that asking tough questions is a key part of the media's role. The latest controversy comes as Canada and China work toward deepening their economic relationship, including a possible free-trade deal. Trudeau said he'd continue to raise rights questions with China, including the case of a Canadian, Kevin Garratt, who has been jailed in China on espionage charges. In Ottawa Wednesday, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi blasted a journalist from the web outlet IPolitics who asked about China's human rights record, saying the question reflected "arrogance," was "irresponsible" and "full of prejudice."

13. Cyber-attack has Cowboys Casino scrambling

CBC News, 2016 06 04

Calgary - A cyber-attack at Calgary's Cowboys Casino — potentially breaching the personal information of staff and customers — has the venue scrambling to let people know while taking action to try to prevent it from happening again. The incident, which was detected Monday, could affect about 1,600 casino patrons and 300 staff, the general manager told CBC News Friday. Tyrone Waite says, while he's fairly confident no personal information has left the building, notifying all of the people who might be affected, has been a challenge. "I've had the busiest single week of my life," Waite said. "We got a hold of everybody as soon as we could, the police got involved and the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission. They had people, so it was kind of reassuring to know that there are experts out there that can come and help."

14. Iraqi army has been 'crushing' ISIS, Canadian general says

CBC News, 2016 06 04

Ottawa - When Brig.-Gen. Greg Smith first touched down in Iraq in February to advise and assist the Iraqi army in its fight against Islamic State militants, he assumed that ISIS had the upper hand. Instead, what he found — amid the grit and violence and destruction that has consumed large chunks of Iraq and neighbouring Syria — was an Iraqi army that would not back down. "They are crushing them in many ways and pushing them back," said Smith, the Canadian chief of staff of the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command for Operation Inherent Resolve, the U.S.-led coalition whose mission is to help guide Iraq's own forces. In his first media interview since deploying to Iraq, Smith said he had underestimated the prowess of the Iraqi soldiers. Much of the Iraq army had collapsed and fled when the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant — variously known as ISIL, ISIS or Daesh — swept through swaths of Iraq in 2014, capturing its second-largest city, Mosul. And yet when he arrived, it was the militants of ISIS who were on the run, Smith said. "I have to admit I was very surprised to see how badly they were doing once I got here and started getting read in on operations," he said.

15. Australia's refugee problem

National Post, Joseph Brean, 2016 06 04

Ottawa - When an Iranian man and a Somali woman set themselves on fire in an Australian detention camp on a small Pacific island recently, Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull was coldly pragmatic, urging his country to hold fast to its refusal of all uninvited refugees. Australians "cannot be misty-eyed about this," he said. Likewise, when Papua New Guinea's Supreme Court ruled Australia's camp on its Manus Island is illegal and must close, his resolve persisted. Between PNG and the island nation of Nauru, Australia has diverted and detained more than 1,200 seaborne migrants, leaving these asylum seekers in limbo, and Australians with a big problem. So now, in an election campaign in which both main parties agree on the blanket rejection policy, politicians have been casting around for an international solution, a distant place to unload the wretched of Nauru and Manus, as if to say, "If we will not be misty-eyed, then who might?" Enter Justin Trudeau, dewy-eyed heartthrob of geopolitics, who has been busy telegraphing his benevolence toward refugees since long before his election. As one Australian parliamentarian put it, he is the "obvious" choice. Although Canada has met its goal of welcoming 25,000 Syrian refugees, Trudeau cannot claim to have saved as many as Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel, who has led the European response, or even Stefan Lofven, the prime minister of Sweden, which has taken the most per capita. But the instant popularity of the Canada plan, despite no official confirmation, seems to suggest Australians are moved more by Trudeau's reputation than his record.

16. Borough divided over Muslim centre

Montreal Gazette, Catherine Solyom, 2016 06 04

Montreal - There's not a lot going on in this forgotten swath of the city, wedged between the former sweatshops on Chabanel St. and the Metropolitan Expressway, dotted with modest homes and apartment buildings, empty warehouses and the occasional massage parlour. But as the neighbourhood continues to

evolve, a fight is brewing over one particular locale - 406 Legendre St. W. - as residents prepare for a referendum Sunday on whether to allow an Islamic centre to put down roots. "I love my neighbourhood - vote no" reads one sign stuck to a lamp post, next to another in French, English and Italian. Across the street, another poster reads "I vote yes for social justice. Solidarity with your neighbours cultural centre." Exactly one year ago, borough councillors in Ahuntsic-Cartierville unanimously approved a resolution to change the usage of the locale, to allow it to function as a place of worship in an area otherwise zoned as commercial. But that did not resolve the issue - far from it. The politics of prayer - from Outremont to Ahuntsic The nondescript, brick building, next to what is now the D Vault Spa and massage parlour, had served as a restaurant since 1989. A faded neon sign still boasts Il Collozseo. The centre's request listed the activities to be held at the centre, including religious practices, seminars and conferences, social activities for children, families and seniors, classes in French, Arabic and Bengali, sports for youth, and support for newcomers. At first, there was concern about increased traffic and parking woes - often the arguments presented in Outremont, by residents opposed to synagogues on commercial arteries. Outremont passed a bylaw this week prohibiting the establishment of any places of worship on trendy Laurier and Bernard Aves., ostensibly to help small businesses. A referendum will likely be held there, too.

17. Destruction, displacement of citizens have crippled nation

Toronto Star, Olivia Ward, 2016 06 04

Analysis: To people in the West, the war in Yemen is a small, obscure conflict. But in the past year, it has spiralled into a vicious regional and international war that has driven more than two million people from their homes, killed more than 3,200 civilians and left millions of others hungry and destitute. "The scale of the emergency is tremendous," the UN's Yemen co-ordinator, Jamie McGoldrick, said on Thursday. "The scale of the needs is massive and the depth of the crisis is immeasurable." Belkis Wille of Human Rights Watch has witnessed the descent of the small Middle Eastern country into lower and lower circles of hell, beginning with a post-election breakdown of a power-sharing agreement between factions and accelerated by separatism and a coup by Shiite Houthi rebels. But when Saudi Arabia entered the war in March 2015, alarmed by what it saw as a power grab by Shiite Iran - backing the Houthis - a relentless bombing campaign began, supported by a group of Arab countries, the U.S., Britain and France. The military operation is to reinstate ousted president Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who fled to Saudi Arabia. "There were several raging conflicts before this war," says Wille, who lived and worked in Yemen since in 2013. "But until the Saudis started bombing, in coalition with other countries, there wasn't mass destruction of the infrastructure and crippling of the country."

18. Senate set to make major changes to RCMP union bill

CBC News, Alison Drawford, 2016 06 04

Ottawa - In a signal of how unpredictable the Senate has become, the senator sponsoring the government's bill to extend collective bargaining rights to the RCMP has argued the proposed legislation needs a major overhaul. Liberal-appointed Senator Larry Campbell introduced Bill C-7 in the Upper House Friday. The former Mountie told fellow senators that "this bill is far from perfect and needs careful study to ensure that it gets it right.... This means loosening the grip that senior management has on the rights of members, to help make the force better." Campbell then listed many issues the bill excludes from the bargaining table, such as law enforcement techniques, appraisals, transfers, conduct, uniforms and staffing levels. He said those exemptions perpetuate the RCMP's paramilitary structure, which Campbell blamed as the source of many of the police force's problems.

United States – États-Unis

19. American father and son acquitted this week in UAE are freed from prison

The Washington Post, Carol Morello, 2016 06 04

Washington - Two U.S. citizens have been freed from a prison in the United Arab Emirates following their acquittal this week on charges that they supported militants fighting in Libya, their family said Friday. Kamal Eldarat, 59, was released late Thursday, according to his daughter, Amal Eldarat. His son, Mohamed, 34, was released Tuesday, she said. The two men were detained for 21 months following a 2014 security sweep that rounded up almost a dozen Libyans and men of Libyan heritage living in the UAE. Initially held incommunicado, the Eldarats went on trial in January on charges of supporting terrorists in Libya during the 2011 Arab Spring rebellion against dictator Moammar Gaddafi. The terrorism charges eventually were dropped, but they still faced charges of providing supplies to armed groups in Libya and raising donations without government permission. The Eldarats and two others - a Libyan Canadian and a Libyan resident of the UAE - were acquitted Monday, though they were led from the courtroom in handcuffs and returned to prison while their releases were finalized. Salim Alaradi, the Canadian citizen, was released Tuesday and has already flown out of the country to be reunited with his family.

20. After a Detainee Died at a Black Site, the CIA Blamed Training From the Federal Bureau of Prisons

Vice News, Jason Leopold, 2016 06 04

Washington - In late 2002, the CIA asked the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to send a training team to a CIA black site in Northern Kabul, Afghanistan, code-named COBALT. While there, the BOP team instructed guards on the proper use of a restraining technique against detainees called "short chaining," also referred to as short shackling. Not long after the BOP team left the black site, the technique was used on an Afghan militant and suspected al-Qaeda operative named Gul Rahman, who had been captured by the Pakistani government during a raid a month earlier. Deemed a high-value detainee, he was then taken to COBALT. While being held captive at the black site, the CIA said Rahman became violent, and on numerous occasions had threatened to kill guards. On November 19, 2002, at about 3pm, guards brought food to Rahman's cell. The last meal he'd eaten had been the day before. When the guards entered Rahman's cell, he was nude from the waist down. The captive again threatened to kill the guards and proceeded to throw his food, water bottle, and waste bucket at them. The guards, acting on BOP recommendations, shackled Rahman to the wall "in a short chain position, which prevents prisoners from standing upright." Rahman was chained to a "metal grill located low on the wall of his cell" on orders from the CIA officer who managed the black site. The next morning, at about 10am, Rahman was seen lying on his side. The guards tried to rouse Rahman by banging on his cell door with their nightsticks. But he didn't move. The guards then "notified several CIA officers who were present at the facility in conjunction with the interrogation of another prisoner."

21. Man shot near White House is charged

The Washington Post, Spencer S. Hsu & Peter Hermann, 2016 06 04

Washington - As he waited to be taken to a hospital after being shot once in the chest by a Secret Service agent, a Pennsylvania man answered a question put to him by a nearby officer, court files show. Why, the Secret Service officer asked, had he come to the White House? "I came here to shoot people," Jesse A. Olivieri replied, according to court records. On Friday, Olivieri, 31, of Ashland, Pa., was charged with a felony after allegedly approaching a guard booth outside the White House on May 20, pistol in hand and refusing to drop the gun after officers repeatedly ordered him to do so. Olivieri remained hospitalized Friday, and no court appearance on the charge has been set. The court files offered no other details on

what may have drawn Olivieri to the booth near the Ellipse at the corner of 17th and E streets NW, carrying a silver .22-caliber Ruger handgun, as officers stated. The incident just after 3 p.m. on a Friday prompted a White House lockdown. President Obama was not at the complex at the time, and Vice President Biden was secured inside, authorities said.

22. Republicans Seek Documents On Scrubbing of Iran Video

The Wall Street Journal, Jay Solomon and Felicia Schwartz, 2016 06 04

Washington - State Department officials tried Friday to address the widening fallout from their admission this past week that a videotaped press briefing had been doctored to remove contradictory public statements about the Obama administration's secret negotiations with Iran. Congressional Republicans demanded documents related to the episode and called Friday for an investigation by the department's inspector general. But senior Obama administration officials were unclear about just how much cooperation they would lend to Capitol Hill investigators or whether an additional internal review was warranted. State Department officials confirmed this past week that a lower-level civil servant was asked to expunge roughly nine minutes of tape from a Dec. 2, 2013, briefing during which a Fox News reporter quizzed then-State Department spokeswoman, Jen Psaki, about whether the administration had lied about holding secret negotiations with Iran over its nuclear program. Earlier that year, Ms. Psaki's predecessor said there had been no secret, one-on-one talks between the U.S. and Iran. Asked about that assertion, Ms. Psaki replied indirectly, saying that sometimes "diplomacy needs privacy." That was the portion deleted from the video, though it remained in a text transcript. State Department officials have said Ms. Psaki didn't herself order the doctored of the tape. But they haven't determined which official in the State Department's Bureau of Public Affairs made the request, and have suggested they might never find out.

23. The Benghazi Committee's Dead End

The New York Times, 2016 06 04

Editorial: After running a congressional oversight committee like a Republican opposition research shop for more than two years, Representative Trey Gowdy appears to be gearing up for the finale. Democrats on the Select Committee on Benghazi expect that a final report will drop soon, just as Hillary Clinton appears poised to clinch the Democratic nomination. If things had gone his way, Mr. Gowdy, a former federal prosecutor, would have found a way to torpedo Mrs. Clinton's presidential ambitions. After all, Republican lawmakers have admitted that this is precisely what they set out to do. But things have not gone well for Mr. Gowdy, who has run the investigation with the dexterity and grace of a blindfolded toddler swinging at a piñata. Having pored over reams of documents, grilled Mrs. Clinton in an 11-hour session in October and hauled in more than 100 people for interviews, the Republicans seem to have come up with nothing.

24. It's Rucksacks and Foxholes as Army Goes Old School for New Conflicts

The New York Times, Michael S. Schmidt, 2016 06 04

Fort Stewart, Ga - When Staff Sgt. Chris Brown headed into the swamplands of Georgia for a military training exercise early this spring, he found himself missing his time in Iraq and Afghanistan — and the relative comforts he had enjoyed there at the height of both wars. Without running water, he now had to bathe with baby wipes and shave without a mirror. He had no idea how his favorite basketball team, the Golden State Warriors, was faring in the playoffs. And the food was so bad that he relied on peanut butter crackers and lost 10 pounds. "When we were out there, they tasted amazing," said Sergeant Brown, who went to the gym twice a day when he was overseas to make sure he did not put on too much weight from the dining hall and its honey buns and muffins. While some American military personnel, in particular Special Operations forces and a number of Marine and conventional Army units, operated out of small, spartan outposts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the bulk of Army troops lived on bases that had running water,

electricity and housing units. Some larger bases even had wireless internet, televisions, gyms and coffee shops. Civilian contractors guarded the bases, cooked meals and transported ammunition, food and fuel.

But now that the American footprint in Iraq and Afghanistan is far smaller, the Army has begun planning for its next conflict. No matter where and when it occurs, it will almost certainly be fought under more austere conditions. To prepare for this, nearly all Army units are refocusing their training on being self-sustaining, or “expeditionary,” as their commanders put it.

25. U.S. Sanctions Expected to Hit Small Banks ' Business With North Korea

The New York Times, Jane Perlez, 2016 06 04

Beijing - Chinese banks that do business with North Korea stand to lose several billion dollars in the wake of new United States Treasury Department sanctions on all such foreign institutions, analysts said on Friday. The new sanctions were announced days before a visit to Beijing by Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew and Secretary of State John Kerry for an annual meeting on economic and security issues that starts on Monday and whose agenda this year includes North Korea. The Chinese banks most affected by the sanctions will be comparatively small regional ones that facilitate the bulk of North Korea's business in China, the analysts said. Major banks in China suspended their North Korean accounts in 2013 after the Chinese president, Xi Jinping, criticized a nuclear test conducted by the North that year, the analysts said. The Bank of China, for example, which has been expanding its operations in the United States and did not want its American business tainted by cooperation with North Korea, closed the account of North Korea's most important financial institution, the Foreign Trade Bank, in May 2013.

26. 3 Somali-Americans Found Guilty of Trying to Join Islamic State

The New York Times, Jack Healy, 2016 06 04

Minneapolis - Three Somali-American friends were found guilty on Friday of federal charges that they tried to travel to Syria to join the Islamic State, a plan that prosecutors said unfolded through propaganda videos and social media exchanges, and while they played basketball and paintball. The verdicts against the three men — Guled Omar, 21; Abdirahman Daud, 22; and Mohamed Farah, 22 — came after an emotional 17-day trial in which onetime friends from Minnesota's large Somali community testified against one another, family members squabbled in the hallways and spectators were occasionally ejected from the courtroom. On Friday, the three defendants — who had all pleaded not guilty — sat impassively in dark suits as a court clerk began to read a litany of “guilty” verdicts, the most serious being conspiracy to commit murder overseas. They were also convicted of conspiring to provide material support to a terrorist organization. The sobs of family members broke the silence. One woman, weeping, rushed from the courtroom, and others used their colorful head scarves to wipe their eyes and cover their faces. As the three men were led from the courtroom, Mr. Farah waved to the relatives and supporters in the gallery.

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27. Search for UK jihadi in Isis video to use voice and vein recognition software

The Guardian, Matthew Weaver, 2016 06 04

London - Intelligence experts hunting the unknown British jihadi and a young child shown in a new Islamic State murder video will use the same identification techniques used to track down Mohammed Emwazi, who was killed in a targeted US drone strike in November. It took months to publicly identify Emwazi, also known as Jihadi John, after he appeared behind a mask in a series of videos showing the execution of western hostages in 2014 and 2015. In a seemingly deliberate attempt to replicate the Emwazi videos, the new film, which purports to be a trailer for a longer Isis propaganda video, focuses on a man with a British accent before showing the apparent murder of five hostages accused of being UK

spies. The video has sparked a manhunt that will focus on the accent of the unknown militant and what can be seen of his face, which will be compared with what is known about hundreds of suspected British extremists who have travelled to Syria and Iraq. The unmasked young boy in the video, who also sounded English, will be easier to identify, according to Shiraz Maher, an expert on British jihadis and senior research fellow at the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation at Kings College London.

28. What is the risk of a Brussels-style attack by Islamic State in the UK?

The Guardian, Ewen MacAskill, 2016 06 04

London - The British security agencies worry that Islamic State is plotting large-scale terrorist attacks in the UK by coordinated commando-style groups similar to those in Brussels and Paris. Isis propaganda videos have frequently identified the UK as a major target and intelligence officers have repeatedly said, as a caveat, that it is only a matter of time before there is a successful attack in the country, whether lone wolf-style or a large-scale assault. The agencies stopped seven plots last year but have emphasised again and again that they do not believe their luck – and operational efficiency – is going to hold forever. The threat level in the UK is “severe”, meaning an attack is designated as “highly likely”. That sounds alarming but it would need specific information to raise that to the next and highest category, “critical”, and the agencies have no such intelligence.

29. London council says CCTV cameras attract terrorists

The Independent, Caroline Mortimer, 2016 06 04

London - The presence of CCTV cameras may encourage terrorists to attack London because they generate publicity, a council in the capital has claimed. Westminster Council made the suggestion in defence of its move to scrap its entire CCTV crime network. The Conservative-controlled borough plans to scrap its crime and disorder cameras to save money after seeing its funding from central Government slashed by nearly £100m, but insists counter-terrorism operations will not be adversely affected. In a report to the council's cabinet members, civil servants claimed they had been advised by "partners" that terrorists were undeterred by the presence of CCTV cameras and could even encourage them to strike major London landmarks because of the extra publicity it would generate. The report, which will be voted on by the cabinet on Monday, said: "The council has engaged with senior figures working in counter-terrorism from the Metropolitan Police and other authorities. "Discussions with partners have indicated that CCTV is highly unlikely to prevent a major terrorist atrocity similar to that seen in the Paris attacks where perpetrators may actually seek the publicity afforded by camera coverage and are certainly not deterred by its presence." A spokesman for Westminster Council said it had consulted with the "usual people you would expect us to talk to" including "various departments within the Metropolitan Police and the Home Office" but declined to give specific details. He said: "We have been speaking to the police, Government, including the security services, over a number of years about the issues so they have been fully informed. "Whilst anti-terrorism work is the responsibility of the Metropolitan Police and the security services, regardless of any decision by Westminster Council, there will still be a very large number of CCTV cameras operational in central London that will remain available to the police for their use."

Americas

30. Siege cops in a failure to communicate

The Australian, Ean Higgins, 2016 06 04

Canberra - Soon after 2am, Lindt cafe manager Tori Johnson knew there was a good chance he was about to die, unless the heavily armed police just outside did something smart quick. The crazed gunman who

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32. U.S. puts huawei under microscope

South China Morning Post, He Huifeng and Bien Perez, 2016 06 04

Beijing - China's massive telecommunications equipment manufacturing sector appears to have been put under a microscope by Washington, after industry giant Huawei Technologies was queried about its possible breach of longstanding trade sanctions on countries like Iran and North Korea. The inquiry made by the US Department of Commerce followed the agency's investigation of Hong Kong-listed ZTE earlier this year over the alleged sale of telecommunications equipment containing US hi-tech components to Iran in 2011. The Commerce Department had requested that Huawei executives at the company's US headquarters in the city of Plano, Texas, turn over all information regarding the shipment of telecommunications equipment with American technology to nations like Iran, North Korea, Syria and Cuba which were under rigid US export controls, according to the New York Times, which first reported the story. The agency sent Huawei an administrative subpoena, which means that the company has not been accused of any wrongdoing. It is a process that other Chinese telecommunications gear makers could face. "Presumably, the subpoena is the first step before more serious action by the US," said Paul Haswell, a partner at international law firm Pinsent Masons in Hong Kong. "It's a final chance for Huawei

to confess to any wrongdoing before such action is taken, although we have seen no evidence that the company is in breach."

33. South China Sea tensions top Asia security summit in Singapore

Deutsche Welle, Staff Writer, 2016 06 04

Washington - US Secretary of Defense Ash Carter has warned China against any provocative behavior in the contested South China Sea but he also advocated greater military cooperation with the Asian giant. Carter said at an Asia security conference in Singapore on Saturday that Beijing risked erecting a "Great Wall of self-isolation" through its building of military outposts on reefs and islands in contest waters. Attempting to reclaim land and build military outposts in the contested Scarborough Shoal, an outcrop also claimed by the Philippines, would have unspecified consequences, Carter said. "I hope that this development doesn't occur, because it will result in actions being taken by both the United States and... by others in the region which would have the effect of not only increasing tensions but isolating China," Carter told the Shangri-La Dialogue, a regional security forum in Singapore. He added that the United States would remain the "most powerful military and main underwriter of security" in the region for decades to come. The Pentagon chief spoke of forming a "security network" in the Asia-Pacific that could include China. Admiral Harry Harris, the head of US Pacific Command, told reporters that the US wanted to cooperate with all countries in the region but also needed to be prepared.

34. For Wang, the only reaction was overreaction

The Globe and Mail, Nathan Vanderklippe, 2016 06 04

Beijing - To those watching in Canada, China's pen-waving Foreign Minister looked "boorish" and "unpleasant." That's how David Mulroney, the former Canadian ambassador to China, described Wang Yi's angry departure this week from the typical blandishments of diplomacy. But it's unlikely Mr. Wang had only his Canadian audience in mind when he began his tempestuous response to a question on Chinese human rights, a performance that won him accolades at home. "You have no right to speak on this. The Chinese people have the right to speak," he said in Ottawa, according to a full translation completed by The New York Times. In a strikingly direct attack, he called a reporter prejudiced and arrogant before urging: "Please don't raise such irresponsible questions again." Mr. Wang could easily have ignored the question, which had been directed at Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion. Or he could have skipped the insults and stuck to the most factual elements of his response, the idea that China's protection of human rights is evident because it has made many of its people wealthy and enshrined rights protection in its constitution.

35. China says it will ignore South China Sea lawsuit decision

Associated Press, Vijay Joshi, 2016 06 04

Singapore - China said Saturday that it will ignore the decision of an international arbitration panel in the Philippines' lawsuit against Beijing's sweeping territorial claims in the South China Sea. "To put it simply, the arbitration case actually has gone beyond the jurisdiction" of a U.N. arbitration panel, said Rear Adm. Guan Youfei, director of the foreign affairs office of China's National Defense Ministry. The Philippines has filed a case in the United Nations under the U.N. Convention on Law of the Sea, questioning China's territorial claim in the South China Sea. An arbitration panel is expected to rule on the case soon. The Permanent Court of Arbitration ruled last year that it has jurisdiction over the case despite China's rejection. "Because the territorial and sovereignty disputes have not been subjected to the arbitration, we think the arbitration is illegal," Guan told reporters on the sidelines of an international security conference here. "Therefore, we do not participate in it nor accept it." Guan's statement is a reiteration of China's longstanding position that it wants to settle its disputes with various countries on a bilateral basis and that it will not accept international mediation.

36. S. Korea, U.S., Japan defense chiefs agree to strengthen joint defense

Yonhap English News, 2016 06 04

Singapore - The defense chiefs of South Korea, the United States and Japan reaffirmed Saturday their commitment to work together to counter North Korea's nuclear and missile threats, Seoul's defense ministry said. The defense ministers from the three countries, Han Min-koo, Ash Carter and Gen Nakatani, came to an understanding that the partners "are facing common challenges including North Korea's nuclear and missile threats," the Ministry of National Defense said after a three-way meeting in Singapore. The talks were held on the sidelines of the Asia Security Summit, also known as the Shangri-La Dialogue. Han, Carter and Nakatani reaffirmed their pledge to step up collaboration under the framework of the annual Defense Trilateral Talks, a deputy minister-level consultative body, especially on the crucial sector of information sharing on North Korean security threats, the ministry said in a statement. In late 2014, the three military partners also signed the Trilateral Information Sharing Arrangement to better circulate military intelligence on North Korea's nuclear and missile programs in a bid to jointly counter the communist country. During Saturday's meeting that came after a one-year hiatus, the defense chiefs discussed their upcoming joint Pacific Dragon anti-ballistic missile defense exercise set to take place in the waters off Hawaii ahead of the multilateral Rim of the Pacific exercise (RIMPAC), scheduled to run from June 30 to Aug. 4.

37. S. Korea-China defense talks expose gap over THAAD deployment

Yonhap English News, Park Boram, 2016 06 04

Singapore - China expressed its uncompromising opposition to South Korea moving forward with the deployment of a sophisticated U.S. air defense shield on its soil during their high-level defense talks on Saturday, the latest sign that the issue will likely remain a thorn in the otherwise close relationship between the two neighboring countries. "China presented its previous stance on Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD)," South Korean Defense Minister Han Min-koo said after his meeting with China's deputy chief of the joint staff Adm. Sun Jianguo on the sidelines of Asia Security Summit in Singapore. The Chinese official indicated that the deployment of THAAD infringes China's strategic interests, Han said. Seoul's defense chief said he expressed his view that Beijing is overstating the significance of THAAD's possible deployment, making clear he did not share Chinese position on this matter. The top policymaker quoted himself as telling Sun "The discussion of THAAD deployment originated in a move to defend against North Korea's nuclear and missile threats." Han also offered to provide technical descriptions of the U.S. defense system to defuse any Chinese security anxieties.

38. Chinese admiral expects NATO to be active contributor to regional, world stability

Xinhua News Agency, 2016 06 04

Singapore - A senior Chinese military official said on Saturday that China would like to see NATO play as an active contributor to regional and world peace and stability. When meeting with Chairman of the NATO Military Committee Petr Pavel, Admiral Sun Jianguo, deputy chief of the Joint Staff Department of China's Central Military Commission, said China and the Chinese military attach great importance to the relations with NATO. The Chinese admiral made a four-point proposal on future military exchanges between China and NATO. He suggested maintaining policy dialogue, enhancing personnel exchanges, strengthening multilateral cooperation as well as stepping up cooperation in unconventional security areas, such as coordination in escorting mission against piracy and anti-terrorism in Afghanistan.

39. NSA whistleblower Snowden says U.S. government carrying out mass surveillance in Japan

The Japan Times, Shusuke Murai, 2016 06 04

Tokyo - Edward Snowden, a fugitive and former U.S. National Security Agency contractor who leaked information from the agency in 2013, warned Saturday that all people in Japan are subjected to mass surveillance initiated by the U.S. government. Snowden lived in Japan from 2009 to 2011. At the time, he was an employee with computer giant Dell Inc. contracted out to the NSA, where he worked on a surveillance program at the U.S.'s Yokota airbase in Fussa, Tokyo. "They know your ... religious faith. They know whom you love. They know whom you care about ... This was our job to establish the pattern of life of any individuals," he said. Snowden made the comments via video conferencing from Russia where he resides to avoid U.S. criminal prosecution, during a symposium Saturday in Tokyo on surveillance in contemporary society. More than 200 people, including lawyers, journalists, and others, attended the discussion held in an auditorium on the University of Tokyo campus. Snowden, 32, said all the information that people input via cellphones or computers can be legally collected by the U.S. intelligence agency for analysis.

40. S. Korea spurns Japan's suggestion for military intelligence pact: Seoul
Yonhap English News, 2016 06 04

Singapore - South Korea turned down Japan's suggestion to forge a controversial military intelligence sharing pact on Saturday during the countries' defense ministerial talks held in Singapore, Seoul's defense ministry said. "Defense Minister Gen Natakani briefly mentioned the importance of the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA)," the Ministry of National Defense said after the meeting between Defense Minister Han Min-koo and the Japanese counterpart held on the occasion of the Asia Security Summit, or Shangri-La Dialogue. In a virtual rejection of the suggestion, Han said "Paving the way to lay the foundation for the GSOMIA is (more) important," adding that more mutual efforts are needed for a signing to take place, according to the ministry. The ministers' exchange offered a glimpse into still uncomfortable relations that can be traced back to Japan's colonization of the Korean Peninsula in the early half of the 20th century. The neighbors had attempted to sign the GSOMIA in 2012, but South Korea backtracked amid widespread public criticism of the sensitive information sharing pact with its former colonial ruler.

41. Security tight in Beijing on Tiananmen crackdown anniversary
Associated Press, 2016 06 04

Beijing- China tightened security around Beijing's Tiananmen Square on Saturday on the 27th anniversary of the bloody military crackdown on student-led pro-democracy protests, pointing to the enduring sensitivity over the events among the Communist Party leadership. Police checked IDs and searched the bags of anyone seeking to enter the environs of the vast public space in the center of the capital where thousands of students, workers and ordinary citizens gathered in 1989 to demand political reforms. Journalists from The Associated Press were stopped, filmed and ultimately forced to leave the area, ostensibly for lacking proper permission. Hundreds, possibly thousands, of people were killed as tanks and troops converged on Beijing on the night of June 3-4, 1989. The topic remains taboo in China and any form of commemoration, whether public or private, is banned. Memorials were planned in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory of Hong Kong and on the self-governing island democracy of Taiwan, where some former student leaders have found refuge. The Taiwanese Cabinet office responsible for ties with China issued a statement urging Beijing to "face up and heal the historical scars of June 4."

42. U.S. flexes muscles as Asia worries about South China Sea row
Reuters News, 2016 05 04

Singapore - The United States stepped up pressure on China on Saturday to rein in its actions in the South China Sea, with top defense officials underlining Washington's military superiority and vowing to remain the main guarantor of Asian security for decades to come. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said the U.S.

approach to the Asia-Pacific remained "one of commitment, strength and inclusion", but he also warned China against provocative behavior in the South China Sea. Any action by China to reclaim land in the Scarborough Shoal, an outcrop in the disputed sea, would have consequences, Carter said. "I hope that this development doesn't occur, because it will result in actions being taken by the both United States and ... by others in the region which would have the effect of not only increasing tensions but isolating China," Carter told the Shangri-La Dialogue, a regional security forum in Singapore. "The United States will remain the most powerful military and main underwriter of security in the region for decades to come – and there should be no doubt about that." The South China Sea has become a flashpoint between the United States, which increased its focus on the Asia-Pacific under President Barack Obama's "pivot", and China, which is projecting ever greater economic, political and military power in the region.

43. Noy gets briefing on moves to get Abu hostages

The Philippine Star, Aurea Calica, 2016 06 04

Manila - President Aquino has been briefed anew on the operations to rescue the remaining hostages of the Abu Sayyaf. The President met with the security cluster of the Cabinet on Thursday and received an update on the ongoing military and law enforcement operations, Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr. said yesterday. The security cluster, which is chaired by the Office of the Executive Secretary, consists of the departments of the interior and local government, foreign affairs, national defense and justice as well as the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process and National Security Council.

44. Troops overrun terrorist camp in Lanao

The Philippine Star, Roel Pareño, 2016 05 04

Zamboanga City - Government troops have overrun another camp of a terrorist group associated with the Jemaah Islamiyah in Butig, Lanao del Sur yesterday. Lt. Gen. Mayoralgo de la Cruz, commanding officer of the Western Mindanao Command, said Camp Darul Imam in Barangay Sandag was seized without resistance. On Wednesday, Army troopers also recovered a training camp of the group led by the Maute brothers in Barangay Poctan.

45. South-east Asian defence chiefs call for greater cooperation to fight ISIS

The Straits Times, Lim Yan Liang, 2016 06 04

Singapore - South-east Asian defence ministers on Saturday (June 4) called for greater cooperation and action among countries to dismantle the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq (ISIS) terrorist group and the persistent threat it poses to global security. Calling the fight against ISIS "one of our greatest challenges today", Malaysian Defence Minister Hishammuddin Hussein noted that the terror outfit cannot be defeated using a piecemeal approach or knee-jerk reactions. "We need a different strategy, a more tailored approach that moves past outmoded forms of conventional warfare," Mr Hishammuddin said at the Shangri-La Dialogue, an annual security summit for defence ministers, scholars and business executives from Asia-Pacific and beyond organised by the International Institute for Strategic Studies. Indonesian Defence Minister Ryamizard Ryacudu called on countries in the region to make a "more serious and concerted effort" to defeat ISIS. Military operations to destroy the group's logistic and financial strength "is a right action to weaken the central gravity of ISIS", but that alone is not enough, said Mr Ryacudu.

46. 'Focus on LTTE took away Colombo's attention from emerging threats'

The Hindu, T. Ramakrishnan, 2016 06 04

Colombo - Sri Lankan security services' focus on a possible resurgence of the Liberation Tigers of the Tamil Eelam (LTTE) has affected the government's attention to emerging threats such as reports of Sri

Lankan nationals joining the Islamic State (IS), the U.S. State Department has said in its 2015 report on terrorism. The U.S. referred to reports of social media announcing the death of a possible citizen of the island nation fighting with the jihadists dying in coalition air strikes in Syria. The deceased's brother-in-law was also identified as a member of the terrorist group and is believed to be in the war-torn country. Defence Secretary Karunasena Hettiarachchi, however, said that though there were reports of Sri Lankans joining IS, there was no concrete evidence to suggest IS was operating in Sri Lanka. The report also points out that while the Maithripala Sirisena government maintained a "strong military presence" in post-conflict areas and continued to voice concerns about the possible re-emergence of pro-LTTE sympathisers, the government "emphasised its commitment to seek political reconciliation with the Tamil community, including through talks with the Tamil diaspora."

47. Sub-inspector, constable killed in terrorist attack in Anantnag

Asian News International, 2016 06 04

Anantnag - A Jammu and Kashmir Police sub-inspector and a constable were killed on Saturday when terrorists attacked a police party in Anantnag district. The incident took place a day after when two Border Security Force (BSF) jawans were killed in a terrorist attack in Bijbehara on Friday. Lamenting the yesterday's killing, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti such violent incidents hamper peace efforts between India and its neighbour.

48. 2 policemen killed in terrorist attack in Indian-controlled Kashmir

Xinhua News Agency, Jit Kumar, 2016 06 04

New Delhi - Two policemen, including an officer, were killed in a militant attack in Indian-controlled Kashmir's Anantnag district Saturday, in the second such terror attack on Indian security forces in the area in the past 24 hours. "The two policemen were deployed near a bus stand in Anantnag when militants suddenly opened indiscriminate fire on them, killing both on the spot. They were rushed to a hospital where both were declared brought dead," he said, on condition of anonymity.

49. Militants planning to attack Amarnath Yatra: BSF

Indo-Asian News Service, 2016 06 04

Srinagar - A top Border Security Force (BSF) officer said on Saturday that there are intelligence reports about militants planning to attack the forthcoming Amarnath Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir. At the wreath laying ceremony in Srinagar to honour three BSF troopers martyred in an attack by guerrilla's at Bijbehara on Friday, BSF Director General K.K. Sharma told reporters: "Yesterday's attack on our convoy was sudden and unexpected. That is why we suffered casualties." "There are intelligence reports that militants have plans to attack the forthcoming Amarnath Yatra but we have made adequate arrangements to ensure an incident free Yatra this year also."

Eastern Europe – Europe de l'Est

50. Moscow Open to Kiev Agreeing on Access to Russian Border With Donbass

Sputnik News Service, 2016 06 04

Moscow - Moscow is not against Kiev trying to agree with the self-proclaimed people's republics of Donetsk and Lugansk (DPR and LPR) in Ukraine's southeast on getting access to the Russian-Ukrainian border, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said. "In what concerns access to borders with the Russian Federation of republics within Ukraine: if Ukrainians agree with Donetsk and Lugansk, we are all for it. But it has to be specifically an agreement with them, because they have certainly not forgotten the

threats that came and continue to come from Kiev," Lavrov told Russia's Vesti v Subbotu weekly news program.

51. Ukraine says arrested a man reportedly planning attack in France

Reuters News, 2016 06 04

Kiev - A Frenchman reported to be carrying weapons and explosives for a planned attack in France was arrested on the Ukrainian-Polish border in late May, the Ukrainian Border Guard said on Saturday. French broadcaster M6 reported on Friday that the 25-year-old was arrested by Ukrainian border guards with an arsenal of weapons and explosives including rocket launchers and Kalashnikov assault rifles in his vehicle. A spokesman for the Ukrainian Border Guard, Oleg Slobodyan, confirmed the arrest. A spokeswoman for Ukraine's SBU security service declined to comment. The man, who is currently being held by Ukrainian authorities pending a possible extradition request from Paris, was planning an attack in France, M6 reported. The French interior ministry said the case is being handled by judicial officials. The Polish border guard declined to comment. Security officials in Europe are on high alert after gunmen killed 130 in Paris in November last year and suicide bombers blew themselves up at Brussels airport and on the metro in March, killing 32.

Africa – Afrique

52. Les Américains louent l'expérience algérienne

El Watan, Said Rabia, 2015 06 04

Alger - Le département d'Etat américain a publié, jeudi dernier, son rapport annuel par pays sur le terrorisme durant l'année 2015. Soulignant que «l'Algérie est restée un important partenaire dans la lutte contre le terrorisme, et louant son expérience en la matière», le document note que «le gouvernement algérien a consacré des ressources considérables au développement de sa politique sécuritaire». Plusieurs forces sont impliquées dans la lutte contre le terrorisme. Le département d'Etat américain cite l'armée, la Gendarmerie nationale, les garde-frontières, le Département du renseignement et de la sécurité (DRS) sous l'égide du ministère de la Défense nationale, et la police nationale ou Direction générale de la Sûreté nationale (DGSN) sous la responsabilité du ministère de l'Intérieur. Pour le département d'Etat, Al Qaïda au Maghreb islamique (AQMI), l'Unité et le djihad en Afrique de l'Ouest (Mujao) basées au Mali, Al Murabitoun et Jund Al Khilafah étaient des menaces terroristes actives en Algérie et le long de ses frontières.

53. L'ONU veut renforcer sa mission au Mali

El Watan, journaliste maison, 2016 06 04

Gao - L'organisation des Nations unies a demandé jeudi 2500 soldats et policiers supplémentaires pour renforcer sa mission au Mali, a indiqué le porte-parole de l'organisation. «La mission de l'ONU au Mali (Minusma) a aussi besoin de moyens aériens et de forces de réaction rapide après une série d'attaques meurtrières qui ont fait 12 morts au cours du seul mois de mai», a précisé le porte-parole de l'ONU, Stéphane Dujarric. Le Conseil de sécurité doit étudier ce renforcement de la Minusma et un allongement de son mandat lors d'un vote prévu le 29 juin. «Il est évident que la sécurité en plusieurs endroits du Mali se détériore. Le personnel de l'ONU l'a payé de son sang», a déclaré M. Dujarric. «Nous parlons de forces de réaction rapide, de moyens aériens, de soldats supplémentaires spécialisés dans les convois hautement sécurisés», a-t-il noté. Le secrétaire général de l'ONU, Ban Ki-moon, a proposé d'ajouter 2049 soldats et 480 policiers à la Minusma, qui compte déjà 12 000 éléments.

Iraq/Iran

54. Senior Cleric Calls for Iranian MPs' Vigilance against US Penetration Policies

Fars News Agencies, 2015 06 04

Tehran - Tehran's provisional Friday Prayers leader Hojjatoleslam Kazzem Seddiqi called on Iranian parliamentarians to keep vigilant against the plots hatched by the US officials to influence and penetrate into the country's decision-making bodies through the recent nuclear agreement between Tehran and the world powers. Addressing a large and fervent congregation of the people on Tehran University campus on Friday, Hojjatoleslam Seddiqi said, "New Members of the parliament should spare no efforts to safeguard the significant achievements of the Islamic Revolution." He reiterated that Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei expects the parliament to confront the US' penetration plots and handle the economic situation in the post-sanction era. Iran and the world powers reached a final agreement in Vienna on July 14 to end a 13-year-old nuclear standoff. In relevant remarks some days after the agreement, Iran's Supreme Leader underlined the nuclear agreement between Tehran and the six world powers would not change Iran's policy towards the US.

55. Shiite militias inflame sectarian rifts in Iraq

The Washington Post, Hugh Naylor & Mustafa Salim, 2016 06 04

Baghdad - Iraqi soldiers are battling to drive the Islamic State out of Fallujah. But just beyond the edges of the flash point city are Shiite militias that many Iraqis fear could undermine the campaign against the radical group. These government-aligned militiamen have helped push the Islamic State out of key areas of the country but also have become a complication for the U.S.-backed military coalition assembled to destroy the hard-line Sunni group. They filled an important void left by Iraq's weakened armed forces, but their religiously motivated agenda has aggravated Iraq's combustible sectarian divisions. That is particularly problematic in a place like Fallujah, in Iraq's Sunni heartland, where residents have a history of revolt. A decade ago, al-Qaeda militants staged a punishing insurgency against then-occupying U.S. troops. Anger at the government in Baghdad helped the Islamic State win control of the area in January 2014. Iraq's government has ordered the militias to stay away from the fighting inside the city. And the U.S. military says it refuses to give them air support, fearing that their involvement could help the Islamic State rally besieged residents to its cause. The militias "are sectarian just like Daesh is sectarian," said Majid al-Juraisi, a tribal leader from the city who fled to Baghdad when the Islamic State took control. Daesh is the Arabic name for the Islamic State, also known as ISIS and ISIL.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

56. Egypt begins trial for head of journalists union, 2 members

The Associated Press, Hamza Hendawi, 2016 06 04

Cairo - The trial began Saturday for the head of Egypt's journalists union and two board members charged with spreading false news and harbouring reporters wanted by authorities, with one defendant saying it was part of a government plan to create a "state of fear." Union head Yahya Qalash and board members Khaled el-Balshy and Gamal Abdel-Rahim showed up at the downtown Cairo court with some dozen defence lawyers led by former presidential candidate Khaled Ali. In a 10-minute hearing, the defence requested a postponement to allow them time to study the case. The trial will resume on June 18. The defendants were greeted with chants of "Long live the struggle of journalists!" and "Hold your head high, you are a journalist!" by about two dozen supporters when they came out of the courthouse, where scores of riot police were deployed, backed by armoured vehicles.

57. Syrian troops reach edge of province where IS is based

The Associated Press, 2016 06 04

Beirut - Syrian troops have reached the edge of the northern province of Raqqa, home to the de facto capital of the Islamic State group's self-styled caliphate. The government has had no presence in Raqqa since August 2014, when IS captured the Tabqa air base and killed scores of captured government soldiers. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says Syrian troops reached the "administrative border" of Raqqa province under the cover of Russian airstrikes. The media arm of Lebanon's Hezbollah group, which is fighting alongside government forces, says Syrian troops reached the border of Raqqa province Saturday after advancing about six kilometres (4 miles) in the past hours.

58. Syrian army presses offensive against Islamic State

Reuters News, 2016 06 04

Amman - The Syrian army has crossed the boundary of Raqqa province, home to the de facto capital of Islamic State, after a major Russian-backed offensive against the militants, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said on Saturday. The offensive is the third big assault on the self-proclaimed caliphate in recent days after Iraqi forces attempted to storm a city and a Syrian militia advanced with U.S. support. The three big offensives are some of the most aggressive campaigns against Islamic State since it declared its aim to rule over all Muslims from parts of Iraq and Syria two years ago. Heavy Russian air strikes hit Islamic State-held territory in eastern areas of Syria's Hama province, near the boundary of Raqqa province, on Friday when the army reached the edge of the province. Raqqa city, further east, is Islamic State's de facto capital in Syria and, along with Mosul in Iraq, the ultimate target of those seeking to destroy the group. The army was making its advances from the Athriya area of eastern Hama province, close to the provincial border with Raqqa. State media said on Friday the army had made territorial gains and inflicted heavy casualties on the militants. Syrian army spokesmen were not immediately available for comment.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

59. France suspends 5 military for Central African violence

The Associated Press, 2015 06 04

Paris - The French Defence Ministry has suspended five members of the country's forces in Central African Republic for violence against two of the citizens they were sent to protect. Among the five are soldiers higher up in the military hierarchy "who assisted and failed to react to the violence," the ministry said on Saturday. A statement said that four others who were aware of the acts but failed to report them were handed disciplinary sanctions. The vague statement said neither when nor where the violent acts took place and didn't elaborate on them. No one was immediately available for comment.

60. La DGSI a passé au crible 3 500 intervenants à titres divers dans l'organisation de l'Euro de football. Parmi eux, 85 sont fichés.

Le Point.de, Aziz Zemouri, 2016 06 04

Paris - Les entreprises privées de sécurité qui interviennent sur les différents sites dévolus aux rencontres

et fan-zones de l'Euro 2016 sont-elles assez vigilantes lors du recrutement de leurs salariés ? Dans une note datée du 23 mai que Le Point a pu consulter, la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure indique qu'elle a "criblé" 3 500 personnes. C'est-à-dire qu'elle a passé la majeure partie des salariés des PME travaillant dans le secteur de la sécurité et recrutée pour l'organisation de l'Euro de football dans le fichier Cristina. Les fonctionnaires ont constaté que 82 individus parmi les 3 500 sont inscrits dans cette base de données, à laquelle seule la DGSI a accès. Elle répertorie ceux qui sont susceptibles d'atteinte à la sûreté de l'État ou encore de commettre des actes terroristes. Les fichés S y sont inscrits, entre autres, pour l'islamisme radical ou les activités liées à la violence d'extrême gauche ou d'extrême droite. Selon ses détracteurs, il s'agit d'un fichier très large dans lequel, par exemple, un anonyme qui serrerait la main d'un individu ciblé par la DCRI serait à son tour fiché. À la différence du fichier du service central du renseignement territorial, lorsqu'on est fiché dans Cristina, il est impossible d'en sortir. Outre les menaces terroristes, les services de renseignements ciblent également les hooligans à l'idéologie d'extrême droite.

61. Un djihadiste bientôt privé de sa nationalité Suisse

Le Temps, Valurie De Graffenried, 2015 06 04

Paris - Christian I., qui a rejoint l'Etat islamique en Syrie, a posé sur Facebook avec une tête coupée. Il a jusqu'au 10 juin pour prendre position contre la procédure de déchéance de nationalité qui le vise. Au parlement, la question divise. Mort ou pas mort? Des informations contradictoires ne cessent de circuler à propos de Christian I., un apprenti de 19 ans parti en février 2015 rejoindre l'Etat islamique en Syrie. Selon la NZZ, le jeune converti, qui vient de Wülflingen, dans la région de Winterthur, est bien vivant. Les rumeurs concernant la mort de djihadistes font souvent partie de la propagande de l'Etat islamique. Une stratégie pour être moins surveillé. Mais pour celui qui se fait appeler « Abou Malik », une des preuves les plus évidentes de signes de vie récents est que le Secrétariat d'Etat aux migrations (SEM) a lancé une procédure pour le priver de sa nationalité suisse. Le recueil officiel en fait état le 10 mai, avec le nom complet du djihadiste et l'indication « lieu de séjour inconnu ». A partir de là, il a un mois pour prendre position... pour autant qu'il lise le recueil officiel depuis son champ de bataille. Christian est binational: Suisse et Italien. Et le SEM n'aurait jamais lancé une telle procédure s'il était convaincu de sa mort.

62. Le djihadiste « repent » de Paris qui a permis de déjouer un attentat en Allemagne

Le Monde, Soren Seelow, 2016 06 04

Paris - Un djihadiste « repent », un prêtre italien, un salon de coiffure, un attentat déjoué à Düsseldorf (Allemagne), un voyage au Vatican... Ce 1er février, lorsqu'ils accueillent sur le coup de 9 h 30 un réfugié syrien de 28 ans prénommé Saleh, les policiers du commissariat central du 18e arrondissement de Paris ignorent qu'ils seront à l'origine d'une des enquêtes antiterroristes les plus énigmatiques de ces dernières années. Saleh A. n'a pas perdu ses papiers. S'il se rend spontanément au commissariat en ce premier lundi de février, c'est parce qu'il a des révélations à faire. Devant les policiers interloqués, il se présente comme un djihadiste syrien missionné par l'organisation Etat islamique (EI) pour commettre un attentat en Europe, selon les informations du Monde et d'i-Télé. Il affirme être à la tête, avec un certain Hamza C., d'une cellule dormante d'une vingtaine d'hommes répartis entre Düsseldorf et un camp de réfugiés à Nimègue (Pays-Bas), tout près de la frontière allemande. Selon une source proche des services de renseignement, le djihadiste ajoute qu'il attend des instructions imminentes d'un certain Abou Doujana Al-Tunisi – un cadre de l'EI surnommé « l'Emir des étrangers » – pour activer les membres de sa cellule. Leur mission : une attaque-suicide dans un quartier commerçant de Düsseldorf, prévue dans les vingt-quatre heures. Saleh A. est aussitôt placé en garde à vue dans les locaux de la section antiterroriste de la Préfecture de police de Paris, puis dans ceux de la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI).

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64. La police suit quarante Genevois radicalisés

Tribune de Genève, Sophie Roselli, 2016 06 04

Genève - « Trois Suisses et deux personnes en situation irrégulière sont partis de Genève pour rejoindre une zone de combat, en Syrie ou ailleurs. » L'information a été livrée hier par Monica Bonfanti, commandante de la police genevoise, lors de la seconde conférence de presse organisée en six mois sur la menace terroriste. Celle-ci « reste réelle » à Genève et le dispositif de sécurité mis en place à la suite des attentats de Paris du mois de novembre est maintenu. Que peut-on dire des cinq hommes partis sur le chemin du djihad? « Selon les cas, il est difficile de savoir où ils se trouvent, précise Monica Bonfanti. Ils peuvent combattre, s'entraîner ou s'occuper de soutien logistique. » Et le conseiller d'Etat Pierre Maudet de préciser: « Pour l'instant, il n'y a pas eu de retours, mais nous sommes très attentifs. » Depuis janvier 2015, les signalements ont quadruplé à Genève, passant à 321. Les services de renseignement ont écarté le soupçon de radicalisation pour 281 personnes. Il reste 40 résidents genevois qui présentaient en mai 2016 un degré variable de radicalisation et pourraient partir au combat. Ils font l'objet d'un suivi par la police. Dans certains cas, des entretiens préventifs sont menés. Avec leurs limites(notre édition du 28 mai). En première ligne pour traiter les dossiers, la Brigade de sûreté intérieure (BSI) verra passer ses effectifs de 14 à 18 policiers. L'un d'eux sera affecté en septembre au Service de renseignement de la Confédération, à Berne, comme agent de liaison, dans le but de faciliter les échanges avec Genève. Combien d'agents de la BSI travaillent spécifiquement sur la thématique djihadiste? Très peu, mais à cette question, pas de réponse.

65. NATO Forges New Antiterror Role

The Wall Street Journal, Julian E. Barnes, 2016 06 04

Brussels - The Western alliance is moving toward creating a powerful new intelligence post, according to U.S. and European officials, in a bid to improve how Europe and America share sensitive information on terrorism and other threats. In the face of the terror attacks in Paris and Brussels, Europe has struggled to improve cross-border intelligence sharing. Some officials believe the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which relies heavily on U.S. intelligence, could facilitate improved information exchange if it were driven by a new senior intelligence official. NATO doesn't currently have a formal role in fighting Islamic State, and the push for the new intelligence position comes amid growing criticism of the alliance's failure to focus more resources on terrorism. Donald Trump, the probable Republican presidential candidate, has repeatedly said the organization isn't sufficiently committed to countering terrorism. To play a larger role on that front, NATO must get better at sharing and synthesizing intelligence, officials said. The new post

of Assistant Secretary General for Intelligence -- likely to be formally approved by NATO in July -- was first proposed to improve the alliance's analysis and information about Russian military activities. Some U.S. and NATO officials said its most important effect, however, could be to improve how the alliance analyzes and shares intelligence on Islamic State and other Middle East-based terrorist threats.

66. Trying to Fill a Diplomatic Void, France Holds Talks on the Mideast Peace Process

The New York Times, Aurelien Breeden, 2016 06 04

Paris - With the Obama administration having effectively given up on negotiating a deal between the Israelis and the Palestinians, France tried its hand on Friday at making Middle East peace but ended the day with little to show for its efforts. Even before President François Hollande convened diplomats from 29 countries for the session -- including Secretary of State John Kerry but no representatives of either the Israelis or the Palestinians -- France had backed off its initial hope that it could produce progress where United States-led efforts had not. Still, the meeting underscored how the tense relationship between President Obama and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel, weak leadership among the Palestinians and the array of other conflicts in the region have combined to create a diplomatic void at a time when Europe's support for Israel has shown some cracks. "The French are taking advantage of the vacuum left by the United States," Frédérique Schillo, a French historian who specializes in Israel and international relations, said in a telephone interview from Jerusalem. "They have duly noted the failure of Kerry's mission," Ms. Schillo said, referring to nine months of talks spearheaded by Mr. Kerry that collapsed in 2014. "And they have also noted a certain disengagement of the Americans in the Middle East," she added, including in Israel, but also on other issues like the conflict in Syria, where the United States backed out of conducting airstrikes in 2013, leaving the French bitter.

67. Filière jihadiste de Strasbourg: l'ombre du 13 novembre plane sur le procès

Radio France Internationale, 2016 06 04

Paris- Au cinquième jour du procès des 7 jihadistes strasbourgeois, le tribunal correctionnel de Paris s'interroge sur les conditions de leur retour en France. Sont-ils tous rentrés de leur plein gré ou ont-ils été piégés par leurs proches ? Sont-ils véritablement repentis du jihad aujourd'hui ? Encore une fois, l'ombre du 13 novembre a plané sur les audiences. Le frère d'un des kamikazes du Bataclan fait notamment partie des prévenus. Dans le box, tous disent avoir fui l'organisation Etat islamique en Irak et au Levant, en raison des guerres fratricides entre groupes rebelles. Mais à la lecture de certaines écoutes téléphoniques, la présidente du tribunal a des doutes. Une fois en Turquie, un des prévenus contacte un français en Syrie et lui dit avoir été dénoncé aux autorités turques. « Le passeur nous a vendu ce chien d'apostat », dit-il. Il explique qu'il s'agissait d'une ruse destinée à ne pas mettre en danger les autres membres du groupe restés en Syrie. Un autre est ensuite soupçonné d'avoir été piégé par ses proches venus le rencontrer en Turquie. Mais tous expliquent à nouveau que leur intention était uniquement de quitter la Syrie.

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CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Federal study disputes claim diaspora communities breed extremists

CBC News, Dan Beeby, 2016 06 05

Ottawa - Canada's immigrant communities are not breeding grounds for terrorists, as some would argue, but should be enlisted to reduce any violent radicalization in their midst, says a newly released report. The research, ordered by the Harper government in 2014, appears to repudiate Conservative measures that alienated Muslim communities in the months before last year's election. The authors examined four diaspora communities in Canada — Afghan, Somali, Syrian and Tamil — and found them to be willing allies for rooting out extremism among their often young and isolated members. "More resilient diaspora communities represent the best line of defence against violent extremism," says the March 30 report, obtained by CBC News under the Access to Information Act. "Diasporas are not a threat, as some of the mainstream discourse on counterterrorism has often implied, but rather Canada's most valued asset in the fight against terrorism." The authors found a mutual distrust between these communities and security agencies, driven partly by news media and academics who have "framed diaspora communities as partly complicit in terrorist activity, a source of threat for host countries like Canada." "It has fostered suspicion and even discrimination against certain diaspora groups." The research says security agencies such as the RCMP and CSIS need to build trust, especially among Muslim groups in Canada who can often alert police to potential terror activity. "Dispelling Islamophobia and other forms of discrimination should be a centrepiece of any community engagement strategy surrounding anti-radicalization, as it has fuelled distrust of the state and wider Canadian society in Muslim diaspora communities." The \$180,000 study for Public Safety Canada was carried out over a year by the Kitchener, Ont.-based Security Governance Group, a private consultant firm.

Canada

2. Danger, Canadian spies semi-accountably at work

The Chronicle Herald, Jim Meek, 2016 06 05

Opinion: Canada's spies keep mixing up their black blotting markers and their yellow highlighters. The Globe and Mail has reported that the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) has been leaking private information about Canadians to our allies — instead of blotting it from the record. CSE's job includes gathering "metadata" from Canadians — through phone calls, emails and other online exchanges. The idea is to transfer the data without identifying information to other e-spying agencies in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States. Add Canada to this foursome, and you get the organization known as The Five Eyes, comrades in espionage for the last 65 years or so. No Canadian names are supposed to be revealed in this joint intelligence-gathering and sharing process. Instead, the spies should put metadata through a Wizard of Oz processor, throw in an algorithm or two — and presto, terrorism rings topple in Colby Village. Eventually, the security establishment mines the data a little deeper and discovers the third baseman on your lob-ball team works as a sleeper agent for al-Qaeda. And all along you thought he was just Buddy from Glace Bay. OK, I should get serious here. The inner workings of the CSE were described in a 2015 report written by Jean-Pierre Plouffe, a retired Quebec judge who heads the Office of the CSE Commissioner. Plouffe's report was "confidential." It only came to light Wednesday because the Globe rummaged around in court filings and found it.

3. Islamophobia runs deeper than failed Tory tactics

The Toronto Star, Azeezah Kanji, 2016 06 05

Opinion: Muslim Conservative Uruzurum Heer made headlines recently for castigating the Islamophobic

campaign run by her party in the last election. "This party worked actively and aggressively against my people," Heer said, at the Conservative convention. "It didn't differentiate who Muslims were versus the enemies." The Harper-headed Conservatives certainly deployed a particularly crude form of anti-Muslim animus during the election: a continuation of their governing modus operandi. However, Islamophobia did not begin with Stephen Harper, and it will not end with his exit from power. It is very tempting to relegate Islamophobia to a past we have overcome or to a future we have avoided. It is too easy to project racism onto other times or onto other people: onto those like Stephen Harper or Donald Trump, who ostentatiously brandish anti-Muslim stereotypes as political weapons. It is far more difficult to confront the normalized Islamophobia that has permeated Canadian national security law and policy since the initiation of the War on Terror, under both Liberal and Conservative governments. "Islamophobia is about more than microaggressions," writes Professor Deepa Kumar. "Daily acts of hostility, hate crimes and even job discrimination, are the outward manifestations of a system that is fundamentally racist . . . Islamophobia is an ideology that has come to be accepted as normal, as common sense, in the War on Terror era. In this sense, it is not just an individual bias but a systematic body of ideas which make certain constructions of Muslims - that they are prone to violence, that they are misogynistic, that they are driven by rage and lack rationality - appear natural." Stereotypes about Muslim violence have sustained the War on Terror's project of violence since its birth.

4. Chinese may not care Canadians offended by minister's outburst: ex-diplomat

Global News, Monique Muisse, 2016 06 05

Ottawa - China's foreign minister made headlines in Ottawa this week for all the wrong reasons when he took exception to a question posed by a journalist. But experts say it's unlikely the Chinese care about the bad press. "They'll have to deal with damage control," former diplomat Colin Robertson told the West Block's Tom Clark. Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion stood next to Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, seemingly stunned into silence, as the Chinese politician ripped into a journalist from news website iPolitics. Wang called the question on the jailing of a Canadian, Kevin Garratt, "irresponsible." The question had not, in fact, even been directed at Wang. Current senator and former journalist Jim Munson said he was deeply offended by Wang's outburst on Canadian soil. "He couldn't have picked a worse time, and particularly for me because I'm quite emotional about this issue, having seen children and adults killed in Tiananmen [Square]. There was a massacre in Tiananmen. And to say this on our territory and to say this about a journalist, my goodness, it hit home again to me what is wrong in China."

5. Is ISIS preparing for 'Plan B' as losses mount?

CBC News, Mark Gollom, 2016 06 05

Ottawa - With recruitment down, its finances squeezed and having lost considerable ground, ISIS just may be in the throes of near defeat, according to some analysts. But whether the Islamic State is on its last legs or is still capable of waging an indefinite campaign, attention is now being focussed on just what happens on the so-called "day after." "The West should have no illusion that the Islamic State will simply slump into defeat," wrote Brian Michael Jenkins and Colin Clarke, both of the Rand Corporation, which specializes in insurgency and transnational terrorism. "Instead, it must focus on thwarting the group's Plan B." That the group has formulated such a contingency plan is still a subject of speculation, and expert opinions differ on how close it is to actual defeat. "After maybe years of really stunning success, I think the Islamic State has run into trouble," said Austin Long, assistant professor of international and public affairs at Columbia University and a former adviser to the multinational force in Iraq.

United States – États-Unis

6. FBI: Our Malware Sends Unencrypted Evidence, and That's a Good Thing

Motherboard, Joshua Kopstein, 2016 06 05

Washington - The FBI is facing plenty of controversy over its Network Investigative Technique (NIT), the innocuously-named malware it used to identify thousands of anonymous users viewing images of child abuse on a hidden darkweb site called Playpen. Under a single warrant, the NIT (which the FBI staunchly refuses to call "malware") infected thousands of computers around the globe, injecting malicious code that caused any machine visiting the Playpen site to quietly transmit information back to the FBI—most importantly, their IP address, which is normally obscured by the anonymous Tor network. The hacking tool sent that information back to the FBI unencrypted, leaving it open to interception or manipulation by third parties. But the government doesn't seem to think that's such a big deal. In fact, the FBI argued earlier this week in one of the Playpen cases that not encrypting the information captured by the NIT is actually a good thing, because it allows the defendants to see the transmitted data and use it in their defense.

7. Iraqi Army Seen as Ill Equipped to Retake Mosul From ISIS, Despite U.S. Aid

The New York Times, Eric Schmitt, 2016 06 05

Washington - An exhausted and ill-equipped Iraqi Army faces daunting obstacles on the battlefield that will most likely delay for months a long-planned major offensive on the Islamic State stronghold of Mosul, American and allied officials say. The delay is expected despite American efforts to keep Iraq's creaky war machine on track. Although President Obama vowed to end the United States' role in the war in Iraq, in the last two years the American military has increasingly provided logistics to prop up the Iraqi military, which has struggled to move basics like food, water and ammunition to its troops. Without the help, American commanders said, the offensive against Mosul would most likely fail. Americans are ferrying equipment and spare parts directly to the battlefield by cargo plane, helping arrange purchases of ammunition for Soviet-era equipment and pressing the Iraqis to adopt measures to improve a supply chain that would run over 200 miles from Defense Ministry depots in the Baghdad area to Mosul. But no matter how hard the Americans push, the Iraqis can go only so fast. The pace of ground operations is likely to become even slower in the summer's searing heat and during the coming holy month of Ramadan, when Muslims often fast during the day. Much of the Iraqis' equipment needs to be repaired or replaced, and many Iraqi units will require additional training before attacking Mosul.

8. Inspectors 'stretched,' but Iran nuclear deal is working, watchdog says

The Washington Post, Joby Warrick, 2016 06 05

Vienna - The head of the United Nations nuclear agency says Iran appears to be hewing to the letter of last year's landmark nuclear agreement but says his inspectors are stretched thin by the task of monitoring compliance across a country the size of Alaska. Yukiya Amano, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said the hard work of verifying the controversial pact will probably continue for years, strongly hinting that he intends to seek a third term as head of the watchdog agency to see the task through. "It is still fragile," Amano said of the accord during an interview at the IAEA's Austrian headquarters. "Reaching an agreement was very important, but making it sustainable requires a lot of effort." Amano's comments echoed the conclusions of the latest report on Iran by the IAEA, which recently gave the Islamic republic a passing grade for keeping its nuclear activities within the boundaries set by the agreement reached with the United States and five other world powers last summer. The pact allows Iran to keep parts of its civilian nuclear infrastructure but sets strict limits on the production of fissile material that could potentially be used to make nuclear weapons.

9. Exclusive: Snowden Tried to Tell NSA About Surveillance Concerns, Documents Reveal

Vice News, Jason Leopold, Marcy Wheeler, and Ky Henderson, 2016 06 05

Washington - On the morning of May 29, 2014, an overcast Thursday in Washington, DC, the general counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), Robert Litt, wrote an email to high-level officials at the National Security Agency and the White House. The topic: what to do about Edward Snowden. Snowden's leaks had first come to light the previous June, when the Guardian's Glenn Greenwald and the Washington Post's Barton Gellman published stories based on highly classified documents provided to them by the former NSA contractor. Now Snowden, who had been demonized by the NSA and the Obama administration for the past year, was publicly claiming something that set off alarm bells at the agency: Before he leaked the documents, Snowden said, he had repeatedly attempted to raise his concerns inside the NSA about its surveillance of US citizens — and the agency had done nothing. Some on the email thread, such as Rajesh De, the NSA's general counsel, advocated for the public release of a Snowden email from April 2013 in which the former NSA contractor asked questions about the "interpretation of legal authorities" related to the agency's surveillance programs. It was the only evidence the agency found that even came close to verifying Snowden's assertions, and De believed it was weak enough to call Snowden's credibility into question and put the NSA in the clear. Litt disagreed. "I'm not sure that releasing the email will necessarily prove him a liar," Litt wrote to Caitlin Hayden, then the White House National Security Council spokesperson, along with De and other officials. "It is, I could argue, technically true that [Snowden's] email... 'rais[ed] concerns about the NSA's interpretation of its legal authorities.' As I recall, the email essentially questions a document that Snowden interpreted as claiming that Executive Orders were on a par with statutes. While that is surely not raising the kind of questions that Snowden is trying to suggest he raised, neither does it seem to me that that email is a home run refutation." Within two hours, however, Litt reversed his position, and later that day, the email was released, accompanied by comment from NSA spokesperson Marci Green Miller: "The email did not raise allegations or concerns about wrongdoing or abuse."

10. The Russian Spy Run by Dumb and Dumber

The Daily Beast, Katie Zavadky, 2016 06 05

Analysis: Zhenya Buryakov, a Russian spy convicted this past month of espionage in the U.S., had the misfortune of having comically inept handlers from Russian foreign intelligence. Zhenya Buryakov lived a quiet Bronx existence with his wife and two children in Riverdale, an affluent neighborhood, working at a state-owned bank by day. He moved there, his wife would later say, because he wanted his children to speak perfect English, and two nuns next door would even pet-sit the family's bird. But by night, Buryakov met with his handlers at SVR, Russia's foreign intelligence service, and passed along information his bosses in Moscow hoped to use against his host country. That bucolic life was interrupted when Buryakov was arrested by the FBI in January 2015, and charged with being an unregistered agent of a foreign government. Unlike his handlers, whose sloppy conversations may have led to his arrest, Buryakov was only allowed to be in the United States as an employee of a foreign firm. A year later, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 30 months in prison, in a case that garnered relatively little attention coming on the heels of the 10 Russian "illegals" arrested in 2010. But Buryakov's arrest and sentencing serves as a firm reminder that despite the end of the Cold War, covert Russian espionage in the U.S. is prevalent and ongoing. "Russia never gave up espionage against the West, and the United States remains the prime target of Russian intelligence," former KGB spy Oleg Kalugin told The Daily Beast. Kalugin, now 81, served as a general in the KGB, but was found guilty in absentia of spying for the West by a Russian court in 2002.

United Kingdom - Royaume-Uni

11. Hackers Attack the Stock Exchange

Mail on Sunday, Jaber Mohamed, 2016 06 05

London – Cyber criminals are believed to have taken down the London Stock Exchange (LSE) website for more than two hours as part of a campaign against the world's banks and financial institutions. The attack was carried out by a group based in the Philippines which is part of the 'hactivist' network Anonymous - an organisation infamous for hacking government, religious and corporate websites. Anonymous claims the incident was one of 67 successful attacks it has launched in the past month on the websites of major institutions, with targets including the Swiss National Bank, the Central Bank of Venezuela and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. The attack on the LSE took place at 9am on Thursday, but experts say trading was unlikely to have been affected and that no sensitive data was stolen. In the 24 hours before the LSE site went down, Anonymous said it had also attacked the websites of the Turkey Stock Exchange and NYSE Euronext, the parent company of the New York Stock Exchange.

Americas

Nil

Australia –Australie/New Zealand - Nouvelle-Zélande

12. Sri Lankan refugees stopped from sailing for Australia

Canberra Times, 2016 06 05

Canberra - Indian authorities have intercepted a truck in Tiruvallur near Chennai where they found 33 Sri Lankan refugees missing from four government-run camps. The refugees, including six women and six children, were planning to take a boat to Australia, police said. It prompted refugee activists to call on the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu to ease restrictions on Sri Lankan refugees living in guarded camps. Campaigners said the case showed how desperate they were to flee India where they have been confined to closed camps for years and have no right to work. "They are desperate people looking for a dignified life," said P. Pugalenthi, a lawyer who represents refugees in Chennai.

Asia –Asie

13. In pushback to U.S., China says 'has no fear of trouble' in South China Sea

Reuters, 2016 06 05

Singapore - China rebuffed U.S. pressure to curb its activity in the South China Sea on Sunday, restating its sovereignty over most of the disputed territory and saying it "has no fear of trouble". On the last day of Asia's biggest security summit, Admiral Sun Jianguo said China will not be bullied, including over a pending international court ruling over its claims in the vital trade route. "We do not make trouble, but we have no fear of trouble," Sun told the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, where more than 600 security, military and government delegates had gathered over three days. "China will not bear the consequences, nor will it allow any infringement on its sovereignty and security interest, or stay indifferent to some countries creating chaos in the South China Sea." The waterway has become a flashpoint between the United States, which increased its focus on the Asia-Pacific under President Barack Obama's "pivot", and China, which is projecting ever greater economic, political and military power in the region. The two have traded accusations of militarizing the waterway as Beijing undertakes large-scale land reclamation and construction on disputed features while Washington has increased its patrols and exercises.

14. Governor of Jakarta Bucks Indonesia's Party Politics

The New York Times, Joe Cochrane, 2016 06 05

Jakarta - Since becoming governor of Jakarta in 2014, Basuki Tjahaja Purnama has shown little patience for incompetent bureaucrats or alleged “budget irregularities” — the local term for corruption. His new target is a political system run by aloof oligarchs. Mr. Basuki, 49, has vowed to run to stay in office in February as a political independent. His goal is to separate himself from the powerful national parties that have emerged during Indonesia’s transition to democracy, which began with the collapse of the military-backed dictatorship of President Suharto in 1998. Mr. Basuki has long been considered a political outsider, partly because he is a Christian and an ethnic Chinese steering the capital of the world’s most populous Muslim-majority nation, and his decision to run without a party affiliation has shaken the country’s political establishment. Since Indonesia began holding free elections in the late 1990s, independent candidates have won lesser local government and legislative posts, but Mr. Basuki’s breakaway is by far the most significant. Jakarta is the country’s political, social and economic center, accounting for 16 percent of the national gross domestic product in 2015, according to the country’s Central Statistics Bureau.

15. Indonesia's military rolls out plan to improve lives of Sulawesi residents affected by terrorist threat

The Straits Times, Francis Chan, 2016 06 05

Jakarta - The Indonesian military (TNI) is rolling out a plan aimed at improving the lives of Sulawesi residents affected by the threat of terrorism from the East Indonesia Mujahideen (MIT). Militants from the terror group and its leader Santoso, who have been hiding out in Poso regency in Central Sulawesi, are the subject of the largest manhunt in Indonesia. The spillover violence from their activities have resulted in some hardship for people living in the central and northern parts of the island. Major-General Agus Surya Bakti, whose military command covers Central Sulawesi and Gorontalo provinces in Sulawesi, said on Saturday (June 4) that the latest initiative is focused on enhancing the welfare of the local community. Apart from counter-terrorism operations against Santoso and the MIT, the military will also help create jobs, develop new fields for farming as well as build bridges and roads. Maj-Gen Agus added that a key plank of the initiative is its agricultural programme, which includes, among other things, providing local farmers with hand-tractors to assist in plowing and better quality seeds. He also revealed a partnership between the military and the Agriculture Ministry to free up at least 3,000ha of land for farming.

16. Okinawa Murder Case Heightens Outcry Over U.S. Military’s Presence

The New York Times, Jonathan Soble, 2016 06 05

Okinawa, Japan — Memorial Day weekend is normally party time on Gate Street, a seedy strip of bars and clubs outside a giant United States Air Force base here. During this year’s holiday, though, Gate Street was all but deserted, its customers — young Americans from the military installations that blanket much of this southern Japanese island — barred by their superiors from partying in public. The reason: a recent murder that has angered Okinawans and damaged relations between Tokyo and Washington. The killing of the 20-year-old Okinawan woman, whose body was found decomposing in a suitcase last month, has been linked to an American military contractor who is a Marine veteran. The outcry after the man, Kenneth Franklin Shinzato, was arrested on May 19 has been so strong that Prime Minister Shinzo Abe protested publicly to President Obama during the president’s recent trip to Japan. The unusual rebuke over a criminal case by another head of state marred a visit that was otherwise carefully choreographed to celebrate friendly relations and included Mr. Obama’s historic visit to Hiroshima. Mr. Abe, at a joint news conference, professed “shock” over the murder and asked Mr. Obama “to understand the feelings of the Japanese people” and strengthen military discipline.

17. More troops deployed to Sulu to rescue Abu hostages

The Philippine Star, Roel Pareño, 2016 06 05

Zamboanga City - More troops have been deployed to Sulu to help in the operations to rescue the remaining hostages of the Abu Sayyaf. Lt. Gen. Mayoralgo de la Cruz, Western Mindanao Command chief, said military operations are not dependent on the deadline set by the kidnappers. The Abu Sayyaf said the families and governments of those taken from a resort on Samal Island – Canadian Robert Hall, Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad and Filipina Marites Flor – should meet their demands by June 13. The group demanded P300 million each for the foreign captives. Canadian John Ridsdel, another Samal hostage, was beheaded on April 25 after the deadline for the payment of ransom lapsed. “That is their deadline. I can assure you the operations to rescue the hostages are ongoing,” De la Cruz said. He said they have reshuffled the ground commanders to enhance the operations. De la Cruz said local officials are providing information to Task Force Sulu led by Brig. Gen. Arnel de la Vega. De la Cruz said they are willing to work with the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) if directed by their superiors.

18. Army conquers jihadist camp

Manila Standard, 2016 06 05

Manila - The military admitted that the group led by Abdullah Maute is part of the Jemaah Islamiya terror network as government forces captured of their training camps in Butig, Lanao del Sur after a 10-day offensive. “Yes, the Maute brothers are members of the Jemaah Islamiya,” said Major General Gerardo Barrientos, commander of the First Infantry “Tabak” Division. “In fact, it’s correct that [slain leader] Omar [Maute] was married to an Indonesian jihadist.” Until he was slain in a military offensive last February, Abdullah Maute’s brother Omar used the lead the group which consists of former members of a defunct unit of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. Major General Arnold Quiapo, chief of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, said the group is known to be harboring foreign terrorists from Indonesia and Malaysia, as shown by the killing of Indonesian jihadist Muhammad Mukhtar who was killed together with Omar in February. “These two groups [Maute and Abu Sayyaf] are both Islamists and terrorists believing in the ideals of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria even though each has unique characteristics,” Quiapo said.

19. S. Korea rallies support for implementing sanctions on N. Korea

Yonhap English News, Park Boram, 2016 06 05

Singapore - South Korean Defense Minister Han Min-koo agreed with his French and Swiss counterparts Sunday to step up joint efforts to ensure the full implementation of international sanctions on North Korea. Han and French Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian also agreed to further upgrade their defense cooperation in the bilateral as well as multilateral frameworks during their talks held on the sidelines of the Asia Security Summit in Singapore, also known as Shangri-La Dialogue, according to the Ministry of National Defense. Han voiced his gratitude for France's efforts to push for and implement a United Nations Security Council resolution adopted in March in punishment for North Korea's nuclear test and long-range missile launch in early 2016, the ministry said. The French minister vowed further joint efforts with Seoul in bringing the resolution to thorough implementation, it also said.

20. Terrorist identified on CCTV is a local youth who joined LeT

Press Trust of India, 2016 06 05

Srinagar - Security agencies today claimed to have identified one of the militants on a CCTV footage as Junaid Matoo, a local resident who joined banned Lashker-e- Taiba (LeT) last year, and was allegedly involved in yesterday's killing of two Jammu and Kashmir police personnel at a bus stand in Anantnag. The CCTV footage showed two youths carrying AK assault rifles at Khanabal-Pahalgham road, 52 kms from here. While one was standing near the car, another was seen carrying a bag and walking upto the vehicle. Official sources said that one standing near the white car was identified as Junaid, a resident of Khudwani who had left his home in June last year when he was 18. After activating its human

intelligence network, police found that he had joined LeT in September last year. Since that day he has surfaced yesterday for being part of the team that allegedly was involved in killing of two policemen Assistant Sub-Inspector Bashir Ahmad and Constable Reyaz Ahmad at Anantnag bus stand, the sources said.

21. India, Qatar to share intelligence to combat hawala, terror financing

Press Trust India, 2016 06 05

Mumbai - India and Qatar on Sunday agreed to share intelligence to combat 'hawala' transactions and terror financing as the two countries signed seven agreements and decided to move beyond the trading relationship and get into strategic investments. The two sides highlighted the need to "isolate" the sponsors and supporters of terrorism and agreed that urgent action against all such entities, which support terrorism and use it as an instrument of policy, must be taken. At the end of wide-ranging talks, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is on a two-day visit, had with Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani and Qatari leadership, the two sides decided to constitute an inter-ministerial high-level joint committee to regularly review all bilateral matters, as well as regional and global issues of mutual interest. "Crucial agreements were signed today, which will give new strength to India-Qatar ties," said Modi. "Sheikh Tamim and I had wide ranging talks on how India and Qatar can further expand bilateral ties," he tweeted. An MoU was signed between the Finance Intelligence Unit -India (FIU) and Qatar Financial Information Unit to share intelligence on illegal movement of money, termed as 'hawala'. "The two sides further agreed to take action against illegal transfer of money," a joint statement issued after the talks said. There is a lot of money flow and investment from Qatar. A number of black money investigations have taken Indian authorities to Qatar's shores and such an MoU is seen as a move to help combat money offences. Under this pact, the two sides also agreed to exchange financial intelligence to combat terrorism financing and other economic offences.

Eastern Europe – Europe de l'Est

22. Russia Highly Interested in Strengthening Mechanisms of Global Security

Sputnik News Service, 2016 06 05

Moscow - Russia, a transcontinental country with territory in both Europe and Asia, is highly interested in bolstering international security mechanisms, Russia's Deputy Defense Minister Anatoly Antonov said Sunday. "Russia as a European and Asian country has a significant stake in strengthening mechanisms of global security. I wish to emphasize the importance of creating an equal and indivisible security environment that would not serve a privileged few but everyone. Thus we could evade further conflict escalation both in Europe and Asia-Pacific region," Antonov said at the "IISS Shangri-La Dialogue" Asia Security Summit in Singapore.

23. US Leaves Russia's Proposals on Security Cooperation Unanswered – Official

Sputnik News Service, 2016 06 05

Singapore - Moscow and Washington have a number of areas for cooperation, but Russian proposals 'remain unanswered,' Russian Deputy Defense Minister Anatoly Antonov said Sunday. "Russia and the United States could have done more to settle the situation in Syria and there is scope to do more in combating international terrorism in other regions. There are many areas, where we could undertake joint efforts. Yet, our proposals on cooperation remain unanswered," Antonov said at the "IISS Shangri-La Dialogue" Asia Security Summit in Singapore. He added that at the same time cooperation between Russia and the United States contributed to deliveries of humanitarian aid to the war-torn country and

restoration of peace in Syria. Syria has been mired in civil war since March 2011, with government forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar Assad fighting numerous opposition factions and extremist groups.

Africa – Afrique

24. Boko Haram attack kills 32 in Niger

BBC News, 2016 06 05

Bosso - Thirty Nigerien troops and two Nigerian soldiers have been killed in clashes with Boko Haram militants in Niger, the country's defence ministry says. It says "hundreds of assailants" attacked a military post in the south-eastern town of Bosso, on the Nigerian border, on Friday night. A counter-attack on Saturday morning allowed government troops to retake all positions in Bosso, the ministry says. It says there were several dead and injured "on the enemy's side". Boko Haram has not commented on the Nigerien defence ministry's statement. The Islamist group is based in Nigeria but is being tackled by a multinational force, including soldiers from Niger.

25. Centrafrique : l'ONU met un terme au mandat des policiers burundais, accusés d'exactions

Agence France Presse, 2016 06 05

Bangui - Les Nations unies ont annoncé vendredi qu'elles ne renouvelleraient pas le mandat des policiers burundais en mission pour l'ONU en Centrafrique, en réaction à des accusations d'exactions commises par ces forces de l'ordre au Burundi avant leur déploiement. Cette décision suit « les accusations actuelles d'atteintes sérieuses et persistantes aux droits de l'homme au Burundi », a précisé Stefan Feller, conseiller principal des Casques bleus sur les questions policières. Les 280 policiers burundais en poste ne seront pas remplacés lorsque leur mission à Bangui, la capitale centrafricaine, s'achèvera aux alentours de septembre. Une ONG burundaise, Focode, avait demandé en février aux Nations unies d'enquêter sur des accusations d'exactions commises par des policiers burundais qui se trouveraient maintenant à Bangui. « Compte tenu de la situation actuelle au Burundi, décision a été prise à l'ONU de ne pas remplacer les brigades de police servant dans le pays (la Centrafrique, ndlr) lorsque leur mission s'achèvera », a indiqué le porte-parole de l'ONU Farhan Haq.

26. Niger : 32 militaires tués dans une attaque de Boko Haram

Jeune Afrique, 2016 06 05

Au moins 30 militaires nigériens et deux soldats nigériens ont été tués lors d'une attaque massive lancée par le groupe islamiste nigérian Boko Haram à Bosso, une localité du Niger proche de la frontière avec le Nigeria, a annoncé samedi le ministère nigérian de la Défense. « Le vendredi 4 juin 2016 aux environs de 18H50 (17H50 GMT), des centaines d'assailants du groupe terroriste Boko Haram ont attaqué le poste militaire de reconnaissance de Bosso », selon un communiqué du ministère nigérian de la Défense. Le ministère donne un bilan de 30 militaires nigériens et deux militaires nigériens tués, 67 militaires nigériens et nigériens blessés. « Du côté de Boko Haram, plusieurs morts et blessés ont été emportés », poursuit le texte sans fournir de chiffres sur les pertes adverses. C'est le plus lourd bilan infligé par Boko Haram au Niger depuis que ce pays est entré en guerre contre les insurgés en février 2015. Le 25 avril 2015, les islamistes de Boko Haram avaient anéanti une position militaire sur le lac Tchad, faisant 74 morts, dont 28 civils. Trente-deux soldats avaient également été portés disparus.

Iraq/Iran

27. Iran Denies Receiving Letter from EU's Mogherini on N. Deal

Fars News Agency, 2016 06 05

Tehran - The Iranian foreign ministry dismissed media reports claiming that EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini has recently sent a letter to Iran on the full implementation of the nuclear deal by the world powers. Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hossein Jaber Ansari categorically rejected as "fake" certain Iranian media outlet's reports about a recent letter to Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif by Mogherini that allegedly called on Tehran to give concessions if it wants to receive more advantages from the West. Some media outlets in Tehran claimed that Mogherini had told Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif in a recent letter that the world powers have fulfilled their undertakings based on the nuclear deal and resolving Iran's financial and banking problems to interact with other countries falls outside their duties and responsibilities based on the deal. Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei has recently lashed out at the US for not remaining loyal to its undertakings based on the July nuclear agreement between Tehran and the world powers.

28. Iran rejects US charge of being top terror sponsor

The Associated Press, 2016 06 05

Tehran - Iran has rejected an annual US State Department report that called it the world's leading sponsor of terrorism. State TV on Sunday quotes Foreign Ministry spokesman Hossein Jaber Ansari as saying the report is "false" and further evidence of the "lack of credibility of reports by the US State Department." As in many previous years, the report identified Iran as the world's "foremost state sponsor of terrorism in 2015" through its financing, training and equipping of various extremist groups, notably Lebanon's Hezbollah, as well as the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

29. Shiite militias inflame sectarian rifts in Iraq

The Washington Post, Hugh Naylor & Mustafa Salim, 2016 06 05

Baghdad - Iraqi soldiers are battling to drive the Islamic State out of Fallujah. But just beyond the edges of the flash point city are Shiite militias that many Iraqis fear could undermine the campaign against the radical group. These government-aligned militiamen have helped push the Islamic State out of key areas of the country but also have become a complication for the U.S.-backed military coalition assembled to destroy the hard-line Sunni group. They filled an important void left by Iraq's weakened armed forces, but their religiously motivated agenda has aggravated Iraq's combustible sectarian divisions. That is particularly problematic in a place like Fallujah, in Iraq's Sunni heartland, where residents have a history of revolt. A decade ago, al-Qaeda militants staged a punishing insurgency against then-occupying U.S. troops. Anger at the government in Baghdad helped the Islamic State win control of the area in January 2014. Iraq's government has ordered the militias to stay away from the fighting inside the city. And the U.S. military says it refuses to give them air support, fearing that their involvement could help the Islamic State rally besieged residents to its cause. The militias "are sectarian just like Daesh is sectarian," said Majid al-Juraisi, a tribal leader from the city who fled to Baghdad when the Islamic State took control. Daesh is the Arabic name for the Islamic State, also known as ISIS and ISIL.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

30. Israel says it has uncovered new information on Gaza tunnels

The Associated Press, 2016 06 05

Jerusalem - Israeli authorities say they have obtained "high value information" about the Hamas militant group's tunnel network in the Gaza Strip after arresting a 17-year-old fighter. Israel said Sunday that the teen was nabbed last month after crossing a border fence and entering Israel. It says an interrogation revealed information about his recruitment and training, most of which involved the Hamas tunnels. Israel says it learned that Hamas' military tunnel network allows it to move fighters throughout Gaza "exclusively underground." The network also includes "rest quarters" for its elite forces.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

31. Paris ouvre sa conférence sur le Proche-Orient

Le Monde, Marc Semo, 2016 06 05

Paris - Vingt-neuf pays et organisations internationales ont appelé à un règlement du conflit israélo-palestinien, mais ont évité les sujets qui fâchent. Le plus difficile commence maintenant : concrétiser par une conférence internationale, avec les deux parties concernées cette fois, les grands principes d'un règlement du -conflit israélo-palestinien réaffirmés à Paris vendredi 3 juin. " C'est un message et il nous oblige ", a lancé le ministre français des affaires étrangères, Jean-Marc Ayrault, en conclusion de la réunion de vingt-neuf pays et -organisations internationales pour relancer un processus de paix au point mort. Le communiqué final, plus -petit dénominateur commun entre les participants, rappelle notamment que " le statu quo n'est pas tenable " et souligne que " la solution à deux Etats est la seule voie pour arriver à une paix durable, avec Israël et la Palestine vivant côte à côte dans la paix et la sécurité ". Mais il ne fixe aucun calendrier alors même que, du propre aveu du ministre français, " il y a urgence ". " La perspective des deux Etats est en grave danger, nous approchons du point de non-retour au-delà duquel elle ne sera plus possible ", a souligné Jean-Marc Ayrault, évoquant aussi bien les effets de la colonisation que le fossé qui se creuse de plus en plus " dans les coeurs et dans les esprits ". Incontestable succèsLe chef de la diplomatie française a néanmoins promis " qu'avant la fin du mois " serait lancé un travail " sur les incitations en matière économique, de coopération et de sécurité régionale " dans le but d'aboutir à " un paquet global à présenter aux Israéliens et aux Palestiniens " lors de la conférence internationale théoriquement prévue à l'automne.

32. Un Français arrêté en Ukraine avec des armes soupçonné de préparer un attentat

L'Express, 2016 06 05

Paris - Grégoire M., 25 ans, a été arrêté fin mai par les gardes-frontières ukrainiens alors qu'il transportait des lances-roquettes et des kalachikovs dans son véhicule. Une enquête préliminaire a été ouverte en France. Il avait un arsenal avec lui. Grégoire M., un Français âgé de 25 ans, a été interpellé le 21 mai par les gardes-frontières ukrainiens alors qu'il voulait passer en Pologne. Dans son véhicule, il transportait au moins trois lance-roquettes, plus de cent kilos de TNT, une centaine de détonateurs, ou encore des kalachnikovs, a révélé M6 vendredi. Selon les sources de la chaîne, ce lorrain inconnu des services de renseignement aurait évoqué des projets d'attentats en France visant des mosquées ou des synagogues, et comptait acquérir des munitions dans ce but. M6 ajoute qu'un t-shirt d'un groupe d'extrême-droite et des composants d'explosifs ont été retrouvés lors d'une perquisition à son domicile, situé par L'est Républicain à Nant-le-Petit, dans la Meuse.

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CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. RCMP actions in B.C. terror sting necessitate stay of proceedings, lawyer argues

The Globe and Mail, Sunny Dhillon, 2016 06 11

Vancouver - Entering a stay of proceedings for a husband and wife found guilty of placing potentially explosive pressure-cooker devices outside the B.C. Legislature would be “extraordinary” but is necessary given the actions of undercover police, defence counsel said Friday as it closed its entrapment argument. John Nuttall and Amanda Korody were found guilty by a jury last year of conspiring to murder persons unknown and making or possessing an explosive substance - in both cases for the benefit of or at the direction of a terrorist group. They were arrested on July 1, 2013. Mr. Nuttall and Ms. Korody have argued they were victims of police entrapment. A hearing into that aspect of the case began last July, with closing arguments getting under way this week. The Crown is to begin its argument Monday. Marilyn Sandford, Mr. Nuttall’s lawyer, told B.C. Supreme Court on Friday that her client and his wife lacked money, weapons, and even a mode of transportation before they were approached by undercover RCMP officers. Ms. Sandford has said the RCMP had been told by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service that Mr. Nuttall had tried to purchase potassium nitrate, though she said that information was not corroborated. Potassium nitrate can be used in explosives. She said the RCMP could have used other techniques to investigate Mr. Nuttall but chose the undercover operation. She said the Mounties also do not appear to have given adequate consideration to Mr. Nuttall and Ms. Korody’s vulnerabilities. She said both were highly susceptible, noting Mr. Nuttall’s comments about a conspiracy involving chemtrails and Ms. Korody’s mentions of an “alien cult.”

Canada

2. Canadian court hands over Iran assets to terror victims’ families

Agence France Presse, 2016 06 11

Toronto - A Canadian judge has ordered Iran’s non-diplomatic land and bank accounts in Canada to be handed over to victims of attacks by Hamas and Hezbollah, sponsored by Tehran. The judgment, obtained by Agence France-Presse on Friday, awards a reported \$13 million to families of Americans who died in eight bombings or hostage-takings in Buenos Aires, Israel, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia from 1983 to 2002. Hundreds died in the attacks. The families, led by the parents of Marla Bennett, who was killed when a suicide bomber struck at a cafeteria at Hebrew University in Israel in 2002, had successfully sued the Islamic republic in the United States. The US court found that Iran was responsible for training Hamas and Hezbollah operatives, as well as backing the groups financially. But those judgments remain largely unpaid.

3. Les actifs de l'Iran seront remis aux victimes d'attentats

Agence France-Presse, 2016 06 11

Ottawa - Un tribunal canadien a ordonné que soient remis les actifs non diplomatiques du gouvernement iranien aux familles de victimes d'attentats coordonnés par Téhéran et perpétrés par le Hamas et le Hezbollah. Le jugement, obtenu hier par l'AFP, exige que les familles d'Américains qui ont péri dans huit attentats, perpétrés entre 1983 et 2002, reçoivent les propriétés et les comptes bancaires détenus par le gouvernement iranien au Canada en guise de dédommagement. Selon les médias canadiens, ces actifs totaliseraient environ 13 millions de dollars. Cette poursuite a été déposée au Canada en vertu d'une nouvelle loi, adoptée en 2012, qui permet aux victimes et à leurs familles d'obtenir des dommages et intérêts saisis auprès d'États soutenant des actes considérés comme terroriste. L'Iran est ainsi considéré

par le Canada. Les attentats en question avaient fait des centaines de morts, à Buenos Aires, en Israël, au Liban et en Arabie saoudite.

4. Canadian leading Daesh in Bangladesh: report

Toronto Star, Oliver Sachgau, 2016 06 11, 2016 011

Toronto - A Windsor man is reportedly leading a Daesh-affiliated terrorist group in Bangladesh. According to the Bangladeshi newspaper the Daily Star, Tamim Chowdhury, who goes by the name Shaykh Abu Ibrahim Al-Hanif, is leading a group of militants in Bangladesh closely linked to Daesh, also known as ISIS or ISIL. Chowdhury, identified as "Bangladeshi-Canadian" by the Daily Star report, is originally from Windsor, Ont., according to Amarnath Amarasingam, a post-doctoral fellow in the Resilience Research Centre at Dalhousie University and expert on international terrorism. "He was definitely from Windsor. I spoke to a few people who knew him from the city. But not much else is known about him," Amarasingam said in an email. The Windsor Islamic Association said it could not confirm if Chowdhury was heading a Daesh-affiliate in Bangladesh. "We can confirm that Tamim Chowdhury was from Windsor, though he was not a well-known individual in the community," WIA spokeswoman Lina Chaker said.

5. Canadian Cops Lose Fight to Keep Details of Their High-Tech Surveillance Powers Secret

Vice News, Justin Ling, 2016 06 11

Ottawa - Vice News and Motherboard first reported in April that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) had obtained BlackBerry's global encryption key, and had used it to read millions of messages sent between seven men accused of murder, and a litany of other alleged mobsters who are accused of drug trafficking, kidnapping, and arson. Since then, we have fought to keep this information in the public domain. But since then, Crown prosecutors have been fighting to put the genie back in the bottle, asserting that a vague, open-ended publication ban would forbid media from reporting the details of a case that, by the RCMP's own admission, involved the largest use ever of PIN to PIN interception technique in a major North American investigation. On Friday, a judge in Laval, Quebec, rejected requests from both the Crown and the defense to extend the publication bans, and ordered that nearly all the information shall become public. The Crown, faced with representatives from the media filing to have the information rendered public, eventually retreated, and asked for only sections of the documents to be kept secret. That the Crown was even seeking to extend the publication ban — even after securing convictions — is something "we don't normally see," said lawyer Christian Leblanc, who represented VICE and other media's push back against the government's efforts to suppress this information. He cites a 2001 case where the Supreme Court clearly ruled that, after an investigation has concluded, the Crown has an obligation to make details of the investigation public. The court wrote then that, barring evidence that publishing the information could put the lives of officers in danger, the information ought to become public — "It would be unwise for this Court to countenance the establishment of a permanently anonymous section of the police force," the unanimous court wrote. In the end, on Friday, the Crown dropped their attempt to protect the sensitive information, but only after months of contending that Canadian media did not have the right to release information about the RCMP's expansive surveillance powers. The RCMP contend that making this information public could give criminals a leg up on running counter-surveillance measures and avoiding detection. But defense lawyers in this case argued the secrecy could hobble their clients' ability to receive a fair trial, while privacy advocates say the police are keeping the public in the dark on potentially unconstitutional spying powers. This story is part of a joint investigation with Motherboard. Check them out for more details about how Canadian police surveilled Canadians for a decade with secret spy tech.

6. Canada has started 'official' talks with Iran to renew ties, says Stéphane Dion

CBC News, Melissa Kent, 2016 06 11

Ottawa - The Trudeau government has made no secret of its desire to re-engage with Iran — it was even a campaign promise — and now Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion has confirmed to CBC News that preliminary contact has been made. In 2012, the Harper administration cut ties with Tehran and expelled Iranian diplomats from Canada. "Talks have started, yes, at the official level," Dion said Friday. There has been speculation the discussions took place in New York City, where the two countries have political delegations. "I will not comment," the foreign minister said when asked about a possible location. "But the usual way by which countries who want to recreate links proceed, is step by step, at the official level in neutral territory." Iran's ambassador to the United Nations declined to comment when asked whether the talks were happening between the two country's missions to the UN. The Harper government also added Iran to its list of state sponsors of terrorism. "We have no plans to change this," said Dion, unless Iran becomes a "respectful democracy." Dion was at pains to clarify that engaging with Tehran did not signify agreement with its policies. He cited Iran's human rights record, its support for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and Hezbollah, as well as its threats against Israel as areas where Canada still has "huge problems" with Iran. Italy has been handling Canada's interests in the country since ties were cut four years ago, a situation Dion calls "absurd."

7. Canada court ruling to complicate ties with Iran: Analyst

Press TV News, 2016 06 11

Interview: Press TV has interviewed Kaveh Afrasiabi, author and political scientist from Boston, about a Canadian court's ruling to confiscate Iranian assets under the pretext of alleged involvement in terrorist activities. The following is a rough transcription of the interview. Press TV: This is not the first time that a court outside Iran rules to confiscate Iranian assets over the country's alleged involvement in terrorist activities and this is what they accuse Iran of. How legitimate are such verdicts in terms of international law considering that in most cases, there is lack of evidence in supporting the accusations? Can a court outside Iran accuse the country of such things and then demand damages? Afrasiabi: Unfortunately, the US and now the Canadian courts have given themselves the license to issue such unjust and illegitimate verdicts against Iran that flies in the face of international law and many international law pundits and professors of law in American universities that agree with this conclusion. The Canadian court's decision has followed the footsteps of the US Supreme Court just last month and is not surprising. One wonders at this point who's going to come next as going to be some Europeans, Australia, New Zealand, it opens the Pandora's box and very untimely too in light of the recent decision by the Canadian government to ease the sanctions on Iran and call for stage by stage dialogue with the Iranian government to restore relations that were unilaterally cut off by the conservative Canadian government in 2012 followed by the infamous decision of revising the sovereign immunity law that allows the Canadian courts to come with these very horrible verdicts against Iran with unlawful seizure of Iranian assets. And so, this has complicating effects on the future of Iran-Canada relations and if the Canadian government really wants and it's genuine about restoring relations with Iran, it should do whatever it can to put a stop to these unlawful acts that are self-serving and so forth.

8. Federal contracting creating a 'gig economy'

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 06 11

Ottawa - The federal government's \$10-billion reliance on temporary workers and independent contractors is turning stable work in Canada's public service into a "gig economy" that will discourage the best of the millennial generation the Liberals want to attract, a new report on contracting says. The report by the Professional Institute of the Public Service, called Programmed to Fail, concludes outsourcing costs the government money, jobs, morale, productivity, accountability, jeopardizes the privacy of Canadians and puts it "at risk of employing a permanently precarious public service." "Who wants to work for the government to do dull transaction work? They want to be challenged," said PIPSC president Debi Daviau. "If you want loyal public servants out of this millennial generation, you have to

return to being a workplace of choice.” The government doesn’t consistently track or keep records on the number of contractors, temporary or term workers employed. It spends about \$10 billion annually on “outsourced services” with \$8 billion spent outside and the rest for services between departments. PIPSC conducted two surveys in 2015 to get a handle on the departments’ reliance on outsourcing. One survey was sent to all IT workers and another to all members in 60 departments and agencies. About 10,000 employees responded.

9. Close calls spur new plans for drones

Toronto Star, Bruce Campion-Smith, 2016 06 11

Toronto - Alarmed by close calls between drones and commercial aircraft, Transport Minister Marc Garneau on Monday will roll out proposed regulations to govern the use of drones and training for those who operate them, the Star has learned. Recognizing that drones come in many sizes, Transport Canada is looking at creating different categories of rules, depending on how much they weigh and how they will be used. Those categories will also dictate how much training a drone owner needs to operate the unmanned aerial vehicles. Garneau will lay out details of the proposed regulations during a news conference Monday morning at Ottawa International Airport, where he will be accompanied by pilot and airport representatives. Although rules are already in place for drone use, the growing popularity of the aerial devices is forcing regulators to go further in a bid to keep drones and aircraft safely separated in the skies. “While the number of drones in Canada continue to increase, so do the incidents of drones flying too close to airports and aircraft,” according to a background document prepared by the department on drone use.

10. Leaked docs show DND fire debris delays

The Ottawa Sun, David Pugliese, 2016 06 11

Ottawa - It will take up to four months to remove debris from a fire-damaged Defence Department building in Gatineau but in the meantime the federal government is scrounging for office furniture for public servants displaced by the blaze, according to a document leaked to Postmedia. The fire broke out in the Louis St. Laurent building April 21, forcing the shutdown of the facility and the need to find new offices for 1,800 Department of National Defence and Canadian Forces staff. Some 1,400 staff are now in offices across Ottawa and Gatineau, while another 400 continue to work from home. Accessing government files still left in the building at 555 Boul. de la Carrière has been a problem, according to the DND document. The fire started on the building's sixth floor. Part of the roof of the building caved in but the extent of the damage has not been released.

11. Journalist Mohamed Fahmy regains Egyptian citizenship

The Associated Press, 2016 06 11

Toronto - A Canadian journalist who spent almost two years jailed in Egypt said Friday that Egyptian authorities have restored the citizenship he renounced in order to win his release. Mohamed Fahmy, a former Al-Jazeera journalist released last year after receiving a pardon from Egypt's president, was a dual citizen but renounced his Egyptian citizenship late in 2014 after being asked to do as a condition of his release. He says he never wanted to do that. Fahmy was arrested in 2013 with two Al-Jazeera English colleagues. In a case that was widely condemned, he was sentenced to three years in prison in a retrial for airing what a court described as "false news" and coverage biased in favour of the now-banned Muslim Brotherhood. Fahmy said he called government officials and they confirmed he has his citizenship back. "I am thankful the mistake was corrected," he said. "I did not want to renounce it at the time but had no choice since I was incarcerated with a broken shoulder, watching my family suffer with illness and branded as a terrorist for a crime I did not commit. I am both a proud Egyptian and Canadian."

12. Interdiction de vol : les parents d'un enfant faussement ciblé se réjouissent des nouvelles mesures

Radio-Canada, 2016 06 11

Toronto - Les parents d'un garçon de 6 ans de la région de Toronto, dont le nom apparaît sur la liste d'interdiction de vol du Canada, se réjouissent de la création d'un nouveau bureau fédéral chargé d'aider les passagers victimes de fausses correspondances de noms. Le petit Syed Adam Ahmed voyageait avec son père, Sulemaan, en décembre dernier pour assister à la Classique hivernale de la LNH à Boston lorsque, selon ce dernier, un agent d'Air Canada leur a dit que le garçon apparaissait sur la liste d'interdiction de vol. Son nom, semble-t-il, est le même que celui d'un autre individu sur la liste. Les parents de l'enfant avaient dit à l'époque que ce n'était pas nouveau et qu'ils avaient des problèmes pour voyager avec leur fils depuis des années. Le nouveau Bureau des demandes de renseignements du Programme de protection des passagers (BDRPPP) travaillera de concert avec le gouvernement américain. Il permettra de mieux gérer les fausses correspondances de noms qui figurent sur la liste d'interdiction de vol du Canada. Selon le bureau du ministre de la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale, le système offrira éventuellement la possibilité aux voyageurs dont les noms ressemblent à ceux se trouvant sur la liste d'obtenir un numéro d'identification unique. Ils pourront utiliser ce numéro au moment d'acheter leurs billets afin d'éviter tout malentendu ou délai à l'aéroport. Les parents d'un garçon de 6 ans de la région de Toronto, dont le nom apparaît sur la liste d'interdiction de vol du Canada, se réjouissent de la création d'un nouveau bureau fédéral chargé d'aider les passagers victimes de fausses correspondances de noms.

13. New office to help shrink no-fly list

The Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 06 11

Ottawa - A new federal office will handle inquiries from travellers who run into problems at the airport due to aviation-security lists. The Passenger Protect Inquiries Office is a step toward creating a full homegrown redress system to better deal with false name matches on Canada's no-fly list, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale announced Friday. The redress system will eventually allow travellers whose names closely match those on the list to apply for a unique identification number, Goodale's office said. They could use this number at the time of ticket purchase to clear their name in advance and prevent delays. However, the government cautioned, putting this new system in place will require important regulatory and data-system changes - an overhaul that may take more than 18 months. Dozens of youngsters have recently experienced frustrating airport delays because their names appeared to match those on a security list, including Canadian-born Syed Adam Ahmed, who was on his way to the NHL Winter Classic in Boston with his father Sulemaan Ahmed on Dec. 31 to watch the Montreal Canadiens take on the Bruins New Year's Day when he was flagged by a no-fly list. Those who are forbidden to fly due to their confirmed presence on the Canadian Passenger Protect list already have a recourse procedure. But until now there has been no formal avenue for those who face difficulties due to list confusion and mismatches. The government says the new office will co-operate with the bilateral working group recently established by Canada and the United States to help sort out errors of identity. But Goodale said last month Canada needs "an entirely new database and information system" to fully solve the problem of people - including children - being delayed at airports.

14. Des témoignages concordants

La Presse, Isabelle Hachey, 2016 06 11

Montréal - Pressé de fournir les preuves des 140 libérations dont il se dit responsable, Steve Maman n'a jamais pu dresser qu'une liste fragmentaire de 24 femmes et enfants, tous yézidis, tous délivrés du «califat» au cours de l'année dernière. Nous en avons retrouvé 21. Ces rescapés du groupe armé État islamique (EI) étaient répartis dans cinq familles yézidies, réfugiées dans des camps et des villages de la

région de Dohuk, au Kurdistan irakien. Tous ont fait l'objet de vidéos produites par Steve Maman revendiquant leur libération. Tous ont confirmé qu'en réalité, le Montréalais n'avait pas pris part aux opérations de sauvetage, mais leur avait versé un soutien financier. Parmi eux, Nihad Barakat Shamo Alawsi, dont Steve Maman fait mention dans sa réplique. Son témoignage est relaté dans La Presse+.

15. Hope for the Arab world?

National Post, Robert Fulford, 2016 06 11

Column: The wave of protests that swept across the Middle East in 2011 was the first great international disappointment of this century. It began as the Arab Spring, a time of revolutionary hopes, but ended in a nightmare of chaos and violence. It overturned Egyptian and Libyan governments but the new rulers were no better than the old, sometimes worse. In Syria it ignited a long civil war that has killed hundreds of thousands and hasn't ended yet. It helped create the barbarities of the Islamic State, ISIL, instead of the civilized life that the armies of protest were seeking. Why did it fail so calamitously? Why do so many efforts by Arabs to better their society fail? Elie Mikhael Nasrallah thinks he knows why: the culture of the Arabs has developed over hundreds of years in a way that makes a viable modern society impossible. By "culture" he means the shared system of beliefs and customs that a people pass down from generation to generation. Driven by their culture, the Arab states have developed two contradictory qualities. They are turbulent and they are stagnant. He expands his answer in a remarkable book, *Hostage to History: The Cultural Collapse of the 21st Century Arab World* (Friesen Press). Nasrallah is a Lebanonborn Christian Arab who has lived in Canada since he came here with his parents in 1980. He works in Ottawa as an immigration consultant and often writes articles about the Arab world. He delivers his ideas with a refreshing bluntness, confident that his generalizations and his observations make sense. He knows the Arabs once were world leaders in science and literature; one millennium ago it appeared they had a far greater future than the Europeans. But today they are hobbled by ancient attitudes.

16. L'ex-Montréalaise qui dérange Pékin

La Presse, Frédéric Lelièvre, 2016 06 11

Hong Kong - Elle est une star pop cantonaise, elle milite pour défendre la démocratie à Hong Kong et, évidemment, elle dérange les autorités chinoises. Au point où, cette semaine, Pékin a fait pression pour annuler un de ses concerts. D'où vient cette passion de Denise Ho pour la liberté d'expression? Probablement de son adolescence montréalaise à l'époque du référendum de 1995, a-t-elle confié à notre collaborateur. Voilà une semaine que Denise Ho attend «non pas des excuses, mais une explication». La star hongkongaise de la cantopop défraye la chronique depuis que Lancôme a annulé un concert à Hong Kong au cours duquel elle devait se produire. Dimanche, dans un communiqué, le groupe français de cosmétique a justifié sa décision par des «raisons de sécurité». Or cette décision intervenait quelques heures après les critiques du *Global Times*, un des journaux porte-voix de Pékin, contre l'événement et les opinions politiques de la chanteuse. Lancôme est accusée d'avoir cédé pour sauver ses affaires en Chine continentale. L'Oréal, sa maison mère, a annoncé que la Chine était devenue son deuxième marché en importance. «Leur attitude est très décevante», peste Denise Ho dans un entretien avec *La Presse*. L'ancienne adolescente de Montréal avait commencé la conversation en français, teinté d'un net accent québécois. Mais pour ce sujet sensible, «[elle] trouve mieux [ses] mots en anglais», a-t-elle justifié. Dès le début de l'incident, «moi et mon manager avons offert notre aide, car ce n'est pas la première fois que je subis ce genre de pression de la part du gouvernement chinois. L'Oréal n'a toujours rien expliqué», regrette la chanteuse. Mercredi, à Times Square, haut lieu commerçant de l'ancienne colonie britannique, plusieurs dizaines de manifestants ont protesté devant le magasin Lancôme. «Où sont les valeurs de la France?», a hurlé Claudia Mo, députée du Parti civique. L'internet aussi s'est enflammé pour cette affaire. Une pétition de soutien lancée à Paris, avait récolté vendredi près de 70 000 signatures. Qualifiée de «poison» par le *Global Times*, Denise Ho est connue pour ses chansons, mais aussi pour ses prises de position politiques. À la fin de 2014, elle faisait partie des manifestants pro-démocratie arrêtés le dernier

des 79 jours du mouvement des parapluies. Autre sujet d'irritation à Pékin, elle a rencontré le mois dernier le dalaï-lama, que la Chine populaire décrit comme un séparatiste.

17. Liberals continue to downplay terror; won't call ISIS goals 'genocide'

Postmedia Network, Anthony Furey, 2016 06 11

Column: The Liberals aren't planning to vote in favour of a Conservative motion introduced in the House of Commons Thursday that condemns the Islamic State for genocide against Yazidis, Christians and Shia Muslims. Sadly, it's yet another indication of this government's soft approach to terror. Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion called the motion "crass politics." He argued genocide is a legal term that only the courts can apply -- even though some of our allies, including the United States, already use the term. Granted it's the Liberals who hold the majority and the Conservatives who are newly defeated. So it's not like whenever the opposition says jump the government ought to ask how high. They're well within their right to ignore opposition motions and bills. But it's not like supporting an across-the-aisle motion on foreign matters would be unprecedented. In February, Trudeau backed a Conservative motion condemning Canadians who want to boycott and sanction Israel. Trudeau needs to show firmer resolve on the terror file, to say the least.

18. Ottawa veut resserrer les règles sur les drones

Agence QMI, 2016 06 11

Ottawa - Le gouvernement fédéral veut se doter de la réglementation la plus avantgardiste au monde pour contrôler l'utilisation des drones, qu'ils soient utilisés à des fins professionnelles ou récréatives. Huit amendes ont été données depuis le début de l'année. En 2015, Transports Canada a effectué 97 enquêtes au sujet d'infractions potentielles impliquant des drones. Depuis le début de l'année, les autorités en ont déjà ouvert une trentaine, et huit amendes ont déjà été imposées. Pour réduire les risques liés à l'utilisation d'appareils sans pilote, Ottawa a l'intention de resserrer sa réglementation. Transports Canada entreprendra une vaste consultation, dans le but de présenter un règlement plus strict en juin 2017. Le fédéral travaillera sur trois fronts: la restriction selon l'âge de l'utilisateur, la formation obligatoire et l'enregistrement des appareils.

19. Mob violence, cutting-edge technology

The Globe and Mail, Tu Thanh Ha & Les Perreux, 2016 06 11

Montreal - The morning that Salvatore Montagna, one-time boss of the Bonanno crime family, was shot three times and died on a snowy river bank outside Montreal, his archenemy Raynald Desjardins was having breakfast elsewhere in town with his daughter and chatting about her wedding photo album. Shortly after the killing, Mr. Desjardins sent a terse BlackBerry message to his associate, Vittorio Mirarchi: "Done." "Perfect," came the reply. Police who were wiretapping Mr. Desjardins's mobile phones immediately suspected he was behind the 2011 murder. The next evening - Nov. 25, 2011 - an RCMP sergeant arrived outside Mr. Desjardins's house with a portable device that tracked cellular signals and tried to identify what other mobile phones were inside. It was part of a 16-month surveillance operation that led police to charge Mr. Desjardins and seven others in connection with the murder of Mr. Montagna. The suspects, who thought their BlackBerry messages were secure, did not realize the RCMP read their words as they plotted against their enemies.

20. Le combat de Nihad

La Presse, Isabelle Hachey, 2016 06 11

Dohuk, Irak - Nihad Barakat Shamo Alawsi ne supportait pas l'idée de porter l'enfant de son « maître », son violeur, son bourreau. Plusieurs fois, elle a tenté de provoquer une fausse couche. « J'ai pris des médicaments, j'ai transporté des poids très lourds. » En vain. À 16 ans, elle a mis au monde un enfant

qu'elle n'aimerait jamais, le fils d'un djihadiste. Nihad est l'une des rares victimes de l'EI à avoir le courage de raconter son histoire à visage découvert. Elle le fait pour que le monde ouvre les yeux sur la tragédie vécue par son peuple. Pour les 3800 femmes et enfants qui sont toujours captifs – vendus comme du bétail, tous les jours, au marché des esclaves. « Je veux dire au monde ce qui est arrivé aux yézidis. Je vais continuer à raconter mon histoire. » — Nihad Barakat Shamo Alawsi, ancienne esclave sexuelle de l'EI. Quand la Fondation AMAR l'a invitée à témoigner à Londres, en mars, Steve Maman a pourtant vu rouge. Nihad avait été sauvée par CYCI, soutenait-il, mais ni la Fondation AMAR ni les médias britanniques n'en faisaient mention. « Bien que son histoire soit tragique, il est tout aussi tragique de détourner une histoire et de ne pas donner le crédit à l'équipe de sauvetage », a-t-il dénoncé sur Facebook. Steve Maman a accusé d'antisémitisme les journalistes qui avaient mené des interviews avec Nihad à Londres. La Fondation AMAR était selon lui non seulement « corrompue », mais avait « profité d'une fille de 16 ans », l'avait « détruite », « manipulée » et « tenue éloignée de la personne qui l'a sauvée d'une mort certaine ». La Fondation AMAR n'a pourtant jamais prétendu avoir libéré Nihad, souligne sa présidente, la baronne Emma Nicholson de Winterbourne. En revanche, Steve Maman n'a pas davantage sauvé Nihad d'une « mort certaine ».

21. On guard for NATO

National Post, 2016 06 11

Editorial: Canada has been asked to contribute up to 1,000 troops to a new force in eastern Europe as a warning that the NATO alliance will not tolerate any aggression against western allies by Russian President Vladimir Putin. The U.S., Britain and Germany have each promised 1,000 troops; Canada would be the fourth partner. This should be the easiest of decisions. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberals campaigned on a platform that pledged renewed emphasis on peacekeeping over the Conservative government's perceived taste for combat. It would be difficult to find a mission more fundamental to Canadian interests than keeping the peace in Europe, where Putin's Russia has demonstrated an inclination to drag relations back to the dark, dangerous days of the Cold War. Putin's seizure of Crimea, his support of fighting in Ukraine, his intervention in the Syrian conflict, and a number of close encounters between western forces and Russian ships and jets are all symptomatic of Moscow's growing adventurism. Bloomberg News reported this week that the rebound in oil prices has provided a financial windfall to Moscow, which Putin has devoted mainly to a military buildup, as he seeks to establish a bristling wall of soldiers and weaponry from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

22. Middle East deserves attention

The Kingston Whig, Louis A. Delvoie, 2016 06 11

Comment: Until the Second World War, Canada had virtually no substantive or sustained contacts with the Middle East, and this despite the fact that much of the region was under the colonial rule of Canada's two mother countries: Britain and France. In the decades following the war, Canada began to take an interest in the region, but it was a relatively slow process. Over time, five thrusts became discernible in the Canadian government's approach to the Middle East. The first thrust concerned the creation of the State of Israel. Canadians and their government were horrified by what had happened to the Jews of Europe at the hands of the Nazis. Although six million had been killed, there remained a substantial number who wanted to find refuge and a future in a Jewish State to be established in the Middle East. The Canadian government appointed Justice Ivan Rand of the Supreme Court to be its representative on the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine. On that committee, Rand became one of the strongest proponents of a partition plan that led to the creation of Israel. Once Israel came into existence, the Canadian government became one of the strongest defenders of its right to exist within secure and recognized borders. That remains to this day a cornerstone of Canadian foreign policy. Another, essentially humanitarian, thrust in Canadian policy was also linked to the establishment of Israel. In the course of the conflict leading up to the proclamation of the Jewish state, hundreds of thousands of

Palestinian Arabs either fled or were forced out of their homes and lands. They found themselves living as refugees in squalid camps in neighbouring countries. To deal with this humanitarian catastrophe, the United Nations created a special body: the UN Refugee and Works Agency for Palestine (UNRWA). From the start, the Canadian government became one of the main financial backers of UNRWA, and over time has contributed hundreds of million dollars to it. The humanitarian dimensions of Canadian policy also became evident in the welcome accorded to refugees fleeing turmoil in Lebanon and Iran, and most recently to refugees from the vicious civil war in Syria. Finally, the Canadian government also began to view the Middle East as a useful source of immigrants to Canada. A number of countries, such as Morocco, Egypt, Lebanon and Iran, had a surplus of educated graduates and business people interested in moving abroad. The Canadian government tapped into this pool by opening up a number of immigration offices in the region. Now the number of Middle Eastern immigrants was never particularly large. The 2006 census indicated that there were some 200,000 people of Arab origin and some 125,000 people of Iranian origin living in Canada. These numbers pale in comparison with those for Chinese and Indian immigrants, but the Canadian government continues to see merit in promoting immigration from the Middle East. (Note: Louis A. Delvoie is a Fellow in the Centre for International and Defence Policy at Queen's University.)

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23. Obama Loosens Restrictions on U.S. Forces Fighting Taliban in Afghanistan

The New York Times, Matthew Rosenberg, 2016 06 11

Washington - As the United States braces for an especially bloody summer fighting season in Afghanistan, President Obama inched closer this week to allowing American forces to once again directly battle the Taliban, loosening restrictions on airstrikes and on ground combat in support of Afghan forces, the administration said on Friday. The president's decision to expand the military's mission just seven months before he leaves office signaled just how far the United States remains from achieving his goal of ending the American military role in Afghanistan. Under the new rules, airstrikes will no longer have to be justified as necessary to defend American troops. United States commanders will now be allowed to use air power against the Taliban when they see fit, Pentagon and administration officials said. American forces will also be permitted to accompany regular Afghan troops into combat against the Taliban. The guidelines reflect what has been apparent for months: American troops, primarily Special Operations forces, have continued to actively fight the Taliban since the declared end of the American combat mission in 2014.

24. Ban Ki-moon's Thankless Position

The New York Times, 2016 06 11

Editorial: It is distressing, but not surprising, that the United Nations secretary general, Ban Ki-moon, succumbed to pressure from Saudi Arabia to erase a Saudi-led military coalition in Yemen from a list of armies that kill and maim children. What is surprising is that Mr. Ban made the incident public and declared that the sort of pressure he came under was unacceptable. He was right to do so: Saudi Arabia stands doubly named and shamed -- for supporting a coalition that contributed to most of the deaths and injuries to children in Yemen last year and for leaning on Mr. Ban by threatening to withhold financing from humanitarian operations in the Palestinian territories, South Sudan and Syria. For many people, the affair will not come as a shock. The United Nations has developed an unenviable reputation over the years for hypocrisy in its approach to human rights. The United Nations Human Rights Council is famous for the human-rights violators who have figured among its rotating membership, which currently includes Saudi Arabia.

25. U.S.-backed fighters cut off ISIS route

The Washington Post, Karen DeYoung, 2016 06 11

Washington - U.S.-backed Syrian fighters, aided by relentless American airstrikes over the past week, have surrounded a key city held by the Islamic State in northwestern Syria, blocking escape routes and militant access to their headquarters in Raqqa, President Obama's chief liaison to the anti-Islamic State coalition said Friday. Envoy Brett McGurk said the operation to surround the city of Manbij, astride the only remaining access road to Turkey, has been "one of the most complex military maneuvers we've seen in some time." Once the city is taken, he said, "it will entirely cut off [the Islamic State's] ability to move from Raqqa and threaten us." He noted that planning and personnel for the recent terrorist bombings in Brussels and Paris had come from Raqqa, through Manbij. In a largely upbeat briefing to White House reporters on "a lot of progress" against militants in both Syria and Iraq, McGurk did not mention setbacks to hopes for a political resolution of Syria's separate civil war, which the Obama administration has said is crucial to winning the fight against the Islamic State. The two conflicts have increasingly overlapped, both politically and geographically, in a relatively small area of real estate north of Aleppo, Syria's largest city. Manbij lies just 50 air miles northeast of Aleppo, where Syrian government forces, aided by Russia and Iran, are engaged in fast-escalating air and ground attacks against U.S.- and coalition-backed rebel groups seeking to oust Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

26. U.S. citizen helped arm Syrian rebels

The Washington Post, Rachel Weiner, 2016 06 11

Washington - Amin al-Baroudi came to the United States two decades ago to escape chaos in Syria. He had survived a 1982 massacre in his home town of Hama that left tens of thousands dead, then became a refugee in Saudi Arabia. Baroudi wanted to raise his children in the safety of the United States; he settled in Irvine, Calif., as an IT specialist and became a citizen. But when horror returned to Syria, Baroudi decided he could not ignore it. From 2011 to 2013, he illegally helped smuggle tactical supplies to rebels fighting President Bashar al-Assad, the son of the man who ordered the Hama attack. Baroudi, 50, appeared Friday in federal court in Virginia and was sentenced to two years in prison for his efforts. "Through this experience, I learned that there's no right way to do the wrong thing," he said in a statement read by his attorney. "I simply pray for my old country." Baroudi, who also goes by Abu al-Jud, pleaded guilty in January to conspiring to export U.S.-origin goods to Syria in violation of federal sanctions. Baroudi's lawyer, Anthony Capozzolo, said in court that his client's "intentions were essentially noble although essentially misguided." He said Baroudi was trying to prevent civilian deaths and had no sympathy for terrorist groups.

27. How to Run a Russian Hacking Ring

The Atlantic, Kaveh Waddell, 2015 06 11

Analysis: A man with intense eyes crouches over a laptop in a darkened room, his face and hands hidden by a black ski mask and gloves. The scene is lit only by the computer screen's eerie glow. Exaggerated portraits of malicious hackers just like this keep popping up in movies and TV, despite the best efforts of shows like Mr. Robot to depict hackers in a more realistic way. Add a cacophony of news about data breaches that have shaken the U.S. government, taken entire hospital systems hostage, and defrauded the international banking system, and hackers start to sound like omnipotent super-villains. But the reality is, as usual, less dramatic. While some of the largest cyberattacks have been the work of state-sponsored hackers—the OPM data breach that affected millions of Americans last year, for example, or the Sony hack that revealed Hollywood's intimate secrets—the vast majority of the world's quotidian digital malice comes from garden-variety hackers. And for many of those cybercriminals, hacking is as unglamorous as any other business. That's what a group of security researchers found when they

infiltrated a ring of hackers based in Russia earlier this year, and monitored its dealings over the course of five months.

28. Hillary's under-probe emails focused on drone hits in Pakistan

The Nation, Staff Writer, 2016 06 11

Washington - A series of emails between American diplomats in Pakistan and Washington over drone strikes are the focus of the criminal probe involving presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's handling of classified information, according to a report Thursday by The Wall Street Journal. The emails in 2011 and 2012 were sent through a "computer system for unclassified matters" that gave the State Department input into whether a Central Intelligence Agency drone strike went forward, congressional and law enforcement officials briefed on the FBI probe told the Journal. Some of those emails were then sent by then-Secretary of State Clinton's aides to her personal email account and private server, officials told the Journal. The vaguely worded messages, however, didn't mention the CIA, drones or details about the targets, the Journal reported. The emails were written within the often-narrow timeframe in which State Department officials had to decide whether or not to object to drone strikes before the CIA pulled the trigger, officials told the newspaper.

29. U.S. Friendly Fire Kills Syrian Allies

The Wall Street Journal, Gordon Lubold & Adam Entous, 2016 06 11

Washington - The U.S. military bombed a Syrian rebel unit it had trained and equipped in a friendly-fire incident in late May, prompting an internal investigation and raising questions about renewed Pentagon efforts to build local forces to battle Islamic State. The military didn't disclose the incident until asked about it by The Wall Street Journal. It is the most serious setback to date for the Pentagon's recent efforts to work with Sunni Arab forces in northern Syria. The Pentagon said it conducted a series of airstrikes in and around the Syrian town of Ma'ra on May 27 and May 28. The Pentagon-backed Mutasim Brigade said one of the airstrikes hit the brigade. A statement issued by the U.S. military at the time said three strikes were carried out near Ma'ra that "struck two separate ISIL tactical units and destroyed two ISIL tactical vehicles and an ISIL vehicle," using the Pentagon's preferred acronym for Islamic State. But leaders with the brigade in interviews said a U.S. airstrike hit brigade members while they were fighting Islamic State militants. Mustafa Sejry, the head of Mutasim's political office, said 10 of the brigade's fighters were killed in the U.S. strike. A spokesman for the U.S. military's Central Command acknowledged the incident, saying in a written statement that the U.S. military had launched an investigation.

30. US urges Pakistan, India to pursue closer ties on security front|

Agence France Presse, 2016 06 11

Washington - Pakistan and India need to pursue closer relations on security front to counter threat of terrorism, a US State Department spokesman said, stressing that the United States need to seek closer ties between both countries. "There's no zero-sum game here," Spokesman Mark Toner told a regular briefing at the State Department on Saturday, responding to a question about the recent remarks by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi he made during his 3-day visit to Washington this week. Asked to comment on mention of cross-border terrorism during Modi's address to the US Congress, the spokesman refused to say what his intended audience was, but added that there was no zero-sum game here. "We need to pursue closer relations with India, with Pakistan, and they need to also pursue closer relations on the security front, certainly, with each other," the spokesman said and added that such relationship would benefit all in the face of continuing serious terrorist threats. "We all need to work in a concerted and coordinated fashion to address it, and we're trying to do so," he added.

31. Snowden Emails Reveal the NSA Used Notoriously Insecure Microsoft Word Macros Motherboard Blog, Marcy Wheeler, 2016 06 11

Washington - At the heart of the NSA's intelligence reporting process are—or at least were, in 2012—some templates using Microsoft Word macros. That's one of the unbelievable details revealed in a series of Edward Snowden's emails to NSA's SIGINT Oversight and Compliance Division released to VICE News in response to a FOIA request. The revelation comes amid renewed focus in the security community on hackers' uses of Microsoft macros as a vector to launch malware. In August 2012, compliance personnel in NSA's Fort Meade headquarters had a problem. As part of NSA's oversight of the use of congressionally-authorized spying authorities under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, Department of Justice and NSA compliance personnel review the intelligence reports written by analysts to ensure they meet legal guidelines, including ensuring that analysts only targeted appropriate people and masked the identities of any Americans in the reports. But because of new security compartmentalization implemented on its network in Hawaii, personnel in NSA's headquarters stopped being able to open the files sent by the Hawaii location. "The problem comes up when we send files to [NSA Washington] for legal review," said a Hawaii-based employee when requesting tech support, after having had a critical help ticket sit without response for a week. "NSAW cannot read the files that we send them. Since those files need to be accessible by Dept of Justice, we have a legal issue here."

32. Women in the Islamic State Aren't Just 'Jihadi Brides' — They're Crucial For Recruitment Vice News, Tamara Khandaker, 2016 06 11

Washington - Contrary to popular belief, pro-Islamic State women serve as more than just "jihadi brides," according to a new study that argues their online activities and influence make them crucial to the organization's survival. The report, titled Women's connectivity in extreme networks and published on Friday in the journal Science Advances, also makes the case for why engaging these women should be adopted as a counter-terrorism strategy. The study compares data from pro-ISIS' accounts online to the offline activities of women linked to the Provisional Irish Republican Army between 1970 and 1998 and concludes that regardless of the method of communication, women in extremist networks have "superior network connectivity" to men. While men dominated in numbers, the study found that women had "superior network connectivity at the collective level," passing along recruitment messages, files, prayers, video and audio propaganda, connecting distant parts of the network and channeling funds, making them essential to the survival and "robustness" of the whole system. Using the Russian social networking website VK, which has about 360 million users and has been a hotspot for extremist users — but which tends to be relatively slow at shutting down pro-IS groups and accounts — the researchers, with the help of a Russian subject matter expert, used hashtags, like #ISIS, #dawla (meaning "state") and #caliphate in multiple languages to find groups that explicitly supported ISIS in their posts, and from there, tracked down individual members.

33. Les femmes de Daesh Science Advances, Mathieu Perreault, 2016 06 11

Analyse: Contrairement à l'idée répandue, les femmes jouent un rôle crucial dans les groupes terroristes comme l'État islamique (EI), selon une nouvelle étude américaine. Elles font le lien entre les différentes cellules de ces groupes, ce qui leur donne une importance cruciale, même si elles sont beaucoup moins nombreuses que les hommes, ont calculé des chercheurs de l'Université de Miami. «Plus un forum internet sympathique à l'EI comprend de femmes, plus ce groupe a de chances d'être prolifique et durable», affirme Stefan Wuchty, informaticien spécialiste des groupes sociaux de l'Université de Miami, qui a travaillé avec des collègues de Miami, de Harvard et du Collège universitaire de Londres. «Cela contredit l'image qu'on a généralement de ces militantes, qui sont généralement décrites comme ayant été "attirées" par l'EI, alors que les hommes sont appelés "recrutés". Les femmes ont beaucoup plus de

contacts que les hommes avec d'autres militants et sympathisants.» La proportion de femmes peut faire doubler l'activité d'un compte favorable à l'EI. La surveillance policière accrue dont les hommes font l'objet peut expliquer en partie l'importance des femmes comme liens entre les différentes cellules des groupes terroristes, Stefan Wuchty, qui est l'auteur principal de l'étude publiée dans la revue Science Advances. La croyance que les femmes sont moins susceptibles d'être interrogées de manière musclée par les policiers peut aussi jouer un rôle. Ce phénomène sur internet a des précédents dans le monde réel: durant la Seconde Guerre mondiale, des femmes jouaient souvent le rôle de courrier ou transportaient des armes pour la Résistance française.

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34. Man is jailed over 'terror find' at home

The Daily Mirror, Ashleigh McDonald, 2016 06 11

London – A man caught with a timer power unit in his house was handed a five-year sentence yesterday. Keith McConnan was told he will spend half in custody with the rest on supervised licence - and he is set to get out within the week due to time served on remand. The 21-year-old, originally from Dundalk, Co Louth, was arrested in December 2013 after police searched his rented bungalow just over the border in Forkhill, Co Armagh. Officers found a number of items including crushed ammonium nitrate fertiliser. Last month McConnan, who originally faced nine charges at trial late last year, was found guilty of two and cleared of the other charges.

35. Tehran urged to release British-Iranian charity worker

Agence France Presse, 2016 06 11

London - The husband of an Iranian-British charity worker who has been held without charge in Iran since April on Friday called for her release at a rally outside the Iranian embassy in London. Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, 37, was arrested at Tehran airport on April 3 as she prepared to return to Britain with the couple's daughter Gabriella after visiting family in Iran, Richard Ratcliffe told AFP. Gabriella, who turns two on Saturday, was born in Britain and has a British passport, which was confiscated by the Iranian authorities, leaving her stranded with her grandparents in Iran. His wife, who spent the first 45 days in solitary confinement, was later transferred to Karman prison, 1,000 kilometers (621 miles) from Tehran, although Ratcliffe said the family had not received "any news since Sunday."

36. Minister warns of 'likely' Euro terror attack

The Daily Telegraph, Henry Samuel, 2016 06 11

London – Michael Fallon, the Defence Secretary, has warned English football fans travelling to France for the European Championships they face a "likely" terrorist attack. Mr Fallon urged supporters to be "very careful" because the French stadiums being used for Euro 2016 have been targeted before and may be again. On the eve of England's opening match against Russia today, the Cabinet minister disclosed that British security services had offered their French counterparts intelligence on threats in the run up to the tournament. "Fans should be very careful - the risk and the threat level is severe," Mr Fallon told reporters. "Stadiums are an obvious target as we have already seen with the Stade De France. Be very vigilant, an attack is likely." The Defence Secretary issued his warning as England prepared for their opening clash with Russia in Marseille today, while Wales, in their first ever European Championship finals match, take on Slovakia. Northern Ireland are due to play Poland tomorrow. The tournament is taking place amid an unprecedented security operation after a series of jihadist attacks in France over the past 18 months. Last November, three suicide bombers attacked the Stade de France in northern Paris, during a night of terror across the city that left 130 people dead and hundreds more injured.

37. German Domestic Intel Chief Accuses Snowden of Working for Russia

Sputnik News Service, 2016 06 11

Berlin - German domestic intelligence chief Hans-Georg Maassen suggested that US National Security Agency's ex-contractor Edward Snowden was a Russian spy, the German parliament said in a Friday press release. Snowden, who is residing in Russia, provided UK media with top secret NSA files in 2013 revealing that the online spy agency was covertly sifting through communications of millions in the United States and abroad. "Snowden seems to have plundered the NSA like no one else ever plundered a US intelligence agency before," Maassen speculated during a closed parliament hearing on Thursday. The German domestic security official went as far as to claim that the 32-year-old whistleblower could have been a "turncloak or a double agent" whom Moscow used in its "hybrid warfare" against the West. Maassen said Snowden's revelations, which include papers showing how the NSA had intercepted communications of German security agencies, had driven a wedge between Washington and its key allies in Berlin.

38. UK must investigate MI5 role in massacre?

London Times, Aaron Rogan, 2016 06 11

London - The British government should investigate any potential role that MI5 had in the murders of six men by loyalist gunmen, a victim support group and a British MP have said. Margaret Ritchie, SDLP MP for South Down, said that she would table a question to David Cameron on Monday asking for an investigation into the role that Britain's domestic counter-intelligence agency had in the Loughinisland massacre. Ms Ritchie said: "Given that this was during a period of direct rule here the British government has questions to answer about what exactly was going on." Adrian Rogan, 34, Daniel McCreanor, 59, Eamon Byrne, 39, Patrick O'Hare, 35, Barney Green, 87, and Malcolm Jenkinson, 53, were killed and five other men were injured when two gunmen burst into The Heights Bar in Loughinisland, Co Down, on June 18, 1994, and fired at customers watching the Republic of Ireland play Italy in a World Cup match. A report by Michael Maguire, Northern Ireland's police ombudsman, found that police "collusion was a significant feature in the Loughinisland murders". He said that some Special Branch officers had a "hear no evil, speak no evil, see no evil" mindset that placed the collection of information above the detection of crime.

39. Ex-MI6 officer will not face charges over Libyan renditions

The Guardian, Owen Bowcott & Ian Cobain, 2016 06 11

London - The former senior MI6 officer Sir Mark Allen will not face charges over the rendition and torture of two Libyan dissidents after the Crown Prosecution Service decided there was insufficient evidence to proceed. But prosecutors concluded he had been in contact with countries that detained Abdel Hakim Belhaj and Sami al-Saadi in 2004 as they were transferred back to Colonel Gaddafi's Libya and had "sought political authority for some of his actions". Following a four-year investigation by Scotland Yard, which gathered nearly 30,000 pages of evidences, the CPS has confirmed that it did not believe there were grounds for launching legal action against "the suspect" described only as a public official. Sue Hemming, the head of the CPS's special crime and counter-terrorism division, said: "Following a thorough investigation, the CPS has decided that there is insufficient evidence to charge the suspect with any criminal offence. "We made our decision based upon all the available admissible evidence and after weighing up all of the information we have been provided with." There had been speculation that the former foreign secretary Jack Straw could face charges. That prospect now seems to have disappeared.

40. Police chief vows to exhaust all avenues in Stakeknife investigation

Belfast Telegraph, Deborah McAleese, 2016 06 11

London - An English police chief tasked with investigating more than 50 murders linked to the Army's

notorious IRA agent Stakeknife has pledged to leave no stone unturned in his quest for the truth. Bedfordshire Police Chief Constable Jon Butcher agreed to take on the independent investigation of the high-ranking mole who led the terror group's internal security unit while in the employ of the State. The informant, codenamed Stakeknife, has been linked to more than 50 killings carried out during the 1980s and 1990s. The activities of the agent's handlers and others within the Army, MI5 and RUC Special Branch, are to be included in the probe, with investigators looking for evidence of potential crimes. A team of 50 to 70 detectives will be involved in the inquiry, which is expected to last at least five years and cost more than £30m. The bill will be paid from the PSNI's budget. No current or former members of the RUC, PSNI, Ministry of Defence or MI5 will help carry out the investigation. The PSNI indicated that it would "not seek to direct or control, or in any way interfere" with the inquiry. Chief Constable George Hamilton said this decision "contributes towards community confidence and reduces the impact on the PSNI's ability to provide a policing service today".

41. Politics and Power

Daily Mail, Peter Osborne, 2016 06 11

Analysis: Most of what the British intelligence services does is secret. The world rarely learns about the bomb that does not go off. The plot that is foiled. Or the lives that are saved. By the same token, it is normally mistakes that are made public. The traitor who defects. The terrorist who gets through. The lapse in security. I do not question for a moment that the vast majority of intelligence officers are honourable men and women with many unsung achievements to their credit. But here I will argue that something has gone badly wrong with MI6, the service which spies for Britain overseas. The first problem concerns the Iraq war. There is a massive body of evidence — all of which has been seen by the Chilcot Inquiry, whose report will be published on July 6 — that MI6 lost its bearings as the invasion of Iraq approached in the early spring of 2003. We can see in retrospect that MI6 did not have a clue what was going on. The quality of its intelligence was so poor that one of its key claims — namely that Saddam Hussein was ready to attack British bases with his supposed weapons of mass destruction within 45 minutes — was such complete rubbish it subsequently needed to be officially withdrawn. To be fair, MI6 did not fabricate evidence about Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction, as some have claimed. However, it allowed Tony Blair to get away with making a series of confident statements about their existence, which bore little or no relation to the underlying intelligence.

Americas

Nil

Australia –Australie/New Zealand - Nouvelle-Zélande

42. Terror fight's new frontier in valley of death

Courier Mail, Charles Miranda, 2016 06 11

Canberra - The posters along the Lebanese highway running along the Syrian frontier are emblazoned with keywords such as "sacrifice", "duty" and "dignity" and splashed with images of assault rifles and the cedar tree emblem of Lebanon. For the young soldiers travelling in columns of armoured personnel carriers and American-made Humvees they are stirring reminders of what is expected as they enter the restive Bekaa Valley along the Syrian border. It is in this corridor that Lebanon's armed forces and Hezbollah militia are battling a phantom war with coalitions of jihadists, notably ISIS and Jabhat al-Nusra, now threatening to evolve into full-scale conflict as the terror groups lose ground in Syria and Iraq and look to open new fronts. But it is also here Lebanese authorities say they are encountering as many

terrorists coming into the valley from Syria as they are from those within Lebanon. These include Australian dual passport holders looking to join the phantom menace. Figures are hard to come by but one of the Lebanese Army's top ranking officials is adamant foreign nationals, notably British and Australians, are joining a new ISIS front. It's now seen as easier for foreigners to take up the cause in Lebanon than to try to cross into Syria or Iraq.

Asia -Asie

43. Uygurs not radical Muslims: ex-minister

South China Morning Post, Choi Chi-yuk, 2016 06 11

Beijing - Wang Meng, a former culture minister who spent 15 years in the restive northwestern region of Xinjiang (新疆) during the Cultural Revolution, has offered up praise for the millions of Uygurs living in the area, saying they are kind and friendly - and that the majority are tarred by the actions of a few radicals. The region has seen a string of violent attacks in recent years which Beijing blames on religious extremists and separatists seeking an independent homeland. But overseas Uygur rights groups have chafed at what they say is economic and political discrimination by the ethnic majority Han. Wang, a popular writer, told the South China Morning Post during a Hong Kong visit yesterday he sensed the national political mood was changing when he was teaching at a college in Beijing in 1963, three years before the outbreak of the 10-year Cultural Revolution. Wang, 81, who can speak the Turkic language of the Uygurs, said he made a crucial decision and moved to Ghulja in Xinjiang with his family. Wang returned to Beijing in 1978, after the upheaval ended, and was named minister in June 1986. But he followed the region's issues and visited at least once a year. Wang said Xinjiang's Uygurs were not radical Muslims: "When you go to Arab countries or Iran, drinking wine is strictly prohibited, but many Muslims in Xinjiang do take spirits." Some Uygurs in Xinjiang were born traders, he said. "Kazakhs crack jokes with the Uygurs that the latter would sell the stuff in his or her left pocket to the one on their right side."

44. Islamic State 'likely to strike region in summer'

South China Morning Post, Zhen Liu, 2016 06 11

Beijing - Indicators show terrorists are likely to strike Southeast Asia's tourist attractions this summer, security experts have warned. Recent developments concerning Islamic State (IS) across Asia suggested the group had recruited locally and was likely to carry out a major strike, said Alex Bomberg, group chief of Intelligent Protection International, part of Intelligent (UK Holdings). IS had developed localised - organisations and operations in Southeast Asia and was active in the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and Bangladesh. Fighters recruited from Asia to fight in Syria and Iraq were starting also to return home, as IS was facing defeat in the Middle East. "I think they are ready to do something in Asia. I think it's going to happen very soon," Bomberg said. I think they are ready to do something in Asia.

45. Pyongyang claims S. Korea tried to abduct fishing boats

Yonhap English News, 2016 06 11

Seoul - North Korea said Saturday Seoul had "captured" its fishing boats that crossed the inter-Korean sea border earlier this week, adding that South Korea also tried to abduct its fishermen. On Wednesday, a North Korean fishing vessel was sent back home after it accidentally crossed the border. The vessel was reported by a South Korean fishing boat some 21 kilometers south of the Northern Limit Line, the de facto maritime border, in the East Sea. The boat and its crew were expelled by the South Korean authorities back to the North after a short time. Only one North Korean boat was spotted by the military. "Though the fishermen notified them repeatedly that their boats were returning to their port after a fishing operation, the puppet forces attempted to abduct the fishermen at any cost," said the Korean Central News Agency in an English dispatch monitored in Seoul.

46. Indonesian to set up agency to check cyber attacks

BBC Monitoring Asia Pacific, 2016 06 11

Jakarta - Lacking adequate cyber security, Indonesia is in a state of emergency following increasing incidents of cyber attacks mostly from within the country. Indonesia is ranked second among countries where cyber attacks are launched and is the most prone to them, according to the office of the coordinating minister for political, legal and security affairs. Last year, the country had witnessed a fourfold increase in cybercrimes from 2014. Cyber attacks in Indonesia rose 33 per cent in 2015 compared to the previous year, Coordinating Political, Legal and Security Affairs Minister Luhut B. Pandjaitan stated recently. In 2013, the quarterly State of the Internet Report by Akamai Technologies revealed that Indonesia had seen a massive increase in the number of cybercrimes and hacking attacks, so much so that Indonesia had pushed China out of the top spot for the Q2 2013 period. Prevalence of cybercrimes and hacking in Indonesia was partially attributed to its lack of laws governing such crimes, the report said.

47. Combating terrorism : 'Muslim bloc needed to counter US-India nexus'

The Express Tribune, 2016 06 11

Mumbai - Several religious and sectarian groups set aside their differences on Friday to protest the US drone strike in Balochistan. Scores of protest demonstrations were organised in various areas of south Punjab after Friday prayers. Dozens of protesters joined demonstrations called by Pakistan Difa Council, Majlis Wahdatul Muslimeen, Jamiat Ulema Islam-Fazl (JUI-F), Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat, Jamiat Ulema Islam-Sami (JUI-S) and Jamaat-i-Islami. Protests were held in Multan, Khanewal, Bahawalangar, Rahim Yar Khan and Bhakkar. In Multan, hundreds of activists of Pakistan Difa Council and the Majlis Wahdatul Muslimeen staged a demonstration and burnt the US flag at Gulshan Market. The participants chanted slogans against the United States. They said the United States government was sheltering Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) chief Mullah Fazlullah in connivance with the Indian consulate general in Afghanistan. The protesters were led by Allama Iqtidar Hussain Naqvi. Addressing the protesters, he said US drone strikes violated Pakistan's territorial sovereignty.

Eastern Europe – Europe de l'Est

48. A Russian Cybersleuth Battles the 'Dark Ages' of the Internet

The New York Times, Neil MacFarquhar, 2016 06 11

Moscow - A sense of menace stirs right off the elevator on the fifth floor of Kaspersky Lab's Moscow headquarters, where a small television screen displays cyberthreats occurring in real time around the world -- a blinking, spinning, color-coded globe brimming with suspicious emails, malware and evil botnets that could be infecting a computer near you. That feeling of unease intensifies when Eugene V. Kaspersky -- the stocky, garrulous, 50-year-old founder and chief executive of the global computer security company -- begins to catalog possible threats: The computerized elevator you just left is vulnerable to cyberattacks, as are your smartphone and smartcar. Your bank, without question. Your electricity and water supplies could be at risk. Cybercriminals grow smarter, bolder and more elusive every year. "We are living in the middle cyberage, the dark ages of cyber," said Mr. Kaspersky, whose modest corner office with glass walls overlooks a stretch of canal and a boat club. He has longish salt-and-pepper hair, a trim beard and a ruddy, tanned complexion. "Right now, it is more functionality, more technology, more services, but not enough security." Kaspersky Lab is most famous for being the home of the brainy geek squad that exposed Stuxnet and Flame, the American-Israeli cyberweapons that disrupted Iran's nuclear program.

49. Vigilantes Patrol Where Few Migrants Set Foot

The New York Times, Boryana Dzhambazova, 2016 06 11

Bratislava, The People's Party-Our Slovakia, after months of stirring up fears about foreigners and Muslim migrants, decided to take action: This spring, the group's leader proudly stood in front of the main railway station in Zvolen, Slovakia, and announced that a new group of volunteers would begin patrolling passenger trains to keep the "decent citizens" of Slovakia safe from criminals and minorities. Never mind that vanishingly few of the hundreds of thousands of migrants who have reached Europe over the last year ever set foot in the Central European nation, or that only 10 people last year became crime victims on a Slovakian train system patrolled by 600 railway police officers. The xenophobic Slovakian group has been one of a wave of such extremist organizations across Central and Eastern Europe that have seized on last year's influx of migrants through Europe to advance their agenda and build popular support. In some cases, the vigilante groups have taken to patrolling borders, streets and other public places to defend against what they portray as a menacing incursion of asylum seekers, many of them Muslims from Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and other poor, war-torn nations. "The original cultures of Europe are threatened by some idiots from the desert," said Marian Magat, the leader of Vzдор Kysuce, another far-right group in Slovakia, which has actually seen few migrants pass through its borders and fewer seek to settle. In Hungary, which saw nearly 400,000 asylum seekers pass through its borders last year en route to Germany and other more welcoming destinations, Istvan Matyas Vass, a retired artist and former parliamentarian has, since July, led a group called the Hunyadi Border-Guard Unit.

Africa – Afrique

50. Libye: les forces anti-EI avancent rapidement à Syrte

Agence France Presse, 2016 06 11

Tripoli - Les forces progouvernementales libyennes ont progressé rapidement dans leur offensive à Syrte contre le groupe Etat islamique (EI) en s'emparant du port et de plusieurs quartiers ces dernières 24 heures malgré la résistance des jihadistes qui défendent leur fief en Libye. Au lendemain de violents combats de rue, de raids aériens et de tirs à l'artillerie lourde, les violences ont nettement baissé d'intensité samedi entre les forces fidèles au gouvernement d'union nationale (GNA) soutenu par la communauté internationale et les jihadistes qui contrôlent Syrte (centre-nord) depuis juin 2015. L'offensive pour déloger l'EI de Syrte a été lancée le 12 mai par les forces du GNA, qui, avant de parvenir à Syrte, ont repris sur leur chemin d'autres localités et installations aux mains des jihadistes. Ces derniers se sont implantés en Libye fin 2014 en profitant du chaos politique et sécuritaire qui règne dans ce pays. « Nos forces ont donné l'assaut au port, l'ont repris et s'y sont installées » tard vendredi après de violents combats, a déclaré à l'AFP Reda Issa, un responsable du bureau d'informations des pro-GNA. Elles se sont aussi emparées de plusieurs quartiers résidentiels de l'est de cette ville, a ajouté M. Issa, qui a fait état de 11 morts et de 45 blessés dans les rangs des pro-GNA vendredi, la plupart touchés par des balles de francs-tireurs de l'EI postés sur les toits des bâtiments.

51. Libyan forces 'retake Sirte port from IS militants'

Agence France Presse, 2016 06 11

Tripoli - Forces loyal to the unity government in Tripoli fought street battles with IS to take Sirte's port back. Libyan forces say they have retaken control of the port in the city of Sirte, after fierce fighting with militants from so-called Islamic State. Sirte is the most significant IS stronghold outside Iraq and Syria. Air and missile strikes have hit IS positions this week, officials said. A spokesman said troops were moving closer to the city centre. The forces, aligned to the UN-backed unity government in Tripoli, began the battle to retake the city last month. A spokesman, Ahmed Hadia, told the BBC IS forces had weakened, but "not totally broken down". He said the troops were encircling part of the city.

52. L'armée capture 3 autres terroristes à Médéa

El Watan, 2016 06 11

Médéa - Les forces de l'armée ont capturé, aujourd'hui samedi, 3 terroristes dans la zone de Rouakeche, près de la commune de Baâta (Médéa), a annoncé le ministère de la Défense nationale (MDN). Les éléments de l'ANP ont récupéré, en outre, des armes, des munitions et des bombes artisanales. Le bilan de l'opération de ratissage, menée par l'armée ces derniers jours dans la région de Médéa, s'élève ainsi à 4 terroristes tués et 4 autres arrêtés, selon le MDN. (Rapport Complet)

53. Egypt's Islamic authority downplays ISIS threat to destroy pyramids

Al Arabiya News, 2016 06 11

Cairo - Egypt's Islamic authority has downplayed recent threats by ISIS that the militant group could destroy the Giza pyramids, the state-owned Ahrum Online reported Friday. "This is unlikely in Egypt in light of a strong state and deterrent institutions," Dar Al-Ifta, the Egyptian state body that issues Islamic edicts, said in a statement. Dar Al-Ifta said such threats are "unrealistic" amid what it described as series of successful security blows that led to a "decline in terrorist attacks" in Egypt.

Iraq/Iran

54. Iran Firm on Fighting Terrorism

Fars News Agency, 2016 06 11

Tehran - Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Hossein Dehqan underlined his country's firmness in its anti-terror campaign. "The resolute actions against terrorism and terrorist groups top the Iranian government's defense doctrine," Brigadier Dehqan said in a meeting with his Syrian counterpart General Fahd Jassem al-Frej in Tehran on Friday. He, meantime, said that Iran will continue to support the Syrian government, army and nation in their fight against terrorist groups. "Campaign against terrorism will be possible in light of vigilance, unity, firmness and speedy action. On the call of the legal government of Syria, we consider support for government and nation of the country in campaign against terrorism as our duty," Brigadier General Dehqan added. Tehran, Moscow and Damascus agreed to step up cooperation in their fight against Takfiri terrorist groups and their sponsors who are to be blamed for the regional crises, specially in Syria and Iraq. "We made decisions for what must be done on the regional and operational levels in an agreed upon and coordinated manner," Brigadier General Dehqan said. Brigadier General Dehqan said that the terrorist groups and their sponsors must know that the anti-terror alliance of Iran, Russia and Syria is determined to support its cause till the end.

55. Tehran, Moscow, Damascus join anti-terrorism hands

Tehran Times, Staff Writer, 2016 06 11

Tehran - It seems that Iran, Russia and Syria are becoming more determined to fight terrorist groups in Syria. This was the main theme of the tripartite meeting held in Tehran on Thursday where defense ministers of Iran, Russia, and Syrian exchanged ideas on the latest developments in Syria and the region in general. The meeting was arranged on the initiative of the Iranian side. "We made decisions for what must be done on the regional and operational levels in an agreed-upon and coordinated manner," said Iranian Defense Minister Hossein Dehqan. There has been close cooperation among the three countries in the Syrian battlefield, where the Russian airpower has played a vital role in fighting terrorist groups, helping the Syrian army to gain ground against them. Dehqan noted that "The terrorists and their supporters must know that the group fighting against them is determined to continue this route until the end and will do so."

56. Limited progress for Iraqi army

The Washington Post, Loveday Morris & Missy Ryan, 2016 06 11

Baghdad - In the days before his death last month, Col. Ihab Hashem al-Araji confided that his battle against the Islamic State too often felt like a suicide mission, despite the more than \$1.6 billion in U.S. arms and training that have flowed to the Iraqi army over the past two years. He had even begun taking a white funeral shroud to the battlefield with him. To support his forces advancing on enemy-held Fallujah, Araji had requested a U.S.-supplied M1 Abrams tank but said he was asked to pay \$2,000 in bribes to secure it. Instead, he was given a run-down Russian one, which arrived without a driver trained to use it. "It was useless," one of his men, Lt. Nassir Hamza, recalled. When Araji told superiors that his men were too exhausted to go farther, he was ordered to lead another unit, one he had never fought with before. The next day, he was killed by an Islamic State rocket, a death his family blames as much on the Iraqi army's mismanagement as on the militants themselves. Two years ago this week, tens of thousands of Iraqi troops fled Mosul, the largest city in northern Iraq, as the Islamic State seized control. Senior U.S. and Iraqi military leaders say foreign assistance since then has helped to correct, at least temporarily, some of the Iraqi army's weaknesses that allowed the city to fall: inadequate intelligence, logistical issues, corruption and poor leadership.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

57. Twin blasts near Damascus kill 12, wounds dozens

The Associated Press, Bassem Mroue, 2016 06 11

Beirut - Two suicide bombers struck close to the Syrian capital Saturday, killing at least 12 people and wounding dozens more in the latest attack to hit the predominantly Shiite area in recent months, state TV and an opposition activist group said. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the bombings through its Amaq news agency, which said there were three attacks carried out by suicide bombers. Amaq said two attackers were wearing explosive belts while the third was in a car. Syrian State TV said the blasts in the Sayyida Zeinab area just south of Damascus killed 12 people and wounded 55 others. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 20 people were killed and dozens were wounded in the two explosions. The blasts came as U.S.-backed fighters in northern Syria tightened their siege on the IS stronghold of Manbij, where tens of thousands of civilians are trapped by the fighting. The Syria Democratic Forces, a predominantly Kurdish group, encircled the town after capturing dozens of villages and farms near the Turkish border.

58. Besieged Syrian Town Gets First Food Aid Since 2012, Then Gets Bombed

The New York Times, Rick Gladstone & Hwaida Saad, 2016 06 11

Beirut - Relief trucks delivered food aid for the first time in four years to Daraya, the rebel-held Syrian town just outside of Damascus that has come to symbolize civilian suffering in the war, the United Nations said Friday. But even as the relief convoy's success was announced by the World Food Program, the United Nations anti-hunger agency, residents of Daraya were reporting that Syrian military aircraft were bombing the town, making it difficult to distribute the food. They also said the amount delivered was roughly half of what was needed. "People didn't come in large numbers to receive the convoy, they were afraid of the bombing," Amjad Abbar, a member of a local council in Daraya, said by telephone, with sounds of explosions and aircraft heard in the background. "Several barrel bombs have fallen," he said. News of the bombing nearly overshadowed the aid delivery, provoking anger among some Western powers hostile to President Bashar al-Assad of Syria. "It is an extraordinary duplicity of the regime which we are witnessing," Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault of France said at the United Nations, where he was visiting to preside over a Security Council meeting on protection of civilians in armed conflict. The

Daraya food delivery, a joint operation of the United Nations and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent that had been repeatedly delayed, illustrated the multiple frustrations confronting relief providers in the Syrian conflict.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

59. Turkish gov't to regulate cylinders used in bomb-making amid anti-terror fight

Hurriyet Daily News, 2016 06 11

Ankara - The Turkish Prime Ministry is set to introduce additional measures to more strictly regulate materials that are widely used by militant groups to build explosives, including cylinders and fertilizers, amid successive terror attacks that hit the country, it has announced. The sale and distribution of 12-kilogram propane cylinders will be monitored and inspected, Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım's press office announced on June 10, a day after the country's Interior Ministry temporarily suspended the sale of fertilizers containing ammonium nitrate. A second move to monitor and detect the sale and distribution of other cylinders, including camp cylinders and industrial cylinders, will follow soon, according to reports. Among the measures which are set to be introduced are mandatory inscription of serial numbers and QR codes on cylinders in addition to the online tracking of the consumption process. The ministry will also be able to access the identity card information of the final consumer, according to the plan. The orders also included tracking the entries and exits of LPG cylinders, which are brought to Turkey from foreign countries. The regulation is part of efforts to prevent access by militant groups to the substance commonly used in building explosives, including cylinders, fertilizers and inflammable materials that can easily be provided in the market.

60. Kurdish militant group claims Istanbul bombing, says tourists aren't safe

The Washington Post, Erin Cunningham, 2016 06 11

Istanbul -A Kurdish militant group warned foreign tourists Friday that they are no longer safe in Turkey as its fighters ratchet up attacks on security forces across the country, an escalation many here fear could bring more deaths and cripple an already unstable economy. The warning from the Kurdistan Freedom Falcons, known in Kurdish as the TAK, came as the group asserted responsibility for a car bomb attack on police forces in central Istanbul this week. That attack killed at least 11 people near some of the city's most famous landmarks and was the third bombing this year to hit neighborhoods popular with tourists. "We warn all tourists who might plan to visit Turkey. . . . You are not our targets, but Turkey is no [longer] secure for you," the statement posted on the TAK's website said. The TAK is a splinter group of the militant Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which has fought the Turkish state for decades for autonomy for Turkey's ethnic Kurds. The conflict, which has killed more than 40,000 people, reignited last year after a brief truce between Turkey and the PKK collapsed. Since then, Turkish warplanes have struck hundreds of militant targets in northern Iraq, where the PKK is based, as well as in Turkey's southeast, where many towns are majority Kurd. Turkey is home to roughly 15 million Kurds, who have long been marginalized by the state.

61. Luis Martinez " En Algérie, la mainmise des services de sécurité sur l'appareil d'Etat ne tient plus"

Le Monde, Charlotte Bozonnet, 2016 06 11

Paris - Affaiblissement du renseignement, montée en puissance des milieux d'affaires et de l'armée... Le chercheur analyse les nouveaux rapports de force au sein du régime algérien. Chercheur au CERI Sciences Po, Luis Martinez vient de coordonner, avec l'universitaire danois Rasmus Alenius Boserup, un ouvrage collectif sur l'Algérie, intitulé *Algeria Modern. From Opacity to Complexity*, "l'Algérie - moderne, de l'opacité à la complexité" (Oxford University Press, non traduit). Fruit de deux ans de travail, il étudie les changements politiques en cours en Algérie. A rebours du sentiment d'immobilisme, vous estimez que le système politique -algérien s'est profondément transformé sous la présidence d'Abdelaziz Bouteflika... Sur plusieurs sujets sensibles, tels que l'armée, la Sonatrach - la compagnie nationale d'hydrocarbures - et l'administration, nous avons été surpris de constater qu'un accès à leurs représentants, à certains dossiers, parfois aux archives, était possible. L'opacité complète qui caractérisait l'Algérie depuis son indépendance a cédé la place à un système d'une grande complexité au sein duquel se prend la décision politique. Jusqu'à l'arrivée de Bouteflika, les services de sécurité étaient tout-puissants. Depuis ont émergé des groupes d'intérêt - le Forum des entrepreneurs -algériens, le FLN - ex-parti unique - et d'autres - qui ne sont plus forcément sous la tutelle des services. La mise à la retraite - en septembre 2015 - du chef du renseignement, le général " Toufik ", a été une illustration de cette transformation des rapports de force au sommet. Comment expliquer cet affaiblissement du département du renseignement et de la sécurité (DRS)? Cette évolution est liée à la rente pétrolière. A partir des années 2000, des sommes co-lossales ont été accumulées et les acteurs économiques se sont multipliés. Par le passé, le fonctionnement était classique : quelques personnes contrôlaient les importations - le coeur de l'économie algérienne - , les redistribuaient à quelques milliers, qui les redis-tribuaient à leur tour aux petits commerçants. Les appareils de sécurité contrôlaient la trajectoire économique et financière de chacun. Aujourd'hui, l'économie est certes toujours rigide et dépendante du secteur des hydrocarbures, mais de nombreux entrepreneurs ont fait leur apparition. Sur un million d'acteurs économiques, 75 % ont été créés sous Bouteflika. C'est énorme!

62. Des dizaines de djihadistes cherchent à revenir en France

Le Figaro, Christophe Cornevin, 2016 06 11

Paris - Désarçonnée par les revers militaires qui s'enchaînent en Syrie et en Irak, pilonnée par les multiples frappes des avions bombardiers, l'organisation État islamique (EI) est en proie à une hémorragie programmée de ses combattants volontaires étrangers. Coûte que coûte, nombre d'entre eux cherchent à désertir les zones de combat pour rejoindre leur pays d'origine afin de se livrer aux autorités ou d'exporter le conflit en Europe. Les services de renseignement sont en ébullition. Selon un dernier bilan porté vendredi à la connaissance du Figaro , pas moins de 248 djihadistes français sont déjà revenus sur le sol national sachant que 666 compatriotes sont encore sur place, dont 400 hommes engagés sous la bannière de Daech parmi lesquels figurent environ 20 mineurs. « Si l'on n'a pas encore constaté une accélération significative du nombre des retours, nous savons que plusieurs dizaines de « pointures » essaient actuellement de revenir en France , confie un haut responsable de la lutte antiterroriste. Il s'agit essentiellement d'individus très dangereux, qui se savent pertinemment identifiés et recherchés puisqu'ils se sont pour la plupart mis en scène comme outil de propagande dans des vidéos d'égorgements... » Jamais l'hypothèse d'un nouvel attentat frappant la France n'a autant pris corps. Ayant tutoyé l'indicible au quotidien, ceux que les experts nomment les « returnees » présentent des symptômes post-traumatiques analogues aux anciens de la guerre du Vietnam. Le possible retour de ces « futurs vétérans » de Daech, mêlant selon Patrick Calvar des « terroristes très aguerris mais aussi des gens relevant d'ores et déjà de la psychiatrie », nourrit sans nul doute les plus vives inquiétudes. Si l'on ajoute la menace bien réelle d'al-Qaida, tentée elle aussi par une action d'envergure pour rétablir son aura sur la scène islamiste et les possibles « réseaux dormants » de terroristes poussant en germe dans l'Hexagone, les services français dansent sur un volcan. Plus que jamais, ils sont persuadés que Daech veut « fracturer l'Europe » en la frappant au nom de l'islam. Ce qui aura pour effet d'accentuer le ressentiment de la population contre des

musulmans qui, à leur tour, risquent de se cristalliser dans un virulent communautarisme. Face à cet épouvantail et avec la collaboration de services « amis », les Français ont déployé leurs antennes aux limites de la zone Schengen, aux frontières du pays ainsi que dans l'entourage des djihadistes identifiés. À elle seule, la DGSI a déjà procédé à plus de 350 interpellations, ayant débouché sur 180 mises sous écrou.

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1. La liste d'interdiction de vol en cinq questions

La Presse, Daphné Cameron, 2016 06 12

Analysie: Qui est sur la liste d'interdiction de vol canadienne ? Tous les gens identifiés comme posant une menace à la sécurité aérienne et toute personne impliquée ou qui a été impliquée dans un groupe terroriste et qui peut être « raisonnablement soupçonnée » de mettre en danger la sécurité d'un avion ou d'un aéroport. Lorsque le nom d'une personne est sur la liste, cette personne peut acheter un billet d'avion, mais elle ne peut s'enregistrer en ligne. Lorsqu'elle se présente à l'aéroport, les compagnies aériennes doivent contacter par téléphone Transports Canada, qui contacte à son tour Sécurité publique Canada, qui donnera ou non l'autorisation au passager de monter dans l'avion. La réponse redescend la chaîne jusqu'à l'employé au comptoir. Les pseudonymes font l'objet du même processus. Qui décide des noms qui se retrouvent sur la liste ? Un comité consultatif formé de représentants de la GRC, du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité, de l'Agence des services frontaliers, de Transports Canada et du ministère de la Justice du Canada. C'est le ministre de la Sécurité publique qui est responsable de la liste depuis février 2011. Créé en juin 2007, le programme de protection des passagers, qui dresse la liste, était initialement sous la responsabilité de Transports Canada. La liste est constamment mise à jour.

Canada

2. ISIS-inspired board game helps Canadian military with planning

CBC News, Dean Beeby, 2016 06 12

Ottawa - Canada's military has been experimenting with a tabletop game inspired by the war against ISIS to help plan what tanks, planes, ships and people it needs to fight effectively in the coming decades. The ISIS Crisis uses dice, markers and a large map of Iraq and Syria, and is the latest twist in a government-wide effort to use more games in the workplace for training and education. "This certainly does have potential to add additional rigour to our process," said Col. Ross Ermel, in charge of a directorate that plans how the Canadian Forces must evolve. "It does show some promise.... It's one of the things that we are certainly considering." The ISIS Crisis is known as a matrix-type game, a concept dating from the 1980s, with minimal rules and using debates and arguments, unlike traditional war games with complex rules and drawing on probabilities. Matrix games allow complex, multi-sided issues to be explored, often by up to six players who don't need particular expertise in the subject matter. The ISIS Crisis was created by Rex Brynen, a political science professor at McGill University, who developed the roles and scenario rules, and by a British major, Tom Mouat, who created the map and counters. Brynen also acted as a kind of referee for the Canadian military sessions.

3. Attention, enfants à bord

La Presse, Daphné Cameron, 2016 06 12

Montreal - Au début de l'année, l'histoire du petit Adam Ahmed est devenue virale lorsque son père a publié une photo d'un écran d'Air Canada avertissant le personnel que l'enfant de 6 ans devant eux était « présumé à haut risque ». Il était loin de se douter qu'en seulement six mois, 44 familles se manifesteraient, avec des histoires de vols manqués, d'interrogatoires et de passeports confisqués en sol étranger. Dès le premier vol d'Adam, un employé d'une compagnie aérienne avait déjà discrètement prévenu ses parents que leur bébé de quelques semaines se trouvait sur une liste d'interdiction de vol. En prenant la photo du terminal, son père venait d'en avoir la preuve hors de tout doute, provoquant une vague d'indignation publique qui a forcé le gouvernement canadien à promettre des changements, qui se font cependant

toujours attendre. Dans les faits, ce n'est pas le petit garçon que l'on soupçonne de fomenter des attentats. Il a le malheur de porter le même nom qu'un présumé terroriste ou un nom qui y ressemble beaucoup. La famille de trois enfants n'a jamais pu s'enregistrer avant de voyager, entraînant retards et confusion à chaque voyage, raconte la maman d'Adam, Khadija Cajee, qui nous a accueillis à son domicile à Markham, en banlieue de Toronto. La situation s'est compliquée lorsqu'il avait 18 mois et que les passeports de toute la famille ont été confisqués durant plus d'une demi-heure au Mexique. Une éternité, pour les parents qui ont failli manquer leur vol de retour. « Certaines personnes nous disent que ce ne sont que des retards, des petits irritants, mais c'est beaucoup plus grand que ça. C'est un enjeu de droit de la personne. Pourquoi est-ce que ces enfants sont marginalisés et ciblés de manière injuste par rapport aux autres enfants qui peuvent voyager en toute quiétude ? », se demande-t-elle. Khadija Cajee collige officiellement les noms des enfants afin de les remettre au gouvernement. Elle affirme que le nombre est en réalité plus élevé, mais que bien des parents hésitent d'aller de l'avant, car ils ont peur de faire des vagues.

4. Sauveur d'esclaves ou source de financement pour le terrorisme ?

La Presse, Isabelle Hachey, 2016 06 12

Dohuk, Irak - La Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) s'est intéressée aux activités de l'homme d'affaires montréalais Steve Maman, qui prétend avoir libéré 140 femmes et enfants chrétiens et yézidis détenus par le groupe armé État islamique (EI) en Syrie et en Irak, a appris La Presse. Notre enquête au Kurdistan irakien a révélé hier que Steve Maman s'était faussement attribué le mérite d'opérations de sauvetage menées par des réseaux de passeurs actifs au sein du « califat ». En réalité, le Montréalais s'est contenté de soutenir financièrement 24 victimes de l'EI, pour la plupart déjà libérées ou sur le point de l'être. Dans au moins un cas, cependant, nous avons découvert que de l'argent avancé par l'organisme de Steve Maman à une famille avait directement servi à payer la rançon qu'exigeait un combattant de l'EI pour la femme et les quatre enfants yézidis qu'il détenait en Syrie. Les autorités pourraient considérer que Steve Maman et son organisme, la Libération des enfants chrétiens et yézidis d'Irak (CYCI), ont ainsi financé un groupe terroriste, une activité criminelle strictement prohibée en vertu de la loi canadienne et des conventions internationales. Chose certaine, la GRC s'est intéressée au dossier. À au moins trois reprises au cours des dix derniers mois, des enquêteurs ont rencontré Steve Maman à ce sujet. La première fois, en août 2015, deux enquêteurs l'ont longuement interrogé dans son magasin de Harley-Davidson usagées, à Montréal-Ouest.

5. Iran can ask Canada to list US, Israel for sponsoring terror: Analyst

Press TV News (Iran), 2016 06 12

Interview: Press TV has conducted an interview with Alfred Lambremont Webre, an international lawyer from Vancouver, to discuss a ruling by Ontario Superior Court of Justice to give Iran's non-diplomatic assets to the American victims of bombings blamed on Hamas and Hezbollah. A rough transcription of the interview appears below. Press TV: Can a country's internal court give itself the jurisdiction to rule on international matters like this? Webre: The easy answer is yes, because a national court can open itself for the enforcement of valid judgments from other recognized jurisdictions under recognized norms and that is what the Canadian court is arguing here. Now, If I were in the position of Iran, I would advise them as follows especially as the new Prime Minister Justin Trudeau who is a serious, progressive, open-minded person who wants to re-open diplomatic relations and that is that they have the reason why Iran has found itself vulnerable under the Canadian legislation is that Canada has listed Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism. Now, what Iran could point out is that it could apply to have the United States, Israel and the UK listed as state sponsors of terrorism under the Canadian act because now there are even books being published and most of the literate public understands that the United States, Israel and the UK are the sponsors of the terrorism of ISIS and the ISIS terrorism organization. Press TV: In this case at hand, how can Iran defend itself and get into the due process to exonerate itself in this ruling that just took place in

Canada? Webre: I just stated how. It can counter-claim to have the United States, Israel and the UK listed as state sponsors of terrorism under the Canadian law and the only reason why they are going after Iran is that Canada listed Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism under the law. So then Iran can say well the US, the UK and Israel are sponsoring ISIS. So, you have to list them and Justin Trudea will finally understand and he will take Iran off of the list and he would be vulnerable.

6. Peacekeeping, foreign aid at 'core' of UN Security Council bid: envoy

The Canadian Press, 2016 06 12

Ottawa - Foreign aid and the future role of the Canadian Forces will form the backbone of the country's bid for a seat on the Security Council, says Canada's ambassador to the United Nations. Marc-Andre Blanchard tells The Canadian Press that's part of the reason why the government has embarked on major reviews in two key areas of foreign policy: international development and national defence. Blanchard says it is still early days in what will be a four-year campaign for the 2020 vote, a bid to secure a two-year term on the UN's most powerful body that would begin the following year. Still, he says, the groundwork is currently being laid, by both the internal policy reviews, and the early interactions of diplomats on ground. Blanchard says he's had more than 50 bilateral meetings with fellow ambassadors at the UN since taking up the post earlier this year, and for now he's in a listening mode to get feedback about Canada. He says the country faces a tough fight against two like-minded countries and allies — Norway and Ireland — when 2020 rolls around, so work is underway to carve out a platform that can highlight Canada's comparative advantage.

7. Bomb threat halts GO bus

The Toronto Sun, Kevin Connor, 2016 06 12

Toronto - A GO bus sits on the side of Hwy. 407 as police investigate a bomb threat yesterday. A man was taken into custody. Metrolinx officials confirmed a passenger on a bus heading from Guelph to Square One reported that another rider said he had a bomb. The OPP were contacted by Metrolinx and the bus was stopped on the 407 near Britannia Rd. Metrolinx spokesman Anne Marie Aikins said the bus was locked down and around 15 passengers were taken off. The man remained on the bus and police continued to negotiate with him through the driver's cellphone, Aikins said. Cops closed the 407 between Britannia and Derry Rd. for several hours during the negotiations with the man.

8. Under review: Independent contractor to assess Shared Services' mandate

The Ottawa Citizen, James Bagnall, 2016 06 12

Ottawa - Treasury Board president Scott Brison has ordered an independent review of Shared Services Canada, the troubled computer services agency. The Treasury Board assessment, according to procurement documents released Friday, is being billed as a way to help Shared Services do a better job delivering government-wide computer services. However, it has the potential to be much more than that. Following a devastating critique of Shared Services operations published earlier this year by the Auditor General — who noted the agency had failed the most basic job of understanding the needs of the departments it serves — the computer services agency is at risk of dissolving if it can't get its act together. Treasury Board has responsibility for establishing the government's overall plan for information technology. The Treasury Board review of Shared Services is to be done by a contractor selected through a competition, with a bidder's conference scheduled for June 22 in Gatineau. Bids are due by July 20. The initial contract — estimated at \$1.4 million — is to be completed by March 31 with a one-year option beyond that. Roughly five private sector individuals with deep experience in the sector are being sought.

United States – États-Unis

9. Omar Mateen, Terrorist Who Attacked Orlando Gay Club, Had Been Investigated by FBI

The Daily Beast, Multiple Reporters, 2016 06 12

Washington - Mateen was a 'known quantity' to federal law enforcement before he killed 53 people in the worst mass shooting in U.S. history. Omar Mateen of Port Saint Lucie, Florida, came to the attention of federal authorities twice prior to being identified as the gunman in the Orlando nightclub mass shooting, a senior law enforcement source told The Daily Beast. Mateen killed 53 people and shot more than 100 in total at the Pulse gay nightclub early Sunday morning, in the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history. The senior law enforcement source reports that Mateen became a person of interest in 2013 and again in 2014. The Federal Bureau of Investigation at one point opened an investigation into Mateen but subsequently closed the case when it produced nothing that appeared to warrant further investigation. "He's a known quantity," the source said. "He's been on the radar before." Mateen was a U.S. citizen; his parents are from Afghanistan, CBS News reports. The senior law enforcement source told The Daily Beast that Mateen was born in New York and was married for a time to a woman from New Jersey. Father Mir Seddique told NBC News that the sight of two men kissing angered his son. "We are saying we are apologizing for the whole incident," the father added. "We weren't aware of any action he is taking. We are in shock like the whole country." The attack, he said, "has nothing to do with religion."

10. Orlando nightclub shooting leaves 50 dead; terrorism links probed

The Miami Herald, Multiple Reporters, 2016 06 12

Orlando - In what is now the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history, an assault rifle-wielding gunman fatally shot at least 50 people, and wounded 53 more, in a downtown Orlando gay nightclub before he was felled by police bullets. Authorities have identified the killer as Omar Mateen, 29, of Fort Pierce. Federal agents are now probing whether Mateen has links to international terrorism. As the country awoke Sunday to the shock of yet another mass shooting, federal agents with South Florida's Joint Terrorism Task Force had joined in the investigation into Mateen, who is of Afghan descent. Authorities with knowledge of the investigation say agents have already begun interviewing Mateen's relatives, and search warrants are expected to be executed Sunday afternoon. His father, Mir Seddique, told NBC News that he believed the shooting "has nothing to do with religion" but instead was outrage sparked after his son saw two men kissing in Miami a few months ago. "We are saying we are apologized for the whole incident," he told NBC News. "We weren't aware of any action he is taking. We are in shocked like the whole country." Rep. Alan Grayson, speaking to reporters Sunday, said he believed the shooting was a "hate crime," although the FBI stopped short of saying that.

11. 50 dead in Orlando nightclub terrorism attack, state of emergency declared

The Orlando Sentinel, Multiple Reporters, 2016 06 12

Orlando - A lone gunman armed with a pistol and an assault rifle killed 50 people and injured 53 more at a gay Orlando nightclub early Sunday morning in the deadliest mass shootings in American history. Federal and local authorities are investigating the massacre as a possible terrorist attack and say the gunman may be an Islamic extremist. The man, whom officials have identified as 29-year-old Omar Mateen of Port St. Lucie, was killed after a shootout with Orlando police. Police Chief John Mina said Mateen fired the first shot about 2:02 a.m. at an Orlando police officer and then ran into the club, which held more than 200 people. Details about exactly what happened inside the club were unclear, but police said handled it as a hostage situation. By 5:00 a.m., the police department's SWAT team opened fire. They distracted Mateen with an explosive device and plowed into the building with a vehicle. When

officers went inside, they discovered 50 dead, including Mateen, and 53 injured. Mina credited his officers with rescuing 30 hostages from the club, Pulse Orlando, on 1912 S. Orange Ave., which is just south of downtown Orlando and near Orlando Regional Medical Center. Agent Ron Hopper of the FBI said he cannot rule this out as an act of domestic terrorism and that the suspect may have leanings toward extreme Islamic ideologies. Gov. Rick Scott is on his way to Orlando, his office said this morning. Scott has been in touch with local law enforcement and the FBI about the shootings.

11B). 50 dead in gay nightclub shooting, worst in US history

The Associated Press, Mike Schneider, 2016 06 12

Orlando, Fla - A gunman wielding an assault-type rifle and a handgun opened fire inside a crowded gay nightclub early Sunday, killing at least 50 people before dying in a gunfight with SWAT officers, police said. It was the worst mass shooting in American history. Authorities were investigating the attack on the Florida dance hall as an act of terrorism. The gunman's father recalled that his son got angry when he recently saw two men kissing in Miami. He said that might be related to the attack. At least 53 people were hospitalized, most in critical condition, officials said. A surgeon at Orlando Regional Medical Center said the death toll was likely to climb. Mayor Buddy Dyer said all of the dead were killed with the assault rifle. "There's blood everywhere," Dyer said. The suspect exchanged gunfire with an officer working at the gay club known as Pulse around 2 a.m., when more than 300 people were inside. The gunman then went back inside and took hostages, Police Chief John Mina said.

12. House Intelligence chairman: Orlando attack 'looks like radical Islam'

The Hill Times, Rebecca Savransky, 2016 06 12

Washington - Rep. Devin Nunes (R-Calif.) said Sunday that the attack at an Orlando, Fla. nightclub that left 50 dead resembles last year's Paris terrorist attacks at a music venue. "We need to let the FBI conduct their investigation, but I will say, everything that I'm seeing now points to some type of radical Islam," Nunes, the House Intelligence Committee chairman, said on CNN. "This is very, very similar to the attack on the nightclub in the concert hall in Paris and that's why it's critical right now in this juncture for the FBI and other law enforcement to quickly track down all possible leads to see if this individual is connected to any other terrorist nodes around the United States or elsewhere."

13. The Chinese Hackers in the Back Office

The New York Times, Nicole Perlroth, 2016 06 12

Belleville, Wis - Drive past the dairy farms, cornfields and horse pastures here and you will eventually arrive at Cate Machine & Welding, a small-town business run by Gene and Lori Cate and their sons. For 46 years, the Cates have welded many things -- fertilizer tanks, jet-fighter parts, cheese molds, even a farmer's broken glasses. And like many small businesses, they have a dusty old computer humming away in the back office. On this one, however, an unusual spy-versus-spy battle is playing out: The machine has been taken over by Chinese hackers. The hackers use it to plan and stage attacks. But unbeknown to them, a Silicon Valley start-up is tracking them here, in real time, watching their every move and, in some cases, blocking their efforts. "When they first told us, we said, 'No way,'" Mr. Cate said one afternoon recently over pizza and cheese curds, recalling when he first learned the computer server his family used to manage its welding business had been secretly repurposed. "We were totally freaked out," Ms. Cate said. "We had no idea we could be used as an infiltration unit for Chinese attacks." On a recent Thursday, the hackers' targets appeared to be a Silicon Valley food delivery start-up, a major Manhattan law firm, one of the world's biggest airlines, a prominent Southern university and a smattering of targets across Thailand and Malaysia. The New York Times viewed the action on the Cates' computer on the condition that it not name the targets.

14. CIA director John Brennan expects release of 9/11 documents to clear Saudi Arabia

Independent Online, Peter Yeung, 2016 06 12

Washington - CIA director John Brennan expects a classified US congressional report into the 9/11 attacks to be published and clear Saudi Arabia of any blame. The withheld section of the 2002 report into the era-defining terrorist strikes is central to a dispute over whether Americans should be able to sue the Saudi government for damages. "I think the 28 pages will be published and I support their publication and everyone will see the evidence that the Saudi government had nothing to do with it." Saudi Arabia denies providing any support for the 19 hijackers – most of whom were Saudi citizens – who killed nearly 3,000 people in the 9/11 attacks. Riyadh strongly objects to the bill. The Saudi government has said it might sell up to \$750 billion (£526 billion) of investments in American assets if it becomes law. Mr Brennan called the 28-page section merely a "preliminary review", but previously said it should be kept out of the public domain for fear of fuelling unfounded rumours. He added: "It was found later, according to the results of the report, that there was no link between the Saudi government as a state or as an institution or even senior Saudi officials to the September 11 attacks."

United Kingdom - Royaume-Uni

15. Secret phone tap unit was run by Strathclyde Police

Sunday Herald (UK), 2016 06 12

London – A top secret surveillance unit that had access to a GCHQ spy programme collecting information from people's private phones, emails and use of social media, was based in Glasgow and run by Strathclyde Police, the Sunday Herald can reveal. Newly released classified documents from US whistleblower Edward Snowden reveal that a previously unknown body called the Scottish Recording Centre (SRC) was given access to a GCHQ project codenamed Milkwhite. The SRC was used by Scottish police forces to secretly access metadata via Milkwhite which collated information about people's private communications, online activities and movements. Milkwhite was also storing data on people's usage of smartphone apps such as WhatsApp and instant messenger services. Both GCHQ and Police Scotland have refused to say whether Milkwhite continues to monitor the public, although neither body said the project had ended. The programme was set up by GCHQ to allow police to spy on people without any legal framework. However, the UK Government is now seeking controversial powers which would cover such surveillance under the Investigatory Powers Bill, aka the snooper's charter, which the House of Commons passed last week.

16. The Jihadis cutting off their beards and slipping on to refugee boats bound for Italy

Mail on Sunday, Barbara Jones, 2016 06 12

London - Hundreds of fanatical Islamic State terrorists are on their way to Europe posing as migrants after being driven out of their Libyan stronghold by British-backed forces, The Mail on Sunday has learned. As the Libyan troops and jihadis fought a running battle in the port city of Sirte yesterday, we uncovered disturbing evidence that IS fighters are fleeing the onslaught and shaving off their beards and hair to blend in with refugees on their exodus across the Mediterranean. Last night, the Libyan Brigades, secretly supported by elite troops from the British Special Boat Service, told me they were days away from regaining Sirte, which has been in IS hands for 18 months. The jihadis briefly regained control of the city's port area yesterday after a fierce firefight with naval vessels - while other Libyan troops advanced into the city centre, coming under sniper fire. Libyan officer Colonel Mohamed El-Gasri told

me: 'We have taken casualties but so have the militants. We need to secure the port to prevent any escape by sea.' He said intelligence gleaned with the help of British and US Special Forces showed that families holed up in their homes may be supporting and harbouring IS. 'Sirte was Muammar Gaddafi's home town and there is still fierce allegiance to him and opposition to our forces, who killed him,' he said. 'We have been appealing for weeks for people to get out and, while tens of thousands have left, there are others who chose to stay. 'This is not going to be easy, but we feel confident the city will be ours within days.'

17. Gardai block 'Irish MI5' plan

The Sunday Times, John Mooney, 2016 06 12

London – The gardai have rejected proposals to overhaul the state's intelligence apparatus, including a plan to create a national security council to advise the government on crisis situations and terrorism. Instead, following the intervention of Frances Fitzgerald, the justice minister, they have secured an expanded role in defending the country's national security. The decision follows discussions between the Department of Justice, Department of Defence, Garda Headquarters and the military on state security. One of the most radical proposals discussed was the creation of a national security council similar to Britain's Cobra committee. Simon Coveney, the former defence minister, wanted to include a proposal to establish the council in a recent white paper on defence, but his plan was vetoed by Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald and her department are said to have "vehemently opposed" Coveney's plan. Some of those involved in the discussions had also supported the creation of an independent intelligence agency similar to MI5, but the idea "did not get off the ground" as Garda Headquarters already has responsibility for the role.

18. Ticking time bomb of IRA shops blast

The Sunday Mirror, 2016 06 12

London – The IRA is taking lives with a bomb terrorists used to blow up a shopping centre 20 years ago. Scores of police, paramedics and workers who waded through wreckage of Manchester's Arndale were exposed to asbestos, which causes cancer decades later. One, guard Stuart Packard, 40, died last year of mesothelioma - only caused by asbestos. Widow Julie, from Essex, said later: "If the bomb hadn't happened, he would likely still be alive." Graham Dring of Manchester Asbestos Victims Group said: "There may be more cases in the future given the problem of asbestos fibres released."

19. Fans face airport-style checks at screenings

The Sunday Times, Dipesh Gadhur, 2016 06 12

London - Fan zones in Britain showing Euro 2016 matches are deploying airport-style security amid fears they could be targeted by terrorists. Police are understood to be running background checks in advance of supporters turning up for screenings at the Hyundai FanDome in King's Cross, London, which promises to host 1,000 people for each game. Fans, who have had to register their details online to get tickets, are met at the venue by police sniffer dogs trained to detect explosives. Bags are screened by scanners, while individuals walk through security arches and are separately frisked by staff with hand-held metal-detector wands. Photo identification, such as a passport or driving licence, is also required at the site. Organisers of the fan zone, hosted by one of Uefa's official sponsors, are believed to have co-operated closely with anti-terrorist officers at the Metropolitan police. Wales supporters entering a 6,000-capacity fan zone close to Cardiff Castle yesterday were also subjected to bag checks, screenings and pat-downs.

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20. After the gunfire, inquest left with blanks

The Australian, Mark Coultan & Dan Box, 2016 06 12

Canberra - A witness statement provided to the Lindt café siege inquest by the most senior NSW police tactical officer on duty that night stops at 12.15am — two hours before the siege ended in three deaths. Asked why the document stops short of the moment his officers stormed the building, its author, identified only as the tactical -adviser, told the inquest this week: “No reason I can think of.” Did he not think the coroner would be interested in those final hours before gunman Man Haron Monis shot and killed café -manager Tori Johnson? Before police fired the bullets that killed Monis and a second hostage, -Katrina Dawson? “Now that you point it out, I -really don’t have a reason,” the tactical adviser said. His blank response was only the latest in a long line of difficult exchanges State Coroner Michael Barnes has overseen as he tries to establish what happened on that night in December 2014. At times, both the NSW Police Force and state Director of Public Prosecutions have fought bitterly over the public release of evidence at the inquest. With his inquiry into its 13th month of public hearings, Barnes must also now hold the line amid political scrutiny, obsessive attention within the police and warring media camps. Adding to this pressure, it seems inevitable the inquest will influence the choice of a successor to NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione, whose contract, which has already been -extended once, ends next year. For the coroner, all this comes after a drawn-out inquest, the end of which seems still to be receding. It has suffered delays. Some are understandable: the inquest has the biggest scope of any -attempted in NSW. It is the first to deal with an act of domestic terrorism, the first to seek evidence from intelligence agency ASIO. Investigators have canvassed more than 14,500 people, taken nearly 1000 written statements, reviewed 1200 hours of CCTV and media footage, and liaised with 32 state, federal and foreign government and private agencies to date.

Asia –Asie

21. Blast from "self-made" explosive injures five in Shanghai airport

Reuters News, 2016 06 12

Shanghai - A man set off a home-made explosive at a terminal in Shanghai's Pudong International Airport on Sunday, the city's government said, injuring five people, including himself. The explosion occurred near the airport's Terminal Two ticketing area at about 2:20 p.m. and the people who were injured were taken away for medical treatment, the Shanghai government said in a short statement on its official microblog. "According to an initial police investigation, a man took self-made explosive materials in a beer bottle out of his backpack and threw it at ticketing counter," the government said. After the bottle exploded, he took out a knife and slashed his own neck, it said, adding that efforts to treat his "serious" injuries were underway. Another four people were lightly injured by exploding glass, it said. The incident was under investigation and only the three flights in that ticketing area had been affected. Unverified pictures on China's Weibo microblog showed a person on a gurney being wheeled away by medical attendants and a pool of blood on the floor.

22. Philippine authorities maintain no-ransom policy for hostage-takers (Canada)

Kyodo News, 2016 06 12

Manila - Philippine authorities on Sunday maintained their policy of not paying ransom for the release of hostages, on the eve of a deadline set by a local bandit group that has been holding three people, including two foreigners, hostage for months. Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla, spokesperson of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, said the military will sustain its offensive against the Abu Sayyaf militant group in the

southern Philippine island of Mindanao to try to free the hostages. "Our focused military operations continue without let up. We will not stop until we find these criminals and rescue the hostages," Padilla said. "As their world gets smaller, we will eventually find them and hold them accountable for all their crimes." In September last year, the group kidnapped four people -- Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall, Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad and Filipina Marites Flor -- from a posh resort on Samal Island in Davao del Norte. Ridsdel was beheaded in April after the Philippine and Canadian governments refused to pay ransom money.

23. Additional troops deployed for operations vs Abu Sayyaf

The Philippine Star, Jaime Laude, 2016 06 12

Manila - The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) has deployed another Army battalion to Sulu as the deadline set by the Abu Sayyaf for the families of the foreigners they seized on Samal Island to pay ransom nears. The 45th Infantry Battalion based in Central Mindanao had been sent to Sulu to help in the operations to rescue the hostages. Eight Army battalions as well as Scout Rangers, Special Forces and the United States-trained Light Reaction Co. are presently operating against the Abu Sayyaf in Sulu and Basilan. Lt. Gen. Glorioso Miranda, AFP acting chief, has been going to the Western Mindanao Command in Zamboanga City in the past weeks to oversee the ground operations. The kidnapers had demanded P300 million each for Canadian Robert Hall and Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad. They threatened to execute another captive if their demand is not met by tomorrow.

24. Philippines arrests suspect in kidnap of Italian ex-priest

Agence France Presse, 2016 06 12

Manila - Philippine authorities have arrested a man accused of kidnapping an Italian businessman who was held hostage for six months by Islamic militants, the military said Sunday. Retired Catholic priest Rolando Del Torchio, was abducted at his pizza restaurant in the southern city of Dipolog on Mindanao island last October. He was released unharmed on the Abu Sayyaf stronghold of Jolo island in April. Sehar Muloc, also known in the area as Commander Red Eye, helped the kidnapers select and stalk their Italian target, regional military spokesman Major Filemon Tan told AFP. "He (Muloc) is linked with the Abu Sayyaf. We have no information on whether he is also a member," Tan said referring to the kidnap group, which is also blamed for the deadliest bombings in the Philippines. Muloc was arrested near the town of Naga, about halfway between Dipolog and Jolo, early Sunday and will be charged with kidnapping, Tan added.

25. Bangladesh Arrests Over 3,000 to Halt Attacks

The New York Times, Julfikar Ali Manik & Geeta Anand, 2016 06 12

Dhaka, Bangladesh - More than 3,000 people, some of them known Islamist militants, have been arrested in a series of police raids intended to quell a wave of deadly machete attacks against bloggers, minorities and others, the police said Saturday. The roundup began last week after militants killed the wife of a police superintendent who had been investigating the machete attacks. Over the course of the week, the police said, they killed five militants in shootouts. They were members of the Jama'atul Mujahedeen Bangladesh, one of two groups that the authorities believe are behind most of the attacks, the police said. Many citizens criticized the government for not taking action sooner against the militants, who have created a climate of terror since they began murdering secularist bloggers and others more than three years ago. Since 2013, bloggers, freethinkers, religious minorities, foreigners, gay activists, followers of more liberal strains of Islam and others have been killed in attacks carried out mostly by groups of young men wielding machetes.

26. India Holds Suspect in Killing of Narendra Dabholkar , an Anti-Mystic Activist

The New York Times, Ellen Barry, 2016 06 12

Bangalore - A court in western India on Saturday ordered a member of a right-wing Hindu sect held in connection with the 2013 murder of Narendra Dabholkar, a physician who spent his adult life crusading against spiritual practices he considered fraudulent. The killing of Dr. Dabholkar, who was shot at point-blank range while walking near his home in Pune, took place at a time of rising ideological change in India, when more conservative strains of Hinduism have been gaining resonance nationally. The suspect, Virendra Tawde, also a doctor, appeared in a Pune courtroom on Saturday and was ordered held until Thursday. Dr. Tawde had known Dr. Dabholkar for years and had clashed with him over his campaigns against superstitious practices, according to the victim's son. Dr. Tawde is associated with a division of Sanatan Sanstha, an organization based in Goa that immerses its followers in a regimen of meditation and chanting, offering what it calls an escape from addiction and materialism. The group's founder, a former hypnotherapist known as His Holiness Dr. Jayant Athavale, has called the shooting "a blessing from God" because Dr. Dabholkar had escaped dying from old age. At the time of his murder, Dr. Dabholkar had been lobbying intensively for the passage of legislation banning a list of mystical practices, including animal sacrifice, the magical treatment of snakebites and the sale of magic stones.

27. India Rejects Google Street View Over National Security Concerns

Motherboard Blog, Daniel Oberhaus, 2016 06 12

Mumbai - After several months of delay, India's Ministry of Home Affairs rejected Google's request to expand its Street View service in the country on Friday. The rejection came after India's Ministry of Defense raised concerns that the expansion of the service in the country could be a threat to national security. As its name suggests, Street View allows for 360-degree on-the-ground panoramas in Google Maps and has been taken to some of the most remote regions on Earth, like Antarctica and Mount Everest. In 2011, Google received the go-ahead to map major Indian heritage sites like the Taj Mahal in conjunction with the Archaeological Society of India. Google Maps shows dozens of individual locations with street view enabled in cities like New Delhi and Mumbai, but the service is far from ubiquitous in these mega-cities. "The main concern [in rejecting Street View] was security of sensitive defense installations," an anonymous senior government official told The Hindu, one of the country's largest newspapers. "The Defense Ministry said it was not possible to monitor the service once it was launched and it would be detrimental to national security." According to The Hindu, Google's Street View proposal may have been rejected by the Defense Ministry as early as February, which cited concerns that Google Maps had been used to orchestrate a terrorist attack on India's Pathankot airbase the month prior. Similar concerns that Google Earth was used to orchestrate the 2008 terror attack in Mumbai have also been cited as possible grounds for the rejection.

Eastern Europe – Europe de l'Est

28. Kazakhstan Reveals Aktobe Terrorists Planned Attacks on Gov't Agencies

Sputnik News Service, 2016 06 12

Almaty - On June 5, unidentified armed assailants attacked two gun shops and a military unit in Aktobe. As a result of the attack, at least 7 people were killed, including three servicemen, and 38 injured. In response, the country's authorities announced an anti-terrorist operation. "According to preliminary reports, terrorists planned to attack a penal institution and certain administrative buildings of government agencies after obtaining fire arms," Maj. Gen. Nurgaly Bilisbekov told reporters. He added that joint efforts of Kazakhstan's law enforcement agencies prevented terrorists from implementation of their plans.

29. In Albania, concerns over ISIS's emergence

The Washington Post, Joby Warrick, 2016 06 12

Tirana, Albania - Ask Bujar Hysa about the charges that landed him in Tirana's cramped No. 302 Prison, and he spits furious denials. "I never encouraged terrorism!" declared the Muslim cleric, convicted last month of recruiting young Albanians for the Islamic State. But press further and Hysa readily admits to supporting a kind of Islamic state - not in Syria, but at home, in Albania, a NATO member and close U.S. ally on Europe's southern flank. Reflecting on his country's future from the prison's tiny visitor's room, he predicted that Albanians would inevitably replace Western-style governance with sharia, or Islamic law. Indeed, younger members of his flock were clamoring for it, he said. "Islam can coexist with other religions, but with democracy? No!" the bearded imam told a reporter as a guard kept an anxious watch just outside the door. "Anyone who says that sharia can coexist with democracy is a hypocrite." It is precisely this sentiment that has officials on a war footing in tiny Albania, a country with 2.8 million people, but an outsize problem trickling in from across its rugged eastern border. The Balkan enclave, nestled between the shimmering Adriatic and the high peaks of the Dinaric Alps, has a majority-Muslim population but a centuries-old tradition of religious tolerance and moderation. Yet even here, 1,200 miles from the fighting in Syria, the Islamic State has found a small but devoted following.

Africa – Afrique

30. Daech au pied du mur à Syrte

El Watan, 2016 06 12

Syrte - Les informations en provenance de Syrte indiquent que les forces de Daech ont subi un cinglant revers lors de l'affrontement en cours contre les troupes loyales au gouvernement de Tripoli. Daech ne contrôle plus qu'un quartier à l'intérieur de la ville, selon Ridha Aissa, du bureau de communication de l'opération de libération de Syrte. Le port de Syrte a été libéré avant-hier après un affrontement de quelques heures aux armes lourdes. Daech n'a pas fait le poids face aux troupes de Misrata et de ses alliés», a ajouté Aissa à la correspondante de l'agence Dune-voices, en précisant que «l'opération, qui a commencé il y a un mois, a fait 125 morts et plus de 400 blessés parmi les rangs des forces de Tripoli». Aucun chiffre n'a été officiellement communiqué sur les pertes dans les rangs de Daech. Les communiqués militaires en provenance du front ont rapporté que les forces gouvernementales ont utilisé, au début des opérations, des chars, de l'artillerie lourde et des lance-missiles. Les avions de l'académie militaire de Misrata ont également accompli 125 sorties pour bombarder les positions de Daech lors des premières attaques. Mais «les combats sont aujourd'hui dans les rues de Syrte», précise un membre actif des forces de Misrata, qui constituent la colonne vertébrale des forces loyales au gouvernement de Tripoli soutenu par la communauté internationale.

31. Libye: le groupe Etat islamique acculé au cœur de Syrte

Radio France Internationale, 2016 06 12

Syrte - La fin de la bataille de Syrte est proche. Les forces progouvernementales libyennes ont progressé rapidement dans leur offensive à Syrte contre le groupe Etat islamique en s'emparant du port et de plusieurs quartiers. Désormais la résistance de l'EI se concentre dans une zone restreinte d'environ 3km². L'après bataille est déjà dans les têtes. Des bâtiments et des voitures piégées à la va-vite, quelques snipers : c'étaient les dernières menaces auxquelles devaient faire face les forces Misrata samedi 11 juin.

32. Nigeria : quatre femmes égorgées dans une attaque de Boko Haram

Jeune Afrique, 2016 06 12

Abuja - Quatre femmes ont été égorgées dans un village du nord-est du Nigeria par des militants de Boko

Haram, ont indiqué samedi des miliciens qui luttent contre ces rebelles islamistes. Une quinzaine d'assaillants à moto ont surgi vendredi soir à Mairari, un village isolé situé à 80 kilomètres de Maiduguri, la capitale de l'Etat de Borno. Ils ont fait sortir de leurs maisons les femmes, âgées de 27 à 45 ans, et les ont égorgées, selon les témoignages des miliciens. « Ils sont allés dans quatre maisons pendant que les habitants rompaient le jeûne (du ramadan) vers 19 heures (18H00 GMT), ils ont sorti les quatre femmes et leur ont tranché la gorge », a déclaré à l'AFP un milicien, Babakura Kolo. Selon lui et un autre milicien, Musa Ari, les assaillants ont délibérément visé ces femmes, soit parce que leurs maris avaient refusé de rejoindre les rangs de la rébellion islamiste, soit parce que Boko Haram soupçonnait ces hommes de renseigner les autorités.

33. Freed From Prison , Zainab al-Khawaja Flees Bahrain

The New York Times, Kareem Fahim, 2016 06 12

Cairo - A political dissident from Bahrain, who was recently released from prison after the government there faced international outrage, said on Saturday that she had fled the country after she was threatened again with detention. The dissident, Zainab al-Khawaja, had been one of the last vocal pro-democracy activists remaining in the country amid a five-year government crackdown on dissent. Since facing an uprising in 2011, Bahrain's ruling monarchy has imprisoned prominent activists and opposition leaders or stripped them of citizenship. Other dissidents have either quieted their criticism of the government or left the country. Ms. Khawaja, 32, a dual citizen of Bahrain and Denmark who was imprisoned along with her infant son, was released on humanitarian grounds in May, and left Bahrain for Denmark last week. She said in an interview that Bahraini officials had warned the Danish Embassy that if she did not leave, she would be rearrested within months and separated from her son. "I have been arrested 11 times," she said in a telephone interview from Denmark. "I have done all I can do inside of prison."

Iraq/Iran

34. Thousands flee Falluja using first safe exit route secured by Iraqi army

Reuters News, Maher Chmaytelli and Ahmed Rasheed, 2016 06 12

Baghdad - The Iraqi army said on Sunday it had secured the first safe exit route for civilians to leave Islamic State's besieged stronghold Falluja, and a Norwegian aid group said thousands of people had already used it to flee in the first day it was open. Iraq has launched a major operation to recapture Falluja -- an Islamic State bastion just an hour's drive from Baghdad -- but the United Nations fears for the fate of up to 90,000 civilians believed trapped inside with little food or water. The new exit route, known as al-Salam (Peace) Junction, was secured on Saturday, southwest of Falluja, Joint Operation Command spokesman Brigadier Gen. Yahya Rasool told Reuters. "There were exit routes previously, but this is the first to be completely secured and it's relatively safe," said Rasool. About 4,000 people had fled the city over the past 24 hours through the al-Salam Junction, said Karl Schembri, a spokesman in Iraq for the Norwegian Refugee Council, which has been assisting people who escape the city. "We expect thousands more to be able to leave in the coming days," he said.

35. Spokesman Slams Canada's Anti-Iran Court Ruling

Fars News Agency, 2016 06 12

Tehran - Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hossein Jaber Ansari blasted a Canadian court's ruling to seize Iran's assets under the pretext of alleged involvement in terrorist activities. "Such a move is at odds with Ottawa's claims on the normalization of bilateral relations," Jaber Ansari said on Saturday. Canada's Ontario Supreme Court issued a political ruling to confirm a verdict for confiscation of \$13 million of Iranian assets on the baseless allegation that Iran has supported the terrorist groups. The Iranian foreign

ministry spokesman said that the recognition and enforcement of the politically motivated and in absentia rulings of the US courts, which have been confirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada's Ontario State runs in contradiction with the international commitments of the Canadian government per the principles and rules of the international law on judicial immunity of governments and their properties. Jaber Ansari reiterated that Canada's court ruling is in contradiction with statement of the new government of Canada willing to normalize bilateral relations and making up for the extremist policies of the former government of Canada.

36. Iran: Canada's Court Ruling against Int'l Laws

Fars News Agency, 2016 06 12

Tehran - Iran's Judiciary Spokesman Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei blasted a Canadian court's ruling to seize Iran's assets under the pretext of support for so-called terrorist activities, describing it as contradictory to the international laws. "Such moves are violating the international laws and are adopted by certain western states, headed by the US," Ejei told reporters in a press conference in Tehran on Sunday. "This issue is groundless and if these countries don't pay attention to the international laws, it will backfire on them," he added. Ejei called on the government to pursue the case seriously through diplomacy. In relevant remarks on Saturday, Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hossein Jaber Ansari also lambasted the Canadian court's ruling, and said, "Such a move is at odds with Ottawa's claims on the normalization of bilateral relations." Canada's Ontario Supreme Court issued a political ruling to confirm a verdict for confiscation of \$13 million of Iranian assets on the baseless allegation that Iran has supported the terrorist groups. The Iranian foreign ministry spokesman said that the recognition and enforcement of the politically motivated and in absentia rulings of the US courts, which have been confirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada's Ontario State runs in contradiction with the international commitments of the Canadian government per the principles and rules of the international law on judicial immunity of governments and their properties.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

37. Activists say airstrikes in northwest Syria kill 27

The Associated Press, 2016 06 12

Beirut - A series of airstrikes in an insurgent-held Syrian province on Sunday killed at least 27 people, including four children, activists said. The airstrikes in the northwestern Idlib province struck a crowded market and an apartment block, and came despite reports that a local truce between the government and insurgents had been renewed. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which relies on a network of activists on the ground, said at least 21 people were killed by several airstrikes in Idlib city, including one that hit a popular market. The group said another airstrike in the city of Maaret al-Numan, also in Idlib province, hit an apartment building, bringing it down and killing six people, including a mother and her four children who were trapped under the rubble.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

38. Endoctrinés, traumatisés, dangereux : que vont devenir les enfants de Daesh ?

SudOuest.fr avec AFP, 2016 06 12

Paris - Pour la France, les autorités estiment à environ 400 le nombre de mineurs actuellement présents dans les rangs de Daesh. Que se passera-t-il s'ils décident de revenir ? Ils sont des centaines, endoctrinés, traumatisés, potentiellement dangereux : les enfants occidentaux qui auront passé des années au sein de Daesh, s'ils rentrent un jour dans leurs pays d'origine, vont poser un problème auquel il faut se préparer, estiment officiels et experts. Alors que les forces de Daesh vont de défaite en défaite et perdent du terrain, les défections se multiplient dans les rangs des combattants étrangers qui avaient rejoint le "califat" autoproclamé. Si certains sont venus avec femmes et enfants, nombreux sont ceux qui se sont mariés et dont les épouses ont eu des enfants : pour la France, les autorités estiment à environ 400 le nombre de mineurs actuellement présents dans la zone. "Les deux tiers sont partis avec leurs parents, le tiers restant est composé d'enfants nés sur place et qui ont donc moins de quatre ans", a précisé récemment, lors d'une audition à l'Assemblée nationale française, le directeur général de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI), Patrick Calvar. Les "lionceaux du califat" "Je vous laisse imaginer les problèmes de légalité que posera leur retour avec leurs parents, s'ils reviennent, sans compter les réels problèmes de sécurité car ces enfants sont entraînés, instrumentalisés par Daesh : une vidéo récente les met en scène en tenue militaire"

39. ISIL puts beer bottles in front of cell houses to avoid police raids in Turkey's southeast
Hurriyet Daily News, 2016 06 12

Istanbul - Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants put beer bottles in front of their cell houses as a ploy to avoid police raids or arrests in the southeastern province of Diyarbakır, Doğan News Agency reported on June 12. A total of 128 objects seized in an operation on Oct. 26, 2015, including plenty of beer and perfume bottles, were destroyed according to the police report. The ISIL militants also put beer on their beards in order to give the impression that they consumed alcohol to avoid arrest. Two police officers and seven militants were killed in the aforementioned operation and many seized objects were destroyed under prosecutor's orders on June 11 for not having criminal elements.

40. German citizens who fought with 'IS' under surveillance in Euro 2016
Deutsche Welle, 2016 06 12

Berlin - Some 500 Germans who have fought with terrorist group "Islamic State" are under surveillance during the Euro 2016 soccer championship. Germany kicks off its Group C campaign against Ukraine in Lille on Sunday. German Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere told the "Bild am Sonntag" newspaper that security forces have received many tip-offs regarding possible attacks at Euro 2016, but added that there had been no concrete indications a terrorist attack was imminent during the tournament. "There are officially some 500 threats that we have in our sights," he told the mass-market paper. "That is very extensive, but subject to change." Germany has been on high alert for several months since the attacks last year in Paris and this year in Brussels. It's not known exactly how many German citizens are fighting or have fought in Syria or Iraq with IS, but estimates put the number in the hundreds. The German interior minister added that homegrown hooligans were being closely watched.

41. Kurdish militant group claims Istanbul bombing, says tourists aren't safe
The Washington Post, Erin Cunningham, 2016 06 12

Istanbul - A Kurdish militant group warned foreign tourists Friday that they are no longer safe in Turkey as its fighters ratchet up attacks on security forces across the country, an escalation many here fear could bring more deaths and cripple an already unstable economy. The warning from the Kurdistan Freedom Falcons, known in Kurdish as the TAK, came as the group asserted responsibility for a car bomb attack on police forces in central Istanbul this week. That attack killed at least 11 people near some of the city's most famous landmarks and was the third bombing this year to hit neighborhoods popular with tourists. "We warn all tourists who might plan to visit Turkey. . . . You are not our targets, but Turkey is no

[longer] secure for you," the statement posted on the TAK's website said. The TAK is a splinter group of the militant Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which has fought the Turkish state for decades for autonomy for Turkey's ethnic Kurds. The conflict, which has killed more than 40,000 people, reignited last year after a brief truce between Turkey and the PKK collapsed.

42. Germany's Merkel pushes rule of law, market access in China

Reuters News, 2016 06 12

Beijing - German Chancellor Angela Merkel stressed the role of an independent judiciary and the need for a level playing field for foreign firms as she begun her ninth trip to China since taking office. Merkel arrived in China on Sunday amid growing pressure from industry and rights groups to confront the Chinese more forcefully. The Chinese government is overseeing a broad crackdown on rights groups and activists, and is facing complaints from foreign firms about market access restrictions. Speaking to students at a Beijing university, Merkel explained the importance of real rule of law. "This means the judiciary decides according to the laws and legislation of the country independently of politics, and everyone is equal before the law. That means court procedures and rulings have to be transparent," she said. "If interpreted in this way, rule of law strengthens the trust of citizens in state institutions and its decisions. And thereby also strengthens the social stability of a country."

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CSIS under scrutiny for programme that illegally kept metadata

By Jessica Murphy
BBC News, Toronto
2016 11 05

Canada's spy agency is under scrutiny itself after a scathing court ruling said it was illegally keeping data on Canadians who posed no threat national security threat.

The programme had been going on since 2006.

Ottawa says it will ensure the spy agency is in is full compliance with Thursday's Federal Court decision.

The news came in the wake of revelations that police in Quebec had been spying on journalists.

The Federal Court ruling said that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) had been illegally keeping and analysing so-called "associated data", more commonly known as metadata, from third party communications.

That metadata, which could include the date, time, and telephone number linked to a phone conversation or an email address, was collected legally.

But it could only be retained if it was related to national security threats or of use to an investigation or prosecution.

It could also be kept if it was related to national defence or international affairs.

The court found CSIS was holding onto data from an unknown number of Canadians unrelated to threats or to the target of the warrants and that did not fall under any of those categories.

The spy service also failed to inform the court about that programme for a decade.

CSIS said it has suspended all access to and analysis of that metadata while it determined the its next steps.

Canadian Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said on Friday that CSIS's compliance with the judgement will be supervised by Canada's security intelligence review committee.

Opposition New Democrat MP Murray Rankin called the retention of the metadata "a gross abuse of power and an unjustifiable intrusion into the privacy of Canadians" and said that Canadian spy agencies lacked oversight.

Canada is currently reviewing its national security laws and framework.

The court judgment added to an ongoing debate in Canada over police powers, press freedom and privacy following revelations that Quebec police had spied on at least seven journalists.

Quebec announced it will hold an inquiry into the surveillance of journalists by police forces in the province.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called the surveillance "troubling" and said nothing similar was happening at the federal police force level.

Two of the province's police forces admitted they had obtained court warrants to monitor phones owned by journalists in order to track sources linked to leaks.

NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden spoke out on the revelations, calling police actions a "radical attack on the operations of the free press".

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Police and passwords

An opinion piece states, "Handing over the electronic password to your computer or cellphone to police could give them more access to your personal information than turning over the key to your house. That's why Canadians must carefully guard their privacy rights when considering any proposal to make it easier for law-enforcement officials to rummage through their digital data. **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** is calling for a public discussion on how to strike the right balance between the need for privacy and the need to give police adequate tools to fight all sorts of Internet-and computer related crime. It's a debate that's long overdue. And it's one that cannot be delayed much longer in light of a high-profile call from the country's police chiefs for a new law that would force people to hand over electronic passwords, albeit with the permission of a judge. The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police argues quite rightly that electronic devices are being used in the commission of all sorts of crime - from fraud to child abuse - and law enforcement is struggling to keep up. It notes that Canada has no law to compel someone to provide a password or encryption key during an investigation. The trick is to find a way to give police the powers they really need while safeguarding the right to privacy, as well as constitutional guarantees against self-incrimination and unreasonable search and seizure. Reasonable and probable grounds of a potential crime must be shown in a warrant. It can't be a fishing expedition. The warrant would have to describe exactly what police are looking for." [Toronto Star](#) (Times Colonist, A8)

Password protection a crucial charter right

An opinion piece states, "You have the right to remain silent - for now. If certain law enforcement officials have their way, we may soon be required to divulge our Facebook and iPhone passwords to the police. Last week, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police adopted a startling resolution calling for legislation that, on judicial authorization, would "compel the holder of an encryption key or password to reveal it to law enforcement." **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** invited public debate on the proposal. Police are responding to new challenges wrought by modern technology. Encryption renders data unintelligible without the user's password. Even with a warrant to seize and search a cellphone or computer, police cannot gain access to the valuable information stored on those devices unless they can guess the password (or hack into the device, as the FBI recently did with a locked iPhone in the San Bernardino case). Police worry criminals are "going dark"- i.e., using encryption to evade detection and prosecution. Compelling suspects to surrender their cellphone and computer passwords is an enticing solution to this problem. But it is one that ought to be unacceptable in a free and democratic society. The police chiefs' proposal would lead to a radical erosion of our constitutional rights protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. When the state accuses us of a crime, we are entitled to say, "prove it." The Supreme Court of Canada has said this right - the right against self-incrimination - is the organizing principle of our criminal justice system. An accused person is under no obligation to assist the state in her or his own prosecution, whether by answering questions about where she was the previous night or by revealing passcodes." [Toronto Star](#), A11; * [Hamilton Spectator](#)

Police chiefs' request goes one step too far

An editorial states, "Time for another discussion about balancing our individual rights with the need for reasonable security measures. This time, though, there's no middle ground from our perspective. The national association of police chiefs wants the ability to compel citizens to hand over online passwords provided a court order is obtained. This is a bad idea. A step too far. Beyond the pale. Why? Here are two arguments against this idea. One, admittedly tongue-in-cheek, goes like this. Who remembers all their passwords? So the police get a court order and want them all. So you end up giving them three old ones before you stumble across the new one. We can just hear it now: "Honest officer, I never log off so I don't need my password ..." Two, more seriously: This idea is just too broad and duplicates tools the police should be able to use now. As it stands, if the police have adequate evidence justifying a search of your property, they can get it by obtaining a court-sanctioned search warrant. Typically, warrants include appropriate conditions and restraints. How is

searching your car or house any different than searching your phone or hard drive? (...) **Ralph Goodale** hasn't said what he thinks of this specific measure. But he's likely to hear from his advisers that it will be tested through a constitutional challenge if enacted, and it will probably lose. It goes too far and is too broad. **Goodale** is right about one thing. He says **these issues are getting a lot more scrutiny in the U.S. than they are here**. Canadians, **Goodale** says, **need to have more discussion about how far police and security agencies should be willing to go**. He's right. Certain reasonable curtailments to privacy and freedom may be justifiable; others may not be - like this one. But we may not know one from the other without a robust national discussion." [Hamilton Spectator](#), A12

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Lawyers call for national cybersecurity standards

Technology lawyers say they're hopeful the federal government's public consultation on cybersecurity will result in a set of national standards for digital safety in Canada. Technology lawyer Lisa Abe-Oldenburg says that, currently, it's difficult to advise clients who ask about the level of security standards they should be following to protect their systems. "There's really not a lot of legislation we can point to to give them any kind of guidance and comfort," she says. "It often becomes a negotiation between the customer and the supplier." Ira Nishisato, partner at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, complains of the same issue. "There are essentially no national standards," Nishisato says. "From a legal perspective, the issue is always the question of standard of care — to what standard of care could an organization be held to in terms of ensuring the integrity and the security of its system? "Right now, if you look for what you should be doing, it's really not a question that avails itself of a straightforward answer," he adds. "It would be extraordinarily helpful to have some sort of direction in terms of national guidelines or national standards for cybersecurity and cyber-risk management." Last week, the federal government announced it would be launching a public consultation "on the evolving cybersecurity landscape" with the goal of strengthening digital safety. **"The government's cybersecurity review is an opportunity to build Canadian strength and expertise. Canadians spend more time online than people in any other country,"** said **Ralph Goodale, minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness**. **"We need to get really good at cybersecurity — across our personal, business, infrastructure and government sectors — so we can take full advantage of the digital economy, while protecting the safety and security of Canadians, and selling our valuable cyberskills and products into a booming market throughout the rest of the world,"** **Goodale** added. Current legislation and regulations around cybersecurity lack rigour, according to Abe-Oldenburg. [Canadian Lawyer Magazine](#) (2016-08-22)

China edges ahead in the race to build hack-proof cyber security systems

The international power struggle for the control of data has intensified with a number of Chinese companies now trying to challenge entrenched cloud vendors such as Microsoft, Google and Amazon. The growing market, targeted by Chinese players such as Huawei, Alibaba and Baidu, has raised serious questions about security of data storage and whether tech firms in China or elsewhere are vulnerable to attack. [The National UAE](#) (2016-08-22)

China's proposed cyber law unnerves foreign players in cloud

International platforms such as Google, Facebook and Twitter are already banned in China. But there are worries about a new cyber security law being formulated in Beijing that would require data collected in China to remain in the country. [The National UAE](#) (2016-08-22)

Commentary: Evidence points to another Snowden at the NSA

An opinion piece states, "In the summer of 1972, state-of-the-art campaign spying consisted of amateur burglars, armed with duct tape and microphones, penetrating the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee. Today, amateur burglars have been replaced by cyberspies, who penetrated the DNC armed with computers and sophisticated hacking tools... Now, in the latest twist, hacking tools themselves, likely stolen from the National Security Agency, are on the digital auction block. Once again, the usual suspects start with Russia — though there seems little evidence backing up the accusation..." [Reuters](#) (2016-08-22)

France, Germany want limits on encryption to fight terrorism

France and Germany want messaging apps such as Telegram to limit encryption to help governments monitor communications among suspected terrorists. Privacy advocates argue that encryption is essential to online security, notably for banking transactions. French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said authorities are not pushing to ban encryption, but to work with companies that offer encrypted services so that they cannot be abused by violent extremists. He and his German counterpart said Tuesday they're pushing for a Europe-wide policy limiting encryption to be discussed at an EU summit next month. The ministers also stressed the need for a unified European system for sharing police information, after deadly extremist attacks in both countries this summer. Cazeneuve said French authorities have detained three people this month with "clear plans" to stage attacks. [Associated Press](#) (Cape Breton Post)

Cyber criminals increasingly using insiders in telco attacks: Kaspersky

Kaspersky Lab said internal staff members are latest vulnerability in telecoms service providers' security systems. Kaspersky Lab warned that people employed by telcos are as much a threat to the security of networks and subscriber data as remote cyber attacks. The security company said cyber criminals are increasingly using service providers' own staff to gain access to sensitive data. Joint research conducted by Kaspersky Lab and B2B International found that 28% of all cyber attacks and 38% of targeted attacks now involve malicious activity by company insiders. Scammers typically target staff members who are unhappy, but are also known to employ blackmail using compromising information, the security company said. That information is gathered either from publicly available sources or from previously stolen data, which cyber criminals then use to force employees to provide details of their corporate credentials and internal systems, and to distribute spear-phishing attacks. Employees who can quickly provide access to subscriber and customer data or SIM duplication and reissue facilities are in the most demand from criminals. [Total Telecom](#)

Imperva: Application layer DDoS attacks are on the rise

Application layer DDoS attacks are becoming more common, perhaps because they cost less for malicious actors to execute and can more effectively evade defenses than network layer attacks, Imperva says. One such attack generated 8.7Gbps at its peak, "unheard of in relation to application layer assaults," in an effort to thread its way through the DDoS mitigations that had been set up to defend against such attacks, according to Imperva's "DDoS Threat Landscape Report 2015-2016" released today. Application layer attacks can be measured in responses per second required from the application targeted, and they generally require less volume than network layer attacks to succeed, the report says. That means they require fewer botnet resources, if botnets are the platform from which the attack is launched. That in turn means attackers on a budget can afford to create attacks that last longer. More than 44 percent of application layer attacks lasted more than an hour while just 12.2 percent of network layer ones did. [Network World](#)

Linux Trojan targets Drupal, WordPress for DDoS and ransoms

A newly found piece of malware targeting web servers running on Linux machines is scanning popular content management systems (CMS) for vulnerabilities to expand a botnet. Russian security firm Dr. Web says the malware is capable of launching distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks, sending spam email, and self-propagating across a network. The malware targets a number of widely used systems, including Drupal, Wordpress, Magento, ContactScanner, AirOS, Exagrid, Jetspeed, and others. One feature of the malware scans for websites that use these systems, attempting to exploit known vulnerabilities to expose user details, private SSH keys, and login credentials stored on remote servers. The security firm attributes the malware to recent attacks on Drupal sites that used an SQL injection flaw to compromise web servers. Victims faced a demand of 1.4 Bitcoin to release the key. [CSO Online](#)

Rex Linux Trojan Turns Infected Machines to Bitcoin Miners, Unleashes DDoS Attacks

The number of attacks on computers is increasing almost exponentially these days. The latest one to make news is the Rex Linux Trojan. This "Swiss knife" of a malicious program is a piece of work capable of running DDoS attacks, hold the infected computer for ransom (ransomware) and even mine Bitcoin without the user's knowledge. Built on Google's Go platform, the Trojan was first identified by cyber security firms three months ago. The earlier version of Rex Linux Trojan was much weaker and it was found targeting Drupal websites. Security experts were able to defeat the ransomware easily. However, Rex Linux Trojan as evolved since then to become a considerable threat. According to reports, the malware uses peer to peer communication network and has 5 major parts and it is capable of attacking more than just CMS platforms like Drupal. The different parts of Rex Linux Trojan include an attack vector, Bitcoin mining capability, Command and Control Communication, ransomware and DDoS attack. The malware is delivered by bots scanning the internet for vulnerable websites. It is found to take advantage of multiple well-known security vulnerabilities of the platforms. Rex Linux Trojan makes use of CVE-2014-3704 Drupalgeddon vulnerability for infecting Drupal based web platforms. Similarly, Magento based websites are targeted using Shoplift RCE bugs. Many plugins on WordPress are found to be vulnerable to Rex Linux Trojan. Some of the compromised plugins include WooCommerce, Robo Gallery, Rev Slider, WP-Squirrel, Site Import, Brandfolder, Issuu Panel and Gwolle Guestbook. [Bitcoin News Service](#)

Eddie Bauer Asserts Malware Hit its Retail Store PoS Systems

Retail store Eddie Bauer based in Bellevue, Washington declared on August 18, 2016 that malware had infected its PoS systems letting unauthorized parties reach customers' credit and debit card data during January 2-July 17 this year (2016). But customers who made purchases via the eddiebauer.com website didn't have their card data affected. Following the announcement, KrebsOnSecurity.com, on 5th July 2016, contacted Eddie Bauer because it (the website) had known about the breach from many people engaged in combating scams against financial institutions in USA. Everybody of those people stated they had detected a fraud scheme involving client cards wherein the most common aspect was that those cards had been lately utilized at certain 350+ stores of Eddie Bauer. The scam combating specialists stated that the breach and resultant theft seemed as dating back to not before January 2016. A free service of ID-theft protection has been offered from Eddie Bauer to all clients impacted, for a 12-month period. However, this doesn't seem to help much if crooks keep managing making fraudulent buying through fake payment cards in the name of the actual card-owners. Consumerist.com posted this, August 18, 2016. [SPAMFighter News](#)

New malware successfully attacked industrial sectors in over 30 countries

A new wave of targeted attacks against the industrial and engineering sectors in multiple countries around the world have been discovered by the Kaspersky Lab Global Research and Analysis Team. Using spear-phishing emails and malware based on commercial spyware kits, criminals hunt for valuable business related data stored in their victims' networks. In total, over 130 organisations from 30 countries including Spain, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, India, Egypt, United Kingdom, Germany, Saudi Arabia and other countries were successfully attacked by this group. In June 2016, Kaspersky Lab researchers spotted a wave of spear-phishing e-mails with malicious attachments. These messages were mostly sent to the top and middle level managers of numerous companies. The e-mails sent by the attackers appeared to be coming from a bank in the UAE, looking like payment advice from the bank with an attached SWIFT document, but in reality the attached archive contained malware. Further investigation conducted by Kaspersky Lab researchers showed that the spear-phishing campaign has most likely been organised by a cybercriminal group which has been tracked by company researchers since March 2015. The June attacks appear to be the most recent operation conducted by this group.

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Businesses must buck surveillance

Resisting government mass surveillance isn't just the right thing to do - it's good for business, whistleblower Edward Snowden told a Toronto cybersecurity conference Tuesday. Speaking via video link to the annual Canadian industry event SecTor, Snowden brought up the recent revelation that Yahoo Inc. had agreed to scan customers' emails for U.S. intelligence. Shortly after, Verizon Communications Inc. asked for a US\$1 billion discount on its US\$4.8 billion agreement to buy the company, according to a report in the New York Post. "If you collaborate with the government in this regard, far beyond what the law requires, it can actually have a significant, substantial consequence for your valuation," Snowden said. "Yahoo, which is a very powerful, very rich organization, cooperated beyond what was legally required. And it damaged its brand (...)" Snowden cited Open Whisper Systems, which makes the encrypted messaging app Signal, as an example of an organization that benefited from pushing back against a government request for cooperation in a surveillance program. With the help of the American Civil Liberties Union, Open Whisper Systems fought a gag order on a subpoena for information associated with two phone numbers. Ultimately, Open Whisper Systems had to comply with the subpoena, but the damage was mitigated because of another Snowden-approved policy: Only retaining as much personal data as absolutely necessary. The subpoena asked for browsing history and tracking data stored in web browsers, but Signal doesn't collect that information. "Companies work for their customers first. This means they should only hold the data that's absolutely necessary for the operation of their businesses," Snowden said. "When this story broke about Open Whisper Systems abiding by this principle, the fact they were being compelled through the state's monopoly on use of law actually benefited their brand." [Postmedia](#) (Financial Post, FP3; National Post); [IT World Canada](#) (2016-10-18)

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Politics this morning: EU-Canada Arctic Conference takes place in Ottawa

(...) There will be a panel discussion on cyber security in Canada, and how the country can increase the protection of important data. The event will take place from 9:15-11:15 in Room 160S, Centre Block, Parliament Hill in Ottawa. The speakers include: David Murakami Wood, Canadian research chair for the Surveillance Studies Centre at Queens University; Claude A. Sarrazin, president of SIRCO; Bonnie Butlin, national coordinator and chair of the National Council of the Canadian Cybersecurity Alliance; and Peter Sloly, executive director, risk advisory/cyber, national lead for security & justice sector, at Deloitte Canada. [Hill Times](#)

Canada's cybersecurity strategy is anemic: expert

Canada's cybersecurity strategy is so outdated, the last time it was revised was in 2010 when Conservative Vic Toews was public safety minister. Six years doesn't seem like a long time for a policy to lay untouched, but in the world of espionage it's an eternity. "I would suggest that our cybersecurity strategy is somewhat anemic," Stephanie Carvin, a former Government of Canada national security analyst, said. The assistant professor at Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of National Affairs said she believes Canada's strategy on the public safety department's website lacks any teeth. "The government has principles and it has a document that's called the cybersecurity strategy, but it's not clear to me that we actually do have a strategy that is behind it with any kind of meat." Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale acknowledges the gaps in our system and has said he is committed to plugging them. "We're looking at the governance of our cyber security systems, we're looking at the technology, we're looking at the financing to see what's necessary to make us stronger," Goodale said. When he was appointed minister, Goodale was mandated to lead a full review of infrastructure to protect Canadians from cyber-threats. Department officials say that consultation will be done in December. There is no fixed timeline for the changes to be implemented, but Minister Goodale is looking to other nations

for advice. "Israel for example, is considered to be very good at this, as well as the United States and the Brits and others," Goodale said. [Surghar Daily](#)

Over 100 groups cashing in on ransomware, Canadian infosec pros told

Ransomware is such big business that security vendor F-secure is tracking 110 gangs making money from the malware, the company's chief research officer has told annual SecTor cyber security conference. It's the biggest single problem infosec teams face today, Mikko Hypponen told the Toronto conference on Tuesday, because once a machine is infected "it will stop you dead in your tracks." Things are so bad that a number of organizations are buying digital wallets with Bitcoin as protection for the day they are infected – and their willingness to pay ransoms only makes things worse, Hypponen added, because the more victims that pay the more attackers are encouraged. [IT World Canada](#)

Only do penetration tests if your security program is up to it, say experts

Penetration testing is an exam that cyber security experts tout for finding out the true strengths and weaknesses of an organization's personal and technology defences. However, if your organization doesn't have a mature security program pen testing is a waste of time and money, two veterans warned infosec pros Tuesday at the annual SecTor cyber security conference in Toronto (...). In an interview later West and Baseggio expanded on this and other points. "If you have a very immature security program and you know it – which most clients do – then that's a very clear indication you should probably put your money into the building blocks that make you secure rather than a shot in the dark," said Baseggio. "You already know your network is insecure because you haven't put any effort into it." [IT World Canada](#)

Province's cellphone security sub-par, but getting better

The B.C. government's lax rules on taxpayer-paid iPhones and tablets has left it blind to the security risks of viruses, hackers and unauthorized applications used by public officials - some of whom wait months to report lost devices, according to two new investigations. Auditor General Carol Bellringer and acting Information and Privacy Commissioner Drew McArthur issued joint reports Tuesday that raise red flags about government security for thousands of smartphones and tablets. But they also admitted the province has plugged the most serious security holes since their audits concluded in November 2015, and they didn't investigate whether there were any cases in which data was inappropriately accessed. "While I'm encouraged, there's also some work to be done," McArthur said. "The highest of the risks have been addressed, or we would not have released the report publicly," Bellringer added. [Postmedia](#) (Vancouver Sun, A6); [Globe and Mail](#)

OPP focus on raising awareness about phishing and ransomware as cyber security awareness month continues

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) remind everyone to be aware of the email scams criminals use to commit identity theft and other crimes. Phishing is any e-mail falsely claiming to be from an established legitimate organization such as a financial institution, business or government agency. The e-mail may request or direct the consumer to visit a certain website to update or provide personal and/or financial information and passwords. It is really a malicious attempt to collect customer information for the purpose of committing fraud. [KingstonRegion.com](#)

Cobourg forum provides Internet fraud and cyber crime information for seniors

Seniors are invited to learn about Internet fraud and cyber crime at a forum. The 6th annual Seniors Active Living and Education Forum, hosted by the Cobourg Seniors Activity Centre, is on Friday, Oct. 21. The free forum includes more than 35 exhibitors as well as education sessions on services for Cobourg's seniors. Topics will include hearing aids, fraud, insurance, health and more. Local businesses and non-profit organizations will participate in the program to offer information on local services. [Northumberland News](#)

Hackers create more IoT botnets with Mirai source code

Malware that can build botnets out of IoT products has gone on to infect twice as many devices after its source code was publicly released. The total number of IoT devices infected with the Mirai malware has reached 493,000, up from 213,000 bots before the source code was disclosed around Oct. 1, according to internet backbone provider Level 3 Communications. "The true number of actual bots may be higher," Level 3 said in a Tuesday blog post. Hackers have been taking advantage of the Mirai malware's source code, following its role in launching a massive DDOS (distributed denial-of-service) attack that took down the website of cybersecurity reporter Brian Krebs. [CSO Online](#); [Softpedia](#); [PC World](#); [Motherboard](#)

Hajime IoT Worm Considerably More Sophisticated Than Mirai

Security researchers have discovered a new IoT worm that appears to share behavior with the more popular Mirai IoT malware, but which is far more sophisticated than the latter. Because Mirai is the Japanese word for "future," they named this new variation Hajime, the Japanese word for "beginning." Responsible for Hajime's discovery are Sam Edwards and Ioannis Profetis, security researchers for Rapidity Networks. [Softpedia](#)

Flaw in Intel chips could make malware attacks more potent

Researchers have devised a technique that bypasses a key security protection built into just about every operating system. If left unfixed, this could make malware attacks much more potent. ASLR, short for "address space layout randomization," is a defense against a class of widely used attacks that surreptitiously install malware by exploiting vulnerabilities in an operating system or application. [Ars Technica](#)

Microsoft Releases KB3192403, KB3192404, and KB3192406 Preview Rollups

Starting this month, Microsoft is shipping Windows 7 and 8.1 updates as rollups in two different cycles, one on Patch Tuesday for security fixes and another one on the third Tuesday of each month for non-security fixes, plus a preview of next month's rollup. [Softpedia](#)

Sofacy APT Develops New Flash Player Exploit Platform Called DealersChoice

The Sofacy cyber-espionage group, also known as Fancy Bear, APT28, Sednit, Pawn Storm, or Strontium, has developed new hacking tools, which they've deployed over the summer in live attacks. According to Palo Alto Networks, the group targeted a Ukrainian defense organization and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of a nearby country. Sofacy used spear-phishing emails to deliver malicious documents to their victims. The group spoofed communications from the European Parliament's Press Unit in order to fool recipients (...) The spear-phishing campaign delivered malicious documents about a possible Russian invasion of the Ukraine, drawing the recipient's attention. According to Palo Alto, when a victim would open these documents, they'd be presented with decoy files instead, which contained text copy-pasted from international news media. Under the hood, the original files would load another Word document via embedded OLE objects, which would, in turn, contain Adobe Flash SWF files. These double-nested Office files would attempt to exploit the user's PC for unpatched Flash vulnerabilities. [Softpedia](#)

US Reps Requesting Further Intel Around Yahoo Surveillance Story

Nearly 50 representatives from 27 different states are still looking to clear the air around this month's Yahoo surveillance story. In a letter on Friday addressed to Attorney General Loretta Lynch and Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, government officials asked for clarity around the surveillance program mentioned in a jarring Reuters article earlier this month. [Threatpost](#)

Experts 'Outraged' by Warrant Demanding Fingerprints to Unlock Smartphones

Civil libertarians and security experts say a Department of Justice search warrant goes too far in seeking fingerprint data to crack open smartphones. The warrant in question would allow law enforcement to search a Lancaster, Calif., residence for an undisclosed number of smartphones. The warrant would also force anyone in the home to use their fingerprints to unlock a phone if it uses a mechanism similar to Apple's Touch ID biometric technology. Experts say the warrant is one of a growing number that overreach when it comes to the government's attempt to circumvent encryption locks used by Apple and other smartphone makers. [Threatpost](#)

Media vulnerable to Election Night cyber attack

Despite spending hundreds of millions of dollars on security upgrades, U.S. media organizations have failed to properly protect their newsrooms from cyberattacks on their websites, communications systems and even editing platforms — opening themselves up to the possibility of a chaos-creating hack around Election Day. In just the past month, BuzzFeed has been vandalized, and both Newsweek and a leading cybersecurity blog were knocked offline after publishing articles that hackers apparently didn't appreciate. Federal law enforcement is investigating multiple attacks on news organizations, and journalists moderating the presidential debates say they've even gotten briefings from the FBI on proper cyber hygiene, prompting them to go back to paper and pens for prep work. [Politico](#)

Trump Twitter Support Artificially Exaggerated by Bots – Report

Presidential hopeful Donald Trump's Twitter support was over-exaggerated due to significant bot activity on the site four times as great as that of his rival Hillary Clinton, according to new research. Oxford University's Philip Howard made the claims in a new report analysing tweets made on the night of the first presidential debate and the succeeding three days. Focusing on accounts which only posted messages with hashtags in favor of one candidate, he then went on to ascertain if any of these had tweeted more than 50 times each day across the period in question — indicating they were bots. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

How Europe Can Fight Cyber Attacks (And Win)

The cyber landscape in Europe is about to change. As the U.S. presidential campaign enters its home stretch, the issue of cyber security is front-and-center. Rarely a day goes by when a new report of a corporate or government breach fails to make headlines. Across Europe on the other hand, news of major cyber attacks, particularly against European companies, are rarely found on the front pages of Le Monde, Der Spiegel or La Repubblica. Have European institutions done a better job of safeguarding against attacks than their American counterparts? Has Europe just been exceptionally lucky? The answer to both questions is a resounding no. The unfortunate truth is that breaches are occurring with frequency across Europe (...) First, the cyber landscape in Europe is about to change profoundly. The adoption of the EU

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a watershed event. For the first time, companies across Europe will be required to disclose data breaches to national data protection authorities and, where warranted, affected individuals. Importantly, failure to do so may result in extraordinary penalties of up to 4% of total revenues (...) According to forensic experts, companies in Europe are currently taking three times as long to identify penetrations of their IT systems. Just as important, the EU must help companies peel back the secrecy that currently enshrouds cyber incidents. [Fortune](#)

Nation-State Hackers Hit Japanese Nuclear Facility

A Japanese nuclear research facility has been hacked, resulting in the theft of 59,000 files. The University of Toyama's Hydrogen Isotope Research Center is one of the world leaders in tritium research. Tritium, also known as Hydrogen-3, is a radioactive isotope of hydrogen that is an important fuel for controlled nuclear fusion, and a key component of hydrogen bombs. It is also one of the contaminants in the water building up at the Fukushima No. 1 nuclear plant. The infiltrators stole the lab's tritium research, according to Japanese media, along with the personal details of 1,493 researchers. Attackers stole data in three batches: December 2015, March 2016 and June 2016. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

India's Axis Bank says no loss from cyber attack

Axis Bank Ltd, India's third-biggest private sector lender by assets, said on Wednesday there was no loss to its customers from a recent cyber attack. "Our internal monitoring mechanism identified such a threat recently and all steps have been undertaken to neutralize the same," the bank said in a statement to Reuters. [Reuters](#); [Economic Times](#)

Virtual Safety: Cyber security in AR/VR games

It is a fact universally acknowledged that laws and regulations lag behind technology. Augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) applications are no exception to this. Online games platforms have all the ingredients to attract hackers and cybercriminals: large numbers of individuals and personal data, in-game purchases (involving the handling of payment details), code running on "always on" and "always present" mobile devices and players (whether kids or not) likely to be more interested in the gaming experience than staying safe in cyberspace. Little wonder then that the Sony PlayStation Network hack in 2011 compromised the database of 77 million people, including personal data and payment card information (...) When you take the vulnerabilities of online gaming and overlay it with the uniquely more personal/intimate interface of AR/VR applications with their users, the consequences of security lapses could be more immediate even than theft and identity fraud. Early reports about this year's new AR game which has taken the world by storm (we need not speak its name), suggest that AR (and VAR) applications are just as vulnerable to data hacks and malware as other systems. [IT Pro Portal](#)

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Security breach caused online frenzy

Last month Yahoo announced that at least 500 million accounts were hacked, leaking important personal information. This security breach caused an online frenzy that left many people afraid of having their online information stolen, both in the U.S. and right here at home in Nova Scotia. "People in Nova Scotia are at no greater nor lesser risk than anyone else in the world," said Dr. Wayne Patterson, professor of Computer Science at Howard University. ". . . some prominent Nova Scotians such as Premier Stephen McNeil, Sidney Crosby or Ellen Page might need extra levels of protection." But Patterson suggested keeping information as secure as possible by backing up documents onto a removable device, such as a memory stick. "Some vendors may suggest that you protect your data by storing it in a 'cloud,'" said Patterson, a New Brunswick native. "This is certainly becoming more and more popular, but it is a fairly unsettled issue amongst those of us who do research in cybersecurity." In Yahoo's case, they had recently shut down the division of research staff specifically addressing security issues and were in the process of rebuilding. But Yahoo is not the only company that has been breached in the past. "Microsoft was notorious for many years in putting the most minimal effort in their software development on providing strong security," said Patterson, director of the Cybersecurity Research Center, associate vice provost for Research and senior fellow for Research and International Affairs in the Graduate School at Howard. [Chronicle-Herald](#), E3

Verizon relooking at Yahoo deal after millions hacked

Verizon is doubling down on language it used last week to describe the massive, historic data breach affecting an estimated 500 million Yahoo accounts - a move that puts even greater pressure on the beleaguered web company as it seeks to close a sale to the telecom giant. At the moment, "we have to assume (the breach) will have a material impact on Yahoo," said Verizon chief financial officer Fran Shammo on an investor call Thursday. A change in Yahoo's business that's deemed "material" is one that could make the Internet firm much less attractive to Verizon financially, and under the terms of the deal could allow Verizon to back away from the transaction. Verizon's lawyers talked by phone with Yahoo for the first time Wednesday to discuss the impact of the breach on Yahoo's business, according to Shammo. Verizon will take "some time" to determine the fate of the deal, Shammo said, unless Yahoo "comes up with a different process" for interacting with its buyer. [Washington Post](#) (Waterloo Region Record, C7)

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Cyber security in Canada overdue for an update, experts tell Senate open caucus

Cyber security in Canada needs a major overhaul, one that looks at the problem beyond just the virtual scope; that was the message that panelists delivered at a public open caucus meeting hosted by Senate Liberals this past Wednesday during Cyber Security Awareness Month. "The rate and nature of change requires an evergreen cyber strategy," said Peter Sloly, executive director with Deloitte Canada, who works in the cyber section of the risk advisory services. "There's no point in having one in 2010 and updating it in 2014 or having one in 2016 and then updating it four years later around an election cycle." Sloly, a former deputy chief of the Toronto Police Service, emphasized that like policing, cyber security is more than law enforcement; it requires prevention, engagement, and the protection and promotion of rights. These same elements can, and should, apply to cyber security. [Hill Times](#) (2016-10-20)

"I've seen pretty much all your tech secrets"

Government prosecutors intend to file additional "serious felony charges" against a former NSA contractor who was arrested in August and charged with stealing a massive trove of top-secret intelligence documents. In court papers filed Thursday [you can read them below], the government said Navy veteran Harold T. Martin III stole 50,000 gigabytes of data over the course of two decades, which far exceeds the number of documents Edward Snowden took from the NSA and leaked to journalists. (One gigabyte can store about 10,000 pages.) Prosecutors say Martin, who had been a contractor with Booz Allen Hamilton — the same company that employed Snowden at the time of his leak — is a national security threat and a flight risk, and must remain behind bars until a trial in his case begins next year... "Some of the documents are marked 'Unclassified/For Official Use Only,' and many are marked 'Secret' and 'Top Secret,'" the court filing says. "Many of the documents marked 'Secret' and 'Top Secret,' also bear special handling caveats. The information stolen by the Defendant also appears to include the personal information of government employees." [Vice News](#) (2016-10-20)

U.S., U.K. cybersecurity officials: Destructive hacks are coming

The world should brace itself for more physically destructive hacks, two senior cybersecurity officials said Wednesday, warning that a more dangerous era of hacking was already upon us. Paul Chichester, the director of operations at Britain's new National Cyber Security Centre, told an event hosted by British defence think-tank RUSI that electronic intrusions were on their way to becoming more "destructive, disruptive and coercive." "That will be our future," he told a crowd of officers, academics and industry experts gathered for a two-day symposium in central London. Chichester was seconded by Air Force Lt. Gen. James K. McLaughlin, deputy commander at U.S. Cyber Command, who told attendees that infrastructure-wrecking attacks were being seen "right now in the environment." Neither official went into specifics about what they'd seen or why they felt the threat was intensifying, although McLaughlin invoked a cyberattack in Ukraine which knocked out three separate power distribution companies last year. The Dec. 23 incident, believed to have been pulled off by a team of hackers using stolen passwords, left 225,000 people without electricity, according to a U.S. Department of Homeland Security bulletin published two months later. [Canadian Underwriter](#) (2016-10-20)

Can governments really keep us safe from terrorism without invading our privacy?

GCHQ has many negative connotations attached to it - including illegally collecting data from the UK public - but David Omand, former head of GCHQ and now professor at Kings, is hoping for a change in the way governments deals with our private information. Referring to new legislation that is currently going through parliament - the 'Investigatory Powers Law' - he explained how regulation is being implemented to create transparency in the way the UK government deals with cybersecurity. "What is going on, as we speak, is a phase change in the relationship between the secret state and parliament," explained Omand. "One way of looking at this is that the secret activity of the state is now being fully bought under the modern rule of law." In 2013, when the NSA scandal went public, the way governments mine data from its citizens became of public concern. No longer were the intelligence departments free to take what they wanted without public repercussion and outrage. "It kicked off a moral panic around Europe. It lead to investigations and endless court cases against the government." However, in 2015 and 2016, when terrorists hit Paris, Orlando, Nice and other major cities around the world, intelligence agencies cited the attacks as the reason behind their rigorous stealing of data. Omand explained how we'd reached this state of cyberthreat. "There were urgent demands for intelligence on those who mean us harm, but that coincided with the fact that we have been placing our personal intelligence in the digital world." So where does the line stand with mining data for security reasons? Is there a balance to be reached between privacy and security? According to Omand, "2017 is the year of reconciliation, in which we recognise as a mature democracy, it is possible to have sufficient security and sufficient privacy." [Wired UK](#) (2016-10-20)

Hack us and you're basically attacking America, says UK defence sec - And we'll attack you back, promises Defence Secretary

Britain is splurging £265m on military cyber security – and that includes offensive capabilities, according to Defence Secretary Sir Michael Fallon. Speaking at the Royal United Services Institute yesterday, Sir Michael said the investment into the Cyber Vulnerability Investigations programme would "help us protect against these threats". "The average cost of the most severe online security breaches for bigger companies starts at almost £1.5m, up £600,000 from 2014," said Sir Michael, adding: "It's only a matter of time before we have to deal with a major attack on UK interests." So far Britain has managed to avoid the sort of targeted large-scale hacks that have seen big US tech companies such as Yahoo! see 500 million user accounts compromised, or the Target hack which saw millions of credit card and debit card details as well as names and addresses leaked into the hands of cyber-criminals. [UK Register](#)

Snapchat, Skype, BBM not protecting users' privacy, says Amnesty International

Major messaging services like Snapchat, Skype and BlackBerry's BBM are not taking basic steps to ensure privacy, according to Amnesty International. The organization said this failure has serious human rights repercussions since it leaves users, and particularly activists, vulnerable to spying from cybercriminals and government agencies. "If you think instant messaging services are private, you are in for a big surprise," Sherif Elsayed-Ali, the head of Amnesty International's technology and human rights team, said in a news release. "Young people, the most prolific sharers of personal details and photos over apps like Snapchat, are especially at risk," he added. The organization conducted a

privacy assessment of the most popular messaging apps in the world. Some of the other apps included in the report are Facebook's messaging service and WhatsApp, Apple's iMessage and Facetime, Google's Allo, Duo and Hangouts, Tencent's QQ and Wechat, and Telegram. [CBC News](#)

Microsoft launches cyber security engagement centre in India

US tech giant Microsoft has set up a cyber security engagement centre (CSEC) in the Delhi-NCR region that will help it work with partners to identify and respond to cyber threats in the country. The India centre, which is the seventh such facility for the company globally, will function as a satellite to Microsoft's Redmond Digital Crimes Unit (DCU). While Microsoft declined to comment on investment details, it said the company invests about USD 1 billion annually in the area of security research, innovation and development. "The CSEC's mission is to help build a trusted and secure computing environment, a critical enabler for India's digital transformation. It will work towards fostering deeper cyber security collaborations with public and private sector organisations for this," Microsoft India Chairman Bhaskar Pramanik said. [Deccan Chronicle](#)

Cybersécurité en France : 47% de cyberattaques en moins en 2016

En France, le nombre de cyberattaques détectées par les entreprises au cours des 12 derniers mois s'élève en moyenne à 11 incidents par jour (soit une baisse de 47% à taux de change constant par rapport à 2015) pour un montant moyen de pertes financières estimé à 1,5 million d'euros (en diminution de 56% à taux de change constant en un an). Dans la première publication d'une série de quatre livres blancs présentant les principaux enseignements de cette étude, PwC démontre que les entreprises perçoivent désormais la cybersécurité comme un enjeu clé facteur de croissance et d'innovation pour leurs activités. En effet, 59% des dirigeants interrogés par PwC déclarent avoir augmenté leurs dépenses de cybersécurité en 2016 pour accompagner la transformation digitale de leur entreprise. En France, les entreprises ont investi en moyenne 3,9 millions d'euros dans la sécurité de leurs systèmes d'information au cours des 12 derniers mois. [Finyear](#)

When Gadgets Attack: Internet of Things Compromises Security

The number of electronic devices with Internet connection is growing rapidly. Many of them use simple default passwords and therefore run a high risk of getting hacked. In the worst case scenario, grave consequences are to be expected, Nordic security experts warn. Everything from household appliances to industrial machinery may be controlled remotely via Internet. The phenomenon is called Internet of Things (IoT), and is expected to surpass mobile phones as the largest category of Internet-connected devices in just a year's time. A large part of these devices are still plagued by poor security, Swedish security analyst Leif Nixon, founder and owner of Nixon Security, told Finnish state broadcaster Yle. Most of them still use default usernames and passwords and are prone to hacker attacks. [Sputnik International](#)

Survey finds voters more worried about cybersecurity than ISIS, climate change

New data released today from cybersecurity company, Cybereason, revealed that nearly 70 percent of registered U.S. voters believe cyber attacks are more threatening to the U.S. than ISIS. In fact, 64 percent are concerned about a major cyber attack against the US. With cyberattacks on the rise across the country, findings showed that in addition to ISIS, voters are also more concerned about cybersecurity than climate change and nuclear weapons. In this national survey, which comes on the day of the final presidential debate, Cybereason looked at voters' views on the top issues being discussed by both candidates on the campaign trail. The data revealed that no matter the outcome of the election, the next president of the U.S. will face a growing cybersecurity threat not faced by any president current or previous. And voters know it. Demonstrating this growth in awareness among voters, 77 percent said they are more concerned about cybersecurity policy this election than they were during the last presidential election. Voters also ranked cyber-related threats as the fourth most important issue behind only the economy, healthcare, and education and well ahead of hot button issues like terrorism, immigration, supreme court appointments and gun policy. [Government Security News](#)

GCHQ tech leader's plan to secure an entire country

"This is weird, OK? This is not something you'll normally see at a cybersecurity conference. This is called data, and evidence," said Dr Ian Levy, technical director for cyber security and resilience at the UK's Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), and now technical director of the UK's new National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC). Levy is responsible for implementing the technical aspects of the UK's 2016-2021 National Cyber Security Strategy, which is expected to be released within weeks. The evidence in question demonstrates the effectiveness of DMARC, the Domain Message Authentication Reporting and Conformance protocol, designed to help eliminate spam and other email spoofing attacks. DMARC is one of the strategies that Levy is using to harden .gov.uk domains and networks against cyber attack. As an initial test, Levy implemented DMARC for the top-level .gov.uk domain. Any email alleging to be from an address @gov.uk but originating from outside their networks was then redirected to Levy's own account. In the first 24 hours, he received around 58,000 emails, nearly all of them claiming to be from taxrefund@gov.uk. About the same number were received on the second day. On the third day, though, the number dropped to just four. After one more bulk attempt on the fourth day, the scammer was never seen again, presumably because he or she could see it wasn't working anymore. The message to the national conference of the Australian Information Security Association (AISA) in Sydney on Wednesday

was blunt. "If anybody in this room, as a cybersecurity professional, has an email domain and doesn't have DMARC, you should be ashamed of yourselves," Levy said. [ZDNet](#)

Russia prepares to prevent possible US cyber-attacks

Russia is reported to be designing a package of measures aimed at preventing possible cyber-attacks from the US. The move is a response to recent statements by US vice-president Joseph Biden about US plans to provide an adequate response to Russia in cyberspace, following attacks on the Democratic Party headquarters. Sergei Kislyak, the Russian ambassador to the US, told SCMagazineUK.com that the US government has not yet provided any evidence that the cyber-attacks on the DNC were organised by Russian hackers. Meanwhile, Yuri Ushakov, the Russian presidential aide, says Russia has already begun designing protective measures. Ushakov says that the threats from Biden could be considered as a pure rudeness, especially as they refer to specific individuals in the Russian government. The planned measures have not been disclosed, however, according to the press-service of the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB), they may involve increasing cyber-security on the e-mail servers and databases of Russian special services including the FSB, Foreign Intelligence Service and the Russian Military Intelligence. [SC Magazine](#)

Smart cities 'at risk of cyber attacks', say IT pros

A majority of IT (Information Technology) professionals believe smart cities are at risk of cyber attacks. Around 98% of 200 respondents surveyed by Tripwire, which assessed cyber security challenges associated with smart city technologies, said so. Smart cities use IT solutions to manage a wide range of services including smart grids, transportation, surveillance cameras, wastewater treatment and more. A total of 38% of professionals said smart grids have the greatest cyber security risks when compared to services and 55% believe cities do not devote adequate security resources to smart city initiatives. Last month the World Energy Council also warned the energy sector, with the emergence of smart grids and services, are an "attractive target for hackers". When asked about why there is a lack of cyber security resources for smart city initiatives, 61% of those surveyed said budgets while 60% believe politics interfere with decision-making. [Energy Live News](#)

Multiple banks hit: 3.2 million debit cards compromised; how it happened, what happens now?

On Wednesday, India's largest bank, State Bank of India, said it had blocked close to 6 lakh debit cards following a malware-related security breach in a non-SBI ATM network. Several other banks, such as Axis Bank, HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank, too have admitted being hit by similar cyber attacks — forcing Indian banks to either replace or request users to change the security codes of as many as 3.2 million debit cards over the last two months... On September 5, some banks came across fraudulent transactions in which debit cards were used in China and the US when customers were actually in India. Cardholders also detected similar transactions — subsequently, the banks complained to the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), which has oversight over retail payments systems in India. The probe by NPCI found a malware-induced security breach in the systems of Hitachi Payment Services, which provides ATMs, point of sale and other services in India. The investigation alleged that the security breach occurred in the ATMs of a particular private bank. (On Thursday, Hitachi spokesperson Loney Anthony said that an interim report submitted by an independent auditor in September did not "suggest any breach/compromise" in its systems, and that the final report was expected by mid November.) [The Indian Express](#)

The Rise of DDoS in IOT

In September 2016, OVH Octave Klaba tweeted that his company had sustained a DDoS attack which reached over 1tb in size. This was in a week when security journalist Brian Krebs also suffered a significant attack on his own website. OVH shared information on some of the attacking addresses with Fujitsu CTI analyzing a number of the source addresses. We discovered a number of indicators that a botnet of insecure internet connected devices could be the reason for the large attacks which was the number one prediction in our annual report. The attack, which resulted in downtime for Brian Krebs, reached 600GBs and the combined attacks on OVH reached over 1Tb in total traffic, Klaba said, "This botnet with 145607 cameras/dvr (1-30Mbps per IP) is able to send >1.5Tbps DDoS. Type: tcp/ack, tcp/ack+psh, tcp/syn." A number of the analyzed attacking addresses were what appeared to be commercial and residential CCTV portals. Identifying this pattern was relatively trivial and made possible by using a search parameter to discover information disclosed in the banner using Shodan the IoT search Engine. Searching for the string "H264DVR", the encoding method used by the DVR. In simple terms a DDoS attack is a flood of the victims systems resources by multiple servers 'flooding' the target with traffic, the attack is often facilitated by compromised devices and services such as WordPress sites. Researching deeper into the large number of devices, it appears a number of flaws existed in the devices which are named 'Netsurveillance' which allow access to the web portals without any formal authentication. As well as default passwords for insecure services such as Telnet. [InfoSecurity](#)

Open-source hack-proof router aims to close cyber security gap

Routers are the gateway of every home internet network. Yet, while many computers run antivirus software, little has been done thus far to protect routers against cyber threats. A new device, described as the world's first hack-proof router, was launched on Thursday at the CES Unveiled Show in Prague. The main strength of the Turrís Omnia router, a spin-out of a

cyber security research project by Czech Republic's domain administrator NIC.cz, is the fact that it automatically updates and patches vulnerabilities as they become known. "If you look at an average router you can buy from a shop, it comes with firmware that is not designed to ever be updated," explained NIC.cz CEO Ondrej Filip. "But routers are quite easy to hack and there have been a lot of examples in the past of vulnerabilities that have never been fixed." As a result, most people end up with poorly secured home networks protected only by default passwords set by manufacturers. All it takes is an attacker with skills that can be learned from online tutorials to access a neighbour's internet network. Once they do that, they do not only gain unauthorised access to the internet, but they can also intercept and monitor all traffic that is taking place or even hijack the router to perform an attack on someone else. Engineering and Technology

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Les Canadiens mal protégés contre la surveillance abusive, selon Snowden

Les Canadiens sont très mal protégés contre les pratiques de surveillance abusives, estime Edward Snowden, qui s'alarme des possibilités ouvertes aux services de renseignements d'ici et d'ailleurs par les nouvelles technologies de communication. L'ex-sous-traitant de la National Security Agency (NSA), qui participait hier à une vidéoconférence organisée par l'Université McGill, a souligné que le système de régulation des services de renseignement canadiens était probablement le plus « déficient en Occident ». Il a déploré à ce titre que le gouvernement libéral de Justin Trudeau tarde à réviser la Loi antiterroriste, dite loi C-51, qui confère des pouvoirs accrus à ces mêmes services. Nombre d'analystes, a-t-il relevé, pensent que la loi en question est trop mal formulée pour être modifiée et devrait tout bonnement être retirée. M. Snowden estime qu'il n'est tout simplement pas possible, ici ou ailleurs, de faire confiance aux autorités pour utiliser de manière responsable les technologies de surveillance existantes. [La Presse +, 1](#); [Agence QMI](#) (Journal de Montréal, Journal de Québec) (2016-11-03); [Montreal Gazette](#) (2016-11-02)

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RCMP part of international raids on Darknet users

Law enforcement agencies around the world are stepping up their efforts to check the growth of cyber crime, most recently last week when nine police and intelligence agencies, including the RCMP, launched co-ordinated action against buyers and sellers of illicit drugs and other illegal activities on Darknet global marketplaces. "In Canada, the collaboration between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canada Post, and the Canada Border Services Agency led to the identification and targeting of an international distributor of narcotics based in Quebec that was operating on the Darknet," the force said in the statement. "This resulted in numerous seizures and the detention of an individual involved in the international distribution of the narcotics. The investigation is ongoing." Internationally the action, dubbed by all participants as Operation Hyperion, resulted in numerous international seizures, arrests and leads on cases related to the buying and selling of illicit drugs and other goods on the Darknet, the part of the Internet only accessible through browsers that ensure Websites selling illegal material can only be reached anonymously. The RCMP said the operation will also help law enforcement agencies continue to combat the trafficking of illegal goods and services by identifying new smuggling networks and trends. [IT World Canada](#) (2016-11-02)

After Phoenix and Shared Services problems, government seeks feedback on digital future

The federal government continues to receive advice on how it should improve its digital future as it works to fix problem-plagued projects including the Phoenix payroll system and Shared Services Canada. In a so-called, "intimate, armchair discussion" at the annual GTEC conference in Ottawa on Wednesday, parliamentary secretary for Public Services and Procurement Canada, Leona Alleslev opened up about the pitfalls experienced in the development of Shared Services Canada, or SSC. The department that's drawn criticism from other departments, including the RCMP, Statistics Canada and the Auditor General. [CBC News](#)

How to protect yourself (and your phone) from surveillance

Cyber security and online privacy experts aren't surprised by revelations that Quebec and Montreal have been spying on several journalists. In fact they say journalists — and the public at large — are far too careless. When the news came out this week that police had been spying on LaPresse journalist Patrick Lagacé, it was no surprise to Geneviève Lajeunesse with Crypto Québec. "I was shocked by their shock." Here are five key tips to sum up Lajeunesse's advice on protection

from online surveillance, whether you're a journalist, an anonymous source, or a citizen who happens to protect your privacy. [CBC News](#)

As CIA shifts gears in response to cyber threats, critics call for good old-fashioned spywork

When America goes to the polls on Nov. 8, according to current and former U.S. intelligence officials, it will likely experience the culmination of a new form of information war. A months-long campaign backed by the Russian government to undermine the credibility of the U.S. presidential election — through hacking, cyberattacks and disinformation campaigns — is likely to peak on voting day, the officials said. Russian officials deny any such effort. But current and former U.S. officials warn that hackers could post fictional evidence online of widespread voter fraud, slow the internet to a crawl through cyber attacks and release a final tranche of hacked emails, including some that could be doctored (...) John Brennan, the current CIA director, declined to comment on the Russian efforts. But he said Russian intelligence operatives have a long history of marrying traditional espionage with advances in technology. More broadly, Brennan said, the digital age creates enormous opportunities for espionage. But it also creates vulnerabilities. [Reuters](#) (CBC News)

Why Windows hack is being blamed on Russia-linked group

Microsoft's Windows chief has accused a notorious group of hackers - previously linked to Russia - of making use of an unpatched flaw in its operating system. Terry Myerson said Strontium was exploiting the bug to infect PCs in order to get access to potentially sensitive data. Strontium is also known as APT28 and Fancy Bear, and has previously been blamed for attacking a French TV network and the US Democratic Party. Microsoft says it is working on a fix. It intends to release the patch next week. [BBC News](#)

Universal hijack hole turns DIY Wix blogs into botnets

Millions of do-it-yourself websites built with the Wix web maker were at risk of hijack thanks to a brief zero day DOM-based cross-site scripting vulnerability. Wix boasts some 87 million users, among them two million paying subscribers. Contrast Security researcher Matt Austin (@mattAustin) dug up the flaw he rates as severe, and attempted to get Wix to patch it under quiet private disclosure since October. [Register](#); [ZDNet](#)

Malvertising campaign uses fake ad networks

Recent malvertising campaigns were discovered by two security research firms, highlighting the threat of fake and legitimate—but poorly managed—advertising networks that infect victims by taking advantage of redirected web traffic. One of the campaigns, disclosed by Malwarebytes, created fake advertising networks on a high-trafficked adult website that were registered via proxy. The campaign, dubbed HookAds, redirected targets to spoofed adult webpages in order to spread malware. These secondary decoy adult websites attempted to serve RIG and Neutrino EK exploit kits to inject payloads. [SC Magazine](#)

GM Bot malware campaign targets 94 mobile banking apps

A recently discovered Android banking malware campaign targets 94 mobile banking apps used by individuals across at least seven countries including the U.S. The malware, a new variation of GM Bot, disguises itself as a Adobe Flash Player program, according to a blog post today by cybersecurity firm Fortinet. But in reality, it creates fraudulent overlays that appear whenever a legitimate banking app is opened, tricking users into entering their log-in credentials so attackers can steal them. U.S. financial institutions and services targeted in this mobile scam include Citibank, Chase, Paypal, TD Bank and many others – but the scam also includes banks operating in Austria, Australia, France, Germany, Poland and Turkey. [SC Magazine](#)

Android Trojan posing as Flash Player targets over 90 major banks across US and Europe

A new Android banking Trojan, which masquerades as a Flash Player app, targeting customers of at least 90 major banks across the US and Europe has been uncovered. The malware can be considered to be highly advanced and dangerous, especially given its ability to bypass SMS-based two-factor authentication. [International Business Times UK](#)

Your WiFi-connected thermostat can take down the whole Internet. We need new regulations.

Late last month, popular websites like Twitter, Pinterest, Reddit and PayPal went down for most of a day. The distributed denial-of-service attack that caused the outages, and the vulnerabilities that made the attack possible, was as much a failure of market and policy as it was of technology. If we want to secure our increasingly computerized and connected world, we need more government involvement in the security of the "Internet of Things" and increased regulation of what are now critical and life-threatening technologies. It's no longer a question of if, it's a question of when. [Washington Post](#)

Why U.S. Is Worried About China's Chip Industry

Nations are competing to build the world's fastest supercomputers and at the center of that race are homegrown chips. Supercomputers can help with scientific simulations, weapons development, scenarios critical to national security and economic projections. Advanced semiconductors are also of crucial importance for the development of satellites, drones,

robots and self-driving cars. Most consumer electronics have also semiconductors as their building blocks. According to PC World, the battle between China and the U.S. government is now stepping up in the market for semiconductors. The U.S. claims that China is indulging in unfair trade practices and rigging the semiconductor market in its favor. During a Wednesday event organized by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Penny Pritzker, U.S. secretary of commerce, said that this unprecedented state-driven interference in the chip industry can undermine the innovation ecosystem and distort the market. [iTech Post](#)

Accenture Says One-Third of Corporate Cyber Attacks Succeed

About one-third of targeted attempts to breach corporations' cyber defenses succeed but three-quarters of executives remain unaccountably confident in their security strategies, Accenture Plc. reported Wednesday in a survey of 2,000 security officers representing large enterprises worldwide. The "alarmingly high" failure rate in defending against attacks is compounded by their "sheer volume," Accenture said in the report, titled Building Confidence: Facing the Cybersecurity Conundrum (...). The survey follows recent high-profile data breaches of Sony Corp., Target Corp., the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, leaks from the e-mail accounts of Democratic Party officials, and a denial of service attack on the servers of Dyn Inc. in October that silenced Twitter Inc. and other major internet companies for several hours. [Bloomberg](#)

Flood of threat intelligence overwhelming for many firms

Three years after Target missed alerts warning them about a massive data breach, the amount of threat information coming in from security systems is still overwhelming for many companies, according to new reports, due to a lack of expertise and integration issues. Seventy percent of security pros said that their companies have problems taking actions based on threat intelligence because there is too much of it, or it is too complex, according to a report by Ponemon Research released on Monday. In particular, 69 percent said that their companies lacked staff expertise. As a result, only 46 percent said that incident responders used threat data when deciding how to respond to threats, and only 27 percent said that they were effective in using the data. [CSO Online](#)

It's Time To Address The Cybersecurity Gender Gap Before It's Too Late

It's well known that women are underrepresented in technology roles. While women make up 47% of the workforce, only 34% of tech industry professionals are women. Within the cybersecurity sector, the numbers are even worse. Only 10% of IT security workers are women, contributing to a projected 1.5 million unfilled positions within the industry by 2020. While it's unfeasible to completely close the cybersecurity gender gap within three years, this should serve as a wake-up call for educators and employers to more seriously address the dearth of women in cybersecurity and technology more broadly. [Dark Reading](#); [Computer Weekly](#)

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Watchdog wants rules for spies sharing info

Other national security agencies may be taking the same broad view of the law that led CSIS to illegally keep data on innocent people for almost a decade, the federal privacy watchdog says. Privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien said he's calling on Parliament for clearer rules about how spy- and law-enforcement agencies obtain, retain and destroy information on Canadians. Therrien said information-sharing powers granted in Bill C-51, the former Conservative government's controversial spying bill, need restrictions on what agencies can share and how long they can keep the information. "Security agencies, with (Bill C-51 powers) and with the absence of rules around retention, for instance, would be able to collect and retain information that they don't really need," Therrien told the Star outside a House of Commons committee Tuesday. "I don't dispute that CSIS needs to analyze information in order to do their job ... but once the analysis has been completed and the vast majority of people about whom they're collecting information are found not to be a threat, and that's the case, then they should destroy that information." "I don't think that's the kind of country we want, where the security services of the country hangs onto information on vast amounts of people in case it might be helpful one day," Therrien added. In his testimony before the access to information, privacy and ethics committee, Therrien noted Canadian spy agencies misusing powers is not a "theoretical" issue. He noted that CSIS was recently found by a federal court to have illegally kept data on an unknown number of innocent Canadians between 2006 and 2015. Therrien's comments come as the governing Liberals are in the midst of a wide-ranging review of Canada's national security agencies and issues of oversight for spies. They also come as Canada's national police force, the RCMP, are publicly arguing for expanded investigative powers in the online world. A spokesperson for Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said the minister looks forward to the Commons committee's report on Bill C-51's information-sharing powers and appreciates Therrien's insight into these issues. [Toronto Star](#), A10

Big Brother et « Five-eyes »

La consultation sur la sécurité nationale menée par le gouvernement Trudeau tire à sa fin et deux événements récents appellent les Canadiens à la plus grande vigilance pour la suite des choses. L'affaire de la surveillance des journalistes au Québec et le jugement de la Cour fédérale sur la collecte et la rétention de données personnelles par le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) montrent bien que l'équilibre entre la sécurité et la protection de la vie privée reste au centre des préoccupations devant les demandes incessantes de pouvoirs accrus des autorités. Les libéraux ont promis en campagne d'« annuler les dispositions problématiques » du projet de loi C-51 adopté en vitesse après les attaques d'octobre 2014, législation qu'ils avaient appuyée avec réserve. Ils ont inclus cet engagement dans une consultation plus large basée sur un livre vert qui lance les discussions. Le gouvernement est déjà passé à l'action sur un aspect de la consultation, soit la supervision politique des agences et organismes chargés de la sécurité nationale. Le projet de loi C-22 prévoit la formation d'un Comité parlementaire sur la sécurité nationale et le renseignement. Tenus au secret, ses membres auront un accès sans précédent au Canada aux informations sur les opérations liées à la sécurité nationale. Le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale, a expliqué son empressement en indiquant que le Canada était une « **anomalie** » en la matière par rapport à ses partenaires de ce club du renseignement qu'est le « Five-Eyes », qui regroupe aussi les États-Unis, la Grande-Bretagne, l'Australie et la Nouvelle-Zélande. Il s'est d'ailleurs rendu en début d'année à Londres, se disant inspiré par le modèle britannique, qui a le grand mérite selon lui de ne pas avoir donné lieu à des fuites qui auraient pu mettre en danger la sécurité nationale. La participation du Canada aux échanges du groupe Five-Eyes est d'ailleurs un élément central du contexte dans lequel les nouvelles normes canadiennes sur la sécurité nationale seront définies. C'est un aspect que les Canadiens doivent garder à l'esprit quand ils évaluent les positions des autorités compétentes et des défenseurs de la vie privée. Étant donné l'attrance britannique du **ministre Goodale**, l'adoption jeudi dernier à Londres du projet de loi sur les pouvoirs d'investigation mérite l'attention. Fait intéressant, d'autres dispositions de la même loi se retrouvent parmi les hypothèses soumises aux Canadiens par **le**

ministre Goodale dans son livre vert. C'est ainsi que les fournisseurs britanniques de services de communication (FSC) devront conserver pendant une année les données de navigation en ligne de leurs clients et que les enquêteurs pourront accéder sans mandat aux données de connexion. Les FSC seront contraints d'aider les autorités lors d'interceptions ciblées, en plus de devoir retirer sur demande leur propre chiffrement des données. [Le Devoir](#), A3

Big Brother sleeps easy

An opinion piece states, "The revelation that Montreal police secretly monitored several journalists' smartphones for months, ostensibly in hopes of discovering the source of internal information leaks, has brought home for many people the troubling reality of government snooping. The fact that thousands of students recently lined up to watch whistleblower Edward Snowden at a video conference at McGill University is another sign of the public's growing concern about respect for the right to privacy. Indeed, it is not just journalists who are targeted by electronic surveillance. Revelations about the National Security Agency (NSA) in the United States also touch Canadians, since in the age of the Internet and social networks, telecommunications knows no borders. It is reasonable to imagine that practically all our communications could be intercepted, filtered and recorded by governments. This is now the world in which we live. Thanks to Snowden's revelations, Canadians know our federal government is actively helping the United States with surveillance programs of its own. For example, it was revealed in April that the RCMP had decrypted about one million private messages from BlackBerry smartphones. In addition, we know that the number of communications intercepted in Canada grew by a factor of 26 in 2015, without the authorities giving any reasons. This opacity is at the heart of the problem: "Big Brother" is completely lacking in transparency. A Federal Court ruling revealed recently that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) had acted illegally by conserving personal data for 10 years. It is alarming to discover just how unclear the limits imposed on surveillance agencies and police forces are. It is probably this lack of clarity that allowed Montreal's police force and the provincial Sûreté du Québec to put so many journalists under watch for such specious reasons." [National Post](#), A11

Online voting deserves a try

An opinion piece states, "If there's any place that would use new technology to drive local democracy, you'd think it would be Waterloo. Once voted the smartest city in the world, it is respected and celebrated as one of Canada's most thriving high-tech hubs. So, when faced with dismally low turnouts in local municipal elections, you might expect Waterloo's civic leaders to leap at the chance to employ online voting to increase voter participation. Unfortunately, you'd be wrong to do so. On Monday, city councillors rejected trying something new and chose to stick with traditional paper ballots... Waterloo councillors were spooked by the possibility hackers could break into the electronic voting system. They worried it would be hard to prove such a vote was free of fraud and that, if a problem arose, it would be impossible to do a recount." [Record](#), A6

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Conficker Still on Top as Malware Jumps 5% in October

Malware continued its inexorable rise in October with the number of attacks increasing 5% over the previous month, although UK and US users appeared to be insulated from the worst, according to new stats from Check Point. The vendor's Global Threat Index also revealed a 5% increase in active malware families, highlighting the constantly evolving threat landscape. However, it was ransomware that once again proved to be among the most prolific category of malicious software, rising 13% compared with August. That may have been driven in part by the prevalence of Locky, which was rated the second most successful piece of malware, responsible for 5% of global attacks spotted by Check Point. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Ransomware abusing encrypted chat app Telegram protocol cracked

Ransomware which abuses the Telegram app API has been stopped in its tracks only weeks after discovery. The malware, TeleCrypt, is typical ransomware in the way that the malicious code operates... However, the malware also has unusual aspects, such as the use and abuse of Telegram Messenger's communication protocol to send decryption keys to the threat actor, which, according to Secure List, appears to be the "first cryptor to use the Telegram protocol in an encryption malware case"... However, the ransomware also contains a major flaw. Telecrypt encrypts files by looping through them a single byte at a time, and then simply adding a byte from the key in order, as noted by Scott, and as such, this simple encryption method made the task of creating a decryption application easier for researchers. The security specialist has been able to rapidly develop a decryption tool which allows victims to recover their files without paying up. However, you need an unencrypted version of a locked file to act as a sample to generate a working decryption key. [ZD Net](#); [Bleeping Computer](#); [Help Net Security](#)

Decryptor Available for Princess Locker Ransomware

Polish security researcher Hasherezade has found a way to help victims of the Princess Locker ransomware by cracking the ransomware's encryption system and releasing a free decryptor. Princess Locker is a ransomware family that

appeared at the end of September and was made available as a Ransomware-as-a-Service, rentable via a Dark Web portal. The ransomware was never at the center of a massive distribution campaign, but the crooks behind it made some victims regardless, who remained locked out of their files. After spending a few days looking at the ransomware's mode of operation, Hasherezade announced yesterday on Twitter that she finally found a way to recover files locked by this threat. The decryption package can be downloaded from this Google Drive page. [Bleeping Computer](#)

Crysis Averted: Eset Releases Free Ransomware Decryptor

Victims of the Crysis ransomware now have a get out of jail free card after security vendor Eset announced a free decryptor tool. Crysis first broke onto the scene in June after competitor TeslaCrypt apparently ceased operations and tens of thousands of users began downloading the free decryptor for it. Detected as Win32/Filecoder.Crysis, the ransomware was able to encrypt files on fixed, removable and network drives using strong encryption algorithms, according to Eset... Eset prepared the free decryptor tool after a user known as 'crss7777' dumped the master decryption keys last week in a post on the BleepingComputer.com forums. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

This cheap and nasty ransomware will try to encrypt files across your network and removable drives

One of the cheaper forms of ransomware that crooks can buy on the dark web has evolved worm-like capabilities which enable it to move across networks and external drives, and even to re-encrypt files which have already been encrypted by other ransomware. The Stampado ransomware is available to buy on the dark web for just \$39, and is described by the seller as 'cheap and easy to manage ransomware' and offers buyers a 'full lifetime license'. While it might be expected that cheap ransomware offers wannabe cybercriminals very little bang for their buck, cybersecurity researchers at Zscaler have analysed Stampado and have found it to contain self-propagating features which make it extremely effective -- it can spread across multiple devices and drives connected to the infected system. Typically infecting victims via a spam email or drive-by download, the malware installs itself in the %AppData% folder with the name scvhost.exe, in an effort to pass itself off as the genuine Windows executable process svchost.exe. [ZD Net](#)

Android Malware Blocks Mobile Antivirus Apps from Launching

One Android banking trojan has borrowed a trick from its desktop counterparts, and besides stealing login credentials from banking apps, this threat also sabotages mobile antivirus applications and prevents them from launching. For the moment, this Android banking trojan is active only in Germany and targets the mobile apps of 15 German banks. Discovered by malware analysts at Fortinet and tracked as Android/Banker.GTltr.spy (Banker.GT for this article), this threat is your run-of-the-mill Android banking trojan. The one feature that allows it to stand out is its ability to detect the presence of local mobile security applications and block them from starting. [Bleeping Computer](#); [Security Week](#); [SC Magazine](#)

Exploit Code Bypasses Linux Security Features Leaving Systems Vulnerable

Linux is generally referred to as a more secure operating system and it happens for a good reason: the number of hacks, malware, and vulnerabilities that can be used to compromise a Linux machine is substantially smaller than in the case of Windows, and it's all thanks to security features that are baked into the OS. But security researcher Chris Evans says that it's easier than most of us think to break into a Linux system and all you need is a scriptless exploit. First of all, some context. Evans says that his exploit attempts to use a memory corruption vulnerabilities in the GStreamer framework that's available in the majority of Linux distributions -- his demonstration, however, was made on Fedora. The exploit bypasses two of the security systems that are integrated in Linux, namely address space layout randomization (ASLR) and data execution protection (DEP), which is also known as NX or No-Execute. [Softpedia](#)

Exploit Code Released for NTP Vulnerability

A researcher has released a proof-of-concept exploit for a vulnerability in the Network Time Protocol daemon that could crash a server with a single, malformed packet. The Network Time Foundation's NTP Project on Monday patched the bug and nine others with the release of NTP 4.2.8p9. [Threat Post](#); [Security Week](#)

WordPress Plugins Leave Black Friday Shoppers Vulnerable

Researchers are calling into question the safety of some of the top WordPress e-commerce plugins used on over 100,000 commercial websites prepping for Black Friday and Cyber Monday online sales. In reviewing the top 12 WordPress e-commerce plugins, application security testing firm Checkmarx found four with severe vulnerabilities tied to reflected XSS (cross-site scripting), SQL injection and file manipulation flaws. "If these vulnerabilities are exploited, users of over 135,000 websites could find their personal data, including credit card information, threatened," according to Checkmarx's analysis of the plugins, published Tuesday. [Threat Post](#); [Bleeping Computer](#)

Hackers Could Infect Headphones to Spy on You

"Israeli security researchers at Ben Gurion University have found a way to convert typical headphones into microphones and then use them to record audio in the room just like a fully-featured spying device." Using headphones as microphones is not rocket science, and many of us already did that in the good old days when running our own LAN parties, but what

the researchers actually managed to do is not only that, but also using the output channel of the audio card for input signal and then recording sound. Specifically, using malware called Speak(a)r, the security researchers turned headphones into microphones by converting vibrations in the air emitted by the sound (such as your voice) into electromagnetic signals. This makes it possible for the headphone to act as a regular microphone and detect pretty much any sound from across the room. The next step was to trick the output channel of the audio chip to become an input channel and thus allow the recording of sound. According to Wired, this was possible thanks to a feature that's available in the Realtek audio codec chip, making it possible for the malware to record audio. [Softpedia](#); [Bleeping Computer](#)

Facebook spam caught delivering Locky ransomware

A Facebook spam campaign has been found distributing Nemucod and Locky ransomware. The campaign was discovered by security researchers Bart Blaze and Peter Kruse when the pair saw spam being distributed over the Facebook instant messaging system over the weekend of 19 November. The campaign itself is nothing new. It hijacks accounts when users click on an SVG image, activating the scam. An SVG image was apparently chosen because it allows code to be put directly into the photo. The SVG image links to a website which impersonates YouTube and prompts users to install an extension on their computer which asks for permission to "read and change all your data on the websites you visit". Researchers think that it is through that extension the scam takes hold of its victim's Facebook accounts. Once an account is hijacked, it will then send on the same lure to all of that account's friends, spreading the infection as widely as possible. [SC Magazine](#); [Help Net Security](#)

OneDrive for Business accounts used to spread malware

Malware purveyors have been making use of cloud services for some time, sending cloud-storage links that host malware to victims is an efficient way for cyber criminals to operate. In a new twist to the technique, Forcepoint Security Labs has discovered that cybercriminals have been utilizing compromised Microsoft OneDrive for Business accounts to host malware since at least August of this year. Criminals are exploiting the 'MySite' feature which allows work-related files to be uploaded and shared, even with external parties. Download links are sent to prospective victims as part of social engineering mass-mailing campaigns. [Beta News](#)

Eir we go again: Irish ISP router flaw allows total takeover

A security researcher has found a bug in a router used by Irish ISPs that could enable an attacker to gain full control of the modem from the internet. This is not the first time that bugs have been found in Eir modems. Previous firmware versions were vulnerable to CVE-2014-9222, the "Misfortune Cookie" bug. The bug was patched in firmware version 2.00(AADU.5)D0 in 2015. In a blog post by security researcher Kenzo2017, a D1000 modem router, used by Ireland's largest ISP Eir, could be used to hack into internal computers on the network, as a proxy host to hack other computers or even as a bot in a botnet. [SC Magazine](#)

Security Firm Detects 57M Attempts to Exploit 2-Year-Old Router Firmware Backdoor

The case of the Netis router firmware backdoor shows you that even if a company puts out a patch to resolve security issues, the problem lingers on for years, as users fail to update their devices, or the patch itself fails to properly fix the issue. In 2014, Trend Micro researchers announced they found a hidden user account in the firmware of Netis routers... The Chinese company that sold that particular router put out a patch to mitigate exploitation attempts, but didn't remove the account completely. Hackers found workarounds around the patch and many devices were left unpatched, mainly because the firmware update procedure involved a complex series of operations that many users didn't have the technical skills to follow through... Trend Micro, the company that discovered the flaw, added specific rules in its security systems to detect exploitation attempts for this backdoor, back in August 2016. In only three months, the company said that telemetry data picked up 2.9 million exploitation attempts on around 5% of its customer base. Extrapolating this number to its entire clientele, Trend Micro estimates that there must have been over 57 million attempts to exploit the backdoor in the last three months alone, which is a massive number. [Bleeping Computer](#); [Security Week](#)

Shad0wS3C Hacker Breaches Mexican Government Website

Shad0wS3C leader Gh0s7 has managed to hack another website, this time belonging to Instituto de la Función Registral del Estado México (also known as IFREM). Gh0s7 told us that he discovered a vulnerability in their server that allowed him to get the main database file, which includes sensitive information such user data, passport details, and other personal information that was exposed in the breach. The hacker explains that he didn't hack the website for hacktivism, but to show the world that his team Shad0w Security (Shad0wS3C) is back in business. [Softpedia](#)

Madison Square Garden admits hackers spent a year harvesting visitor credit-card data

The Madison Square Garden Company has revealed that for a year malware has been capturing payment-card data from a system that processes payments for several of its properties. MSG warned customers on Tuesday that the breach had exposed customer data held on the magnetic strip of credit cards, including card numbers, cardholder names, expiration dates, and internal verification codes. Card-issuing banks recently notified MSG of suspicious transaction patterns, which

led to an investigation by MSG and confirmation of the infection in the last week of October, it said. It's not clear why the company only revealed the incident now. [ZD Net](#)

Catastrophic botnet to smash social media networks in 2017

Social media networks and their prolific use will prompt a plague of botnets in 2017, security researchers have warned... As we come into 2017, botnets capable of causing such damage are likely to become a bigger challenge to control, according to Mike Raggio, chief research scientist at social media security firm ZeroFOX. The security expert predicts that in the next year, a "massive" botnet will target and disrupt popular social media platforms, potentially including Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn. Raggio believes that in 2017 there will be a significant uptick in social media botnets which aim not only to disrupt but also to earn money for their operators. Botnets-for-hire, such as Lizard Squad's LizardStresser tool, are already well established. However, botnet operators are now leveraging social media to increase the strength of these slave-and-command systems, such as in the case of Linux/Moose (.PDF), which targets Linux-based routers in order to command enslaved devices to commit fraudulent actions -- such as spreading the botnet's malware further -- on social media networks. [ZD Net](#)

The FBI Hacked Over 8,000 Computers In 120 Countries Based on One Warrant

In January, Motherboard reported on the FBI's "unprecedented" hacking operation, in which the agency, using a single warrant, deployed malware to over one thousand alleged visitors of a dark web child pornography site. Now, it has emerged that the campaign was actually several orders of magnitude larger. In all, the FBI obtained over 8,000 IP addresses, and hacked computers in 120 different countries, according to a transcript from a recent evidentiary hearing in a related case. The figures illustrate the largest ever known law enforcement hacking campaign to date, and starkly demonstrate what the future of policing crime on the dark web may look like. This news comes as the US is preparing to usher in changes that would allow magistrate judges to authorize the mass hacking of computers, wherever in the world they may be located. [Motherboard](#)

How Israel Built One Of The World's Most Powerful Cyber Armies

In the last few years, along with the United States, UK, China and Russia, Israel has become a superpower in the world of government hacking and cyber espionage. Israeli cyberspies are believed to have worked with NSA hackers to develop Stuxnet, the world's first cyberweapon. And many of its cyberspies and warriors have moved to the private sector to launch companies worth hundreds of millions of dollars that have a footprint all over the globe, such as Cellebrite or the NSO Group. How did such a small country become such a big player in the world hacking stage? At the core of Israel's success in cyberspace is a military intelligence corps named Unit 8200, which specializes in sophisticated hacking and espionage operations. [Motherboard](#)

Here's a Picture of a Phone-Tracking Device That We've Never Seen in the Wild

For years, in almost complete secrecy, cops and feds in the United States—and elsewhere—have been using powerful devices called Stingrays, cell site simulators, or IMSI catchers to track and spy on cell phones. Over the last few years, and only after long legal fights and several public documents requests, we've learned a little bit more about IMSI catchers, including some of the agencies that use them. Yet we've rarely seen them. Some official pictures have been published online, mostly mined from patent applications, but we've practically never seen them in the wild until now. Here's a picture of a stack of IMSI catchers, which trick phones into connecting to them by pretending to be a cell tower, sitting on what is likely the seat of a police car or van. [Motherboard](#)

Russian Spammer Uses Fake Google Domain to Tell Webmasters to Vote Trump

Some clever Russian crook has found a way to register a lookalike Google domain by taking advantage of Unicode characters to create an alternative way of spelling Google. The crook replaced the first letter of the word google, which is "g", with "ǂ", a character that's part of the expanded Unicode character set... It was employees of web analytics firm Analytics Edge that discovered the google.com domain. Analytics Edge says that the group behind this domain had used it for "referral spam," which is a term that describes the side-effect of somebody abusing a site's resources or linking back in massive numbers... For this particular case, the Analytics Edge team says that spammers weren't interested in probing websites for vulnerabilities or hotlinking images. Inside their referral links, the Russian spammer(s) left a political message that read "'Vote for Trump," which appeared in the dashboards of several of Analytics Edge's clients. [Bleeping Computer](#)

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BlackBerry unveils platform focused on business security

BlackBerry Ltd. has unveiled a device management software platform it calls a safeguard against cyber security threats in a mobile and hyper-connected corporate environment... Called BlackBerry Secure, the platform builds on BlackBerry's enterprise management software suites with enhancements, more integration and added scalability to help business and government clients manage and secure mobile and other devices. BlackBerry said on Thursday that the platform protects communications for all messaging and file types - ultimately targeting new markets where secure management and applications are critical. The company said the platform will prevent hackers from penetrating devices and computers, provide intelligence for secure supply chain communications, ensure patient confidentiality in healthcare and protect assets in the financial industry. [Toronto Star](#); [Postmedia Network](#) (Gazette; National Post); [IT World Canada](#)

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Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange ready to start membership push

After months of planning the country's first national IT threat service has issued its first threat report to a few early members and is ready to launch a campaign to expand its numbers, including lowering its fee for small businesses... Directors of the exchange come from some of the country's biggest enterprises including Air Canada, Bell Canada, Canadian National Railway, Manulife, Telus, TD Bank and Royal Bank. While many CISOs and infosec pros already get information from vendors, blogs and some threat data from vendors and services they subscribe to, the not-for-profit CCTX hopes to show value by tailoring reports and threat feeds for Canadian customers who don't want to know about the latest malware sweeping other parts of the world. The exchange also differs from other threat intelligence groups set up by industry associations and limited to verticals such as the healthcare or financial sectors by having a broad audience. The cross-industry appeal of the exchange has drawn the admiration of Rick Howard, chief security officer of Palo Alto Networks, who was one of the keynote speakers at Wednesday's symposium and who believes the CCTX is the first national threat exchange in the world. [IT World Canada](#)

ThyssenKrupp's technical trade secrets stolen in massive hack

German steel maker ThyssenKrupp has revealed its technical trade secrets have been stolen in a cyber attack on its systems. The company's own investigations revealed southeast Asian hackers were the primary suspects, launching a highly organised and professional attack on the organisation. ThyssenKrupp uncovered the attacks in April, although the criminal activity apparently happened in February and involved the hackers stealing project data from the company's plant engineering division and other areas of its business... The company added that there had been no evidence of sabotage and no signs that any hacker tried to manipulate data, applications or any other resources. However, German business magazine Wirtschafts Woche claimed the attacks specifically targeted ThyssenKrupp's production plants in areas of Europe, India, Argentina and the US. [IT Pro](#); [Infosecurity Magazine](#); [Help Net Security](#); [Security Week](#); [Bleeping Computer](#); [CSO Online](#)

Ransomware Jumps Threefold in 2016

Ransomware attacks on businesses grew threefold this year to reach one every 40 seconds by October, according to new data from Kaspersky Lab. The Russian AV firm claimed that attacks came once every two minutes at the start of the year. For individuals it was even worse, with Kaspersky Lab calculating one attack every 10 seconds by Q3, up from once every 20 seconds at the beginning of the year. Some 20% of organizations worldwide suffered an IT incident as the result of a ransomware infection this year, and the same percentage of small businesses never got their files back even after paying

up. That chimes with separate research from Trend Micro from earlier this year which claimed that one in five UK firms it polled were left without a decryption key after they paid the ransom. While Kaspersky Lab was at pains to point out there's no such thing as a low-risk sector, education was worst hit, accounting for 23% of all attacks, while retail and leisure (16%) was least affected. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

New Scheme: Spread Popcorn Time Ransomware, get chance of free Decryption Key

Yesterday a new in-development ransomware was discovered by MalwareHunterTeam called Popcorn Time that intends to give victim's a very unusual, and criminal, way of getting a free decryption key for their files. With Popcorn Time, not only can a victim pay a ransom to get their files back, but they can also try to infect two other people and have them pay the ransom in order to get a free key. To make matters worse, there is unfinished code in the ransomware that may indicate that if a user enters the wrong decryption key 4 times, the ransomware will start deleting files. [Bleeping Computer](#)

Banking Trojan Uses Gmail Popup to Extend Infection to Victim's Android Phone

A group of malware authors has come up with a new method of transcending an infection from the user's computer to his Android smartphone. Discovered by security researchers from BadCyberLabs, the initial infection is with the ISFB (also known as Gozi2) banking trojan, while the second-stage infection was via the Marcher Android banking trojan. [Bleeping Computer](#)

Yahoo fixes flaw allowing an attacker to read any user's emails

Yahoo has fixed a severe security vulnerability in its consumer email service that could have allowed an attacker to read a victim's email inbox. The cross-site scripting (XSS) attack only required a victim to view an email in Yahoo Mail. The internet giant paid out \$10,000 to security researcher Jouko Pynnonen for privately disclosing the flaw through the HackerOne bug bounty. In a write-up, Pynnonen said that the flaw was similar to last year's Yahoo Mail bug, which similarly let an attacker compromise a user's account. Yahoo filters HTML messages to ensure that malicious code won't make it through into the user's browser, but the researcher found that the filters didn't catch all of the malicious data attributes. He explained that sending a specially crafted email could have triggered malicious JavaScript to be immediately executed. Pynnonen said in an email that exploiting the flaw was "rather easy," but finding the bug was difficult. [ZD Net](#); [Security Week](#)

Solar Power Firm Patches Meters Vulnerable to Command Injection Attacks

Solar software and analytics firm Locus Energy has pushed out a patch to its residential and commercial power meters to address a vulnerability that could allow hackers to access equipment and remotely execute code. According to independent security researcher Daniel Reich, who privately disclosed the flaw to Locus Energy in January, the bug is a command injection vulnerability that allows hackers to hijack vulnerable solar meters. [Threatpost](#)

US government seeks more data on Apple customers

Apple has seen a sharp year-over-year increase in the number US government demands for customer data. The company's first biannual report this year covers how many demands were made from global law enforcement and intelligence agencies -- including the US government -- for data it stores. Apple said it reviewed 4,822 demands for device data from US authorities, affecting 10,260 devices, an increase of 26 percent on the same period a year earlier. The company said that it was compelled to turn over data in over three-quarters of all cases. Additionally, the company received 1,363 demands from US authorities, the top requesting country, affecting 9,090 accounts. Apple turned over data in 84 percent of those cases. [ZD Net](#)

Government spies surveil phones in flight, report says

Turns out the skies are not so friendly after all, at least as far as privacy is concerned. American and British intelligence agencies have been surveilling cell phone use on commercial flights since 2005, according to a new investigation by Le Monde based on documents leaked by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden. As journalist and digital media teacher Dan Gillmor tweeted, it's "another good reason to use airplane mode when you're on the plane." But just turning on your phone when the plane is above 10,000 feet reveals your location to the NSA, according to 2010 internal NSA newsletter posted by Le Monde... Le Monde goes on to explain how the spy agencies can extract information like email addresses and Skype and Facebook ID data and then correlate it with flight and passenger data to pinpoint a particular user. They can also reportedly see what you're doing on your phone, be it looking through email or using a travel app. [CNET](#); [CSO Online](#); [Le Monde](#)

Georgia says it's traced an attempted voter hack to DHS

Georgia's secretary of state says the state was hit with an attempted hack of its voter registration database from an IP address linked to the federal Department of Homeland Security. The allegation by Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp is one of the more bizarre charges to come up in the recent spate of alarms about voting-system hacks. He said in a Facebook post on Thursday that he had been made aware of the failed attempt to breach the firewall protecting Georgia's

voter registration database. The attack was traced to an Internet Protocol address associated with DHS, he said. [CSO Online](#)

Russian cyberspies likely behind DNC breach move on to German election

A group of suspected Russian cyberspies blamed for interfering in the U.S. election is also attempting to influence the upcoming vote in Germany, according to the country's domestic intelligence agency. The Russian hacking group known as Fancy Bear or APT 28 has been targeting political parties in the country, Germany's Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV) intelligence agency said in a statement Thursday posted online by Politico. The hacking activities have led to a surge in spear-phishing email attacks directed at German politicians, the agency said. [CSO Online](#)

Georgia Tech's \$17 Million Rhamnusia Project and the Difficulty of Attribution

The Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia Tech, has been awarded a \$17.3 million contract to develop a scientific method for cyber attack attribution. Dubbed Rhamnusia after the ancient Greek spirit of divine retribution, the project will use machine learning (ML) technology to discover the groups behind different cyber-attacks. [Security Week](#)

You're Probably Fine with SMS-Based Two-Factor Authentication

Using a phone to secure your email, Facebook, or other online accounts has got a lot of bad press recently. In June, hackers broke into the Twitter account of prominent Black Lives Matter activist DeRay McKesson, after tricking Verizon into redirecting his text messages to another SIM card. And then a month later, the US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) advised companies to find an alternative to SMS two-factor authentication. SMS messages can be intercepted in various different ways, including through the exploitation of vulnerabilities in the infrastructure of mobile networks, as well as by the use of IMSI-catchers, otherwise known as Stingrays. That's fine, but arguably statements like "SMS-based two factor authentication is insecure" trickle down into public consciousness, and those who really could benefit from linking a phone to their account may think it's a bad idea. But the truth is that the vast majority of people would be much, much better off using SMS 2FA rather than using no two-factor method at all. [Motherboard](#)

New Call to Regulate IoT Security By Design

A Washington, D.C. think tank whose mission is critical infrastructure security has joined the call for lawmakers to consider regulating the security of connected devices. In a report published this week, the Institute for Critical Infrastructure Technology pinned the blame for a rash of Mirai malware-inspired IOT botnet DDoS attacks on manufacturer negligence. The report points out the lack of security by design in devices such as DVRs and IP-enabled closed circuit TV cameras that are protected by weak or known default credentials as the root cause for the emergence of these attacks... Regulation, echoing what Bruce Schneier said during a recent House briefing, is the most appropriate choice, the report's authors James Scott and Drew Spaniel said, even at the risk of stifling innovation. [Threatpost](#)

How the Cyber Kangaroo can help defend the Internet of Things

What are Australia's policy options for responding to the internet threats of 2022? This question was explored in the 360° Cyber Game conducted jointly by RAND Corporation and the National Security College (NSC) at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra on Thursday. [ZD Net](#)

"Love," "Girl," and "Angel" are the Most Commonly Used Words for Passwords

A new research shows that Internet users no longer stick with "123456" for their passwords, but instead, they pick some shockingly easy to guess words. CBT Nuggets writes that after analyzing data of 50,000 leaked emails and passwords, it discovered that the most commonly used words for passwords are "love," "star," "girl," and "angel." Next in line are rock, miss, hell, Mike, and John because yes, using names in your passwords is always a good idea. NOT! "Perhaps unsurprisingly, the most common names of those hacked are also ... well, some of the most common names in America – with Mike/Michael, Chris/Christopher, John/Jonathan, and Dave/David leading the pack," the research reveals. "Men were slightly more prone to being hacked, based on our info. And interestingly, those aged 25 to 34 were four times more likely to be hacked than any other demographic. They also happen to be the men most likely to be named Mike, Chris, John, or Dave." [Softpedia](#)

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Goodale keeps door open to CSIS use of metadata gathered from innocent people

The **federal public safety minister** is keeping the door open to the idea of Canada's spy agency crunching potentially sensitive data about innocent people. **Ralph Goodale** told MPs at a House of Commons committee Thursday he is weighing views on whether the Canadian Security Intelligence Service should be allowed to retain and use such information... **Goodale** told MPs on the public safety committee the government would **"consider all of the factors that are relevant in these circumstances"** as it completes a review of national security policy. [Canadian Press](#) (Whitehorse Star, 19)

How 'sigint' nabbed a Canadian al-Qaeda operative

Communications intercepted by U.S. and British spy agencies led to the arrest of the first al-Qaeda inspired terrorist caught in Canada, according to a newly leaked document. The memo, circulated within the U.S. National Security Agency more than a decade ago, provides a rare and detailed look at the world of intelligence-sharing. In early 2004, a cell of British terrorists was caught scheming to explode a bomb in London. After Scotland Yard launched "Operation Crevice" to round up the conspirators, Canadian police simultaneously moved to arrest an Ottawa software engineer. Momin Khawaja had helped build detonators for the conspirators. The suspects, including Mr. Khawaja, were twenty something Westerners whose families had hailed from Pakistan. They had travelled to a terrorist training camp in that country and emerged from it wanting to bomb Britain for its role in the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan. Evidence included discussion of close co-operation between British and Canadian police. But prosecutors glossed over how "signals intelligence" (or sigint) captured long before the bust had laid a foundation for detectives. The details are revealed in a document flowing from Edward Snowden, the fugitive former American contractor who took volumes of files from the NSA in 2013 to leak them to the media... The leaked NSA memo, which is to be officially declassified in 2032, says that "well over 100 Sigint reports were issued on Operation Crevice." Most came from GCHQ but "the NSA reporting contributed significant pieces to the jigsaw." A Canadian agency called the Communications Security Establishment is a close NSA and GCHQ ally, but the Operation Crevice memo makes no mention of it. At that time, the Canadian agency was beginning to get secret authorizations from cabinet ministers to expand its powers. [Globe and Mail](#), A8

Students in province to become 'Cyber Patriots' to battle hackers

A worldwide search for the next generation of cyber-security experts landed in a New Brunswick high school on Friday. A quartet of Grade 12 students at Hillsborough's Caledonia Regional High School spent the day warding off virtual attackers targeting a hypothetical company's computer system as part of a multinational contest called Cyber Patriot IX. The contest is hosted by the United States Air Force Association which hopes to recruit new talent through it for the flourishing industry. [Telegraph Journal](#), A7

Spy agency target shrouded in mystery

Canada's electronic eavesdropping agency has been brought in to support the Canadian military for an operation within the country, according to documents obtained by the Ottawa Citizen. The Department of National Defence confirms it has requested such assistance but is tight-lipped about the details, adding that it conducts its intelligence activities within existing laws or directives from the government. The request for an intelligence-gathering operation by the Communications Security Establishment was for the period starting Jan. 1, 2016, and ending on Dec. 31, the heavily censored briefing note said. The request was filed last year with DND deputy minister John Forster, the former head of the CSE. The request was made by then Maj.-Gen. Paul Wynnyk, who was commander of the Canadian Forces Intelligence Command. "I formally request the support of the Communications Security Establishment in the ongoing provision of domestic operational Electronics Intelligence support to DND/CAF," wrote Wynnyk, who has been since promoted and

appointed commander of the Canadian Army. The document was obtained by the Citizen using the Access to Information law. [Postmedia Network](#) (National Post, A1, Ottawa Citizen, London Free Press, Star Phoenix, Leader-Post, Edmonton Journal, The Province, Windsor Star, Vancouver Sun, Calgary Herald, Kingston Whig Standard)

Beware phoney emails, city urges

On Nov. 24, Kay Hedstrom received a suspicious email claiming she had been charged \$18.03 for negligent driving on April 11. The email said the ticket would be forwarded to her mailing address but that she could see "photo proof" of the incident immediately by clicking on a link in the email... These kinds of emails are likely a new, more sophisticated type of phishing scam. They don't ask recipients to pay for their fake tickets online, but to click on a photo of their car or license plate. Clicking on the link downloads malware, which could give scammers access to the data on their devices. [Edmonton Journal](#), A3

Hacker deals Hyland Cinema low blow

The owners of the Hyland Cinema are reeling after the cinema's website was hijacked Sunday by someone who posted a bizarre racist manifesto and video. The hacker also took over the cinema's e-mail lists and sent the same material to thousands of people under the tagline Hyland Movie Guide: Special God's Holy Day Edition. [London Free Press](#), A1 / Front

Trump says Russia couldn't have affected election results

President-elect Donald Trump said foreign governments or other parties may have tried to influence the election through hacking, but it didn't affect the results, a view that may put him at odds with several leading lawmakers, including some Republicans. [Bloomberg News](#) (Toronto Star); [Associated Press](#) (Cape Breton Post, B4)

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Trade tribunal looking into weather supercomputer contract

A trade tribunal is conducting an inquiry into how the federal government handled the purchase of a powerful new weather-forecasting supercomputer for Environment Canada. Computer company Hewlett-Packard Canada alleges the government's IT department, Shared Services Canada, wrongly invoked a national security exception in the procurement process. Hewlett-Packard is the latest in a long list of Canadian companies to allege the federal government routinely imposes such exceptions for no good reason. "Government contracts are a huge business in Canada. This is a real market that a lot of businesses in Canada depend on to survive," said Chris McLeod, an Ottawa lawyer who specializes in international trade and public procurement. A national security exception means buyers are exempt from trade rules that require all bidders to be treated equally and may mean equipment must be made in certain countries and data must be stored or processed within Canada. Hewlett-Packard has also asked the Federal Court to determine if Shared Services Canada (SSC) applied the exception appropriately. (...) What followed was a high-level meeting with senior executives from Canada's spy agencies CSIS and CSEC, the Privy Council Office, Treasury Board and Shared Services. Two invitees from DND were absent but they, like all the others, signed attestations saying they agreed to the idea of invoking a blanket exception. Soon after, Ring approved the plan. "I agree to invoke the national security exception for all purposes to exempt the procurement of goods and services related to the Government of Canada's electronic mail (email) network, and data centre infrastructure, systems and services from the application of Canada's domestic and international trade agreements, including those that may come into force in the future," Ring wrote in his response to Long. [CBC News](#)

Fintech as a Force for Social Good

For enterprises concerned about network security, identity verification has become a top-of-mind issue in an era of ubiquitous cyber-crime. But for millions around the world with no valid identification, standard computer access and identity authentication measures such as passwords pose a formidable barrier to not just public services, but also to the formal economy and traditional financial institutions. [Postmedia Network](#) (National Post)

Lawyers say cops' crime database is full of holes

Lawyers say they regularly receive incomplete or inaccurate criminal records from the national police database which can lead to wrongful arrests, unfair sentences or critical information missing at bail hearings. The consequences of this were most recently seen when a man convicted of sexual assault fled to Pakistan in November before he could be sentenced. Moazzam Tariq was allowed to remain out on \$10,000 bail after his conviction, because the Toronto police and Crown didn't know he'd fled the country before while on bail after being criminally charged in Peel Region in 2010. Tariq, now 29, came back to Canada in 2011 and was arrested at the airport. He eventually pleaded guilty to dangerous driving in 2012. However, that conviction and his withdrawn charges - including for a failure to appear for his court date - were not recorded in the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) database, a Toronto court heard Thursday. It's unclear whether Peel Regional Police failed to submit the information to the RCMP, which is in charge of the database, whether it was part of the backlog of convictions the RCMP has yet to enter into the database, or whether it fell through the cracks.

The RCMP was not able to respond to questions by deadline on Friday and questions to the Minister of Public Safety were referred to the RCMP... While the RCMP is working on modernizing the system, CPIC records continue to fail to show an up-to-date and accurate criminal history across jurisdictions, lawyers say. [Toronto Star](#)

Project Juice: How texts and emails unravelled a massive steroid-trafficking ring

Their text messages and emails carried an air of confidence. One boasted to his girlfriend that he and his partner had netted \$20,000 in one week. Another referred to his lab worker-underlings as "dumb dumbs." But one by one, members of a national steroid-distribution ring became ensnared in a lengthy Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) investigation dubbed Project Juice. This past week, the last of the accused, Gautam Srivastava, a former University of Victoria computer science professor and youth baseball coach, pleaded guilty in provincial court in Vancouver to one count of smuggling. However, a judge stayed the case after finding that Srivastava had faced an unreasonable delay in the proceedings due to a late request by the Crown that investigators obtain additional evidence. "A stay ends the prosecution, despite the guilty plea," said federal prosecutor Alexandra Rice, who had been seeking a two-year sentence. "In other words, he will not have a criminal record." A CBSA spokeswoman said in a statement that investigators had still "dismantled a major steroid-smuggling ring and prevented a significant amount of illicit drugs from entering our communities." Public awareness campaigns have repeatedly warned of the dangers of steroids — a synthetic version of testosterone — to increase muscle mass, strength and speed. "Increased speed. Increased breast size," says an ad posted on the website of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES). "Bigger Muscles. Smaller testicles." Yet, data from the CBSA show steroids have consistently ranked among the top drugs seized after marijuana. [Postmedia News \(Leader-Post\)](#)

It's online scam season and 'the phishing is good'

As Christmas approaches, experts suggest an extra dollop of caution before clicking on email package delivery notices. Fake notifications are proliferating, bringing not holiday cheer - but holiday ransomware. The holiday phishing season began just before U. S. Thanksgiving and will likely extend until after Christmas, said Caleb Barlow, vice-president for IBM Security. "This is a US\$445-billion business. These are campaigns, run by the criminal equivalent of marketers," he said. Security company FireEye sees a significant increase in fake package email alerts beginning in November, an almost 100 per cent increase from the average of September-October. [USA Today \(Winnipeg Free Press\)](#)

Real Oversight Needed for Law-breaking National Security Agencies - Seventh in a series to help you participate in the federal consultation on national security

An opinion piece states "National security accountability — everyone says they want it. But not everyone means the same thing when they use the language of 'accountability.' The dangers of 'faux accountability' are always serious, but especially so on national security matters where secrecy can mask abuses and law breaking. There is a growing concern that what the government might mean by 'accountability' is primarily the creation of a Parliamentary oversight committee for national security matters. Bill C-22, which would create such a committee, is working its way through Parliament right now. An oversight committee is long overdue, but it is entirely inadequate as a means of achieving accountability. What's the problem? There is a crisis of public confidence in national security agencies that appear to break the law with no consequences. Law-breaking by national security agencies is regularly rewarded with changes to laws that expand their powers even further." [The Tyee](#)

Samsung : 90% des Note 7 récupérés et de nouvelles mesures pour les autres

Le long chemin de croix de Samsung pour en finir avec l'affaire Galaxy Note 7 explosifs se poursuit. Les différents programmes de rappel/échange lancés dans plusieurs pays de la planète semblent porter ses fruits puisque 2,7 millions d'unités aurait été récupérés, soit 90% des modèles vendus, selon le Korea Herald qui chiffre donc à 3 millions environ le nombre de phablettes vendues. [ZDNet France](#)

Ransomware Popcorn Time : ne payez rien en l'aidant à infecter d'autres internautes

Un lien vous est recommandé par une connaissance. Vous cliquez ? N'ayez pas peur de la froisser en prenant vos précautions en termes de sécurité. Les auteurs d'un ransomware ont eu une idée pour optimiser le taux d'infection de leur programme malveillant. [ZDNet France](#) ; [Infosecurity-Magazine](#); [DarkReading](#)

Ransomware attacks against businesses increased threefold in 2016

The number of ransomware attacks targeting companies increased threefold from January to September, affecting one in every five businesses worldwide. According to a new report from security company Kaspersky Lab, the rate of ransomware attacks against businesses increased from one every two minutes to one every 40 seconds during that period. [CSO](#)

Grid security insights for 2017: Pressure mounts to prevent physical attacks

'Tis the season for predictions! As we close out 2016 and look forward to 2017, it seems appropriate to pause a moment and provide some grid security predictions for the new year. Predictions based on trends, insight, and understanding can

arm security programs with the knowledge needed to test policies, exercise physical protection systems, and allocate corporate funds for resources. [CSO](#)

London Councils Running Outdated Software

Nearly 70% of London's borough councils are using out of date operating systems, exposing them to greater cybersecurity risk, according to new research from Databarracks. A spokesman confirmed to Infosecurity that the back-up firm received responses to a Freedom of Information request from every London borough and the City of London. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

Netgear working to fix flaw that left thousands of devices open to attack

A remotely exploitable vulnerability in the Nighthawk line of Netgear routers was disclosed on Friday. The flaw leaves customers exposed to having their connections hijacked, as someone exploiting the vulnerability can take complete control of the device. Despite having months to address the problem, Netgear has yet to publish a fix. [CSO](#)

Senate Votes To Upgrade Cyber Command Into War-Fighting Unit

NDAA legislation awaits Obama signature; Admiral Mike Rogers will still head both Cyber Command and NSA, at least for now. The US Senate voted last week to separate Cyber Command from NSA and make it an independent combatant unit, The Hill Reports. The legislation - the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) - now moves on to President Barack Obama for approval. [DarkReading](#)

Obama demande une enquête sur le piratage de l'élection présidentielle

Barack Obama a demandé aux agences américaines du renseignement d'ouvrir une enquête sur le piratage informatique et sur l'intervention de puissances étrangères dans le déroulement de la campagne présidentielle aux États-Unis cette année. Le président américain a souhaité qu'un rapport lui soit remis sur ce sujet avant qu'il quitte la Maison-Blanche le 20 janvier, a déclaré Lisa Monaco, conseillère à la sécurité intérieure, vendredi. [Radio Canada](#); [Agence France-Presse \(La Presse\)](#); [Politico](#)

Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange ready to start membership push

After months of planning the country's first national IT threat service has issued its first threat report to a few early members and is ready to launch a campaign to expand its numbers, including lowering its fee for small businesses... Directors of the exchange come from some of the country's biggest enterprises including Air Canada, Bell Canada, Canadian National Railway, Manulife, Telus, TD Bank and Royal Bank. While many CISOs and infosec pros already get information from vendors, blogs and some threat data from vendors and services they subscribe to, the not-for-profit CCTX hopes to show value by tailoring reports and threat feeds for Canadian customers who don't want to know about the latest malware sweeping other parts of the world. The exchange also differs from other threat intelligence groups set up by industry associations and limited to verticals such as the healthcare or financial sectors by having a broad audience. The cross-industry appeal of the exchange has drawn the admiration of Rick Howard, chief security officer of Palo Alto Networks, who was one of the keynote speakers at Wednesday's symposium and who believes the CCTX is the first national threat exchange in the world. [IT World Canada](#)

Ransomware Jumps Threefold in 2016

Ransomware attacks on businesses grew threefold this year to reach one every 40 seconds by October, according to new data from Kaspersky Lab. The Russian AV firm claimed that attacks came once every two minutes at the start of the year. For individuals it was even worse, with Kaspersky Lab calculating one attack every 10 seconds by Q3, up from once every 20 seconds at the beginning of the year. Some 20% of organizations worldwide suffered an IT incident as the result of a ransomware infection this year, and the same percentage of small businesses never got their files back even after paying up. That chimes with separate research from Trend Micro from earlier this year which claimed that one in five UK firms it polled were left without a decryption key after they paid the ransom. While Kaspersky Lab was at pains to point out there's no such thing as a low-risk sector, education was worst hit, accounting for 23% of all attacks, while retail and leisure (16%) was least affected. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Yahoo fixes flaw allowing an attacker to read any user's emails

Yahoo has fixed a severe security vulnerability in its consumer email service that could have allowed an attacker to read a victim's email inbox. The cross-site scripting (XSS) attack only required a victim to view an email in Yahoo Mail. The internet giant paid out \$10,000 to security researcher Jouko Pynnonen for privately disclosing the flaw through the HackerOne bug bounty. In a write-up, Pynnonen said that the flaw was similar to last year's Yahoo Mail bug, which similarly let an attacker compromise a user's account. Yahoo filters HTML messages to ensure that malicious code won't make it through into the user's browser, but the researcher found that the filters didn't catch all of the malicious data attributes. He explained that sending a specially crafted email could have triggered malicious JavaScript to be immediately executed. Pynnonen said in an email that exploiting the flaw was "rather easy," but finding the bug was difficult. [ZDNet News](#); [Security Week](#)

US government seeks more data on Apple customers

Apple has seen a sharp year-over-year increase in the number US government demands for customer data. The company's first biannual report this year covers how many demands were made from global law enforcement and intelligence agencies -- including the US government -- for data it stores. Apple said it reviewed 4,822 demands for device data from US authorities, affecting 10,260 devices, an increase of 26 percent on the same period a year earlier. The company said that it was compelled to turn over data in over three-quarters of all cases. Additionally, the company received 1,363 demands from US authorities, the top requesting country, affecting 9,090 accounts. Apple turned over data in 84 percent of those cases. [ZDNet News](#)

Government spies surveil phones in flight, report says

Turns out the skies are not so friendly after all, at least as far as privacy is concerned. American and British intelligence agencies have been surveilling cell phone use on commercial flights since 2005, according to a new investigation by Le Monde based on documents leaked by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden. As journalist and digital media teacher Dan Gillmor tweeted, it's "another good reason to use airplane mode when you're on the plane." But just turning on your phone when the plane is above 10,000 feet reveals your location to the NSA, according to 2010 internal NSA newsletter posted by Le Monde... Le Monde goes on to explain how the spy agencies can extract information like email addresses and Skype and Facebook ID data and then correlate it with flight and passenger data to pinpoint a particular user. They can also reportedly see what you're doing on your phone, be it looking through email or using a travel app. [CNET](#); [CSO Online](#); [Le Monde](#)

Russian cyberspies likely behind DNC breach move on to German election

A group of suspected Russian cyberspies blamed for interfering in the U.S. election is also attempting to influence the upcoming vote in Germany, according to the country's domestic intelligence agency. The Russian hacking group known as Fancy Bear or APT 28 has been targeting political parties in the country, Germany's Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV) intelligence agency said in a statement Thursday posted online by Politico. The hacking activities have led to a surge in spear-phishing email attacks directed at German politicians, the agency said. [CSO Online](#)

Georgia Tech's \$17 Million Rhamnousia Project and the Difficulty of Attribution

The Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia Tech, has been awarded a \$17.3 million contract to develop a scientific method for cyber attack attribution. Dubbed Rhamnousia after the ancient Greek spirit of divine retribution, the project will use machine learning (ML) technology to discover the groups behind different cyber-attacks. [Security Week](#)

How the Cyber Kangaroo can help defend the Internet of Things

What are Australia's policy options for responding to the internet threats of 2022? This question was explored in the 360° Cyber Game conducted jointly by RAND Corporation and the National Security College (NSC) at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra on Thursday. [ZDNet News](#)

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Hackers are for hire online

The business of hacking is no longer just the domain of intelligence agencies, international criminal gangs, shadowy political operatives and disgruntled "hacktivists" taking aim at big targets. Rather, it is an increasingly personal enterprise. At a time when huge stealth attacks on companies like Sony Pictures, JPMorgan Chase and Home Depot attract attention, less noticed is a growing cottage industry of ordinary people hiring hackers for much smaller acts of espionage. A new website, called Hacker's List, seeks to match hackers with people looking to gain access to email accounts, take down unflattering photos from a website or gain access to a company's database. In less than three months of operation, over 500 hacking jobs have been put out to bid on the site, with hackers vying for the right to do the dirty work. [New York Times](#) (Telegraph-Journal, D1)

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Lizard Squad's cyberattack-for-hire service hacked - 14,000 customer details leaked

The hacking group responsible for bringing down the PlayStation Network and Xbox Live on Christmas day has itself been hacked. The Lizard Squad offers up a service called Lizard Stresser which allows anyone to rent botnet to carry out distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks. Well it turns out the Squad has got a taste of its own medicine and has itself been hacked. Someone attacked the Lizard Stresser website and released a customer database of 14,241 registered users - although only a few hundred have actually paid for the service, according to KrebsOnSecurity. [Mirror.co.uk](#)

Russia, jihadis or cyberwarfare – which is the most urgent of the new threats we face?

Other threats are available, and no longer simply on a scale of conventional versus unconventional. The power of cyber warfare became clear in 2014: some parts of Sony Corporation are still using private email to conduct business, so devastated were the media giant's systems by the cyber-attack that took The Interview off America's movie screens. If, as alleged, it was perpetrated by North Korea, then its cyber-warriors achieved an impact which the early Soviet general Mikhail Tukhachevsky would have been proud of. "Assault the enemy through the depth of his formation," was Tukhachevsky's doctrine, and with Sony, someone did. [The Guardian](#)

China calls Snowden's stealth jet hack accusations 'groundless'

China dismissed accusations it stole F-35 stealth fighter plans as groundless on Monday, after documents leaked by former U.S. intelligence contractor Edward Snowden on a cyber attack were published by a German magazine. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

After Gmail blocked in China, Microsoft's Outlook hacked, says GreatFire

Chinese users of Microsoft Corp's Outlook email service were subject to a hacking attack at the weekend, just weeks after Google Inc's Gmail system was blocked in China, an online censorship watchdog said on Monday. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

The NSA was tracking North Korea's hackers long before they attacked Sony Pictures

Intelligence gathered by the National Security Agency on North Korea more than four years ago led the US government to blame Pyongyang for the recent attack on Sony Pictures, according to a report from the New York Times. The report, citing former US officials, computer experts, and documents leaked last week by Edward Snowden, says the NSA used malware to track North Korean hackers as part of a program launched in 2010. That allowed the government to blame North Korea with unusual speed and certainty following December's hack on Sony Pictures, but the report also sheds light on how Pyongyang's hackers were able to get away with it in the first place. [The Verge](#)

Four in five malware alerts are a 'waste of time'

Businesses are being bombarded with thousands of malware alerts each week, but only 19 percent are credible, costing companies on average \$1.3m in wasted resources. False positives - malware alerts that turn out not to be a threat - are a significant drain on business, according to the results of a survey by the Ponemon Institute. What's more, such false alarms are potentially distracting security professionals from dealing with real threats that, if left unchecked, may leave a company with a bigger mess than simply cleaning up after a minor malware infection. [ZDNet](#)

Dongle bingle makes two MEELLION cars open to exploit

A bluetooth dongle used to track driver habits for insurance purposes has been hacked potentially allowing cars to be remotely hijacked, researcher Corey Thuen says. [The Register](#)

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Documents show feds kept mum on NRC hack

The federal government knew it had been the target of a cyber attack last year but stayed silent for several days as it developed a comprehensive communications plan, internal documents show. The documents, including a "Communications Approach" dated July 25, 2014, show the National Research Council was aware it had been hacked at least days before telling employees and client companies that their information was vulnerable. The attack was eventually revealed by news organizations on July 28 and later confirmed by federal officials, who said the research agency was targeted by a "highly sophisticated Chinese state-sponsored actor." After the hack hit headlines, NRC management warned employees away from sharing sensitive information over email, using removable storage devices like USBs, and connecting to the agency's network at home. [Toronto Star](#), A1

Privacy watchdog probes Saanich's use of spyware

B.C.'s information and privacy commissioner is launching an investigation into Saanich's use of spyware on municipal computers, including that of Mayor Richard Atwell. [Times-Colonist](#), A1; [Globe and Mail](#)

Washington man charged with helping run Silk Road 2.0 site

A man was charged Tuesday with helping run one of the most sophisticated and widely used criminal marketplaces on the Internet. The Silk Road 2.0 website allowed anonymous users to buy and sell illegal drugs, weapons and other illicit items. It emerged as a copycat site a month after the man accused of running the original Silk Road site was arrested in October 2013. Officials on Saturday arrested Brian Richard Farrell, 26, who told federal agents he was a top assistant to the operator of Silk Road 2.0. [The Associated Press](#) (Times-Colonist, A10)

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Identity theft insurance: Is it worth it?

A CBC investigation about an Ontario woman who was defrauded on three different occasions for thousands of dollars at her bank seems like a perfect illustration of why people should invest in identity theft insurance. But there is disagreement among industry experts about whether insurance like this is necessary. Identity theft insurance is "generally not a good deal," says John Lawford, executive director and general counsel for the Public Interest Advocacy Centre in Ottawa. [CBCNews.ca](#)

As terror threats rise, privacy is now more important than ever

New poll numbers show about two-thirds of people believe it is more important for the federal government to investigate possible terror threats than to avoid intruding on personal privacy. Since the September 11 attacks in 2001, the resounding verdict was to investigate all terror threats, even if investigation infringes on personal privacy. Following the revelations of domestic government surveillance by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, a high of 39 percent said the government should not harm privacy. But after the Paris terrorist attacks and the rise of the Islamic State terror group, 63 percent of the public want more protection over privacy, according to new Washington Post-ABC News poll figures. Does now really seem like the best time to compromise on security by calling for encryption to be outlawed, in the process stripping Internet users of their privacy, and opening them up to hacks, attacks, and identity theft? [ZDNet](#)

New report claims zero-day attack on Sony Pictures

The tools involved in the Sony Pictures attack may have been more sophisticated than we thought. Recode's Arik Hessdahl is reporting that the attackers employed a previously undisclosed vulnerability to break into the Sony Pictures system, according to "sources familiar with the Sony investigation." Also known as a zero-day vulnerability, undisclosed

weaknesses are particularly valuable in the security world, and typically employed by nation-state attackers. It's unclear how central the exploit was to the attack or which system was found to be vulnerable. Much of the previously reported software involved in the attack had been re-used from earlier attacks in South Korea in 2013. [The Verge](#)

Edward Snowden says secret Apple spyware is the reason he won't use an iPhone

Is Apple's wildly popular iPhone series hiding spyware that can collect information about users without their knowledge. As thoroughly as developers have dug through Apple's iOS code over the past seven and a half years, one would think functionality like that would have been unearthed by now. According to NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden, however, iPhones are capable of activating "special software" behind the scenes that collects information about users, who are completely oblivious to the fact that their phones are gathering this sensitive data. [Yahoo! News](#)

Feds Say 3rd Guilty Plea Entered in Computer Hacking Case

Federal prosecutors have obtained a third guilty plea involving an international hacking ring that gained access to a U.S. Army computer network while targeting computer giant Microsoft and several video game developers. [The Associated Press](#) (ABC News)

Obama aims for overhaul of cybersecurity standards

President Barack Obama is expected to push for new cybersecurity legislation during his State of the Union address on Tuesday night, the first time a U.S. president has made this emerging threat a priority. Obama will advocate for policy that encourages the private sector and government to share information on threats, expands the ability of law enforcement to prosecute cybercrime and condenses sometimes conflicting state laws into one federal statute, among other changes outlined by the White House last week. [CNBC](#)

Survey: Cybersecurity pros endorse Obama's data breach notification rules

More than three quarters of ISACA members surveyed by the cybersecurity training and benchmarking organization said they agreed or strongly agreed with Obama's proposal to require breached organizations to notify affected customers within 30 days. Only about 8 percent of the 3,400 respondents said they disagreed or strongly disagreed. Most of ISACA's 115,000 members are IT professionals. [Computerworld](#)

How Obama Fell Short on Cybersecurity

An opinion piece states, "Our nation is being turned inside out electronically and we seem helpless to stop it. The Russians have broken into a White House network and JPMorgan Chase. The Chinese have stolen blueprints, manufacturing processes, clinical trial results and other proprietary data from more than 140 companies and have utterly penetrated major media. The Iranians attack our banks, our electric grid is assaulted with frightening frequency and North Korea has brought Sony to its knees. Meanwhile, credit card data from big retailers such as Target and Home Depot are for sale electronically by the boatload. Infrastructure is at risk. Last month, attackers disrupted production at a German steel plant and damaged its blast furnaces, using only cyber methods. The fact that network attacks are getting worse, even after vast sums have been invested in defense, should tell us something fundamental about the deeply flawed nature of our networks. Unfortunately, the measures just announced by President Barack Obama do not address these flaws. He's right that better information-sharing between the private sector and the government is overdue; Congress should finally pass legislation to make it possible. But it would not address underlying weaknesses in the Internet. Stiffer sentences for cyber crime may be useful, but they would not make our infrastructure harder to attack or our communications more secure. His proposal for a uniform breach-notification law would simplify companies' legal compliance, but it would do nothing to prevent breaches..." [Politico](#)

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Des Idées en revues - L'exigence de transparence et le "contrôle social 2.0"

Quiconque utilise Internet aujourd'hui doit s'attendre à ce que ses moindres faits et gestes puissent faire l'objet d'une surveillance continue et en temps réel. Si nous pouvions déjà le soupçonner, les troublantes révélations d'Edward Snowden sur l'étendue de la surveillance menée sur le Web par la National Security Agency (NSA) nous l'ont confirmé. [Le Devoir](#), A7

Données personnelles - WikiLeaks trahi par Google

Des courriels -- y compris les brouillons --, des informations personnelles et des métadonnées... Lundi, le site Internet spécialisé dans la révélation d'informations secrètes, WikiLeaks, a accusé Google de collaboration honteuse avec les autorités américaines qui se sont fait livrer, sans grande résistance, par le géant du tout numérique, des données personnelles sur trois journalistes au service de Julian Assange. Une complicité dans l'intrusion qui violerait les lois sur la protection de l'intimité aux États-Unis, dit WikiLeaks, mais qui pourrait également nuire à l'image du célèbre moteur de recherche et fournisseur, avec Gmail, de service de communication numérique à des millions d'internautes dans le monde. [Le Devoir](#), A1 ; [SC Magazine](#)

Cyberbullying policy a bust with kids

Zero-tolerance cyberbullying policies have made kids less likely to go to adults for help for fear that police will become involved, a survey of Canadian children's lives online suggests. Parents and teachers need to act less like online cops and more like mentors, found the survey by MediaSmarts, Canada's think-tank for digital and media literacy. "We don't believe that surveillance, in particular covert surveillance, is particularly effective. We all know teens are masters of avoiding surveillance," said Matthew Johnson, director of education at MediaSmarts. "Teens feel like they're guilty until proven innocent and they're more covert about what they're doing and less likely to seek help if something goes wrong." MediaSmarts spoke to 5,400 students from grades 4 to 11 in every Canadian province and territory, and had four focus groups with different age groups and with parents, between 2012 and 2013. Many of the children and teens feel adults overreact to conflict online, the survey found. [London Free Press](#), A1

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Natural Resources Canada website ads smack of possible hacking

For several days, obscure advertisements have appeared on the Natural Resources Canada website, suggesting hackers might have gained access to the domain. The content of the ads varies, promoting, among other things, different weight loss strategies, online music lessons and belly dancing classes. Collectively, they contain the department's "nrcan.gc.ca" in their URLs. After noticing these ads, iPolitics contacted the department early Monday morning to inquire. The department responded shortly after 5 p.m., stating in an email that iPolitics should direct its query to **Public Safety Canada**. **Public Safety Canada** has yet to return a phone call from iPolitics. While the spate of out-of-place lifestyle ads on a normally staid government website doesn't appear to be a major security breach, hacking isn't a new issue for the Canadian government. Most recently, the National Research Council was hit by a cyberattack the government blamed on state-sponsored Chinese hackers. As now-former Communications Security Establishment head John Forster explained in a July letter to the editor of the Globe and Mail, "These malicious actors are constantly probing Government of Canada systems and networks for weaknesses so that they infiltrate them and steal valuable information. "When we detect emails or other communications that contain malware or other threats, we block, collect and analyze them. And, we work with appropriate departments to take action to neutralize the threat." [iPolitics](#)

Singapore ups the ante in cyber security fight

Singapore is gearing up for a crackdown on cyber crime with the launch of a central agency and the appointment of a minister in charge of cyber security, the government said on Tuesday, as the wealthy city-state grapples with a rise in online crime. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

Hacker group claims it is behind outages at Facebook, other sites

Internet sites including Facebook, the world's largest social network, Instagram and other popular sites suffered temporary outages on Tuesday and a hacker group associated with other recent high-profile attacks claimed it caused the outages. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News); [Guardian UK](#)

Facebook says that outage was technical, not DDoS related

Late Monday evening, Facebook dropped offline after reporting an error message on its homepage. Immediately after, their image-sharing service Instagram went down, followed by Tinder. Three of the Web's hottest properties were offline, and no one knew why. [CSO](#); [CNET News](#)

Facebook's outage exposes our digital fragility

OMG Facebook is down! Down too went Instagram. It was just for an hour this morning, but the tweets screamed "Do I have to talk to someone real?" In a manner of speaking, yes. Despite the hackers of Lizard Squad claiming credit, it is now clear that an outage at Facebook's HQ was responsible. But the confusion was understandable after Lizard Squad had in recent weeks variously hit Sony executives and Microsoft products. It brought down PlayStation and Xbox platforms over Christmas. [Guardian UK](#)

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Most EU businesses unclear on latest cyber security laws

Most businesses in the UK, France and Germany feel guidelines to achieve compliance with new European Union cyber security legislation are unclear, a study has revealed. A third of organisations polled also do not understand the impact of the coming cyber security legislation, according to a study by security firm FireEye. [Computer Weekly](#)

Apple preparing fix for Thunderstrike malware in upcoming OS X 10.10.2 release

It's long been said, both by Apple and independent security experts, that Apple's computers are more secure than those running Windows. That does not mean, however, that Macs are invulnerable to malware threats. One particularly terrifying example is called Thunderstrike. It allows a malicious actor to replace the firmware in Macs with something much more nefarious. The firmware controls extremely low-level functions of the computer, everything that happens from the moment the power button is pressed. [Yahoo! News](#)

'Sexy Girls' wallpaper app in Google Play store accessed account info

The "Sexy Girls Wallpaper Gallery" app that was previously available in the Google Play store did in fact offer background photos of women, but it also asked for a permission that granted it access to information from popular accounts, according to Malwarebytes. [SC Magazine](#)

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Keylogging malware that may have been used by the NSA shares significant portions of code with a component of Regin, a sophisticated platform that has been used to spy on businesses, government institutions and private individuals for years. [PC Advisor](#); [CSO](#)

China signals censors will continue to crack down on VPN services

China has defended its growing attempts to control the Internet, after disrupting several services that allowed users to view the Web free of censorship. [CSO](#)

Internet of Things: A security threat to business by the backdoor?

The rise of the Internet of Things (IoT) has already sparked concerns about privacy: now security pros are worried that badly configured gadgets might provide a backdoor for hackers looking to break into corporate networks. [ZDNet News](#)

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A U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration program to keep tabs on cars close to the U.S.-Mexican border has been gradually expanded nationwide and is regularly used by other law enforcement agencies in their hunt for suspects. [PC Advisor](#)

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Oracle's Java poses the single biggest security risk to US desktops, according to a new report from Copenhagen-based security vendor Secunia ApS, because of its penetration rate, number of vulnerabilities, and patch status. [PC Advisor](#)

Maldrone: Malware which hijacks your personal drone

Malware is no longer limited to PCs, mobile devices, corporate networks and Internet of Things (IoT) gadgets -- your drones are now also vulnerable to hijacking. The use of drones, also known as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), has expanded into the commercial consumer sector within the past few years. Now relatively cheap to produce, tiny, personal UAVs can be purchased and used for a variety of purposes -- from advanced photography to capturing sports and spying upon Apple construction sites. [ZDNet News](#)

Germany's privacy leaders gather to discuss suspending US Safe Harbor

On Wednesday, German data privacy commissioners will meet in Berlin for their annual conference. On the agenda will be discussions on one thing: whether the Safe Harbor agreement between the EU and the US should be scrapped. The meeting will allow the German regulators to voice their ongoing frustration over the lack of reform that followed the recent revelations that the US' surveillance agency, the NSA, was collecting German citizens' data. [ZDNet News](#)

Australia rushes to fix troubled Defence tech research law

The Australian government is rushing through legislation to fix Department of Defence trade laws that academics have warned could bring an end to technology research in Australia. In 2012, the former Labor government passed the Defence Trade Control Act (DTCA) with little fanfare, in a bid to bring regulation that already exists for physical exports, such as weapons proliferation, into the digital world. [ZDNet News](#)

Security Alert as Hoax Caller Put Through to PM Cameron

The UK government is reviewing its procedures this week after security breaches led to the disclosure of GCHQ boss Robert Hannigan's private mobile number, and then allowed a hoax caller pretending to be Hannigan to be put through to the prime minister. An official statement claimed that after the two hoax calls to government departments on Sunday, a notice had been sent out "to all government departments to be on the alert for such calls." [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Malaysia Airlines Site Back Up as Hackers Threaten Data Dump

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The infamous Regin malware strain has been connected to the QWERTY cyberweapon documented in files related to the US National Security Agency and released by whistleblower Edward Snowden. Last month, Der Spiegel published the source code of a malicious program dubbed QWERTY, which is a keylogger allegedly used in cyberespionage operations (.PDF) by a number of governments. Colloquially known as Five Eyes, the governments of the US, Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand are believed to be users of the spyware kit. [ZDNet News](#)

Measuring the impact of government cyber security initiatives on enterprise

New research released today reveals that 45% of IT professionals feel government initiatives like CERT-UK and Operation Waking Shark II have actively helped them raise awareness of cybersecurity to senior management. The research, conducted by cybersecurity service provider SecureData and Vanson Bourne, investigated the impact government security initiatives had on end-user organisations in 2014, with nearly half (47%) reporting that initiatives have helped them communicate the importance of security across their organisation. Over a third (39%) of participants also stated that they had used the insights from such initiatives to define IT security standards and policies, with a quarter (24%) using information garnered from them to set security strategies. [Information-Age UK](#)

Sécurité IT : les attaques DDoS changent de visage

Arbor Networks constate une évolution radicale des attaques par déni de service, plus fréquentes, plus puissantes... et mal maîtrisées. Plus fréquentes, plus puissantes... mais aussi mal maîtrisées du fait d'un manque cruel de compétences : ainsi Arbor Networks décrit-il les attaques par déni de service (DoS) dans sa 10e étude annuelle sur la sécurité des infrastructures IT mondiales. En une décennie, les signalements d'attaques sont passés de 8 Gbit/s à 400 Gbit/s. La disponibilité d'une plus grande bande passante n'y est pas étrangère, au même titre que l'exploitation de techniques dévastatrices comme l'amplification par réflexion. Cette dernière s'appuie sur des failles réseau au niveau DNS qui permettent de démultiplier le volume des campagnes, d'un facteur pouvant atteindre 80. Un phénomène illustré fin 2014 avec pas moins de 5 attaques par réflexion NTP dépassant les 200 Gbit/s. [IT Espresso](#)

Banking malware uncovered by IBM

IBM Trusteer, part of the IBM group, has found a malware toolkit that assumes control over a user's keyboard and mouse. Designed specifically for the banking sector, it conducts fraudulent payments without the user's knowledge. The malware, known as KL-Remote, is able to bypass such security measures as passwords. It tricks a number of detection tools, as

they assume that the fraud is carried out from the hacker's device as opposed to the victim's. It is installed once the computer has been infected, and includes a number of pre-determined bank URLs. [Acumin UK](#)

Importations IT : la Chine veut les codes source et des backdoors

Le gouvernement chinois travaille à un règlement obligeant les fournisseurs de technologies de ses banques à livrer leurs codes source et à ménager des accès sur leurs équipements. La Chine va obliger les fournisseurs vendant des technologies à son secteur financier à transmettre les codes source des logiciels employés (firmware compris), à accepter des audits et à mettre sur pied des centres de R&D dans le pays, selon un article paru dans le New York Times. Le quotidien se base sur un document officiel qui doit être remis aux entreprises dans les prochains mois. Ce texte prévoit que 75 % des technologies employées dans le secteur financier chinois en 2019 soient « sûres et contrôlables ». Selon le New York Times, ce document a été approuvé par les autorités chinoises en fin d'année dernière. En plus de centres de R&D bâtis dans le pays, de permis pour leurs employés, les entreprises vendant des équipements au secteur financier devront ménager des ports permettant aux autorités locales de monitorer et contrôler les équipements. Cette future législation a déclenché une réaction d'un groupe d'associations professionnelles, dont la chambre de commerce américaine, qui a écrit une lettre de protestation à un comité du parti communiste chinois spécialisé dans la cybersécurité et dirigé par le président Xi Jinping. [Silicon.fr](#)

En 10 ans, les attaques DDoS se sont fortement amplifiées

Arbor Networks a publié sa 10e étude annuelle sur les attaques par déni de service. Le constat est sans appel : puissance et fréquence en hausse, et manque cruel de compétences sur ces sujets. Chaque année, Arbor Networks a pris l'habitude de publier une étude sur la sécurité des infrastructures IT mondiales (WISR pour Worldwide Infrastructure Security Report). La 10e édition a été dévoilée et permet de balayer une décennie d'attaques par déni de services. Parmi les constats saillants de l'étude, Eric Michonnet (notre photo), directeur Europe du Sud d'Arbor Networks souligne : « En 10 ans, les signalements d'attaques sont passés de 8 Gbit/s à 400 Gbit/s. » Une multiplication par 50 en une décennie qui s'explique par plusieurs raisons. Selon le dirigeant, « la disponibilité d'une plus grande passante a été un facteur fort de développement de la puissance des attaques. Il faut ajouter également des éléments techniques comme l'amplification par réflexion qui utilise des failles réseaux au niveau DNS via différents protocoles pour accroître parfois par 80 le volume des campagnes ». Ce phénomène d'amplification est surtout apparu dans le spectre d'Arbor à la fin de l'année dernière, avec pas moins de 5 attaques par réflexion NTP au-dessus de 200 Gbit/s (cf schéma ci-dessous). [Silicon.fr](#)

Maldrone, le premier malware pour drone

Une nuée de drones qui échappent au contrôle de leurs propriétaires pour aller s'abattre simultanément sur une centrale nucléaire... Scénario de science-fiction, ou de film catastrophes, dites-vous ? Il se pourrait aussi que ce soit l'actualité de demain... ;-) Les drones, parce qu'ils sont de plus en plus répandus, intéressent les hackers en conséquence. L'informaticien indien Rahul Sasi vient de fournir une preuve de concept du hacking des drones. Il a créé Maldrone, un programme qui se greffe dans le logiciel de navigation du drone, et qui permet d'en prendre le contrôle avec un smartphone. En l'occurrence un AR.Drone 2.0 du fabricant français Parrot. Mais tout drone s'appuyant sur une architecture ARM/Linux peut être victime de Maldrone, tout aussi bien. [Programmez.com](#)

Over half IT professionals fear cyber attack

A survey by the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA), a global IT non-profit, has found that 61% of Australia and New Zealand's IT professionals expect a cyber attack in 2015. Surveying over 100 IT professionals locally and across all manner of business, the results are far higher than the global score as 46% of worldwide respondents expect the same troubles in the coming year. In another startling finding, the survey details that 43% of those surveyed in Australia and New Zealand are prepared for a "sophisticated cyber attack," and that 85% of respondents believe there is a shortage of skilled cyber security professionals. [Insurance Business](#)

Zombie Computers Now More Intimidating

Arbor Networks, a prominent cyber security company, recently published a report which is based on analysis of a collection of ten years' worth of distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks. The report suggests both the number and scale of DDoS attacks has tremendously increased. DDoS attacks aim at disabling access to a website basically by increasing the number of entries through BOTNETs, also known as zombie computers. The hacker or hackers first employ various means to hack vulnerable computers, create a BOTNET, then strive to cut its connection to a targeted website by overloading its servers. The initial DDoS attacks had specific targets such as betting and gambling websites, which could not afford to be put offline during a game. Thus, it was a very useful tool for cybercriminals, who had been using cyber means for committing crimes. But as Darren Anstee, a senior analyst at Arbor says, new actors have begun conducting DDoS attacks for various purposes. [Eurasia Review](#)

Ghostbusting in the 'critically' vulnerable Linux machine

Security vendor Qualys has exposed and defined a new critical Linux vulnerability in the Linux GNU C Library (versions 2.2 and newer) that is capable of instigating remote code execution in some cases. The threat could lead to malicious

control over user devices and system installations that date back to year 2000. Known formally as CVE-2015-0235, the threat is more jauntily named GHOST because it can be triggered by the "_gethostbyname" function, a networked computing control used by a vast number of machines. Qualys CTO Wolfgang Kandek has said that the flaw could allow attackers to gain remote control of a system without having any prior knowledge of system credentials. An attacker could send a simple email on a Linux-based system to trigger a buffer overflow and automatically get complete access to that machine. [SC Magazine](#)

Click-fraud ZeroAccess botnet rises from the ashes

The ZeroAccess botnet, disrupted by Microsoft in 2013, has risen up once more to commit click-fraud and data theft. Originally discovered in 2013, the ZeroAccess botnet -- also known as Sirefef -- targeted major search engines and browsers, commandeering search results and routes queries to websites rigged to infect computers with malware, steal information or to generate revenue from fake online ad clicks. ZeroAccess gathers machines when users visit compromised websites and unwittingly download malware. In turn, this malicious code rigs the computer up to the botnet, becoming another slave machine the botnet operator can control. Microsoft, together with Europol's European cybercrime centre, the FBI, and tech industry figures disrupted the botnet system in 2013, which the Redmond giant estimated cost advertisers \$2.7 million monthly. However, after six months of relative inactivity, the botnet is once again operating. According to Dell SecureWorks researchers, the peer-to-peer botnet began to resurface from March 21, 2014 until July 2, 2014, and on January 15 2015, click-fraud templates are now once again being distributed to compromised systems. [ZDNet](#)

Silk Road operators paid thousands of Dollars to fight hackers and malware

Silk Road Case : Operators say they paid thousands of Dollars to prevent malware, DDoS and vulnerability attacksThe Silk Road hearing which is going on at Southern District of New York and overseen by District Judge Katherine Forrest is throwing up surprising facets of operating a illegal website. Silk Road which was operating on Tor anonymiser network and dealing in drugs and contraband goods and had to pay thousands of dollars per month to cyber extortionists. Much more like a mafia organisation in the physical world which has to pay off several authorities to avoid raids, seizures and detection, Silk Road which was operating outside of law had to depend on payoffs to survive, it seems. [Techworm](#)

Malware infects payment card system at French Lick Resort

Indiana-based French Lick Resort announced on Tuesday that malware had infected its payment card system, and any guest who used their credit and debit cards at any venue at the resort between April 23, 2014, and Jan. 21 may have had their personal information compromised. How many victims? Unknown at this time. What type of personal information? Names, account numbers, card expiration dates and card verification values. What happened? Malware infected the French Lick Resort payment card system, compromising personal information for any guest who used their credit card at any venue at the resort. [SC Magazine](#)

Drones infected with malware can drop from the sky or be hijacked for surveillance

You're minding your own business, when something in the sky snags your attention. Is it a bird or a plane? Nope, it's a drone falling out of the sky because it's infected with malware. Yeppers, "you read that right," wrote security engineer Rahul Sasi regarding the title of his post describing "Maldrone—the first backdoor for drones." Although he shows off the malware by infecting a Parrot AR.Drone within wireless range, making it "drop like a brick," theoretically an attacker could also take control of any drone with an ARM processor and Linux-based operating system and then use it for surveillance. Peachy. Sashi plans to present "Drone Attacks: How I hijacked a drone" on February 6 at Nullcon in India. "Once my program kills the actual drone controllers, it causes the motors to stop and the drone falls off like a brick," Sasi said. "But my backdoor instantly takes control, so if the drone is really high in the air the motors can start again and Maldrone can prevent it from crashing." [Computerworld](#)

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Cybersecurity requires traps, not walls - Hackers can overwhelm older defences

Ever since the Internet blossomed in the 1990s, cybersecurity was built on the idea that computers could be protected by a digital quarantine. Now, as hackers routinely overwhelm such defences, experts say cybersecurity is beyond due an overhaul. Their message: Neutralize attackers once they're inside networks rather than fixating on trying to keep them out. First they need to convince a conservative business world to gamble on a different approach. And having sold generations of defensive systems that consistently lagged the capabilities of the most advanced hackers, the industry itself must overcome skepticism it's flogging another illusion of security. According to U.S. cybersecurity company FireEye, 229 days is the median length of time attackers lurk inside their victim's computers before being detected or revealing themselves, underscoring the weakness of conventional tools in identifying sophisticated intruders. The traditional defences must "have a description of the bad guys before they can help you find them," said Dave Merkel, chief technology officer at Fire-Eye Inc. "That's just old and outmoded. And just doesn't work anymore," he said. "There's no way to guarantee that you never are the victim of cyberattack." Merkel said in the worst case he knows of, attackers hid themselves for years. Experts aren't recommending organizations stop deploying perimeter defences such as antivirus software or firewalls that weed out vanilla threats. But they say a strategy that could be likened to laying traps is needed to counter the sophisticated hacks that can cause huge losses. [Associated Press](#) (Windsor Star, C8)

Samsung privacy statement reveals potential for smart TVs to eavesdrop private conversations

Watch what you say in your living room. Samsung's smart TV could be listening. And sharing. Voice recognition technology in the South Korean company's Internet connected TVs captures and transmits nearby conversations. The potential for TVs to eavesdrop is revealed in Samsung's smart TV privacy policy available on its website. "Please be aware that if your spoken words include personal or other sensitive information, that information will be among the data captured and transmitted to a third party through your use of Voice Recognition," the policy said. For the voice command feature to work, the TV listens for speech which is translated by third-party software into text and sent back to the TV as a command. Samsung declined to name the software company. The TV also transmits other information including its unique identifier. Samsung said data collection is aimed at improving TV performance but users can disable it. In a statement, the company said it takes consumer privacy "very seriously." [Associated Press](#) (St. John's Telegram, B2)

Hacker hits Twitter exec's account, sends spam tweets

Twitter Inc.'s chief financial officer's account on the company's website has been hacked. Anthony Noto's account on the social-media website, @anthonynoto, sent hundreds of auto-replies to various Twitter users with posts containing spam links, indicating that the account was compromised. There's no sign that any account information was stolen, and it isn't clear how the tweets were sent, said Jim Prosser, a spokesman for Twitter. "His account was sending spam tweets," Prosser said. "We've locked the account down and deleted the tweets." Prosser wouldn't comment on whether Noto uses two-step verification, which helps protect accounts. It's the second time Noto, who joined the San Francisco-based company in July, has had public issues with his Twitter account. Last year, the new CFO accidentally sent a private message about a deal to his public Twitter followers. The company has since worked to improve its product for direct messages. [Bloomberg](#) (Toronto Star, S11)

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L'El pirate le compte twitter d'un magazine américain

Le compte Twitter du magazine américain Newsweek a été brièvement piraté mardi par un groupe qui s'est servi de cette plateforme pour diffuser des messages en faveur du groupe État islamique et menacer Michelle Obama, l'épouse du président américain. Les pirates se sont revendiqués d'un «Cybercalifat» et ont posté un message clamant «Je suis IS»,

l'acronyme anglais de l'Etat islamique, en référence au slogan «Je suis Charlie» né après l'attentat contre l'hebdomadaire satirique français, en janvier. [TVA Nouvelles](#)

Global Conflicts Could Spawn More Cyber Attacks, Firm Says

The North Korea-led hack of Sony Pictures could become a template for a new round of cyber-attacks stoked by escalating international conflicts involving the U.S., including ongoing negotiations aimed to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon, the leader of a security research firm said Monday. [NBC News](#)

Cyberattacks Rising in Utah, Likely Due to NSA Facility

Utah state officials have seen what they describe as a sharp uptick in attempts to hack into state computers in the last two years, and they think it related to the NSA data center south of Salt Lake City. The increase began in early 2013 as international attention focused on the NSA's \$1.7 billion warehouse to store massive amounts of information gathered secretly from phone calls and emails. [CIO Today](#)

Tim Cook to address hacking at White House summit

After a messy year for Apple's cybersecurity reputation, CEO Tim Cook will talk about hacking at a White House summit on Friday. The summit, which will be held at Stanford University, takes place months after several celebrities' nude photos were stolen from their iCloud accounts and Apple controversially decided to prevent law enforcement from accessing customers' iPhone data. Apple has also been criticized for its lack of urgency when addressing security issues. [CNN](#)

Dutch government website outage caused by cyber attack

Cyber attackers caused the outage of Dutch government websites and a prominent satirical news portal for most of Tuesday, a Dutch government official said on Wednesday. The outage affected most of the central government's main websites but phones and emergency communication channels remained online. Other websites, including [GeenStijl.nl](#), which mocks politicians and religions, were also hit by the "distributed denial of service" attack, Rimbart Kloosterman said. [Reuters](#) ([TheGlobeandMail.com](#))

Chinese Hackers Infect Forbes, Spy on Visitors

Chinese spies have reportedly infected the Forbes website in order to steal data from staff at defense and finance organizations. The attack is unlike most attacks on large websites, as the motive was for intelligence, rather than profit. The Forbes website attack reportedly took place in November 2014, with the security gap plugged by approximately three days later. To propagate the attack, hackers replaced a legitimate file on the web server used for the "Thought of the Day" feature, which appeared on every page of the Forbes website. The malicious file was then automatically downloaded to every user that visited the site, which then took advantage of known flaws in Internet Explorer and Adobe Flash to provide unrestricted access to visitors' computers. [Infopackets](#)

Nigeria: Experts Warn On Continuous Cyber Attacks

CYBER security experts have said that much needs to be done to prevent highly destructive cyber-attacks, especially on the nation's critical infrastructure. During a presentation at the Cyber Security Expert Association Of Nigeria (CSEAN) conference in Abuja, a representative of the Director General of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Abdul-Hakeem Ajijola, said, "the Inadequate training and a culture of complacency among many owners and operators of critical infrastructure are significantly raising the risks of highly damaging cyber-attacks throughout the world." According to the President of CSEAN, Remi Afon, the year 2014 had some of the most recorded targeted cyber-attacks and data breaches ever experienced worldwide and year 2015 promises to be worse. [AllAfrica](#)

Homeland Security: Assessing the impact of a shutdown

What would be the impact in Connecticut of a shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security? Depends on who you ask. Congressional Republicans have minimized the impact of a potential shutdown, which will occur if Congress does not approve a new DHS budget by Feb. 27. That budget is currently stalemated because the GOP has added language to a \$40 million funding bill that would keep DHS running. The Republican provision, to which Democrats object, would block President Obama's new immigration initiatives. The Democrats, including Connecticut Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy, say a DHS shutdown would leave the nation in dire circumstances, perhaps even vulnerable to new terrorist attacks. [The CT Mirror](#)

Les apps Android de rencontres: de vraies espionnes selon IBM

Selon IBM, plus de 60% des applications de rencontre en ligne permettent d'espionner leurs utilisateurs à leur insu. A l'approche de la Saint Valentin, les chercheurs d'IBM se sont penchés sur l'intégrité des applications Android dédiées aux rencontres. Et le résultat est pour le moins inquiétant. Pas moins de 26 applications sur les 41 étudiées (soit plus de 63%) comportent des vulnérabilités de sécurité jugées « moyennes ou élevées » qui exposent leurs utilisateurs à des vols de données personnelles mais aussi celle de l'entreprise qui les emploie. Les applications compromises permettent ainsi d'accéder aux données GPS du smartphone (permettant ainsi de pister les habitudes de l'utilisateur) pour 73% d'entre

elles, aux informations de paiement (pour la moitié des analyses) avec la possibilité d'effectuer des transactions à la barbe du propriétaire du terminal mobile, ou encore aux caméra et micro de l'appareil (même quand l'application n'est pas activée) pour espionner l'utilisateur et son entourage. [Silicon.fr](#)

From Goblin Panda to Flying Kitten: the latest online security threats

Goblin Panda, Flying Kitten and CyberBerkut may sound like the lineup of a particularly esoteric music festival, but according to online security firm CrowdStrike, they were three of the most prominent cyber threats in 2014. The company's annual Global Threat Intel Report identifies activity from 39 different groups in the last year, dividing them into four categories: criminals, hacktivists, state-sponsored groups and nationalist adversaries. The names may raise a smile, but their activities are entirely serious, targeting companies and individuals with a range of threats, from malware to hacking foreign websites for propaganda purposes. "Western businesses and enterprises need to know that there are serious bad guys in North Korea, China, Iran, Russia and other countries working tirelessly on ways to get around our defenses to steal intellectual property, disrupt business and even destroy," said CrowdStrike's vice president of intelligence Adam Meyers as the report was published. [UK Guardian](#)

Report: Chinese groups behind most state-sponsored attacks in 2014

Chinese adversaries were the most active state-sponsored cyberthreat groups last year, according to report released today by CrowdStrike, but it was Vietnam, not the U.S., that was its top target. A group CrowdStrike code-named "Goblin Panda" targeted the country because of ongoing disputes over territorial rights in the South China Sea. Last May, a Chinese state-owned energy company deployed an oil rig in Vietnamese territorial waters, close to the Paracel Island, which are claimed by both countries. This resulted in clashes between ships belonging to the two countries, protests in Vietnam, and an increase in Chinese cyberattacks against Vietnamese government agencies. [CSO](#)

Iran Created 'Shamoon' Malware By Learning From 'Stuxnet' Attack

After suffering a devastating cyber attack by the 'Stuxnet' virus engineered by Israel and the US, Iran learnt from the experience to create the 'Shamoon' virus. The US National Security Administration (NSA) suspects that Iran's state hackers learned from previous attacks against its networks and created the 'Shamoon' virus which infected 30,000 computers of the Saudi-American oil company, ARAMCO in 2012 besides infiltrating over 50 aerospace, airline and petrol corporations, hospitals and universities all over the world. Reporting from the contents of 2002 NSA documents leaked by Edward Snowden, Silicon Republic said that the NSA is worried that Iran's cyber weapons are becoming more and more potent, as it continues to improve on its enemies tactics. [DefenseWorld.net](#)

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Government computers subject to 'millions' of 'probing attempts' daily: Fantino

Junior defence minister calls out "foreign countries or companies" as well as "criminal organizations," "activists with political or social agendas" and "terrorists" as possible cyber threats. Cyber security concerns were top of mind at this year's Ottawa defence conference, as revelations continue to come out about the extent of international electronic eavesdropping by allied nations and Canada. United States National Security Agency director Admiral Michael S. Rogers spoke at the Ottawa Conference on Security and Defence, lamenting the loss of public trust exacted by the exposure of top secret files gathered by former US security contractor-turned-whistleblower Edward Snowden. Associate Minister of National Defence Julian Fantino also chose to spend half his Feb. 20 speech at the event talking about cyber security, suggesting that "millions of Canadians" will "fall victim to cybercrime," and "millions of probing attempts are detected daily of government systems." Some of those Canadians are inside Mr. Fantino's own government. A financial update tabled in Parliament on Feb. 19 showed the "unauthorized cyber intrusion" on the computer systems of a national research organization last year will cost the government \$32.5 million. Hackers broke into the National Research Council's computers in July 2014, and Canada's chief information officer, Corinne Charette, blamed a "highly sophisticated Chinese state-sponsored actor"-an allegation a spokesperson for the Chinese Embassy called "groundless" on CBC News. In his speech, Mr. Fantino called out "foreign countries or companies" as well as "criminal organizations," "activists with political or social agendas" and "terrorists" as possible cyber threats. [Embassy](#)

Companies unprepared for cyberattacks, report finds

Organizations that oversee sensitive information remain woefully unprepared to fend off increasingly clever and sophisticated data raiders, according to a sobering new study. Nearly 70 per cent of those hit by data breaches in 2014 found out about the infractions from outsiders such as police or customers, according to a report issued Tuesday by Silicon Valley security software firm FireEye Inc. Data breach victims took a median of 205 days - almost seven months - to realize they had been hit, giving "attackers ... a free rein in breached environments far too long before being detected," the report said, while "run-of-the-mill cyber criminals" out to steal creditcard data are becoming harder to distinguish from state-sponsored attackers due to advanced camouflaging tools and tactics. Despite increasing awareness of cyberthreats and investments to protect sensitive data, including personal customer information and corporate secrets, corporations appear to be falling behind in their efforts to counter hackers. Many companies are better prepared for fires, floods and ice storms than data breaches, which "are more likely, and likelier to have a more significant business impact" than other emergencies, said John Proctor, vice-president of global cybersecurity with Montreal information technology services firm CGI Group Inc. [Globe and Mail](#), B3

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Chain of 3.2 million 'zombie computers' disrupted

Law enforcement officials in Europe are claiming victory after disrupting a chain of 3.2 million computers worldwide that were surreptitiously controlled by hackers. Europol's European Cybercrime Centre targeted the cybercrime ring by seizing control of its servers. The hacked PCs were acting as a botnet, or a network of hijacked computers programmed to perpetrate mass online fraud. Computer scientists sometimes refer to victimized machines as "zombie computers." "We worked together to shut down the command and control servers for the network in various countries across the European Union," Paul Gillen, head of operations at the cybercrime centre, told Reuters. "The criminals have lost control of the infrastructure they were using." [The Hill](#)

CSE monitors millions of Canadian emails to government - Critics question how long data is stored and what it's used for

Canada's electronic spy agency collects millions of emails from Canadians and stores them for "days to months" while trying to filter out malware and other attacks on government computer networks, CBC News has learned. A top-secret document written by Communications Security Establishment (CSE) analysts sheds new light on the scope of the agency's domestic email collection as part of its mandate to protect government computers. CBC analyzed the document in collaboration with U.S. news site The Intercept, which obtained them from U.S. National Security Agency whistleblower Edward Snowden. Canada's electronic spy agency watched visits to government websites and collected about 400,000 emails to the government every day, storing some of the data for years, according to the 2010 document. Today's volume is likely much higher given online traffic growth. [CBC News](#)

U.K.-U.S. spy hacking 'probably happened,' SIM card maker admits

Gemalto, the world's largest maker of mobile SIM cards, said a preliminary company probe of sophisticated attacks against it in 2010 and 2011 showed British and U.S. intelligence services "probably" hacked into its office networks. Gemalto said the suspected attacks by the U.S. National Security Agency and Britain's Government Communications Headquarters "probably happened," but said the intrusions "only breached its office networks" and "could not have resulted in a massive theft of SIM encryption keys." The Franco-Dutch company was responding to a report by investigative news site The Intercept, which last week published documents it said showed that U.S. and British spies hacked into Gemalto, potentially allowing them to monitor the calls, texts and emails of billions of mobile users around the world. [Reuters](#) (Globe and Mail)

US announces \$3 million reward for accused prolific cyber criminal believed to be in Russia

The U.S. government has announced a \$3 million reward for information leading to the arrest of a man American authorities call one of the world's most prolific computer hackers. Evgeniy Bogachev, who is believed to be in Russia, was indicted in Pittsburgh last year on charges including bank fraud and conspiracy. His picture has been plastered on "Wanted" signs distributed by the FBI. Bogachev is accused of acting as ringleader for a massive hacking operation in Russia and Ukraine that installed malicious software on victims' computers to capture bank account numbers, passwords and other sensitive information. [CharlottetownGuardian.ca](#)

Anthem says hack may affect more than 8.8 million other BCBS members

Health insurer Anthem Inc, which earlier this month reported that it was hit by a massive cyberbreach, said on Tuesday that 8.8 million to 18.8 million people who were members of other Blue Cross Blue Shield plans could be victims in the attack. Anthem, the second-largest U.S. health insurer, is part of a national network of independently run Blue Cross Blue Shield plans through which BCBS customers can receive medical services when they are in an area where BCBS is operated by a different company. It is those Blue Cross Blue Shield customers who were potentially affected because their records may be included in the database that was hacked, the company said. Anthem does not know the exact number of Anthem versus non-Anthem customers affected by the breach because of those incomplete records, which prevent it from linking all members with their plan, Anthem spokeswoman Kristin Binns said. [Yahoo! News](#)

FBI aware of 60 different cyberthreat groups linked to nation-states

The FBI is aware of 60 different cyber threats groups linked to nation-states, a senior bureau official said on Tuesday. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

FBI offers \$3 million reward for Russian 'cyber fugitive'

The FBI today announced it's offering a \$3 million reward for information leading to the direct arrest or capture of Evgeniy Mikhailovich Bogachev, who the bureau is labeling "a prolific cyber criminal" guilty of helping push along the crippling GameOver Zeus botnet. The feds maintain that the botnet was responsible for financial damages exceeding \$100 million before it was finally shut down in June of last year. [The Verge](#)

Companies are falling short in efforts to counter cyberattacks: report

Organizations that oversee sensitive information remain woefully unprepared to fend off increasingly clever and sophisticated data raiders, according to a sobering new study. [Globe and Mail](#)

The NSA's SIM heist could have given it the power to plant spyware on any phone

An opinion piece states, "Last week, The Intercept published shocking new documents detailing a campaign by US and UK spies to hack into the SIM manufacturer Gemalto, stealing crucial encryption keys that protect and authenticate cellphone signals. But while it was clearly a major attack, I had a hard time seeing the operational benefits for the world's spy agencies. SIM encryption only protects calls between your phone and the cell tower, which means any would-be surveillers would need to stay within a mile of the target. It's also puzzling because carriers are often happy to hand over all their data with a blanket court order. Why would the GCHQ go to so much trouble for access to data they mostly already have? The spyware would live on the SIM card itself. But in the days the report published, evidence a more frightening line of attack has surfaced. The stolen SIM keys don't just give the NSA the power to listen in on calls, but potentially to plant spyware on any phone at any time..." [The Verge](#)

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As the threat landscape changes, so too must approaches to security

As seen in high profile hacks that exposed more than one million customer details, cybercriminals are finding ways to access networks and private accounts like never before, exposing even the most knowing user to a security breach. Cisco's latest Annual Security Report sheds light on the increasingly intelligent and harder-to-navigate threat landscape, particularly in terms of the nature of threats and the key risk factors. [Information Age](#)

Enforcement cut global banking Trojans 53 percent

Coordinated global enforcement efforts reduced the number of financial Trojans by more than half -- 53 percent -- in 2014, according to a new report from Symantec, and phishing email rates fell 74 percent. [CSO Online](#)

Huawei, Intel expand tie-up amid China's rising scrutiny of U.S. tech firms

China's Huawei Technologies Co Ltd and Intel Corp are expanding an existing alliance to provide cloud computing to global telecoms carriers, as U.S. tech firms vie for Chinese tie-ups to retain access to a tough mainland market. China's government has been openly pushing for the use of more Chinese and less foreign-made technology, both to grow its own tech sector and as a response to former U.S. National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden's leaks about widespread U.S. cyber surveillance. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

Une première base de données Snowden est créée au Canada

La première base de données en ligne de documents classifiés dévoilés par Edward Snowden, ancien consultant de la National Security Agency (NSA) aux États-Unis, a été créée au Canada. L'archive Snowden est un projet conjoint des Journalistes canadiens pour la liberté d'expression (JCLE) et de la faculté d'information de l'Université de Toronto. Pour la première fois, des centaines de documents classifiés ont été indexés pour une recherche exhaustive en ligne. [Associated Press](#) (Le Devoir)

The apps Edward Snowden recommends to protect your privacy online

There are a host of free, easy-to-use apps and programs that can help protect your privacy online, and if everybody uses them it can provide a sort of "herd immunity" said Edward Snowden in a live video chat from Russia on Wednesday. Snowden appeared via teleconference in an event hosted by Ryerson University and Canadian Journalists For Expression, to launch the CJFE's online database that compiles all of the publicly released classified documents the former U.S. National Security Agency contractor leaked. In response to a Twitter question, Snowden expanded on what tools he recommends for privacy. [CBC News](#)

Microsoft Corp achieves ISO cloud privacy certification

Privacy is top-of-mind for many industries, especially when it comes to the cloud. Since the U.S. government began demanding access to cloud-based data from Microsoft's Irish data centre, customers realized that they may not be safe from privacy violations even if their information is not resident in the U.S. Microsoft and other industry players have been fighting the demands, since they're all placed in the awkward situation of breaking someone's laws no matter what they do. If they capitulate, the EU won't be happy (nor will customers), and if they don't, the U.S. government will be miffed. With lawyers. [National Post](#)

Mobile apps plagued by security problems

According to the February 2014 McAfee Labs Threat Report, many apps identified as having Secure Socket Layer (SSL) issues by the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) at Carnegie Mellon University last September have still not been fixed, putting users at risk. In an eWeek article, Intel Security's CTO, Raj Samani, talks about why this could be happening. [National Post](#)

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CRTC to issue first fine under anti-spam law

The CRTC is preparing to mete out a \$1.1-million fine against a company it accuses of "flagrantly" flouting Canada's anti-spam legislation. Quebec-based corporate training company Compu-Finder has 30 days to contest the CRTC's ruling. [Canadian Press](#) (Toronto Star, S9)

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The top 10 ways Canadians were scammed in 2014

British Columbia's Better Business Bureau has just released its list of the top 10 scams of 2014, and it shows most scams are now happening online, and scam artists are increasingly using social media to net victims. Canadians lost more than \$70-million to scams last year, up from \$53-million the year before, according to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. But that's likely a conservative estimate, since only about 5 per cent of victims actually report scams. [Globe and Mail](#)

UK authorities arrest suspect in US DoD cyber attack

Britain's National Crime Agency says a suspected hacker has been arrested in connection with a cyber attack on the U.S. Department of Defense. The agency said Friday the 23-year-old man arrested in western England is suspected of offenses linked to data stolen from a messaging service used by DoD employees. [The Associated Press](#) (Yahoo! News)

National Crime Agency arrests 56 across the UK on suspicion of cyber crime

The National Crime Agency (NCA) has arrested 56 suspected hackers in 25 separate operations this week in a bid to apprehend people believed to be behind denial-of-service attacks, data theft, fraud and virus writing. The NCA also took the unusual step this week of visiting 70 companies to warn them that their servers are vulnerable to attack and could be compromised to either send spam or to act as springboards for attacks on other organisations' IT infrastructure. [Computing](#); [Forbes](#)

French spooks' cyber-weapon snooping on Syrians

More details of French cyberespionage capabilities are seeping into the public sphere, following reports of a cyber-weapon operating in Syria that may have been backed by French intelligence. Casper, which follows the Babar virus which disclosed in documents leaked by NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden, is a snooping tool used to track victims in Syria from as early as April last year, making use of a unpatched "zero day" Flash flaw to carry out mischief. [Computer Business Review](#)

Playing defense in ranks: Cybersecurity reimagined

News of cyber attacks seems to be almost a weekly occurrence. These headlines are indicative of a much broader trend that promises to fundamentally shift the balance of power in the cyber security landscape. The age of the cyber offensive is here and regularly puts on display the futility of cyber defense. Some of the victims of cyber attacks have been lax in their cyber security practices; however, even organizations considered role models have not been spared. Over the past few years, we have witnessed a surge in the sheer number of cyber attacks, greater occurrences of successful breaches and increases in associated costs to affected organizations as well as individuals. While cyber threats are not a new phenomenon, the scale, frequency and degree of socio-economic impact are much more significant and threaten to continue growing if left unchecked. [SC Magazine](#)

Pentagon to increase focus on cyber security of arms programs

Cyber attacks on U.S. weapons programs and manufacturers are a "pervasive" problem that requires greater attention, the top U.S. arms buyer said Thursday, saying that he would add cyber security to new acquisition guidelines for the industry. [Reuters](#)

US hospital sues Bank of America for failing to stop loss in \$1m cyber attack

A US hospital is suing Bank of America for alleged failings in relation to a cyber attack that led to losses of more than \$1m. In 2013, Chelan County Hospital lost about \$1m when cyber criminals put unauthorised payments into its payroll system, according to website [krebsonsecurity.com](#). [Computer Weekly](#)

DDoS top security fear as businesses weigh reputational damage risk

Distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks are the most worrying type of online attack for businesses and reputational damage and unhappy customers are among the most feared outcomes of such an incident, a new customer survey has revealed. [CSO Online](#)

Stuxnet, Snowden and Sony: Why we've passed the cyber security tipping point

Heavy-handed pressures from tech-unaware legislators, successful strikes by laterally-thinking hackers, a growing tide of dissent about government intervention and corporate concerns about last year's massive hack of Sony Pictures corporate documents have pushed us past the security tipping point into an environment where cyber-attacks will increasingly become favoured tools of nation states and terrorist groups, a leading security journalist has warned. Speaking to CSO Australia after a keynote presentation at the CSO Perspectives Roadshow 2015, Kim Zetter – an award-winning security journalist with Wired and author of the recent book Countdown to Zero Day – said that while the Stuxnet industrial-espionage worm had shown some people how serious the cyber-security arms race had become, it was attacks against Sony that had really crystallised the issue in the minds of the world's business leaders. [CSO Australia](#)

Did hackers plant the malware on North Korea's news site?

Pyongyang might not be trying to infect your computer after all. A dangerous malware program operating out of North Korea's official news site was initially thought to be the work of the North Korean government. [The Hill](#)

Luxury hotel chain breached

Luxury hotel chain Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group has confirmed a data breach that may have affected all of the company's 28 worldwide locations. [The Hill](#)

Microsoft Windows vulnerable to 'FREAK' encryption flaw too

Computers running all supported releases of Microsoft Windows are vulnerable to "FREAK," a decade-old encryption flaw that leaves device users vulnerable to having their electronic communications intercepted when visiting any of hundreds of thousands of websites, including Whitehouse.gov, NSA.gov and FBI.gov. [CNET](#)

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Le Bloc ciblé par des pirates

Un groupe de pirates islamique soutient s'être attaqué au site Internet du Bloc québécois en raison de la récente prise de position du parti contre le port d'un voile lors des cérémonies de citoyenneté. Le piratage a été revendiqué par un groupe appelé United Islamic Cyber Force, selon le message en anglais qui était visible sur la page d'accueil de la formation politique fédérale. Plusieurs sites hébergés par le même serveur informatique que le Bloc québécois ont été victimes de la même cyberattaque, hier matin. Mais le groupe de pirates, qui a précisé être basé en Albanie, assure que c'était bel et bien le parti qu'il avait dans sa mire. [Presse canadienne](#) (Le Droit, 17)

Hackers attack reporters

Hackers who attacked a U.S. employee of Ethiopian Satellite Television in 2013 have recently launched a new round of attacks against the broadcaster, an Internet watchdog group said in a report published Monday that links the spyware to the Ethiopian government. Citizen Lab, which is based at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs, says the hackers used upgraded espionage software to send out booby-trapped emails in November and December. The broadcaster's general manager, Neamin Zeleke _ one of those targeted by the malicious messages _ says it didn't take a genius to figure out the same actors were at work. "They didn't even bother to change the email address," he said. [Associated Press](#) (Cape Breton Post, A11)

'ISIS' hack hits church website - North Douglas Pentecostal one of many targets in reported hoax

The pastor of North Douglas Pentecostal Church in Saanich says he does not feel threatened after the church's website was hacked by purported supporters of the Islamic State terrorist organization. Rev. Rod Fair said an associate pastor discovered a message reading "Hacked by Islamic State (ISIS) We Are Everywhere" accompanied by an emoticon, Arabic script, music and a banner on top of the website's template. There was also a Facebook address and a flag. The hackers posted their banner over the church website template, so no matter what page visitors tried, the banner was at the top. [Times Colonist](#), A3

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CIA sought to hack Apple iPhones from earliest days: The Intercept

CIA researchers have worked for nearly a decade to break the security protecting Apple phones and tablets, investigative news site The Intercept reported on Tuesday, citing documents obtained from NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden. The report cites top-secret U.S. documents that suggest U.S. government researchers had created a version of XCode, Apple's software application development tool, to create surveillance backdoors into programs distributed on Apple's App Store. It said the latest documents, which covered a period from 2006 to 2013, stop short of proving whether U.S. intelligence researchers had succeeded in breaking Apple's encryption coding, which secures user data and communications. Efforts to break into Apple products by government security researchers started as early as 2006, a year before Apple introduced its first iPhone and continued through the launch of the iPad in 2010 and beyond, The Intercept said. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

Most Cyber Attacks Occur From This Common Vulnerability

As you read this, hackers are working diligently to uncover avenues, inroads and byroads to get into your confidential corporate data. I know what you're thinking. You've heard this all before, your company isn't vulnerable and you already took care of it. Are you sure? Time for a reality check. Even if you figured out how to plug holes in your networks, the hackers may be gaining access through applications and solutions. Sure, many organizations have significant network

security in place but it's not enough as 84% of all cyber-attacks are happening on the application layer. This final security frontier, the application layer, was a hot topic during a recent SAP Radio broadcast where three security experts weighed in on the threat of cyber-attacks and offered ideas on how to prevent them. [Forbes](#)

IBM investit 4 milliards de dollars supplémentaires dans ses métiers d'avenir

Afin d'accélérer sa transformation, le géant informatique américain IBM a décidé d'accroître ses investissements de 4 milliards de dollars en 2015 dans le social, la mobilité, l'analytique, le cloud et la sécurité. L'objectif est de booster de 55 % ses revenus dans ces domaines d'avenir d'ici 2018. IBM met le cap sur les métiers d'avenir du numérique. Et pour accélérer sa marche, le géant américain de l'informatique a décidé de revoir l'allocation des investissements de façon à consacrer 4 milliards de dollars supplémentaires aux SMACS (Social, Mobility, Analytics, Cloud computing, Security), les secteurs porteurs de demain que sont les réseaux sociaux, les mobiles, l'analytique et le Big Data, le cloud computing et la cybersécurité. En 2014, IBM affiche dans ces domaines un revenu de 27 milliards de dollars, en progression de 16 %, alors que son chiffre d'affaires total a baissé de 6 % à 92,7 milliards de dollars. L'ambition est de faire passer les revenus tirés des SMACS à 40 milliards de dollars en 2018. Une migration qui devrait s'accompagner par une montée du logiciel, puisqu'il représente 50 % des revenus dans ces métiers d'avenir, deux fois plus que pour l'ensemble des activités du groupe. Ce qui serait bénéfique sur les résultats financiers, car le logiciel offre de bien meilleures marges que le matériel ou les services. [L'usine digitale](#)

Malwares dans les smartphones Xiaomi Mi 4 ? Méfiez-vous des contrefaçons

Accusé la semaine dernière par l'expert en sécurité Bluebox de mettre à mal la sécurité des utilisateurs de son smartphone Mi4, le constructeur chinois Xiaomi a clarifié la situation : non, ses terminaux ne cachent pas de malwares. Les modèles testés étaient des contrefaçons ! Parfois, les smartphones contrefaits sont tellement crédibles que même les experts en sécurité s'y laissent prendre : l'entreprise Bluebox, spécialisée dans la sécurité des données mobiles, en a fait les frais ces jours-ci. Bluebox a publié la semaine dernière un rapport dans lequel elle accusait Xiaomi de vendre des terminaux Mi4 embarquant des malwares, cachés dans des applications prenant l'apparence de services Google. Au programme, des adwares visant à contrôler les publicités affichées sur les smartphones, et des chevaux de Troie permettant à des pirates d'avoir la main sur certaines fonctions des téléphones. Rien de bien réjouissant pour les utilisateurs du Mi4, ni pour Xiaomi qui a rapidement annoncé le lancement d'une enquête, soupçonnant au passage Bluebox d'avoir fait ses tests sur une contrefaçon. [Clubic.com](#)

BACK OFF, spooks: UK legal hacking code should be 'resisted at all costs' says lawyer

A proposed "electronic interference" code for spooks will sanction pervasive hacking powers without judicial or parliamentary scrutiny, experts and campaigners have warned. The government slipped out its consultation documents on "equipment interference" and "interception of communications" last month – on the same day the Investigatory Powers Tribunal ruled that GCHQ's snooping programmes had been illegal prior to December 2014. It intends to provide a legal framework for how intelligence services tamper with equipment. Caroline Wilson Palow, legal officer at campaign group Privacy International, said the code is the first time the UK intelligence services have admitted they engage in hacking. Responding to the consultation she said: "The draft code grants the intelligence services incredible powers to hack into people's phones, computers, and communications infrastructure," she said. [UK Register](#)

Russia adopts quantum computing to counter foreign spyware and sabotaged cyber-imports

Russian government agencies have detected foreign-controlled spyware networks in the country, and a host of compromised devices, leading to moves to adopt quantum computing solutions. The Russian Federal Security Service and the Ministry of Internal Affairs are reported to have jointly detected and closed down three major foreign agent networks operating in the country using spyware systems run from abroad. Although the full details of the investigation have not been disclosed, the attacks are reported to have focused on the websites of large Russian corporations and state agencies as well as stealing of personal data. Russian law-enforcement agencies are currently continuing their investigation to identify those responsible for the attacks. An official spokesperson of the Federal Security Service told SCMagazineUK.com that as a result of several months monitoring and investigation, the Russian security service was able to close down the operation and prevent further activity by the networks. This was claimed to have helped prevent exfiltration of some two million pages of private information. [SC Magazine](#)

Beware! WhatsApp calling feature a scam, contains malware

If you get a notification from your friends asking you to use WhatsApp to make a phone call do not click on the link. Users across the world are being targeted by scammers who are sending fake messages asking users to try out the new call feature in WhatsApp. If users click on that link they are directed to another website where the users are asked to fill in a survey. Upon filling this survey, the users are then asked to download a certain application which is said to be a dangerous malware that may affect your phone. WhatsApp on the other hand has not yet confirmed their calling feature. However there are a few users who claim that they have used the calling feature in the messaging application. [OneIndia](#)

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Cyber attack at NRC kept from other departments

Federal cybersecurity officials kept a tight lid on who was aware of a serious cyber attack at the National Research Council last year, a move one security officer suggested may have robbed other departments of a fighting chance to protect their systems as well. Internal government emails show that officials were aware of the hack at least a week before they went public with the news. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A7 (National Post)

RBC, Rogers named in NSA papers

The U.S. National Security Agency has been trying to map the communications traffic of corporations around the world, and a classified document reveals that at least two of Canada's largest companies are included. A 2012 presentation by a U.S. intelligence analyst, a copy of which was obtained by The Globe and Mail, includes a list of corporate networks that names Royal Bank of Canada and Rogers Communications Inc. The presentation, titled "Private Networks: Analysis, Contextualization and Setting the Vision," is among the NSA documents taken by former contractor Edward Snowden. It was obtained by The Globe from a confidential source. [Globe and Mail](#), A1

Les Américains changent leurs habitudes

De plus en plus d'Américains sont attentifs à la protection de leurs données personnelles et communications sur internet depuis les révélations sur les programmes de surveillance américains, indique une étude du Pew Research Center publiée hier. [AFP](#) (Le Journal de Montréal, 57)

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Séoul accuse le Nord d'une cyberattaque

Le parquet sud-coréen a imputé aujourd'hui à la Corée du Nord la responsabilité d'une cyberattaque qui a visé en décembre l'opérateur de centrales nucléaires Korea Hydro and Nuclear Power (KHNP), à l'issue d'une enquête sur les adresses internet utilisées par les hackers. [Le Figaro](#) ; [Reuters](#)

Spooks tell business: Consider stripping staff of smart phones to avoid cyber attacks

Britain's spies have told businesses to consider stripping employees of company smart phones and memory sticks to protect themselves from cyber-attacks, The Telegraph can disclose. Advice issued by GCHQ, the government's listening post, and other departments warns firms that staff are the "weakest link in the security chain" and protective action must be taken. Companies have been told staff should only use trusted Wi-Fi networks – effectively ruling out using laptops in coffee shops like Starbucks without special protections – and constantly update internet browsers. [The Telegraph](#)

Cyber Hack Confirmed As Costing \$15 Million As Sony Reports Increased Results

Sony has belatedly announced consolidated results for the third quarter of its 2014-15 financial year. It also revealed operating profits at Sony Pictures Entertainment higher than previously reported. The company confirmed that costs to repair and investigate the November cyber attack on SPE amounted to \$15 million in the current quarter, but said in its latest forecast that the impact of the attack on its consolidated results for the full financial year ending on March 31, 2015, "will not be material." [Variety](#)

Cybercriminals boost sales through 'data laundering'

New and subtle business models are emerging for cybercriminals, boosting their sales of stolen data and offering new ways to inflict damage on target organisations. Hackers are commercialising stolen data by selling it back to legitimate businesses, one security expert has warned. There is a term for this: "Data laundering", which has been defined as

"obscuring, removing, or fabricating the provenance of illegally obtained data such that it may be used for lawful purposes". Much like money laundering, data laundering helps to both monetise and legitimise the proceeds of crime.

[ZDNet](#)

Cyberattacks caused the leak of one billion records in 2014

In 2014, approximately one billion records of personally identifiable information (PII) were leaked online, according to IBM X-Force. IBM researchers say cyberattackers are more often applying creative ways and new approaches to fundamental attacks including DDoS and the use of malware in order to steal valuable information, ranging from sensitive data which can be used in identity theft to financial account details. As a result of the evolving threat landscape, 2013 saw a surge in leaked records, with approximately 800,000 stolen. However, there was a rise of 25 percent in leaked records, reaching a staggering one billion. [ZDNet](#)

Biggest hacking threat to business? Wearables

The rising popularity of wearable devices—and workers bringing them into the office—could pose a major security threat to businesses this year, cybersecurity experts have warned. A number of companies, including Apple to LG, have launched smartwatches this year. It comes as wearable shipments are set to explode in 2015, hitting 75 million, up 158 percent from 2014, according to research from CCS Insight. As users increasingly don the latest gadgets to track fitness or answer calls, they will inevitably bring them into the office, opening a new hacking front for attackers. [CNBC](#)

Scottish government 'super database' - the privacy, security and legal fears

The Scottish National Party's (SNP) plans to create a "super database" that would capture and store data about Scottish citizens' health, and share it with other government bodies, has been criticised by privacy campaigners who believe the system could be a ploy to sneak in a national ID scheme through the back door. [Computing.co.uk](#)

Not all data breaches are created equal – do you know the difference?

It was one of those typical, cold February winter days in Indianapolis earlier this year. Kids woke up hoping for a snow day and old men groaned as they scraped ice off their windshields and shoveled the driveway. Those were the lucky ones, because around that same time, executives at Anthem were pulling another all-nighter, trying to wrap their heads around their latest data breach of 37.5 million records and figuring out what to do next. And, what do they do next? This was bad – very bad – and one wonders if one or more of the frenzied executives thought to him of herself, or even aloud, "At least we're not Sony." Why is that? 37.5 million records sure is a lot. A large-scale data breach can be devastating to a company. Expenses associated with incident response, forensics, loss of productivity, credit reporting, and customer defection add up swiftly on top of intangible costs, such as reputation harm and loss of shareholder confidence. However, not every data breach is the same and much of this has to do with the type of data that is stolen. [CSO Online](#)

Tired of forgetting your password? Yahoo says you don't need one any more

Passwords: easily forgotten, but also easily guessed. It's a bitter irony that minutes can be spent racking brains trying to remember whether a required security question answer is a pet's name, first school or place of birth – meanwhile a cyber-criminal is merrily typing in a person's favourite colour and relieving bank accounts of hard-earned wages. [Guardian UK](#)

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CAPE BRETON HIT HARD

Nova Scotia is once again a winter wonderland. Although spring officially starts Friday, the province is buried under deep snow. By late afternoon Wednesday, many areas had been blanketed with 30 to 60 centimetres of snow, with a little less having fallen in the South Shore region, where 10 to 25 centimetres of the white stuff fell, said Environment Canada meteorologist Jean-Marc Couturier. "There are unconfirmed reports that 75 centimetres fell in one area in Halifax," Couturier said. This followed a storm that hit the region Sunday, dumping up to 40 centimetres of snow in many areas. [Chronicle-Herald](#), A1; [Chronicle-Herald](#); [Chronicle-Herald](#); [Telegraph-Journal](#); [Cape Breton Post](#); [Canadian Press](#) (The Guardian)

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Rogers victimized by ransomware

A misstep by an IT employee of Canadian communications conglomerate Rogers Communications allowed the contractual information of 50-70 of the company's business customers to be exposed via Twitter. On March 1, someone using the Twitter name @TeamHans posted a link to a zip file containing dozens of contracts for telecommunications services and personal email correspondence. The company admitted that a hacker had gained access to the email account of an enterprise sales employee through a phishing ploy aimed at someone on the company's support desk. [SC Magazine](#)

New BIOS Implant, Vulnerability Discovery Tool to Debut at CanSecWest

When the National Security Agency's ANT division catalog of surveillance tools was disclosed among the myriad of Snowden revelations, its desire to implant malware into the BIOS of targeted machines was unquestionable. While there's little evidence of BIOS bootkits in the wild, the ANT catalog and the recent disclosure of the Equation Group's cyberespionage platform, in particular module NLS_933W.DLL that reprograms firmware from most major vendors, leave little doubt that attacks against hardware are leaving the realm of academics and white hats. [Threat Post](#)

Google Project Zero exploit 'rowhammer' hardware bug

Google Project Zero vulnerability researchers have discovered a way to exploit what it they call a "rowhammer" hardware bug found in many dynamic random-access memory (DRAM) devices. In some modern DRAM devices, "repeatedly accessing a row of memory can cause bit flips in adjacent rows," according to a blog post penned by Mark Seaborn, sandbox builder and breaker and Thomas Dullien, reverse engineer. [SC Magazine](#)

Mysterious 'high priority' OpenSSL security fix incoming

The OpenSSL Project has announced plans to release a massive update that will include a "high priority" security fix. The project announced the update in a public statement, promising it will fix numerous "defects" in OpenSSL. "The OpenSSL project team would like to announce the forthcoming release of OpenSSL versions 1.0.2a, 1.0.1m, 1.0.0r and 0.9.8zf," read the statement. "These releases will be made available on 19 March. They will fix a number of security defects. The highest severity defect fixed by these releases is classified as 'high' severity." The exact nature of the high priority bug remains unknown, though the update follows the discovery of several critical vulnerabilities in OpenSSL, including the notorious Heartbleed which came to light a year ago. [V3](#)

Target agrees to pay \$10 million to settle lawsuit from data breach

Target Corp has agreed to pay \$10 million in a proposed settlement of a class-action lawsuit related to a huge 2013 data breach that consumers say compromised their personal financial information, court documents show. Under the proposal,

which requires federal court approval, Target will deposit the settlement amount into an interest bearing escrow account, to pay individual victims up to \$10,000 in damages. The claims will be submitted and processed primarily online through a dedicated website, according to the court documents. [Reuters](#)

CIO Journal: Microsoft Tackles Some Security Issues

Microsoft Corp. has made changes to its Windows software to address security challenges inherent in prior versions. Although still in the early stages of adoption, Windows 8 and the coming Windows 10 include technology that could help chief information officers shield the operating system from malicious code. [Wall Street Journal](#)

Dark Web's 'Evolution' black market vanishes off the map

The 'Evolution' marketplace, an illicit trading ground accessed through the Tor network, has vanished without warning. As reported by security expert Brian Krebs on Wednesday, Evolution took the place of Silk Road, a separate online black market also accessible only through Dark Web conduits and the Tor network. Silk Road, which sold illegal wares from marijuana to fake passports and drugs, was originally shut down in 2013. However, the marketplace resurfaced in 2014, only to once again be closed down late last year by police. [ZDNet](#)

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Terror groups target soldiers on social media

A secret military intelligence report has warned of an "emerging trend" in which terrorist groups use social media to harass the family and friends of Canadian military personnel. The Department of National Defence is refusing to say how prevalent the problem is. However, the report emerges amid growing concerns about the safety of military personnel in Canada and other western countries at a time when personal information is readily accessible online. Just this weekend, for example, Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL, sparked anger and horror after publishing the names, addresses and photographs of 100 American military members over the weekend, urging supporters to kill them. Islamic State has claimed the information used to make the hit list was stolen from U.S. government computers, but some analysts say the data was already publicly available online and probably culled and compiled by the militant group's propagandists. The Canadian military intelligence assessment, written in January and obtained by the Citizen using the Access to Information law, says the "primary aim of terrorism is the achievement of psychological effects on a target audience." [Postmedia News](#) (Vancouver Sun, A1; Ottawa Citizen, A1; Calgary Herald, B1; National Post, The Province, Edmonton Journal, Leader-Post, The Gazette, Windsor Star, Star Phoenix)

Wiseman says relax on security breach

Finance Minister Ross Wiseman said everybody will be able to relax when they see a report into how the government handled a reported security breach into its data. In the House of Assembly, Liberal MHA Paul Lane raised the issue of a report in The Weekend Telegram. A former government security analyst told The Telegram about a security breach discovered in June 2013, connected to "botnet" servers in Eastern Europe and New Zealand. [The Telegram](#), A2

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A Higher Law

It is not wisdom, but authority, that makes a law, the saying goes. Perhaps that's why international cybersecurity laws are so lacking, says Danny Bradbury. December 2014 was a big month for cybersecurity in Canada. The country passed legislation allowing it to ratify an international treaty on cybercrime a mere 13 years after it was first unveiled. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

Faillie mal patchée par Adobe : sérieux problème sur les vidéos Flash

Une vulnérabilité patchée par Adobe en 2011 sur la brique Flex continue de poser un sérieux problème de sécurité, affirme une équipe de chercheurs en sécurité. Les vidéos Flash compilées avec l'outil touché peuvent être utilisées pour compromettre des navigateurs Web. [ZDNet France](#)

DDoS-ers Switch to Short, Sharp Low Volume Attacks – Report

Organizations need to be prepared for a new generation of DDoS attacks which are shorter in duration and smaller in size but more carefully crafted to distract security teams and profile networks for follow-up attacks. These are the findings from Corero Network Security's inaugural Quarterly DDoS Trends and Analysis Report. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

Study: One-third of top websites vulnerable or hacked

According to a new report from Menlo Security, one out of three of the top million websites are either vulnerable to hacking or already hacked. For example, attackers used the Forbes.com website last month for a quick watering hole attack. According to Dallas-based research firm iSIGHT Partners, Inc., the attack only lasted a couple of days in late 2014, used a zero-day Adobe Flash vulnerability, and was linked to a Chinese cyber espionage group. [CSO](#)

Researchers map Drupal attack that bypasses poorly tuned Web Application Firewalls

Late last year, CSO Online reported on a vulnerability in Drupal that could have left thousands of websites compromised. Last week, researchers examined the attack in more detail, measuring the time it would take to compromise a website completely. [CSO](#)

Google catches bad digital certificates from Egyptian company

Google said Monday an Egyptian company issued digital certificates that could have been used to intercept data traffic to its services, which did not appear to have been abused. [CSO](#); [Computer Weekly](#)

The data breach quiz: What have we learned?

Data breaches from Target to Sony to Anthem have been getting a lot of attention as millions of personal records are violated, and there's lessons to be learned about data security from all these events. Here's a short quiz about some of these and cyber security in general that will gauge how well you are prepared to deal with these threats. Keep score as you go and find out how well you did at the end. [CSO](#)

Taylor Swift Buys Adult Domain Names to Thwart Fraudsters

US songstress Taylor Swift has been defensively registering new adult-themed generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs) in a bid to head off phishers, cybersquatters and the like. The 25-year-old American singer-songwriter, or more likely her management team, made the proactive move of buying up TaylorSwift.porn and TaylorSwift.adult – two of the new gTLDs which go on public sale on 1 June, according to the BBC. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

The undercover war on your internet secrets: How online surveillance cracked our trust in the web

A black shrouded figure appears on the screen, looming over the rapt audience, talking about surveillance. But this is no Big Brother figure seeking obedience though, rather its opposite - perhaps even its nemesis. NSA contractor-turned-whistleblower Edward Snowden is explaining how his former employer and other intelligence agencies have worked to undermine privacy on the internet, and beyond. [TechRepublic](#) (Yahoo! News)

Apple quietly pulls anti-virus apps from App Store in negativity crackdown

Apple has pulled an unknown number of mobile security apps from the iOS App Store as part of a new policy that takes exception to the 'anti-virus' and anti-malware' software categories, Mac security firm Intego has revealed. [TechWorld](#)

Legislators set to introduce student privacy bill

In January, President Obama urged lawmakers to put forth legislation that would further protect student data – a call two congressmen have now answered through bipartisan effort. [SC Magazine](#)

Twitch is recommending users also change their passwords on other sites

Account information for users of Twitch, the popular live-streaming service for gamers, may have been accessed through unauthorized means, the service warned on Monday. [PC Advisor](#)

Case that could overturn EU-US data exchange deal to be heard by top EU court

U.S. companies' ability to process personal information from European Union citizens will be challenged in the European Union's highest court on Tuesday. [PC Advisor](#)

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Ex-Saanich staffer alerted Atwell about spyware

A computer specialist who once worked for the District of Saanich has confirmed that he alerted incoming Mayor Richard Atwell about spyware installed on municipal hall computers, saying he had an ethical responsibility to do so. [Times Colonist](#), S2

Hackers taking an 'old school' approach to computer break-ins

Some of the most familiar tricks from the hacker playbook are taking on another life, according to a new report that suggests junk emails have once again become a security threat. Websense, a U.S.-based firm which monitors data theft in the business community, says malicious software practices from the 1990s are experiencing a resurgence in popularity with criminals. [Canadian Press](#) (Red Deer Advocate, A6, C4; Times Colonist, B11)

Youth Hackathon planned

What is a Hackathon? "A marathon-like event of intensely focused collaboration and coding to create a solution to a problem or produce something useful." Kids these days spend countless hours web surfing, social networking, and gaming, and programming has helped them develop sophisticated technology skills and become extremely tech-savvy. [Chronicle Herald](#), N11

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Une centaine de policiers réunis à Nicolet pour parler de cybercriminalité et de radicalisation

Si votre téléviseur fonctionne par reconnaissance vocale, que vos portes se déverrouillent à distance grâce à votre téléphone cellulaire ou même que votre balance transmet votre poids à votre ordinateur grâce au wi-fi, prenez garde. Dans notre monde branché, tout ce qui est connecté à Internet peut être détourné à des fins de cybercriminalité. C'est le message que l'expert en sécurité Benoit Gagnon a livré aux policiers réunis au 4e colloque FRANCOPOL sur la cybercriminalité, Escroquerie sur Internet et radicalisation, à l'École nationale de police du Québec à Nicolet, mercredi. Plus de 120 professionnels issus d'organisations policières, de ministères, d'organismes gouvernementaux et d'institutions financières ont pris part à l'événement organisé conjointement par la Sûreté du Québec, l'École nationale de police du Québec, la Gendarmerie royale du Canada, le Service de police de la Ville de Montréal et le Service de police de la Ville de Québec. [Radio-Canada](#)

Piratage de TV5 Monde : réactions politiques et précisions sur l'attaque

Mercredi soir, le réseau TV5 Monde a fait l'objet d'une attaque informatique décrite comme « d'une puissance inouïe » par son directeur général, Yves Bigot. Si la chaîne a pu reprendre le contrôle de ses comptes Twitter et Facebook, son site Internet et son informatique interne restent encore très affectés. [ZDNet France](#); [Associated Press](#) (Globe and Mail, Truro Daily, Western Star, Daily Herald); [BBC News](#); [Guardian UK](#); [CNN](#); [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

Russian's lawyers: US hacking charges should be dismissed

Lawyers for a Russian man accused of hacking into U.S. restaurants and stealing credit card numbers have asked a federal judge to dismiss the indictment against him, arguing that the U.S. Secret Service overstepped its authority when agents took him into custody in the Maldives. [Associated Press](#) (Yahoo! News)

Un policier dénonce Google et Microsoft

Un policier de la Côte d'Ivoire dénonce Google et Microsoft en matière de cybercriminalité. Ces grandes sociétés détiendraient des preuves importantes qui seraient pertinentes aux policiers. [Agence QMI](#) (Le Journal de Montréal)

Un vaste recours collectif contre Facebook

Un groupe de 25.000 usagers accusant Facebook d'utiliser illégalement leurs données personnelles a déposé aujourd'hui un recours collectif contre le réseau social au tribunal civil de Vienne, qui doit maintenant dire si leur action est recevable. [Le Figaro](#)

Data protection concerns 72% of Britons in post-Snowden world, research shows

New research has found that 72% of British adults are concerned about their private information online, worried about hackers and unauthorised access to their data. The research, conducted by YouGov, surveyed more than 2,000 British adults and found that 32% of respondents would be willing to pay to protect their information online. In a significant change in consumer behaviour, 29% felt it was their own responsibility to protect their data. [Guardian UK](#)

Asian giant Singtel swoops on Trustwave for managed security services

Asian telecoms giant Singapore Telecommunications Limited (Singtel) has swooped on privately-held US security firm Trustwave in a deal reported to be worth \$810 million (£540 million). [TechWorld](#)

Attackers Blend New With Old to Foil Corporate Defenses

Some 81% of all emails scanned by Websense last year were unwanted or malicious, a 25% increase on 2013, according to the vendor's latest annual Threat Report. The report highlights eight key trends set to keep corporate IT security leaders busy over the next year. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Internet of Things Day: Time to Consider IoT Threats, Say Experts

Today marks the fifth annual Internet of Things Day, but security experts have been using the occasion to warn organizations not to allow the IoT to become the 'Internet of Threats'. Internet of Things Day is comprised of events all around the world – from Singapore to Sweden and Bangalore to Barcelona – with a mission to promote, educate and share all things IoT. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

UK Cyber Insurance Demand Rockets After Breaches

Cybersecurity insurance finally appears to be coming of age in the UK after Lloyd's of London reported a 50% year-on-year increase in submissions during the first quarter. The news from Lloyd's, one of the world's largest insurance marketplaces, will provide a hefty PR boost for a fast-growing industry which appears to be expanding on the back of a series of high profile data breach incidents last year. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Tokenization would not have prevented most retail breaches

Tokenization, where credit card numbers and other sensitive data is replaced by random characters, can be a secure alternative to encryption in many cases -- but would not have helped in the majority of retail breaches over the past two years. [CSO](#)

In a mock cyberattack, Deloitte teaches the whole business how to respond

A security breach or big data loss can trigger an emergency for the entire business, not just for the IT or security teams, so staffers from multiple departments must know how to react quickly and effectively in such situations. [CSO](#)

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Chinese cyberweapon can overwhelm websites

China has developed an offensive cyberweapon that can redirect Internet traffic to attack targeted websites, say researchers from Citizen Lab, a cybersecurity think-tank housed at the Munk School of Global Affairs in the University of Toronto. In a recent report, researchers show that this tool - which they have dubbed China's "Great Cannon" - intercepts foreign web traffic, injects it with malicious code, then uses it to serve Chinese interests by directing it to overwhelm chosen websites. [National Post](#), A9

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Pentagon hunts for ISIS on the secret Internet

After months of bombing by the U.S. and coalition forces, ISIS remains undefeated on the ground and has now entered a new phase, using the cyber-world as a weapon. For evidence of the evolution, one need look no further than the recent ISIS inspired attack in Garland, Texas, which was carried out after gunman Elton Simpson publicly posted a tweet on the Internet, using the hashtag #TexasAttack. It's a trend that has captured the attention of law enforcement and now the military. It's forcing the Pentagon to confront a secret Internet most of us never see, in a place most of us have never seen. It's called the Deep or Dark Web. The U.S. believes ISIS -- and other potential terrorists -- are now using the most covert part of the online world to recruit fighters, share intelligence and potentially plan real world attacks. [CNN](#)

Kaspersky opens cyber research centre in London

Security firm Kaspersky has opened a new cyberattack research centre in London. The company said the opening of its first research facility in western Europe would help it track web attacks around the clock. The centre will be based at Kaspersky's recently-opened offices in Paddington, London, with three members of its global research team joined by a small group of anti-malware experts. Kaspersky explained the new London hub would allow it to detect and protect against emerging malware threats more rapidly. [Wired.co.uk](#)

Malware-infected home routers used to launch DDoS attacks

Tens of thousands of home routers have been infected with malware and are being used by hackers to launch distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks. The router-based botnet was discovered by Web security firm Incapsula while investigating a series of DDoS attacks against dozens of its customers that have been going on since late December. Incapsula's researchers traced the malicious traffic back to routers made by Ubiquiti Networks and distributed by ISPs around the world to their customers. The devices had DDoS malware programs installed on them -- usually more than one, the researchers said in a report published Tuesday. [Computerworld](#)

Romania turns hacking crisis into advantage, helping Ukraine

Ukraine is turning to an unlikely partner in its struggle to defend itself against Russian cyber warfare: Romania. The eastern European country known more for economic disarray than technological prowess has become one of the leading nations in Europe in the fight against hacking. The reason: the country's own battle against Internet renegades and a legacy of computing excellence stemming from Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu's regime. [The Associated Press](#) (Yahoo! News)

GCHQ puts out open recruitment call for 'white hat' hackers

GCHQ is openly recruiting computer network operations specialists for the first time. The signals intelligence agency is looking to hire an unspecified number of staff to work in both cyber-security and cyber-intelligence roles. [The Register](#)

Police forces skill-up to fight cyber crime

UK police forces are taking action to improve officers' cyber crime-fighting skills, a freedom of information (FoI) request has revealed. According to figures obtained by web security firm Veracode, more than 3,800 police officers have enrolled in training designed to make them better at investigating cyber crimes. [Computing.co.uk](#)

FireEye, PFU Systems reveal new enterprise threat defense system

FireEye and PFU Systems have introduced a new enterprise-level security system to combat malware and prevent the spread of infection. Revealed on Tuesday, the new enterprise cybersecurity system combines Fujitsu-owned PFU Systems' iNetSec Smart Finder technology with the FireEye NX Series security platform. [ZDNet](#)

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Spy agencies target mobile phones, app stores to implant spyware

Canada and its spying partners exploited weaknesses in one of the world's most popular mobile browsers and planned to hack into smartphones via links to Google and Samsung app stores, a top secret document obtained by CBC News shows. Electronic intelligence agencies began targeting UC Browser — a massively popular app in China and India with growing use in North America — in late 2011 after discovering it leaked revealing details about its half-billion users. Their goal, in tapping into UC Browser and also looking for larger app store vulnerabilities, was to collect data on suspected terrorists and other intelligence targets — and, in some cases, implant spyware on targeted smartphones. The 2012 document shows that the surveillance agencies exploited the weaknesses in certain mobile apps in pursuit of their national security interests, but it appears they didn't alert the companies or the public to these weaknesses. That potentially put millions of users in danger of their data being accessed by other governments' agencies, hackers or criminals. CBC News analyzed the top secret document in collaboration with U.S. news site The Intercept, a website that is devoted in part to reporting on the classified documents leaked by U.S. whistleblower Edward Snowden. The so-called Five Eyes intelligence alliance — the spy group comprising Canada, the U.S., Britain, Australia and New Zealand — specifically sought ways to find and hijack data links to servers used by Google and Samsung's mobile app stores, according to the document obtained by Snowden. Over the course of several workshops held in Canada and Australia in late 2011 and early 2012, a joint Five Eyes tradecraft team tried to find ways to implant spyware on smartphones by intercepting the transmissions sent when downloading or updating apps. [CBC.ca](#); [The Intercept](#); [Techworm](#)

Hackers grab 1.1 million CareFirst members' data in "sophisticated" cyberattack

Data on about 1.1 million current and former subscribers of health insurance company CareFirst has been stolen by hackers, the company has confirmed. In a statement, the non-profit said it was the target of a "sophisticated" cyberattack, in which a single database of members' names, birth dates, email addresses, and other subscriber data was stolen. Credit card, social security, and medical data were not taken in the breach. Passwords, which were stored in an unaffected separate system, were not taken. But in the case of CareFirst's breach, it took almost a year for the breach to be found. [ZDNet](#); [Help Net Security](#); [USA Today](#); [Reuters](#); [CBS News](#)

Ransomware rescue kit released to combat criminal enterprise

A ransomware removal and rescue kit has been released to give businesses an alternative to paying a fee to unlock encrypted files. In order to combat this kind of criminal enterprise, security professional Jada Cyrus has compiled a rescue kit which is available for free online. Designed to help "streamline the process of responding to ransomware infections," the ransomware response kit comes with instructions and decryption tools for different strains of ransomware. [ZDNet](#)

DDoS attacks increase and methods changed in Q1 2015, report says

DDoS attacks are still on the rise but attackers are changing their methods for executing the cyber assaults, according to Akamai's Q1 2015 State of the Internet Report. The findings show that criminals are using lower bandwidth attacks that occur more frequently and last longer in an attempt to evade detection. The report noted that recent trends also include "the common use of multi-vector campaigns, the availability of booter services and low-cost DDoS campaigns that can take down a typical business or organization." [SC Magazine](#)

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Canada in spy group looking to leverage mobile vulnerabilities: Report

What do we expect from Canadian spy and policy agencies empowered to intercept suspicious mobile communications — warn the public of a vulnerability discovered, or quietly exploit it? That's a question raised by a CBC report today from documents purloined by former U.S. whistleblower Edward Snowden. They show that Canada and the other countries in the Five Eyes spying partnership — the U.S., Britain, Australia and New Zealand — began targeting UC Browser in late 2011 after discovering it leaked revealing details about its half-billion users as part of a strategy to find ways to implant spyware on smartphones. Among the targets were servers used by Google and Samsung mobile app stores, ideal places to introduce spyware. What the agencies didn't do, says the CBC report, was warn the public, Google, Samsung, or UC Browser's maker of any vulnerabilities they found. "That potentially put millions of users in danger of their data being accessed by other governments' agencies, hackers or criminals," said the CBC. The report raises a lot of other questions, including how worried CISOs should be about the apps on the wide number of mobile devices allowed to connect to their networks. At the very least it shows data loss prevention software has to be part of every organization's arsenal. [IT World Canada](#); [CBR Online](#); [International Business Times](#); [Tech Times](#); [Ars Technica](#); [Information Week](#)

Malware upsurge threatens millions of POS devices

Notable brands like Target, Neiman Marcus, PF Chang's, Staples, Michaels Stores, and Home Depot have all have become victims of point of sale (POS) security breaches targeting consumer payment card data. In the majority of cases, POS attacks take place due to malware infections. During the past few years there has been a considerable rise in malware families including POSCardStealer, Dexter, Alina, vSkimmer, ProjectHook, BlackPOS and others, many of which can be easily purchased online. According to the 2014 Verizon Data Breach Investigations Report (DBIR), 198 total incidents related to POS intrusions were reported. ABI Research expects the total number of POS related security incidents with confirmed data exposure will hit 600 by the end of 2015. [Help Net Security](#)

mSpy finally admits they've been hacked

After having first denied that they suffered a breach and had their customer's data stolen and leaked on the Dark Web, mobile spyware maker mSpy has finally admitted that the incident happened, but they claim that only 80,000 customers (and not 400,000) have been affected. Brian Krebs, who was pointed towards the leaked data last week by the hackers themselves, analyzed it and tracked down some of the affected mSpy customers, who confirmed that they used the company's solution to monitor their employees, children and "friends." After that, continuing to claim that there was no hack was pointless. The company claims that the hackers tried to blakmail them first, but that they didn't pay up. Obviously, the hackers then chose to leak the information. [Help Net Security](#)

Windows Live ID scam targets personal information

Kaspersky Lab experts are warning of a new scam that uses Windows Live ID as bait to catch personal information stored in user profiles on services like Xbox LIVE, Zune, Hotmail, Outlook, MSN, Messenger and OneDrive. What appears to be a typical phishing email is actually an email that goes to the Windows Live website, with no apparent attempt to get the victims' logins and passwords. So what's the trick? After following the link and authorizing the account, users received a prompt: an application requested permission to automatically log into the account, view the profile information and contact list, and access a list of the users' email addresses. Scammers gained access to this technique through security flaws in the open protocol for authorization, OAuth. Users who click "Yes" don't give away their login and password credentials, but they do provide their personal information, the email addresses of their contacts and the nicknames and real names of their friends. [Help Net Security](#)

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Digital blackmail

Typically, people complain about lawyers holding them to ransom, but sometimes, it's the other way around. In January, the Law Society of British Columbia reported that three law firms in the province had been attacked by a unique form of computer malware. Online thieves from halfway around the world had locked up the files on lawyers' computers, rendering them inaccessible - and the lawyers were charged a hefty fee to get them back. Crooks carry out this kind of attack using a category of malicious software called Ransomware. It is a growing threat, and in just a few months, the number of attacks on high-value B.C. businesses have grown. "The Law Society is aware of at least seven instances where law firms were targeted by ransomware," David Jordan, spokesman for the society, said this month. The society would not reveal the names of the firms involved. Ransomware infects computers much like any other virus. Victims "catch" it by visiting malicious websites, which they may be fooled into visiting by a spam email. In one case, emails contained phoney FedEx and UPS tracking notices with links that take victims to a site that immediately infects their machines. Instead of simply stealing passwords or using an infected computer to send spam as many other viruses do, ransomware is particularly devious. It will systematically scramble the files on the victim's computer, locking them with a digital key to which only the criminal has access. [National Post](#), FP6

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'Plane Talk' with Canada's top soldier, on the biggest threat to Canada

He has served as the commander of the Canadian Forces for nearly three years now and is expected to take his final salute later this summer. But before Gen. Tom Lawson says goodbye to the troops, the Royal Canadian Air Force general agreed to take a seat next to Tom Clark to chat about his future and his heroes. The full transcript of Lawson's flight is pasted below, but here are some highlights: Biggest threat to Canada: Probably natural disasters such as fires, floods and hurricanes. In terms of man-made threats, the biggest danger might be "some sort of cyber threat to our systems, our energy systems, our computer systems, things that we bank on that would change our way of life very, very quickly." [Global News](#)

"Secret Questions" pose security risk according to Google

New research conducted by Google suggests that the "security questions" utilised by web services are neither secure nor reliable enough to work as an account recovery mechanism. "What was your first teacher's name?", "what street did you grow up on?" and "what is your favourite food?" are all examples of questions commonly asked by online services in attempt to verify a user's identity when they forgot their password. Despite their prevalence, Google Anti-Abuse Research Lead Elle Bursztein says security questions suffer from a fundamental flaw. "Their answers are either somewhat secure or easy to remember - but rarely both," wrote Bursztein on Google's Online Security blog. Google's research showed that easy-to-remember questions could be easily guessed using common knowledge and publically available information, or due to a small set of possible answers. The research was conducted by analysing hundreds of millions of secret question and answer combinations used for account recovery claims on Google's services. According to Google, an attacker would have a 19.7% chance of guessing an English-speaking user's answer to the question "what is your favourite food?". With ten guesses, the likelihood increases to 36.5%. The research also showed that an attacker would have a 39% chance of correctly guessing a Korean-speaking user's place of birth with just ten attempts, and a 21.3% chance of working out a Spanish-speaker's father's middle name. [Cyber Shack](#)

Stark consequences of a single failure illustrate importance of new era cyber protections

The significant impact a single failure can have in an environment of quickly advancing interconnectedness and interdependency on the Internet demands a new way of thinking about cyber security, argues Ray Boisvert, president and

CEO of I-Sec Integrated Strategies. Speaking at the ARC Group Canada Spring Seminar 2015 in Toronto Thursday, Boisvert, a former assistant director, intelligence with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), cited an industry estimate that the number of devices connected to the Internet would soon be north of the 60-billion mark. "The Internet of Things is everything connected in our homes, our offices, everything that transforms our lives daily and increasingly becomes interconnected and, more important to you, interdependent," he told attendees. "One failure can have really stark consequences for your personal lives and for your professional existence." The challenge is everyone is living in an environment where the threat surface keeps on growing. Why? Because of the Internet of Things, Boisvert said. [Canadian Underwriter](#)

Government facility in 3 months to Clean Malwares from Mobiles, PCs

(India's) Government is setting up a centre that will detect malicious programmes like 'botnets' and help device owners remove such harmful softwares for free. "We are setting up 'botnet' cleaning and malware analysis centre within three months. It will automatically detect botnets that trigger various cyber crimes and suggest the device owner to remove it from their device with help of our facility," IT Secretary R S Sharma told PTI. The project is a part of Digital India programme and aims to create safe and secure cyber space, Sharma said. The centre is being set up with an outlay of about Rs 100 crore and national cyber security watchdog Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (ICERT) has selected vendor for the same. [Gizbot](#)

Researchers find hacked routers used in "botnet" mostly in Thailand

Apparently tens of thousands of home routers are infected with malware being used by hackers to launch distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks. Security firm Incapsula discovered the router-based botnet while investigating a series of DDoS attacks against its customers that have been ongoing since December. The firm's researches tracked the malicious traffic to routers made by Ubiquiti Networks and distributed by Internet companies to their customers around the world. Those devices were found to have DDoS malware installed on them, the researchers said in a report last week. [Thai Tech](#)

'Five Eyes' Spy Agencies Planned to Hack Samsung and Google's Mobile Support

Western secret agencies partnership known as the "Five Eyes" launched a surveillance unit called Network Tradecraft Advancement Team (NTAT) to spy on smartphone users as well as a major Chinese mobile web browser. As top secret document obtained by Edward Snowden has revealed, they planned to hijack data and insert malware into Samsung devices with Google apps. The documents obtained by Edward Snowden and published by CBC on May 21, 2015, revealed plans from as early as 2011 from major spy agencies to attempt and compromise Google and Samsung servers to spy on their mobile users as well as a major Chinese mobile web browser. The united effort was spearheaded by government spy agencies from Canada, U.S., New Zealand, Australia, and Britain, a partnership known as Five Eyes. Their goal, to "harvest the wealth" of information stored on mobile phones all over the world, and find ways to compromise those phones by implanting malware that they control. According to the document, the agencies ultimately sought to associate mobile users and the telecommunications with their online activity, by using the Spy super browser called XKEYSCORE. [The Coin Telegraph](#)

Ransomware Building Kit Freely Available

A ready-made kit that allows anyone with minimum technical skills to build their own version of crypto-malware has become available on an underground forum, at no other cost than a piece of the ransom paid by the victims. Malware-as-a-service is a booming business and up until recently it did not apply to ransomware with file encryption features, but this changed last week, when a toolkit called Tox was released, free of charge. It allows anyone to quickly create ransomware that can be distributed via spam botnets or bulk email clients, charging 20% of whatever the victim pays, in exchange for the services provided by the Tox site. [Softpedia](#)

Fake Minecraft 'scareware' apps found on Google Play

Useless 'Minecraft' apps promising cheats and other materials on the Google Play store were actually laced with scareware warnings about non-existent viruses. Over 600,000 Android users installed at least one of the malicious apps. The goal of the apps is to get an unsuspecting user to sign up for a premium SMS service at a cost of 4.80EUR per week. ESET reported its discovery last week on its blog, detailing over 30 different apps that had managed to get through Google's malware filter, Bouncer. They were uploaded to the market over the past 9 months from different developer accounts, though they all likely come from the same source. [Afterdawn](#)

New Point-of-Sale Malware NitlovePoS Sends Card Data via Encrypted Connection

Security researchers identified a fresh malware piece targeting point-of-sale (PoS) systems that relies on encrypted communication to exfiltrate payment card info from the memory of the payment processing machines. By sending data using SSL (Secure Sockets Layer), hackers ensure that detection at network level is more difficult since the details of the communication cannot be analyzed. The threat, dubbed NitlovePoS by security researchers at FireEye, is delivered discriminately, from a server hosting a herd of malware, after cybercriminals first identify the nature of the victim. The

infection starts with a spam email that purports to come from someone looking for a job, who delivers a Word document rigged with a malicious macro script, whose support is disabled by default in Microsoft Office components. [Softpedia](#)

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Power grids in U.S., Canada are becoming more reliable: Kemp

An opinion piece states, "North America's power grids set new records for reliability in 2014 despite being tested by extreme cold during the polar vortex and rising concerns about physical and cyber attacks on the network. Over the last year, newspapers have been full of stories about the threat posed by physical and cyber-attacks on transformers and power lines, extreme weather and solar storms. But on most measures, electricity networks across the United States and Canada are becoming more reliable as a result of increased investment and attention to operational standards over the last decade. There were fewer interruptions last year as a result of failures originating in the bulk power system, which includes power generators and high-voltage transmission lines. [Reuters](#)

U.S. data hack may be 4 times larger than the government originally said

The personal data of an estimated 18 million current, former and prospective federal employees were affected by a cyber breach at the Office of Personnel Management - more than four times the 4.2 million the agency has publicly acknowledged. The number is expected to grow, according to U.S. officials briefed on the investigation. FBI Director James Comey gave the 18 million estimate in a closed-door briefing to Senators in recent weeks, using the OPM's own internal data, according to U.S. officials briefed on the matter. Those affected could include people who applied for government jobs, but never actually ended up working for the government. The same hackers who accessed OPM's data are believed to have last year breached an OPM contractor, KeyPoint Government Solutions, U.S. officials said. When the OPM breach was discovered in April, investigators found that KeyPoint security credentials were used to breach the OPM system. [CNN](#)

Kaspersky slams GCHQ and NSA for Duqu 2.0-level attacks

Kaspersky has slammed the NSA and GCHQ following reports the agencies targeted it with "reverse engineering" cyber attacks. A Kaspersky spokesperson told V3 the reports are "worrying" and said that, if true, the GCHQ and NSA are leaving businesses and general web users dangerously vulnerable. [V3](#); [SPAM Fighter](#); [The Inquirer](#); [International Business Times](#); [PC Magazine](#); [Ars Technica](#); [Forbes](#)

Cyber attackers prefer to encrypt communications, report shows

Cyber attackers are using encryption to hide their communications, a study by Vectra Networks has revealed. A comparison of hidden tunnels in encrypted traffic compared with clear traffic shows attackers favour HTTPS over HTTP for hidden tunnels, according to the latest Post-Intrusion Report. If an HTTP session is carrying a hidden second conversation, there will be discernible patterns in the timing, volume and sequencing of traffic, according to Vectra Networks. [Computer Weekly](#)

LOT airline hack signals the first in emerging cyberthreat trend

An aviation security researcher believes the attack on Polish airline LOT is the first indicator of a new trend in the cybersecurity realm. Ruben Santamarta, principal security consultant for IOActive, is the author of research in the field of SATCOM and aviation security. In a whitepaper documenting his research (.PDF), Santamarta explained how satellite communications (SATCOM) -- used to support industries including aviation, the military and emergency services -- are often vulnerable to exploits and flaws including backdoors, hardcoded credentials, insecure protocols and weak encryption algorithms. [ZDNet](#)

Hackers exploit MacKeeper flaw with new Mac OS malware

A newly-discovered security flaw in MacKeeper, the controversial OS clean-up utility, is providing cybercriminals a backdoor to diffuse a new strain of Mac malware known as OSX/Agent-ANTU, according to researchers at BAE's cyber security unit. [The Stack](#); [Sophos Security](#)

RubyGems Software Flaw Affects Millions of Installs

Trustwave researchers, using collaborative research data from OpenDNS, have discovered a vulnerability that could affect 1.2 million software installations per day. The issue affects the RubyGems distribution software, which is used by a range of businesses, including start-ups, social media sites and payment gateway companies—to the tune of 438 million installations per year. RubyGems helps businesses and application developers distribute software to a central location so that end users can download it and use it. The vulnerability can be exploited to unknowingly lead end users to a server that's controlled by criminals. Criminals can then feed the end user malware, compromising the computer and gaining access to all of the victim's sensitive information. And the kicker is that the attack would be unnoticeable to the end user. [Info Security Magazine](#)

HP Releases Details, Exploit Code for Unpatched IE Flaws

Researchers at HP's Zero Day Initiative have disclosed full details and proof-of-concept exploit code for a series of bugs they discovered that allow attackers to bypass a key exploit mitigation in Internet Explorer. The disclosure is a rarity for ZDI. The company typically does not publish complete details and exploit code for the bugs it reports to vendors until after the vulnerabilities are fixed. But in this case, Microsoft has told the researchers that the company doesn't plan to fix the vulnerabilities, even though the bugs were serious enough to win ZDI's team a \$125,000 Blue Hat Bonus from Microsoft. The reason: Microsoft doesn't think the vulnerabilities affect enough users. [Threat Post](#)

La menace de sécurité sur les mobiles reste faible, mais méfions nous, Christophe Jolly, Cisco

Le dernier rapport Data Breach 2015 de Verizon, rendu public le mois dernier, conclut que les menaces de sécurité liées aux terminaux mobiles sont généralement « exagérées ». Autre conclusion forte de ce rapport : le nombre de vulnérabilités qui ont été utilisées pour des exploits en 2014 – indépendamment de la plateforme – est “marginal”. [Informatique News](#)

New Spear Phishing Attack Bypasses Two Factor Authentication

Symantec researchers are warning of a new spear phishing attack that targets mobile users with the aim of bypassing two-factor authentication and taking over victims' email accounts. [eSecurity Planet](#)

Leaked Saudi emails reveal new victim of Iranian hackers

Documents published by WikiLeaks, sourced from the Saudi government, have revealed the country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) as a victim of the series of attacks in 2014 collectively called Operation Cleaver. Until the documents were published last week, the MOFA was an unknown victim of the attacks that were blamed on actors in Iran. [CSO Online](#)

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Cybersecurity fund boosted by a rise in data breaches

A new exchange-traded fund that taps into the cybersecurity market has skyrocketed to \$1-billion (U.S.) in assets under management in just seven months. With the crafty ticker name HACK, the PureFunds ISE Cyber Security ETF mimics the ISE Cyber Security Index, which tracks the performance of companies actively engaged in providing services for cybersecurity and for which cybersecurity business activities are a key driver of their business model. The rise in data breaches among banks, large retailers and even government offices is creating a necessary investment into enhanced cybersecurity technology, says Andrew Chanin, CEO of PureFunds and portfolio manager of HACK. [Globe and Mail](#), B11 (2015-06-27)

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Institutions financières vulnérables

Même si les institutions financières ont adopté des mesures pour combattre les fraudes informatiques, elles sont encore vulnérables aux attaques cybernétiques, surtout celles perpétrées par le crime organisé, affirment des spécialistes en cybersécurité. Éric G. Hébert, consultant en cybersécurité, souligne que les attaques sont de «plus destructrices», comme l'ont mis en lumière les révélations d'Edward Snowden, l'informaticien qui a notamment révélé au monde les agissements de la National Security Agency (NSA) aux États-Unis. «Dorénavant, la prémisse est que toute entreprise, quelle qu'elle soit, peut être compromise et qu'elle l'est probablement déjà», souligne ce consultant qui compte plus de 20 ans d'expérience, et qui réalise des mandats pour des banques au Canada... Le système bancaire mondial est une des principales cibles des cyberattaques. Et les banques canadiennes n'y échappent pas, révélait en novembre Finance et Investissement (FI), à partir de documents du Ministère des Finances à Ottawa. **Par exemple, les institutions financières du pays ont été attaquées à huit reprises au cours du premier trimestre de 2013 (la période sur laquelle se concentrait l'information obtenue par FI), selon le Centre canadien de réponse aux incidents cybernétiques (CCRIC), une agence fédérale.** Pour des raisons évidentes, les institutions financières avec lesquelles nous avons communiqué ont refusé de se prononcer quant aux menaces de sécurité qui planent sur elles. [Finance et Investissement](#)

CryptoWall : l'ultra nuisible provoque des pertes colossales

Pour l'Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) du FBI, le malware CryptoWall est la menace du moment qui cible tant les particuliers que les entreprises aux USA. Entre avril 2014 et juin 2015, l'IC3 a reçu 992 plaintes en rapport avec ce ransomware. Pour l'ensemble des victimes aux États-Unis, le montant des pertes s'élève à plus de 18 millions de dollars (16 M€). Une somme colossale qui ne tient pas uniquement compte des rançons payées mais englobe tous les frais inhérents à une infection, la mise en place de contre-mesures ou encore la perte de productivité. CryptoWall n'est pas endémique aux USA. Il a également touché l'Europe et l'Australie. Il fait partie de cette famille de nuisibles qui chiffrent les fichiers sur l'ordinateur d'une victime et demande une rançon en échange d'une clé de déchiffrement. [GNT](#)

Internal threat among biggest cyber security challenges, says former FBI investigator

Even tech-savvy employees can be fooled into allowing attackers access to company networks, warns former FBI investigator Don Codling. One of the biggest cyber security challenges for business is that "there is no patch for careless, greedy or stupid", said former FBI Computer Intrusion Unit head Don Codling. "But savvy, well-meaning employees can be fooled into doing something to allow attacks access to company networks," he told a Storm Guidance seminar in London. Few people, he said, would not click on an email that appeared to be a subpoena sent by their personal lawyer –

but that would be enough to let attackers into their company network. Once on the network, Codling said the most common tactic by attackers is to seek out privileged users to compromise their accounts and use their credentials to move freely in the network. [Computer Weekly](#)

UK Agencies Take Out Cybercriminal Gang

Investigators from six different European countries, supported by Europol and Eurojust, joined together to bring down a cybercriminal group in Ukraine. Europol announced late last week that the action, which took place in Ukraine on June 18 and 19, resulted in five suspects being arrested, eight houses searched across four cities and the confiscation of computer equipment and other devices for further investigation. The joint investigation team (JIT) targeted the high-level cybercriminals and their accomplices because they were suspected of creating and distributing two banking Trojans, known as Zeus and SpyEye. Europol confirmed the group is believed to be behind the malware, as well as channeling and cashing out the profits from its use. "The cybercriminals used malware to attack online banking systems in Europe and beyond, adapting their sophisticated banking Trojans over time to defeat the security measures implemented by the banks," Europol reported. [PYMNTS](#)

Report: Clickfraud malware a gateway to other threats

Malware that secretly clicks on ads in order to defraud advertisers might seem generally harmless to infected machines, but can serve as a gateway to more serious infections, according to a report released today by Damballa. Clickfraud malware has been showing up a lot this year, said Stephen Newman, CTO at security vendor Damballa, with about 32 million active infections spotted in the company's customer base during the first half of this year, or about 210,000 per day. According to the Association of National Advertisers, it costs US businesses about \$6.3 billion a year in wasted ad money. But how much of a threat is it to enterprises with infected machines? If it sneaks in past initial security controls, the malware tries to be as undetectable as possible while it racks up the fraudulent ad clicks in the background. [Channel World](#)

Windows 10 update will make users targets for scams

In just more than a month, Windows 10 will be released as a free download via Windows Update. This will be prime opportunity for scam artists to trick users into believing something is wrong with their computer. BBB advises consumers to be on the lookout for sales pitches from bogus tech support employees whose goal is to install malware and steal information. Here's how the scam works. Victims receive a telephone call from someone claiming to be with tech support, usually from a well-known company such as Microsoft, telling them their computer is sending error messages, and they're detecting a virus on the computer. The scammer says only a tech support employee can remove the virus, but they first need access to the computer. If the victim gives the OK, the caller will run a scan and point out how the virus has infected the computer. They then offer to remove the virus for a fee and ask for credit card information. Victims who allowed the caller remote access to their computers, whether they paid for the virus to be removed or not, reported difficulties afterwards, according to the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center. [Jacksonville Progress](#)

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China downplays Hillary Clinton claim it hacked U.S. information

China on Monday downplayed an accusation by U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton that Beijing had tried to "hack into everything that doesn't move in America". At a campaign event in New Hampshire on Saturday, Clinton said the U.S. must be "fully vigilant" about China's military, adding that Beijing had stolen commercial secrets from defense contractors and "huge amounts of government information". Beijing has in the past expressed outrage over U.S. government claims it engages in state-sponsored hacking of commercial information, saying China is itself a victim of hacking attacks. Asked about Clinton's remarks, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said the two sides had taken a "constructive spirit" in tackling the issue. "China and the U.S. have taken a constructive spirit and approach to strengthening dialogue and cooperation to jointly face various challenges in line with the interests of both sides in a way that is conducive to peace and prosperity in the region and the world," Hua told a regular news briefing. [Reuters](#); [BBC News](#)

The OPM cyberattack was a breach too far

An editorial states, "The other shoe is expected to drop this week on the disastrous loss of confidential information from the databases of the Office of Personnel Management. The agency is expected to reveal the extent to which information from security investigations of current, former and prospective federal employees and contractors was compromised. The background checks often unearth sensitive and intimate matters, and the loss may put many at risk of blackmail. The agency is expected to reveal this week how many dossiers were taken, but reports suggest it was in the millions. The breach comes on top of a separate intrusion in which personally identifiable information on 4.2 million federal workers was filched from the OPM databases. President Obama ought to be far more steamed about the break-ins than he appears. The OPM director, Katherine Archuleta, knew as well as anyone how sensitive the data was, yet the door to her agency was apparently left ajar. Thieves walked out with an intelligence goldmine, the most intimate details about U.S. public servants, including those who handle the most highly classified secrets of the United States. This was an unforgivable failure of stewardship that should lead to firings for incompetence. Ms. Archuleta, confronted with questions on Capitol Hill, refused to shoulder any blame. "I don't believe anyone" at the agency "is personally responsible," she said. "If there is anyone to blame, it is the perpetrators." ... " [Washington Post](#)

Why the new Canadian telco transparency rules fall short

Canadians have become increasingly troubled by reports revealing that telecom and internet companies receive millions of requests for subscriber data from a wide range of government departments. In light of public concern, some Internet and telecom companies have begun to issue regular transparency reports that feature aggregate data on the number of requests they receive and the disclosures they make. The emergence of transparency reports from companies such as Rogers, Telus, and TekSavvy has helped shed light on government demands for information and on corporate disclosure practices. However, they also paint an incomplete picture since companies have offered up inconsistent data and some of the largest companies, including Bell, have thus far refused to come clean on past requests and disclosures. The Privacy Commissioner of Canada released a report last week that showed that all transparency reports are not created equal. For example, TekSavvy has provided information on the content of the disclosures, the number of accounts affected, and instances where users were notified. By contrast, companies such as Rogers, Telus, Allstream, and Wind Mobile have not disclosed this information, offering more limited data. In an effort to create greater uniformity in transparency reporting, Industry Canada has just released new transparency reporting guidelines. The government states that it has released the guidelines "to help private organizations be open with their customers, regarding the management and sharing of their personal information with government, while respecting the work of law enforcement, national security agencies, and regulatory authorities." While the Privacy Commissioner of Canada lauded their release, the guidelines raise several significant concerns. [Hill Times.com](#)

Cyberattacks target government of Alberta websites - "They start to think like a hacker and what a hacker would do to protect against those kinds of threats"

Alberta government websites — which hold personal information about everything from protection of children at risk to driver's licences — are under constant threat of attack, according to the office tasked with keeping them safe. "On average, this year we have about 500 different attacks every day going on the Alberta government websites," says Michael Crerar, director of Security Policy and Planning with Service Alberta. The Government of Alberta hosts about 200 government and agency websites, which provide information on programs and also store personal information from residents in databases. To keep those pages online, around-the-clock security operations are run from an office in downtown Edmonton, where cyber-security officers monitor and thwart attempted hacks from around the globe. The attacks are preempted, Crerar said, by automated systems and by officers watching trends and events. "We're definitely seeing more attacks and they're becoming more complicated, so our defences have to become more complicated," he said. Crerar said the methods used by those attacking the sites are constantly evolving. As such, security officers have learned to adapt quickly. [CBC News](#) (2015-07-04)

U.S. Agencies Conduct Cyberwar Games

The Pentagon, Department of Homeland Security, National Security Agency and a host of other agencies joined British officials and a number of private companies for a three-week cyber war game, testing 14 teams on a range of simulated attacks on two continents. The exercise, held in June at a military facility in Suffolk, Va., aimed to prepare the U.S. military, security officials and others for what some believe is the next frontier in warfare: cyberattacks. [Wall Street Journal](#) (2015-07-05)

Hackers hacked: Malware firm's data leaked, ties with regimes exposed

An Italian company that sells hacking tools to various governments was apparently itself the target of a hacker attack, resulting in its internal documents being leaked online and its deals with countries such as Sudan and Saudi Arabia exposed. The Milan-based Hacking Team develops spyware and malware tools that can target computers and mobile devices across various platforms. The company maintained that it legally sold its products to be used for law enforcement. [RT](#); [SC Magazine UK](#); [The Guardian](#)

Hacking Team breach: A 400GB corporate data dump and online mockery

Twitter has spent the last 12 hours mockingly asking if Hacking Team was awake yet, but the firm's massive data breach reveals a more serious side to the PR disaster -- deals allegedly between Hacking Team and oppressive governments. Over the weekend, the secretive Hacking Team security firm was the victim of a cyberattack which ripped the company's corporate secrets apart and exposed the malware provider's email communications to the eyes of the Internet. Milan, Italy-based Hacking Team is known for the creation of surveillance solutions for government agencies. Predictably, considering the client base, Hacking Team's dealings have rarely been formerly disclosed, leaving the security industry to wonder who customers are and what spy tools are floating around cyberspace -- and for what purposes. [ZDNet](#)

Leak of ZeusVM malware building tool might cause botnet surge

The Internet could see a new wave of botnets based on the ZeusVM banking Trojan after the tools needed to build and customize the malware program were published online for free. The source code for the builder and control panel of ZeusVM version 2.0.0.0 was leaked sometime in June, according to a malware research outfit called Malware Must Die (MMD). The leak was kept under wraps by the researchers as they tried to stop the files from becoming widely available, an effort that ultimately exceeded their resources. As a result, the group decided to go public with the information Sunday in order to alert the whole security community so that mitigation strategies can be developed. [Computerworld](#)

Scottish SMEs get discounted cyber-security

The Scottish Business Resilience Centre (SBRC) has recruited five graduates from Dundee's Abertay University 'Ethical hacking and Countermeasures' BSc degree to provide affordable services to protect companies - particularly small firms - from cyber-criminals and scammers. [SC Magazine UK](#)

225 000 fresh malware strains per day for Q1 2015

PandaLabs, the anti-malware laboratory at multinational security vendor Panda Security, has detected over 225 000 new malware strains per day during the first quarter of the year, with peaks reaching 500 000. This is based on analysis of global IT security episodes from January to March 2015 and according to Panda Security the results represent a 40% increase over the same period last year and well above the daily average for that year. [ITWeb Africa](#)

Encryption's holy grail is getting closer, one way or another

Whether it's a reaction to the Snowden revelations, a reaction to the continual news of massive data breaches, or just the obvious need to secure data in the cloud -- or all of the above -- new technologies for working directly on encrypted data are getting plenty of attention. "Yes, it is a very, very hot area," Raluca Ada Popa, one of the creators of CryptDB, told

ZDNet last Friday. Her new startup, Prevail, building on CryptDB's successor Mylar, is just part of the buzz." It works by executing SQL queries over encrypted data using a collection of efficient SQL-aware encryption schemes," the paper said. "CryptDB can also chain encryption keys to user passwords, so that a data item can be decrypted only by using the password of one of the users with access to that data. [ZDNet](#)

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Hacker pair each get a million reward miles from United Airlines

Two hackers have scored a million frequent-flier miles each on United Airlines for finding security holes in the airline's computer systems. The awards were made under a security program that United started in May. Technology companies have offered so-called bug bounties, but they are unusual in the transportation industry. United spokesman Luke Punzenberger said Thursday that two people have received the maximum award of 1 million miles each and others got smaller awards. A million miles is enough for several first-class trips to Asia or up to 20 round-trips in the U.S. [Associated Press](#) (Chronicle-Herald, B4)

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Spam email levels hit 12-year low

People are being sent fewer spam emails than at any time in the past 12 years, according to security firm Symantec. It said that fewer than 50% of emails which it scanned during June were junk - the lowest percentage it had seen in over a decade. The fall suggests that cyber-thieves are looking to other ways to make money from people going online. The security firm said legal action against the criminal networks that pipe spam to people had helped to cut junk. However, it said the fall in spam had been offset by a rise in the amount of malware being made. [BBC News](#)

British Man Charged With Hacking US Networks Arrested

A British man accused of hacking into U.S. government computer networks has been arrested in England and U.S. prosecutors say they'll attempt to have him brought to New Jersey. Lauri Love, of Stradishall, England, has been charged with hacking into various agencies, including the U.S. Army, NASA, the Federal Reserve and the Environmental Protection Agency. Matthew Reilly, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in New Jersey, said Love was arrested Wednesday and that U.S. officials filed an extradition request. The 29-year-old also faces federal charges in New York and Virginia. [Associated Press](#) (ABC News)

Cybersecurity intern accused in huge hacking bust

On Wednesday the U.S. Justice Department announced a massive international bust of Darkode, an online black market for hackers. Among those charged with crimes was Morgan Culbertson, a 20-year-old from Pittsburgh. He's accused of creating a nasty malware that infects Android phones, steals data and controls the device. Culbertson is currently a sophomore at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. He's a two-time intern at the cybersecurity software maker FireEye where he's been researching malware on Android smartphones, tearing apart viruses, and analyzing them. According to federal investigators, Culbertson went on to create the infamous "Dendroid" malware. For \$300, anyone who bought it could turn any legitimate Android app into malware. Buyers even got round-the-clock software support. [CNN](#)

Spectacular breach at Italian surveillance company puts the world's spymasters in the hot seat

A dramatic breach at an Italian surveillance company has laid bare the details of government cyberattacks worldwide, putting intelligence chiefs in the hot seat from Cyprus to South Korea. The massive leak has already led to one spymaster's resignation and pulled back the curtain on espionage in the iPhone age. More than 1 million emails released online in the wake of the July 5 breach show that Hacking Team sold its spy software to the FBI and to Russian intelligence. It worked with authoritarian governments in the Middle East and pitched to police departments in the American suburbs. It even tried to sell to the Vatican all while devising a malicious Bible app to infect religiously minded targets. "It's a mini-Snowden event," said Israel-based security researcher Tal Be'ery, likening the impact of the leak to the publication of top secret NSA documents by former intelligence worker Edward Snowden. [The Telegram](#); [Associated Press](#) (CBC News)

Grassley questions whether FBI broke the law with contract

The government's relationship with the controversial Italian surveillance firm Hacking Team may have violated the law, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) said in a letter sent Wednesday to the FBI. Hackers recently broke into Hacking Team's networks, dumping troves of internal documents, contracts and emails with clients. The leaked documents revealed long-standing ties with the U.S. government, along with deals between the company and oppressive governments across the Middle East, Africa and Eastern Europe. ADVERTISEMENT "It is troubling that the leaked documents also revealed Hacking Team's business relationships with a number of repressive regimes around the world, including Sudan," Grassley said in his letter. Grassley singled out Sudan because of a 2007 law that forbids the U.S. government from doing business with companies conducting restricted business with Sudan, such as selling military equipment. [The Hill](#)

Google, Adobe barricade Flash against hacker hordes – we peek inside

Google's team of computer security gurus have described the anti-hacker defenses they've helped Adobe add to Flash Player. It's hoped that these mechanisms will thwart or frustrate miscreants' attempts to exploit programming bugs in the software, and thus hopefully prevent attackers from hijacking victims' PCs and Macs. The defenses aren't perfect, but given the number of attacks on Flash and the fact that Adobe can't find every bug in its source code, they are a welcome development. Late on Thursday, Google's Project Zero team revealed that the latest version of Flash, 18.0.0.209 – which was released this week to patch vulnerabilities exploited by spyware maker Hacking Team – employs three mitigations developed by Google and Adobe. The mitigations revolve around Vector.<uint> arrays in Adobe Flash's ActionScript: these are arrays of unsigned integers, and are stored in memory as a length value and the array data. The length value defines how many elements are in the array. [The Register](#)

Chrome Will Soon Show More "Safe Browsing" Malware Warnings Than Ever Before

Depending on your surfing habits, chances are you've come across a warning in Chrome that tells you that it's probably safer not to proceed to whatever site you wanted to look at. That's Google's Safe Browsing technology at work, and over the next few weeks, the company plans to roll out a number of improvements to this service. This means you'll see more Safe Browsing warnings than ever before, simply because Google has become better at finding sites that harbor malware, unwanted software and phishing attacks. Over the last few months, Google has put its focus on ad injectors, the kind of applications that insert ads into pages that didn't previously have them (or replace existing ones). These ad-injection networks are often vectors for malware attacks. Ideally, Safe Browsing will prevent unsuspecting users from installing these ad injectors on their computers. [Techcrunch](#); [InfoSecurity](#)

Trend Micro discovers Hacking Team Android malware app that avoids Google Play checks

Hacking Team had developed an Android app that could dynamically execute malware payloads, and appeared within Google's Play store as an innocuous news app, Trend Micro has said. The app, BeNews, only requested three permissions from a user when installed, and was able to avoid Google's automated app checks as no exploit was contained within its code, the security firm said. "The fake news app was downloaded up to 50 times before it was removed from Google Play on July 7," Trend Micro said. "Looking into the app's routines, we believe the app can circumvent Google Play restrictions by using dynamic loading technology." [ZDNet](#)

Wicked WikiLeaks leaks considered harmful: Alert over malware lurking in dumped docs

Documents laced with malware have been found in WikiLeaks.org's cache of files obtained from hacked CIA wannabe Stratfor. Intelligence biz Stratfor was ransacked by Jeremy Hammond in late 2011, and its email archives passed to whistleblowing website WikiLeaks in early 2012. The Julian Assange™-led organization soon began distributing the archives using the BitTorrent file-sharing network, and publishing extracts on its website. In March 2015, WikiLeaks made the emails available in a handy searchable database, just like it's done with the leaked Sony Pictures and Hacking Team files. Unfortunately, no one appears to have had the time to scrub the five million Stratfor emails, which date back to 2004, clean of malware. [The Register](#)

Microsoft checks hundreds of millions of PCs for CryptoWall and Reveton ransomware

Microsoft checked hundreds of millions Windows computers for ransomware this month. The check took place through the Malicious Software Removal Tool (MSRT), the built-in virus removal tool that is able to detect and remove most malware families. The tool is updated each month to be able to detect new malware families. Simultaneously MSRT also scans the computer for these families. This month Microsoft released an update that can detect Crowti/CryptoWall and Reveton ransomware on computers. CryptoWall distributes through email attachments and can be bundled with all kinds of other malware and exploit kits. In May and June Microsoft detected about 300,000 computers that were infected with CryptoWall. Once the malware becomes active it will encrypt all kinds of files and then asks a ransom to decrypt them. Infections with the ransomware were mainly discovered in the United States and Brazil. [myce.com](#)

Weeks later, services for cyber theft victims still a work in progress

Beth Cobert comes to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) carrying good will from federal labor leaders developed during her days just a few blocks away at the Office of Management and Budget. President Obama sent her to be OPM's acting director a week ago in the wake of Katherine Archuleta's hasty departure as HR chief following disclosures that the personal information of more than 22 million federal employees and others was stolen in a massive security breach. OPM plans a "suite of comprehensive services" for the 21.5 million employees, contractors and applicants for security clearances, and their families, whose information was stolen in the breach of background investigation information announced on June 12. That includes identity restoration support, identity theft insurance, identity monitoring for minor children, continuous credit monitoring and fraud monitoring for at least three years. [Washington Post](#)

No Child Left Behind bill mandates cyber education report

The Senate rewrite of No Child Left Behind would require the secretary of Education to submit a report to Congress on the state of cybersecurity higher education. The provision is an attempt to address the chronic shortage of cyber workers nationwide, frequently cited as a reason the country's digital defenses are struggling to catch up to hackers. The upper chamber on Thursday easily passed an overhaul of the 13-year-old education bill, which had become widely derided on both sides of the aisle. With its 81-17 vote, Congress transferred more decision-making power back to state and local authorities. [The Hill](#)

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Anatomy of a hack attack - or two

In recent weeks, a bumper crop of computer-security scare stories have revealed that hackers could remotely attack your Jeep, your Android phone, your Mac and even a Brinks safe. Security flaws are discovered all the time but, in recent years, it might have seemed everything breaks all at once in late July and early August. The timing is no coincidence. These hacks generate buzz ahead of the two high-profile conferences in computer security held in Las Vegas this week: Black Hat, which began Aug. 1, and Def Con 23, which starts on Thursday. Here's a list of the improvements we need. The season of digital horrors began with a July 21 story from Wired's Andy Greenberg detailing how researchers Charlie Miller and Chris Valasek took command of a Jeep Mr. Greenberg was driving, turning off the transmission and cutting the brakes. Worse, they did so without needing direct access to the car: A flaw in the entertainment system was accessed using the vehicle's wireless Internet connection. On July 27, Joshua Drake, a researcher with Zimperium, detailed how a text message could let hackers break into millions of smartphones powered by Google's Android operating systems, even on its recent Jelly Bean version. The bug was in a media protocol called "Stagefright" that in some cases allowed an attacker to break in and delete the malicious text, so users wouldn't know they had been hacked. Google rushed a fix out to its manufacturing and phone carrier partners but, in the past, such updates have taken time to reach actual users... One tenet of computer security is "don't connect it to the Internet." The term "air gapped" means a device has no wireless or physical network connection. But an Israeli team from Ben-Gurion University figured out how to make a basic GSM phone "listen" to the radiation coming from these air-gapped PCs in order to steal passwords or encryption keys. [Globe and Mail](#), A6

Hacked radio system unique to Fiat Chrysler

The company that makes car radios that friendly hackers exploited to take control of a Jeep Cherokee says its other infotainment systems don't have the same security flaw. Harman International chief executive Dinesh Paliwal said Tuesday that the hackers used a cellular connection to get to the radio, which they used to control critical functions such as brakes and steering. The hack by Twitter security expert Charlie Miller and Chris Valasek, who heads auto security for a consulting firm, touched off the recall of 1.4 million vehicles from Fiat Chrysler to patch software holes. [Associated Press](#) (Waterloo Region Record, C3; London Free Press)

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The Deep, Dark Web Is Getting Some Company Soon — From Canadian Cops

Canada's federal police service is investing in software that, it hopes, will let it shed light onto the darkest regions of the deep internet. The money, part of a wide-reaching program aimed at defense and security research, will be spent developing software to trace and monitor supposedly nefarious activity on the darknet — a series of encrypted sites that advertise everything from human trafficking to hitmen. The Canadian Safety and Security Program (CSSP) is a funding regime that provides resources to various public safety, policing, and military programs run in conjunction with government departments. Previous rounds of funding have contributed to products that can track explosives, equipment that can detect drugs from their vapors, and training to protect Canada's energy infrastructure from cyber attacks. The most recent cash infusion, worth some \$12 million for a dozen projects, focuses on everything from efforts to combat radicalization in Muslim communities, to defusing improvised explosive devices (IEDs), and technology targeting drones. Perhaps the most politically-charged and potentially controversial project is run by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and two technology firms. [VICE News](#)

The digital nudist colony

An opinion piece states "Hacker group blindsides CSIS with 'cabinet-level' security breach, July 29. As usual the hackee,

this time the Canadian government, cries foul while scrambling to catch up with the hacker. Of course the hacker is to blame; nice people do not pry into other peoples' secrets. But in this, and in every other case I can recall, no one mentions the security professionals who design and implement the obviously inadequate protections that Anonymous, Edward Snowden or Royal Canadian Navy Sub-Lt. Jeffrey Delisle are able to circumvent. Incompetent and negligent "experts" are collecting hundreds of millions of dollars from governments, companies and citizens for an illusion of security and, worse, we continue to pay for the privilege of belonging to this digital nudist colony." [Toronto Star](#)

Canadian hacktivists use Donald Trump's website to praise Jon Stewart

The Canadian arm of an anonymous, decentralized hacktivist group is taking credit today for sending a public thank you message to outgoing *Daily Show* host Jon Stewart — via Donald Trump's official corporate website. "We are writing you today via Mr Trump's website because, seeming, the only way to get anyone to pay attention any more is to grease a Presidential candidate's website," reads an archived version of a page on Trump.com entitled "Your Moment of Zen, Mr. Stewart." Signed by TelecomixCanada, the letter goes on to thank Stewart for his "many happy years of quality journalism and entertainment" on *The Daily Show*, and to extend an invitation of sorts. [CBC News](#)

Flash bites again: Huge malware campaign hits Yahoo ads

Yahoo has shut down a massive malware campaign that may have affected millions of visitors to its sites. Yahoo confirmed it had stopped the scheme, which began last week, which had been using Yahoo's ad network to infect end users PCs with malware. 'Malvertising', as it's known, is an increasingly common technique where an attacker essentially tricks an automated ad network into delivering malware embedded in ads. [ZDNet](#); [Enterprise Innovation](#)

EFF Launches Do Not Track Standard to Boost User Privacy

Rights group the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), privacy body Disconnect and a group of web companies this week launched a new "Do Not Track" (DNT) standard designed to persuade website owners and advertisers to respect netizens' privacy online. Those companies signing up to the new setting will have to agree not to store or share information on individuals visiting their web pages. However, the policy itself may not accrue a huge amount of interest as it is opt-in and voluntary — meaning these firms are free to ignore it, as they have with previous versions. Even major supporters like Microsoft and Yahoo have recently appeared to grow cold on the idea. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Chinese hackers hijack commercial VPN service to launch cyberattacks

Hacking groups are utilizing a commercial VPN service to mask cyberattacks originating from China. On Tuesday at the Black Hat conference in Las Vegas, RSA Research unveiled research relating to a commercial VPN service offered in China. Dubbed Terracotta by the researchers, the VPN service comprises of over 1500 virtual private network (VPN) nodes obtained mainly through exploiting vulnerable Windows-based servers used by legitimate organizations. New victim slave nodes are constantly added to Terracotta without the knowledge or permission of legitimate companies operating the servers. [ZDNet](#)

Hackers Exploit BIND DoS Flaw to Take Out DNS Servers

Hackers are already exploiting in the wild a newly discovered critical vulnerability in the near ubiquitous BIND DNS servers, causing denial of service, according to a security firm. Sucuri founder Daniel Cid warned in a blog post on Sunday that the DoS flaw (CVE-2015-5477) could allow a remote and unauthenticated attacker to crash the BIND daemon, taking out the DNS server. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Bunitu Trojan botnet supports commercial VPN infrastructure

Malware which turns your machine into remote port for unauthorized traffic has evolved beyond spreading through adware and integrated within VPN service VIP72. Bunitu Proxy is a Trojan which exposes infected machines to act as a proxy for remote clients. Once installed on a machine, the malware opens ports for remote connections, registers itself in the client's database -- sending data concerning its address and open ports to controllers -- and accepts connections on the exposed ports. This, in turn, can slow down network traffic or reroute infected IPs as a source for illegal traffic and activities -- thereby potentially framing an individual for online activity they know nothing about. [ZDNet](#)

No smartwatch safe from attack

As part of an ongoing series looking at Internet of Things (IoT) security, HP today unveiled results of an assessment confirming that smartwatches with network and communication functionality represent a new and open frontier for cyberattack. The study conducted by HP Fortify found that all of the smartwatches that HP Fortify were found to contain significant vulnerabilities, including insufficient authentication, lack of encryption and privacy concerns. HP said in a report that, as smartwatches become more mainstream, these will increasingly store more sensitive information such as health data, and through connectivity with mobile apps may soon enable physical access functions including unlocking cars and homes. [Enterprise Innovation](#)

Lockheed Open Sources Its Secret Weapon In Cyber Threat Detection

The cybersecurity team at Lockheed Martin will share some defensive firepower with the security community at Black Hat this week with the open source release of an internal advance threat tool it has been using in house for three years now. Dubbed Laika BOSS, this malware detection platform is meant to help security analysts better hunt down malicious files and activity in an enterprise environment. Known for pioneering the cyber kill chain methodology of threat defense, Lockheed's cyber security team developed Laika BOSS to execute on kill chain defense philosophies. The development of the tool followed a similar path for many security solutions Lockheed hones, explains Mike Gordon, who oversees the Cyber Incident Response Team and network defense at the company. [Dark Reading](#)

GES New Cloud May Be The Most Tempting Hacker Bait Ever

Today, General Electric becomes the latest company to challenge Amazon for a piece of the huge and growing cloud computing market by introducing its first hosted cloud service—a service designed specifically for building applications for the Internet of Things. Unlike Amazon's AWS service, which is open to everyone from large companies to individual users, GE is specifically targeting the industrial market—think connected jet engines, medical equipment, and mail-sorting machines. By inviting in some of the most high-value hacking targets, GE may be creating the most tempting jackpot in the history of cloud computing. General Electric is well aware of the sensitive nature of the data and applications it proposes to host. In fact, it's making security its number-one selling point. The big question is whether it can actually deliver on that promise. [Wired](#)

Counterterrorism expert wants to arm US companies with hack-back capabilities

We should arm companies with cyber weaponry so they can strike back against hackers says Juan Zarate, a former US deputy national security advisor for counterterrorism. Zarate, an advisor to the administration of President George W. Bush, believes that the government should "deputize private companies to strike back against cyberattackers as a way to discourage widespread threats against the nation's businesses," as IT World reports... Zarate said that since many businesses have limited options for defending their networks, the country should start developing "aggressive" means to discourage cyberattacks, or what he referred to as "tailored hack-back capabilities". These would take the form of "cyberwarrants," he said... [Naked Security](#)

Japanese PM says Japan should first check whether exposed U.S. spying is true

Japan should first check whether the exposed spying was true with the United States and then try to understand its ally's true intention, instead of responding to the messages released by Wikileaks, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said Tuesday. Abe made the remarks at a special committee meeting of the upper house of Japan's Diet while responding to the recently exposed U.S. spying on Japan by the Wikileaks website. "If the alleged spying were true as the Wikileaks website revealed, as an ally of the U.S., Japan would find it extremely regrettable," Abe said, adding, "We are strongly asking the U.S. to check the facts." [Xinhua](#)

Kosovo police arrest three suspected of cyber crimes

Kosovo has arrested three people suspected of committing cyber crimes, following a joint investigation with the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, police said on Tuesday. Charges against the three Kosovo men, aged between 23 and 26, include "theft of personal and banking data and online sale of malicious software to infect computers," according to a police statement. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

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How you learn to hack a car

At first glance, the Las Vegas ballroom looked like the set of an auto show: three cars in the middle of a room filled with a rumbling crowd. But behind the vehicles were rows of tables filled with car parts connected to laptops. Seated at the stations were hackers watching screens flashing as they learned just how the computers inside the cars work - and how they could break in. The Car Hacking Village at the recent DEF CON cybersecurity conference was just the latest reflection of how security experts are scrambling to keep up with risks posed by the new technology that now come standard in most cars. Industry researchers recently found flaws in the Tesla Model S and the Jeep Cherokee, giving the issue more urgency. Learning to hack a car isn't simple. Finding the right car to experiment on can be expensive, for example - and you need to figure out how its computer systems work. At the Car Hacking Village, researchers got hands-on experience with cars' digital systems. But the goal isn't just to manipulate the technology, it's to help find problems so they can be fixed. [Washington Post](#) (The Gazette, B9; Windsor Star, Waterloo Region Record)

IRS breach bigger, earlier

A computer breach at the IRS in which thieves stole tax information from thousands of taxpayers is much bigger than the agency originally disclosed. An additional 220,000 potential victims had information stolen from an IRS website as part of a sophisticated scheme to use stolen identities to claim fraudulent tax refunds, the IRS said Monday. The revelation more than doubles the total number of potential victims, to 334,000. The breach also started earlier than investigators initially thought. The thieves accessed a system called "Get Transcript," where taxpayers can get tax returns and other filings from previous years. The thieves cleared a security screen that required knowledge about the taxpayer, including Social Security number, date of birth, tax filing status and street address, the IRS said. [Associated Press](#) (London Free Press, D5)

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Darkode hacker pleads guilty to spreading Facebook malware

One of the 12 people charged when the Darkode cybercrime forum was seized has pled guilty and will be sentenced on November 23rd. According to [Reuters](#), Eric Crocker aka Phastman from Birmingham, New York, has admitted that he and other hackers from the forum broke into at least 77,000 computers. They apparently used a tool called "Facebook Spreader" to infect machines. [Reuters](#) didn't explain how it works in detail, but in this one example posted on Reddit, the malware spreads because infected people's accounts are programmed to send all their friends a file to download. That file runs as soon as you click it. [Engadget](#)

Probe of Clinton's private server could find hints of hacking

Now that federal investigators have Hillary Rodham Clinton's homebrew email server, they could examine files on her machine that would be more revelatory than the emails themselves. Clinton last week handed over to the FBI her private server, which she used to send, receive and store emails during her four years as secretary of state. The bureau is holding the machine in protective custody after the intelligence community's inspector general raised concerns recently that classified information had traversed the system... Clinton again this weekend repeated a carefully constructed defence of her actions, in that she did not send or receive emails marked classified at the time. But her emails show some messages she wrote were censored by the State Department for national security reasons before they were publicly released. [Associated Press](#) (Globe and Mail)

What we know about the NSA and AT&T's spying pact

New Edward Snowden documents revealed on Saturday in the *New York Times* detail a decade-long secret partnership between the NSA and AT&T, which provided the spy agency with metadata on billions of emails. Although the *Times* story

has garnered a lot of attention, it offers few details about how the telecom conducted the siphoning and spying for the NSA. But two stories published almost decade ago by WIRED and Salon provide in-depth details about the secret rooms at AT&T facilities in San Francisco, Missouri, and other areas across the US that the NSA used to siphon internet data. AT&T isn't identified by name in the Snowden documents, but the *Times* notes that "a constellation of evidence" points to AT&T as the primary company mentioned in them, which several intelligence officials have confirmed to the paper. [Wired](#)

University of Virginia Targeted by China, Officials Say

The University of Virginia says that hackers from China hit its networks over the weekend, forcing the university to take its network offline. According to the university, the hackers did not access any personal data, such as Social Security numbers or personal health information, of students or staff and faculty. It started with a few software vulnerabilities that the intruders were able to effectively exploit—highlighting the ongoing need to keep systems up to date. UVA turned to Mandiant to "investigate the nature of the attack and to take corrective action." The school shut down its network to patch the vulnerabilities on Friday and went back online Sunday. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Mozilla Prepares New Privacy-Enhancing Firefox

Mozilla is readying a new version of its flagship browser Firefox designed with even more privacy enhancements in mind. Pre-beta versions of the browser are now ready for testing with features designed to block elements of websites which track and record user behavior, the organization said in a blog post. This includes content as well as analytics, social elements and other services that may be collecting data without the user's knowledge... Mozilla also plans to make third party add-ons safer by enforcing verification against a list of specially created guidelines by default. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Send attackers on a wild goose chase with deception technologies

Midsized companies with revenues from \$100 million to \$1 billion spent an average of \$3 million on information security as of 2014 per "The Global State of Information Security Survey 2015" from PwC. "I promise you, bad guys are not spending \$3 million to break into your organization," says Allen Harper, chief hacker, Tangible Security. Still information burglars are getting through. And since 92 percent of IT and security professionals surveyed globally use signature-based antivirus software on their servers, despite AV's inability to stop advanced threats and targeted attacks, according to Bit9's 2013 Server Security Survey, exploits such as zero-days, which have no signatures give attackers the upper hand. [CSO Online](#)

Ransomware goes open source in the name of education

Turkish security bod Utku Sen has published what appears to be the first open source ransomware that anyone can download and spread. The "Hidden Tear" ransomware, available to GitHub, is a functional version of the malware the world has come to hate; it uses AES encryption to lock down files and can display a scare warning or ransom message to get users to pay up. Sen says the malware will evade detection by all common anti-virus platforms. "While this may be helpful for some, there are significant risks," Sen says. "Hidden Tear may be used only for educational purposes. Do not use it as a ransomware." [Register](#)

Anti-botnet initiatives useless in sea of patch-hating pirates

Three Dutch researchers have crunched data gleaned from efforts to battle the Conficker bot and declared anti-botnet initiatives all but useless for clean-up efforts. Conficker was born in 2008 spreading aggressively through a since patched remote code execution Microsoft vulnerability (MS08-067) that affected all operating systems including servers. The rate increased with a malware update that allowed Conficker to spread via USB A million machines are thought to be still infected. Some 12 million unique IP addresses were still pinged a Conficker sinkhole server in the six weeks to December last year, despite that the botnet is headless and long abandoned. [Register](#)

Dridex - a new Trojan horse malware, Bitdefender warns

Romanian online banking users have been for the past few days the target of a new, customized wave of spam messages sent by Dridex, a new Trojan-type backdoor that steals users' login details. According to a press release, Bitdefender experts warn that the virus targets users of two local banks. According to experts, Dridex is a relatively new virus, which has evolved from Cridex, another Trojan horse malware, the successor of the infamous virus Zeus. [ACTmedia](#)

Your torrent client could help hackers hijack your computer

When you use a torrent client, you take your chances. Even if it's just the ever-so-mild chance of running afoul of some sort of copyright regime, torrent traffic is rarely totally legally kosher. Yet a new study from an international team of security researchers has concluded that some of the world's most popular torrent clients can open you up to a completely different sort of legal problem: one in which your computer is made part of a criminal attack without your consent. [Extreme Tech](#)

BitTorrent: Hackers are unlikely to succeed at boosting DoS attacks using our systems

BitTorrent has told *The Inquirer* that we can all chill on panic talk about lone hackers and souped-up denial-of-service (DoS) attacks, informing us that the published problems have been taken care of. We are here because security research, the scourge of Oracle the malware industry, found that BitTorrent could be exploited by lone warriors and used to bring down sites through DoS attacks. It would usually take a whole gang of computers to lob a DoS attacks at an organisation, but it is now apparently possible to do some of the grunt work through one computer, in one bedroom, and through BitTorrent's services. [Inquirer](#)

DDoS Attacks Hit Record High in Q2 – Akamai

Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) activity hit record highs during the second quarter of 2015, with powerful attacks over 100 Gbps continuing to rock businesses around the world, according to Akamai's latest *State of the Internet* report. The report found that DDoS attacks grew in volume by 132% year-on-year and 7% since the previous quarter. Average peak attack bandwidth and volume increased slightly but remained much lower than the highs seen a year ago, with less powerful but longer duration attacks favored this quarter. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Advanced Persistent Threats Going Unnoticed By Website Owners

The term 'Advanced Persistence Threat' (APT) fills news pages on a regular basis. According to ISACA APT Awareness Study, 93.6 per cent of respondents consider APTs to be a "very serious threat" for their companies. Advertising However, many APT attacks, do not really fall under the 'advanced' category in terms of the attackers' sophistication. A very recent exploit, combined with phishing or newly registered domains are rather 'low-cost APTs', for which we should probably introduce the new term 'LCAPT' or just 'LAPT' to distinguish these from genuine APTs. [Techweekeurope](#)

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Google Releases Patches for Stagefright 2.0

Google has patched 'Stagefright 2.0' – two new critical remote code execution vulnerabilities, one of which affects almost every Android device since 2008. Security firm Zimperium, which discovered the first Stagefright flaws back in April, claimed in a blog post that the new vulnerabilities "manifest when processing specially crafted MP3 audio or MP4 video files." The first vulnerability (in libutlils) impacts almost every Android device since version 1.0 released in 2008. We found methods to trigger that vulnerability in devices running version 5.0 and up using the second vulnerability (in libstagefright). Google assigned CVE-2015-6602 to vulnerability in libutlils." The second critical flaw is CVE-2015-3876 in libstagefright. The flaws apparently lie in the processing of metadata in the files, so even previewing a song or video would lead to infection. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Fresh Apple Malware Attacks Jailbroken and Non-Jailbroken Devices

A fresh Apple iOS malware has appeared on the scene, dubbed YiSpecter. YiSpecter is different from previously seen iOS malware in that it attacks both jailbroken and non-jailbroken iOS devices through unique malicious behaviors, according to Palo Alto networks. Specifically, it spreads via unusual means, including the hijacking of traffic from nationwide ISPs, an SNS worm on Windows, and an offline app installation and community promotion. It's also the first malware seen in the wild that abuses private APIs in the iOS system to implement malicious functionalities. So far, the malware primarily affects iOS users in mainland China and Taiwan. On infected iOS devices, YiSpecter can download, install and launch arbitrary iOS apps, replace existing apps with those it downloads, hijack other apps' execution to display advertisements, change Safari's default search engine, bookmarks and opened pages, and upload device information to the C2 server. [Infosecurity Magazine](#); [ZDNet](#); [The Register](#); [CNN](#)

Attack Vector Aims at Microsoft Outlook Web Application

A new attack method targeting Microsoft Outlook Web Application (OWA) allows hackers to collect and retain ownership over a large set of credentials, allowing them to maintain persistent control over an organization's environment. According to research from Cybereason, the attack involves a malicious module loaded onto Microsoft OWA, an internet-facing webmail server, which enabled the attackers to record authentication credentials and be provided with complete backdoor capabilities. One specific attack was detected by way of a suspicious DLL loaded into the OWA server (a webmail component of Microsoft Exchange Server), with several interesting characteristics. Although it had the same name as another benign DLL, the suspicious DLL went unsigned. [Infosecurity Magazine](#); [ITProPortal](#); [Computing](#)

Hackers using DDoS attacks as a 'cyber smoke screen' to mask wider threats

Hackers and cyber criminals have always used distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks to target organisations across the world, but new research indicates that the attack method is quickly evolving as it becomes cheaper to create and deploy. This is a definite risk for businesses and their security teams that are already required to fend off a rising number of cyber intrusions on their networks. A DDoS attack typically attempts to overwhelm a server with web traffic and take the site offline, and has been used to target everything from the UK National Crime Agency to the Church of Scientology. [v3.co.uk](#)

Stolen T-Mobile customer data already for sale on the dark web

The cache of 15 million customer records stolen from T-Mobile's credit monitoring service Experian has reportedly been listed for sale on the dark web. Irish fraud prevention and security firm Trustev told *VentureBeat* that its researchers have found data remarkably similar to the stolen from Experian for sale on underground marketplaces. "This morning [the researchers] saw listings go up for 'fullz' data that matches the same types of information that just came out of the Experian hack," said the Trustev spokesperson on 3 October. [v3.co.uk](#)

Trump Hotels' payment system was hacked for nearly a year - and its Toronto property was one of the victims

Customer credit and debit card numbers may have been stolen at seven Trump hotels, including one in Toronto, after its payment systems were hacked for nearly a year. The Trump Hotel Collection said on its website that hackers gained access to its systems between May 2014 and June 2015 at the front desk of those hotels. Hotel restaurants and gift shops were also hacked. The hotel operator said an independent forensic investigation has not found any evidence of customer's information being misused. The company is offering affected customers a year of free identity theft protection. [Associated Press](#) (National Post) (2015-10-05)

Risk of serious cyberattack on nuclear infrastructure growing, independent policy institute finds

The risk of a serious cyberattack on global civil nuclear infrastructure is growing, as facilities become ever more reliant on digital systems and make increasing use of commercial 'off-the-shelf' software, according to a new report from Chatham House, a London, United Kingdom-based independent policy institute. The report, released on Monday, found that "the infrequency of cyber security incident disclosure at nuclear facilities makes it difficult to assess the true extent of the problem and may lead nuclear industry personnel to believe that there are few incidents." In addition, the trend to digitization, when combined with a lack of executive-level awareness of the risks involved, means that nuclear plant personnel may not realize the full extent of their cyber vulnerability and are thus inadequately prepared to deal with potential attacks. The report, titled *Cyber Security at Civil Nuclear Facilities – Understanding the Risks*, was compiled from a literature review; interviews with industry practitioners, policy makers and academics; a series of expert roundtable workshops at Chatham House; and soliciting feedback from industry experts at international conferences. Interviews were conducted with 30 practitioners working on cyber security and on nuclear issues in fields ranging from industry to government, international organizations and academia. A variety of countries participated, including the United States, U.K., Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Ukraine and Russia, as well as representatives of major international organizations, including the IAEA and the European Network and Information Security Agency. [Canadian Underwriter](#); [Daily Mail](#); [Computerworld](#) (2015-10-05)

Europe's Top Court Declares 'Safe Harbour' Invalid

The Safe Harbour agreement which allows data on EU citizens to be transferred to and stored in the US has been declared invalid by the European Court of Justice, in a landmark ruling that could have far-reaching repercussions for American cloud computing companies and their customers. Safe Harbour was devised at the turn of the millennium as a way for US firms to store data on Europeans even though the data protection regimes of the two regions are at odds. However, it started to unravel when law student Max Schrems complained to the Irish Data Protection Commission that his Facebook data may be at risk from NSA snoopers, under the PRISM scheme revealed by Edward Snowden in 2013. [Infosecurity Magazine](#); [The Hill](#)

The European Union's Digital Assertiveness

Digital information systems, above all the Internet, play a central role in the free movement of goods, services and people across borders. Legislation at all levels struggles to keep pace with rapid technological advances, leaving many areas inadequately regulated. ... Estonia operates largely without using Russian infrastructure and technology and has established a strong security network with eight international mirror servers in friendly states, including the United Kingdom, Germany, the United States, Canada, South Africa and Japan. As far as electronic governance is concerned, small countries like Estonia are considerably further advanced than the big EU member states. [ISN](#)

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Regulators across Canada warn about sham stock promotion using popular apps

Securities regulators in nine provinces are warning about fraudulent stock promotions that use popular smartphone applications such as WhatsApp to generate investor interest. They say the so-called pump-and-dump scheme targets potential investors in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, and Saskatchewan. The sham involves creating artificial interest in a particular stock by using spam to talk up the benefits of a company and convince people to invest. [Canadian Press](#) (Red Deer Advocate, B1; Times Colonist, B2; Vancouver Sun, D1/FRONT)

Sony settles employee hacking lawsuit, pays \$8 million for loss

Sony Pictures Entertainment has reached a settlement with current and former employees, agreeing to pay up to \$8 million US to reimburse them for identity theft losses, preventive measures and legal fees related to the hack of its computers last year. The settlement was filed with the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles and still needs to be approved by a judge. The agreement calls for up to \$10,000 a person, capped at \$2.5 million, to reimburse workers for identity theft losses, up to \$1,000 each to cover the cost of credit-fraud protection services, capped at \$2 million, and up to \$3.5 million in legal fees. [Associated Press](#) (Times Colonist, B4; Hamilton Spectator, A15)

High school hacker porn to be wild

A New Zealand high school says whoever hacked its e-mail system sent porn to all 2,700 students. Parents of students at Mount Albert Grammar School in Auckland were notified Monday and the e-mail database was shut down. [Postmedia News](#) (Toronto Sun, 2; Ottawa Sun, 2; Edmonton Sun, 2; Calgary Sun, 2)

New York and Jerusalem team up

New York and Jerusalem are joining forces to protect their water supplies from cyber-attack. The goal is to create the "cyberdefence for water infrastructure," said Zohar Yinon, who runs Jerusalem's Hagihon water utility. The effort will identify weaknesses in the networks used to manage sewage and water flows. "Imagine what might happen in the Middle East if the water we are supplying to both Jews and Arabs gets contaminated by cyber-attack and we don't find out about it in time," Yinon said. [Bloomberg News](#) (National Post, A14)

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How the NSA broke encryption on trillions of secure connections

Some Edward Snowden leaks have revealed that the NSA and other intelligence agencies can break encryption barriers for mass surveillance purposes. It has been theorized that a flaw in encryption used by many Internet services lets the spy agency decrypt HTTPS, SSH, and VPN traffic, and a new paper seems to prove that. Indeed, a massive effort comparable to the attempts of breaking the German Enigma coding machine during the World War II seems to have given the NSA the tools required to break trillions of secure connections. [BGR](#) (Yahoo! News)

Senate to consider controversial cyber security bill

The U.S. Senate is expected to begin considering as soon as Tuesday a long-delayed bill that would make it easier for corporations to share information about cyber attacks with each other or the government without concern about lawsuits. The House of Representatives passed its version of the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act (CISA) in April. A few lawmakers and several big tech companies, however, have come out against the measure, arguing that it fails to protect users' privacy and does too little to prevent cyber attacks. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

Stuxnet: A wake-up call for nuclear cyber security

Stuxnet was a wake up call for the nuclear industry, according to Andrea Cavina, nuclear security professional at Coresecure.org. "When I started work at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in 2006 there was no specific focus on computer security," he told the (ISC)2 Security Congress, Europe, the Middle-East and Africa 2015 in Munich. [Computer Weekly](#)

Nationwide Building Society outsources IT infrastructure

Nationwide Building Society has outsourced its IT infrastructure to Capgemini for the next five years as part of its digital transformation. The contract covers service integration, service desk and user services. [Computer Weekly](#)

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Ex-federal agent sentenced to 6 1/2 years for stealing digital money from Silk Road drug website

A former undercover federal agent has been sentenced to 6 1/2 years in prison for using his position to steal more than \$700,000 in digital currency from an online drug bazaar known as Silk Road. Federal prosecutors on Monday announced the sentence against former Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Carl M. Force, who pleaded guilty to extortion and other charges. Force was tasked with masquerading as a drug dealer who had connections to hit men and establishing communications with Ross Ulbricht, operator of the multimillion-dollar marketplace for illegal drugs and other contraband. After he infiltrated the website, Force sold Ulbricht information about the Silk Road investigation. Ulbricht has been sentenced to life in prison. [Associated Press](#) (The Telegram, The Province)

Oracle's critical security update: 154 problems fixed in latest patch

Oracle's October critical patch update includes security updates and patches for 154 vulnerabilities including a flaw which allows an attacker full control over a vulnerable system. The California-based company's October 2015 Critical Patch Update includes 154 fixes which patch holes in a wide range of products, including Oracle Database, Fusion Middleware, Hyperion, Enterprise Manager, Oracle Linux & Virtualization, Java and MySQL. [ZDNet News](#)

Microsoft's top lawyer: We face 'digital dark ages' without Safe Harbor solution

Microsoft's top lawyer has set out a four-point plan for trans-Atlantic data sharing, which he thinks can revive the EU-US Safe Harbor pact that Europe's top court scuttled earlier this month. Microsoft president and chief legal officer Brad Smith argues in a blog post that a solution to the data-transfer issue is essential for preserving a global internet. [ZDNet News](#); [PC Advisor](#)

Let's Encrypt free certificates now trusted by major browsers

Let's Encrypt reached a major milestone this week by announcing the project's free security certificates are now trusted by all major browsers including Firefox and Chrome. San Francisco-based Let's Encrypt is a free open-source certificate authority (CA) operating under the Internet Security Research Group (ISRG). [ZDNet News](#)

Researchers publish chip-and-PIN fraud report, \$680,000 stolen by clever crooks

In a research paper published by the École Normale Supérieure University in Paris, France, and the Centre Microélectronique de Provence (CEA), researchers outlined the forensic analysis they conducted on evidence used in a fraud case four years ago. [CSO Online](#)

illusive networks Raises \$22Mn to Fund Cyber Deception Technology

illusive networks has announced a \$22 million Series B round of funding, led by new investor New Enterprise Associates (NEA). The round included participation from new and existing investors Bessemer Venture Partners, Marker LLC, Citi Ventures and Eric Schmidt's Innovation Endeavors. Kittu Kolluri, general partner at NEA, will join illusive networks' Board of Directors. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

Google, Yahoo tighten spam filtering

Google and Yahoo are expanding their use of a successful system for identifying spam. The move is part of years-long effort to implement a series of checks designed to figure out if an email really has been sent by the domain it purports to come from. [CSO Online](#)

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CIA director's emails published

WikiLeaks posted material Wednesday from what appears to be CIA director John Brennan's personal email account, including a draft security clearance application containing personal information. The material presumably was taken in a compromise of Brennan's email account by a hacker who told The New York Post he's a high school student protesting U.S. foreign policy. The hacker claimed he posed as a Verizon employee and tricked another employee into revealing Brennan's personal information. Brennan was seeking security clearance while applying for a job as a White House counterterrorism adviser. [Associated Press](#) (Calgary Herald, A19; Toronto Star; Leader-Post)

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TalkTalk cyber-attack: Boss 'very sorry for security breach'

The head of TalkTalk says she is "very sorry" for the frustration and worry caused to customers after a major cyber-attack on the firm on Wednesday. The phone and broadband provider said personal and banking details of up to four million customers may have been accessed in the "significant" attack. Chief executive Dido Harding said the company had been working through the night to try to contact all customers. TalkTalk said it was too early to know exactly who had been affected. "I'm very sorry for all the frustration, worry and concern this will inevitably be causing all of our customers," Ms Harding told BBC News. "We have been working through the night to make sure that we contact all of our customers and can reassure them about how they can keep their data safe." [BBC News](#)

Le transfert Europe-USA de données personnelles est compromis

Dans une décision rendue le 6 octobre, la Cour de justice de l'Union européenne a invalidé le « Safe Harbour », un arrangement administratif qui permettait le transfert de données personnelles entre l'Europe et les États-Unis. La décision est une conséquence des révélations d'Edward Snowden au sujet des intrusions de l'agence américaine de sécurité dans les données personnelles de milliers d'internautes. Elle remet en question le cadre juridique qui permet le transfert massif de données d'un continent à l'autre, notamment plusieurs services reposant sur des solutions « infonuagiques », comme Facebook, Google ou Amazon. L'affaire origine d'une plainte logée par un citoyen autrichien utilisateur de Facebook. Comme pour les autres abonnés résidant dans l'Union européenne, les données qu'il fournit à Facebook sont transférées, en tout ou partie, à partir de la filiale irlandaise de Facebook sur des serveurs situés sur le territoire des États-Unis. Le citoyen s'est adressé à l'autorité irlandaise de protection des données personnelles. Il a invoqué les révélations faites en 2013 par Edward Snowden au sujet des activités des services de renseignement des États Unis. [Journal de Québec](#)

Suppliers to blame for 18 per cent of cyber-security incidents: Kaspersky Lab

Third-party suppliers are to be blamed for 18 per cent of cyber-security incidents according to a recent survey conducted by Kaspersky Lab. Through the survey, the security company found that the average cost of third-party supplier cyber-crime incidents was more than \$3 million for enterprises. Results showed more than a third of companies do not trust their suppliers, with a climb in the figures from 33 per cent last year up to 37 per cent in 2015. Kaspersky said the trend was the same for SMB as well as large corporations. The survey also indicated that security incidents involving third-party supplies are no less dangerous for businesses than direct cyber-attacks on a company's infrastructure. According to Kaspersky, in both cases, the cost of amends is equally high. For SMBs, the company found the average cost to be \$67,000, while the figure for large corporations was \$3.27 million. [Security Asia](#)

IBM SoftLayer : 1er hébergeur de spams au monde ?

Big blue affiche peut-être la plus forte croissance sur le marché des logiciels de sécurité, mais c'est aussi le propriétaire de la plus grande source mondiale de spams. Selon l'organisme anti spam à but non lucratif Spamhaus, un gang de hackers brésiliens serait en partie responsable de ce mauvais palmarès. Dans un rapport publié mercredi, l'expert en sécurité Brian Krebs qualifie la filiale SoftLayer acquise en 2013 par IBM, de prestataire de services « le plus spam-friendly de l'Internet ». Sur la liste des FAI les moins performants en terme de lutte contre le spamming, établie par Spamhaus.org, SoftLayer détient actuellement la première place. Selon l'organisme à but non lucratif, en terme d'abus, SoftLayer est le pire fournisseur de services Internet. Pire, le FAI hébergerait « les campagnes de spammeurs ». Pour la seule journée de jeudi, Spamhaus a comptabilisé 685 campagnes de spams liées à SoftLayer. Unicom-sc, qui arrive en seconde position dans cette liste, a presque l'air d'un petit joueur avec ses 232 campagnes. [Le Monde informatique](#)

La détection Anti-Malware de Google donne des faux positifs

Depuis plusieurs mois, Google a identifié les applications COLLATZ comme « ayant un virus inconnu ». J'ai demandé à Google plus de détails puisque leurs états d'analyse affirment que Collatz contient un « malware indéterminé » alors que tous les scans de virus que j'ai fait ne présentent pas de problème. Comme les autres sites s'appuient sur leurs (google) outils de sécurité, je n'ai pas été en mesure de mettre à jour le certificat SSL expiré. Comme le client BOINC ne permettra pas de passer en HTTP s'il y a un problème avec le certificat SSL (par exemple, il est expiré), je devais supprimer le certificat. Cela signifie que les connexions ne sont plus chiffrées. Merci, Google, vous avez accompli l'exact opposé de ce que vous vouliez et vous avez fait la sourde oreille à toutes les tentatives pour que vous remédiiez à la situation. [BOINC](#)

CCTV Cameras Hijacked to Form Worldwide DDoS Botnet

Over 900 CCTV cameras sporting default or weak login credentials were hacked and joined into a DDoSing botnet that covers the entire globe, as Incapsula researchers are reporting. Hacking the CCTV cameras wasn't as hard as you'd think, and as the security researchers are explaining, a simple dictionary brute-force attack was more than enough to easily crack the CCTV systems. The blame solely resides in the persons that configured the devices, who used weak login SSH or Telnet passwords, didn't change the default ones at all, or left the cameras open to outside connections in cases where it wasn't necessary. According to the Incapsula team, all compromised CCTV systems were running BusyBox, a stripped-down version of the Linux operating system, specifically built to run on IoT devices with limited memory and CPU resources. After the devices were compromised via brute-force login attacks, the .btce malware was being dropped on their system, malware derived from ELF_BASHLITE (also known as GayFgt and Lightaidra), a malware family specially designed for BusyBox setups running on ARM architectures. [Softpedia](#)

Spammers Trick Users into Opening Malicious Email 'From' UK Cops

British law enforcers are warning internet users to delete an email which appears to have been sent from Lancashire Constabulary. The force said in an update on Wednesday that the spam purports to come from "Lyn Whitehead" and asks the recipient to pay an invoice attached to the mail. Lancashire Constabulary explained the following: "If you have opened the attachment and 'enabled macros' it is very likely that all your personal data will have been breached. You MUST change all your passwords for personal accounts, including your bank accounts. This email has NOT BEEN sent from Lancashire Constabulary. A third party supplier to the Constabulary has had their data breached, as a result of the breach this Lancashire Constabulary email address has been spoofed and used to generate spam to recipients far and wide." [InfoSecurity](#)

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NSA warns of growing danger of cyber-attack by nation states

The deputy director of the US National Security Agency (NSA), Richard Ledgett, has warned of the increasing danger of destructive cyber attacks by states. He told the BBC: "If you are connected to the internet, you are vulnerable to determined nation-state attackers." He said nations would need to identify red lines that should not be crossed. He also said agency targets, numbered in "the high hundreds", had discussed leaks by contractor Edward Snowden, with some changing their behaviour. BBC.com

TalkTalk hack: Boy, 15, arrested in Northern Ireland released on bail

A 15-year-old boy arrested in Northern Ireland in connection with the TalkTalk hacking attack has been released on bail pending further inquiries. The Metropolitan Police, which is investigating the attack, said a County Antrim house was searched on Monday. The boy was arrested on suspicion of Computer Misuse Act offences. He was taken into custody at a County Antrim police station and was being questioned by detectives from the Police Service of Northern Ireland. The investigation being conducted by the Metropolitan Police Cyber Crime Unit, Police Service of Northern Ireland Cyber Crime Centre and National Crime Agency is continuing. The Metropolitan Police said on Tuesday that the boy had been "bailed to a date in November". [BBC News](http://BBC.com); [Belfast Telegraph](http://BelfastTelegraph.com); [Wired](http://Wired.com); [Irish Post](http://IrishPost.com); [Irish Times](http://IrishTimes.com); [Financial Times](http://FinancialTimes.com); [Reuters](http://Reuters.com); [CNet](http://CNet.com); [CNBC](http://CNBC.com); [Info Security Magazine](http://InfoSecurityMagazine.com); [The Guardian](http://TheGuardian.com); [Computer Weekly](http://ComputerWeekly.com); [The Telegraph](http://TheTelegraph.com); [IT Pro Portal](http://ITProPortal.com); [Threat Post](http://ThreatPost.com)

FBI recommends that victims of ransomware pay up

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) advises companies that fall victim to hacks involving Cryptolocker, Cryptowall or other forms of ransomware to pay the ransom, said Joseph Bonavolonta, an assistant special agent with FBI, speaking at the Cyber Security Summit 2015 in Boston. Noting that while the agency has their back, "the ransomware is that good," the Security Ledger quoted Bonavolonta as saying. "To be honest, we often advise people just to pay the ransom" because efforts by the Bureau to defeat the encryption used have proved futile. [SC Magazine](http://SCMagazine.com)

Top German official infected by highly advanced spy trojan with NSA ties

German Chancellor Angela Merkel may not be the only high-ranking leader from that country to be spied on by the National Security Agency. According to a report published over the weekend, German authorities are investigating whether the head of the German Federal Chancellery unit had his laptop infected with Regin, a highly sophisticated suite of malware programs that has been linked to the NSA and its British counterpart, the Government Communications Headquarters. [Ars Technica](http://ArsTechnica.com); [Engadget](http://Engadget.com)

New strain of malware attempts to entirely replace browser

Online security researchers at PCRisk have reported a new form of malware that imitates local installations of the Google Chrome browser to steal personal information, install more malware and displaying pop-up ads for other malicious websites. The “eFast Browser” is based on Google’s Chromium open-source browser, allowing it to maintain the look and feel of Google Chrome while disguising its malicious effects. According to MalwareBytes, in order to be as comprehensive as possible in its attacks, the eFast Browser makes itself the default browser, taking over several system file associations, including HTML, JPG, PDF, and GIF. It hijacks URL associations such as HTTP, HTTPS, and Mailto, and replaces existing Chrome desktop website shortcuts with its own versions. [SC Magazine](#)

New Campaign Shows Dridex Active, Targeting French

Two weeks after authorities announced they had taken down the botnet behind the banking malware Dridex, new research suggests the threat is alive and well. Researchers with security company Invincea announced today that they’ve noticed 60 instances of attackers dropping Dridex on users in France, during the past four days. As part of a newly reinvigorated campaign, attackers are apparently rigging Microsoft Office documents to look like receipts from hotels and stores. When users open the documents, which are being spread through phishing emails, macros communicate back and forth to create malware, PIDARAS.exe, that goes on to communicate with hosts in Japan, via a command and control server. [Threat Post](#)

DDoS botnet comprised of nearly a thousand CCTV cameras

After observing a distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack targeting a client, researchers with Incapsula identified a DDoS botnet comprised of nearly a thousand closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras. The attack – which consisted of HTTP GET floods peaking at 20,000 requests per second – had traffic originating from approximately 900 CCTV cameras worldwide, a Wednesday blog post said, explaining the attack targeted a “rarely-used asset of a large cloud service, catering to millions of users worldwide.” The cameras were open to being compromised because they were remotely accessible and used default or easily guessed credentials, the blog post said. [SC Magazine](#)

Following botnet disruption, researchers observe Dridex resurgence

Researchers with Invincea are warning that Dridex activity has resumed. The advisory – issued on Monday – comes weeks after law enforcement announced that the Dridex botnet had been significantly disrupted as part of a global operation, and that a 30-year-old Moldovan man had been charged with being an administrator. In a Monday email correspondence, Pat Belcher, director of security analytics at Invincea, told SCMagazine.com that the security firm has recently seen a number of localized Dridex variants targeting victims based on language and region. [SC Magazine](#)

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NSA warns of growing danger of cyber-attack by nation states

The deputy director of the US National Security Agency (NSA), Richard Ledgett, has warned of the increasing danger of destructive cyber attacks by states. He told the BBC: "If you are connected to the internet, you are vulnerable to determined nation-state attackers." He said nations would need to identify red lines that should not be crossed. He also said agency targets, numbered in "the high hundreds", had discussed leaks by contractor Edward Snowden, with some changing their behaviour. BBC.com

TalkTalk hack: Boy, 15, arrested in Northern Ireland released on bail

A 15-year-old boy arrested in Northern Ireland in connection with the TalkTalk hacking attack has been released on bail pending further inquiries. The Metropolitan Police, which is investigating the attack, said a County Antrim house was searched on Monday. The boy was arrested on suspicion of Computer Misuse Act offences. He was taken into custody at a County Antrim police station and was being questioned by detectives from the Police Service of Northern Ireland. The investigation being conducted by the Metropolitan Police Cyber Crime Unit, Police Service of Northern Ireland Cyber Crime Centre and National Crime Agency is continuing. The Metropolitan Police said on Tuesday that the boy had been "bailed to a date in November". [BBC News](http://BBC.com); [Belfast Telegraph](http://BelfastTelegraph.com); [Wired](http://Wired.com); [Irish Post](http://IrishPost.com); [Irish Times](http://IrishTimes.com); [Financial Times](http://FinancialTimes.com); [Reuters](http://Reuters.com); [CNet](http://CNet.com); [CNBC](http://CNBC.com); [Info Security Magazine](http://InfoSecurityMagazine.com); [The Guardian](http://TheGuardian.com); [Computer Weekly](http://ComputerWeekly.com); [The Telegraph](http://TheTelegraph.com); [IT Pro Portal](http://ITProPortal.com); [Threat Post](http://ThreatPost.com)

FBI recommends that victims of ransomware pay up

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) advises companies that fall victim to hacks involving Cryptolocker, Cryptowall or other forms of ransomware to pay the ransom, said Joseph Bonavolonta, an assistant special agent with FBI, speaking at the Cyber Security Summit 2015 in Boston. Noting that while the agency has their back, "the ransomware is that good," the Security Ledger quoted Bonavolonta as saying. "To be honest, we often advise people just to pay the ransom" because efforts by the Bureau to defeat the encryption used have proved futile. [SC Magazine](http://SCMagazine.com)

Top German official infected by highly advanced spy trojan with NSA ties

German Chancellor Angela Merkel may not be the only high-ranking leader from that country to be spied on by the National Security Agency. According to a report published over the weekend, German authorities are investigating whether the head of the German Federal Chancellery unit had his laptop infected with Regin, a highly sophisticated suite of malware programs that has been linked to the NSA and its British counterpart, the Government Communications Headquarters. [Ars Technica](http://ArsTechnica.com); [Engadget](http://Engadget.com)

New strain of malware attempts to entirely replace browser

Online security researchers at PCRisk have reported a new form of malware that imitates local installations of the Google Chrome browser to steal personal information, install more malware and displaying pop-up ads for other malicious websites. The “eFast Browser” is based on Google’s Chromium open-source browser, allowing it to maintain the look and feel of Google Chrome while disguising its malicious effects. According to MalwareBytes, in order to be as comprehensive as possible in its attacks, the eFast Browser makes itself the default browser, taking over several system file associations, including HTML, JPG, PDF, and GIF. It hijacks URL associations such as HTTP, HTTPS, and Mailto, and replaces existing Chrome desktop website shortcuts with its own versions. [SC Magazine](#)

New Campaign Shows Dridex Active, Targeting French

Two weeks after authorities announced they had taken down the botnet behind the banking malware Dridex, new research suggests the threat is alive and well. Researchers with security company Invincea announced today that they’ve noticed 60 instances of attackers dropping Dridex on users in France, during the past four days. As part of a newly reinvigorated campaign, attackers are apparently rigging Microsoft Office documents to look like receipts from hotels and stores. When users open the documents, which are being spread through phishing emails, macros communicate back and forth to create malware, PIDARAS.exe, that goes on to communicate with hosts in Japan, via a command and control server. [Threat Post](#)

DDoS botnet comprised of nearly a thousand CCTV cameras

After observing a distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack targeting a client, researchers with Incapsula identified a DDoS botnet comprised of nearly a thousand closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras. The attack – which consisted of HTTP GET floods peaking at 20,000 requests per second – had traffic originating from approximately 900 CCTV cameras worldwide, a Wednesday blog post said, explaining the attack targeted a “rarely-used asset of a large cloud service, catering to millions of users worldwide.” The cameras were open to being compromised because they were remotely accessible and used default or easily guessed credentials, the blog post said. [SC Magazine](#)

Following botnet disruption, researchers observe Dridex resurgence

Researchers with Invincea are warning that Dridex activity has resumed. The advisory – issued on Monday – comes weeks after law enforcement announced that the Dridex botnet had been significantly disrupted as part of a global operation, and that a 30-year-old Moldovan man had been charged with being an administrator. In a Monday email correspondence, Pat Belcher, director of security analytics at Invincea, told SCMagazine.com that the security firm has recently seen a number of localized Dridex variants targeting victims based on language and region. [SC Magazine](#)

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Suspicious death

The Calgary police cyber crimes unit is helping detectives piece together the final days of a Calgary woman found dead in her Castleridge home last week. Police were called to Amanda Antoni's Castledale Way N.E. home just before 4 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 26, after her husband arrived home to discover her body. [Calgary Sun](#), 19

United States, U.K. team up to test and strengthen financial cybersecurity

The U.S. and British governments will hold a joint exercise to test cyber security and information sharing arrangements involving global financial institutions, according to the U.K. National Computer Emergency Response Team. The initiative will not be a "war game" involving live testing and will instead check communication and co-ordination links between governments, authorities and companies, an emailed statement from CERT said. While it will involve financial firms, it will not test their individual responses, it said. As online criminals grow more sophisticated, the exercise is part of ongoing engagement between the U.K. and U.S. after President Barack Obama and Prime Minister David Cameron said in January the two countries would deepen cyber security ties. Further details on the initiative should be released in the next couple of weeks, CERT said. "The exercise is still in the planning stages and as such we are unable to currently confirm all the participants," the statement said. "The event will be taking place before the end of the year." [Bloomberg News](#) (National Post, FP4)

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Hacking Team returns with encryption cracking tool pitch to customers

As law enforcement grumbles over the uptake in encryption services offered by technology firms, Hacking Team is keen to get on in the game and restore its client list through a new set of encryption-breaking tools. Over the past year, police agencies worldwide, the US FBI complaining the loudest, have been battling the wave of encryption use which has steadily increased in popularity since the disclosure of government surveillance projects made by former US National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden. [ZDNet News](#)

Safe Harbor ruled invalid

The data-sharing agreement known as Safe Harbor was ruled invalid on Oct. 6 by the Court of Justice of the European Union, with widespread ramifications for organizations ranging from cloud computing providers to multinational companies that move information across the Atlantic. [SC Magazine](#)

Vodafone admits hack, customer bank details stolen

Vodafone has admitted to a security breach which has led to the theft of sensitive information belonging to 1,827 customers in the United Kingdom. Last week, the telecommunications provider released a statement saying that "unauthorized account access" took place between midnight on Wednesday 28 October and midday on Thursday 29 October. [ZDNet News](#); [Infosecurity-Magazine](#); [Computer Weekly](#); [CNET News](#)

Police Crack Down on DroidJack Spyware with Europe-wide Arrests

Police have raided homes and made arrests across Europe and the US as they look to crack down on an Android spyware tool dubbed 'DroidJack.' Europol revealed in a short statement that in the investigation, initiated by Germany, law enforcers from Germany, France, the UK, Belgium, Switzerland and the United States "carried out a number of house searches and arrests of suspected users of the mobile phone malware." [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

Kaspersky announces death of CoinVault, Bitcryptor ransomware, releases all keys

Kaspersky has released all the known keys required to unlock files encrypted by the CoinVault and Bitcryptor ransomware, giving victims the chance to get their files back without paying up. The Moscow, Russia-based cybersecurity firm says both the variations of ransomware are now dead as all the decryption keys required to unlock systems infected with the malware are now in the public domain. [ZDNet News](#); [CSO](#)

US and UK Banks Ready for Resilient Shield Cyber War Games

US and UK banks will this month take part in a major transatlantic cybersecurity exercise to test their readiness to withstand a serious attack on their systems. Operation Resilient Shield was announced by prime minister David Cameron on his visit to see Barack Obama in January. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

LightCyber game lets IT pros become the attacker

It's only a game, but LightCyber hopes its Cyber Attack Training System (CATS) helps IT folks think like attackers in order to better defend their networks. The online game sets players up with stolen login credentials for a networked machine and turns them loose with Metasploit tools. The idea is for security pros to discover and compromise other devices on the network with the goal of capturing a specific file. [PC Advisor](#)

UK police arrest third person in TalkTalk breach investigation

UK police arrested a third suspect on Saturday relating to the breach at communications provider TalkTalk, which said the amount of data exposed is less than initially thought. [CSO](#)

Debate: Economic sanctions and retaliatory measures are an effective response to foreign cyberattacks

An opinion piece states, "Sanctions are an effective counter to foreign cyber attack when they are designed around the primary goal, effects, and management of critical success factors. The goal must be to deter future state-sponsored or enabled cyber attacks..." [SC Magazine](#)

The Encryption Fallacy

An opinion piece states, "Yet another intrusion with data theft. Yet another chorus of yells for encryption. I could be referring to the eBay intrusion from last year (or the Sony incident from November 2014...or any number of recent data loss incidents) with the subsequent hysteria over their not encrypting certain personal information at rest..." [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

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Tor Messenger: an alternative solution for encrypted untraceable instant messaging

Following in the wake of its web browser, the anonymous network Tor has released a beta version of a new instant messenger. Tor Messenger is a new instant messaging program based on Instantbird, an open source instant messenger client provided by the Mozilla Foundation. [Relaxnews](#) (Yahoo! News)

Canada is among top malware-hosting countries but stays relatively safe, researchers say

In the threat landscape, Canadians may be helping attack others while avoiding the brunt of it. These are among the findings of Kaspersky Lab's Q3 malware report, which found that Canada and Sweden are newcomers to a list of "Top 10 countries where online resources are seeded with malware." The list saw the U.S. and Russia lead in their share of web attack sources, followed by the Netherlands and Germany. China, Sweden and Canada were among the top 10, but ranked the lowest. The report said that statistics were based on "the physical location of the online resources that were used in attacks ... (web pages containing redirects to exploits, sites containing exploits and other malware, botnet command centers, etc.)" Researchers matched domain names against actual domain IP addresses, after which a physical location or GEOIP is determined. Yet, Canadian internet users seem to stay relatively safe in the global exchange of malware. Canada ranked as the second most secure country, behind Japan, with only 2.87 per cent of users attacked in the past quarter, followed by Denmark, Sweden and Australia. [Computer Dealer News](#)

Spam bot leverages Linux-based CMSs, report warns

For some time infosec pros have known that plugins for WordPress, Joomla and other content management systems are being leveraged by attackers. More evidence of that has come in a report from Akamai's Security Intelligence Research Team (SIRT), which discovered a widely distributed botnet that leverages CMS systems to launch co-ordinated brute-force spamming campaigns. "The portions that could be mapped account for over 83,000 unique infections across 2 of the 4 infection layers," says the report. While binary infections only target Linux, other php based infections were found running on all major server operating systems—Windows, Linux, os x, Unix, SunOS, and variants of bsd. Akamai has dubbed the botnet 'Torte' because of its multiple layers. [IT World Canada](#)

Cyber attack against key Bulgarian institutions still ongoing: official

A cyber attack targeting websites of key state institutions in Bulgaria is still ongoing, an official said here on Tuesday. Valeri Borisov, Deputy Minister of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications, told reporters that websites of institutions such as the Ministry of Interior, State Agency for National Security, parliament, president and Central Election Commission (CEC) have experienced difficulties as a result of a distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack, which initially hit the website of CEC on Oct. 25. "A website of an important state institution was attacked two billion times within 24 hours," Borisov said on the sidelines of a conference on e-government. There was no way to count how many attacks were made against all websites in the country during the last 10 days, he added. [Xinhua](#)

Plus de 300 000 nouveaux malwares mobiles au 3e trimestre

Selon Kaspersky, le nombre de nouveaux malwares mobiles a progressé de près de 11 % entre le 2^e et le 3^e trimestre. Principalement des adwares. Le nombre de nouveaux malwares apparus sur le marché mobile a connu un nouveau bond au cours des derniers mois. Selon le rapport IT threat evolution de Kaspersky détaillant les menaces rencontrées lors du troisième trimestre 2015, pas moins de 323 374 agents malveillants ont été créés sur la période. En croissance de 10,8% par rapport au deuxième trimestre et une augmentation multipliée par plus de 3 depuis le début de l'année. Le rapport du laboratoire de l'éditeur s'appuie sur les données récoltées depuis son réseau de veille, le Kaspersky Security Network (KSN), tiré des remontées d'informations d'une partie des 400 millions de clients de l'éditeur répartis dans 213 pays et territoires. Silicon.fr

SME Suppliers Falling Short of Security Expectations – Report

Nearly 70% of procurement managers in large organizations believe SME suppliers could do more to protect sensitive client data, according to new research from KPMG. The global consulting firm polled 175 UK procurement chiefs across several sectors and found reassuringly that standards are high when it comes to vetting suppliers. A large majority (86%) said they would consider removing a firm if it suffered a data breach and nearly half (47%) claimed suppliers are contractually obliged to report such an incident. Nearly all respondents (94%) agreed with the statement that standards were important when awarding a contract, with around two-thirds requiring their suppliers to demonstrate certification by Cyber Essentials, ISO, PCI DSS or another respected accreditation body. If there is no accreditation to speak of, 41% of respondents claimed they would expect the supplier to foot the bill in the near future. George Quigley, a partner in KPMG's Cyber Security practice, argued that SMEs can find it difficult to understand the nature of the threat landscape and how they could be exposed to risk. There are also challenges around "defining and identifying" which data is critical and therefore needs protecting. Infosecurity Magazine

Hackers increase attacks on Russian online banking

Amid the growing number of cyber-attacks on the Internet systems of Russian banks in recent months, Russian banks are considering designing new systems of IT security. Details of the new systems being developed by Sberbank, VTB and other leading banks have not been disclosed. A spokesman for the Russian Association of Banks told SCMagazineUK.com that last year total losses at Russian banks from cyber-attacks on their Internet banking systems amounted to more than RUB 10 billion (£167m, US\$250m). It is expected that these figures may increase significantly this year, as hacker attacks on the online banking systems grow more sophisticated. SC Magazine

US and UK to test financial cyber-security this month

The United States and Britain will test later this month how its regulators would respond if their financial sectors suffered a major cyber-attack or broader IT problems, a British official said today. The test, for which no date has yet been set, will focus on how regulators for the world's two biggest financial centres in New York and London communicate in an emergency, a spokesman for British government cyber-security body CERT-UK said. "It is testing how we would react to 'x' scenario, how would our colleagues in the US react to same, (and) how would we then coordinate communications with each other, to the sector and within the sector," he said. "There will be no testing of cash machines coming down, banks coming down or anything like that," he added, contradicting an earlier media report. US President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron agreed last January to hold the joint exercise this year and coordinate their responses to an online attack on their financial sectors. Reuters (Himalayan Times)

Anti ad-block firm PageFair becomes cyberattack victim, distributes malware

Over 500 websites were compromised over the weekend due to analytics software provided to publishers by PageFair. Mobile ad-blocking is a hot topic. Browser add-ons and mobile apps are slowly rising in popularity with consumers looking for a cleaner Web experience, but as a result, content publishers relying on advertising models which pay out for eyeballs and clicks are steadily losing revenue. Many publishers use third-parties to provide ads -- which, unfortunately, can also sometimes allow malware to slip through the net and compromise websites and visitor systems. This technique, known as malvertising, has struck high-profile targets such as Yahoo and UK newspaper The Daily Mail. PageFair is an anti-adblock firm which provides analytics to publishers who wish to see how much revenue they are losing due to ad-blocking software impacting these networks. Perhaps ironically, the company's free analytics mimicked ad networks which distribute malware over the weekend -- through its use by a cybercriminal to propel Trojans through websites using the software and towards visitor devices. ZDNet

Chimera ransomware targets German SMEs, threatens to leak sensitive data

A new version of the Chimera ransomware [German] is hounding German firms, attacking corporate Windows systems and threatening to release sensitive information should the target not pay up. The attack is delivered through fake emails sent via different addresses -- mostly from the domain @emialn.de, but not exclusively. The emails are supposedly sent from individuals claiming to be looking for a job or offering a service. The body text contains a malicious link to a Dropbox address with a downloadable file. Once opened, the programme proceeds to encrypt local data as well as content on linked network drives, locking the computer and posting a ransom note. In German the extortion message demands a payment of 2.45 bitcoin (approx. £610) to decrypt the files. If the company fails to make the payment, the criminals

promise to leak personal data including Word, Excel and PDF documents, photos and videos, as well as any stored corporate information. [The Stack](#)

Windows Legacy Layer Used to Bypass EMET Security Measures

The Windows WoW64 subsystem used to support older (or newer) 32-bit applications on 64-bit architectures can be leveraged to bypass security measures added by Microsoft with the introduction of the Enhanced Mitigation Experience Toolkit (EMET). WoW64, or "Windows 32-bit on Windows 64-bit," is a subsystem (component) of recent versions of the Windows operating system, which allow Windows 64-bit versions to run applications designed for 32-bit processors. WoW64 plays a crucial part in the Windows OS, working as a legacy layer that allows older tools to run on more modern hardware and software. On the other hand, EMET is a collection of security measures packed into one single tool, which Microsoft uses to mitigate and protect Windows computers from vulnerabilities found in third-party applications. In previous years, security researchers have proved many times that various other exploit mitigation tools and antivirus solutions lose their effectiveness when running on the WoW64 subsystem. [Softpedia](#)

CoinVault and Bitcryptor, R.I.P.

Kaspersky and Dutch police have shut down these two strains of ransomware in a joint effort, arresting the authors and seizing the decryption keys. The bell has tolled for CoinVault and Bitcryptor ransomware according to international cybersecurity giant Kaspersky. The final blow was dealt just recently in a joint effort between Dutch law enforcement authorities and Kaspersky. This particular kind of malware was first spotted by Kaspersky in late 2014. In April, Dutch police seized a CoinVault server after which the campaign took a bit of a holiday before coming back with Bitcryptor, a new and improved version. This two-stroke body blow to the pervasive set of ransomwares hit in two forms: first, both their authors were arrested in one fell swoop by the Dutch authorities in mid-September, and second, Kaspersky has released all 14,000 of the ransomwares' decryption keys, allowing those affected to easily un-ransom themselves. [SC Magazine](#)

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Whistleblower to deliver address for Queen's

A man some people consider a hero and others believe is a criminal is to present the opening address at a Queen's University conference later this week. Edward Snowden, 32, the former Central Intelligence Agency employee and United States government contractor who leaked thousands of classified documents that revealed the extent of global surveillance programs operated by the U.S. and its English-speaking allies, is to present the opening keynote speech at the Queen's International Affairs Association's Model United Nations Invitational on Thursday. The event is to include 250 student delegates from 15 schools across North America. Snowden, who has asylum in Russia, is to speak about cyber security at the conference via video link (...) Last month, Lyon, author of the book *Surveillance after Snowden*, received a \$2.5 million grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to conduct a five-year study of big data and surveillance and how it affects the everyday lives of people. Rogers said the talk is to touch on the previous Conservative government's controversial Bill C-51 and the potential for changes to that legislation by the new Liberal government. Bill C-51, the Anti-terrorism Act 2015, broadened the authority of Canada's surveillance and law enforcement agencies by giving them more power to thwart suspected terrorist plots - not just gather information about them. Lauren Craik, president of the international affairs association and a third-year economics student, said the talk is to be tailored to the Canadian audience. [Kingston Whig-Standard](#), A3

Europe declaws Iran's 'rocket kitten' hackers

European authorities have taken action to take down a cyber espionage campaign believed to be linked to Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard, the first operation of its kind since Tehran signed a nuclear treaty, researchers say. The hacker group - dubbed "Rocket Kitten" by security experts who have been hunting the hacker group since early 2014 - has mounted cyberattacks on high-profile political and military figures globally since that time, according to researchers from several cyber security firms who have monitored its activities. The action could hamper Tehran's efforts to gather sensitive intelligence from rivals including Saudi Arabia, Israel, Turkey, the United States. [Reuters](#) (Toronto Sun, A46; Edmonton Sun, Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun)

Parsing the risks in cyber insurance

When an insurance company sells protection against a house fire or car accident, it leans on decades of data from past experience to price policies. For every 1,000 houses you insure you have a rough idea how many will burn. That basic yet key ingredient is all but missing in the growing business of cyber insurance, in which business is booming as the list of hacking incidents from Target to Ashley Madison grows. Add to the mix the ever-changing nature of hacks and different levels of security sophistication among companies, and the challenges mount alongside the opportunities. "There are many unknowns," said Nick Galletto, cyber risk services leader for the Americas at Deloitte. Hacks such as the one that hit adultery website Ashley Madison can give an idea of the cost of the fallout of such an event. But that doesn't come close to providing the depth of data insurers use to create and measure the underwriting standards when they sell protection against house fires, break-ins and car accidents. [Financial Post](#), FP3

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Linux hit by crypto-ransomware - but attackers botch private key

Admins are facing a variant of Linux malware that encrypts files on infected web servers. But the good news for now is the private key that locks down those files is predictable. The crypto-ransomware is aimed at Linux system administrators and demands exactly one Bitcoin to restore access to key files. One Bitcoin was worth about \$420 last week but is currently \$375. According to Russian antivirus firm Dr Web, which labeled the ransomware Linux.Encode.1, the files it encrypts

suggests the main target is website administrators whose machines have web servers deployed on them. [ZDNet](#), [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

CryptoWall 4.0 the nastiest strain yet

The fourth version of the CryptoWall ransomware has landed in the wild, equipped with better evasion techniques and tactics to thwart antivirus protection and detection. Ransomware attacks computers and encrypts user files and folders via infected email attachments, with attackers demanding ransom payments to unlock the scrambled documents. Users are told to make the payment by a specific deadline or risk having the private key to unlock the files deleted. The active CryptoWall ransomware spawned from CryptoLocker, which is thought to have extorted more than \$3 million from victims before the botnet used to distribute it - Gameover Zeus - was taken down last year. [SC Magazine](#) (IT News)

New ransomware threatens to make private files public

Criminals has upped the ante with new ransomware that threatens to not only encrypt data but also to publish those files on the internet if victims don't pay up. According to a blog post by IT security organisation, the Anti-Botnet Advisory Centre, a service of the German Association of the Internet Industry, the malware has been doing the rounds on computers within German businesses and organisations. The malware has been sent via email to firms disguised as job applications or business offers. The emails contain a link to a malicious file hosted on Dropbox. Once installed, Chimera encrypts both local files and those on network drives connected to the machine. When rebooted, the computer displays a ransom note on the user's desktop asking for a payment of around €630 in Bitcoin to provide a key to decrypt files. [SC Magazine](#)

Malvertising threat on the rise but ad-blocking tools could stem the tide

Malvertising is cheap, effective, difficult to combat and, unfortunately for internet users, on the rise. It is now routinely used by cyber criminals to inject malware into unwitting computer systems and cause havoc by exploiting flaws in popular software such as Adobe Flash, as Jérôme Segura, senior security researcher at Malwarebytes, explains. "Malvertising is an effective and very profitable infection vector and it gives [cyber criminals] the ability to target millions of people in a few minutes," he said. "Flash is a very popular platform which has suffered from many exploits and zero-days so it is a piece of software that is using in drive-by download attacks. It just so happens that Flash is also heavily used by the advertising industry because it provides dynamic content. [v3.co.uk](#)

Quick Heal: IoT and iOS the new targets of malware

High profile targeted attacks on devices running Apple's iOS and creative Internet of Things (IoT) attacks are on the hacking agenda, according to the latest quarterly threat report from security provider, Quick Heal. In its third quarter threat report, Quick Heal predicts iOS will become the new target for Android malware authors and hackers. "It is expected that Android malware will soon be altered to affect iOS users as well, and jailbroken iOS devices will be the first wave of targets for these attacks," Quick Heal said. "Recently, the 'XcodeGhost' malware was found on the Apple App Store and this is just the beginning of such attacks." [ZDNet](#)

20,000 Popular Apps Trojanized with Adware

Trojanized, auto-rooting adware is emerging as a major force in the Android ecosystem, affecting about 20,000 popular apps, including Candy Crush, Facebook, GoogleNow, NYTimes, Okta, Snapchat, Twitter, WhatsApp and many others. The malware roots the device automatically after the user installs it, embeds itself as a system application and becomes nearly impossible to remove. "Adware, which has traditionally been used to aggressively push ads, is now becoming trojanized and sophisticated," said Lookout Security researcher Michael Bentley, in a blog. "This is a new trend for adware and an alarming one at that." [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Nuclear Exploit Kit malware drives users to Kelihos Trojan family

Internet security firm Zscaler says it has discovered a website compromise attack on the Internet pages belonging to the International Council for Women. This compromise led users to a Nuclear Exploit Kit (EK) landing site, a form of malware on a par with its Angler Exploit Kit (EK) infection cycle cousin. In this particular case, the end user could get infected through the 'information stealing' Kelihos bot if the full exploit cycle executes successfully. A malicious iframe leads users to a Nuclear EK landing page that was heavily obfuscated to evade security software detection. Upon successful execution of the obfuscated JavaScript, a malicious Flash file is downloaded on the victim's machine. Upon successful exploitation, a new variant of the Kelihos bot is downloaded and installed on the victim's machine. [SC Magazine](#)

Cameron Orders Government Cybersecurity Tests

Prime minister David Cameron has ordered a series of cyber attack exercises to be carried out in every government department in order to test their resilience to hackers. The PM's decision was made following a briefing by Cabinet Office minister, Matthew Hancock, in which he warned of the dangers of an attack similar to the one which struck the US Office of Personnel Management (OPM), according to the *Sunday Times*. While much of the UK media has been focused of late

on the Talk Talk attack, which may in the end have compromised less than 160,000 customers, the OPM hack earlier this year was far more damaging. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Cyber attacks threatening national security double in past year, GCHQ reveals

Cyber attacks that threaten national security have doubled in a year with the UK now facing up to seven serious assaults every day, GCHQ has warned. The intelligence agency is identifying 200 cyber attacks every month that either target critical organisations and networks or come from significant sources, such as hostile states. That compares to 100 a month just last summer. Ciaran Martin, director general for cyber security at GCHQ, said: "These are attacks that are of significance to national security. "That is either because of who the aggressor or the victim is or because of the nature of the attack." [Telegraph](#)

The top security threats of 2016

It's been an interesting year in the world of cybersecurity. Ransomware is running rampant across multiple platforms, the Ashley Madison hack left heartbreak in its wake, Jeeps were hacked and taken offroad and TalkTalk is fumbling after the latest data breach allowed cyberattackers to dance away with customer data. We're seeing a shift as threat actors turn towards digital methods to cause harm or get their point across -- but what are we likely to see next year? According to Intel's McAfee security team, things are going to get interesting. A selection of 2016 threats to cybersecurity are below: [ZDNet](#)

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Zombies informatiques neutralisés

Le CRTC a récemment exécuté un mandat à Toronto pour le retrait d'un serveur de commande et de contrôle de la famille de maliciels Win32/Dorkbot. Ces maliciels ont infecté au-delà d'un million d'ordinateurs personnels dans plus de 190 pays, a précisé le Conseil de la radiodiffusion et des télécommunications canadiennes (CRTC). « Ces réseaux de zombies, qui sont très dangereux, sont utilisés aux fins d'activités illégales et peuvent mener au vol d'identité et à la fraude. Cette intervention montre que les partenariats entre les organismes d'application de la loi à l'échelle nationale et internationale sont essentiels en vue de lutter contre les cybermenaces transnationales », a indiqué Manon Bombardier, cadre en chef de Conformité et enquêtes du CRTC. (...) Dorkbot se propage au moyen d'une clé USB, des programmes de messagerie instantanée et des réseaux sociaux. Une fois qu'on a porté atteinte à l'intégrité d'un ordinateur, on peut lui ordonner de voler les mots de passe pour effectuer des transactions bancaires et les paiements en ligne. Il est aussi possible de télécharger et installer des maliciels dangereux et s'unir à d'autres ordinateurs infectés pour expédier des demandes multiples à un serveur en vue de dépasser sa capacité de réponse. Cette situation est aussi connue comme une attaque par déni de service. Le mandat a été exécuté conformément à la Loi canadienne antipourriel. Aux fins de cette enquête, le CRTC a collaboré avec plusieurs partenaires, dont le Federal Bureau of Investigation, Europol, Interpol, Microsoft inc., la Gendarmerie royale du Canada, **Sécurité publique Canada** et le Centre canadien de réponse aux incidents cybernétiques. [Presse Canadienne](#) (Journal Montréal, 38)

Who is listening as your children talk to their toys?

Your daughter rips open the wrapping paper and screams with excitement - it's Talk To Me Tammy! After connecting the doll to your home's wireless network through a smartphone app, she and Tammy start chatting. Tammy tells her jokes, quizzes her on some math questions and says her favourite colour is pink. She asks your daughter lots of questions about her likes and dislikes, hopes and dreams, and family and friends. The next day, you notice advertisements for products your daughter told Tammy she wants on your Facebook page. That's because buried in Tammy's terms of service - which you didn't read - was a clause authorizing the toy company to sell the data Tammy collects to marketers. Meanwhile, hackers who don't want to pay the toy company for your daughter's valuable data are working on a way to access it for free. [Financial Post](#) (Edmonton Journal, B6; Calgary Herald)

La police enquête sur un vol de données personnelles d'employés la STO

Des employés de la Société de Transport de l'Outaouais (STO) auraient été les victimes de vol d'identité. La STO a été avertie de la situation, mercredi, par une institution bancaire qui venait de recevoir une quinzaine de demandes en quelques jours de personnes disant travailler pour le transporteur public. [Radio-Canada](#) ; [Le Droit](#), 10 (2015-12-05)

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After Paris Attacks, French Cops Want to Block Tor and Forbid Free Wi-Fi

After the recent Paris terror attacks, French law enforcement wants to have several powers added to a proposed law, including the move to forbid and block the use of the Tor anonymity network, according to an internal document from the Ministry of Interior seen by French newspaper *Le Monde*. That document talks about two proposed pieces of legislation, one around the state of emergency, and the other concerning counter-terrorism. Regarding the former, French law enforcement wish to "Forbid free and shared wi-fi connections" during a state of emergency. This comes from a police

opinion included in the document: the reason being that it is apparently difficult to track individuals who use public Wi-Fi networks. As the latter, law enforcement would like "to block or forbid communications of the Tor network." [Motherboard](#) (2015-12-06)

NSA's shuttered program was 'a sacrificial lamb' in U.S. mass surveillance

The National Security Agency in the United States may have shuttered its controversial bulk phone record collection program, but that doesn't mean people living in that country suddenly have their communications free from government scrutiny... Snowden also revealed that Canada's electronic spy agency tracks millions of downloads daily by people around the world, including Canadians. While it's hard to know much about the Canadian Security Establishment because of the secrecy surrounding the agency, there is "evidence of the same kind of indiscriminate surveillance as the NSA engages in," says David Lyon, the director of Queen's University's surveillance studies centre and author of *Surveillance after Snowden*. [CBC News](#) (2015-12-06)

Global operation targets Dorkbot botnet

An international operation involving law enforcement organisations, government cyber security teams and private organisations has targeted the Dorkbot botnet. Europol, Interpol, the US department of homeland security, the US National Cyber Investigative Joint Taskforce and the FBI partnered with Microsoft and other private sector organisations to disrupt the Dorkbot infrastructure, including command and control servers in Asia, Europe, and North America. This included seizing domains to disrupt the botnet operators' capacity to control their victims' computers. [Computer Weekly](#); [Infosecurity Magazine](#); [Engadget](#) (2015-12-04); [ZDNet](#) (2015-12-04)

Anonymous calls for internet "trolling day" against ISIS

Anonymous has called for the internet to target ISIS in an international "trolling day". An anonymous post requests that on 11 December, anti-ISIS protesters and internet users band together to ridicule the group. The plan mostly revolves around mocking ISIS on social media, with a list of instructions for attacking the group on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube, as well as offline protests and demonstrations. While the group has lately become known for slightly more sophisticated hacking operations, this particular plan of attack evokes Anonymous' roots as puerile internet pranksters. [IT Pro Portal](#); [Metro News UK](#)

Widespread exploit kit, ransomware program, and password stealer mixed into dangerous malware cocktail

An ongoing attack campaign combines a very effective password stealer, the most widespread exploit kit, called Angler, and the latest version of the infamous CryptoWall file-encrypting ransomware program. The attackers first use the Pony computer Trojan to pilfer passwords from compromised computers, including FTP and SSH credentials that webmasters use to administer websites, according to researchers from Heimdal Security. [PC World](#)

Hackers hide malware inside Dropbox accounts to target media organizations

A new form of malware that targets mass media agencies has been discovered by researchers at the US-based security firm FireEye. The malware was detected in Hong Kong where it was being used to target a small number of media agencies with the initial targets of the attack being newspapers, radio stations and television studios. The malware leaves a user vulnerable by offering a backdoor to their system. The way in which this is achieved is unique because its command and control or C&C server is hidden inside Dropbox accounts. FireEye was able to trace the malware back to a group of hackers by the name admin@338, who is believed to have ties with the Chinese government. [Beta News](#)

Cash machines in malware risk as embedded Windows XP reaches end of life

Tens of thousands of cash machines could become vulnerable to malware and DDoS attacks next month when support for the embedded version of Windows XP comes to an end. From January 2016, Microsoft will be issuing no further security patches or updates for the OS which is still used in the majority of ATMs to deliver cash to customers in the UK and elsewhere around the world. [SC Magazine](#)

New payment card malware hard to detect and remove

FireEye says it has discovered a type of malware designed to steal payment card data that can be very difficult to detect and remove. The cybercriminal group behind the malware, which FireEye nicknamed "FIN1," is suspected of being in Russia and has been known to target financial institutions. The malware, which FIN1 calls Nemesis, infected an organization that processes financial transactions, which FireEye did not identify. [IT World](#)

Ponmocup is the '15 million' machine botnet you've never heard of

Botconf One of the world's most successful, oldest, and largest botnets is an underestimated and largely-unknown threat that has over time infected 15 million machines and made millions plundering bank accounts. The findings from a team of eight Fox IT researchers say the 'Ponmocup' botnet controlled 2.4 million infections at its peak in 2011 and now holds about half a million machines under its power. Lead author Maarten van Dantzig presented the work at the BotConf conference this week in the paper *Ponmocup: A giant hiding in the shadows*. [The Register](#) (2015-12-03)

Senators Want Government Ransomware Update

Two US senators have written to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Attorney General seeking more information on how the government is keeping federal PCs free of ransomware. Tom Carper and Ron Johnson sent the missives to Jeh Johnson and Loretta Lynch following the rise of variants such as CryptoLocker, CryptoWall and CryptoDefense. CryptoLocker managed to make its owners \$27 million in just two months, while CryptoWall has netted hackers over \$18 million, the senators claimed. [Infosecurity Magazine](#); [Hacked](#)

Lawmakers want proof China is honoring hacking pledge

The clock is ticking on the Obama administration to determine whether China is adhering to a September pledge to eradicate corporate hacking. Over the past few months, U.S. officials have fended off accusations that Beijing has not scaled back its massive hacking apparatus by insisting it will take time to assess whether the Asian power is complying with its agreement to cease conducting — or knowingly supporting — economic espionage. But pressure will rise again in the coming months if the White House doesn't create some type of metric that can show, either way, whether China is complying. [The Hill](#)

This is why tech toys are dangerous

A Hong Kong-based company called VTech got hacked Nov. 14. VTech makes a wide variety of consumer electronics and is one of the world's largest toy makers. Some of their toys encourage the use of VTech's Kid Connect program, which enables kids to chat with parents and download content. The hacker exposed the breach to the online publication *Motherboard* and claimed that the point of the hack was to expose VTech's bad security (...). A Hong Kong-based company called Vtech got hacked Nov. 14. VTech makes a wide variety of consumer electronics and is one of the world's largest toy makers. Some of their toys encourage the use of VTech's Kid Connect program, which enables kids to chat with parents and download content. The hacker exposed the breach to the online publication *Motherboard* and claimed that the point of the hack was to expose VTech's bad security. [Computerworld](#)

Hack Me: A Geopolitical Analysis of the Government Use of Surveillance Software

In summer 2015 a South Korean intelligence officer identified only as Lim was found alone on a mountain road, slumped over in his car. Beside his body was a piece of burnt coal that had emitted a fatal dose of carbon monoxide poison, next to a three-page suicide note. Lim had reportedly succumbed to the pressure surrounding his work to implement controversial tracking software within the South Korean National Intelligence Service (NIS). The note suggests that as Lim lay in the car, one Italian company was clearly on his mind: 'Hacking Team.' A few days earlier, in a major twist of irony, Milan-based Hacking Team was itself hacked. More than 400GB of internal data was extracted by unknown perpetrators, who then gleefully used the organization's own Twitter account to break the news. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

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CBC News – The National provided a report on the RCMP's Cybercrime Strategy which was announced earlier this week. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-12-04)

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Apple CEO backs use of mobile encryption - District attorney says that 'crimes go unsolved' because of technology on iPhones

Apple CEO Tim Cook defended the company's use of encryption on its mobile devices, saying users should not have to trade privacy for U.S. national security. In a broad interview with 60 Minutes on the future of Apple, Cook stood by the company's stance of refusing to offer encrypted texts and messages from users. Cook also discussed the idea of "back door" access for law enforcement, claiming any one could potentially swipe sensitive data. "There's likely health information, there's financial information," Cook says, describing a user's iPhone. "There are intimate conversations with your family, or your co-workers. There's probably business secrets and you should have the ability to protect it. And the only way we know how to do that, is to encrypt it. Why is that? It's because if there's a way to get in, then somebody will find the way in." Cook says Apple co-operates with law enforcement requests, but can't access encrypted information on users' smartphones. According to a page on Apple's website detailing government requests, Apple says encryption data is tied to the device's passcode. Cook also dismisses the notion iPhone users should swap privacy for security. "We're America. We should have both." [USA Today](#) (Toronto Star, S8; Hamilton Spectator)

Sorting out cybersecurity truth is tricky

His reputation scorched by Edward Snowden, the former director of the National Security Agency is heading a cybersecurity startup that aims to short circuit data leakers, cyber warriors, terrorists and thieves. Keith Alexander's new company, IronNet, is just one of dozens, possibly hundreds, of cybersecurity startups, a group that over the last couple of years has attracted nearly \$5 billion in investments. "It's the new hotness," said Alex Pinto, who runs the MLSec Project, an open-source cybersecurity outfit. "There are so many startups out there, you could not fall over and not hit one," said Eric Schou, director of product marketing for security at HP Enterprise. Like many others, IronNet employs a technology called behaviour analytics or behaviour modelling, which purports to learn hacker patterns and monitor networks to detect foul play before serious damage is done. Whether any of these startups can effectively employ what looks like cutting-edge technology is hard to say, because, like cybersecurity in general, their doings are wrapped in secrecy. Good luck to any potential customers trying to sort out what works and what doesn't. Cybersecurity websites are filled with fancy technical language with little detail. IronNet, for example, says it offers "breakthrough, patent-pending technology" with "complex behavioural modelling, big data analytics and proactive responses." One company says it uses "hyper-dimensional security analytics," while many companies don't bother to explain how their systems work at all, at least not until you contact the sales rep. Behaviour analytics is "a big deal" for cybersecurity, said Avivah Litan, vice-president at research firm Gartner. "But it's already a buzzword. Everybody says they have it." [Los Angeles Times](#) (Waterloo Region Record, C3)

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Man charged with hacking celebs' emails, stealing

A Bahamian man hacked into celebrities' email accounts to steal unreleased movie and TV scripts and sex tapes and peddled some of the scripts, boasting to an undercover agent that he had dossiers on at least 130 stars and bigshots in entertainment, sports and media, federal prosecutors in New York said. [Seattle Times](#) (2015-12-22)

Thousands of prisoners in Washington got out early because of a software glitch

Washington Governor Jay Inslee has ordered corrections officials to halt some prison releases after announcing today around 3,200 prisoners were released early due to a programming error, according to a report from NBC affiliate King-5 News. The error dates back to 2002, when the Washington Supreme Court ordered the Department of Corrections (DOC)

to apply "good time" credit, such as participation in rehabilitation programs, earned in county prisons to state sentences. For more than a decade, the DOC's system has been over-crediting some inmates and releasing them before their sentences were up. [The Verge](#) (2015-12-22)

Sanrio probes reported Hello Kitty hack exposing 3.3 million users - Breach not yet confirmed by Sanrio and it's not clear if financial info was exposed

Sanrio, the Japanese owner of the Hello Kitty brand, on Monday said it was investigating a report that its database was hacked and private information on 3.3 million users was exposed. The leaked data from the fan site of the Japanese toy company includes information like users' full names, email addresses and encrypted passwords, according to the report by security website CSOnline.com, which cited researcher Chris Vickery. "The alleged security breach of the SanrioTown site is currently under investigation. Information will be made available once confirmed," said a spokeswoman for Sanrio, best known for its popular Hello Kitty character which emblazons items ranging from stationery to clothing. It was not clear if the exposed data contained any financial information. [Reuters](#) (CBC News) (2015-12-22)

New botnet found popping PoS systems via Windows update vulnerability

New research from security analysis firm Trend Micro has highlighted a new strain of point-of-sale (PoS) malware that comes on the back of related incidents in hotel checkout systems. Researchers say the malware they have identified is linked to an early version of a potentially powerful, adaptable and invisible botnet that seeks out PoS systems within networks. Trend Micro threat analysts Erika Mendoza and Jay Yaneza explain that this malware has already extended its reach to small and medium-sized business networks all over the world, including a healthcare organisation in the US. The name Operation Black Atlas is in reference to BlackPoS, the malware primarily used in this operation. [SC Magazine](#) (2015-12-22)

Botnet of Aethra Routers Used for Brute-Force WordPress Sites

Italian security researchers from VoidSec have come across a botnet structure that was using vulnerable Aethra Internet routers and modems to launch brute-force attacks on WordPress websites. This particular incident was uncovered after one of the VoidSec researchers was sifting through his WordPress log file and found a brute-force attack coming from the same IP range. After further investigation, all the IPs came from six Internet Service Providers (ISP): Fastweb, Albacom (BT-Italia), Clouditalia, Qcom, WIND, and BSI Assurance UK, four of which are from Italy. What all these networks had in common were Aethra routers. VoidSec researchers narrowed down most of the attacks to these devices. [Softpedia News](#)

DDoS attacks rise by 180 percent in 2015

To some this will come as a surprise, to others not as much, but the Distributed Denial of Service, also known as DDoS -- was the most popular type of cyber-attack in the past year. According to a report by security firm Akamai, there has been a jump of 180 percent in the number of DDoS attacks in 2015. The ending year also saw records broken in the size of the attacks, as well. The DDoS is a type of attack where a large number of infected machines are ordered to try and access a particular website. With millions of computers trying to open the same site, it eventually crumbles under pressure, bringing the site down. This can lead to losses in both reputation and finance -- with damages going up into millions. [Beta News](#)

The Worst Hacks of 2015

Last year we witnessed some of the most shocking cyberattacks ever, with North Korea allegedly hacking Sony over the release of a dumb comedy movie to unknown hackers spilling the private nude pictures of dozens of celebrities. For some, it was the year hacking truly became the norm. But somehow, 2015 was worse. Hacking and data breaches weren't just the norm, but they reached far and wide, hitting victims of all kinds, from regular consumers, to government employees, and even children and cheaters. It seemed like no one was spared. We've decided to look back to 2015 and revisit not only the worst data breaches, but those that pushed the boundaries and redefined the world of information security. In no particular order, here's our list. [Motherboard](#)

Attackers using social media to spread malware with 'free' offers

Security awareness training usually focuses on the online communications people use most: Email. However, a recent malware campaign aimed at getting banking credentials of people in Brazil is a reminder that social media is also a vehicle for tricking employees. According to researchers at cloud security provider Zscaler, attackers are using Facebook, Twitter and other sites to offer short links (like those composed by bit.ly) to coupon vouchers and free software applications like WhatsApp and Avast antivirus. The overwhelming number of people who clicked on the links came from Facebook, the company said. [IT World Canada](#)

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Surveillance - Ottawa a laissé filer les informations des Canadiens

Les espions des réseaux électroniques du pays ont non seulement épié des Canadiens, mais ils ont en outre partagé des informations sur ces citoyens avec leurs alliés, a révélé le commissaire chargé de surveiller leurs opérations. L'incident -- " involontaire " -- a été décelé fin 2013... mais n'a été dévoilé au grand jour que deux ans plus tard. Il aura fallu attendre le rapport annuel du commissaire surveillant les activités du Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications (CST) pour apprendre jeudi que l'organisme a transmis certaines métadonnées de Canadiens à ses alliés sans que ces informations soient " adéquatement protégées ". " Aucun nom " n'a été transmis aux partenaires du Canada et les données " en soi ne comportaient pas assez d'information pour mener à l'identification d'un Canadien ", a insisté un fonctionnaire du CST en présentant les conclusions du rapport du commissaire Jean-Pierre Plouffe (...) Le **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale**, a tenu à rappeler que le gouvernement libéral " **a entrepris une révision complète du cadre de renseignement et de sécurité** ". L'objectif : s'assurer que les agences parviennent à protéger les Canadiens, tout en respectant leurs droits et libertés, a-t-il résumé. " **Et cette révision amènera un lot de changements.** " Mais les libéraux ont refusé d'indiquer s'ils serraient la vis à l'espionnage de ressortissants canadiens. [Le Devoir](#), A1 ; [Agence France-Presse](#) (Guardian UK, Yahoo! News); [Wall Street Journal](#)

Service gathered tax info

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service repeatedly obtained taxpayer information from the Canada Revenue Agency without presenting a court approved warrant for the data. That revelation was among several concerns raised in the latest annual report of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, which monitors CSIS compliance with law and policy. The report tabled Thursday said the spy service must do more to ensure insiders don't pilfer secret material. It also urged CSIS to inform the Federal Court how it uses metadata-the telltale digital trails that accompany messages and phone calls-collected from cyberspace. The findings came the same day the watchdog over the Communications Security Establishment, Canada's electronic spy agency, found the CSE had improperly shared metadata about Canadians with key foreign allies. The reports prompted the NDP to express concern about erosion of civil liberties. **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** stressed the Liberal government was embarking on a comprehensive review of Canada's national security and intelligence framework with the twin aims of effective security and respect for rights. Far from being an isolated incident, there were "multiple instances" of a CSIS regional office getting warrantless access to taxpayer data from the federal revenue agency, the review committee said in its report for 2014-15. Questions about the practice were first raised by the Federal Court, prompting CSIS to ask the review committee to look into the matter. [Canadian Press](#) (London Free Press, B3, Toronto Star, iPolitics)

Ministry broke rules, leading to data breach: Privacy czar

British Columbia's Education Ministry lost personal information pertaining to 3.4 million students when staff breached security policies and misplaced a hard drive with data stretching back 30 years, an investigation has revealed. Privacy Commissioner Elizabeth Denham said in a report released Thursday that the ministry did not secure a portable hard drive when the information was transferred from computer servers in an effort to save on storage costs. [Globe and Mail](#), A5

Privacy concerns raised over webcams

A young child asleep on a couch in Israel. Mourners huddled together at a small funeral in Brazil. An elderly woman stretching in a fitness centre in Poland. All available for anyone to watch via the unsecured webcams overhead. This isn't "1984," it's the world in 2016. Shodan, a search engine that indexes computers and devices rather than information, now allows users to pull screenshots from nanny cams, security cameras and other connected devices around the world that don't ask for a username or password. [Canadian Press](#) (Red Deer Advocate, C5)

Nova Scotia woman's cyberbullying video mocked by bullies

A Dartmouth woman who made an online video to raise awareness about cyberbullying says she has become the target of bullies, with thousands of comments pouring in. Courtney Bolivar, 20, made the video in July 2014. It depicts a young woman who gets a series of degrading text messages, then takes her own life as a result. "I've dealt with [bullying] my whole life and it's something that awareness really needs to be brought to," said Bolivar. "Cyberbullying is such a big thing these days, and it's just so terrible that I ended up getting cyberbullied for making a cyberbullying short film." The irony isn't lost on Bolivar, who noticed a video making fun of her work this week. The attack video shows Bolivar's face and name. After the video was posted by an anonymous user who goes by Leafy, thousands of comments flooded Bolivar's YouTube channel. "It was mocked, just basically making fun of the awareness of it and a lot in the video is said that cyberbullying doesn't exist and people can just close their laptop, turn off their phone," she said. "Now there are thousands and thousands of internet trolls and people just being hateful on all of my videos." [CBC News](#)

Privacy report reinforces need for overhaul

An opinion piece states, "To learn that our digital surveillance agency broke privacy laws by revealing information about Canadian citizens to our allies is one thing. To learn that the Conservative government of the day, when apprised of this security breach, withheld the information from Canadians, is quite another. But that is where we are today, after learning of a major invasion of Canadian privacy more than two years after the fact. If our spy agencies, aided and abetted by the government of the day, wanted to fuel suspicion of internal surveillance in this country, they succeeded. If they wanted to ratchet up distrust, they scored. This despite an effort Thursday to get ahead of this story with the first-ever background briefing for journalists from an official with the Canadian Security Establishment (CSE) - only 26 months after a software glitch was discovered that was sending metadata on Canadians to our Five Eyes allies without the proper scrubbing to hide identities. How many Canadians? We don't know. What did the allies do with the information? We are only left with the assurances of Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan that our relationship with those allies, including the U.S. National Security Agency, was "solid" and they wouldn't take advantage of an honest mistake..." [Toronto Star](#), A12

Privacy breach a failure of 'executive leadership'

An opinion piece states, "For the sake of a \$14,000 saving in storage costs, the B.C. Education Ministry embarked on a botched data backup scheme that risked breaching the personal privacy of millions of British Columbians. So said Information and Privacy Commissioner Elizabeth Denham Wednesday upon releasing the findings of an investigation launched last fall when the ministry reported it misplaced a computer hard drive containing data on some 3.4 million school students, their families and some teachers..." [Vancouver Sun](#), B6

Bullies, beware

An editorial states, "Cyber bullies, beware. Canada's courts are prepared to come down hard on people who publish intimate videos or pictures on the Internet without consent. And a good thing it is, in an era of "sexting" and "revenge porn." In the first case of its kind in Canada, Ontario Superior Court Justice David Stinson has just ordered a man to pay \$100,000 in damages, plus \$41,708 in legal costs and interest, to a former girlfriend for posting a sexually explicit video of her after promising he wouldn't show it to anyone. This sends a forceful and welcome message that abusing a partner's trust can carry a heavy cost. While "publication of an intimate image without consent" has been a crime in Canada since 2014, subject to up to five years in prison, this latest ruling fills a gap by setting a precedent in civil law as well. It establishes the right to sue for breach of confidence "if the matter publicized or the act of publication ... would be highly offensive to a reasonable person and ... is not of legitimate concern to the public." And rightly so, given the damage that can result." [Toronto Star](#), A14, [Globe and Mail](#)

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CBC adopts SecureDrop to allow for anonymous leaks

CBC News is launching a powerful new tool to help those with important information or sensitive documents contact our journalists using encryption and anonymous online messaging. CBC's SecureDrop is a web-based system that allows whistleblowers to confidentially reach CBC journalists, including those who work in investigative units across Canada and on our leading programs the fifth estate, Go Public and Marketplace. [CBC News](#)

Canadian Spies Get Spanked Again For Sharing Citizens' Data With the NSA

They won't tell us what it means, but the Canadian government has confirmed that its spy agencies have a real problem with mass-collecting its citizens' metadata. They won't say how many Canadians were affected, what processes led to the mass-spying, how much information was shared with international intelligence agencies like the NSA, or even how they define "metadata." But they're confident everything will be okay. After news broke that untold number of Canadians had their private information collected by a top-secret intelligence agency, Minister of National Defence Harjit Singh Sajjan told reporters even he didn't know how far it went. "We can't give you the actual number because, the way I was informed, by us actually trying to dig into that answer itself, we will be actually violating the law on digging up that type of information,"

Sajjan said. Two heavily-scrubbed reports released Thursday, looking into activities of the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) in the 2014-2015 fiscal year. [Vice.com](#)

Report: Nuclear plants in unstable regions vulnerable to cyberattacks

Nuclear power plants need to improve security systems to safeguard against non-traditional terrorist attacks, but that's challenging for developing countries, experts said Thursday. Nuclear power has grown in popularity in many regions as a constant zero-carbon energy source, said Michael Wautlet, director of nuclear energy policy for the National Security Council. It provides a way to reduce carbon emissions and comply with standards set by the Paris climate talks. [UPI](#)

Android bugs made up 10 percent of Google's \$2m bounty payouts - in just five months

Google paid out over \$2m to security researchers last year for reporting flaws in Google products, of which \$200,000 went on bugs in Android in just five months. [ZDNet News](#)

HSBC fights off denial of service attack on its internet banking systems

HSBC has confirmed that it fought off a denial of service attack on its internet banking systems this morning. A spokesperson for HSBC said: "HSBC internet banking came under a denial of service attack this morning, which affected personal banking websites in the UK. [ZDNet News](#)

FBI: Hacking Tool Only Targeted Child Porn Visitors

The FBI's investigation into a child pornography dark web site called Playpen has been one of the most controversial cases of law enforcement hacking. In February 2015, the FBI seized the site and ran it from its own servers in order to deploy a hacking tool against visitors. [Motherboard](#)

How 'ASCII Matrix' Survived 490 Times Longer than the Average Torrent

A torrent of an ASCII version of The Matrix created more than 12 years ago has gone down in internet folklore as the longest-living torrent of all time, and is apparently still going strong, with users continuing to download and seed it today. TorrentFreak dubbed it "the oldest torrent that's still being actively shared." So what is the average lifespan of a torrent, anyway? [Motherboard](#)

US Police Organisation Hacked, Documents Posted Online

Documents related to a US police association have been dumped online, as well as a database of personal information and member-only forum backup. The affected organisation is the "Fraternal Order of Police" (FOP), which describes itself as "the world's largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers, with more than 325,000 members in more than 2,100 lodges." [Motherboard](#)

U.S., British spies hacked Israeli air force: reports citing Snowden

The United States and Britain have monitored secret sorties and communications by Israel's air force in a hacking operation dating back to 1998, according to documents attributed to leaks by former U.S. spy agency contractor Edward Snowden. Israel voiced disappointment at the disclosures, which were published on Friday in three media outlets and might further strain relations with Washington after years of feuding over strategies on Iran and the Palestinians. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

Cisco drops 11 clock-crashing patches for 46 things, probes 142 more

Cisco has patched 11 remote denial-of-service and network time protocol vulnerabilities spanning at least 46 products and is investigating a further 142 offerings which may be affected. [The Register](#)

Head of NSA's Elite Hacking Unit: How We Hack

Inside the notoriously secretive National Security Agency is an elite unit made up of some of the best hackers on the planet, charged with breaking into computer networks around the world. Exactly how the Tailored Access Operations (TAO) cell works is a closely-held secret -- despite some recent leaks -- but in a rare public appearance, TAO's chief shed some light on how America's top cyber spies do their thing. [ABC News](#)

TalkTalk on Ropes Again After Indian Call Centre Staff Arrested

UK ISP TalkTalk is reeling once again after it emerged that three call centre workers in India were arrested on suspicion of using customer data to commit fraud. TalkTalk claimed in a statement on Wednesday that it has been working with outsourcer Wipro and local police in Kolkata following a "forensic review" it launched after the October 2015 data breach. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

Exclusive: School Websites Contain Pornographic and Gambling Links

A number of school websites contain pages which feature links to gambling, counterfeit goods and pornographic material. In research revealed exclusively to Infosecurity, researcher Terence Eden found a number of academy, secondary and primary school websites which had pages with rogue text and links to suspicious pages. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

SANS: Israel CNI Attack Didn't Take Out Power Grid

The SANS Institute has tried to dampen press speculation that a major cyber-attack disrupted Israel's power grid this week, claiming it was actually just ransomware targeting the PCs of a regulator. The misunderstanding came from comments made by Israel's Minister of Infrastructure, Energy and Water, Yuval Steinitz, who told CyberTech 2016 attendees on Tuesday that a "severe cyber-attack" was ongoing on the Israel National Electric Authority. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

OpenSSL patches a severe but not widespread problem

The OpenSSL project has patched a problem in the cryptographic library but one that likely does not affect many popular applications. OpenSSL enables SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) or TLS (Transport Layer Security) encryption. Most websites use it, which is indicated in Web browsers with a padlock symbol. [CSO](#)

Review: 'The Power of Privacy'

To mark Data Protection Day 2016, The Guardian and US-tech company Silent Circle have joined forces to create a thought-provoking short film raising awareness of the current situation of data security and what may be in store for both individuals and enterprises in the future. Rob Smith, CMO of Silent Circle, told Infosecurity that the inspiration for the documentary was to create a piece of innovative, shareable content that spreads the message that cybersecurity is a massive, global issue that must be taken seriously. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

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Protecting Canada

While Canada and the U.S. are vulnerable to an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attack that has the potential to destabilize our power grid, water systems, food supply chain and more, the solution is relatively simple. But first the issue needs to become a priority for Canadian politicians. Part 1 of this two-part feature explained former CIA analyst Dr. Peter Pry's attempts to educate policymakers and the military on the need to protect our electrical grid. If an enemy detonated a nuclear missile above the skies of North America, it could take out our grid for months. Countries like North Korea and various terrorist groups have shown they can launch EMP missiles. "This is a bigger threat than the classic nuclear war we talk about," Pry explained during a recent visit to Toronto. "It will kill a lot more people. One bomb will basically end our civilization (...)" In the mandate letter sent to Ralph Goodale, minister of public safety and emergency preparedness, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau instructs him to "lead a review of existing measures to protect Canadians and our critical infrastructure from cyber-threats." This review could be the beginning of the answer, but neither the minister's office nor department would confirm EMP is a priority. [Postmedia Network](#) (Calgary Sun, A16; Toronto Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun)

The Internet's Wild West

Hijacking "smart" toasters and refrigerators and hacking corporate ventilation systems are among the new threats envisioned by cybersecurity experts as an increasing array of items are connected to the Internet. The Internet of Things, a movement that seeks to control everything from factory equipment to traffic lights and household appliances through the web, creates vast opportunities for improved efficiency and convenience. But unless companies address the emerging cybersecurity risks, the Internet of Things (or IoT) will fail, said Stephen Pattison, the vice-president of public affairs at ARM Holdings, the U.K. semiconductor company. "We ain't seen nothing yet," Pattison said, speaking on a panel at the recent Security Innovation Network's U.S./U.K. Global Cybersecurity Innovation Summit in London. [Bloomberg](#) (Waterloo Region Record, A10, Hamilton Spectator)

All eyes on you - Shodan search engine raises privacy concerns

A young child asleep on a couch in Israel. Mourners huddled together at a small funeral in Brazil. An elderly woman stretching in a fitness centre in Poland. All available for anyone to watch via the unsecured webcams overhead. This isn't "1984," it's the world in 2016. Shodan, a search engine that indexes computers and devices rather than information, now allows users to pull screenshots from nanny cams, security cameras and other connected devices around the world that don't ask for a username or password. [Canadian Press](#) (Edmonton Sun, A48) (2016-01-31)

U.S. and U.K. spied on Israeli drones for years

U.S and British intelligence cracked the codes of Israeli drones operating in the Middle East and monitored their surveillance feeds for almost 20 years, according to documents leaked by an American whistleblower and published in international media on Friday. Reports by the German magazine Der Spiegel and the investigative website The Intercept said the details emerged from documents leaked by Edward Snowden, the former National Security Agency contractor who leaked millions of documents about U.S. government surveillance in 2013. [Associated Press](#) (Whig-Standard, B5; Ottawa Citizen, Vancouver Sun) (2016-01-30)

Transit security beefed up in wake of computer threat

B.C. Transit has beefed up online security in the wake of a threat to its computer systems that prompted the agency to take its website offline for two days in early December. The Crown agency hired information technology experts to assess the situation and make recommendations. [Times Colonist](#), A1/Front (2016-01-30)

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Cisco patches authentication, denial-of-service, NTP flaws in many products

Cisco Systems has released a new batch of security patches this week for flaws affecting a wide range of products, including for a critical vulnerability in its RV220W wireless network security firewalls. The RV220W vulnerability stems from insufficient input validation of HTTP requests sent to the firewall's Web-based management interface. This could allow remote unauthenticated attackers to send HTTP requests with SQL code in their headers that would bypass the authentication on the targeted devices and give attackers administrative privileges. [CSO Online](#)

OpenSSL patch quashes rare HTTPS nasty, shores up crypto chops

OpenSSL maintainers have pushed a pair of patches, crushing a dangerous but uncommon bug that allows HTTPS to be unravelled while also hardening servers against downgrade attacks. Affected servers are open to key recovery attacks only if it runs certain Digital Signature Algorithm and static Diffie-Hellman key exchange subgroups, while running OpenSSL version 1.0.2. The high severity bug (CVE-2016-0701) revealed by Adobe engineer Antonio Sanso and which is fixed in version 1.0.2f. [Register](#); [CSO Online](#)

Two-thirds of Android users vulnerable to web history sniff ransomware

Miscreants have put together an especially pernicious strain of Android ransomware that threatens to bare your browsing history. The so-called Lockdroid ransomware brandishes overlaid popups in order to trick marks into allowing the malicious code to gain admin privileges on targeted devices. The clickjacking ruse works on devices running versions of Android prior to 5.0 (Lollipop), leaving an estimated two in three Android smartphone users at risk. [Register](#); [CSO Online](#); [IT Pro](#)

HP LaserJet printer could be a gaping hole in your security defences

Have you got an HP LaserJet printer tucked away in the corner of the office? If that's the case, then be warned that malware peddlers could be abusing the hard drive on board the device. This warning comes courtesy of security researcher Chris Vickery (who runs the MacKeeper blog), and he notes that your HP printer has a substantial wedge of storage space built-in which could be accessed and used for nefarious purposes by hackers if left on its default settings. The storage is there so staff can use it for large print jobs, but the HP LaserJet devices have a default setting which puts up an FTP server on port 9100 – and if you don't protect that port, hackers could easily access it, and in Vickery's words, you are "basically handing an anonymous FTP server to the hacker community". [Tech Radar](#)

Intel's security extensions are SGX: secure until you look at the detail

A pair of cryptography researchers have published a graduate thesis that accuses Intel of breaking its "Software Guard Extensions" (SGX) security model by bad implementation decisions. Victor Costan and Srinivas Devadas of MIT write (PDF) the SGX architecture operates by sending symmetric keys over the Internet. Launched in 2013, SGX added a set of CPU commands that let programmers create locked containers, with hardware enforcing access to both the code and data inside the container. [Register](#)

Basic error can reveal hidden dark web sites

Some dark web sites are unwittingly giving away their secret locations thanks to a basic configuration mistake that's been cropping up on regular websites for years. Dark web sites (known as hidden services or .onion sites) use the sophisticated, multi-layered encryption of the Tor network to hide themselves and the source of their traffic but actually run on the same plain vanilla web server software that normal web sites do. The most widely used web server software of all is Apache which has been top dog since 1995 and still commands a market share approaching 40%. [Naked Security](#)

27% of all malware variants in history were created in 2015

Last year was a record year for malware, according to a new report from Panda Security, with more than 84 million new malware samples collected over the course of the year. That averages out to around 230,000 new malware samples a day, said Luis Corrons, technical director of Panda's PandaLabs unit. Or 27 percent of all malware ever created. Trojans continued to account for the main bulk of malware, at 51.45 percent, followed by viruses at 22.79 percent, worms at 13.22 percent, potentially unwanted programs such as adware at 10.71 percent and cases of spyware at 1.83 percent. [CSO Online](#)

Viruses, Worms, Android All See Huge Spikes Last Quarter

A rapid growth of 236% in viruses and worms between the third and fourth quarter of 2015 has a direct correlation to the free-fall in reconnaissance activity by the bad guys between Q2 and Q4 of 2015. This indicates that their targets have

already been scoped out and that the perpetrators moved into wholesale attack mode. According to Solutionary's Security Engineering Research Team (SERT) Quarterly Threat Report for Q4 2015, a 77% drop in reconnaissance activity from the third to fourth quarter means that overall, it has plummeted nearly 88% from levels seen in Q2. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Cyber extortion is a growing, but largely hidden threat

Cyber extortion is a growing threat to companies around the world, but the extent of the practice is largely hidden because many firms just pay up and keep quiet, say security experts. More and more public sector companies are being targeted because they are believed to be fairly likely to pay up to minimise the impact on public services. Lincolnshire County Council is the latest known target of cyber extortion, but reported cases are just the tip of the iceberg, according to David Flower, managing director of security firm Carbon Black. [Computer Weekly](#); [v3.co.uk](#)

ISIS Cyber Caliphate migrating to new communications platform

Cyber Caliphate, the hacking unit of ISIS/Daesh, in its search for a secure encrypted communications platform to broadcast its message to supporters, will move its mass communications from its Telegram account to Threema, an encrypted communications application developed by the Swiss company Threema GmbH, SCMagazine.com has learned. Steven Stalinsky, executive director of the Middle East Media Research Institute (MERI), told SCMagazine.com that the Cyber Caliphate announced to supporters in a Telegram post on Friday that the jihadi group would migrate communications to Threema. [SC Magazine](#)

'Blackshades' webcam malware co-creator gets probation

The head of the 'Blackshades' hacking ring might be doing hard time, but one of his former partners won't be facing so bleak a future. A judge has sentenced malware co-creator Michael Hogue to 5 years' probation, a forfeiture of \$40,000 and 500 hours of community service in return for pleading guilty to hacking and malware distribution charges back in 2013. The Remote Access Tool he helped write was heinous (it allowed webcam spying and ransom hijacking), the judge said. [Engadget](#)

US declares 22 Clinton emails 'top secret'

The Obama administration confirmed for the first time Friday that Hillary Clinton's home server contained closely guarded government secrets, censoring 22 emails that contained material requiring one of the highest levels of classification. The revelation comes three days before the Democratic candidate competes in the Iowa presidential caucuses. State Department officials also said the agency's Diplomatic Security and Intelligence and Research bureaus are investigating if any of the information was classified at the time of transmission, going to the heart of Clinton's defence of her email practices. [iPolitics](#) (2016-01-31)

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We're marshalling our snoops

The Communications Security Establishment, Canada's electronic spy service, is set to play a more prominent role in the war against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, The Canadian Press has learned. Multiple sources familiar with the plans, speaking on condition of anonymity owing to the sensitivity of the matter, say the government is deploying a capability that only a "handful of countries" in the world can provide. CSE is part of the so-called "Five Eyes" community, along with the U.S. National Security Agency-the NSA. CSE spokesperson Ryan Foreman acknowledged the agency is helping Canada's military under the umbrella of Operation Impact, Canada's anti-ISIL mission in the Mideast, but refused to elaborate. "While we are proud of our contributions to CAF's missions, CSE is obligated to respect the Security of Information Act, and cannot address specific operational questions," Foreman said. Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan has for weeks been signalling the military will introduce a "more robust" intelligence-gathering regime, one that allies - chastened by withdrawal of six CF-18s -arehappy to see join the fight. Separately, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale confirmed Thursday that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service also will play a stepped-up role in the fight against the Islamic State, but he also refused to be specific. [Canadian Press](#) (London Free Press, B1/Front, Guardian, Red Deer Advocate, Times Colonist, Record, National Post, Times & Transcript, Whig-Standard); [Toronto Star](#), A10

Trudeau government targets cyber threats

With Internet-based child sex-ploitation crimes skyrocketing, the Trudeau government intends to launch a "credible and comprehensive" review this spring of cybersecurity threats in Canada. Officials with Public Safety Canada said Thursday that while the details of that review are still being hammered out by Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale, a review will determine how Canada can best deal with everything from online predators to digital jihadists. Kathy Thompson, assistant deputy minister in charge of the Community Safety and Countering Crime Branch at Public Safety Canada, said that while the crime rate continues to decline across the country, "there are some exceptions. One of those exceptions is child sexual exploitation over the Internet - that is going up exponentially, year over year." Thompson made her remarks at the House of Commons Public Safety and National Security Committee, where MPs are looking for topics their group can zero in on during the current parliamentary session. A cybersecurity review that looks at legal gaps and shortcomings in police resources could form a plan for the way the Trudeau government approaches lawand-order issues. [Toronto Sun](#), A8 (Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun)

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Apple apologizes, issues fix for Error 53 that disables iPhones and iPads

Apple has released a software update for iPhone and iPad users who found that their devices stopped working after going to third-party technicians for repairs. The problem, known as Error 53, bricks your phone if any non-Apple source tampers with the newest version of the Touch ID fingerprint sensor, installed on the iPhone 5s, 6 and 6s and some models of the iPad. Apple has said it was designed as a security feature to prevent unauthorized access to the phone. But many users called the function a means to stifle independent repair shops that might charge less for repairs than those from an official Apple store. [CBC News](#); [Global News](#)

Facebook, Twitter, Google express public support in Apple's fight with feds

Leading tech companies are rallying behind Apple — some belatedly — in its fight against a court order requiring the company to help investigators break into an iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino mass shooters. A U.S. magistrate ordered Apple to produce software that would give investigators access to the iPhone at issue. Apple has until next Tuesday to challenge that ruling, setting the stage for a legal clash that could determine whether tech companies or government authorities get the final say on just how secure devices like smartphones can be. [Associated Press](#) (CBC News); [Toronto Star](#)

Has Apple secretly leaked your private data to the government?

An opinion piece states "Apple CEO Tim Cook's now widely shared "Message to our Customers" is an attempt to make the best PR move in a bad situation. Were Apple to comply with the FBI's request to access information locked on a suspected San Bernardino shooter's phone, it probably wouldn't be the first time that the government has deputized Apple to breach its customers' privacy. According to documents revealed by Edward Snowden in 2013, Apple was one of the participants in the U.S. National Security Agency's PRISM program, giving authorities access to its customers' information including their emails, messages and photos. Apple for its part has denied any such involvement, but given the secretive nature of the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISA Court), Apple and other technology companies would be prohibited to publicly acknowledge their involvement in such programs. Hence the frustrating Catch-22 — is Apple really a champion of privacy rights? Or is all this bluster just an act to score PR points with their customers, despite the fact that legislative conditions already exist to force Apple to co-operate in secret?" [Toronto Star](#); [Toronto Sun](#)

Apple likely to invoke free-speech rights in encryption fight

Apple Inc. will likely seek to invoke the United States' protections of free speech as one of its key legal arguments in trying to block an order to help unlock the encrypted iPhone of one of the San Bernardino shooters, lawyers with expertise in the subject said this week. The company on Thursday was granted three additional days by the court to file a response to the order. Apple will now have until Feb. 26 to send a reply, a person familiar with matter told Reuters. The tech giant and the Obama administration are on track for a major collision over computer security and encryption after a federal magistrate judge in Los Angeles handed down an order on Tuesday requiring Apple to provide specific software and technical assistance to investigators. [Reuters](#)

Twitter password recovery bug exposes 10,000 users' personal information

Twitter has notified 10,000 users that their email addresses and phone numbers may have been exposed due to a bug in the website's password recovery feature. The incident happened over the course of 24 hours on an unspecified day last week, but the company alerted affected users on Wednesday. "Any user that we find to have exploited the bug to access another account's information will be permanently suspended, and we will also be engaging law enforcement as appropriate so they may conduct a thorough investigation and bring charges as warranted," Twitter said in a blog post. [Infoworld](#)

Dangerous RCE Flaws Found in Popular E-Com Software

Security experts have gone public with two Remote Code Execution vulnerabilities branded high-risk, after the e-commerce software vendors responsible failed to patch the issues despite being told about them at the end of December. High-Tech Bridge Security Research Lab revealed the flaws in popular software providers osCommerce and osCmax in separate advisories yesterday, having notified the firms privately on 21 December. Both are remote code execution flaws made possible by Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF) and have been given a CVSSv3 base score of 5.3. However, the security vendor claimed both are easily exploitable via social engineering, so are in reality a much bigger threat to customers. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

And as for actual WordPress pingbacks you should probably switch 'em off

More than 26,000 WordPress sites have been enslaved and used in a recent distributed denial-of-service attack campaign using a vulnerability first described in March 2014. The layer seven attacks exploit the pingback feature activated by default on WordPress sites, which informs other sites when they have been linked to. Those pingbacks can be abused to flood sites. WordPress pushed a fix April 2014 in version 3.9 and later which added IP addresses logs that show the origin of pingbacks, but attackers don't seem to mind. Sucuri malware analyst Daniel Cid says the attacks represent about 13 per cent of distributed denial of service attacks hitting its customers. [Register](#)

New Android Malware Combines Ransomware with a Banking Trojan

Malware targeting Android devices is slowly evolving day by day and is starting to rival its desktop-based counterpart. One of the most complex threats targeting the Android ecosystem is Xbot, a newly discovered Android malware that is a combination between a banking trojan, an infostealer, and ransomware. According to security researchers from Palo Alto Networks, Xbot seems to be a second-generation threat evolved from the Aulrin Android trojan, spotted first in 2014. [Softpedia](#); [CSO](#)

Judge Rules FBI Must Reveal Malware It Used to Hack Over 1,000 Computers

On Wednesday, a judge ruled that defense lawyers in an FBI child pornography case must be provided with all of the code used to hack their client's computer. When asked whether the code would include the exploit used to bypass the security features of the Tor Browser, Colin Fieman, a federal public defender working on the case, told Motherboard in an email, simply, "Everything." "The declaration from our code expert was quite specific and comprehensive, and the order encompasses everything he identified," he continued. Fieman is defending Jay Michaud, a Vancouver public schools administration worker. Michaud was arrested after the FBI seized 'Playpen', a highly popular child pornography site on the dark web, and then deployed a network investigative technique (NIT)—the agency's term for a hacking tool. This NIT grabbed suspects' real IP address, MAC address, and pieces of other technical information, and sent them to a government controlled server. [Motherboard](#)

One-Third of IT Staff Are Hackers

About a third of IT staff have hacked an organization—sometimes the one they work for. A report from Absolute Software shows a real "physician heal thyself" situation going on: A high percentage of IT personnel admitted to not following the same security protocols they are expected to enforce. Of those surveyed, 33% of respondents admitted to successfully hacking their own or another organization. The report also showed that 45% admitted to knowingly circumventing their own security policies. "Given that IT is the security gatekeeper for an organization, it was alarming to see such high incidents of non-compliant behavior by IT personnel," said Stephen Midgley, vice president, Global Marketing, Absolute. "Even if these actions are being performed to validate existing infrastructure, senior leadership should be aware that this activity is occurring. It may also be worthwhile to consider third-party audits to ensure adherence with corporate security policies." [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

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National security policy under review, says Goodale

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says his department is undertaking a national security review. "We want open, inclusive consultations that reassure Canadians that their engagement is not just a window dressing but that it's meaningful and has impact," the minister told a recent Ottawa defence conference. Mr. Goodale said the government is looking for "thoughtful discussion, analysis [and] debate." He specifically cited a National Post op-ed by Luc Portelance, former president of the Canada Border Services Agency and Ray Boisvert, former assistant director of intelligence at Canada's spy agency, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. Their message was that the government has a "timely opportunity to consider a thorough assessment of our national security structure" and advocated a "national security reset." That kind of input is "very valuable," Mr. Goodale said, adding expert opinion will be "taken very seriously into account (...)" One thing that Mr. Goodale's mandate letter does specify is to conduct a review of cyber security policy with other cabinet ministers. Expect it to be "comprehensive," he told the CDA Institute crowd. [Embassy](#)

CSE chief must break her silence

An editorial states, "I am happy the Star has articulated the outrage that some readers probably feel over the recent Senate testimony of the commissioner of the Communications Security Establishment. Last Monday, Commissioner Jean-Pierre Plouffe was unable to assess for the Senate the scale of the leak of partially anonymous information on Canadians from our electronic spy agency, the Communications Security Establishment (CSE), to its foreign partners, including the U.S. National Security Agency. He has indicated, essentially, that there is no way to know how many Canadians have been affected and for how long the problem has persisted. To me, it is inconceivable that scientists and engineers at the CSE, who are using systems with known performance characteristics, could not provide the commissioner with at least a minimum number of potential victims of the leak. I have to wonder whether all the details relevant to the problem have been made available to him. The commissioner has the legal authority to subpoena witnesses in pursuit of an answer to the question of how many victims there may be. The Inquiries Act gives him the power to chase down evidence that people within the CSE may not want to divulge. If ever there was a time to press harder on the public's behalf using these admittedly blunt tools, this is probably it. And what of the chief of the CSE, Greta Bossenmaier, our nation's top electronic spy who oversees the actual day-to-day operations of the agency? Not a peep. In fact, she's been peep-less without peer during this unprecedented debacle." [Toronto Star](#), A10

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Apple Wins Ruling in New York iPhone Hacking Order

A federal magistrate judge on Monday denied the United States government's request that Apple extract data from an iPhone in a drug case in New York, giving the company's pro-privacy stance a boost as it battles law enforcement officials over opening up the device in other cases. The ruling, from Judge James Orenstein in New York's Eastern District, is the first time that the government's legal argument for opening up devices like the iPhone has been put to the test. The denial could influence other cases where law enforcement officials are trying to compel Apple to help unlock iPhones, including the standoff between Apple and the F.B.I. over the iPhone used by one of the attackers in a mass shooting in San Bernardino, Calif., last year. [New York Times](#)

After huge OPM hack, Pentagon budgets \$615m for new background check IT system

The Pentagon is planning on spending more than half a billion dollars on building an IT system to support the new National Background Investigations Bureau (NBIB). The US Department of Defense (DoD) will soon approach the private

sector to develop the new background-checking computer system, Reuters reports. NBIB replaces the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) for security clearances after an embarrassing breach, thought to be the work of Chinese hackers, exposed personal information of 22 million government workers. [ZDNet](#)

Mac malware prompts speculation of Hacking Team resurrection

A recently discovered Apple Mac OS X malware sample has raised speculation that exploit seller Hacking Team is returning to the market after a disastrous cyberattack which spilled the firm's corporate innards into the public domain last year. In July 2015, Italian firm Hacking Team, a provider of surveillance tools, malware and spyware to government, law enforcement and intelligence agencies worldwide, experienced a catastrophic data breach after a cyberattacker compromised their servers and managed to steal 400GB of corporate data. The company's exploits and tools were, before then, a closely-guarded secret -- and the sudden release of all Hacking Team's deepest secrets was met with glee by security researchers worldwide who immediately began developing patches to close these zero-day vulnerabilities. [ZDNet](#); [PC World](#); [International Business Times](#); [Computerworld](#); [Motherboard](#)

ESET Fixes NOD32 Update That Flagged All Internet Sites as Infected

ESET managed to ruin the Monday morning of many system administrators today, after the company rolled out a virus signature database update to Windows computers that wrongly flagged all Internet websites as infected. The update's version is 13102 (20160229) and affected only Windows machines, for both home and business users. ESET was quickly made aware of the issue, and by afternoon, the company quickly rolled out version 13103 to remove the false positive detections. [Softpedia News](#)

'Fingerprint' security flaw ramps up malvertising campaigns

Malvertising campaigns have been discovered which utilise sophisticated "fingerprint" techniques to lead security researchers off the trail and only deliver payloads to legitimate victims. Malvertising is the use of ad networks to serve unwitting visitors malware and exploit kits, including Angler and Neutrino. Many legitimate websites rely on advertising to generate revenue, and unfortunately, malware may slip through the net. [ZDNet](#)

eBay Vulnerability Allows Attackers To Bypass Code Validation

Check Point, a company focused on IT security, has uncovered an eBay vulnerability that allows attackers to bypass the online auction and sales site's code validation. Once the code validation is bypassed, this allows hackers to control code remotely and execute malicious Javascript code against eBay users. According to Check Point, the flaw was discovered and the company then disclosed the nature of the vulnerability to eBay on December 15 of last year. Just over a month later, eBay has stated that they have no plans to fix the vulnerability, as eBay allows active content with strict guidelines — but guidelines that Check Point was able to bypass and provide a proof of concept that they had done so. [Techaeris](#)

Hackers hold Melrose Police Station to ransom for the paltry sum of one bitcoin

Cyber criminals targeting a police station in the US successfully stole an encryption key used to access vital incident response-logging software and in a ransom-style ultimatum, charged a fee for its release. However, unlike previous attacks of this nature, the hackers chose not to demand thousands of dollars, and instead charged the cops just one bitcoin. The software in question, known as TriTech, allows law enforcement officers to process records remotely while on patrol using laptops and has been adopted by some US police departments to increase efficiency. [International Business Times](#)

Hacking group Anonymous celebrates its top ten accomplishments

Recently Anonymous has mostly been in the news for targeting Islamic State on the web, playing its part in helping to shut down thousands of ISIS-supporting accounts on Facebook and Twitter. But the hacktivist collective, which has been active since 2003, has initiated a lot of campaigns over the years, targeting a variety of people and organisations, some more successfully than others. The group's list of achievements is quite impressive – ranging from getting an internet predator arrested, to taking on the Church of Scientology. [IT Pro Portal](#)

Hospital Security Fail: Report Outlines Dangerous Shortcomings

Hospitals are risking patient lives by failing to protect critical computer systems that can be manipulated by attackers. In a scathing report that looks at the current state of hospital security, researchers say everything from bedside patient monitoring systems, automated drug dispensing machines to patient records are inadequately protected. The findings are from Baltimore, Md-based firm Independent Security Evaluators who conclude that hospitals need to overhaul their security systems or risk patient fatalities. Researchers say they were able to hack hospital systems and devices along with disabling patient alarms designed to alert staff to a life-or-death health event. [Threatpost](#)

SSL visibility: decrypt and conquer

As internet traffic is increasingly encrypted, so the need to inspect encrypted traffic grows as that's where the malware will be says Ron Symons, adding that the time to invest in such systems is now. Companies have long had to be on their

guard against data breaches, but for consumers the threats have often felt removed – something “out there” rather than close to home. 2015 may have seen a sense of false security for many consumers, but 2016 is bringing a new wave of hidden threats. Since Edward Snowden's big reveal back in 2013, operations on the Secure Socket Layer (SSL) have become increasingly popular with application owners and hackers alike, offering high levels of security, confidentiality and integrity. [SC Magazine](#)

RSA 2016: Industry failing to understand malware life cycle

While malware designers are constantly updating their software and adapting to beat security, anti-malware companies are failing to keep pace with them. That's the view of Christopher Elisan, principal malware scientist at RSA. He gave a talk at RSA on Monday entitled “Demystifying a malware attack”. To truly counter the malware, he said it is vital to understand the components of malware and how they interact otherwise you may find yourself fighting – and even declaring victory – against the wrong bit of software. [SC Magazine](#)

Look Out! Hacker Attacks Are Soaring

Hackers set their sights on the retail and gaming industries. Hackers are on the prowl, and there are no signs that their hunting is slowing down. In its latest State of the Internet report, Akamai Technologies, which helps companies serve their sites and digital content to the public, says that the number denial of service attacks against company websites and services in the fourth quarter rose 40% compared to the previous quarter. Such attacks, which involve hackers using thousands of computers to overload websites, rose a whopping 149% compared to the fourth quarter of 2014. [Fortune](#); [Tech Week Europe](#)

Skills Shortage Hits Hackers

The skills shortage has hit the attacking community too, with cyber-criminals also struggling to find the right talent. According to research by Digital Shadows, attackers need an ecosystem of malware writers, exploit developers, botnet operators and mules, but finding individuals who can be trusted is difficult and requires a rigorous application procedure. This has led many to adopt traditional recruitment techniques to identify top talent to meet their needs. This includes job ads on forums or boards, and weeding out people with no legitimate technical skills. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

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Google aims for more encryption

Google is disclosing how much of the traffic to its search engine and other services is being protected from hackers as part of its push to encrypt all online activity. Encryption shields 77 per cent of the requests sent from around the world to Google's data centres, up from 52 per cent at the end of 2013, according to company statistics released Tuesday. The numbers cover all Google services except its YouTube video site, which has more than one billion users. Google plans to add YouTube to its encryption breakdown by the end of this year. Encryption is a security measure that scrambles transmitted information so it's unintelligible if it's intercepted by a third party. Google began emphasizing the need to encrypt people's online activities after confidential documents leaked in 2013 by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden revealed that the U.S. government had been vacuuming up personal data transferred over the Internet. The surveillance programs exploited gaping holes in unencrypted websites. [Associated Press](#) (Chronicle-Herald, B2; London Free Press)

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Government tech support putting RCMP, public safety at risk, documents reveal

Internal RCMP reports and emails obtained by CBC News show that Shared Services Canada's takeover of the Mounties' tech support has been a costly disaster that has jeopardized court cases and investigations while putting the safety of officers and members of the public at risk. The documents received through access to information include correspondence from RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson in which he refused to give SSC any more control over the Mounties' information technologies. SSC is the federal department created in 2012 to take over the delivery of email, data centre and network services for 43 government agencies, including the RCMP. By all internal accounts, its work on behalf of the RCMP has been a fiasco. At a Sept. 25, 2015 meeting between Paulson and SSC president Liseanne Forand, the commissioner highlighted a number of examples where the department's mistakes and oversights have affected policing operations, including... Overall, the documents raise serious concerns about three major areas — safety and security, loss of service or information, and cost to taxpayers. A January 2014 memo to Paulson from the RCMP's civilian IT employees highlighted dozens of concerns. In December 2013, Mounties reported having to spend almost \$1 million to sustain systems critical to two special units, including one that investigates online child sex assaults, because SSC "is neither willing nor able to purchase" the equipment required. [CBC News](#)

Carleton professor fights cyberattacks from Orléans

Behind locked doors at a municipal building in the Ottawa suburb of Orléans, Tony Bailetti is quietly working on a plan to turn Canada into a global powerhouse for fighting cyberattacks. The professor is known for nurturing more than 200 companies in his job straddling Carleton University's business and engineering departments. These days, he jokes that he practically sleeps at VENUS Cybersecurity, a non-profit hub he created in a former town council office. Bailetti is preoccupied by much more than malicious software nabbing credit card data from retailers like Target. His eye is on big intrusions — the idea that cyberattackers could take down power grids and water systems, or remotely take over control of cars from their drivers. And his goal is to have Canada "playing with the bigger boys and girls" to tackle the global problem of cybersecurity in fewer than five years. "The people who have investments in critical infrastructure — we will be the go-to guys," Bailetti said. [CBC News](#)

Canadian Librarians Must Be Ready to Fight the Feds on Running a Tor Node

Political dissidents and cyber criminals alike will soon be sending anonymous internet traffic through a library at Western University in Canada, thanks to a new "node" in the encrypted Tor network operated by staff there—the first to open at a library in the country. In Canada, the legality of running a Tor node is essentially untested, making the high profile, institutionally-backed node at Western a potential target for the feds. Tor is touted as a tool for people, such as

journalists, to keep their browsing habits safe from spies and police. But more nefarious traffic, such as drug dealing or child pornography, also passes through the network. A small public library in New Hampshire began operating a Tor node last year, and faced pressure from the Department of Homeland Security to shut it down. The library resisted, and the node is still running. [Motherboard](#)

Crypto ransomware lurks in ads on popular websites

Crypto ransomware has been found lurking in adverts served on popular websites including the BBC, the New York Times, MSN and AOL. The UK's National Crime Agency and the FBI have issued warnings about a sudden spike in ransomware, which is malware that typically encrypts data on a target computer and demands a ransom in exchange for the decryption key. In the latest campaign, various security research teams have discovered ransomware in ads served on news sites last weekend through a compromised online advertising network. [ComputerWeekly](#); [ZDNet](#); [Guardian UK](#); [CSO Online](#)

VMware vRealizes that vRealize has XSS bugs on Linux

A tricky Tuesday for VMware's vRealize products, which have received the first maintenance release for version 7 and also become the subject of a security alert. Let's do the alert first, as it explains that several vRealize products have a pair of cross-site-scripting bugs that could compromise a user's workstation. The mess means that vRealize Business Advanced and Enterprise 8.x on Linux need a patch, to version 8.2.5. VMware vRealize Automation has a similar problem. This one's nothing to cancel a good lunch over: it only impacts version 6.x on Linux. Upgrading to version 6.2.4 will sort things out. [Register](#)

Major sites hit with the Angler Exploit Kit

Major US political commentary and entertainment sites have been hit by a new malvertising campaign, related to the Angler Exploit Kit, security researchers have warned earlier this week. According to Trend Micro's fraud researcher Joseph C Chen, the campaign targeting users in the US has probably affected tens of thousands of users in the first 24 hours of its existence. Loads of big publishers have been hit, including MSN.com, NYTimes.com, AOL.com or NFL.com, to name a few. Although the 'big players' have all removed the malicious ad, the campaign is still active, Trend Micro's researcher says. [ITProPortal](#)

Juniper starts waving fixes for DROWN vuln

Juniper Networks has identified products it says are vulnerable to the DROWN attack. DROWN turned up at the end of February, and is a relic of enduring but pointless support for the long-deprecated SSLv2 protocol. The most prominent exposure to DROWN is in web sites that weren't configured to refuse attempts at SSLv2 connection. However, hardware vendors use HTTPS to secure access to management consoles, which means the vulnerability sent the whole industry scrambling to identify and patch vulnerable systems. In Juniper's advisory, the company says its ScreenOS (the operating system for NetScreen firewalls), Security Threat Response Manager (STRM), its JSA virtual appliance, and its WLC Wireless LAN Controller had the DROWN vulnerability. [The Register](#)

Endgame exposes malware that punishes poor spelling

A new variation of the well-known typosquatting scam has been spotted by Endgame that attempts to take advantage of folks who forget to include or misplace the letter 'C'. The security firm Endgame has come across a new campaign utilizing the well-worn method known as typosquatting to spread malware to poor typists who are attempting to visit some of the most popular sites on the web. [SC Magazine](#); [Financial Times](#)

Android Trojan Targets Customers of 20 Major Banks

ESET experts warn of Android banking malware that can steal credentials – and even bypass two-factor authentication. ESET researchers have discovered a strain of Android malware that can steal the login credentials of mobile banking users. The malware, detected by ESET security systems as Android/Spy.Agent.SI, presents victims with a fake version of the login screen of their banking application and locks the screen until they enter their username and password. Using the stolen credentials, the thieves can then log in to the victim's account remotely and transfer money out. [Information Security Buzz](#)

Amex Investigates Possible Data Breach

American Express is investigating a potential data breach in California. Apparently, one of the third-party service providers used by the payment giant's merchant partners was compromised, leading to the possible exposure of account numbers, names, expiration dates and other information. In a notice [PDF] to customers filed with the Office of the Attorney General in California, Amex chief privacy officer Stefanie Ash said that the company was "vigilantly monitoring" accounts for fraudulent activity. The notice said that customers could receive more than one letter about the incident if more than one account was affected. "It is important to note that American Express owned or controlled systems were not compromised by this incident, and we are providing this notice to you as a precautionary measure," Ash wrote. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Security experts uncover malware suspected of hijacking 77K Steam accounts per month

Account-stealing malware sells for as little as £20 on the black market, researchers find. Security experts have uncovered 'Steam Stealer' malware suspected of hijacking 77,000 Steam accounts per month. Steam Stealer, discovered by Kaspersky researcher Santiago Pontiroli and independent researcher Bart P., has been observed in the wild in almost 1,200 instances. Valve reports that almost 77,000 Steam accounts are stolen or compromised every month, and while some will be the victim of social engineering and spear-phishing campaigns, Steam Stealer and its variants are now suspected to be behind the vast majority of them. Cloudpro.co.uk

Former US anti-terror chief tears into FBI over iPhone unlocking case

A former counter-terrorism chief has laid into the Feds over its ongoing Apple iPhone battle – saying FBI director Jim Comey is exaggerating the need for access and that if agents really wanted into the phone, they would just send it to the NSA. Richard Clarke was national security advisor and head of counter-terrorism to presidents Clinton and Bush. Speaking to National Public Radio (NPR) on Monday, he was blunt about what he feels is the FBI's goal. "[The FBI] is not as interested in solving the problem as they are in getting a legal precedent," Clarke said. "Every expert I know believes the NSA could crack this phone. They want the precedent that government could compel a device manufacturer to let the government in." Clarke also points to the fact that three past national security directors as well as a former head of the NSA and other high-level security officials are "much more sympathetic" to Apple's arguments than the FBI's. [Register](#)

Security Automation is Nascent, But Set for a Big Spike

A lack of automation in cybersecurity controls is leading to increased breaches and other incidents—which in turn is prepping the way for a big spike in automation investment. According to AlgoSec's State of Automation in Security survey, 20% of organizations had a security breach, 48% had an application outage and 42% a network outage in the last year resulting from errors during manual security-related processes. This is all leading to an awareness that manual processes can't keep up with the accelerating threat landscape: 80% of respondents believe that automation will increase the overall security posture of their organizations, while 75% think it will improve application availability, reduce errors and enable them to process security policy changes faster. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

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WhatsApp toughens encryption after Apple-FBI row

The popular messaging service WhatsApp said Tuesday it had implemented "full end-to-end encryption," a move which steps up privacy but may lead to conflicts with law enforcement agencies. The Facebook-owned mobile application with one billion users worldwide made the announcement following weeks of intense debate over efforts by US authorities to compel Apple to help break into an encrypted iPhone. [Agence France-Presse](#) (Yahoo! News); [New York Times](#) (National Post); [Reuters](#) (Globe and Mail) [Independent UK](#); [Wired Magazine](#); [Computerworld](#); [PC Advisor](#); [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

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Adobe preps emergency Flash patch for bug hackers are exploiting

Adobe will this week issue an out-of-band patch for Flash after spotting a critical flaw that is now being "actively exploited" in the wild. The flaw, CVE-2016-1019, affects Flash Player version 20.0.0.306 and older for Windows, OS X, Linux, and Chrome OS. Adobe made the jump to patch after learning that users of Windows 7 and Windows XP are being actively targeted by malware writers exploiting the flaw. It hopes to have the fix out by April 7 or as soon as possible afterwards. [Register](#); [Infosecurity Magazine](#); [ZDNet](#)

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Server software poses soft target for ransomware

An alternate method for infecting computers with ransomware signals a shift in tactics by cybercriminals that could put businesses at greater risk, according to Symantec. A type of ransomware called Samsam has been infecting organizations but is not installed in the usual way. "Samsam is another variant in a growing number of variants of ransomware, but what sets it apart from other ransomware is how it reaches its intended targets by way of unpatched server-side software," Symantec wrote. The perpetrators behind Samsam use a legitimate penetration tool called Jexboss to exploit servers running Red Hat's JBoss enterprise application server. [Infoworld](#)

5 ways to become a smaller target for ransomware hackers

Hacking for ransom is on the rise — on pace to beat out last year's figures — and hits people where it hurts, locking them out of files, photos and critical records until they pay hackers a bounty to restore their access. Hackers bait users to click on infected email links or open infected attachments, or they take advantage of outdated and vulnerable systems. [Associated Press](#) (Truro Daily, Yahoo! News)

Apple goes server-side to fix Siri lock screen bypass security flaw

Apple has fixed a security flaw within Siri which granted attackers with physical access to a device the chance to snoop through a victim's media and contacts. The security flaw, posted on Full Disclosure, came to light on Tuesday. Security researcher Benjamin Kunz Mejri discovered the bypass flaw and publicly disclosed the vulnerability after two weeks of waiting for Apple to respond to his submission without success. [ZDNet](#)

Security bods disclose lock bypass bug in iOS

In late March, Johns Hopkins University's professor Matthew Green said a bypass existed, but withheld details pending Apple's patch. This may or may not refer to the same issue: Vulnerability Labs says the bug is present in iOS 9.3.1 (as well as 9.2.1), even after Cupertino's April 4 2016 update. The group says it notified Apple of the issue on March 18. Here's what the researchers, led by Benjamin Kunz Mejri, found: some installed applications allow interactions without demanding a passcode. Example applications listed in the advisory include Yahoo!, Twitter or Facebook. On a locked phone, the attacker can use Siri to search through the target application; that search shows an @ tag in the slide preview, the advisory says, and pushing the @ tag button makes the basic context menu available. [Register](#)

What Apple Vs. The FBI Can Teach Us About Cloud Storage Security

The recent Apple vs. FBI debate hit close to home for the cloud community because it touched on one of the industry's hottest topics: data security. The FBI struggled to access information on the iPhone because the phone is encrypted using the owner's personal passcode, so not even Apple could access data on the phone. It had asked Apple to help create a backdoor that would potentially allow the government to access phones without the owner's authorization or knowledge. The government already had the iPhone in its possession, and reported this week that it was able to access data on the phone independently. Events like this highlight security as a major concern in general, but especially for cloud storage users. Your data is stored with your cloud provider; so many companies are concerned about backdoors, subpoenas, hacks and other access by third parties. Would you even know if hackers, the government, or foreign entities are trying to sneak a look at your data? In fact, you might not. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

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One in Five Companies Gets Malware Infections via Social Media

Social media usage inside companies is not something to wonder about and remain in awe, as it was a few years back, but quite the opposite, as these days, many organizations rely on it to boost their business (...) A study by Osterman Research reveals that 73 percent of all surveyed companies have a Facebook account and use it for business reasons, 64 percent use LinkedIn, and 56 percent employ Twitter. Additionally, the usage of closed-circuit social platforms such as Microsoft SharePoint, Cisco social platforms (Jabber, WebEx, WebEx Social), Microsoft Yammer, Salesforce Chatter, and IBM Connections has also grown in the past years. [Softpedia News](#)

InfoSecurity's Most Wanted: The top six threats at large

1: Wanted: Data-stealing rogue mobile app
Wanted For: Falsely impersonating brand, data theft, and brand damage
Modus Operandi: Threat actors leverage rogue versions of brand name mobile apps to gain access to intended victim tablets and mobile phones. They can accomplish this in two ways: 1. With permissionware (i.e. packages of permissions used to access sensitive data), malware, spyware, or adware, threat actors can download, modify, repackage, and upload brands' legitimate mobile apps. [ITProPortal](#)

Nearly Every Latin American Country Is Using This Software To Spy On Their Citizens

Almost every Latin American government has purchased or shown interest in obtaining aggressive surveillance software, taking advantage of a failure to enforce lax regulations but potentially violating human rights, according to a new report by the Santiago-based NGO, Derechos Digitales. Authorities in Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico and Panama have all bought software licensed from Hacking Team, an Italian company that sells some of the most invasive spying software in the world. Argentina, Guatemala, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela have negotiated with the company but do not appear to have bought any products as of July, according to the report, released last week. [Buzzfeed](#) (2016-04-05)

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Turquie - 50 millions de Turcs voient leurs données personnelles divulguées sur le Web

Les autorités turques enquêtent sur une gigantesque fuite des données personnelles de 50 millions de Turcs, une affaire prise très au sérieux par Ankara, qui révèle les failles dans la sécurité des réseaux informatiques du pays. La base de données, qui n'a pas été authentifiée, a été mise en ligne par des pirates informatiques en début de semaine. Ces informations contiendraient entre autres le numéro d'identification national, le sexe, les noms des parents, la date et le lieu de naissance, ainsi que l'adresse des personnes concernées. Le parquet d'Ankara a ouvert une information judiciaire mercredi pour déterminer les circonstances de cette fuite, qui expose près de deux tiers des 78 millions de Turcs à toute une série de fraudes, selon l'agence de presse progouvernementale Anatolie. Des responsables turcs ont confirmé la fuite, datant les données divulguées de 2010. [Le Devoir](#), B6

Global leader advises How to become a cybersecurity hub

A high-tech entrepreneur who has helped build Israel into a global leader in cybersecurity says New Brunswick should follow the Israeli example and form a bureau dedicated to fostering the development of the industry. With exports totaling \$3.5 billion - roughly five per cent of the \$75 billion worldwide market in 2015 and 20 per cent of private investment - Israel is currently home to 430 cyber security companies and 40 cyber security research and development centres of foreign multinationals, including Canadian companies. Roni Zehavi heads Israel's central coordinating body for cyber industry initiatives between government agencies, Israel defence forces, academia, and the public - known as the CyberSpark Industry Initiative. He's slated to deliver the keynote address at a computer science research expo hosted by the University of New Brunswick on Friday, as New Brunswick attempts to carve out its own new niche as a centre of excellence in cybersecurity. [Telegraph-Journal](#), D1

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Canadian law firms a 'sweet spot' for attack, says intelligence expert

Canadian lawyers are among those in the global legal community who may be looking closer at their information security procedures after the revelation of a massive hack of international documents from a Panamanian law firm. They ought to, according to an Ontario cybersecurity lawyer (...). Because they hold sensitive corporate and personal information law firms are logical targets of attackers. However Ray Boisvert, a former assistant director of intelligence at the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and now president of the advisory firm I-Sec Integrated Strategies, said in an interview they may not appreciate what they hold. "Sometimes organizations, law firms, some government relations firms and lobbyists and others don't always recognize how valuable their information assets are," he said. "I think they see their role and quality and value as provisioners of advice — and that's true — but they also have great repositories for stuff." In this country attention on cybersecurity has mainly been focused on organizations related to critical infrastructure — banks, utilities, governments and law enforcement agencies, and transportation companies. [IT World Canada](#)

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Israeli cyber experts on high alert to defend against Anonymous online attacks

Israeli security agencies are on alert over the potential for cyber-attacks by Anonymous on Thursday, after the hacker group previously targeted the Jewish state each April 7. The attacks in solidarity with the Palestinians have in the past succeeded in blocking government sites, including for the ministries of defense and foreign affairs. "We are prepared for all forms of aggression," an official from the Shin Bet domestic security agency told AFP. "Israel is well-protected." Anonymous has already released a threatening video with a "message for the crazy murdering Zionist entity in Isra-Hell that we are coming back to punish you once again." [i24 News](#)

Mobile cyber threats pave way for the anti-malware security market

It's not just desktop computers that are being targeted by hackers, smartphones and tablets are also in their crosshairs. It's a common assumption that only desktop computers can be hacked. Unfortunately, this isn't the case, as most digital devices can be hacked in some manner, including mobile devices. This has spawned a new market for anti-malware technology, with IT cyber security companies now investing heavily into cyber security software for smartphones and tablets. Hackers may target users' mobile devices to steal sensitive data, such as their list of contacts, photos, videos, frequently visited websites, account information, and even financial data. While most of the major mobile operating systems (OS) have anti-malware measures embedded into their systems, there's no fool-proof way to protect against hacking. To provide stronger security measures for mobile device users companies are now offering third-party anti-malware mobile software and services. The Global Mobile Anti-Malware Market 2016-2020 report by Market Research Reports provides an in-depth look at the global market for mobile anti-malware software. It covers both present and future scenarios for global anti-malware, complete with market size, regions of interest, key vendors, market trends, expert analyses and more. [WhaTech](#)

Security Experts Crack Dridex Admin Panel, Recover Victim Data

Security researchers from buguroo have managed to find one of Dridex's many admin panels, and after leveraging an older vulnerability, they hacked its backend, retrieved user data and kept an eye on its activity to analyze how the crooks operated. Their investigation started in January 2016, when their bugFraud Defense endpoint protection system detected a classic Dridex alert, related to Web injections taking place in the user's browser, where Dridex's malware was loading malicious JavaScript on banking websites in order to steal authentication credentials. Analyzing the alerts in more depth, researchers found the IP address of one of the Dridex admin panels hardcoded in the malicious JavaScript files used to hijack the user's browser. Because Dridex operations are carried out on a massive scale, the crooks behind this huge botnet use multiple smaller infrastructures, which security researchers call subnets. This fractured architecture makes it harder to detect Dridex's operations for security firms, and also harder to sinkhole the cybergang's infrastructure. [Softpedia News](#)

Linux botnet attacks increase in scale

Hackers are using malware which targets Linux to build botnets to launch distributed denial of service (DDoS attacks) security researchers have warned. The so-called BillGates Trojan botnet family of malware - apparently so named by the virus writers because it targets machines running Linux, not Windows - has been labelled with a "high" risk factor in a threat advisory issued by Akamai's Security Intelligence Research Team. Akamai said the biggest attack to date using such a botnet occurred towards the end of 2015. "The biggest attack campaign observed, including malicious traffic from the BillGates botnet along with other various attack vectors, was on December 30, 2015 and had a well-distributed peak bandwidth of about 308 Gbps across our scrubbing centers," the advisory said, and Akamai warns that the power of the attacks is on the rise - which is why the malware has been given a "high" risk factor. [ZDNet](#)

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The Bill Gates/bot family of malware continues to be used to facilitate distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks, allowing bad actors to seize full control of infected systems, according to a threat advisory from Akamai's Security Intelligence Research Team (SIRT), which ranked the risk factor as "high." The researchers noted that the attack vectors in the toolkit of the malware, which was revealed on a Russian website in 2014, include ICMP flood, TCP flood, UDP flood, SYN flood, HTTP Flood (Layer7), and DNS query-of-reflection flood. "This malware is an update and reuse of the Elknot's malware source code," the advisory said. "Over the years, the botnets composed of it have grown, and today's botnets are launching significantly large attacks." [SC Magazine](#)

New tactics mean spear-phishing will become a much greater danger

There's been a worrying development in spear-phishing, with a security company observing a new campaign in which the attacker(s) has been able to scale up and target a much larger group of would-be victims. Proofpoint says that it has been tracking a threat it has named TA530 since the beginning of the year, which is targeting top-brass execs including vice presidents and directors along with the likes of CFOs. Spear-phishing refers to the fact that a malicious email is highly targeted to the victim, containing personal details designed to persuade them that it's a genuine message. Normally that takes a fair bit of work in terms of tailoring the email, but the danger with the new TA530 threat is that it appears to automatically customise each email to include not just the victim's name, but also job title, company name and phone number. Not only this, but it also offers up relevant subject lines and attachment names all designed to lure the victim into making that fatal click which lets malware invade their computer. [TechRadar](#)

Megabreach: 55 MILLION voters' details leaked in Philippines

A massive data breach appears to have left 55 million Philippine voters at much greater risk of identity fraud and more. Security researchers warn that the entire database of the Philippines' Commission on Elections (COMELEC) has been exposed in what appears to be the biggest government related data breach in history. The COMELEC website was compromised and defaced on 27 March by Anonymous Philippines before a second hacker group, LulzSec Pilipinas posted COMELEC's entire database online days later. All sorts of sensitive information – including passport information and fingerprint data – appears to have been included in the data dump. Some of the data was encrypted but there were some fields that were left wide open, according to a investigation by Trend Micro. [UK Register](#)

Latest phishing email contains personal data

Action Fraud says it has received thousands of calls about a new email scam that's sweeping the country. It's of particular concern, they say, as the emails include detailed personal information such as full name, address and postcode. They are also - unusually - grammatical and correctly spelled. The emails purport to be chasing up a debt to one of a number of companies, including Optex (Europe) Ltd, British Millerrain Co Ltd and Greenoaks Ltd - all perfectly legitimate companies that have nothing to do with the scam. They claim that there's an invoice outstanding, and ask for payment of several hundreds of pounds. The recipient is asked to click on a link to receive a printable version of the invoice. [AOL UK](#)

27 million doctors' mobile devices at high risk of malware

More than 27 million Android devices running medical apps are likely to have high risk malware installed, according to a new report. The Mobile Threat Intelligence report from threat defense company Skycure is focused on healthcare and finds that doctors who use mobile devices to assist their day-to-day practice are exposed to network threats, and that these significantly increase over time. In a single month, one in five (22 per cent) of mobile devices will be at risk of a network attack. This figure nearly doubles to 39 per cent after four months. In addition to network threats, mobile devices continue to be plagued by malware. More than four per cent of all Android devices were found to be infected with malicious apps. Medical app users need to be particularly wary, as the report shows 27.79 million devices with medical apps installed might also be infected with high-risk malware. The Skycure mobile threat defense platform conducted 51 million network tests in 2015, and detected the installation of nearly 13,000 malicious apps. [IT Pro Portal](#)

Google boosts network Safe Browsing with malware, social engineering alerts

Google has announced an upgrade for Safe Browsing Alerts which adds information on additional threats to help network administrators protect their users. Network administrators have shouldered a heavy task. In today's world, cyberattacks and threats are increasing in sophistication, the range of dangers has increased exponentially, and IT staff are faced with the challenge of protecting corporate networks -- often holding valuable business and customer data -- as best they can. It's no simple task, and employees need all the investment and help they can have. Google is one such company to provide tools and systems for network admins, including the Safe Browsing Alerts for Network Administrators tool. Launched five years ago, the tool works in a similar way to Safe Browsing by warning administrators when potentially harmful URLs are discovered on their networks. [ZDNet](#)

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This year should be declared as year of Ransomware! Cyber-criminals come up with new families and new versions of it, resulting in making life miserable for victims of their extortion campaigns. In our threat predictions for 2016, we had predicted that Ransomware will be a major threat in this year. Little did we know that Ransomware would target Master

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Fake App Store steals iPhone users' money

Some iPhone users in China are being conned by the AceDeceiver malware. The hack that makes you think you're buying a app on the App Store, but only deducts money from your credit card without getting you the app. The Daily Star reported that, "A technique used for installing pirated iOS apps onto non-jailbroken Apple devices has now been deployed by criminals looking to compromise user accounts. Security firm Palo Alto Networks recently discovered what it's calling a new family of iOS malware that's capable of infecting non-jailbroken (stock) devices. In July 2015 and February 2016, an app claiming to be a wallpaper resource passed Apple's stringent checks to make its way to the App Store. The App would then check if you're located in China and go into the malicious mode. [Hindustan Times](#)

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A group of Melbourne lock-pickers have forged a creative method for popping so-called restricted locks by 3D printing keys found on freely-available designs on patent sites. The feat demonstrated at the BSides Canberra security conference last week is a combination of opportunistic ingenuity and lock-picking mastery, and will be warmly-received by red team penetration testers and criminals alike. Lock-picking is common within the information security industry, is a staple at hacker conventions, and is becoming an increasingly used skill as part of anything-goes attempts to access controlled areas wherein computers can be found. [Register](#)

Criminals in the cloud: How malware-as-a-service is becoming the tool of choice for crooks

Everyone is working to a cloud business model now -- even virus writers. Rather than turning a profit just once by selling a security exploit as a one-off, authors of malicious software are now selling malware as a cloud-based service. This means they make money each time someone pays to use or rent one of the products, according to researchers. "The biggest cybercrime operations are essentially computer software and services companies, albeit illicit ones," says the *2016 Trustwave Global Security Report*, which claims that criminal services sold on the 'dark web' even come with the reassurances and terms and conditions you'd expect to see with any other legitimate software product. [ZDNet](#)

Alarming Percentage of Orgs Can't ID a Data Breach

Just one-fifth (19%) of organizations have what they consider to be "excellent" visibility into their data and database

assets. According to Osterman Research's database security industry report, about 39% of organizations surveyed also said that they lack the necessary tools to allow them to identify a database breach. "This study reveals there's a clear shift beginning to occur in information security away from total reliance on perimeter security toward a greater emphasis on database security," said Michael Osterman, president of Osterman Research. "Identifying compromised database credentials and insider threats will likely receive far more investment in the future. And, the actual rate of successful infiltrations or other leakage events is likely greater than discussed in this report due to inadequate organizational systems for tracking successful threats." [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

SpyEye creator nets prison time for malware that bilked \$1B globally

The Russian creator of a computer program that enabled cybercriminals to infect millions of computers and drain bank accounts in multiple countries was sentenced Wednesday to serve 9 ½ years in federal prison. Aleksandr Andreevich Panin, 27, who went by aliases "Gribodemon" and "Harderman" online, pleaded guilty to a count of conspiracy to commit bank and wire fraud in January 2014 after reaching a deal with prosecutors. [Associated Press](#) (CBC News, Vancouver Province); [PC World](#)

Australia PM launches cybersecurity campaign

Australia set out a far-reaching cybersecurity strategy on Thursday, invoking the leaks of United States whistleblower Edward Snowden, terrorism and even the threat of war to push for a coordinated global approach to protection of online data. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, who faces an election in July amid waning popularity, is trying to position himself as a leader who can transform Australia into a tech-savvy business hub as its economy deals with a commodities downturn. [Reuters](#); [Sky News Australia](#)

Apple refuses to hand over source code to Chinese authorities

Apple has revealed that Chinese authorities have asked for access to the company's source code in the last couple of years. The revelation was made by Apple general counsel Bruce Sewell as he tried to deflect accusations that have sprung up in the wake of the San Bernardino iPhone case. The battle between Apple and the FBI rumbled on for a while as authorities asked the iPhone manufacturer to crack encryption or provide a backdoor into the phone at the centre of the case. Apple refused to help the FBI, leading to accusations that the company was failing to help US authorities whilst assisting those abroad. Apple categorically denies handing over information to the Chinese authorities. [IT Pro Portal](#)

In a First, Judge Throws Out Evidence Obtained from FBI Malware

For the first time, a judge has thrown out evidence obtained via a piece of FBI malware. The move comes from a case affected by the FBI's seizure of a dark web child pornography site in February 2015, and the subsequent deployment of a network investigative technique (NIT)—the agency's term for a hacking tool—in order to identify the site's visitors. "Based on the foregoing analysis, the Court concludes that the NIT warrant was issued without jurisdiction and thus was void ab initio," Judge William G. Young of the District of Massachusetts writes in an order. "It follows that the resulting search was conducted as though there were no warrant at all." "Since warrantless searches are presumptively unreasonable, and the good-faith exception is inapplicable, the evidence must be excluded," it continues. [Motherboard](#)

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German nuclear plant suffers cyber attack designed to give hackers remote access

A nuclear power plant in Germany has been found to be infected with computer viruses, but they appear not to have posed a threat to the facility's operations because it is isolated from the Internet, the station's operator said on Tuesday. The Gundremmingen plant, located about 120 km (75 miles) northwest of Munich, is run by the German utility RWE. The viruses, which include "W32.Ramnit" and "Conficker", were discovered at Gundremmingen's B unit in a computer system retrofitted in 2008 with data visualisation software associated with equipment for moving nuclear fuel rods, RWE said. Malware was also found on 18 removable data drives, mainly USB sticks, in office computers maintained separately from the plant's operating systems. RWE said it had increased cyber-security measures as a result. [The Telegraph \(UK\)](#); [Motherboard](#); [SC Magazine](#); [Popular Mechanics](#); [TechWeek Europe](#); [SC Magazine UK](#); [Computing](#)

Angler Exploit Kit: Biggest, Baddest Drive-By Shooter in Town

A full 80% of the active drive-by attacks observed in the past month can be attributed to the Angler exploit kit and its as-a-service rental model. "Angler relies on a huge and resilient infrastructure to distribute all sorts of malware, and the exploit kit operations have been quite intense for the past months," said Andra Zaharia, security specialist at Heimdal Security, adding that since the Angler exploit kit surfaced in 2013, it's evolved into a massive threat for users and companies alike. "But this new upsurge in Angler activity shows that the exploit kit could be getting even stronger." She added that Angler's success in the cyber-criminal community is heavily reinforced by the aggressive tactics that the exploit kit employs. One of these tactics is using a domain generation algorithm to engineer high-volume compromises without being detected by traditional antivirus. [Info Security Magazine](#)

Malware menace with 'scary' backdoor strikes 12 million machines

Cisco Talos has warned of a malware infection that has backdoor capabilities and 12 million machines in its grasp. The malware can steal personal information and gain administration rights. Talos calls it a 'generic trojan' made worse owing to its scale and payload. A common theme in the malware is a lot of incidents of the word 'Wizz' in the code. "The word 'Wizz' was in the name of every sample analysed, roughly 7,000 unique samples," Talos said in a blog post. [The Inquirer](#); [SoftPedia News](#)

Qatar National Bank hacked; 1.4GB file archive leaked online

Reports indicate that Qatar's National Bank (QNB) has been hit with a cyberattack which has exposed roughly 1.4GB of corporate data. According to Cryptome, it is not known how the financial institution's data was leaked, and it could be anything from simple human error to an outside cyberattacker or inside job. Whatever the cause, a 1.4GB file cache has now entered the public realm and is available for download, reportedly containing sensitive corporate data and client financial information. [ZDNet](#); [Financial Times](#)

Former Tor Developer Helped the FBI by Creating Malware to Go After Tor Users

Matthew Edman, a former core developer on the Tor Project, has helped the FBI after leaving the non-profit by creating the Torsploit malware used to deanonymize users of the Tor network, the Daily Dot reported yesterday. Edman joined the Tor Project in 2008 while a student at the Baylor University. He was assigned to work on Vidalia, a now defunct project that was a simple GUI that allowed users to deploy and manage Tor connections on their computer. Tor leadership

stopped working on Vidalia in 2013, but by that time, Edman had already started working for the Mitre Corporation as a senior cyber-security engineer. [SoftPedia News](#)

All ATMs can be hijacked with malware, Kaspersky says

ATMs can be easily hacked and malware installed, meaning funds could be stolen, a report by Kaspersky Labs has revealed. The company identified two key hardware flaws with the ATMs it researched - the fact that the computer inside the machine can be easily accessed and once hackers manage to reach the PC, they are running outdated systems, so can be easily infected. [IT PRO](#)

Most breaches are still caused by PEBKAC and ID10T errors like falling for phishing

When it comes to data breaches, what big, bad cyber-boogeyman method should you fear and point the finger of blame at this year? The biggest security concern is not IoT, not mobile, not even ransomware; it's you, us, mere humans, which are the weak link being exploited and the number one problem leading to breaches. It's not some new attack attributed as the cause of most security incidents; oh no, it's falling for phishing, which has been around since about the dawn of email. [ComputerWorld](#)

As US drops "cyber bombs," ISIS retools its own cyber army

The Islamic State has been deft in its use of the Internet as a communications tool. ISIS has long leveraged social media to spread propaganda and even coordinate targets for attacks, using an ever-shifting collection of social media accounts for recruitment and even to call for attacks on individuals ISIS leaders have designated as enemies. But the organization's efforts to build a sophisticated internal "cyber army" to conduct information warfare against the US and other powers opposing it have thus far been fragmented and limited in their effectiveness—and more often than not they've been more propaganda than substance. Now, ISIS is taking another crack at building a more credible cyber force. As analysts from Flashpoint note in a report being published today (entitled "Hacking for ISIS: The Emergent Cyber Threat Landscape"), ISIS earlier this month apparently merged four separate pro-ISIS "cyber" teams into a single group called the United Cyber Caliphate. [Ars Technica](#)

ISIS Doesn't Trust Tor, Likes Snowden's Favorite Operating System (And Still Can't Hack Much)

Since the Paris attacks in November, the San Bernardino shootings in December, and the subsequent brawl between Apple and the FBI, there's been a growing obsession around the technical capabilities of terror group ISIS. How does it use encryption? Is it building a cyber warfare arm? The current answers: like the organization itself, its hacking skills and use of cryptography are patchy but developing at a trajectory that's concerning enough to cause anxiety amongst intelligence specialists. Hints of the operational security of ISIS, or ISIL as it's often called, can be found in literature aimed at jihadis. This week saw the release of the ninth edition of the Dar Al-Islam, an official ISIS publication written in French. In a section dedicated to technology, there's a warning about using anonymizing network Tor, which sends users through a number of randomly-selected servers and encrypts traffic. Concerns were raised by Dar Al-Islam about "malicious nodes", the points at the distributed Tor network controlled by spies, often used to intercept traffic and pilfer data from users. The article recommended users not enter sensitive or personal data on any website, "in particular when accessed with Tor". [Forbes](#)

Ransomware accounted for a quarter of hack attacks in the UK last week

Ransomware accounted for a quarter of the threats aimed at UK computer users over the past week, according to data gathered by security firm ESET using its LiveGrid telemetry. The UK has seen a spike in ransomware attacks looking to seize control of targeted machines and lock users out or destroy data if they do not pay a fee. The rise is attributed to malicious code called JS/Danger.ScriptAttachment which tries to download and install various malware and execute crypto-ransomware, such as Telsacrypt. This aims to encrypt data and demand payment for it to be decrypted. [V#](#)

GozNym banking malware spotted in Europe

IBM's X-Force reported today the actors behind the hybrid GozNym banking trojan have released a new configuration that is targeting European banks using redirection attacks. The recent targets include 17 Polish banks and one in Portugal. However, a new twist has been included, using redirection attacks targeted at customers using these banking institutions. IBM reported the GozNym gang have created about 200 URLs that point a victim to what they believe is their bank website, but in fact it is one controlled by the bad guys. [SC Magazine UK](#)

New site on dark web offering one-stop ransom services

A new site was discovered on the dark web that allows hackers to upload stolen data and sell the data to criminals or criminal groups. The site, called Ran\$umBin, models the user-friendly themes of the crowd-sourcing movement in an apparent attempt to bring best practices of established businesses to the criminal operations. The website is billed as a 'one-stop' ransom marketplace and receives a commission on data that criminals upload to extort ransomware victims. [SC Magazine](#)

Should hospitals pay up when it comes to ransomware?

Ransomware has become a major threat to the U.S. healthcare industry this year. The high-profile attacks that involved Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital in Los Angeles, MedStar Health in Washington, D.C., and other healthcare systems are just the tip of the iceberg. Over half of hospitals surveyed recently by HIMSS Analytics and Healthcare IT News said they had been hit by ransomware attacks in the past year. Another 25 percent were unsure whether such attacks had occurred. It's not clear how many hospitals have paid ransoms to cyber-criminals to unencrypt their data and/or unlock their systems. Hollywood Presbyterian announced it had paid \$17,000 to get its data back after being unable to use its EHR for 10 days. Methodist Hospital in Henderson, Ky., also reportedly paid \$17,000. MedStar's systems were at least partly down for nearly a week, but the organization didn't say whether it had paid a ransom. Asked whether they'd fork over the ransom payment if hackers had encrypted their hospital's patient data, about half of the healthcare executives in the HIMSS Analytics survey said they wouldn't. Forty-four percent said they were unsure, and just 5 percent said they would pay. But experts say that the exponential growth of ransomware attacks indicates that some victims are yielding to the hackers' demands. [CIO](#)

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Spy agency cagey on privacy breaches: Bureau won't put a number on cyber-snoops since 2007

The Communications Security Establishment is refusing to release the number of privacy breaches the agency has logged since 2007. Documents obtained by the Star state the intelligence and cyber defence agency has maintained a central database for certain privacy violations since 2007. These breaches are categorized as minor "procedural errors" or more serious "privacy incidents," and reviewed by the CSE Commissioner's office every year. "In these files, CSE records any incidents it identifies that put at risk the privacy of a Canadian in a manner that runs counter to (or is not provided in) its operational policies," says a September 2014 letter from former CSE chief John Forster to a senior Treasury Board official. The Star requested just the number of breaches - no details about what actually transpired or the Canadian personal information involved - but was told the agency could not comply due to "operational security concerns." "Releasing the number of (breaches) would provide insight into CSE's capacity to conduct operations, the extent of its capabilities, the degree to which partner organizations benefit from sharing and the reach of the programs," wrote spokesperson Ryan Foreman in an email last week. CSE is one of Canada's most technologically sophisticated agencies, responsible for collecting foreign intelligence and protecting Canadian networks from cyber attacks. It is forbidden to use its surveillance tactics against Canadian citizens, except under specific circumstances. But disclosures from U.S. whistleblower Edward Snowden have aroused suspicion about CSE's tools and tactics as part of the Five Eyes alliance that also includes the U.S., U.K., Australia and New Zealand. Documents tabled in Parliament last month show CSE logged 13 privacy and information breaches in 2015, affecting at least 630 individuals. The agency did not report any of the privacy breaches to the federal privacy commissioner, as CSE determined that there was "no significant risk" to the individuals involved. CSE further refused to report the activities that led to the breaches. [Toronto Star](#), A2

RCMP seek access to Panama Papers for tax probe

RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson says the Mounties are "hopeful" they will soon get access to the Panama Papers as part of a criminal investigation into income-tax evasion and money laundering by Canadians with assets in offshore tax havens. Commissioner Paulson would not disclose how the RCMP expect to obtain the 11 million leaked documents known as the Panama Papers, which date back four decades and are allegedly connected to the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, which specializes in the creation of shell companies in tax havens around the world. "Yes, we are interested in getting our hands on them and what criminality it may represent and what investigations that we should pursue," Commissioner Paulson told reporters after testifying before the Senate committee on national security and defence. "We are obviously interested what those papers and the discussions around those papers - what it means and what criminality may be at play." RCMP Deputy Commissioner Mike Cabana had told senators the RCMP have discussed with "foreign partners" how the force could obtain the documents and said they expected to "see the documents in their entirety." Deputy Commissioner Cabana said the RCMP have not been involved in discussions with the government of Panama. When reporters later asked Commissioner Paulson whether the RCMP were planning to obtain the massive records of shell companies and offshore accounts through either judicial warrant or voluntary disclosure, he was circumspect. [Globe and Mail](#), A4; [Toronto Star](#), A4

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Nasty piece of Android malware monitors texts, browser history and banking information

There's a new piece of nasty Android malware floating around that Android users should be on the lookout for. Masquerading as a update for Google's mobile Chrome browser, the malware is hosted on webpages designed to look like they are official Google or Android landing pages. Originally spotted by the security firm Zscaler, the malware is designed to monitor call logs, browser history, text messages and banking information. Once installed, the malware logs the aforementioned data and sends it all back to a remote command and control server. What's more, Zscaler notes that

the malware is capable of checking if a user has any antivirus apps installed, and if so, terminating them to evade detection." [BGR](#) (Yahoo! News); [Register](#)

Pwnedlist vulnerability exposed 866M accounts

A Michigan school district network engineer discovered a security vulnerability affecting the pwnedlist.com service that exposed 866 million account credentials. The pwnedlist.com service shares publicly leaked username and password information with companies. The service aims to help companies alert their users when user password information has been breached. "PwnedList actively protects you by continually monitoring sites that host stolen credentials and other security data," the website states. "You can check your online accounts and know with virtual certainty whether they've been compromised at any time." [SC Magazine](#)

FBI Issues New Ransomware Warning as Utility is Hit

The FBI has been forced to issue a new ransomware alert, warning internet users that the number of infections is only going to rise again in 2016. Reports had circulated last year that the Feds were advising organizations to pay up if infected with ransomware, in order to get their files back. However, in the latest official update the focus was on education, prevention and having in place a solid business continuity plan in case of attack. Cyber Division assistant director, James Trainor, warned that paying the ransom doesn't guarantee that an organization will get its data back. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Ransomware Spikes, Tries New Tricks

Ransomware authors constantly upping their game, techniques, to stay ahead of security researchers. The quick money to be made in ransomware scams appears to be driving furious innovation in the cybercrime world. Over the last several months, security researchers have reported seeing malware authors constantly employing new tricks, tools, and techniques to snag victims and stay ahead of security researchers. The authors of Locky, one of the most prolific ransomware samples currently in circulation, have gone into full defensive mode. In a report released this week, German security firm Avira Operations said that the group behind Locky had begun using public key encryption to protect communication between victims and the command and control servers that are being used to manage the malware. [Dark Reading](#)

Botnets getting bigger and stronger, says Kaspersky

Cyber-criminals are shifting away from cheap DDoS attacks that are easy to implement to more complex and focused ones, according to a new report from Kaspersky. In its quarterly DDoS Intelligence report, the firm said that there was also a nearly fourfold increase in the number of DDoS attacks. Around 74 countries were targeted by DDoS attacks in Q1 and as in the previous quarter, the vast majority of those resources were located in just ten countries, with Ukraine, Germany and France all making a new appearance. The report said that over 70 per cent of attacks in the first quarter lasted no longer than four hours. At the same time, there was a reduction in the maximum attack duration with the longest DDoS attack lasting just eight days (the longest registered attack in Q4 2015 lasted almost two weeks). During the reporting period, the maximum number of attacks against a single target increased: 33 attacks compared to 24 in the previous quarter. [SC Magazine](#)

Low-tech attackers use open source tools

Kaspersky Lab researchers have uncovered a new trend among cyberespionage threat actors: instead of developing customised hacking tools or buying them from third-party suppliers on the criminal underground, they are using tools available on the web for research purposes. Several cyberespionage campaigns utilising such tools have been spotted recently by experts. This trend demonstrates that not only is the price of dangerous cyberattack tools falling, the tools are becoming more effective, and their accessibility – higher. This means that even less-professional, less-skilled and less-resourced hacker groups can now pose a threat to users and companies. [IT Online](#)

Tick cybergang uses custom malware to target Japanese websites

Symantec researchers spotted a cyberespionage group, dubbed "Tick," spreading custom malware through compromised Japanese websites. The group is believed to have been active since 2006 and primarily targets Japanese organizations such as large technology, engineering, and media firms in order to steal sensitive information, according to an April 28 Symantec blog post. [SC Magazine](#)

Anonymous shut down the Bank of Greece website with DDoS attack

The online hacktivist group, Anonymous has recently recommenced its operation called #Oplcarus to target the corrupt global financial institutions. In the first attack after the recommencement, the Anonymous launched a Distributed Denial of Services (DDoS) attack again Bank of Greece website. The powerful DDoS attack took down the bank website, forcing the servers to remain offline for more than 6 hours. The #Oplcarus was relaunched by Anonymous in March 2016. Anonymous says that the banks and financial giants are involved in corruption and Oplcarus operation is a means to to

register their protest against such crony capitalism. The Anonymous also released a video announcing the attack. [Tech Worm](#)

Samsung tightens smart home kit security after curious bods prod apps

Samsung has said there's nothing for owners of its SmartThings home security gear to worry about – after researchers showed numerous ways to commandeer devices and disable locks. The three researchers from the University of Michigan, who were partially sponsored by Microsoft, have demonstrated that with the help of malicious apps, electronically activated door locks can be opened, alarms set off, and settings fiddled with for smartish homes – all remotely. [Register](#)

Facebook to add self-destructing message feature to its Messenger App

Will it or will it not was not the issue, the issue was when will Facebook Messenger App get the self-destructing messages feature like Snapchat. From the looks of it, the Facebook's standalone Messenger App for iOS will soon get a self-destructing message feature probably in the next version update. Apple App tracker, iOSAppChanges first posted the information on Twitter, showing details of disappearing messages in Facebook Messenger v68.0 for iOS. While this is the version currently available in the app store, it looks as though it won't be officially released until a future update. [Tech Worm](#); [iTech Post](#)

WhatsApp users face 72-hour BLACKOUT, here's everything you need to know

Millions of WhatsApp users are facing days without access to the service following the order of a total ban in Brazil. A Brazilian judge ordered wireless phone carriers to block access to Facebook's WhatsApp messenger for 72 hours throughout Latin America's largest country on Monday, the second such move against the popular messaging application in five months. The decision by the judge in the northeastern state of Sergipe applies to the five main wireless operators in Brazil and affects WhatsApp's more than 100 million users in the country. The reason for the order is not known due to legal secrecy in an ongoing case in the Sergipe state court. Brazil's law enforcement have previously spoken out against WhatsApp and its end-to-end encryption – a feature that blocks government agencies from gaining access to resident's messages. Speaking out about the nationwide ban, a spokesperson for WhatsApp said: "After cooperating to the full extent of our ability with the local courts, we are disappointed a judge in Sergipe decided yet again to order the block of WhatsApp in Brazil." The decision "punishes more than 100 million users who depend upon us to communicate themselves, run their business and more, just to force us hand over information that we don't have," the statement said, without elaborating. [Express UK](#)

Messaging apps and encryption: A false sense of security

In the last couple of weeks we have seen consumer messaging giants WhatsApp and Viber retrospectively add end-to-end encryption technology to their communications platforms. The notion of providing users with improved security is certainly to be applauded, and seeing messaging apps adopt encryption as a necessity as opposed to simply a nice-to-have feature, is long overdue. However, the manner in which providers are increasingly introducing encryption technology within apps as an afterthought is potentially providing a false sense of security to the billions of people that use them on a daily basis. The reality is that messaging platforms like WhatsApp, Viber, and countless similar offerings on the marketplace do not provide users with a level of encryption that safeguards truly sensitive information – yet they continue to claim they do. The danger here is that the majority of users are unaware that there are different levels of encryption, so when these apps describe themselves as being identical to those that offer higher levels of security, it is understandable that consumers and business users believe them. Terms like end-to-end encryption, for example, can apply to vastly different systems and lead end users into a false sense of security that their calls, text messages, and instant messages are being sent securely. [IT Pro Portal](#)

We Cannot Fight DDoS Attacks With Our Eyes Closed

Whilst distributed denial-of-service (or DDoS) attacks aren't a new challenge for businesses to deal with, they are increasing in size, scope and frequency. In fact, we find ourselves at a point in time whereby these attacks are at an all-time high, with the fourth quarter of 2015 showing an 85% increase in DDoS attacks. Businesses, then, need to be better prepared to face this type of threat. First thing's first: when going into battle, you need to know what you're up against. As the name implies, a DDoS simply tries to prevent a service from working and in this case, the attacker uses a large number of machines from all over the internet to send vast amounts of traffic towards the unwitting target. By flooding a targeted website or server with enormous amounts of malicious traffic, criminals are overwhelming businesses and forcing their internet-dependent properties offline temporarily. While sometimes used as a threat in ransom demands or even for politically motivated attacks, the fact is that even "just" being taken offline can have significant impacts on huge consequences in terms of loss of revenue and damaged brand reputation and tech credibility. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Cyberattackers are getting quieter once they're inside the network

In early 2016, cybersecurity continues to be a central concern among virtually all industries, businesses and organisations. Despite record investments in prevention security controls, cyberattackers of every stripe have shown that

they remain quite adept at breaking into protected networks to steal and damage critical assets. Finding and stopping these attacks is now a priority at all levels, from boardrooms to the command line. Our latest Post-Intrusion Report takes an analytical look into what is going on inside actual customer networks and how attack techniques and strategies are evolving. [IT Pro Portal](#)

Three ways to reduce the odds that incidents become breaches

The annual Verizon Data Breach Investigations report released last week was filled with with informative charts and graphs of data gathered from thousands of incidents and breaches around the world, including one that showed infosec teams are still too slow to detect breaches. The percentage of breaches discovered within days of compromise is going down, despite all the new staff, hardware and software CISOs are investing in. Meanwhile attackers are getting better at exfiltrating data — roughly 67 per cent of the time data is out the door within days. It doesn't have to be that way, argues Umesh Yerram, IBM's cybersecurity strategy, risk and compliance Leader for North America. If infosec teams did three things they could radically cut the detection time and better protect the enterprise: [IT World Canada](#)

How to share information while keeping confidentiality and control

Any business or public institution needs to leverage the Internet to conduct business relationships with their ecosystem: clients, partners, service providers, auditors, etc. The trend of externalisation of key company functions further drives the need to exchange business information with people outside of the company perimeter. How do you share your confidential information today? Today, more than 90 per cent of companies share confidential information in an unprotected manner. Many use a legal protection mechanism, an NDA, SLA or other legally binding instruments, while others just trust being lucky. Very few implement technology measures to ensure that their key confidential information is not leaked when shared. Actually, their counterparts can truly intend to honour the NDA, but then fall foul of a cyberattack and hence lose the information involuntarily. [IT Pro Portal](#)

The Future of Encryption is in these Politicians Hands

Encryption is complicated. Legislating for it, even more so. But after years of shrugging off the issue, Congress finally seems motivated to create a legal framework for one of our most critical digital security features. Here's a quick rundown at some of the politicians who are shaping the encryption debate—and the laws that will come of them. [Wired Magazine](#)

Australia seeks to bolster tech credentials with cyber budget

Australia promised to inject fresh funds into a range of technology projects in its annual budget on Tuesday, building on an ambitious plan for sectors like FinTech and cybersecurity to replace funds lost from a waning mining investment boom. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, who made his fortune as a former online entrepreneur, is trying to position himself as a leader who can transform Australia into a tech-savvy business hub as its economy deals with a commodities downturn. [Reuters](#); [ZDNet](#)

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Why the meaningless hack attacks?

An opinion piece states "On Monday, Drake was hacked. On Tuesday, Lana Del Rey was hacked. This followed a spate of social media hijackings, including virtual violations of Katy Perry, Kylie Jenner, the NFL and Chelsea Handler. As the Huffington Post noted: "It Appears Every Celebrity Twitter Account Is Being Hacked Right Now." It does. But to what end? Before we go any further, let me be clear: Hackers, I am not making fun of you. I'm not. Since I can barely recall my passwords - remind me to change my Star email to xd7wg43sasd+jgs68#?s after this column - I respect your ability to unearth ones you never created. So please do not steal my identity or pilfer my meagre RRSP or commandeer my texts unless you have time to send long overdue replies to distant relatives, in which case I'll give you the damn password. I'm just trying to understand your motivation. [Toronto Star](#), E3

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RCMP's BlackBerry-cracking methods could be revealed in Quebec court

A Quebec court could today pull back the curtain on secretive police techniques, including how the RCMP intercepted BlackBerry text messages to prove a murder conspiracy plot, as a judge considers whether to lift a publication ban in a case involving the Montreal Mafia. The case stems from Project Clemenza, a police operation that resulted in scores of organized crime arrests in 2014. At the time, police announced they had intercepted more than one million BlackBerry messages tied to allegations of drug trafficking, kidnapping, arson, weapons and other violent offences. (...) Chief Supt. Jeff Adam, who oversees the RCMP's Technical Investigations Services, declined to discuss with CBC News the specific methods used. But given rapid changes in technology and public concern in the post-Snowden era, as mobile developers move toward more secure "end-to-end" encryption, he says investigators are finding their jobs increasingly difficult. "What we're seeing now is ... the best evidence of people conspiring to commit a crime is lost to us. And that's what we call 'going dark,'" Adam said. [CBC News](#)

Ottawa startup gets funding from CIA's investment agency

Ottawa computer security company Intersect has attracted an undisclosed amount of investment from American venture capital firm In-Q-Tel, the organization that invests in firms and technology on behalf of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the U.S (...) The investment from In-Q-Tel is a major shot in the arm for the Ottawa firm, which can now say that it has received something akin to a seal of approval from some of the world's leading intelligence and security organizations. "After a rigorous evaluation and due diligence process, Intersect demonstrated how anomalous behaviours can be accurately surfaced and conveyed with actionable information, allowing government security experts to focus on mitigating risks and stopping attacks that may threaten our safety," said Dale Quayle, chief executive officer at Intersect in a statement released Thursday morning (...) The company's expertise in tracking and monitoring large amounts of complex data led to a suite of security tools, which were eventually called the Intersect Advanced Threat Detection Platform. The tools can be used to track an employee's data use across large corporate networks and set off alarm bells if someone tries to tamper with sensitive files without authorization. [Ottawa Citizen](#) (2016-06-09)

Twitter forces password resets for accounts vulnerable to hackers

Twitter is forcing millions of users to reset their passwords after reports that the login credentials for nearly 33 million Twitter accounts were being traded on the dark web. The leak was reported by stolen credential repository LeakedSource, which said Twitter was not hacked, but that the credentials were stolen using malware on users' computers. According to Twitter, the credentials may also have been amassed through the collection of information from other recent breaches, or a combination of both. [Computer Weekly](#); [Newsweek](#); [ZDNet](#)

Finger pointed at web browsers over password mega-leaks

Insecurities in the way major web browsers store passwords and other information, combined with malware on people's PCs, could be behind a string of credentials leaks, security specialists have warned. Furthermore, the malware may also be able to access personal information used by browsers to pre-populate web forms. Twitter has suspended millions of accounts in response. It looks like we can't show you adverts on this page, which may be caused by ad blocker software on your device. Because we rely on advertising to fund our journalism, please disable any ad blockers from running on V3, then reload the page to see the rest of this content. You can find more information about this here. This is the view of specialists at security software company Rapid7 following an analysis of recent password leaks. v3.co.uk

Researchers find exploit affecting Microsoft's BITS

Researchers discovered an exploit against Background Intelligent Transfer Service (BITS), a component of Microsoft's Windows 2000 that is used to transfer files asynchronously between a client and a server. The malware authors used the BITS alert to download malware, and then launched the program, according to the Dell SecureWorks research team. Once the malware's payload was completed, the script deleted itself. The malicious activity continued to persist after the malware had been eliminated. [SC Magazine](#); [ZDNet](#)

Chrome Bug Enabled Crooks to Send Malicious Code to Your Browser as PDF Files

Google has recently patched a high severity security bug in the Chrome browser that allowed crooks to send malicious code to your browser and take over your entire system. The issue, tracked by the CVE-2016-1681 identifier, affects the browser's built-in PDF reader called PDFium. Google patched the issue with the release of Chrome 51.0.2704.63, released on May 25. In the meantime, Chrome released another wave of security updates at the start of June. [Softpedia News](#); [SC Magazine](#)

Mozilla's Firefox 47 patches 13 vulnerabilities, two critical

In its latest Firefox browser release, Mozilla this week fixed two critical vulnerabilities – a buffer overflow hazard and a set of memory safety hazards – plus 11 other security holes ranging from low to high in severity. Discovered by the security researcher “firehack,” the buffer overflow issue (CVE-2016-2819) would occur while parsing HTML5 fragments in a foreign context such as under an SVG (Scalable Vector Graphics) node. According to Mozilla in its security advisory, inserting an HTML fragment into an existing document can trigger a “potentially exploitable crash.” [SC Magazine](#); [ZDNet](#); [Computerworld](#)

Hackers Break into Websites Using SQL Injections to Leave SEO Spam Behind

A black hat SEO campaign is currently underway, with hackers employing SQL injections to break into websites and contaminate their content with links to adult and pharmaceutical sites. Security firm Imperva discovered the campaign back in March 2016 and says it tracked it down to as early as November 2015. The company says that crooks used SQL injections to break into at least 700 hosts, where they injected low-quality links inside their HTML code. [Softpedia News](#)

Hackers shift to Neutrino exploit kit to spread CryptXXX ransomware

The criminal gang behind the enhanced CryptXXX ransomware have moved away from using the Angler exploit kit to the Neutrino EK. Researchers from SANS said that pseudo-Darkleech campaign began using Neutrino exploit kit (EK) to send CryptXXX ransomware this Monday. The researchers noted that up to this point the ransomware was only distributed using Angler. [SC Magazine](#)

Crysis Ransomware Appears Out of Thin Air to Take TeslaCrypt's Place

Three weeks after ESET was announcing that the infamous TeslaCrypt ransomware was shutting down operations, the Slovakian security firm is now reporting on the ransomware that's taken TeslaCrypt's place. Named Crysis versions of this ransomware were spotted online in mid-February. ESET claims that these first versions were not some of the best they've seen, and the company's experts believe they might be able to crack their encryption system. [Softpedia](#); [Register](#)

How a Bad UI Decision from Microsoft Helped Macro Malware Make a Comeback

Following numerous reports from various security firms about a large number of malware that uses macro scripts in Office documents to spread, the US-CERT team has issued an official alert to all organizations about this resurging threat. Macros are not malicious by nature, being added to automate various operations in the Office suite. Macro malware, as this threat is sometimes called, relies on small scripts attached to Office files that execute when the document is opened, if there's no security restriction. [Softpedia](#)

EMC and VMware both suffer malicious user access messes

VMware and EMC have each revealed security nasties. EMC's problem is with Data Domain OS, the operating system for its disk backup boxes. AS EMC's notification explains, “Data Domain logs the session identifier of a user logged in via the GUI in a file that is accessible to all users.” All users? D'oh! That means “A malicious user could use the disclosed session

identifier to take over the account of the victim, a GUI user whose session identifier was disclosed. Which means a low-level storage admin could log in as their boss. [Register](#)

Linux Kernel 3.18.35 LTS Released with MIPS, Btrfs & EXT4 Fixes, Updated Drivers

After releasing Linux kernel 4.1.26 LTS, kernel developer Sasha Levin informed the community about the availability of the thirty-fifth maintenance release of the long-term supported Linux 3.18 kernel series. Linux kernel 3.18.35 LTS is out now with many improvements, updated drivers, and general core kernel bug fixes, providing more stability, compatibility, and reliability to users of various GNU/Linux operating systems powered by a kernel from the Linux 3.18 LTS series, which will receive support until January 2017. Linux kernel 3.18.35 LTS changes a total of 98 files, with 1259 insertions and 535 deletions. [Softpedia News](#)

Slicing Into a Point-of-Sale Botnet

Last week, KrebsOnSecurity broke the news of an ongoing credit card breach involving CiCi's Pizza, a restaurant chain in the United States with more than 500 locations. What follows is an exclusive look at a point-of-sale botnet that appears to have enslaved dozens of hacked payment terminals inside of CiCi's locations that are being relieved of customer credit card data in real time. [Krebs on Security](#)

Anonymous Shifts Focus from Banks to Stock Exchanges As Oplcarus Continues

Oplcarus, the Anonymous operation that aimed to launch a barrage of DDoS attacks against the banking sector, has reached phase three, which is now called OpMayhem and is targeting stock exchanges all over the world. In a video released on YouTube over the weekend, the hacker collective laid out a plan of attack for the rest of the month, gathering all members (called Anons) to rally and launch coordinated attacks on global stock markets. At the time of writing, the group has successfully launched DDoS attacks against the NYSE Euronext Market, the London Stock Exchange, Nasdaq Baltic, the Philippines Stock Exchange, the Lao Security Exchange, the Turkey Stock Exchange (Borsa Istanbul), the Athens Exchange Group, and the Panama Stock Exchange. [Softpedia News](#)

Hamas Behind DustSky Cyber-Espionage Campaign

A cyber-espionage group known as the Gaza Cybergang, the Gaza Hackers Team or Molerats has resumed operations in April 2016, after previously shutting down all activities when security firm ClearSky discovered its presence in January 2016. The Gaza Cybergang has been around since 2012 when various security firms first detected its operations. Since then, the group has been extremely active, developing custom malware and launching intensive campaigns such as DownExecute, XtremeRAT, MoleRAT, or DustSky (NeD Worm). [Softpedia](#)

Facing Data Deluge, Secret U.K. Spying Report Warned of Intelligence Failure

Secret report warned that British spies may have put lives at risk because their surveillance systems were sweeping up more data than could be analyzed, leading them to miss clues to possible security threats. The concern was sent to top British government officials in an explosive classified document, which outlined methods being developed by the United Kingdom's domestic intelligence agency to covertly monitor internet communications. The Security Service, also known as MI5, had become the "principal collector and exploiter" of digital communications within the U.K., the eight-page report noted, but the agency's surveillance capabilities had "grown significantly over the last few years." MI5 "can currently collect (whether itself or through partners ...) significantly more than it is able to exploit fully," the report warned. "This creates a real risk of 'intelligence failure' i.e. from the Service being unable to access potentially life-saving intelligence from data that it has already collected." [The Intercept](#) (2016-06-07)

Small businesses bearing the brunt of cyber crime, says FSB

Small firms are unfairly carrying the cost of cyber crime in an increasingly vulnerable digital economy, according to a survey of members by the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB). Smaller firms are collectively attacked seven million times a year, costing the UK economy an estimated £5.26bn, the survey report revealed. The report claimed, however, that cyber crime costs small businesses disproportionately more than big businesses when adjusted for organisational size. [Computerweekly](#)

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Cyberattackers coming for your data

If the titans of the tech industry can get hacked, what hope is there for the rest of us? That's the general conclusion after the news that Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg and former Twitter CEO Dick Costolo have had some of their social media accounts compromised in the past few weeks. For Zuckerberg, it was his Pinterest and LinkedIn accounts. Then, Costolo's Twitter account suddenly featured some questionable tweets (...) For Zuckerberg and Costolo, it's believed that the hacks originated from LinkedIn's 2012 data breach. That breach was initially thought to be 6.5 million records, but now is believed to have consisted of more than 117 million records (...) The pair were obviously targeted, but the truth is that despite the fact that they are high profile and tech savvy, they are human and their technology usage is just as haphazard as the rest of us (...) Dave Ostertag, global investigations manager, investigative response at Verizon Enterprise Services, said his team investigated 526 incidents in 2015, up from 400 in 2014. Ostertag's enterprise services team is one of the largest in the world that has responded to approximately a third of the enterprise data breaches in the world, and it recently released its 2016 Data Breach Investigations Report. Through its research, the company has found that 89 per cent of breaches had a financial or espionage motive. Despite scary-sounding terms such as social engineering, spear phishing, malware, ransomware and scripts, researchers know that these are not necessarily sophisticated attacks, though they may sound like it. "If you look at the tools they're using, like the Zeus Trojan - that's 20 years old now, but we still see it ... in some of the biggest attacks to try and steal credentials and get access to the network," said Ostertag. [Toronto Star](#), B1

Facebook tests 'secret' messages

Two years ago, Messenger, a photo and text messaging service, appeared to be almost an afterthought at Facebook, the social networking giant. Messenger often took a back seat to the limelight enjoyed by WhatsApp, the messaging app that Facebook had bought for \$19 billion (U.S.). And Messenger's capabilities were so limited that you could not send friends an animated GIF, as you could with other messaging services. But since mid-2014, Facebook has been playing a furious game of catch-up with Messenger. That June, Facebook's chief executive officer, Mark Zuckerberg, hired a PayPal executive, David Marcus, to take over Messenger and build it into a world-class competitor (...) Last week, Facebook said it will also begin testing "secret conversations" inside Messenger, a feature that offers end-to-end encryption on some messages to be read only on the two mobile devices that users are communicating with. While it stops short of full encryption that other messaging services such as WhatsApp have adopted, it gives Messenger a heightened mode of security that Facebook hopes will attract global audiences. [New York Times](#) (Toronto Star, B6); [Wired Magazine](#); [Al Jazeera](#) (2016-07-08)

Fear of cybercrime creates opportunity for consultants

For businesses and health care institutions, the threat of cyberfraud is on the rise, unleashing fierce competition among law firms and consultants seeking to advise them. As the threat rises, so has the number of lawyers making it a specialty. Most large firms have practice groups devoted to data security, and so do many smaller ones, fuelling the competition (...) A series of high-profile data breaches -notably the huge loss of records by Target and the attack by hackers on Sony, exposing sensitive internal emails -have raised awareness (...) That high cost has spawned a new market in insurance coverage for companies looking to protect themselves. [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) (Toronto Star, B4)

Ottawa braces for era of leaks

It's not a matter of if there will be another Edward Snowden, it's a matter of when, according to internal government documents obtained by the Star. Global Affairs officials warned minister Stéphane Dion in November an event on the scale of Snowden's disclosures about Internet surveillance is inevitable. "Incidents similar to the Snowden disclosures and the Sony hack will happen again and we can expect that sudden events will affect international debates on cyberspace," the document reads. The briefing note, prepared for Dion in November and obtained under access to

information law, suggests that Snowden's disclosures about western mass surveillance "altered the tone" of the international discussion on cyberspace. In 2013 Snowden, a former employee of the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA), pulled back the curtain on mass surveillance online, detailing the capabilities of the "Five Eyes" countries - Canada, the United States, the U.K., Australia and New Zealand - to monitor activity online. His release of classified NSA documents triggered outrage among those who said he put lives at risk, and praise from others who argued he shed light on questionable practices. He was forced to flee the U.S. and was granted asylum in Russia. [Toronto Star](#), A6 (2016-07-09)

Encryption actually protects law-abiding Canadian citizens

An opinion piece states, "When it comes to policing and national security, far too often Canadians are asked to let fear trump their rights. Recently, the front page of the Toronto Star featured the headline, "Encryption creating a barrier for police ...," potentially convincing some readers that the technology's only purpose is to aid criminals. Rarely do we see headlines such as, "Encryption protects thousands of Canadians' credit card information," or "Encryption enables secure communications for every Canadian." or even the aspirational, "Canada leads the way in cybersecurity for its citizens." [Toronto Star](#), A11 (2016-07-10)

Privacy documents ironic

A letter to the editor states, "Re: Data encryption hampering police work, July 2. I can't be the only one who found irony in the sentence "the documents, heavily censored and stamped 'secret'," in reference to police communication to our government about citizen privacy. Justin Trudeau's government (which promised openness and transparency) works for the citizens. The Liberals opposed Bill C-51 as a violation of our privacy rights, as did most Canadians..." [Toronto Star](#) (2016-07-08)

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Beware, there might be malware in unofficial Pokemon Go app downloads

Pokemon Go might just be the game of the year. Nintendo struck gold with this mobile endeavor, as millions of users around the world have already downloaded the application and are devoting plenty of time to hunting Pokemon. That also means that hackers have adapted their attacks to hunt those Pokemon fans who're eager to try out the application. Researchers have already discovered malware inside versions of the Pokemon Go app for Android. [BGR](#); [Fortune](#); [Huffington Post](#); [Register](#)

Hacker bites Datadog, finds hard-to-chew bcrypt passwords

Software as a service monitoring platform Datadog, used by the likes of Facebook, Salesforce, and Citrix, has been breached and therefore suggested strongly that customers reset their passwords. The company says attackers hit multiple servers Friday including production servers, and a database of user credentials. Other customers of the popular tech firm include Spotify, The New York Times, and Samsung. At least one user has detected unsuccessful attempts to use Amazon Web Services credentials shared with the breached service. Datadog chief security officer Andrew Becherer says affected passwords are stored using bcrypt with a unique salt making it one of the strongest ways to keep the credentials and slow decryption efforts. [Register](#)

Amazon Suffers Security Breach; 80,000 Login Credentials Leaked

A hacker going by the online handle of 0x2Taylor has claimed to breach the servers of electronic commerce giant Amazon ending up leaking login credentials of 80,000 users. The 597.4 MB leaked data includes usernames and encrypted passwords of Amazon Kindle users. [Hackread](#) (2016-07-10)

GootKit Banking Trojan Receives Massive Update

GootKit, one of the top ten most active banking trojans in the world, received a massive update in June, an upgrade that added core modifications to the way the malware operates, according to a report by IBM's X-Force Research team. GootKit is a less-known banking trojan that appeared in 2014, and unlike most of its competition, it has never had its source code leaked online, nor has it been rented via a Malware-as-a-Service operation. [Softpedia](#)

Cerber Devs Create New Ransomware Called Alfa

The developers behind the Cerber ransomware released their latest creation upon the Interwebs, and it's a new ransomware variant named Alfa, Bleeping Computer reported last week. Cerber is one of today's most active and widespread ransomware families, alongside Locky, CryptXXX, and Jigsaw. Security researchers did not crack its encryption, so it is quite odd to see the group creating a new and different version without an apparent reason. [Softpedia](#) (2016-07-10)

Drowning Dalek commands Siri in voice-rec hack attack

University boffins have brewed one of the most complex mechanisms for loading malware onto phones by way of surreptitious Google Now and Siri voice commands hidden in YouTube videos. For the attack to work, phones need to be in a state where they can receive voice commands - a feature often left unlocked - and close enough to the audio source for the instructions to be understood. There's also the trouble of masking the phone's beep which is an acknowledgment that voice commands have been received and could alert users to an attack. [Register](#)

How to hack mobile devices using YouTube videos

Researchers have devised a way to leverage YouTube to hack mobile devices. A team from the University of California, Berkeley, and Georgetown University have developed the means to compromise a mobile device using hidden voice commands embedded within a YouTube video. In order for the device to be attacked, the intended victim needs to do nothing more than watch the YouTube content. The researchers say on their project page that the hidden voice commands used by the attack are "unintelligible to human listeners but which are interpreted as commands by devices." [ZDNet](#); [Softpedia](#)

Android Nougat Has A Code That Will Prevent Ransomware From Resetting Lockscreen Passwords

There are many types of malware and millions of users are losing money because of their naivety or lack of interest to protect their devices better. Many don't install an anti virus program because they don't think it's necessary, but they're leaving their phones exposed to malicious software and cry with crocodile tears when they realize that they've been tricked to install lockscreen ransomware. This type of malicious software takes over the device and the user is forced to send money to attackers to unlock his phone and retrieve the files that have been encrypted. Google has introduced a code in its upcoming Android Nougat OS which will protect users against these attacks. [Neurogadget](#)

Islamic State's Twitter traffic is nearly half of what it once was

The Islamic State group's Twitter traffic has plunged 45 percent in the past two years, the Obama administration says, as the U.S. and its allies have countered messages of jihadi glorification with a flood of online images and statements about suffering and enslavement at the hands of the extremist organization... Among the images: A teddy bear with Arabic writing and messages saying IS "slaughters childhood," "kills innocence," "lashes purity" or "humiliates children." A male hand covering a female's mouth, saying IS "deprives woman her voice." A woman in a black niqab (veil), bloody tears coming from a bruised eye, and the caption: "Women under ISIS. Enslaved. Battered. Beaten. Humiliated. Flogged." [Associated Press \(Global News\) \(2016-07-09\)](#)

Gang arrests in Russia may have put significant dent in malware, says researcher

We love to read news reports in which a police force takes down a major crime gang. In one swoop the community is cleansed. Can it happen in the digital world? Cisco Systems security researcher Nick Biasini raises the question after use of several high regularly-used pieces of malware plunged last month following the arrests of several people in linked to the spread of a Russian-specific piece of malware named Lurk, a banking trojan specifically targeting banks in that country that drained some US\$45 million from accounts. Lurk, he writes, was largely distributed through the Angler exploit kit, which is often used to spread ransomware. But within a week of the arrests Angler — which he calls "the most prolific, successful and sophisticated compromise platform" — has disappeared from threat activity reports. [IT World Canada \(2016-07-08\)](#); [Register](#)

Euro 2016 Fans Hit Hard by Cyber Threats

The cyber-risk for digitally active sports fans has more than doubled during the 2016 Euro soccer tournament. According to the Allot Communications and Kaspersky Lab's MobileTrends Q2 2016 report, mobile has changed the way we experience sporting events as fans flock to the digital arena to watch, record and share their reactions. Seventeen percent of mobile users who exhibited little or no use of sports apps or websites before the games became active sports fans during the games. However, cyber-criminals are taking advantage of this to trick sports fans into downloading infected apps or clicking malicious links. Nearly 50% of these "casual fans" transitioned into sports fans' behavior profiles, with high potential risk for malware. [Infosecurity Magazine \(2016-07-08\)](#)

NATO Ambassador: How The Ukraine Crisis Fits Cyber War Narrative

When Kenneth Geers, ambassador of the NATO Cyber Centre, first suggested two years ago that there might be a connection between spikes in cybercriminal activity and spikes in geopolitical conflict, there was skepticism. Since then, NATO has declared cyberspace a domain for war and regions of geopolitical strife have also seen their fair share of cyberespionage and cybercrime. What's been learned and has the skepticism waned or grown? Geers, who has been living in Ukraine for the past two years, will discuss this in an upcoming session at Black Hat USA, "Cyber War in Perspective: Analysis from the Crisis in Ukraine (...)" Two years ago, Vladimir Putin signed a bill incorporating the Crimean peninsula into the Russian Federation, and Russian military forces massed along the Ukrainian border. Geers was a global threat analyst for FireEye at the time, and noticed a spike in malware traffic traced back to Ukraine and Russia at the height of the conflict between the two nations. Geers *tentatively* suggested at the time that there could be a connection between the geopolitical climate and the increase in cybercriminal activity, and that this connection could be

used for threat intelligence. He received some pushback, at the time, even among colleagues within FireEye. Since then, however, Ukrainian targets have been hit with more cyberattacks that directly or indirectly impact the country's autonomy. [Dark Reading](#) (2016-07-07)

Homeland Security's big encryption report wasn't fact-checked

If you watch Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., Blacklist, or any other TV show with make-believe espionage, you probably hear the term "going dark" at least once a week. In the real world, "going dark" has become FBI shorthand for when baddies can't be spied on, or manage to vanish into thin internet, at the fault of encryption. And it's at the heart of an oft-virulent tug-of-war between entities such as the FBI, Apple, civil liberties groups, conspiracy theorists, and lawmakers. [Engadget](#) (2016-07-08)

It is inevitable, law enforcement agencies have to deal with encryption in consumer technologies

Law enforcement agencies around the world are having a tough time dealing with criminals and anti social elements who now have easy access to encryption in communication services. In the US, there was a standoff between Apple and the FBI over the creation of a backdoor to unlock the phone of a terrorist. Google and Facebook supported Apple's stand that creating such a backdoor would compromise the security of a large number of Apple users, and planned to introduce better encryption in their own products. [Firstpost](#)

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Aerospace firm owner sentenced for hacking

A Chinese man who ran an aerospace firm with offices in British Columbia has been sentenced to nearly four years in jail for stealing confidential information on a U.S. military transport aircraft and the F-35 stealth fighter. Su Bin had pleaded guilty in federal court in Los Angeles to helping two Chinese military hackers. Among the targets of the hacking efforts was information on the U.S. F-22 and F-35 stealth fighters as well as Boeing's C-17 transport aircraft, which is also used by the Canadian Air Force. In a plea agreement, Su admitted to conspiring with the two hackers in China to gain unauthorized access to computer networks in the U.S. between October 2008 and March 2014. Su travelled to the U.S. on 10 occasions during that period, according to court documents. He was arrested in Richmond, B.C., in June 2014 and a Canadian court ordered Su's extradition to the U.S. in September 2015. The 51-year-old has been sentenced to three years and 10 months in jail. He was also fined \$10,000. [Postmedia](#) (Ottawa Citizen, N4; StarPhoenix, Montreal gazette, Ottawa Sun); [Globe and Mail](#); [Register](#)

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What's Next For Canada's Surveillance Landscape?

Edward Snowden's 2013 revelations of massive state surveillance shocked the world and made it more aware of electronic privacy issues, but north of the border, Canada continues to struggle with its own. Just over a year ago, the former Conservative Canadian government, led by Stephen Harper, enacted a piece of legislation that enraged privacy advocates. Bill C-51 extended the powers of Canada's intelligence services, prompting an open letter from over 100 Canadian academics imploring the government to rethink it. Even the federal Privacy Commissioner complained about it. A year later, we have a new government that has promised to overhaul things. What has been done, and where does Canada's complex debate over privacy and national security sit now? (...) Liberal leader and now-Prime Minister Justin Trudeau voted for the bill but vowed to temper it a little in two broad areas. The first focal point was oversight. The Liberal government would create a multi-party oversight committee to ensure that CSIS was acting appropriately. Snowden himself criticized Canada for poor spying oversight back in May 2015, not long before the Bill became law (...) The Liberal leader vowed to alter this and started to make good on this promise in early 2016. His public safety minister Ralph Goodale has now introduced Bill C-22, which would create a cross-party oversight committee that would oversee almost 20 agencies related to national security (...) The second problem that Trudeau had with C-51 was with the bill's scope. He promised to refine some of its language to omit legal protests and advocacy from definition as terrorist activities, and said that he would introduce a mandatory review period for the legislation. He hasn't taken these steps at the time of writing, and privacy advocates are awaiting the government's next move. In the interim, Trudeau has been shuffling. One notable political action was his appointment of a new national security advisor, Daniel Jean, in May this year. Jean replaces former Harper government National Security Advisor Richard Fadden, an ex-director of CSIS, who recently retired. [Dark Reading](#)

Whistleblower Edward Snowden to keynote Toronto conference

The man that says he lives on the Internet will be the showcase speaker at SecTor, a Toronto-based security conference this year. Edward Snowden, the former CIA employee and government contractor that leaked classified documents about a mass surveillance operation run by the National Security Administration (NSA), will be appearing at the conference via a video link from Russia, where he's been living under asylum since 2013. SecTor will be Snowden's first and only commercial conference appearance in North America this year, conference organizers say. "Edward Snowden is not only one of the biggest names in cybersecurity, but his unique situation and cybersecurity experiences also make him one of the most important and influential," said SecTor co-founder Brian Bourne in an email announcement... Beyond NSA's clandestine mass surveillance operations that were leaked by Snowden, Canada's Communications Security

Establishment (CSE) has also been the subject of some of his classified leaks. He's also said that Canada's intelligence gathering operations have the "weakest oversight" among western nations. [IT World Canada](#)

US Cyber Mission Force Nearly Ready for Action

The US military's Cyber Mission Force will finally be ready for action by the end of September, according to US Cyber Command and NSA boss, Admiral Michael Rogers. The new elite cyber force will eventually contain over 6000 operatives split into 133 groups, which will be tasked with both offensive and defensive missions. Unusually for a military endeavor, troops will be deployed before the unit has been completely staffed, Rogers told a National Press Club gathering attended by NPR. "We find ourselves in a situation a little unusual in the military arena. As soon as we get a basic framework, we are deploying the teams and putting them against challenges," he's reported as saying (...). The force, which apparently features military personnel alongside civilians, is estimated to finally be ready on 30 September 2018. Last month Air Force Brig. Gen. Charles L. Moore Jr. told the House Armed Services Committee that the Cyber Mission Force has already encountered a few challenges relating to equipment, training, recruitment and "finalizing the command-and-control structure." [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Here's What We Know About the NSA's Elite Hacking Squad

Some of the best hackers in the world work for the NSA. They are the ones who are tasked with hacking into the most—supposedly—impenetrable targets, be it the computers of an Iranian nuclear power facility, or the cellphones of a fugitive terrorist. As far as anyone knows, they don't have a cool sounding name, but they are collectively known as "The Office of Tailored Access Operations," or TAO. They have been called "a squad of plumbers that can be called in when normal access to a target is blocked." And while that name, and that description, might sound underwhelming, they're the NSA's elite-hacking unit, its black bag operations team. Very little is known about TAO, but most of what we know today comes from documents leaked by the former NSA contractor Edward Snowden. To learn more about them, and as part of CYBERWAR, VICELAND's ongoing series on hacking, we travelled to Berlin and London to talk to the journalists who have investigated these sophisticated government hackers in the last few years. [Motherboard](#)

Almost Any Messaging App Will Do—if You're ISIS

On July 1, five Islamic State fighters stormed the Holey Artisan Bakery in Bangladesh's capital, Dhaka, ultimately claiming 28 lives in a 12-hour siege. Before IS (ISIS, or Daesh) officially released the claim, the group's 'Amaq News Agency released ongoing updates from inside the restaurant through its Telegram channel. The first message stated that IS "commandos" attacked the restaurant, which was "frequented by foreigners," and an update minutes later reported that over "20 people of different nationalities [were] killed." 'Amaq then increased the number of casualties to 24 with 40 wounded, and followed up with photos of the bloody scene inside the restaurant. It was clear that this direct, uninterrupted communication the attackers had with 'Amaq was facilitated by a smartphone app. Five days later, The Times of India reported that the app was Threema, an end-to-end encrypted messaging service. This reported confirmation of yet another messaging app used in a terror attack echoed other reports from this past year. The Paris attackers are known to have communicated with WhatsApp and Telegram apps prior to their operations on November 13, 2015. Najim Laachraoui, the bomb maker and co-attacker in the March 22, 2016 Brussels attacks, reportedly used Telegram, while fugitives connected to the aforementioned Paris attacks used WhatsApp, the mobile app Viber, and even Skype to talk to IS leaders in Syria before authorities located them. [Motherboard](#)

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Cisco gives you two nasty bugs to fix before the weekend

Cisco has patched two vulnerabilities, including a remote denial of service bug in its Network Convergence System routers. Attackers can send packets to TCP listening ports running SSH, secure copy protocol, and secure FTP that can overwhelm NCS 6000 routers and cause processors to reload. The Borg rates the vulnerability (CVE-2016-1426) as highly critical on account of it offering a method to remotely disrupt routers in certain configurations. "The vulnerability is due to improper management of system timer resources," Cisco says in an advisory. [Register](#)

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A newly uncovered strain of malware called cuteRansomware launches from a Google Doc to host the decryption key and command-and-control functionality. The Netskope research team detected the maliciousness when it noticed that a user with a GitHub account "aaaddress1" had published source code for a ransomware module based on C# called "my-Little-Ransomware." It turned out that a security researcher at AVG had also spotted a malicious modified Chinese version of

my-Little-Ransomware and dubbed it "cuteRansomware" because of the mutex name used by the original author. Although it seems to be a basic ransomware created by modifying the my-Little-Ransomware source code, the use of cloud services like Google Docs may be a signal about attacker intentions to use cloud services in the future; and in fact, they will abuse cloud services not only for storing keys but also for their command-and-control (C&C) communications. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

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If you are one of the people who had their data locked by the CryptXXX ransomware, you might be lucky enough to recover your files for free. Earlier today, users visiting the Tor-based payment sites of the CryptXXX ransomware discovered that, after logging in with their ID, instead of receiving decryption instructions, they got the actual decryption key, for free, without doing anything. This didn't happen for all users, but only for CryptXXX ransomware variants that encrypt files using the .crypz and .cryp1 file extensions at the end. In May, the crooks behind the TeslaCrypt ransomware decided to close shop and provided a master key to recover the files of all infected users. CryptXXX does not use a master key, but private keys differ for each victim, so there's no universal magic key that can unlock everyone's files in one go. It is currently unknown if the leakage of these keys was done intentionally by CryptXXX's authors or is a server glitch. [Softpedia](#)

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Hackers Steal Data from Polish Defence Ministry and Ask for \$50,000 Ransom

A group of hackers who call themselves "Pravy Sector" [Right Sector] are extorting the Polish Government on Twitter, threatening to release data stolen from Poland's Defence Ministry if the government doesn't pay \$50,000, either to a Ukrainian bank account or a Bitcoin address. The name Right Sector is also used by an extremist Ukrainian nationalist organization activating in Russia, currently outlawed. The hackers claim to represent the group, but there's no evidence to support either their claims or their alleged Ukrainian or Russian nationality. [Softpedia](#)

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Firms are tackling the unrelenting hacker threat by investing in security information and event management technology. The tech handles threat detection and security incident response through the real-time collection and analysis of security events. Spending in this area is growing faster than in any other segment of the security market, up 15.8 per cent, according to analyst Gartner. The sharpest decline in the security spending was on consumer-focused software, which fell 5.9 per cent year on year. Gartner said interest in technologies focused solely on preventing security breaches is on the wane, in contrast to offerings that enable detection and response. "Organizations are shifting security budgets from prevention to prediction, detection and response, and security vendors need to be capture this shifting spend," it said, pointing to identity governance and administration and data loss prevention technologies as growth areas. [ZDNet](#)

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An old scripting vulnerability that impacts a large number of Linux distributions and programming languages allows for man-in-the-middle attacks that could compromise web servers. The vulnerability, which affects many PHP and CGI web-apps, was revealed Monday in tandem with the release of a bevy patches from impacted companies and platforms. Researchers at SaaS distributor VendHQ named the vulnerability Httpoxy. It affects server-side web applications that run in Common Gateway Interface (CGI) or CGI-like environments, such as some FastCGI configurations, along with programming languages PHP, Python, and Go. [Threatpost](#)

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A vulnerability in a widely used ASN.1 compiler isn't a good thing: it means a bunch of downstream systems – including mobile phones and cell towers – will inherit the bug. And an ASN.1 bug is what the Sadosky Foundation in Argentina has turned up, in Objective Systems' software (...) That makes a bug in the compiler a serious issue even if, as the Sadosky Foundation's detailed advisory says, it's hard to assess just how big the issue might be right now. The compiler-generated code that controls your mobile phone's radio – the baseband component – and the network providing your phone signal and connectivity may be buggy as a result of this toolchain weakness. Those bugs, exploitable via data thrown at them over the airwaves, will end up built into critical gear and no one will realize there are security holes present – until now. [Register](#)

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Ubuntu support forums users should be on the lookout for dodgy emails after the website's database of 2 million email addresses was stolen. Canonical announced the security breach on Friday after being notified that someone was claiming to have a copy of the UbuntuForums.org database. An investigation revealed that an attacker did get access to the website's user records through a vulnerability. The exploited SQL injection flaw was located in the Forum Runner add-on for vBulletin, commercial web forum software that powers over 100,000 community websites on the Internet and is especially popular with companies. The vulnerability was known, but the Canonical IS team had failed to apply the patch for it in a timely manner. [CSO Online](#)

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A member of the Philippines administration announced that 68 government websites suffered crippling DDoS attacks last week. According to the official, the attacks started on the afternoon of July 12, the very same day the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague in the Netherlands unanimously ruled for the Philippines in a conflict with China. More specifically, it all concerned several newly created islands in the West Philippine Sea that intruded into the Philippines' maritime territories. [Softpedia](#); [IS Buzz](#)

How a healthcare hacker is pressuring victims to pay up

Pay up or face your patients' wrath. That's how one hacker is trying to shake down U.S. healthcare providers after stealing sensitive data about their patients. TheDarkOverlord claims to have stolen 10 million patient records and is selling them on the black market. In the meantime, the hacker is trying to extort the providers by telling them their patient data won't be sold if they pay a ransom. [CSO Online](#)

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Cerber ransomware C&C server shut down by research firm and CERT-Netherlands

The server used in a Cerber ransomware campaign discovered in June has been shut down, through a coordinated effort involving the security research firm FireEye, the Computer Emergency Response Teams in the Netherlands (CERT-Netherlands), and web hosting companies. The malicious spam email campaign, discovered by FireEye, used Microsoft Word attachments containing macros that launched a command and control Cerber installers. [SC Magazine](#)

CGI Script Vulnerability 'Httpoxy' Allows Man-in-the-Middle Attacks

An old scripting vulnerability that impacts a large number of Linux distributions and programming languages allows for man-in-the-middle attacks that could compromise web servers. The vulnerability, which affects many PHP and CGI web-apps, was revealed Monday in tandem with the release of a bevy patches from impacted companies and platforms. Researchers at SaaS distributor VendHQ named the vulnerability Httpoxy. It affects server-side web applications that run in Common Gateway Interface (CGI) or CGI-like environments, such as some FastCGI configurations, along with programming languages PHP, Python, and Go. [Threatpost](#)

Guilt by ASN: Compiler's bad memory bug could sting mobes, cell towers

A vulnerability in a widely used ASN.1 compiler isn't a good thing: it means a bunch of downstream systems – including mobile phones and cell towers – will inherit the bug. And an ASN.1 bug is what the Sadosky Foundation in Argentina has turned up, in Objective Systems' software (...) That makes a bug in the compiler a serious issue even if, as the Sadosky Foundation's detailed advisory says, it's hard to assess just how big the issue might be right now. The compiler-generated code that controls your mobile phone's radio – the baseband component – and the network providing your phone signal and connectivity may be buggy as a result of this toolchain weakness. Those bugs, exploitable via data thrown at them over the airwaves, will end up built into critical gear and no one will realize there are security holes present – until now. [Register](#)

Flaw in vBulletin add-on leads to Ubuntu Forums database breach

Ubuntu support forums users should be on the lookout for dodgy emails after the website's database of 2 million email addresses was stolen. Canonical announced the security breach on Friday after being notified that someone was claiming to have a copy of the UbuntuForums.org database. An investigation revealed that an attacker did get access to the website's user records through a vulnerability. The exploited SQL injection flaw was located in the Forum Runner add-on for vBulletin, commercial web forum software that powers over 100,000 community websites on the Internet and is especially popular with companies. The vulnerability was known, but the Canonical IS team had failed to apply the patch for it in a timely manner. [CSO Online](#)

Philippines Government Websites Hit by Massive DDoS Attacks, China Suspected

A member of the Philippines administration announced that 68 government websites suffered crippling DDoS attacks last week. According to the official, the attacks started on the afternoon of July 12, the very same day the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague in the Netherlands unanimously ruled for the Philippines in a conflict with China. More specifically, it all concerned several newly created islands in the West Philippine Sea that intruded into the Philippines' maritime territories. [Softpedia](#); [IS Buzz](#)

How a healthcare hacker is pressuring victims to pay up

Pay up or face your patients' wrath. That's how one hacker is trying to shake down U.S. healthcare providers after stealing sensitive data about their patients. TheDarkOverlord claims to have stolen 10 million patient records and is selling them on the black market. In the meantime, the hacker is trying to extort the providers by telling them their patient data won't be sold if they pay a ransom. [CSO Online](#)

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Cyber Security Threats

Cyber security threats because of employees' mobile gaming use are a concern for chief information officers (CIO). "There is ongoing conversation about what data is being collected with these sorts of interactive online games, so if employees are using their corporate mobile device, it's possible that it could create some vulnerabilities - though there is no talk of such a threat at the moment," says Nima Mirpourian, of Robert Half Technology. A recent survey of CIOs from Robert Half shows that keeping their organization's data safe is their top concern. In another one of their surveys, 54% cite plans to enhance employee training on IT security issues. [Toronto Sun](#), A61

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Canada's electronic spy agency won't reveal if shared info leads to torture overseas

Canada's electronic spy agency won't say how often it shares information that could lead to someone being tortured in an overseas prison. The Communications Security Establishment – which monitors threats from foreign terrorists and spies – has censored documents that spell out the figures, even though the RCMP and Canadian Security Intelligence Service have revealed such numbers in the past. The reticence prompted Amnesty International Canada to say "much greater transparency" is needed from the Ottawa-based CSE. "At stake is Canada's compliance with crucial international human rights obligations to prevent torture and ill-treatment," said Alex Neve, Amnesty's Canadian secretary general. The secretive CSE has been thrust into the national spotlight in recent years due to leaks by Edward Snowden, the former spy contractor who worked for the National Security Agency, CSE's American counterpart. It is also among a handful of Canadian agencies, including the RCMP, CSIS, the Canada Border Services Agency and National Defence, bound by a government instruction that allows it to share information with foreign partners – even when it means someone could be abused as a result of that exchange. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said earlier this year the Liberals will review the "troubling set of issues" raised by the foreign-sharing policy, enacted by the previous Conservative government. [Canadian Press](#) (Global News, News Review, Times Colonist, CTV News)

Phoenix flaw put PS personnel files at risk

The Public Service Alliance of Canada is renewing its call to scrap the government's Phoenix payroll system in light of newly released documents indicating that a flaw exposed the personal information of thousands of civil servants. "We knew this was going to be a disaster right from Day 1," PSAC executive vice-president Chris Aylward fumed Tuesday evening. "We knew this was going to be a Gong Show, and look where we are today," he said. "This is completely unacceptable. ... It's time to shut it down." Documents obtained by CBC News reportedly show officials were warned as early as Jan. 18 that the Phoenix system has a flaw that allows widespread access to employees' personnel records, including social insurance numbers. In an emailed statement to Postmedia, Public Service Minister Judy Foote's office confirmed government officials discovered the flaw early in the Phoenix rollout. [Canadian Press](#) (Ottawa Citizen, A2, Ottawa Sun); [CBC News](#) (2016-07-19)

Turkey blocks WikiLeaks over release of AK Party emails

Turkish officials have downplayed the release of hundreds of thousands of private emails belonging to members of the ruling party that were published on the WikiLeaks website. The whistle-blower website was blocked on Wednesday by Turkey's Internet watchdog, TIB, shortly after the mass release of the emails, which included the current phone numbers of AK Party members of parliament. The internet authority said an "administrative measure" had been taken against WikiLeaks, a generic term it often uses when blocking websites in Turkey. Al Jazeera independently confirmed the authenticity of emails and phone numbers of at least 10 members of parliament released by WikiLeaks. [Al Jazeera](#); [Motherboard](#); [RT](#); [Independent UK](#)

BlackBerry CEO questions Apple's encryption stance

BlackBerry chief executive John Chen has questioned whether Apple's stringent approach to encryption and user privacy is sensible, warning that the firm's attitude could be harmful to society. Speaking at the BlackBerry Security Summit in New York, Chen was quizzed about his opinion on government requests for customer data, and used it as a chance to criticise Apple, even if he avoided mentioning the firm directly. "One of our competitors, we call it 'the other fruit company', has an attitude that it doesn't matter how much it might hurt society, they're not going to help," he said. "I found that disturbing as a citizen. I think BlackBerry, like any company, should have a basic civil responsibility. If the world is in danger, we should be able to help out." Chen's comments relate to the case earlier this year in which Apple faced off against the FBI over whether to provide backdoor access to an iPhone 5C used by a terrorist. BlackBerry's stance is somewhat surprising considering the firm's reputation for keeping sensitive data over its network secure, but Chen said that as long as the guidelines are clear and adhered to there is nothing wrong with handing over data. v3.co.uk

Government Officials Conflicted About Encryption

Encryption — which prevents unauthorized users from accessing devices and data — is a double-edged sword, experts have said. While U.S. citizens use the technology to protect personal information, bad actors such as terrorists are employing it to hide illicit activity. Encryption services are also vitally important to the government, said a panel of department heads in May. "We know we need it," said Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter during a joint press conference at Intel's corporate headquarters in Santa Clara, California. "We know that strong encryption is part of the solution for the future (...)" "I think it's fair to say that ... globally the market for cybersecurity that should exist doesn't yet exist," he said. "But what that says is that there will be a big market for those innovators that get here first (...)" But such technology can make it harder for law enforcement to detect criminal activity, said Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson. The government and the private sector are "interested in finding the right solution that accommodates both strong encryption and enables us to track crime and to track potential terrorist plots for reasons of law enforcement, public safety and national security," he said. A cooperative agreement is possible and officials are "working very hard on this issue," he said. National.Defense.Magazine

Hacker 'Phineas Fisher' Speaks on Camera for the First Time—Through a Puppet

A little bit over a year ago, the normally quiet Twitter account of Hacking Team, an Italian company that sells spying tools to governments all over the world, started acting weird. "Since we have nothing to hide, we're publishing all our e-mails, files, and source code," read a Tweet published on late Sunday, July 5, 2015 (...) Hacking Team, which at that point was already notorious for selling its wares to repressive regimes and governments such as Ethiopia, Morocco, and others, had just gotten hacked (...) Since then, the hacker, who goes by the moniker Phineas Fisher, has kept mostly quiet, except for some tweets on his own Twitter account, and a writeup on how he broke into Hacking Team, which also served as a manifesto of his "hack back" hacking political movement (...) Before all this, though, just a few weeks after his hack, I asked him if he wanted to do an interview with some colleagues from VICE Canada, who were working on a documentary on the growing market of cyber mercenaries, companies that sell hacking and spying tools to police and intelligence agencies all over the world. After some back and forth, Phineas Fisher agreed—with one strange condition. "I'll do a video interview if you get kermit the frog (or a homemade non-trademark violating puppet) and a voice actor to read lines I type in chat," Phineas Fisher told me. Motherboard

Apple Has Its Own Stagefright Vulnerability

Apple has fixed five issues in OS X and iOS that pose a striking resemblance to the famous Stagefright vulnerability found in Android devices that allows attackers to fully compromise devices via a malicious image. The vulnerability resides in the way Apple products process certain types of image files. Affected products include OS X, iOS, tvOS, and watchOS. Tyler Bohan of the Cisco Talos team discovered the issues, which can be exploited by sending a malformed image attached to an email to victims, embedded in a Web page, via iMessages, MMS messages, and all sorts of other applications. Softpedia

Exploit kits now adopting recent Office vulnerabilities: Report

Cyber security trends can be hard to nail down because attacker strategies constantly evolve. But a new report from Sophos suggests that criminals have finally turned away from an old Microsoft Office exploit and instead are favouring two new ones. However, the report also emphasizes the importance CISOs have to put in their patching strategy because even the new exploits have fixes out for them. Sophos says that data gathered recently from customers shows the four-year old CVE-2012-0158 vulnerability, which allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via a crafted Web site, Office document, or .rtf file has been supplanted in exploit kits by CVE-2015-1641, also a remote execution attack and CVE-2015-2545, which allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via a crafted EPS image that would be embedded in a document or email. [IT World Canada](http://ITWorldCanada)

Gmail Security Filters Can Be Bypassed Just by Splitting a Word in Two

Some of Gmail's security features that are responsible for detecting malicious macros can be bypassed just by splitting "trigger words" in half or across rows, security researchers from SecureState have discovered. Macros are script snippets

attached to Office documents that, if the user allows it, can execute and automate a series of tasks. Created to simplify various tasks at work, macros have been abused since their early beginning by malware authors to carry out malicious operations that resulted in the installation of malware on targeted systems. [Softpedia](#)

Antivirus Engines Affected by Code Hooking Vulnerability

Six vulnerabilities in the way some software vendors utilize the "code hooking" technique expose their products to exploitation from malware that can leverage these security flaws to bypass security mitigations and compromise targeted devices. Hooking is a coding technique that allows an application to tap into the process of another application. Many types of desktop applications enable and use it, and especially security products that need to monitor other apps for malicious activity. [Softpedia](#)

Google Chrome Malware Leads to Sketchy Facebook Likes

Ever wonder how your mild-mannered friend's Facebook feed suddenly got packed with lewd clickbait? That's the question Maxime Kjaer was determined to answer when he noticed a friend's Facebook feed peppered with Likes for sketchy link bait such as "Basic Kissing Tips". "Intrigued, I decided to go down the rabbit hole and see what this was all about," wrote Kjaer, a 19-year-old computer science student at Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Switzerland, in a blog post Monday. What he found was what he called a "glaring security hole" in the Google Chrome Webstore that allowed malware authors to infect Chrome browsers via a bogus age verification extension. [Threatpost](#)

Don't Fall for the Pokémon Malware

Google removed a handful of malicious, fake Pokémon apps during the past weekend. It is another example of developers creating bootleg apps to take advantage of people caught up in the latest craze—and a reminder that you should play it safe when downloading apps. Outside of the Google Play store, it is even worse. In third-party Android app stores, there are more than a dozen apps posing as either the real "Pokémon Go" or apps that can help "Pokémon Go" players, according to security researchers. They warn that many of these will install spyware on phones, collect private data or deliver spam. "Pokémon Go Ultimate" was one of the handful of harmful apps that Alphabet Inc. -owned Google removed from Play. It was flagged as harmful by Lukas Stefanko, a malware researcher with IT security firm Eset Ltd. [Wall Street Journal](#)

White paper: 100 new ransomware families ID'd in 2015, as campaigns adopt APT tactics

In its new special report Ransomware and Businesses 2016, Symantec declares that within the last year, ransomware has rapidly advanced in maturity and severity, while also exploding in terms of overall numbers. If the threat that ransomware poses to your corporate systems hasn't already been keeping you awake, the researchers at Symantec have added some more nightmare-fuel in the form of a new white paper. In its special report Ransomware and Businesses 2016, the cybersecurity firm declares that within the last year, ransomware has rapidly advanced in maturity and severity, while also exploding in terms of overall numbers. [SC Magazine](#)

New Made-in-China Web Shell Threatens the Security of Web Servers Worldwide

Two Chinese security researchers have created a new Web shell that they open-sourced on GitHub for everyone to use, including the bad guys. Seen for the first time in December 2015, this new tool, named Cknife, is coded in Java and includes server-side components that allow it to connect to Java, PHP, ASP, and ASP.NET servers. The authors of this new tool are two Chinese security researchers, Chora and MelodyZX, also known as MS509Team. According to a Recorded Future investigation, the two wanted to create a clone of China Chopper, a very efficient yet outdated (code-wise) Web Shell that was launched in 2013 and has been the preferred tool of Chinese red teams, criminal groups, and APTs. [Softpedia](#)

DDoS Attack Takes Down US Congress Website for Three Days

The US Congress has just recovered after a three-day DDoS attack that has crippled its online portal congress.gov, along with adjacent sites such as the US Library of Congress (loc.gov) and the US Copyright Office (copyright.gov). The attack started on Sunday evening, July 17, and initially targeted the Library of Congress website, affecting the same server infrastructure on which the other two websites were also hosted. Despite initial defensive measures, the attack slowly escalated in the following days and continued to cause trouble for government officials and site visitors until five hours before this article's publishing date. [Softpedia](#)

DDoS attacks are getting bigger and more frequent in 2016, study shows

As cybersecurity threats and concerns continue to mount, DDoS attacks are quickly increasing in size, scale and complexity, new figures show. According to data released by Arbor Networks, the first six months of 2016 have seen an escalation in Distributed Denial of Service attacks with the largest attack registering at a whopping 579Gbps - a 73% increase from the biggest DDoS attack in 2015. DDoS attacks take place when a malicious group or individual floods a company's network with fake traffic in order to take it down. The attacks have become more commonplace due to readily

available free tools and cheap online services that allow any resentful individual with a decent internet connection to launch an attack against a company's servers, if they choose to do so. International Business Times

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DNC email hack: A look at the theory Russian operatives led attack to boost Trump's bid

Days after a massive leak of hacked emails threatened to spoil the Democratic Party's convention kickoff, political operatives and assorted experts continue to debate whether the attack was a Russian plot to boost Donald Trump's presidential bid. Donald Jensen, a resident fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis and expert on Russia, says the potential motive is obvious. "Certainly the Kremlin prefers Trump, there's no question about that at all," he said (...). A cybersecurity firm the Democrats hired reportedly found traces on the party's network of at least two sophisticated hacking groups that have ties to the Russian government. In an interview with Democracy Now, Wikileaks founder Julian Assange refused to reveal the source of the emails, but said when it comes to the DNC, "there's lots of consultants that have access, lots of programmers." "And the DNC has been hacked dozens and dozens of times. Even according to its own reports, it had been hacked extensively over the last few years." In a later interview with NBC, Assange said there's "no proof ... whatsoever" that Russian intelligence was responsible for the hack. The FBI announced Monday it's investigating. [CBC News](#); [Washington Post](#) (Leader-Post, StarPhoenix, Vancouver Sun, Montreal Gazette, Edmonton Journal, Calgary Herald, Windsor Star, National Post, Ottawa Citizen); [Globe and Mail](#); [AFP](#) (Le Nouvelliste); [Canadian Press](#) (Telegraph-Journal, Winnipeg Sun, Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard, Calgary Sun, Ottawa Sun, Waterloo Region Record); [Motherboard](#)

Courriels démocrates - "La publication de WikiLeaks n'est pas un "scoop"

Un article d'opinion dit « WikiLeaks a besoin d'exister et de publier régulièrement. Mais je ne suis pas sûr que cette publication leur profite, ni sur le crédit ni sur la confiance que l'on peut accorder à leurs publications. Le problème est que, contrairement à d'autres lanceurs d'alerte comme Edward Snowden [l'ex-consultant de la National Security Agency (NSA) à l'origine des révélations sur le programme de surveillance de la NSA], WikiLeaks est dépendant de ses sources et surtout de la qualité des informations que des tiers lui apportent. Il y a eu violation des correspondances, mais il n'y a pas en contrepartie le bénéfice de la désignation d'un péril supérieur, qui justifierait la violation du secret des correspondances. De plus, même si ce n'est pas systématique, WikiLeaks a pris l'habitude de s'adjoindre les médias, qui venaient mettre en perspective et raffiner leur matière brute. Ici, il y a juste la mise en ligne de données, mais pas de travail éditorial autour. On peut s'interroger sur le fait qu'il n'y ait pas eu de média qui ait été mis dans la boucle. Ont-ils estimé que le jeu n'en valait pas la chandelle ? » [Le Devoir](#), B5

Police, judges and legislators meet to discuss balancing cybercrime with privacy in Halifax

Judges, lawyers, legislators and law enforcement officials from around the world are meeting in Halifax to discuss the unique challenges of delivering justice in the digital age. Members of the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law say they'll tackle issues such as cyber-stalking, cyber-bullying and Internet luring at their 29th annual conference. Organizers say the anonymity of the online world, along with the lack of national boundaries, creates space for virtually untraceable criminal activity. But they say technology has also provided tools to fight crime through surveillance and information-sharing. [Canadian Press](#) (Chronicle-Herald) (2016-07-25)

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Kremlin says idea it hacked U.S. Democratic Party emails absurd

The Kremlin dismissed as absurd on Tuesday allegations it was behind the hacking of U.S. Democratic Party emails, saying unidentified individuals were trying to cynically exploit fear of Russia for electoral purposes. It responded after cyber security experts and U.S. officials said there was evidence Russia had engineered the release of sensitive Democratic Party emails in order to influence the Nov. 8 U.S. presidential election. [Reuters](#)

Vendors, Police and Europol Begin Ransomware Fightback

An initiative to educate and prevent further ransomware payments has been launched by Europol, law enforcement and the private sector. Called 'No More Ransom', it is led by Intel Security, the Dutch National Police, Europol and Kaspersky Lab and is a new online portal aimed at informing the public about the dangers of ransomware and helping victims to recover their data without having to pay ransom to the cyber-criminals. With the number of ransomware victims growing at an alarming rate – according to Kaspersky Lab the number of users affected rose from 131,000 in 2014-2015 to 718,000 in 2015-2016 – the portal is intended for users to find information on what ransomware is, how it works and how to protect themselves. [Infosecurity Magazine](#); [IT Pro UK](#)

Windows UAC Bypass Leaves Systems Open to Malicious DLLs

Researchers have crafted a stealthy new way of bypassing Windows User Account Controls (UAC) that opens the door to attacks on targeted systems. According researchers, the bypass technique can fly under the radar of security solutions that monitor for this type of circumvention. The UAC bypass technique works on Windows 10 systems, and as opposed a number of other UAC bypasses techniques, this one does not raise red flags because it doesn't rely on a privileged file copy or code injection, according to Matt Graeber and Matt Nelson who found the workaround and outlined it in a technical breakdown on the Enigmaox3 website. [Threatpost](#)

Modified Hackhound PWS used for cyberespionage spearphishing

McAfee Labs researchers spotted a series of spearphishing attacks using a modified version of the Hackhound password stealer (PWS) for what they believe to be an industrial cyberespionage campaign. The PWS, dubbed ISR Stealer, leverages compromised websites to host access panels and also targets companies that deal with machinery parts, according to a July 21 blog post. [SC Magazine](#); [Softpedia](#)

Upcoming Tor Design Battles Hidden Services Snooping

More than 100 malicious Tor Hidden Services Directories (HSDirs) were found to be snooping on the services they host, and in some cases, operators were actively using the data collected to attack the services. While at first blush, the discovery would seem to put another dent in the privacy and anonymity aspects so heavily associated with the Tor network, project representatives say it's been an "ongoing annoyance" and one that has been addressed in an upcoming design. Developer Sebastian Hahn said code has been written, but a release date is still to be determined. Tor representatives also downplayed the attack, saying for example, that it does not unmask the operator behind a hidden service, which has long been a law enforcement and intelligence agency goal. [Threatpost](#)

New Decryption Tools Aid Ransomware Fight

Security firm AVG has fired back in the long-running tit-for-tat battle with the ransomware black hats by releasing a new tool to decrypt files locked with the Bart variant. Malware analyst Jakub Kroustek explained that the new tool would work on all versions of the ransomware seen "to date." "Rather than rewriting files with their encrypted versions, like other ransomware families do, Bart moves each file to a separate password-protected archive (ZIP file), then deletes the originals. The encrypted files are easy to recognize, because they're ZIP archives, denoted by .zip extensions," he added. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Encryption breakthrough: Scientists derive truly random numbers using two-source extractors

Random numbers are a lot more important than most of us realize. Besides creating keys used to encrypt anything from databases to email, random numbers help predict weather patterns, sort out gaming theory, and are utilized in the creation of music. One might think it would be easy for computers to generate random numbers, but people at Random.org disagree, "Surprising as it may seem, it is difficult to get a computer to do something by chance. A computer follows its instructions blindly and is therefore completely predictable." [Tech Republic](#)

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FBI said to investigate possible hack of another Democratic Party organization

The FBI is said to be investigating yet another suspected hack of a Democratic Party organization, this time of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee that raises funds for Democrats running for the House of Representatives. The previously unreported hack of the DCCC is likely to have been aimed at gathering information on donors rather than steal funds, four sources told Reuters. [CSO Online](#)

WikiLeaks' methods questioned by whistleblower Edward Snowden

Former U.S. National Security Agency contractor, Edward Snowden, has censured WikiLeaks' release of information without proper curation. On Thursday, Snowden, who has embarrassed the U.S. government with revelations of widespread NSA surveillance, said that WikiLeaks was mistaken in not at least modestly curating the information it releases. [CSO Online](#)

Ransomware Author Leaks Rival's Decryption Keys

Victims of the Chimera ransomware were thrown a lifeline this week after a rival malware author appeared to leak the decryption keys online. Spotted by Malwarebytes on Tuesday, the Twitter user @Janussecretary posted a link to a Pastebin document containing the keys and a message. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

Building an Effective Incident Response Plan

An opinion piece states, "When it comes to incident response and a company's ability to manage a data breach, no organization can afford to be caught off guard. The effects of an uncontrolled and poorly managed data breach can be catastrophic to businesses of all sizes, not to mention the public relations nightmare and subsequent liability that can ensue when an organization drops the ball in the wake of a cyber-attack..." [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

Cleaning up after cyber attacks is good, but deterring attackers is better

An opinion piece states, "The White House has published its strategy outlining how the country will respond to significant cyber attacks. The Presidential Policy Directive on United States Cyber Incident Coordination makes it clear for the first time that the FBI and the National Cyber Investigative Joint Task Force (NCIJTF) would take the lead in 'threat response activities'..." [ZDNet News](#)

IRS Get Transcript Scam Duo Get Jail Time

A Georgia couple have been handed down a combined sentence of over eight years behind bars for their part in a sophisticated IRS scam involving the Get Transcript tool. Anthony Alike, 42, will serve 80 months in jail followed by three years of supervised release, and Sonia Alike, 27, will spend 21 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, after defrauding the tax service of over \$1 million. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

A Day in the Life of an IT Pro: Hacked off with IoT

Friends, Romans, fellow IT Pros, lend me your ears. It's time to talk about Internet of Things (IoT) now, I know the topic of connected fridges and the like is often covered, but amid the cacophony of excited consumers is a warning – the impact of IoT on enterprise security could be monumental. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

Netflix Phishing Campaign Takes Advantage of Fare Hike

A phishing campaign targeting Netflix customers is making the rounds, stealing login credentials. Since Netflix recently announced a service fee hike, spammers saw an opportunity to exploit the situation. According to researchers at AppRiver, phishing emails attempt to impersonate a Netflix account-verification email. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

Pwnie Express makes IoT, Android security arsenal open source

Pwnie Express has given the keys to software used to secure the Internet of Things (IoT) and Android software to the open-source community. The Internet of Things (IoT), the emergence of devices ranging from lighting to fridges and embedded systems which are connected to the web, has paved an avenue for cyberattackers to exploit. [ZDNet News](#)

Getting caught using a VPN in the UAE will cost you over \$500,000

New federal laws issued in the United Arab Emirates has resulted in an outright ban on the use of VPNs -- and a fine of up to \$545,000 if you are caught using one. Last week, UAE President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan issued a new set of federal laws which include one forbidding UAE citizens from using VPNs to mask their digital footprints. [ZDNet News](#)

Amazon saw spike in US demands for customer data

The total number of government requests for data on Amazon customers has doubled over the past year. The retail and cloud giant quietly announced the latest figures for the first six months of 2016 ending June in a report, published Thursday evening, which showed a total of 1,803 different requests from the US government. [ZDNet News](#)

Hackers can record everything you type on certain wireless keyboards

A computer security research team has identified a weakness in several brands of low-cost wireless keyboards that could allow hackers to view and record every word, number and password typed by a user from up to about 75 metres away. According to Bastille, an Atlanta-based research team, eight wireless keyboards made by companies such as Hewlett-Packard, Radio Shack and Toshiba send keystroke data from the board to the USB dongle that connects to your computer without the encryption needed to mask what someone is typing. [CBC News](#); [Wired](#); [Threatpost](#)

Clues in DNC hacking point to Russia, despite Trump claims

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump said is reasserting that whoever hacked the Democratic National Committee and stole years of internal emails remains a mystery. But private security experts — although not yet any U.S. government agencies — say they found persuasive clues that point to hacking groups whose previous targets track closely with the strategic interests of Russia's government, especially its civilian and military intelligence and security agencies. [Associated Press](#) (Seattle Times)

Is D.N.C. Email Hacker a Person or a Russian Front? Experts Aren't Sure

Who is Guccifer 2.0, the self-proclaimed Romanian "lone hacker" responsible for copying thousands of emails and other files from the Democratic National Committee — a real person, or a front created by Russian intelligence officials? Technology specialists have been debating that question since June 15, when CrowdStrike, a cybersecurity firm hired by the Democratic National Committee, announced that sophisticated hacker groups with Russian links were responsible for breaching the committee's computer servers. Within hours of the announcement, someone using the moniker Guccifer 2.0 started a blog to mock that finding, posting several of the stolen documents and claiming sole credit. But the publication by WikiLeaks of an archive of the committee's internal emails — and the uproar they caused on the eve of the Democratic National Convention — have focused wider attention on who, or what, is operating behind that name. While WikiLeaks has not said how it obtained the emails, Guccifer 2.0 claimed in a blog post last month to have sent them to WikiLeaks. [New York Times](#); [Motherboard](#); [Daily Beast](#)

U.S. is the source of most cyberattacks: Sucuri

Russia, Iran, China and North Korea are home to more than their fair share of cybercriminals, but the nation most responsible for housing malicious actors is the United States. And of the 50 states and various American territories California holds the dubious honor of hosting the most bad guys within its borders, this according to a blog by Daniel Cid, Sucuri founder and CTO. Cid's study found that 38 percent of attacks originated in the United States with 11 percent coming from California, which by itself is more than any other individual country. [SC Magazine](#)

Germany is cracking down on 'dark net' crime after the Munich shooting

German police will do more to fight crime committed on the "dark net", they said on Wednesday, days after a gunman killed nine people with a weapon bought on that hidden part of the internet. "We see that the dark net is a growing trading place and therefore we need to prioritize our investigations here," Holger Muench, head of Germany's Federal Police (BKA), told journalists as he presented the latest annual report on cyber crime. [Reuters](#) (Business Insider)

Twitter suspends accounts that lured ISIS supporters to install spyware

Twitter has suspended at least two accounts that were spreading links to spyware aimed at people who sympathise with terrorists. Twitter announced in February that it had blocked 125,000 accounts for promoting mostly ISIS-related terrorist attacks. While the company may have taken a stand against terrorist propaganda on the service, it also draws a hard line on using Twitter to spread malware that could be used to identify potential ISIS recruits. [CSO Online](#); [International Business Times](#)

We Need to Change the Psychology of Security

An opinion piece states "There are a wide variety of opinions on how to fix security and stop the seemingly endless parade of breaches. Like many, I believe the problem is multi-faceted: it's more than just a lack of encryption, the inability to block malware, or that IT professionals don't do "the basics," though these all contribute to security failures. I believe we have a people problem, but not in the same way that most might think. The security industry has made a lot of mistakes along the way, and some of these mistakes have made the security professional's job needlessly difficult. In hindsight, one of these mistakes was to separate security from IT. We need to correct that..." Motherboard

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Preventing fraud in real estate transactions

Unfortunately, we live in a society where fraud is on the rise and new schemes to defraud unsuspecting victims seem to be regular features on the nightly newscase, alongside the weather report. Real property is not immune to fraud. In fact, there has been so much fraud in real estate that banks are taking additional precautions with mortgages, the law society has implemented rules and best practices for lawyers and real estate agents have to comply with identification verification processes required by their governing body... Real estate agents must follow the guidelines of and submit reports to FINTRAC (Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada). Real estate agents must obtain the identification of their clients. They must keep a record of the client's name, client's address, nature of the client's principal business or occupation, and the individual's date of birth. To obtain this information, the real estate agent must also record the type of documents used to verify the identity, (e.g., driver's licence), its reference number and its place of issue. Real estate agents also must report to FINTRAC suspicious transactions and transactions that involve a large cash transaction of over \$10,000. [Ottawa Sun](#), H7

Snowden made Canadian spies review contractor policy

When Edward Snowden begin leaking secrets about mass surveillance in the United States, Canada's electronic spy agency quietly wondered if their security screening was sufficient to stop a copycat. Newly released documents show some of the behind-the-scenes actions taken by the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) three years ago, when contractor Snowden first pulled back the curtain on the West's pervasive mass surveillance capabilities. [Toronto Star](#), A4

Canada's electronic spies revealed

EONBLUE: The Communications Security Establishment's EONBLUE program tapped into the physical infrastructure of the Internet, collecting data at real-world choke points, according to documents published by Der Spiegel newspaper. The program reportedly allows CSE to collect vast amounts of information, as well as conduct cyberdefence and potentially offensive actions. Levitation: Another tool in CSE's mass surveillance box, Levitation tracked between 10 million and 15 million downloads and uploads to popular file-sharing sites per day, according to documents reviewed by CBC. Of the hundreds of millions of interactions tracked, CSE found approximately 350 "interesting downloads" per month, the outlet reported. [Toronto Star](#), A4

Cybercrime arrest

Interpol says it has arrested a Nigerian accused of scamming \$60 million from companies around the world through fraudulent e-mails. Interpol says one target alone paid out \$15.4 million. [Associated Press](#) (Winnipeg Sun, A5); [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

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Are you asking your clients these important cyber questions?

As cyber security risks are increasingly at the forefront, businesses large and small must remain constantly proactive against attacks – including the White House. U.S. President Obama recently issued an “attack plan” against cyber hacks, warning of a “revolution” of computer threats and growing cyber aggression from nations such as Russia and North Korea, and terrorist organizations such as the Islamic State. [Insurance Business Canada](#)

Travel Smart

Personal safety should be a key concern for anyone at the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro in August, and so should cybersecurity. The Games will attract not only athletes and spectators, but hackers eager to sniff Wi-Fi traffic, snatch data and infect devices with malware... On its "Cyber security while travelling website", the Government of Canada warns us to "use free computing resources with the assumption that any information you enter could be seen by an unauthorized third party." [Toronto Star](#)

Google issues anniversary Android patch - and Qualcomm bugs dominate

Google's August patch for Android fixes 22 bugs in the operating system as well as over 80 bugs in component drivers, most of which affect devices with Qualcomm components. Google has once again bifurcated its monthly bulletin to make it easier for Android device makers to patch common OS bugs quickly, while a second set of fixes addresses flaws in device drivers, kernel issues, bootloaders, and other components that only affect some device models. [ZDNet News](#)

Cyberattaque contre des organismes publics

Les services russes de renseignement ont annoncé samedi avoir mis au jour une attaque informatique «planifiée» visant à espionner une vingtaine d'organisations, dont des agences publiques et industries militaires. Le FSB, l'héritier du KGB soviétique, explique avoir détecté des cas d'infection par un logiciel malveillant «destiné au cyberespionnage dans les réseaux informatiques d'environ 20 organisations sur le territoire de la Russie». [Agence France-Presse](#) (Journal de Montréal, Journal de Québec)

Data program accessed in cyber-attack on Democrats, says Clinton campaign

A data program used by the campaign of the Democratic presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton, was "accessed" as a part of hack on the Democratic National Committee (DNC) that intelligence officials believe was carried out by Russia's intelligence services, Clinton's campaign said on Friday. [Guardian UK](#)

Malware disguised by SSL traffic spikes over the last year

The use of encrypted traffic to disguise malware attempting to infiltrate user devices and enterprise networks has "significantly" risen over the past year, researchers say. According to cybersecurity firm Blue Coat, there was a visible increase in the use of SSL/TLS encryption standards born out of privacy worries. However, while many individuals are now using these protocols whenever possible, it appears that threat actors are also harnessing SSL to disguise their activities. [ZDNet News](#)

Hackers hit Czech billionaire minister's companies to protest gambling law

The Anonymous hackers' group briefly shut down company websites of billionaire Czech Finance Minister Andrej Babis's food and agriculture empire in protest at a law giving the state the power to close illegal gambling sites. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

Lockheed Martin to open AU\$13m multi-disciplinary R&D centre in Melbourne

US defence giant Lockheed Martin will be spending AU\$13 million over three years on a new research and development facility in Melbourne, aiming to solve the technology challenges of the future, and work in the so-called "art of the possible". [ZDNet News](#)

Experts: Iranian link to attempted hack of Syrian dissident

Syrian opposition activist Noura Al-Ameer was combing through her emails late one night when a message caught her eye. The sender was "Assadcrimes" and he promised information about Iranian meddling in the Middle East. But the email seemed odd somehow. [Associated Press](#) (Charlottetown Guardian)

Google donne le coup d'envoi à HSTS sur ses serveurs

Google annonce avoir mis en place le HSTS, HTTP Strict Transport Security sur ses différents services et son nom de domaine Google.com. Cette mise à jour vise à améliorer la sécurité des utilisateurs en convertissant automatiquement les liens présents sur la page en HTTPS. [ZDNet France](#)

WhatsApp Privacy Fears as Deleted Chats Are Recovered

WhatsApp chats can still be retrieved even if users think they've completely deleted or cleared them, according to new research. Security researcher, Jonathan Zdziarski, claimed that even the latest version of the app leaves a forensic trace of all chats – at least on iOS. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

Around 200 Million Yahoo Credentials Dumped Online

A hacker responsible for dumping hundreds of millions of MySpace, LinkedIn and other credentials online in recent months has now reportedly put up for sale 200 million Yahoo log-ins. The individual, known as "Peace," is selling the same combination of usernames, passwords hashed with the md5 algorithm, dates of birth, and in some cases email addresses. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

The Future of Mobile Security

An opinion piece states, "Mobility has become the new normal for computing, but the enterprise is not fully embracing the capabilities of always-on, always-connected, devices as a result of inadequate security tools. In order to improve the capabilities of mobile in the enterprise, the next generation of enterprise mobile security solutions needs to evolve and develop to take control of both BYOD and enterprise-owned mobile fleets..." [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

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Les chefs de police réclament l'accès légal aux mots de passe

Les chefs de police canadiens réclament une loi pour contraindre les gens à révéler leurs mots de passe aux forces de l'ordre s'ils ont obtenu l'approbation d'un juge. L'Association canadienne des chefs de police (ACCP) a adopté une résolution incitant le gouvernement à prendre des mesures législatives pour faciliter l'obtention de preuves électroniques. L'ACCP estime que les criminels ont de plus en plus recours au chiffrement pour dissimuler leurs activités illicites en ligne. Le commissaire adjoint de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), Joe Oliver, a déclaré qu'aucune loi canadienne ne contraignait actuellement le détenteur d'un mot de passe à le révéler aux policiers dans le cadre d'une enquête. Lors d'une conférence de presse mardi, M. Oliver a soutenu que les criminels, qu'ils soient membres de la mafia ou pédophiles, bénéficient d'un anonymat quasi absolu grâce à des outils en ligne qui camouflent leur identité, de même que leurs communications. «Les victimes dans l'espace numérique sont réelles, a rappelé M. Oliver. Les lois du Canada et sa capacité à maintenir l'ordre doivent suivre le rythme de l'évolution technologique.» Cette résolution de l'ACCP survient alors que le gouvernement fédéral entame ses consultations en matière de cybersécurité, notamment par rapport à l'équilibre entre les besoins des policiers et les libertés fondamentales. Ces consultations se poursuivront jusqu'au 15 octobre. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Quotidien, 17, Le Soleil); [Canadian Press](#) (Times & Transcript, Calgary Herald, National Post, Ottawa Citizen, Leader-Post, Edmonton Journal, Waterloo Region Record, Toronto Star, Hamilton Spectator, Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, Cape Breton Post, Chronicle-Herald, The Telegram, The Guardian)

Calgary police push for right to access digital passwords

Calgary police are supporting calls for a new law that would force civilians to hand over electronic passwords to investigators with a judge's permission. Calgary police Chief Roger Chaffin was among those at the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police who voted Tuesday to ask for legal means to obtain such digital evidence, saying it would help law enforcement keep pace with cybercrime. But civil liberties advocates say such a law would be highly problematic, and might even clash with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. "When the chiefs of police want this sort of self-incrimination and openness, will it apply to them as well?" said Rocky Mountain Civil Liberties Association director Sharon Polsky, insisting it would be "flagrantly in violation" of Canadians' privacy rights. Current laws don't allow police to compel someone to give them a password. Deputy Chief Sat Parhar, who was in Ottawa with Chaffin to vote on the resolution, said the new legislation would be a guide for law enforcement, outlining when it is and isn't OK to access certain data. "There's a rule book, the rule book is the criminal code," said Parhar. "We're just saying this needs to be represented in the rule book. You don't want the police doing things without some sort of guidance through the law." [Calgary Herald](#), A1

Fighting crime in the digital age

An opinion piece states, "This week, top police officials from coast to coast have descended on our nation's capital for the 111th annual Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police conference. The topic that will shape their discussion, Public Safety in a Digital Age: Real Victims - Real Crime, is timely, given that we're at an important societal juncture. So much of our daily lives now take place online: our wealth passes through jurisdictions in the form of ones and zeros; the most intimate details of our lives, whether they are held by government or industry, rest on servers located somewhere around the globe; and our critical infrastructure, whether it is managed by the public or private sector, is operated digitally. Given the recent media coverage of data breaches and many people's personal experiences with fraudulent phishing schemes, it's understandable that we, as consumers and citizens, want to erect the highest walls possible around our valuable digital assets. This is a natural human reaction, but it isn't a realistic societal response, given the magnitude of our online world." [National Post](#), A8

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Ottawa announces public consultation on cyber security strategy

The federal government has started a three-month public consultation on updating its cyber security strategy, asking security pros and citizens for input on how it should not only strengthen the national IT systems and critical infrastructure in the private sector but also help businesses and residents. **Public Services Minister Ralph Goodale said** Tuesday the consultation, which ends Oct. 15, will help identify gaps and opportunities, bring forward new ideas to shape Canada's renewed approach to cyber security and capitalize on the advantages of new technology and the digital economy. [IT World Canada](#)

Public Safety Canada launches public consultation on cybersecurity landscape

Public Safety Canada (PSC) has launched a public consultation on the "evolving cybersecurity landscape." On Tuesday, the federal government launched the Consultation on Cyber Security to help identify gaps and opportunities, bring forward new ideas to shape Canada's renewed approach to cybersecurity and capitalize on the advantages of new technology and the digital economy, PSC said in a statement. From now until Oct. 15, PSC will be leading the consultation by engaging stakeholders and Canadians on the trends and challenges of cybersecurity, as well as on new initiatives under consideration which will strive to build Canada's resilience, capability and innovation in cybersecurity, the department said. Topics of the consultation include: the evolution of the cyber threat; the increasing economic significance of cybersecurity; the expanding frontiers of cybersecurity; and Canada's way forward on cybersecurity. **"Canadians spend more time online than people in any other country,"** said **Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, in the statement. "We need to get really good at cybersecurity – across our personal, business, infrastructure and government sectors – so we can take full advantage of the digital economy, while protecting the safety and security of Canadians, and selling our valuable cyber skills and products into a booming market throughout the rest of the world."** [Canadian Underwriter](#)

Canadian Police Lobbies for Law That Would Force People to Reveal Passwords

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Assistant Commissioner Joe Oliver told Canadian press in a conference on Tuesday that his institution asked government officials for a law that would allow police officers to force crime suspects to reveal passwords for devices and online accounts. The RCMP official claims a spike in the number of cases where criminals employ encryption to protect sensitive and possibly incriminating data. RCMP officials are trying to criminalize situations where suspects refuse to cooperate. The proposal the RCMP made involves oversight, with a judge approving in situations where RCMP officers can force citizens to reveal passwords. [Softpedia News](#); [CanTech Letter](#); [Motherboard](#)

Hacking group auctions 'cyber weapons' stolen from NSA

A mysterious online group called the Shadow Brokers claims to have infiltrated an elite hacking unit linked to the National Security Agency and stolen state "cyber weapons", and is now auctioning them off to the highest bidder. The stolen malware is said to belong to Equation Group, a sophisticated hacking team believed to be operated by the NSA. So far, the Shadow Brokers have only released a few taster files and images of the cache, but security researchers said they appear to be legitimate. The leak, announced in broken English by the group in a series of posts on Twitter, Tumblr, Pastebin and Github, was accompanied by claims that the group was in possession of state-sponsored "cyber weapons". Kaspersky Lab, the security company that first exposed Equation Group's cyber-espionage in 2015, has published a detailed blogpost showing a "strong connection" between the files found in the leak and their earlier findings about Equation Group. Kaspersky has found encryption algorithms among more than 300 files in the Shadow Brokers' cache used in a way that has only been seen before in Equation Group malware. [The Guardian](#); [Threat Post](#); [Ars Technica](#); [Softpedia News](#)

Snowden Claims Russia is Behind NSA Hack

Former NSA contractor Edward Snowden has claimed that the Kremlin is most likely behind the recent cyber-attack on what is thought to be an NSA C&C server, and is using the data as leverage against a possible retaliation for the state-sponsored campaign against the Democrat party. The 'group' known as Shadow Brokers went public earlier this week with a treasure trove of "cyber weapons" it said belong to the Equation Group – outed last year by Kaspersky Lab as probably being baked by the NSA. Now Snowden has taken to Twitter to reveal what he believes happened – namely that the state-backed Shadow Brokers accessed a "staging server" belonging to the NSA, where it found the binaries it is now trying to 'sell'. [Info Security Magazine](#); [Fortune](#); [Engadget](#); [RT](#)

#Shadowbrokers hack could be Russia's DNC counter-threat to NSA

One of the most interesting hacks in recent memory is almost certain to be a compromise of infrastructure operated by an ultra-elite hacking group thought to be the United States' National Security Agency. The breach involves the public release of more than 300 files that showcase a host of exploits against companies including Cisco and Fortinet, plus tools known to be part of the National Security Agency's arsenal. Initial analysis by the likes of Kaspersky Labs, NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden, and a host of independent security researchers shore up claims by a hacking group calling itself Shadow Brokers that the exploits and toolsets it hopes to auction for millions of dollars in Bitcoins are

legitimate Equation group weaponry. Kaspersky Labs last year revealed the Equation group to be almost certainly a state-sponsored actor and, according to deep analysis of its activities, highly likely to be a wing of the National Security Agency given a series of very striking operational and technical similarities. It is a group that until February last year had conducted global hacking campaigns of the highest sophistication in complete stealth including interdiction attacks and persistent hard disk firmware re-writing using a suite of unique malware families. Its attacks had gone unnoticed for more than 14 years. Now the same Kaspersky Labs analysts who revealed Equation group confirm it has been compromised in the Shadow Brokers breach. [The Register](#)

The Shadow Brokers NSA hack claim unlikely say experts

The claim by the hacking group the Shadow Brokers that it has pilfered surveillance tools from another group, allegedly associated with the National Security Agency (NSA), is being called bogus by security experts. [SC Magazine](#)

How Cyberattacks on Critical Infrastructure Could Cause Real-Life Disasters

In October 11, 2012, then Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta warned of the impending dangers of a digital Pearl Harbor, a cyberattack that targeted critical infrastructure and caused real, physical damage. Since then, others have sounded the alarm bells of a cyberattack on infrastructure. Yet, other than the Stuxnet attack on an Iranian nuclear power plant, and a blackout enabled by a malware infection in Ukraine, there are very few examples of cyberattacks whose effects have spilled beyond the digital world. Security experts seem to agree that the threat is real—though highly misunderstood—and yet squirrels cause far more problems to the energy grid than hackers. But the fact that infrastructure attacks don't seem to happen very often doesn't mean they are not possible. Critical infrastructure, many agree, is highly vulnerable. [Motherboard](#)

Largest ransomware-as-a-service scheme pulls in US\$195,000 a month: Report

Canadians are among those who have fallen victim to a global ransomware-as-a-service scheme which targeted tens of thousands of users in 201 countries and territories in July alone, according to security researchers. The researchers at Check Point Software and IntSights Cyber Intelligence of Israel released a report Tuesday saying the service, which it calls Cerber, is currently running 161 active campaigns with a total estimated profit of US\$195,000 last month alone. In July an estimated 150,000 devices were infected. Each day an average of eight new campaigns on average are launched, Check Point says. The biggest percentage of victims so far are in South Korea (29 per cent), the U.S. (14 per cent), Taiwan (9 per cent) and China (eight per cent). However, Check Point says there's evidence to support the developer's claim that Americans are among the top people willing to pay up. [IT World Canada](#); [The Merkle](#); [Graham Cluley News](#)

US Dept of Energy spends \$34m on securing the smart grid

The US Department of Energy (DOE) has awarded \$34 million in funding to projects aimed at securing the smart grid. In total, 12 projects have been accepted as part of the Obama Administration's focus on energy-based infrastructure and the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability's Cybersecurity of Energy Delivery Systems (CEDs) program. The DOE says the projects will aim to enhance the "reliability and resilience" of US smart grids through "innovative, scalable, and cost-effective research." The main focus, however, is on security -- and how to keep core infrastructure and electrical grids as safe as possible from outside intrusion. [ZDNet](#); [The Register](#)

Researchers Developed a System to Find Zero-Day Exploits

Researchers from Arizona State University created a way that makes gathering data from dark net markets and forums easy, and it helps identify new emerging cyber threats as they are released. The system utilizes search engines and dark net sites through the Tor network, and the researchers say they have found 30 marketplaces, and over 20 forums where black hat hackers reside. The system automatically gathers data from the sites and utilizes multiple information mining and machine learning techniques to organize the data that is collected. [The Merkle](#)

Pokémon Go 'App' Hides Nasty Ransomware Surprise

Security researchers have discovered new ransomware masquerading as a Pokémon Go app which also creates a backdoor in the victim's machine as well as attempting to spread itself via removable media. The malware itself is an updated version of the Hidden Tear open source initiative, according to Lawrence Abrams at Bleeping Computer. Discovered by researcher Michael Gillespie impersonating a Windows Pokémon Go app, the ransomware scans a victim's drive and encrypts any file with a certain extension -- as per usual. However, there are some features which demand further attention. [Info Security Magazine](#); [SC Magazine](#)

New Vawtrak Trojan variant leverages SSL pinning, HTTPS

A new variant of the Vawtrak banking Trojan uses HTTPS to secure its command and control communications, and it includes support for SSL certificate pinning to evade detection in enterprise environments. As researchers continue to discover more about the deployment of new features in Vawtrak, the Trojan's developers continue to add new security features to the sophisticated malware platform. Vawtrak's incorporation of SSL certificate pinning, reported by Fidelis

Cybersecurity, follows the recent PhishLabs' report that Vawtrak developers had added a domain generation algorithm (DGA) to the Trojan that is marketed as crimeware as a service and sold privately to malicious actors. [Tech Target](#)

Hacker puts source code of HL7 software vendor PilotFish up for sale on dark web

Security firm InfoArmor discovered that a cybercriminal placed the source codes to all PilotFish Technology software for sale on the dark web. PilotFish develops legacy standards, systems and technology software, including middleware to integrate disparate systems and HL7-supported medical devices. The threat actor, called 'batwhatman,' is offering the source codes on the underground marketplace called AlphaBay, which is on the TOR network and actively used by cybercriminals to sell illegal goods and services like stolen digital data. Currently, the marketplace has over 90,000 members. [Health Care IT News](#)

Data Of Nearly 900,000 At Risk In Latest Cyber Attack

Valley Anesthesiology and Pain Consultants, a large practice with more than 300 providers serving multiple hospitals across the greater Phoenix region, has suffered a cyber attack affecting 882,590 patients. The incident also affects all current and former employees and providers, the number of which was not disclosed. [Information Management](#)

Trojan affecting TeamViewer comes knocking on European and US doors

Another backdoor Trojan, BackDoor.TeamViewer.ENT.1, has been detected installing legitimate TeamViewer components on infected machines to spy on users. Doctor Web researchers discovered the malware has been in development since 2011 and regularly releases modified versions of it. The backdoor is distributed under the name SpyAgent. [SC Magazine](#)

Super-Sophisticated Spyware Spotted After 5-Year Run

Symantec and Kaspersky Lab last week separately announced the discovery of a highly sophisticated advanced persistent threat that had eluded security researchers for at least five years. A previously unknown group called "Strider" has been using Remsec, an advanced tool that seems to be designed primarily for spying. Its code contains a reference to Sauron, the main villain in The Lord of the Rings, according to Symantec. The APT spyware is called "ProjectSauron" or "Strider" in Kaspersky's report. The malware has been active since at least October 2011, Symantec said. It obtained a sample after its behavioral engine detected it on a customer's systems. Kaspersky found out about ProjectSauron when its software caught an executable library registered as a Windows password filter loaded in the memory of a Windows domain controller. The library had access to sensitive data in cleartext. [Tech News World](#)

Brazil Hit With a Second Major Banking Trojan Attack

Brazil is seeing its second major banking Trojan campaign in two weeks. IBM X-Force has discovered a new version of Zeus Sphinx, a sophisticated malware campaign now targeting the online banking and Boletto payment services of three of the top Brazilian banks, and one bank in Colombia, according to its configuration file. The criminals are likely trying to capitalize on the Olympic games in Rio, first with Zeus Panda, which targeted 10 local banking and payment industry targets in Brazil. Now, a fresh version of the Zeus Sphinx malware has been uncovered; it adapts social engineering injections to manipulate users in each targeted bank. [Info Security Magazine](#); [SC Magazine](#)

Operation Ghoul targets Middle East engineers, industrial players

Researchers have uncovered a wave of attacks against industrial and engineering companies in the quest for cash. According to Kaspersky, sensitive corporate financial data is the top target of the threat actors behind the campaign "Operation Ghoul," which operates primarily in the Middle East but is known to attack companies worldwide. The researcher's report, published on Wednesday, says that cyberattackers are using spear phishing as the main technique to infiltrate company servers. [ZDNet](#); [Threat Post](#)

Hackers only need 5 minutes to forge a phishing scam and 25 minutes to break into systems – Report

How long do you think it may take cybercriminals to hack into your computer? According to a new report by cloud-based cybersecurity firm Duo Security, it may take less than half an hour for hackers using phishing email campaigns to access systems and steal sensitive information. Duo Security collected data from 400 organisations using its free web-based tool Duo Insight, which allows internal IT teams to test employee response by sending out phishing campaign simulations. The firm said that of the 11,542 users who received such phishing emails, 31% clicked on links that could have potentially compromised systems via malware or virus attacks. [International Business Times](#)

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Lawyer says proposal to obtain device passwords runs afoul of court rulings

Any law that would force civilians to give police electronic passwords - an initiative police chiefs across the country are supporting - would be unlikely to pass, law experts say. "We do have rulings in Canada and in other jurisdictions that say this type of mandated disclosure is not acceptable, specifically because it forces people to participate in their own incrimination," said Tamir Israel, a lawyer for the Ottawa-based Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic (CIPPIC). "It's hard to fully assess it without knowing the full parameters of what they have in mind." Calgary police Chief Roger Chaffin was among those at the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police who voted Tuesday to ask for legal means to obtain passwords, saying it would help law enforcement keep pace with cybercrime. The CACP is a lobbying organization, and the resolution passed has no effect on current law. Though details on prospective legislation weren't released, RCMP assistant commissioner Joe Oliver said Tuesday searches would require a judge's permission. Israel said that depending on what the specifics of such a law would be, it's very likely it would violate Canadians' civil rights. Previous Supreme Court rulings have said law enforcement can do a cursory search of a phone unprotected by a password or passcode shortly after arresting someone. However, they can't take an in-depth look or try to get into a password-protected device without a warrant, nor they can they force you to give them a password. The Calgary Police Service declined to speak to Postmedia for this story. However Dep. Chief Sat Parhar said Tuesday that a law granting police access to passwords would help with a range of cases. [Postmedia Network](#) (Calgary Sun, A6, Calgary Herald)

Top-secret NSA code published online

The release on websites this week of what appears to be top-secret computer code that the National Security Agency has used to break into the networks of foreign governments and other espionage targets has caused deep concern inside U.S. intelligence agencies, raising the question of whether America's own elite cyberwarriors have been hacked and their methods revealed. Most outside experts who examined the posts, by a group calling itself the "Shadow Brokers," said they contained what appeared to be genuine samples of the code - though somewhat outdated - used in the production of the NSA's custom-built malware. Most of the code was designed to break through network firewalls and get inside the computer systems of competitors like Russia, China and Iran. According to these experts, the coding resembled a series of "products" which were described in general terms in documents stolen three years ago by Edward J. Snowden. But the documents released by Snowden and his associates contained no actual source code. By midday Tuesday, Snowden himself, in a Twitter message from his exile in Moscow, declared that "circumstantial evidence and conventional wisdom indicates Russian responsibility" for publication, which he interpreted as a warning shot to the U.S. government in case it was thinking of imposing sanctions against Russia in the cybertheft of documents from the Democratic National Committee. [Toronto Star](#), A11

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Canadian government launches public forum on cyber security

On Wednesday, the federal government launched a public forum that will invite members of the Canadian public to share their views on Canada's cyber security landscape. This call for public consultation will be open until October 15th, 2016. Some of the topics covered in the consultation include the evolution of the cyber threat, the increasing economic significance of cyber security, the expanding frontiers of cyber security and, moving forward on cyber security. Canada has the heaviest internet users in the world and the greatest number of computers per capita, which amounts to 129 computers per 100 people. In addition, over 70 percent of Canadian businesses have fallen victim to cyber attacks in the past. On that note, the current global market for cyber security products is poised to grow to \$170 billion by 2020 while the job market for cyber experts is expected to rise by 6 million over the next four years. [MobileSyrup.com](#)

Canadian Police Association Endorses Citizen-Monitoring Law

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) has passed a resolution mandating the group advocate for a law that would force people to provide electronic passwords to police with judge's consent. CACCP President Chief Clive Weighill and Ottawa Police Chief Charles Bordeleau, noted the reasons behind the decision. "Police services across the world are facing new challenges and threats related to technological developments and the criminal innovation that has ensued," said Bordeleau. "[We are looking for] a way forward that helps us fuse traditional policing with modern day cyber-activity." In Canada, the recent Osterman Research Study reported that 44 of 125 Canadian companies interviewed suffered a ransomware attack in the past 12 months of which 33 of the victims paid a ransom that was between \$1,000 and \$50,000 in order to regain stolen data. Canadian healthcare and financial industries were most affected, industries highly dependent on access to business critical information. Weighill added, "We are all aware of the painful and often tragic consequences that can result from victimization where technology is a factor. Criminal capability development is currently outpacing our response as a community and that only by working together across law enforcement and the private sector can we successfully reduce the threat of cybercrime." But Jacob Ginsberg, senior director of Echoworx, told Infosecurity that a law of this nature would remove protection and privacy from law abiding citizens. [Info Security Magazine](#)

Canadian Law Enforcement Admit -- And Then Deny -- They Own A Stingray Device

Stingrays are now as common as cockroaches in the United States, but we haven't heard much about their use by Canadian law enforcement. A denial or a confirmation would be nice, but not strictly necessary. It's safe to assume anything US cops can get, Canadian law enforcement can obtain as well. Earlier this month, Vice's Motherboard revealed the first confirmation of Stingray use by a local law enforcement agency. (The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have owned and operated Stingray devices for most of the last ten years.) According to the BC Civil Liberties Association, which posted a blog announcing the news on Monday, the Vancouver police used an IMSI catcher once, nearly a decade ago, and without a warrant. "We sent a letter asking the Vancouver police if they'd ever used one of the RCMP's IMSI catchers, and if they would again," said Micheal Vonn, policy director for the BCCLA. "The answer to both questions was yes." (...) Vancouver law enforcement -- according to what had been told to Motherboard -- didn't own the Stingray it used. It borrowed the device from the RCMP and was instructed on how to use it by a Mountie tech. Several hours later, the Edmonton PD wasn't so sure it owned and/or deployed an IMSI catcher. [Tech Dirt](#)

Cisco and Fortinet confirm flaws exposed in 'NSA hack', issue patches to counter malware

Firewall providers Cisco and Fortinet have both issued security advisories confirming that vulnerabilities exposed by the mysterious Shadow Brokers, who recently claimed to have hacked and stolen cyberweapons from NSA-linked Equation Group and put them up for auction, do exist and affect their products. Both companies have issued fixes addressing the exploits that were recently made public, adding to the mounting evidence that the data exposed in the high-profile leak is legitimate. Cisco identified two flaws affecting Cisco Adaptive Security Appliances (ASA) devices that are usually used to protect networks and data centres. Both vulnerabilities were remote code execute flaws that essentially allowed a hacker who knows how to carry out an attack to do so from anywhere across the globe. "Cisco immediately conducted a thorough investigation of the files released, and has identified two vulnerabilities affecting Cisco ASA devices that require customer attention," the company said in a statement. "On Aug 17, 2016, we issued two security advisories, which deliver free software updates and workarounds where possible." Fortinet also issued an advisory warning users of another vulnerability affecting its own firewalls. The company said that its Fortigate firewall, which was released before August 2012, had a high-severity "cookie parser buffer overflow vulnerability." Other firms whose products appear to have been exploited by the Equation Group, including Juniper and Topsec, have not released any advisories yet. [International Business Times](#); [Info Security Magazine](#); [CXO Today](#); [IT Pro Portal](#); [Computing](#); [The Register](#); [Ars Technica UK](#); [ZDNet](#); [V3](#); [Threat Post](#)

Former NSA Staffers: Rogue Insider Could Be Behind NSA Data Dump

There are a lot of unanswered questions surrounding the shocking dump of a slew of hacking tools used by an NSA-linked group earlier this week. But perhaps the biggest one is: who's behind the leak? Who is behind the mysterious moniker "The Shadow Brokers"? So far, there's no clear evidence pointing in any direction, but given the timing of the leak, and the simple fact that very few would have the capabilities and the motives to hack and shame the NSA publicly, some posited The Shadow Brokers could be Russian. But there's another possibility. An insider could have stolen them directly from the NSA, in a similar fashion to how former NSA contractor Edward Snowden stole an untold number of the spy agency's top secret documents. And this theory is being pushed by someone who claims to be, himself, a former NSA insider. [Motherboard](#)

The Shadow Brokers auction demonstrates why it is a bad idea to hoard security holes

A hacking collective known as the Shadow Brokers are auctioning stolen surveillance tools used by a US government sponsored information security group. The Shadow Brokers calls these utilities "weapons" and were taken from an NSA linked group that cyber security firm Kaspersky refers to as the "Equation Group." The Equation Group is a known threat actor, an organisation or entity whose activities can compromise the information security of an organisation. Here are

some of the leaked tools that Shadow Group has put on auction. Kaspersky's Global Research and Analysis Team (GRaT) refers to the Equation Group as the "Death Star of the Malware Galaxy." Kaspersky also calls the Equation Group "Omnipotent". The Equation Group are one of the most technologically sophisticated groups in the world, with the creators of complex malware such as Stuxnet and Flame working for them. Equation Group has been known to use zero day exploits for its attacks. A zero day exploit is a security vulnerability that is unknown to the organisation creating the hardware or software with the vulnerability. For example, some of the zero day exploits that have supposedly leaked from the Equation Group to the Shadow Brokers have to do with Cisco products. The Equation Group had been hoarding a number of these zero day exploits, to use in its operations, and when these leak, there is a major problem for information security. This raises serious questions on the acceptability of such practices by major security agencies associated with governments. In this case, according to Wired, it is inevitable that there will be an investigation into NSA over the leaks. [Firstpost](#); [WIRED](#)

The Shadow Brokers' NSA hack claim unlikely, say experts

The claim by the hacking group the Shadow Brokers that it has pilfered surveillance tools from another group, allegedly associated with the National Security Agency (NSA), is being called bogus by security experts. [SC Magazine](#)

NSA's website goes down amid hacking fears

An almost day-long outage of the National Security Agency's website has raised further questions as to whether America's most secretive surveillance agency has itself been compromised, days after a shadowy cybergroup claimed to have obtained some of the NSA's most powerful hacking tools. The NSA.gov website went down late Monday, according to Politico, and was not restored until late Tuesday. A request for comment to the NSA from FoxNews.com was not immediately returned. [FOX News](#)

FireEye warns 'massive' ransomware campaign hits US, Japan hospitals

The dangerous and as-yet-undefeated Locky ransomware is being hurled at hospitals across the United States and Japan in a 'massive' number of attacks, according to FireEye researcher Ronghwa Chong. Locky is a popular ransomware variant that will encrypt files in a way that forces users to pay ransoms or cut their losses and purge data. This month the already increasingly hammered health sector is copping a massive spray of phishing attacks bearing the Locky ransomware. [The Register](#)

Android malware being spread via Google AdSense

Google's AdSense advertising program is used by many sites across the Internet. But Android users should beware of some nasty malware that is being spread by Google's AdSense network. [InfoWorld](#)

Researchers spot Nemucod in Brazil spreading banking trojans

ESET researchers spotted the Nemucod downloader used to spread banking trojans and other malware in Brazil. On August 12, ESET researchers spotted an outbreak of a new Spy.Banker variant that is similar to previous ones used by other banking trojans in South America and that, during execution, check if the victim's system settings are in Portuguese before injecting the banker's payload, according to an Aug. 17 blog post. The trojan is spread along with two modified versions of an unnamed popular utility software, which are used to extract usernames and passwords from popular browsers as well as credentials for local email clients, the blog said. [SC Magazine](#)

Shark ransomware-as-a-service chomps its way to a 20% commission

A new type of ransomware called Shark is being offered for rent on an 'as-a-service' basis payable with a 20 percent cut of the payments it generates to its creators. Symantec discovered the malware which is distributed on a professional looking website. Shark is reportedly customisable, uses a fast encryption algorithm, supports multiple languages and is currently undetectable by all antivirus software. [SC Magazine UK](#)

Bitcoin Website Issues "State-Sponsored Attack" Warning

Crypto-currency aficionados navigating to the Bitcoin website yesterday were greeted with a grim security warning saying that the project's binary files, soon to be released, would most likely be targeted by "state-sponsored attackers." The project cites "reasons" that make it believe that the binary files used to run Bitcoin software on mining pools and exchange servers might be the target of cyber-attacks. [Softpedia News](#)

Operation Ghoul: Industrial and engineering firms under attack

Security researchers from Kaspersky Lab have warned of a new cyber-attack project which they named Operation Ghoul. Conducted by a group of hackers, it targets organisations in the industrial and engineering sectors in more than 30 countries and aims to extract as much data as possible. The data is then sold on the black market, and Kaspersky Lab says financial gain is the main motive behind the operation. More than 130 companies have been targeted, in countries such as Spain, Pakistan, United Arab Emirates, India, Egypt, United Kingdom, Germany and Saudi Arabia. [IT Pro Portal](#)

Ransomware becomes most 'profitable' malware

Ransomware has become the most profitable malware type in history. This is according to the Cisco 2016 Midyear Cybersecurity Report, which finds organisations are unprepared for future strains of more sophisticated ransomware. It notes fragile infrastructure, poor network hygiene and slow detection rates are providing ample time and air cover for adversaries to operate. [IT Web](#)

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Bankers scramble after \$81M cyber-heist

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York and Bangladesh's central bank have agreed to withdraw additional payment security measures put in place after one of the world's biggest cyber-heists, the theft of US\$81 million from Bangladesh Bank's account at the Fed, two sources said. The decision comes after SWIFT, the global financial messaging platform, promised in May to strengthen security on software tools used by its clients and to develop new tools that would raise a red flag when a payment instruction deviates from normal patterns. The decision was taken at a meeting in New York this week between officials from Bangladesh Bank, the New York Fed and SWIFT, said a source close to Bangladesh Bank. They have agreed on a tentative timeline to withdraw the additional security measures. [National Post](#), FP8

Twitter suspends 360,000 over violent extremism

Twitter has suspended 360,000 accounts since mid-2015 for violating its policies banning the promotion of terrorism and violent extremism. The San Francisco-based company said in a blog post it has also made progress in preventing users who were suspended from immediately returning to the platform using different accounts, which has been a problem in the past. It said its rate of daily suspensions is up 80 per cent since last year, though it did not provide specific numbers. The suspensions spike immediately following terrorist attacks, it said. [Associated Press](#) (Times Colonist, B2); [Edmonton Sun](#) (Calgary Sun)

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Calgary police say password resolution 'not mass surveillance'

Even if police forces are successful in seeking legal measures compelling people to give up smartphone and computer passwords, law-abiding Calgarians won't have to worry about officers demanding them, says the head of the Calgary force's technology unit. "We wouldn't be able to compel them to say, 'hey, give us your password,' it would be a judge who would order them," Staff Sgt. Ryan Jepson of the technical operations section told the Eyeopener on Wednesday. In no way shape or form are police going to be walking up to people and saying, 'hey, give us your passwords.' This would have to go through a judicial process." [CBC News](#)

Malware Infected All Eddie Bauer Stores in U.S., Canada

Clothing store chain Eddie Bauer said today it has detected and removed malicious software from point-of-sale systems at all of its 350+ stores in North America, and that credit and debit cards used at those stores during the first six months of 2016 may have been compromised in the breach. The acknowledgement comes nearly six weeks after KrebsOnSecurity first notified the clothier about a possible intrusion at stores nationwide. [KrebsOnSecurity.com](#); [InfoSecurity-Magazine.com](#); [ZDNet](#); [Engadget](#); [Reuters](#); [Fortune](#); [International Business Times](#)

Cisco and Fortinet Warn Customers About NSA-Linked Exploits

Cisco released signatures but no patch for the exploit code-named EXTRABACON. Leaked code that can overcome popular, pervasive computer network firewalls is live and in the wild. Cisco and Fortinet, firewall makers based in the United States, have warned their customers about recently revealed vulnerabilities in their products. The so-called Shadow Brokers, a pseudonymous hacker or group of hackers, this weekend claimed to have stolen these exploits from a top-tier cyberespionage unit known as the Equation Group, which experts have associated with the United States National Security Agency. [Fortune](#); [Tech Times](#); [eWeek](#)

Cisco patches zero-day revealed by "NSA hackers"

The Shadow Brokers are a self-styled hacker group that recently kicked off a tongue-in-cheek media campaign claiming that they'd penetrated the NSA (or someone like that – they're referring to the victim as the Equation Group). Shadow Brokers say they've made off with a virtual warehouse of tip-top "cyberweapons" that they plan to auction off. To help you believe they have some good stuff in the auction files, they've released a bunch of hacked data for free, including documents, programs, scripts, exploit code and so on. What we do know from the Shadow Brokers archive is that something was stolen or leaked by someone, at some unknown earlier time. Whether it's only being leaked now by the original thieves, or whether it's been re-stolen by a new lot of crooks, we don't know. But at least one of the exploitable vulnerabilities amongst the free files, found in the directory, not only works, but also turns out to have been a zero-day bug. The bug was obviously news to Cisco, who quickly and creditably responded with an analysis and a patch. [Sophos Security](#); [IT World Canada](#)

NSA zero days and encryption backdoors need clear disclosure policies

An opinion piece states, "The government has another public balancing act on its hands with the disclosure this week of exploits against commercial security products that were purportedly cooked up by the NSA. These attack tools revealed by a group called Shadow Brokers date from sometime before June 2013 and some of them were still effective this week, which means the NSA never told the vendors about them. That helps flesh out what the Obama administration meant two years ago when it said that under most circumstances the NSA would tell vendors if it exploits vulnerabilities in their security products. The exception: the disclosure policy wouldn't apply if there were a clear national security or law enforcement need." [Network World](#)

The NSA Data Leakers Might Be Faking Their Awful English To Deceive Us

Nobody knows who's hiding behind the moniker of The Shadow Brokers, the mysterious group who earlier this week dumped a slew of hacking tools belonging to the NSA. Is it the Russian government? Is it actually a disgruntled rogue NSA insider? For now, there's no hard evidence pointing in either direction. But The Shadow Brokers' language in their rambling manifesto might give us some clues. In fact, the apparent broken English might just be a ruse, a trick to make us believe the author doesn't speak the language, according to a linguistic analysis of it. [Motherboard](#)

Did the NSA Have the Ability to Extract VPN Keys from Cisco PIX Firewalls?

An analysis of the BENIGNCERTAIN exploit included in The Shadow Brokers data dump reveals that the Equation Group, a cyber-espionage group that many have linked with the NSA, had the ability to crack open Cisco PIX firewalls and extract VPN and RSA private key and other sensitive configuration details. Over the weekend, a person or group named The Shadow Brokers dumped online a trove of data they said they stole from a server hosting the malware used in a live operation by the Equation Group. The hackers are now selling this data to the highest bidder in an anonymous Bitcoin auction. [Softpedia News](#)

Shadow Brokers NSA leak: this too could be a form of Russian propaganda, says expert

As the Western world's information security crowd grapples with the implication of the Shadow Brokers leaks, one researcher has suggested that Edward Snowden's role in interpreting the leaks is itself part of Russia's information war against the US. Associate Professor Matthew Sussex from the Australian National University studies Russian foreign and security policy, with a focus on new trends in conflict "especially in 'hybrid' warfare and in the evolution of propaganda". [Sydney Morning Herald](#)

'Massive' Locky ransomware campaign targets hospitals

A 'massive' cybercriminal campaign is targeting hospitals with the notorious Locky ransomware and is using a new technique in an effort to infect systems with the file encrypting software. Cybersecurity researchers at FireEye observed a spike in the number of attempts at Locky deliveries during the first half of August, with hospitals accounting for over half the instances in which hackers attempted to infect a user with a ransomware payload. [ZDNet](#); [International Business Times](#); [Threat Post](#)

Wikileaks hosts hundreds of malware files in email dumps

Wikileaks is reportedly hosting over 300 malware samples among the website's cache of leaked emails. As reported by The Register, Bulgarian security researcher Dr Vesselin Bontchev claims that the malware, of which there are at least 300 files hosted, has been found within the recent email dump of communication from the Turkish party AKP. [ZDNet](#); [The Register](#)

Malware Turns Servers into Cryptocurrency Mining Engines

A malware called Linux.Lady targets Redis servers that have been placed online without passwords and launches a cryptocurrency mining software, according to hackread.com. According to Dr. Web, a Russian software retailer, Linux.Lady uses Google's Go programming language and targets Redis servers that lack passwords from systems administrators. Dr. Web claims the malware can collect information about an infected computer and send it to the C&C

server, download it and launch a cryptocurrency mining utility, then attack more computers on the network. [Crypto Coins News](#)

FSociety Ransomware Is Here, but It's Pretty Lame

"Mr. Robot" fans will be glad to know that real-life crooks are taking inspiration from the TV series and are now using the FSociety name and logo to develop a ransomware variant around this brand. [Softpedia News](#)

Operation Ghoul attacks terrorize industrial and engineering orgs

Kaspersky researchers spotted a wave of attacks that has affected more than 130 organizations in at least 30 countries. Dubbed Operation Ghoul, the group behind the attacks appears to be financially motivated and targets executives at mostly small to medium-sized industrial manufacturing and engineering organizations by using spear phishing emails that include compressed executables, Kaspersky Senior Security Researcher Mohamad Amin Hasbini said in an Aug. 17 blog post. The malicious emails appear to come from a bank in the United Arab Emirates and deliver a malware based on the Hawkeye commercial spyware, which is designed to collect data such as passwords, keystrokes and screenshots, to send to the attackers. [SC Magazine](#)

Smart Electrical Sockets Could Be the Next Botnet

Smart electrical sockets might launch the next cyberattack, or might even put your life in danger. Security researchers at Bitdefender have found a vulnerability in a popular brand—the researchers did not disclose which—that they say could allow an attacker to turn power outlets into botnets, read your email, and even set your house on fire if you connect an appliance that could overheat. [Motherboard](#); [Softpedia News](#)

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Rebooting Canada's Cybersecurity Strategy

A blog post states "What should Canada's next cybersecurity strategy look like? The federal government is asking the country how it should the harden private and public sector against attack. Public services minister **Ralph Goodale** announced the three-month consultation in late August, after voicing the need for an update. Items on the government's agenda include certification schemes for business cybersecurity, best practice frameworks, and fostering better board-level governance around cybersecurity. The government is also mulling a national cybercrime centre to help manage cross-jurisdictional cybercrime investigations, which would join the existing **Cyber Incident Response Centre**. Some of the questions for citizens in the associated workbook include how law enforcement can better address cybercrime challenges, and how public and private sector organizations can better protect themselves from cybercrime threats including ransomware and identity theft. The government wants to know whether public expectations for policing in cyberspace differ from those for policing in the physical world." [Sector.ca](#)

FBI warns of possible state election-system hacks

The FBI is warning state officials to boost their election security in light of evidence that hackers breached related data systems in two states. In a confidential "flash" alert from its cyber division, first reported by Yahoo News and posted online by others, the FBI says it's investigating the pair of incidents and advising states to scan their systems for specific signs of hacking. The FBI isn't naming the states it says were breached. The Aug. 18 warning came just days after Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson hosted a call with secretaries of state and other state election officials to talk about cybersecurity and the election infrastructure. [Associated Press](#) (Charlottetown Guardian)

Cisco patches exploit, 27 million vBulletin accounts exposed - Security news IT leaders need to know

Cisco has released an update for its Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) software to correct a high risk issue with Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) code that could allow an authenticated, remote attacker to cause a reload of the affected system or to remotely execute code. It says all versions of SNMP are affected, including that in some of its end-of-life products such as Cisco Firewall Service Modules and Cisco PIX Firewalls that may still be in use. It does not plan updates for these products. It advises administrators to allow only trusted users to have SNMP access and to monitor affected systems using the snmp-server host command. Exploits for the vulnerability have been publicly released; the company has published a blog post discussing this and other vulnerabilities revealed by the Shadow Brokers, a self-styled hacker group selling the exploits. It advises customers to update their systems as soon as possible. [Postmedia Network](#) (National Post)

Cyber threat grows for bitcoin exchanges

When hackers penetrated a secure authentication system at a bitcoin exchange called Bitfinex earlier this month, they stole about \$70 million worth of the virtual currency. The latest survey of 46 securities exchanges released three years ago by the International Organization of Securities Commissions and World Federation of Exchanges found that more than half had experienced a cyber attack. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

Voter databases in two states breached by foreign hackers, FBI

Foreign hackers made their way into voter databases in two states in recent weeks, according to a Yahoo! News report. The FBI's Cyber Division revealed in a "flash" report that it uncovered evidence that the election databases were hacked, which led to the agency issuing warnings to election officials across the country to strengthen the security of their computer systems. The news follows on suspicions that Russian state-sponsored hackers were behind the July intrusions into systems belonging to the Democratic National Committee as well as other political groups in order to affect results for the upcoming presidential election. [SC Magazine](#); [Computerworld](#); [Computerworld](#); [LA Times](#); [Info Security Magazine](#); [Ars Technica](#); [Threat Post](#)

Kaspersky patches DoS and kernel flaws affecting drivers

Denial-of-service (DoS) and kernel vulnerabilities affecting the functionality of Kaspersky's KLIF, KLDISK, and KL1 drivers discovered by a pair of researchers at Cisco Talos were patched by Kaspersky Lab. Two of the flaws affect Kaspersky's KLIF driver (CVE-2016-4304, CVE-2016-4305) and allow a malicious application to execute a malicious API call using invalid parameters. The vulnerabilities affect intercepted NtUserCreateWindowEx and NtAdjustTokenPrivileges functions. The flaws "can cause an attempt to access inaccessible memory by the driver resulting in a system crash," wrote Cisco Talos Senior Research Engineer Marcin "Icewall" Noga and Vulnerability Researcher Piotr Bania in a corporate blog post Friday. [SC Magazine](#)

RIPPER ATM Malware Uses Malicious EVM Chip

A never-before-seen malware family known as RIPPER is being blamed for a rash of ATM heists in Thailand last week. The malware, found by researchers at FireEye, is responsible for the theft of 12 million baht (\$378,000) from ATMs at banks across Thailand. The discovery of the malware coincided with news reports from the Bangkok Post newspaper of ATM robberies by cybercriminals. While law enforcement agencies in Thailand have not attributed the theft to the RIPPER malware, FireEye said on Friday it believes it is the same. [Threat Post](#); [Info Security Magazine](#); [The Register](#)

New Ransomware Looks, Acts Like Windows Update

Microsoft no longer lets you decide whether to install Windows system updates, and online criminals have noticed. The new Fantom ransomware takes advantage of this situation by nearly perfectly mimicking the Windows Update process, and will keep almost any user fooled until it's too late. AVG security researcher Jakob Kroustek discovered Fantom last week. He notified the Bleeping Computer blog, and the details are pretty scary. [Tom's Guide](#)

Meet USBee, the malware that uses USB drives to covertly jump airgaps

In 2013, a document leaked by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden illustrated how a specially modified USB device allowed spies to surreptitiously siphon data out of targeted computers, even when they were physically severed from the Internet or other networks. Now, researchers have developed software that goes a step further by turning unmodified USB devices into covert transmitters that can funnel large amounts of information out of similarly "air-gapped" PCs. [Ars Technica](#)

Kaspersky fixes antivirus crash bug

Internet and antivirus giant Kaspersky has fixed a number of flaws that could be used to crash its flagship software, rendering its protection useless. Talos Group, the security arm of Cisco, said in a blog post that three of the flaws were denial-of-service flaws that could crash the software, and the fourth could leak data, which may allow an attacker to exploit a local system. [ZDNet](#)

Malware uses Twitter to control devices

A new type of malware that uses social media accounts instead of command-and-control (C&C) servers has been discovered by ESET researchers. The virus, called Twitoor, is a backdoor capable of downloading other malware onto an infected device by hiding on the smartphone and checking Twitter for commands. [IT Web](#)

Pegasus iOS exploit uses three zero days to attack high-value targets

A new remote iOS exploit called Pegasus leverages three zero days in what appear to be state-sponsored targeted attack campaigns against political dissidents. Apple has rolled out a patch for a dangerous remote iOS exploit that has been used by governments to attack political dissidents, rights activists and journalists. [Tech Target](#)

Pegasus creators claim malware only sold for lawful use

A spokesman for NSO Group, the Israeli company bought by a U.S. private equity firm and is responsible for developing Pegasus, claims the malware and was only sold to governments under signed agreements to be used in a lawful manner. [SC Magazine](#)

Iran Uncovers Malware at Petrochemical Plants

Iran has said that it has discovered industrial malware at two of its petrochemical complexes. According to the Tehran Times, "Necessary defensive measures were taken" after the malware was detected and removed, said brigadier general Gholam-Reza Jalali. He added that the malicious code was not linked to recent blazes at Iranian plants. [Info Security Magazine](#)

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Making the spies accountable: real change or illusion?

An opinion piece by security experts Ron Atkey, Craig Forcese, and Kent Roach states "Canada was once a leader in national-security accountability. When the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) was created in 1984, it was subject to scrutiny by a parallel "review" body, the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC). The Liberal government of the period, however, declined to follow the McDonald Commission's recommendation for a committee of security-cleared parliamentarians who would also watch the intelligence service. (...) But SIRC and the CSE commissioner cannot conduct joint accountability reviews, sharing secret information. And so SIRC and its counterpart are limited to narrow, "stovepiped" mandates. And they are kept to their own silos in terms of co-ordination, even as the agencies they review rightly operate more seamlessly. The Arar inquiry raised concerns that much security work, such as that done by the Canada Border Services Agency, was subjected to no review whatsoever. And for the RCMP, we had only a body that could hear complaints, but usually not get the information needed to pursue them. After the Arar report, the Harper government did very little to cure these problems. It created a new review body for the RCMP, but limited its ability to extract information. And so now there were three review bodies stovepiped to three (and only three) security agencies, confined to their own separate silos and possessing varying capacity to conduct robust review." Globe and Mail, A11

'The Closer you get to the money the more of a target you are to Cyber Criminals

(...) For the Canadian financial industry, the stakes in the cyber-security game are enormous. Bay Street banks and wealth management firms have access to some of the most sensitive data in the country, and access to millions of dollars in savings and investments, which makes them a natural target for hackers (...) In January, the consultancy said investment by Canadian companies in safeguards against cyber security threats had increased by 82 per cent year-over-year, but still accounts for less than five per cent of overall information technology (IT) spending (...) A July report from Symantec said Canada ranks among the top 10 countries targeted by ransomware attacks, a popular tactic of cyber criminals that was on public display this summer when the University of Calgary's network was infiltrated (...) Those who track online offences and attacks say it is impossible to get a complete picture of the vulnerabilities in Canada because financial institutions are unlikely to reveal hacks unless they are forced to do so. "Many organizations tend to take security seriously only when they have been hit by a cyber event or if they are required by regulation to have a certain level of preparedness," says Satyamoorthy Kabilan, director of national security and strategic foresight at the Conference Board of Canada. Canada's main bank regulator, the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions, and the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada, which polices investment dealers, don't specifically require reporting through legislation or regulation. Postmedia (Financial Post, FP4; National Post)

Les données de plusieurs étudiants ont été volées

La police recherche deux fraudeurs qui auraient trafiqué des ordinateurs de l'Université Concordia afin de voler les informations personnelles de plusieurs étudiants. L'hiver dernier, les deux individus seraient parvenus à installer des enregistreurs de frappe sur trois ordinateurs des bibliothèques Webster et Vanier, situées sur les campus du centre-ville et de Notre-Dame-de-Grâce. Ces dispositifs, qui ont l'allure de petites clés USB, se branchent à l'arrière de l'ordinateur et permettent d'enregistrer les données personnelles des utilisateurs au fur et à mesure qu'ils tapent sur le clavier, incluant mots de passe et codes d'accès. Journal de Montréal, 6

CIA chief warns of hacking

CIA Director John Brennan warned on Sunday that Russia has "exceptionally capable and sophisticated" computer capabilities and that the U.S. must be on guard. When asked in a television interview whether Russia is trying to manipulate the American presidential election, Brennan didn't say. But he noted that the FBI is investigating the hacking of Democratic National Committee emails, and he cited Moscow's aggressive intelligence collection and its focus on high-

tech snooping. [Associated Press](#) (Calgary Sun, A41; Edmonton Sun, London Free Press, Chronicle Herald, Red Deer Advocate, Charlottetown Guardian, Winnipeg Sun, The Province, Vancouver Sun, StarPhoenix, Montreal Gazette, Leader-Post, National Post, Ottawa Citizen, Calgary Herald)

Hackers look for financial small fry

A director of an international bank took concerns about cyber crime into his own hands recently, hiring a specialized team to covertly breach his own company's network. The attackers used a so-called "spear phishing" technique, baiting the bank's employees to open an email that appeared to come from someone they knew. If they did - and clicked on the attachment - their computers were infected with malicious software, which then spread to other computers in the network. Once they were in, the expert hackers revealed themselves to the bank's management, who they then graded on their ability to track down the infiltrators and thwart unauthorized money transfers. "Once we ... gave them hints, it took more time than it should have to find us," says Robert Masse, a partner at Deloitte in Montreal who runs the consultant's Canadian incident response practice, which runs such infiltration exercises for financial companies around the world. Masse, who agreed to discuss only non-Canadian cases because he didn't want to risk disclosing information that could identify a client in the small domestic market, said he was not surprised the international bank was not up to snuff. [Postmedia News](#) (Vancouver Sun, NP6; Leader-Post, Edmonton Journal)

Stopping online predator

An opinion piece states "With online predators just a few mouse-clicks away, young people can be victimized with tragic ease, even from the far side of the world. That's why it's essential to have strong protections in place. And why it's so troubling to find "serious gaps" in existing efforts to shield kids from cyber-exploitation. "Much more needs to be done" to keep vulnerable children safe, according to a consultant's study prepared for the federal government in March. Commissioned by **Public Safety Canada**, the study is meant to guide federal funds to where they're most needed to combat online sexual exploitation. Existing resources are "are being strained," according to the study, with the Canadian Press reporting that kids in parts of Canada, especially in rural areas and the north, are at risk of being underserved by counselling, prevention programs, victim treatment and other initiatives." [Times Colonist](#), A12

Don't fear the SOE

An opinion piece states, "Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's recent trip to China appears to have gone swimmingly, although Canada's concerns over Chinese state-owned enterprises (SOEs) have reportedly dampened the prospects of full-blown freetrade negotiations between the two countries. SOEs - particularly Chinese SOEs - have long been a concern to Canadians. As Brian Lee Crowley and Sean Speer of the Macdonald-Laurier Institute wrote in the Financial Post: "Placing limits on Chinese SOE investment in key sectors that involve strategic or critical assets such as the oilsands ... was prudent and wise. Few in the intelligence community would argue that the security risks are worth the economic benefits." Or, to quote Konrad Yakabuski, writing in the Globe and Mail, "as Chinese SOEs spread their tentacles across the planet ... Western governments must increasingly weigh their desire for foreign investment against the national security concerns raised by Chinese ownership of critical assets." SOEs certainly pose risks that must be carefully managed. Their links to foreign governments leave them uniquely positioned to advance political ends such as espionage or cyber-warfare. This point was recently underlined by reports that a Chinese state-sponsored actor hacked Canada's scientific research body, the National..." [National Post](#), A8

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Public Safety: ransomware incidents have nearly doubled over last year

Public Safety Canada tells iPolitics that three-quarters through 2016, its internet risk response unit's investigations into ransomware - in which a cybercriminal compromises a computer system until ransom is paid - are up by nearly double over last year's figures. According to stats from the **Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre**, which monitors and coordinates national responses to cyber security incidents, ransomware had accounted for almost 22 per cent of all the malware samples it studied. For all of 2015, they made up only 12.5 per cent of more than 30 million samples. "**CCIRC has observed an increase in the number of malware samples that are submitted by partners and are discovered to be ransomware,**" **Public Safety spokesperson Jean-Philippe Levert wrote** in an email. The department regularly analyzes malware samples so it can warn and mitigate against threats. Ransomware is a type of malicious computer attack where hackers will take control of a computer system and lock it down or encrypt files until a ransom is paid - often through bitcoins, an untraceable digital crypto-currency. While those stats alone don't give a picture of whether attacks are on the rise in Canada, Canada had a proliferation of ransomware attacks in 2015 and more warnings at the start of 2016. In the spring, Canada and the U.S. issued a rare joint warning about a surge in attacks, and drawing concern the situation could worsen as they become more sophisticated. 2016 also saw a number of high profile Canadian organizations hit up - notably, University of Calgary paid out \$20,000 this summer, and the Ottawa Hospital was also hit back in March but it managed to wipe the infected computers' drivers. [iPolitics](#)

Oliver Stone on Canadian surveillance and 'Snowden's timing

Canadians who take in the new film "Snowden," about National Security Agency whistleblower Edward Snowden, should know they're not immune to the online privacy issues raised in the drama, says director Oliver Stone. "Canadians are part of the Five Eyes," Stone noted in an interview at the Toronto International Film Festival, referring to the intelligence alliance comprised of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States. "(They) trust each other to the degree that apparently they share quite a bit together. However, it's hard to believe that the U.S. gives everything away." "Snowden" made its world premiere at the Toronto film fest on Friday. [Canadian Press](#) (Ottawa Citizen)

Do more to stop online predators

With online predators just a few mouse-clicks away, young people can be victimized with tragic ease, even from the far side of the world. That's why it's essential to have strong protections in place. And why it's so troubling to find "serious gaps" in existing efforts to shield kids from cyber-exploitation. "Much more needs to be done" to keep vulnerable children safe, according to a consultant's study prepared for the federal government in March and revealed by The Canadian Press. That's a sobering finding, especially in light of an earlier memo indicating that police have insufficient resources to keep pace with this threat. Commissioned by Public Safety Canada, and obtained through the Access to Information Act, the newly released study is meant to guide federal funds to where they're most needed to combat online sexual exploitation. Existing resources are "are being strained," according to the study, with CP's Jim Bronskill reporting that kids in parts of Canada, especially in rural areas and the north, at risk of being underserved by counselling, prevention programs, victim treatment and other initiatives. This is especially worrisome given evidence that rural and other isolated kids are particularly vulnerable. The heart-rending fate of Port Coquitlam teenager Amanda Todd is stark evidence of what can happen when kids fall prey to computer predators. Manipulated by an online tormentor, she committed suicide at the age of 15 after years of cyberbullying, including the repeated circulation of nude photos. No child, or parent, deserves to go through that. [Hamilton Spectator](#)

UNB successfully defends against massive increase in cyber attacks

There's been a dramatic increase in cyber attacks on the University of New Brunswick recently, according to David Shipley, the university's director of strategic initiatives for information technology services. So-called brute force remote intrusion attacks recently hit a new all-time high of 185 million in one week. [CBC News](#)

C'est le mutisme concernant la cyberattaque

La Commission scolaire des Appalaches reste silencieuse sur la cyberattaque dont elle a été victime au cours des derniers jours. Aucun commentaire ne sera donné sur le déroulement de l'enquête, comme sur le fonctionnement à l'interne. L'approche est déplorée par le syndicat de l'enseignement de l'Amiante. «Ce n'est pas une question de vie ou de mort. Les gens ont le droit de savoir où on s'en va», souligne le président Francis Jacob. [Journal de Montréal](#)

Russian Hacking: Why the U.S. Isn't Retaliating

After weeks of news stories describing Russian intelligence operations to hack into the U.S. political system, many Americans may be wondering what the Obama administration intends to do about it. The answer: Not very much, at least in the short term, current and former U.S. national security officials say. [NBC News](#)

Hot-cross-platform Mac vuln

Hackers have developed a cross-platform backdoor capable of infecting Windows, Linux or Mac OS X desktop computers. The Mokes malware family is able to steal various types of data from the victim's machine, including but not limited to screenshots, files and keystrokes. Researchers at Kaspersky Lab first came across malicious binaries on Linux and Windows systems back in January before the recent discovery of an OS X variant of Mokes. The malware was put together in C++ using Qt, a cross-platform application framework. [Register](#); [Tech Radar](#); [Telegraph](#)

White House names retired Air Force general as first cyber security chief

The White House on Thursday named a retired U.S. Air Force brigadier general as the government's first federal cyber security chief, a position announced eight months ago that is intended to improve defenses against hackers. Gregory Touhill's job will be to protect government networks and critical infrastructure from cyber threats as federal chief information security officer, according to a statement. [Reuters](#); [Computing](#); [Hacked](#); [CSO](#); [Register](#)

How America's 911 emergency response system can be hacked

Critical to the success of the 911 emergency phone system, which has saved countless lives since it was first implemented in 1968, is its ability to quickly route calls to emergency responders closest to a caller. But a group of researchers say they've found a way to effectively disable the 911 emergency system across an entire state for an extended period of time by simply launching what's known as a TDoS attack, or telephony denial-of-service attack, against 911 call centers. The tactic involves infecting mobile phones to cause them to automatically make bogus 911 calls. [Washington Post](#)

Galaxy Note 7 : Samsung exhorte les sud-coréens à ne plus utiliser son smartphone

Dans le même temps, la Commission américaine de protection des consommateurs demande la même chose tandis que de plus en plus de compagnies aériennes interdisent l'usage de l'appareil à bord. [ZDNet France](#)

Guccifer 2.0 again denies Russian connection, mocks reports linking hacker to APT groups

An individual who self-identified as Guccifer 2.0 continues to deny reports by security firms that link the purported hacker or hacking group to Russian advanced persistent threat (APT) groups, according to a Wall Street Journal report. [SC Magazine](#)

MaidSafe secure internet concept enters testing phase

After a lengthy development period, secure internet startup MaidSafe has begun alpha testing elements of its the Secure Access For Everyone (Safe) Network, a proposed distributed peer-to-peer network that the founders believe will be a game changer for internet security. [Computer Weekly](#)

Crafty malware is found targeting U.S. government employees

A tough-to-detect malware that attacks government and corporate computers has been upgraded, making it more aggressive in its mission to steal sensitive files, according to security firm InfoArmor. Last November, InfoArmor published details on GovRAT, a sophisticated piece of malware that's designed to bypass antivirus tools. It does this by using stolen digital certificates to avoid detection. [CSO](#)

Emerging technologies are poking holes in security

Accelerated change challenges change management, security DevOps and emerging technologies that enable business innovation and opportunities demand fast, frequent change from the enterprise. The speed and regularity as well as the kinds of change challenge change management and ultimately security. [CSO](#)

Trouble spotted on the network

We had a scare the other day with a critical cross-site scripting (XSS) attack that seemed to be entirely contained — source and destination — on our own network. Tracking it down and resolving the issue were fairly routine procedures, but it's worth noting how it's possible to spot potential security problems when you don't have a world-class security operations center (SOC) that's staffed with skilled analysts and stuffed with large-screen monitors and all the bells and whistles. [CSO](#)

GM Recalls Millions of Cars After Critical Bug Found

General Motors has been forced to recall over four million cars following a software defect linked to at least one death. The bug forces the air bag sensing and diagnostic module (SDM) software to activate a diagnostic test if it encounters certain driving conditions, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

Million Dollar DDoS Tool Hacked

A 'booter' service designed to simplify DDoS attacks has been hacked and the details of its paying customers revealed, it has emerged. Researcher Brian Krebs revealed the news in a blog post, claiming the vDOS tool had made its Israeli owners around \$600,000 in two years. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

Russian IM Biz QIP Spills 33 Million User Accounts

Russian instant messaging site QIP.ru has been breached and the details of over 33 million users released, with passwords apparently stored in plaintext. In a brief message sent to Infosecurity, the Utah-based security vendor said it had been sent details from 33,380,559 accounts in total, which it verified with successful password reset attempts. [Infosecurity-Magazine](#)

Securing the human operating system: How to stop people being the weakest link in enterprise security

A company can spend all the funds it wants on the latest cybersecurity technology, like firewalls, threat detection, artificial intelligence and machine learning tools, but there is one security risk that can't be blocked from entering the company networks: the employee. Whether they're being coerced into doing it or not an employee could actively be working with hackers and cybercriminals to let them inside in your network. But in many cases it's a lax or ill-informed attitude to cybersecurity by staff which is potentially putting organisations at risk, with employees falling victim to phishing one of the major reasons that data breaches occur. [ZDNet News](#)

Post 9/11, we're still trying to balance freedom, security

Hundreds of millions of dollars have gone to state and local governments since the Sept. 11 attacks to prevent and prepare for acts of terrorism and other disasters. The money has bought military-style armor, vehicles and training for

local police. It's prompted federal, state and local governments to share intelligence. It's launched initiatives to improve cyber-security, heighten surveillance and detect explosives. [Eagle-Tribune](#)

Is there a shift in the IT security market?

According to analyst firm IDC, the expected growth of the specialised threat analysis market will mark a new era in the IT security sector. IDC Security Products' program vice president Christian A. Christiansen recently introduced some highlights from the company's Specialized Threat Analysis and Protection Market (STAP) research, which quantified the opportunities for solutions countering APTs [advanced persistent threat] band targeted attacks [MIS Asia](#)

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In Canada's North, a Single Satellite Outage Means Losing Basic Services

Around 5 PM Eastern time on Sunday, a satellite providing internet services to most of North America went offline due to a technical glitch, the CBC reported. If you live the vast majority of communities in southern Canada or the US, you probably didn't notice. But in some parts of Canada's sparsely populated North, losing just one satellite means giving up basic services like access to ATMs or a flight out of town. In other words, life went offline before the satellite's function was restored on Monday afternoon. The satellite in question was Ottawa-based Telesat's Anik F2, which first went online in 2004 and has a coverage area spanning Canada's northernmost tip down to the southern US. Most places in North America don't totally depend on Anik F2 for an internet connection, and have landlines as well as other satellites—even some of Telesat's—to fall back on if one piece of equipment goes offline (...)“The satellite provided service for telephony, and for commercial enterprises like bank machines,” said Flaherty. “Airports use it for their air traffic control, and any of those services would have been down.” Some Twitter users also reported stores being cash-only as payment services apparently went offline. The outsized effects of a single satellite briefly going offline in the North highlights just how fragile and sparse internet infrastructure is in the region. [Motherboard](#)

Digital Defense, Inc. Discovers Multiple Zero-Day Vulnerabilities within EMC Unisphere for VMAX

Digital Defense, Inc. (DDI), a leading provider of Vulnerability Management as a Service, disclosed the discovery of six previously undiscovered security vulnerabilities in EMC Unisphere for VMAX, the web-based management interface to provision, manage and monitor VMAX storage systems. The vulnerabilities discovered could allow unauthorized access to arbitrary file retrieval with root privileges and denial of service. Dell EMC was swift in its collaboration with DDI and has released two security advisories [ESA-2016-121 and ESA-2016-122] to address these vulnerabilities. [Digital Journal](#); [ARS Technica UK](#)

Over 70 Per Cent Terrorists Using Cyber Space: PMO Cyber Coordinator

Over 70 per cent of terrorists and terror groups across the globe are using various cyber medium tools to spread the evil of terrorism and further their goals, Gulshan Rai, the National Cyber Security Coordinator in the Prime Ministers Office (PMO) has said. Speaking at the India Conference on Cyber Security & Internet Governance organised by Observer Research Foundation in New Delhi, Mr Rai said 70-75 per cent of terrorists are using tools like voice over internet telecom, social media and even encryption to spread the menace of terrorism and further their goals. He said that post the controversy surrounding whistle-blower Edward Snowden, users and nations have become worried about the security of their data and are now using various encryption techniques and policies that has led to interruptions in seamless flow of data and information. [NDTV](#); [One India](#)

Google diverts would-be jihadists away from radical websites

Hundreds of thousands of people seeking information about Islamic State on Google have been diverted to anti-extremism search results, as part of a drive to stop Muslims becoming radicalised online. The pioneering project directed people searching for particular Isis-related terms to YouTube videos that confront jihadist propaganda. The under-the-radar scheme, which has been praised by government ministers, made use of Google's AdWords service, which allows organisations to pay to have their results at the top of searches. [The Times](#)

Google Chrome update corrects use-after-free vulnerability

Google last week announced the impending rollout of Chrome version 53.0.2785.143, which includes three security fixes for the Windows, Mac and Linux operating systems. According to US-CERT, a remote attacker could exploit one of these vulnerabilities in order to take control of an affected system. According to Google's Chrome Releases blog post page, the latest update addresses a high-severity use-after-free vulnerability – officially designated CVE-2016-5177 – that was

found in the open-source V8 JavaScript Engine by an anonymous external researcher who was awarded a \$5,000 bug bounty. Google's own internal security audits and fuzz testing also resulted in additional fixes, the company reported. [SC Magazine](#)

SANS Institute in IoT Botnet Warning

The SANS Institute is urging security professionals to help monitor the internet for attempts to compromise IoT devices after confirming that they're happening virtually every minute. The organization's Johannes Ullrich wrote in a new note that he ran a test using an old DVR connected to a "normal" cable modem internet connection, ensuring that it wouldn't be used to attack other systems. "The sad part is, that I didn't have to wait long. The IP address is hit by telnet attempts pretty much every minute. Instead of having to wait for a long time to see an attack, my problem was that the DVR was often overwhelmed by the attacks, and the telnet server stopped responding. I had to reboot it every few minutes," he explained. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Are you at risk? Experts fear spike in hacking after code used in one of the largest cyber attacks in history is released

Web security analysts have warned of a flood of online attacks from hackers after code for a bot used to carry out a huge hack was published online. The code, which can turn unsecured devices such as web cameras, routers, phones and other hackable internet-connected devices into 'bots', could be used to target websites, knocking them offline. Called 'Mirai', the code is believed to be behind last month's landmark attack on security website Krebs On Security (...). He warned of the potential for a huge hike in attacks by 'internet of things' (IoT) devices, which could be used to bombard websites with requests, overloading them and effectively shutting them down. [Daily Mail](#); [Computer Weekly](#); [SC Magazine](#)

Hackers now have wider choice of weapons

Over the past two weeks, hackers launched two of the biggest digital attacks in Internet history, targeting a French Internet provider and one of the foremost computer-security journalists in the United States. What's perhaps more unusual is not the size of the attacks, but their source: Internet-connected cameras and digital video recorders like those in home and office security systems. Cyber-criminals hacked into thousands of these devices around the world and used them to bombard analyst Brian Krebs and the French company OVH with trillions of bits of meaningless data. The attack was severe enough to temporarily shut down Krebs's website. The attacks raise questions about the security of the much-vaunted Internet of Things (IoT), in which everyday objects from home appliances to door locks, cars, and digital video recorders are connected over a network and can be controlled remotely. The research firm Gartner Inc. estimates there are about 6.4 billion IoT devices in the world, with many many more on the way — 20.8 billion by 2020. Internet security analysts say that many of these devices are just as hackable as our home computers, but much harder to protect from attack. [Boston Globe](#)

The Internet of Things Sucks So Bad Even 'Amateurish' Malware Is Enough

Over the last few weeks, unknown hackers have launched some of the largest cyberattacks the internet has ever seen. These attacks weren't notable just by their unprecedented size and power, but also because they were powered by a large zombie army of hacked cameras and other devices that fit into the category of Internet of Things, or IoT. On Friday, the hacker who claims to have created the malware that was powering this massive "Botnet Of Things" published its source code, which appears to be legitimate (...). However legitimate, the malicious code isn't actually that sophisticated, according to security researchers who have been studying it (...). Despite being anything but Stuxnet or any other sophisticated malware, it still works, and now that is available for all to use, it is actively spreading. [Motherboard](#)

Here's a Live Map of the Mirai Malware Infecting the World

Last weekend, a hacker publicly released the code of "Mirai", the piece of Internet of Things malware that was used to create some of the most powerful botnets ever. Those botnets fired record breaking attacks at well-known security journalist Brian Krebs's site, as well as a popular server provider company (...). On Monday, the security researcher known as MalwareTech released a map showing, in real-time, infections of Mirai across the world. [Motherboard](#)

Army Wants Soldiers Trained to Fight Through Cyberattack

U.S. Army modernization officials said Monday that the service must start training soldiers to survive a cyberattack on the battlefield. "We must be able to understand what can happen to our systems through a cyberattack, and what is the enemy's capability and how do we counter that," Lt. Gen. (P) Gustavo "Gus" Perna, Army G4, told an audience at the Association the United States Army's annual meeting in Washington, D.C. "We need to face that with some stark reality, and we better do it quickly or we are going to have systems on the battlefield that we are not going to be able to operate despite the supply chain or the training of our soldiers." Perna took part in a forum with government and industry officials to discuss modernization as it relates to the threat of potential, near-peer enemies. [Military.com](#)

General: Cyber capabilities exceed authorities

The commanding general of the U.S. Army Forces Command said the Army is on the way to meeting its "initial design function" for tactical cyber capabilities, but the authority to use some of them is lacking (...). He added that the Army is pulling the top performers from other combat specialties as it works to stand up cyber forces. But the goal is to eventually train specialists in cyber warfare from the time of enlistment (...). "We have integrated small capabilities, select capabilities, both defensive and offensive at the tactical level to explore what's in the art of the possible," he said. "What we've learned is there's a tremendous amount of tactical application [that cannot be used] because the authorities [haven't] quite caught up to the capabilities and the art of the possible." [FCW](#)

The company linked to the OPM hack just got hired by the government again

A company connected to the massive hack targeting the Office of Personnel Management two years ago has been rehired by the US government. Keypoint, which processes background investigations on behalf of its clients, will provide its vetting services for a new government agency that was set up in the wake of the 2014 intrusion (...). Keypoint has repeatedly been accused of losing control of a list of usernames and passwords used to access the OPM's databases, which led to the larger intrusion. The newly formed National Background Investigations Bureau, set to open its doors later this month, will also work with three other contractors to process the thousands of applications it receives each month. [ZDNet](#); [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Hacker group finds almost no takers for stolen NSA cyber tools

Foreign hackers responsible for the theft of top secret cyber weapons from the National Security Agency are ranting that no one is interested in buying the stolen cyber tools. A group calling itself the Shadow Brokers, which claimed responsibility in mid-August for penetrating the NSA and seizing prized malware, said in a profane Borat-like posting over the weekend that it has found "no interest" for its online auction of the pilfered cyber weapons. The group originally released some teaser cyber tools for free, and analysts confirmed that they appeared to be state-of-the-art malware from the NSA's secret hacking division. [News Tribune](#)

'Strong possibility of widespread cyber attacks by NK,' says leading cyber security expert

Following North Korea's fifth nuclear test on September 9, concern is mounting in anticipation of the North's next provocation. Some analysts believe that a launch of long range ballistic missiles and large-scale cyber attacks may be carried out on October 10, the anniversary of the inauguration of the Workers' Party. In the past, the regime has launched crippling cyber attacks soon after nuclear tests conducted in defiance of UN resolutions. North Korean hacking units are possibly already on high alert and ready to engage in cyber warfare once the order is given (...). In an interview with Mr. Sang Myung Choi, director of HAURI CERT (Computer Emergency Response Team), it was revealed that "the North Korean government is preparing cyber warfare on an international scale" aimed at "causing significant economic damage and safety issues, and to instigate social disorder". [Daily NK](#)

EU Comes Down on Exports of Cyber-Surveillance Tech

The European Commission (EC) proposed last week an amendment to Regulation (EC) No 428/2009, which is a law that governs the export of dual-use technology, that can be used for both civil and military purposes. The changes proposed by the EC are meant to make it harder and time-consuming for European companies to export dual-use technologies outside the EU, to countries that have a history of human rights abuses. Dual-use technology, especially cyber-surveillance hardware and software, was regularly abused by governments around the world to spy on their citizens, protesters, journalists, and dissidents (...). The new law changes must be approved by the EU Parliament, and then implemented at the state-level by each EU member. [Softpedia](#)

Bulk surveillance review is 'fiction', claims former NSA technical director

An independent review into plans to introduce wide-ranging bulk surveillance powers for UK intelligence agencies and law enforcement should be filed under "fiction", according to a former director of the US National Security Agency. The Bulk Powers Review, conducted by the independent reviewer of terrorism legislation, David Anderson, and a small team of security cleared experts, concluded that there was "a proven operational case" to give intelligence and law enforcement agencies bulk surveillance powers. But William Binney, a former technical director at the NSA, told Computer Weekly that the Anderson Review had failed to consider the underlying technology behind bulk powers, which will be introduced in the Investigatory Powers Bill (...). "The bulk powers they are to assess are those that the NSA and GCHQ have used since 2001," said Binney. "So this bill and study are to review and then authorise something that they have been doing for 15 years and, yes, we are joining the Russians and Chinese in monitoring our populations." [Computer Weekly](#)

Lauri Love on US extradition and how hackers can help companies

If businesses are serious about reducing the risk of cyber attacks, they must work closely with hackers, says Lauri Love, the UK computer security expert who is facing extradition to the US, accused of computer crimes. Mr Love, who lost his appeal against extradition in September, says more should be done to ensure young people with computer skills learn to use their talents in a positive way working for companies, rather than engaging in crime. The transition to cyber vandalism and worse often starts when a bright but socially awkward teenager is drawn into the wrong circles, he says (...)

Companies could learn a lot from hackers, Mr Love says. Most businesses severely underestimate their risk from cyber crime. Hackers often penetrate their defences in very basic ways. [Financial Times](#)

Trump: Cybersecurity should be a top priority

What would Donald Trump do about cybersecurity if elected president? His statements so far have been a little vague. Until now. On Monday, he gave some specifics on how he'd approach protecting the government and private industry from the threat of hackers. [CNET News](#)

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How Ottawa revived Canada's most controversial privacy issue

An opinion piece written by Michael Geist, Canada Research Chair in Internet and E-commerce Law at the University of Ottawa, states "The controversial issue of lawful access rules, which address questions of police access to Internet subscriber information and the interception capabilities at Canadian telecommunications companies, has long been played down by Canadian governments. When the policy proposals first emerged in the early 2000s, the Liberal government focused on the anti-terrorism and antispam benefits. Subsequent Conservative proposals promoted the ability to combat child pornography and, most recently, cyberbullying (...) Notwithstanding the legislative resolution and renewed legal certainty, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale has quietly revived the lawful access debate with a public consultation that raises the prospect of new rules that would effectively scrap the 2014 compromise. Ironically, the focus this time is the public's demand for amendments to Bill C-51, the Conservatives' anti-terrorism law that sparked widespread criticism and calls for reform during last year's election campaign. In other words, the balance of Canadian privacy is being put at risk by a policy initiative the purports to fix privacy. The Public Safety consultation skips over the years of lawful access debate by putting everything back on the table, acknowledging that the law was updated less than 24 months ago but suggesting that more change may be needed (...) In fact, Mr. Goodale places another controversial issue on the policy table, noting that encryption technologies are "vital to cybersecurity, e-commerce, data and intellectual property protection, and the commercial interests of the communications industry" but lamenting that those same technologies can also be used by criminals and terrorists." [Globe and Mail](#), B4

Yahoo scanned emails for NSA, FBI

Yahoo Inc. last year secretly built a custom software program to search all of its customers' incoming emails for specific information provided by U.S. intelligence officials, according to people familiar with the matter. The company complied with a classified U.S. government directive, scanning hundreds of millions of Yahoo Mail accounts at the behest of the National Security Agency or FBI, said two former employees and a third person apprised of the events. Some surveillance experts said this represents the first case to surface of a U.S. Internet company agreeing to a spy agency's demand by searching all arriving messages, as opposed to examining stored messages or scanning a small number of accounts in real time (...) Reuters was unable to determine what data Yahoo may have handed over, if any, and if intelligence officials had approached other email providers besides Yahoo with this kind of request. According to the two former employees, Yahoo chief executive Marissa Mayer's decision to obey the directive roiled some senior executives and led to the June 2015 departure of chief information security officer Alex Stamos, who now holds the top security job at Facebook Inc. [Postmedia Network](#) (Financial Post, FP1); [Ottawa Citizen](#); [Reuters](#) (CBC, Guardian (UK)), [Associated Press](#) (CTV News); [CNET](#); [ZDNet](#); [SC Magazine](#); [Infosecurity Magazine](#); [Softpedia](#)

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After Yahoo Revelations, Microsoft Swears It Didn't Spy on Users for the NSA

Microsoft was one of the first tech companies to deny involvement in spying programs secretly launched by the NSA and the US government and carried by Yahoo, according to recent revelations. The Redmond-based tech giant provided a very short statement to explain that the firm has never been involved in spying programs like the ones that Yahoo might have been part of, but the company refused to provide any other details on this. [Softpedia](#)

New FBI head in San Francisco was key figure in iPhone hack

The FBI's new leader in San Francisco is a former drug investigator who developed expertise in technology that put him at the centre of the government's effort to unlock an iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino shooters. Special Agent

Jack Bennett previously headed the bureau's digital forensics labs, which were tasked with accessing the San Bernardino gunman's phone. Bennett was at an FBI lab in Quantico, Virginia, in March when an outside company showed the bureau how it could hack the device. The tool ended the FBI's high-profile fight with Apple Inc. over access to the cellphone. That battle exposed a rift between the bureau and Silicon Valley over encryption. [Associated Press](#) (Montreal Gazette, Cape Breton Post, Guardian, Telegram)

Feds subpoena, gag encrypted chat firm Open Whisper Systems

Open Whisper Systems, the brainchild of cryptographer Moxie Marlinspike, has published the results of an unsealed subpoena set against the company -- and how little US law enforcement received for their trouble. The company is the developer of encrypted messaging application Signal, recommended by NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden, of which the technology is also used in other services including WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger and Google Allo. According to court documents unsealed last week, OWS was forced to hand over user data as part of a federal investigation, but the firm's ethos gave law enforcement very little to work with. [ZDNet](#); [Threat Post](#)

Facebook rolls out opt-in encryption for 'secret' Messenger chats

As of today, all of Facebook's 900 million Messenger users should be able to choose to have specific chat threads end-to-end encrypted, protecting a message from all eyes except the sender and recipient. Called Secret Conversations, the feature also allows users to set messages to self-destruct anywhere between five seconds to one day. Once a Secret Conversation is initiated, Facebook's app says that the conversation has been "encrypted from one device to the other". Encrypted conversations can be started from the home page by tapping a new message and then tapping the Secret button on the top right corner of the page, followed by the contact you want to start a secret chat with. The new privacy feature follows the completion of Facebook's end-to-end encryption rollout for the billion users of its other chat app, WhatsApp, earlier this year. [ZDNet](#)

Brand-New Delphi Trojan Exfiltrates Vast Amounts of Info

A never-before-seen credential-stealing Trojan has been uncovered, found to be backdooring machines and exfiltrating large amounts of information. Written in Delphi coding language (should we call it the Oracle at Delphi?), the Trojan.sysscan malware is being used by a single source as the payload for attacks that repeatedly use brute-force passwords for RDP credentials, according to GuardiCore. The malware has extensive capabilities to search and extract cookies and other credentials containing authentication details such as usernames and passwords. It appears to be targeted at banking, gambling and tax websites, and can scavenge information saved by Point of Sale (PoS) software. It also can run on every Windows version from XP through Server 2012 R2, the firm said. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

OpenJPEG Flaw Allows Code Execution via Malicious Image Files

An update released last week for the OpenJPEG library addresses several bugs and important security issues, including a flaw that can be exploited to execute arbitrary code using specially crafted image files. OpenJPEG is an open-source library designed for encoding and decoding JPEG2000 images, a format that is often used to embed image files inside PDF documents. OpenJPEG is used by several popular PDF readers, including PDFium, the default PDF viewer in Google Chrome. Cisco Talos researchers discovered that OpenJPEG is plagued by an out-of-bounds heap write issue. The vulnerability allows an attacker to execute arbitrary code on the targeted user's system if they can trick the victim into opening a specially crafted JPEG2000 image or a PDF document containing such a file (...)The vulnerability was reported to OpenJPEG developers in late July and it was patched last week with the release of version 2.1.2. The issue is tracked as CVE-2016-8332 and it has been assigned a CVSS score of 7.5, which puts it in the high severity category. [Security Week](#)

Researchers spot remote code execution flaw in FreeImage

Cisco Talos researchers spotted a remote code execution vulnerability in the FreeImage Library XMP Image Handling affecting version 3.17.0. The bug is caused by an out-of-bounds write vulnerability which exists in the XMP image handling functionality of the FreeImage library and if exploited, would allow an attacker to use a specially crafted XMP file to cause an arbitrary memory overwrite resulting in code execution, according to an Oct. 3 blog post (...) A user can become infected if they open a malformed file sent to them via email, are tricked into downloading and opening the malicious file, or if the file is sent via instant message and is automatically opened due to user configuration, Talos Senior Technical Leader and Global Outreach Manager Craig Williams told SCMagazine.com. The file only needs to get to the victim's machine in order to execute the attack, he said. The vulnerability has already been reported and was patched in the CVS on Aug. 7, although the firm hasn't released a new version of the software. [SC Magazine](#)

Hacked WordPress Core File Leveraged for Hijacking a Site's Web Traffic

With WordPress dominating the CMS market by far, hackers will become more creative and aggressive in taking over websites and persisting infections for as much as possible. A new trick discovered by Sucuri experts during the past weeks sees attackers leveraging yet another WordPress core file to insert malicious code on hacked websites and redirect traffic to malicious sites. The file in question is wp-includes/template-loader.php, a core WordPress file that is

responsible for managing the site's page templates. In this most recent incident, hackers had altered this file to casually redirect some of the website's legitimate traffic to a malicious page that was offering users product keys for various Microsoft products at reduced prices. [Softpedia](#)

Insulin pump vulnerabilities could lead to overdose

Users of the Animas OneTouch Ping insulin pump system have been warned that security vulnerabilities in the device allow attackers to remotely deliver insulin doses. On Tuesday, researchers from Rapid7 revealed the existence of three vulnerabilities in the Animas OneTouch Ping insulin pump system (...) According to Rapid7 researcher Jay Radcliffe, the first vulnerability, CVE-2016-5084, reveals that data flowing between these two modules is transmitted in the clear. This opens the door for eavesdroppers to capture information such as dosage data and blood glucose results. The second critical security flaw, CVE-2016-5085, stems from the weak pairing between the pump and meter. The pairing process takes place during setup to prevent pumps from taking orders from other remotes in the vicinity and is done through a five-packet exchange in cleartext where the devices exchange serial numbers and some additional information (...) The third security vulnerability is equally as dangerous. The bug, CVE-2016-5086, highlights the fact the communication taking place between the pump and meter has no timestamps or sequence numbers and because of this, no defense against replay attacks, in which legitimate commands could be intercepted by an attacker and then played back at a later date. [ZDNet](#); [Threat Post](#)

Three-quarters of Firms Hit by DDoS

Nearly three-quarters of global firms have suffered a DDoS attack over the past 12 months with half losing \$100,000 or more each hour during peak periods, according to the latest study from Neustar. The global DDoS mitigation provider polled just over 1,000 C-suite execs to compile its October 2016 Worldwide DDoS Attacks & Protection Report. Of those who had experienced an attack, 85% said they were subject to multiple blasts, with the largest number (29%) suffering attacks between 2-5 times. Although 49% claimed they lost \$100,000 per hour during peak periods as a result of an attack, the figure went as high as \$250,000 or more for a third of respondents. Time is money, but unfortunately 71% of respondents said they took an hour or more to detect attacks and 72% an additional hour to respond. More worrying still for organizations is the fact that DDoS attacks appear to be increasingly used in conjunction with efforts to steal information, infect systems with ransomware or other cyberattacks – possibly as a smokescreen to distract IT teams. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Newsweek Site Suffered DDoS Attack After Trump Report

Newsweek's website suffered a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack after it broke the story that US presidential candidate Donald Trump's company had violated a trade embargo on Cuba, reports TPM quoting Newsweek editor-in-chief Jim Impoco. A probe into the hack continues, but initial examination of the rogue IP addresses indicate that they originate from Russia, but they also could be spoofed, according to Newsweek. "As with any DDoS attack, there are lots of IP addresses, but the main ones are Russian, though that in itself does not prove anything," said Impoco. [Dark Reading](#)

Attack on South Korean "vaccine" router blamed on North Korea

North Korea is suspect number one in an attack against South Korea's cyber command last month, according to a member of the main opposition party, Minjoo. Representative Kim Jin-pyo, a member of the parliament's national defence committee, told South Korea's Yonhap News Agency the attack targeted a "vaccine routing server" on the cyber command network. The server provides security for around 20,000 military computers that access the internet. [SC Magazine](#)

Assange vows Google, US election leaks as WikiLeaks turns 10

In coming weeks, the site is set to publish documents related to Google, the US presidential election and more, according to controversial founder Julian Assange (...) Assange promised new information every week for the next 10 weeks, related to Google, military operations, arms trading and mass surveillance. He also promised that all documents related to the US presidential election would be published before the vote on November 8. Assange denied reports that he intended to harm the campaign of Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton, although he did describe the reaction to leaks of Democratic emails as "neo-McCarthy-esque hysteria." [Motherboard](#)

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NSA contractor arrested over 'stolen secret code used to hack Russia'

The FBI has secretly arrested a National Security Agency (NSA) contractor suspected of stealing highly classified computer codes used to hack the computer systems of foreign governments including Russia and China, raising fears of another embarrassing intelligence leak to rival the Edward Snowden affair, the New York Times reported on Wednesday (...). The contractor in this case, who was reportedly arrested "in recent weeks", is suspected of stealing the NSA's "source code", used to break into the computer networks of rival powers such as Russia, China, Iran and North Korea. [Independent \(UK\)](#); [New York Times](#); [Washington Post](#); [CNET](#); [SC Magazine](#); [IT Wire](#); [Intercept](#); [Softpedia](#)

Google Patches 78 Vulnerabilities in Android

Google this week released another set of monthly patches for the Android mobile operating system, in an attempt to address no less than 78 security vulnerabilities.

Just as it has over the past few months, Google split the October 2016 security patches in two, each focused on specific issues. The *2016-10-01 security patch level* addresses 20 vulnerabilities in various platform components, while the *2016-10-05 security patch level* plugs 58 flaws in kernel subsystems, drivers, and OEM components. [SecurityWeek](#)

Researcher finds flaws in industrial control devices

In a report by Applied Risk, ICS security researcher, Alexandru Ariciu, said that flaws found in MOXA E1242 Ethernet remote I/O series used in factory automation, range from code injection in the web application to weak password policies and implementation. One of the problems lies in the devices web application that fails to sanitise user input, resulting in Javascript injection in the webpage. An exploit could allow an attacker to execute arbitrary code in the context of the browser of the users visiting the affected web pages... Another issue is that passwords are sent via the HTTP GET method. The md5 hash of the password that is used for authentication on the device is sent as a parameter in each GET request to the server. "This is considered to be bad practice, as an attacker with a MITM position can easily circumvent this implementation and bypass the authentication mechanism," said Ariciu. Also the password used to authenticate users to the system is truncated to eight characters. Any user trying to use a longer password will have its password cut down to the first eight characters. Also, the MD5 hash challenge that is created for authentication and is later used in all GET requests will be created using these first eight characters. [SC Magazine](#)

Akamai Post-Mortem Report Confirms Mirai as Source of Krebs DDoS Attacks

With all the infosec community impatiently waiting for more details on the huge DDoS attack that hit the KrebsOnSecurity blog, Akamai has now released its official post-mortem report on the aforementioned incident... As Krebs moved his website to Google's Project Shield, other investigators looking into the DDoS traffic determined that attackers had used a botnet created with the Mirai malware. Discovered by MalwareMustDie in September, the researcher said this malware is vaguely related to the Gafgyt malware family tree (also known as Lizkebab, BASHLITE, Bash0day, Bashdoor, and Torlus). According to Akamai's own investigation, the malware is also related to the Kaiten malware, which, just like Gafgyt, targets smart IoT devices. Akamai says its researchers had been tracking this Kaiten variant (identified as Kaiten/STD) since January this year. Akamai's analysis of Kaiten/STD is identical with MalwareMustDie's Mirai findings, so there's nothing new to surprise us in relation to the malware's mode of operation, which consists of brute-forcing Telnet and SSH ports left open on IoT devices, mainly on IP cameras, CCTV and DVR systems... According to Akamai's official numbers, the Krebs DDoS attack reached 620 Gbps, as Krebs tweeted himself, and also involved an additional, smaller botnet, outside of Mirai. Akamai also confirmed that the Mirai botnet was mainly comprised of security cameras and DVRs, as initially rumored. Around half of the bots were located in the EMEA (Europe, Middle East, and Africa) region, while North America and the APJ (Asia-Pacific and Japan) region accounted for around a quarter each. [Softpedia](#)

DDoS attacks consistent, relentless and costly

Neustar, a provider of real-time information services, has published its "October 2016 Worldwide DDoS Attacks & Protection Report: A Steady Threat in the Connected World," (registration required for a free report) focused on DDoS attack and protection trends. The report says the DDoS attack volume has remained consistently high and these attacks cause real damage to organisations. The global response also affirms the prevalent use of DDoS attacks to distract as "smokescreens" in concert with other malicious activities that result in additional compromises, such as viruses and ransomware. [IT Wire](#)

Spotify Free is Serving Up Malware

Numerous users are flooding music streaming service Spotify's Twitter feed, reporting that the freemium tier service has been hit with a malvertising attack. Those running Spotify Free on the desktop are periodically seeing strange browser behavior, with malicious ads serve malware popping up unbidden... For its part, Spotify responded in the user forum, saying that it has placed the issue under investigation. [Infosecurity Magazine](#); [SC Magazine](#)

Oil 'slick': Sneaky OilRig malware campaign flows into new territory

A backdoor malware campaign dubbed OilRig that in May was discovered targeting organisations in Saudi Arabia is now trying to drill into government entities in Turkey, Israel and the US, as well as Qatari companies and organisations. Palo Alto Networks Unit 42 threat research team updated the campaign's latest spear-phishing efforts in a blog post on Tuesday, warning that the campaign has updated its "Helminth" backdoor software as well as the malicious Excel documents that distribute the malware via macros. According to the blog post, the phishing emails targeting Qatari organisations "were very specific to the organisation receiving them and in some cases were sent from partner organisations that already had a relationship with the recipient." Changes to malware over the last five months include the emergence of four distinct variants, each of which drops different filenames upon execution, Palo Alto continued in its report. [SC Magazine](#)

Beware of New Steam Spam Leading to Malware

Since last week, Steam gamers have been warning each other, via Twitter and Reddit, about a new spam campaign that tries to lure them to a site to download malware on their computers, which in the end, allows crooks to take over their PCs. This spam campaign begins with a hacker taking over a legitimate Steam account. This is possible today thanks to the large number of data breaches disclosed this year, many of which included cleartext passwords. If Steam gamers haven't turned on two-factor authentication for their Steam accounts and reused the same password on multiple sites, attackers can gain control over their accounts, and then use this newly-found access to spam their friends with malicious links. [Softpedia](#)

Official: Hackers who hit French TV station are still active

A French official says the hackers who knocked a French television station offline last year are still regularly trying break in to French government computers. Senior French cybersecurity official Guillaume Poupard says sensors deployed at government ministries routinely pick up electronic signatures linked to the group. The revelation adds another dose of intrigue to the attack, which briefly interrupted 11 channels belonging to TV5 Monde and packed its social media sites with propaganda for the Islamic State group. The idea that tech-savvy fanatics could hijack a major broadcaster sent a shiver across France. But L'Express magazine turned those fears on their head when it reported that investigators believed a Russian group carried out the attack. [Associated Press](#) (Yahoo News)

Two-thirds of IT Bosses Fear Ransomware Attack

Over two-thirds (69%) of IT decision makers believe their organization will be hit by a ransomware attack over the next 12 months, although many are still unsure what that will actually entail, according to Trend Micro. The security giant shared more findings from a poll of over 300 IT leaders, which has already revealed that 44% have experienced an attack over the past two years. The figure for those bracing themselves for an attack in the next year rose to 75% for organizations that have already been on the receiving end, Trend Micro claimed. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

And the country with the most bot infections is... Turkey

Turkey has the largest number of total "bot" infections with one bot for every 1,139 internet users in the country and also contains 18.5 percent of all of the bots across the EMEA region, according to researchers at Symantec's Norton division. Most of the affected computers resign in the cities of Istanbul and Ankara which together account for more than half of the country's population, according to the press release. The report also found that following Turkey, the top ten countries by total bot population in descending order include, Italy, Hungary, Germany, France, Spain, the U.K., Poland, Russia, and Israel. [SC Magazine](#)

Watch a Quantum Computing Expert Describe How the World's About to Change

Quantum physics, with its descriptions of bizarre properties like entanglement and superposition, can sound like a science fiction fever dream. Yet this branch of physics, no matter how counterintuitive it seems sometimes, describes the universe

all around us: As physicists have often told me, we live in a quantum world. Soon, this will be better reflected in our technology, and everything it can do. "We're moving towards a new paradigm for computation," quantum information scientist Michele Mosca, who's based at the Institute for Quantum Computing at the University of Waterloo, recently told me. He compared this shift in thinking to when humanity abandoned the flat Earth hypothesis and accepted that our world is round... In a public lecture delivered on Wednesday from the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, Mosca will describe the "new quantum era" and the promises and challenges it brings. Take, for example, public key cryptography that is used to protect secret communications around the world. When the first true quantum computer powers up, maybe a decade from now, it's predicted that it will be able to crack this type of encryption, no problem. Mosca has been urging governments and corporations to start planning for this. Mosca's talk, which begins at 7 pm E.S.T., will be livestreamed here on Motherboard. [Motherboard](#)

Terror groups likely to be first to unleash cyber weapons, says Eugene Kaspersky

Terror groups, not nation states, are the most likely to unleash devastating cyber weapons, according to Eugene Kaspersky, chief executive and co-founder of security firm Kaspersky Lab... Unlike traditional weapons, cyber weapons can be reverse engineered, improved and used on those who developed them, so nation states are unlikely to use them on each other. "But I am really afraid some terrorist group will pay cyber criminals to develop and deploy such weapons on their behalf," he said, noting that some cyber criminals work like mercenaries, providing cyber crime services to anyone who is willing to pay. Kaspersky said cyber weapons are likely to fall in one of three categories: those aimed at causing physical damage, destroying critical data and telecommunications... Critical infrastructure is the most "problematic" and probably the "scariest" area, he said, because cyber criminals are well-resourced and can attack even well-protected networks... According to Kaspersky, the vast majority (384 million) of malicious files detected are aimed at Windows, compared with Android (18 million) and Mac OS (30,000). [Computer Weekly](#); [SC Magazine](#)

Canada's National Security Consultation I: Digital Anonymity & Subscriber Identification Revisited... Yet Again

An opinion piece states, "Last month, Public Safety Canada followed through on commitments to review and consult on Canada's national security framework. The process reviews powers that were passed into law following the passage of Bill C-51, Canada's recent controversial anti-terrorism overhaul, as well as invite a broader debate about Canada's security apparatus. While many consultation processes have explored expansions of Canada's national security framework, the current consultation constitutes the first modern day attempt to explore Canada's national security excesses and deficiencies. Unfortunately, the framing of the consultation demonstrates minimal direct regard for privacy and civil liberties because it is primarily preoccupied with defending the existing security framework while introducing a range of additional intrusive powers..." [CIPPIC](#)

The Canadian Government's Plan to Sell New Spying Powers to Citizens

Canada's government is taking a forum for citizens to sound off about its spying powers and flipping it into an opportunity to sell Canadians on new and overbroad police capabilities, according to a new watchdog report. In September, Trudeau's Liberals made good on a promise to open a public consultation on national security and released two documents, a green paper and a background document, explaining the issues at stake to Canadians at a time when the government is ramping up its efforts to thwart domestic terrorists. These included hot topics such as the difficulties police face when dealing with encrypted devices and issues surrounding data retention. However, according to the watchdog report, the government's framing of the issues is selling Canadians on a police power that has been shot down again and again by the courts and the public: warrantless access to subscriber information from telecom companies. "Successive federal governments have sought to legislatively enshrine a state power to access subscriber identification data from telecommunications companies," Citizen Lab researcher Christopher Parsons and Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic staff lawyer Tamir Israel write in their report. "Such legislative initiatives would have facilitated access to such data on an indiscriminate basis and without any judicial authorization or control." "All of these attempts have proven controversial and each has fallen in the face of public resistance," they continue. In 2014, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that accessing subscriber information without a warrant constitutes an illegal search. In its green paper, the government describes subscriber information as being akin to a phone book. However, subscriber information includes IP addresses, name, home address, phone number, email address, and mobile devices' IMSI number—much more information than is contained in your average phone book. "Our laws on how information can be properly collected and then used in court as evidence were mostly written before the rapid pace of new technology became a consideration," the government's green paper states. Now, police worry about "slow and inconsistent access to basic subscriber information to help identify who was using a particular communications service at a particular time," the report states. [Motherboard](#); [Boing Boing](#)

Canadian government re-opens privacy debate on access to telecom subscriber info

The Canadian government has revived a discussion on a particularly controversial privacy topic: how much access law enforcement should have to telecom subscriber information in the name of public safety. In September 2016 the government opened a public consultation on national security, releasing a 'green paper' and background document that details issues, challenges and general questions surrounding national security threats like domestic terrorism. Many

topics are covered in the documents, but there's one in particular that may sound familiar to Canadians: the issue of warrantless access to subscriber information from telecom companies. Michael Geist, Canada research chair in internet and e-commerce law at the University of Ottawa, states in an article for The Globe and Mail that the government has been pushing for easier access to carrier data since the early 2000s, with the initiative seeing setbacks such as the defeat of Bill C-30. Lawful access legislation eventually passed in 2014, resembling something near a compromise between consumer and government interests. Warrant-less disclosure of information and government surveillance capabilities for telecoms were nixed, but the legislation also eliminated liability concerns for Internet service providers (ISPs) that voluntarily disclose basic information and gave the police new powers to require access to digital data. The above-mentioned public consultation — started by Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale — has put the issue back up for debate, however. “The Public Safety consultation skips over the years of lawful access debate by putting everything back on the table,” writes Geist, “acknowledging that the law was updated less than 24 months ago but suggesting that more change may be needed.” As for the Minister's thoughts on the matter, a spokesperson stated to Motherboard: “*While both basic subscriber information (BSI) and a phone book can both be used to identify someone, BSI requires safeguards because some of it can reveal intimate details of a person's activities when linked to other information. That principle has been affirmed by the courts. The government is committed to protecting both Canadians' safety and their rights, including their privacy rights.*” The spokesperson added that the green paper was meant to “*provoke discussion.*” The public consultation remains open until December 1st, 2016 and can be accessed here if you'd like to add your voice to the conversation. MobileSyrup.com

Russian special services to decrypt Internet traffic

The Russian Federal Security Service (FSS, or FSB) together with the country's Ministry of Communications, are introducing of a set of technical procedures that will provide it with unencrypted access to the Internet traffic of all Russian citizens. This move is the implementation of the recently approved Yarovaya Law, (a package of bills which amended a pre-existing counter-terrorism law as well as separate laws regulating counter-terror and public safety measures), which obliged local and global IT companies, operating in Russia, including Google, "Yandex", Mail.ru Group, Whatsapp, Telegram, Viber, Facebook, "VKontakte" to provide encryption keys for their web-servers at the request of the FSB. [SC Magazine](#)

Yahoo email scanning: Apple, Google, Microsoft say they'd fight similar requests in court

Yahoo is facing increased scrutiny after being accused of secretly building a custom software program to search all of its customers' incoming emails at the request of the U.S. government (...)Yahoo has neither confirmed nor denied the report. In a statement to Reuters a company spokesperson said, “Yahoo is a law abiding company, and complies with the laws of the United States.” It's still unclear whether the alleged software searched only U.S. citizens' emails, or if Canadian users were also impacted (...)While Microsoft declined to comment on whether it had ever received a similar request, the company said it has “never engaged in the secret scanning of email traffic.” Facebook and Twitter both said they had not received similar requests and noted that if they did they would oppose them in court. Apple, which fought a U.S. government order to hack an iPhone belonging to one of the San Bernardino shooters by creating custom software, maintained that it would fight these types of requests in court. [Global News](#)

Facebook Marketplace launches, selling guns, drugs and baby hedgehogs

Facebook's Marketplace has immediately been flooded with people selling guns, drugs and baby hedgehogs. The company has been forced to apologise after its brand new feature – intended to let people sell things in the same way as they would through Ebay or Craigslist – has already been flooded with illegal items, those that break rules, and others that are just odd. As well as offering illegal items like drugs, some users appeared to be selling things that are banned by Facebook's own terms, like snakes and hedgehogs. [Independent \(UK\)](#)

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Yahoo's Government Email Scanner Was Actually a Secret Hacking Tool

The spy tool that the US government ordered Yahoo to install on its systems last year at the behest of the NSA or the FBI was a "poorly designed" and "buggy" piece of malware, according to two sources closely familiar with the matter... Anonymous sources told The Times that the tool was nothing more than a modified version of Yahoo's existing scanning system, which searches all email for malware, spam and images of child pornography. But two sources familiar with the matter told Motherboard that this description is wrong, and that the tool was actually more like a "rootkit," a powerful type of malware that lives deep inside an infected system and gives hackers essentially unfettered access. The rootkit-like tool was found by Yahoo's internal security testing team during one of their checkups, according to a source. "They assumed it was a rootkit installed by hackers," an ex-Yahoo employee, who requested anonymity to discuss sensitive issues, told Motherboard. "If it was just a slight modification to the spam and child pornography filters, the security team wouldn't have noticed and freaked out." "It definitely contained something that did not look like anything Yahoo mail would have installed," the source added. "This backdoor was installed in a way that endangered all of Yahoo users." [Motherboard](#)

WildFire rises from the grave as the rebranded Hades Locker

The WildFire Locker ransomware has risen from the dead and rebranded itself using the apropos name of Hades Locker. In late August, WildFire Locker disappeared after the organizations behind NoMoreRansom.org were able to seize control of the ransomware's Command & Control servers. This allowed NoMoreRansom to gain access to many of the decryption keys for the ransomware's victims. Unfortunately, the ransomware developers were not apprehended and it now appears they have been biding their time before releasing a new ransomware. Hades Locker was discovered yesterday by Michael Gillespie when a victim uploaded a copy of the ransomware's ransom note to ID Ransomware. [Bleeping Computer](#); [Security Week](#)

FastPOS Malware Adopts Modular Design

FastPOS, a piece of point-of-sale (PoS) malware that emerged in early summer, has recently received a series of updates designed to make it more efficient just in time for the holiday season. When first detailed in June, the malware stood out because of its ability to quickly exfiltrate all of the stolen credit card data. The threat was found to include a custom RAM scraping algorithm for data collection and a keylogger, to send data via HTTP GET requests, and to target only cards that could be used internationally and which don't require a PIN. New samples observed last month revealed that the malware has been used against small-medium businesses, only one month after the command and control (C&C) domain was registered. The malware now uses a modular design with separate components for 32-bit and 64-bit systems, which makes it more difficult to detect, Trend Micro researchers say. [Security Week](#)

Cerber Ransomware switches to a Random Extension and Ends Database Processes

Late last week, a new version of Cerber Ransomware was released that included some new features. The most notable change is the switch from the static .Cerber3 extension for encrypted files to a random 4 character extension, the use of a HTA file as the ransom note, and the termination of various database processes before encryption. [Bleeping Computer](#); [Security Week](#)

Apple Weakened Safari's Private Browsing in iOS 10

Besides crippling the password system for iTunes backups, it appears that Apple has also weakened Safari's Private Browsing mode, according to Stacey Jury, Digital Forensic Analyst for IntaForensics... Jury explains that, in previous iOS versions, Safari kept this list of Private Browsing "suspended state" URLs inside a Plist file. As soon as the user closed the Private Browsing session, iOS would clear those links from the Plist file. Things changed in iOS 10, released last month. Jury says that Safari started using a database to store information on the Private Browsing "suspended state"

URLs. The IntaForensics expert says that, while Apple does its due diligence and removes the "suspended state" URLs from the database, it does not overwrite the DB entries with random data, as a precautionary safety measure. This allows an attacker with access to the device to use forensics or database recovery tools to salvage the deleted database entries. This would have been technically impossible if Safari continued to use Plist files. [Softpedia](#)

Mobile App Collusion Can Bypass Native Android Security

Android's native security mechanisms, most notably application sandboxing, secure devices against threats from one app at a time. Multiple apps however, can collude in different ways and bypass these protections. Researchers on Wednesday at the 26th Virus Bulletin International Conference brought this threat from the theoretical to the practical. They exposed a number of apps that use malicious versions of the MoPlus SDK to work in concert and run up premium SMS charges, steal personal data stored on mobile devices and even synchronize the execution of payloads. [Threat Post](#)

X.Org Library Flaws Allow Privilege Escalation, DoS Attacks

X.Org developers released patches and updates to address over a dozen vulnerabilities found in several client libraries. The flaws can be exploited by local or remote attackers to cause a denial-of-service (DoS) condition or escalate privileges. X.Org is a popular open source implementation of the X Windows System (also known as X11, X or X-Windows), the graphical windowing system used by Unix and Linux operating systems. The X.Org (Xorg) libraries provide the routines used within X-Windows applications. Tobias Stoeckmann of the OpenBSD Project discovered that many of these client libraries don't sufficiently validate the responses they receive from servers, which introduces vulnerabilities that could be exploited by local or remote attackers. [Security Week](#)

Web-Based Keylogger Used to Steal Credit Card Data from Popular Sites

Popular ecommerce sites have been infected with web-based keyloggers that are being used to steal credit card data as it's entered into online checkout forms. More than 100 compromised sites have been identified, but the number could be in the thousands, researchers said. RiskIQ, in collaboration with ClearSky, published their findings (PDF) Thursday, and said some of the ecommerce sites impacted include Everlast Worldwide, the Australian ecommerce site for apparel giant Guess and Fidelity Investments' FidelityStore, a site maintained by a third-party firm SwervePoint. [Threat Post](#); [Security Week](#)

US NIST Warns Security 'Fatigue' is Putting Users at Risk

A reluctance to deal with computer security is putting users in danger online as they take unnecessary risks due to general fatigue with things like passwords, according to a new NIST study. The US standards body uncovered feelings of resignation, loss of control, fatalism, risk minimization, and decision avoidance in its interviews with a range of ordinary computer users aged between 20 and 60-years-old. The research team found respondents have grown tired of being on constant alert for online threats and of trying to understand the nuances of online security issues. [Infosecurity Magazine](#); [SC Magazine](#)

Google Patches DoS Vulnerability in Android

One of the 78 vulnerabilities that the October 2016 Android Security Bulletin released this week has patched was a flaw in the GPS component that could be exploited remotely to cause denial of service on vulnerable devices. The issue would be exploited by a Man-in-the-Middle (MitM) attacker capable of manipulating assisted GPS/GNSS data provided by Qualcomm, which could result in the device crashing or rebooting. The bug is said to affect the open source code in AOSP, as well as proprietary code in a Java XTRA downloader provided by Qualcomm. [Security Week](#)

VMware Patches Directory Traversal Flaw in Horizon View

VMware has released updates for the Windows versions of its Horizon View product to address an important vulnerability that could lead to information disclosure. Security researcher Mike Arnold, known online as "BrukOut," discovered that the desktop virtualization product is plagued by a flaw that could allow a directory traversal on the Horizon View Connection Server. A remote attacker can exploit this weakness to gain access to some potentially sensitive information... The security hole affects VMware Horizon View versions 5.x, 6.x and 7.x for Windows. The issue has been addressed with the release of versions 7.0.1, 6.2.3 and 5.3.7. VMware has rated the vulnerability "important," while ZDI has assigned it a CVSS score of 5.8, which puts it in the "medium" severity category. [Security Week](#)

Free Tool Protects Mac Users from Webcam Surveillance

Hijacking a user's webcam is one of the more dastardly tactics used for surveillance. In most cases the attacker can use a number of different webcam-aware malware samples to quietly turn on and record audio and video from the target's machine. Doing so, however, also turns on the embedded LED light that signals the webcam has been activated, a clear hint to the user that something could be amiss if this behavior is unexpected. In recent months, malware samples on the Mac side have emerged that allow for the monitoring of user-initiated audio and video sessions over apps such as Skype, FaceTime or Google Hangouts. By hitching a ride on these sessions, not only is the malware spying on, for example, a sensitive conversation between business partners or friends, but it's doing so without the need for stealth—or

mysteriously turning on the LED indicator. On Thursday at Virus Bulletin, prolific Mac security expert and Synack director of research Patrick Wardle released a tool called OverSight that monitors for the internal macOS processes that manage the webcam and microphone, and sparks an alert to the user when one of these processes accesses these services. The user can then make a choice to either allow or block the session to continue. [Threat Post](#); [Motherboard](#); [ZDNet](#); [Security Week](#)

This breakthrough number-changing credit card may help eliminate fraud

Imagine a world without credit card fraud. Impossible, you might say. And you'd probably be right. But any effort to rein it in helps. Every time your bank card is cloned or skimmed from an ATM or by scammer, or stolen from a website or a phishing attack, your credit card is wide open for a thief to use until you catch on and cancel it. That might soon be a thing of the past, thanks to one technological advancement: A credit card with a rotating security code. [ZDNet](#)

Cloud Security Alliance lays out security guidelines for IoT development

The Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) Internet of Things (IoT) working group has published a report to guide designers and developers on basic security measures it believes must be incorporated throughout the development process. The report, Future-proofing the Connected World: 13 Steps to Developing Secure IoT Products, says that because IoT is broad-ranging and developing at great pace, identifying controls that can be applied against IoT products is difficult, noting its main reason for compiling the report is to give designers and developers a starting point to work from. [ZDNet](#)

DHS official: Half of U.S. states have sought help to thwart election hackers

Hacking threats have prompted 25 states so far to seek out the Obama administration's help in assessing vulnerabilities and fending off attacks to their voting systems headed into Election Day, a Department of Homeland Security official told POLITICO on Wednesday. DHS won't name the specific states that have reached out for federal aid — that's up to each individual state to confirm, the agency said. But DHS has been providing a running total on the overall number of states. Last Friday, a department official said that 21 states had expressed an interest in its vulnerability scanning services. [Politico](#)

U.S. stays with controversial e-voting, but Canada still shy

At the best of times U.S. elections are heated, and these aren't necessarily the best of times. We've already seen the discovery of data breaches at the Democratic party and candidate Hillary Clinton. This week one technology writer warned that the November U.S. presidential election "can be rigged and sabotaged, and we might never even know it happened." He was referring to the use in 10 U.S. states of touch screen voting machines that don't have paper backups, which some experts worry are vulnerable to malware. For these and other reasons Canadian electoral officials are still cautious about adopting electronic voting here. Some municipalities are using machine-readable paper voting systems, but touch screen or online voting in federal and provincial elections is still taboo. "I have no plans to introduce online voting for 2019," Marc Mayrand, Canada's chief electoral officer told Parliament's special committee on electoral reform in July... "We have to be careful. We also need to look at security. We want to preserve certain characteristics of the vote: confidentiality, secrecy, reliability, and integrity. When we start looking at moving online, I would point out the big difference currently in our system compared to any other services you get online: the risk of online services currently is the provider's. If you go online at a bank, you use your MasterCard, and somebody misuses it or accesses your account, the provider will cover that. That's one aspect that does not exist in the voting process." [IT World Canada](#)

EFF: NSA's Support of Encryption 'Disingenuous'

The National Security Agency came out in support of encryption again Wednesday, but privacy advocates were quick to contest the agency's stance, criticizing it for having a different definition of the term than others. Glenn Gerstell, general counsel for the NSA, stressed that the agency believes in strong encryption multiple times during a panel, "Privacy vs. Security: Beyond the Zero-Sum Game," at Cambridge Cyber Summit here at MIT, on Wednesday. Another panelist, Cindy Cohn, executive director of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, took offense and said that when the NSA uses the word encryption, it should really place an asterisk at the end. "I think there should be an asterisk most of the time. I've been in meetings with people from the NSA and FBI and when they say we support strong encryption... what they really mean is strong encryption that only they have access to," Cohn said. [Threat Post](#)

We're not going to beat cybercrime in our lifetime says ex-FBI cyber chief

A former director of the FBI's crime and cybercrime response unit has warned that the problems of hacking and cybercrime will not be solved in our lifetimes, but we that we owe it to future generations to avoid completely mismanaging the issue to make it worse to deal with in years to come. Shawn Henry spent 24 years at the FBI where he rose through the ranks to oversee all of the Bureau's criminal and cyber investigations across the globe before retiring from the organisation in 2012. "We're not going to solve it, folks, not in our lifetime, but we have to constantly manage it," he said, speaking at IP EXPO 2016 in his post-FBI role as president of cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike... Rather than an organisation sitting back and waiting to see if it's attacked, Henry argues that cybersecurity professionals should be

constantly examining their own network looking for indicators of attack because "If we're not out constantly hunting for the adversaries they're hunting us". [ZDNet](#)

Exclusive: The Aspen Institute's Walter Isaacson Interviews Admiral Michael S. Rogers from the Cambridge Cyber Summit Today

Following is the unofficial transcript of an EXCLUSIVE interview with Admiral Michael S. Rogers, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command; Director, National Security Agency; Chief, Central Security Service, live from the Cambridge Cyber Summit hosted by The Aspen Institute, CNBC and MIT on Wednesday, October 5th. [CNBC](#)

Arrested NSA Contractor 'Doesn't Fit the Profile'

The FBI has arrested NSA contractor Harold Martin, who is suspected of stealing highly classified source code developed by the agency to hack the computer networks of adversaries like Russia, China, Iran and North Korea. Apparently though, the suspect did not fit any of the usual profiles of an "insider threat."... One administration official told the *New York Times* that he didn't fit the assumed profile, and that he was "not like a Snowden or someone who believes that what we were doing was illegal and wanted to publicize that." A Navy veteran working on a Ph.D. in computer science, Martin may have simply been collecting files for his own edification—much like other senior officials across Washington take classified documents home with them. It's a known shadow practice, but not a malicious one. [Infosecurity Magazine](#); [Daily Beast](#)

ATM Malware Gang Slowly Dismantled by British Police

London Police is slowly dismantling an ATM malware gang operating out of Romania, which British authorities say is responsible for stealing £1.6 million (\$2 million) from UK cash machines. The gang's biggest heist, which was also the one that drew the attention of UK authorities, took place over the 2014 May Bank Holiday weekend when the crooks stole £1.3 million (\$1.65 million). The group hit 51 ATMs across Bognor Regis, Brighton, Liverpool, London, and Portsmouth. The gang operated by infecting the cash machines with malware that allowed them to withdraw large sums of money. Police say the malware had a particular feature that allowed it to delete itself to hide its tracks... Police got lucky when the group was careless, and one member was recorded by a hidden ATM surveillance camera. [Softpedia](#)

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IAEA chief: Nuclear power plant was disrupted by cyber attack

A nuclear power plant became the target of a disruptive cyber attack two to three years ago, and there is a serious threat of militant attacks on such plants, the head of the United Nations nuclear watchdog said on Monday. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director Yukiya Amano also cited a case in which an individual tried to smuggle a small amount of highly enriched uranium about four years ago that could have been used to build a so-called "dirty bomb"... "This issue of cyber attacks on nuclear-related facilities or activities should be taken very seriously. We never know if we know everything or if it's the tip of the iceberg." Amano declined to give details of either incident, but said the cyber attack had caused "some disruption" at the plant, although it did not prove to be very serious since the plant did not have to shut down its operations. He said he had not previously discussed the cyber attack in public... He said the attack was disruptive, not destructive, a term used to refer to incidents like the 2014 attack that destroyed data on computers of Sony Corp's Sony Pictures Entertainment and rendered some of its internal networks inoperable. Concerns about cyber attacks on nuclear sites have grown in recent years after the emergence of computer malware that can be used to attack industrial controls. [Reuters](#); [ZDNet](#); [SecurityWeek](#)

2015 TV5Monde Hack Almost Destroyed TV Station's Infrastructure

A cyber-attack that took place on April 8, 2015, could have whipped out TV5Monde's entire infrastructure, according to Yves Bigot, TV5Monde General Director. Eighteen months after the attack took place, Bigot revealed new details about the incident to fellow British TV station, the BBC. Bigot says the attackers compromised the TV station in January 2015, but they lay hidden and collected data about the network's mode of operation and internal structure. He says the attackers collected data about how the TV station operates and their hardware equipment. They then created malware specific to each action they wanted to take, and they deployed it all at once, on the night TV5Monde had launched its twelfth TV channel. When the malware sprung into action, it started deleting data and sabotaging critical hardware, such as the encoder systems used to transmit programs to TV-broadcasting satellites. In a matter of minutes, eleven of twelve TV5Monde channels had gone off-air, with engineers scrambling to discover the problem. The attack would have been much worse, with much more grave consequences if a technician wouldn't have identified the malware-infected equipment and disconnected it from the company's network, isolating the attack. [Softpedia](#)

GE Machine Monitoring System Plagued by Serious Flaw

A serious vulnerability found in one of GE's Bently Nevada condition and vibration monitoring products can be exploited by remote attackers to gain unauthorized access to affected devices, ICS-CERT warned on Thursday. The vulnerability, tracked as CVE-2016-5788 and assigned a CVSS v3 score of 10, affects the serial and USB versions of GE Bently Nevada 3500/22M, a machine monitoring system used around the world in the energy and chemical sectors. The security hole is caused by the existence of several open ports on the affected device. The open ports allow a remote attacker to gain unauthorized access to the system with elevated privileges. While there is no evidence that the vulnerability has been exploited for malicious purposes, ICS-CERT warned that even an attacker with low skill can exploit it. [SecurityWeek](#)

Cisco Warns of Critical Flaws in Nexus Switches

Cisco Systems released several critical software patches this week for its Nexus 7000-series switches and its NX-OS software. The vulnerabilities can allow remote access to systems, enabling a hacker to execute code or commands on targeted devices. According to Wednesday's Cisco Security Advisory, both the Nexus 7000 and 7700 series switches are susceptible to overlay transport virtualization buffer overflow flaws. This bug (CVE-2016-1453) is due to "incomplete input validation performed on the size of overlay transport virtualization packet header parameters," Cisco said. Exploiting this vulnerability can result in a buffer overflow and open the door for an attacker to execute arbitrary code and obtain full control of the system, Cisco said. Cisco has released a software update and workaround instructions to mitigate the vulnerability. [Threat Post](#)

RIG Exploit Kit Attacks Spike in September

The RIG toolkit became the most active exploit kit (EK) in September, accounting for nearly one quarter of EK attacks during the timeframe, a new report from Symantec reveals. The security firm's recent intelligence report for September 2016 shows that the RIG EK grew by more than 21 percentage points to grab 24.6% of the EK market, compared to the only 3.2% share it enjoyed in August 2016. Neutrino, which was the most active EK since Angler's death in June, dropped from 13.9% to 12% market share over the course of the last month, Symantec reveals. In late September, RIG was observed replacing Neutrino in massive malvertising campaigns, which suggested that the threat landscape was changing once again, after being heavily shaken in May-June, when both Nuclear and Angler EKs disappeared. In early October, security researcher Kafeine revealed that Neutrino's operators decided to close shop, while those behind RIG started adding more advanced features to their malicious software. Although RIG grew during September, Symantec researchers say that the number of web attacks blocked during the month decreased to 392 thousand per day, most probably a result of the decline in major toolkit activity seen over the last few months. New malware variants were on the rise again during last month, reaching 50.1 million, a record level for the past 12 months. According to Symantec, the increase was most likely determined by a surge in click-fraud activity that began in August surrounding the Trojan.Kovter family of threats. September was also the third month in a row to register an increase in email malware rate, which has reached one in 113 emails, the highest rate seen since January. [SecurityWeek](#)

DXXD Ransomware Shows Ransom Note Using Windows Legal Notice Screen

A new ransomware that goes by the name of DXXD uses the Windows Legal Notice screen to show a ransom note even before the user logs on his or her computer. The Windows Legal Notice screen is an intermediary screen that appears before the Windows login form and, as its name hints, it's there for the purpose of showing various types of legal notices and other messages before a user can use the PC. This is the first time a ransomware author has used the Legal Notice screen to show a ransom note, but won't be the last. "A very efficient way of delivering a ransom note" While users can dismiss the notice by pressing the "OK" button, the screen does its job and gets the user's attention. Users who encounter these screens and then log on their computers will find some of their files encrypted by the DXXD ransomware, a new threat that appeared towards the end of September. [Softpedia](#); [Bleeping Computer](#)

Facebook DM Spam Campaign Targets French Users with Eko Malware

The campaign consists in users receiving a message from one of their friends, asking them if they are the person in a video. The link purports to be a YouTube video uploaded online. The message is very well engineered to use both the receiver's name and photo for the spam link's preview. Users who follow the link are tricked to install a Chrome browser extension to view the video. The extension hides the Eko malware. According to reports in French local media, including the Le Monde newspaper, this extension, which uses different names, injects ads in the pages users visit, but can also collect data such as passwords and browser history. [Softpedia](#)

New JavaScript Malware Shuts Down Your PC If You Terminate Its Process

Researchers from Kahu Security have come across a new malware variant, coded in JavaScript, which hijacks your browser's homepage but will also shut down your computer if you detect the intrusion and attempt to terminate its process. Variants of this malware have been spotted online since 2014, but not as aggressive in their behavior as this latest variation. The malware arrives on user PCs as a malicious file attachment via email spam, and despite being a JavaScript file, it is not executed inside a browser, but via the Windows Script Host, the Windows built-in JavaScript executor. [Softpedia](#)

Ransomware became main threat to Android users in 1H 2016

The Android SLocker ransomware family accounts for 16 percent of mobile malware in the UK. Recent research conducted by Bitdefender shows that ransomware became the main danger to Android users in the first half of 2016. Bitdefender's Android statistics also found that SLocker ransomware accounts for almost half of all mobile malware in Denmark, a quarter in Germany, 21.54 percent in Australia and 16 percent in the US. On Android, ransomware has been caught attempting to lock devices and has become gradually harder to remove from one iteration to the next. [SC Magazine](#)

StrongPity APT Covets Secrets of Crypto Users

APT groups covet secrets, and one in particular has chosen to target users intent on protecting theirs. The group is known as StrongPity, and it's been a characteristic APT outfit using its share of zero days and modular attack tools to infiltrate victims and conduct espionage. This summer, however, the group took a left turn and began using watering hole attacks to steer its targets toward sites hosting malware-laced versions of WinRAR and TrueCrypt, two free encryption utilities long popular with security and privacy conscious users. The group was especially active during the summer, Kaspersky Lab researcher Kurt Baumgartner said, hitting many victims in Belgium and Italy primarily, as well as others in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. Kaspersky Lab released a report today chronicling StrongPity's activities this summer. [Threat Post](#); [Softpedia](#); [SecurityWeek](#)

Malware Increasingly Abusing WMI for Evasion

Malware is increasingly using Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) queries to evade detection and to determine the environment it is running in, FireEye researchers warn. Leveraging WMI to evade detection has been seen before, and Mandiant revealed last year that advanced persistent threat (APT) groups were using WMI and PowerShell to move laterally, harvest credentials, and search for useful information within Windows environments. Now, FireEye is offering more specific examples of how WMI queries can be leveraged for nefarious purposes. [Security Week](#)

Malware exploits weakness in Windows Troubleshooting Platform

You'd hope that a mechanism for troubleshooting problems of operating system isn't an opening for a cyber attack. However, that's exactly what has happened to Windows Troubleshooting Platform (WTP). According to security vendor Proofpoint, attackers have found a way to leverage WTP to socially engineer email recipients into executing malware by an attachment. [IT World Canada](#); [Security Week](#)

When DVRs Attack: A Post IoT Attack Analysis

Researchers examining the aftermath of last month's massive distributed denial-of-service attack against KrebsOnSecurity.com and French hosting giant OVH have identified key flaws that contributed significantly in those attacks and have unearthed new details on how the assaults were carried out. Security firm Flashpoint says it has identified the manufacturer of the DVRs and IP-based cameras leveraged in the attack. It also says it has discovered a new trivial web authentication bypass vulnerability in the 500,000 devices used in the DDoS attacks. [Threat Post](#)

Apache OpenOffice 4.1.3 Brings Enhancements to the Build Tools, Security Fixes

The Apache Software Foundation released today, October 10, 2016, the third maintenance update to the OpenOffice 4.1 stable series of the open-source and cross-platform office suite. Apache OpenOffice 4.1.3 is now the latest and most advanced build of the powerful office suite, bringing various under-the-hood improvements and enhancements to keep the software project reliable and stable. The most important one is a fix for a security issue that could have allowed remote attackers to cause a denial of service (system crash) or execute malicious code via crafted MetaActions in ODP and OTP files. [Softpedia](#)

New Windows 10 Cumulative Updates, Security Patches to Launch Today

Microsoft will kick off the Patch Tuesday rollout in a few hours, and Windows 10 systems are expected to get its own batch of fixes, including brand new cumulative updates for the original version released in July 2015 (10240), November Update (1511), and Anniversary Update (1607). Just like usual, cumulative updates are particularly important for Windows 10 users because they bring computers completely up-to-date once they are installed, but it's no secret either that plenty of them actually came with bugs and caused trouble on PCs. [Softpedia](#)

US Man Arrested for Stealing Bitcoin from Dark Web Users

The US Department of Justice (DoJ) has pressed official charges against a man named Michael Richo, 32, of Wallingford, Connecticut, for stealing Bitcoin using fake login pages from users of Dark Web marketplaces. According to an FBI affidavit, between November 2013 and October 2014, the suspect collected over 10,000 login credentials for several Dark Web marketplaces, which allowed him to log into the victim's accounts and transfer their Bitcoin to his own wallet. Richo held these funds in a Bitcoin wallet hosted on the Local Bitcoins service. Whenever he needed cash, he would convert the stolen Bitcoin into dollars and deposit various sums in his Bank of America account or Green Dot prepaid debit cards, or withdraw money via Western Union or MoneyGram transfers. [Softpedia](#)

The FBI Needs Access to Another iPhone

The FBI could be heading for another legal showdown with Apple over gaining access to the iPhone of a dead terror suspect, after admitting it has a device belonging to Dahir Adan, who stabbed 10 people in a Minnesota mall in September. FBI special agent Rich Thornton told reporters at a press conference late last week that the Feds have the device and that it's locked with a passcode, but didn't reveal what model it is. That will determine what options are open to investigators. If it's running iOS 8 and above, for example, it will be locked and encrypted so that even Apple can't help. Brute forcing the code is also unlikely to work because an auto-erase function will wipe all data after 10 incorrect attempts... If the Feds decide to pursue Apple again we could be in for a repeat of the standoff that occurred at the start of the year after investigators tried to force Apple to build a backdoor in order to help them access the phone of deceased San Bernardino shooter Syed Farook. [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

FBI Hacked Computers in Australia as Part of Global Child Porn Sting

In early 2015, the FBI hacked thousands of computers across the world, based on a single, arguably illegal, warrant. Now, Motherboard has learned that as part of the same operation, the FBI also hacked computers in Australia, highlighting how law enforcement agencies are increasingly using malware to remotely search computers outside of their jurisdiction. The case, codenamed Operation Pacifier, revolves around the FBI's investigation into one of the largest ever dark web child

pornography sites, called Playpen. When the FBI seized the site in 2015, instead of shutting it down, the agency briefly ran Playpen from a government server in order to deploy a network investigative technique (NIT)—the agency's term for a piece of malware—in an attempt to identify its visitors. The agency's malware used a Tor Browser exploit, and then grabbed a suspected Playpen user's IP address, MAC address, and other technical information. As well as obtaining over 1,000 US IP addresses, and distributing much of this information throughout the FBI and to other US-based law enforcement agencies, the FBI also gave details on suspects overseas to foreign agencies. [Motherboard](#)

Controversial snooping technology 'used by at least seven police forces'

Controversial surveillance technology that indiscriminately harvests information from mobile phones is being used by at least seven police forces across the country, a far larger number than previously known, according to police documents. The hardware, known as an IMSI catcher, tricks mobile phone handsets across an area of several miles into connecting to them by impersonating cellphone towers, and can be used to pinpoint phone owners' locations or intercept phone calls and text messages. The Metropolitan police were previously known to have purchased IMSI (international mobile subscriber identity) technology. However, documents obtained by the Bristol Cable, a citizen's media cooperative, indicate that at least six other police forces have bought the same hardware, also referred to as CCDC (covert communications data capture). [Guardian UK](#)

US Government Blames Russia for Recent Hacks, Fails to Provide Any Evidence

A joint statement from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) accuses the Russian government of recent attacks on US voter registration systems, but also the DNC and DCCC hacks. The statement, published late Friday afternoon, October 7, cites an investigation carried out by the US Intelligence Community (USIC), who "is confident" that the Russian government is behind the attacks. USIC says the recent Democratic National Committee (DNC) and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) hacks and subsequent leaks are classic techniques used by the Russian government to sway public opinion. "Such activity is not new to Moscow - the Russians have used similar tactics and techniques across Europe and Eurasia, for example, to influence public opinion there," the statement reads. "We believe, based on the scope and sensitivity of these efforts, that only Russia's senior-most officials could have authorized these activities." [Softpedia](#); [ZDNet](#); [Security Week](#); [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

US required to declassify Yahoo spying order, say experts

The Obama administration "must declassify" a secret court order that forced Yahoo to scan the emails of its customers' emails as part of a surveillance program. The order, first disclosed by Reuters last week, directed the company "to siphon off messages containing the character string the spies sought and store them for remote retrieval" by the intelligence community. But questions remain over exactly how the intelligence community compelled the web giant to carry out the classified order -- specifically if Yahoo was forced to rewrite software at the behest of the order, or use an existing system designed to filter spam, as reported by The New York Times. California-based rights group the Electronic Frontier Foundation said in a blog post that provisions passed by Congress in the wake of the Edward Snowden revelations "require" the government to review the order for potential public release. Ordinarily, secret orders from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which authorizes the government's surveillance requests, are never released. But Congress last year passed provisions in the Freedom Act, which replaces parts of the expired Patriot Act, after the government was found to have widely interpreted the law in secret to carry out mass surveillance. "If the reports about the Yahoo order are accurate -- including requiring the company to custom build new software to accomplish the scanning -- it's hard to imagine a better candidate for declassification and disclosure under Section 402," said Aaron Mackey, a legal fellow at the EFF. [ZDNet](#)

Turkey Blocks Dropbox, OneDrive & Google Drive to Hide Recent RedHack Data Dump

Turkey has blocked access to Dropbox, Microsoft OneDrive, and GitHub in order to prevent its citizens from accessing a series of controversial files dumped online by the RedHack hacking crew. The block was put in motion on Saturday, October 8, and initially targeted Dropbox, OneDrive, and Google Drive. Officials removed Google Drive from the list today after Google complied with a takedown notice from the government and removed the RedHack data from their servers. [Softpedia](#)

Data retention supported by two-thirds of Australians: ANU

A poll by the Australian National University (ANU) has found that over two-thirds of respondents support the federal government's telecommunications data retention laws for the purpose of protecting national security. The Attitudes to National Security: Balancing Safety and Privacy -- ANU poll July 2016 [PDF], conducted via a random phone survey of 1,200 individuals between June and July, found that 67 percent thought the retention of communications metadata is "justified as part of the effort to combat terrorism and protect national security". In addition, almost 70 percent approve of data retention for counter-terrorism purposes. [ZDNet](#)

Singapore urges need to thwart cyberattacks with coordinated local, global efforts

The Singapore government has underscored the need to safeguard critical infrastructures and drive the necessary ecosystem to safeguard the nation's cyberspace, including pushing ahead with plans to restrict internet access among its employees... Lee pointed to the December 2015 attack on Ukraine's power grid and and this year's cyber theft involving Bangladesh Bank, which lost US\$81 million. He added that the Singapore government, too, had been a target and had experienced phishing and malware attacks, as well as the defacement of its websites. Government systems also had been compromised and the financial sector had suffered DDoS attacks, he said. The increased risks, particularly the potential for cyberattacks to bring down critical infrastructures, prompted the Singapore government to set up a separate body--Cyber Security Agency (CSA)--last year to oversee the nation's cybersecurity efforts. It also kicked off a year-long consultation with more than 50 stakeholders, including government agencies, professional groups, private companies, and academics, to put together a new national cybersecurity strategy, which the prime minister unveiled today. The new plan expanded on previous national cybersecurity efforts and covered four key focus areas, which included beefing up critical infrastructures. creating a safer cyberspace, deepening capabilities in this space, and boosting international collaboration to fight cybersecurity threats. [ZDNet](#)

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How not to launch a cyber-attack

The Obama administration seems to have a penchant for broadcasting its plans to the world before putting them into action. But telling your opponents what your next move will be is a bad idea. Whether in football, the board game Risk or the real world, a strategy should surprise them and keep them off balance. If your adversaries know you are coming, they can react faster, deploy pre-emptive countermeasures and ultimately blunt the impact of whatever it is you plan on doing. Since the Democratic National Committee's email servers were hacked in the lead-up to the Democratic convention and allegations began swirling about Russian President Vladimir Putin's attempts to disrupt the American election through cyber-attacks on American soil, the Obama administration has been vocal about how it plans to deal with the situation. We now know that the U.S. has proposed a proportional counterattack: Central Intelligence Agency Sources reportedly noted that the administration had asked the intelligence agency to prepare a "clandestine" cyberattack that aims to "embarrass" the Russians. Vice-President Joe Biden said on Meet the Press that the U.S. is intent on "sending a message" to Putin. Of course, while the U.S. seems to have lost its strategic advantage here, its actual tactics may still be in the works behind closed doors, assuming it hasn't already initiated some kind of retaliation. But there's no question that it has blown the element of surprise. [Postmedia Network](#) (National Post, A8)

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Mirai-Fueled IoT Botnet Behind DDoS Attacks on DNS Providers

A botnet of connected things strung together by the Mirai malware is responsible for Friday's distributed denial-of-service attacks against DNS provider Dyn. The DDoS attacks impacted Internet service on the East Coast of the United States, and were responsible for keeping Dyn and a number of its high-profile customers offline during different times during the day. Level 3 Communications, a large service provider located in Colorado, said that it was monitoring the attacks and that it believed 10 percent of the IP-enabled cameras, DVRs, home networking gear and other connected devices compromised by Mirai were involved in Friday's attacks... Level 3 and security company Flashpoint confirmed on Friday that Mirai was behind Friday's attacks, which were still ongoing as of last night. Flashpoint said it is working with law enforcement and other resources to track the source of the attacks. [Threat Post](#); [Softpedia](#); [ZDNet](#); [SC Magazine](#)

After massive cyberattack, shoddy smart device security comes back to haunt

Friday morning saw the largest internet blackout in US history. Almost every corner of the web was affected in some way - streaming services like Spotify, social sites like Twitter and Reddit, and news sites like Wired and Vox appeared offline to vast swathes of the eastern seaboard. After suffering three separate distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks, Dyn, the domain name system provider for hundreds of major websites, recovered and the web started to spring back to life... All signs point to a massive botnet utilizing the Internet of Things, powered by malware known as Mirai, which allows the botnet's operator to turn a large number of internet-connected devices -- surveillance cameras, smart home devices, and even baby monitors -- against a single target. In this case, it was Dyn's servers... Dyn later said Saturday in a blog post that the attack was "highly distributed" and involved "tens of millions of IP addresses." [ZDNet](#)

Twitter Account Shows Mirai Botnets Using Your Security Camera In Cyber Turf War

In the wake of a major cyber attack that blocked access to popular websites along the East Coast on Friday, security researchers have created a Twitter account that posts live updates of ongoing distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks being launched by massive armies of smart devices compromised by malware known as Mirai. The account, called Mirai Attacks, includes updates showing the IP addresses being targeted by the zombie botnets bearing the malware's digital signature, which currently include over half a million infected Internet of Things devices like security cameras and smart

TVs. The compromised devices were partly blamed for a large attack on Friday that targeted key infrastructure supporting the internet's Domain Name System (DNS), resulting in outages for popular sites including Twitter, Reddit, and Etsy. [Motherboard](#)

Serious Dirty Cow Linux Vulnerability Under Attack

A nine-year-old Linux vulnerability that affects most of the major distributions has been recently used in public attacks. The flaw, nicknamed Dirty Cow because it lives in the copy-on-write (COW) feature in Linux, is worrisome because it can give a local attacker root privileges. While the Linux kernel was patched on Wednesday, the major distributions are preparing patches. Red Hat, for example, told Threatpost that it has a temporary mitigation available through the kpatch dynamic kernel patching service that customers can receive through their support contact. Dirty Cow is a privilege escalation vulnerability in copy-on-write, CVE-2016-5195. A race condition exists that allows local users to gain write-access to read-only memory and elevate their privileges to root. [Threat Post](#)

Linux Backdoor Doesn't Require Root Privileges

A newly observed Linux backdoor Trojan can perform its nefarious activities without root access, by using the privileges of the current user, Doctor Web security researchers have discovered. Dubbed Linux.BackDoor.FakeFile.1, the malware is being distributed as an archived PDF, Microsoft, or Open Office file, the security researchers say. As soon as it has been launched, the Trojan would save itself to the user's home directory, in the `.gconf/apps/gnome-common/gnome-common` folder... Once installed on a compromised system, the backdoor can execute a multitude of commands: send to the C&C server the quantity of messages transferred during the session; send a list with the contents of the specified folder; send a specified file or a folder with all its contents; delete a directory; delete a file; rename a folder; remove itself; launch a new copy of a process; and close the current session. Other operations supported by the malware include: establish backconnect and run sh; terminate backconnect; open the executable file of the process for writing; close the process file; create a file or folder; write the transmitted values to a file; obtain the names, permissions, sizes, and creation dates of files in the specified directory; set 777 privileges on the specified file. The backdoor can also terminate its own operation upon command. [Security Week](#)

Ransomware Reaches the Malware Top 3 for the First Time

According to statistics gathered by Check Point, for the first time ever, ransomware has entered the top 3 of today's most dangerous malware. While everybody knows how dangerous and devastating a ransomware infection can be, the number of affected victims was regularly low, and never large enough to warrant a spot on the top 10, let alone top 3 most dangerous malware families around. Things changed this summer and autumn when ransomware infections seem to have gone out of control. The ransomware family that made it into the top 3 is none other than Locky. Locky's prevalence is no surprise, knowing that it received several updates in the past months and is spread via the massive Necurs botnet, which according to recent statistics gathered by MalwareTech, has over 6 million bots ready to send Locky spam. [Softpedia](#)

Malware Authors Adopting the Freemium Model Spells Bad News for the Rest of Us

Malware authors offering free-to-download versions of their malicious software lower the bar and skills needed to enter the cyber-crime scene. The freemium model has long been around in software development. Since the early days of e-commerce, software developers have figured out that by offering a free but feature-limited version of their apps, they could draw in more sales later on, as users got accustomed to their software package and wanted access to more features. This hasn't been the case with malware, where crooks were only interested in making a quick buck, and have always been offering malware under a commercial license only. But the freemium model is slowly making its way among malware developers, with negative consequences on the rest of us. [Softpedia](#)

Prestashop Malware Found Logging Admin Credentials

There's a new brand of web malware going around, according to Sucuri security experts, who say this sneaky threat is designed to log admin credentials for e-commerce stores. Currently targeting only Prestashop installations, this new threat was found on a hacked store by Sucuri researcher Conrado Torquato. The researcher says the attacker had gained access to the server and modified the `"/controllers/admin/AdminLoginController.php"` file to include a keylogger. This particular PHP file is responsible for loading the admin panel login page. The extra code the attacker added collected the text admins entered in the login form and sent it via email to the attacker's inbox. Torquato says the attacker collected the site's domain, the login page's URL, and the admin's credentials (in cleartext). [Softpedia](#)

Cracking of Sphinx Trojan DGA Opens the Door for Botnet Takedown

Security researchers from Arbor Networks have cracked the Domain Generation Algorithm (DGA) used by the Sphinx banking trojan, which, in theory, would allow security firms and authorities to intervene and take down the botnet. The Sphinx trojan appeared in late August 2015 and is another banking trojan put together using the leaked source code of the infamous Zeus banking trojan. Just like the original Zeus and subsequently created banking trojans, Sphinx infects victims and connects to an online server to retrieve instructions and further modules. [Softpedia](#)

Testing MBRFilter against Ransomware that modify the Master Boot Record

Though not very common, Master Boot Record (MBR) encrypting or modifying ransomware can be disastrous when they hit. This is because they will not bother encrypting the actual files and instead encrypt a drive's Master File Table, or MFT, which essentially makes all of a victim's files inaccessible until the ransom is paid. To battle these types of malware, Cisco Talos has released a Windows disk filter driver called MBRFilter that listens for programs trying to modify the Master Boot Record and blocks them. This effectively blocks these types of ransomware from being installed and encrypting the MBR. [Bleeping Computer](#)

iOS Apps Leak More User Data Than Android Apps

An analysis of transactions originating from devices protected by Zscaler security products reveals that iOS applications leak private user information in more situations than Android apps. The result of this study shows that the generally accepted theory of iOS being more secure than Android doesn't necessarily apply to the apps running on these two platforms. According to data gathered in the last quarter, Zscaler says it detected around 200,000 transactions from a total of 45 million, where an app has leaked user data. The type of leaked information includes personally identifiable information (PII) (user mobile number and email addresses), geo-location data (latitude and longitude coordinates), and device metadata (IMEI, MAC, IMSI numbers, Network, OS, SIM card information, manufacturer). The biggest offender were iOS apps. Zscaler says it tracked 26 million transactions originating from iOS devices and their apps, of which 0.5 percent leaked user data, for a total of 130,000 operations. The vast majority of the leaked data, 72.3 percent, was related to a user's device information. Additionally, 27.5 percent of transactions leaked geo-location coordinates, while only 0.2 percent of the apps exposed PII data. 70 percent of all the transactions that leaked private user data were traced back to iOS devices in China, and 20 percent to devices in South Africa. The US, the UK, and the Republic of Ireland made up the rest of the top 5. [Softpedia](#)

Fake Microsoft Security Essentials Antivirus Out in the Wild

One of the most recent support call scams involves Microsoft's Security Essentials, the free antivirus solution that the company is offering to users of Windows 7 or older Windows versions. The company published a warning today to explain that this fake Microsoft Security Essentials antivirus is actually a scam detected as SupportScam:MSIL/Hicurdismos.A and whose only goal is to convince you that there's something wrong with your PC, only to pay for fake repairs. The first fishy thing about this fake antivirus is that it's aimed at Windows 8 and Windows 10 computers, but the genuine package can only be installed on Windows 7 and earlier - Microsoft Security Essentials was replaced by Windows Defender in Windows 8 and 10, and this is pre-installed on all systems. After installing, the fake package generates a Blue Screen of Death, which once again contains elements proving it's all just a malicious attempt to steal your money. The BSOD displays contact information (e.g. a phone number), whereas Microsoft never includes such details in error information. This way, users who get this fake BSOD are recommended to call the phone number and ask for repairs that are only performed in return for a fee. [Softpedia](#); [ZDNet](#)

International mobile data networks still a serious security problem

Documents leaked by Edward Snowden showed that the UK's Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) had supposedly hacked Belgian telecommunications company Belgacom. A presentation at the Ruxcon information security conference in Melbourne on Saturday suggests that it wasn't a difficult job. The short version is that roaming mobile data connections are routed via a shoddy network that's meant to be separate from the internet, but isn't. The long version is, well, here we go... [ZDNet](#)

Doubt shaping up as the most sinister hack consequence

What happens when we are forced to doubt the integrity of our data? Our software? Our messages? Doubt, it turns out, can foster all sorts of outcomes. In hacking, doubt may be at its most sinister. It can inject chaos and false reality into any company or organization that is a target. "What do you do when you can't believe the data," Michael Rogers, director of the National Security Agency, said earlier this year after admitting one of his top three fears going forward is that data theft will turn into data manipulation, which leaves data where it rests but with perceived, subtle or substantial changes. "What happens when that same activity [hacking] is used to manipulate data, software or products and we cannot trust the data?" [ZDNet](#)

CIA Election AntiCheat Control malware preys on the fear of Voter Fraud

Criminals love to prey on people based on current news topics and there are few topics right now that are bigger than the 2016 United States presidential election. This can be seen in a new malware discovered by MalwareHunterTeam called CIA Election AntiCheat Control - 2016. This computer infection pretends to be a notice from the CIA that requires people to send \$50 or their upcoming vote will not count. [Bleeping Computer](#)

CIA readies itself for cyber-attack on Russia

The CIA is preparing to launch a cyber-attack against Russia, according to reports from NBC News. It was reported that US intelligence officials said the attack was in retaliation for alleged Russian interference in the upcoming presidential election. Spies have reportedly been tasked with coming up with various options for "wide-ranging 'clandestine' cyber operation designed to harass and "embarrass" the Kremlin leadership. The report says that groundwork has been laid for an attack with targets being selected as well as other preparations. Former intelligence officials said that the CIA had gathered documents that could expose unsavoury tactics by Russian President Vladimir Putin. [SC Magazine](#)

US Indicts Russian Hacker Behind Dropbox and LinkedIn Breaches

US authorities have officially indicted Yevgeniy Aleksandrovich Nikulin, 29, a Russian national, for hacking Dropbox, Formspring, and LinkedIn. Nikulin was detained in Prague, the Czech Republic on October 5, following an international arrest warrant issued through Interpol. News of his arrest came out only last week. Authorities are waiting for a Czech court to decide on his extradition to the US. [Softpedia](#); [ZDNet](#)

Pentagon to Launch More Bug Bounty Programs

Following the success of the "Hack the Pentagon" program, the U.S. Department of Defense has decided to continue to test its websites and networks for cybersecurity vulnerabilities using crowdsourced experts. The DoD announced on Thursday that it awarded a combined \$7 million to HackerOne and Synack for helping the organization's components launch their own bug bounty initiatives. HackerOne will help the DoD run challenges similar to Hack the Pentagon, while Synack will provide assistance for a private program open only to highly vetted researchers. The private program will focus on the Pentagon's sensitive IT assets. The DoD expects the contracts to cover up to 14 challenges in which hundreds of researchers will be rewarded. [Security Week](#)

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How home devices are being hijacked to attack the web

The huge cyberattack that crippled the Internet and disabled dozens of websites Friday appeared to be the biggest attack of its kind the world has ever seen. But it may not hold that title for long. What made last week's Internet takedown so effective - and, some would say, sinister - was how the attackers weaponized everyday devices like security cameras, digital video recorders and baby monitors. Taking advantage of the devices' web connections, hackers could infect them with malicious software and use them to paralyze huge portions of the Internet with a barrage of junk data in what is known as a distributed denial of service, or DDoS, attack. For many, the breach was a stark demonstration of just how insecure the Internet remains. To some, it also felt like a call to action. At a time when everything from televisions to refrigerators to kids' toys are being equipped with an Internet connection, experts and legislators said, something ought to be done to ensure the security of these devices. Yet there is little consensus around who should bear that responsibility.

Toronto Star, B7

Design autos to halt cyber attacks, U.S. urges

The U.S. government's highway safety agency says automakers should make cybersecurity part of their product development process by assessing risks and designing protections. Companies also should identify safety critical systems such as engine control computers and limit their exposure to attacks, under best-practice guidelines released Monday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The agency also wants automakers to limit access to car owners' personal data. The guidelines aren't requirements but will go into effect after a 30-day public comment period. Postmedia Network (Windsor Star, B1); Reuters (Financial Post); Infosecurity Magazine

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EQAO Confirms Cause of Technical Issues During Online OSSLT Trial

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) confirms that the cause of the technical issues that resulted in the cancellation of the October 20 province-wide trial of the online Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) was an intentional, malicious and sustained Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack—a type of cyberattack... An extremely large volume of traffic from a vast set of IP addresses around the globe was targeted at the network hosting the assessment application. The impact of this DDoS, initiated by an unknown entity or entities, was to block legitimate users' (i.e., school boards', schools' and students') access to the EQAO test application. An in-depth and ongoing investigation will lead to recommendations on how to prevent similar incidents in the future. EQAO undertook several successful field and load tests to gauge the system's readiness in the lead-up to the October 20 trial. This final trial was meant to test the system's readiness on a larger scale and, notwithstanding the DDoS attack, EQAO remains confident that assessments can be administered online successfully. EQAO's shift to online assessments mirrors classroom trends that see a greater emphasis on the use of digital technology. EQAO; CBC News; Postmedia Network (North Bay Nugget; Chatham Daily News; London Free Press; Toronto Sun; Ottawa Sun; Hamilton Spectator; Kitchener-Waterloo Record; National Post); Toronto Star

Over 70,000 Canadian credit cards suddenly on sale on dark web: SecTor

Some Canadian organizations like to think they're safer from cyber attack because of the relatively few publicly-reported data breaches here. It's true there are fewer breaches reported in this country. And international figures show reported malware attacks here are lower than in the U.S. But that doesn't mean they don't happen. It's just that they don't get reported. For example, at this week's SecTor security conference in Toronto a Telus Security Solutions consultant said early this year a batch of over 70,000 Canadian credit card numbers popped up for sale on the darknet. So far no

organization has announced a theft. Milind Bhargava made the revelation as part of a presentation he and another Telus security investigator did on how much personal information on Canadians was available on the darknet. His division regularly monitors credit card sales sites for corporate customers, he said. It's not hard to identify Canadian credit and debit cards – the first six digits of every card identifies the bank and type of card. In the early months of this year "suddenly we saw 70,000-plus cards from the same province," he said. "Multiple banks, but all from the same province. We have never seen so many from the same province." He wouldn't identify the province or the). The card data, with expiry dates ranging from this year to 2020, were being sold for between forty cents and \$3 each. [IT World Canada](#)

China electronics firm to recall some U.S. products after hacking attack

China's Hangzhou Xiongmai Technology Co Ltd said it will recall some of its products sold in the United States after it was identified by security researchers as having made parts for devices that were targeted in a major hacking attack on Friday. Hackers unleashed a complex attack on the internet through common devices like webcams and digital recorders and cut access to some of the world's best known websites, a stunning breach of global internet stability. The electronics components firm, which makes parts for surveillance cameras, said in a statement on its official microblog that it would recall some of its earlier products sold in the United States, strengthen password functions and send users a patch for products made before April last year. [Globe and Mail](#); [Hacker News](#); [Softpedia](#); [Associated Press](#) (Cape Breton Post; Guardian; Telegram); [Agence QMI](#) (Journal de Montréal; Journal de Québec); [Threat Post](#)

Locky Adds Support for a New "ST" Extension**

Security researcher MalwareHunterTeam tells Softpedia that the infamous Locky ransomware has returned today with a new spam campaign that's spreading a new version of the ransomware. Last week, Microsoft's Malware Protection Center had revealed that the group behind Locky had reduced its spam efforts and was testing a new distribution method that relied on small spam campaigns spreading booby-trapped LNK (shortcut) files. Over the weekend, Locky's creators have returned to their old tricks, and are in the midst of a massive spam campaign that spread zipped HTA, WSF, and JS files, which are Locky's classic infection methods. An analysis of the email lures used for this spam campaign is available via My Online Security. [Softpedia](#); [Bleeping Computer](#)

Rowhammer Attack Can Now Root Android Devices

Researchers have discovered a method to use the Rowhammer RAM attack for rooting Android devices, and can even be combined with existing Android vulnerabilities such as Bandroid and Stagefright. For the past two years, since researchers discovered the attack, the term Rowhammer has been used to describe a procedure through which attackers launch read & write operations at a row of memory bits inside a RAM memory card. The repeated read and write operations cause an electromagnetic field to appear, which changes local memory bits from 0 to 1 and vice versa, in a process called bit flipping. In the past, researchers have tested the Rowhammer attack against DDR3 and DDR4 memory cards, weaponized it via JavaScript, took over PCs via Microsoft Edge, and hijacked Linux virtual machines. [Softpedia](#); [Threat Post](#); [SC Magazine](#); [Beta News](#)

GM Bot Banking Trojan Can Now Bypass Android 6 Security Defenses

GM Bot, considered by many as the most advanced Android banking trojan known today, has just received a major update, which now allows it to target users of smartphones that run Android 6, aka Marshmallow. Released in October 2015, for a period of time, many thought Android 6 to be impervious to threats like GM Bot and other malware families that rely on the tactic of overlaying fake content on top of other apps. First signs of trouble appeared in May 2016, when Symantec researchers discovered Android malware abusing Android's Accessibility feature to target Android 6, and then in June 2016 when malware began using two other workarounds. [Softpedia](#); [SC Magazine](#)

The most common malware, country by country

Microsoft has released an analysis of the extent of malware worldwide and what specific threats are likely to hit each country. There is no one-stop solution for malware when it comes to either consumers or the enterprise, but by tracking what malware is hitting where, security professionals can analyze trends to tailor solutions for users, and staff can remain on top of the game to protect corporate networks they are responsible for. [ZD Net](#)

UK Researcher Finds Stupid Simple Method to Bypass PayPal 2FA

UK security researcher Henry Hoggard has found a very simple method of bypassing PayPal's two-factor authentication (2FA) mechanism, allowing an attacker to take over PayPal accounts in less than a minute. The researcher claims to have discovered this method while in a hotel with no telephone signal, and no way to receive the 2FA verification code to his device via SMS. The researcher says the problem was found in the "Try another way" link that appears under the 2FA section of the login screen. PayPal provides this option to PayPal account owners for situations when they can't reach their phone, or they have no signal, as this was the case. In these types of situations, PayPal asks the user to answer his security questions. Hoggard discovered that if the attacker had a proxy server running that can intercept and hold the PayPal server requests, it would allow him to tamper with the HTTP data and trick PayPal into granting him access to the account. All the attacker had to do was to remove the "securityQuestion0" and "securityQuestion1" parameters from the

HTTP request, as seen below. The technical skills needed to carry out such attacks are entry level for any hacker wannabe. [Softpedia](#)

St. Jude Faces New Claim Heart Implants are Hackable

St. Jude Medical is facing fresh allegations its heart implant devices are vulnerable to cyberattacks. The claims were introduced by the defense as part of St. Jude's defamation lawsuit against short seller Muddy Waters and security firm MedSec. In a legal filing submitted Monday, experts hired by Muddy Waters and MedSec back their claims that St. Jude's cardiac implants are vulnerable to cyberattacks. The report is from independent security firm Bishop Fox, whose testimony was presented as evidence to the federal court in Minnesota hearing the case. [Threat Post](#); [ZD Net](#)

Kaspersky Launches Industrial Control Systems CERT

Kaspersky Lab announced last week the launch of a new global computer emergency response team (CERT) focusing on industrial control systems (ICS). Through the Kaspersky Lab ICS-CERT, the security firm wants to share its knowledge and experience in securing industrial systems and coordinate the exchange of information between stakeholders. The new initiative aims to provide information on the latest threats, vulnerabilities, security incidents, mitigation strategies, incident response, compliance and investigations. Since it's a non-commercial project, the Kaspersky Lab ICS-CERT will offer information and services free of charge. Kaspersky has invited ICS product vendors, government agencies, critical infrastructure operators, and other types of entities to join its initiative. The services offered by the company through its ICS-CERT can help organizations determine if they are compliant with state and industry regulations, learn about vulnerabilities in the software and hardware components they use, conduct a general assessment of their ICS network, perform penetration testing, and analyze malicious files and artifacts collected following an attack. [Security Week](#)

CoreOS Patched Against the "Dirty COW" Linux Kernel Vulnerability, Update Now

The development of the security- and container-oriented CoreOS GNU/Linux operating system have updated all three channels of the distribution to patch the OS against the well-known "Dirty COW" Linux kernel vulnerability. CoreOS 1122.3.0 is now the current stable version of the Linux-based operating system, shipping with a fix for the privilege escalation vulnerability in Linux kernel that's fully documented at CVE-2016-5195, as well as a patch for a denial of service (DoS) issue with the systemd init system, documented at CVE-2016-7795. On the other hand, the Beta channel of CoreOS is now at version 1185.2.0, and the Alpha channel at version 1192.2.0, also shipping with the patches mentioned above, but running a more recent kernel from the now deprecated Linux 4.7 branch, build 4.7.3, as CoreOS 1122.3.0 is using Linux kernel 4.7.0. [Softpedia](#)

Apple fixes bugs: One flaw let attackers grab iPhones with booby-trapped JPEG

Apple has released the first security updates for iPhone and Mac hardware since launching its private bug-bounty scheme... Unlike Google's habit of publishing rewards for bugs in Chrome, Apple hasn't said whether any of Monday's patches qualified for a payment under its private bug bounty scheme. Still, the fixes highlight the importance of third-party researchers to Apple software security. Apple is attributed to just one of the 12 bugs patched in the iOS 10.1 release. Among these externally-found bugs is one from a researcher from Tencent's KeenLab, which could give an attacker control of an iPhone or iPad by having the user simply view a malicious JPEG. The same bug was patched in macOS Sierra 10.12.1, which was also released on Monday. Google's bug hunters at Project Zero continue to help secure Apple software, with this month's contribution addressing a bug that allowed an application to execute arbitrary code with root privileges. Project Zero also helped plug an issue in iOS' system boot that could allow an attacker in possession of the device to execute arbitrary code in the kernel. [ZD Net](#)

Intel, Visa partner on payments encryption for connected devices

A new collaboration between Visa and Intel is aiming to drive better payment security for connected devices. Specifically, the two tech giants want to build secure payments encryption into the hardware layer of chipsets in connected devices. That would mean all future Intel-powered devices will encrypt stored payments data both while at rest and in motion to "provide more secure data transmission." In other words, if a hacker exploits a vulnerability and gains access to a device, any payments data stored on that device will be encrypted and unusable. [ZD Net](#)

UK spy agency GCHQ paid NZ firm Endace to power Internet fiber-optic taps

The 2013 Snowden documents revealed UK intelligence agency GCHQ to be tapping into the undersea cables that carry Internet traffic, covertly gathering vast amounts of digital comms data under a surveillance program code-named Tempora — apparently with the help of commercial partners. Now leaked documents obtained by The Intercept confirm GCHQ paid New Zealand-based Endace to create data capture systems to enable it to tap high speed Internet traffic. [Tech Crunch](#)

Census outage could have been prevented by turning router on and off again: IBM

Computer giant IBM has conceded the issues surrounding the census website outage could have been avoided if it had turned one of its routers off and on again beforehand. BM's admission came as it provided evidence to a Senate committee inquiry looking at the botched handling of August's census, in which millions of Australians were unable to

lodge their census forms online for 40 hours. IBM senior engineer Michael Shallcross told senators one of two routers experienced difficulties when it was rebooted on August 9, the night of the census. The router was rebooted after experiencing a Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) cyber attack from overseas, but then mistakenly gave out information suggesting that census data was being compromised. Mr Shallcross said while engineers simulated the impact of the router being turned off in the lead-up to August 9, they did not manually power the machine down. [ABC News](#); [ZD Net](#)

Dropbox and LinkedIn Hacker Most Likely Behind BitMarket.eu Bitcoin Heist

Yevgeniy Nikulin, the Russian national that was recently arrested in the Czech Republic for hacking Dropbox, Formspring, and LinkedIn, might have also stolen around \$400,000 from Bitcoin exchange BitMarket.eu, according to new evidence discovered by Microsoft security researcher Tal Be'ery. [Softpedia](#)

U.S. vigilante hacker takes over Russian Foreign Ministry site

A self-described patriotic American vigilante hacker named Jester reportedly took over the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website on Friday in retaliation for alleged Russian cyberattacks on the United States. "Knock it off. You may be able to push around nations around you, but this is America. Nobody is impressed," Jester posted in a somewhat disjointed and threatening letter, reposted here on Twitter, to the Russian government. The note stated he knows they are behind recent attacks on U.S. interests. According to CNNMoney, Jester said he wanted to "poke them in the eye". "I know it's you, even by proxy, and you know it's you. It doesn't matter whether it's you and China, you and North Korea, or you and some random group calling themselves 'New World Hacking' – It's still a pathetic flex..." Jester wrote on Twitter. The Jester has a history of similar attacks. [SC Magazine](#)

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When hackers get into the driver's seat

Less than a week after one of the most massive cyber attacks in U.S. history, federal officials want to ensure hackers won't be able to invade the computers that increasingly control automobiles. Guidelines issued for automakers and developers earlier this week by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration acknowledge that protecting increasingly autonomous cars from cyber attack will be an ongoing battle. "In the constantly changing environment of technology and cybersecurity, no single or static approach is sufficient," NHTSA Administrator Mark Rosekind said in a statement released with the new guidance. "Everyone involved must keep moving, adapting and improving to stay ahead of the bad guys." The NHTSA guidance suggests a layered series of protections that will prevent a vehicle from misbehaving, even when its cyber defences are penetrated. The goal of the guidance is to make sure cyber security is a key part of designing cars in a world where hackers and foreign powers are all hungry to reach into whatever electronic realm they can, for fun, profit or strategic advantage. [Washington Post](#) (Winnipeg Free Press) (2016-10-29)

Facebook defends use of clients' biometric data - Facial recognition technology could be abused, privacy advocates say

Facebook Inc.'s software knows your face almost as well as your mother does. And like mom, it isn't asking your permission to do what it wants with old photos. While millions of Internet users embrace the tagging of family and friends in photos, others worried there's something devious afoot are trying block Facebook as well as Google from amassing such data. As advances in facial recognition technology give companies the potential to profit from biometric data, privacy advocates see a pattern in how the world's largest social network and search engine have sold users' viewing histories for advertising. The companies insist that gathering data on what you look like isn't against the law, even without your permission. If judges agree with Facebook and Google, they may be able to kill off lawsuits filed under a unique Illinois law that carries fines of US\$1,000 to US\$5,000 each time a person's image is used without permission - big enough for a liability headache if claims on behalf of millions of consumers proceed as class actions. A loss by the companies could lead to new restrictions on using biometrics in the U.S., similar to those in Europe and Canada. Facebook declined to comment on its court fight. Google declined to comment on pending litigation. [Bloomberg](#) (Vancouver Sun) (2016-10-29)

Canadians in dark over voter data use - Commons committee says it will study whether parties need rules to protect public's privacy

As Parliament considers peering into political parties' collection and use of sensitive personal information about citizens, those parties are busy developing more powerful and sophisticated tools to track voter data. Canada has virtually no rules governing how political parties collect, use and share information about voters they meet on the doorstep, hear from on issues, or observe on social media. In fact, Canadians are largely in the dark about what kinds of information parties collect and how they use it. But a House of Commons committee plans to study whether parties should have some basic rules for collecting - and protecting - private information like political beliefs, financial information, family makeup and contact information from millions of citizens. Daniel Blaikie, the New Democrat MP who suggested the study, said multiple witnesses brought the issue to the Access to Information and Ethics committee during a review of the Privacy Act this year. "Part of (the concern) is just that it is just something where there isn't a lot known," Blaikie said in an interview Thursday. "Witnesses had expressed a lack of knowledge of where exactly (the data) goes," Blaikie said. "So the idea was really just to get a better idea, if there was going to be regulation, where would you put it and how would it work." How much of an appetite Parliament has to debate the issue, however, remains to be seen. All three major parties have a strong interest in keeping secret the specifics of their data operations. [Toronto Star](#), A1 (2016-10-30)

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Microsoft shifts Canadian cloud focus from data sovereignty to data security

For the past few years, Microsoft Corp. has sold Canadian enterprise customers on its ability to keep their cloud-based data in Canada. Now it's trying to sell them on its ability to keep their cloud data safe. With Microsoft operating two new data centres on Canadian soil, data security is supplanting data sovereignty as the focal point of its ongoing push into the cloud market here. At the Microsoft Canada Tech Summit event in Toronto on Thursday, the company repeatedly emphasized its focus on security during a series of presentations highlighting cloud offerings such as Azure, Outlook and Office 365. "Security is not a bolt-on. We don't necessarily sell security as a separate product. It's built into Windows, it's built into Office 365, it's built into Azure and all our products," Takeshi Numoto, Microsoft's global corporate vice-president of cloud and enterprise, told reporters at a media roundtable after the event. Microsoft opened its first Canadian data centres in Toronto and Quebec City earlier this year. The move was welcomed by Canadian enterprises in sectors like finance, government, and healthcare, which must keep customer data within Canada to comply with security and privacy regulations. [IT Business](#) (2016-10-28)

Malware from Friday's DDoS attack continues to harass in short bursts

It's still unclear who pulled off Friday's massive internet disruption, but the malware largely responsible for the cyber attack has since assaulted new targets -- possibly including video gamers. Since last Friday, botnets created by the Mirai malware have been launching distributed denial-of-service attacks at seemingly random targets, in short bursts, according to a security researcher who goes by the name MalwareTech. He has tracked Mirai-powered botnets and helped produce a Twitter feed that monitors their DDoS attacks. On Wednesday alone, the feed posted close to 60 attacks, many of them lasting from 30 seconds to over a minute long. Copycat hackers have been taking advantage of the Mirai malware ever since the source code was released on an online forum on Sept. 30. So far, 23 unique command-and-control servers have been connected with Mirai activity, MalwareTech said in messages over Twitter. [CSO Online](#) (2016-10-28)

New Annoying Ransomware Forces Victims to Take Online Surveys

Tens of thousands of people all over the world have been hit by malware that locks their files and demands a payment to unlock them, creating a cottage—illegal—industry dedicated to spreading this type of threat. Ransomware, as it's called, is so lucrative that countless different strains have popped up in the last couple of years. Some are really effective ones, and some are just plain weird. Now, someone is making particularly annoying new type of ransomware. Instead of asking infected users for money, it forces them to fill out tedious online surveys. This new ransomware strain is apparently still in development, and hasn't infected anyone yet, according to the blog Bleeping Computer, which first wrote about the ransomware on Thursday, after it was discovered by GData security researcher Karsten Hahn. [Motherboard](#) (2016-10-28)

Is online voting really secure?

An editorial states "On Prince Edward Island voters have had the right to cast a secret ballot in a publicly protected private voting booth since 1913. It is the best protection for the freedom of our society. Flash forward to 2016. Voter privacy and protection is a thing of the past. The head of Elections P.E.I., with a sworn duty and responsibility to protect voters, has approved online voting and telephone voting, but is it secure? Elections Canada has banned online voting, calling it unsafe and open to hacking and manipulation. The security and integrity of the vote cannot be guaranteed. Also there is no voter protection of undue influence from other people. The identity of the voter and the pin number cannot be confirmed. The person who actually voted in not known. It is also possible to collect pin numbers in a pool and vote as a block for one choice. Who counts the paper ballots and transposes them to a digital format. If Elections P.E.I. cannot guarantee the integrity of the vote, it should be suspended until such time as it is secure, if not the outcome of this electoral exercise is already in question before the first vote is cast." [Charlottetown Guardian](#) (2016-10-28)

Why do people still use email - or at least not secure it?

As the political campaigning south of the border dominates headlines and social media feeds, one seemingly innocuous technology has been at the heart of ongoing scandals: email. First came the controversy over Hillary Clinton's private email servers and the subsequent scrutiny of the contents of her deleted messages. Since then, there's been a steady stream of email hacks, with thousands of Democratic National Committee emails published by WikiLeaks throughout the campaign. These hacked emails, many of which were the result of phishing, feature messages from Clinton, her campaign chair, the campaign's communication director and other prominent members of her team. An email leak over the summer, just before the Democratic National Convention, led to the resignation of DNC chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz. It's enough to make you wonder why they all keep using email, or at the very least, why they haven't taken more security precautions. In a recent op-ed for the New York Times, writer Farhad Manjoo asserts that "email is simply not up to the rigours of modern political and business life." Security vulnerabilities and privacy issues are just the tip of the iceberg. According to a recent report, over 200 billion emails are sent each day. Mixed in with the important messages is a slew of spam, advertisements and other useless information, making email inefficient, as well as overwhelming, for many users. [CBC News](#) (2016-10-29)

86-year-old woman on hook for illegal zombie game download

Post-nuclear war, zombie-killing video games are not Christine McMillan's thing. But the 66-year-old from Ontario has been warned she could have to pay up to \$5,000 for illegally downloading a game she'd never heard of. She is one of likely tens of thousands of Canadians who have received notices to pay up, whether they are guilty or not... In May, she received two emails forwarded by her internet provider. They were from a private company called Canadian Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement (CANIPRE) claiming she had illegally downloaded Metro 2033, a first-person shooter game where nuclear war survivors have to kill zombies. McMillan's IP address, the string of numbers that identifies each computer communicating over a network, was used to download the game... McMillan called Cogeco, her internet service provider, and discovered the emails were perfectly legal under the federal government's so-called "Notice and Notice" regulations introduced last year under the Copyright Modernization Act. The law requires internet providers to forward copyright infringement notices to customers suspected of illegally downloading content like video games and movies. Customers are identified only through their IP address. The service provider does not disclose any personal information to the copyright enforcers... The owner of CANIPRE told Go Public he gets 400 calls and emails from people on a busy day and "most of them" settle. "Ultimately, we are helping our clients get their educational message out about anti-piracy and theft of content and how it harms them and their rightful marketplace," Barry Logan said... Network security analyst and technology expert Wil Knoll calls it a "dragnet cash grab." "It's preying on people that don't necessarily understand the system or the technology that surrounds it," he said, "and they're willing to pay out of court because they're scared." Knoll says because McMillan lives in an apartment, someone could have accessed her unsecured wireless connection, then downloaded the game using her IP address. He says even secured connections can be hacked. "It's very hard then to correlate, or nearly impossible, to correlate from that IP address to any individual that's inside the house, or to prove it forensically," he said. [CBC News](#)

Defending the grid - IoT across the power grid creates new openings for hackers

The month's final theme for National Cyber Security Awareness, building resilience in critical infrastructure, should resonate as a priority for all. If you look at what happened with the Mirai and Dyn attacks, they present the harsh reality that most IoT developers hoped they could avoid. The obvious damage that will continue to come with these attacks range from general frustration to economic losses. But, at the risk of seeming overly paranoid, I am going to agree that these IoT DDoS attacks change the game. In thinking about the wide range of vulnerabilities yet to be exploited, one serious unintended consequence with IoT is that lives are potentially at stake. Whether it's medical devices going offline or electrical grids being compromised, the stakes go beyond frustration and fiscal loss. The electrical grid runs everywhere, and there are a few different ways that it can be compromised. The potential of a physical attack is always ongoing, said Stewart Kantor, CEO of Full Spectrum but there are other risks. "One risk is that the data traffic gets blocked and they can't connect to what's controlling the grid. Another is that somebody gets in and takes control, like Ukraine," Kantor said. [CSO Online](#)

No More Ransomware expands beyond Europe

Three months after its launch, No More Ransomware has expanded its reach outside of Europe. This is good news for a project that started off as a collaboration between the Dutch National Police, Europol, Intel Security and Kaspersky Lab. It has now announced 13 new members including Columbia. The main goal of the No More Ransomware project is to provide free tools to help users recover their data. According to its latest press release more than 2,500 people manage to decrypt their data in the first two months. It is estimated that they saved over \$1 million between them. This is a good start in taking money from the malware community but far from a major hit. [Enterprise Times](#)

No time to drop your guard as data breach costs skyrocket

When BYOD originally took off, security concerns drove companies to take measures to counteract the risks of allowing remote access to company data from employee devices. Many believed they had shut the door to cybercrime. In reality, data breaches have continued to soar. According to research from PwC, showcased in a recent infographic from Swivel Secure, the number of small firms experiencing a data breach jumped by 14 per cent last year – and although in 2014, the average cost of such a breach was £90k, it rose to £190k in 2015. The number of large companies suffering a breach rose 9 per cent over the same period, with average costs per breach increasing from £800k in 2014 to a phenomenal £2.3 million last year. In total, a staggering 90 per cent of large businesses admitted to a data breach, with more than two-thirds having been attacked by an unauthorised outsider in the last year. [IT Pro Portal](#)

Botnet Mirai : 500000 objets connectés encore compromis

Vecteur de plusieurs attaques informatiques (DDoS) ces dernières semaines, le botnet Mirai dispose encore d'une emprise sur plus de 500 000 objets connectés dans le monde. Par ailleurs, des variantes commencent à voir le jour. Dans la famille des virus, malwares et consorts qui deviennent populaires, je demande Mirai : le botnet est encore extrêmement actif, à en croire de multiples rapports. Disséqué par des spécialistes récemment (Dr.Web notamment), repéré par plusieurs constructeurs (sur certaines gateways Sierra Wireless par exemple), il continue sa vie, tapi dans l'ombre. Selon un récent rapport d'Arbor Networks, environ 500 000 objets connectés de par le monde sont encore sous contrôle de Mirai. On note une concentration dans certaines zones géographiques comme en Asie notamment (Chine, Macao, Hong-

Kong, Vietnam, Taïwan, Thaïlande, Corée du Sud, Indonésie) mais aussi en Amérique du Sud (Brésil) et en Europe (Espagne). [L'Informaticien](#)

Camera driven mass DDOS attack used rented botnets

The last month has seen DDOS attacks on various sources on a magnitude no one has ever seen before: in some cases more than a terabit per second of data. This was more than anyone thought possible, but it was all because whoever was responsible, rented some of the most extensive botnet networks, made up of many Internet of Things (IOT) devices. Although it's been suspected that botnet rental was a growing industry in the bowels of the internet, this recent loaning and subsequent attacks have proved to be far more extensive than anyone expected or even thought was viable. Whoever was behind it was clearly well connected and well funded. In each instance of the large-scale DDOS attacks in recent weeks, a network of IOT devices infected with the Mirai malware was largely responsible. The self-spreading malware has hooked its tentacles into many thousands of devices around the world and has proved very effective at helping to take down online services. But in some cases another network known as Bashlight was used too, as well as other less well known botnets. [KitGuru](#)

AtomBombing : Windows attaquable par une technique d'injection de code

Toutes les versions de Windows sont affectées par AtomBombing. Cette attaque par injection de code franchit toutes les barrières. Pas de correctif pour ce qui n'est pas une vulnérabilité. AtomBombing est une technique d'injection de code baptisée ainsi par une équipe de chercheurs en sécurité de la société enSilo. Elle affecte toutes les versions de Windows et peut passer inaperçue auprès des solutions de sécurité usuelles. Ce nom AtomBombing ne fait pas référence à un bombardement atomique mais au fait que la technique tire parti d'une fonction de Windows dénommée Atom Tables. Ces tables permettent aux applications de stocker des données, voire de les partager avec d'autres applications. Ce qui est alors troublant est que AtomBombing n'exploite ainsi pas des vulnérabilités de sécurité de Windows mais une fonctionnalité native. Un simple patch ne peut alors pas être publié pour venir corriger le problème. [Generation NT](#)

Hacking forum cuts section allegedly linked to DDoS attacks - HackForums.net has shut down its "Server Stress Testing" section

An online hackers' forum has deleted a section that allegedly offered for-pay distributed denial-of-service attacks, following the recent massive internet disruption. HackForums.net will be shutting down the "Server Stress Testing" section, the site's admin Jesse "Omniscient" LaBrocca said in a Friday posting. "I do need to make sure that we continue to exist and given the recent events I think it's more important that the section be permanently shut down," he wrote. The section was designed to let members offer so-called stress testing services for websites as a way to check their resiliency. However, security firms claim Hack Forums was actually promoting DDoS-for-hire services that anyone could use to launch cyber attacks. Hack Forums has been in the news lately following the emergence of Mirai, a malware blamed for a string of recent distributed denial-of-service attacks, including earlier this month that disrupted access to dozens of sites in the U.S. Although it's still unclear who pulled off the attack, the Mirai source code has been publicly available on Hack Forums since Sept. 30, when an anonymous user named "Anna-senpai" posted the code to the site. [Computerworld](#)

Ransomware is now among top three most common malware: study

Ransomware has moved into the top three positions in Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.'s index of the most prevalent malware, with the Locky ransomware accounting for 6 percent of all recognized attacks globally during September. The relative presence of ransomware attacks, within the total number of global attacks, increased by 13 percent. In line of recent trends, the number of active malware families remained high, with three new entries making the top ten, including Chanitor, a downloader for malicious payloads, the Blackhole exploit kit, and Nivdort, a multipurpose bot. For the sixth consecutive month HummingBad remained the most common malware used to attack mobile devices. Overall, Conficker was the most prominent family accounting for 14 percent of recognized attacks; second placed, Sality, accounted for 6 percent; and third placed Locky was responsible for 6 percent. In total, the top ten families were responsible for 50 percent of all recognized attacks. [Security Asia](#)

Powerful new DDoS attack vector discovered

Corero Network Security has disclosed a significant new zero-day DDoS attack vector observed for the first time against its customers last week. The new technique is an amplification attack, which utilizes the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP): one of the most widely used protocols for accessing username and password information in databases like Active Directory, which is integrated in most online servers. While Corero's team of DDoS mitigation experts has so far only observed a handful of short but extremely powerful attacks against their protected customers originating from this vector, the technique has potential to inflict significant damage by leveraging an amplification factor seen at a peak of as much as 55x. Therefore, in terms of its potential scale, if combined with the Internet of Things botnet that was utilized in the recent 655 Gigabyte attack against Brian Krebs's website, we could soon see new records broken in the DDoS attack landscape, with potential to reach tens of Terabits per second in size in the not too distant future. The DDoS landscape has been extremely volatile in recent weeks, particularly with the release of the Mirai code and subsequent Mirai infected Internet of Things (IoT) devices, and we expect this trend to continue for the foreseeable future. [Security Asia](#)

Shadow Brokers dump reveals NSA targets - Accompanying gibberish encourages disrupting US election

The Shadow Brokers hacking group has posted a fresh dump containing a list of servers compromised by an NSA-linked group. The list contains historic targets of the Equation Group. Mail providers, universities and targets in China make up the bulk of the roster. Each were targets of INTONATION and PITCHIMPAIR, codenames for cyber-spy hacking programmes. Documents leaked by whistleblower Edward Snowden provide strong evidence that previous dumps by the Shadows Brokers feature malware and exploits that originated at the NSA, as previously reported. The latest Shadow Brokers dump was signed using the same key as the initial dump of NSA exploits, which the Shadow Brokers unsuccessfully tried to auction off. A message accompanying the latest dump somewhat incoherently calls for attempts to disrupt the forthcoming US presidential election. This poorly argued rabble-rousing has been met with some derision. Security experts have questioned the value of the leaked target list, at least outside the realm of cyber-espionage historians. "The list of servers is nine years old. [Many] likely no longer exist or [are] reinstalled," said security researcher Kevin Beaumont, in an update on Twitter. [UK Register](#)

Boffin's anti-worm bot could silence epic Mirai DDoS attack army - And break every computer crime law along the way

A GitHub user going by Leo Linsky has forked a repo created by researcher Jerry Gamblin to create an anti-worm "nematode" that could help to patch vulnerable devices used in the massive Mirai distributed denial of service attack. The nematode, a concept detailed by security man Dave Aitel [PDF], would fight back against the massive and highly dangerous inter-of-things-borne botnet used in highly disruptive attacks against major web infrastructure including DNS provider Dyn. Some 100,000 Telnet-exposed-and-web-connected cameras, sensors and other devices are held to have downed Dyn. Researcher Scott Tenaglia Friday found a stack buffer overflow vulnerability in the Mirai code which could be used to crash bots and shut down Mirai attacks. The worm goes further and can be used to break into woefully insecure internet-of-things devices and change the default Telnet credentials within. Doing so would lock Mirai and other malware users out of the devices, along with legitimate administrators. "This is a purely academic research project intended to show a proof of concept anti-worm worm, or nematode, for the types of vulnerabilities exploited by Mirai," Linsky says. [UK Register](#)

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Government and tech should look for a middle ground on encryption

For months, a single Apple iPhone has held the attention of the news media, legislatures, security agencies and civil liberties organizations around the world. The smartphone confiscated in the investigation stemming from a mass shooting in San Bernadino, Calif., has gone from potential evidence to symbol of a backlash against the questionable use of intelligence in the name of national security. (...) By contrast, BlackBerry has adopted a more co-operative approach, opting to maintain decryption keys. The Canadian company's corporate policy caused some uproar recently when court documents on the surveillance of a Montreal-area organized-crime ring shed light on the "back door" in its technology. Chief executive John Chen advised customers that use of the decryption was not unlimited and that "there is a balance between doing what's right, such as helping to apprehend criminals, and preventing government abuse of invading citizens' privacy." BlackBerry is clearly in the minority, though. With less fanfare, Google has followed Apple's lead on encryption with the Android platform. WhatsApp, the Facebook-owned messaging platform, recently introduced mandatory end-to-end encryption. (...) The public apprehension that some of the world's largest tech companies are using to justify enhanced encryption is real and shouldn't be discounted. A recent study by Ipsos and the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) on Internet security and trust in 24 countries, including Canada and the United States, found 57 per cent of citizens are more concerned about their online privacy than they were a year earlier. Just 38 per cent believed their online activities were not being monitored. (...) This goes well beyond what critics of national security agencies would call existential threats, such as terrorism and cyberwarfare. They include crimes such as sexual exploitation of children and fraud schemes that prey on the vulnerable. Both are enabled by anonymity, the ease of operating across jurisdictions and enhanced encryption. [Globe and Mail](#), B4

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BfV agency says Russia is behind German cyber-attacks

According to Germany's domestic intelligence agency, Russia was most likely responsible for the major cyber-attack on the Bundestag last year, forcing computer systems to go offline for days. "One of the most active and aggressive campaigns is the 'Sofacy/APT 28' campaign," said the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV) agency. The BfV added that it sees "evidence of Russian state control" in the operation that infected computers with Trojan software that would've given the attackers permanent access to computers used by staff and MPs at the Bundestag. The Sofacy/APT 28 campaign has had fingers pointed at it for a wide range of attacks on governments and finance institutions since 2004. The BfV has been monitoring the group for years and pointed out that some of its hacks on Germany were going on for over a decade. "The campaigns that the BfV has observed in the past have generally been focused on obtaining information, in other words spying," said Hans-Georg Maassen, president of the BfV. "But lately intelligence agencies have also shown a willingness to conduct sabotage." [SC Magazine](#)

SS7 vulnerability defeats WhatsApp encryption, researchers claim

A vulnerability in an international telecoms standard could render encryption useless in message services such as WhatsApp and Telegram, according to security researchers. A report by Positive Technologies found the flaw in Signaling System 7 (SS7), an international standard that defines how network elements exchange information over a signalling network. The technology was developed in 1975 but never updated to take into account advancements in mobile technology or the rise of cyber-crime. Researchers at the company said the vulnerability could enable hackers to "send, intercept and alter SS7 messages by executing various attacks against mobile networks and their subscribers." SMS authentication is used as a security verification mechanism in messages apps such as WhatsApp, Viber, Telegram, Facebook and others. The authentication is routed through SS7 signalling. The researchers said that one-time codes via SMS are insecure, "because mobile communication is insecure". [SC Magazine](#)

Ukrainian hacker admits plotting to use stolen news releases

A Ukrainian hacker pleaded guilty Monday to his role in an international scheme that used stolen unpublished news release to make \$30 million in profits. Vadym Iermolovych entered the plea in Newark, New Jersey, to a complaint charging him with aggravated identity theft and conspiracy to commit wire and computer hacking. The 28-year-old Kyiv man faces up to 20 years in prison when he's sentenced Aug. 22. [Associated Press](#) (Mississauga.com)

Failed hack via SWIFT on Vietnam bank tried to send funds to Slovenia: central bank

Vietnam's central bank said on Tuesday a failed hacking attempt on Tien Phong Bank (TPBank) using the SWIFT messaging system sought to fraudulently transfer 1.2 million euros (\$1.36 million) to a Slovenian bank late last year in one transaction. The thwarted transfer on Dec. 8 was the only hack attempt via SWIFT detected by TPBank and no other Vietnamese lenders, or the central bank itself, have been affected, Le Manh Hung, head of the State Bank of Vietnam's Information Technology Department told Reuters in an interview. [Reuters](#) (Yahoo! News)

The FBI has quietly been hacking Americans for 20 years

Countless Snowden leaks have detailed the highly sophisticated tools used by the NSA to collect data in bulk from unsuspecting people, including American citizens. But the NSA isn't the only agency conducting spying operations. The FBI has been spying on US citizens as part of ongoing investigations for two decades, yet many details about its data collection practices are still secret, despite all of the leaks in recent years. According to [Wired](#), the FBI's history of hacking goes back for some two decades, but little is known about the types of tools and spying operations it conducts. That's because search warrants often fail to provide detailed information about wiretapping techniques, and defense attorneys don't always challenge the FBI. Even so, [Wired](#) has put together a list of the known hacking operations the FBI has conducted over the years, some being more complex than others. Carnivore was a traffic sniffer the FBI installed with permission from ISPs in starting in 1998. The tool was supposed to be able to extract metadata but not the actual contents of communication, though research demonstrated that Carnivore can in fact collect message content if abused. [Yahoo! News](#)

EU adopts new cyber security rules

The Council of the European Union (EU) formally adopted new rules to step up the security of network and information systems across the EU on Tuesday. The network and information security (NIS) directive would increase cooperation between EU member states on the vital issue of cyber security, said the council. It lays down security obligations for operators of essential services, in critical sectors such as energy, transport, health and finance, and for digital service providers including online marketplaces, search engines and cloud services. Each EU member state would also be required to designate one or more national authorities and to establish a strategy for dealing with cyber threats, said the council. The Netherlands presidency together with the EU Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA) has already started preparing the implementation of the directive. [Xinhua](#)

Google Zero : Symantec n'échappe pas à la faille

L'équipe de Google Zero a décelé une nouvelle faille au sein d'un antivirus. Cette fois, il s'agit des antivirus édités par la société Symantec. Selon Tavis Ormandy, chercheur en cybersécurité chez Google Zero, l'outil proposé par Symantec serait victime d'une faille de sécurité permettant à un attaquant de faire crasher la machine de la cible à distance. Le problème provient de la façon dont l'antivirus de Symantec analyse le trafic entrant et sortant de la machine. Comme l'explique Tavis Ormandy, un attaquant connaissant la faille peut en effet envoyer un exécutable modifié à la machine cible, et Symantec tentera alors de l'ouvrir afin de scanner celui-ci. Malheureusement, l'outil de scan est vulnérable à une attaque de type dépassement de tampons (buffer overflow) pouvant conduire à une exécution de code malveillant sur la machine de la cible. L'attaque est d'autant plus redoutable sur les machines Windows, où la faille découverte permet également à l'attaquant de disposer des droits d'administration sur la machine pour son code malveillant. Le moteur de scan des produits Symantec nécessite en effet les droits administrateurs pour fonctionner sur l'ordinateur. Une exploitation réussie de cette faille se manifeste également par un crash de la machine. [ZDNet](#)

Botnet : près d'un million de machines infectées via de fausses pubs Google

Des chercheurs en sécurité ont découvert un nouveau botnet infectant plusieurs centaines de milliers d'ordinateurs. Le botnet en question est baptisé redirector.paco et ce dernier est en mesure de remplacer les encarts de publicités de Google AdSense for Search. Selon trois experts de BitDefender, ce réseau de machines zombies serait en activité depuis septembre 2014. Plus de 900 000 ordinateurs en seraient infectées, particulièrement aux Etats-Unis, en Grèce, en Inde et en Malaisie. « Pour rediriger le trafic, le malware procède à une modification du registre en altérant les valeurs des clés AutoConfigURL et AutoConfigProxy des paramètres Internet », est-il ainsi expliqué. Une fois hackées, ces clés redirigeront l'internaute vers une autre adresse. L'infection de la machine provient de l'installation d'une application vérolée. Les chercheurs ont notamment identifié des fichiers modifiés de YouTube Downloader, WinRAR, KMSPico ou Stardock Start. [Clubic](#)

IBM's AI Watson might be solving cyber-crime by end of year

IBM will train its Watson artificial intelligence system to solve cyber-crimes, the tech giant announced. Big Blue will spend the next year working with eight universities to help the Watson AI learn how to detect potential cyber-threats. The eight educational institutes include California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; Pennsylvania State University; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; New York University; the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC); the University of New Brunswick; the University of Ottawa and the University of Waterloo. The cognitive system will process large amounts of information and students will train up Watson by annotating and feeding the system security reports and data, according to IBM. [SC Magazine](#)

Locky Ransomware Distribution Network Hacked to Show Warning Message Instead

The practice of hacking malware botnets and then replacing their payloads with pro-user content is starting to become the norm, with another of these incidents being reported by the team from F-Secure. The company says that one of its security researchers stumbled upon a weird sample coming from the server network (botnet) from which most of the Locky ransomware-carrying spam is sent out. The file was a ZIP archive containing a JavaScript file. If the user double-clicked this JavaScript file, the script would download in normal circumstances the Locky ransomware and launch it into execution, effectively encrypting their files. This time around, the F-Secure researcher, named Päivi, discovered that, instead of Locky, this file was downloading something different, also launching it into execution. It appears that someone hacked the Locky distribution network and replaced the Locky ransomware payload with a benign file that showed a simple popup warning users not to open email attachments from untrusted sources (screenshot below). "You are reading this message because you have opened a malicious file," the popup reads. "For your safety, don't open unknown emails attachment." [sic] [Softpedia News](#)

Une nouvelle menace cible les distributeurs automatiques de billets : le groupe Skimer

Skimer, un groupe russophone, force les distributeurs automatiques de billets (DAB) à l'aider à dérober de l'argent. Découvert en 2009, Skimer a été le premier programme malicieux à prendre pour cible les DAB. Sept ans plus tard, les cybercriminels ré-utilisent ce malware. Mais le programme, ainsi que les escrocs, ont évolué ; ils représentent une menace encore plus importante pour les banques et leurs clients partout dans le monde. Imaginons qu'une banque découvre avoir été victime d'une attaque. Étrangement, aucune somme d'argent n'a été dérobée et rien n'a été modifié dans son système. Les criminels sont partis comme ils sont venus. Serait-ce possible ? Découvrir les raisons qui expliquent l'emploi d'une méthode aussi inhabituelle n'a pas été simple. Mais dans le cadre d'une enquête menée suite à un incident, l'équipe d'experts de Kaspersky Lab a mis au jour le scénario imaginé par les cybercriminels et découvert des traces d'une version améliorée du malware Skimer sur l'un des DAB d'une banque. Il avait été posé là et n'avait pas été activé jusqu'à ce que les criminels lui envoient un contrôle : une façon ingénieuse de couvrir leurs traces. Le groupe Skimer commence ses opérations en accédant au système du DAB, soit physiquement, soit via le réseau interne de la banque visée. Ensuite, après être installé avec succès dans le système, l'outil Backdoor.Win32.Skimer, infecte le cœur de l'ATM, c'est-à-dire le fichier exécutable en charge des interactions entre la machine et l'infrastructure de la banque, de la gestion des espèces et des cartes bancaires. [Global Security Mag](#)

Sophos lance un outil d'entreprise pour nettoyer les malwares qui exploitent les vulnérabilités

Sophos annonce la disponibilité de Sophos Clean, le tout dernier composant de son portefeuille Enduser Protection de solutions de détection, remédiation et nettoyage de malwares. Cette technologie sans signatures repose sur une combinaison de techniques d'analyse comportementale, d'analyse forensique et d'intelligence collective pour détecter et nettoyer un ensemble de codes malveillants ou indésirables, comprenant menaces Zero-day, chevaux de Troie, rootkits, malwares polymorphiques, cookies irritants, spywares et adwares. Conçu à partir de technologies issues de l'acquisition de SurfRight B.V. en décembre 2015, Sophos Clean représente une nouvelle génération d'outils de détection et de nettoyage des menaces connues et inconnues. Il ne nécessite pas l'installation du scanner de vérification à la demande, ce qui est particulièrement utile dans le cas d'infection par ransomwares ou dans les situations où les malwares manipulent les logiciels de sécurité installés sur les systèmes. [Global Security Mag](#)

International click-fraud bot strikes close to a million victims worldwide

A botnet which has infected systems around the world counts almost one million victim PCs within its network, researchers say. Botnets are networks of PCs which have been infected with malicious software designed to take control of the system without the owner's knowledge. This can lead to 'slave' PCs being forced to send spam or launch distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks against web domains, but controllers may also redirect slave PC users to malicious domains. Another feature of botnets is altering PCs to change where traffic goes in the quest for ad clicks. If the operator tampers with internet configuration settings, they can forward searches to third-parties which manipulate search engine results to push users towards pages injected with ads that generate money for the cybercriminals. [ZDNet](#)

Bugs : iOS 9.3.2 est disponible mais bloque certains iPad Pro 9,7"

Depuis hier soir, iOS 9.3.2 est disponible. Cette mise à jour embarque divers correctifs censés corriger plusieurs failles de sécurité. Apple annonce d'ailleurs que 22 problèmes ont été résolus. Souvenez-vous, il était possible de contourner

l'écran de verrouillage d'iOS pour accéder aux contacts mais également aux photos et bien plus encore. C'est un bug de Siri qui était à l'origine de cette faille. Les problèmes de Bluetooth audio relevés sur l'iPhone SE ont aussi été résolus. Une autre faille très importante permettait d'exécuter un code grâce auquel un hacker pouvait prendre le contrôle de votre iPhone ou de votre iPad et y envoyer un malware. C'est d'ailleurs ce type de faille qui est utilisée pour le Jailbreak. Désormais, la méthode du code est insuffisante pour une prise de contrôle totale. [Logiciel.Mac](#)

Malicious Android apps slip into Google Play, top third party charts

Malicious Android applications have bypassed Google's Play store security checks to enslave infected devices into distributed denial of service attack, advertising fraud, and spam botnets. The apps are legitimate games that in some stores outside of Google Play have made it to highly-contested top free games charts. Checkpoint malware men Andrey Polkovnichenko and Oren Koriati say the malware family they dubbed Viking Horde, thanks to the chief offending game Viking Jump, varies depending on the capabilities of the infected phone. "Perhaps the most dangerous functionality is the update mechanism [which] allows downloading and executing any remote code on the device," the pair say. "The botnet created by the attackers spread worldwide to users from various targeted countries." A series of sought permissions has led to user suspicion and subsequent low-ranking on the Google Play store. [UK Register](#)

Researchers spot spike in phishing attacks leveraging 2016 Rio Olympics

Kaspersky Lab researchers spotted a spike in phishing attacks, email scams and spam messages that mimic branding from the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics. Researchers Tatyana Shcherbakova and Andrey Kostin said threat actors are registering domains with names containing words such as "rio" and "rio2016" and purchasing cheap SSL certificates to make their phony sites look more credible, according to a May 16 Securelist post. Cyber crooks have also sent fake emails claiming users had won lotteries and false advertisements for televisions and other products including magic pills that promise to make the recipient an "Olympic champion," the post said. [SC Magazine](#)

Researchers launch another salvo at CryptXXX ransomware

Kaspersky Lab researchers are playing a game of cat-and-mouse with the authors of the CryptXXX ransomware, and have released another new tool to help victims get their files back without paying a fee. Ransomware is malware which uses pressure and the threat of losing content forever to force people to pay a fee to cyberattackers in the hopes of gaining access to their systems. Once a machine is infected, the malware encrypts files and presents a lock screen, preventing users from accessing the PC. A demand is given for payment in return for a key to decrypt your files -- which may, or may not, work. CryptXXX, first discovered in April, is not your standard breed of ransomware. The software not only encrypts your files with the .crypt extension but also attacks any files on connected storage devices, steals cryptocurrency wallet funds stored on your system and may also send sensitive data to cyberattackers. [ZDNet](#)

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SaskPower warns customers of email and phone scams

SaskPower customers are being targeted by scammers using phone calls and emails to try to get personal information from their victims. [Leader-Post](#), A4

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Sony's computer network is still down following cyber-attack

More than six weeks after hackers attacked Sony Pictures Entertainment, its computer network is still down but the studio has not lost a single day of production on any of its films or television, CEO Michael Lynton told The Associated Press on Thursday. [The Associated Press](#) (Global News)

U.K. Power Grid is Under Attack From Hackers Every Minute, Says Parliament

The U.K. government is one step ahead of hackers trying to turn off the country's lights -- for now. The prospect of cyber-attacks on the nation's power network is a major threat to the country's security, according to James Arbuthnot, a member of parliament who chaired the Defense Select Committee until last year. He plans to visit National Grid Plc (NGI) next month to discuss the issue. "Our National Grid is coming under cyber-attack not just day-by-day but minute-by-minute," Arbuthnot, whose committee scrutinized the country's security policy, told a conference in London last year. "There are, at National Grid, people of very high quality who recognize the risks that these attacks pose, and who are fighting them off," he said, "but we can't expect them to win forever." [Businessweek](#)

CryptoWall ransomware variant gets new defenses

CryptoWall, one of a family of malware programs that encrypts files and demands a ransom from victims, has undergone a revamp that is frustrating security researchers. At one time, CryptoWall was a second-rate successor to CryptoLocker, which largely disappeared after law enforcement shut down the Gameover Zeus botnet that was used to distribute it. [Computerworld](#)

Dridex malware targets 15,000 UK bank accounts daily

Malware targeting people's banking details is hitting 15,000 people's inboxes a day, security researchers warned this week. The malicious macro virus masquerades as Microsoft Office and Excel email attachments coming from reputable retailers or banks, which contain a banking Trojan known as Dridex. [IT PRO](#)

Pastebin: The remote backdoor server for the cheap and lazy

Malware writers are using the Pastebin web clipboard to host backdoor code, researcher Denis Sinegubko suggests. The code-sharing site was used to store code that was later tapped in attacks against websites running a vulnerable instance of the popular RevSlider plugin. [The Register](#)

FBI doubles down on North Korea accusation for Sony Pictures hack

The FBI has reiterated its belief that North Korea is ultimately behind the hacking of Sony Pictures, in the face of continued criticism from independent security researchers who doubt the organisation's findings. "There's not much I have high confidence about," the FBI director, James Comey, told the press, but "I have very high confidence ... on North Korea." He pre-empted concerns of researchers that the North Korean connection was a smokescreen, saying they "don't have the facts I have, they don't see what I see". [The Guardian](#)

Scammers Target Brokerage Accounts

Scammers target all kinds of financial accounts, but those of customers at brokerages and investment-advisory firms have a special appeal: They typically hold large sums of money, often in the six- or seven-figure range. Advisers, regulators and security experts say they have seen a rise in attempts by criminals to siphon funds from them over the past two years. Often, the scams involve use of confidential information that somehow leaked, or was stolen, from the bank or the client. Breaches are all too common: This week, Morgan Stanley said that a rookie adviser based in New York, Galen Marsh, had managed to take information on some 350,000 wealth-management accounts. Some of the data was posted on the Internet and offered for sale, the firm said. [Wall Street Journal](#)

Sony Hackers May Have Left Deliberate Clues, Expert Says

Apparent slip-ups by the hackers of Sony Pictures that have helped convince U.S. investigators the hackers are North Koreans have a precedent, and may even have been deliberate to win domestic kudos, according to a top cybersecurity expert and former senior North Korean official. [Wall Street Journal](#)

Snowden: US started rash of cyberattacks

The rise in cyberattacks used by governments around the world started with the United States, according to government leaker Edward Snowden. In an upcoming interview with PBS, Snowden pointed the finger at the United States's reported use of the Stuxnet virus against an Iranian nuclear facility, which was discovered in 2010. "It is important to highlight that we really started this trend in many ways when we launched the Stuxnet campaign against the Iranian nuclear program," Snowden said, according to a transcript posted on Thursday. [The Hill](#)

Modern security tactics fail to protect against malware, study finds

No matter if you work for a government contractor or a top legal firm, there's a good chance your company's computers are infected with malicious software. That's a conclusion reached by FireEye, a computer security analysis and consulting firm, which released on Thursday a new study detailing how most companies are more vulnerable than they may think. [CNET](#)

South Korea's Other Hacking Incident and the Need for Greater Cooperation in Northeast Asia

The U.S.-DPRK tit-fo-tat over the Sony hack has continued into the new year, with the Obama administration announcing sanctions on three organizations and ten individuals on January 2 and North Korea responding with indignation two days later. But the media focus on the Sony hack obscures a potentially much more dangerous hacking incident that has also been attributed to North Korea involving release of personal information of over 10,000 employees of the Korea Hydro and Nuclear Power Company (KHNP), which operates 23 nuclear reactors in South Korea. This story line includes demands by the hackers that KHNP shut down at least one South Korean reactor by Christmas Day (a threat that was ignored). There are also reports that the origins of the hack may have been traced to Shenyang, a city that houses a known platform for North Korean cyber operations. Specialists on nuclear plant systems assert that the hacking incident posed no real danger to the operation of South Korean plants, but they do highlight the sensitivity—and potential vulnerability—of South Korean nuclear facilities to a potential North Korean attack. This eventuality is potentially as damaging as the threat of North Korean nuclear use that South Korea now faces if indeed North Korea has developed a mid-range payload delivery capability. [Forbes](#)

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Cyberattacks on infrastructure a 'major threat,' says CSIS chief
Lack of detection of ISIS plot in Paris attack sign of group's growing cyber expertise, experts warn.
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The head of Canada's main spy agency says he views the possibility of a cyberattack by ISIS or other extremist groups on the country's "critical infrastructure" as "a major threat."

"Cyber is one of our top priorities," Michel Couombe, director the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) told an Ottawa news conference on Wednesday.

Couombe was responding to questions after Britain announced it is nearly doubling funding for cyber counterterrorism amid fears ISIS is looking to target Western infrastructure such as hospitals, airports or power plants by using the internet.

He was flanked by RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson and Ralph Goodale, Canada's newly appointed minister of public safety.

"This is an area that I'm beginning to be further briefed on by the department," Goodale told reporters, deferring to his deputy minister and CSIS.

Britain's cyber war

Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne visited the U.K.'s electronic spy agency, GCHQ, on Tuesday to announce £1.9 billion (\$3.6 billion) in new funding.

It's to develop tools to defend against cyberattacks, but also to facilitate offensive operations over the internet against extremist threats.

"The stakes could hardly be higher," Osborne told his spy audience. "If our electricity supply, or our air traffic control, or our hospitals were successfully attacked online, the impact could be measured not just in terms of economic damage but of lives lost.

"They have not been able to use it to kill people yet by attacking our infrastructure through cyberattack," Osborne said. "They do not yet have that capability. But we know they want it, and are doing their best to build it."

ISIS hacking capabilities

The Paris attack has been widely recognized as a failure by the world's surveillance agencies for not detecting any advance chatter or plotting. That lack of detection is also a testament to the growing sophistication of ISIS.

"The fact they've been able to conduct pretty sophisticated terrorist operations tells me that they have the ability to fly quote unquote 'under the radar,'" said Amos Guiora, a law professor and counterterrorism specialist at the University of Utah.

"The fact that they're able to do this successfully tells me that their cyber capabilities are very significant," he told CBC News. Guiora is the author of an upcoming book on law and policy around cyberterrorism.

Guiora could not identify any instances of ISIS attacks launched exclusively over the internet, but says ISIS has attracted legions of young, technically savvy adherents.

"ISIS has two ways of doing it. One, people who are signed up to ISIS. And [two] perhaps people who are going to be paid a lot of money by ISIS to bring their talents to ISIS. I mean money is not a problem for these guys. Neither is their desire, their capability and their reach.

Canada's cyber-arsenal

Canada's electronic spy agency has been building a global system of sensors to monitor wide swaths of internet traffic to try to defend Canadian internet space.

Documents leaked by U.S. security whistleblower Edward Snowden reveal that Canada's Communications Security Establishment (CSE) has also been developing tools to fight back, including cyberweapons to disrupt online chat groups, shut down websites and even destroy computer networks.

But according to numerous observers, there are still major gaps in Canada's cyber-security strategy when it comes to protecting vital infrastructure. that is connected to the internet.

"I think it is true that area is relatively poorly defended," cautions David Skillicorn a computer studies professor at Queen's University and the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ont.

He notes the federal government, CSE and industry are working to fix problems, but warns that vulnerabilities remain.

"Many of those things that you would think would run on separate systems are actually connected to the internet," Skillicorn told CBC News.

"Pipelines, power supplies, water treatment and things of that sort. We have had one example of a pipeline in Turkey that appears to have been exploded by remote control, by some kind of hack. So anyone who runs a pipeline is worried about things like that."

The Ministry of Public Safety does lead the Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre to help co-ordinate and share advice and intelligence in the event of major cyberattacks and breaches.

However, Skillicorn and numerous other observers outside of government said Canada is behind.

"It's certain that we are not where we want to be or where we should be," Skillicorn said.

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Kelly considers asking army to aid cleanup

Toronto's two mayors are at odds over the city's ice storm response, revealing the imperfections of an "awkward" power-sharing arrangement that left the city without a distinct leader, several councillors say. Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly said Friday he is making "exploratory calls" to find out whether calling in the army might help to ease the massive ice storm cleanup effort, which is projected to take up to eight weeks. Rob Ford fired back on Twitter on Friday evening. "I see no need to call in the army when we have over 600 staff dedicated to clean up efforts," he wrote. "The City of Toronto is on top of the situation." **Josée Picard, spokeswoman for Public Safety Canada**, confirmed that any request for troops would first be made to the province, which would then decide whether to forward it to the federal government. In order for a request for military help to be granted, she said "**the assistance must not be available otherwise within the private sector because of timeliness, magnitude or specialty of service.**" [Toronto Star](#), GT2; [Le Journal de Montréal](#); [StarPhoenix](#) (Edmonton Journal, Windsor Star, Leader-Post, Ottawa Citizen); [Globe and Mail](#)

Armed with army facts

The Ontario government has no plans to ask the Canadian military to help Toronto clean up after last month's devastating ice storm and says the city has not yet asked for such intervention. Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly had floated the idea, but on Friday downplayed "exploratory phone calls" made by his office, while still not ruling the option out. He said the request had to be made through Queen's Park. Late in the day, a spokesperson for Premier Kathleen Wynne's office stated army assistance is "currently not under consideration by the province, but the municipality has also not yet made the request for federal assistance." The Post's Natalie Alcoba sheds light on the issue... A federal government spokesman said **Public Safety Canada** has not received an official request for help in Toronto. [National Post](#), A9

'Frost quakes' spook chilled residents

The extreme cold is leaving the Toronto area with a bang rather than a whimper as residents are reporting loud booming sounds that may be caused by "frost quakes." Residents are reporting noises loud enough to wake them up as temperatures dipped below -20 C. Such booms occur when moisture in the ground freezes and expands, putting pressure on rock. This pressure is ultimately released with a loud boom as the rock cracks. According to the Maine Geological Survey, the phenomenon is also known as a cryoseism. The agency calls it "a literal 'cold snap'" and describes the sounds variously as a "deep rumbling" that shakes windows, a "shudder" and a cracking sound. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A2

Storm wallops Newfoundland, power outages across island

Power was out for residents in many parts of Newfoundland Saturday morning, as Newfoundland Power reported severe weather caused outages across Newfoundland. People across the island took to social media to report lost power from various parts of the island shortly after 9 a.m. NT. The storm continued on the Avalon Peninsula and parts of the east coast of Newfoundland Saturday morning after a reported 38 centimetres of snow fell overnight Friday. Travellers hoping to make it through St. John's International Airport will be forced to rescheduled arrangements, as most flights are cancelled or delayed. Newfoundland Power ended its rotating power outages Friday night, saying people seemed to respond to the company's plea to conserve power. Michelle Coughlan, with Newfoundland Power, said they start again as early as Saturday morning. Problems with broken generators have caused problems at Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's Holyrood Generating Station, and limited how much power is available to customers across the province. [CBC News](#)

Nova Scotia at a standstill as blizzard hits East Coast

Eastern Canada was dealt a wintry wallop Friday as a blizzard bore down on the region all day, forcing the cancellation of flights, interrupting public transit and closing roads, government offices, universities and businesses. Whiteouts prompted police to urge the public to stay off the roads as plow operators undertook the frustrating task of clearing snow, only to have wind-whipped drifts quickly build back up. The storm that swept into Atlantic Canada hit Nova Scotia particularly hard, where retail outlets including liquor stores in Halifax, the Annapolis Valley and the South Shore were closed early. Numerous flight delays and cancellations were reported in Halifax, Charlottetown and Moncton, N.B. Post-secondary schools including Dalhousie University, St. Mary's University and l'Université du Moncton were shut down. There were reports of local flooding along Nova Scotia's Atlantic coast near Liverpool, N.S., because of higher-than-normal water levels and heavy, pounding surf. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A2

Une éclosion du virus H1N1 fait 6 morts

Santé publique Ottawa a confirmé, hier, que deux personnes nonagénaires d'Ottawa sont mortes à la suite d'une grippe dans la capitale nationale depuis ces dernières semaines. Le virus de l'Influenza a fait une première victime peu de temps avant les Fêtes. Une seconde personne est décédée il y a quelques jours. Des examens plus approfondis devront être pratiqués afin de déterminer si la souche du virus est de type H1N1. Cinq personnes sont décédées en Alberta, dont deux à Edmonton et deux autres à Calgary, ont confirmé les autorités de la santé publique. La grippe y a fait 965 malades déclarés, parmi lesquels 270 ont dû être hospitalisés. A Toronto, un malade a succombé au virus H1N1, aussi appelé «grippe porcine». Deux autres personnes infectées par le virus pourraient également en être mortes mais ces cas font toujours l'objet d'une enquête. Les autorités sanitaires de la métropole ontarienne ont signalé un pourcentage de cas déclarés de H1N1 plus élevé cette année. Ainsi, 36% des 210 cas déclarés d'influenza étaient, en fait, des cas de grippe porcine. L'an dernier, on ne comptait que 3,0% de

cas de cette grippe à la même période. [Le Droit](#), 13; [Montreal Gazette](#); [Waterloo Region Record](#); [Toronto Star](#); [National Post](#); [Daily Gleaner](#)

Huge Scope of Lac-Mégantic cleanup comes into focus

As the crack of explosions broke the early-morning quiet and clouds of black smoke billowed above Lac-Mégantic on July 6, millions of litres of crude oil gushed along the ground. Some of the oil fuelled the raging fire that erupted after a 72-car train derailed, blazing through Lac-Mégantic and eventually making its way to the surface of the lake that gives the town its name. Some of the oil evaporated in the fires that burned for two days, creating a plume of smoke that spread east toward the U.S. border. And some of the oil - hundreds of thousands of litres of it - flooded the manholes around the crash site, overwhelming the town's sewer system. In the chaotic days after the accident, as emergency workers first searched for survivors and then, their remains, it wasn't clear what impact the derailment had on the environment. But six months after the accident, a more detailed picture is emerging about the oil carried in the derailed train, how and where it spilled, and the efforts made to try to stop it from causing widespread environmental damage in the town and nearby lake and river. [Montreal Gazette](#), B1

Oil leak discovered at Hibernia

Hibernia has scaled back production and stopped off-loading to tankers after discovering a leak from a valve in its northern offshore off-loading system. About 10 litres of crude was spilled from the hose-end valve Dec. 18, according to a release from the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, prompting Hibernia to isolate the valve. The sea surface in the area was monitored for five days. No oil sheens were reported, but the board says heavy seas prevented a remotely operated vehicle from assessing the spill. [The Telegram](#), A6

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

CSE admits to 'incidentally' spying

After months of denying it spies on Canadians, the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) now admits it may "incidentally" read or hear Canadians' communications. "The National Defence Act acknowledges that this may happen and provides for the minister of national defence to authorize this interception in specific circumstances," CSE said in a new posting on its website. "If a private communication is incidentally intercepted (e. g. a foreign individual we are targeting overseas is communicating with someone in Canada), CSE takes steps to protect the privacy of that information." CSE also admits it's allowed to help CSIS, the Mounties and Canada Border Services Agency "in a variety of circumstances -- including intercept operations against a Canadian or individuals in Canada." National security blogger Bill Robinson says that means CSE can use information gleaned from Canadians. [London Free Press](#), B3 (Kingston Whig-Standard); [Le Journal de Montréal](#)

CSIS spying should be independently reviewed

An opinion piece states, "Months of surveillance-related leaks from U.S. whistleblower Edward Snowden have fuelled an international debate over privacy, spying and Internet surveillance. The Canadian-related leaks - including disclosures regarding spying on the Brazilian government and the facilitation of spying at the G8 and G20 meetings hosted in Toronto in 2010 - have certainly inspired some domestic discussion. Ironically, the most important surveillance development did not involve Snowden at all. Late last year, Justice Richard Mosley, a federal court judge, issued a stinging rebuke to Canada's intelligence agencies (CSEC and CSIS) and the Justice Department, ruling that they misled the court when they applied for warrants to permit the interception of electronic communications. While the government has steadfastly defended its surveillance activities by maintaining that it operates within the law, Justice Mosley, a former official with the Justice Department who was involved with the creation of the Anti-Terrorism Act, found a particularly troubling example where this was not the case. Mosley's concern stems from warrants involving two individuals that were issued in 2009 permitting the interception of communications both in Canada and abroad using Canadian equipment. At the time, the Canadian intelligence agencies did not disclose that they might ask their foreign counterparts (namely the "five eyes" partners in the U.S., U.K., Australia, and New Zealand) to intercept the foreign communications. In June 2013, the CSEC Commissioner, who is responsible for reviewing CSEC activities, issued his annual report. It included a

cryptic recommendation that the agency "provide the Federal Court of Canada with certain additional evidence about the nature and extent of the assistance CSEC may provide to CSIS." That recommendation caught Mosley's attention, who ordered CSEC and CSIS to appear in court to disclose if the recommendation was linked to the warrants he had issued and discuss whether the additional evidence might have had an impact on the decision to grant the warrants in the first place. It turns out that the additional evidence - which involved several warrants, including those issued by Mosley - was indeed the fact that CSEC was tasking foreign agencies to conduct interceptions on its behalf." [Toronto Star](#), B4

Tide shifts on Snowden revelations

An opinion piece states, "Last May, when low-level U.S. security contractor Edward Snowden fled his home with four laptops containing a treasure trove of highly classified data, public opinion in America surged toward utter condemnation... Canadians learned that their blind faith in U.S. Internet behemoths -- Google, Apple, Microsoft, Facebook, etc. -- mean their e-mails and other data can be easily read and stored by security agencies, due to their ability to hack into those systems. We learned that Canada has been a willing partner of the U.S. National Security Agency, helping it set up covert spying operations around the world, including inside Canada. We learned that industrial espionage inside the computer and security systems of our competitors -- Brazil's mining industry, for example -- is commonplace. And if the NSA can hack German Chancellor Angela Merkel's cellphone, how much easier would it be to monitor the communications of Canadians, including those within our military, law enforcement, industrial and commercial sectors, to say nothing of the Prime Minister's Office. Despite all those revelations, the federal government's line has been fairly consistent. Last month, Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird repeated his assertion that Snowden should "go back to the United States and face the consequences of his actions," given the country's "free and fair justice system." [London Free Press](#), E4

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** Un pyromane en fuite déporté**

Un pyromane en fuite depuis quatre ans, après avoir purgé 12 mois de prison, a été épinglé par des agents frontaliers en novembre et expulsé du pays en décembre. L'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC) a annoncé que Gazmend Dervishaj a été déporté le 18 décembre. [Le Journal de Montréal](#), 26

*** Smuggled Patek Philippe watch nets man court fine**

A 26-year-old Vancouver man was fined \$5,133.72 in Richmond provincial court after pleading guilty to evading duties following a trip to China last summer. En Ze Lei returned to Canada via the Vancouver International Airport on July 27 after a three-and-a-half month visit, according to Canada Border Services spokesperson Stefanie Wudel. [Richmond Review](#)

Ambassador Bridge traffic down 7%

An ongoing decline in Ontario's manufacturing sector has largely led to truck traffic dropping about seven per cent at the Ambassador Bridge this past year compared to the previous year, said the company's president on Friday. As of the end of November, there were 2.18 million trucks that crossed over the bridge in 2013 - a drop from 2.35 million over the same time period in 2012, according to statistics from the Public Border Operators Association. Truck traffic numbers at the Blue Water Bridge in Sarnia for 2013 as of the end of November are up four per cent compared to the year before - from 1.38 million to 1.43 million. [Windsor Star](#), A2

Immigration minister forges ahead with reform

When Chris Alexander took over the immigration portfolio in a cabinet shuffle last summer, it was seen as a major vote of confidence in the rookie MP and a move by Stephen Harper to infuse some fresh young talent into cabinet. But maintaining a firm hand on the department hasn't been easy. The reforms to immigration and refugee policy have triggered not only criticism from advocacy groups and opposition politicians, but also a federal court challenge on health care cuts to refugees. In a year-end interview with the Star, Alexander ardently defended the cuts, repeating many of the arguments his predecessor used to

invoke, saying the Canadian refugee system - before the government's changes - was full of "bogus claimants" and "fraudsters." [Toronto Star](#), A8

Criminal ban dropped as 'rigid'

Labour and business stakeholders say they're baffled by the Conservative government's recent removal of provisions from its temporary foreign worker program that would have barred criminal employers from participating. In a notice on New Year's Day, the government said its original proposals aimed at employers convicted of human trafficking, sexually assaulting an employee or causing the death of a worker were "too rigid and cumbersome." And so it removed them from its crackdown on abusers of the program. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A5; [Winnipeg Free Press](#)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Cryptolocker Ransomware Evolves to Spread on Its Own

The notorious Cryptolocker ransomware, which strongly encrypts victims' hard drives until a ransom is paid, has taken a turn for the worse — it's evolved from a Trojan into a worm. This means the uncrackable malware can now propagate itself, rather than relying on gullible humans to open infected email attachments or point their browsers at corrupted Web pages. [Yahoo! News](#)

Snapchat snaps back

Snapchat says it will be releasing an updated version of its app after information about 4.6 million users was released online on New Year's Eve. Canadian users in Manitoba and the territories had their usernames and passwords posted online after hackers wanted to expose flaws in the messaging app. On Wednesday, a website called SnapchatDB released 4.6 million phone numbers and usernames, but redacted the last two numbers in each phone number "to minimize spam and abuse." There are 7,242 numbers from area codes 867 and 204 -- users in Manitoba and all three territories -- on the list. The release happened a week after Australian security research group GibsonSec said user information was vulnerable to hackers. In a statement Thursday, Snapchat said hackers abused the "find friends" option of the app, of which users will now be able to opt out. The company said no photos were leaked. [Calgary Sun](#), 16

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

*** Policing costs too steep**

A city councillor is proposing the city look at what it would cost for the RCMP to provide policing services in Saint John. Ward 4 Coun. David Merrithew has drafted a motion asking city manager Patrick Woods to write a report offering advice on the cost and process of obtaining a quote from the RCMP. If council approves Merrithew's idea, Woods would then bring the report back to council to make a decision on whether to ask for a price. Merrithew said he decided to push for a quote from the Mounties at the beginning of the year, after voting to approve a \$148-million budget that included \$1-million increases to both police and fire budgets. The increases are largely due to unavoidable wage and benefit increases likely to come out of the arbitration process. [Telegraph-Journal](#), B1

*** Man is accused of driving car at police**

Several charges were laid yesterday against a man in connection with events relating to the shale gas protests in Kent County. Gregory Cook, 72, appeared in court and asked for an adjournment so he can seek Legal Aid. The judge set his case over until Feb. 12. Cook had been charged with dangerous driving, assault with a weapon and obstructing police, but those three charges were replaced by eight charges yesterday. He now faces four counts of assault with a weapon - a vehicle - relating to four different RCMP officers. The alleged offence took place at a police road block in Rexton on Sept. 29, around the time a van was moved in front of a compound on Route 134. The van blocked SWN Resources Canada trucks and equipment inside for nearly three weeks, preventing the company from exploring for shale gas in Kent County. Cook is also charged with obstructing three police officers and

dangerous driving. No one was injured during the incident that led to the charges. [Times & Transcript](#), A3

*** The House: Inside the Nigel Wright-Mike Duffy deal**

This week on The House, we go through the RCMP's Senate scandal court documents like you've never heard them before. We bring some of the most controversial and telling emails to life and go through the list of characters involved in the deal between Nigel Wright and Mike Duffy to repay Duffy's expenses. Radio-Canada Ottawa bureau chief Emmanuelle Latraverse and CBC senior political correspondent Terry Milewski join host Evan Solomon for the journey and give their analysis of what it all means. [CBC News](#)

*** Police crack down on drug trade in battle against rising violent crime**

With criticism over Surrey's murder rate reaching a crescendo after the beating death of a 53-year-old mother in Newton, Mayor Dianne Watts detailed Friday how police have targeted the drug trade on the advice of her special task force on violent crime. Newton and Whalley now have 49 more officers that have redeployed from other duties to crack down on the drug houses and drug dealers often linked to violent crime in the city, Watts said. In the past three weeks, eight search warrants have been executed at drug houses and 56 arrests have been made, while six vehicles were seized, Watts added. Surrey created headlines last month after a record 25 homicides were recorded in 2013, the last of which was the shocking beating death of Julie Paskall. [Vancouver Sun](#), A4

*** Woman's plight medical, not criminal – mom: N.S. protests planned as daughter's condition continues to lead to police action**

Brenda Hardiman is taking her cause to the streets. The Bible Hill woman's daughter, 26-year-old Nichele Benn, has an organic brain disorder that leads to uncontrollable emotional outbursts. Benn lives in a rehabilitation centre in Lower Sackville where staff are instructed to call police when she has an outburst, a policy that's resulted in arrests and court dates. During an episode last month, Benn bit a staff member while she was being put back in her room. Once there, she threw several objects at another staff member. The ordeal resulted in charges of assault and assault with a weapon. Hardiman remains resolved to find a way to have her daughter's issues addressed without involving law enforcement. On Sunday, Benn will be fingerprinted at the Lower Sackville RCMP station, and as part of that, Hardiman and the group People First Nova Scotia are organizing processions in five communities to highlight the issue. [Chronicle-Herald](#), A8

*** Murder suspect still at large**

A suspect in the murder of a 25-year-old man in Red Deer is still being sought by police. RCMP have had no luck in finding Adam William Lee Bird, also known as "Gwap," who is accused of killing Lloyd Robert Sarson, of no fixed address, on Jan. 1, 2013, in an alley in Eastview. Sarson died from gunshot wounds. Bird, who is from Manitoba, is believed to be associated with an organized crime group with ties in Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and British Columbia. Police are now offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to his arrest. [Red Deer Advocate](#), A4; [Edmonton Sun](#)

*** Standoff suspect faces 14 charges**

A man arrested after a New Year's Eve standoff with the RCMP now faces 14 criminal charges. Kristopher Glenn Harris, 33, appeared in Moncton provincial court with defence lawyer Hazen Brien yesterday. He had been facing two charges, including discharging a firearm while being reckless regarding public safety and threatening to cause the death of police officers. [Times & Transcript](#), A1

*** Man, 31, slain in Abbotsford was leader of Red Scorpions**

Police have confirmed that the man killed in an attack at an Abbotsford auto mall was Matthew Gordon Campbell, 31. Campbell was known to be the leader of the Red Scorpion gang. In a statement from the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team, Sgt. Adam MacIntosh said: "The male appeared to have suffered stab injuries and later died in hospital." Campbell, 31, was the victim of the attack just before 3:45 p.m. on Automall Drive. He was taken to hospital, where he died of his injuries. [Times Colonist](#), A5

*** Police remind public of Move-Over law**

With severe winter weather making for challenging road conditions recently, the New Brunswick RCMP are once again reminding motorists of the Move-Over law. The Move-Over law came into effect a year ago this month and is intended to protect the emergency responders who provide help on our roadways. The law requires people to slow down and move over for emergency vehicles, including police cars, fire fighting vehicles and ambulances. [Times & Transcript](#), A9

*** Vol d'armes à feu à Oromocto**

La GRC sollicite l'aide de la population dans une affaire de vol d'armes à feu dans une résidence d'Oromocto durant la période des Fêtes. Entre le 24 décembre et le 1er janvier, une ou des personnes se sont introduites par effraction dans une maison du chemin Miramichi, à Oromocto. On y a volé des bijoux, des appareils électroniques et six armes à feu, dont deux armes de poing. Selon les policiers, les armes étaient entreposées correctement et de façon sécuritaire. Le ou les voleurs se seraient donc enfuis avec un fusil de chasse Winchester de calibre 12 et un Ithaca de calibre 20. Une carabine Ithaca de calibre .22 et une Savage de calibre .308 ont aussi été volées. Les deux armes de poing sont de marque Para et de calibre .45. [L'Acadie Nouvelle](#), 7

*** Charges in shotgun attack**

Mounties paint a horrifying picture of an attempted murder in Warner as they name a suspect still on the loose. RCMP allege the man who unloaded a shotgun into a home where two people were asleep and unaware was aiming at the bed and only narrowly missed his targets. Investigators from Milk River, Lethbridge and Calgary were brought in following the incident, which occurred in the early morning hours of Dec. 28. Nobody was hurt but police do not have the man they believe responsible in custody. Kenneth Wallage is wanted on two charges of attempted murder. [Calgary Sun](#), 12

*** Dettah, N.W.T. man charged after New Year's incident**

A Dettah, N.W.T., man is facing an assault charge after an incident early on New Year's Day. Shortly before 6 a.m. on Jan. 1, Yellowknife RCMP were called to a residence in Dettah for a complaint involving firearms. The RCMP's Emergency Response Team responded and after several hours, the suspect surrendered to police. [CBC News](#)

*** Lost Scouts found on Grey Mountain**

A search and rescue team found two Washington state Boy Scouts lost on Red Mountain in the Kootenays in good health on Friday. RCMP say the two 16-year-olds were reported overdue by resort officials Thursday afternoon after they failed to return from a day of skiing. Rossland Search and Rescue volunteers located tracks they believed belonged to the pair on the back side of Grey Mountain, a new 405-hectare ski area that opened this season. [Vancouver Sun](#), A6

*** RCMP need help to find missing man**

Red Deer RCMP are asking the public for help in locating a missing man. Lincoln Capel, 28, was last seen in downtown Red Deer. He has been missing for approximately 10 days, police say. [Red Deer Advocate](#), A4

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Khadr fills prison time with education

In his small prison cell, Omar Khadr pored over his Grade 11 algebra last fall, tackled his first Shakespearean play - King Lear - and researched an essay on nuclear disarmament. With no computer access at the maximum-security Edmonton Institution, he wrote his homework in longhand. The unusual student, held by the U.S. for more than 10 years in the notorious Guantanamo Bay military prison, scored high marks on his exams and is determined to get his high school diploma, says the team of professors from King's University College providing lessons twice a week at "the Max." In December, Khadr passed with honours two Grade 11 exams, mathematics and social studies, and will write an English exam before a transfer to the minimum-security Bowden Institution, expected any time. [Calgary Herald](#), A9 (Edmonton Journal)

Calgary: Man appeals abuse conviction, status

A man found guilty of torturing his former roommate has appealed both his conviction and his dangerous offender designation. Dustin Paxton, 33, was declared a high risk to offend last month and given an indeterminate prison sentence. Court of Queen's Bench Justice Sheilah Martin declared Paxton a threat to public safety, adding he has shown indifference to his crimes. Chronicle-Herald, A12

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

*** Chiefs urge shale gas talks**

The Assembly of First Nations' Chiefs in New Brunswick is urging government-to-government talks to deal with resource development on lands within the traditional territories of aboriginal people. With relations still strained by last year's violent demonstrations in Kent County over shale gas exploration, there are calls from all sides for meaningful consultations to involve First Nations people in decisions about natural resource development. On Friday, the assembly said that previous meetings, often set up by the shale gas company SWN Resources Canada, are not sufficient and that a new approach is needed. Telegraph-Journal, A1

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF ASHLEY SMITH / ENQUÊTE SUR LA MORT D'ASHLEY SMITH

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Telus loses court fight over Ottawa's wireless loophole

Telus Corp. lost a key legal battle with the federal government over its policies to stimulate more competition in the \$20-billion wireless market. The Federal Court dismissed Telus's request for a judicial review of a government decision to limit the amount of "prime" spectrum that big carriers are allowed to buy in this month's auction of the 700 megahertz frequency. The Vancouver-based telco was also ordered to pay Ottawa the costs of pursuing its legal action, dealing a blow to the company's efforts to close what it claims is one of three "loopholes" in federal wireless policies. Justice Cecily Strickland's decision comes less than two weeks before the start of bidding in the 700 MHz auction, and follows months of acrimonious relations between Ottawa and the Big Three wireless carriers. The spectrum auction, which begins Jan. 14, is considered a defining event for the wireless industry because it will shape the competitive landscape for decades. Spectrum refers to the publicly owned radio waves that carriers use to provide cellphone service. This particular frequency is especially valuable because of its ability to travel long distances, penetrate buildings and carry wireless data to smartphone users. Globe and Mail, B1

INTERNATIONAL

Is sochi safe from terrorists?

Russian president Vladimir Putin has vowed to annihilate terrorists following twin attacks in Volgograd this week. "We will strongly and decisively continue the battle against terrorists until their total annihilation," he said in a New Year's Eve address. Bombers detonated suicide vests at Volgograd's main railway station

on Sunday and on a packed commuter bus on Monday morning, killing 34, injuring more than 100 and raising fears over security for next month's Olympic Winter Games in Sochi. To protect the Games, the 6,000 athletes and the expected 140,000 visitors, Russian authorities are using drones, robots and a massive cyber surveillance system in an unprecedented security operation. The National Post's Michael Higgins analyzes the threats and the security for the XXII Olympic Winter Games. [National Post](#), A12

Lebanon detainee believed tied to bombings

DNA tests confirmed that a man in Lebanese custody is the suspected leader of an al-Qaida-linked group that has claimed responsibility for bombings across the Middle East, the Lebanese army said Friday. In a brief statement, the military said the tests established the detainee's identity as Majid al-Majid, a Saudi citizen and the commander of the Abdullah Azzam Brigades. Al-Majid is on Saudi Arabia's list of 85 most-wanted individuals, and the U.S. State Department has designated the group he leads a foreign terrorist organization. [Montreal Gazette](#), A20

U.S. OK'd Chinese F-35 parts

The Pentagon repeatedly waived laws banning Chinese-built components on U.S. weapons to keep the \$392-billion Lockheed Martin F-35 fighter program on track in 2012 and 2013, even as U.S. officials were voicing concern about China's espionage and military buildup. According to Pentagon documents, chief U.S. arms buyer Frank Kendall let two F-35 suppliers, Northrop Grumman and Honeywell International, use Chinese magnets for the new jet's radar system, landing gear and other hardware. Without the waivers, both companies could have faced sanctions for violating U.S. law and the F-35 program could have faced further delays. The Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, is examining three such cases involving the F-35, a next-generation fighter being developed for the U.S. and eight countries that helped fund its development: Britain, Canada, Australia, Italy, Norway, Turkey, Denmark and the Netherlands, the documents show. [London Free Press](#), B1

NSA seeks to build quantum computer that could crack most types of encryption

In room-size metal boxes -secure against electromagnetic leaks, the National Security Agency is racing to build a computer that could break nearly every kind of encryption used to protect banking, medical, business and government records around the world. According to documents provided by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, the effort to build "a cryptologically useful quantum computer" — a machine exponentially faster than classical computers — is part of a \$79.7 million research program titled "Penetrating Hard Targets." Much of the work is hosted under classified contracts at a laboratory in College Park, Md. The development of a quantum computer has long been a goal of many in the scientific community, with revolutionary implications for fields such as medicine as well as for the NSA's code-breaking mission. With such technology, all current forms of public key encryption would be broken, including those used on many secure Web sites as well as the type used to protect state secrets. [Washington Post](#)

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Feds take aim at terrorists - New anti-terrorism bill boosts pre-trial custody times, but cuts proof needed to arrest

Endorsing a terrorist attack would be made illegal under sweeping new legislation that also gives the government broad new detention powers. The Conservatives unveiled a bill Friday that would allow the government to jail someone for up to a week without charges, block suspected terrorists from boarding airplanes and "disrupt" possible security threats. The bill would also criminalize "advocacy or promotion of terrorism offences in general." Current laws give police the power to arrest people who call for a specific attack... The bill also redefines the mandate of CSIS, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. CSIS serves primarily as a spy agency that gathers intelligence on possible threats. The new bill would give the agency power to "disrupt" threats to security. The legislation does not spell out what actions CSIS could take but rather what it couldn't do - such as hurt or kill people. Officials said examples could include blocking financial transactions, banning a person from travelling, contacting a person to talk them out of a future attack or blocking communications between people. CSIS would have to have reasonable grounds to believe there was a threat to Canadian security before it could take action. **The Security Intelligence Review Committee would annually examine how CSIS was using its threat disruption mandate and report to the public safety minister.** [Chronicle-Herald](#), A12

Terror bill a 'call for action' - New legislation gives security officials greatly expanded powers

Sweeping new anti-terrorism legislation introduced by the federal government Friday would make it illegal to promote or advocate terrorism acts, a crime punishable by up to five years in prison. It would allow security officials to block websites, and government agencies to share citizens' personal information for the purposes of battling terrorism. And it would include placing people on a no-fly list if they planned to travel abroad to join groups such as the Islamic State (also known as ISIS or ISIL). The legislation, titled

the Anti-terrorism Act 2015, is the most dramatic package of new laws since the Anti-terrorism Act of 2001, passed in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against the United States... Harper said the bill will help police and security agencies combat terrorism, but added it would be unfair to give the impression that it would prevent all attacks. **"We will continue to do our best and we will continue to move forward with other measures as threats evolve." Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said the killing of a soldier in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que., and the shootings on Oct. 22 in Ottawa, in which Cpl. Nathan Cirillo was killed, showed the government it needed to act. "It was and still is a call for action," Blaney said. "We then said we would not overreact, but we would not underreact."** *Postmedia News* (Vancouver Sun, B1; Leader-Post; Star-Phoenix; Ottawa Citizen; Windsor Star; Montreal Gazette; Calgary Herald; Edmonton Journal)

Worries over civil liberties - Critics question whether new anti-terror laws will come at the expense of privacy and free speech

Canada's new anti-terrorism legislation creates sweeping new powers for the nation's security services, but it's not clear there will be equally robust oversight to protect privacy, free speech or civil liberties. Missing from the act, for instance, is a sunset clause for any of its provisions, though the Jean Chrétien Liberals put such a proviso in their anti-terrorism bill introduced after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Nor is there a mandatory review by a certain date - though this may yet be added when the bill goes to a parliamentary committee for review. Some question whether solidifying national security will come at the expense of civil liberties. "Countries that are free are also safer countries. Civil rights and public safety go hand-in-hand," NDP foreign affairs critic Paul Dewar said Friday. The government argues that existing civilian oversight bodies - at the spy agency CSIS, the cyber-spy agency CSE, and the RCMP - are adequate. **And the new law does require that the public safety minister regularly report to Parliament on how CSIS is using its new powers.** Prime Minister Stephen Harper also said on Friday that the government has worked protections into the bill to prevent erosion of civil liberties in the name of security. *Ottawa Citizen*, A8 (National Post)

Highlights from the bill

The Anti-Terrorism Act, introduced by Prime Minister Stephen Harper at a community centre in Richmond Hill on Friday, contains sweeping changes. Here are the highlights: **Spy games** Until now, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), has been allowed only to collect and analyze information about threats to the country, and advise the government about appropriate responses. Now, CSIS will be allowed to "disrupt" those threats, which could include espionage, sabotage, terrorism and what the government calls "domestic subversion." That could include anything from disrupting websites and social media accounts to intercepting goods and weapons... **Judges** will also be able to require a person to surrender his or her passport, and impose extra reporting requirements or electronic monitoring. **No-Fly list** The legislation would expand the no-fly list to prevent Canadians from heading overseas to join such terrorist groups as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Introduced in 2007, the list has until now applied only to those suspected of being a threat to the airplane they were boarding. **However, names on the list will have to be reviewed by the public safety minister every 90 days and the bill will give anyone denied transport the right within 60 days to write to the minister and ask to have their name removed.** *Postmedia News* (National Post, A4)

Anti-terror bill could disrupt fine balance

An opinion piece states "This is not a government that has inspired confidence in its respect for the democratic institutions of this country. The introduction of its new antiterror legislation is a case in point - the whole process happened hundreds of miles from Parliament during Question Period; much of the media briefing took place without the legislation being made available to journalists. Does it deserve to be given the benefit of the doubt when it introduces a dramatic extension of the surveillance powers of the state? The security services are the last line in our defences. Whether handing them enhanced powers will strengthen our democracy, as the prime minister maintains, will depend entirely on how they are used... **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BILL - No-Fly list** - The legislation would expand the no-fly list to prevent Canadians from heading overseas to join such terrorist groups as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Introduced in 2007, the list has until now applied only to those suspected of being a threat to the airplane they were boarding. **However, names on the list will have to be reviewed by the public safety minister every 90 days and the bill will give anyone denied transport the right within**

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Pas de la bonne télé

Une pièce d'opinion dit « Il aurait été bien plus efficace dans cette lutte au terrorisme au Canada d'augmenter les budgets des diverses agences qui mènent des enquêtes sur le terrain. C'est d'ailleurs exactement ce qu'elles réclament. Le commissaire de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada, Bob Paulson, souhaitait justement cela, récemment: plus de ressources. Ce diagnostic est partagé par les corps policiers. Et les demandes sans cesse croissantes auprès d'agences comme le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité, ou le Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications. Mais approuver une hausse de budget ne fait pas de la bonne télévision. Les caméras ne s'y intéressent pas, personne n'applaudit en arrière-plan, le premier ministre ne s'aurole pas du voile du bon père de famille protecteur de ses ouailles. En plus qu'augmenter les budgets donnent des maux de tête. Le ministre des Finances vient de reporter la date du budget parce que les revenus du fédéral sont en chute à cause de l'effondrement du prix du baril de pétrole. Le bon surplus que M. Harper avait déjà promis aux familles canadiennes, à la veille des élections, il est à peu près disparu. À ses yeux, ce n'est absolument pas le temps d'autoriser des dépenses supplémentaires... dont les Canadiens ne verront pas des bénéfices à court terme. Le Canada compte d'ailleurs sur une vaste brochette de lois antiterroristes qui ont été adoptées après le 11^e septembre 2001. **Il est ainsi particulièrement insignifiant d'entendre un ministre comme Steven Blaney de clamer, comme si la Terre avait été créée la veille, qu'«enfin le Canada a une loi antiterroriste». (Il a déjà celle de 2001, celle de 2002, celle de 2011, celles de 2013, celle de 2014.)** » [Le Droit](#), 18 (LaPresse.ca)

All parties campaigning and posturing

An opinion piece states “Between the lofty phrases about the crucial importance of security, Canadians deserved a warning: Your politicians are letting election campaigning get in the way. It wasn't just Stephen Harper unveiling security legislation at what looked like a political rally, and then, as the person most responsible for protecting Canadians' basic rights, blithely rejecting the suggestion that security measures must be balanced with civil liberties. There was also the Liberals, across the aisle in opposition, signalling even before they saw the legislation they'd pretty much vote for whatever the Conservatives proposed. Security, it seems, is a political winner, so that's presumably why Mr. Harper delivered this bill with chest-thumping, backed by a giant flag and introduced by two ministers, arguing that his Conservatives will take the necessary measures to confront jihadi terrorism, but other parties won't. Polls suggest most people want action, at home and abroad... **THREE PILLARS OF PROTECTION: RCMP NATIONAL SECURITY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS; CANADIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE; COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY ESTABLISHMENT; Mission Domestic law enforcement Threat reporting Collecting "foreign intelligence"; International counterpart U.S. FBI U.K. "MI5" U.S. NSA; Primary 'Client(s)' The criminal justice system Ministry of Public Safety CSIS, PCO, DND, DFATD, RCMP.**” [Globe and Mail](#), A4

Criminalizing speech is a mistake - Letting terrorists speak shows we're not afraid of them, writes Tyler Dawson

An editorial states “The federal government is scared of wannabe terrorists, despite all the tough talk to the contrary. This week, the Prime Minister's Office released the recent iteration of 24 Seven, a look into Stephen Harper's week, and ran a few minutes of the prime minister speaking about how Canadians won't be cowed in the face of terror. That's been the line used by Western leaders ever since the Jan. 7 attacks on the offices of Charlie Hebdo, the French satirical magazine that saw its staff slaughtered by gunmen. **On Jan. 10, Minister of Public Safety Steven Blaney was in Paris, and laid a wreath at the office of the dead cartoonists. Blaney, who was representing the Canadian government, said the attacks were an attack on freedom of expression. "We are resolved more than ever to stand up for those values that unite us," Blaney said.** But, on Jan. 30, Harper stood in front of reporters, members of Parliament, and the public, and spoke about the government's new anti-terrorism legislation, a bill that diminishes one of those 'values that unite us,' namely, freedom of speech. ‘When you are engaged in activities that specifically promote or advocate terrorism activities, that is a serious criminal offence ... we do not tolerate this in this country and anyone who engages in those activities is going to face the full

force of the law in the future,' Harper said. To ban support or advocacy for terrorism in general is to admit we're spooked." Ottawa Citizen, D9

Is segregation of prisoners torture or a 'necessary evil?'

Pressure is mounting on Canada's correctional service to stop isolating prisoners for long periods of time. Two lawsuits are challenging "administrative segregation" as unconstitutional. Several newspaper editorials have condemned the practice. The Correctional Service of Canada says it is looking to "reframe the thinking" of how segregation is used, but is scant on details. Douglas Quan of Postmedia News looks at why the practice is controversial and what alternatives might look like... Q. What is the government's response? A. In an emailed statement this week, Don Head, the commissioner of the correctional service, said the agency is developing an "enhanced model for segregation" to reduce the number and length of segregation placements, reframe the thinking about how segregation is used and strengthen oversight and decision-making. "The goal of the strategy is to reduce the reliance on segregation by creating better options and finding more viable alternatives for safe reintegration into the general population." **Outside experts will be consulted and options presented to the public safety minister by June, he said.** The statement was pretty much a rehash of what the agency said in December in its official response to recommendations stemming from the coroner's inquest into the high-profile death of Ashley Smith. Vancouver Sun, B2 (Star-Phoenix)

Robbery spurs call for bigger armoured truck crew

The union representing armoured truck workers said with six holdups in the span of a year in the Montreal region, it's time to seriously reconsider the wisdom of only having two people per truck. Two armoured truck employees and a janitor were tied up by armed intruders at a bank late Thursday, as they were handling money. The incident occurred at the RBC branch on Van Horne Ave. near Victoria Ave. about 10:50 p.m. The robbers surprised the building's janitor and tied him up. They then held up the two armoured truck employees and tied them up as well, Montreal Police Constable Jean-Pierre Brabant said. The armoured truck personnel were employees of Montreal-based private security giant GardaWorld. The union representing workers for that company says the firm is prioritizing profit over the security of its employees. "If they are doing it because it's cheaper to pay their insurance company than pay for an additional employee, they're on the wrong track," said Guy Vaillancourt, the vice-president of the Syndicat national de convoyeur(e)s de fonds. Vaillancourt said this is a national problem, **and he would like to see Federal Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney enact legislation to govern the industry of private security firms to make it compulsory for security firms to have three-person crews.** Montreal Gazette, A6; Journal de Montréal

Harsh spotlight shines on cabinet trio

An opinion piece states "If Stephen Harper were directing a Shakespearean play instead of a government, he would be looking at making it through opening night with the actors he initially cast as courtiers thrust at the last minute in the leading roles of Hamlet and Ophelia. The casting for the cabinet the prime minister designed at mid-mandate to take the Conservatives into next fall's campaign was based on a pre-election script that bears little resemblance to the one dictated by recent international and economic developments. As a result, the last sitting of the current Parliament finds the government's best performers confined to support or cameo roles in the House of Commons. The rising stars that the Conservatives would want to showcase in the lead-up to the fall election - in particular women - can do little more in question period than sit back and applaud on cue as some of their less communication-savvy colleagues struggle in front of the cameras. There are MPs who never shine more brightly in the House than when they are unrehearsed, and others whose political safety, along with that of their party, is best ensured when they are solidly anchored to preestablished lines of argument. **Finance Minister Joe Oliver, his national defence colleague Rob Nicholson and Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney all fall in the latter category.** Now, events have propelled the three of them in the harsh pre-election spotlight. That was not the scenario Harper and his strategists had in mind when Nicholson and Blaney were assigned their current portfolios in the summer of 2013." Toronto Star, A12

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Trois tempêtes en une semaine

Pas de répit pour les Néo-Brunswickois. Une troisième tempête hivernale en l'espace d'une semaine touchera la province au cours du week-end. Environnement Canada et l'Organisation des mesures d'urgence du Nouveau-Brunswick ont lancé vendredi des avertissements de tempête hivernale pour l'ensemble de la province. Environnement Canada prévoit des chutes de neige abondante dans le sud, le centre et l'est de la province et qualifie même de dangereuses les conditions hivernales prévues dans la région de Moncton et du Sud-Est du Nouveau-Brunswick. Jusqu'à 30 centimètres de neige sont prévus dans cette région, accompagnés de vents forts qui occasionneront probablement de la poudrière réduisant la visibilité... L'Organisation des mesures d'urgence du ministère de la Sécurité publique du Nouveau-Brunswick encourage les automobilistes à ne pas prendre la route jusqu'à ce que les conditions s'améliorent. L'Acadie Nouvelle, 4

Un deuxième cas de grippe aviaire confirmé en Colombie-Britannique – SANTÉ

Un homme de la Colombie-Britannique est officiellement devenu hier le deuxième Canadien à être déclaré positif au virus de la grippe aviaire H7N9, ont confirmé des responsables de la santé de la province. Son épouse avait été le premier cas confirmé. C'est le Laboratoire national de microbiologie de Winnipeg et le laboratoire provincial de la Colombie-Britannique qui ont confirmé le diagnostic. Le couple, qui n'est pas identifié, aurait contracté le virus lors d'un récent voyage en Chine. Les symptômes sont apparus après leur arrivée au Canada. Les deux personnes n'ont pas été hospitalisées et elles se remettent de leur maladie, a fait savoir l'Agence de la santé publique du Canada. L'Agence a indiqué que le risque pour les Canadiens de contracter le virus était très faible, puisqu'il ne se transmet pas facilement de personne à personne. Agence QMI (Journal de Montréal, 29); Presse canadienne (L'Acadie Nouvelle, 27)

Le vaccin contre la grippe a été inefficace cette année

Le vaccin administré au Canada cette année contre la grippe saisonnière a été inefficace. En fait, des données publiées vendredi révèlent que le taux d'efficacité de la campagne de vaccination a été de 0 % au Canada. Le vaccin n'a donc pas offert une protection assez importante pour réduire le nombre de consultations médicales. Ces résultats sont nettement inférieurs à ceux d'une étude américaine, publiés plus tôt ce mois-ci. L'étude américaine concluait que le vaccin avait réduit de 23 % les risques de contracter le virus et d'être assez malade pour consulter un médecin. Or, ce taux de réussite est déjà bien inférieur à celui habituellement atteint par un vaccin contre la grippe saisonnière, qui se situe entre 50 et 70 %. L'auteure de l'étude canadienne, la docteure Danuta Skowronski, explique que jusqu'ici cette année, la plupart des cas de grippe ont été causés par des virus de type H3N2 et que les vaccins protègent uniquement contre les souches B et H1N1 de l'influenza. Presse canadienne (L'Acadie Nouvelle, 3)

Quake may be linked to fracking - Regulator investigating Jan. 22 event

The Alberta Energy Regulator is investigating an earthquake near Fox Creek this month that may be linked to hydraulic fracturing. On Jan. 22, the AER confirmed a "seismic event" with a magnitude of 4.4 on the Richter scale about 33 kilometres west of Fox Creek, which is 260 km northwest of Edmonton. There were no surface impacts and no damage was reported, AER spokesman Peter Murchland said via email Friday. "Preliminary information indicates the event may be related to hydraulic fracturing operations in the area," Murchland said. "It is, however, impossible to state that it was not a naturally occurring event." Hydraulic fracturing involves injecting fluids at high pressure deep underground to cause fractures in rock formations, allowing oil and gas to flow through the cracks to the wellbore. The practice, commonly known as fracking, has been known to induce earthquakes. Edmonton Journal, A3

Quake readiness is serious business - Natural disasters: A megathrust temblor will come one day, and we in B.C. must be prepared

An opinion piece states "On Jan. 7, a magnitude-4.6 earthquake shook Vancouver Island, startling residents of the area but causing only minor damage. It was another reminder that B.C.'s coastline is part of a geological marvel, the Ring of Fire, a hotbed for seismic activity. But maybe the recent quake wasn't so insignificant after all. Last week, the Canadian media sounded the alarm on B.C.'s vulnerability to a much larger, damaging earthquake. Experts say that Vancouver Island has a one-in-10 chance of being hit with a megathrust earthquake in the next 50 years. Historically, megathrust quakes reach magnitudes

of around nine on the Richter scale. The 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and the 2011 quake that struck off Japan both fall in that category. It's hard to imagine this magnitude of quake occurring off the B.C. coast, but scientists confirm that it's just a matter of time. They just don't know precisely when, which makes it easy for the population at large to dismiss the odds and neglect to prepare. A lack of preparedness is occurring at several levels." Vancouver Sun, D4

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

* Jihadism 'an act of war'

Tough new anti-terror legislation in Canada would make it a crime to call for attacks and carves out larger roles for police and spies. The bill introduced by the Conservative government Friday would give spy agency Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) the ability to disrupt attacks by interfering with travel plans or communications, for example. In the past, CSIS has been limited to the collection of intelligence. The bill also would make it easier for police to make preventive arrests. "Jihadi terrorism as it is evolving is one of the most dangerous enemies our world has ever faced," Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who faces a general election in October, said at a news conference. "Violent jihadism is not a human right. It is an act of war." Responding to early critics, Harper said security and police agencies still would need judicial approval for preventive arrests or to disrupt potential attacks. "Canadians understand their freedom and their security go often hand in hand. They expect us to do both; we are doing both," he said. "We do not buy the argument that every time you protect Canadians, you somehow take away their liberties." QMI Agency (London Free Press, A1; Edmonton Sun; Ottawa Sun; Winnipeg Sun)

* Trying to deal with threats early on

Had it been in place earlier, the anti-terrorism legislation proposed on Friday might have prevented the attack that killed a soldier in Quebec last October. But it's unlikely it would have headed off the death of a soldier at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. The attacks on Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent on Oct. 20 in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, and on Cpl. Nathan Cirillo two days later in Ottawa, were among the reasons the government moved Friday to provide new tools and powers to security agencies, such as the ability to more easily detain potential terrorists, and the ability to hold them for longer periods of time in preventive detention. The man who killed Vincent in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Martin Rouleau-Couture, had been on the RCMP's radar over the summer when they noticed Facebook posts indicating he was becoming radicalized. Officials seized his passport, but didn't have grounds to charge him. Ottawa Citizen, A7

* Harper's next act: Give CSIS teeth - PM proposes dramatic boost to spy agency's powers in effort to defend against the 'great evil ... descending over our world'

Stephen Harper is proposing the most sweeping increase in power for Canadian security agencies since the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, including jail time for encouraging terrorism on the Internet, while playing down concerns over the impact on civil liberties. The new charge for advocating "the commission of terrorist offences in general" would carry penalties of up to five years in prison and is part of a package of anti-terror measures introduced Friday, which come as a response to the deadly attacks on soldiers last October that included a gunman storming Parliament. This Anti-Terrorism Act is igniting a national debate about the proper balance between freedom and security in Canada in the 21st century, including whether there is sufficient outside scrutiny of the law-enforcement agencies that are gaining new powers. The legislation would also grant Canada's spy agency, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the power to intervene and disrupt threats to national security, a major change from merely collecting intelligence and handing off the matter to the RCMP. Globe and Mail, A3

CSIS: A short history of Canada's spy agency - New law gives security service legal powers of enforcement

New powers for Canada's spy agency proposed in Friday's sweeping anti-terrorism bill would bring the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service closer to the disbanded law-enforcement agency it replaced three decades ago. At the moment, CSIS is a spy agency with no enforcement powers. When CSIS agents suspect criminal activity, they pass on their findings to the RCMP to investigate, and to lay charges if needed. The separation between spies and police came about in 1984, after a decade of

nefarious activities by the Mounties, who had run a separate intelligence branch since 1936. [Postmedia News](#) (Vancouver Sun, B3; Leader-Post; Calgary Herald)

Mesures déjà contestées - HARPER DÉPOSE SON PROJET DE LOI ANTITERRORISTE

Les nouvelles mesures antiterroristes du gouvernement Harper pourraient facilement dérapier, avertissent certains défenseurs des droits et libertés. «C'est épouvantable. Le projet de loi est en totale violation des droits fondamentaux», estime l'avocat criminaliste Patrick Davis sans mâcher ses mots. Et il n'est pas le seul. «Je suis d'accord sur le principe de vouloir protéger les citoyens avec des moyens efficaces, mais il ne faut pas que ça se fasse selon les caprices de l'agent», considère quant à lui Robert La Haye, un autre avocat criminaliste. Stephen Harper avait promis de renforcer les mesures de sécurité à la suite des attaques terroristes de Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu et d'Ottawa, en octobre dernier. Il a finalement déposé son projet de loi hier. «Ces mesures visent à cibler les actions qui menacent notre liberté, notre démocratie et nos traditions de tolérance», a indiqué M. Harper. [Journal de Québec](#), 6 (Journal de Montréal)

Spy service to get stronger counter-terror powers

Canada's spy agency could soon have the power to derail terrorist plots - not just gather and analyze information about them - as the government moves to confront radical threats with an array of new legal tools. Legislation tabled Friday would allow the Canadian Security Intelligence Service to thwart a suspected extremist's travel plans, disrupt bank transactions and covertly meddle with jihadist websites. The plan to boost the spy service's ability to counter terrorism flows from a review of fatal attacks on two Canadian soldiers last October - incidents the government believes were fuelled by Islamic extremism. The Conservatives say the new powers are needed to help keep Canadians safe in an increasingly dangerous world. [Canadian Press](#) (Waterloo Region Record, A3; Hamilton Spectator)

Plus de mordant contre la terreur

Le gouvernement Harper a présenté hier son très attendu projet de loi antiterrorisme, qui élargit les pouvoirs des services de renseignement et accorde une longue liste de nouveaux outils aux services policiers et au gouvernement pour combattre le terrorisme. Le projet de loi C-51, un document de plus de 60 pages, donne entre autres au Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) la possibilité d'agir lui-même pour contrer certaines menaces, plutôt que de devoir s'en remettre à d'autres organismes, comme la Gendarmerie royale du Canada. C-51 rend aussi plus facile l'imposition par les tribunaux de conditions à certains suspects, en plus de faire passer la détention préventive de trois à un maximum de sept jours afin de donner plus de temps aux autorités pour amasser des éléments de preuve pour pouvoir porter des accusations. [Le Soleil](#), 11

Could new terror laws have helped to rein in these homegrown extremists?

The new anti-terrorism legislation introduced Friday by Prime Minister Stephen Harper responds to some of the newest trends in terrorism practices and propaganda practised by the likes of the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq. But the new measures are also trying to fill gaps or weaknesses in Canadian laws that have been identified by spies and police on terrorism's front line. With the benefit of hindsight, here is how some of the proposed measures could have applied to recent Canadian cases of homegrown extremism. [Toronto Star](#), A19

Tools to fight 'Jihadist terrorism'

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says tougher laws are needed to stop terrorist plots. Among the changes proposed in Bill C-51: Sweeping new powers for CSIS to take "measures" within Canada and abroad to disrupt terror threats. Expanding the no-fly list to anyone suspected of travelling abroad to engage in terror activities. Removing legal barriers that block information sharing among government agencies, such as immigration officials passing along concerns about a passport holder's travel plans. New Criminal Code provisions that would allow court orders to remove terrorist propaganda, including from the Internet. Changes to criminalize the promotion of terrorism. [Toronto Star](#), A1

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Plus de pouvoirs au SCRS

Le projet de loi antiterroriste déposé hier donnera au Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) davantage de pouvoirs pour contrer les projets de voyage de présumés extrémistes, interrompre des transactions bancaires et intervenir secrètement sur des sites Web radicaux. Pour élaborer ce projet de loi, les conservateurs se sont appuyés sur une révision interne des attaques qui ont coûté la vie à deux soldats canadiens, en octobre, deux événements que le gouvernement estime liés à l'extrémisme islamique. Comme prévu, la loi permettrait également à la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) d'obtenir plus facilement un engagement à ne pas troubler l'ordre public afin de restreindre les déplacements d'un suspect. Elle allonge aussi la période permise pour les arrestations préventives et la détention. [Presse canadienne](#) (La Voix de l'Est, 14; L'Acadie Nouvelle)

Intelligence oversight body gets new member

Ian Holloway, dean of law at the University of Calgary, has been named as a member of the Security Intelligence Review Committee. The committee oversees the work of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. In making the appointment, Prime Minister Stephen Harper says Holloway brings a wealth of legal experience to the job. Holloway served 26 years in the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Australian Navy before his academic career. He was born in Halifax and grew up in New Brunswick and holds degrees from Dalhousie University, the University of California at Berkeley and the Australian National University. [Canadian Press](#) (Cape Breton Post, A10)

Faire la promotion du terrorisme devient une infraction criminelle - La formulation "préconiser et fomenter", non définie, pourrait poser problème, selon un spécialiste en sécurité

Le projet de loi C-51 déposé vendredi à la Chambre des communes instaure un tout nouveau type de crime au Canada : celui d'encourager le terrorisme par la parole et les écrits. Des spécialistes en droit s'interrogent déjà sur les dérapages qui pourraient survenir. Sera passible de cinq ans de prison quiconque, " sciemment, par la communication de déclarations, préconise ou fomente la perpétration d'infractions de terrorisme en général [...] sachant que la communication entraînera la perpétration de l'une de ces infractions ou sans se soucier du fait que la communication puisse ou non entraîner la perpétration de l'une de ces infractions ". Mais comment sera interprété cet article ? Un jeune dans son sous-sol qui relayerait, sur sa page Facebook ou son fil Twitter, un lien vers la vidéo d'un apologiste du djihadisme serait-il automatiquement destiné à la prison ? Le premier ministre Stephen Harper n'a pas écarté cette possibilité. [Le Devoir](#), A2

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*** FIVE FACTS ABOUT THE NEW ANTI-TERRORISM LEGISLATION**

The legislation flows from an internal federal review following fatal attacks last October on two Canadian soldiers - incidents the government believes were fuelled by Islamic extremism. On Oct. 22, Michael Zehaf Bibeau shot Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, an honour guard at the National War Memorial, before rushing into Parliament's Centre Block. Zehaf Bibeau was quickly shot dead. Two days earlier, Martin Couture-Rouleau fatally rammed Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent with a car in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que. After a chase, police shot and killed the knife-wielding assailant. Existing law requires a fear that someone "will commit" a terrorism offence before police can obtain a peace bond - a legal tool that can mean jail unless a suspect abides by strict conditions, for instance, limits on where they go and with whom they associate. Expect a lower threshold that gives authorities more flexibility. Look for the Secure Air Travel Act, a substantial reworking of Canada's no-fly list regime. Under the program in place since June 2007, airlines rely on a list of individuals considered "an immediate threat to civil aviation" should they board an aircraft. The retooled system would deny a boarding pass to anyone deemed to be a national security threat, even if there is no explicit plan to attack a plane. [Chronicle-Herald](#), A12

*** Calgary jihadists' mom decries legislation**

The Conservative government's anti-terror legislation is more political posturing than protective, the mother of a Calgary man killed fighting for an al-Qaida-linked group said Friday. The bill seems to score more political points than offering realistic curbs on recruiting by jihadist cells, Chris Boudreau said. "They've got an election year. They'll put everything in just to make themselves look good," Boudreau said. "It's an easy, quick fix to look like they're doing something." She said provisions clamping down on pro-terrorism propaganda appear ineffective in the face of an international Internet and will only "fuel the fire" of extremists while ignoring its roots and long-term solutions... But as for granting police more powers, Boudreau said CSIS is already using those it has to alienate Canadian families sharing her fate, who could be of help. "I've heard families complain about their approach -- it's destroying their credibility and instilling fear," said Boudreau, adding her approaches to the intelligence agency have been ignored. [Edmonton Sun](#), 30 (Calgary Sun)

*** Spy agency to become 'disruptive' influence**

Canada's lead spy agency, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, will gain some real cloak-and-dagger clout under the Conservatives' proposed Anti-terrorism Act. The government's sweeping package of anti-terror measures tabled in the House of Commons Friday would, among other things, give the organization broad powers to "disrupt threats to the security of Canada," including terrorism, espionage, sabotage, foreign-influenced activities, and domestic subversion. Bill C-51 would amend the 31-year-old CSIS Act to authorize agents to secure warrants to enter "any place or open or obtain access to anything, or install, maintain or remove any thing." It would also authorize the service to "do any other thing that is reasonably necessary to take those measures." What's more, the law would compel individuals and organizations, from landlords to telecoms, to abide by any CSIS request for assistance in carrying out the so-called "disruption techniques." "This allows them to do some pretty concrete measures," said Christian Leuprecht, a national security expert at Kingston's Royal Military College and Queen's University. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A8

*** Identifying the new face of terror - 'Lone wolf' attacks more difficult to prevent than sophisticated plots in Canada, security experts say**

There was no telling how or when he might hurt someone. In St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Martin Couture-Rouleau - a 25-year-old radicalized convert to Islam - chose the morning of Monday, Oct. 20, to plow his gold-beige 2000 Nissan Altima into two Canadian Armed Forces members. Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent, 53, died of his injuries the next day. Two days later, another radicalized convert, 32-year-old Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, picked 9:32 a.m. to shoot and kill Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, 24, a sentry at Ottawa's National War Memorial, before storming Parliament Hill. Both men acted alone, without the formal backing of a terrorist organization. And both men were from Quebec. (Couture-Rouleau seemed to be as pure laine as they come.) By all appearances, the suicidal attacks were unrelated. As Canadians reeled from the events, our police forces were wondering what, if anything, they could have done to prevent the killings. Young, radicalized lone operators who veer toward violence have raised new challenges for security forces around the world... On Friday, the Harper government announced an anti-terrorism bill that would, among other things, give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service the power to intervene to

disrupt terrorist activities. Since it was founded in 1984, CSIS has been a civilian agency that gathers intelligence, which it then hands off to the RCMP. But can such new measures, which also include increased powers to restrict the movements of suspected jihadists, actually stop a lone wolf hiding in plain sight? Montreal Gazette, B1

Law would give CSIS unnecessary authority

A column states "Stephen Harper's new anti-terror bill is tough, backward-looking and almost certainly unnecessary. Bill C-51 would allow a judge to impose up to a year of house arrest on someone who has neither been convicted nor charged with any crime. The judge could also require that the target wear an electronic bracelet. The only requirement in the bill, introduced Friday in the Commons, is that police produce satisfactory evidence this person "may" commit a terrorist offence. That's tough. Not as tough as the anti-terror laws of, say, Britain or North Korea. But in Canadian terms, tough. The bill would also authorize the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) to engage in illegal acts and so-called dirty tricks." Toronto Star, A19

Anti-Terror Blathering

An opinion piece states " There are many reasons to be appalled by the haphazard, overbearing and ill-defined provisions criminalizing the general promotion of terrorism that were presented by the federal Conservative government on Friday, but worst of all is the potential they have to actually increase the likelihood of radicalization and terrorism in Canada. Under the bill, those who encourage terrorist attacks (which are defined in many different ways) via signs, writing, audio or video recordings, or other visual representations could face up to five years in prison. The Conservatives haven't really explained the rationale yet, though it seems to come down to the assertion that, as Justice Minister Peter MacKay put it following the shootings here in Ottawa in October, projihadi media are 'poisoning young minds.'... And even if some minds do get "poisoned" to the point that they fire up some video editing software and make their own unique ISIL love letters - or even just share someone else's - is it worth it to send other potentially violent jihadis underground to snare a handful of disgruntled youngsters packing laptops? Don't you want these dopes pontificating on the Internet for law enforcement to see and track?" Ottawa Citizen, D9

Vast powers, scant scrutiny

An editorial states "Canadians have been rattled by the terror attacks on Parliament Hill and in Quebec, and by those in France and Australia. More than a few will give Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative government a conditional pass on the sweeping new anti-terror laws it has just introduced. Yet even supporters of tough measures may wonder just how radically we need to expand the security services' powers to keep the country safe from jihadist 'acts of war' and other terrorism. The new Anti-Terrorism Act 2015 goes very far indeed. And unlike the United States, Britain, France and other allies, Canada has no mechanism to let Parliament effectively scrutinize the activities of our increasingly powerful, ever-more-intrusive security services. With every new ratcheting-up of the terror laws, that absence of oversight is becoming increasingly hard to justify. Alex Neve of Amnesty International calls it a 'glaring and very troubling' gap." Toronto Star, IN6

*** Liberté et sécurité**

Une pièce d'opinion dit « Pour intensifier la lutte au terrorisme, le gouvernement Harper a déposé hier un projet de loi aux Communes. Celui-ci modifie notamment le mandat du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) et augmente considérablement ses pouvoirs. Celui-ci deviendra ainsi une véritable agence de renseignements avec des moyens d'intervention élargis. Est-ce que la sécurité sera pour autant relevée? Plusieurs observateurs en doutent. Le projet de loi a pour objectif de prévenir les attentats et de maîtriser ceux qui vantent les mérites du terrorisme. Il vise aussi à saboter les efforts de recrutement au Canada et à empêcher les sympathisants de quitter le pays... Tout n'est pas mauvais dans le projet de loi et quelques dispositions semblent justifiées. Pourtant, il va trop loin quand il fait du SCRS une véritable agence de renseignements. Ces créatures ont une forte propension à dépasser leurs limites à l'exemple de l'Agence nationale de la sécurité aux États-Unis. Il aura fallu un Edward Snowden pour dévoiler la réelle dimension du monstre. D'accord pour faire échec au terrorisme, mais en y

consacrant d'abord l'argent et les effectifs nécessaires, évitant ainsi de restreindre les libertés individuelles. » [La Tribune](#), 16

*** C-51 - Harper vise large**

Une pièce d'opinion « Le premier ministre Harper hausse de plusieurs crans sa lutte contre le terrorisme en territoire canadien. Forces de police et de renseignement obtiendront, avec le projet de loi C-51, de nouveaux pouvoirs. Trop ? Dans le débat à venir, le Parlement devra se demander si les droits et libertés n'en seront pas amoindris. Il est toujours difficile d'aborder la question des droits quand un gouvernement invoque la sécurité du pays pour justifier l'attribution de plus de pouvoirs aux forces de l'ordre. D'emblée, Stephen Harper récuse ici l'idée que ce projet de loi puisse menacer les droits des Canadiens. La menace à ses yeux vient du djihadisme, qui est 'l'ennemi le plus dangereux de notre monde'. A l'intention des députés d'opposition qui voudraient critiquer le projet de loi C-51, il rappelle que ce sont les djihadistes 'qui veulent nous enlever nos libertés'... Si sécurité et liberté vont de pair, comme le soutient Stephen Harper, tout est, par contre, affaire d'équilibre. Le projet de loi prévoit des mesures d'encadrement judiciaire des pouvoirs donnés à la GRC et au SCRS. Il faudra s'assurer qu'ils sont suffisants. Des mécanismes de contrôle parlementaires sont aussi nécessaires. La démocratie qu'on veut protéger exige une reddition de comptes publique. » [Le Devoir](#), B4

*** Terror bill needs work**

An opinion piece states "The Islamic State threat is real. The caliphate's adherents have committed attacks on Canadian soil. Radicals have gone to join the fight and continue to call for more attacks here. We need to be firm. Poll data shows most Canadians agree. We agree with most of the new anti-terrorism legislation, Bill C-51, put forward Friday. The Secure Air Travel Act allows for the 'denial of transportation to a person' along with 'the screening of a person before they enter a sterile area of an airport or board an aircraft.' If this measure can be employed in a way that singles out the bad apples the authorities have been watching, rather than just making everyone including Grandma take their shoes off, we're good with that. As long as there is strong adversarial review -- which is what the opposition and the courts will provide -- it's less likely those empowered will go overboard. A no-fly list should be reserved for the worst of the lot. Not something used arbitrarily." [Edmonton Sun](#), 14 (Ottawa Sun; Winnipeg Sun; Calgary Sun)

*** Terror law raises crucial concerns - Freedom threat?: Bill increases power of CSIS**

An opinion piece states "As the government tabled a sweeping new anti-terrorism bill in Parliament on Friday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper gave a strong speech in suburban Toronto, looking profoundly self-assured as he laid out the political case for the enormous change his government is making. We live in a dangerous new world and must deal with the urgent threat posed by 'violent jihadism,' Harper said, pointing to the two attacks of October as justification for these new powers. It seems wise to recall that we must take it on his word that they were, as they appear, planned terrorist attacks, since security officials have not reported on connections between the attackers and terror groups. Without access to the secret information that Harper and his officials have, it is difficult to assess the arguments for the necessity of these changes and impossible to counter them... All of this new spying is to be supervised only by the Security Intelligence Review Committee, since in 2012 the government got rid of the CSIS inspector general's office. It is hard to have much faith in SIRC, given that the government has not bothered to keep it fully staffed, and previously had an accused fraudster running it. The expansion of the Canadian secret national-security apparatus is inevitable. If Canadians are to have faith that these vast new powers are not abused by power-mad or incompetent spies, we must keep an eye on them. There is no good reason not to do so and it's worrying that this government doesn't see that." [Postmedia News](#) (Vancouver Sun, B1; Ottawa Citizen; Windsor Star)

*** Keeping Canada safe from terrorism**

An editorial states "The new anti-terrorism legislation unveiled Friday will strike many Canadians as reasonable given the threat at hand: CSIS will have new powers to interrupt suspected terrorist threats, to monitor suspects and stop them from leaving the country. No-fly lists will be expanded to include those suspected of wanting to commit terrorism abroad. Criteria under which police can obtain a peace bond will be relaxed, and time limits on preventive arrests and detention will be lengthened. There will be a new focus on eradicating 'terrorist propaganda.' Some of these measures make some sense, at least in terms of their motivations. A country at war with ISIS should obviously be at pains to prevent its citizens from

swelling their ranks... Ultimately, however, the legislation raises more questions than it answers - the most basic being, 'Why?' 'The plan to boost CSIS's ability to counter terrorist threats flows from a federal review of fatal attacks on two Canadian soldiers last October,' Postmedia News reports. We are assured the threat of similar attacks in future is significant. But in the case of the Parliament Hill attack, Canadians have not even been allowed to see the apparently revelatory videotaped manifesto the shooter left behind. They have not been allowed to see the CCTV footage of his attack on Centre Block. The threat to civil liberties may be minor, but that doesn't excuse the government from making a more compelling case for imposing it." National Post, A16

*** Not all proposed security reforms guarantee Canadians' safety**

An opinion piece states "The federal government promised a legislative response to the October attacks in Ottawa and Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que. What it tabled Friday is a selective overhaul of national security law. Some reforms seem sensible but others draw red or yellow lights. Privacy and freedom of expression appear to take significant hits, without assuring that Canadians will be safer. And the government continues to turn a blind eye to systemic failings in our national security accountability system. The new internal government information-sharing legislation blinks red. Critically, it paints national security broadly - including things like the 'economic and financial stability of Canada.' Much is left to be decided in regulations under the new act but once information is shared, it can be disclosed 'to any person, for any purpose,' open-textured language that makes any veteran of the Maher Arar saga cringe. Accountability is invoked in the preamble, but not established - a whole-of-government information-sharing regime is not matched by a renewed whole-of-government accountability mechanism. On the criminal side, the headline is a new offence of knowingly 'advocating or promoting' commission of 'terrorism offences in general' while knowing or being reckless about a terrorist offence that 'may be committed.' This is, at best, a "stale" yellow light - we simply do not know what these vaguely drafted offences means. The criminalization of advocating and promoting seems to go beyond the enormously expansive existing crimes relating to inciting and threatening, but it's unclear how far. We will find out after some lucky person says something that results in a prosecution. The law infringes on freedom of expression, but is it reasonable? Until then, speech will be chilled. We don't agree with extremist ranters, but chilling those rants won't make Canadians safer." Globe and Mail, A4

*** Let's try to avoid pantomime in anti-terror debate**

An opinion piece states "The braying from Parliament Hill over the government's antiterror plans is likely to obscure two inconvenient facts: All politicians want to prevent terrorist attacks on Canadian soil, and all politicians want to respect Canadians' civil liberties while tracking terrorists. Partisans are loathe to admit these facts because it hides the political truth: The opposition - and interest groups - will hammer the government's motive on the latter, while the government benches will challenge the opposition's motive over the former. And then, of course, there's reality; Canadians don't want pantomime, they want a measured and reasoned debate on terrorism - and how to prevent it. Canadians watched the carnage in Ottawa, Paris and Sydney. They've seen Canadian youth brandishing AK-47s. And they've heard the warnings from ISIL's unholy spokesmen that more attacks are on the way. They know we need to talk about terrorism. Why? Because Canada is at risk and we have 8-track terror legislation in what's become a streaming terror world." Ottawa Citizen, D1

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** Wrongly accused, Metro man collects millions from Ottawa - In 2010, Steven de Jaray was charged with exporting electronics that could help terrorists. By the time the charges were dropped in 2011, he had lost his company and reputation**

The federal government paid a financial settlement - reportedly one of the largest in Canadian history - to a former Vancouver businessman after accusing his Delta company of dealing in goods that could pose a threat to national security, and then abandoning the charges a year later. Steven de Jaray filed a civil lawsuit, claiming he lost millions in personal wealth after he was charged in 2010 with trying to export electronics that government officials said could be used in military weapons. De Jaray said the charges laid by the Canada Border Services Agency contributed to the collapse of his company and other business interests, before they were withdrawn in 2011. The government reached an out-of-court

settlement with de Jaray in 2013, he said. But he is prohibited from revealing the amount paid to him from Ottawa's taxpayer-funded coffers. However, CTV's W5, in an investigative segment that airs tonight, reports that de Jaray received the second-highest government settlement in Canadian history, estimated to be around \$10 million. [Vancouver Sun](#), A6 (National Post; Montreal Gazette)

*** Ils remplaçaient le tabac importé illégalement par du tabac moisi**

Des trafiquants de tabac qui profitaient du transit de leur produit au Canada pour le remplacer par du tabac moisi ont été arrêtés et accusés hier de complot et de contrebande. Cinq individus et deux compagnies sont poursuivis pour avoir été impliqués dans ce vaste réseau de contrebande de tabac qui est parvenu à introduire au pays près de neuf millions de cigarettes et plus de 40 000 kg de tabac en vrac. « Le tabac était en provenance des États-Unis et la destination finale devait être Haïti, a indiqué l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC) dans un communiqué. Or, pendant le transit au Canada, ils ont trafiqué le tabac pour exporter des marchandises de remplacement comme du tabac moisi et de la poussière de tabac ». Le produit qui avait été altéré était alors redirigé vers un entrepôt de Lachine afin d'être introduit en contrebande dans le marché canadien. [Agence QMI](#) (Journal de Montréal, 24)

*** Alleged war criminal fights deportation - Ontario man's 20-year case continues as he appeals revocation of his citizenship**

An elderly Kitchener-Waterloo developer facing deportation over his connection to a Nazi killing unit will appeal a recent Federal Court decision dismissing his application for a judicial review, his lawyer says. Helmut Oberlander, who is about 90, was seeking a review of a 2012 federal order-in-council stripping him of his citizenship. Oberlander and Ottawa have been in a legal battle over his status for 20 years, and the case could eventually make its way to the Supreme Court of Canada. His family says he has never been charged with any war crime by Ottawa and maintains he wasn't a Nazi. He is, however, on the 2014 Simon Wiesenthal Centre list of most-wanted Nazi war criminals. [Toronto Star](#), A2

*** U.S. citizen sentenced to time served on immigration charge**

A U.S. citizen of Albanian descent pleaded guilty to an immigration charge Friday in Dartmouth provincial court. Bledar Alex Batska, 38, was arrested at Halifax Stanfield International Airport on Oct. 13 after arriving on an Oct. 13 flight from Iceland. Batska was charged with violating the Immigration Refugee Protection Act by helping an Albanian man on the same flight try to enter Canada illegally... Both lawyers said Batska likely will be ruled inadmissible for entry into Canada and deported to the United States. [Chronicle-Herald](#), A9

*** Man With No Name blamed for detention - IRB Ruling**

A constitutional challenge by the Man With No Name to force his release from prison - where he has been kept for more than eight years because the government cannot be sure who he is - has been thwarted by his decades of lying and the government's continuing efforts to prove his identity. Canada's Immigration Refugee Board (IRB) rejected a broad challenge seeking to limit immigration detention in Canada to six months and dismissed claims; it also dismissed his argument his detention - with no end in sight - is "cruel and unusual treatment" and violates Canada's Charter of Rights Freedoms and international law. The Man With No Name now claims he is Michael Mvogo of Cameroon, but he was previously similarly adamant several other names were his true identity. Until Canada knows who he is and where he was born, the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) cannot deport him. Until he can be deported, the government is unwilling to release him. As revealed by the National Post, his incarceration has lasted eight years. [National Post](#), A11

*** Border guards put brakes on man's deception to devalue vehicle**

James W. MacMillan, 59, of Charlottetown has pleaded guilty to one count of making false or deceptive statements under the Customs Act. MacMillan was fined \$2,000 as well as a victim surcharge of \$600. He appeared in Woodstock provincial court on Jan. 28 after he was nabbed by the Canadian Border Services Agency. "When MacMillan arrived at the Woodstock border crossing on Aug. 8, he declared the purchase of a 1939 Ford Roadster for \$32,778," said Tom Critchlow, director of enforcement and intelligence operations division for the Atlantic region. "He was referred to secondary inspection, where it was determined the actual value of the vehicle was \$56,815." The Canadian Border Services Agency seized

the Roadster, which was released back to MacMillan once he paid the \$13,220 terms of release. [Daily Gleaner](#), A7

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

*** Hacking's history a window into cyber-crime**

Say you want to burgle a house. You could walk in through the front door, but that would work only until the owner wised up and made sure it was locked. You might then acquire tools to pick the lock, or glass cutters to get in through a window. Heck, you could cut a hole in the roof or tunnel into the basement. If, instead of a house, you were burgling a computer to steal its contents or just to mess up its mind, each of these break-in schemes - "exploits" - would have to be tried a first time: a "zero day" in cyber-speak. About 12 million exploits, created largely by criminal hackers, are uncovered annually, affecting tens of millions of computers and, typically, the credit cards of their owners. Most of these exploits are copies or variations of malicious software - also known as malware - that once was a unique and very rare zero day. (It is estimated that one zero day is captured for every one million malicious files.) In Countdown to Zero Day, award-winning writer Kim Zetter brilliantly explains the short history and astonishing evolution of hacking, cyber-spying and malware and of the legions - yes, legions - of agencies and enterprises engaged full-time and worldwide to secure computers from cyber-invasions. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), A1

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Costs of June 4 shootings and aftermath still being discussed

New Brunswick's minister of public safety says the door is certainly still open for the province to help the Codiac Regional Policing Authority with extraordinary costs incurred during a shooting rampage and its aftermath in Moncton last June. Sheila Lagacé, a department spokeswoman, clarified the matter after media reports appeared this week suggesting otherwise. The murder of three RCMP members and wounding of two other Mounties in north end Moncton resulted in one of the largest police operations in Canadian history to capture the killer, investigate the crimes and police the tri-community with replacement officers temporarily while many local RCMP members were stood down for mandatory counselling and debriefings. Local constables Fabrice Gevaudan, Dave Ross and Douglas Larche were killed, and constables Darlene Goguen and Éric Dubois were wounded. Moncton resident Justin Bourque was given five life sentences with no chance of parole for 75 years for his crimes at the end of October. While the human costs are well known, the fiscal cost of the events of June and beyond are still being calculated. However, it's been estimated to be in the millions of dollars. By way of comparison, the costs of policing during several months of protest against natural gas exploration in Kent County in 2013 cost an estimated \$9.5 million. [Times and Transcript](#), A11

A hit to the heart - Despite his notorious life, Canadian Mob boss Vito Rizzuto wasn't prepared when his eldest son, Nick, met a violent end

In their new book, Business or Blood, veteran Toronto Star reporter Peter Edwards and author Antonio Nicaso focus on Vito Rizzuto, once Canada's most powerful Canadian Mafia boss. Edwards, who specializes in organized crime and justice issues, and Nicaso, an expert on organized crime, chronicle the events leading up to Rizzuto's imprisonment in Colorado in 2006 and the unravelling of his empire. Rizzuto was agonizingly far from his Montreal home when he learned of the murder. Violent death was a fact of life in his world, no more out of place than the slaughter of chickens and cattle on a farm. Murder had been necessary for Vito's family to rise to power in Montreal's underworld, and murder helped them expand that power and make money beyond his ancestors' wildest dreams. And murder - three, in fact, that Vito had a hand in 28 years earlier - explained why he was stuck in a prison cell in the dusty former cowboy boom town of Florence, Colo., about an hour and a half south of Denver. That said, no murder that the mobster had ordered, witnessed or committed in his 63 years of life readied him for what the prison chaplain had come to tell him: this time, the bullet-scarred corpse was that of his own eldest child, Nick Rizzuto Jr. [Toronto Star](#), IN1

*** Un proche des Hells Angels trouvé mort**

Fidèle ami de l'ancien directeur général de la FTQ-Construction, Jocelyn Dupuis, et proche des Hells Angels, Ronald Beaulieu, alias Ronnie, a été trouvé mort dans son domicile de Blainville, hier en début d'après-midi. C'est un membre de la famille qui a contacté les policiers après avoir découvert le corps inanimé de Beaulieu, 59 ans, dans son lit. Les agents se sont rendus sur la rue Henri-Julien, près du boulevard Curé-Labelle, vers 12 h 30 et le décès a été constaté sur place. "Il s'agit d'une mort naturelle", a indiqué l'agent Stéphane Giguère de la police de Blainville. Agence QMI (Journal de Montréal, 15)

*** Jurors walked through DNA evidence - RCMP BIOLOGIST TESTIFIES ABOUT DNA PROCEDURES**

Jurors in the trial of an Innisfail financial advisor accused of killing a woman with a pipe bomb were walked through the DNA evidence in court on Friday. RCMP biologist Dr. Gregory Litzenberger testified about the scientific procedures used to identify profiles using mere parts of a nanogram (onemillionth of a gram) of DNA. An invisible sloughing of skin can be analyzed to determine its DNA profile and compare with other DNA samples taken during an investigation. A microscopic portion of DNA taken from a piece of paper at the scene of the explosion that killed Victoria Shachtay on Nov. 25, 2011 has been connected to Brian Malley. Malley, 57, of Innisfail is charged with first-degree murder and is on trial in Red Deer Court of Queen's Bench. Litzenberger said less than one nanogram of DNA was recovered from a piece of evidence including tape and a fragment of lined paper. Minute as that is, it was still enough to get an accurate result using RCMP standards. Red Deer Advocate, A3

*** Springhill cops' fate uncertain - RCMP to take over April 1 as town dissolves**

The countdown toward Springhill's dissolution is on, but members of the police service are still in the dark about what happens when the clock strikes zero. "It's before us, it's on the boards and we're out of here March 31," said Dean Ruddick, acting chief of the town police force. "We have a lot of people who are waiting patiently, meeting with the human resource people and trying to get things going from that end, but right now there has been no offer in place for any of them." Town council voted in March 2014 to dissolve the town and apply to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for absorption into the Cumberland County municipality. After debates and hearings, the board ruled earlier this month that the town of 3,600 should be dissolved and become part of the Cumberland municipality as of April 1. Town council voted later in March 2014 to disband the police service, which had existed in some form since 1889. Contractually, the town had to give the police department 12 months notice before terminating services. The RCMP will take over policing in Springhill as of April 1, with eight members and an administrative assistant occupying the same space in the town hall building that the 23 full- and part-time town police staff work out of. Chronicle-Herald, A8

*** Serial heist arrest in Grande Prairie**

Alberta cops have nabbed the suspect in a string of bank robberies spanning three western provinces. The man was arrested by RCMP around 2:30 p.m. Friday at a Grande Prairie motel. An employee, who asked not to be identified, said the man had been staying at the motel for two nights. "He was actually a very nice fellow, very nice. You just don't know," the employee said. The man, of no fixed address, is a suspect in nine bank heists in B.C., Alberta and Saskatchewan since Dec. 1. RCMP are to release more details about the suspect, including his name and charges, on Monday. QMI Agency (Calgary Sun, 16)

*** Mountie charged with assault in domestic incident**

A Fort Saskatchewan Mountie is facing one count of assault. RCMP Const. Brendon Plamondon was charged Jan. 16 with one count of common assault after an on-duty incident on April 2, 2014. Insp. Gibson Glavin, with RCMP K-Division in Edmonton, said the incident in question involved a domestic complaint in Fort Saskatchewan. "It was a public complaint that the member was responding to that ended up bringing him in contact, ultimately, with the person (a female) that it's alleged that he assaulted," Glavin said. As a result of the charges, Plamondon has been suspended from duty with pay. "His suspension will remain until such time that there is an outcome for this criminal charge," Glavin said. "Ongoing, at the same time, will be an internal investigation into his actions." Plamondon is to make his first appearance on the matter in Fort Saskatchewan Provincial Court on Feb. 19th. Edmonton Sun, 23

*** RCMP request city police probe incident**

RCMP officials have asked the Saskatoon city police to investigate an incident in which a single shot was fired by a 56-year-old man who was later found dead at a rural home near Grandora on Wednesday. RCMP officers were at the rural property to execute a search warrant related to an ongoing investigation around 4:30 p.m. Wednesday when they saw smoke coming from the home, according to an RCMP news release issued Friday. Officers entered the house and a firearm was discharged by the lone male occupant, the release said, noting the gun was not an RCMP weapon. The officers were forced to leave the home due to excessive smoke. The gunshot "changed the course of the initial investigation," the release stated. "Immediately after the incident was reported to RCMP senior management, the RCMP requested the Saskatoon Police Service to conduct an independent, external investigation into the circumstances surrounding the search warrant and death of the 56-year-old male." [Star-Phoenix](#), A8

*** Fatal police shooting probed**

The Independent Investigations Office of B.C. is investigating a fatal police shooting on Thursday evening in Castlegar. The RCMP says officers were responding to a driving complaint on Highway 3 in the city when a man was shot by officers during an attempted traffic stop. The man was taken to hospital in the West Kootenay community, but he did not survive his injuries. The IIO says a team of five investigators including a forensic specialist were on their way to Castlegar on Friday. The man's name and age have not yet been released. [Vancouver Sun](#), A12

*** Fort Saskatchewan Mountie charged with assault**

A Fort Saskatchewan RCMP officer has been charged with assault in relation to an on-duty incident that occurred last year. The RCMP charged one of their own, Const. Brendon Plamondon, on Jan. 16 with one count of common assault. He is scheduled to make his first court appearance in Fort Saskatchewan on Feb. 19. Plamondon was responding to a noise complaint somewhere outdoors in the City of Fort Saskatchewan when the assault occurred on April 2, said RCMP spokesman Insp. Gibson Glavin Friday morning. The victim of the assault was a woman. "We were advised by the Crown on Jan. 5 of this year that there was sufficient evidence to support a charge of assault," he said. Glavin did not know how long Plamondon has been with the RCMP nor his age. [Edmonton Journal](#), A6

*** Shale gas protester accused media of lying**

Tyson Peters knows he screwed up during the shale gas protests of 2013. He knows he shouldn't have punched a police officer in the face or seized more than a million dollar's worth of equipment from journalists. But at the time, he thought he was doing the right thing. He thought he was standing up for aboriginal people and the environment. "I thought we were just done, I thought my native people were done," said the 25-year-old Elsipogtog man in Moncton provincial court on Friday. "I heard so many lies, I thought what I was doing was right. Now look where I'm standing. I'm so sorry for the people I scared." Peters said he regrets the crimes he committed during his community's battle against shale gas exploration in New Brunswick. [Times and Transcript](#), A3

*** Fire this rogue cop**

An opinion piece states "In the absence of clear reasons for his decision, it's impossible to welcome Superior Court Justice Brian O'Marra's lifting of a jail term imposed on a police officer who used excessive force against a G20 demonstrator. Toronto Const. Babak Andalib-Goortani was sentenced to 45 days behind bars in December 2013 after being convicted of assault with a weapon while arresting Adam Nobody as he protested at Queen's Park in June 2010. We hailed that sentence as a fair and appropriate sanction. And we still feel the same way. Andalib-Goortani was immediately granted bail in 2013, pending an appeal. And his appeal hearing concluded on Thursday with O'Marra upholding the earlier guilty verdict, but changing the punishment to a year of probation and 75 hours of community service. This seems overly lenient in light of Andalib-Goortani's offence. Video footage of the assault shows a group of police officers kicking and beating Nobody. Andalib-Goortani, the only one who was identified, struck Nobody several times with a baton even after the protester had been restrained... Whether he goes to jail or not, Andalib-Goortani has been found guilty of assaulting a citizen by two different judges. He doesn't belong in uniform." [Toronto Star](#), IN6

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Security systems fail during power outage - JOYCEVILLE INSTITUTION

Inmates and staff at the minimum-security portion of Joyceville Institution were left in the dark for six hours Thursday because a backup generator that normally supplies emergency power was not connected. On Friday morning, a correctional service officer, who spoke to the Whig-Standard on condition of anonymity, said none of the security systems at the prison that rely on electricity were working during the power failure. "None of the doors were alarmed, none of the windows were alarmed," he said. "Anybody could have walked away from that place and we would never have known about it."... The power outage was due to hydro crews replacing a damaged pole. About half of the affected customers had their power restored by midnight, but power did not come back to the remaining 1,300, including the two prisons, until 3 a.m. Friday. Robert Finucan, Ontario regional president for the union of Canadian Correctional officers, said he had not been informed of the power outage until the Whig-Standard contacted him for comment. [Whig-Standard](#), A1

*** Corrections Canada to hire community chaplains - Department plans to open 27 part-time positions working with former inmates**

After three years of cuts, the Correctional Service of Canada says it is now looking for new community chaplains to work with former inmates. The department told the Star this week it will be hiring 27 part-time positions in 21 cities across Canada. The one-year contract positions have the option of being renewed until 2020. The surprise decision comes a week after the Star wrote about how federal government cuts to community chaplains resulted in the loss of dozens of part-time positions, with many chaplains opting to work for free so that they could continue helping parolees who needed guidance. In explaining the hires, CSC spokeswoman Sharon Pieris said in an email that chaplains contribute to "spiritual and religious growth and provide an essential link between the reintegrating offender and their community." The department, however, said it would end federal funding for a sex-offender rehabilitation program called Circles of Support and Accountability. CSC confirmed in an email that funding for that program ends March 2015. [Toronto Star](#), A13

*** Sentencing postponed for blast plotter**

Much to his chagrin, the sentencing of a Calgary man who plotted a "cataclysmic" attack on the city's Veteran's Affairs offices was delayed Friday. Defence counsel Tonii Roulston said Glen Gieschen, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, had hoped his hearing would have proceeded. But Crown prosecutor Doug Simpson asked that the hearing be delayed, since a forensic psychiatric report ordered by the court had just arrived. Simpson told provincial court Judge Sean Dunnigan he needed time to review the assessment by Dr. Ken Hashman before determining his position on an appropriate sentence. "Mr. Gieschen's very anxious (to proceed) his family's present," Roulston told Dunnigan, before stating she wasn't opposed to the delay. Outside court, Roulston explained Gieschen was hoping to be sentenced so he could begin his term in a federal penitentiary, rather than being held at the Calgary Remand Centre. [Calgary Sun](#), 16

*** Quebec prison has one inmate**

A halfway house that cost taxpayers \$2.1 million and is in a remote part of Quebec currently holds just a single resident. The Kapatakan Gilles Jourdain facility in the lower north shore of Quebec, about 1,600 km northeast of Montreal, which cost \$1.9 million to build, opened in March 2013. Since then, it has been home to only 12 residents total, despite having 20 beds available and an annual operating cost of \$680,000. Eighteen of those beds are reserved for the provincial correctional services and two for federal prisoners. [QMI Agency](#) (Ottawa Sun, 9)

*** Legere out of super-max prison**

The co-author of two books on serial killer Allan Legere says Corrections Canada made a big mistake in transferring Allan Legere from a super-maximum-security special-handling unit to a regular maximum-security prison. "My reaction is shock," author, journalist and former Miramichi resident Rick MacLean said Thursday. "I can't believe it. His whole idea is that he wants to escape." Legere was convicted of killing five people in the Miramichi area in the 1980s. After being imprisoned at Renous for his first murder, he escaped in 1989 during a trip to a Moncton hospital for treatment for a feigned illness. While free he killed four more times during a spree that kept the province, particularly Miramichiers, on

tenterhooks during a manhunt that lasted 201 days. MacLean says Legere, now 66, was recently transferred from the special-handling unit in Ste-Anne-des-Plaines, Que., to the Edmonton Institution, near the Alberta capital. Corrections Canada says it doesn't comment on specific prisoners because of privacy laws. It would not confirm that Legere has been transferred or comment on why he might be considered for a lower-security prison. [Times and Transcript](#) (Telegraph-Journal, A1)

*** Khadr hopes to study at King's University - Prisoner plans to live with his lawyer, integrate into community, documents say**

Omar Khadr will be offered a place at King's University as a mature student and he will receive help from several agencies and citizens to integrate into the community, according to documents filed in court Friday for a bail hearing. In his affidavit, Khadr, 28, sets out his hopes to stay in Edmonton, study at King's, join an interfaith community and play some pickup games of soccer in the neighbourhood if he is released on bail this spring. Khadr will live at the home of his lawyer Dennis Edney "as part of the family" - and will keep in touch with his mother and siblings in Scarborough, Ont., by phone, according to the documents. "I look forward to taking part in family activities and to helping out with chores and other household activities," says the Khadr affidavit. The King's offer letter is part of a community reintegration plan submitted by Khadr's Edmonton lawyers, Edney and Nate Whiting, in the application for bail March 24-25. Khadr is seeking release while he is appealing in U.S. courts five terrorism convictions set out in an October 2010 plea bargain at the contentious military commission in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. [Edmonton Journal](#), A7

Omar Khadr should be free on bail

An editorial states "The mere mention of the name Omar Khadr makes Canadians hot under the collar. A majority believe he is an irredeemable terrorist who should be left to rot in prison. A sizable minority see him as a child soldier, a minor who has been tortured and deprived of his right to justice in the 13 years since the battle in Afghanistan in which he threw a grenade that killed one U.S. soldier - a medic - and wounded another. He was 15 at the time, brainwashed by his western-hating family. Severely wounded, he was detained in Guantanamo Bay for 10 years before his transfer to an Alberta prison in 2012. Now 28, Khadr is back in the headlines with plans to seek bail pending disposition of his appeal in the U.S. against his controversial conviction for war crimes. Khadr pleaded guilty in 2010 to charges of murder in violation of the rules of war and was given another eight years, but later said pleading guilty was his only way out of Guantanamo, because he faced life in jail even if he was acquitted. The federal government has been criticized by the Supreme Court of Canada for contributing to Khadr's detention and treatment at Guantanamo that violated basic Canadian standards... Khadr is as entitled to justice as any other Canadian. But while our justice system will determine if he should be granted bail, common sense dictates public safety should remain the priority. He should be granted bail." [Calgary Herald](#), A21

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

*** National chief points to need to work together**

This is the first in a four-part series on Canada's aboriginal people and issues. "Canada wasn't just founded by two nations, the French and English. First Nations opened their doors to our brothers and sisters when they came across the water." This is a pointed reminder from Perry Bellegarde, newly elected national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, that Canada's indigenous people want to be considered equal partners in the growth of this nation. They are the fastest growing segment of the Canadian population, and as Bellegarde says bluntly, "It makes sense to invest in them." Bellegarde was elected in December by chiefs from across Canada and represents the almost one million First Nations citizens in this country. He takes over at what is arguably a historic tipping point for aboriginal issues in Canada. Last year saw a landmark Supreme Court ruling on treaty rights, nationwide protests over development on aboriginal lands, outrage over the number of missing and murdered aboriginal women in this country, and a failed attempt to create a new First Nations education system. [London Free Press](#), E2

*** We have failed aboriginal women - B.C.'s healing-centre debacle is a too-common example of political ineptitude**

An opinion piece states "Each week, it seems, another plea is made for a national inquiry into the hundreds of missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls in Canada. Only a thorough investigation into the root causes of this dreadful dilemma will provide policymakers with solutions, the thinking goes. Why do so many young aboriginal women end up on the streets of this country, making themselves vulnerable to predators? Who is responsible for the often appalling sense of self-worth that many of these teenaged girls possess - a self-esteem so low they believe life in an alleyway or rancid hotel room is somehow what they deserve? In British Columbia, the stories of how the provincial government and First Nations leadership have failed young aboriginal girls are unending. And if you want to understand some of the factors responsible for the missing-women phenomenon, you need look no further than the depressing tales of abuse and neglect exposed over the years by the province's Representative for Children and Youth, Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond. In Friday's *Globe and Mail*, reporter Wendy Stueck revealed yet another example of government and native leadership failing young aboriginal women. In 2010, the B.C. government provided more than \$5-million to help launch and fund a native healing and wellness centre in Chilliwack. It was a function of the province's mostly disastrous policy decision in 2001 to hand over more child-welfare authority and care to First Nations. In a recent report, Ms. Turpel-Lafond showed how nearly \$66-million of government funding was sent to native child-welfare agencies over the course of a dozen years, with precious few children benefiting from a dollar of it." *Globe and Mail*, A8

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

Victoire pour les fonctionnaires

Les dirigeants des syndicats du secteur public fédéral ont salué hier comme une «grande victoire» le jugement de la Cour suprême du Canada qui a déclaré invalidant la loi empêchant les employés du secteur public de la Saskatchewan de faire la grève. Le jugement viendrait remettre en question la loi C-4 adoptée par le gouvernement conservateur et limitant le droit de grève des employés de la fonction publique fédérale. Selon la présidente de l'Institut professionnel de la fonction publique du Canada (IPFPC), Debi Daviau, le jugement rendu en faveur des fonctionnaires de la Saskatchewan vient remettre en question la loi C-4 adoptée par le gouvernement conservateur limitant le droit de grève des employés de la fonction publique fédérale. *Le Droit*, 22; *Ottawa Citizen*

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Weighty measures What Canada's allies are doing to combat terrorism

FRANCE - Last fall, the French government tightened its anti-terrorism legislation because of concerns about the growing number of nationals joining radical causes at home and abroad. Measures included: Banning travel for anyone believed to be travelling to join a terrorist group abroad.; Creating new offences and new punishments for terrorists believed to be acting alone.; Empowering authorities to block websites that "glorify terrorism" without the intervention of a judge... AUSTRALIA In September 2014, security agencies claimed to have foiled a plot by Islamic extremists to carry out executions in Sydney and Brisbane. The Australian government said it was an example of a growing threat to the country from Islamic radicals affiliated with the ongoing conflicts in Syria and Iraq. In response, a suite of new laws was introduced last fall, including the following: Making it a crime to advocate terrorism. Sentencing those who travel overseas to engage in hostile activities to life in prison. Making it a crime to travel to or stay in an area designated as being of "terrorist activity," with some exceptions for family visits and other legitimate travel. *Canadian Press* (Toronto Star, A18)

Gun seizures at airports set record

It seems Americans can't stop packing heat when packing for a trip. The U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) seized a record 2,212 firearms from carry-on luggage last year, CNN reported.

That's an average of six guns a day, and a 22 per cent increase from the 1,813 seized in 2013. A full 83 per cent of the seized guns were loaded. Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport confiscated the most weapons, at 120, followed by Atlanta at 109 and Phoenix with 78. The TSA also found more than 1,400 gun parts, fake firearms, stun guns and other "dangerous objects" in carry-on bags, CNN said. [Calgary Herald](#), E2

Keep calm and march on - Why we shouldn't overreact to violent extremism

An opinion piece states "In the more than three weeks that have passed since the murder of more than a dozen people in Paris - cartoonists, policemen, customers at a Jewish grocery store - a number of European countries have called for new countermeasures to fight terrorism. The French Prime Minister announced a whole raft of policies. The British want databases to monitor travel in and out of Europe. At emergency meetings, European officials have discussed what one British paper called a 'new era of travel surveillance.' But before any of these plans is adopted, it's important first to ask a different question: Did the Charlie Hebdo murders really represent something new?... Europeans need effective policing and counterintelligence. Perhaps they need more money or more staff, but the institutions to foster those things already exist. I recently heard a British security official recite a long list of terror plots that had been blocked. Belgian police foiled another one on Jan. 16. Occasionally, inevitably, officials will miss one. This isn't surprising, as the actions of extremists are, by definition, difficult to predict: The people who carry out these attacks are not only ideologues but also suicidal sociopaths. Nevertheless, the chances of being killed by a terrorist bomb remain less than the chances of being hit by a car while crossing the street. In the end, terrorism works only if it creates terror. An overreaction is precisely what the jihadis want. We should deny that to them by resuming ordinary life as soon as possible." [National Post](#), A19

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MINISTER / MINISTRE

Tories rebuff calls for greater oversight of CSIS

Ottawa is rejecting calls for parliamentary oversight of the nation's spies, dismissing such increased scrutiny as "needless red tape." Conservatives on Sunday defended their controversial new anti-terrorism legislation, which has faced criticism for massively expanding the powers of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service without added public oversight. **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** argued the Security Intelligence Review Committee, a five-member body that investigates complaints against CSIS, is enough. **"We can be very proud of what they are doing,"** he said about SIRC on CTV's Question Period. "Anything additional would be just duplication." The anti-terrorism legislation, which was unveiled Friday, would give CSIS the right to disrupt terrorist activity, such as by pulling suspected terrorists off planes or messing with their bank accounts. A judge would have to sign off on such actions ahead of time. The legislation would also make it easier to arrest people for promoting terrorism. Critics say there are not enough checks on these new powers. They are calling on the government to mandate direct scrutiny from the House of Commons by, for example, having a committee of MPs oversee CSIS. [The Glove and Mail](#), A1

Stephen Harper's anti-terror bill has notable omissions

An editorial states... "Stephen Harper, in word and deed, has told Canadians that his war on terror is a never-ending race between a government which will become ever more intrusive in the name of protecting the population and terrorists who will forever be searching for new means of evading detection. Bad things will still happen, the prime minister tells us, nothing is foolproof and nothing will drop a bubble of protection over the Canadian population. All of this may be true, but limiting himself to a view that things will be always thus in our "war" with jihadist extremism means Harper's anti-terror law is strictly reactive, not proactive. This will likely be a political winner for the prime minister, but he chose to do

nothing to reach out to those fearful of a step-by-step erosion of civil liberties, he chose not to take one simple step to make his case, he has decided to put his legislation in place in perpetuity and he has given short shrift to any effort to turn the tide against homegrown radicalization. Talk of dealing with root causes in our current political climate invites ridicule from the government, but Harper could have emphasized there were two prongs to his strategy. He chose not to. There is a program, under the watch of **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney**, meant to combat radicalization roots at home and we are told that more money could be available for the program. But the government made no mention of that last Friday." [Toronto Star](#), A6

Feds listening to concerns about terror bill

The Government of Canada is listening. Not just clandestinely for potential terror threats but it has also turned an ear to concerns expressed by Canadians about Friday's counter-terrorism Bill C-51 announcement. That said, **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** told the Toronto Sun Sunday what he is hearing at the street level is different than what's in the media. **"People are telling me it's about time,"** said **Blaney**. **"They were saying, 'Why was some of this not already happening?'"** He attended an event in his Lévis-Bellechasse riding Saturday where "150 people at the town hall were all applauding and shouting out 'Here, here.'" **Blaney** said "the mayor leaned over and whispered to me 'Did you hear that reaction?'" **Blaney** was buoyed by the reaction. Since Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced tough new measures to combat terrorists or another terror attack on Canadian soil, he has noticed the luke warm media response. However, **Blaney** says "people (are) saying, 'Do what you have got to do.'" Harper, as well as Justice Minister Peter MacKay and Associate Defence Minister Julian Fantino - who were also in Richmond Hill for the announcement - understand the worry about privacy and civil liberties. Thanks to sweeping new tools, authorities will be able to detain suspects without a charge or place people of interest on a no-fly list. There will also be more sharing of personal information between law enforcement agencies. [QMI Agency](#) (Ottawa Sun, Toronto Sun, Edmonton Sun)

La famille Turk rencontre un agent d'Immigration Canada, les enfants retournent à l'école

La situation de la famille pourrait s'améliorer avec une intervention du ministre canadien de l'Immigration, Chris Alexander. Dans une lettre envoyée à la ministre de l'Immigration, de la Diversité et de l'Inclusion du Québec, Kathleen Weil, la députée provinciale d'Iberville, Claire Samson lui demande d'intervenir auprès de son collègue au fédéral, afin que M. Alexander ordonne un sursis administratif dans le dossier. Maksuni Oerde, ami et interprète de la famille, demandera lui aussi un sursis à l'exécution de la décision, indique M. Ouellette, afin que la famille soit en mesure de faire des démarches d'aspect humanitaire. Autre chemin qui sera emprunté: les proches demanderont qu'un certificat de sélection du Québec soit attribué aux Turk. Les frères et soeurs de Kamber sont prêts à se porter garants de la petite famille et à offrir aux adultes un emploi dans l'un ou l'autre des restaurants familiaux. Selon le curé Ouellette, le maire de Rougemont, Alain Brière, souhaiterait rencontrer **le ministre de la Sécurité publique Steven Blaney**, qu'il a déjà rencontré dans un autre contexte il y a plusieurs mois. [La Presse](#) (La Voix de l'Est)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

*** Metro pounded by weekend storm**

The final day of January put Metro Moncton to the test as the region was pounded by nature yet again. The second major winter storm to hit the Maritimes in less than a week dropped significant amounts of snow, blown around by gusting winds. By the time it moved out Saturday night (though those pesky winds stuck around) another 25 cm (9.8 inches) or so of the white stuff was left on the ground, on top of the 52 cm (20.5 inches) that fell during the 48-hour blizzard earlier this week. Now that there's another storm - this time a blizzard - hurtling its way towards us, Don Williams, a weekend supervisor at Moncton's public works garage, said there's just no time to haul some of the mass amounts of snow away before this afternoon. [Telegraph-Journal](#), A3

*** Blizzard to strike most of New Brunswick today**

With only a day of recovery after Saturday's storm, New Brunswick is about to get hit with another one. A Monday blizzard warning was issued by Environment Canada yesterday afternoon for most of the province, with remaining regions being advised to watch the forecast for winter storm updates. The snow

will begin in the southwest around noon today, spreading through the rest of the province in the afternoon. As with the past two storms last week, which together hammered some regions with 80 cm (31.5 inches) or more of snow, strong northeast winds will accompany the storm, making for blowing snow and whiteout conditions on Monday night. Total snowfall amounts of up to 40 cm (15.7 inches) are expected, particularly in the southern half of the province. The storm will die down early tomorrow morning. [Times & Transcript](#), A4; [Telegraph-Journal](#); [Chronicle-Herald](#)

*** More nasty weather in store for province**

Blizzard conditions will plague Islanders again this week. Environment Canada issued a winter storm warning in effect for overnight Monday going into Tuesday, with total snowfall amounts of 20 to 40 cm. The weather agency said it appears snow will develop over the province late in the day today and become heavy tonight. Strong winds will develop tonight, giving reduced visibilities in blowing snow. Prince County is expected to get the worst of the storm, with blizzard conditions forecasted to begin Monday night. A low-pressure system will approach the Maritimes today and cross eastern Nova Scotia on Tuesday. Snow will change to ice pellets and freezing rain across eastern counties overnight and may become rain by dawn Tuesday. Precipitation will change back to snow later Tuesday morning and taper to flurries later in the day as the low moves away. **Public Safety Canada** also encouraged individuals to make an emergency plan and have an emergency kit with drinking water, food, medicine, a first-aid kit and a flashlight. [The Guardian](#), A3

*** Toronto weather: Winter storm slams GTA, other parts of Ontario**

A winter storm that started bringing snow and freezing temperatures to areas of Ontario including the Greater Toronto Area yesterday is making it difficult for commuters this morning. Environment Canada's Sunday storm warning remains in effect, and the federal weather agency warns that "in addition to the heavy snow, strong and gusty winds have reduced visibilities to 500 metres or less" on roads and highways. The snow battering the GTA is part of a larger system currently hovering over southern Ontario. The regions from Sarnia towards Hamilton could see the most snowfall, with about 25 to 35 centimetres total expected. Winds of up to 70 km/h are blowing in the Niagara Region, creating "near-blizzard conditions" along the lake shore and escarpment. In the GTA, snow is expected to fall until around noon, with a total of 15 to 20 centimetres in the forecast. That snow will be accompanied by freezing temperatures that could make it feel like -26 throughout the morning. [CBC.ca](#); [TheStar.com](#); [Hamilton Spectator](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

*** Taking passports will sow more fear, risk, woman warns**

New federal legislation intended to crack down on homegrown jihadis will sow more fear and increase the risk of domestic terrorism, says a Calgary mother whose son was killed after joining extremist fighters abroad. "If you pull a passport away from somebody, then what?" asked Christianne Boudreau, whose son Damian Clairmont was killed while fighting for the Islamic State last year. "What kind of counselling and structure are you putting in place for them and the families involved? You're just going to leave the whole family hanging and trying to deal with it. It's going to create more problems here." The Conservatives' Bill C-51 will expand the role of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), giving it more police-like powers. The bill will also give police the ability to detain would-be jihadis for up to seven days. It also proposes to expand a no-fly list. Tabled Friday, the bill has raised eyebrows among civil liberties advocates, particularly for its attempts to criminalize terrorist propaganda; the measure would be similar to laws that restrict materials that support or advocate terrorism in France and the U.K. These newer measures present a far more aggressive tone than the one struck by local police agencies. Calgary has witnessed a spate of local young men leaving the country to join fighting abroad: the RCMP and the Calgary Police Service have tried to curb the trend by identifying those who may be at risk and encouraging them back into mainstream society by co-ordinating with local mosques and Muslim leaders. [Postmedia](#) (National Post, A5, Calgary Herald), [Journal de Montreal](#)

***Terror bill concerns privacy commish**

Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien says he is concerned that the government's new anti-terror bill does not respect the privacy rights of Canadians. Bill C-51 proposes to lower the threshold of what's required for police to make an arrest in a terror case. Previously an arrest could be made only if a terror act "will be" carried out, but C-51 would allow police to arrest a suspect if an attack "may be" about to happen. It would also broadly expand the powers of Canada's spy agency, CSIS, to "counter-message" or "disrupt" terrorist web-sites, Twitter accounts and the like. "This Act would seemingly allow departments and agencies to share the personal information of all individuals, including ordinary Canadians who may not be suspected of terrorist activities, for the purpose of detecting and identifying new security threats," Therrien said. "It is not clear that this would be a proportional measure that respects the privacy rights of Canadians." Therrien said Canadians want to be safe, but they also care profoundly about their privacy rights. "They also want government to be more transparent on the activities they undertake in the name of national security and they want to know why these are necessary," he said. [QMI Agency](#) (Kingston Whig-Standard, B1, London Free Press), [The Globe and Mail](#), [Winnipeg Free Press](#)

Ham-fisted terrorism bill cries out for repair

An opinion piece states... "Glorification of terrorism, as explained by government officials who provided background briefings on the new anti-terrorism bill tabled in Parliament Friday, will specifically not be criminalized. Praising an act of terrorism shall be OK; encouraging others to commit such acts won't. So go ahead and glorify, as many Palestinians - for instance - did after the World Trade Center towers fell on 9/11. That's an expression of free speech that must be tolerated as a basic civil liberty. As - another for instance - is newspaper commentary that has spent the last 13-plus years arguing a moral equivalency between "one man's terrorism" and crimes of imperial might, or the tactical exploits unleashed by terrorists fighting an asymmetrical war against a conventional military. Polemical bollocks, of course, but, rightly, protected free speech. You should, and must, be able to babble mendaciously. Democracies secure the right to be profoundly wrong and provocative. There's no point in defending free speech only when one agrees with the content - a debate that gained added vigour in the aftermath of the Charlie Hebdo attack last months, though many a fine line was tippytoed by media executives who said one thing but did another." [Toronto Star](#), A2

***Parliament begins review of new national security legislation**

An opinion piece states... "Parliament has begun its review of the new national security legislation tabled by the Government of Canada in an effort to curb the nefarious activities of lone-wolf terrorists, among other things. The usual debates on the efficacy and ethical conundrums of such legislation and the tools and tactics it allows law enforcement officers to utilize will likely emerge. There is often willingness from the general public to cede some civil liberties, including privacy, in periods of heightened security. Here in Canada, public safety and national security are again, top of mind. A recent poll by Abacus Data shows that 18 per cent of Canadians list public safety and terrorism as one of their top three issues. In March 2014, the poll showed only four per cent responding this way. As we enter another period of global instability, Western, liberal-democracies, must strive to reshape the security-civil liberties dichotomy. This is ever so relevant here in Canada as the memory of our Parliament and Canadian Forces members being attacked by assailants, motivated by the hateful propaganda produced by ISIS, is fresh. This is exacerbated by the recent attacks at the offices of Charlie Hebdo magazine in France. At the heart of solving the security-civil liberties dichotomy is technology. Unfortunately, much of the global skepticism in government and law enforcements' respect for civil liberties is perceived to be technologically-driven. However, the data unveiled by Snowden and Wikileaks is not an indictment of technology or technological capability." [Hill Times](#)

***Baird: Terrorism is our 'great struggle'**

Canada's foreign minister called terrorism "the great struggle of our generation" during a visit to Boston Saturday." And no nation is somehow immune to that," John Baird said at a press conference attended by John Kerry and Mexican Foreign Secretary Jose Antonio Meade." Sadly, this great city knows the impact of terrorism far too well, as does my hometown of Ottawa," Baird said, referring to the twin bombings at the finish line of the Boston Marathon on April 15, 2013 and the Oct. 22, 2014 attack on Parliament Hill. "I was truly grateful that John came up to Ottawa within days of the October attacks to show his solidarity with the Canadian people and to pay his respects. We all have to do what we can to stop the cancer of

terrorism," Baird said. [QMI Agency](#) (Toronto Sun, 55, Winnipeg Sun, Edmonton Sun, Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun, London Free Press)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Man fined for undervaluing classic car at border crossing

A 59-year-old Charlottetown man has been fined for lying about the value of a classic car that he declared at the border in Woodstock, Ont. A provincial court judge in Woodstock Wednesday fined James W. MacMillan \$2,000 for making "false or deceptive statements" under the Customs Act. He was also ordered to pay a \$600 victim surcharge. When MacMillan arrived at the Woodstock border crossing on Aug. 8, 2014, he declared the purchase of a 1939 Ford Roadster for \$32,778. He was referred to secondary inspection where it was determined that the actual value of the vehicle was \$56,815. The Canada Border Services Agency seized the roadster, which was released back to MacMillan once he paid the \$13,220 terms of release. "People who undervalue vehicles in order to avoid paying taxes should be aware they can face severe penalties," says Tom Critchlow, CBSA's director of enforcement and intelligence operations division for the Atlantic region. [Charlottetown Guardian](#), A3

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

*** Cyber security 'has its own costs, namely reputation and liability'**

The growing prevalence of cyber risk in the corporate world has breached the walls of Canada's boardrooms, with directors as likely to see their company's data as a ticking time bomb as much as an asset. With a single hack attack, a company can see its damage control costs spin out of control and its customer goodwill shattered. It could devastate company morale, put the company at risk of lawsuits and shear a company's stock price. More than 3,000 companies in the United States were victims of a cyber attack last year, including a litany of high profile corporate security breaches at Target Corp., Home Depot Inc., Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc. and Wall Street giant JPMorgan Chase Co., costing in total an estimated US\$445-billion. Given the rising number of cyber violations, it's not surprising there have been numerous class-action lawsuits filed in the U.S. from stakeholders for breach of fiduciary duty, including a case against Sony over a hacking incident involved the alleged theft and release of social security numbers and other personal data, while electronic commerce giant eBay Inc. is facing a class-action suit launched in July 2014 by 125 million customers whose personal data was breached early last year. [National Post](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Saskatchewan RCMP investigating wrong-number call about snowmobile crash

Mounties and citizens are searching the trails around a northern Saskatchewan community after a woman got a wrong-number phone call from someone who claimed she crashed her snowmobile. RCMP say the caller told the woman on Saturday that she was trying to reach her grandmother, Katherine Pierce, to say she had run into a tree while riding with her sister about six or seven kilometres from Carrot River. The caller said her name was Cassandra, but there's no last name. She told the woman she was disoriented and couldn't remember her grandmother's phone number. The number she called from was blocked and police say they haven't been able to trace it. Staff Sgt. Chad McLeod says investigators have tried to find the grandmother but haven't had any success. "They've tried to find 'Katherine Pierce' in the Carrot River or Nipawin areas and there's nobody, and that just adds to the mystery," McLeod said. [Canadian Press](#) (Red Deer Advocate, C4, National Post)

Simpson homicide probe 'advances'

Police were back in Fort Simpson last week hoping to dig up more clues as the year-old Billy Cholo murder investigation continues. Police said in a news release they were returning as the investigation into his murder "advances." Officers with the major crimes unit of the RCMP from Yellowknife came to the village for several days using an unmanned aerial vehicle, commonly called a drone, to revisit the scene

from above where his remains were found. The officers also hoped to speak with witnesses to the crime. RCMP Const. Elenore Sturko said police know there are witnesses in the community who could come forward. An avid outdoorsman, the 45-year-old was reported missing in December 2013. Cholo's remains were found by an RCMP officer inside a gazebo beside the Fort Simpson health centre Jan. 9, 2014. Initially called a sudden death, police said after an autopsy that his death was a homicide, although they have not said what caused that determination or revealed how Cholo died. Late last year, after police appealed to the public for information about the case, Cholo's uncle Edward Cholo said there are people in the community who know what happened. "Following our last public appeal we received very helpful information," stated RCMP Cpl. Jason Hurley of the major crimes unit in a news release. [NWT News/North](#)

Pair injured in animal attack

A pipeline worker suffered non life-threatening injuries after being attacked by a cougar near Grande Prairie. The man was attacked at about 3 p.m. Friday in a forested area 90 kilometres south of Grande Prairie. A co-worker also sustained injuries when he rushed to help the man. The workers called 911, and RCMP arrived and shot the cougar near the scene of the attack. Alberta Justice spokesman Dan Laville said in an email Saturday that Fish and Wildlife officers are investigating the attack. They are using DNA analysis to confirm the cougar shot by RCMP is the same predator that attacked the worker. Photos posted Saturday to the Western Canadian Pipeliners Facebook page show the snowy area where the workers were attacked, with an RCMP truck on scene. [Postmedia News](#) (Calgary Herald, A10, Leader-Post, Edmonton Journal)

Baby rescued but mother dies in frigid B.C. river

The mayor of Courtenay says the town is reeling after a young mother and her baby were pulled from the frigid Puntledge River on Friday. "It is very upsetting and the community is in shock," Mayor Larry Jangula said Sunday. The 26-year-old woman died shortly after being pulled from the river. Her seven-month-old son remains in critical condition in B.C. Children's Hospital in Vancouver. He was airlifted to the hospital shortly after a dramatic rescue from the fast-moving Puntledge River. Mr. Jangula said the incident remains puzzling because they have not had any problems before with hikers slipping into the river in that spot. "That area is used a lot and there has never been a problem," he said. Comox Valley RCMP said the unidentified woman died shortly after being pulled from the mountain-fed river. "Our heartfelt sympathies go out to this family," RCMP Staff Sgt. Kevin Mazur said in a statement Saturday. "Based on the evidence and information we have gathered so far, there is no indication that any third party was involved in the pair entering the water," he said. RCMP have yet to determine how the young mother and her baby ended up in the river. [Canadian Press](#) (National Post, A6, The Province)

Pan Am Games costing you plenty

The budget presentation came late in the afternoon and the natives were indeed restless. The city's director of strategic planning and implementation for the 2015 Pan Am Games, Tobias Novogrodsky, gave a thorough rundown last Thursday to the budget committee of the capital and operating impact of the games on Toronto - costs which are hardly chump change. Seeing as all of the \$92.8-million in operating expenses needed to plan, provide services and host parties and events during this summer's games are buried in the individual budgets of the nine city departments and agencies involved, I thought councillors would want to hear who is doing what... Let's start with Toronto Police Services, which have submitted a budget of \$64.9-million, all covered by the province as we were reminded several times at budget committee last week (see note about One Taxpayer above). According to a report to the Jan. 21 Police Services Board meeting, the Toronto Police Service Pan Am Games Planning team is hard at work planning for the games' operational phase (June 24-Aug. 21) - to provide "consistent staffing at Athletes Village" and to ensure that "mobile squads" are available to respond quickly to "emerging situations." There will also be a Traffic Team that will ensure the 63 kilometres of Games Route Network (including the 33 kilometres of HOV lanes) under the TPS jurisdiction will be patrolled for enforcement and compliance, as well as enhanced response to clear the lanes, if necessary. [Toronto Sun](#)

Thanks for addressing downtown crime

An opinion piece states, "I want to say thank you to our mayor, RCMP and the powers that be at City Hall for addressing the crime in downtown Red Deer. There is an instant difference to be felt in a dangerous

neighborhood. Today I saw two uniformed police officers (hats and all) on foot patrol in the alley behind the St. Luke's Church. Thank you so much to all involved ... maybe we can park our vehicles now and find them in the same condition we left them in overnight, or walk to the corner store without the risk of getting jumped, and worry about our children a little less. The tax increase is well spent - many of us would lose it in insurance deductibles otherwise. I know you hear the negatives before you receive positive feedback, but for what its worth: thank you!" [Red Deer Advocate](#), A4

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

*** Life terms without parole should stay relatively rare in Canada**

An opinion piece states, "It's the federal Conservative government's mission to make sure Canada's worst offenders spend the rest of their lives in prison. Since Stephen Harper became Prime Minister in 2006, his government's tough on crime agenda has included the elimination of the 'faint hope clause,' which allowed people serving life sentences a chance to apply for early parole. It has also included the legislation allowing consecutive periods of parole ineligibility for multiple murderers. That was used on Mountie killer Justin Bourque, who pleaded guilty to three counts of first-degree murder. Before this legislation, Mr. Bourque would have received life with no chance at parole for 25 years. Instead, he received 25 years for each murder, totalling 75 years before he can apply for parole. Now the feds have another move coming up. Before the summer, legislation will be introduced, denying any chance of parole to the worst offenders. And all these changes are on top of the dangerous offender law, which allows a judge to incarcerate a person indefinitely if they meet certain criteria. Federal ministers have said the latest proposed legislation will be aimed at criminals who commit serious and violent crimes in a repetitive manner, such as multiple murderers or people who sexually abuse children. (...) Those who would argue life in prison with no chance of parole is cruel and unusual, no matter the crime, believe it's inhumane to take away a person's hope. As long as they have some hope, they have a reason to keep living." [Times & Transcript](#), A9

Inmate dies

An elderly inmate died at the Dorchester Penitentiary on Thursday. Garnet Cole, 82, was serving a sentence of 12 years for sex crimes when he died at the institutional hospital, the prison announced in a news release on Friday. Cole was sentenced March 28, 2013, for rape, indecent assault, sexual assault and sexual interference with a girl under 14. The inmate's next of kin have been notified of his death. [Times & Transcript](#), A3

*** Notorious Grollier Hall sex offender gets full parole**

A man who abused young boys in residential schools in Inuvik and Saskatchewan is out of prison after serving just 10 months of a three-year sentence. Paul Mary Leroux was sentenced for eight counts of indecent assault and two counts of gross indecency on Dec. 12, 2013. He committed the crimes against eight young boys, ranging in age from 11 to 15 years old, during his time as staff at the Beauval Indian Residential School in Saskatchewan, between 1959 and 1967. Leroux is known to many residential school survivors in the Northwest Territories. In 1998, he was convicted of three counts of indecent assault, attempted buggery (sodomy), attempted indecent assault and nine counts of gross indecency. He committed those crimes at Grollier Hall, Inuvik's notorious Catholic student residence, between 1967 and 1979, while working as a supervisor there. His victims were teens, aged 13 to 19. After serving only three years of a 10-year sentence in a federal penitentiary for his offences in Inuvik, Leroux was released on full parole before facing the Saskatchewan charges. Now 74, Leroux is out again. Patrick Storey, spokesperson for the Parole Board of Canada, confirmed Leroux was granted full parole on Dec. 30. He was previously granted day parole on Sept. 25, fewer than 10 months into his three-year prison sentence. Storey was unable to disclose where Leroux is currently serving his parole. Sahtu MLA Norman Yakeleya, who is also the former executive director of the Grollier Hall Healing Circle, says Leroux's early release raises questions about the justice system. [NWT News/North](#)

*** Finding right balance on crime**

Re: Still fighting shadows, Editorial Jan. 29 Jailing people like Messrs Bernardo, Pickton, Bourque and Olson indefinitely is hardly tough justice. Equating all serious offenders with these men is not sensible

either. Jailing innocent accused for two years before trial wastes valuable jail space and is patently unjust. Jailing people for possession of drugs is likely a waste of taxpayers' money. Perhaps Canadians should decide how many jail cells it needs and then start taking whatever measures are necessary to reserve these valuable spaces for the most deserving offenders. Better treatment of mental disease, attention to the needs of aboriginal communities, ensuring prompt trials for all accused, and removing those convicted of drug possession from our jails would quickly leave us with a surplus of empty jail cells and unemployed jailers, at which time it might be worth considering tougher penalties for the relatively few truly malignant criminals among us. [Toronto Star](#)

*** Prison supposed to be tough**

A letter to the editor states, "Many of the same people who whine about tax increases want to use that money to make prisons less prison-like (Abusive, unrestricted segregation of inmates, Editorial, Jan. 26). Perhaps they forget why people are there in the first place. They are not the victims; before one winds up in a Canadian jail, there are usually many honest citizens who have been victimized. If a few inmates can't handle the rigours of being incarcerated, is it incumbent on society to divert tax dollars from other programs to make them more comfortable? Prison is for those who prey on others. Many would argue that the only beneficiaries of restorative-justice programs are the people paid to listen to inmates - who will say just about anything to help them get out earlier. People who are in prison do not need more high-priced social workers to listen to them. They need to be made aware that victimizing others is why they are there and that society won't tolerate that." [Winnipeg Free Press](#), A8

*** Enfin**

Un article d'opinion déclare « Les jours défilent avec la constance du métronome, souvent conduits par la main de politiques grossières et ignorantes, sans scrupules, béates de leurs triomphes à courte vue et qui se juxtaposent tristement, selon des lignes serpentine, sur un horizon de déconvenues. Un grand portrait de nous est en train de se dessiner sans nous. Au quotidien, on ne le voit pas toujours bien. Il faut prendre le temps de se retourner, de regarder derrière, d'envisager les fragments dans la continuité de ce qui va à demain, pourquoi pas en commençant par observer cette semaine passée. (...) Cinquième tableau, présenté cette fois du côté de la rivière des Outaouais. Faute de la peine de mort, la prison à vie est désormais envisagée comme son supplétif. Qu'il existe déjà dans notre système des modulations pour établir des distinctions entre les tueurs en série, les délinquants dangereux et les criminels d'autres types, les conservateurs n'en ont que faire : ferme, la prison le sera pour tous. L'Université de Montréal et le King's College de Londres reconfirment pourtant que les psychopathes -- 20 % de la population carcérale -- ne réagissent pas aux punitions. Peu importe : pour soulager les poids qui pèsent sur le monde social, les populistes préfèrent les raisonnements légers. » [Le Devoir](#), A3

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

How court 'silos' can prove fatal

A decade-long refusal to share information between family courts and criminal courts is putting domestic violence victims at risk, with deadly consequences. The two court systems operate as "separate silos," with different databases, filing cabinets and timelines, which has led to judges imposing contradictory court orders on families, say experts and the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee. Lack of communication between the two courts has been flagged to the government as a serious problem since as early as 2004, the Star has found. Julie Craven is one victim who was caught between the two judicial systems. She paid the ultimate price: the murder of her only child at the hands of her abusive ex-husband during a court-ordered visit. (...) Domestic violence victims like Craven are still getting "lost in a maze of uncoordinated court proceedings," said Dr. Peter Jaffe, of the University of Western Ontario's centre for research and education on violence against women. "The family court and the criminal court have to get their act together," Jaffe said. A spokesperson for Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur said she "respectfully declined" an interview with the Star to discuss this issue. [Toronto Star](#), A1

*** Toward a successful day for all Canadians**

An opinion piece by retired judge Ted Hughes states, "There are reasons why aboriginal children are taken into the care of welfare agencies in grossly disproportionate numbers. That is a Canadawide trend.

In the past year in Manitoba, the percentage of children in care who are aboriginal has risen from 80 to 87 per cent. It's an alarming statistic. There are reasons why aboriginal women and girls are much more likely to experience violence than their non-aboriginal counterparts, why they are substantially overrepresented among the ranks of the missing and murdered across the country. There are reasons why aboriginal people are hugely overrepresented in our prison population. There are reasons why aboriginal people attain such lower rates of educational and employment achievement and why they lack opportunities for economic development. It's time that Canadians, including their political leaders, come to appreciate what those reasons are, what results flow from them and what would realistically help bring the scales into balance, in order to give aboriginal people an equal chance to participate and succeed in mainstream society. (...) A successful day will be one that takes significant steps toward the ultimate achievement goal of equality of opportunity. That will entail the formulation of a strategy to bring an end to the poverty, inadequate housing, deficiency of educational opportunity and lack of economic viability mentioned above. Only then will the overrepresentation of murdered and missing aboriginal women and girls and the violence they suffer be brought into balance. There is much at stake for all Canadians on Feb. 27. Globe and Mail, A11

* **The needs of our First Nations**

A letter to the editor states, "Re: "In the Far North, a daily struggle for sustenance" (Montreal Gazette, Jan. 24) Steve Rennie writes about the terrible conditions experienced by Inuit families. I feel distressed to see Canada's aboriginal community treated carelessly by the government. Canada is among the richest nations in the world, yet many people here struggle for food. Aboriginals were the first to own this land and their needs are being overlooked. Money is not going into the right pockets. According to the National Women's Associations of Canada, there have been more than 800 unresolved cases of missing or murdered aboriginal women since 1990. Why is action so slow to be taken? Why do so many still have unequal access to education and health care?" The Gazette, A9

* **Breaking the silence**

Panelists and audience members were brought to tears discussing missing and murdered indigenous women in the North at the Denendeh Health Symposium Jan. 29. "I lost my sister in 1987. She was murdered. She was only 16 years old," said Mabel Bohnet, sister of a murdered Behchoko woman. She then addressed the panel asking for support, not only for victims of violence, but those who are close to them. She went on to explain that her sister's face was unrecognizable due to the damage done by her attacker, and she was identified only by a birthmark. Two young couples found her body and, while they were happy and successful at the time, Bohnet said they went on to struggle with substance abuse, and instability in their lives. "What kind of help is out there for people like them?" she asked. With so many stories like Bohnet's and so many issues to explore in regards to violence against indigenous women, Terry Villeneuve is hopeful an upcoming national roundtable on missing and murdered indigenous women will finally see measurable results. "It's such a difficult issue, it's such an emotional issue and a lot of the time we feel that we're just talking to the walls; nobody is listening," said Villeneuve, who is chair of the Assembly of First Nation's Women's Council. "I'm happy something is going to be going on, that this event will take place instead of just silence from everybody," said Villeneuve. A national roundtable on the issue was originally proposed for Yellowknife, but due to logistical challenges will now be hosted in Ottawa on Feb. 27, Megan Holsapple, media liaison for the premier confirmed. NWT News/North

* **It's harder out there for a pimp**

Canada's new prostitution laws have not changed the way cops hunt pimps who force women, and girls, into the sex trade. But under the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act -- controversial Bill C-36 -- those accused of human trafficking may face additional charges. "The old laws were somewhat outdated and needed to be addressed," said Durham Regional Police Sgt. Ron Kapuscinski. His Human Trafficking Unit made its first bust just over a week ago under Bill C-36 -- enacted in December -- but added that arrest could also have been made under the old laws. Kapuscinski explained most of the changes deal with policing those who choose to work in the sex trade as opposed to victims who are forced into prostitution. However, he said the new laws do enable cops to lay additional charges in some human trafficking cases, as his unit did with its first arrest under Bill C-36. In that case, a Toronto man allegedly forced a 16-year-old girl to perform sex acts for cash at southern Ontario motels. Toronto Sun, 3

*** New option against sexual assault**

Adult sexual assault victims who want to remain anonymous but still alert police now have a new option. The Anonymous Reporting Program came into effect Jan. 1 in Regina as a pilot project. "Maybe they would like someone to know or would like the police to know about something happening, but are reluctant to go forward and go through the whole process or have some fear about it," explained Pat Robinson, a counsellor with the Regina Sexual Assault Centre. "We're hoping that just having more choices can be really helpful in the healing process." She also hopes it encourages victims to seek help, including medical care and counselling, regardless of whether or not they want to pursue charges or anonymous reporting. "People not remaining isolated with it is my biggest hope." Regina's multi-agency Sexual Assault Response Team has been researching the idea and its need for the past few years. Under the program, a victim's report to the centre of a recent or historic sexual assault is assigned a number. The report can then be forwarded to the police with only the number and not a name. Leader-Post, A1

*** Ottawa gangs and the rising number of shootings**

This week, CBC Ottawa will look at several facets of gang activity in the city and the use of crime guns in our series, "Under the Gun." In 2014, there were 49 cases of shots fired in Ottawa - a record number in one year. That has pushed Ottawa Police Chief Charles Bordeleau and Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson to hold meetings to deal with the issue of guns and gangs in Ottawa. That includes additional staff in the Ottawa police's guns and gangs unit. Our four-part series looks at the cogs in the wheel of Ottawa's guns and gang problem, which you can see below. To join the conversation, please follow and tweet #UndertheGun on Twitter and visit the CBC Ottawa Facebook page. You can follow our reporters Stu Mills, Judy Trinh and Ashley Burke for more information as the week unfolds. We also want to hear from you. Tell us your story by email to cbcnewsottawa@cbc.ca. What's happening with Ottawa gangs? On Tuesday, Judy Trinh looks at what is behind the sharp rise in gunfire in 2014 and the connection to Ottawa gangs. Here, Staff-Sgt. Ken Bryden from the Ottawa police guns and gangs unit talks about the current gang situation. CBC News

*** Crime maps provide important data**

A letter to the editor states, "Re: Crime map proposal loses way, Advocate, Jan. 6, 2015, by Crystal Rhyno I find the above article not only timely, but also relevant in the light of an alarming increase in various forms of crime in Central Alberta. It would be desirable if city council could reconsider Coun. Buck Buchanan's proposal for the reasons cited below. Maps have been invaluable tools since antiquity, a graphical presentation of information over space and time. Furthermore, a crime map (like other thematic maps) is a means to an end, not an end in itself. On the one hand, these maps can simply present the distribution of a phenomenon for a unit area, like the student project on mapping crime in Red Deer submitted in my human geography class at Red Deer College in 2002, using a 3-D DEM technique that showed 'hot spots' and other features using GIS Mapping, basically a descriptive study. Crime maps can also facilitate longitudinal studies by identifying spatial patterns and trends over time. An example would be Kim Rossmo's study of missing women in Vancouver's East End, in the 1990s. As quite rightly pointed out by Bill Stuebing, crime maps can, in this instance, also help create a city crime index by recording reliable victimization data, both violent and non-violent; a database that provides insights into socio-economic factors, the propensity to commit crime, and also crime linkages/ patterns." Red Deer Advocate, A4

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

***Government targets 14.7M public service sick days**

Canada's public servants have socked away nearly 15 million days of unused sick leave, which would disappear under the Conservative government's plan to introduce a new short-term disability plan. That means the 195,330 people who are working today in the core public service - those for whom Treasury Board is the employer - have banked an average of 75 days, or 15 weeks, of sick leave to fall back on in the event of a prolonged illness. The size of the sick leave bank was released by Treasury Board in response to an order paper question from Ottawa South Liberal MP David McGuinty. The statistics show a stockpile of 14.7 million days is what remains after nearly 63,000 people left the core public service over

the past six years because they had retired, resigned, were laid off, fired or died. (About 2,600 of those departures were public servants who went to separate agencies such as Canada Revenue Agency or Parks Canada, which are not part of the core public service.) The biggest departures came in the past two years, when more than 25,000 people left jobs in the core public service. The government has backfilled with some new hiring but, overall, the core public service has about 22,000 fewer positions now than it did at its peak in 2011, with 217,224. Public servants can't cash out their sick leave when they leave government, so those credits disappear and are wiped off the books. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A1

*** NDP pushing for changes to protect interns in federal workplaces**

An NDP bill introduced last fall has breathed new life into debate on workplace protections for interns in Canada, with the Conservative government holding stakeholder meetings on the issue last week, and bill sponsor NDP MP Laurin Liu says she's hopeful the government will back her proposed legislative changes this spring. "I think they're [the government's] feeling the pressure," said Ms. Liu (Rivière-des-Mille-Îles, Que.) in an interview with [The Hill Times](#) last week. "We're getting these interns and these student associations around the table and I think it's a good thing that the government is seriously looking at this question. Whether they'll actually come through with concrete legislation is another question," she said. Ms. Liu tabled her private members' bill, C-636, dubbed the Intern Protection Act, in November. It's a revamped and more detailed version of a bill she introduced last summer. [Hill Times](#)

OTHER / AUTRE

A dangerous time for journalists

Egypt appears set to release Mohamed Fahmy, 40, the Egyptian-Canadian journalist who has been imprisoned for more than a year, convicted of falsifying news during civil unrest and having terrorist links to the Muslim Brotherhood. "His deportation is in its final stages. We are hopeful," said his fiancée, Marwa Omara. Paperwork that would allow Fahmy, the Al-Jazeera English bureau chief in Cairo, to be deported to Canada, possibly after renouncing his Egyptian citizenship, was being prepared Sunday, an Egyptian security official told the Reuters news agency. It follows the deportation to Australia of Fahmy's colleague and co-accused, Peter Greste, 49, who landed Sunday on Cyprus on the first leg of his journey home. Together with colleague Baher Mohamed, the men were arrested over their coverage of the violent crackdown on Islamist protests following the military overthrow of President Mohammed Morsi in 2013. Egyptian authorities accused them of providing a platform for Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood, now declared a terrorist organization. The three were also convicted for spreading false information, faking reports to show that the country was on the verge of civil war and for aiding the Brotherhood's goal of portraying Egypt as a failed state. They were all sentenced to seven years. Mohamed received an additional three years for possession of a spent bullet. [Ottawa Citizen](#), C1 (National Post, Edmonton Journal, StarPhoenix, Leader-Post, Montreal Gazette, Calgary Herald, Windsor Star, The Province, Vancouver Sun); [Globe and Mail](#); *AP (The Guardian, The Gazette, Edmonton Journal, Ottawa Citizen, Hamilton Spectator, Waterloo Region Record, Daily Gleaner), *[Canadian Press](#) (Cape Breton Post)

***Day of peace, love, compassion**

Canadian Muslims for Peace organized a gathering Saturday to bring together Kingstonians for a common cause--to spread peace, love and compassion. "We are here to express our solidarity for peace with our fellow Canadians," Mohammad Saleem, organizer of the Kingston gathering for Canadian Muslims for Peace and president of the Islamic Society of Kingston, told the [Whig-Standard](#). "As well to show that Muslims in Canada stand for peace in our cities, in our country, and all over the world." The gathering at City Hall in -15 C weather was one of four that began at the exact same time. Others were hosted in Toronto, Ottawa and London, Ont. [Kingston Whig-Standard](#), A2

***IS defeat at Kobani inspires Kurds - Locals see victory as step closer to nationhood**

While terrorists with the Islamic State try to take over the Middle East and behead kidnapped civilians from abroad, they're uniting Kurds who oppose them - in places such as Kobani and Winnipeg - where they're coming together to party and push for their own state. On Saturday night, the Kurdish Association of Manitoba celebrated victory in Kobani - the Syrian border city overrun by Islamic State fighters last fall

that was taken back by Kurdish peshmerga earlier this month with the help of airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), B1

*** Otage décapité**

La communauté internationale condamne avec véhémence l'exécution d'un deuxième otage japonais par le groupe armé État islamique. Une vidéo mise en ligne samedi semble démontrer que le groupe extrémiste a décapité le journaliste Kenji Goto. Le premier ministre japonais Shinzo Abe s'est dit scandalisé et indigné par cet acte de terrorisme qu'il a qualifié «d'immoral et haineux». Il a affirmé que son gouvernement avait tout mis en oeuvre pour tenter de faire libérer l'otage. Le premier ministre Abe a promis que le Japon ne céderait pas au terrorisme et continuerait d'acheminer de l'aide humanitaire aux pays qui combattent le groupe État islamique. Le premier ministre canadien Stephen Harper a aussi condamné cette nouvelle exécution, disant que les Canadiens étaient de tout coeur avec le Japon. Il a ajouté que le Canada continuerait de travailler avec les pays alliés pour éliminer l'État islamique. [L'Acadie Nouvelle](#), 21

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*** Terror bill sparks muted criticism**

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the federal Conservatives may be spoiling for a fight with their political opponents over new tough-on-terrorism legislation but, for the most part, New Democrats and Liberals remained muted Monday in their criticism of new anti-terror laws. Only Elizabeth May, the Green Party MP and leader, voiced serious concerns about Bill C-51, the anti-terrorism legislation unveiled Friday by Harper. "I have problems with the powers and the sweeping vague definitions," May said on Twitter. Among other things, the proposed law would give a new mandate to Canada's spy service, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), to "disrupt" terrorist activity in Canada using a broad range of powers if the spies get a judicial warrant. But the legislation does not provide any new oversight powers for the spy agency. Oversight of CSIS would continue to rest with the Security Intelligence Review Committee, a group of civilians appointed by the government of the day. New Democrats and Liberals want additional oversight of CSIS through a body made up of parliamentarians. (...)The Conservatives, though, didn't seem to want to accept the opposition's olive branch and were in attack mode. "Under the leadership of this government, we put forward the Combating Terrorism Act more than a year ago with no support from the NDP," **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** told the House of Commons. [QMI Agency](#) (The London Free Press, B1, Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun), [Toronto Star](#)

Ottawa to delay parole eligibility for dangerous killers

The federal government will delay parole eligibility for a decade or more beyond the current 25 years for some murderers, backing off a plan to make life truly mean life in prison by denying some convicted killers any hope of parole. The new plan would also require the justice minister to approve release on parole for some categories of first-degree murder, reintroducing a political element that was removed in the 1950s.

The change came after senior government officials become increasingly concerned about the constitutionality of sentencing people to life in prison without any prospect of release, and The Globe and Mail reported on the plans last week. A bill setting out the changes could be introduced in Parliament as early as this week, a source said. Political approval of a release would hark back to an era when parole for federal prisoners did not exist. From 1899 until the 1950s, the governor-general decided on the conditional release of prisoners on the recommendation of what today would be called the **public safety minister**. That ended with the creation of the Parole Board in 1959. The death penalty was mandatory for capital murder (now known as first-degree murder) until 1961. Life without parole is a common sentence in the United States, found in all states except Alaska; 40,000 prisoners, including some who committed their crimes before they turned 18, are serving it. But Canadian Justice Department lawyers advised Justice Minister Peter MacKay, **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** and the cabinet that the courts would almost certainly rule life without hope of release unconstitutional, and pressed that case especially vigorously. "They must have pressed so hard because I know they press on every other issue, and rarely win the day," the source said, citing federal laws such as the one that toughened early parole rules in 2011 for non-violent first-time federal offenders. The Supreme Court of Canada unanimously struck down a part of that law because it applied retroactively. (...) There has been little, if any, public discussion of dangers posed by paroled first-degree murderers. The National Parole Board says it does not keep statistics on the number of murders they commit. Statistics Canada's justice branch also says it does not keep such data. Correctional Service Canada says its numbers are not readily available. Globe and Mail

Imam: Preventing radicalism key to fighting terrorism

Canadians must work harder to prevent young people from becoming radicalized instead of simply dealing with the aftermath, says an Ottawa imam. There is little talk of steering vulnerable people away from extremism, Zijad Delic told the Senate national security committee Monday. Instead, the focus is on trying to deradicalize them after the fact. Political leaders, social services, teachers and others need to "find ways of tackling" the lure of extremism, Delic said. Last fall, the RCMP said it had 63 active security investigations on 90 suspected extremists who intended to join fights abroad or who had returned to Canada. The federal government has since introduced two bills aimed at reinforcing or expanding the ability of Canadian security agencies to investigate and deter terrorist threats. Legislation tabled on Friday would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service powers to actively disrupt threats, not just collect information about them. It would also make it easier for police to control the movements of terror suspects and to detain them longer without warrant. (...) In the House of Commons, Liberal MP Ralph Goodale noted key allies have robust parliamentary oversight of their intelligence services - something he said Canada needs. **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** said the Security Intelligence Review Committee, which reports to Parliament, keeps an eye on CSIS. The Canadian Press, (Times Colonist, A6, The Chronicle-Herald, National Post, Toronto Star, Ottawa Citizen), Presse Canadienne (Le Droit, 5 front)

Tories' anti-terror bill undermines values it's meant to protect

An editorial states, "When a prime minister announces one of the most draconian anti-terrorism bills in his nation's history - and does this not in the national legislature, but at an election-type campaign stop in a riding his party hopes to hold in a looming election - Canadians should be worried about the democratic stability of the country. In introducing this new legislation, Prime Minister Stephen Harper again said that "we are at war with the Islamic State" - language U.S. President Barack Obama has explicitly warned against on the grounds that it will likely lead to overreaction. But overreaction, it seems, is exactly what Harper is hoping for. He appears to be trying to raise the level of fear in order to railroad through measures that will violate the very democratic values they are purportedly meant to protect. [...] It is well documented that CSIS watchdog SIRC, with its limited reporting function, has not been able to provide effective oversight of the powers that CSIS currently has, let alone the vastly expanded proposed powers. Add to that the additional reach the bill would give to other organizations such as the Canadian Border Security Agency, and the need for an overarching Parliamentary oversight body could hardly be starker. The UK and the U.S. both have such a body to watch over and rein in their respective security apparatuses." (...) This law is so bad one has to wonder about the true motives behind it. The fact that the prime minister and **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** have repeatedly (and bewilderingly) rejected calls to introduce an obviously needed guarantee of Parliamentary oversight of these new powers suggests a potential profoundly immoral political strategy. Did the government deliberately

structure the proposed law to be unpalatable even to a largely sympathetic opposition? After all, that would allow the Tories to label their opponents "soft on terror" in the run-up to an election." [Toronto Star](#)

***Four reasons Harper's new anti-terrorist legislation will alarm you**

An opinion piece states... "We may not be sure yet how CSIS might use its new and expanded powers, but one thing is certain: if the government has its way, there will be no Parliamentary oversight commensurate with the new danger of abuse by the spy (now to become, in effect, the secret police) agency. The **Minister of Public Security, Steven Blaney**, says the existing body that keeps an eye on CSIS, the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), is all we need. Experts in the field are not convinced. SIRC only has three politically appointed members and a small staff. It may formally report to Parliament annually, but it operates under the direct supervision not of Parliament but of the Minister of Public Security. In the words of SIRC itself, "ministerial direction" guides its work. In other words, the Minister who is responsible for CSIS also directs the small and poorly resourced Committee that, very notionally, oversees and supervises CSIS's work. With that kind of institutional arrangement, taken together with the added powers the Harper government wants to give CSIS, we could say, to paraphrase Winston Churchill: "Some oversight; some supervision!" [Rabble.ca](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

*** Saint John declares state of emergency as snow buries Atlantic Canada**

A state of emergency was declared in Saint John's southern peninsula early Tuesday as forecasters predicted blizzards, flash freezing and extreme cold across Atlantic Canada. Environment Canada says Saint John has been buried under more than 120 centimetres of snow in the past week, with the latest storm dumping 29 centimetres on the southern peninsula. Under Saint John's emergency declaration, parking is banned on streets in the region and any parked vehicles will be towed, at the owner's expense, as of noon today. The city says as streets are returned to a stable state, they will be removed from the declaration, and the public will be notified. The Trans-Canada Highway between Moncton and Nova Scotia has been closed, as have some roads along the coast in eastern New Brunswick. [Canadian Press](#) (GlobeandMail.com); [CBC.ca](#)

*** Les tempêtes se succèdent**

Une quatrième tempête en un peu plus d'une semaine déferle sur une bonne partie du Nouveau-Brunswick. La nouvelle bordée de neige doit laisser jusqu'à 30 centimètres de précipitations sur le nord-est et le sud de la province, durant la nuit de lundi à mardi. Les Néo-Brunswickois arrivent à peine à se relever des dernières tempêtes et à déblayer toute cette neige qu'Environnement Canada annonce que la quasi-totalité de la province sera frappée de plein fouet par un autre blizzard. Exceptions à la règle: le Nord-Ouest et le Restigouche, qui ont plutôt reçu un avis de froid extrême. [L'Acadie Nouvelle](#), 2; [Daily Gleaner](#)

*** Storm one for the record books**

Windsor residents could be waiting until Wednesday before plows clear their streets of snow as public works crews continue their lengthy cleanup after a record-setting winter storm. Many commuters throughout Windsor and Essex County dug their way out of their driveways Monday after a blast of snow made many residential streets impassable. Sunday's snow storm didn't just wallop Windsor's streets, it also dented the city's pocket book. Cleaning up the 37 centimetres of white stuff will likely cost the city \$500,000, from an allocated snow-removal budget of \$2.8 million. [Windsor Star](#), A1

*** Toronto sees 500 collisions after storm drops 22 cm of snow**

Five hundred collisions were reported on Toronto's roads and surrounding highways on Monday as the city shovelled its way out of a winter storm that touched down on Super Bowl Sunday. As of early Monday afternoon, the storm had dumped 22 centimetres of snow on Toronto and more than that in areas to the west and south of the city. Parts of southwestern Ontario saw between 30 and 40 centimetres of snow in many cases. [CBC.ca](#)

*** Aftershocks reveal quake clues**

Researchers recorded as many as 100 aftershocks after a 4.4-magnitude earthquake near Fox Creek, including one that measured 2.3 on the Richter scale. Preliminary analysis of the data indicates the Jan. 22 earthquake was caused by hydraulic fracturing, University of Calgary geophysicist David Eaton said Monday. [Edmonton Journal](#), A6

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

*** Top court embraces anti-terror laws**

What politicians think about the new anti-terrorism law in an election year is almost completely irrelevant. Because, put simply, it is an election year. Stephen Harper and his Conservatives are competitive again, because their approach to the security file is closely aligned to what the electorate want. Polls taken in the past week suggest that up to 70% of Canadians support the international coalition fighting ISIS. Thomas Mulcair and his New Democrats oppose military action, much in the way the NDP have opposed many other past decisions to deploy Canadian troops. It is consistent with their values, and it is arguably popular with their core vote. Justin Trudeau and his Liberals, meanwhile, initially adopted the NDP position - opposing any combat role against ISIS. Having seen how unpopular that is with Canadians, Trudeau and his caucus are now in a quiet retreat. What does it all signify? Mostly, nothing. It's an election year. Our politicians are more preoccupied with the coming electoral battle in Canada than they are with the military battle currently underway in the Middle East. Political rhetoric is situational: nothing new there. But what of the Supreme Court, which almost certainly will be called upon to determine the constitutionality of the new anti-terror legislative measures? Will they side with the Conservatives, or with civil libertarians? A scan of some past high court rulings provides us with some hints about which way the Supremes might go. [QMI Agency](#) (Toronto Sun, Edmonton Sun, Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun)

MacKay once backed spy oversight now rejected by Tories

One of the Conservative cabinet ministers responsible for Ottawa's new anti-terrorism legislation once advocated parliamentary oversight of Canada's spy agencies, which the government now rejects as unnecessary even as it expands the powers of this country's national security apparatus. Justice Minister Peter MacKay stood beside Prime Minister Stephen Harper last week when the government unveiled a bill that would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service new authority to disrupt terror plots and lengthen the number of days individuals can be held on suspicion they may commit terror acts. As deputy leader of the Conservative Party in 2005, Mr. MacKay argued forcefully for giving MPs and senators a role in overseeing Canadian spies. "When you talk about a credible oversight body, I would suggest ... that a parliamentary body is going to have more credibility because of its independence and because of the fact that there is also parliamentary accountability that will be brought to bear," Mr. MacKay said in October of that year. "To that end, I suggest that it would also cause a little bit more diligence on the part of the security agents themselves, just knowing that this oversight body was in place." Asked to comment Monday, Mr. MacKay said circumstances have altered his opinion. "A great deal has changed since 2005 with respect to international security and the terrorism threat facing Canada. Parliament itself has become a target of terrorism," he stated. [Globe and Mail](#), A1

*** Anti-terrorism bill 'more about politics than public safety,' says civil liberties lawyer**

Anti-terrorism legislation Prime Minister Stephen Harper unveiled last week gives the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service sweeping new powers that would allow the spy agency to use any undefined measure-other than the use of lethal force, perversion of justice or "violating the sexual integrity" of an individual-in a new role empowering it to disrupt national security threats, but one of Canada's most prominent civil liberties and human rights lawyers says it's "more about politics than public safety." The three limitations, along with the stipulation a judge's warrant would be required before CSIS agents could take measures that would violate Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms, are the only defined limits to CSIS operations under new provisions that expand its role from surveillance, security investigations and counter-espionage to a mandate to "disrupt" suspected terror plots in the planning stages, lawyer Paul Champ told The Hill Times. Mr. Champ pointed to a new section Bill C-51, the Anti-Terrorism Act, would add to the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service Act placed as an example of what he says are changes that give "sweeping" new powers to CSIS, and new criminal law powers to police agencies, as

part of the government's response to two killings last October Mr. Harper (Calgary Southwest, Alta.) has branded as Jihadist attacks within Canada. As part of a package of beefed-up powers for CSIS, including lower evidence thresholds to obtain judicial warrants and detain suspects or enforce police control over the movement and freedom of suspects to prevent "likely" terrorism attempts, the bill would allow CSIS to take undefined "measures" to disrupt suspected terrorism plans if agents have "reasonable grounds to believe" that a "particular activity" constitutes a threat to Canada. Hill Times

*** Anti-terror bill needs closer look**

The most significant expansion in the surveillance powers of the Canadian state in recent years has crept in on cat's paws. The opposition parties, who found themselves offside from public opinion when they voted against the mission in Iraq, have been muted in their response to the anti-terror legislation brought in by the government last Friday. There have been no press releases and neither party led off on the issue when they had the opportunity to hold the government to account during Question Period on Monday. The Liberal party signalled its consent even before reading the draft legislation. Justin Trudeau, the Liberal leader, said he would be focused on oversights and safeguards Tom Mulcair, the NDP leader, has given the legislation a pass, despite saying rights have to be respected. Both parties appear to have been cowed by the Prime Minister's pre-emptive strike when the bill was released at a campaign-style event outside Toronto, where he dismissed questions about freedoms being surrendered, in favour of security considerations. National Post, A4, A8; Ottawa Citizen (Edmonton Journal, Windsor Star, The Star Phoenix, Vancouver Sun, Leader-Post, Toronto Star), Globe and Mail

*** Security agencies need parliamentary oversight**

An opinion piece re: "Canada needs to watch the watchers," Jan. 30. states "In asserting that 14 federal security agencies, including CSIS, are in need of greater oversight, Senator Colin Kenny has the right to be considered both expert and authoritative. I served from 1986-98 as assistant inspector general of CSIS within an independent agency reporting to the solicitor general on whether that "spy agency" was keeping the minister appropriately informed and observing applicable laws and policies. As the senator notes, this agency was recently abolished in favour of exclusive oversight by the Security Intelligence Review Committee. I can attest to the evident competence and lofty motivations of the CSIS personnel I knew, as well as those of their RCMP and CSEC colleagues. I could also describe the sort of misdeeds and mishaps that expert external review sometimes bring to light. Wait! No I can't do that - since I am bound by law and oath not to do so. I can, however, say that the time has come to establish some form of multiparty parliamentary oversight for the federal security community, as has already been done in allied countries. Equally, we need a professional system of expert independent oversight that covers all relevant agencies. Not that all abuses will be caught. But many will and many others will be deterred. I won't address the latest security legislation introduced by the government, which piles on edgy new powers. But I am alarmed at the possibility of terror-mongering in this pre-election period. Suffice it to say that this legislation provides even more reason for urgent reform of the oversight regime." Times Colonist, A11

*** 'We don't want the sheep'**

An accused terrorist now on trial in Toronto allegedly questioned a jihadi plan to derail a Canadian passenger train, worried it might not be bloody enough to justify the work involved. Raed Jaser, one of two men charged in the alleged 2012 plot, instead hoped to assassinate Canadian leaders, prominent Jews or "Zionists," Crown attorney Croft Michaelson told the jury in his opening address Monday. Jaser, who came to Canada illegally as a teen in 1993, told an undercover FBI agent in 2012 that attacking a train would only result in the killing of "a few sheep," Michaelson said. Instead, Jaser allegedly wanted to hire a sniper - or learn to shoot a sniper rifle himself - to assassinate Canadian leaders. Jaser allegedly told the agent that, unlike in the United States, Canadian leaders are accessible "because they feel safe." "We don't want the sheep," Jaser allegedly told the agent. "We want the wolf. We can get the wolf, brother. We can get the wolf." Jaser is on trial with Chiheb Esseghaier, a former PhD student in Montreal originally from Tunisia. The two men are accused of planning a foreign-directed plot to derail a Via passenger train travelling between Toronto and New York. Postmedia, (The Gazette, A1), Toronto Star, A1; Canadian Press (Cape Breton Post, The Chronicle-Herald, The Globe and Mail, Acadie Nouvelle, The Guardian, The Record, Times & Transcript, Telegraph-Journal, Le Droit, Le Soleil, Red Deer Advocate, Times Colonist); QMI Agency (London Free Press, Edmonton Sun, Kingston Whig Standard, Toronto Sun, Calgary Sun)

*** Crown says accused bombers guilty of terrorism activities**

A B.C. couple who styled themselves as the sole members of "al-Qaida Canada" built pressure-cooker bombs and planted them on the grounds of the provincial legislature hours before Canada Day festivities, the Crown alleged Monday. The bombs did not explode but John Nuttall and Amanda Korody intended to kill and maim an untold number of victims on the morning of July 1, 2013, Crown counsel Peter Eccles said at the start of a lengthy terrorism trial. "Planting IEDs (improvised explosive devices) on the front lawn of the parliament building set to go off in the middle of Canada Day activities is a terrorist activity," Eccles told the jury hearing the case. Nuttall and Korody have pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiring to commit murder, conspiring to place explosives on behalf of a terrorist group, facilitating terrorist activity and possessing explosives on behalf of a terrorist group. The pair was arrested in July 2013 after an undercover operation that began months earlier, when an RCMP officer met Nuttall at a gas station near the man's home. [Canadian Press](#) (The Record, A5, Times Colonist, Times & Transcript, Telegraph-Journal, Toronto Star); [Postmedia](#) (The Star Phoenix, Leader-Post, The Province, Ottawa Citizen, Windsor Star); [QMI Agency](#) (Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun, Winnipeg Sun, London Free Press, Calgary Sun), [National Post](#), A1, [Globe and Mail](#)

*** Alleged terrorist befriended FBI agent, court hears**

Accused terrorist Chiheb Esseghaier met a fellow Muslim on a flight from Houston to California because of a seating screw-up, his terrorist trial heard Monday. The fellow Muslim had lost his original seat and Esseghaier insisted they sit together for the June 2012 flight, court heard. "By the end of that week, we were quite close - he referred to me as his fourth brother," a witness testified. But the rich, radical Muslim who told Esseghaier he financially supported the Mujahideen, wasn't a real jihadist, but actually an undercover FBI agent. His identity is covered by a publication ban. There was no explanation given in court as to how the FBI agent ended up on a California-bound flight from Houston with Esseghaier, a Tunisian doctoral student from Montreal, who was heading to a west coast conference. The agent is now testifying as the critical Crown witness who compiled the terror case called Project Smooth against Esseghaier and Raed Jaser, who are accused of plotting to sabotage a Via train from New York to Toronto in 2012 to force Canadian and American troops out of Afghanistan. Esseghaier, 31, and Jaser, 37, are pleading not guilty to their terror charges. [QMI Agency](#) (Toronto Sun, Edmonton Sun, Calgary Sun) * [National Post](#)

*** Mentally ill man who made threats released**

A Quebec Court judge has agreed to release a St-Laurent man from a peace bond the Montreal police sought to have imposed on him after they alleged in November they had reason to fear he would commit a terrorist act. Judge Isabelle Rheault agreed on Friday to grant a motion, filed by defence lawyer Charles Montpetit, to have the peace bond filed against Ahmed Abou al Naja, 21, come to an end. Abou al Naja, a man with a history of mental illness, was released from custody while he awaits sentencing in two other cases in which he pleaded guilty last week to uttering threats on two different occasions - in October and November. Last week, he completed a 60-day prison term he received at the start of December for having violated a court order imposed in him in 2012. He returns to court for sentencing on March 4. Initially, the Montreal police sought to have the bond imposed because, they alleged, they had reason to believe Abou al Naja would commit a terrorist act. Recently, the Crown agreed to modify the request to a more standard one, alleging that police had reason to believe Abou al Naja posed a threat to cause harm to others. "They took out the terrorist reference because, in his case, it is more about a person who has (mental) health problems," Montpetit told the Montreal Gazette on Monday. [Montreal Gazette](#), A7

Le maire de Montréal à Paris - Coderre propose un sommet sur le "vivre ensemble"

Alors qu'il a été reçu lundi par le président François Hollande comme un véritable chef d'État, le maire de Montréal, Denis Coderre, a annoncé qu'il organiserait, en juin dans la métropole, un sommet des grandes villes sur le "vivre ensemble". A la suite des attentats de Charlie Hebdo, Denis Coderre a convaincu son homologue parisienne, Anne Hidalgo, de participer à cet exercice de réflexion sur les mesures destinées à favoriser l'intégration et à combattre la radicalisation. Le sommet se tiendra dans le cadre de la Conférence de Montréal, qui regroupe déjà chaque année des décideurs du monde économique. "Je vais demander à plusieurs de mes collègues des grandes métropoles de venir à Montréal, dit-il. On pourra parler du vivre ensemble et de toute cette question d'intégration." Le maire de Montréal se défend

bien de vouloir " créer des amalgames " ou " stigmatiser une communauté par rapport à l'autre ". Son objectif, dit-il, " c'est vraiment de travailler dans un contexte de résilience à ce qu'on puisse s'assurer du vivre ensemble ". Denis Coderre compte inviter à ce sommet les maires de plusieurs grandes villes européennes, comme Bruxelles, Berlin et Barcelone, mais aussi américaines, comme Boston et Chicago. Il y sera question, dit-il, de l'équilibre à créer " entre l'ouverture et la vigilance ". [Le Devoir](#), A1; [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist, National Post)

Couillard applauds Montreal's move to block controversial imam's centre

The Premier of Quebec applauded a decision by Montreal authorities to deny an imam the right to open a community centre because of his past comments deemed homophobic, sexist, and against Canadian values. Premier Philippe Couillard said the issue of freedom of expression is a delicate one, but added that municipal authorities made the right call, invoking public safety and the risk of radicalization to justify intervening. "I am very pleased that the City of Montreal acted with the tools at their disposal," Couillard told reporters while attending a gathering of the aluminium industry Monday in the province's Saguenay region, north of Quebec City. City of Montreal officials said on the weekend they would not grant Hamza Chaoui an operating licence to open an Islamic centre in an east-end neighbourhood. [IPolitics](#)

Snowden urges caution over Ottawa's proposed security law

Edward Snowden, the fugitive American who leaked state secrets, wants Canadians to know that anti-terrorism laws are easy to pass but very hard to undo. "We saw on Friday the Prime Minister of Canada proposed a new law," Mr. Snowden told a teenaged Toronto audience via an Internet link on Monday night. He told the high school students that they should "always be extraordinarily cautious" and press for answers, whenever governments rely on "fear and panic" to set up powers that can be exercised in secret. On Friday, the Conservative government introduced legislation that would empower Canadian authorities to "disrupt" suspected terrorist threats and remove extremist posts from the Internet. At the same time, Prime Minister Stephen Harper has been resisting calls to step up scrutiny of Canada's spy agencies. Mr. Snowden was speaking to a crowd of more than 1,000 students at Toronto's Upper Canada College via a Google Hangouts link from his exile in Russia. [The Globe and Mail](#), A6, * [The Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist), * [Postmedia](#) (National Post, Ottawa Citizen, Calgary Herald, Edmonton Journal, Windsor Star, The Star Phoenix, Leader-Post, Vancouver Sun)

*** Oct. 22 DND emails annoy NDP critics**

The Official Opposition accused the Conservative government Monday of trying to score cheap political points over the attack on the National War Memorial and Parliament Hill last Oct. 22. The NDP's criticism came after the Citizen reported that, on the evening of Oct. 22, Lt.-Gen. John Vance described the day's events as "a strategic opportunity" to affirm the purpose of the Iraq mission. Vance heads Canada's military mission to Iraq to fight the Islamic State (ISIL). In emails with a communications official in the defence department, Vance discussed whether the military should be represented at a news conference the RCMP planned the day after the Ottawa attack, in which a ceremonial guard was killed and his attacker shot to death inside the Centre Block. Vance said the chief of defence staff, Gen. Tom Lawson, "indicated we should seek a strategic opportunity and this may be it." Monday, NDP MP Randall Garrison decried the email exchange, saying, "These are emotional times for all, but would the government agree that describing the events on Parliament Hill as a 'strategic opportunity' is regrettable?" James Bezan, parliamentary secretary to the defence minister, did not respond to the question, saying instead that ISIL extremists "were the ones who declared war on Canada and her allies." The NDP's Aline Michaud then asked, "Does the government think it's normal that, in the Langevin Block, the day of the attacks in Ottawa, they were thinking of scoring political points and justifying the war in Iraq instead of being totally devoted to the security of Canadians?" Bezan replied that the NDP "is opposed to protecting the innocent people of Iraq who have been brutalized and terrorized by ISIL." [Postmedia](#) (Ottawa Citizen)

Super espions canadiens - Le retour aux granges brûlées?

Le Canada reviendra-t-il à l'époque où les autorités policières volaient de la dynamite, dérobaient la liste de membres du Parti québécois (PQ) et faisaient brûler des granges ? Des spécialistes des lois antiterroristes commencent à le croire, à la vue des nouveaux pouvoirs confiés aux espions canadiens dans le projet de loi C-51. " Ce qu'ils font maintenant est plutôt scandaleux et épouvantable. Ils redonnent au Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité [SCRS] un pouvoir que la Gendarmerie royale du

Canada [GRC] a ", lance au téléphone Reg Whitaker. M. Whitaker, auteur du livre *Secret Service : Political Policing in Canada* (2012), a collaboré à deux commissions d'enquête sur des questions de sécurité nationale (Air India et Maher Arar). " Cela va bien au-delà de ce dont on a besoin et cela va presque certainement déboucher sur des scandales en bout de piste. " Des scandales, dit-il, comme ceux des années 1970. En 1981, la commission McDonald publie son rapport sur " certaines activités de la GRC et la connaissance qu'en avait le gouvernement ". Elle confirme que la branche de renseignement de la GRC, le Service de sécurité, a mené diverses activités illégales pour perturber les affaires de groupes jugés menaçants, en particulier les séparatistes québécois. La GRC a rédigé de faux communiqués de presse du FLQ. En 1972 et 1973, elle est entrée par effraction dans les locaux de l'Agence de presse libre du Québec, du Mouvement pour la défense des prisonniers politiques du Québec et de la Coopérative des déménagements du 1er mai pour y dérober des caisses de documents. La GRC a mis le feu à la grange Petit Québec libre pour y empêcher la tenue d'une rencontre entre des souverainistes et des membres des Black Panthers américains. Et elle a volé la liste de membres du PQ. Le Devoir, A1

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Un père vit avec la menace d'être séparé de sa famille

Un père vit dans l'angoisse d'être déporté en Côte d'Ivoire. Un an et demi après avoir reçu l'avis de déportation, il redoute sans répit le moment où il sera séparé de sa femme et de ses trois enfants, nés au Québec. Abou Fofana est arrivé dans la Belle-Provence en 2008 à titre de réfugié. Peu de temps après, il est tombé amoureux de Geneviève Trottier. Le couple s'est marié en 2011 et a eu trois enfants. M me Trottier, était enceinte de sept mois en mai 2013 quand le couple a appris que la demande de statut permanent de M. Fofana était refusée. Initialement, l'homme devait être déporté le 20 juin 2013, mais les papiers nécessaires n'étaient pas prêts. Un an et demi plus tard, Abou Fofana réside toujours à Trois-Rivières, dans l'attente insoutenable de devoir partir. La situation devient intolérable pour sa conjointe Geneviève Trottier. "C'est sûr qu'il devra partir, mais on ne sait pas quand." Cette dernière peine à s'imaginer quitter le Québec pour l'Afrique avec son mari et ses trois enfants. Il s'agit d'une grosse décision, mais elle n'aura pas le choix si elle désire garder sa famille unie. "C'est là que c'est difficile pour mon couple. Mon mari ne comprend pas pourquoi je n'ai pas envie d'aller là-bas." Elle craint les conditions de vie dans ce pays. Journal de Montréal, 16 (Journal de Québec)

Menacés d'expulsion, ils se réfugient à l'église

Une famille s'est réfugiée dans une église le 23 janvier pour éviter d'être expulsée en Turquie, où elle est persécutée dit-elle. Elle espère un miracle qui lui permettra de demeurer au Québec. Kamber et Ceylan Turk, et leurs filles Sila et Helin, sont arrivés au Québec en 2012. Leur petite dernière, Derine, est née au Québec. Ils ont quitté leur pays parce qu'ils ne voulaient plus vivre dans la peur et la persécution. Faisant partie de la minorité kurde, que le pays tenterait d'assimiler, ils sont aussi des alévis, branche religieuse jugée progressiste. "Entre 1990 et 2000, 6000 villages kurdes ont été rasés en Turquie; 20 000 Kurdes ont été emprisonnés et on dénombre 17 000 disparus", expose Maksuni Oerdre, un ami de la famille. Il ajoute que depuis qu'un parti islamiste a pris le pouvoir (2002), il y a eu une radicalisation et un net recul des droits des femmes. D'ailleurs, si elle doit retourner dans son pays, Ceylan affirme que ce qui lui manquera le plus, ce sera la liberté. "Ici, je peux prendre la voiture et aller prendre un café toute seule si je le veux. En Turquie, ce serait absolument impossible pour une femme de faire cela." Le frère de Kamber et Orane, Fevzi Turk, vit au Québec depuis 15 ans. Il dit que lui, ses deux autres frères, sa soeur et sa mère ont tous obtenu un statut de réfugié au Canada. Il attribue le refus actuel au resserrement des règles de l'immigration de 2012. Journal de Montréal, 16 (Journal de Québec)

Obama's proposed budget fails to include funds for DRIC bridge

U.S. President Barack Obama's proposed \$3.99 trillion budget for the upcoming fiscal year released Monday features increased spending, but still no money needed to pay for a customs plaza for the planned Detroit River bridge. One of the hurdles that could delay construction of the Detroit River International Crossing is the required \$250 million needed for a U.S. customs plaza in Detroit. Canada is essentially paying all other costs for the \$2.1 billion project that will link the downriver industrial communities of Brighton Beach and Delray. The new Canada-U.S. bridge is scheduled to open in 2020. "I

am very disappointed that the president's budget allocates no funding for the (DRIC bridge) in Detroit," said Sen. Gary Peters (D-Detroit), a leader in the battle to keep the international crossing project on schedule. "This is a project that will create thousands of Michigan jobs, enhance trade with Canada - our closest trading partner - and transform Michigan into a transportation and logistics hub for trade, manufacturing and innovation." Canada's transportation minister Lisa Raitt has promised the bridge will open on schedule whether or not the Obama administration pitches in for the U.S. customs plaza. [Windsor Star](#), A3

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

* **Alleged 'spyware' disabled on computers**

The software that Saanich Mayor Richard Atwell alleged was being used to spy on him has been disabled on municipal computers because it had "become a distraction," said the district's chief administrative officer Monday. Atwell told reporters last month that someone at the district was planning to use Spector 360 software to spy on him. The mayor's allegation prompted claims from district staff that the software was being used for security reasons and an ongoing review by Elizabeth Denham, B.C.'s information and privacy commissioner. [Vancouver Sun](#), A2; [Globe and Mail](#)

* **Cyberattaques: le site de PKP de retour en ligne**

Le site Internet du candidat à la chefferie péquiste Pierre Karl Péladeau revenu en ligne, dimanche après-midi, après une éclipse provoquée par une cyberattaque. Pkp2015.quebec a été hors circuit pendant trois longues journées. [Le Soleil](#), 8

* **Cyber honey trap used in Syrian war**

London Hackers posing as beautiful women stole a trove of detailed battle plans from rebel groups fighting the Syrian government, says a cybersecurity group. The cyber honey trap saw opposition fighters tricked into downloading spy programs on to laptops or smartphones when they believed they were sharing personal photographs, or looking for wives. A cache of military documents and sensitive Skype conversations were stolen over two months by the unidentified group of hackers. [Daily Telegraph](#) (National Post, A7)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Two people found dead in Brackley residence

The RCMP are investigating after two people were found dead in a home on Union Road in Brackley Monday. RCMP Sgt. Leanne Butler said there was no risk to the public and there wasn't a search for a suspect underway, but she couldn't provide many other details in the early stages of the investigation. "We treat every investigation as if it is suspicious until proved otherwise," she said. Officers from Queens District RCMP were called to the residence around noon. A male and a female were found dead inside. The RCMP forensic identification unit, the major crime section and other officers were at the scene all afternoon. Someone from the coroner's office was also on hand and Butler said officers were working with the coroner to determine causes of death. The home was an old-style farmhouse with a barn in the backyard. [The Guardian](#), A1 ; [Canadian Press](#) (Chronicle Herald)

Shot officer back in his hometown

An RCMP officer shot at a traffic stop in Kamloops has been transferred back to a hospital in his hometown after treatment at a Vancouver facility. Forty-one-year-old Cpl. Jean-Rene Michaud was gunned down at a traffic stop in early December, sparking a manhunt for the shooter. Michaud's wife, Colleen, issued a statement last week saying her husband has shown courage and strength through many surgeries, countless complications with setbacks, and faces a long road to recovery. But she said the family was finally feeling confident that Michaud will overcome his substantial injuries. Kenneth Knutson is behind bars awaiting trial on various charges, including attempted murder. [Postmedia News](#) (Vancouver Sun, A2, The Province); [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist); [Globe and Mail](#)

Suspect named in serial bank heists

The RCMP have identified a suspect in as many as nine bank robberies across Western Canada. Mounties say Shaun Christopher Cornish, who is 26, is formerly of Langley. He has been charged in three robberies committed in Alberta. Charges are pending in British Columbia and Saskatchewan. He is to appear in provincial court in Okotoks, Alta., on Feb. 6. Cornish was arrested on Friday at a motel in Grande Prairie, Alta. Police say no one was hurt in the takedown. The first robbery police recorded was Dec. 1 in Princeton. Eight days later, a man believed to be the same thief held up a Vernon financial institution. Between Dec. 19 and Jan. 28, the same suspect held up banks in High River, Alta., Swift Current, Sask., Lethbridge, Alta., Claresholm, Alta., and Merritt, Langley and Dawson Creek. [Postmedia News](#) (Vancouver Sun, A2); [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist); [QMI Agency](#) (Edmonton Sun, Calgary Sun)

Fugitive pair spotted in Doaktown, says RCMP

man and a woman reported missing from an Ontario mental health facility and deemed dangerous by police have been spotted in Doaktown. According to an RCMP news release, Joseph Pepin, 39, and Cara Duval, 27, approached a local apartment owner on Main Street in Doaktown at approximately 3 p.m. on Saturday and attempted to rent an apartment. "The pair left the area before police arrived and were last seen heading northbound on Highway 8 ... They were driving an older-model, grey-coloured vehicle, similar to a Chrysler Intrepid, with a New Brunswick licence plate." Pepin and Duval, who also uses the name Donnelly, were reported missing from the North Bay Regional Health Centre in Ontario on Jan. 22, when they left the North Bay hospital's Mental Health and the Law program and didn't return after permitted off-unit privileges. North Bay Police advise the two may be dangerous and anyone who sees them is advised not to approach them, but should call 911 immediately, said the RCMP news release. [Daily Gleaner](#) (Telegraph-Journal)

Ex-Mountie awaits sentence in sexual assault case

A former Mountie will have to wait a bit longer to learn his sentence after his sexual assault conviction. Ambrose Gregory Wolfe, 60, pleaded guilty to sexual assault on Oct. 6, 2014, in Red Deer Court of Queen's Bench. He assaulted a woman while he was posted to the Rocky Mountain House RCMP detachment. The identity of the victim is covered by a court ordered publication ban protecting the identities of sexual assault victims. Although it is estimated that sentencing on the matter would only take one day, defence and Crown have been unable to find dates to appear before Justice Kirk Sisson, who is hearing another case. Wolfe's sentencing has been adjourned to the next arraignment date, March 2, in Red Deer Court of Queen's Bench. [Red Deer Advocate](#)

*** Stats suggest violent crime is up**

Violent crime in Surrey increased by seven per cent in 2014 compared to 2013 while property crimes rose by 22 per cent and the number of criminal code offences, all told, grew by 20 per cent. There were fewer homicides in Surrey last year, at 17, compared to 2013's record-breaking 25. The previous record was 21, in 2005. The latest Surrey RCMP statistics to be released reveal that in 2014 there were 10,085 criminal code offences recorded in the city, compared to 8,161 in 2013. Surrey RCMP Cpl. Bert Paquet said some of the increase in reported crime can be attributed to the Surrey RCMP's Observe and Report campaign which encourages residents to contact police when they see something suspicious happening. "We've seen a rise in calls," he said. Crimes that likely weren't being reported to police before, he added, "are now being reported due to our campaign." Broken down, there were 5,925 violent offences recorded in 2014 compared to 5,527 in 2013, 35,483 property crimes recorded in 2014 compared to 29,175 in 2013, and drug possession crimes - cocaine and marijuana - rose to 51,493 from 42,863, for an increase of 20 per cent. [The Now](#)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

*** One prison life that should not be secret**

A letter to the editor states, "The federal government owes New Brunswickers a detailed explanation of why serial killer Allan Legere has been moved from a Special Handling Unit (SHU) in Quebec to a regular maximum security prison, reportedly near Edmonton, Alberta. The Correctional Service of Canada, citing

the inmate's privacy rights, won't say anything about it. Surely public safety trumps an inmate's Charter rights in this case. If CSC officials are properly applying the law here someone, somewhere in government needs to tell us how this can be so if police are able to tell the public when a dangerous child predator has been released on parole. We don't suggest reopening the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, but we don't see how exceptions can't be developed over time. Victims of crimes are for example entitled to attend the parole hearings of the inmates whose crimes affected them, even though the Charter protects privacy rights of those inmates too. The same measure could arguably be made available to crime victims in cases where CSC has made a highly significant internal change in security arrangements for an inmate as dangerous as this one. The victims in this instance could be considered the entire population of this province. On the other hand, if the law has been misinterpreted or overzealously applied by CSC a process review, including potential disciplinary measures, is due." Times & Transcript, A8

Public endangered with relaxed security for serial killer

A letter to the editor states, "To the Editor: I was surprised to learn that Allan Legere was recently transferred from a special handling unit (SHU) to a maximum security prison. As we all know, this notorious offender is a multiple murderer who terrorized the New Brunswick area for many weeks 25 years ago. This, after his escape while on an escorted medical pass from a maximum security setting. As a result, he has been held mostly in a SHU since that time until his most recent transfer, probably to Alberta. CSC has a primary mission to contribute to public safety and to value and respect the Canadian public. This transfer is not consistent with that mission as Allan Legere is an extremely violent high risk offender with a well established criminal record of hurting others. Based on his past, both in prison and in the community, this offender has shown over and over that he requires a very restrictive environment in order to ensure both public safety and the security of the institution. There are only a few inmates in Canada that require long-term incarceration in the most secure facility and Allan Legere is one of them." Times & Transcript, A9

Khadr should get bail

A letter to the editor states, "The mere mention of the name Omar Khadr makes Canadians hot under the collar. A majority believe he is an irredeemable terrorist who should be left to rot in prison. A sizable minority see him as a child soldier, a minor who has been tortured and deprived of his right to justice in the 13 years since the battle in Afghanistan in which he threw a grenade that killed one U.S. soldier - a medic - and wounded another. He was 15 at the time, brainwashed by his western-hating family. Severely wounded, he was detained in Guantanamo Bay for 10 years before his transfer to an Alberta prison in 2012. Now 28, Khadr is back in the headlines with plans to seek bail pending disposition of his appeal in the U.S. against his controversial conviction for war crimes. Khadr pleaded guilty in 2010 to charges of murder in violation of the rules of war and was given another eight years, but later said pleading guilty was his only way out of Guantanamo, because he faced life in jail even if he was acquitted. The federal government has been criticized by the Supreme Court of Canada for contributing to Khadr's detention and treatment at Guantanamo that violated basic Canadian standards. The Alberta Court of Appeal ruled the legal process to which Khadr was subjected has "been found to have violated both the Charter and international human rights law." Despite this, the public generally appears to support federal attempts to further deprive him of his liberty. His lawyers will argue he has been a model prisoner, is involved in his studies, would live with one of his lawyers while on bail and is not a threat to the public." Leader-Post, A6

*** Free Khadr**

A letter to the editor states, "Re: "Bail for Omar Khadr makes safety sense," Editorial, Jan. 31. Omar Khadr should never have been imprisoned in the U.S. or Canada. When he was captured in 2002 for purportedly throwing a grenade, he was 15 years old, a child soldier under international law and not eligible for imprisonment. Both the Supreme Court of Canada and the Alberta Court of Appeal have rendered decisions indicating that the Canadian government violated Khadr's humanitarian rights. When Khadr was brought to trial in the U.S., he was faced with a plea bargain: plead guilty and spend another eight years in jail or plead not guilty and spend another 40 years in jail. He pleaded guilty to avoid the longer sentence. Khadr should have been freed on bail long ago." Calgary Herald, B5

*** Your rights, your remedies rely on fairness in law**

An opinion piece states, "The idea that courts should provide effective remedies when rights are violated is as old as the common law. The Supreme Court's award of what today would be valued at over \$250,000 to Jehovah's Witness Frank Roncarelli after then-Quebec premier Maurice Duplessis arbitrarily cancelled his liquor license was a landmark affirmation of the rule of law. (...) The ability of prisoners, often self-represented, to seek habeas corpus is important. Applications, even if frequently denied, can promote accountability. At the same time, unnecessary strip searches and prolonged periods in solitary cannot be stopped simply on a case-by-case basis. The B.C. Civil Liberties Association and the John Howard Society have recently brought a Charter challenge against federal legislation that places no limits on administrative segregation. Hopefully this litigation will build on growing awareness of the harms of prolonged isolation, including the suicides of Ashley Smith and Eddie Snowshoe. This lawsuit seeks legislative reforms such as limits on days spent in isolation and independent adjudication, already provided for disciplinary segregation. Even with statutory reforms, there is a need for reform of our increasingly overcrowded and violent prisons. Canada is not the U.S., but we should not be proud of some of our prisons, such as the notorious Baffin Correctional Centre in Iqaluit. Judicial supervision of prisons is a last resort remedy, but it must be viable if only to induce other reforms." Ottawa Citizen, C5

*** Finding the right balance on crime**

A letter to the editor states, "Re Still fighting shadows, Editorial Jan. 29 Jailing people like Messrs. Bernardo, Pickton, Bourque and Olson indefinitely is hardly tough justice. Equating all serious offenders with these men is not sensible either. Jailing innocent accused for two years before trial wastes valuable jail space and is patently unjust. Jailing people for possession of drugs is likely a waste of taxpayers' money. Perhaps Canadians should decide how many jail cells it needs and then start taking whatever measures are necessary to reserve these valuable spaces for the most deserving offenders. Better treatment of mental disease, attention to the needs of aboriginal communities, ensuring prompt trials for all accused, and removing those convicted of drug possession from our jails would quickly leave us with a surplus of empty jail cells and unemployed jailers, at which time it might be worth considering tougher penalties for the relatively few truly malignant criminals among us. Toronto Star, A10

*** Gold-selling fraudster paroled**

As 2006 neared its end, Michel Henri appeared to have it all. The wholesale gold jewelry dealer lived in a part of Town of Mount Royal where no one should be surprised to run into a powerful politician or the head of a major company while out for a stroll. He attended a fundraising gala for cancer research held in a posh ballroom at Le Windsor in downtown Montreal where he sipped drinks and dined on lamb with community and business leaders. Nine years later, the man who defrauded the federal and provincial governments out of at least \$35 million over a two-year period was bankrupt when he was recently granted full parole on the 5½-year prison sentence he received in August 2012. Henri was arrested, in June 2007, as part of Projet Energie, a complicated investigation by Revenue Quebec and the Sûreté du Québec that would ultimately result in at least five people from Montreal's gold jewelry industry being sent to federal penitentiaries. A few others served time in provincial detention centres, or were ordered to pay staggering fines to avoid jail. The federal and provincial government placed nearly \$250,000 in legal liens on Henri's house in T.M.R. (currently valued at \$2 million) and by 2012 he lost his home. When Henri pleaded guilty on Feb. 9, 2012 - to fraud, filing false tax returns and committing a crime for the benefit of a criminal organization - his family was living in an apartment in Villeray. Until his arrest, Henri, 44, had managed to give the impression he was a successful and legitimate businessman. During one of his parole hearings, he said that while defrauding the government he managed to deceive everyone close to him, including his wife and immediate family. Montreal Gazette, A4

*** Man slips away from halfway house**

Vancouver police are asking for the public's help to locate a 30-year-old man wanted Canada-wide for being unlawfully at large. Marcus Wilfred Sheena has an extensive criminal history and has recently served time for assault with a weapon and assault causing bodily harm. On Feb. 1, Sheena failed to return to a Vancouver halfway house for his curfew, a breach of his release conditions. Castanet (2015-02-02)

*** Mom upset by killer's early release**

The mother of a Comox Valley teenager who was stabbed to death in 2011 is upset that her son's killer has been granted early release. James Denton, 19, was stabbed to death during an altercation after a day-long music festival at the Comox Valley Exhibition Grounds in Courtenay on July 23, 2011. A youth, who was 16 at the time and cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, was convicted of second-degree murder in January 2013 and sentenced to four years in prison, followed by three years of supervision in the community. He was scheduled for release from custody in January 2017, but last week, the family learned a judge had approved an early release. The youth will now be under supervision at a halfway house in Greater Victoria. "It feels like a slap in the face," Denton's mother Brenda Denton told the Times Colonist on Monday. [Times Colonist](#), A3

*** Richard Dowrey, gay-bashing victim at Fountainhead Pub in 2009, dead**

Richard Dowrey, the victim of a gay-bashing incident at a West End pub in 2009, died this weekend. In March 2009, Dowrey went to the Fountainhead Pub to celebrate his retirement. He was punched without warning and left with permanent, profound brain damage. The court ruled that he was targeted because of his sexual orientation. "He's never been the same person since the attack and never would be again," said Brian Wawryhsyn, a friend of Dowrey's. Wawryhsyn described Dowrey as a kind, carefree man who was always encouraging his friends. He loved boating and sports, the BC Lions in particular - he went to almost every game. After the attack, Dowrey lived in care facilities. Wawryhsyn visited him for several years, but he said Dowrey couldn't recognize any of his old friends and he never regained the use of his legs. Dowrey's attacker, Shawn Woodward, was convicted of aggravated assault in 2010 and sentenced to six years. He was released on parole in May 2013. [CBC News](#)

*** La poursuite de «Colosse» revient à Québec**

La poursuite de 35 millions \$ déposée par Yves «Colosse» Plamondon contre la Procureure générale du Québec pourrait finalement être débattue à Québec, à la demande des parties poursuivies. La poursuite déposée en décembre dernier par l'homme qui a passé 28 ans derrière les barreaux revenait devant un juge de la Cour supérieure afin que les différentes parties s'entendent sur un échéancier. La Procureure générale du Québec a toutefois fait une demande de changement de district afin que le dossier présentement entendu à Montréal soit transféré à Québec. Cette demande a été prise en délibéré jusqu'au 19 février. «Colosse» Plamondon a été condamné à la prison à perpétuité en 1986 pour le meurtre de trois individus reliés au trafic de drogue. Pendant toutes ses années d'incarcération, l'accusé a toujours nié avoir commis les meurtres et un nouveau procès lui avait finalement été accordé. [Journal de Québec](#), 8 (Journal de Montréal)

Other players in the gold game

Paul Henri, 39, Montreal: The brother of Michel Henri started serving a three-year sentence in Sept. 2012 but then saw the prison term increased to four years just five months later when he was unable to pay a \$1.5-million fine levied in Projet Anergie. He was responsible for shipping and diluting the gold, as well as carrying out bank transactions. He was also the sole administrator of Avak-Or Distributions Inc., a company that supplied fake invoices for his brother's scheme. He was granted full parole in March 2014. Janek Cienki, 44, Laval: He worked as the account manager for Michel Henri's company from 2000 until the arrests in Projet Anergie were made in 2007. In June 2012, Cienki was sentenced to a four-year prison term for his role in the scheme. In June 2014, while residing at a halfway house and on day parole, he asked the Parole Board of Canada to ease one of the conditions of his release. He wanted to visit his pet, who had been looked after by the associate of a relative while he was behind bars. The person caring for the animal had a conviction for a minor offence that dated back to 1994 but, as part of his conditions, Cienki is not allowed to associate with people who have criminal records. The parole board ultimately determined that Cienki's request was reasonable. Patrice Reid, 49, Pierrefonds: Reid used his own jewelry company to pull off the very same scheme that Michel Henri did, only on a smaller scale - \$5.6 million over the same two-year period. In Sept. 2012, he pleaded guilty to fraud and conspiracy and was later sentenced to a 30-month prison term. Reid was granted full parole in March 2014. [Montreal Gazette](#), A4

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

AFN National Chief Perry Bellegarde urges aboriginal men to do their part to help end the pattern of deaths and disappearances of native women

The head of the Assembly of First Nations is imploring native men who have "lost their way" to help prevent the deaths and disappearances of aboriginal women - a tragic reality he says all Canadians must confront, no matter how uncomfortable. Aboriginal men must address deep-seated issues stemming from the Indian Residential School system, including addiction and cycles of violence, National Chief Perry Bellegarde told The Globe and Mail on Monday. "When they come out of that system, they're not healthy, they're not well, and they've lost their way," Mr. Bellegarde said, adding that men and their families need better access to wellness centres and treatment programs. "What is the role of men? They're supposed to be protectors, providers." Mr. Bellegarde, who was elected in December, assumed the helm at a time when Ottawa has come under intense pressure to launch a national inquiry into Canada's more than 1,181 murdered and missing aboriginal women - a probe Prime Minister Stephen Harper has dismissed as unnecessary. "I think there has to be dialogue so it's in everybody's face," said Mr. Bellegarde, who supports an inquiry. "Don't just skirt around it. The truth may hurt, but let's deal with it." [Globe and Mail](#), A1

*** B.C. missing women inquiry led to changes, but roots of violence remain**

Violence against aboriginal women remains a problem that police and governments aren't addressing well enough, say women's advocates, two years after the B.C.'s missing women inquiry released 63 recommendations for major change. Commissioner Wally Oppal's inquiry into missing and murdered women slammed police for botching their investigations into serial killer Robert Pickton, who preyed on Vancouver sex workers from 1997 to 2002. The issue returned to the spotlight after the family of Stephanie Lane, whose partial remains were found on Pickton's farm, called for a new murder charge against the killer last week. Angela Marie MacDougall, executive director of Battered Women's Support Services, says that when it comes to addressing violence against aboriginal women, more lasting change is needed. "We need to see that change in an ongoing way. We need the political will. What we haven't seen is the systemic change that we would need to get at the roots of why we have this type of violence." [CBC News](#) (2015-02-02)

*** Gutting gangs a numbers game**

Crime Prevention Ottawa has come up with a "logical service model" to extract gangsters from the thug life, the agency's board heard Monday. Executive director Nancy Worsfold said CPO is going for a case management approach -- giving one-to-one support to primarily young men who are trying to get out of gangs. CPO wants the John Howard Society to be the lead agency for the exit strategy. The Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization would also be involved. Worsfold warned that the strategy won't rehabilitate the estimated 485 gangsters and associates overnight. It depends on the money available and how many gangsters are willing to turn their lives around. [Ottawa Sun](#), 4, [Ottawa Citizen](#), [Radio-Canada](#)

*** Ottawa's gang violence result of power struggles over drug trade, rivalries**

Ottawa police say the huge spike in shootings in Ottawa in 2014 points to a "mini arms race" among street gang members who are arming themselves with guns as they fight over drug territory. There were 49 shootings in Ottawa in 2014, compared to 30 in 2013 and 32 in 2012. Ottawa police say there are about 500 gang members and associates in Ottawa who earn money through the trafficking of illegal drugs, in particular selling crack cocaine. Acting Staff Sgt. Ken Bryden of the Ottawa police's guns and gangs unit said he doesn't have an estimate on how many illegal firearms there are in the capital, but police are averaging one gun seizure a week. "It would appear more guns are on our streets," Bryden said. Ballistics expert Sgt. Chris O'Brien, who tracks guns in the province of Ontario for Ottawa police, said guns are now seen as a necessary tool to compete in the drug trade. "For example, you have a neighbourhood with five drug dealers. If one of them gets a gun, all five of them will have to get a gun," he said. "If only one gets a gun, he becomes the power broker in the community. He is the person who has the weapon so he is more easily able to protect his turf... In order for everyone else to remain competitive they will have to arm themselves." [CBC News](#)

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La libération de Mohamed Fahmy imminente

Alors que, d'après les autorités canadiennes, sa libération serait imminente, le journaliste canado-égyptien Mohamed Fahmy, emprisonné au Caire, aurait abandonné sa citoyenneté égyptienne depuis quelques semaines. M. Fahmy est emprisonné depuis décembre 2013 par les autorités égyptiennes qui l'accusent de donner son appui aux Frères musulmans, une organisation interdite en Égypte. L'homme a renoncé à sa citoyenneté après que des responsables égyptiens lui eurent signifié que c'était «la seule façon de s'en sortir», a rapporté le réseau CTV, hier. Rejoint par l'Agence QMI, un porte-parole du ministère des Affaires étrangères n'a toutefois pas confirmé cette information. QMI Agency (Le Journal de Québec, Le Journal de Montréal); Canadian Press (Calgary Herald, Chronicle Herald, Times Colonist, The Record, The Gazette, Ottawa Citizen, Leader-Post, The Province, Edmonton Journal, The Star Phoenix, Windsor Star, * The Guardian, Le Devoir), National Post, * Toronto Star Windsor Star, Edmonton Journal, StarPhoenix, Vancouver Sun, Leader-Post, Ottawa Citizen, Calgary Herald, The Province, Montreal Gazette, National Post), QMI Agency (London Free Press, Edmonton Sun), * The Guardian (UK), * Presse canadienne (Voix de l'Est, Le Soleil, Acadie nouvelle, Le Devoir), * Globe and Mail, * Associated Press (Cape Breton Post)

Saïd Jaziri tire les ficelles de l'étranger

Un imam controversé et interdit de territoire au Canada pour le reste de sa vie a toujours la mainmise sur sa mosquée montréalaise à partir de la Tunisie, a conclu la Cour supérieure dans un récent jugement. Le tribunal a par ailleurs confirmé que Saïd Jaziri avait légalement le droit de tenir les rênes de la Mosquée al-Qods, rue Bélanger. Il contrôlait aussi l'association qui gère le lieu de culte, reconnue comme un organisme de bienfaisance sur le plan fiscal. Ces actifs sont évalués à 2,5 millions de dollars. M. Jaziri s'était fait connaître il y a une dizaine d'années par ses déclarations homophobes et pour l'instauration de tribunaux religieux. Le Tunisien a été expulsé du Canada en 2007 pour avoir caché son passé criminel aux agents d'immigration et a été banni du territoire de façon permanente. Il dirige maintenant un parti islamiste qui milite pour l'intégration de la charia dans la Constitution tunisienne, selon les médias locaux. Or, «Saïd Jaziri continue de contrôler l'Association [coranique de Montréal] et la mosquée, comme tous les témoins entendus le confirment», a conclu la juge Claude Dallaire dans une décision étoffée rendue avant les Fêtes. «Il a pris, ou a demandé de prendre, tous les moyens disponibles pour ne pas perdre ce contrôle.» La Presse, A2 (Front)

*** Le Nobel de la paix à Badawi?**

Faisant déjà l'objet d'une mobilisation mondiale pour exiger sa libération, le blogueur saoudien Raïf Badawi se retrouve maintenant en nomination pour l'obtention du prix Nobel de la paix 2015. Pendant ce temps, tous les yeux sont tournés vers l'Arabie saoudite, qui a commencé en fin de semaine à libérer certains prisonniers, sans préciser le nombre total et l'identité de ceux qui seraient graciés. C'est un poids symbolique important qui s'ajoute aux pressions visant à faire libérer Raïf Badawi. Le blogueur de 31 ans, emprisonné et flagellé en Arabie saoudite pour avoir appelé ses concitoyens à réfléchir sur la place de la religion dans leur société, est désormais en lice pour l'obtention du prix Nobel de la paix. Raïf Badawi figure ainsi au côté d'Edward Snowden, du pape François et du médecin congolais Denis Mukwege, qui soigne les femmes victimes de violences sexuelles, pour ne nommer que ceux-là. La Presse (Le Quotidien, 25, La Tribune, Voix de l'Est)

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Blaney says privacy rights won't be trampled in terror fight

The privacy rights of Canadians will be respected under new anti-terrorism legislation that would allow more information-sharing with the United States, says **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney**. Blaney has been discussing security issues in London with U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and ministerial counterparts from Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Blaney pointed out that the Conservative government's new bill would allow sharing of data from Canada's no-fly list with close allies. In an interview Friday, **the minister said** that doesn't mean handing U.S. officials the full list of people suspected of being a threat to the skies. **"I made clear that, from a Canadian perspective, we have to first take into consideration the privacy of Canadians."** Blaney said only information about high-risk travellers would be shared under a memorandum of understanding that conforms with Canadian privacy law. Blaney defended the government's efforts, saying in the interview the bill would allow CSIS to intervene at an early stage with people at risk of becoming radicalized through Internet propaganda. **"But we agree, we need to keep working in that direction with more strategy, especially in the prevention aspect," Blaney added.** [Canadian Press](#) (iPolitics, Red Deer Advocate)

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From Jmag to Jihad John: The radicalization of John Maguire

Ottawa's John Maguire understood that his enlistment as a foot soldier in the Islamic State would confound his friends, family and countrymen. So in his now infamous video, a six-minute screed in which he called upon Canadian Muslims to launch new attacks on their native soil, Maguire, 24, addressed his own unlikely radicalization. Released in early December, the video showed him in a shattered Syrian town, wrapped in a keffiyeh with a Kalashnikov rifle at his side. He spoke with strident conviction and careful enunciation. The RCMP this week announced terrorism-related charges against Maguire and the other alleged jihadist, Khadar Khalib, 23, a former Algonquin College student. Both men were charged in absentia. (Maguire was charged because the RCMP have no conclusive evidence that he's dead.) [Ottawa Citizen](#), D1

Accused terrorists considered blowing up bridge, court hears

Two men accused in an alleged plot to derail a Via Rail train travelling from New York to Toronto wanted to establish a "network of like-minded brothers" to spread their message in Canada, their trial heard Friday. Raed Jaser and Chiheb Esseghaier face multiple terror-related charges in the alleged scheme that culminated in their arrest in April, 2013. Not-guilty pleas have been entered for both. [Canadian Press](#) (Globe and Mail, A8; Vancouver Sun, Red Deer Advocate, Edmonton Journal, National Post, Times-Colonist, Windsor Star); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Droit, 21; L'Acadie Nouvelle); [Toronto Star](#); [QMI Agency](#) (London Free Press, E2; Kingston Whig-Standard)

Jihad, love & dinner

Three years ago, on a flight from Houston to San Jose, an undercover U.S. agent posing as a wealthy Egyptian-American befriended a Montreal PhD student and suspected radical named Chiheb Esseghaier. Six months later, in September 2012, the two men - now close friends - drove from Montreal to Toronto to meet a third man, whom Mr. Esseghaier called "the Palestinian brother." Unbeknownst to Mr. Esseghaier, though, the agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigations was recording the entire time. In a Toronto courtroom this week, prosecutors played long excerpts from their conversation during the 5-½-hour drive to the jury in his terrorism trial (the "Palestinian brother," Raed Jaser, is also on trial). [National Post](#), A9

Muslim student group at college faces scrutiny

The trial of alleged terrorist recruiter Awso Peshdary promises to turn a spotlight on the Algonquin College Muslim Students Association. Two of the three people charged this week with terrorism-related offences by the RCMP - Peshdary, 25, and Khader Khalib, 23 - are both former members of the association and took part in its events. One member of the association, who spoke the Citizen on the condition that his identify remain protected, said he was aware that several of the association's members were on a Canadian Security Intelligence Service "watch list" last year. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A11

Few convictions under Britain's anti-terror laws

New laws to jail promoters of terrorism and seize or silence jihadi propaganda have stirred up controversy but led to few actual convictions in a country that served as one of the models for Prime Minister Stephen Harper's latest salvo against the Islamic State. In Britain, which criminalized the encouragement of terrorism in 2006, the culprits have included a Muslim bookseller who traded in extremist literature and whose business card regularly turned up in terrorism suspects' homes, a law student who argued videos of attacks on western troops in Iraq and Afghanistan showed defence against an invading force, not terror, and a street merchant who, the courts ruled, was "reckless" about the potential influence of videos that celebrated notable terrorists. But the most recent case closely resembles the threat Canada has set out to tackle with the flood of young Muslims drawn to the Islamic State, a brutal insurgent group that has taken control of wide swaths of Syria and Iraq. In that case, a young man from Wales who had been stopped on two prior occasions from travelling to Somalia and Turkey was later arrested for posting terrorist material to social media websites even while he was participating in a government sponsored deradicalization program. [Toronto Star](#), A12

CSIS oversight body lacks resources, former member Bob Rae says

As the government's anti-terrorism bill is set to enhance the powers of the national spy agency, a former member of the independent body that watches over the Canadian Security Intelligence Service is concerned it is not equipped to provide sufficient oversight. Bob Rae — the former premier of Ontario and one-time interim leader of the Liberal Party — was for five years a member of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, which keeps tabs on CSIS. In an interview airing Saturday on CBC Radio's The House, Rae told host Evan Solomon that although CSIS has a budget "well over a billion dollars," the agency meant to watch over it has scant resources in comparison. CBCNews.ca

Imam calls for inquiry into radicalization

A prominent Canadian imam has called on the federal government to launch a national inquiry into the radicalization of young Muslim men in this country. Imam Syed Soharwardy, founder of the Islamic Supreme Council of Canada, said he's concerned that impressionable young people are falling prey to shadowy recruiters selling a false interpretation of Islam. [Ottawa Citizen](http://OttawaCitizen.com), D2

Riding a knife's edge

When news broke that the Moroccan-born imam Hamza Chaoui was opening a Montreal centre to preach his fervent brand of Wahhabism to local youth, reaction was swift. From the Quebec legislature to Montreal city hall, politicians labelled him a danger and said he had to be stopped. "He's an agent of radicalization, period," Mayor Denis Coderre said this week. The east-end borough where Mr. Chaoui planned to open his Ashabeb Centre invoked zoning rules to block the project, as politicians brushed aside concerns about possible infringements on free speech and freedom of religion. On Thursday, the leader of Quebec's second opposition party, François Legault of the Coalition Avenir Québec, even called for a change to the provincial rights charter to prohibit religious preaching that contradicts "Quebec values." The latest attempt to counter religious fundamentalism in Quebec coincides with the introduction last week of federal anti-terrorism legislation inspired by the fatal attacks last October in Saint-Jeansur-Richelieu, Que., and Ottawa. Motivated by the same impulse as Quebec policy-makers, the federal Conservative government says it is protecting Canadians from violent jihadists. However, critics of the law warn the proposed protection carries a high cost in eroded civil liberties. [National Post](http://NationalPost.com), A5

Back from the war

Dillon Hillier sat at the kitchen table in his family's stone farmhouse at the end of a long driveway. His mother poured coffee. His father fed the wood stove. Out the windows, the sun glared off snowy fields as clean and bright as a blank sheet of paper. A veteran of the Canadian Forces, Mr. Hillier landed in Iraq in November and fought alongside the Kurdish peshmerga, motivated to volunteer by the October attacks in Ontario and Quebec and the unseemly flow of radicalized Canadians into the ISIS ranks. He had intended on staying at least six months but on Jan. 27, his father Randy Hillier, a Progressive Conservative Ontario MPP, issued a statement saying his 26-year-old son had "returned safely home from the Middle East." In his first interview since returning to Canada, Mr. Hillier told the National Post his war had been cut short by U.S. military advisers, whom he said had pressured the Kurdish generals to stop allowing foreign volunteers to participate in the conflict. He also revealed that an ISIS sniper had almost terminated his mission sooner, missing him by inches, and that RCMP national security officers from Ottawa had visited him last week to ask, among other things, if he had come across any Canadian ISIS members. He flew back the way he'd come, through Doha and London. He was sure he was in for a grilling at Canadian customs at the airport in Toronto. He was upfront with the Canada Border Services Agency officer, admitting he had been in Iraq fighting with the peshmerga. But he said he was simply asked if he had any alcohol or tobacco to declare and waved through. He arrived home on Jan. 25. The next day, two RCMP officers from the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team came the farmhouse to question him. They said they were there to determine if any crimes had been committed. "I wanted them to know I wasn't with the PKK," he said. Since the PKK is on Canada's list of terrorist groups, those fighting with the group could face charges. But he had no role with the group and told the officers so. "They asked me if I had seen any Canadians on the other side," he said, meaning ISIS. He hadn't. "I don't think I really provided them with any useful information, just some insight." [National Post](http://NationalPost.com), A6 (Vancouver Sun, Windsor Star, Edmonton Journal, Ottawa Citizen, Calgary Herald)

Local MPs promote anti-terrorism bill

Local MPs Rob Moore and Rodney Weston held a press conference Friday morning at the port to promote the new anti-terrorism legislation Prime Minister Stephen Harper proposed in Parliament last week. Canada is not immune to the threat of terrorism as demonstrated by attacks against soldiers last October in Ottawa and Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu in Quebec, Moore said. "These new measures will enhance information sharing for national security purposes and provide law enforcement and national security agencies with the tools they need to prevent, detect and respond to the threat of terrorism," Moore said. Telegraph-Journal, B4

* **École islamique suspendue d'un cégep**

Le collège rosemont suspend les activités d'une école islamique qui lui louait des classes la fin de semaine. notre bureau d'enquête vient d'informer la direction que l'école publiait des liens vers des textes intégristes sur son site internet. Il ne croit pas que l'établissement soit un incubateur à radicaux, mais il a néanmoins demandé à la GRC de venir former le personnel pour savoir y faire face. Le Journal de Montréal, 13

It's not a war. Here's how to win

An editorial states, "Terrorism is a weapon of the weak. It aims to maim and to kill, but above all it seeks to provoke a more powerful opponent. A madman with a gun on Parliament Hill, conspirators dreaming of blowing up a bridge, a lunatic turning a car into a weapon - these can take life, but they are not an existential threat to Canada. They cannot destroy democracy, the rule of law or our rights and freedoms. They cannot overthrow the Canadian government. By themselves, they cannot accomplish much beyond murder. To gain recruits, to advance their cause and to leave behind anything other than death, they need our help..." Globe and Mail, F9

Surveillance bill needs careful review

An opinion piece states, "The past 10 days have been a difficult time for Canadians concerned with privacy and civil liberties. Strike one came with new Edward Snowden revelations regarding Canada's role in the daily tracking of the Internet activities of millions. Strike two was the introduction of Bill C-51, the anti-terrorism legislation, which sparked concern from observers across the country. Strike three came with the response to those developments, with the government dismissing oversight mechanisms as "red tape" and the opposition parties choosing to focus on process rather than substance..." Toronto Star, B3

A spooky anti- terrorism bill

An opinion piece states, "Eight days ago, Prime Minister Stephen Harper introduced legislation to create a new Anti-Terrorism Act to an audience in Richmond Hill, Ont. A copy of the legislation was submitted to Parliament by FedEx. The proposed legislation represents the largest overhaul of Canada's security laws in more than a decade following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. It will ratchet up the power of police and spy agencies and challenge civil liberties without new or enhanced parliamentary oversight to watch over the work of our security services..." Times & Transcript, A13

U.S. should stand up to online extremists

An opinion piece states, "The U.S.-led campaign to defeat the Islamic State (also known as ISIS or ISIL), al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations should not be limited to airstrikes in Iraq, targeted drone strikes in Pakistan and non-lethal military assistance to other countries battling Islamist insurgencies. Unless America and its allies engage fully in the battle of ideas, countering online Islamist propaganda and jihadi recruitment efforts, impressionable young people will continue to be drawn into cyber-jihad, becoming either cannon fodder for terrorist organizations overseas or lone wolf terrorists at home... Last week, the federal government introduced sweeping new national security measures to combat the growing threat of violent extremism and the radicalization of youth by terrorist recruiters. For example, the proposed legislation aims to "criminalize the advocacy or promotion of terrorism offences in general" and "counter terrorist recruitment by giving our courts the authority to order the removal of terrorist propaganda online." Those measures are necessary and welcome, but they are insufficient to stem the tide of hate on social media..." Kingston Whig-Standard, A6

* **Should Target single out PM for failure?**

An opinion piece states, "... As it happens, of the approximately 12 million forms distributed in the census prior to 2010, there were - wait for it - 166 complaints from the public. Fact is, MasterCard and Visa, the credit-rating agencies, the Canada Revenue Agency, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and the international spy agencies with which CSIS shares data; and the telemarketer who tried last night to sell you a new set of windows already know plenty about you..." Toronto Star, B1

SAUDI CAMPUS CONCERNS

With the Algonquin College community already on edge following revelations of a homegrown terror network linked to a campus student group, faculty members have elevated concerns over a campus the school operates in a troubled region of Saudi Arabia. The Algonquin Jazan College of Excellence opened its doors to male-only students in 2013 near the city of Jazan, in the southern tip of Saudi Arabia near the border with Yemen, an area the U.S. State Department describes as being rife with terror, and one experts deem among the most dangerous regions on the planet. Ottawa Sun, 4

Questions that need answers

An opinion piece states, "This is one Ontario community college satellite campus where even our own premier would not be permitted to study. If Premier Kathleen Wynne wanted to attend Algonquin College's Saudi Arabia campus as a student she'd be out of luck. So much for the boast by Ontario Colleges of equal opportunity education. There are other concerns with this strange arrangement between the Ottawa community college and Saudi Arabia as QMI Agency's Aedan Helmer reports in his exclusive story. In light of the terror arrests and a jihadi recruitment network exposed at Algonquin College this week, there should be some questions answered. The RCMP and CSIS would only be doing their jobs to take a look at all aspects of this campus and who attends --especially since this school is in a region of Saudi Arabia the American government has warned citizens not to go near for safety reasons..." Ottawa Sun, 5

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

No point to plaza debate

Some of us are far too obsessed with who pays for the customs plaza on the U.S. side of the new bridge between Windsor and Detroit. How the Americans pay for it or when they pay for it is immaterial - although Canadians would have a right to be outraged if our tolls also help pay for the U.S. half of their highway infrastructure. But that's not likely. Windsor Star, A3

Foreign worker program needs more tweaking

The sweeping changes to the temporary foreign worker program in June 2014 were supposed to address the perception that foreign workers were taking jobs away from Canadians. The overhaul may prove effective for some regions of Canada, but it threatens to bring harm to Alberta businesses. Recognizing Alberta's circumstances, federal Employment Minister Jason Kenney says the program needs "a little tweak." As other problems become apparent, we expect further tweaks will be necessary. Calgary Herald, A23

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

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*** Police seek bail-hearing overhaul**

The Edmonton Police Service, citing the recent murder of a St. Albert Mountie by a man on bail, demanded Friday that Justice Minister Jonathan Denis make sweeping changes to bail hearings. The department wants Crown prosecutors to take over bail hearings currently done by police officers. "We believe that conducting justice of the peace bail hearings is a function of the Crown," acting deputy chief

Deb Jolly said Friday. Her statement follows questions surrounding the short bail hearing of Shawn Rehn, who killed St. Albert RCMP Const. David Wynn in January. [Edmonton Journal](#), A3; [Edmonton Sun](#); [Globe and Mail](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Red Deer Advocate, A3)

*** Le NPD ne veut pas que le mandat soit confié à la GRC**

Le NPD s'oppose farouchement à l'intention du gouvernement Harper de confier la sécurité de l'ensemble des édifices de la cité parlementaire à la GRC, soutenant que ce corps policier a été incapable de stopper le tireur fou Michael Zehaf Bibeau l'automne dernier, alors qu'il franchissait au pas de course le terrain de la colline avant de faire irruption dans le parlement. En réponse à cette attaque qui a ébranlé toute la classe politique canadienne, le gouvernement Harper a déposé hier une motion confirmant la fusion des services de sécurité de la Chambre des communes et du Sénat et proposant de placer ces gardes de sécurité sous le commandement de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC). [La Presse](#), A14; [Ottawa Citizen](#)

*** Gang squad charges two after year-long investigation**

B.C.'s anti-gang agency says it has headed off a resurgence of the Independent Soldiers gang in Kelowna with two arrests for firearms-and drug-related offences. [Vancouver Sun](#), A7

*** Missing snowmobiler a hoax – RCMP**

It was a search that sent RCMP scrambling. Two girls were missing after an apparent snowmobile accident near Carrot River. Police scoured the area. Locals went out on snowmobiles looking for them. Search and rescue crews flew the area for hours. Their valuable time and energy were wasted. It all turned out to be a giant hoax. "It is a relief that it is a hoax because now we know no one is out there," said Carrot River RCMP Sgt. Steven Smith. "It upsets us because of the emotions we have and the manpower we put it onto this." [StarPhoenix](#), A4

*** Dangerous animal report nears completion**

As a court date approaches for the man arrested this week after a huge snake killed two young boys in Campbellton a year and a half ago, a special report with recommendations on dangerous and exotic animals is almost ready to be presented to the provincial cabinet. RCMP said in a press release Friday a 38-year-old Montreal man is scheduled to appear in Campbellton provincial court in April in connection with the boys' deaths. While the RCMP did not name the man in the release, Campbellton lawyer Leslie Matchim confirmed to Brunswick News it was his client, Jean-Claude Savoie, who had been arrested in the Montreal area on Thursday and later released that evening. He also confirmed his client would be appearing in Campbellton provincial court in April. [Telegraph-Journal](#), A1; [Canadian Press](#) (Edmonton Journal, A10); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Quotidien, 35); [Agence QMI](#) (Le Journal de Québec, 47)

*** Five arrested in 2012 slaying**

Mounties have arrested five people in the 2012 slaying of a 22-year-old man, after a lengthy probe involving hundreds of officers in B.C. and Alberta. [Canadian Press](#) (Times-Colonist, A8)

*** Senior pulled from burning home**

Sooke RCMP officers responding to a fire call ended up pulling an elderly man from a burning Govenlock Place home Friday morning. Const. Sean Heidman used a sledgehammer he had in his police vehicle to smash a slidingglass door to get to the man, who was lying on the kitchen floor. [Times-Colonist](#), A3

*** RCMP cleared of wrongdoing in arrest of Meat Cove woman**

The province's independent Serious Incident Response Team (SIRT) has cleared the RCMP of any wrongdoing in the arrest last year of a 57-year-old Meat Cove woman who suffered a broken arm. [Cape Breton Post](#), A3; [Chronicle-Herald](#)

*** Who will provide Pan Am security?**

Security for the 2015 Pan Am Games is being provided by a mélange of private and public forces which includes an OPP-led consortium of eight police services (including Hamilton) plus at least two private-sector companies. Here's who they are and what they'll be doing: Integrated Security Unit (ISU): The ISU is led by the Ontario Provincial Police and includes representation from the RCMP and local police from

Niagara, Hamilton, Halton, Peel, Toronto, York and Durham. Hamilton Police Superintendent of Investigative Services Dan Kinsella has been involved in the planning and preparation process for well over a year and has been working with the ISU full time since January. [Hamilton Spectator](#), A6

*** Hamilton Pan Am security costs still unknown**

Ontario taxpayers will be spending about \$10 million a day throughout the Pan Am Games to secure the sites, athletes and spectators - but how much of that will be spent in Hamilton has yet to be revealed, or even fully decided. [Hamilton Spectator](#), A6

*** Officer recalls evidence from scene of shooting**

These days, Const. Kelly Manweiller works with the RCMP's Specialized Response Unit in Whitehorse, but in October 2011, her last name was McQuarrie and she was with the Major Crimes Unit. It was in that capacity that she travelled to Dawson on Oct. 22 of that year to take part in the investigation into the arrest and shooting of Mark McDiarmid. McDiarmid, then 32 years old, had been tracked to the North Fork Road off the Dempster Highway and captured after he had driven his truck over a spike belt and had to pull off the road on the Dempster. He was shot three times by RCMP Constables Jeff Nielsen and David Marentette when he allegedly ran at them brandishing a splitting maul after throwing a jar filled with an oily chemical substance at their SUV, designated 10 Alpha 1, in which they had pursued him. McDiarmid is on trial before a Yukon Supreme Court judge and jury facing seven charges - mischief in damaging a police vehicle, three counts of assaulting police officers, possessing a weapon for a dangerous purpose, and two counts of attempted murder. [Whitehorse Daily Star](#), 9

*** Yukoners attend Afghanistan Memorial Vigil in N.W.T.**

Deputy Premier Elaine Taylor, Speaker David Laxton and a delegation of Yukoners visited Yellowknife Tuesday to attend a commemoration ceremony for the Afghanistan Memorial Vigil at the N.W.T. Legislative Assembly. They were joined by Commissioner Doug Phillips; Joe Mewett, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 254 president and Afghanistan war veteran; and three Yukon RCMP members. They are: "M" Division commanding officer, Chief Supt. Peter Clark; "M" Division warrant officer, Staff Sgt. Major Doug Spencer; and Whitehorse detachment Const. Brian Harding, who served a tour of duty in Kandahar Province in 2008/09 as a member of Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa Regiment. [Whitehorse Daily Star](#), 10

*** Bus carrying children flips on slick highway in central Newfoundland**

Several people including young children were recovering Friday after a bus slid off the icy Trans-Canada Highway and flipped onto its side near Grand Falls-Windsor in central Newfoundland. MacKenzie praised the co-operation of about 25 firefighters, medical responders, the RCMP and local search and rescue crews who helped comb nearby woods in case anyone had been thrown. A crane was used to make sure no one was trapped beneath the bus. [Canadian Press](#) (The Guardian), A6)

*** Province, not Mounties, managing horse capture**

The RCMP will not be holding the licences for an upcoming feral horse capture in the Ghost area, contrary to what was initially announced by the province. Instead, the roundup of 50 of the province's free-roaming horses will be managed by Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, said department spokesman Duncan MacDonnell on Friday. [Calgary Herald](#), A13

Outlaws' threat created Saints

The StarPhoenix has conducted a series of interviews with a source who has extensive knowledge of the Project Forseti investigation, as well as the inner workings of the Saskatoon Hells Angels, Fallen Saints and other groups. One morning late last summer, more than a dozen members of the Hells Angels and Fallen Saints motorcycle clubs rode out of town together. Through a steady rain, they headed north on Highway 11. Their journey ended just before noon at the Prince Albert clubhouse of fellow bikers, the Saints and Sinners. Second, the Outlaws needed allies inside federal penitentiaries in Western Canada. The partnership ensured any convicted Outlaws' safety in prison ranges occupied by Deuce members. Although the majority of Hells Angels weren't personally involved in drug dealing, prostitution and illegal firearms, they all knew their power depended on controlling those who did, the source said. The bar owner and the Hells Angels began recruiting. Within a few weeks, several high profile criminals had

agreed to start the new gang loyal to the Hells Angels. By the end of 2014, the Outlaws had finally been driven underground, and many left town, the source said. The Hells Angels, Fallen Saints and Terror Squad had achieved the dominance they craved. It wouldn't last long - the Project Forseti raids came just weeks later. So far, 16 people have been charged as a result of Project Forseti. The massive police raids targeted the Fallen Saints and Hells Angels and uncovered hundreds of firearms and more than \$8 million worth of drugs. While several of the bikers who were arrested are now out on bail, police have confirmed they are considering criminal organization charges against some of those arrested in Project Forseti. [StarPhoenix](#), A1

* **Protecting the Hill**

An editorial states, "It took an armed attack on Parliament Hill to prompt the change, but the heart of our democracy will soon be protected by a proper security force under unified command. The change was proposed this week and it comes not a moment too soon. The attack on Oct. 22 highlighted the heroism of security officials on the Hill (former sergeant-at-arms Kevin Vickers being only the most heralded). But it also exposed obvious weaknesses in the system meant to protect Parliament..." [Toronto Star](#), IN6

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

* **Risk to the public 'too high'**

An extremely violent Edmonton man who committed a "horrific" knife attack on his wife was ordered locked up indefinitely as a dangerous offender on Friday. Dennis Anthony Aulotte, 46, was given the notorious designation following a lengthy hearing which began after he was convicted of the 2011 aggravated assault in 2012. [Edmonton Sun](#), 20

* **St. John's man still on the run**

Andrew Dunn has been unlawfully at large since at least October, celebrating his 31st birthday while wanted by the police. The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary has issued a news release requesting help in locating Dunn, who is accused of breaching the conditions of his parole. Correctional Services Canada has put out a warrant for his arrest. [The Telegram](#), A5

* **Son's breaches cost dad \$75K**

The father of a convicted killer has been ordered to pay a huge portion of the surety he posted for his son. Dennis Tymchyshyn must pay the court \$75,000 - three-quarters of the \$100,000 he posted for his son. He had banked on the prospects of Corey Tymchyshyn staying out of trouble while awaiting his first-degree murder trial for the 2008 killing of Chad Davis only to have that blow up in his face. Corey Tymchyshyn was rearrested in 2012 while out on bail and was slapped with several charges, including assault, extortion and running a marijuana grow-op out of a city home. Crown and defence lawyers had presented evidence and arguments last September. Justice Sadie Bond of the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench gave a written decision on the surety issue Thursday. In 2009, the elder Tymchyshyn posted a \$100,000 surety so a judge would allow his son to be released on bail while awaiting trial for first-degree murder. Corey Tymchyshyn was found guilty in early 2014 of the killing of Davis and is serving a life sentence with no chance of parole for at least 25 years. He has filed an appeal. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), A5

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

* **B.C. to fund programs using forfeiture money**

Premier Christy Clark says her government is diverting money from "the bad guys" to their victims as the province upgrades its strategy toward ending violence against women. The province will apportion \$3 million in civil forfeiture funds this year to pay for a new Domestic Violence Unit in Surrey, local support services and an awareness campaign. [Vancouver Sun](#), A5

* **Langley MP seeks stiffer drunk-driving law**

A Conservative MP from Langley wants impaired drivers convicted of causing death to be charged with vehicular homicide and given a mandatory sentence. [Vancouver Sun](#), A4

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Bell named chief justice of Court Martial Appeal Court

Justice Richard Bell is leaving the New Brunswick Court of Appeal to take up new duties in Ottawa. Bell has been appointed chief justice and judge of the Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada and a judge of the Federal Court of Canada. Meanwhile, the Federal Court of Canada hears disputes between provinces or between the federal government and the provinces, as well as patent law cases, and matters involving federal institutions such as the RCMP or Corrections Services of Canada. It is also the court that hears national security concerns, such as terrorism issues. [Daily Gleaner](#), A5

INTERNATIONAL

Islamic State claims U.S. hostage killed

Islamic State extremists claimed that an American woman held hostage by the group was killed Friday in a Jordanian airstrike in northern Syria, but the government of Jordan dismissed the statement as "criminal propaganda" and the U.S. said it had not seen any evidence to corroborate the report. [Globe and Mail](#), A17

Islamic State raising stakes with its propaganda

A video of a Jordanian pilot being burned to death was exceptional in its brutality, even for the Islamic State group, and also was a sign that the militants intend to raise the stakes in their propaganda efforts, experts say. It also offered confirmation to the belief that the airman was killed days or weeks before its release. [The Associated Press](#) (Times & Transcript, B5)

U.K. jihadi sentenced to 12 years in prison

A British jihadi who faked his death in an attempt to secretly return to England from Syria was sentenced Friday to 12 years in prison. Imran Khawaja, who joined a faction aligned with the Islamic State group and attended an extremist training camp in Syria for six months, had appeared in the group's online propaganda videos - including one in which he posed with a man's severed head. [Toronto Star](#), A16

U.S. must resist 'overreach' abroad, Obama says

U.S. President Barack Obama, outlining a new national security blueprint for his last two years in office, warned against American "overreach" abroad Friday, even as he cast the U.S. as an indispensable force in combating global challenges including terrorism, climate change and cyber threats. [The Associated Press](#) (The Record, A7)

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Blaney says privacy rights won't be trampled in terror fight

The privacy rights of Canadians will be respected under new anti-terrorism legislation that would allow more information-sharing with the United States, says **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney**. Blaney has been discussing security issues in London with U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and ministerial counterparts from Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Blaney pointed out that the Conservative government's new bill would allow sharing of data from Canada's no-fly list with close allies. In an interview Friday, **the minister said** that doesn't mean handing U.S. officials the full list of people suspected of being a threat to the skies. **"I made clear that, from a Canadian perspective, we have to first take into consideration the privacy of Canadians."** Blaney said only information about high-risk travellers would be shared under a memorandum of understanding that conforms with Canadian privacy law. Blaney defended the government's efforts, saying in the interview the bill would allow CSIS to intervene at an early stage with people at risk of becoming radicalized through Internet propaganda. **"But we agree, we need to keep working in that direction with more strategy, especially in the prevention aspect," Blaney added.** [Canadian Press](#) (iPolitics, Red Deer Advocate)

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NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

From Jmag to Jihad John: The radicalization of John Maguire

Ottawa's John Maguire understood that his enlistment as a foot soldier in the Islamic State would confound his friends, family and countrymen. So in his now infamous video, a six-minute screed in which he called upon Canadian Muslims to launch new attacks on their native soil, Maguire, 24, addressed his own unlikely radicalization. Released in early December, the video showed him in a shattered Syrian town, wrapped in a keffiyeh with a Kalashnikov rifle at his side. He spoke with strident conviction and careful enunciation. The RCMP this week announced terrorism-related charges against Maguire and the other alleged jihadist, Khadar Khalib, 23, a former Algonquin College student. Both men were charged in absentia. (Maguire was charged because the RCMP have no conclusive evidence that he's dead.) [Ottawa Citizen](#), D1

Accused terrorists considered blowing up bridge, court hears

Two men accused in an alleged plot to derail a Via Rail train travelling from New York to Toronto wanted to establish a "network of like-minded brothers" to spread their message in Canada, their trial heard Friday. Raed Jaser and Chiheb Esseghaier face multiple terror-related charges in the alleged scheme that culminated in their arrest in April, 2013. Not-guilty pleas have been entered for both. [Canadian Press](#) (Globe and Mail, A8; Vancouver Sun, Red Deer Advocate, Edmonton Journal, National Post, Times-Colonist, Windsor Star); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Droit, 21; L'Acadie Nouvelle); [Toronto Star](#); [QMI Agency](#) (London Free Press, E2; Kingston Whig-Standard)

Jihad, love & dinner

Three years ago, on a flight from Houston to San Jose, an undercover U.S. agent posing as a wealthy Egyptian-American befriended a Montreal PhD student and suspected radical named Chiheb Esseghaier. Six months later, in September 2012, the two men - now close friends - drove from Montreal to Toronto to meet a third man, whom Mr. Esseghaier called "the Palestinian brother." Unbeknownst to Mr. Esseghaier, though, the agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigations was recording the entire time. In a Toronto courtroom this week, prosecutors played long excerpts from their conversation during the 5-½-hour drive to the jury in his terrorism trial (the "Palestinian brother," Raed Jaser, is also on trial). [National Post](#), A9

Muslim student group at college faces scrutiny

The trial of alleged terrorist recruiter Awso Peshdary promises to turn a spotlight on the Algonquin College Muslim Students Association. Two of the three people charged this week with terrorism-related offences by the RCMP - Peshdary, 25, and Khader Khalib, 23 - are both former members of the association and took part in its events. One member of the association, who spoke the Citizen on the condition that his identify remain protected, said he was aware that several of the association's members were on a Canadian Security Intelligence Service "watch list" last year. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A11

Few convictions under Britain's anti-terror laws

New laws to jail promoters of terrorism and seize or silence jihadi propaganda have stirred up controversy but led to few actual convictions in a country that served as one of the models for Prime Minister Stephen Harper's latest salvo against the Islamic State. In Britain, which criminalized the encouragement of terrorism in 2006, the culprits have included a Muslim bookseller who traded in extremist literature and whose business card regularly turned up in terrorism suspects' homes, a law student who argued videos of attacks on western troops in Iraq and Afghanistan showed defence against an invading force, not terror, and a street merchant who, the courts ruled, was "reckless" about the potential influence of videos that celebrated notable terrorists. But the most recent case closely resembles the threat Canada has set out to tackle with the flood of young Muslims drawn to the Islamic State, a brutal insurgent group that has taken control of wide swaths of Syria and Iraq. In that case, a young man from Wales who had been stopped on two prior occasions from travelling to Somalia and Turkey was later arrested for posting terrorist material to social media websites even while he was participating in a government sponsored deradicalization program. [Toronto Star](#), A12

CSIS oversight body lacks resources, former member Bob Rae says

As the government's anti-terrorism bill is set to enhance the powers of the national spy agency, a former member of the independent body that watches over the Canadian Security Intelligence Service is concerned it is not equipped to provide sufficient oversight. Bob Rae — the former premier of Ontario and one-time interim leader of the Liberal Party — was for five years a member of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, which keeps tabs on CSIS. In an interview airing Saturday on CBC Radio's The House, Rae told host Evan Solomon that although CSIS has a budget "well over a billion dollars," the agency meant to watch over it has scant resources in comparison. CBCNews.ca

Imam calls for inquiry into radicalization

A prominent Canadian imam has called on the federal government to launch a national inquiry into the radicalization of young Muslim men in this country. Imam Syed Soharwardy, founder of the Islamic Supreme Council of Canada, said he's concerned that impressionable young people are falling prey to shadowy recruiters selling a false interpretation of Islam. [Ottawa Citizen](http://OttawaCitizen.com), D2

Riding a knife's edge

When news broke that the Moroccan-born imam Hamza Chaoui was opening a Montreal centre to preach his fervent brand of Wahhabism to local youth, reaction was swift. From the Quebec legislature to Montreal city hall, politicians labelled him a danger and said he had to be stopped. "He's an agent of radicalization, period," Mayor Denis Coderre said this week. The east-end borough where Mr. Chaoui planned to open his Ashabeb Centre invoked zoning rules to block the project, as politicians brushed aside concerns about possible infringements on free speech and freedom of religion. On Thursday, the leader of Quebec's second opposition party, François Legault of the Coalition Avenir Québec, even called for a change to the provincial rights charter to prohibit religious preaching that contradicts "Quebec values." The latest attempt to counter religious fundamentalism in Quebec coincides with the introduction last week of federal anti-terrorism legislation inspired by the fatal attacks last October in Saint-Jeansur-Richelieu, Que., and Ottawa. Motivated by the same impulse as Quebec policy-makers, the federal Conservative government says it is protecting Canadians from violent jihadists. However, critics of the law warn the proposed protection carries a high cost in eroded civil liberties. [National Post](http://NationalPost.com), A5

Back from the war

Dillon Hillier sat at the kitchen table in his family's stone farmhouse at the end of a long driveway. His mother poured coffee. His father fed the wood stove. Out the windows, the sun glared off snowy fields as clean and bright as a blank sheet of paper. A veteran of the Canadian Forces, Mr. Hillier landed in Iraq in November and fought alongside the Kurdish peshmerga, motivated to volunteer by the October attacks in Ontario and Quebec and the unseemly flow of radicalized Canadians into the ISIS ranks. He had intended on staying at least six months but on Jan. 27, his father Randy Hillier, a Progressive Conservative Ontario MPP, issued a statement saying his 26-year-old son had "returned safely home from the Middle East." In his first interview since returning to Canada, Mr. Hillier told the National Post his war had been cut short by U.S. military advisers, whom he said had pressured the Kurdish generals to stop allowing foreign volunteers to participate in the conflict. He also revealed that an ISIS sniper had almost terminated his mission sooner, missing him by inches, and that RCMP national security officers from Ottawa had visited him last week to ask, among other things, if he had come across any Canadian ISIS members. He flew back the way he'd come, through Doha and London. He was sure he was in for a grilling at Canadian customs at the airport in Toronto. He was upfront with the Canada Border Services Agency officer, admitting he had been in Iraq fighting with the peshmerga. But he said he was simply asked if he had any alcohol or tobacco to declare and waved through. He arrived home on Jan. 25. The next day, two RCMP officers from the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team came the farmhouse to question him. They said they were there to determine if any crimes had been committed. "I wanted them to know I wasn't with the PKK," he said. Since the PKK is on Canada's list of terrorist groups, those fighting with the group could face charges. But he had no role with the group and told the officers so. "They asked me if I had seen any Canadians on the other side," he said, meaning ISIS. He hadn't. "I don't think I really provided them with any useful information, just some insight." [National Post](http://NationalPost.com), A6 (Vancouver Sun, Windsor Star, Edmonton Journal, Ottawa Citizen, Calgary Herald)

Local MPs promote anti-terrorism bill

Local MPs Rob Moore and Rodney Weston held a press conference Friday morning at the port to promote the new anti-terrorism legislation Prime Minister Stephen Harper proposed in Parliament last week. Canada is not immune to the threat of terrorism as demonstrated by attacks against soldiers last October in Ottawa and Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu in Quebec, Moore said. "These new measures will enhance information sharing for national security purposes and provide law enforcement and national security agencies with the tools they need to prevent, detect and respond to the threat of terrorism," Moore said. Telegraph-Journal, B4

* **École islamique suspendue d'un cégep**

Le collège rosemont suspend les activités d'une école islamique qui lui louait des classes la fin de semaine. notre bureau d'enquête vient d'informer la direction que l'école publiait des liens vers des textes intégristes sur son site internet. Il ne croit pas que l'établissement soit un incubateur à radicaux, mais il a néanmoins demandé à la GRC de venir former le personnel pour savoir y faire face. Le Journal de Montréal, 13

It's not a war. Here's how to win

An editorial states, "Terrorism is a weapon of the weak. It aims to maim and to kill, but above all it seeks to provoke a more powerful opponent. A madman with a gun on Parliament Hill, conspirators dreaming of blowing up a bridge, a lunatic turning a car into a weapon - these can take life, but they are not an existential threat to Canada. They cannot destroy democracy, the rule of law or our rights and freedoms. They cannot overthrow the Canadian government. By themselves, they cannot accomplish much beyond murder. To gain recruits, to advance their cause and to leave behind anything other than death, they need our help..." Globe and Mail, F9

Surveillance bill needs careful review

An opinion piece states, "The past 10 days have been a difficult time for Canadians concerned with privacy and civil liberties. Strike one came with new Edward Snowden revelations regarding Canada's role in the daily tracking of the Internet activities of millions. Strike two was the introduction of Bill C-51, the anti-terrorism legislation, which sparked concern from observers across the country. Strike three came with the response to those developments, with the government dismissing oversight mechanisms as "red tape" and the opposition parties choosing to focus on process rather than substance..." Toronto Star, B3

A spooky anti- terrorism bill

An opinion piece states, "Eight days ago, Prime Minister Stephen Harper introduced legislation to create a new Anti-Terrorism Act to an audience in Richmond Hill, Ont. A copy of the legislation was submitted to Parliament by FedEx. The proposed legislation represents the largest overhaul of Canada's security laws in more than a decade following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. It will ratchet up the power of police and spy agencies and challenge civil liberties without new or enhanced parliamentary oversight to watch over the work of our security services..." Times & Transcript, A13

U.S. should stand up to online extremists

An opinion piece states, "The U.S.-led campaign to defeat the Islamic State (also known as ISIS or ISIL), al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations should not be limited to airstrikes in Iraq, targeted drone strikes in Pakistan and non-lethal military assistance to other countries battling Islamist insurgencies. Unless America and its allies engage fully in the battle of ideas, countering online Islamist propaganda and jihadi recruitment efforts, impressionable young people will continue to be drawn into cyber-jihad, becoming either cannon fodder for terrorist organizations overseas or lone wolf terrorists at home... Last week, the federal government introduced sweeping new national security measures to combat the growing threat of violent extremism and the radicalization of youth by terrorist recruiters. For example, the proposed legislation aims to "criminalize the advocacy or promotion of terrorism offences in general" and "counter terrorist recruitment by giving our courts the authority to order the removal of terrorist propaganda online." Those measures are necessary and welcome, but they are insufficient to stem the tide of hate on social media..." Kingston Whig-Standard, A6

* **Should Target single out PM for failure?**

An opinion piece states, "... As it happens, of the approximately 12 million forms distributed in the census prior to 2010, there were - wait for it - 166 complaints from the public. Fact is, MasterCard and Visa, the credit-rating agencies, the Canada Revenue Agency, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and the international spy agencies with which CSIS shares data; and the telemarketer who tried last night to sell you a new set of windows already know plenty about you..." Toronto Star, B1

SAUDI CAMPUS CONCERNS

With the Algonquin College community already on edge following revelations of a homegrown terror network linked to a campus student group, faculty members have elevated concerns over a campus the school operates in a troubled region of Saudi Arabia. The Algonquin Jazan College of Excellence opened its doors to male-only students in 2013 near the city of Jazan, in the southern tip of Saudi Arabia near the border with Yemen, an area the U.S. State Department describes as being rife with terror, and one experts deem among the most dangerous regions on the planet. Ottawa Sun, 4

Questions that need answers

An opinion piece states, "This is one Ontario community college satellite campus where even our own premier would not be permitted to study. If Premier Kathleen Wynne wanted to attend Algonquin College's Saudi Arabia campus as a student she'd be out of luck. So much for the boast by Ontario Colleges of equal opportunity education. There are other concerns with this strange arrangement between the Ottawa community college and Saudi Arabia as QMI Agency's Aedan Helmer reports in his exclusive story. In light of the terror arrests and a jihadi recruitment network exposed at Algonquin College this week, there should be some questions answered. The RCMP and CSIS would only be doing their jobs to take a look at all aspects of this campus and who attends --especially since this school is in a region of Saudi Arabia the American government has warned citizens not to go near for safety reasons..." Ottawa Sun, 5

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

No point to plaza debate

Some of us are far too obsessed with who pays for the customs plaza on the U.S. side of the new bridge between Windsor and Detroit. How the Americans pay for it or when they pay for it is immaterial - although Canadians would have a right to be outraged if our tolls also help pay for the U.S. half of their highway infrastructure. But that's not likely. Windsor Star, A3

Foreign worker program needs more tweaking

The sweeping changes to the temporary foreign worker program in June 2014 were supposed to address the perception that foreign workers were taking jobs away from Canadians. The overhaul may prove effective for some regions of Canada, but it threatens to bring harm to Alberta businesses. Recognizing Alberta's circumstances, federal Employment Minister Jason Kenney says the program needs "a little tweak." As other problems become apparent, we expect further tweaks will be necessary. Calgary Herald, A23

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

NIL

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

*** Police seek bail-hearing overhaul**

The Edmonton Police Service, citing the recent murder of a St. Albert Mountie by a man on bail, demanded Friday that Justice Minister Jonathan Denis make sweeping changes to bail hearings. The department wants Crown prosecutors to take over bail hearings currently done by police officers. "We believe that conducting justice of the peace bail hearings is a function of the Crown," acting deputy chief

Deb Jolly said Friday. Her statement follows questions surrounding the short bail hearing of Shawn Rehn, who killed St. Albert RCMP Const. David Wynn in January. [Edmonton Journal](#), A3; [Edmonton Sun](#); [Globe and Mail](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Red Deer Advocate, A3)

*** Le NPD ne veut pas que le mandat soit confié à la GRC**

Le NPD s'oppose farouchement à l'intention du gouvernement Harper de confier la sécurité de l'ensemble des édifices de la cité parlementaire à la GRC, soutenant que ce corps policier a été incapable de stopper le tireur fou Michael Zehaf Bibeau l'automne dernier, alors qu'il franchissait au pas de course le terrain de la colline avant de faire irruption dans le parlement. En réponse à cette attaque qui a ébranlé toute la classe politique canadienne, le gouvernement Harper a déposé hier une motion confirmant la fusion des services de sécurité de la Chambre des communes et du Sénat et proposant de placer ces gardes de sécurité sous le commandement de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC). [La Presse](#), A14; [Ottawa Citizen](#)

*** Gang squad charges two after year-long investigation**

B.C.'s anti-gang agency says it has headed off a resurgence of the Independent Soldiers gang in Kelowna with two arrests for firearms-and drug-related offences. [Vancouver Sun](#), A7

*** Missing snowmobiler a hoax – RCMP**

It was a search that sent RCMP scrambling. Two girls were missing after an apparent snowmobile accident near Carrot River. Police scoured the area. Locals went out on snowmobiles looking for them. Search and rescue crews flew the area for hours. Their valuable time and energy were wasted. It all turned out to be a giant hoax. "It is a relief that it is a hoax because now we know no one is out there," said Carrot River RCMP Sgt. Steven Smith. "It upsets us because of the emotions we have and the manpower we put it onto this." [StarPhoenix](#), A4

*** Dangerous animal report nears completion**

As a court date approaches for the man arrested this week after a huge snake killed two young boys in Campbellton a year and a half ago, a special report with recommendations on dangerous and exotic animals is almost ready to be presented to the provincial cabinet. RCMP said in a press release Friday a 38-year-old Montreal man is scheduled to appear in Campbellton provincial court in April in connection with the boys' deaths. While the RCMP did not name the man in the release, Campbellton lawyer Leslie Matchim confirmed to Brunswick News it was his client, Jean-Claude Savoie, who had been arrested in the Montreal area on Thursday and later released that evening. He also confirmed his client would be appearing in Campbellton provincial court in April. [Telegraph-Journal](#), A1; [Canadian Press](#) (Edmonton Journal, A10); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Quotidien, 35); [Agence QMI](#) (Le Journal de Québec, 47)

*** Five arrested in 2012 slaying**

Mounties have arrested five people in the 2012 slaying of a 22-year-old man, after a lengthy probe involving hundreds of officers in B.C. and Alberta. [Canadian Press](#) (Times-Colonist, A8)

*** Senior pulled from burning home**

Sooke RCMP officers responding to a fire call ended up pulling an elderly man from a burning Govenlock Place home Friday morning. Const. Sean Heidman used a sledgehammer he had in his police vehicle to smash a slidingglass door to get to the man, who was lying on the kitchen floor. [Times-Colonist](#), A3

*** RCMP cleared of wrongdoing in arrest of Meat Cove woman**

The province's independent Serious Incident Response Team (SIRT) has cleared the RCMP of any wrongdoing in the arrest last year of a 57-year-old Meat Cove woman who suffered a broken arm. [Cape Breton Post](#), A3; [Chronicle-Herald](#)

*** Who will provide Pan Am security?**

Security for the 2015 Pan Am Games is being provided by a mélange of private and public forces which includes an OPP-led consortium of eight police services (including Hamilton) plus at least two private-sector companies. Here's who they are and what they'll be doing: Integrated Security Unit (ISU): The ISU is led by the Ontario Provincial Police and includes representation from the RCMP and local police from

Niagara, Hamilton, Halton, Peel, Toronto, York and Durham. Hamilton Police Superintendent of Investigative Services Dan Kinsella has been involved in the planning and preparation process for well over a year and has been working with the ISU full time since January. [Hamilton Spectator](#), A6

*** Hamilton Pan Am security costs still unknown**

Ontario taxpayers will be spending about \$10 million a day throughout the Pan Am Games to secure the sites, athletes and spectators - but how much of that will be spent in Hamilton has yet to be revealed, or even fully decided. [Hamilton Spectator](#), A6

*** Officer recalls evidence from scene of shooting**

These days, Const. Kelly Manweiller works with the RCMP's Specialized Response Unit in Whitehorse, but in October 2011, her last name was McQuarrie and she was with the Major Crimes Unit. It was in that capacity that she travelled to Dawson on Oct. 22 of that year to take part in the investigation into the arrest and shooting of Mark McDiarmid. McDiarmid, then 32 years old, had been tracked to the North Fork Road off the Dempster Highway and captured after he had driven his truck over a spike belt and had to pull off the road on the Dempster. He was shot three times by RCMP Constables Jeff Nielsen and David Marentette when he allegedly ran at them brandishing a splitting maul after throwing a jar filled with an oily chemical substance at their SUV, designated 10 Alpha 1, in which they had pursued him. McDiarmid is on trial before a Yukon Supreme Court judge and jury facing seven charges - mischief in damaging a police vehicle, three counts of assaulting police officers, possessing a weapon for a dangerous purpose, and two counts of attempted murder. [Whitehorse Daily Star](#), 9

*** Yukoners attend Afghanistan Memorial Vigil in N.W.T.**

Deputy Premier Elaine Taylor, Speaker David Laxton and a delegation of Yukoners visited Yellowknife Tuesday to attend a commemoration ceremony for the Afghanistan Memorial Vigil at the N.W.T. Legislative Assembly. They were joined by Commissioner Doug Phillips; Joe Mewett, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 254 president and Afghanistan war veteran; and three Yukon RCMP members. They are: "M" Division commanding officer, Chief Supt. Peter Clark; "M" Division warrant officer, Staff Sgt. Major Doug Spencer; and Whitehorse detachment Const. Brian Harding, who served a tour of duty in Kandahar Province in 2008/09 as a member of Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa Regiment. [Whitehorse Daily Star](#), 10

*** Bus carrying children flips on slick highway in central Newfoundland**

Several people including young children were recovering Friday after a bus slid off the icy Trans-Canada Highway and flipped onto its side near Grand Falls-Windsor in central Newfoundland. MacKenzie praised the co-operation of about 25 firefighters, medical responders, the RCMP and local search and rescue crews who helped comb nearby woods in case anyone had been thrown. A crane was used to make sure no one was trapped beneath the bus. [Canadian Press](#) (The Guardian), A6)

*** Province, not Mounties, managing horse capture**

The RCMP will not be holding the licences for an upcoming feral horse capture in the Ghost area, contrary to what was initially announced by the province. Instead, the roundup of 50 of the province's free-roaming horses will be managed by Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, said department spokesman Duncan MacDonnell on Friday. [Calgary Herald](#), A13

Outlaws' threat created Saints

The StarPhoenix has conducted a series of interviews with a source who has extensive knowledge of the Project Forseti investigation, as well as the inner workings of the Saskatoon Hells Angels, Fallen Saints and other groups. One morning late last summer, more than a dozen members of the Hells Angels and Fallen Saints motorcycle clubs rode out of town together. Through a steady rain, they headed north on Highway 11. Their journey ended just before noon at the Prince Albert clubhouse of fellow bikers, the Saints and Sinners. Second, the Outlaws needed allies inside federal penitentiaries in Western Canada. The partnership ensured any convicted Outlaws' safety in prison ranges occupied by Deuce members. Although the majority of Hells Angels weren't personally involved in drug dealing, prostitution and illegal firearms, they all knew their power depended on controlling those who did, the source said. The bar owner and the Hells Angels began recruiting. Within a few weeks, several high profile criminals had

agreed to start the new gang loyal to the Hells Angels. By the end of 2014, the Outlaws had finally been driven underground, and many left town, the source said. The Hells Angels, Fallen Saints and Terror Squad had achieved the dominance they craved. It wouldn't last long - the Project Forseti raids came just weeks later. So far, 16 people have been charged as a result of Project Forseti. The massive police raids targeted the Fallen Saints and Hells Angels and uncovered hundreds of firearms and more than \$8 million worth of drugs. While several of the bikers who were arrested are now out on bail, police have confirmed they are considering criminal organization charges against some of those arrested in Project Forseti. [StarPhoenix](#), A1

* **Protecting the Hill**

An editorial states, "It took an armed attack on Parliament Hill to prompt the change, but the heart of our democracy will soon be protected by a proper security force under unified command. The change was proposed this week and it comes not a moment too soon. The attack on Oct. 22 highlighted the heroism of security officials on the Hill (former sergeant-at-arms Kevin Vickers being only the most heralded). But it also exposed obvious weaknesses in the system meant to protect Parliament..." [Toronto Star](#), IN6

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

* **Risk to the public 'too high'**

An extremely violent Edmonton man who committed a "horrific" knife attack on his wife was ordered locked up indefinitely as a dangerous offender on Friday. Dennis Anthony Aulotte, 46, was given the notorious designation following a lengthy hearing which began after he was convicted of the 2011 aggravated assault in 2012. [Edmonton Sun](#), 20

* **St. John's man still on the run**

Andrew Dunn has been unlawfully at large since at least October, celebrating his 31st birthday while wanted by the police. The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary has issued a news release requesting help in locating Dunn, who is accused of breaching the conditions of his parole. Correctional Services Canada has put out a warrant for his arrest. [The Telegram](#), A5

* **Son's breaches cost dad \$75K**

The father of a convicted killer has been ordered to pay a huge portion of the surety he posted for his son. Dennis Tymchyshyn must pay the court \$75,000 - three-quarters of the \$100,000 he posted for his son. He had banked on the prospects of Corey Tymchyshyn staying out of trouble while awaiting his first-degree murder trial for the 2008 killing of Chad Davis only to have that blow up in his face. Corey Tymchyshyn was rearrested in 2012 while out on bail and was slapped with several charges, including assault, extortion and running a marijuana grow-op out of a city home. Crown and defence lawyers had presented evidence and arguments last September. Justice Sadie Bond of the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench gave a written decision on the surety issue Thursday. In 2009, the elder Tymchyshyn posted a \$100,000 surety so a judge would allow his son to be released on bail while awaiting trial for first-degree murder. Corey Tymchyshyn was found guilty in early 2014 of the killing of Davis and is serving a life sentence with no chance of parole for at least 25 years. He has filed an appeal. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), A5

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

* **B.C. to fund programs using forfeiture money**

Premier Christy Clark says her government is diverting money from "the bad guys" to their victims as the province upgrades its strategy toward ending violence against women. The province will apportion \$3 million in civil forfeiture funds this year to pay for a new Domestic Violence Unit in Surrey, local support services and an awareness campaign. [Vancouver Sun](#), A5

* **Langley MP seeks stiffer drunk-driving law**

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Islamic State extremists claimed that an American woman held hostage by the group was killed Friday in a Jordanian airstrike in northern Syria, but the government of Jordan dismissed the statement as "criminal propaganda" and the U.S. said it had not seen any evidence to corroborate the report. [Globe and Mail](#), A17

Islamic State raising stakes with its propaganda

A video of a Jordanian pilot being burned to death was exceptional in its brutality, even for the Islamic State group, and also was a sign that the militants intend to raise the stakes in their propaganda efforts, experts say. It also offered confirmation to the belief that the airman was killed days or weeks before its release. [The Associated Press](#) (Times & Transcript, B5)

U.K. jihadi sentenced to 12 years in prison

A British jihadi who faked his death in an attempt to secretly return to England from Syria was sentenced Friday to 12 years in prison. Imran Khawaja, who joined a faction aligned with the Islamic State group and attended an extremist training camp in Syria for six months, had appeared in the group's online propaganda videos - including one in which he posed with a man's severed head. [Toronto Star](#), A16

U.S. must resist 'overreach' abroad, Obama says

U.S. President Barack Obama, outlining a new national security blueprint for his last two years in office, warned against American "overreach" abroad Friday, even as he cast the U.S. as an indispensable force in combating global challenges including terrorism, climate change and cyber threats. [The Associated Press](#) (The Record, A7)

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Terrorisme: le ministre Steven Blaney est satisfait du sommet de Washington

Le ministre canadien de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney, estime que le sommet international tenu cette semaine à la Maison-Blanche au sujet de la lutte contre l'extrémisme violent a permis de réaliser que tous les pays étaient sur la même longueur d'ondes quant à la façon de combattre le terrorisme. En entrevue à La Presse Canadienne, le ministre estime qu'il a pu bien expliquer le projet de loi C-51 qui vise à protéger les Canadiens contre la menace terroriste. Il affirme que le Canada est dans un "**communauté d'intérêts**" avec ses alliés dans ce dossier. Selon **M. Blaney**, il est "**frappant**" de constater que l'approche canadienne de lutte contre le terrorisme a "**beaucoup de similarités**" avec les autres pays. Le ministre estime que le Canada répond en tous points aux résolutions du conseil de sécurité des Nations unies, à l'effet que chaque pays membre doit poser des gestes concrets pour lutter contre le terrorisme et la radicalisation. **Steven Blaney** rappelle que le mouvement djihadiste international a déclaré la guerre au Canada et à ses alliés. C'est pourquoi, ajoute-t-il, le gouvernement canadien a présenté des mesures permettant de mieux protéger les Canadiens. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Journal Métro)

Toronto imam calls for end to war of words

At a conference to combat radicalization held last week in Toronto, a prominent local imam called on the federal government to stop using language linking Islam to terror. "Lead by example, change the rhetoric, and stop saying these words. They hurt," said Dr. Hamid Slimi, former chairman of the Canadian Council of Imams and current chairman of the Muslim seminary, the Canadian Centre for Deen Studies. The plea, met with overwhelming applause, referred specifically to remarks made by Prime Minister Stephen Harper weeks before that characterized mosques as potential spaces of radicalization. Several days

later, U.S. President Barack Obama, whose government has refused to use words such as "Islamic" or "jihad" to characterize violent extremism, found himself under fire for taking the opposite side of the semantic battle. While the commitment to combat extremism is undeniable on both sides of the border, the debate over just what language to use - and whether or not it contributes to the problem - is raging as fiercely as ever. Many Canadian Muslims are unnerved by the government's use of the language of Islam to describe terror and see it as stigmatizing. While Canadian government officials haven't shied away from using the term jihad - in a statement before the White House conference, **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** said, "*The international jihadist movement has declared war on Canada and its allies*" - a 2012 report by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police questioned its use. "Terms like 'Islamic terrorism,' 'Islamist terrorism,' 'Jihadism' and 'Islamofascism' succeed only in conflating terrorism with mainstream Islam, thereby casting all Muslims as terrorists or potential terrorists," said the report, "Words make Worlds. However, the RCMP has never issued an official directive on the language. It said in a statement it has a 'bias-free' policy, but does not 'issue specific guidance about such language use.'" [National Post](#), A14

Prime minister a no-show at Commons' anti-terror debate

Despite hailing new anti-terror legislation as fundamental to the fight against "the most dangerous enemies our world has ever faced," Prime Minister Stephen Harper did not attend either of two days of debate on the bill in the House of Commons this week. Bill C-51 is expected to head to committee Monday after the Conservative government voted to limit the hours allotted in the Commons on what Justice Minister Peter MacKay called an "important debate (over) ... extraordinary powers." The federal Liberals have said they will back the far-reaching legislation, which would expand the mandate and power of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, criminalize the promotion of terrorism, share Canadians' personal information more easily across government, make it simpler for police to arrest and detain individuals without charge as suspected national security threats, and other measures. A recent poll showed a strong majority of Canadians back the bill; most also want robust oversight of it. The Official Opposition, the NDP, has said it will fight the bill as overly broad and lacking any additional independent oversight to ensure the newly empowered federal police and spies operate within the law. Harper unveiled the contents of the bill at a Jan. 30 event in Richmond Hill, Ont. - far away from the House of Commons. He was flanked by senior ministers MacKay, **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** and Julian Fantino, associate minister of National Defence. The bill was tabled in the House the same day. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A9 (Leader-Post, StarPhoenix, Montreal Gazette, Windsor Star, Vancouver Sun)

Bulldozer sécuritaire

Un article d'opinion dit, « Le premier ministre Stephen Harper le répète partout. Ses solutions pour lutter contre le terrorisme sont les bonnes puisqu'elles ont l'appui de la population. Encore jeudi, un sondage de la firme Angus Reid nous apprenait que 82 % des Canadiens, tous âges, toutes régions et tous partis confondus, approuvaient le projet de loi antiterroriste (C-51). Conforté dans sa position, son gouvernement a mis le pied sur l'accélérateur pour muscler les pouvoirs des services secrets et policiers, pour forcer un changement des services de sécurité du parlement, pour modifier le mandat du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS). Il ne se contente pas de réagir vite, il bouscule. Mercredi, après seulement quatre discours sur le projet de loi C-51, il a annoncé qu'il limiterait le débat en deuxième lecture. Le vote aura lieu dès lundi après tout au plus une douzaine d'heures de discussions... Dans leur lettre commune publiée jeudi, quatre premiers ministres, d'anciens juges de la Cour suprême et d'autres Canadiens éminents pointent la lacune la plus flagrante : le manque de mécanisme de surveillance à la hauteur des nouveaux pouvoirs accordés aux services secrets et policiers... Les anciens juges Louise Arbour, Michel Bastarache, Ian Binnie, Claire L'Heureux-Dubé et John Major sont de la même trempe. Sans vouloir offenser personne, **les ministres de la Sécurité publique** et de la Justice, **Steven Blaney** et Peter MacKay, ne font pas le poids à côté de ces juristes. » [Le Devoir](#), B2

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Les compagnies ferroviaires imputables

Ce sont les compagnies ferroviaires, et non les contribuables, qui devraient avoir à payer la note lors de tragiques accidents comme celui de Lac-Mégantic, estime la ministre fédérale des Transports, Lisa Raitt,

qui a déposé hier un nouveau projet de loi sur la sécurité ferroviaire. L'Office des transports du Canada prescrira dorénavant des niveaux minimaux de couverture oscillant entre 25 millions \$ et 1 milliard \$, qui seront calculés en fonction du type et du volume des matières dangereuses se trouvant dans les convois. En cas d'accident, les entreprises ferroviaires devront verser le montant de la couverture d'assurance, que leur responsabilité ait été démontrée ou pas. Le projet de loi prévoit également la mise sur pied d'un fonds additionnel de compensation qui servira en cas d'accident ferroviaire mettant en cause du pétrole brut. Les transporteurs devront verser une redevance de 1,65 \$ par tonne de pétrole brut transporté. Il vise également à donner au ministre fédéral des Transports le pouvoir d'ordonner aux compagnies de faire des changements à leur système de gestion de la sécurité, s'il l'estime nécessaire. Les compagnies de chemin de fer seraient aussi obligées de partager avec les municipalités qu'elles traversent les informations adéquates sur la sécurité. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (La Voix de l'Est, 15, Le Soleil, La Tribune, L'Acadie Nouvelle); [Le Devoir](#) (La Tribune); [Le Journal de Québec](#) (Le Journal de Montréal); [Calgary Sun](#) (Edmonton Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard, London Free Press, Toronto Sun); [Canadian Press](#) (The Guardian, Chronicle-Herald, Red Deer Advocate, Times Colonist); [Montreal Gazette](#) (Leader-Post, StarPhoenix, Ottawa Citizen); [Calgary Herald](#); [Globe and Mail](#)

Pipeline emergency plan to remain secret

The head of Kinder Morgan says a full emergency response plan for the proposed \$5.4-billion Trans Mountain pipeline expansion in British Columbia will remain hidden though a similar scheme has been made public in neighbouring Washington. Ian Anderson says the National Energy Board did not require the company to publicly disclose full details of its oil spill response plan for the Trans Mountain pipeline. He says regulation is different in the U.S., where the Department of Ecology has posted Kinder Morgan's emergency response plan online for the Washington section of the Trans Mountain pipeline. Anderson says the company will make its full plans available to municipalities, first responders and the B.C. government but the public has only been able to view a redacted version. He says Kinder Morgan has nothing to hide but there are legitimate national security and public safety reasons for not divulging the entire plan. [Canadian Press](#) (Chronicle-Herald, B5, Red Deer Advocate, Times Colonist, Vancouver Sun)

City prepping for more snow, rain

If you have the option, stay inside this weekend. It's going to get messy out there. According to Environment Canada Saturday and Sunday will bring a mixed bag of weather and it won't be pretty. On Saturday, Saint John can expect another five centimetres of snow, before it turns into rain Sunday. The City of Saint John is preparing for the bad roads and possible flooding. Tim O'Reilly, transportation and environment operations manager for the city, said crews have been clearing storm drains and getting equipment ready. [Telegraph-Journal](#), B5; [Cape Breton Post](#)

*** Stranded travellers deal with highway closure**

The Trans-Canada Highway was closed at the Tantramar Marsh between Sackville and Amherst much of Friday because of blowing snow, and problems for Nova Scotia travellers were worse, as Highway 104 between the New Brunswick boundary all the way to Truro was closed about 4 p.m. The Nova Scotia RCMP said the earliest expected reopening of Highway 104 would be midnight. The New Brunswick RCMP tweeted at about 7:30 p.m. that the Trans-Canada Highway across the Tantramar Marsh was reopened to all traffic. Earlier in the day, traffic had backed up in both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia as hundreds of motorists waited for conditions to improve. [Times & Transcript](#), A1

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*** Sécurité accrue dans les bureaux de circonscription de députés fédéraux**

Radio-Canada a appris qu'à la suite de la fusillade survenue à Ottawa en octobre dernier, la Chambre des communes avait fortement encouragé les députés à renforcer la sécurité à leurs bureaux de circonscription. Si certains croient qu'il est important de l'accroître, d'autres jugent qu'il ne faut pas céder à la panique. Les 405 bureaux fédéraux de circonscription sont répartis aux quatre coins du pays et il n'y a pas deux situations identiques. Certains se trouvent dans des immeubles, d'autres ont pignon sur rue. Des députés y ont installé des systèmes d'alarme, alors que d'autres se limitent à la bonne vieille serrure. Mais, peu importe la situation, les députés ont été invités à réfléchir sur les mesures de sécurité prises

pour protéger leurs bureaux. Une lettre a été envoyée à tous les députés, les encourageant fortement à faire installer un système de sécurité et un système d'interphone vidéo afin de voir les personnes qui se présentent à leur porte avant de les laisser entrer. La Chambre des communes propose d'assumer les coûts d'installation des systèmes de sécurité. Mais ce sont les bureaux des députés qui devront ensuite prendre en charge les frais mensuels. Radio-Canada.ca

Why a young Canadian from a military family turned to ISIS

There was terror and loathing across the country when bullets rang out on Parliament Hill last fall in an attack that killed an unarmed soldier and left the lone gunman dead. But one young Canadian following the incident on the radio while working on Oct. 22, 2014, was filled with a different emotion. "I was listening to it very carefully. In some ways I was pretty excited because there was retaliation. It was shortly after Canada announced it was sending F-18s over to Iraq. I saw that as direct retaliation for Canada's aggression against Muslims in another country." He called the attack "justified." This young man is Harun Abdurahman. It is not his real name, but rather an online alias he uses to express his support for the Islamic State, the designated terrorist group that controls wide swaths of Syria and Iraq. [Toronto Star](#), A1

Nouveaux pouvoirs antiterroristes

Les nouveaux pouvoirs conférés aux espions canadiens par la loi antiterroriste ne seront pas aussi soumis à l'aval d'un juge que le laisse croire le gouvernement conservateur. Un mandat judiciaire sera requis du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) seulement si les méthodes qu'il entend employer sont illégales. Le projet de loi C-51 accorde un nouveau pouvoir au SCRS, celui de perturber une activité qui "constitue une menace envers la sécurité du Canada". Le SCRS pourrait par exemple entrer en contact avec un terroriste en herbe pour le détourner de cette voie ou encore perturber l'expédition de matériel chimique que convoiteraient peut-être des gens mal intentionnés. Les experts s'interrogent sur la nécessité d'étendre au SCRS ce pouvoir de perturbation que les corps de police ont déjà. La différence, soulignent-ils à gros traits, c'est que le travail policier débouche sur des accusations. Dans le cadre des procédures judiciaires qui s'ensuivent, ce travail policier est révélé au grand jour et peut être contesté par l'accusé. Ce n'est pas le cas avec le SCRS, qui n'a pas le mandat de faire enquête, encore moins de procéder à des arrestations. Cela fait craindre à plusieurs experts la transformation du SCRS en une sorte de police politique de l'ombre. [Le Devoir](#), A3

La lutte au terrorisme passe avant les libertés

Alors que le débat se poursuit sur la nouvelle loi contre le terrorisme du gouvernement conservateur, 4 Canadiens sur 10 sont "prêts à renoncer aux libertés civiles pour combattre le terrorisme", selon un sondage de la firme Léger obtenu par l'Agence QMI. Il s'agit du résultat le plus élevé depuis mars 2012, lorsque Léger a posé la question pour le compte de l'Association d'études canadiennes. Le sondage Léger a été réalisé auprès de 1500 Canadiens du 9 au 11 février, plusieurs jours après le dépôt du projet de loi C-51 par le gouvernement Harper. Le projet de loi, qui a déjà obtenu l'appui du Parti libéral à Ottawa, permettrait de faciliter l'arrestation de personnes liées au terrorisme. La loi accorderait aussi plus de pouvoirs au Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) pour "interrompre" les sites web et les comptes des médias sociaux. Près de 40 % des Canadiens, 56 % chez les Albertains, sont prêts à renoncer aux libertés civiles si cela permet de stopper le terrorisme, selon le sondage Léger. Ils sont toutefois 48 % au pays à penser le contraire, dont 60 % de Québécois qui ne sont pas aussi chauds que les autres Canadiens à l'idée d'abandonner leurs libertés civiles. [Le Journal de Montréal](#), 20; [Edmonton Sun](#) (Calgary Sun, London Free Press, Kingston Whig-Standard, Winnipeg Sun, Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun)

*** MacKay clarifies letter to the editor**

Justice Minister Peter MacKay has not seen a video reportedly made by Parliament Hill shooter Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, despite writing a letter to the editor this week in which he said the Oct. 22 gunman's "own words" helped show that the attacker was a terrorist. In a Friday letter to the Citizen, MacKay wrote: "Last October's attack on Parliament by lone gunman Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, who had converted to Islam, was indeed a terrorist attack. His own words, evidence of his targeted attack on a soldier and on our Parliament Buildings, and the fact that ISIL also claimed responsibility, drives us to this inescapable conclusion." Soon after the attack, the RCMP said they had obtained a video the gunman filmed on "a

device" they recovered that indicated his motives. That video has never been released, although some parliamentarians have requested that they be allowed to view it. The only other known publicly recorded words from Zehaf-Bibeau come from court hearings in Vancouver several years ago when he was sentenced for a robbery attempt. He said nothing in those hearings bearing on Islam or terrorism. A spokeswoman for the justice department said Friday that MacKay was simply referring to media reports of Zehaf-Bibeau's temperament and political beliefs in the letter. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A9

SAFETY versus FREEDOM

An opinion piece states, "The country is divided over whether the Conservatives' anti-terror bill goes too far. The jury is still out. But a new poll suggests that even if it does, 40% of Canadians don't care. So long as it gets the job done. A Leger Marketing poll exclusive to QMI Agency put this statement to Canadians: "In order to curb terrorism in this country, I am ready to give up some civil liberties." It's quite a statement. One that 40% of respondents agree with, 50% disagree and 10% don't know. The takeaway isn't that the disagrees barely squeak out a win. It's that so many Canadians are OK with giving up their liberties. The only thing that softens it is that only a quarter of the 40% are in the "strongly agree" category. Breaking it down, the number rises to 43% for men, with women at 37%. Geographically, Quebecers are least willing to give up their freedoms at 31%, while more than half of Albertans (56%) trust the government. In terms of age, 55% of seniors agree, compared to just 29% of the 25-to 34-year-old crowd. The poll doesn't break it down by voter intention. But you can bet-- based on those age and location numbers--that Conservatives are more inclined to say yes." [Edmonton Sun](#), 20 ([Winnipeg Sun](#), [London Free Press](#), [Toronto Sun](#), [Ottawa Sun](#), [Calgary Sun](#))

Official voices of reason fight to be heard

As hundreds of political, religious and community leaders gathered in Washington this week to discuss how best to counter extremist propaganda, Abu Hurairah Britani was busy updating his Twitter profile photo. The photograph chosen by the self-described Islamic State martyr-in-waiting shows him with a goofy smile on his face, holding a jar of Nutella. It is in some ways a fitting image for someone whose Tweets veer from calls for widespread jihad to descriptions of his favourite milkshakes. This week, a program called Extreme Dialogue - designed to get students talking about the dangers of radicalization - was launched in Calgary. The program, which urges students to share the teaching materials on social media, is funded by **Public Safety Canada**. In the U.S., the State Department runs a social media effort called "Think Again, Turn Away," which aims to highlight the brutality and hypocrisy of terror groups. Originally, the program targeted all extremists, but in recent months, it has focused overwhelmingly on the Islamic State, as the group's influence and social media support appeared to skyrocket. [Globe and Mail](#), A18

Si peu d'inquiétude m'inquiète

Un article d'opinion dit, « Des Québécois musulmans se disent inquiets par l'instrumentalisation politique dont ils font les frais. Avec le projet de loi C-51, qui veut nous faire croire qu'il faudrait désormais choisir entre liberté et sécurité, je pense que nous devrions tous, musulmans ou pas, être beaucoup plus inquiets. » [La Presse](#), A3

Devil is in details of anti-terror bill

An opinion piece states, "The politics of Canada's new anti-terror bill are indeterminate. Polls suggest that voters like the Conservative government's hard line on terror. But will that mood hold until the election is called? And if it does, will voters cast their ballots solely on the basis of a party's approach to terrorism? No one knows the answer to these questions. My guess (and it is just that) is that the usual factors - pocketbook issues, desire for change and that indefinable thing called leadership - will be more important in a general election. Regardless of the politics around this issue, however, the real importance of the anti-terror bill lies in its contents. Does Bill C-51 go too far in its proposals to give security agencies expanded powers? Do we really yearn to return to the days when Canada's spies committed illegal acts in the name of national security? Do we want the government freely sharing all the information it has on us with not just every domestic security agency but with foreign ones as well? Finally, is any of this necessary? Are current laws insufficient? The evidence indicates they are not." [Toronto Star](#), A10

Parliamentary oversight of CSIS is essential

An opinion piece states, "Why is Prime Minister Stephen Harper dead set against Parliamentary oversight of Canada's spy agency? New legislation gives CSIS a broader mandate and more powers, which most Canadians support. But most - almost 70 per cent - also support increased oversight. So do four former prime ministers, five former Supreme Court judges, seven former senior government ministers, three past members of the intelligence review committee, two former privacy watchdogs and a retired RCMP watchdog. But not Harper and his senior ministers. They insist the status quo is fine. That involves the security intelligence committee conducting several annual studies. That's not real-time oversight." Hamilton Spectator, A16

Canada's words risk alienating minorities

An opinion piece states, "The contrast has been noted between the language the Obama government uses to describe the target of its antiterrorism efforts ("violent extremism") and the language of the Harper government ("jihadism"). And indeed, the habit of each is consistent in this regard, such as to suggest it is in either case deliberate. What should be read into this apparent discrepancy in approaches, the one as scrupulous to avoid mentioning Islam in the context of terrorism as the other is to mention it? Is the Obama government, as its conservative critics charge, blind to the reality that al-Qaida, Islamic State - also known as ISIL or ISIS - and other terrorist groups are avowedly Islamic in inspiration and Islamist in their objectives? Is the Harper government, as its liberal critics charge, pandering to anti-Islamic sentiment? Both? Neither? There are, it would seem, three questions to be answered: what is in fact the relationship, if any, between Islam and terrorism? What do authorities believe is the relationship? And what do they say they believe?" Edmonton Journal, A21 (Windsor Star, Montreal Gazette, Ottawa Citizen, Montreal Gazette, National Post)

Politicians capitalizing on fear of terrorism

An opinion piece states, "On Feb. 10, the town council in Shawinigan, a Quebec city of 50,000 people in the woods north of Trois-Rivières, voted to reject a zoning application for a mosque. Before the vote, Mayor Michel Angers reminded councillors that the Charter of Rights and Freedoms forbids discrimination on the basis of religion, to no avail. Two days later, Prime Minister Stephen Harper was in Victoriaville, a city of 40,000 in the woods south of Trois-Rivières. Harper announced he will appeal a federal-court decision that found that Pakistani-Canadian Zunera Ishaq has the right to take her citizenship oath while wearing a niqab, a veil that some Muslim women wear as a sign of their faith... All of this tough talk about Muslims is unnecessary and will probably produce undesirable results, except, perhaps, for the desperate politicians trying to capitalize on the public's fear." Ottawa Citizen, A10 (Vancouver Sun, Windsor Star, StarPhoenix, Calgary Herald, Montreal Gazette, Leader-Post)

Not far along in fighting terrorism

An opinion piece states, "Four years ago the Arab Spring gave rise to hopes the old order of dictatorships was about to vanish from the Middle East where a new generation was eager for democracy. The Arab world was entering the modern age, courtesy of Twitter. Now the ferocious brutality of the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria, al-Shabab in East Africa and Boko Haram in Nigeria has dashed those dreams with a fury that speaks of violence for its own sake. The question is: Why is this happening? This week, participants from more than 60 countries at the White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism struggled to find an answer. But the only thing they really accomplished was to highlight the fact there doesn't appear to be one." Montreal Gazette, A21 (Windsor Star, Vancouver Sun, Leader-Post, Calgary Herald)

Why the NDP is challenging the anti-terror bill

An opinion piece states, "... On substance, there is no doubt that there is a contrary case to be made against C-51. More than a few politically unaligned security and civil liberties experts have argued against its broad definition of terrorism and its silence on an oversight mechanism as muscular as the new powers granted to the security services... But as counterintuitive as it may seem, opposing the bill is also less perilous politically for the NDP than supporting it." Telegraph-Journal, A13

Poor concept of risk rewards Harper Tories

An opinion piece states, "'Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to rise today in support of Bill C-51, the New Anti-Crime Act. Mr. Speaker, there are all kinds of murderous misfits out there who mean to do Canadians harm, and

this government intends to stop them. They hate our way of life (in that we are alive) and mean to utter threats, murder, extort and assault us. Only by expanding our spies' secret powers (with a secret court's approval of course!), allowing for longer detention without charges, and criminalizing media content promoting crime 'in general' can we prevent these misfits from overrunning us." If the New Anti-Crime Act were actually a thing, I want to believe many Canadians would be taking a really close look at it. "Why exactly do we need this?" they might ask. "Falling crime rates suggest we're doing just fine with the current Criminal Code and justice system we have. Yes we can make improvements, but doesn't this go really far?" But Bill C-51 isn't called the New Anti-Crime Act, it's called the Anti-terrorism Act, and it's been promoted by the Conservative government as a necessary step to defend Canada from the "dark forces" of ISIL and the like, which seek "to harm us here in Canada - in our cities and in our neighbourhoods." Rather than treat crimes like, well, crimes, we've made them into fancy crimes, attaching tough-to-define motives which will allow us to stroke, as two of Canada's top law professors described it, a "blank cheque for Charter violations" against suspected terrorists (some of whom, gasp, might actually be innocent)." [Ottawa Citizen](#), C7

Stop using fear as political policy

A letter to the editor states, "The big question I think Canadians deserve answers to is: Why is the Conservative Party afraid to add oversight to its anti-terror bill? It will not affect the terms of the bill. It will just give each and every Canadian the assurance that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service or the government will not be allowed to break Canadian laws and the terms of our Constitution." [Ottawa Citizen](#), C6

Falling prey to a politics of fear

This is an edited excerpt from a letter written by American consumer advocate Ralph Nader to Stephen Harper: "Many Americans love Canada and the specific benefits that have come to our country from our northern neighbour's many achievements. Unfortunately, your latest proposed legislation - the new anti-terrorism act - is being described by leading Canadian civil liberties scholars as hazardous to Canadian democracy ..." [Toronto Star](#), IN6

A radical approach: Keep them in school

An opinion piece states, "We want young men in our country to stop becoming Islamic extremists and killing people. That basic desire is now on everyone's mind, in almost every country. It is what led to U.S. President Barack Obama's summit this week on "Countering Violent Extremism," and it has led many countries, including Canada, to introduce new laws. It's a simple goal, involving a very small group of young men (violent extremists are almost all young and male), but one that tends to inspire misdirection, overreaction and wasted effort. There are basically three ways to respond to this problem." [Globe and Mail](#), F2

Cult recruitment and radicalization

An opinion piece states, "Recent attacks by terrorists here and abroad have led some people to suggest that the process of radicalization is similar to cult recruitment. Some have stated that terrorist groups are cults. Whether or not they are, there is one striking similarity, and that is the violence that is perpetrated by some groups toward individuals and society." [Montreal Gazette](#), B6

Bill C-51 repressive

A letter to the editor states, "U.S. president George W. Bush used 9/11 as the pretext to unleash a police state, and wars that have completely devastated and destabilized the Middle East and threaten world peace. These wars have cost hundreds of thousands of lives, and ultimately resulted in the murderous and dreadful ISIS organization. Using the same tactics at a time when Canadians are traumatized by recent terrorist events and have their guard down, our government is now attempting to pass Bill C-51, which will give CSIS unlimited powers to spy not only on suspected terrorists - capacity it already has - but on the opposition, unions, progressive organizations and whatever or whoever threatens Conservative hegemony." [StarPhoenix](#), A12

Law need not be as indiscriminate as terrorist foes

An opinion piece states, "Would you have been at the mall on Valentine's Day? Or your daughter, mother or neighbour's nephew? I might have been. My son needed a new pair of winter boots and a visit to the mall was planned for that day. Makes you think... Whether you call the Halifax conspirators "terrorists" or "radicalized" or "murderous misfits," their plans - like the actions of shooters and beheaders - have produced a fear that manifests itself in our collective bones. Prime Minister Stephen Harper says that Islamist jihadists have declared war on anyone who values freedom, openness and tolerance. And for these reasons, Canada needs new instruments in its security toolbox to fight terrorism. So in this climate of fear, we are debating Bill C-51, the government's anti-terrorism bill, which significantly broadens state powers to act upon threats to Canadian interests... To me, Bill C-51 feels like a broad trawl that will allow the state to scoop up a lot of political bycatch, not just terrorists." [Chronicle-Herald](#), F1

Lettre - Libertés sous surveillance

Une lettre à l'éditeur dit, « Le débat sur le projet de loi fédéral pour lutter contre le terrorisme (C-51) oppose les tenants de la sécurité aux défenseurs des libertés. Si cette loi est votée, elle confèrera des pouvoirs importants au SCRS qui deviendra le maître d'oeuvre pour contrer le terrorisme au Canada. Peut-on s'opposer à la vertu, surtout si celle-ci est apeurée par tous les événements récents ? Le contexte d'insécurité favorise donc les politiques de contrôle du gouvernement Harper. L'idéologie conservatrice repose sur le principe d'une main de fer dans un gant de fer. Tout ce qui peut contribuer à " encadrer " les différentes formes d'opposition au Canada est bien reçu par ce gouvernement dont le jupon dépasse à droite... » [Le Devoir](#), B4

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** Metro Vancouver Transit police end controversial agreement with CBSA**

Metro Vancouver Transit Police will end its controversial agreement with Canada Border Services Agency after undocumented migrant Lucia Vega Jimenez hung herself in 2013. Previously, transit police would hold an undocumented migrant who the CBSA was interested in, if they found one evading fare. As of next week, transit police spokesperson Anne Drennan said it will continue to make arrests on outstanding warrants, but "police will who encounter undocumented migrants during the course of fare enforcement activities will leave any follow-up action to federal authorities." The decision comes after the transit police met with a group called "Transportation Not Deportation" that has been outspoken since Jimenez's suicide. She was arrested after being caught riding transit without paying and she later hanged herself while awaiting deportation to Mexico. Drennan said the transit police decided to change its policy after Jimenez's "tragic suicide brought things to a head." [CBC.ca](#); [Canadian Press](#) ([VancouverSun.com](#)); [News1130.com](#); [GlobalNews.ca](#)

Record 162 rifle magazines are seized

With the seizure of a record 162 military-grade rifle magazines, a false declaration regarding two puppies and turning away a man with a prior conviction for possessing an explosive device with intent to cause damage, January was an interesting month for border services in southern Saskatchewan. According to the Canadian Border Services Agency, on Jan. 18 at North Portal, officers stopped a man from Kentucky trying to enter Canada on his way to Alaska. At the border, the man declared five firearms and 15 oversized rifle magazines. One of the guns was an assault rifle not allowed in Canada. Upon closer inspection of the vehicle, officers found and seized 162 militarygrade magazines, including 147 that were prohibited. The man was fined \$1,000 and denied entry into Canada. In an email, a CBSA spokeswoman said it was the largest single seizure of large capacity magazines in the Prairie Region. She explained that overcapacity magazines exceed five rounds for centrefire automatic or semi-automatic rifles or shotguns. [Leader-Post](#), A3

*** Un homme recherché arrêté près de Toronto**

Un homme interdit de territoire au Canada et recherché pour grande criminalité a été arrêté il y a une semaine au terme d'une enquête de plus d'un an, a annoncé l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada, hier. Des agents de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada et de l'ASFC ont mis la main sur Kelvin Dwight Scott alors qu'il se trouvait dans une résidence d'Oshawa, à l'est de Toronto, le 12 février. "Il a été placé en détention et remis à la garde de la police régionale de Peel en vertu de mandats non exécutés",

a indiqué l'ASFC dans un communiqué. L'homme était visé par un mandat d'arrestation pancanadien. Scott a été condamné auparavant pour introduction par effraction dans un dessein criminel, introduction par effraction et commission d'un acte criminel et trafic d'une substance contrôlée. [Le Journal de Montréal](#), 40

*** Police want scam suspect extradited**

In the wake of the conviction of purported spiritual healer Mohammed Umar Ashrafi in England this week, his alleged victims in the GTA are anxious to see him face fraud charges in Canada. Peel police say the question of whether to extradite Ashrafi, who has been sought in connection with a series of elaborate scams, marked by fantastical tricks and claims of magical powers, in Mississauga and various U.S. cities, dating back to 1997, will be decided by the federal government. [Toronto Star](#), GT6

*** Trafic de pot dans des poches de hockey**

Les détectives d'un petit comté du nord de la Virginie étaient incrédules. ils avaient peine à croire que la mafia russe avait infiltré leur région, avec un réseau sophistiqué de trafic de cannabis. C'est pourtant ce qu'affirmait un jeune revendeur de rue. Lors de son arrestation, en 2007, celui qui sera identifié comme étant C.J. Hall informe les policiers de Spotsylvania qu'il s'approvisionne auprès de la mafia russe et qu'il n'a pas payé sa dernière livraison. Le modus operandi du réseau était toujours le même. Les courriers conduisaient jusqu'à la frontière canado-américaine pour récupérer la drogue, cachée dans des grands sacs de hockey noirs identifiés selon la destination et le type de cannabis. Chaque sac contenait 50 lb de pot et les courriers transportaient généralement deux sacs par voiture. Ils étaient payés 100 \$ par livre de pot transportée ou 1000 \$ du voyage s'ils allaient récupérer de l'argent. [Le Journal de Montréal](#), 38

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

*** U.S., U.K. agencies accused of hacking**

Rights organizations on Friday called for urgent steps to be taken to protect private calls and online communications after allegations that U.S. and British agencies hacked into the networks of a major SIM card maker. The World Wide Web Foundation, founded by web inventor Tim Berners-Lee, said the alleged hacking by the National Security Agency and its British counterpart, GCHQ, was "another worrying sign that these agencies think they are above the law." The claims of the hack into Netherlands-based company Gemalto came from documents given to journalists by whistleblower Edward Snowden. A story about the documents posted Thursday on the website The Intercept said the agencies hacked into Gemalto's networks to steal codes that allow both governments to seamlessly eavesdrop on mobile phones worldwide. In an email to The Associated Press on Friday, GCHQ said all of its work was legal and its "interception regime" fully complies with the European Convention on Human Rights. [Associated Press](#) (Waterloo Region Record, A7)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Child sexploitation knows no borders

Police officers from Newfoundland and Labrador are using the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to obtain information on social media accounts for their investigations, specifically in cases of alleged child luring, exploitation or child pornography. While Canadian police can seek warrants for required information from companies based within Canada, companies across the border are another matter. "Of course, a lot of this child exploitation stuff is going on online. And some of the obvious mediums that they patrol and look into are like the Kik Messenger, your Facebook, Chat Hour, various other social medias. Those social medias are based out of the U.S.," said RNC Const. Steve Curnew. "So when they're going to look for information, instead of having to go through the processes of getting warrants - because a lot of times once stuff goes outside of Canada we're no longer able to pursue it unless in partnership with another agency - so instead of going through the process of getting warrants in order to get information for these companies, what has been established between the U.S. and Canada is they will have a member of the Homeland Security within that (RCMP) National Child Exploitation Co-ordination Centre."

The national centre is based in Ottawa and is the clearinghouse for child exploitation investigations in and out of the country and between the provinces. It is responsible for validating international requests and disseminating investigative material to relevant jurisdictions. [The Telegram](#), A2

*** Taser: un policier coupable de parjure**

Un agent de la GRC qui avait électrocuté un immigrant polonais à l'aéroport de Vancouver à l'aide d'un pistolet à décharge électrique en 2007 a été reconnu coupable de parjure par la Cour suprême de la Colombie-Britannique, vendredi. Le policier avait tiré plusieurs fois sur M. Dziekanski, lorsqu'il avait commencé à lancer des meubles dans l'aéroport international. L'homme ne parlait pas anglais. Les quatre agents qui étaient sur les lieux, dont le constable Millington, avaient été contraints à comparaître devant une commission d'enquête. Ils ont tous été accusés de parjure par la suite. Le policier de la GRC avait affirmé à la commission qu'il croyait que M. Dziekanski était resté debout après avoir reçu la première décharge électrique, ce qui l'aurait amené à tirer une deuxième fois. Toutefois, la vidéo de l'altercation démontre clairement que l'homme avait été projeté au sol après le premier tir. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (L'Acadie Nouvelle, 12, La Presse); [Canadian Press](#) (The Guardian, Red Deer Advocate, Chronicle-Herald, Hamilton Spectator, Waterloo Region Record, Toronto Star, Times Colonist, Vancouver Sun, Windsor Star, Montreal Gazette, StarPhoenix, Calgary Herald, Leader-Post, Globe and Mail, Ottawa Citizen); [Calgary Sun](#)

*** Open letter to RCMP commissioner Bob Paulson on climate change and national security**

A letter written by Tanker Free B.C. executive director Ben West states, "It may sound strange that I am writing to you requesting that you read a story in the Rolling Stone magazine, but this piece entitled "The Pentagon and Climate Change: How Deniers Put National Security at Risk" outlines issues that are very important to the safety and security of the people of Canada. This seems particularly relevant at the moment given the news this week of a controversial RCMP intelligence assessment report focused on the growing so-called "anti-petroleum" movement in Canada. I thought it may be useful to explore the reasons why so many of your fellow Canadians are taking these issues so seriously and explore how other national security agencies are tackling these issues." [Straight.com](#)

*** No more criminal celebrities**

The alleged Valentine's Day massacre plot in Halifax prompted a policy change for the Nova Scotia RCMP. For the first time in its history, the force announced major charges - conspiracy to commit murder - without naming the two people charged. "We do not wish to give these individuals further notoriety," said Sgt. Alain Le-Blanc. Any future statements about Lindsay Souvannarath, 23, and Randall Shepherd, 20, will be similarly anonymized, he said. That decision follows a Federal Court ruling this month that upheld a prison warden's decision to deny journalists an interview with Omar Khadr. Safety was the main concern, but as one warden put it: "The reduction of your public notoriety would be necessary as part of your rehabilitation process..." The implication of that ruling - that a prison warden can reduce, or an interview increase, the "notoriety" of the best known member of the most notorious family in Canada - may strain credulity. The Mounties' self-censorship likewise seems ultimately symbolic, given the wide publication of details about the case, most of which came from the police in the first place. But it is a common impulse, this urge to deny notoriety to criminals, to interrupt the pleasure we imagine they seek, or others might wish to give them. [National Post](#), A3 (Windsor Star, StarPhoenix, Leader-Post)

*** Amber Alert suspect facing murder charge**

A charge of first-degree murder has been laid against a man arrested after the fatal shooting of a teenage boy and the abduction of his girlfriend in northern Saskatchewan. Police say Jonas Budd, 43, surrendered late Thursday evening in Sturgeon Landing, Sask., close to the Manitoba boundary. "At approximately 10:30 p.m., Budd was taken into custody without incident," said RCMP Sgt. Craig Cleary. Officers had maintained a perimeter around the home of Budd's brother for nearly a day. They had been communicating with Budd to try to bring about his surrender. Cleary says the Mounties had a strong presence at the site. [Canadian Press](#) (Red Deer Advocate, A5, Cape Breton Post); [Windsor Star](#) (Montreal Gazette, Ottawa Citizen, Edmonton Journal); [Leader-Post](#) (StarPhoenix)

*** RCMP closes file on probe into Redford's spending**

Former premier Alison Redford won't face charges following an investigation into her use of government aircraft and spending, RCMP said Friday. Mounties said they have now closed the file and advised Redford and the Progressive Conservative government of the outcome. Redford, Alberta's 14th premier, resigned last March in the face of a caucus revolt and public outcry over her spending and use of government planes. The probe was launched last August after auditor general Merwan Saher described what he called "an aura of power" around the former premier that prevented staff and officials from questioning her actions. He said she had inappropriately used government resources and that her staff reserved seats on government flights for ghost passengers so she could fly alone. Saher alleged the premier and her office used government planes for personal and partisan benefit. In August, Redford's successor, Dave Hancock, referred the matter to the RCMP following an internal review. On Friday, Mounties said they reviewed the auditor general's report and conducted followup interviews during their investigation. "In the interest of thoroughness, the RCMP interviewed a wide range of individuals who provided us with information related to the auditor general's report," RCMP Assistant Commissioner Marlin Degrand said in a news release. "The file is now concluded." [Edmonton Journal](#), A2 (Calgary Herald); [Canadian Press](#) (Ottawa Citizen, Chronicle-Herald, Red Deer Advocate, Toronto Star, Times Colonist); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Devoir); [London Free Press](#) (Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun); [Globe and Mail](#)

* **'Extraordinary actions' in a crisis**

It was around Christmas 2011 when the first whiff of potential impropriety wafted up to the nerve centre at Canada's largest engineering and construction firm. The board of directors at multinational giant SNC-Lavalin Group Inc. were stunned to learn of claims that the company's then-CEO Pierre Duhaime, and possibly others in his senior management circle, may have misallocated funds to projects in far away places. For a board, the dreaded scent of wrongdoing is anathema - but particularly if it's the chief executive who is alleged to be involved in illicit activities. The early days of 2012 were a frenzied flurry of activity: an independent review by hired legal guns under the oversight of SNC's audit committee was promptly launched. In February, the Montreal-based firm publicly announced its internal investigation, and a month later, Mr. Duhaime was gone from the firm, as SNC released the results of its internal probe. [National Post](#), FP1

* **SNC-Lavalin accusée de fraude et de corruption - Il faut sauver la firme, dit Daoust**

Le ministre de l'Économie, Jacques Daoust, s'est montré préoccupé quant à l'avenir de SNC-Lavalin, vendredi, au lendemain des accusations de corruption et de fraude déposées par la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) contre l'entreprise. En marge d'une allocution devant l'Association des MBA du Québec, M. Daoust s'est de nouveau porté à la défense de la firme d'ingénierie -- qui conteste les accusations -- la qualifiant de "joyau" qu'il fallait préserver "à tout prix". Selon la GRC, SNC-Lavalin aurait versé 47,7 millions à des titulaires de charges publiques en Libye dans le but de les influencer. De plus, ses divisions construction et international auraient privé diverses organisations locales d'environ 129,8 millions. Trois autres individus -- les ex-hauts dirigeants Sami Abdallah Bebawi et Stéphane Roy, ainsi que l'avocat de M. Bebawi -- ont déjà été accusés par la GRC dans le cadre du projet Assistance, qui s'est amorcé en 2011. [Le Devoir](#), C1; [La Presse](#) (Le Soleil, La Tribune); [Canadian Press](#) (Chronicle-Herald, Toronto Star, The Telegram, Times Colonist); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Soleil, Le Droit); [Le Journal de Montréal](#); [Le Journal de Québec](#) (Le Journal de Montréal); [Globe and Mail](#)

* **Riverview man sentenced for threats against RCMP**

David Earl Crawford was troubled the evening of June 9. The 19-year-old Riverview man was off his bipolar medication and highly agitated. His friend had just been arrested in the days following the June 4 shootings for comments he made about police. He also hadn't seen his son in several weeks. New Brunswick RCMP Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown was also dealing with a lot that evening. It was only five days after five of his officers were shot by Justin Bourque, three fatally. The entire force was in mourning and the community was in shock. On a joint recommendation from both sides, Lampert sentenced him to 60 days in jail, allowing him to serve the time on weekends. That will be followed by 12 months probation during which time he must seek assessments for mental health issues and addiction and must abstain from drugs and alcohol. He was also fined \$300. [Times & Transcript](#), A1

* **Health Canada okays licence for Alberta pot grower**

Canada's growing medical marijuana industry is taking root in Alberta. Health Canada has granted a licence to Aurora Cannabis Inc. to produce medical pot in Mountain View County north of Calgary. Aurora spokesman Marc Levy said the plants are to be grown at a \$10.5-million, secure hightech facility that can produce up to 8,000 kilograms of marijuana a year. Sean Upton, a Health Canada spokesman, said licence applications are rigorously reviewed, including security measures at proposed sites. "The key personnel are then subject to a security clearance ... co-ordinated by RCMP," Mr. Upton wrote in an e-mail Friday. [Globe and Mail](#), A8

*** Man accused of making child porn**

The New Brunswick RCMP's Internet child exploitation unit arrested and charged a 24-year-old Moncton man. Police said in a news release that the accused can't be named because of a court-ordered publication ban. [Times & Transcript](#), A7; [L'Acadie Nouvelle](#)

*** Two charged after police seize illegal tobacco**

Two southeastern New Brunswick men face charges after a major contraband tobacco seizure during a traffic stop. Southeast District RCMP said in a news release that they disrupted a large shipment of illegal cigarettes and cigars following a traffic stop on Main Street in Shediac. On Wednesday, just before midnight, police seized more than 400 cartons of contraband cigarettes and cigars, as well as marijuana. A 43-year-old man from Shediac and a 45-year-old man from Grand Barachois were arrested and later released. They are scheduled to appear in Moncton provincial court in May and are expected to face charges under the Excise Act for possession of contraband tobacco. In the news release, the RCMP said buying contraband tobacco directly supports organized crime groups by funding their other illegal activities. [Times & Transcript](#), A10

*** Accused cross-examines RCMP officer**

In his cross-examination of RCMP Const. Jordan McIntyre earlier this week, Mark McDiarmid questioned the officer about his actions and whereabouts at the time of the alleged offences for which McDiarmid is on trial before a Yukon Supreme Court jury. The accused is facing seven charges: mischief for damaging a police car, three counts of assaulting a police officer, one count of possessing a dangerous weapon, and two counts of attempted murder of a police officer. [Whitehorse Daily Star](#), 9

*** Violence wasn't random: RCMP**

A female pedestrian was taken to Whitehorse General Hospital last night after she was shot at from a moving van near the Yukon Inn on Fourth Avenue. She was hit once, and is in stable condition at the hospital, according to an RCMP news release issued this morning. Further details on her injuries were not available from the hospital before press time this afternoon. Her name was not released. [Whitehorse Daily Star](#), 10

*** RCMP name man facing drug trafficking charges**

RCMP have released the name of a Lower Sackville man charged with drug trafficking after a vehicle stop near Baddeck. Police say Carl Henry Morgan, 29, is scheduled to appear in Sydney provincial court Monday for a bail hearing. Morgan was arrested after RCMP stopped a pickup heading east on Highway 105 on Wednesday at about 5:30 p.m. due to a suspicion the driver was impaired. During the stop, the officer made observations that led to a drug investigation, police said. RCMP claim to have found a kilogram of cocaine and about five kilograms of marijuana in the vehicle, along with some cash. [Chronicle-Herald](#), A7

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

*** Board: Marriott to serve term**

Brian James (B.J.) Marriott, a man identified in parole board documents as an active member of the Spryfield Mob Security Threat Group, has been ordered to remain in prison until the end of his 16-year, four-month sentence. On Feb. 10, the Parole Board of Canada confirmed Marriott's March 13, 2014, detention order because it says he is likely to commit an offence causing death or serious harm to

another person if he's released before his sentence ends. The board's most recent decision is due, in part, to Marriott's repeated assaults on other inmates while behind bars. [Chronicle-Herald](#), A5

*** Allan Legere wrote to my family, but his privacy's protected**

The letter is stuck inside a dog-eared copy of *Terror*, the 1990 book I co-wrote with Andre Veniot, then a TV reporter. "Hi Dear. How are you? I had such a nice time last summer. Seen your nice place. You are such a lovely wife and I just love that new baby. So quiet and bouncy. I know you spend a lot of time by yourself. "So I know you won't mind me visiting you next year. Untill then I'll say I'll see you agin." "Love Nick." The postmark was Renous, New Brunswick. The letter was from Allan Legere, the serial killer. He didn't sign his own name, of course. He preferred "Nick." Apparently, the man who could slaughter five men and women mostly women - in their homes is well read. Old Nick is one of the many names given to the Devil, along with Old Scratch. "It's Legere," said a police friend when I showed him the letter sent to my home address. "His girlfriend probably got it out for him. Do you want to file a complaint?" I shook my head. What was the point? After all, Legere was in a maximum-security prison, headed for trial for the four murders he'd committed after escaping from prison guards during a trip to a Moncton hospital... After he was convicted of all four murders and sentenced to life, Legere landed in a super-maximum prison in Quebec, a special handling unit. A prison within a prison for the worst of the worst. "Don't worry, he'll never get out of there," said a friend in the legal community. "No one will sign the papers to move him." Not true. Someone did sign the papers and late last month he was moved to a normal prison in Alberta. The Correctional Service of Canada didn't tell me that. That's not allowed. Privacy rights. Privacy rights? That's rich. A serial killer has privacy rights. [The Guardian](#), A13

*** Triple killer Jon Rallo now lives part-time with girlfriend**

Triple killer Jon Rallo is living with his girlfriend in a seniors' apartment and seems to have given up hope of ever gaining full parole. Winnie Barnes has been dating the 72-year-old Rallo, one of Hamilton's most notorious murderers, for about seven years. She has recently moved into the apartment he took last June. He is allowed to live there four days each week. The other three days he lives in a Sudbury halfway house. The city where the apartment is located has been blacked out of Parole Board of Canada documents stemming from Rallo's latest review. Two board members did a "paper review" of Rallo's file on Feb. 9 (meaning it was not an in-person hearing) and decided to extend his parole status by another six months. Rallo's refusal to admit his guilt has been the single greatest reason why the parole board has not granted him full parole. The privilege has repeatedly been withheld from him even though he is considered a model prisoner, has been assessed as a "low risk for reoffending violently" and has been recommended for full parole four times by Correctional Services Canada. "The board has continued to have concerns with your stance of denial with the index offence as this suggests your risk factors are unknown and unaddressed," the board says in its decision. His denial stance also "continues to cause serious psychological harm to the victims' family." [Waterloo Region Record](#) (InsideHalton.com)

*** Un autre Hells influent libéré d'office**

La valse des libérations d'office se poursuit pour les Hells Angels québécois. Après la demi-douzaine d'ex-Nomads condamnés dans la foulée de l'opération Printemps 2001 et les quelques membres condamnés au terme de l'opération SharQc qui ont pu quitter le pénitencier depuis un an et demi, voilà qu'un autre motard influent sortira bientôt de sa cellule : David Rouleau, 50 ans, membre de la section de Sherbrooke et considéré par la police « comme occupant un rôle de leadership » au sein de l'organisation. Rouleau, qui a purgé les deux tiers d'une peine de dix ans et demi pour complot de meurtre, sera toutefois soumis à de sévères conditions jusqu'à la fin de sa sentence : assignation à une maison de transition, interdiction d'avoir des contacts avec tout individu ayant un dossier criminel ou lié à une organisation criminelle, interdiction de fréquenter les bars et obligation de divulguer sa situation financière. « Au cours de la présente sentence, vos intervenants estiment que vous n'avez démontré aucune remise en question et que vous n'avez effectué aucun effort afin de diminuer l'impact des facteurs contributifs à votre criminalité », écrit la Commission des libérations conditionnelles du Canada dans une décision rendue la semaine dernière. [LaPresse.ca](#)

*** Inmate airlifted from Matsqui Institution following stabbing**

The Matsqui medium-security prison in the Fraser Valley is in lockdown. An inmate was stabbed Friday evening, and the injuries were serious enough to require he be airlifted to a hospital. [News1130.com](#)

*** Inmate not drug user**

The latest man to die in the Barton Street jail was known for his loyalty and trademark slick style, loved ones say. Stephen (Ocean) Neeson, 44, who died in the jail Sunday morning of a suspected drug overdose, earned his nickname years ago. It was a reference to the movie "Oceans Eleven" for Neeson's history of bank robberies and fashion sense. In 2006, Neeson was stabbed in the neck in an attack by a fellow inmate while serving time in the Kingston Penitentiary. Court documents from his 2012 lawsuit against Correctional Service Canada (an action which was thrown out) provide insight into his status in prison. "Neeson was a leader among the (range) and broader prison population. He was someone who was both respected and feared," the judge writes in her decision. "CSC acknowledged that Mr. Neeson had never created problems within the institution, but was a member of the inmate committee, including its chair and someone who was well regarded by CSC staff." [Hamilton Spectator](#), A5

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Listen to families of missing and murdered women

An opinion piece states, "On Feb. 27, provincial and territorial governments and five National Aboriginal Organizations will meet in Ottawa for the National Roundtable on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. A one-day national roundtable is an important first step in a series of steps that must be undertaken to build public awareness and implement action to combat our national tragedy... Since 2010, **Public Safety Canada** has administered a program enabling First Nation communities to develop community safety plans tailored to each community. A closer examination of these programs reveals only one completed plan (with no name) and no information on implementation. The federal government could be addressing family concerns by releasing more information on this existing program and providing continued and sufficient funding for the implementation of community safety plans." [Ottawa Citizen](#), C8

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

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Union rejects arbitration, CN plans lockout

Canadian National Railway said it will lock out 5,000 of its employees Monday night amid a deadlock in contract talks. The Montreal-based railway said the lockout of the 4,800 mechanical, intermodal and clerical workers represented by Unifor would begin at 11 p.m. Monday unless the union agreed to binding arbitration to settle contract differences. The union, which has announced plans to begin a strike vote next week after the failure of five months of talks, quickly rejected the company ultimatum but said it was prepared to negotiate this weekend. CN gave the union 72 hours notice of a lockout and moved to unilaterally impose terms of a new collective agreement Friday that included wage increases of two per cent. [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist, B4)

INTERNATIONAL

British cops to missing girls: Don't join ISIS

British police pleaded Friday for three teenage girls believed to be trying to join Islamic State to rethink their actions. The girls, Shamima Begum, 15, Kadiza Sultana, 16, and an unnamed 15-year-old, flew to Istanbul from London on Tuesday. Video footage showed the trio clearing security at Gatwick Airport. The girls are apparently friends with a fourth girl who travelled to Syria in December. A Metropolitan Police spokesman said there was a "good chance" the girls are still in Turkey. [Ottawa Citizen](#), D2

Support for Iraq mission trumps Afghanistan war, poll says

Canada's military mission battling Islamic State militants in Iraq enjoys more public support than this country's costly engagement in the Afghanistan war ever did, veteran Ipsos Reid pollster Darrell Bricker says. The Harper government has broadly signalled that it wants to extend the six-month mission - which is supported by a parliamentary endorsement that runs out at the end of March - while insisting a decision has not been made. Mr. Bricker says judging from public opinion today, Canadians would support a longer fight against Islamic State jihadis. Ipsos Reid released a poll Feb. 14 that found 76 per cent of Canadians surveyed strongly backed or somewhat backed Canada's jet fighters participating in air strikes against Islamic State forces. That's up 12 percentage points from September. [Globe and Mail](#), A8

What's next in the fight against ISIS

For seven months, a U.S.-led coalition, including Canada, has been flying air strikes against the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham in a bid to halt the terrorist group's advance. While the campaign has led to successes, such as driving ISIS from Kobani, it has not prevented the jihadists from extending their reach into Libya, where Egyptian Copts were beheaded last week. The National Post's Allison McNeely asked three experts to assess the state of the conflict and what may be coming next. Their discussions have been edited for space. [National Post](#), A15

*** Boko Haram kills 34 in villages in northeastern Nigeria**

Suspected Boko Haram fighters killed at least 34 and injured several others in attacks on villages near Chibok and Konduga in Nigeria's northeastern Borno state earlier this week, residents and local officials said. The gunmen attacked the Tamsu-Shehuri village on Wednesday night where they killed more than 12 people, said a resident. [Associated Press](#)

*** The Islamic State threatens to come to Rome; Italians respond with travel advice**

In a recently released video that showed the killing of 21 Christians in Libya, all but one of them Egyptian, the Islamic State issued an ominous warning: "Today we are south of Rome," one masked militant said. "We will conquer Rome with Allah's permission." To make matters worse, Rita Katz, director of SITE Intelligence Group, pointed out that supporters of the Islamic State have begun using a hashtag to warn of their plan to reach "Rome." Exactly what "Rome" means to the Islamic State is unclear -- some experts say it may actually be a reference to the United States or Turkey, or even the West in general. But Italy is worried. Libya is just a short boat ride across the Mediterranean. Thousands of refugees already make this journey to Italian shores every year. What's to stop the Islamic State? As word of [#We_Are_Coming_O_Rome](#) spread across the Italian media, Rome residents took the opportunity to respond to the Islamic State. And they did so in an especially Roman way. With warnings about the traffic. [WashingtonPost.com](#)

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Canada quiet on alleged IS recruits link

The Canadian embassy in Jordan, where Stephen Harper posted the former head of his security detail as ambassador, is at the centre of new allegations linking Canada to a suspect arrested by Turkish authorities and accused of helping British schoolgirls join Islamic State militants in Syria. Mr. Harper appointed Bruno Saccomani, a former RCMP officer, instead of a career diplomat to the job of envoy to Jordan in 2013. His previous job was as head of the Prime Minister's Protection Detail. The Canadian government, meanwhile, remained silent Friday as Turkey's media published a second day of stories, citing anonymous Turkish security sources, that purport to sketch out Canada's connection to a man now being held by Ankara on suspicion of smuggling three London girls into Syria last month. The Canadian government, which has not categorically denied a link to the suspect and said only that he's not a Canadian citizen or CSIS employee, refused to address the latest reports from Turkey. **"I have no further comments to add beyond [Thursday's] statement," Jean-Christophe de Le Rue, spokesman for Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney, said.** [Globe and Mail](#), A3; [QMI Agency](#) (Toronto Sun, 60; Kingston Whig-Standard, London Free Press, Calgary Sun, Ottawa Sun); [Agence QMI](#) (Le Journal de Montréal, 28); [Postmedia News](#) (Ottawa Citizen, A1; Vancouver Sun, Windsor Star, StarPhoenix, Leader-Post, National Post, Calgary Herald, Edmonton Journal); [National Post](#); [Toronto Star](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Times-Colonist, A11; Red Deer Advocate, Hamilton Spectator, The Record)

Projet de loi antiterroriste - Un pouvoir que seuls les espions canadiens auront

Le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney, a soutenu cette semaine que le nouveau pouvoir de "perturbation" qu'accordera son projet de loi antiterroriste aux espions canadiens existe déjà dans

plusieurs autres pays occidentaux. C-51 ne fera donc qu'arrimer le Canada à ses alliés. Or il n'en est rien. La plupart des pays cités par le ministre soutiennent que leurs services du renseignement intérieur n'ont pas de tels pouvoirs. [Le Devoir](#), A2

Tories won't apologize for 'McCarthyesque' attacks

Conservative MPs ignored opposition demands Friday to apologize to some of Canada's leading environmentalists, civil liberty advocates and Muslims for remarks that appeared to insinuate critics were national security threats because they spoke out against the government's security legislation. Tory members on the Commons public safety committee launched strident questioning of three groups testifying this week against Bill C-51, which would radically change Canada's national security laws to combat terrorism and other security threats. A hint of how the government might handle some of its Bill C-51 critics at committee first came from **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney Tuesday**. Leading testimony before the committee, **he** spoke out against members of the opposition and "so-called experts" who oppose the bill. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A10 (Vancouver Sun, StarPhoenix, Leader-Post, Calgary Herald, The Gazette, Edmonton Journal)

Shed light on spy mystery

An editorial states, "No political leader likes to see his country's spies being outed. And Prime Minister Stephen Harper, a Conservative who embraces secrecy as a sturdy article of faith, is no exception. But there are times when silence is anything but golden, and this may be one of them... Predictably, Harper's instinctive reaction has been to throw a veil of secrecy over the affair. In Parliament this week **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** invoked "**national security**" and "**operational matters**" to dodge pointed questions from New Democrat deputy leader Megan Leslie. Straining for gravitas, **he** just managed to look shifty. Notably, **he** didn't deny any link between CSIS and the Syrian in question..." [Toronto Star](#), IN6

C-51 - Dérapages politiques

Une pièce d'opinion déclare, « Plus le débat sur le projet de loi C-51 avance, plus les intentions du gouvernement de Stephen Harper transparaissent. Pour justifier ses mesures antiterroristes, il invite dans le débat d'étranges alliés, le plus inattendu étant Hitler. Tous les amalgames sont bons pour alimenter le sentiment d'insécurité des Canadiens. Les conservateurs de Stephen Harper ne font rien sans calculs politiques. Les mesures contenues dans ce projet de loi et la communication qu'ils en font depuis un mois correspondent à une stratégie réfléchie que la référence à deux événements permet de mieux comprendre... Pour justifier l'octroi de pouvoirs si abusifs en regard des droits et libertés, le gouvernement n'a aucune retenue. La semaine dernière, il a rendu publique la vidéo où Michael Zehaf-Bibeau justifie son attentat au parlement, question de raviver la tension vécue par les députés le 22 octobre avant qu'ils ne commencent l'étude du C-51 en comité parlementaire. En ouvrant mardi l'étude du projet de loi, **le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, en rajoutait en invitant Hitler dans le débat. Évoquant la nécessité de pouvoirs pour combattre les propos haineux, il affirmait que " l'Holocauste n'a pas commencé dans les chambres à gaz, il a commencé avec des mots "... La façon dont le gouvernement conservateur mène ce débat sert le parti, mais pas le pays. A **Steven Blaney**, et à tous ses collègues, il faut rappeler que oui, il faut faire attention aux mots. Il est tellement facile de glisser dans la propagande et la démagogie. Il y a eu ces derniers jours beaucoup trop de dérapages. Il faut s'en inquiéter. » [Le Devoir](#), B4

C-51 va-t-il trop loin?

Une pièce d'opinion déclare, « Le grand chef des Premières nations canadiennes, Perry Bellegarde craint qu'il serait trop facile de qualifier de terrorisme la défense de leurs droits, tant en matière de protection de l'environnement que des traités touchant à leurs droits territoriaux. Les Canadiens veulent que le gouvernement du Canada soit en mesure de déjouer des complots terroristes qui menaceraient la sécurité publique. Sur ce point, à peu près personne ne conteste cette responsabilité du gouvernement fédéral. Là où la dissension se manifeste c'est sur le plan des moyens à prendre pour y arriver. Comme on a pu le constater depuis quelques jours, les porte-parole du gouvernement sont prêts à dire à peu près n'importe quoi pour enfoncer leur message: **le ministre de la Sécurité publique du Canada, Steven Blaney** est allé jusqu'à comparer la menace terroriste qui nous guette à l'Holocauste. Ce faisant, il verse dans l'exagération. Le projet de loi C-51 n'est pas exempt d'exagération sur les moyens que le

gouvernement fédéral veut se donner pour atteindre l'objectif légitime de contrer le terrorisme... »
L'Acadie-Nouvelle, 23

Tories adopt propaganda of hate, fear

A letter to the editor states, "As a Canadian-born Jew I am offended at Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney's use of the Holocaust to justify his government's draconian and vicious terror legislation, Bill C-51..." Toronto Star, IN7

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Chief upset by oil spill news delay

The chief of the Lubicon Lake First Nation says there are concerns that the band was not notified of an oil spill in one of their hunting and trapping areas until 11 days later. Bernard Ominayak says it is "critical" for Murphy Oil Company Ltd. to develop an integrated emergency response plan so band members can be alerted as soon as possible. Murphy Oil says up to 17,000 barrels of petroleum product spilled on March 1 at its Seal heavy oil site in northern Alberta. Vancouver Sun, C1

'We're definitely narrowing the scope of the disease'

As the World Health Organization reached a bleak milestone Thursday, with officials now estimating more than 10,000 people have died in the worst Ebola outbreak in history, New Brunswick's chief medical officer said progress is being made. Daily Gleaner, A1

Sussex gets its fill at flood conference

Keeping with its promise to keep town staff up to date on possible flood training and educational opportunities, the Town of Sussex sent its chief administrative officer to last week's Atlantic Flood Management conference in Truro, N.S. While some took an interest in what Sussex was doing, Hatcher says he was most impressed with what Newfoundland has been working on in regard to flooding. The most Eastern province has developed a rainfall intensity duration frequency curve. Basically, some engineers look at certain amounts of water needed for stormwater management designs. While many provinces and municipalities have a similar plan, Hatcher says a big downfall for most areas is that they monitor rainfalls from the past. Newfoundland is trying to predict and account for future rainfall amounts and how intense they will be. Telegraph-Journal, B9

New standards to set tank car manufacturing back on track

The tank-car industry is expecting a flood of new orders once the United States finalizes rules intended to reduce spills and explosions when oil trains derail. Washington is expected in May to harmonize its tank-car standards with those of Ottawa, which on Wednesday proposed new designs with thicker, ceramic-lined tanks, full-height shields at each end and improved protection over the valves. The new design is in response to the 2013 oil train derailment and explosions in Lac-Mégantic, Que., which killed 47 people and highlighted the dangers of moving an ever-increasing amount of oil in tank cars that were not designed for such service. The tank cars that exploded in Lac-Mégantic were known as DOT-111s, a model Ottawa has banned from crude oil service by May, 2017, unless they are made more crashworthy. Globe and Mail, B4

Safety on the rails

An editorial states, "No fewer than four derailed trains transporting oil in North America in recent weeks have ended up as fiery wrecks. Two of them, operated by Canadian National, were on a 40-kilometre stretch of track near the Northern Ontario village of Gogama. It's a relief that no one was hurt in these mishaps, which sent plumes of smoke into the air and dumped crude into waterways. But these latest crashes should serve as loud warning bells, signalling that work still needs to be done to improve safety..." The Gazette, B5

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Un passeur syrien affirme avoir des liens avec le SCRS

Des allégations émanant de Turquie lient le Service du Canada du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) à un passeur d'origine syrienne qui a aidé récemment trois adolescentes britanniques à se joindre au groupe État islamique (EI). Une vidéo diffusée sur une chaîne de télévision locale montre le passeur en question en train de donner des instructions aux fugueuses dans une gare du sud du pays en prévision de leur passage en Syrie. Le passeur aurait également indiqué aux autorités qu'il travaillait pour les services de renseignement canadiens et se rendait régulièrement à l'ambassade du Canada en Jordanie pour relayer des informations colligées sur le terrain. L'ambassadeur en poste, Bruno Saccomani, est l'ancien garde du corps en chef du premier ministre Stephen Harper, qui avait suscité la polémique en lui attribuant ce titre en 2013. La secrétaire parlementaire du ministre de la Sécurité publique, Roxanne James, a indiqué hier à la Chambre des communes qu'Ottawa avait eu connaissance des comptes rendus médiatiques des derniers jours, mais qu'elle ne pouvait commenter des questions «opérationnelles» liées à la sécurité nationale. [La Presse](#), A18 (Le Droit, La Voix de l'Est, Le Nouvelliste, Le Quotidien); [Agence France-Presse](#) (La Tribune, 22); [Le Devoir](#)

Une affaire de géopolitique

Tom Quiggin, un expert en sécurité et en renseignement, affirme que cette affaire d'espionnage opposant le Canada et la Turquie est peut être liée à des facteurs géopolitiques. "Le président turc, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, est manifestement un partisan des Frères musulmans", explique M. Quiggin. "Il n'est pas en faveur du bombardement de l'État islamique par les forces de la Coalition [incluant le Canada] et il est préoccupé par les efforts du Canada pour réduire le financement des groupes terroristes tels que le Hamas, qui ont des liens étroits avec les Frères musulmans", a dit M. Quiggin en entre-veu. [Agence QMI](#) (Le Journal de Montréal, 28)

Clark calls for balance on C-51 debate

B.C. Premier Christy Clark has entered the debate over the federal anti-terrorism bill, calling attention to the potential dangers of government overreach but stopping short of criticizing the legislation directly. Asked about Bill C-51 this week, the Premier said there is a need to balance the protection of personal freedoms with matters of national security. Bill C-51 - which would give Canada's spy agency sweeping powers, criminalize the promotion of terrorism and grant RCMP the power of preventative arrests - has come under fire since it was tabled five weeks ago. On Saturday, a nationwide "day of action" is planned in protest of the legislation, with events in every province. [Globe and Mail](#), S3

Greenpeace leader critical of Canada

Kumi Naidoo, the executive director of Greenpeace and veteran of the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa, was in British Columbia this week to attend a First Nations ceremony commemorating Greenpeace's 1971 voyage to stop a U.S. nuclear test. In an interview with the Montreal Gazette, he shared his thoughts on Canada's environmental record, federal anti-terrorism legislation Bill C-51, university fossil fuel divestment and more. Q: What's your take on Bill C-51? A: It worries me in the sense that it could have a chilling effect on young people, in particular, who are wanting to get involved. Government is telling them don't participate in peaceful protest. Young people everywhere - I think Canada is no different - are worried about the future and they feel that adult leadership is selling their future down the drain by not acting on climate. I think it (Bill C-51) is tough on terrorism but hard on democracy. [The Gazette](#), A4

Protests against Bill C-51 to be staged across the province

It's certainly got people fired up. Bridgewater, Annapolis Royal, Sydney, Antigonish and Halifax will join over 40 other towns and cities across Canada hosting protests against the Conservatives' Bill C-51 on Saturday. [Chronicle-Herald](#), A13

Harper gets distracted with niqab dispute

The Conservatives are hoping to win over voters with their tough talk on terror. But did Prime Minister Stephen Harper lose his way in a side skirmish over niqabs? "I think they've lost the plot, which was about fighting terror somewhere else and now they're in a discussion about dress code," said Bruce Anderson, chairman of Abacus Data. Terror, religion, culture and dress codes got meshed together in the debates this week on Parliament Hill. Buoyed by popular support for their anti-terror moves, he suspects that

Harper and the Conservatives decided to turn up the rhetoric, perhaps appealing to those Quebecers who had supported the Quebec charter, the controversial legislation that would have banned religious clothing in the provincial public service. [Toronto Star](#), A13

ISIS tactics similar to pedophiles': TV special

Recruiters for the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham are attempting to lure Canadian girls - some as young as 13 - to travel abroad to marry them using tactics straight out of the playbooks of sex traffickers and pedophiles, according to a new documentary that will be broadcast this weekend. In *Wives of ISIS*, a documentary segment airing on the Global News investigative series 16x9 on Saturday, a producer poses as a young girl online, attracting the attention of an alleged ISIS recruiter. Approximately 550 women from western countries are living in ISIS-run territory, according to the Londonbased Institute for Strategic Dialogue. Approximately 10 to 15 of them are Canadian, Mr. Amarasingam estimates. Under Canadian law, underage girls lured for such purposes would be considered sex-trafficking victims. But there is no law in Canada against marrying a terrorist or any other criminal for that matter, the documentary points out. [National Post](#), A6

Un septième Québécois aurait rejoint le groupe armé

Les autorités canadiennes ont perdu la trace d'un jeune Montréalais qui serait parti en Turquie, peut-être dans le but de se joindre au groupe armé État islamique (EI), a révélé Radio-Canada hier. Ce jeune Québécois aurait quitté le pays à la mi-janvier, en gros au même moment que les six autres personnes soupçonnées d'avoir grossi les rangs de l'EI au Moyen-Orient. Il aurait lui aussi fréquenté le Collège de Maisonneuve, à Montréal. Il aurait été en contact avec au moins l'un d'eux et aurait participé à des ateliers liés au Centre culturel islamique de l'est de Montréal, que dirige Adil Charkaoui. [La Presse](#), A7; [Le Devoir](#); [Agence QMI](#) (Le Journal de Montréal, 28)

Via terror suspect told police he was trying to deradicalize co-accused

One of two men on trial for allegedly plotting to kill scores of people by derailing a passenger train told an investigator he only pretended to go along with the idea in an attempt to deradicalize his co-accused. A transcript of a 4½-hour interview with an RCMP officer on the day he was arrested shows Raed Jaser repeatedly tried to cast his co-accused, Chiheb Esseghaier, as an extremist with a "disturbed" mind. [Canadian Press](#) (Times & Transcript, B3); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Droit, 29)

«On se met en mode opération» dit la ministre

Parce qu'il n'y a «plus de temps à perdre», le Québec va développer sa coopération avec la France et la Belgique pour se donner rapidement des outils pour lutter contre la radicalisation. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Droit, 23)

Lise Thériault réagit

Faute d'avoir «toutes les informations en main», la ministre de la Sécurité publique, Lise Thériault, a réagi avec prudence hier à la plainte portée contre un policier de la Sûreté du Québec qui aurait tenu des propos racistes à l'endroit d'un Québécois d'origine algérienne. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Droit, 22)

Collecte auprès des fidèles

Inquiets des actes de vandalisme commis dans les derniers mois contre leur lieu de culte, les représentants de la Mosquée de la Capitale demandent une rencontre avec le directeur de la police de Québec afin de lui exprimer leur inquiétude. Dans l'intervalle, une collecte a été lancée chez les fidèles, hier, pour renforcer la sécurité. [Le Soleil](#), 5

Privacy protection under threat by Bill C-51

An opinion piece states, "As witnesses line up to warn about the dangers associated with Bill C-51, Canada's anti-terrorism bill, it is increasingly clear that the proposed legislation is an unprecedented undermining of Canadian privacy protection. Much of the focus on the bill has related to oversight: the government implausibly claims that it increases oversight (it does not), the Liberals disappointingly say they support the bill but would like better oversight and much of the NDP criticism has also centred on oversight. Yet with respect to privacy and Bill C-51, lack of oversight is only a part of the problem. The privacy-related concerns stem from Bill C-51's Security of Canada Information Sharing Act (SCISA), a bill

within the bill that goes further than sharing information related to terrorist activity. It does so in three steps..." [Toronto Star](#), B2

Canadians should heed Edward Snowden's warning

An opinion piece states, "I suspect that history will one day be very kind to whistleblower Edward Snowden. Yesterday's traitor is gradually becoming tomorrow's patriot as he slowly unmaskes the "secret surveillance state" growing around us. In fact, there is already talk of him being able to return to the U.S. at some point. But it may be here in Canada where he will be owed a special debt. Just as Canadians appeared to be sleepwalking towards accepting a dangerous government-sponsored "anti-terrorism act" that would undermine human rights and the rule of law, the debate has appeared to turn in recent days. Government ministers are now more on the defensive. Critics of the proposed legislation are regaining their voice. And Snowden himself has intervened..." [Toronto Star](#), WD3

Vote for us or the terrorists will get you

An opinion piece states, "First we had Canada's New Government. Then we had Strong and Stable Government. Now we have the Be Very Afraid Government. As even casual observers of the news will know, it's all fear, all the time in Ottawa these days. The political premise is slightly disturbing - that terror and crime can be tackled as another marketing challenge, complete with labels, postcard surveys, and mind-numbing repetition of slogans. The potential payoff, presumably, is the re-election of the Conservative "brand." ..." [Toronto Star](#), IN2

Who will police Canada's spies?

An opinion piece states, "Last month, three teenage girls flew from London to Istanbul, en route to Raqqa, headquarters of Islamic State, also known as ISIL or ISIS, to begin new lives as "jihadi brides." Turkish intelligence says the man who smuggled them across the border was a Canadian agent, Mohammed al-Rashid, a Syrian dentist who fled to Jordan to escape the civil war. The Turks say after al-Rashid came to the attention of the Canadian embassy in Amman, the Canadians brought him to Canada, offered him the hope of citizenship and set him to work smuggling foreigners into the clutches of the homicidal maniacs of ISIS. By their count, al-Rashid has helped 140 Britons get to ISIS, all the while reporting to someone named "Matt" at the Canadian embassy, where the ambassador is Bruno Saccomani, former head of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's bodyguards. The Canadian government, of course, won't say whether any of this is true... The same government that put him in charge of SIRC is now seeking to massively expand the powers of our spies with Bill C-51, with no improved oversight. The law will give spies licence to engage in a wide variety of threat-disruption activities against any threat to Canada's security, requiring warrants only when they believe their activities would break the law..." [National Post](#) (Ottawa Citizen, A10)

Bill turns CSIS into secret police

An opinion piece states, "Bill C-51, fast-tracked concurrently through the House of Commons and a compliant Senate, is only now being understood by many people and groups. Unfortunately, the governed have views about potential problems with the Canada's new anti-terrorism bill that will never be heard in Parliament..." [Winnipeg Free Press](#), A17

And the survey says... ? - Poorly designed politically biased surveys hurt democracy

An opinion piece states, "... Survey questions are everywhere these days, which is why I initially didn't think much of it Monday night when I saw a question in the corner of a flyer sent to my house by my Conservative member of Parliament, Lawrence Toet. But once I read the question, which asked constituents if they "agree... (that) we must take additional action to protect Canada from terrorism" or "disagree (because) terrorists are victims too." A box where you could fill in your name, address, phone number and email was also helpfully provided. I thought it would be a teachable moment to demonstrate just how loaded, self-serving and poorly crafted some survey questions can be... First of all, no one should be under any illusion that these types of survey questions are designed to actually measure what people in Elmwood-Transcona or anywhere else think about terrorism or Bill C-51, the proposed Anti-Terrorism Act just introduced by the Conservatives. If this was a sincere effort to engage community attitudes, Toet and his colleagues would publicly release the results and use them to justify their controversial anti-terror measures..." [Winnipeg Free Press](#), A17

Blurred lines and fear tactics

An opinion piece states, "Xenophobia is an intense or irrational dislike or fear of people from other countries. Islam is the religious faith of Muslims. Islamophobia is an irrational fear of Islam and the Muslim people based on their links to Islamic extremists who use terrorism to advance their interests. Muslims are particularly vulnerable because they are a visible minority easily identified by religion and dress. Defining terrorism is more difficult. In Canada, section 83.01 of the Criminal Code defines terrorism as an act committed "in whole or in part for a political, religious or ideological purpose, objective or cause" with the intention of intimidating the public . . . with regard to its security, including its economic security." Activities recognized as criminal within this context include death and bodily harm with the use of violence; significant property damage and interference or disruption of essential services, facilities or systems. Following January's Charlie Hebdo massacre in Paris, Prime Minister Stephen Harper warned that the "international jihadist movement" had declared war on Canada. By the end of January, he was declaring war on the jihadists with his Anti-Terrorism Act. In early February, less than two weeks after the PM introduced Bill C-51, the RCMP received a tip that four people were plotting a Valentine's Day mass shooting in the Halifax Shopping Centre. Two people were subsequently charged with conspiracy to commit murder, not terrorism. The reason according to Justice Minister Peter McKay is that the conspiracy was not "culturally motivated." ... " [Times & Transcript](#), A13

Une vraie menace

Une pièce d'opinion déclare, « La menace terroriste est devenue la justification passe-partout du gouvernement conservateur pour défendre les contours flous de la mission en Irak et dénigrer quiconque ose critiquer ses initiatives, en particulier le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51... » [Le Devoir](#), B2

Tories' Bill C-51 is flawed legislation

A letter to the editor states, "In its haste to introduce C-51, the Conservative government has shown a wilful ignorance of very careful parliamentary work done in the past to establish a domestic security service appropriate to Canada and Canadians..." [Ottawa Citizen](#), B6

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** Crown's case looking thin in bid-rigging trial**

On the face of it, the past couple of weeks should have been a great opportunity for the Crown in the long-running jury trial involving alleged bid rigging by 10 Ottawa defendants. Two key defendants - TPG Technology owner Don Powell and former Devon Group partner Ron Walker - elected to take the stand, thereby subjecting themselves to days of cross-examination by Crown lawyers. The cross-examination of Powell by crown prosecutor Denis Pilon concentrated on eight CBSA procurements, also from 2005, and the idea that TPG had conspired to send its most expensive consultants to government. Klobouk testified that he and other CBSA consultants were well aware the Agency wanted them back under new contracts, with the result that he was able to dictate terms to potential suppliers such as TPG Technology. "It was obvious we had the skills that the client (CBSA) wanted," Klobouk said. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A4

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Does that email look phishy?

The next phishing email you get could be from your boss. With high-profile security breaches on the rise, from Sony Pictures to Anthem, companies are on the defensive. And they want to make sure their employees are not a hack waiting to happen. Data show phishing emails are more and more common as entry points for hackers. Unwittingly clicking on a link in a scam email could unleash malware into a network or provide other access to cyberthieves. [The Associated Press](#) (StarPhoenix, F12)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Police question SFU prof who took photos near Kinder Morgan site

An SFU professor is wondering why police are investigating him for taking pictures near the Burnaby Mountain tank farm. Tim Takaro, a New Westminster resident and health sciences professor at SFU, was having lunch with his family earlier this week when his daughter's cellphone rang. The man on the other end of the line was looking for Takaro. "He identifies himself as the Burnaby RCMP and he asked me if I was involved in any incidents," Takaro said. "I didn't know anything he was talking about." Takaro's experience echoes that of New Westminster resident Lesslie Askin, a retired systems analyst who received a visit from the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team. Burnaby RCMP spokesman Staff Sgt. Major John Buis said he couldn't comment on any ongoing investigation. However, in general, if the RCMP receive a call about someone taking pictures of "critical infrastructure," police are required to do something, he explained. [Burnaby Now](#) (Vancouver Sun, A18)

*** Mounties pull man from fume-filled garage**

Two West Shore RCMP officers were injured Friday afternoon after rushing into a fume-filled Colwood garage to rescue a man. "Our officers did not think twice and risked their own life to save this male," said Const. Alex Berube, West Shore RCMP spokesman. He said the officers are expected to survive. [Times-Colonist](#), A4

*** RCMP presentations mark 40th anniversary of first female troop**

The RCMP held a number of recruiting presentations for women in more than a dozen locations across Canada on March 7 to mark the 40th anniversary of the graduation of the first female troop and International Women's Day. [The Guardian](#), C5

*** Secret agent man - Protected witness wonders if big payday was worth hassle**

He's a marked man, a "rat" within the criminal underworld who will spend the rest of his life looking over his shoulder worried about possible retribution. But longtime Hells Angels associate Jason Masniuk says he did the right thing in turning his back on his criminal brethren and taking a major payday by working for the police. Masniuk, 39, spoke exclusively to the Free Press this week from his new life under the witness protection plan, just a few months after concluding 15 months of dangerous undercover work with the Manitoba Integrated Organized Crime Task Force. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), A6

*** COP UNION ROCKED BY ALLEGATIONS**

Senior executives with the Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA) were involved in fraudulent schemes to enrich themselves at the expense of the organization, a RCMP search warrant alleges. RCMP Sgt. Gordon Aristotle, in an Information to Obtain (ITO) released Friday, sought the records of OPPA president Jim Christie, vice-president Martin Bain and chief administration officer Karl Walsh, as well as those of lawyers Andrew MacKay, Klara Kozak and Noel Francis Chantiam. [QMI Agency](#) (Toronto Sun, 4); [Globe and Mail](#); [National Post](#); [Toronto Star](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Times-Colonist, A9); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Droit, 29)

*** RCMP bust alleged trafficking ring**

Two men are in custody and the search is on for a third following an extensive RCMP investigation into a suspected drug and weapons trafficking ring in Winnipeg. The arrests come as a result of Project Dare, a seven-month-long investigation that opened in September and focused on an alleged drug-trafficking group operating inside the city. Through two separate search warrants at residences in the downtown and North Kildonan areas, police seized approximately 1.5 kilograms of cocaine, more than 900 grams of ecstasy, 765 grams of methamphetamine and nearly one kilogram of marijuana. Officers also seized cash totalling approximately \$100,000. Zack Rorie Zarichney, 23, and Chris Steven Karalash, 23, were arrested Thursday for their alleged involvement in the trafficking ring. Both Winnipeg men are facing numerous drug and weapons-related charges. One of the arrests was made at Stony Mountain Institution, RCMP said. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), A7; [Winnipeg Sun](#)

*** 'I refuse to be a statistic'**

Melissa Herman takes the usual precautions when she goes for an early-morning run along the Snye River. She wears a bright yellow shell and brings along her bounding dog, a highenergy mashup of husky and chocolate Lab named Charlie. But then she takes a further step, calling her brother and telling him

when she's running and the route she'll take, so that someone knows where she is. It's not because Fort Mac is particularly unsafe, even in Ms. Herman's downtown neighbourhood next to the infamous Syncrude Towers. Running through Snye Park is no more dangerous than going for a jog through one of Toronto's leafy ravines. What troubles Ms. Herman, 28, is that, if she were actually to go missing or be murdered, she would be written off by the RCMP and by society as just another "highrisk" aboriginal woman. Globe and Mail, A4

*** Le trafic de drogue qui rapporte gros**

Même s'ils en empochent les lucratifs profits, les hauts dirigeants de "La Table" évitent de se mettre les mains directement dans le trafic de drogue, selon nos sources. "La Table" sert en quelque sorte de tour de contrôle du trafic, en donnant ou refusant de donner sa bénédiction aux trafiquants... et en percevant une intéressante quote-part du butin au passage. Si au début des années 2000, la commission était de 3 % à 7 %, elle est aujourd'hui modulée en fonction de la rentabilité des opérations. De plus, l'île de Montréal a été découpée en territoires, définissant clairement quels territoires sont contrôlés par la mafia ou les Hells Angels, par exemple, a appris notre Bureau d'enquête. Mais avec la création de "La Table", l'ordre semble être revenu dans l'organisation. "On pourrait dire que nous sommes dans une période d'accalmie", indique le commandant Daniel Dacunha, de la Division du crime organisé de la police de Montréal. Le Journal de Montréal, 4

*** L'entraîneur a été sous enquête de la GRC**

L'entraîneur de ski alpin accusé cette semaine d'agressions sexuelles sur des athlètes mineures aurait déjà fait l'objet d'une enquête par la GRC en 1998 sans que des accusations aient été déposées. "En février 1998, nous fumes avisés par une source que Bertrand Charest avait possiblement eu un contact inapproprié avec une membre de l'équipe, a indiqué l'organisme Canada Alpin par communiqué. Nous avons pleinement collaboré avec la GRC dans le cadre de l'enquête menée par cette dernière sur la plainte." Le Journal de Montréal, 14; La Presse; La Presse Canadienne (Le Nouvelliste, 35); Canadian Press (The Gazette, A8); Toronto Star

*** Wife's concerns led to chemicals probe – RCMP**

A judge has reserved a decision on bail until Tuesday for a Halifax man who has been accused of possessing dangerous chemicals and threatening police. Earlier Friday, an RCMP officer testified at the bail hearing for Christopher Phillips, saying the investigation began when his wife went to police on Jan. 19 and told them her husband's mental health was deteriorating and he was behaving strangely. Chronicle-Herald, A14; Canadian Press (National Post, A8); La Presse Canadienne (Le Droit, 7)

*** Detectives threaten rebellion as unmarked vehicles grounded**

The Ottawa Police Service has ordered that unmarked detectives' vehicles in some specialty units remain parked at the police station when shifts end, leading to a possible officer rebellion over investigations they say will be compromised. Officers in the guns and gangs, drugs, street crime and intelligence units have been allowed to take their unmarked police vehicles home, allowing quick responses to everything from off-duty calls, meetings with confidential informants or undercover investigations. In a move expected to be implemented by the end of the month to save approximately \$300,000 annually in fuel costs, the service has ordered that 53 vehicles remain parked on police property when officers finish their shifts. If a situation emerges that requires immediate investigative response, officers in those units will have to make their way to the police station to pick up the vehicles. Time covering specific targets will decrease, as will the overall time police can devote to an investigation per day. Ottawa Citizen, A3

*** Drug charges**

Four Island men have been charged with multiple drug-related offences as a result of Project Lunge, a joint federal drug investigation. The investigation conducted between RCMP in P.E.I. and New Brunswick, as well as the RCMP Federal Investigations Unit, netted 1.6 kilograms of cocaine and 1,800 hydromorphone capsules. The street value of the drugs seized is estimated at well in excess of \$300,000. The Guardian, A2

*** Body of evidence**

Long after the headlines are forgotten and memories fade, the evidence used to help solve Red Deer's crimes will stand. In some cases, the evidence is preserved indefinitely. Take for example a widely publicized case where a Red Deer woman was reported missing in January 1989. It was alleged that her husband killed and dismembered her in their bathtub before removing her body in a duffle bag. Blood and hair were recovered in the drain. The body was never found and the husband has since died. However, the smashed shower doors and other items from the apartment are wrapped and secured in the exhibit hall in the basement of the downtown Red Deer RCMP station. Brown is one of two exhibits custodians who are responsible for cataloguing, tracking and overseeing the evidence in the police storage system in Red Deer. Her colleague did not want her name used to protect her privacy. Police may have seized the 12,000 exhibits dating back to the 1980s during homicide cases, drug busts, traffic stops and other crimes. Hundreds of larger items, such as trucks, cars and bicycles, are stored off-site. Hazardous goods, including paint thinners and gasoline, are also stored on the police compound. [Red Deer Advocate](#), A1

*** Statistics regularly exaggerate gun use in crimes**

An opinion piece states, "We are entering election 2015, and no doubt, some parties will try to exaggerate gun crimes. So let's get the facts straight. A quick look at the stats and you might think gun violence appears to be four times more frequent than it actually is..." [Whitehorse Daily Star](#), 32

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Reign of terror

Being a major player in a "reign of terror" on Calgary citizens will mean a minimum 25 years behind bars for gangster Nathan Zuccherato, a judge ruled Friday. Justice David Gates agreed with submissions by Crown and defence lawyers that despite committing multiple murders, Zuccherato's parole ineligibility could not exceed 25 years. Gates sentenced Zuccherato, 28, to three concurrent life sentences and said he could apply for release to the Parole Board of Canada in a quarter century from his arrest. Since the Calgary man has been in custody since 2009, he can seek full parole beginning in June, 2034, when he'll be 48. [Calgary Sun](#), 3

*** Man who assaulted mom with toddler present declared dangerous offender**

A Penticton, B.C., man who admitted to sexually assaulting and confining a woman for 15 hours while her toddler was nearby has been declared a dangerous offender. [Canadian Press](#) (Red Deer Advocate, A8)

*** Kidd sent to prison**

The last words Robert (Robb) Kidd heard in the big second-floor court room of the Frontenac County Court House Friday weren't the judge's. Seconds after Superior Court Justice Jennifer Blishen departed the room, as the disgraced former fire department official was being removed from the prisoner's dock, the voice of a father in the spectator's gallery carried through the room. Justice Blishen, while recognizing that the National Parole Board may ultimately modify that aspect of her order, said Kidd's access is to be limited in accordance with the recommendation of psychologist Dr. Anthony Eccles, who conducted his psycho-sexual assessment. Eccles recommended that Kidd be forbidden from holding an Internet account, including a mobile phone plan, and that he be prohibited from living in a residence where any other individual has such an account. [Kingston Whig-Standard](#), A1

A Navy rebuilt, at long last

An opinion piece states, "... Not as uplifting was the announcement of a government bill to amend the Criminal Code and provide for life imprisonment without parole for conviction of a category of heinous crimes: murders during sexual assault, kidnapping, acts of terrorism and the killing of police officers and prison guards. This is the latest in an eight-year sequence of Harper government legislation pandering to the most reactionary elements of the law and order-fixated public..." [National Post](#), A18

Lifers law a new kind of Harper extremism

An editorial states, "Prime Minister Stephen Harper is selling his proposed "life means life" law, the details of which are to be made public this week, on the fear ticket - insisting he is correcting flaws in the Criminal

Code that will spring those who commit heinous crimes from prison early, where they can walk unchecked on the streets and threaten the safety of ordinary Canadians..." [Vancouver Sun](#), A19

*** Prison à vie : summum de l'incompétence conservatrice**

Une lettre déclare, « Le nouveau projet de loi C-53 qui veut que certains meurtriers meurent de vieillesse en prison est une preuve de l'incompétence des conservateurs en matière de justice. Au contraire d'assurer la sécurité des Canadiens, les criminels visés n'auront plus rien à perdre et, après le premier meurtre, auront acquis le droit de tuer n'importe qui, que ce soit un juge, un policier ou un gardien de prison. Plus aucune conséquence à tenter une évasion et, une fois évadé, on tue tout ce qui se met en travers du chemin... » [Le Journal de Québec](#), 17

*** Tough-sentence law will cause problems**

Re: "'Life without parole' law riles critics," March 5.

A letter to the editor states, "Prime Minister Stephen Harper is proposing changes to the minimum sentences and the parole process. Those who have committed first-degree murder would be subject to life sentences with no parole for 35 years. While this law is indeed a politically motivated change, done in a desperate attempt to affirm the Conservatives' tough-on-crime stance, it carries deep implications for our legal system..." [Times-Colonist](#), A13

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

'I felt a responsibility' to make film: Jacobs

Rather than wait for Prime Minister Stephen Harper to call an inquiry into Canada's 1,200 missing and murdered aboriginal women, Kawennáhere Devery Jacobs decided to make a movie. [The Gazette](#), F7

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

Private email for government use discouraged in Canada

Canadian laws are intended to avoid situations like the controversy engulfing Hillary Clinton, the likely 2016 Democratic nominee for president now under fire for using private emails to conduct government business. Clinton's email use has been seen as a way to avoid creating a public record that can be accessed under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act. That would be a no-no for a senior Canadian public servant in Canada. [Vancouver Sun](#), A14

OTHER / AUTRE

NATO disputes Tory claims of Russian 'buzzing'

The Conservative government has ratcheted up its war of words over Ukraine, with the parliamentary defence secretary claiming Russian warships confronted a Canadian frigate in the Black Sea. But NATO officials say no such thing happened. [Ottawa Citizen](#), A9

INTERNATIONAL

Cyclone Pam slams Pacific isles

Winds from an extremely powerful cyclone that blew through the Pacific's Vanuatu archipelago were beginning to subside Saturday, revealing widespread destruction and unconfirmed reports of dozens of deaths. Communication systems in many of the hard-hit outer islands, about a quarter of the way from Australia to Hawaii, remained down. [The Associated Press](#) (The Record, A7)

*** 2 charged over links to Paris gunman after probe finds texts, DNA evidence**

Two men with ties to one of the three gunmen who terrorized Paris were handed preliminary charges Friday, the Paris prosecutor said, describing hundreds of texts, regular meetings and DNA recovered from a stun gun among the belongings at a bloodied kosher supermarket. The Associated Press (Times & Transcript, B7); Agence France-Presse (La Tribune, 22)

*** Mumbai terror suspect to be freed**

A Pakistani court on Friday ordered the release of the main suspect in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks by cancelling a government order under which he was detained for the past three months, a defence lawyer and prosecution said. The Associated Press (Vancouver Sun, B7)

*** Police in Spain arrest 8 in jihadi swoop**

Spanish police on Friday arrested eight suspected members of a jihadi terror cell that urged attacks to be carried out in Spain and selected people to fight for the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, the Interior Ministry said. The Associated Press (The Record, A5)

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Ottawa to appeal Khadr bail ruling - Tories 'disappointed' as judge orders release of ex-Guantanamo detainee held since 2002

An Alberta judge has ordered Omar Khadr released on bail, giving the former Guantanamo detainee his first chance at freedom after nearly 13 years in custody. **Just hours after Justice June Ross released her decision Friday, Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney issued a statement saying Ottawa would appeal. "We are disappointed," Blaney wrote. "Our government will continue to work to combat the international jihadi movement, which has declared war on Canada and her allies." But Blaney's portrayal of Khadr as a dangerous terrorist is in stark contrast to what government lawyers said about the 28-year-old in court.** There was no evidence presented at Khadr's March bail hearing to argue he posed a risk to society - a fact noted by Ross in her ruling Friday - nor did Department of Justice lawyers refute submissions about Khadr's exemplary behaviour in custody. "He has a 12 1/2-year track record as a model prisoner, and a release plan supported by educators, mental health professionals, and his lawyers," Ross wrote. "This is a circumstance where balancing a strong appeal and the public confidence in the administration of justice favour the same result." Khadr's longtime Canadian lawyer, Dennis Edney, along with his wife Patricia, have offered to have Khadr live with them and provide whatever supervision he may require. [Toronto Star](#), A1; [Canadian Press](#) (Waterloo Region Record; Charlottetown Guardian; Chronicle-Herald; Cape Breton Post); [Presse canadienne](#) (La Tribune; Le Quotidien; L'Acadie nouvelle; Le Droit; La Voix de L'Est); [La Presse](#); [National Post](#) (Windsor Star; Vancouver Sun; Star-Phoenix; Leader-Post; Montreal Gazette; Ottawa Citizen); [Winnipeg Sun](#) (London Free Press; Edmonton Sun; Calgary Sun; Kingston Whig-Standard); [Edmonton Journal](#); [Globe and Mail](#)

L'homme de l'ombre

C'est un personnage-clé pour la sécurité nationale du Canada. En matière de terrorisme, de contre-espionnage, de menaces pour les «intérêts canadiens» dans le monde, c'est beaucoup à lui que le gouvernement s'en remet. Son budget vient d'augmenter substantiellement et le projet de loi C-51 va étendre considérablement ses pouvoirs, comme il le souhaitait. Certains l'admirent, certains s'en méfient. Mais dans l'ensemble, le public connaît peu Michel Coulombe, directeur du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS). Portrait d'un fidèle soldat. Un soldat de l'ombre. « Il n'aime pas les projecteurs. D'ailleurs, il ne va pas aimer ça, votre article. » Le ton est donné. Michel Juneau-Katsuya, ancien cadre du SCRS qui connaît le directeur actuel depuis des lustres, résume bien l'aura de secret qui entoure Michel Coulombe. Le SCRS est un univers opaque. Ses agents sont tenus à la plus grande discrétion. Ils ne peuvent parler de leur travail en dehors du bureau, même avec leur famille. Le service fait tout pour éviter que leurs noms soient dévoilés. Les noms des hauts dirigeants sont publics, mais ils s'expriment rarement à voix haute. M. Coulombe a d'ailleurs refusé d'accorder une entrevue dans le cadre de ce reportage. **« Il incarne ces valeurs qui font la renommée de nos services de renseignement: discrétion et efficacité », affirme le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney. Le ministre est en contact étroit avec son chef espion: celui-ci a un statut de sous-ministre et lui fait rapport directement sur les questions de sécurité nationale. Sans intermédiaire.** [La Presse](#), A18

Gleeful Tory's giddiness reflects party mood

An opinion piece states "In one of his more exuberant moments in the role of Conservative cheerleader, **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney called Tuesday's pre-election budget his 'bestseller.'** Listening to the Quebec minister on Montreal radio one could easily picture him clutching the budget to his chest as he spoke. It is even possible that he slept with the 300-page brick under his pillow. After all, it devotes an entire chapter to his public safety file. Over the years, Blaney's faith in Stephen Harper has been shown to border on religious and he has exhibited a zeal in defending the government's agenda that is second to none among cabinet members. Still, in this instance, the minister's giddiness reflects the mood of his government colleagues as they fast-forward to the upcoming campaign. Given a choice, it is a rare MP seeking re-election who would not prefer coming to a voter's doorstep bearing gifts." [Chronicle-Herald](#), A15

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Minor quake ruffles B.C.'s north coast

Residents of British Columbia's north coast woke up in lightly swaying homes after a 6.1-magnitude earthquake hit the area Friday morning. The quake, which struck 167 kilometres southeast of the village of Queen Charlotte, was felt from Haida Gwaii and along the north coast, and towns in mainland B.C... The U.S. Geological Survey says the quake struck about 10 kilometres under the surface. There have been no reports of damage or injuries. [Toronto Star](#), A11; [Presse canadienne](#) (L'Acadie nouvelle); [Red Deer Advocate](#); [Times-Colonist](#)

Seismic shift in quake insurance might shock you

... It was a couple of years ago that earthquake policies went through a seismic shift, largely as a result of big payouts following major catastrophes around the globe. First, reinsurance companies - those that provide coverage to insurance companies wanting to limit their own exposure - adopted new earthquake modelling that drew attention to highrisk Victoria and Vancouver Island. So the cost of reinsurance went up, says Victoria insurance industry veteran Eric Hartley, the former owner of Bill Hartley Insurance Services. At the same time, events such as the 2011 earthquake that devastated Christchurch, New Zealand - a city that looked a lot like Victoria - prompted B.C. insurance regulators to stiffen the requirement that insurance companies buy enough reinsurance to cover all losses if the Big One hits. Combine those factors, and some companies are losing money selling earthquake policies, as the amount they collect in premiums is less than they pay for reinsurance. [Times-Colonist](#), A1

Shake, rattle and roll in touring 'Quake Cottage' simulator

Most Lower Mainland residents fear what would happen if an earthquake should hit. But a simulation? Hey, that could be some fun. Lower Mainland municipalities are bringing in the Quake Cottage - a hydraulic "cottage" that rocks and shakes to simulate how it would feel to be in an earthquake of up to eight points on the magnitude scale. The Quake Cottage is touring the Lower Mainland as part of Emergency Preparedness Week, which runs from May 2 to 9. "We're trying to essentially communicate that we all have a responsibility to be prepared and people don't think about earthquakes because they don't happen that often but we do live in earthquake country," said Dorit Mason, director, North Shore Emergency Management. The Quake Cottage holds three people at a time for a three-minute demo. It is free to "ride" but participants will have to sign a waiver. [Vancouver Sun](#), A19

Energy board will audit Kinder Morgan emergency response plans

The National Energy Board will conduct a comprehensive audit of emergency response and safety plans for energy pipeline giant Kinder Morgan. The audit will only focus on existing facilities and won't include the companies planned Trans Mountain pipeline expansion between Alberta and the British Columbia coast. Both Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson and B.C. Premier Christy Clark have called for Kinder Morgan's full emergency response plan for the Trans Mountain project to be made public. [Canadian Press](#) (Times-Colonist, B4; National Post)

Metro mayors grill federal officials - NEB head blasted for inadequate response

Metro Vancouver mayors grilled the National Energy Board Friday on how it would prevent future oil spills, saying the Canadian Coast Guard's "inadequate response" to the recent spill in English Bay put the city's economy, tourism and quality of life at risk. Mayors maintain the latest spill highlighted the need for a better emergency-response system across the region, noting it took the coast guard hours to respond after a sailor first reported seeing a sheen of oil in English Bay. North Vancouver District Mayor Richard Walton said "the level of response was far from what our local governments would anticipate." "I don't fault you for that, but my perception is you are vastly underfunded," Walton told National Energy Board chair Peter Watson and Canadian Coast Guard assistant commissioner Roger Girouard, following a presentation to the Metro mayors committee. The comments drew applause from the crowd of protesters in the gallery. [Vancouver Sun](#), A8

Flood levels on St. John River may start to drop this weekend

Officials with the province's Emergency Measures Organization are mildly optimistic that water levels along the St. John River may start to fall a bit this weekend. Paul Bradley, a communications official with EMO and the Department of Public Safety, said conditions will probably be ideal with cool weather in the forecast. That will slow down the melt and not a lot of rain is expected, he said. [Telegraph-Journal](#), A4

Third farm suspected of having bird flu - OXFORD COUNTY

The news for Southwestern Ontario poultry farmers just got a little bleaker, with bird flu -- a deadly virus that can quickly decimate flocks -- now suspected at a third farm in Oxford County. The animal health laboratory at the University of Guelph notified the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Thursday of a "presumptive H5 avian influenza" infection at a third farm in Oxford, one of the densest poultry-producing regions of the province. The CFIA has yet to comment on the spread of the outbreak to a third farm. [London Free Press](#), A6

*** KASHECHEWAN, ONT. - Flooding forces evacuations**

Nearly 400 people in a Northern Ontario First Nation community had to leave their homes on Friday because of the threat of flooding. Kashechewan Chief Derek Stephen says evacuation flights will likely continue from the community until early next week. This is the fourth consecutive year the community on the western shore of James Bay has had to be evacuated. Residents are being taken to the northern Ontario communities of Kapuskasing, Smooth Rock Falls and Wawa. Stephen says all 1,900 residents will leave within the next few days. [Canadian Press](#) (Chronicle-Herald, A15)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Les deux jeunes passeront un autre week-end en prison - Terrorisme

Les deux cégépiens accusés de fabrication d'explosifs pour le compte d'une organisation terroriste passeront une autre fin de semaine en prison, le temps que leurs avocats analysent la preuve de la Couronne fédérale. "Nous avons reçu plus de preuves [hier] matin, et lundi, nous serons en mesure de déterminer le temps nécessaire pour la tenue d'une enquête sur remise en liberté", a expliqué à la Cour hier l'avocate de Mahdi El Jamali et Sabine Djermane. Les deux accusés d'à peine 18 ans devront donc encore attendre, eux qui sont détenus depuis 10 jours déjà. Ils sont accusés d'avoir tenté de quitter le pays dans le but de s'adonner à des activités terroristes, d'avoir eu des substances explosives, d'avoir tenté de faciliter une activité terroriste et, enfin, d'avoir commis un acte criminel au profit d'un groupe terroriste. Notons que ce sera à eux de prouver qu'ils méritent de quitter la prison en attendant leur procès, et non le contraire. Journal de Montréal, 12; Presse canadienne (Le Devoir)

Comment gérer la controverse

Comme dans pratiquement toutes les démocraties, les services de renseignement canadiens se sont attiré leur lot de critiques et de controverses, conséquences de la nature même de leurs activités et du secret qui les entoure. Voici comment le directeur navigue à travers certains des écueils qu'il rencontre sur son chemin. Des gens d'horizons aussi variés que le lanceur d'alerte américain Edward Snowden, des avocats de la défense, d'anciens juges de la Cour suprême et d'anciens premiers ministres ont déploré le manque de contrôle et de surveillance des services de renseignement canadiens. « Il a été démontré que d'importantes violations de droits de la personne peuvent être commises au nom de la sécurité nationale. Compte tenu du secret qui entoure les activités de sécurité nationale, des violations de droit peuvent ne pas être relevées et demeurer sans recours », déploraient récemment dans une lettre ouverte les anciens premiers ministres Chrétien, Martin, Clark et Turner. « Il y a eu des critiques et des recommandations sur notre façon de faire, mais on ne nous a jamais reproché d'avoir enfreint la loi », a assuré le directeur (du SCRS) devant un comité des Communes le mois dernier. Même avec l'élimination du poste d'inspecteur général du SCRS, l'un des chiens de garde internes de l'organisme, il croit que le Comité de surveillance des activités de renseignement de sécurité, le CSARS, fait un travail suffisant de critique et de contrôle au nom de la population. « A une certaine époque, c'était l'inspecteur général qui certifiait le rapport annuel du directeur présenté au ministre. Maintenant, c'est le CSARS. Si ma mémoire est bonne, tous ces rapports annuels indiquaient que nos activités étaient conformes [...] et qu'il n'y avait aucun abus de pouvoir de notre part », a-t-il déclaré dans un comité sénatorial. La Presse, A19

* De Poly à la police

Printemps 1980. Une petite bande de jeunes à l'aube de la vingtaine organisent une fête pour célébrer l'obtention de leur diplôme en génie physique. Un programme un peu à part à l'École polytechnique, celui des vrais de vrais passionnés de science pure. A force de bûcher pour résoudre problèmes et équations, ils sont devenus inséparables. Ce sont plutôt des « nerds ». Personne dans le groupe n'a l'air d'un futur agent secret. Surtout pas Michel Coulombe, le garçon aux cheveux longs qui boit sa bière assis par terre, appuyé au mur... La formation scientifique du directeur actuel du SCRS contraste aussi avec celle de ses prédécesseurs depuis 1984, qui avaient presque tous étudié en droit, en relations internationales, en économie et en sciences politiques. Mais il y avait d'ailleurs gagné des atouts, selon deux anciens proches collaborateurs. « Il apporte une attention particulière à la méthodologie; il a le souci d'être précis », remarque Ray Boisvert, un ancien directeur adjoint du SCRS. Il avait aussi une longueur d'avance pour maîtriser les gadgets technologiques et les outils de surveillance mis à la disposition des espions canadiens, souligne une ancienne directrice générale du SCRS pour la région du Québec, qui a accepté de parler à condition que son nom ne soit pas publié. « Il est très bon pour tous les trucs technologiques; il comprend comment ça marche. C'est utile. » La Presse, A19

* Le Canada doit se protéger de l'État islamique, selon Mulroney

L'ancien premier ministre Brian Mulroney appuie la stratégie du gouvernement Harper d'augmenter ses investissements dans l'armée, car il croit que l'État islamique est un "ennemi rare" pour le Canada. Rencontré cette semaine à Montréal pour discuter d'un prix qu'il recevra de l'Afrique du Sud (voir autre texte), M. Mulroney s'est avoué inquiet par la multiplication des actes terroristes à l'échelle planétaire. "Il [l'État islamique] est un ennemi rare pour le Canada. Plusieurs ont vu dernièrement ce pilote jordanien

être brûlé vif. Ça prend quelqu'un sans âme pour poser un geste comme celui-là. Ils peuvent faire ça ici également. Il faut être vigilant et se préparer", affirme l'ex-politicien qui a été très actif sur le plan international dans les années 1980. Quant au renforcement du budget militaire et aux multiples investissements pour contrer l'État islamique en Syrie et en Irak, Brian Mulroney affirme qu'il est important que le gouvernement maintienne le cap dans "cette lutte féroce" contre le terrorisme. Journal de Montréal, 39 (Journal de Québec)

* **Le mystère Adil Charkaoui**

L'imam est un personnage hautement médiatisé. Cette semaine, l'on apprenait que Mahdi El Jameli, le jeune musulman radicalisé arrêté en compagnie de sa compagne Sabine Djaermane, fréquentait son établissement. Sur son compte Facebook, El Jameli louangeait un événement au titre évocateur de «Fuyez vers Allah» auquel il avait assisté en décembre dernier au centre communautaire de Charkaoui. Des étudiants disparus du Collège de Maisonneuve, soupçonnés d'être aujourd'hui en Syrie où ils auraient rejoint l'État islamique, un certain nombre fréquentaient le centre de l'imam. Ce dernier menace désormais de poursuivre quiconque publiera des textes l'associant à ces jeunes radicalisés. Adil Charkaoui connaît bien la Charte des droits et libertés qui lui est sans doute aussi précieuse que le Coran. Il ne craint guère d'utiliser le système judiciaire dont on sait qu'il n'est pas à la portée financière de tous ceux qui se sentent lésés au Canada. Il poursuit actuellement le gouvernement canadien pour plus de 26 millions \$. Pour mémoire, rappelons que le parcours d'Adil Charkaoui comporte des zones d'ombre qui laissent parfois plusieurs. En 2003, Denis Coderre, alors ministre de l'Immigration, autorise l'émission d'un certificat de sécurité à l'encontre de Charkaoui. Plusieurs le soupçonnent d'être membre d'un groupe lié à Al-Qaïda. Arrêté, il sera incarcéré durant 21 mois. Remis en liberté en 2005, il doit se soumettre à plusieurs conditions, dont le port d'un bracelet électronique. Il recouvre sa pleine liberté et devient citoyen canadien en 2014. Journal de Québec, 18 (Journal de Montréal)

* **Rona pumps budget**

Edmonton-Spruce Grove MP Rona Ambrose says the 2015 federal budget could help offset new taxes and fees introduced in the Alberta PC provincial budget... The budget includes a \$292.6-million investment over five years to the RCMP, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and the Canadian Border Services Agency that is earmarked to counter terror, though it includes no new money for foreign aid despite Canada lagging behind most developed countries and UN goals on aid. Edmonton Sun, 9

La surveillance, un mal «nécessaire»

Le terrorisme moderne rend inévitable la surveillance de masse. C'est le constat dressé par la ministre française de la Justice, au cours d'un entretien avec La Presse, à l'heure où la France, comme le Canada, projette d'élargir les pouvoirs de ses services de renseignement. «Dangereux», «liberticide», «scélérat»... Le projet de loi relatif au renseignement que veut faire adopter le gouvernement français s'attire des critiques de toutes parts, qui ne sont pas sans rappeler celles que suscite le projet de loi C-51 à Ottawa. Ce Patriot Act à la française, comme le surnomment certains détracteurs en référence à la loi antiterroriste américaine adoptée dans la foulée du 11-Septembre, prévoit élargir les pouvoirs des services de renseignement hexagonaux. «On est conscients que la surveillance est intrusive, on est conscients que la surveillance peut être massive, on est conscients qu'il peut y avoir des abus», reconnaît la ministre française de la Justice, Christiane Taubira, mais elle assure du même souffle que les mécanismes de contrôle prévus seront un efficace contrepoids. La Presse, A26

* **Spending money on base security makes sense, ex-commander says**

A recent announcement by the federal government that it intends to pump millions of dollars over the next four years into making Canadian military bases more secure is getting a thumbs-up from a former Gagetown commander. Ryan Jestin, a retired colonel who left the area in 2007, said there are three areas of security at Base Gagetown that should be focused on - further protecting the water facility it shares with Oromocto, its mess hall where there's always a huge congregation of people, and a new barracks. The latter is home, Jestin said, to 200 soldiers... During the delivery of the federal budget earlier this month, Finance Minister Joe Oliver announced the government's intention to spend \$23 million over four years to upgrade security at Canada's military bases. No details were released. Canadian Forces officials have been struggling to find a security balance at its bases and facilities since an Oct. 22 incident that saw a reservist killed at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. The shooter later died in a

gunfight in the Centre Block of Parliament. The shootings occurred days after two Canadian soldiers were run over in Quebec by a man with jihadist sympathies. One soldier died. [Daily Gleaner](#), A7

Pourquoi de nouveaux pouvoirs?

Une pièce d'opinion dit « Pour combattre le terrorisme, faut-il vraiment donner autant de nouveaux pouvoirs à la police et, surtout, aux services de renseignement? Les arrestations qui se multiplient pourraient nous le faire croire. Il me semble au contraire qu'elles indiquent que les policiers ont déjà toute une panoplie de moyens juridiques à leur disposition... Depuis un mois, quatre jeunes Montréalais soupçonnés de terrorisme ont été arrêtés préventivement. Deux ont été emmenés devant le juge et soumis à diverses conditions, incluant un bracelet de surveillance GPS. Ils ne sont pourtant accusés d'aucun acte terroriste précis en ce moment. Deux autres, ce jeune couple qui voulait apparemment partir en Syrie, sont détenus depuis une semaine... Pour la première fois, les policiers ont utilisé un article introduit dans le Code criminel après les attentats du 11 septembre 2001, qui permet l'arrestation préventive de gens au sujet desquels on a des motifs de croire qu'ils se livreront à une activité terroriste... Les arrestations des dernières semaines et les départs à l'étranger de jeunes Montréalais radicalisés nous le montrent assez clairement: il existe une menace d'un nouveau type. J'attends toutefois du gouvernement un seul exemple concret qui justifie C-51, hormis la peur. » [La Presse](#), A5

*** Conrad Black - The pacifism of fools**

An opinion pieces states "It is hard to avoid the sinking feeling that former NDP federal secretary and national campaign chairman Gerald Caplan was speaking for his party and its current leader, Thomas Mulcair, in the *Globe and Mail* on April 17. Caplan wrote that our only problem with Muslim terrorists is their objection to America's dispute with Saddam Hussein, after he seized Kuwait in 1990, was expelled from it, and defied 17 United Nations Security Council resolutions in support of the ceasefire at the end of the Gulf War. Caplan cited Osama bin Laden, entirely neutrally, when he denounced the 'hundreds of thousands of Iraqi children who died from lack of food and medicine due to American sanctions;' the founder of al Qaeda, he explained, 'resented the deployment of American forces throughout the Gulf states, particularly in his homeland, Saudi Arabia.' Caplan further claimed that 'Canadians were given the same reasons by Michel Zihaf-Bibeau, who murdered Corporal Nathan Cirillo at the War Memorial in Ottawa [that] his actions were spurred by Canada's military involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq.' Of course, that isn't the same thing at all... Apart from the fantastic exaggeration of the effect of international sanctions on Saddam Hussein, imposed by an almost unanimous United Nations for his violations of international law (hundreds of thousands of Iraqi children did not die, and food and medicine were largely exempted from the sanctions, which were porous anyway); and apart also from the Swiss cheese of inconsistencies created by Caplan's explication of the motives for these massacres of innocent people (as bin Laden acknowledged them to be), are we to understand the former NDP campaign chairman attaches some credence and approval to these motives?" [National Post](#)

*** It's time Canada acted like a democracy**

A letter to the editor states "Re: Spy watchdog may become supersized, April 23. Canadians need to clearly understand that there is a huge difference between review and oversight. It is not, as some would like them to believe, a simple matter of semantics. There is a reason why most democracies in the world today have oversight. It is because oversight protects the rights of citizens... Let me be clear and unequivocal: Canada needs oversight, not a super-sized Security Intelligence Review Committee. With all due respect to the work done by that agency, it is neither independent nor does it do anything else but report superficially on what CSIS has already done. It has had minimal impact on CSIS operationally, because frankly, CSIS considers SIRC an unnecessary tedious bureaucratic 'micro manager.' The SIRC report is sanitized and devoid of anything substantive. It certainly doesn't inform Parliament of anything significant. Canada needs to establish Parliamentary oversight. Canada needs to involve its elected representatives in national security, instead of leaving it up to an old-boys network who for the most part see themselves as above the law. Without oversight and with the spectre of Bills C-44 and C-51, Canada is heading for a period of shameful conduct on the part of its security agencies with nothing more than a super-sized paper tiger to purr harmlessly to Parliament - after the fact - about the mistakes and abuses that are sure to come. Canada is a democracy. It's time to act like one." [Ottawa Citizen](#), C6

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Mass strip search at border not a one-off - 'Similar logic' may have been used at other crossings, internal investigation finds

After a mass strip search of 48 American students in December 2011, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) found that "similar logic" may have been used to justify other mass searches at border crossings. An internal investigation into Chief Mark Pergunas' decision to strip search a bus tour of college and university students at the Thousand Islands border crossing violated agency policy and may have contravened the Charter of Rights. But while the incident was exceptional, it doesn't appear to have been a one-off. "A cursory search within (the Immigration Customs Enforcement System) revealed that it appears three regions may be applying similar logic in performing personal searches on more than one individual, based on one set of indicators," the investigation, released through access to information law, found. [Toronto Star](#), A6

*** Border officers could face Canadian justice**

A U.S. border officer who commits an on-duty crime in Canada would generally face justice in an American court under a new binational agreement. But if the crime is murder, terrorism or sexual assault, a trial could take place in Canada, according to the agreement made public this week. The fine print of the deal sets out a complex regime for determining officer accountability on both sides of the border under the Canada-U.S. preclearance scheme, which expands the American customs presence on Canadian soil. Josh Paterson, executive director of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association, says the agreement's wording allays some concerns about criminal acts. However, the association has questions about how Canadians might seek redress for less serious infringements of their rights by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers. [Canadian Press](#) (Cape Breton Post, A12; St. John's Telegram; Times-Colonist; Ottawa Citizen)

*** Renouveler son passeport d'urgence**

Septembre 2012. Sophie Rouleau-Verville est assise dans la voiture avec son copain, en route vers l'aéroport Montréal-Trudeau, où elle doit prendre l'avion pour Barcelone. En route, elle ouvre pour la énième fois son passeport. C'est alors que son cœur fait trois tours : l'indispensable document de voyage est périmé... L'avion qu'elle devait prendre ce samedi soir là décolle sans elle. « Je suis super organisée dans la vie, assure-t-elle. Je ne me pardonnais pas cette erreur. J'étais persuadée que mon passeport était valide jusqu'en juillet 2013. » Celle qui croyait avoir pensé à tout des photocopies de passeport jusqu'à la trousse de premiers soins quittera finalement la métropole, pour aller rejoindre son conjoint, 24 heures plus tard. Sophie a réussi à obtenir rapidement un nouveau passeport grâce à un service accéléré de Passeport Canada. Car le cas de la jeune femme n'est pas exceptionnel. Il est fréquent que des voyageurs réalisent au moment de boucler leurs valises ou encore quelques jours avant le départ que leur passeport n'est plus valide. Dans ces situations, il est en général possible d'obtenir un nouveau passeport sans renoncer à son projet de voyage... Selon l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC), on devrait vous laisser rentrer chez vous. « Les citoyens canadiens peuvent demeurer, entrer ou sortir de leur pays », précise Dominique McNeely, conseiller en communication à l'Agence. Le voyageur devra néanmoins fournir des pièces d'identité et répondre aux questions à l'agent des services frontaliers à son arrivée au pays. [La Presse](#) (La Voix de L'Est, W5)

*** Fowl surprise at border crossing**

A Winnipeg couple were shocked to have their poultry products confiscated at the Canadian border after spending a few days in North Dakota. Bert Skogan and his wife were on their way home when they stopped in Grand Forks and bought a couple of frozen turkey breasts and a bag of frozen chicken breasts for about \$20. When they arrived at the border crossing, they were told the meat was a no-go under restrictions by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) — in place since April 14 to prevent the spread of avian influenza, commonly known as bird flu. The restriction came as a complete surprise to Skogan. "I figure that if it will prevent the spread of this disease, I have no problem with that whatsoever," Skogan said. "Where I do have a problem is that as a Canadian citizen, why is it that I didn't know anything about it? "To assume that people just automatically check for changes, they are mistaken. We don't. I don't think I'm alone in that, either." A spokesman with the Canada Border Services Agency said there is always room for improvement when getting the message out. "We're getting better. Obviously,

when the ban on North Dakota came up, there wasn't a whole lot of awareness of it. But we've been doing some outreach," said Jason Evert, chief of operations for CBSA in Emerson. [Winnipeg Free Press](#)

*** Canucks booted to face murder charges - SCOC orders pair sent back to U.S.**

The Supreme Court of Canada has ordered the extradition of two Canadian men to face murder charges in New Hampshire, where they are accused of the gruesome killing of a lesbian couple 27 years ago. Charlene Ranstrom and Brenda Warner were stabbed to death in their apartment in Nashua, N.H., on Oct. 2, 1988. Anthony Barnaby, 47, faced three trials in 1989 and 1990, all of which ended in a hung jury. David Caplin, 53, was charged in 1990, but the case was dropped after his defence successfully filed motions to exclude some of the evidence against him. New Hampshire authorities reopened their investigation in 2010, and said advanced DNA testing, which was not available at the time of murders, linked Caplin to the crimes. The two Mi'kmaq men were arrested in Quebec in April 2011 and ordered removed in March 2012, but they have been pursuing a series of appeals since then. On Friday, the top court ruled their extradition could proceed. [Postmedia Network](#) (Ottawa Sun, 10)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

*** Need more things to worry about? Annual cybersecurity conference is the place to find them**

A conference of Internet security experts is not for the faint of heart. Hallway chatter and keynote speeches are peppered with scary stories of increasingly sophisticated hackers siphoning off valuable personal and corporate data. In the words of one expert, the bad guys are outmanoeuvring those charged with keeping the wired world safe. This despite repeated vows from CEOs and government officials to tighten security after high-profile breaches at Sony Pictures, health insurer Anthem and retailers Target and Home Depot. The recent wave of corporate data breaches and cyberattacks provided plenty of fodder for a weeklong cybersecurity conference in San Francisco. Some 28,000 threat analysts, security vendors and corporate IT administrators gathered to talk about malicious software, spear-phishing and other attacks that can steal money or secrets from companies and consumers. [Hamilton Spectator](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

RCMP arrests 15-year-old in relation to suspicious note

The RCMP in Grand Falls-Windsor arrested a 15-year-old male student in connection with a suspicious note discovered at Exploits Valley High Thursday. The police said their investigation confirmed the youth is the author of the note that raised alarm at the school. In a news release issued Friday afternoon, Staff Sgt. Boyd Merrill of the RCMP B Division headquarters said it has not been determined at this point what, if any, charges will be laid. He said police and justice officials are governed by the federal legislation for young offenders, which offers several alternatives through the justice system. [St. John's Telegram](#)

Sex offender faces 86 more charges - At least 23 alleged victims in case, cops say

A Windsor man previously convicted of luring and abducting an underage girl now faces 86 more charges related to online activities - and police say his list of alleged victims numbers almost two dozen. Daniel George Nickolson, 48, has been the subject of an investigation by the Windsor police Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) unit since May 2013. "To date, this is the largest number of Criminal Code charges that the ICE unit has ever laid in a single investigation," Windsor police spokesman Sgt. Matthew D'Asti said on Friday. The current charges against Nickolson include multiple counts of extortion, luring, accessing and possessing child pornography, making child pornography, arranging for sexual offences against a child, invitations to sexual touching, uttering threats, and more. [Windsor Star](#), A1

Soldier's death resonates in Moncton - Youth spent learning survival in the woods made Doiron a natural for Canadian Special Operations Regiment's 'thinking warriors'

The Doirons live just north of Moncton, past a stream where locals fill up containers with spring water, in a semi-rural area that features more woodland than houses. It's in this forest that Andrew Doiron grew up, a scrawny kid who sometimes liked to wear camo gear as he played with friends, built bonfires and learned to shoot. Family members seemed destined to serve their country: Andrew longed to be in the Canadian

Forces, while his sister, Lindsay, went on to join the RCMP. For years, Andrew Doiron thought of being a paramedic in the military, according to his friends... His death on March 7 in a friendly fire accident, however, is shrouded in mystery: His parents are still restricting their public comments on the tragedy, and the government is conducting investigations that will not be fully released to the public... During last June's shooting rampage in Moncton, in which Justin Bourque killed three Mounties and scared an entire community, Sgt. Doiron looked after friends and family who were stuck at home in lockdown. Using his dry sense of humour and his knowledge of military tactics, he offered free advice on maintaining "situational awareness" at all times. "Take the fight to the threat. ... Don't freeze up," he said. A few days later, during the regimental funeral in which thousands of law-enforcement officials gathered in Moncton, Andrew Doiron walked in the same RCMP troop as his sister, who is now serving in the North. He wore his army uniform as he paraded alongside Mounties in their red serge. It was a clear break with protocol, according to an RCMP officer, but a fitting tribute to the fallen police officers. [Globe and Mail](#), A4

*** Beaming with pride - After 38 years on the job, Cam Croal is retiring from the RCMP but he has not lost his passion for policing**

Cam Croal beams with pride when he speaks of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. And it's not about the many drugs busts he helped execute or criminals he put behind bars. Instead, the now-retired RCMP officer wants to talk about this country's national icon and give it the respect it deserves. "Policing is an honourable profession. It is a vital component of our community," said the 57-year-old Waterloo father of three. "I loved what I was doing. I still love policing. I could have done more, but intuitively it seemed time to go," said Croal, who retired from the Kitchener detachment as staff sergeant last week after 38 years as an officer. [Waterloo Region Record](#), B1

*** House arrest for woman who falsely claimed sister's fiancé was a terrorist - Judge calls hoax designed to end engagement 'amazingly stupid'**

An Edmonton woman who told the Canadian Forces her sister's fiancé was a terrorist in an attempt to end their engagement will be under house arrest for six months. Hana Bedhiafi, 24, sobbed in court as provincial court Judge Elizabeth Johnson told her she wasn't going to jail. "You did a stunningly stupid thing, amazingly stupid and thoughtless," Johnson said. "The kinds of consequences that could flow from this behaviour are difficult to contemplate. However, I am convinced you would never do this again." In April 2014, Bedhiafi was "quite upset" with her older sister's marriage plans, Crown prosecutor Craig Krieger told court. While Bedhiafi and her family believed the engagement was a bad idea, the older sister was adamant about the man she wanted to marry. On April 14, the sisters texted each other all day. Bedhiafi wrote that she would do whatever possible to end the engagement. The next day, she sent an email and a Facebook message to Canadian Forces officials in Ontario that stated "her sister's fiancé was a member of a new terrorist group and was planning to blow up buildings in Edmonton," Krieger told court. "This fairly quickly got people's attention." More than 20 police units became involved, including the RCMP's Integrated National Security Enforcement Team, their bomb disposal unit and officers who could translate texts written in Arabic. [Edmonton Journal](#), A2

*** Police bust fraud ring that victimized hundreds**

Police say they have busted a sophisticated, nimble crime ring that used Internet malware, impersonation, a master forger and a legion of drivers and runners to take over the identity of hundreds of victims and steal at least \$2 million from them and their banks. Three of four possible key players are from Hamilton. "We feel we've hit the root of this organization," said OPP Chief Supt. Don Bell during a news conference Friday at Hamilton police headquarters. The joint forces investigation - dubbed Operation Springston - culminated this week in raids in Montreal, Hamilton and Toronto with 98 charges laid against 33 people; 14 were arrested and 19 are still being sought. Seven police services played a role in an investigation they described as "complex" and "far-reaching"... Recognizing the jurisdiction-hopping nature of the criminal network, investigators turned to the OPP for help. Eventually, the RCMP, the Canadian Banking Association and banking security representatives came on board. [Waterloo Region Record](#), A3; [Canadian Press](#) (Times-Colonist)

*** Faro RCMP building plans move forward**

The Yukon government will spend more than \$3.5 million this year to construct a new RCMP facility in Faro, subject to the legislature passing the 2015-16 fiscal year budget. The project is now in the design

phase, with construction expected to begin this summer. "This new building is an important step forward for policing in the Faro region," Justice Minister Brad Cathers said Monday. "The project is being designed with the necessities for any detachment in mind so it can be adapted for other communities, which will result in substantial long-term savings as other RCMP facilities are replaced in the future." Plans for a new building were announced in 2014 after an operational review of the Yukon's police detachments concluded that Faro's 44-year-old facilities are in the greatest need of replacement. [Whitehorse Daily Star](#), 11

*** Morinville church vandalized, RCMP say possible hate crime**

This Sunday will mark three weeks since a church in the heart of Morinville was vandalized -- "I love Satan" spray painted in blue on the side of the brick building, "I hate God" on the sidewalk. Words that, despite the spelling mistake, have shaken the small town north of Edmonton and have RCMP there still searching for suspects and answers in what they're characterizing as a potential hate crime. "It is a community crime as well as a crime against the church so it affects everybody," said RCMP Corp. Sheldon Robb speaking outside the St. Jean Baptiste Roman Catholic church, a towering historic structure on Morinville's main street. "It's very possible this may be hate crime motivated, it's very possible, we can't rule that out. We do have some leads we're following up on." RCMP said they've spoken to a potential eye witness and plan to speak to that person again, but so far that's all they've got. The same night the church was targeted, businesses in town were also sprayed with blue spray paint, the post office had a swastika drawn on its walls. RCMP believe all of the incidents are connected. [CBC News](#)

*** Man arrested in human trafficking investigation may have more victims – police**

A 22-year-old man is facing 19 charges related to a human trafficking investigation, and Toronto police believe there may be more victims. It's alleged that a 16-year-old girl was recruited and forced to become a sex trade worker, taken by a man to various hotels in the GTA, and held against her will for more than a month. The man threatened the teenage girl and her family to force her into the sex trade, say police. He also physically and sexually assaulted her, and forced her to lie about her age. [Toronto Star](#)

*** Toronto man arrested at Pearson airport as part of child exploitation investigation**

A Toronto man was arrested at Pearson airport as part of a child exploitation probe, and police believe there may be more victims. It's alleged that the man was communicating in a sexual nature with children online and had arranged to meet a child in person. Police say he had arranged to travel to meet the child. [Toronto Star](#)

*** TISDALE, SASK. - Friend: Victim had just ended relationship**

A friend of a woman killed with her three children in Saskatchewan says she had split with her boyfriend just before the attack. Amanda Henderson says she spoke with Latasha Gosling on Monday, and Gosling told her she had broken up with her boyfriend. Henderson says Gosling found out that Steve O'Shaughnessy had cheated on her with another woman. Mounties found the bodies of Gosling and her three children early Wednesday in their mobile home in the town of Tisdale, northeast of Saskatoon. O'Shaughnessy killed himself in a home in Prince Albert. [Canadian Press](#) (Chronicle-Herald, A15); [Leader-Post](#)

*** Two face prostitution charges**

Halifax Regional Police have arrested two suspects on human trafficking, child pornography and prostitution-related charges. Richard Hover Cooper, 25, and a 16-year-old Dartmouth boy were taken into custody following an investigation by the vice unit of the integrated criminal investigation division. Police searched two residences Thursday - one on Hastings Drive in Dartmouth and the other on Old Sambro Road in Halifax. Officers seized evidence and made the arrests. Both suspects appeared in court Friday. Cooper faces a total of 13 charges, including sexual assault, procuring underage prostitution and trafficking a person under the age of 18. The teenager faces 14 similar charges, including making child pornography and living off the avails of prostitution. [Chronicle-Herald](#), A14

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

La peine de mort souhaitée - UNE PROCHE D'UNE DES VICTIMES DU PRÉDATEUR DE HANDICAPÉES ESTIME LA SENTENCE INSUFFISANTE

Le juge Jean Hudon de la Cour du Québec a accepté, hier, la suggestion commune de 10 ans de pénitencier pour Roger Toulouse, un homme d'entretien de Saguenay qui a agressé sexuellement quatre femmes lourdement handicapées mentales et collectionné des égo-portraits avec ses victimes. Toulouse devra aussi se soumettre au programme de délinquant à contrôler pendant une période supplémentaire de sept ans... Toulouse sera détenu ou contrôlé pendant un total de 17 ans avec obligation de suivre une multitude de programmes et thérapies recommandées par le Service correctionnel canadien qui sera relayé par la Commission nationale des libérations conditionnelles. Son ADN et ses coordonnées seront inscrits au Registre national des délinquants sexuels, accessible aux policiers. Journal de Québec, S2; Le Quotidien

Mom out in infant-remains case

A woman accused of hiding the remains of six infants in a Winnipeg storage locker was granted bail Friday. Andrea Giesbrecht, 41, was ordered to keep the peace, report any pregnancies to authorities, and live under the supervision of the Elizabeth Fry Society until her trial, tentatively set for next April. She will also have a strict curfew. Canadian Press (Times-Colonist, A7); Winnipeg Sun

'Gruesome, shocking' - Jury delivers guilty verdict in brutal stabbing death

A jury has convicted Treyvonne Willis of first-degree murder in the brutal stabbing death of 26-year-old Kaila Tran outside her St. Vital home. Jurors deliberated nearly two full days before reaching a guilty verdict late Friday afternoon... Judge Glenn Joyal called the killing "singularly gruesome and shocking" and rejected Willis's claim he had nowhere to turn. "No options, Mr. Willis?" Joyal said. "Really? What about the police?... You chose between a mere risk of death to you and your family and the certainty of death you imposed on Ms. Tran." Joyal sentenced Willis to mandatory life in prison. As his crime predated changes eliminating the so-called "faint hope clause," Willis will be able to apply for early release after serving 15 years of his sentence. Winnipeg Sun, 2

*** Ashton Natomagan suspect in violent sexual assault**

A high risk sex offender who now has two Canada-wide warrants out for his arrest is a suspect in a violent sexual assault that happened just north of downtown earlier this month. Ashton Natomagan is wanted on eight charges including assault with a weapon, robbery, sexual assault with threats to cause bodily harm and kidnapping... The Canada-wide warrant issued Friday is Natomagan's second. The first was issued after he failed to return to his Edmonton halfway house on March 3. Days earlier he had been released from the Grande Cache Institution after serving a five-year sentence for sexual assault causing bodily harm. At the time, police described Natomagan as dangerous and said he should not be approached. Parole documents obtained by CBC show that Natomagan has a history of sexually and physically assaulting children. In 2002, Natomagan brutally attacked a 10-year old girl while she was asleep, choking and raping her. Six years later, while "coming off of cocaine and alcohol" he physically and sexually assaulted a 16-year old girl, randomly on the street. When released from jail in early March he was put under a long term supervision order, lasting eight years.

A chronology of Khadr's legal odyssey

July 27, 2002: Two Afghan government soldiers are killed and several U.S. troops sustain injuries as coalition forces move in on Khadr's compound. Khadr throws a grenade that kills U.S. Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Speer. Khadr is injured in the mêlée.; October 2002: Khadr is transferred to Guantanamo Bay.; February 2003: Investigators from the RCMP and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) interview Khadr at Guantanamo.; Aug. 10, 2005: A Federal Court judge says Canadian agencies, including CSIS, are violating Khadr's Charter rights by giving information gleaned in interviews to U.S. investigators... Sept. 29, 2012: A U.S. military airplane brings Khadr back to Canada. He is transferred to the Millhaven Institution near Kingston.; May 28, 2013: Khadr transferred to maximum security Edmonton Institution.; Oct. 18, 2013: Khadr is denied a transfer to a provincial jail.; Feb. 11, 2014: Khadr's lawyer confirms his client has been transferred to Bowden Institution, a medium-security prison near Innisfail, Alta.; May 22, 2014: Tabitha Speer and an American soldier blinded in the 2002 attack sue Khadr for

about \$45M.; March 26, 2015: Khadr asks for bail pending outcome of his appeal in the U.S. of his war crimes conviction.; April 24, 2015: Albert judge rules on Khadr's bail application. [Canadian Press](#) (Toronto Star, A4); [Globe and Mail](#)

'He is concerned about the badness of his past, but he wants to move forward'

Omar Khadr has witnessed a stream of soldiers, guards and lawyers during the nearly 13 years he has been in custody, but he's had little interaction with the public. Rudy Wiebe, an 80-year-old Mennonite prairie novelist, is one of the few to have sat down with the convicted al-Qaeda terrorist. While being held at the U.S. prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Mr. Khadr received a copy of Mr. Wiebe's first novel, *Peace Shall Destroy Many*, a story penned in 1962 that follows a young Mennonite man dealing with the conflict between his religion and military service during the Second World War. "He found the challenge of facing traditions as circumstances change to be illuminating," said Mr. Wiebe, winner of two Governor General's awards for fiction. "He told me in a letter that it was the most interesting book he'd read." After Mr. Khadr was transferred to an Edmonton prison, Mr. Wiebe first visited him in August, 2013, and has met with him four more times. [Globe and Mail](#), A3

*** Military interrogator and blinded soldier react to Khadr bail decision**

A former soldier wounded in the battle that led to Khadr's capture believes he's still a threat. A former military interrogator says meeting Khadr taught him how to have compassion for the enemy. [CBC News](#)

Khadr now becomes a federal election issue

An opinion piece states "For Omar Khadr, it never ends. During most of his young life, he has been a pawn in someone else's political game. He still is. This time, the pawn-master is Prime Minister Stephen Harper, whose government announced Friday that it will appeal a judge's ruling to grant the 28-year-old Canadian bail while he appeals a 2010 U.S. conviction. Conservative Roxanne James, the government's designated spokesperson, said Ottawa opposes Khadr's release because he has been convicted of 'heinous crimes.' What she should have said is that, in the lead-up to this fall's election, the Conservatives hope to use Khadr as a political wedge issue. In Canada, passions run high when Khadr's name is raised. Some see him as a child soldier caught up in the dual madness of the Afghan War and America's Guantanamo Bay prison camp. Others view him as a terrorist and murderer who does not merit the Canadian citizenship with which he was born. He is, in short, a perfect political vehicle for a Conservative prime minister hoping to use crime and national security as defining elements in the election campaign." [Toronto Star](#), A4

Free at last, almost

An editorial states "Whatever his misdeeds, Omar Khadr should have been freed years ago. But from the moment the young Canadian child soldier for Al Qaeda was captured by American troops in Afghanistan in 2002 at age 15, he has been denied justice, tortured, tried in a shabby military court and forsaken by his government. He has spent 13 years behind bars, twice the time he would have served as a young offender for first-degree murder under our laws. Now, at last, a Canadian court has thrown Khadr a scrap of redress. In a firm and welcome ruling, Alberta Justice June Ross has granted him bail, pending his appeal in the U.S. of war-crimes convictions before a widely discredited military tribunal. He could be out as early as May 5, once the terms of his release are set. But not if Prime Minister Stephen Harper's vindictive government has its way. It intends to appeal. Harper seems obtusely determined to see him serve out his full term, dragging things out for 18 months more until his statutory release date. Hasn't Canada been shamed enough by this travesty of justice? Isn't it past time we gave Khadr a chance to move on, and moved on ourselves? In her ruling Ross found that Khadr has a constitutional right to seek bail, he has a strong case for appealing his conviction and he poses no great risk to public safety." [Toronto Star](#), IN6

Khadr's still a security threat

An editorial states "One way or the other, Omar Khadr, Canada's best-known terrorist, is getting out of a Canadian prison very soon. That could come as early as next month after Alberta Justice June Ross granted his bail application Friday -- its conditions have yet to be set -- pending the outcome of his appeal of his convictions in the U.S. for war crimes. War crimes he pleaded guilty to, including the killing of Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Speer, by tossing a grenade at him in a firefight in Afghanistan in 2002. But even if

the bail process stalls because the feds are appealing Ross' decision, Khadr, who has been in custody since age 15 -- first in Guantanamo Bay, now in an Alberta prison as part of his plea deal -- doesn't have a long wait until he's out. That's because he's eligible for statutory release in October, 2016 after having served two-thirds of his sentence. The point is whenever Khadr is released he needs to be closely watched because he's an obvious security threat." Winnipeg Sun, 8

Give Omar Khadr his chance

An editorial states "One way or another, Omar Khadr will soon be a free man. On Friday, moments after judge J.M. Ross of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta granted the 28-year-old Toronto native bail from an Edmonton-area jail pending appeal of his war crimes conviction in the United States, the government announced - as predictably as day follows night - that it would appeal. Appeal or no appeal, though, Khadr is eligible for statutory release next year, and "evidence that he is a strong candidate for judicial interim release" went unchallenged by government lawyers before Judge Ross. The absolute latest date at which Khadr could still be incarcerated is Oct. 30, 2018. Yet all evidence suggests Ottawa will spare no expense in trying to delay it until then. It is time, instead, to finally throw in the towel. It is time to give Khadr his first shot at building a life in the country of his birth. And just as importantly, it is time to take stock of Canada's record on this file." National Post, A12

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

'Protecting the future' - Feds commit \$5.25M for children who are victims of crime

On the final day of a lengthy stop in Winnipeg, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the federal government is committing more resources to help children who are victims of crime. The PM spoke to the federal government's intent to boost support for child advocacy centres at a roundtable meeting with victims' advocates at the Winakwa Community Centre on Friday morning... On the second-last day of Victims of Crime Awareness Week, Harper also noted that the Victims Bill of Rights Act recently received royal assent. The legislation seeks to ensure victims' rights are at the heart of the criminal justice system by giving victims of crime the right to information, protection, participation and, where possible, a right to restitution. Winnipeg Sun, 6

" Les victimes peuvent maintenant participer à part entière au système de justice " - LES ENTREVUES DU SAMEDI

Alors que la Charte canadienne des victimes d'actes criminels, aussi intitulée la loi 32, a obtenu la sanction royale cette semaine, notre Bureau parlementaire a rencontré le sénateur conservateur Pierre-hugues Boisvenu, qui en avait fait son cheval de bataille. Comment réagissez-vous à l'adoption de cette charte? C'est un gros morceau, car ça faisait 10 ans que je pouvais pour l'adoption d'une charte des droits des victimes. Alors, pour moi, c'est un résultat inespéré. Il reste quand même que, pour les victimes d'actes criminels, ce n'est pas la fin en soi. C'est le début, à mon avis, d'un processus légal. Dans quelle mesure cette charte est-elle achevée? C'est une clé qu'on donne aux victimes pour leur dire qu'elles peuvent maintenant participer à part entière au système de justice et qu'elles peuvent maintenant revendiquer ces droits-là. Et si ces droits-là ne sont pas respectés, elles peuvent se plaindre, et c'est à partir de ces plaintes qu'on va améliorer la charte. C'est une loi qui va pouvoir être améliorée et réévaluée tous les deux à cinq ans. Quels droits cette charte vient-elle accorder aux victimes et quand sera-t-elle opérationnelle? La nouvelle charte repose sur quatre grands principes: le droit d'être informé [...], le droit à la protection [...], le droit à la participation [...] et le droit à l'indemnisation. Journal de Montréal, 38 (Journal de Québec)

*** Human trafficking not some far-off crime - It can be right on our doorstep, Burlington woman who was pimped out at 16 tells conference**

Victims of human trafficking are often right under our noses. That is the message Colleen Allan of Burlington wanted to share at the Salvation Army's From Trauma to Triumph conference in Hamilton Friday. And she would know. Growing up on the west Mountain, Colleen became a victim of human trafficking before she reached the age of 18. "What I went through didn't even have a name at the time," said Colleen, noting today's growing awareness of human trafficking. "I've been given a second chance."

She grew up with an emotionally abusive mother and an alcoholic and often absent father. When the 16-year-old saw a modelling advertisement posted by a man she calls Carl, she saw it as a golden opportunity to build self-confidence. "He groomed me and got me to rely on him," Colleen said. After years of bullying exacerbated by an awkward childhood and an unstable home, she was left emotionally tethered to an abusive man who steadily increased her level of dependence on him. Soon he convinced her to move in with him, at which point he took over her finances, drugged her, raped her and eventually, she says, pimped her out to other men. By the time Colleen was 18, she was being flown as far as London, Amsterdam and Mexico to visit clients. [Hamilton Spectator](#), A4

*** Communities honour murdered aboriginal women**

The territorial government is providing \$37,000 to help Yukoners take part in activities to honour missing and murdered aboriginal women and provide support for their families. Through one of the supported projects, called Honouring Our Sisters, Yukoners have created 39 moccasin tops to complement the Walking With Our Sisters exhibition which opened at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre on April 11. It will end Saturday. [Whitehorse Daily Star](#), 11

*** Rehtaeh Parsons' father has little faith in DND probe - Fears 'slap on the wrist' over attempted smear campaign**

The father of Rehtaeh Parsons says he's not sure whether the individual who used Defence Department computers to try to post offensive comments online about his dead daughter will face any punishment. "You lose your faith after a while," said Glen Canning, who had served in the military. "It might be a slap on the wrist, which I think is unfortunate." The military police investigation into the use of the computers and the alleged involvement of a member of the Canadian Forces is now finished. It will be up to the military member's commanding officer to determine whether he faces any consequences. Ottawa lawyer Michel Drapeau, who specializes in military law, said the decision to turn the case over to the commanding officer, and refusal to provide any details to the public, indicates the individual might face only administrative action. "He may be talked to by the commanding officer and told not to do it again," said Drapeau. "But we'll never know." Parsons committed suicide in 2013. She killed herself after a student distributed a photo of Parsons, then 15, vomiting during a sexual act at a party in 2011. Her parents say she was subjected to intense bullying after the photo was circulated. [Ottawa Citizen](#), D4

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

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Nepal earthquake: Hundreds die, many feared trapped

Hundreds of people are known to have died in a powerful earthquake that struck Nepal, with many more feared trapped under rubble, officials say. The quake measured 7.8 and struck an area between the capital Kathmandu and the city of Pokhara, the US Geological Survey said. Tremors were felt across the region, as far afield as Pakistan, Bangladesh and neighbouring India. A Nepali minister said there had been "massive damage" at the epicentre. "We need support from the various international agencies which are more knowledgeable and equipped to handle the kind of emergency we face now," said Information Minister Minendra Rijal. A national police spokesman told the BBC that 565 people had been killed across the country. Rescuers are digging through the rubble of collapsed buildings in Kathmandu trying to reach survivors. [BBC News](#)

Rogue bankers atop most wanted list - Government seek help to have suspects found, returned to China

From 'Lord Ringtone' to a banker accused of authorizing \$1.6 billion US in illegal loans, China's list of most-wanted fugitives offers an illustrated guide to the Communist Party's breathtaking variety of official graft. The online rogue's gallery of 100 top overseas corruption suspects was released by Chinese authorities to pressure other governments to help track down and return them. The list includes Li Xiangdong, who is accused of taking bribes while running China Mobile Ltd.'s regional digital music and ringtone business in Sichuan and absconding to Canada... Canada, with 26 former officials, was the second-most popular destination for fugitives on the list, which was released by the Ministry of Public Security and the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, the Communist Party's graftbusting agency. New Zealand was third, with as many as 20. [Bloomberg](#) (Calgary Herald, C12)

*** Statue of Liberty evacuated following bomb threat - Park Service says everyone is safe**

The Statue of Liberty was evacuated as a precaution Friday after a bomb threat, forcing hundreds of tourists to be herded off the New York island. A caller made the threat late Friday morning, "stating they were going to blow up the Statue of Liberty," the National Park Service said in a statement. Federal police, including two canine units, investigated and the dogs found "an area of interest" in a locker area at the statue's base, the agency said. Law enforcement then decided to evacuate the island. Nothing harmful was found in the lockers, according to New York Police Department spokesman Steve David, but the bomb squad continued sweeping the area Friday afternoon as a precaution. Statue Cruises, which operates the ferries that carry tourists to the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island, said officials found a suspicious package at Liberty Island. [Associated Press](#) (Cape Breton Post)

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Le ministre Blaney «dégoûté» par les attentats

Le ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney, a condamné les différents attentats terroristes survenus dans le monde, hier, et appelé les Canadiens à faire preuve de prudence sans toutefois se laisser intimider. **«Je suis choqué et dégoûté par la cruauté et la barbarie primaire dont font preuve ces terroristes-là. C'est absolument dégoûtant de voir les atrocités qu'ils sont prêts à commettre en étant sous l'emprise de leur idéologie extrémiste»**, a réagi le ministre. **«La menace est sérieuse et réelle, et on doit demeurer vigilant»**, a-t-il ajouté sans dire si l'alerte de sécurité nationale avait été rehaussée au pays. **«Je laisse le soin aux experts en matière de sécurité nationale d'évaluer la menace, et j'ai l'assurance bien sûr [...] que tous les dispositifs et les mesures sont pris pour ajuster le niveau de sécurité en fonction de la menace, et ça se fait de façon permanente»**, a-t-il indiqué. En pleine période estivale et à l'approche du 1er juillet, M. Blaney encourage d'ailleurs les gens à prendre part aux festivités de la fête du Canada. **«J'ai l'intention de participer aux activités auxquelles je m'adonne le 1er juillet. On ne se laissera pas intimider, mais évidemment on ne doit pas prendre des risques qui ne sont pas nécessaires. Je parle surtout des gens qui sont à l'extérieur du pays»**, a-t-il dit. [Le Journal de Québec](#), 30

Un des deux fugitifs abattu

Richard Matt, l'un des deux évadés de la prison de Dannemora recherchés depuis près de trois semaines, a été tué par un policier hier après-midi, dans le comté de Franklin, dans l'État de New York, ont confirmé les autorités. Même si Richard Matt a été abattu, les inquiétudes pour la sécurité publique ne se sont pas complètement dissipées puisque David Sweat, son complice, n'a toujours pas été re-

trouvé. L'homme pourrait cependant choisir le Canada comme prochaine destination. Pour sa part, la Gendarmerie royale du Canada n'a pas reçu de «menace» particulière en ce qui concerne ce secteur, mais elle demeure en communication constante avec les corps policiers concernés, a indiqué le gendarme Eriq Gasse. Même son de cloche du côté de la Sûreté du Québec, qui continue à recueillir les informations du public pour en-suite les transférer à la GRC. L'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada poursuit quant à elle ses contrôles aux frontières. Dans l'éventualité où Sweat se déplace toujours à pied, il n'aurait besoin que de quatre heures pour se rendre jusqu'à la frontière canadienne. Seulement 20 kilomètres séparent Malone de Beith, la municipalité québécoise la plus près de la frontière. Les autorités croient que le fugitif se déplace la nuit. **«Le Canada ne sera pas un refuge pour les criminels violents et les terroristes»**, a indiqué **Jean-Christophe de Le Rue, porte-parole du ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile, Steven Blaney**. [Agence QMI](#) (Le Journal de Québec, 9; Le Journal de Montréal)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Worries over fish, water supply and fires grow

Environmental concerns are rising along with the soaring temperatures in British Columbia, where a heat wave has generated worries about forest fires, water supplies and fish habitats. The warm, dry spring has also raised the alarm for forest fires. Fire crews are still battling major blazes near Pemberton, Norman Lake and Lytton, and the Prince George Fire Centre responded to 15 new fires that started on Thursday alone, all sparked by lightning. B.C.'s Wildfire Management Branch implemented a campfire ban across the Coastal Fire Centre for today at noon, excluding Haida Gwaii, northern Vancouver Island and the mainland's mid-coast. [Canadian Press](#) (Vancouver Sun, A3)

Wildfires force evacuations

Wildfires are forcing about 1,000 people from their homes in northern Saskatchewan. Steve Roberts, executive director of wildfire management for the province, said lightning strikes and hot, dry weather are making conditions volatile. He said a fire burning near three remote communities is of particular concern. "It is now over 500 hectares and it is posing a direct threat to Wadin Bay, Sucker River and English Bay, and we have recommended a full evacuation for those communities," Roberts said Friday. [Canadian Press](#) (Calgary Sun, 43)

Ten insurance companies sued for \$20 million over 2013 flood claims

A High River-based not-for-profit housing management company is suing 10 insurance companies for \$20 million for improperly denying claims on policies relating to damage from the devastating Alberta floods of 2013. [Calgary Herald](#), A8

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

City IS supporter rearrested - 'Nothing more' than bail issue: lawyer

A Winnipeg man who admits he supports the Islamic State was rearrested Friday afternoon. Aaron Driver was taken into custody by police at his Charleswood home because of a complication with a surety that was a condition of his bail, his lawyer, Leonard Tailleux, told the Free Press. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), B1

Snowden leaks eroding spy agency's advantage

Canada's electronic spy agency says leaks by former U.S. intelligence contractor Edward Snowden have "diminished the advantage" it enjoyed over terrorists and other targets, both in the short term and -- of more concern -- well into the future. In newly released briefing notes, the Communications Security Establishment says Snowden's disclosures about CSE's intelligence capabilities and those of its allies "have a cumulative detrimental effect" on its operations. The Ottawa-based CSE monitors foreign communications of intelligence interest to Canada, and exchanges a large amount of information with partner agencies in the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand. [Canadian Press](#) (London Free Press, B3); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (L'Acadie-Nouvelle)

Les documents sur les jeunes radicalisés sous verrou

Le Collège de Maisonneuve refuse de divulguer des rapports et des courriels internes sur des cas d'étudiants radicalisés qui ont voulu quitter leurs études et leurs familles pour rejoindre l'État islamique. Notre Bureau d'enquête a déposé une demande auprès du cégep montréalais pour une série de documents internes du mois de mai en vertu de la Loi d'accès à l'information du Québec. Nous avons fait cette demande après que l'institution collégiale fut ébranlée à plusieurs reprises depuis février par une série de 11 départs et des tentatives de départs de ses étudiants qui désiraient quitter le Canada pour aller faire le djihad, selon les autorités. Le collège de Maisonneuve a aussi refusé de divulguer tout rapport sur les activités d'Adil Charkaoui sur le campus, disant que le document en entier contient "une opinion juridique", des "avis et des recommandations". Le Journal de Montréal, 10

Why using anonymous sources is sometimes necessary

An opinion piece states, "Last week, a reader in Toronto raised an important point about the use of anonymous sources in an article on what he called "allegations of improper influence of Chinese officials over Ontario Minister Michael Chan." In fact, many of you may see the phrase "sources say" in stories from time to time, and wonder what it actually means. Who are these sources and how do we know they are telling the truth? ... The story about Mr. Chan was unassailably in the public interest. He is a senior cabinet minister and the article involved questions of undue influence by a foreign state that had been raised by the head of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). Something so important requires a thorough investigation, not just an official response from the Premier, who called the concerns "baseless." Mr. Chan calls the stories and the concerns expressed by CSIS ludicrous and has demanded a retraction and apology. (China is Ontario's second-largest trading partner and, since the allegations first surfaced, he has been promoted to oversee the international trade portfolio.) ... I have received no complaints about the facts in The Globe's articles. While it would be helpful (although unlikely) to hear more from the head of CSIS on why they raised their concerns, readers will get a better understanding about CSIS in recent Globe commentary written by Charles Burton, associate professor of political science at Brock University and a former counsellor at the Canadian embassy in Beijing. "We know that there has been a high frequency of telephone calls between Mr. Chan and China's Consul-General in Toronto," he observed. "If the Government of Canada knows what they were talking about, it is withholding this information for security reasons. But it is unlikely that CSIS would have approached the Premier of Ontario with its concerns ... unless there was something that seriously concerned our people who monitor the activities of Chinese diplomats in Canada." ... " Globe and Mail, F8

Terrorists aren't all alike: expert - Mental illness wrongly cited

An opinion piece states, "If you were surprised initially someone such as Aaron Driver, who grew up in a Canadian military family and now lives in our midst, ended up becoming an outspoken supporter of the Islamic State, permit me to introduce an authority on the subject. Michael German is an expert in terrorist-group behaviour, a former counter-terrorism instructor at the FBI National Academy, former legal counsel to the American Civil Liberties Union and now a law school fellow. He's also the author of Thinking Like a Terrorist: Insights of a Former FBI Undercover Agent... And so it was that earlier this week I contacted German in his office at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University. I wanted to know: who are the Aaron Drivers of this world? What's the profile of these kids? "They're not all kids," German said... So what does that say about profiling terrorists. "There are no profiles." Basically, he believes, it's beyond explanation. "But what we have to be careful about is making sure we're talking about the violent extreme, rather than the ideology writ large. Because there are far more people who have those ideologies than commit violence." Which brought me to Aaron Driver, the 23-year-old online supporter of IS arrested earlier this month without criminal charges under Canada's anti-terrorism law and released with stringent bail conditions imposed because of his views. Unfortunately, German suggested, Canada appears to be following America's misguided footsteps. "Here in the United States we've seen this abuse of material support laws where it's not really targeting people who are supporting terrorism but rather people who are supporting political causes where there is a terrorism element to that conflict." German was reluctant to offer more insight about the Driver case because, being a former law enforcement officer himself, he knows the RCMP and CSIS know more about the case than the information he gets through the media..." Winnipeg Free Press, B1

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

* La police abat un prisonnier

L'un des deux meurtriers qui s'étaient évadés d'une prison du nord de l'État de New York il y a trois semaines a été abattu hier au cours d'un échange de coups de feu avec la police dans un secteur boisé situé à environ 50 kilomètres de la prison. Le second fugitif est toujours en fuite. Le sénateur Charles Schumer, qui a été informé par la patrouille frontalière et le Service des douanes américain, a déclaré que Richard Matt avait été atteint mortellement par un agent de la patrouille frontalière américaine originaire du Vermont. Des officiers parcourent en ce moment la zone où ils croient que David Sweat se cache, pas très loin d'où son complice a été tué. Les routes du secteur ont été bloquées. Le sénateur Schumer a affirmé que les forces de l'ordre ont été averties de leur position grâce à l'appel au 911 d'une femme qui a entendu quelqu'un frapper à sa porte tôt hier matin à Malone, qui est située à environ 50 kilomètres à l'ouest de l'établissement correctionnel Clinton. Quelque 1100 membres des forces de l'ordre sont mobilisés pour retrouver les meurtriers en cavale. Des agents de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada ont patrouillé les secteurs situés entre les postes frontaliers, selon un porte-parole de l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada, Dominique McNeely. [Associated Press](#) (La Voix de l'Est, 19); [The Associated Press](#) (The Gazette); [AFP](#) (La Tribune); * [New York Times](#) (Hamilton Spectator)

Stay out of Canada, eh!

With his partner shot dead and police right on his tail, escaped killer David Sweat may be trying harder than ever to get to Canada, but he certainly won't have an easy time of it. Richard Matt was killed by police Friday after a three-week manhunt for the escaped maximum-security prisoners. Sweat was still on the loose Friday. Earlier in the day, police said they believed the pair was headed toward Canada. Even if he's armed -- as police believed he might be -- Sweat will need all the luck he can get to cross the St. Lawrence River, if that's the route he chooses to take. The area is actually watched more than most due to its history of cigarette smuggling. [Postmedia Network](#) (Calgary Sun, 22)

Canadian solar module makers call for duties

A band of small Canadian solar panel manufacturers is banking on an upcoming trade decision in hopes of surviving an onslaught of low-priced Chinese imports. The four Ontario companies say they hope a decision next week by Canada's International Trade Tribunal will uphold duties on imports they say are priced below the Chinese companies' actual cost of production. An investigation by Canada Border Services Agency alleged in early June that about half a dozen Chinese companies, and a China-based subsidiary of Canadian Solar International Inc., were benefiting to varying degrees from government subsidies - in contravention of World Trade Organization agreements. Canadian Solar International, a Nasdaq-listed company based in Guelph, Ont., declined to comment prior to a report from the trade tribunal, to be released by July 3, that will determine whether the CBSA can continue to charge provisional duties set in March. The law firm acting for most of the Chinese companies didn't respond to requests for comment. [Canadian Press](#) (National Post, FP4)

* Legally bought, but can they be legally carried?

The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary is advising the public that a type of card knife being sold online and in a retail store in this province is a prohibited weapon. The card knife - when the blade isn't open - simply looks like a credit card. After unfolding the small, sharp blade upwards and locking it into place, it becomes a knife with a metal blade and plastic hilt. What's even more confusing is that Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) considers such things to be multi-tool items and not weapons at all, despite actually qualifying as prohibited. The RNC says with those objects discretion is used when it comes to confiscation and instances of people carrying them would be looked at on a case-by-case basis. Police say if anybody has a prohibited weapon they'd like to turn over, they can call the RNC or RCMP, advise them that they wish to surrender it and they will collect it with no questions asked. [The Telegram](#), A4

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Cybersecurity fund boosted by a rise in data breaches

A new exchange-traded fund that taps into the cybersecurity market has skyrocketed to \$1-billion (U.S.) in assets under management in just seven months. With the crafty ticker name HACK, the PureFunds ISE Cyber Security ETF mimics the ISE Cyber Security Index, which tracks the performance of companies actively engaged in providing services for cybersecurity and for which cybersecurity business activities are a key driver of their business model. The rise in data breaches among banks, large retailers and even government offices is creating a necessary investment into enhanced cybersecurity technology, says Andrew Chanin, CEO of PureFunds and portfolio manager of HACK. [Globe and Mail](#), B11

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

* **Victim was covered in blood from stab wounds, Mountie tells court**

One of the first police officers on the scene of a stabbing on Westmorland Street last fall said the victim was a mess. "He was covered in blood, his face was covered in blood and his upper lip was sliced open," testified Codiac RCMP Const. Tom Graham in Moncton provincial court on Friday. "It was hard to see who this person was, there was so much blood." Graham said he got down on the ground and put pressure on the stab wounds, he got a better look at the man's face and recognized him as 43-year-old Allan Christopher Lee. The victim had been arrested for drug offences over the years, which is how Graham recognized him. "I held his hand, he was scared and said he didn't want to die," said the constable. Graham also testified that Lee pulled him close and told him David Hart is the one who stabbed him. [Times & Transcript](#), A7

* **Police association won't pursue complaint over misappropriation**

The New Brunswick Police Association has opted not to file a complaint with the RCMP against a member of the Fredericton Police Force. Association president Dean Secord said on Friday that the matter has been handled internally and is now being dealt with under the Police Act. [Daily Gleaner](#), A1

* **Dozens of charges laid against four after big drug bust**

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A Manitoba Mountie is facing several criminal charges, including theft of guns from a detachment. RCMP allege Cpl. Jason Prettie of Dauphin was working in Minnedosa when two weapons were stolen in 2009. A spokeswoman says the rifle and shotgun were not police-issue and had been in RCMP custody. [Red Deer Advocate](#), A5

* **Source of bomb threat still up in the air**

Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Const. Steve Curnew says there's a lot of leg work to be done after a major disruption at St. John's International Airport Thursday night due to a bomb threat. It was about 7 p.m. Thursday evening when police were notified of the bomb threat onboard Air Canada Flight 143 departing for Ottawa. "Just as it was about to pull away from the gate, one of the flight crew noticed and found a note that was located in the washroom onboard the flight," says Curnew. The discovery of that letter led to the immediate evacuation of the airplane and the shutdown of the airport. Chris Andrews of the band Shanneyganock was onboard the plane where the note was found, along with the rest of the band - they were on their way to Edmonton for a gig. "We knew it was something, because they never get you off a plane that fast," Andrews told The Telegram Friday morning from Toronto, from where the band was still hoping to make it their Edmonton gig. An explosive disposal unit and a bomb detecting dog from the RCMP searched the plane. Nothing suspicious was located. [The Telegram](#), A3; [The Telegram](#)

* **Disparus, mais jamais oubliés**

Pas moins de 12 000 disparitions sont signalées chaque année au Québec. Une cinquantaine d'entre elles ne sont pas résolues. Ces affaires ne sont jamais fermées. Au contraire. Le Service des projets d'enquêtes spécialisées de la Sûreté du Québec, qui coordonne ces investigations à l'échelle provinciale, travaille avec acharnement pour dénouer l'impasse. Chaque année, 12 000 disparitions sont rapportées dans la province. Les premières heures sont cruciales. Les policiers et les enquêteurs du service de police où la disparition est signalée doivent agir rapidement. Les statistiques démontrent que dans 74 % des cas, une personne est localisée en moins de sept jours. Après 60 jours et une fois que toutes les pistes et techniques d'enquête ont été épuisées, la disparition est classée non résolue et transférée à l'équipe spécialisée. La photo du disparu est alors publiée sur le site de la SQ et de la Gendarmerie Royale du Canada. [La Voix de l'Est](#), 2

*** Man sentenced for making threats to former premier**

Brian Derek Perry was back before the court again this week accused of threatening former Premier Tom Marshall, but this time he accepted responsibility. He pleaded guilty to a number of charges and was sentenced to five months house arrest. The 59-year-old Frenchman's Cove man has been charged with harassing and threatening a number of politicians over the years, including Marshall on a number of occasions. Perry's crusade against politicians dates back over a couple of decades when he claims he lost his nightclub business as a result of the allowance of unlicensed liquor sales he could not compete with. Facing new charges Friday, Perry pleaded guilty to harassing Marshall via telephone repeatedly since 2009. He did so despite a court order to not contact him, directly or indirectly. The Corner Brook RCMP received the latest complaint from Marshall Sunday. [TC Media](#) (The Telegram, A10)

*** Shooting may be targeted**

Police say two men in their 20s were taken to hospital after an overnight shooting in Surrey. Residents reported hearing gunshots in their neighbourhood at about 1 a.m. Friday, and RCMP arrived to find the two wounded men. Both victims are expected to survive. Officers say one of the men is known to police and the attack appears to have been targeted. Police are looking for three to four suspects who are all described as men in their early 20s. Investigators say the shooting has not been linked to more than a dozen others involving a gang turf war over drugs. [Vancouver Sun](#), A5

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

*** Dying Collins waits for 'compassionate' parole hearing**

Correctional Service Canada (CSC) has sent the case of Peter Collins to the federal parole board for an early hearing to decide if he'll be released after 32 years in prison. It will be the sixth time he has stood before the parole board in the past seven years. [Ottawa Citizen](#), C3

*** Final Confession**

In September 1984, after being found guilty of murdering a Nepean police officer in cold blood, Peter Collins refused to stand in court to be sentenced. "I don't want to," a defiant Collins told Judge Nicholson McRae, who imposed the automatic penalty of life in prison. The sentence meant Collins would not be eligible for parole until Oct. 14, 2008 - 25 years to the day after he confronted Nepean Police Const. David Utman in Bayshore Shopping Centre and shot him dead in front of a horrified lunch hour crowd. The 53-year-old, one of Canada's longest-serving prisoners, has been diagnosed with terminal bladder cancer. In January, after chemotherapy and radiation, he was told the cancer had spread to his abdominal wall, lungs and spine. His only treatment now is palliative. Supporters are lobbying for his compassionate release from Bath Institution, near Kingston, so that he can die among family and friends. Utman's relatives, however, are dead set against parole. "I think they should keep him there until he expires," Utman's brother, Stan, said in a phone interview from his home in Moose Jaw, Sask. The Bath Institution, west of Kingston, is a medium-security federal penitentiary on the windswept north shore of Lake Ontario. It has been Collins's home for the past 16 years. He lives in what's known as N-house: a communitystyle building with a shared kitchen. He has a key to his own cell and, when he's up to it, can cook his own meals. It's a far cry from the special handling unit at Millhaven Penitentiary where he spent the first three years of his sentence. Collins was placed in the high-security unit because of his escape

history. His cell featured a bed and desk welded to one another and a window covered with two sheets of steel. Light seeped in through small, nickel-sized holes punched into the metal. [Ottawa Citizen](#), C1

Brutal killer to be given day passes

It was a warm summer night when Debbie Timlock curled up in her bed, never realizing someone was out there, watching. As the 33-year-old murder victim slept, she didn't hear him knock over the plant as he crawled through the kitchen window. She didn't hear him open the kitchen drawer to pull out a butcher knife. She didn't hear him slowly padding down the hall to her bedroom. "At first, I wanted to scare the hell out of her," her killer, James Brown, told a court in one of his bids to get early parole. But as he walked toward her bedroom with knife in hand, he changed his mind. That was June 20, 1989. In 1992, after a lengthy trial, Brown was convicted by a jury of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years. Now, at the age of 49, the Parole Board of Canada is preparing Brown -- a former bouncer with a long violent criminal record -- for his eventual release back into society with several unescorted passes from prison during the next year. [Toronto Sun](#), 4

*** Court of Appeal to rule on Mr. Big case**

Citing a recent case by the Supreme Court of Canada focusing on "Mr. Big" police stings, legal counsel for George Mitchell Allgood urged the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal to order a new trial. While lawyers debated the issue, Allgood, now 51, sat quietly and took occasional notes inside a room at the Saskatchewan Penitentiary in Prince Albert where he is serving a life sentence with no parole eligibility for 25 years. Allgood - who appeared in court Friday by video link - was found guilty in January 2014 of first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of his son's mother Susan Reinhardt and the attempted murder of her partner, David Ristow. The incident occurred on July 15, 2006, at the Saskatoon home of Reinhardt and Ristow. The couple was shot through an open patio door in the bedroom while they slept, Queen's Bench Justice Grant Currie determined in finding Allgood guilty. On Friday, Allgood's legal team - Morris Bodnar and Scott Giroux - asked the province's highest court to overturn Currie's findings and send the case back to trial. Giroux referred to a number of inconsistencies between evidence heard at trial and statements made by Allgood to a member of the RCMP posing as a crime boss. But it was the fact that police had undertaken that type of operation - known as a "Mr. Big" sting - and that the resulting admissions by Allgood were allowed into evidence that the Saskatoon man's lawyers found most problematic, given new case law in the area. [Leader-Post](#), A7

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Siksika chief moved by apology

Chief Vincent Yellow Old Woman was proudly wearing his ceremonial headdress when he sat in the gallery at the legislature in Edmonton last week to hear Rachel Notley's NDP government offer an apology to Alberta's aboriginal people for the decades of physical, sexual and cultural abuse at residential schools. The government apologized last week for its past silence on the damage done by residential schools and added its voice to calls for a federal inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women. As well, Notley noted the "devastating link" between the high number of missing and murdered aboriginal women and issues of poverty and domestic violence, adding her voice to national calls for an inquiry. [Calgary Herald](#), A8

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

9 senior staffers take up new jobs

The senior ranks of the federal government are getting a shakeup as nine long-serving bureaucrats are set to take new positions in July. Linda Lizotte-MacPherson will become president of the Canada Border Services Agency, leaving her current post as president of the Canada School of Public Service. She fills the position left open by outgoing border services president Luc Portelance, who is retiring after 36 years in public service. **John Ossowski**, currently associate deputy minister of public safety, will become deputy commissioner of revenue. **Gina Wilson**, currently associate deputy minister of employment and

social development, will replace Ossowski as **associate deputy minister of public safety**. Ottawa Citizen, A10

OTHER / AUTRE

* **Extremism runs wild on the web**

Once on the path to violent extremism, there is no end to what would-be terrorists can find online to solidify their beliefs. It's all just a few clicks away. While it remains unclear just how connected Friday's trio of terror attacks are to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, there is no arguing that the group has made it maddeningly simple for sympathizers worldwide to take up the extremists' cause. It takes about 30 seconds to create a Twitter account and connect to someone in Syria. And as one journalist in France found out, expressing an interest in ISIL on Facebook quickly leads to a flood of information as the service's algorithms suggest similar sites and friends with the same interests. A constant stream of beheadings and images of children with guns soon starts to seem normal. ISIL has put out a guide to travelling to the territory it controls, as well as information on how to be a jihadi in the West, complete with training on toy Nerf guns, making pressure-cooker bombs and stealing money from infidels. The Gazette (National Post, A4)

Still unclear if any Canadians among Tunisia victims

The Foreign Affairs department says its officials in Tunisia are trying to determine whether any Canadians are among the dozens killed in a fearsome terrorist attack. A gunman fired on sunbathers at a beach near two hotels in the Tunisian coastal resort city of Sousse. The department says 826 Canadians were known to be in Tunisia. Calgary Sun, 16; La Presse Canadienne (Le Droit)

INTERNATIONAL

Terrorists strike three locations

Called to arms by the leadership of the Sunni extremist group known as Islamic State, three lone terrorists struck Friday at sensitive first-time targets in Europe, North Africa and the Persian Gulf. They succeeded in killing more than 60 people - the majority of whom were Westerners - and raised new fears about the growing reach of jihadis. In Tunisia, a gunman unknown to police pulled a Kalashnikov from inside a beach umbrella and opened fire on sun-worshipping Europeans, killing at least 37, before he was killed by security forces. It was the deadliest assault on tourists in the Arab World since the 1997 attack at the ancient Egyptian site of Luxor, when terrorists killed 62 people. In France, a truck driver with suspected ties to Islamist extremists crashed his vehicle into an industrial chemical plant near Lyon, apparently hoping to trigger a large explosion. The decapitated body of the driver's boss was found at the scene, his head on a gate post, reportedly framed by Islamist banners. In Kuwait, a suicide bomber blew himself up inside a large Shia mosque during Friday noon prayers, killing at least 27 and wounding more than 200. The blast, in downtown Kuwait City, was just 30 kilometres from where 600 Canadian troops are based, conducting an air campaign against Islamic State forces in Iraq and Syria. Globe and Mail, A3; Postmedia Network (Calgary Sun, 16); National Post; La Presse; La Presse; Toronto Star; * La Presse

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Le ministre Blaney «dégoûté» par les attentats

Le ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney, a condamné les différents attentats terroristes survenus dans le monde, hier, et appelé les Canadiens à faire preuve de prudence sans toutefois se laisser intimider. **«Je suis choqué et dégoûté par la cruauté et la barbarie primaire dont font preuve ces terroristes-là. C'est absolument dégoûtant de voir les atrocités qu'ils sont prêts à commettre en étant sous l'emprise de leur idéologie extrémiste»**, a réagi le ministre. **«La menace est sérieuse et réelle, et on doit demeurer vigilant»**, a-t-il ajouté sans dire si l'alerte de sécurité nationale avait été rehaussée au pays. **«Je laisse le soin aux experts en matière de sécurité nationale d'évaluer la menace, et j'ai l'assurance bien sûr [...] que tous les dispositifs et les mesures sont pris pour ajuster le niveau de sécurité en fonction de la menace, et ça se fait de façon permanente»**, a-t-il indiqué. En pleine période estivale et à l'approche du 1^{er} juillet, M. Blaney encourage d'ailleurs les gens à prendre part aux festivités de la fête du Canada. **«J'ai l'intention de participer aux activités auxquelles je m'adonne le 1^{er} juillet. On ne se laissera pas intimider, mais évidemment on ne doit pas prendre des risques qui ne sont pas nécessaires. Je parle surtout des gens qui sont à l'extérieur du pays»**, a-t-il dit. [Le Journal de Québec](#), 30

Un des deux fugitifs abattu

Richard Matt, l'un des deux évadés de la prison de Dannemora recherchés depuis près de trois semaines, a été tué par un policier hier après-midi, dans le comté de Franklin, dans l'État de New York, ont confirmé les autorités. Même si Richard Matt a été abattu, les inquiétudes pour la sécurité publique ne se sont pas complètement dissipées puisque David Sweat, son complice, n'a toujours pas été re-

trouvé. L'homme pourrait cependant choisir le Canada comme prochaine destination. Pour sa part, la Gendarmerie royale du Canada n'a pas reçu de «menace» particulière en ce qui concerne ce secteur, mais elle demeure en communication constante avec les corps policiers concernés, a indiqué le gendarme Eriq Gasse. Même son de cloche du côté de la Sûreté du Québec, qui continue à recueillir les informations du public pour en-suite les transférer à la GRC. L'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada poursuit quant à elle ses contrôles aux frontières. Dans l'éventualité où Sweat se déplace toujours à pied, il n'aurait besoin que de quatre heures pour se rendre jusqu'à la frontière canadienne. Seulement 20 kilomètres séparent Malone de Beith, la municipalité québécoise la plus près de la frontière. Les autorités croient que le fugitif se déplace la nuit. **«Le Canada ne sera pas un refuge pour les criminels violents et les terroristes»**, a indiqué **Jean-Christophe de Le Rue, porte-parole du ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile, Steven Blaney**. [Agence QMI](#) (Le Journal de Québec, 9; Le Journal de Montréal)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Worries over fish, water supply and fires grow

Environmental concerns are rising along with the soaring temperatures in British Columbia, where a heat wave has generated worries about forest fires, water supplies and fish habitats. The warm, dry spring has also raised the alarm for forest fires. Fire crews are still battling major blazes near Pemberton, Norman Lake and Lytton, and the Prince George Fire Centre responded to 15 new fires that started on Thursday alone, all sparked by lightning. B.C.'s Wildfire Management Branch implemented a campfire ban across the Coastal Fire Centre for today at noon, excluding Haida Gwaii, northern Vancouver Island and the mainland's mid-coast. [Canadian Press](#) (Vancouver Sun, A3)

Wildfires force evacuations

Wildfires are forcing about 1,000 people from their homes in northern Saskatchewan. Steve Roberts, executive director of wildfire management for the province, said lightning strikes and hot, dry weather are making conditions volatile. He said a fire burning near three remote communities is of particular concern. "It is now over 500 hectares and it is posing a direct threat to Wadin Bay, Sucker River and English Bay, and we have recommended a full evacuation for those communities," Roberts said Friday. [Canadian Press](#) (Calgary Sun, 43)

Ten insurance companies sued for \$20 million over 2013 flood claims

A High River-based not-for-profit housing management company is suing 10 insurance companies for \$20 million for improperly denying claims on policies relating to damage from the devastating Alberta floods of 2013. [Calgary Herald](#), A8

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

City IS supporter rearrested - 'Nothing more' than bail issue: lawyer

A Winnipeg man who admits he supports the Islamic State was rearrested Friday afternoon. Aaron Driver was taken into custody by police at his Charleswood home because of a complication with a surety that was a condition of his bail, his lawyer, Leonard Tailleux, told the Free Press. [Winnipeg Free Press](#), B1

Snowden leaks eroding spy agency's advantage

Canada's electronic spy agency says leaks by former U.S. intelligence contractor Edward Snowden have "diminished the advantage" it enjoyed over terrorists and other targets, both in the short term and -- of more concern -- well into the future. In newly released briefing notes, the Communications Security Establishment says Snowden's disclosures about CSE's intelligence capabilities and those of its allies "have a cumulative detrimental effect" on its operations. The Ottawa-based CSE monitors foreign communications of intelligence interest to Canada, and exchanges a large amount of information with partner agencies in the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand. [Canadian Press](#) (London Free Press, B3); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (L'Acadie-Nouvelle)

Les documents sur les jeunes radicalisés sous verrou

Le Collège de Maisonneuve refuse de divulguer des rapports et des courriels internes sur des cas d'étudiants radicalisés qui ont voulu quitter leurs études et leurs familles pour rejoindre l'État islamique. Notre Bureau d'enquête a déposé une demande auprès du cégep montréalais pour une série de documents internes du mois de mai en vertu de la Loi d'accès à l'information du Québec. Nous avons fait cette demande après que l'institution collégiale fut ébranlée à plusieurs reprises depuis février par une série de 11 départs et des tentatives de départs de ses étudiants qui désiraient quitter le Canada pour aller faire le djihad, selon les autorités. Le collège de Maisonneuve a aussi refusé de divulguer tout rapport sur les activités d'Adil Charkaoui sur le campus, disant que le document en entier contient "une opinion juridique", des "avis et des recommandations". Le Journal de Montréal, 10

Why using anonymous sources is sometimes necessary

An opinion piece states, "Last week, a reader in Toronto raised an important point about the use of anonymous sources in an article on what he called "allegations of improper influence of Chinese officials over Ontario Minister Michael Chan." In fact, many of you may see the phrase "sources say" in stories from time to time, and wonder what it actually means. Who are these sources and how do we know they are telling the truth? ... The story about Mr. Chan was unassailably in the public interest. He is a senior cabinet minister and the article involved questions of undue influence by a foreign state that had been raised by the head of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). Something so important requires a thorough investigation, not just an official response from the Premier, who called the concerns "baseless." Mr. Chan calls the stories and the concerns expressed by CSIS ludicrous and has demanded a retraction and apology. (China is Ontario's second-largest trading partner and, since the allegations first surfaced, he has been promoted to oversee the international trade portfolio.) ... I have received no complaints about the facts in The Globe's articles. While it would be helpful (although unlikely) to hear more from the head of CSIS on why they raised their concerns, readers will get a better understanding about CSIS in recent Globe commentary written by Charles Burton, associate professor of political science at Brock University and a former counsellor at the Canadian embassy in Beijing. "We know that there has been a high frequency of telephone calls between Mr. Chan and China's Consul-General in Toronto," he observed. "If the Government of Canada knows what they were talking about, it is withholding this information for security reasons. But it is unlikely that CSIS would have approached the Premier of Ontario with its concerns ... unless there was something that seriously concerned our people who monitor the activities of Chinese diplomats in Canada." ... " Globe and Mail, F8

Terrorists aren't all alike: expert - Mental illness wrongly cited

An opinion piece states, "If you were surprised initially someone such as Aaron Driver, who grew up in a Canadian military family and now lives in our midst, ended up becoming an outspoken supporter of the Islamic State, permit me to introduce an authority on the subject. Michael German is an expert in terrorist-group behaviour, a former counter-terrorism instructor at the FBI National Academy, former legal counsel to the American Civil Liberties Union and now a law school fellow. He's also the author of Thinking Like a Terrorist: Insights of a Former FBI Undercover Agent... And so it was that earlier this week I contacted German in his office at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University. I wanted to know: who are the Aaron Drivers of this world? What's the profile of these kids? "They're not all kids," German said... So what does that say about profiling terrorists. "There are no profiles." Basically, he believes, it's beyond explanation. "But what we have to be careful about is making sure we're talking about the violent extreme, rather than the ideology writ large. Because there are far more people who have those ideologies than commit violence." Which brought me to Aaron Driver, the 23-year-old online supporter of IS arrested earlier this month without criminal charges under Canada's anti-terrorism law and released with stringent bail conditions imposed because of his views. Unfortunately, German suggested, Canada appears to be following America's misguided footsteps. "Here in the United States we've seen this abuse of material support laws where it's not really targeting people who are supporting terrorism but rather people who are supporting political causes where there is a terrorism element to that conflict." German was reluctant to offer more insight about the Driver case because, being a former law enforcement officer himself, he knows the RCMP and CSIS know more about the case than the information he gets through the media..." Winnipeg Free Press, B1

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

* La police abat un prisonnier

L'un des deux meurtriers qui s'étaient évadés d'une prison du nord de l'État de New York il y a trois semaines a été abattu hier au cours d'un échange de coups de feu avec la police dans un secteur boisé situé à environ 50 kilomètres de la prison. Le second fugitif est toujours en fuite. Le sénateur Charles Schumer, qui a été informé par la patrouille frontalière et le Service des douanes américain, a déclaré que Richard Matt avait été atteint mortellement par un agent de la patrouille frontalière américaine originaire du Vermont. Des officiers parcourent en ce moment la zone où ils croient que David Sweat se cache, pas très loin d'où son complice a été tué. Les routes du secteur ont été bloquées. Le sénateur Schumer a affirmé que les forces de l'ordre ont été averties de leur position grâce à l'appel au 911 d'une femme qui a entendu quelqu'un frapper à sa porte tôt hier matin à Malone, qui est située à environ 50 kilomètres à l'ouest de l'établissement correctionnel Clinton. Quelque 1100 membres des forces de l'ordre sont mobilisés pour retrouver les meurtriers en cavale. Des agents de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada ont patrouillé les secteurs situés entre les postes frontaliers, selon un porte-parole de l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada, Dominique McNeely. [Associated Press](#) (La Voix de l'Est, 19); [The Associated Press](#) (The Gazette); [AFP](#) (La Tribune); * [New York Times](#) (Hamilton Spectator)

Stay out of Canada, eh!

With his partner shot dead and police right on his tail, escaped killer David Sweat may be trying harder than ever to get to Canada, but he certainly won't have an easy time of it. Richard Matt was killed by police Friday after a three-week manhunt for the escaped maximum-security prisoners. Sweat was still on the loose Friday. Earlier in the day, police said they believed the pair was headed toward Canada. Even if he's armed -- as police believed he might be -- Sweat will need all the luck he can get to cross the St. Lawrence River, if that's the route he chooses to take. The area is actually watched more than most due to its history of cigarette smuggling. [Postmedia Network](#) (Calgary Sun, 22)

Canadian solar module makers call for duties

A band of small Canadian solar panel manufacturers is banking on an upcoming trade decision in hopes of surviving an onslaught of low-priced Chinese imports. The four Ontario companies say they hope a decision next week by Canada's International Trade Tribunal will uphold duties on imports they say are priced below the Chinese companies' actual cost of production. An investigation by Canada Border Services Agency alleged in early June that about half a dozen Chinese companies, and a China-based subsidiary of Canadian Solar International Inc., were benefiting to varying degrees from government subsidies - in contravention of World Trade Organization agreements. Canadian Solar International, a Nasdaq-listed company based in Guelph, Ont., declined to comment prior to a report from the trade tribunal, to be released by July 3, that will determine whether the CBSA can continue to charge provisional duties set in March. The law firm acting for most of the Chinese companies didn't respond to requests for comment. [Canadian Press](#) (National Post, FP4)

* Legally bought, but can they be legally carried?

The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary is advising the public that a type of card knife being sold online and in a retail store in this province is a prohibited weapon. The card knife - when the blade isn't open - simply looks like a credit card. After unfolding the small, sharp blade upwards and locking it into place, it becomes a knife with a metal blade and plastic hilt. What's even more confusing is that Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) considers such things to be multi-tool items and not weapons at all, despite actually qualifying as prohibited. The RNC says with those objects discretion is used when it comes to confiscation and instances of people carrying them would be looked at on a case-by-case basis. Police say if anybody has a prohibited weapon they'd like to turn over, they can call the RNC or RCMP, advise them that they wish to surrender it and they will collect it with no questions asked. [The Telegram](#), A4

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Cybersecurity fund boosted by a rise in data breaches

A new exchange-traded fund that taps into the cybersecurity market has skyrocketed to \$1-billion (U.S.) in assets under management in just seven months. With the crafty ticker name HACK, the PureFunds ISE Cyber Security ETF mimics the ISE Cyber Security Index, which tracks the performance of companies actively engaged in providing services for cybersecurity and for which cybersecurity business activities are a key driver of their business model. The rise in data breaches among banks, large retailers and even government offices is creating a necessary investment into enhanced cybersecurity technology, says Andrew Chanin, CEO of PureFunds and portfolio manager of HACK. [Globe and Mail](#), B11

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

* **Victim was covered in blood from stab wounds, Mountie tells court**

One of the first police officers on the scene of a stabbing on Westmorland Street last fall said the victim was a mess. "He was covered in blood, his face was covered in blood and his upper lip was sliced open," testified Codiac RCMP Const. Tom Graham in Moncton provincial court on Friday. "It was hard to see who this person was, there was so much blood." Graham said he got down on the ground and put pressure on the stab wounds, he got a better look at the man's face and recognized him as 43-year-old Allan Christopher Lee. The victim had been arrested for drug offences over the years, which is how Graham recognized him. "I held his hand, he was scared and said he didn't want to die," said the constable. Graham also testified that Lee pulled him close and told him David Hart is the one who stabbed him. [Times & Transcript](#), A7

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More than eight litres of GHB, an odourless, colourless, tasteless liquid commonly called the "daterape drug" was seized from a northeast Edmonton home last week. The 8.5-litre seizure of gamma-Hydroxybutyric acid, or GHB, was the largest bust of that drug by the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams and resulted in the arrest of four people. A total of 44 charges were laid against the quartet, relating to drugs, guns, stolen property and breaches. ALERT Edmonton, a team of Alberta Sheriffs, Edmonton police and RCMP members, seized GHB, 47 grams of methamphetamine, illicit prescription pills, ammunition and \$16,110 in cash from the home. [Edmonton Journal](#), A12

* **Mountie charged with stealing guns**

A Manitoba Mountie is facing several criminal charges, including theft of guns from a detachment. RCMP allege Cpl. Jason Prettie of Dauphin was working in Minnedosa when two weapons were stolen in 2009. A spokeswoman says the rifle and shotgun were not police-issue and had been in RCMP custody. [Red Deer Advocate](#), A5

* **Source of bomb threat still up in the air**

Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Const. Steve Curnew says there's a lot of leg work to be done after a major disruption at St. John's International Airport Thursday night due to a bomb threat. It was about 7 p.m. Thursday evening when police were notified of the bomb threat onboard Air Canada Flight 143 departing for Ottawa. "Just as it was about to pull away from the gate, one of the flight crew noticed and found a note that was located in the washroom onboard the flight," says Curnew. The discovery of that letter led to the immediate evacuation of the airplane and the shutdown of the airport. Chris Andrews of the band Shanneyganock was onboard the plane where the note was found, along with the rest of the band - they were on their way to Edmonton for a gig. "We knew it was something, because they never get you off a plane that fast," Andrews told The Telegram Friday morning from Toronto, from where the band was still hoping to make it their Edmonton gig. An explosive disposal unit and a bomb detecting dog from the RCMP searched the plane. Nothing suspicious was located. [The Telegram](#), A3; [The Telegram](#)

* **Disparus, mais jamais oubliés**

Pas moins de 12 000 disparitions sont signalées chaque année au Québec. Une cinquantaine d'entre elles ne sont pas résolues. Ces affaires ne sont jamais fermées. Au contraire. Le Service des projets d'enquêtes spécialisées de la Sûreté du Québec, qui coordonne ces investigations à l'échelle provinciale, travaille avec acharnement pour dénouer l'impasse. Chaque année, 12 000 disparitions sont rapportées dans la province. Les premières heures sont cruciales. Les policiers et les enquêteurs du service de police où la disparition est signalée doivent agir rapidement. Les statistiques démontrent que dans 74 % des cas, une personne est localisée en moins de sept jours. Après 60 jours et une fois que toutes les pistes et techniques d'enquête ont été épuisées, la disparition est classée non résolue et transférée à l'équipe spécialisée. La photo du disparu est alors publiée sur le site de la SQ et de la Gendarmerie Royale du Canada. [La Voix de l'Est](#), 2

*** Man sentenced for making threats to former premier**

Brian Derek Perry was back before the court again this week accused of threatening former Premier Tom Marshall, but this time he accepted responsibility. He pleaded guilty to a number of charges and was sentenced to five months house arrest. The 59-year-old Frenchman's Cove man has been charged with harassing and threatening a number of politicians over the years, including Marshall on a number of occasions. Perry's crusade against politicians dates back over a couple of decades when he claims he lost his nightclub business as a result of the allowance of unlicensed liquor sales he could not compete with. Facing new charges Friday, Perry pleaded guilty to harassing Marshall via telephone repeatedly since 2009. He did so despite a court order to not contact him, directly or indirectly. The Corner Brook RCMP received the latest complaint from Marshall Sunday. [TC Media](#) (The Telegram, A10)

*** Shooting may be targeted**

Police say two men in their 20s were taken to hospital after an overnight shooting in Surrey. Residents reported hearing gunshots in their neighbourhood at about 1 a.m. Friday, and RCMP arrived to find the two wounded men. Both victims are expected to survive. Officers say one of the men is known to police and the attack appears to have been targeted. Police are looking for three to four suspects who are all described as men in their early 20s. Investigators say the shooting has not been linked to more than a dozen others involving a gang turf war over drugs. [Vancouver Sun](#), A5

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

*** Dying Collins waits for 'compassionate' parole hearing**

Correctional Service Canada (CSC) has sent the case of Peter Collins to the federal parole board for an early hearing to decide if he'll be released after 32 years in prison. It will be the sixth time he has stood before the parole board in the past seven years. [Ottawa Citizen](#), C3

*** Final Confession**

In September 1984, after being found guilty of murdering a Nepean police officer in cold blood, Peter Collins refused to stand in court to be sentenced. "I don't want to," a defiant Collins told Judge Nicholson McRae, who imposed the automatic penalty of life in prison. The sentence meant Collins would not be eligible for parole until Oct. 14, 2008 - 25 years to the day after he confronted Nepean Police Const. David Utman in Bayshore Shopping Centre and shot him dead in front of a horrified lunch hour crowd. The 53-year-old, one of Canada's longest-serving prisoners, has been diagnosed with terminal bladder cancer. In January, after chemotherapy and radiation, he was told the cancer had spread to his abdominal wall, lungs and spine. His only treatment now is palliative. Supporters are lobbying for his compassionate release from Bath Institution, near Kingston, so that he can die among family and friends. Utman's relatives, however, are dead set against parole. "I think they should keep him there until he expires," Utman's brother, Stan, said in a phone interview from his home in Moose Jaw, Sask. The Bath Institution, west of Kingston, is a medium-security federal penitentiary on the windswept north shore of Lake Ontario. It has been Collins's home for the past 16 years. He lives in what's known as N-house: a communitystyle building with a shared kitchen. He has a key to his own cell and, when he's up to it, can cook his own meals. It's a far cry from the special handling unit at Millhaven Penitentiary where he spent the first three years of his sentence. Collins was placed in the high-security unit because of his escape

history. His cell featured a bed and desk welded to one another and a window covered with two sheets of steel. Light seeped in through small, nickel-sized holes punched into the metal. [Ottawa Citizen](#), C1

Brutal killer to be given day passes

It was a warm summer night when Debbie Timlock curled up in her bed, never realizing someone was out there, watching. As the 33-year-old murder victim slept, she didn't hear him knock over the plant as he crawled through the kitchen window. She didn't hear him open the kitchen drawer to pull out a butcher knife. She didn't hear him slowly padding down the hall to her bedroom. "At first, I wanted to scare the hell out of her," her killer, James Brown, told a court in one of his bids to get early parole. But as he walked toward her bedroom with knife in hand, he changed his mind. That was June 20, 1989. In 1992, after a lengthy trial, Brown was convicted by a jury of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years. Now, at the age of 49, the Parole Board of Canada is preparing Brown -- a former bouncer with a long violent criminal record -- for his eventual release back into society with several unescorted passes from prison during the next year. [Toronto Sun](#), 4

*** Court of Appeal to rule on Mr. Big case**

Citing a recent case by the Supreme Court of Canada focusing on "Mr. Big" police stings, legal counsel for George Mitchell Allgood urged the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal to order a new trial. While lawyers debated the issue, Allgood, now 51, sat quietly and took occasional notes inside a room at the Saskatchewan Penitentiary in Prince Albert where he is serving a life sentence with no parole eligibility for 25 years. Allgood - who appeared in court Friday by video link - was found guilty in January 2014 of first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of his son's mother Susan Reinhardt and the attempted murder of her partner, David Ristow. The incident occurred on July 15, 2006, at the Saskatoon home of Reinhardt and Ristow. The couple was shot through an open patio door in the bedroom while they slept, Queen's Bench Justice Grant Currie determined in finding Allgood guilty. On Friday, Allgood's legal team - Morris Bodnar and Scott Giroux - asked the province's highest court to overturn Currie's findings and send the case back to trial. Giroux referred to a number of inconsistencies between evidence heard at trial and statements made by Allgood to a member of the RCMP posing as a crime boss. But it was the fact that police had undertaken that type of operation - known as a "Mr. Big" sting - and that the resulting admissions by Allgood were allowed into evidence that the Saskatoon man's lawyers found most problematic, given new case law in the area. [Leader-Post](#), A7

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Siksika chief moved by apology

Chief Vincent Yellow Old Woman was proudly wearing his ceremonial headdress when he sat in the gallery at the legislature in Edmonton last week to hear Rachel Notley's NDP government offer an apology to Alberta's aboriginal people for the decades of physical, sexual and cultural abuse at residential schools. The government apologized last week for its past silence on the damage done by residential schools and added its voice to calls for a federal inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women. As well, Notley noted the "devastating link" between the high number of missing and murdered aboriginal women and issues of poverty and domestic violence, adding her voice to national calls for an inquiry. [Calgary Herald](#), A8

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

9 senior staffers take up new jobs

The senior ranks of the federal government are getting a shakeup as nine long-serving bureaucrats are set to take new positions in July. Linda Lizotte-MacPherson will become president of the Canada Border Services Agency, leaving her current post as president of the Canada School of Public Service. She fills the position left open by outgoing border services president Luc Portelance, who is retiring after 36 years in public service. **John Ossowski**, currently associate deputy minister of public safety, will become deputy commissioner of revenue. **Gina Wilson**, currently associate deputy minister of employment and

social development, will replace Ossowski as **associate deputy minister of public safety**. Ottawa Citizen, A10

OTHER / AUTRE

* **Extremism runs wild on the web**

Once on the path to violent extremism, there is no end to what would-be terrorists can find online to solidify their beliefs. It's all just a few clicks away. While it remains unclear just how connected Friday's trio of terror attacks are to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, there is no arguing that the group has made it maddeningly simple for sympathizers worldwide to take up the extremists' cause. It takes about 30 seconds to create a Twitter account and connect to someone in Syria. And as one journalist in France found out, expressing an interest in ISIL on Facebook quickly leads to a flood of information as the service's algorithms suggest similar sites and friends with the same interests. A constant stream of beheadings and images of children with guns soon starts to seem normal. ISIL has put out a guide to travelling to the territory it controls, as well as information on how to be a jihadi in the West, complete with training on toy Nerf guns, making pressure-cooker bombs and stealing money from infidels. The Gazette (National Post, A4)

Still unclear if any Canadians among Tunisia victims

The Foreign Affairs department says its officials in Tunisia are trying to determine whether any Canadians are among the dozens killed in a fearsome terrorist attack. A gunman fired on sunbathers at a beach near two hotels in the Tunisian coastal resort city of Sousse. The department says 826 Canadians were known to be in Tunisia. Calgary Sun, 16; La Presse Canadienne (Le Droit)

INTERNATIONAL

Terrorists strike three locations

Called to arms by the leadership of the Sunni extremist group known as Islamic State, three lone terrorists struck Friday at sensitive first-time targets in Europe, North Africa and the Persian Gulf. They succeeded in killing more than 60 people - the majority of whom were Westerners - and raised new fears about the growing reach of jihadis. In Tunisia, a gunman unknown to police pulled a Kalashnikov from inside a beach umbrella and opened fire on sun-worshipping Europeans, killing at least 37, before he was killed by security forces. It was the deadliest assault on tourists in the Arab World since the 1997 attack at the ancient Egyptian site of Luxor, when terrorists killed 62 people. In France, a truck driver with suspected ties to Islamist extremists crashed his vehicle into an industrial chemical plant near Lyon, apparently hoping to trigger a large explosion. The decapitated body of the driver's boss was found at the scene, his head on a gate post, reportedly framed by Islamist banners. In Kuwait, a suicide bomber blew himself up inside a large Shia mosque during Friday noon prayers, killing at least 27 and wounding more than 200. The blast, in downtown Kuwait City, was just 30 kilometres from where 600 Canadian troops are based, conducting an air campaign against Islamic State forces in Iraq and Syria. Globe and Mail, A3; Postmedia Network (Calgary Sun, 16); National Post; La Presse; La Presse; Toronto Star; * La Presse

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1. 'Troubling' Conservative torture policy up for review, Goodale says

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 01 19

Ottawa - The Trudeau Liberals will review controversial directives enacted by the Harper government that allow for the sharing of information even when it might lead to torture, says the public safety minister. The "troubling set of issues" raised by the foreign information-sharing

policy "will be raised in the course of our consultations" on the overall national security direction of the new government, Ralph Goodale said in a recent interview with The Canadian Press. The news follows pressure from human-rights and privacy advocates to conduct a wide-ranging examination of security policies introduced by the Conservatives, whisked from office in the October election. The federal policy on foreign information-sharing has been roundly criticized for effectively condoning the torture of people in overseas prisons, contrary to international law and Canada's United Nations commitments. A four-page 2010 framework document, released under the Access to Information Act, says when there is a "substantial risk" that sending information to, or soliciting information from, a foreign agency would result in torture _ and it is unclear whether the risk can be managed through assurances or other means _ the matter should be referred to the responsible deputy minister or agency head. In deciding what to do, the agency head will consider factors including the threat to Canada's national security and the nature and imminence of the threat; the status of Canada's relationship with _ and the human rights record of _ the foreign agency; and the rationale for believing that sharing the information would lead to torture. Critics say when there is a serious risk of torture, there should be no sharing _ period. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the RCMP, the Canada Border Services Agency, National Defence and the Communications Security Establishment, Canada's electronic spy agency, are bound by the federal policy on sharing information with foreign agencies.

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2. Une nouvelle phase du terrorisme

Métro (Montréal), Roxane Léouzon, 2016 01 19

Ottawa - Sécurité. Ce n'est pas qu'une impression, on assiste à une multiplication des attentats terroristes dans le monde depuis les attentats de Paris. C'est ce qu'affirme l'expert en sécurité internationale et ancien agent du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) Michel Juneau-Katsuya. Et ces attentats peuvent désormais avoir lieu n'importe où. «Sans parler d'une coordination des différents groupes terroristes, on peut parler d'un momentum, d'une fébrilité qu'État islamique a déclenché avec les attentats de Paris et celui sur un avion de ligne russe», a expliqué M. Juneau-Katsuya. Les propos de Bruno Charbonneau, directeur du Centre FrancoPaix, semblent appuyer cette analyse. «Al Qaida, État islamique et les autres groupes se nourrissent entre eux, s'inspirent de leurs stratégies, veulent faire parler d'eux», a considéré M. Charbonneau. M. Juneau-Katsuya estime que le terrorisme international est entré dans une nouvelle phase. La précédente était celle des «loups solitaires», qui menaient des attaques spontanées de faible amplitude. «Là, on assiste à des choses télécommandées et planifiées par des groupes d'assailants, à partir notamment de la Syrie. On attaque des sites touristiques parce que ce sont des endroits faciles et que les coups vont porter atteinte à l'économie nationale et à la stabilité du gouvernement en place», a jugé le spécialiste.

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Canada

3. Alors qu'est célébrée la Journée Martin Luther King Crime haineux à Ottawa

Le Droit, Guillaume St-Pierre, 2016 01 19

Ottawa - Le Canada est une des plus belles terres d'accueil au monde, a-t-on claironné à l'occasion des célébrations de la Journée Martin Luther King, lundi, à l'hôtel de ville d'Ottawa. Mais il ne faut pas se mettre la tête dans le sable. Le racisme est encore bien présent dans nos communautés. Des graffitis haineux peints sur le mur d'un lieu de culte de l'Église unie à Ottawa, pas plus tard que la semaine dernière, en font foi. «Négro», «Tupac». Le révérend Dr Anthony Bailey a retrouvé son église salie de ces mots lourds de sens, le dimanche 10 janvier dernier. Encore sous le choc, l'homme de foi a brisé le silence que lui a imposé la police, lundi, sur ce qui ressemble à un crime à caractère racial «ciblé». «Je suis le seul révérend noir à Ottawa», laisse tomber M. Bailey, précisant que l'incident est une première pour lui et sa congrégation. C'est troublant, c'est bouleversant, c'est choquant.»

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4. Burkina Faso attack shows need to boost information-gathering: Sajjan

Ottawa Citizen, Lee Berthiaume, 2016 01 19

St. Andrews, N.B. - Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan says better intelligence capabilities, as well as co-operation with Canada's allies, are essential for preventing the types of terror attacks that have struck Burkina Faso and other parts of the world. Six Canadians were killed over the weekend when militants linked to al-Qaida stormed a hotel in Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso in West Africa. Days earlier, a Canadian was killed during an attack by Islamic State-inspired terrorists in Indonesia. Speaking on the sidelines of a three-day retreat between Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his cabinet ministers, Sajjan said Canada has "to get better at our intelligence capabilities in other parts of the world so that we have a better chance of preventing attacks like this from happening. "This only happens if we start working in greater co-operation with our intelligence partners," he added. "Which means not just the military, but also the police forces as well." Intelligence co-operation between Canada and its allies has been the subject of massive controversy in recent years, particularly after U.S. whistleblower Edward Snowden revealed that American and Canadian spy agencies have been running massive intelligence-gathering operations. The previous Conservative government also enacted controversial anti-terror legislation, Bill C-51, that increased the scope and powers of Canada's intelligence operations. The Liberals promised during the election to amend the law, but haven't said how. Instead, they have promised broad consultations first. Sajjan, who is responsible for the ultra-secret Communications Security Establishment, which is Canada's electronic spy agency, said "the safety of Canadians will always be paramount," but also that there "has to be a balance."

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5. Canada's new man in D.C.;

Ottawa Citizen, Mark Kennedy, 2016 01 19

Ottawa - Most Canadians have never heard of David MacNaughton. Yet the veteran of business circles and political backrooms is about to become Canada's most important envoy on the world stage, as ambassador to the United States. Why did Prime Minister Justin Trudeau tap him for the job at a critical time in Canada-U.S. relations? It's simple: trust. MacNaughton was Ontario cochair of Trudeau's campaign in last fall's election. He has had a long, close relationship with Trudeau's two senior advisers: chief of staff Katie Telford and principal secretary Gerald Butts. All three worked in Dalton Mc-Guinty's Liberal government more than a decade ago, and Telford later worked in StrategyCorp, the Toronto-based government relations firm chaired by MacNaughton. This personal connection could give MacNaughton real influence as he lobbies the White House and U.S. lawmakers on Canada's behalf. Derek Burney, a former Canadian ambassador to the U.S., said Monday that MacNaughton is a solid choice for the job. "I think he'll be a great ambassador in Washington. He's a very smart political operator in the best sense of that description."

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6. Canada not invited to anti-ISIS coalition meeting in Paris

CBC News, Katharine Starr, 2016 01 19

Canada has not been invited to an anti-ISIS coalition meeting this week in Paris, CBC News has learned. Defence ministers from France, the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, Australia and the Netherlands will join U.S. Secretary of Defence Ashton Carter on Wednesday to discuss the future of the fight against the extremist group. Canada's Minister of Defence Harjit Sajjan did not receive an invitation, his office confirmed to CBC News Network's Power & Politics. In an interview with host Rosemary Barton, parliamentary secretary to the minister of foreign affairs Omar Alghabra called the meeting "spontaneous" and that "not being invited didn't come as a surprise." Alghabra said the group of seven countries meet regularly, independently of Canada, and the only thing different this time is that they are meeting at the ministerial level. In a speech last week at Fort Campbell in Kentucky, Carter said the six other nations invited to the Paris meeting are "playing a significant role" in the fight against ISIS. While Sajjan didn't receive an invitation to Wednesday's meeting, he will attend talks organized by Carter on the fringes of a NATO meeting of defence ministers in Brussels Feb 11, and that's the important, meeting said Alghabra.

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7. Canada shut out of coalition meeting

Globe and Mail, Robert Fife, 2016 01 19

Canada has been excluded from a high-level meeting of "significant contributors" to the U.S.-led coalition called to discuss stepping up the fight to defeat Islamic State militants. The meeting of defence ministers from the United States, Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Australia and the Netherlands is set for Wednesday in Paris. Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan's office acknowledged he wasn't invited to Paris but denied Canada has lost its influence within the coalition. "It has nothing to do with our CF-18s. It has nothing to do with our contribution," said Renée Filiatrault, Mr. Sajjan's director of communications. "[U.S. Defense Secretary Ashton] Carter has already

requested a meeting of coalition partners that coincide with NATO on Feb. 11 and we're focused on that." Canadian CF-18 fighter jets are still conducting bombing missions in Iraq and Syria, even as the new Liberal government decides how to honour Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's election pledge to end the combat mission.

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8. Canada signals openness to restoring Iran diplomatic ties

Islamic Republic News Agency, 2016 01 19

Tehran - Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau expressed an openness to restoring diplomatic ties with Iran, four years after Canada closed its embassy in Tehran, reports said. Such a move would be a reversal of the foreign policy set by the previous Tory administration, which had vowed to keep its sanctions regime against Iran after a preliminary deal on the Islamic republic's nuclear program in 2013. Trudeau said Iran had made 'significant movement towards respecting international expectations' regarding its nuclear program, Western media reported. 'That is something positive and I expect there will be (diplomatic) links now between Canada and Iran,' he said. 'We will certainly be discussing that further at a cabinet meeting in the coming weeks,' he added, according to the AFP report. Canada broke diplomatic ties with Iran in September 2012.

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9. Canadian man detained in UAE pleads not guilty to three terror related charges

Canadian Press, Paola Loriggio, 2016 01 19

Toronto - A Canadian man detained for more than a year in the United Arab Emirates has pleaded not guilty to three terror-related charges on the first day of his long-awaited trial. Salim Alaradi's lawyer says his client learned Monday he was charged with funding terrorist organizations, supporting terrorist organizations, and co-operating with terrorist organizations. Paul Champ says two specific groups _ the February 17 Brigades and the Libyan Dawn _ were named. Alaradi's family and lawyers had previously received no explanation from U.A.E. authorities for his continued detention and there have been allegations he has been tortured behind bars. Champ says neither he nor Alaradi's nephew were allowed to attend Monday's hearing at the State Security Chamber of the U.A.E. Federal Supreme Court. But the Champ says Canada's ambassador was able to observe, as were two U.S. diplomats, since Alaradi is being tried with two Americans. The case has been adjourned to Feb. 15, Champ said in an email. ``Despite our serious concerns with the fairness of this trial, and obviously the allegations of torture, we remain optimistic that Mr. Alaradi will be acquitted of all charges and allowed to leave the country," he told The Canadian Press.

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10. Chinese soldiers implicated in U.S. military hacking case

Globe and Mail, Colin Freeze, 2016 01 19

Toronto - Two Chinese government soldiers were part of a hacking conspiracy allegedly carried out by a Chinese resident of Canada to steal secrets relating to components of F-35s and other American warplanes, according to court-filed documents. Prosecution "books of record," recently released by a Vancouver court following a request from The Globe and Mail, make explicit Chinese military ties that were not publicly alleged when this rare cyberespionage prosecution was launched in 2014. The case centres on Su Bin, a 50-year-old Chinese aviation industry entrepreneur residing in Vancouver, and the two unnamed "co-conspirators" revealed to be Chinese soldiers. Despite their military connection, it remains unclear whether the alleged scheme was statesponsored, or whether the conspirators were essentially soldiers moonlighting to enrich themselves. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is considering a visit to China this spring to talk about free trade. In recent years, both U.S. President Barack Obama and former prime minister Stephen Harper have gone public with concerns about Chinese cyberespionage. While most countries spy, China is feared to be in a class of its own when it comes to using hackers to steal military and commercial secrets. Four years ago, now-retired American spymaster Keith Alexander claimed that cybercrime costs the United States hundreds of billions of dollars each year. In June, 2014, such fears were given a human face. That's when Canadian police arrested Mr. Su on a U.S. warrant that charged him with being part of an illegal hacking conspiracy. The ongoing extradition case against him relies on intercepted e-mail exchanges, in which Mr. Su allegedly helped to focus the hacking efforts of the two Chinese co-conspirators.

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11. Des djihadistes-clients Les auteurs de l'attentat auraient résidé à l'hôtel Splendid

Le Soleil, Normand Provencher, 2016 01 19

Ouagadougou - Les auteurs de l'attentat meurtrier qui a fait 30 morts, dont six citoyens de Québec, vendredi à Ouagadougou, auraient séjourné comme clients à l'hôtel Splendid dans les semaines précédant le raid. «À ce qu'on dit, les djihadistes auraient logé au moins un mois à l'hôtel Splendid. Ça leur aurait permis de peaufiner leur attaque», indique le rédacteur en chef du journal Le pays, Boundi Ouoba, joint lundi matin dans la capitale burkinabè. La police locale tentait toujours lundi d'établir l'origine et le nombre de djihadistes qui ont mené l'assaut contre l'hôtel Splendid, très prisé des Occidentaux, ainsi que le café Cappuccino. «Ils étaient au moins trois», mentionne M. Ouoba. L'attaque a été revendiquée par Al-Qaida au Maghreb islamique. «Pour le moment, les djihadistes n'ont pas été identifiés formellement. On ne sait pas s'ils ont pu compter sur des complices», mentionne M. Ouoba. Certains corps ont été brûlés dans l'incendie provoqué par les terroristes. Au total, ce sont 29 personnes de 18 nationalités différentes qui ont trouvé la mort vendredi. Le bilan est passé à 30 morts lundi, après le décès d'une femme parmi la trentaine de blessés.

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12. Does Trudeau have what it takes to end Ottawa's cult of secrecy?

iPolitics.ca, Jeff Sallot, 2016 01 19

Op-ed: It's an axiom of politics -- the longer a government is in power, the more it likes working in the shadows. It took about a nanosecond for Stephen Harper's government to go dark after

coming to power in 2006. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government arrived promising "sunny ways". We'll see. The Liberals' first big test will come in a month or so. That's when we'll learn how the Liberals will deal with a court case that began with Harper's Conservatives shamefully betraying Access to Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault four years ago. Legault was investigating a citizen's complaint that the RCMP had failed to disclose long-gun registry data as required by the Access to Information Act. The then-Tory justice minister, Vic Toews (now a Harper appointee to the bench in Manitoba) promised Legault the data would not be destroyed until the court case was resolved. But last year the Tories tried to do just that -- getting rid of the data and retroactively absolving themselves and the Mounties of any possible criminal charges. In an omnibus budget bill, the Tories slipped through legislation that amended the access law so that it didn't apply to gun registry data. Neat trick. Nevertheless, Legault fights on in the courts. She thinks the data may still be sitting on a few hard drives at RCMP offices. Note: Jeff Sallot is one of Canada's most experienced and respected political writers. A graduate of the Kent State University journalism school, he shared a Pulitzer Prize with colleagues at The Akron Beacon-Journal for his eyewitness coverage of the massacre of four Kent State students by the Ohio National Guard during an anti-war demonstration.

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13. Terrorism Deaths Rattle Canada

Wall Street Journal, Carolyn King, Paul Vieira, 2016 01 19

Ottawa - A school board in Quebec City was reeling Monday after six Canadians with close ties to the provincial capital's board were among those killed in terror attacks in Burkina Faso. The tragedy and the death of a Canadian in an attack in Jakarta last week have intensified a focus in Canada on how the government is dealing with terrorism. Since the fatal attacks in Paris in November, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his Liberal government have faced intense pressure from opposition politicians to rethink their campaign pledge to remove six jet fighters from the U.S.-led mission in the Middle East against Islamic State. The government is prepared to do "everything we can" to fight terrorism, Mr. Trudeau said Monday, adding that his cabinet is drafting a new strategy to reassure Canadians and the country's allies of its commitment. "The fight against terrorism across the world is essential," said Mr. Trudeau. "We are looking at different ways of being engaged, in an effective way, to fight terrorism."

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14. Terrorism is a crime against the human race. Trudeau should say so.

iPolitics.ca, Tasha Kheiriddin, 2016 01 19

Op-ed: Last week, seven Canadians were killed in two separate terrorist attacks. In Jakarta, a Quebec man died in an attack on a hotel by ISIS. In an al Qaida-linked assault in Burkina Faso, six Quebecers were slaughtered as they sat in a café, where several of them were celebrating the end of a humanitarian mission. On the attack in Jakarta, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had this to say: "Obviously, our hearts of Canada and Canadians go out to the people of Indonesia and the families and victims of these terrible attacks ... Global Affairs is working ... to follow up on those reports that a Canadian was involved." About the attacks in Burkina Faso, Trudeau said this:

"Yesterday we got some terrible news from Africa. Six of our fellow citizens were murdered in a brutal act of violent terrorism." Trudeau then called for a moment of silence for the victims, "in solidarity with their families." Not a peep about standing up to terrorists. Not a word about bringing the perpetrators to justice. Nothing about solidarity with our allies against the scourge of terrorism. Not even a mention of the need to be strong, as a nation, in the face of these awful acts. The same morning, Trudeau visited a mosque in Peterborough which had been firebombed following the Paris terrorist attacks last fall. Fortunately, no one was hurt or killed, but the building was destroyed and the community badly shaken by the crime. After praising the community and its officials for rallying and rebuilding, he said, "Know that as your government, we stand with you. We will continue to denounce senseless acts of discrimination and like you, we will work hard to make our communities kinder, more open, more inclusive places to call home." Note: Tasha Kheiriddin is a political writer and broadcaster who frequently comments in both English and French. After practising law and a stint in the government of Mike Harris, Tasha became the Ontario director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation and co-wrote the 2005 bestseller, *Rescuing Canada's Right: Blueprint for a Conservative Revolution*.

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15. Top cop in B.C. terror case concerned about having experienced officers: court

Canadian Press, Gemma Karstens-Smith, 2016 01 19

Vancouver - The head of an RCMP team tasked with investigating a possible terror suspect has told a B.C. Supreme Court trial that he had concerns about entrapment and abuse of process near the start of a police sting. Emails read in court show Sgt. Bill Kalkat asked undercover officers how they planned to avoid potential legal issues months before John Nuttall and Amanda Korody were arrested for plotting to blow up the B.C. legislature in 2013. Nuttall and Korody were found guilty of terrorism charges last June, but the convictions have not been entered while defence lawyers argue that police entrapped their clients in a sting. Crown lawyer Peter Eccles asked Kalkat when he began thinking about entrapment and abuse of process as possible issues. "Late February, early March (of 2013)," Kalkat replied, adding that such issues are always a concern for investigators when a crime has not yet been committed. The senior officer also told court that he faced some challenges with the undercover team investigating Nuttall and trying to determine whether he posed a threat to public safety. An experienced officer was important for the case, Kalkat testified, adding he asked that someone who'd worked on similar national security investigations be assigned.

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16. Windsor man facing terrorism charges in Middle East

Windsor Star, Doug Schmidt, 2016 01 19

Windsor - A Windsor businessman, allegedly tortured while held for more than a year without charges in a Middle Eastern jail, found out Monday he's going to trial on terrorism-related charges. Salim Alaradi, a father of five, has been charged in the United Arab Emirates with three offences, for allegedly funding, supporting and co-operating with terrorist organizations. If found guilty, he faces "everything up to the death penalty," said Ottawa human rights lawyer Paul

Champ. Alaradi pleaded not guilty to each charge. In a phone interview with the Star from Abu Dhabi, Champ, who was barred from attending the hearing, said Alaradi attempted to roll up his sleeves to show the court physical torture marks but was told by the presiding judge to wait until trial. Arrested in August 2014 in the UAE with nine others of Libyan background, Alaradi was only able to meet his local lawyer for the first time Monday in court. Canada's ambassador to the UAE was permitted to attend Monday's brief hearing inside the state security chamber of the Persian Gulf state's supreme court. Champ and Alaradi's family, which had launched an international campaign pushing for Alaradi to be freed, have praised Ottawa's recent efforts to focus attention on the case. Marwa Alaradi has not seen or spoken to her father in 285 days. The heartbroken teen has been fighting for his freedom since he was arbitrarily arrested last August in the UAE, where he has been detained and tortured. The trial starts in February. Champ, who was retained by the family last fall, said Alaradi has never been politically active let alone had any connections to terrorist activities.

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17. 'Teens' Who Hacked CIA Director Also Hit White House Official

Motherboard (Vice), Lorenzo Franceschi-Bicchierai, 2016 01 19

New York - The hacking group that has been targeting government officials since October, when it broke into the AOL email account of CIA Director John Brennan, has claimed yet another victim. This time, the victim is President Barack Obama's senior advisor on science and technology John Holdren, Motherboard has learned. One of the cybercriminals linked to the group that hacked Brennan broke into Holdren's home telephone and email account and set it so that all the calls would get forwarded to the Free Palestine Movement. This is exactly what happened to US Director of National Intelligence James Clapper last week. On Monday, one of the members of the hacking group, which is known as Crackas With Attitude, or CWA, sent me an email to tell me about his latest feat. "If you don't believe me you can call the home phone," he said, before sending me a phone number that belongs to Holdren, according to public records. When I called the number, the founder of the Free Palestine Movement Paul Larudee picked up the phone. Larudee said that the same person who called him last week to tell him that he would receive calls directed at Clapper called him again on Monday morning. Cracka told me on Monday that the group hacked several other government officials, including some the group never publicly bragged about. He mentioned Amy Hess, the FBI's executive assistant director for science and technology, White House Communications Director Jen Psaki, White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough, the Deputy Secretary of State Tony Blinken, and the White House Deputy National Security Advisor Avril Haines.

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18. Bugs in Wi-Fi Hookups Cripple Web Security

Wall Street Journal, Jennifer Valentino-DeVries, 2016 01 19

New York - In late 2014, a small Massachusetts software company got an ominous email: A computer-security researcher said a flaw in one of its programs put millions world-wide at risk of being hacked. Engineers at the company, Allegro Software Development Corp., analyzed the flaw in the program, which can help users access the controls of home Internet routers. They quickly realized something strange: They had fixed this bug nearly 10 years earlier. But it lived on, even in new devices. The reason: A component maker had included the 2002 version of Allegro's software with its chipset and hadn't updated it. Router makers used those chips in more than 10 million devices. The router makers said they didn't know a later version of Allegro's software fixed the bug. The router flaw highlights an enduring problem in computer security: Fixing bugs once they have been released into the world is sometimes difficult and often overlooked. The flaw's creator must develop a fix, or "patch." Then it often must alert millions of technically unsophisticated users, who have to install the patch. The chain can break at many points: Patches aren't distributed. Users aren't alerted or neglect to apply the patch. Hackers exploit any weak link.

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19. Super Bowl Security: Federal Officials Mull Whether Attack on Fiber Optic Systems Connected to 'Plot' Against Super Bowl

WRC TV Washington (NBC), Seth MacFarlane, 2016 01 18

Washington - As Super Bowl 50 approaches, government security officials are examining whether recent attacks on fiber optic systems in California could be connected to a "more complex plot" against the game. A series of unsolved incidents -- in which fiber optic cables in the Bay Area were deliberately severed -- is one of several risks detailed in an internal memo shared by the FBI and U.S. Department of Homeland Security intelligence analysts in the lead-up to Super Bowl 50 on Feb. 7. The memo, obtained by the News4 I-Team, says "the FBI and DHS have no information to indicate any specific, credible threats to or associated with Super Bowl 50 or related events." But it also details the attacks against the fiber optic systems, the threat of drones against the game and potential game-day attacks in crowded spaces just outside Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, the host site of Super Bowl 50. The memo acknowledges lone wolf attackers "are of particular concern" to the game due to their ability to remain undetected before attacking. The severed fiber optic cables "raise] the concern individuals may be using these incidents to test and prod network durability in conjunction with a more complex plot," the memo said.

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20. The ugly truth: Defeating the Islamic State will take decades

Washington Post, David Ignatius, 2016 01 19

Column from Tampa - There's a scary disconnect between the somber warnings you hear privately from military leaders about the war against the Islamic State and the glib debating points coming from Republican and Democratic politicians. Military leaders know that they are fighting a ruthless adversary that has adjusted and adapted its tactics as the United States and its partners have joined the fight over the past 18 months. The jihadists have lost about 25 percent of

the territory they held in mid-2014, but they have devised innovative methods to compensate for their weakness. Some examples illustrate the agility of Islamic State commanders: They have used tunnels and other concealment tactics to hide their movements; they have developed super-size car bombs, packing explosives in bulldozers and other heavy equipment and sending them in waves against targets; they have deployed small drones for reconnaissance and may be preparing armed drones; they have used chemical weapons, such as chlorine and mustard gas, on the battlefield and may expand use of such unconventional weapons. U.S. commanders have learned how difficult it will be to create a Sunni force that can help clear and hold territory in Iraq and Syria that's now controlled by the Islamic State. Sunni tribal leaders mistrust the United States and doubt U.S. staying power. U.S. efforts to avoid casualties and resist "boots on the ground" reinforce the sense that the United States is pursuing a strategy of containment, not victory. The deeper lesson is that training a reliable military force that adheres to Western norms and standards is the work of a generation, not a few months. The U.S. desire for quick results is an exercise in frustration and disappointment. The sobering reality of this conflict that politicians - and the American public - seem least willing to face up to is that it will require a decades-long commitment.

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United Kingdom • Royaume-Uni

21. 'Hate crime is being inflamed': MPs debate banning Donald Trump from UK

The Guardian (London), Rowena Mason, 2016 01 19

London - Donald Trump was branded a racist demagogue, a buffoon and a "wazzock" in the British parliament as MPs debated whether to ban the Republican presidential candidate from coming to the UK. A series of MPs attacked Trump for his views on Muslims, women, disabled people, global warming and other issues in the three-hour discussion, with some suggesting he was inflaming hate crime against minorities. However, the majority of parliamentarians from both left and right dismissed the idea of banning the businessman and star of The Apprentice in the US, with one saying it would fuel his publicity machine and give him the "halo of victimhood". About 50 MPs out of 650 were present for the debate, which was triggered by a petition signed by more than half a million people. Any petition that attracts more than 100,000 signatories is considered by MPs to decide whether it is worthy of debate. James Brokenshire, a Home Office minister, speaking for the government, rejected the idea of a ban, while stressing he profoundly disagreed with Trump's comments about Muslims.

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22. GB: le service de renseignement MI5 élu meilleur employeur gay- friendly

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 01 19

Londres - Le MI5, le service de renseignement intérieur britannique, a été désigné mardi par une association LGBT comme le meilleur employeur de Grande-Bretagne pour le respect de la diversité sexuelle. Le service national de contre-espionnage et de sécurité intérieure est arrivé en tête du classement annuel établi par Stonewall, une association de défense des droits des

personnes LGBT (lesbiennes, gays, bisexuelles et transsexuelles). Le MI5, qui s'était classé septième l'année dernière, s'impose devant plus de 400 autres employeurs britanniques. La diversité est "vitale" pour le MI5, "parce que nous dépendons des compétences des personnes les plus talentueuses, quelles qu'elles soient et où qu'elles se trouvent", a déclaré le directeur général du service, Andrew Parker.

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23. MI5 comes out top in Stonewall list of gay-friendly employers

The Guardian (London), Ewan MacAskill, 2016 01 19

London - MI5 has come top in Stonewall's top 100 employers' list, a remarkable trajectory for the British intelligence agency that only lifted its historic ban on gay people 25 years ago. More than 400 companies took part in the list compiled by the charity, which campaigns for the equality of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people across Britain. Lloyds Banking Group was second, with the National Assembly for Wales in third. A survey revealed that MI5 last year provided staff with quality employment policies, training, career development opportunities, and especially support for LGBT employees. Ruth Hunt, the Stonewall chief executive, said: "MI5 have made fantastic strides in creating an inclusive workplace. This is an amazing achievement and demonstrates just how seriously diversity and inclusion is taken."

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24. Terrorism Act incompatible with human rights, court rules in David Miranda case

The Guardian (London), Owen Bowcott, 2016 01 19

London - A key clause in the Terrorism Act 2000 is incompatible with the European convention on human rights, the master of the rolls, Lord Dyson, has declared as part of a court of appeal judgment. His judgment came in the case of a man detained at Heathrow airport for carrying files related to information obtained by the US whistleblower Edward Snowden. Dyson's decision will force government ministers to re-examine the act, which has now been found to be inconsistent with European law. Dyson said that the powers contained in schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act (2000) were flawed. Schedule 7 of the Act allows travellers to be questioned in order to find out whether they appear to be terrorists. They have no right to remain silent or receive legal advice, and they may be detained for up to nine hours. "The stop power, if used in respect of journalistic information or material is incompatible with article 10 [freedom of expression] of the [European convention on human rights] because it is not 'prescribed by law'," the master of the rolls said.

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25. Australia not prepared for cyber war

ABC (Australia), Francis Keany, 2016 01 19

Canberra - A new report warns Australia is not adequately prepared for cyber war, with the nation "badly lagging" behind overseas counterparts and the Defence Force also at risk. Research by the Australian Centre for Cyber Security (ACCS) said Australian government and civilian organisations were well behind China and the United States, which have gone to great lengths to prepare themselves. The report released by Professor Greg Austin called for a "rapid catch-up in Australian capabilities for military security in the information age", warning Australia's response to the threats that have emerged in cyberspace has been "slow and fragmented". Another report by the ACCS has also warned the Australian Defence Force (ADF) has not done enough to test its ability to ward off cyber attacks against weapons systems. While Australia has relied on the United States for its security needs for the past 60 years, the report warned that support would be limited when it came to cyber warfare. This is despite Australia's involvement in the Five Eyes intelligence alliance. "The reliance by middle powers such as Australia on the United States for extended deterrence may not have as much impact in cyber space as for kinetic operations," Professor Austin said. He said while there was public debate about the future of Australia's naval, air and ground capabilities, there has been "no effort in public by the government to benchmark Australian national security needs in cyber space in the same way".

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26. Jihadi brother fled overseas

The Courier-Mail, Laura Banks and Mark Morri, 2016 01 19

Melbourne - The brother of teen terrorist Farhad Jabar, who shot and killed NSW police employee Curtis Cheng, fled Australia two weeks after the murder and is now being monitored by Australian security agencies. Farshad Jabar, 22, was known to both federal and state counter-terrorist agencies before his brother was shot dead after carrying out Mr Cheng's kerbside execution outside Parramatta Police Headquarters on October 2. Their sister, Shadi, 27, is now thought to be in Syria, having flown to Turkey just one day before her 15-year-old brother carried out the heinous terror attack. Farshad, who along with his siblings is an Iranian-born Iraqi-Kurd, contacted police on the afternoon of the shooting telling them he believed his brother was involved. "He (Farshad) was on the periphery of some individuals that were being monitored but not considered a real threat," an intelligence source said. In the aftermath of the attack, Farshad was interviewed several times about his alleged association with some known radicals, as well as his brother's contact with them. Police have not charged Farshad with any offence. While being questioned by police, Farshad told them that he, his wife and their young daughter were moving back to Iraq because of the media attention he and his family were getting. The young family left the country just days after the radicalised teen was buried in the Islamic section of Rookwood Cemetery.

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27. More force to fight ISIS

The Courier-Mail, Simon Benson and Tory Shepherd, 2016 01 19

Melbourne - Malcolm Turnbull will use a political address in Washington today to call for more boots on the ground in Syria and Iraq to defeat ISIS. They just won't be Australian boots. In a

landmark national security speech to the Centre for Strategic and Independent Studies the PM will sharpen his language on terrorism, saying it was wrong to say ISIS had nothing to do with Islam. "We should not be so delicate as to say ISIL and its ilk have 'got nothing to do with Islam'," he will say in his address. "But equally we should not tag all Muslims or their religion with responsibility for the crimes of a tiny criminal minority. That is precisely what the extremists want us to do." An Australian warship with about 200 crew will join a French aircraft carrier that is in the Middle East for the fight against Islamic extremists. The new commitment came as Mr Turnbull arrived in the US to meet President Barack Obama, days after Mr Obama called for Australia and other partners to do more to counter ISIS. Mr Turnbull visited Iraq and Afghanistan on his way to the US and said Australia would not commit more troops to the war on ISIS.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

28. 10 killed in blast targeting security forces vehicle in Khyber

Pakistan Dawn, Ali Akbar, 2016 01 19

Peshawar - At least 10 people were killed and over 20 wounded when a bomb exploded near a security checkpost situated close to the Karkhano Market area here on Tuesday, rescue officials said. Most of the dead include personnel from the Khyber Khasadar Force, rescue sources said. Tehreek-i- Taliban Pakistan (TTP) Fazlullah group claimed responsibility for the attack. The blast, which targeted a vehicle of the Khasadar Force, also killed the Assistant Line Officer Nawabshah and president of the Tribal Union of Journalists Mehmoob Shah. "Although the exact nature of the blast is being ascertained, it appears to be a suicide attack," said political agent Khyber Agency Shahab Ali Shah. He said 10 people were confirmed to have died in the blast that targeted Khasadar personnel. The explosion occurred in Khyber Agency's Jamrud area, near Karkhano, said Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Mubarak Zeb Khan. Karkhano is the gateway to Peshawar from the tribal belt.

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29. Intelligence agent gunned down by motorcyclists in Nimroz

Pajhwok Afghan News, Ramin, 2016 01 19

Zaranj - Unidentified gunmen have shot dead an agent of the intelligence service in southwestern Nimroz province, a security official said on Tuesday. The official, who wished to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News two motorcyclists opened fire on Mirajuddin late on Monday in the Shuhada Square of Zaranj, the provincial capital. Col. Abdul Hadi Aziz, the crime branch chief, confirmed the shooting and said the local spy network employee was on his way home when gunmen opened fire on him. The assailants managed to flee the scene, but police have launched a search for the killers. It was the third target killing incident in Zaranj in the past one week. (Full Report).

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Africa • Afrique

30. « Daech pousse AQMI à multiplier les attaques »

24 Heures (Suisse), Olivier Bot, 2016 01 19

Ouagadougou - L'attaque au Burkina Faso s'inscrit dans une lutte d'influence avec Daech. Entretien avec Lemine Ould M. Salem En s'attaquant à des expatriés à Ouagadougou, capitale du Burkina Faso, considéré comme le pays « sanctuaire du Sahel », Al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique (AQMI), qui revendique l'attaque qui a fait 29 morts dont deux Valaisans, a fait la démonstration sanglante de sa force de frappe. Déjouant le déploiement militaire important de l'opération Barkhane de l'armée française avec les troupes des pays du G5 du Sahel (Mauritanie, Mali, Niger, Tchad et Burkina Faso), le groupe de Mokhtar Belmokhtar, Al-Mourabitoune, a renouvelé l'attaque commando du Radisson Blu de Bamako au Mali (22 morts). Lémine Ould M. Salem, correspondant au Sahel de 24 heures, est l'un des rares journalistes à avoir été en contact avec des combattants et des chefs djihadistes de la région. Il a réalisé un film intitulé Salafistes (sortie le 27 janvier) qui tente de comprendre la motivation de ce courant de l'islam fondamentaliste dont une branche est djihadiste. Entretien. Al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique a revendiqué l'attaque de Ouagadougou, menée par le groupe de Mokhtar Belmokhtar. Il est désormais le chef d'AQMI? Depuis la mort d'Abou Zeid et l'opération Serval de l'armée française au Mali, c'est effectivement lui le chef d'AQMI. Ce sont des « retrouvailles », car il avait quitté AQMI en 2012, même si les liens n'étaient pas tout à fait rompus.

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31. Arrestation d'un Belge lié aux attentats de Paris

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 01 18

Al-Mohammadiya, Maroc - Un Belge d'origine marocaine « lié directement » aux auteurs des attentats de Paris, a été arrêté la semaine dernière au Maroc, a annoncé ce lundi le ministère de l'Intérieur à Rabat. Identifié par ses seules initiales, « J.A », l'homme a été arrêté vendredi dans la ville d'al-Mohammadiya, près de Casablanca, a précisé le ministère dans un communiqué. Il est « lié directement à certains auteurs des attentats de Paris » qui ont fait le 13 novembre 130 morts et ont été revendiqués par le groupe Etat islamique (EI). Selon l'enquête, ce Belge s'est rendu en Syrie avec l'un des kamikazes qui s'est fait exploser dans la région de Saint-Denis près du Stade-de-France. Il a rejoint dans un premier temps le Front al-Nosra, la branche syrienne d'al-Qaïda, avant d'être enrôlé par les jihadistes de l'EI, a ajouté le ministère.

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32. Attaques terroristes à Ouaga - La réaction du N23 et la liste nominative des victimes

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 01 18

Ouagadougou - La principale organisation de la société civile de la diaspora burkinabè le N23 (Mouvement du 23 novembre), dans une déclaration, a appelé, le 17 janvier, les membres de la diaspora burkinabè à travers le monde à se mobiliser. Le N23 demande à « toute la diaspora burkinabè et au peuple burkinabè vivant sur tout le territoire burkinabè de se mobiliser pour

apporter la riposte appropriée afin de mettre hors d'état de nuire le terrorisme dans toutes ses formes ». Aussi, le coordonnateur général de cette organisation, Moumouni Pograwa, a-t-il demandé, au peuple Burkinabè de se dresser comme un seul homme contre le terrorisme. Et cela pour mettre fin à toute idée de déstabilisation du Burkina. « Aucune organisation terroriste ne doit affaiblir ou détruire les efforts de construction d'un Burkina Faso démocratique, paisible et prospère », a-t-il insisté. Après qu'il ait présenté les condoléances de son mouvement aux familles éplorées et un prompt rétablissement aux blessés. Il faut rappeler que c'est dans la nuit du 15 au 16 janvier que des terroristes ont perpétrés une attaque d'une rare violence contre l'Hôtel Splendid, et le café Capuccino. Revendiquée par l'organisation criminelle Al-Qaïda au maghreb islamique (Aqmi), cette attaque a fait une vingtaine de morts d'une dizaine de nationalité.

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33. Comment se finance le terrorisme au Sahel ? Emilio Ernesto Manfredi Chercheur et analyste politique

La Croix, François D'Alancon, 2016 01 19

Non identifié - Comment se finance le terrorisme au Sahel ? Emilio Ernesto Manfredi Chercheur et analyste politique, spécialiste du Sahel L'attaque djihadiste survenue à Ouagadougou vendredi et samedi (29 morts) a été revendiquée par Al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique (Aqmi), qui l'a attribuée au groupe Al-Mourabitoune de Mokhtar Belmokhtar. Ce dernier groupe avait déjà revendiqué l'attentat du 20 novembre 2015 contre l'hôtel Radisson Blu de Bamako (20 morts). « Les groupes djihadistes se financent de plusieurs manières à travers leurs relations avec les communautés tribales et locales de la région, zone de transit des produits licites et illicites entre la Méditerranée et l'Afrique de l'Ouest. Les groupes djihadistes opèrent sur ces routes, bénéficiant parfois d'arrangements financiers avec des criminels locaux qui assurent la sécurité des convois. Les enlèvements sont une autre source de revenus. Une forme d'interconnexion existe entre groupes djihadistes, réseaux criminels, élites et institutions locales. Dans certains cas, les réseaux criminels impliqués dans le trafic de migrants bénéficient de la connivence et parfois de la coopération active des fonctionnaires et représentants de l'État.

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34. Somali General: Kenyans Were Warned of Al-Shabab Attack

Voice of America, Harun Maruf, 2016 01 18

Mogadishu - A Kenyan army unit reportedly decimated in an attack by al-Shabab militants last Friday had received warning of the assault, according to a Somali general. The commander of Somali troops in the Gedo region, General Abbas Ibrahim Gurey, tells VOA's Somali service that the unit's commander was given word of a possible attack hours before the first bullet was fired. "It was information we knew, the information was received, and they were ready for it," Gurey said in a telephone interview Sunday. The Gedo region's deputy governor has said the attack killed at least 40 Kenyan soldiers stationed at an African Union base in El-Adde, a town in southern Somalia, near the border with Kenya

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35. Un homme lié aux attentats de Paris arrêté à Mohammedia

La Nouvelle Tribune (Maroc), Journaliste maison, 2016 01 18

Mohammedia, Maroc - Le bureau central des investigations judiciaires (BCIJ) relevant de la Direction Générale de la Surveillance du Territoire (DGST) a réussi à arrêter, vendredi dernier à Mohammedia, un ressortissant belge d'origine marocaine en relation directe avec certains auteurs des attentats terroristes perpétrés en novembre dernier à Paris. L'enquête en cours a révélé que le prévenu a voyagé en Syrie à partir de la Belgique en compagnie de l'un des kamikazes de Saint Denis (Paris) pour rejoindre, dans un premier temps, le « Front Al-Nosra » avant de rallier, par la suite, les rangs de l'organisation « Daech » où il a bénéficié d'entraînements militaires sur le maniement de différents types d'armes et sur les techniques de guérilla, avant d'être affecté sur l'un des fronts du conflit, indique un communiqué du ministère de l'Intérieur. Lors de son séjour en Syrie, le mis en cause avait noué des liens étroits avec des dirigeants de Daech, dont le cerveau des attentats de Paris, et qui avaient menacé de lancer des attaques terroristes contre la France et la Belgique, souligne le communiqué.

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36. 'DSI must speed up probe into top monk'

The Nation, 2016 01 19

Ex-head of buddhist reform panel says doubt over sangha nominee needs to be resolved soon
THE senior abbot nominated to be the next Supreme Patriarch is facing a major challenge, under intense pressure from an probe by the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) into a luxury car at his temple. "This case could generate a real controversy. To ensure that the appointment of the Supreme Patriarch will be smooth, the DSI should clearly answer three questions that the public has in mind," Paiboon Nititawan, head of a Buddhist-reform panel of the now-defunct National Reform Council, said yesterday. He came forward to formally demand that the DSI urgently expedite its inquiry. The DSI must determine whether the Mercedes-Benz belonging to Somdej Phra Maharatchamangk-lachan (Chuang Varapunya), the 80-year-old abbot of Pak Nam Temple, was illegal and how the monk acquired it. "Also, the DSI must check whether the monk has violated any law," he said. Somdej Chuang is now the acting Supreme Patriarch. Last week, the senior monk won the endorsement of the Supreme Sangha Council to become the top Sangha head in Thailand.

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37. Agencies fear ISIS 'lone wolf' attack during Hollande visit

Times of India, Bharti Jain, 2016 01 19

New Delhi - The central security establishment feels the threat of a "lone wolf" attack by an Islamic State-inspired element is real, given the out it's appeal among net-savvy Indian youth. In fact, the runup to the Republic Day is seen as a crucial period when ISIS sympathisers may try to register their presence by indulging in a lone wolf strike anywhere in the country. "The fact that French President Francois Hollande is the chief guest for Republic Day parade this year, may encourage elements under IS influence to indulge in a one-off attack to attract global attention," said a source. Incidentally, Paris saw terror attacks by IS in November last year, leading Hollande to order retaliatory air strikes in ISIS territory. "If there are indeed hardened IS sympathizers in India, there is a good chance that they might try to protest against Hollande's visit by indulging in a lone wolf strike.

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38. IS shows new characteristics in Jakarta attacks: Analysis

Jakarta Post, 2016 01 19

The Jan. 14 terrorist attacks in Jakarta, for which the Islamic State (IS) group has claimed responsibility, echoed the pattern of the sieges that happened in Mumbai in 2008 and in Paris in November 2015: a coordinated assault by a team of suicide bombers and active shooters. It is already a globally known concept for inciting terror, but for Indonesia, which has been a target of terrorist bombings by al-Qaeda affiliates for more than a decade, this is a new form of attack introduced by IS on the country's soil. "Definitely, the Islamic State group's strategy is different from that of al-Qaeda, since their ideologies differ as well," terrorism expert Al-Chaidar told thejakartapost.com recently. Unlike al-Qaeda, whose previous attacks in Indonesia involved massive bombings, Indonesian IS affiliates had never specialized in bomb-making as they never had the chance to learn the skills, leading them to be only able to create small explosive devices, Al-Chaidar said. Some allies of al-Qaeda's regional leader who was killed in 2010, Noordin M. Top, who conducted military training in Aceh, North Sumatra, have refused to pass their bomb-making skills to IS affiliates in the region.

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39. N.Korean Hardliner to Helm Office Dealing with S.Korea

Chosun Ilbo, 2016 01 19

The elderly North Korean hardliner behind the sinking of a South Korean Navy corvette in 2010 has apparently been appointed to lead the Workers Party office dealing with cross-border affairs. The appointment of Kim Yong-chol (70), formerly head of the General Bureau of Reconnaissance, to helm the United Front Department, provides more fuel to speculation that military hardliners are gaining the upper hand in internal power struggles. Kim Yong-chol replaces Kim Yang-gon, who died in a mysterious car accident late last year, according to government sources here Monday. Born in Ryanggang Province in 1946, Kim Yong-chol

graduated from Kim Il-sung Military Academy and rose to the position of chief of the General Bureau of Reconnaissance in February of 2009.

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40. Pak has taken no action against Masood Azhar, Jaish: Intelligence sources

Times of India, Bharti Jain, 2016 01 19

New Delhi - India doubts that Pakistan has taken action against anybody of any consequence in Jaish-e-Muhammed, the terror group which allegedly carried out the attack on the Pathankot airbase, a suspicion which may have a bearing on when the Modi government agrees to hold the foreign secretary-level dialogue. Sources in the intelligence establishment here told TOI that, contrary to claims in the Pakistani media, Maulana Masood Azhar, the India-hating chief of Jaish, has not been detained. In fact, information trickling in suggests that though three Jaish operatives were detained in Pakistan, it is not for any direct role in the Pathankot attack but because literature on Jaish was found in their possession. Indian intelligence officials now suspect that the news of Azhar being taken into custody could be more of a "misinformation".

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41. Security agencies outline plans to tackle threats

Straits Times, 2016 01 19

Singapore is boosting the capabilities of its security agencies to deal with a range of threats, from terrorism to cyber crime. The Singapore Armed Forces is developing know-how such as unmanned systems and robotics, and the police are installing cameras at HDB estates and public areas to deter criminal and terror activity. These broad plans to keep Singapore safe and secure were outlined by the Defence, Foreign Affairs and Home Affairs ministries yesterday, in addenda to President Tony Tan Keng Yam's address to Parliament. Speaking at the opening of Parliament last Friday, Dr Tan said Singapore can remain sovereign only if its people are able to determine their own fate. Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security Teo Chee Hean, who oversees the National Security Coordination Secretariat, said yesterday that strengthening social resilience is also crucial. "In the event of a crisis, it is not just the security agencies that will be called to respond. Our society as a whole will also be tested," he said. "We must ensure that we can bounce back from any incident, and emerge stronger and more united." Several other ministries will release their plans this week. MPs will then debate these policies when Parliament sits for a week from next Monday. (full article)

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42. Spy chief's role threatens hopes for Korea peace

London Times, Richard Lloyd Perry, 2016 01 19

Tokyo - Kim Jong Un, the North Korean leader, has placed a hardline spy chief in charge of relations with South Korea, in a setback for peace efforts on the peninsula. According to an intelligence report presented to South Korean MPs, Kim Yong Chol was appointed to the job

after its previous occupant died in a car crash last month. As head of the general reconnaissance bureau, General Kim is held responsible by South Korea for acts of aggression that have brought the two sides close to war. In 2010 he ordered a submarine attack on a South Korean naval corvette, the Cheonan, which killed 46 sailors. General Kim, 70, was formerly a bodyguard of Kim Jong Un's father, Kim Jong Il. After several years moving up the bureau's hierarchy, he became its head in 2009, the year that other intelligence agencies were consolidated under its authority. Intelligence about General Kim's appointment was included in a report by the Yeouido Institute, a think tank affiliated with South Korea's ruling party, the contents of which were leaked to journalists in Seoul yesterday. (Full report).

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43. SBU says IS supporters recruiting new members in Ukraine

UNIAN (Ukraine), Staff report, 2016 01 18

Kiev - "In Ukraine, there are separate groups of IS ideology supporters, who are engaged in propaganda among people they know and in the recruitment of new members, the relocation of recruited persons, including those from the Caucasus and Central Asia via Ukraine and Turkey to the Syrian-Iraqi zone for fighting for or against the ISIS. They also provide [recruits] with material and financial support, temporary accommodation and supply [them] with passports and travel documents," the SBU Security Service of Ukraine told Gordon. According to the SBU, the recruits include both immigrants from Muslim countries, permanently or temporarily residing in Ukraine, and Ukrainian citizens who do not belong to ethnic groups that practice Islam. "As of today, the SBU has identified 50 people from among residents of Crimea (Ukrainian citizens and foreigners residing in Crimean territory), who are involved in fighting in Syria and Iraq as part of the Islamic State, Al-Nusra Front and related organizations. In addition, the SBU revealed 63 IS supporters from among foreign nationals who have been brought to Turkey through our country," the security service reported. The SBU concludes that Ukraine is considered by IS agents mainly as a zone for supporting terrorists' activity in third countries. At the same time, the security agency does not rule out the possibility of IS terrorist attacks on Ukrainian-based representative offices, enterprises, institutions, organizations and individual citizens of the anti-terrorist coalition.

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44. 28 Iranians Had Charges Dropped Or Released Under Swap Deal with US

Fars News Agency, 2016 01 19

Tehran - While earlier reports said 7 Iranians were released from prison and 14 others had their charges dropped under a swap deal with the US that also included freedom of four Americans in the weekend, Iran's foreign ministry spokesman on Monday put the total number of the Iranians privileged by the deal at 28. "An overall number of 28 Iranians were freed or were relieved of

judicial restrictions within the framework of the agreement," Hossein Jaber Ansari told reporters in his weekly press conference in Tehran on today. Yet, he said there are many court trials or cases involving Iranians in the US, and closing all of them under the deal was not possible. "We tried to include most of these cases in the framework of the recent deal, but we could strike an agreement" over just a number of them. 4 Iranian-American nationals who were held for various charges in Iran were freed under a prisoners swap deal on Saturday.

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45. Iran Vows to Continue Advancing Missile Program

Fars News Agency, 2016 01 19

Tehran - Iran reacted to the new US sanctions after implementation of the nuclear deal with vows to further make progress in its missile program. "As explicitly stated before, the Islamic Republic of Iran will respond to such propaganda and harassing measures with pursuing its legal missile program more seriously and enhancing its national defense and security capabilities," a statement by the foreign ministry said on Monday. It also underlined that allegations against Iran's defensive and deterrent missile program by the US which is the biggest seller of advanced weapons to the regional states, used against the Palestinian and Yemeni civilians, are not legally and morally legitimate. "Iran's missile program has not been designed for carrying nuclear weapons at all and therefore, it doesn't violate any international rule," the statement added.

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46. Journalist wanted to show positive image of oft-demonized Iran

Globe and Mail, Tu Thanh Ha, 2016 01 19

Jason Rezaian, the Washington Post foreign correspondent recently released from a jail in Iran, was enamoured with that country. Just two years ago, he and his wife, who is also a reporter, were optimistic about the future. It was early in the summer of 2014 and the two journalists were in a café in Darband, a leafy district where locals come to escape Tehran's heat. The couple were being interviewed by Anthony Bourdain, the host of the CNN travel show Parts Unknown. Mr. Rezaian explained how much he wanted to give readers a more nuanced portrayal of a country often demonized by American politicians and media. "When you walk down the streets, you see a different side of things. People are proud. The culture is vibrant. People have a lot to say." A dual U.S.-Iranian citizen, he missed some things about his native California - avocados, burritos - but embraced his complicated life in Iran, his late father's country of origin. "I love it and I hate it, you know," he told Mr. Bourdain. "It's home. It's become home." Six weeks later, Mr. Rezaian and his wife, Yeganeh Salehi, were arrested.

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47. 4 Libyan detainees in UAE charged with pro-Brotherhood links (Canada).

Middle East Eye, 2016 01 19

Abu Dhabi - The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has charged four Libyan detainees with supporting pro-Muslim Brotherhood Libyan organisations, a rights group said in a statement on Monday. All four of the Libyan nationals denied the charges brought against them during their trials on Monday, the International Campaign for Freedom in the UAE said. The cases were adjourned until 15 February 2015, the statement added. According to court documents, the four are charged with providing funds, vehicles, telecommunication devices, night vision goggles and bulletproof vests to two pro-Brotherhood organisations in Libya, the Emirati government-owned news site The National reported. One of the detained is Canadian citizen Salim Alaradi, a high-profile prisoner whom human rights groups have called on the UAE to release.

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48. Aden security chief escapes assassination attempt

Gulf News, Staff Report, 2016 01 19

Sana'a - A booby-trapped car struck the home of the security chief of Yemen's southern port city of Aden on Sunday, killing about eight people, a police official said. "A four-wheel-drive vehicle loaded with explosives struck the main gate of the residential building of Aden's security chief, Brigadier Shalal Ali Shayea, leaving eight people dead -- mostly bodyguards," a local police official said on condition of anonymity. Witnesses said that "a huge blast was heard near the house of Aden's security chief in Aden's neighbourhood of Tawahi and followed by exchange of heavy gunfire." A spokesman for Aden's local government said that "for the second time, Brigadier General Shalal Shayea survived a terrorist car bombing unharmed, but some soldiers were killed and others injured at the scene."

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49. Gunmen kill judge in Yemen's Aden

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 01 19

Aden - Gunmen on a motorbike on Monday shot dead a judge in Aden, in the latest attack in the city serving as the government's temporary base. The attackers opened fire at Abdulhadi Mohammed near his house in the Mansura district, killing the judge, a police official said, adding they managed to flee. There has been a growing number of attacks and assassinations in Aden, the government's temporary capital, by extremists targeting members of the security forces and government officials. Al Qaeda and the rival ISIL group both have a presence in the city, where extremists occupy government buildings and are seen patrolling several districts and intimidating civilians. Aden was rocked by months of fighting last year between pro-government forces and Shiite Houthi rebels who seized the capital Sanaa in September 2014 before expanding southwards.

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50. Russia plays key role in stability of the world, Qatar Emir tells Putin

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 01 19

Moscow - President Vladimir Putin and the Emir of Qatar on Monday discussed the Syrian crisis, as global powers seek to push the warring sides towards the negotiating table. "Russia plays a main role when it comes to stability in the world," Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani said at the start of the meeting at the Kremlin. "We very much want to develop relations with Russia and find a solution to a number of problems related to stability in some countries of our region," he added. Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov said both Moscow and Doha were expecting that, in accordance with a UN-backed plan, talks between the Syrian government and the opposition would begin "in the nearest future". Global powers are seeking to push the Syrian regime and opposition to the negotiating table in a bid to end the nearly five-year war that has cost the lives of 260,000 people.

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51. Detained Turkish reporters defiant over espionage claim

BBC News, Selin Girit, 2016 01 19

Istanbul - "We were kept in total isolation for 40 days. We were all alone in our prison cells. This punishment is the same a murderer of five people gets," writes Can Dunder, a prominent Turkish journalist currently behind bars in Istanbul. Mr Dunder, editor-in-chief of the opposition Cumhuriyet daily has been in pre-trial detention for almost two months now, along with his colleague Erdem Gul, the newspaper's Ankara bureau chief. In November, a court in Istanbul charged both journalists with espionage after their reports alleged Turkey's intelligence services were sending weapons and ammunition to Islamist rebels fighting the Syrian regime. Turkish security forces intercepted a convoy of lorries near the Syrian border in January 2014, and Cumhuriyet alleged these vehicles were linked to Turkey's MIT intelligence organisation. Alongside the newspaper report was video footage showing police discovering crates of weapons hidden beneath boxes of medicine. The government insisted that the lorries were not carrying weapons to the Islamist rebels as alleged, but bringing aid to Syria's Turkmen minority, a Turkic-speaking ethnic group.

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52. Sri Lankan tried in Germany for backing LTTE

Daily Mirror (Sri Lanka), 2016 01 19

A Sri Lankan-born man in Germany, charged with the membership of the LTTE which Germany considers a terrorist organization, went on trial on Monday, the AFP reported. The 53-year-old German national, identified only as Yogendran G. by the court, is accused of having raised funds from 2007- 2009 for the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in and around the northern city of Hamburg. The LTTE committed a string of attacks against civilian targets and national

infrastructure during the country's decades- long civil war that killed more than 100,000 people and ended in 2009 when government forces crushed the rebels. Prosecutors in the Hamburg court said the man raised more than 81,000 euros (\$88,000) for combat and terrorist activities including suicide attacks by the LTTE in its campaign for a separate Tamil homeland in the South Asian country. The accused, who said he had been a German citizen since 2007, did not speak in his defence on the opening day of the trial, which was scheduled to run until March 7. (full article)

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53. Un proche d'Abaaoud arrêté

Le Soir (Belgique), Ludivine Ponciau avec M.B., 2016 01 19

Casablanca, Maroc - Terrorisme Gelel Attar était lié aux auteurs des attentats de Paris Le djihadiste belgo-marocain a été interpellé près de Casablanca. Il fait partie de la même « bande » de jeunes radicalisés que les terroristes qui ont péri à Saint-Denis. Les autorités marocaines ont procédé, le 15 janvier dernier dans la ville d'al-Mohammadiya (près de Casablanca), à l'interpellation d'un nouveau suspect dans le cadre des attentats de Paris. Le Belgo-Marocain Gelel (ou Jalal) Attar, âgé de 26 ans, serait, indiquait ce lundi le ministère de l'Intérieur à Rabat « lié directement à certains auteurs des attentats de Paris ». Le ministère qui ne précise toutefois pas s'il est soupçonné d'avoir activement pris part aux attaques qui ont fait 130 morts le 13 novembre dernier. Qui est Gelel Attar ? Ce Molenbeekois de 26 ans est un proche d'Abdelhamid Abaaoud et de Chakib Akrouh, les deux hommes qui ont trouvé la mort dans l'assaut de Saint-Denis le 18 novembre. Pour rappel, Abaaoud est à ce stade considéré comme le cerveau ou, du moins, l'un des logisticiens de l'attaque. Quant à Akrouh, il a été identifié la semaine dernière comme étant le kamikaze qui s'est fait exploser dans un appartement de Saint-Denis. On sait aujourd'hui qu'Abaaoud et Akrouh habitaient le même quartier et faisaient partie de la même « bande » de jeunes Molenbeekois radicalisés.

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Canada

1. Abu Sayyaf bandits demand P1 billion for 3 foreigners, Filipina captives

Business Mirror, 2016 02 12

ABU Sayyaf bandits are demanding P1 billion for the release of three foreigners and the Filipino woman they kidnapped in September last year. Senior Supt. Roberto Fajardo, National Police Anti-Kidnapping Group (AKG) commander, said the victims were abducted on Samal Island, Davao del Norte. Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad and Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall, and Hall's Filipino girlfriend Maritess Flor were still being held by the bandits in a still-undisclosed area in Sulu. They [victims] are still with the Abu Sayyaf. The problem is the Abu Sayyaf has no ideology and they are asking for money, which is very impossible, really, P1 billion; so that is the problem, Fajardo said during the anniversary of the AKG on Friday. Fajardo also disclosed that the leader of a kidnap-for-ransom group, who is already held at the maximum-security compound in the New Bilibid Prison, appeared to have not abandoned his criminal activity, as he was even involved in the negotiations of one incident. What is bad is, there was even a kidnapper who is negotiating, although he was already behind bars; he is at Bilibid, Fajardo said, refusing to identify the kidnap leader or even his group, or even the particular incident. We have a good coordination with the director of the Bilibid, but despite that, the kidnapers' operations inside the prison were continuing, he said. Fajardo said kidnapping cases in the country have already declined, principally because kidnap victims were already cooperating with authorities. He said that before, victims were afraid to seek the assistance of the police and even refuse to cooperate in the filing of their cases, thus, emboldening kidnap-for-ransom groups to keep on with their activity.

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2. Canadian businessman goes on trial in Abu Dhabi in terror case

Globe and Mail, Tu Thanh Ha, 2016 02 15

Column: After nearly a year and a half behind bars, a Canadian- Libyan businessman is scheduled to go to trial on Monday in Abu Dhabi, in a case that has been scrutinized by a United Nations human-rights panel because of allegations that he was arbitrarily detained and tortured. Salim Alaradi, a 48-year-old former Vancouver resident, has pleaded not guilty to three terror-related charges. His lawyer says the prosecution's case is based solely on confessions extracted under duress. Mr. Alaradi will be tried in first instance in the highest judicial echelon of the United Arab Emirates, the State Security Chamber of the Federal Supreme Court, which raises concerns that there will be limited public access and the verdict can't be appealed. The trial begins on the same day the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention is expected to release its opinion on the case of Mr. Alaradi and four other men. They were among 10 businessmen of Libyan ancestry taken into custody by plainclothes security officers around August and September, 2014.

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3. Liberals look to rejuvenate the PS

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 02 15

Ottawa - PM urged to recruit young people, professionals from other sectors. Knowing the talent pool of the public service will need to be renewed to push forward its agenda, the Liberal government is trying to figure out how to attract more young people to a sector where the

average age of a new hire is pushing 40. The rising age of new recruits was flagged for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who is also the minister of youth, as an "area in need of increased attention." According to Privy Council Office briefing documents, the average age of new hires has hit 37, and few young people are being hired. Once hired, however, people stay in the public service until they retire at about age 60. "Sustained efforts are needed to recruit young people and to attract highly skilled professionals from other sectors, especially those with the skill sets needed for the future work of the public service," the briefing documents say. The average age of entry into the public service has been creeping up, rather than decreasing, as more and more jobs require university degrees. A decade ago, the average age of a new hire was 36 - 35 for women and 36 for men. The public service is an older workforce compared with the private sector. It emerged out of the restraints of the Conservative era smaller and slightly older. Today, it is largely middle-aged, with more than 60 per cent of the employees between age 35 and 54, and the largest concentration huddled between age 40 and 54.

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4. Ottawa eyes fresh funding for UN group with alleged ties to Hamas

Globe and Mail, Shawn McCarthy, 2016 02 15

Ottawa - The federal Liberals are open to restoring funding for a controversial UN agency that works with Palestinians and was cut off by the former Conservative government over its alleged ties to Hamas, International Development Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau confirmed Sunday. The government has indicated it wants Canada to return to its role as an "honest broker" in the region while remaining closely allied with Israel. It is now reviewing whether to extend humanitarian funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, which was established in 1950 to deal with Palestinian refugees and continues to work in Gaza, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. "The channel of communication is open," Ms. Bibeau said on CTV's Question Period with The Globe and Mail's Robert Fife, which aired Sunday. "We're discussing it; we're evaluating the situation. And a decision will be taken shortly." The Liberals are eyeing a plan to provide \$15-million to the Palestinian relief agency, The Globe and Mail reported earlier this month. But B'nai Brith Canada, a leading Jewish lobby group, said Sunday that it strongly opposes the resumption of funding to UNRWA.

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5. Trudeau's vision of military mission unfocused

Globe and Mail, Campbell Clark, 2016 02 15

Column: Justin Trudeau is remaking Canada's military in a Liberal image. But it remains an unfocused picture. If Canadians think he can bring back the past of Canadian peacekeeping, they have the wrong impression. On Wednesday, Mr. Trudeau's Liberals will open a debate in Parliament on the revamping of the military mission against Islamic State. And when United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon visited Ottawa Friday, Mr. Trudeau delivered a reminder that he has promised to revamp the overall mission of the military, and bring the Canadian Forces back to UN peacekeeping. Together, it presents an image of a military that will be less warrior and more peacekeeper, less bombing and more blue beret. But Mr. Trudeau's

disjointed reasoning for withdrawing CF-18s from air strikes in Iraq and Syria makes it hard to tell what his view of the military's role really is. And reaching back to the iconic peacekeeping of the past presents an expectation that will clash with reality. "One of the problems is that peacekeeping is a lot more kinetic or violent than it used to be," said Stephen Saideman, a Carleton University professor and author of *Adapting in the Dust: Lessons Learned from Canada's War in Afghanistan*. Spoilers who seek to disrupt peacekeepers' missions have learned one way is to shoot at them. There's often not much peace to keep.

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6. UN praises anti-radicalization efforts

Montreal Gazette, Jesse Feith, 2016 02 15

Montreal - Montreal's centre for the prevention of radicalization leading to violence is a unique model cities around the world can learn from, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said while visiting it Saturday morning. "We are living in a world of peril because of the spread of radicalization and extremism," Ban said alongside Mayor Denis Coderre before praising the work the centre has done. "I hope that with my experience here, and the lessons I will learn from the centre, we can more effectively and coherently counter terrorism and extremism." Ban, who was in Montreal as part of a three-day visit to Canada, noted the importance of the centre's preventive approach. "We have to address the root of this," he said. "We have to address the reasons why." Since opening last March, the centre has received 612 calls on its hotline, 144 of which were worrisome enough for the centre's social workers and psychologists to "directly intervene." Nine cases were handed to the Montreal police because of either a perceived danger for the person's own security or a danger to others. The centre's director, Herman Okomba-Debarice, said it's been receiving a steady flow of calls after experiencing a peak following November's attacks in Paris.

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7. Volontaires pour aller combattre l'état islamique

Journal de Montréal, Sarah-Maude Lefebvre, 2016 02 15

Ottawa - Il s'engage à presque 50 ans Des Québécois ont contacté l'armée canadienne après les attentats de Paris Éric Ladigue aura bientôt 50 ans et il est pourtant l'une des plus vertes recrues de l'armée canadienne. Le Français d'origine a tout laissé tomber pour défendre son nouveau pays, le Canada. Pourquoi avoir choisi de devenir militaire à l'aube de la cinquantaine ? Et pourquoi au Québec plutôt qu'en France ? J'ai pensé à l'armée toute ma vie. J'ai toujours été intéressé par la politique internationale, les conflits. Le Canada me permet d'intégrer l'armée à mon âge. Ce n'aurait pas été possible en France, où le recrutement cesse à 34 ans. Aussi, j'ai besoin quelque part de remercier le Canada de m'avoir accueilli, d'amener ma pièce à l'édifice pour qu'on aille de l'avant comme pays. J'ai obtenu ma citoyenneté canadienne l'an dernier. Trois jours après, je déposais mon dossier de candidature. J'étais très motivé.

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8. CIA director John Brennan

60 Minutes (CBS), Scott Pelley, 2016 02 14

Interview - The ISIS assault on Paris and the ISIS-inspired massacre in San Bernardino, California, share a disturbing fact, no one saw them coming. Today, the biggest terrorist threat to the United States is not like al Qaeda. ISIS is wealthy, agile, sophisticated online, and operates freely in a vast territory of its own. It prefers to be called the Islamic State. The U.S. government calls it ISIL. Reporters tend to call it ISIS for the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. But whatever the name, it has the manpower, means and ruthlessness to attack the U.S. The man who is supposed to stop that attack is John Brennan, the director of the CIA. And tonight, in a rare interview, we talk to Brennan about a world of trouble and we start with the most pressing danger. Scott Pelley: Is ISIS coming here? John Brennan: I think ISIL does want to eventually find it's, it's mark here. Scott Pelley: You're expecting an attack in the United States? John Brennan: I'm expecting them to try to put in place the operatives, the material or whatever else that they need to do or to incite people to carry out these attacks, clearly. So I believe that their attempts are inevitable. I don't think their successes necessarily are. Scott Pelley: Can you explain to the folks watching this interview why these people wanna kill us? How does attacking the United States further their interests? John Brennan: Yea, I think they're trying to provoke a clash between the West and the Muslim world, or the world that they are in as a way to gain more adherents. Because what they are claiming is that the United States is trying to take over their countries which is the furthest thing from the truth. Scott Pelley: What did you learn from Paris? John Brennan: That there is a lot that ISIL probably has underway that we don't have obviously full insight into. We knew the system was blinking red. We knew just in the days before that ISIL was trying to carry out something. But the individuals involved have been able to take advantage of the newly available means of communication that are--that are walled off, from law enforcement officials. Scott Pelley: You're talking about encrypted Internet communications. John Brennan: Yeah, I'm talking about the very sophisticated use of these technologies and communication systems.

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9. Former Miramar al-Qaida leader hid near U.S.-Mexico border, new documents show

Miami Herald, Alfonso Chardy, 2016 02 15

Miami - Adnan G. el Shukrijumah, an al-Qaida terrorist leader once based in South Florida, hid in northern Mexico with two other Arab militants in a border city across from Douglas, Arizona, in 2004, newly released State Department cables say. One of the cables noted that the information about Shukrijumah, killed in Pakistan in 2014, came from a trusted confidential source who had a relative involved in migrant smuggling. "An individual approached the Ciudad Juárez Consulate to provide information pertaining to suspect Arab extremists who have been smuggled through Mexico to the United States/Mexico border," according to a declassified cable from the U.S. consul in Ciudad Juárez to the secretary of state in September 2004. "Although not absolutely positive, one of the three is likely Adnan G. el Shukrijumah, alleged to be a Saudi Arabian terrorist cell leader thought to be in Mexico." Though sightings of Shukrijumah in

Mexico had surfaced before, the 2004 cable is the first documentary evidence that American officials had information about the terror leader's alleged presence near the border. The cable said the Arabs were "being hidden" in Agua Prieta, a city in the Mexican state of Sonora located across from Douglas. The cables, obtained by Judicial Watch Inc., add new detail to the movements of Shukrijumah, who eluded capture or assassination until Pakistani soldiers killed him in December 2014 in a mountainous tribal area known as South Waziristan bordering Afghanistan.

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10. IRS crash was technical, not cyber

USA Today, Kevin McCoy, 2016 02 15

Washington - The computer outage that halted IRS tax return processing for more than a day resulted from not just one hardware failure but two, the tax agency says. An electrical voltage regulator on the computer server that handles tax returns for millions of Americans started to fail on Feb.3, Terence Milholland, the IRS' chief technology officer, testified at a Thursday hearing of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. As a technician worked to address the problem, a backup voltage regulator also failed, he said. Approximately 30 hours elapsed before the IRS was able to fix the regulators and resume normal service. Seeking to allay any fears that something more sinister might have been to blame, Milholland said, "This was, with absolute certainty, not a cyberattack. It was a failure of mechanical devices."

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11. Obama and Putin agree to facilitate Syrian aid

Washington Post, Karen DeYoung, 2016 02 15

Washington - President Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin have agreed to intensify diplomatic and military cooperation to implement a cease-fire and the delivery of aid in Syria, the Kremlin said early Sunday. A statement from Putin's office said that Obama initiated a phone conversation. The White House, which said the call took place Saturday, did not mention increased U.S.-Russia cooperation but said Obama stressed the importance "of rapidly implementing humanitarian access to besieged areas." Obama also urged Putin to cease Russia's air campaign against "moderate opposition forces" in Syria, according to a White House statement released Sunday. The call came amid reports that at least one siege had been broken with the first delivery of humanitarian aid to the rebel-held Douma area, east of the Syrian capital of Damascus. Douma had been cut off by government troops since 2013. A United Nations spokesperson said from Geneva, where a task force is organizing aid under an agreement reached Friday in Munich, that the Douma delivery was a previously scheduled shipment by the Syrian Red Crescent. The spokesperson, Jessy M. Chahine, said that it would take at least 72 hours for the new assistance to reach a besieged area after approval has been given by whichever side is blocking access. Steffan de Mistura, the U.N. envoy for Syria who helped negotiate the agreement, had said that an "immediate" shipment of humanitarian assistance was expected over the weekend.

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12. U.S. presidential runner Rubio says N. Korea, China 'No. 1' threat to the U.S.

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 02 15

Washington - The No. 1 challenge the United States is facing right now is how to cope with threats posed by North Korea and China, Republican presidential runner Marco Rubio said. Rubio made the remark during a Republican presidential candidate debate Saturday night, putting the North Korean issue ahead of Middle Eastern problems and tensions with Russia. "I think there are three major threats that you want to immediately get on top of. No. 1 is, what are we doing in the Asia-Pacific region, where both North Korea and China pose threats to the national security of the United States," Rubio said. The No. 2 threat is the Middle Eastern problems, including the threat of the militant group Islamic State, and the third challenge is to rebuild and reinvigorate NATO in Central and Eastern Europe, where Russia is threatening the territory of multiple countries, Rubio said. Rubio is considered most active on North Korea issues among all U.S. presidential candidates. He has made a series of strong remarks on the communist nation since Pyongyang's fourth nuclear test followed by a long-range missile launch. The Florida senator co-sponsored a North Korea sanctions bill led by Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO) last October. The legislation, which was later combined with a similar House bill, overwhelmingly passed the Senate and the House last week. Rubio has also called for relisting the North as a state sponsor of terrorism. (full article)

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13. Businessmen held in UAE were tortured into confessions, says UN report (Canada)

The Guardian (London), Owen Bowcott, 2016 02 15

London - Four businessmen who were arrested in the United Arab Emirates have been tortured into making confessions and could face the death penalty, according to a United Nations report and a legal opinion obtained by their British lawyer. The plight of the four men, who variously hold Libyan, American and Canadian citizenship, has been taken up by Labour's justice spokesman, Andy Slaughter, who is concerned about UK links to the Gulf state and previous complaints by Britons about being tortured in Dubai. The legal opinion by Geoffrey Robertson QC, a former UN judge, says the four businessmen - Salim Alaradi, who has Libyan and Canadian nationalities, Kamal and Mohamed Eldarrat, who have Libyan and US nationalities, and Issa al-Manna, a Libyan - have been wrongly accused of funding a terrorist organisation. They are due to go on trial in the secretive state security chamber court in Abu Dhabi on Monday. Alaradi was holidaying with his family at a beach hotel in Dubai when he was arrested last summer by the State Security Agency (SSA), according to Robertson's report. He was not permitted to notify his family or any lawyer of his arrest. "[Alaradi] was in secret detention - at an air force base, it is believed - [where] he claims he was tortured, a claim corroborated by serious bruising observed on his body, by similar claims by several of the men who were detained at the same time and have now been released, and by evidence of torture and ill-

treatment in the UAE gathered by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch," the report states.

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14. Revealed: UK keeps no record of citizens barred from boarding US flights

The Guardian (London), Aisha Gani, 2016 02 15

London - The Home Office has admitted it holds no record of British citizens barred from boarding transatlantic flights despite them being identified by US security officials as potential threats at UK airports. James Brokenshire, the immigration minister, confirmed that information regarding the numbers, religion and ethnicity of Britons prevented from travelling abroad was not retained by the government. The admission came after a question by Stella Creasy, the Labour MP, who raised the case of a British Muslim family of 11 who were barred by US authorities from flying from Gatwick to Los Angeles, where they had planned a Disneyland holiday. The Mahmood family had been granted travel authorisation through a pre-flight visa obtained online but were blocked when attempting to board their plane in December.

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15. Counter-terrorism courses surge in popularity

The Age, Liz Porter, 2016 02 15

Canberra - Terrorism is the defining issue of the early 21st century and it has now become an academic discipline with more than 5000 Australian students enrolled in anti-terrorism and cyber-security courses, writes Liz Porter. Back in 2009, Ellie Cumine wanted to study security and counter-terrorism but no Victorian university was offering such a course. So she enrolled, instead, in a Deakin University international relations degree, choosing majors in Middle Eastern studies and Arabic. Her fascination with counter-terrorism had begun on September 11, 2001. Then in year 10 at Bendigo's Creek St Christian College, she'd arrived at school to hear her classmates talking about terrorist attacks and planes flying into buildings. Before-school TV had been off limits in her home, and the young student thought her friends were talking about some bizarre new plot line on Neighbours. The process of learning about the catastrophic events in New York sparked an interest in world politics that flowered, two years later, when she spent time as a exchange student in Eastern Europe. She was already, she recalls, very much "a patriotic person". So, when it became time to think about a career, the idea of a counter-terrorism course beckoned. "I wanted to be able to work protecting the kind of life I was having," she says. Cumine, now 29, took a break from university after three years of juggling part-time and off-campus study with work. When she was ready to return, she was delighted to find that Swinburne University had begun an online bachelor of social science (security and counter-terrorism) course. According to Dr Julian Droogan, a lecturer on the course and a member of the NSW Premier's advisory council on countering violent extremism, government departments and representatives of airlines, banks, accountancy firms and other industry representatives told the undergraduate course designers what they were looking for in potential employees in their

security areas - and what was missing in graduates of other courses. Intelligence, counter-terrorism and extremism are hot topics for giant accountancy firms, Droogan explains, because they do consultancy work for governments dealing with the whole range of modern security issues, including environmental problems, migration of refugees, warfare (conventional and unconventional), cyber security, terrorism and the economic effects of globalisation. Students, Droogan says, are attracted to these courses "not because they want to work for ASIO but because they want to grapple with the world as it is, not the world as it is presented in traditional international relations classes or traditional politics classes. They want to work in an area that is fluid and applied."

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16. New Zealand's new High Commissioner to Canada a Hamilton man

Stuff News, Libby Wilson, 2016 02 15

Wellington - Daniel Mellsop has been named New Zealand's next High Commissioner to Canada. He will be based in Ottawa and start late February 2016. And though Mellsop has lived in countries from the Netherlands to Korea he hasn't forgotten his Waikato links. "They gave me a Chiefs jersey as my farewell present [from my current role]," he said. Mellsop grew up in Hamilton East and attended Marian Catholic School and St John's College. During an AFS exchange to Russia he got the idea of diplomacy as a career, when he had dinner with the delegation of a visiting NZ trade minister in St Petersburg. "I was invited because I was one of only three Kiwis in town," he said. Chatting with the diplomats was a turning point and Mellsop returned to New Zealand to study Korean language and economics at the University of Waikato. Diplomacy won out over business because of the variety, he said. "It's not really a nine to five job but your day-to-day work activities are really quite fascinating." A High Commissioner is essentially an Ambassador, but the title is used between Commonwealth countries. "When you're the head of this High Commission, the embassy, overseas the buck stops with you but also you have got the opportunity to explore the areas you think are going to be of most value," Mellsop said. Tasks on his agenda will include business promotion, hosting an ANZAC Day ceremony, discussing Canada's role in the war against ISIS, and tourism or education promotion. The role also includes being High Commissioner to Jamaica, which Mellsop expects to visit about once or twice a year.

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17. Qld terror accused loses bail bid

Australian Associated Press, Alexandra Patrikios, 2016 02 15

Brisbane - An Islamic bookstore owner facing terrorism-related charges in Queensland has had a Supreme Court bail bid knocked back. Omar Succarieh is accused of fundraising for the Jabhat al-Nusra terror group in Syria, and arranging to send an alleged associate to join the fighting. Justice Jean Dalton denied him bail in the Brisbane Supreme Court on Monday after finding Succarieh's access to the prosecution's electronic evidence - largely telephone and surveillance recordings - had improved since he was provided with a laptop in prison. Justice Dalton noted the 32-year-old had the chance to use his laptop more than he was presently doing. Succarieh's

lawyer Saul Holt had argued his client needed to be released so he could properly prepare for trial by going through thousands of hours of recordings. But this was hindered by an "element of randomness" in prison rules about where and when he could use his laptop, Mr Holt said, arguing the accused was prevented from bringing it to on-site meetings with his lawyer.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

18. Abdullah to Taliban: Stop using children as soldiers

Pajhwok Afghan News, Pajhwok Report, 2016 02 15

Kabul - Chief Executive Officer Dr. Abdullah Abdullahon Monday asked the Taliban to stop using children as soldiers in the ongoing conflict in the country. The national unity government was pursuing a zero-tolerance policy on child soldiers, he told a ceremony marking the 27th anniversary of the Soviet military withdrawal from Afghanistan. While asking the insurgent movement to join the peace process, the CEO reiterated: "We won't tolerate the use of children for military purposes." About the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan from 1979 to 1989, he said the repercussions of the war still continued to linger on. "We are suffering from the aftermath of the Soviet defeat in the form of widespread insecurity." Hailing the jihad against the Soviet troops as a great achievement of the entire Afghan nation, he suggested it would be wrong to ascribe that victory to a handful of individuals.

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19. Isis and the Taliban are brutally carving up modern 'Mafiastan'

The Independent (UK), Robert Fisk, 2016 02 15

Column - If anyone wants to understand the shame of Afghanistan - the yearly cull of civilians, the beheadings, the execution by single shots, the kidnapping of women - they have only to read the shocking UN report just published in Kabul. It is laced with fearful eyewitness descriptions of brutality. Isis features in its 87 pages with its usual depravity - in Afghanistan, of course, not in Iraq or Syria - and the report's statistics show clearly that, last year, there were more civilians killed or wounded in the country than in any year since 2009. In 2015 alone, 3,545 civilians were killed and 7,457 injured. Since 2009, the total civilian dead - not soldiers, militiamen or Taliban - comes to 21,323 dead. And this, remember, is the graveyard of empires into which we blithely trod after 9/11 on the basis that we would not "forget" Afghanistan again. We would see it through to the end. The Taliban, in the words of a Canadian commander, were "scumbags". Our soldiers would not die in vain. And it has come to this. The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (Unama) is a very professional institution. It has rigorously examined eyewitness testimonials and its new report contains harrowing quotations from victims of the country's war. In total, 62 per cent of civilian deaths and injuries were caused by "anti-government elements" and 17 per cent by "pro-government forces" - 14 per cent of these by the US-trained Afghan National Security Forces. Unama confirmed that Isis fighters forced the closure of 25 educational institutions in Deh Bala district, depriving 14,102 students - including 4,900 girls - of education and 341 teachers of work. Here, then, is Isis at work, just as it operates in Iraq and Syria.

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20. Join reconciliation process, Gen. Campbell tells Taliban

Pajhwok Afghan News, Javed Hamim Kakar, 2016 02 15

Kabul - Afghanistan is facing a threat from Taliban, not the Islamic State (Daesh), the outgoing commander of US and NATO troops said on Saturday. But Gen. John Campbell, confirming his retirement at the end of his 18-month assignment in the war-torn country, hoped Afghan security forces would be able to beat back the Taliban offensive. Addressing his last media briefing in Kabul, the Resolute Support commander asked the rebels to join the reconciliation process if they wanted to have a role in the Afghanistan's future. "The Taliban, not Daesh, pose the main danger to the (Afghan) government," remarked the four-star general, who is going to be replaced in early March by Lt. Gen. John Nicholson. The US had significantly stepped up air raids against Daesh fighters in Afghanistan, he said, adding the group had a tenuous presence in the landlocked country.

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21. Dans le nord, les jihadistes montrent qu'ils sont toujours là

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 02 14

Tombouctou - Deux attaques ont été perpétrées le même jour au nord-est et au nord-ouest, l'une à Kidal et l'autre à Tombouctou. Toutes deux rapidement revendiquées par des groupes islamistes : Ansar Dine d'un côté, Aqmi de l'autre. Trois ans après l'intervention militaire française, la capacité opérationnelle des groupes jihadistes dans le nord du Mali, qui un moment avait faibli, en étonne aujourd'hui plus d'un. On les croyait anéantis, on les donnait déstabilisés pour longtemps, mais les jihadistes sont présents et très actifs. Il y a environ deux mois par exemple, au vu et au su de tout le monde, ils ont débarqué dans un convoi de véhicules à une rencontre communautaire dans la région de Tombouctou et très rapidement la rencontre s'est transformée en prêche jihadiste. Début janvier, les jihadistes armés et/ou leurs sous-traitants organisaient à Tombouctou le rapt d'une ressortissante suisse. Ils ont également multiplié les attaques contre les troupes étrangères et l'armée malienne à Kidal. Six casques bleus de l'ONU ont été tués ce vendredi. Le même jour, près de Tombouctou, ce sont trois militaires maliens qui ont perdu la vie dans une embuscade. Certains se demandent d'ailleurs si les deux opérations n'étaient pas coordonnées.

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22. Experts Call for Comprehensive Approach Against Al-Shabab

Voice of America, Harun Maruf, 2016 02 15

Washington - In recent days, al-Shabab fighters killed individuals accused of collaborating with the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) in the town of Marka after the international force withdrew. Al-Shabab posted pictures of the body of at least person labelled "collaborator"

riddled with bullets. In September last year a local elder was abducted by al-Shabab in Awdhegla shortly after AMISOM and government troops pulled out. He has not been seen again. In June the same year when al-Shabab took over Leego, the town's chairman was apprehended and beheaded by militants. Sunil Suri, of the London-based NGO Saferworld, said the current approach to fighting al-Shabab has not benefited ordinary civilians. "A military approach is meant to provide security, but then security for who? When we think about the withdrawal of Marka a collaborator gets killed, that is not security for that person who helped AMISOM and the government structure of that town," he said. Suri said the AU mission has not been effective in terms of ensuring the Somali peoples' security needs are met. Instead, he argues, international security concerns are often prioritized.

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23. Tunis : La Libye sur le sentier de la guerre. La Tunisie n'a pas à craindre une attaque de Daech !

African Manager (Tunisie), Journaliste maison, 2016 02 14

Tripoli, Libye - Le compte à rebours a très vraisemblablement commencé pour l'intervention militaire en Libye. Il ne resterait plus que la demande qui doit être obligatoirement faite par le gouvernement d'union nationale qui doit être formé ce dimanche 14 février 2015, dernier jour du délai fixé à cette fin par le Parlement reconnu. Les membres du Conseil présidentiel libyen s'y attellent au moment où des responsables libyens annonçaient qu'ils étaient proches d'un consensus. La tendance actuelle n'est pas alors de temporiser vu la situation sécuritaire dans le pays qui fait face à la montée du groupe terroriste autoproclamé "Etat islamique" (EI/Daech). "Il n'y a plus de temps à perdre pour que ce gouvernement d'union nationale puisse prendre ses fonctions et s'installer à Tripoli en toute sécurité", a souligné le nouveau ministre français des Affaires étrangères, Jean-Marc Ayrault, à l'issue d'une réunion à Munich sur l'avenir de la Libye avec notamment ses homologues américain, allemand et italien. "Ce qui se passe à quelques centaines de kilomètres de l'Italie ne peut nous être égal en Allemagne et en Europe (...) et ça ne nous est certainement pas égal quand, à côté de l'Europe, les milices terroristes de l'EI prennent pied", a de son côté martelé le ministre allemand, Frank-Walter Steinmeier, dans un communiqué.

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24. Twitter suspends accounts of Colombia's ELN rebels

Colombia Reports, Staff report, 2016 02 15

Bogota - Social media platform Twitter has shut down the official account of Colombia's second largest rebel group, the ELN, just when the guerrillas were stepping up violence ahead of possible formal peace talks. The guerrillas used their accounts, @ELN_Colombia and @ELN_Ranpal, to disseminate political propaganda and updates on the preliminary talks with the Colombian government. However, over the past week, the ELN has been promoting an "armed strike," a shutdown of economic activity across Colombia. Violations of these imposed

guerrilla shutdowns are commonly retaliated, for example by burning trucks or buses that refuse to adhere to the strike.

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25. Beijing's Top Official in HK Calls Rioters 'Radical Separatists'

Reuters, 2016 02 15

Hong Kong - Beijing's top representative in Hong Kong has blamed radical separatists for riots that erupted in the Chinese-ruled city almost a week ago, the worst violence since pro-democracy protests paralyzed parts of the Asian financial center in 2014. More than sixty people have been arrested in connection with the violence, during which protesters hurled bricks at police and set fire to rubbish bins in Mong Kok, a tough, working-class neighborhood just across the harbor from the city's financial district. Thirty-seven people were charged on Thursday. The riots erupted when authorities tried to remove illegal street stalls set up for Lunar New Year celebrations. The actions of the "radical separatists" were "leaning towards terrorism", the South China Morning Post daily quoted Zhang Xiaoming, the head of Beijing's Liaison Office in Hong Kong, as saying. "We will not this very small number of radical separatists to destroy the most precious rule of law in Hong Kong," he told a spring festival in Hong Kong. Police fired two warning shots into the air during the violence, almost unheard of in the former British colony that reverted to Chinese rule in 1997 and is considered one of Asia's safest cities. More than 130 people were wounded in the clashes. At least one of those charged in connection with the trouble belongs to a group called Hong Kong Indigenous, one of a cluster of outspoken groups calling for greater Hong Kong autonomy and even independence from China, the group said. Hong Kong leader Leung Chun-ying, who attended the same reception as Zhang, echoed the Beijing official's comments, saying the rioters only represented a small minority in the city, the South China Morning Post reported.

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26. China Rules Out Joining Anti-Terrorism Coalitions, Says Helping Iraq

Reuters, 2016 02 15

Munich - China won't take part in any coalition fighting "terrorist groups" in the Middle East, but will do its fair share in its own way and is already helping Iraq, Foreign Minister Wang Yi said. China wants to develop deeper defence and anti-terrorism ties with the Arab world, including joint exercises, intelligence sharing and training, the government said in a policy document released last month. While relying on the region for oil supplies, China has tended to leave Middle Eastern diplomacy to the other permanent members of the UN Security Council - the United States, Britain, France and Russia. After a meeting of major powers in Munich aimed at breaking the deadlock on Syria, Wang Yi told Reuters in an interview that Beijing would not take part in international coalitions fighting against militants in the region. "There is a tradition in China's foreign policy. We do not join in state groups that have a military nature and this also applies to international counter-terrorism cooperation," he said speaking through an interpreter.

"It doesn't mean that China will not play its role in fighting terrorism. It has been, but in its own ways." In December, China passed a counter-terrorism law which allows its military to venture overseas on counter-terrorism operations, though experts have said China faces big practical and diplomatic problems if it ever wants to do this. Beijing has been trying to get more diplomatically involved, especially in Syria, recently hosting both its foreign minister and opposition officials.

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27. N.Korea 'Built Mock-Up of Seoul for Military Training'

Chosun Ilbo, 2016 02 15

North Korea may have built a mock-up of parts of Seoul near the Yongbyon nuclear facility for military training purposes, Radio Free Asia reported last Wednesday. The claim comes from Curtis Melvin of the U.S.- Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins University, who analyzed Google Earth satellite imagery of the site in North Pyongan Province. The site sits northwest of the Yongbyon nuclear facility and was built in just one month between September and October 2014, Melvin said, adding it is the biggest military training camp built since Kim Jong-un came to power in 2012. It consist of an area for small-scale tactical operations drills, a 400-m range for artillery practice and a virtual training ground for vehicles. The satellite images also show communications antennae and related structures. The training ground "appears to have been designed with a specific area in mind and could have been modeled on some part of Seoul," RFA said. But Melvin added he could identify no specific parts of Seoul that may have served as the model, prompting a military source here to dismiss the story as idle speculation.

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28. N. Korea's KN-08 ICBM has potential to hit much of U.S.: Pentagon report

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 02 15

Washington - North Korea's KN-08 intercontinental ballistic missile would be capable of hitting much of the United States if it is successfully designed and developed, a U.S. Defense Department report has shown. The report said, however, that the KN-08's reliability as a weapon would be low as it has not been tested yet. The report, titled "Military and Security Developments involving the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" was submitted to Congress on Friday. "If successfully designed and developed, the KN-08 likely would be capable of reaching much of the continental United States, assuming the missiles displayed are generally representative of missiles that will be fielded," the report said. "However, ICBMs are extremely complex systems that require multiple flight tests to identify and correct design or manufacturing defects. Without flight tests, the KN-08's current reliability as a weapon system would be low," it said. It also estimated the KN-08's range at more than 3,400 miles (5,440 kilometers). U.S. military commanders have repeatedly expressed serious concerns about the KN-08, saying the missile is harder to keep an eye on as it can be launched from mobile launchers. The Pentagon report also noted the North displayed the KN-08 on six road-mobile transporter-erector-launchers (TEL) during military parades in 2012 and 2013. Last October, the North also paraded four missiles on KN-08 TELs, and those missiles were noticeably different from those previously

displayed, the report said. The report said that developing a space launch vehicle contributes heavily to Pyongyang's long-range ballistic missile development because the two vehicles have many shared technologies. "However, a space launch does not test a reentry vehicle (RV). Without an RV capable of surviving atmospheric reentry, North Korea cannot deliver a weapon to target from an ICBM," the report said. Meanwhile, South Korean government sources have said that the North has formed a new military unit to deploy the KN-08. The KN-08 Brigade is a subordinate unit of the Strategic Rocket Forces, which oversees all missile units in the North, the sources said. (full article)

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29. N. Korea hackers behind massive spam emails to S. Korea: police chief

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 02 15

Seoul - North Korean hackers sent massive amounts of spam emails to South Korean public organizations last month, South Korea's police chief said Monday, the latest in a series of cyberattacks against the South in recent years. "We are at a stage to be assured that it was committed by a North Korean hacking organization," said Kang Sin-myeong, commissioner-general of the National Police Agency, announcing the interim outcome of their probe into the case. The hackers allegedly sent emails disguised as being sent by either the presidential office or the foreign ministry related to North Korea's recent nuclear test. The Internet Protocol address -- the online equivalent of a street address or phone number -- used to send the spam emails was traced to China's northeastern province of Liaoning bordering North Korea. The network can be used wirelessly from North Korean territory, according to police. It is the same Internet network behind a cyberattack on South Korea's nuclear power operator in 2014, according to Kang. North Korea is suspected of orchestrating the attack, though it has denied the charges. Police said similar emails pretending to be from the presidential office or other government bodies have been sent from June 2015 to a total of 759 people. After probing into 460 of the recipients' occupations, police said 87.8 percent have jobs related to North Korea. "Looking at the probe results, there is a trace of an intentional and deliberate targeting process that cannot be deemed as a coincidence," Kang said. Police also said some words in the mails are used only in North Korea. Although South and North Koreans speak the same language, South Koreans do not understand some North Korean expressions. The police chief said no major damage to national security has been confirmed due to the attack.

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30. U.S., China in discussions over deployment of missile shield in S. Korea

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 02 15

Beijing - The United States and China have been in discussions about the possible deployment of an advanced American missile defense system in South Korea, a diplomatic source with knowledge of the matter said Monday. The discussions are aimed at seeking China's understanding that the deployment of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) battery in South Korea is not aimed at undermining China's security interests, the source said on the condition of anonymity. While the U.S. is trying to explain technical details on why the

THAAD is not targeting China, the Chinese side has not actively listened to the explanation from the U.S. side, the source said. "The Chinese side has been opposed to the THAAD with incorrect information and the discussions are aimed at changing China's view about the issue," the source said. South Korea and the U.S. are poised to hold their first formal talks on the deployment of the THAAD battery after North Korea defiantly launched a long-range rocket following its fourth nuclear test last month. With North Korea continuing to develop its nuclear and missile arsenals, analysts in Seoul say South Korea has no choice but to adopt the THAAD battery, which would be deployed at a U.S. base in South Korea, home to about 28,500 American troops. China has long voiced opposition to the THAAD battery in South Korea, claiming the missile defense system may target mainland China. U.N. Security Council members remain divided over how to punish North Korea for its fourth nuclear test on Jan. 6, with China, one of five veto-wielding council members, reluctant to put crippling sanctions on North Korea. (full article)

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31. Putin winning new 'cold war' by default

National Post, Matthew Fisher, 2016 02 15

Column: The pending limited ceasefire in Syria agreed to last week by the Russian and American foreign ministers is a sorry example of how the West is always reacting to what Vladimir Putin is doing and is unwilling or unable to seize any strategic initiative itself. The temporary truce allows Russia to continue supporting the world's most notorious henchman of the moment, Bashar Assad, while limiting coalition military action to attacks against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). As it talks peace with Washington, Moscow's warplanes have been tearing up Syria's second- largest city, Aleppo, with no apparent concern for the hundreds of thousands of Syrians who have not yet fled from there. As a consequence, international relief agencies report that everyone who is still in Aleppo is starving and that a fresh refugee crisis for western Europe is rapidly being created on Syria's border with Turkey. Other than common decency, there is no particular reason for Russia to be concerned. After taking in more than one million refugee/migrants in 2015, Germany received 91,000 more last month, while nearly 70,000 new asylum seekers arrived in Greece - a 40-fold increase from last January. Russia has not taken in any of these desperate people, nor is it planning to. But in demonstrating the same cold-blooded violence against civilians that it used to quell the Chechen insurrection, the Kremlin has happily fanned the divisions that have emerged in western Europe over caring for so many refugees, by creating conditions that will propel even more of them in that direction.

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32. Russian official urges OSCE to set up anti-terrorist Interpol

ITAR-TASS World Service, Staff report, 2016 02 15

Moscow - The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's special representative on anti-terrorism, Russian MP Nikolay Kovalev has proposed to create an international anti-terrorist organization similar to

the Interpol. A respective proposal has been sent to OSCE PA Speaker Ilkka Kanerva, OSCE PA Secretary-General Roberto Montella and the heads of national delegations ahead of the winter session of the organization due on February 25-26 in Vienna, Austria. The proposed organization could be tasked with "searching for terrorists and their accomplices, collecting and exchanging information, detecting and assisting a country-initiator in looking for a suspect or established criminal," Kovalev said in a letter obtained by TASS. The State Duma MP, who led Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB, former KGB) in late 1990s, has also urged the consideration of such topical issues as unifying anti-terrorist laws and drafting measures aimed at curbing the funding of terrorist organizations.

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33. Russie Le tsar et le patriarche

Le Monde, Isabelle Mandraud, 2016 02 15

Moscou - Les liaisons déjà étroites entre le Kremlin et le clergé russe orthodoxe n'ont cessé de se renforcer sous l'impulsion de Vladimir Poutine, qui utilise l'Eglise pour servir son projet " patriotique " Au milieu des uniformes vert bouteille, on ne voit que le koukoulion , cette coiffe - byzantine blanche qui tombe sur les -épaules du -patriarche de Moscou et de toutes les Russies. Son -détenteur, Cyrille Ier, est assis au premier rang dans la grande salle de conférences du ministère de la défense où Vladimir Poutine est venu discourir, ce 11 décembre 2015, de la nécessité de renforcer -l'arsenal nucléaire de l'armée russe et de sa détermination à " détruire immédiatement " quiconque menacerait ses forces militaires déployées en Syrie. Puis le - patriarche est allé visiter l'église dédiée à Serge de -Radonège, l'un des saints les plus populaires de Russie, inaugurée peu auparavant au sein de ce même -ministère. -Jamais depuis la chute de l'URSS la proximité de l'Eglise orthodoxe avec le pouvoir n'avait été aussi évidente. Pendant la sanglante guerre d'Ukraine, le patriarcat de Moscou a gardé le -silence. Puis en Syrie, elle a pleinement approuvé l'intervention militaire russe.

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34. Iran's air defense vows full advisory support for Syria

Tehran Times, Political Desk, 2016 02 15

Tehran - Iran's Air Defense commander affirmed on Sunday that the country will spare no effort to provide Syria with advisory assistance in the air defense field at the request of the Damascus government. Speaking to the Tasnim News Agency, Brigadier General Farzad Esmaili stressed that if asked by the Syrian government, Iran will vigorously offer advisory help to the Syrian forces in the air defense field, making a reference to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei's assertion that Tehran's support for the allies comes in the form of advisory help. As regards the speculations on Saudi Arabia's decision to deploy ground troops to Syria, the commander argued that any presence in Syria without coordination with the Damascus government will be doomed to failure. Iran, a close ally of Syria, has been supporting the legitimate Syrian government in the fight against terrorists.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

35. « Nous ne permettrons pas que le Liban devienne une "ferme" des pays du Golfe », affirme le Hezbollah

L'Orient-Le Jour, Journaliste maison, 2016 02 15

Beyrouth - « Il est du droit des Libanais de demander à Riyad de cesser d'armer les takfiristes », a affirmé cheikh Nabil Qaouk. Guerre en Syrie Le Hezbollah poursuit sa campagne contre le régime saoudien qu'il continue d'accuser de soutenir les rebelles en Syrie et de renforcer les forces « takfiristes ». Dans une allocution qu'il a prononcée hier lors d'une cérémonie dans le village de Rihane, dans l'Iqlim el-Touffah, le vice- président du conseil exécutif du Hezbollah, cheikh Nabil Qaouk, a estimé qu'il est « du droit des Libanais de demander au régime saoudien de cesser d'armer les bandes takfiristes en Syrie, dans la mesure où les armes saoudiennes aux mains de ces gens représentent une menace stratégique pour tous les Libanais ainsi qu'un danger réel pour la sécurité du pays ». Pour lui, « c'est la politique saoudienne dans son ensemble, dans la région et notamment en Syrie, qui est dangereuse pour le Liban ».

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36. Death sentence for Emiratis found guilty of fighting with ISIL

The National (UAE), Naser Al Remeithi, 2016 02 15

Abu Dhabi - The Federal Supreme Court has sentenced four Emiratis to death for travelling to Syria to fight for ISIL. Abdulaziz Saud Al Najjar, 25, Moath Abdulrahman Al Harethi, 22, Saud Abdulaziz Al Menhali, 18, and Ahmed Ali Al Naqbi, 29, were all sentenced in absentia. Three other Emiratis, a Bahraini, a Syrian and a Mauritanian received prison sentences of five to 10 years for their links to the terrorist organisation. One Emirati was acquitted. Emirati Fares Mohammed Al Ketbi, 19, was given five years for joining the terrorist group. He was 17 when he travelled to Syria and told the court that he regretted his decision and surrendered himself voluntarily. Mauritanian Omar Weld Salem Weld Omar, 22, was jailed for 10 years. He provided financial aid to an ISIL member Abu Dujana in Syria and also helped Al Ketbi, Al Harethi and Al Menhali travel to Syria. He promoted the ideals of ISIL and the Jabhat Al Nusra group, an affiliate of Al Qaeda.

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37. ISIS comes under mystery attacks

Now Lebanon, Albin Szakola & Ullin Hope, 2016 02 15

Beirut - Shadowy opponents of ISIS have conducted two attacks against the extremist group in Deir Ezzor, the latest in a series of mystery strikes targeting its members in eastern Syria, according to a pro- opposition outlet. The first attack occurred shortly after 4 a.m. Thursday, when unknown assailants rigged a ZiL armored vehicle with explosives and detonated it outside one of the group's bases in Deir Ezzor, a city where control is split between the jihadist

organization and the Syrian regime. However, the blast only caused material damage, according to a report published Friday morning by All4Syria. On Thursday evening, the mystery assailants struck again, firing an RPG round at a patrol of ISIS's Hisbah religious police. "The operation was executed by masked persons riding a motorbike," All4Syrai reported. "They targeted the Hisbah vehicle near the Ghassan Abboud roundabout in central Deir Ezzor, destroying the minivan and killing a number of people."

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38. Major escalation in Syria ahead of planned cease-fire

Jerusalem Post, Michael Wilner, 2016 02 15

New York - Belligerents on both sides of Syria's civil war are positioning themselves for a major escalation of the conflict, including dual advances into the heartland of Islamic State, despite US efforts to broker a nationwide cessation of hostilities by the end of next week. Just one day after American and Russian officials negotiated the temporary cease-fire plan, foreign governments supporting rebel groups increased their shipments of ground-to-ground missiles to fighters in and around Aleppo, once Syria's largest city, currently nearly surrounded by Assad government forces. Any temporary cessation of hostilities or more formal ceasefire will not include Islamic State and the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front. Saudi Arabia and Turkey confirmed they are preparing to invade Syria on the ground, ostensibly in support of the US-led coalition against Islamic State. And Turkish media stated the military had shelled regime positions in northwestern Syria on Saturday.

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39. New video reveals Gaza tunnels built by jihadi group

Jerusalem Post, Maayan Groisman, 2016 02 15

Jerusalem - The National Resistance Brigades, the military wing of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, has revealed a new tunnel built by its fighters underneath the Gaza-Israel border. A video released by the organization on Sunday presents some of the organization's fighters striding inside the tunnel carrying arms, and shows the improvised rockets the organization possesses. Speaking in the video, the National Resistance Brigades' spokesman, Abu Khaled, claimed that his organization is preparing for the next war with the Israeli enemy. According to Abu Khaled, the tunnel presented in the video was dug by the operatives of the group's tunnels' unit and will be used by the organization's fighters to commit terror attacks against Israel and kidnap Israeli soldiers in order to swap them for Palestinian prisoners.

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40. Saudi prisons try to redirect Jihadist hate

London Times, Catherine Philp, 2016 02 15

Riyadh - In 2014, fearing blowback from battle-hardened militants returning from Syria, Saudi Arabia issued a royal decree criminalising travel abroad to fight, with a minimum prison

sentence of three years. Those arrested on their return are put through Saudi Arabia's deradicalisation programme, introduced after a string of bloody attacks by al-Qaeda beginning in 2003. Now it faces a new threat in the form of Islamic State, which began attacking the kingdom last year and has vowed further revenge for Saudi Arabia's role in the military coalition against it. The kingdom has struggled to dispel its reputation as an incubator and exporter of extremism. In 2013 the European Parliament declared that Wahhabism, the religious ideology underpinning the Saudi state, was the main source of global terrorism. The conservative creed has provided inspiration for violent radicals including al-Qaeda and Isis. In Saudi Arabia, however, it provides the basis for efforts to rehabilitate violent extremists and neuter the threat they may pose to the state.

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41. Bras de fer pour le contrôle des données des Européens

Le Figaro, Lucie Ronfaut, 2016 02 15

Non identifié - Le ciel leur est presque tombé sur la tête. Le 6 octobre, la Cour de justice de l'Union européenne a déclaré illégal le système dit « Safe Harbor », qui régissait les transferts de données entre les États-Unis et l'Europe. Au travers de cette invalidation, la justice européenne s'est attaquée à l'empire des grandes entreprises américaines du Web, qui hébergent souvent les données de leurs clients européens dans des centres situés aux États-Unis. Trop dangereux pour la Cour, qui a rappelé dans sa décision les révélations d'Edward Snowden sur la surveillance de la NSA. Comment garantir que les données stockées par Facebook, Google ou Microsoft ne soient pas de nouveaux espionnées par le gouvernement américain ? Même après la négociation d'un nouvel accord pour remplacer le Safe Harbor, appelé « Privacy Shield », la question demeure. La solution avancée par les géants du Web est simple : déménager leurs serveurs en dehors des États-Unis. Les plans de construction de data centers en Europe se multiplient.

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42. Le djihadisme est devenu un instrument de revanche sociale

Le Monde, Bernard Rougier, 2016 02 15

Opinion - Le terrorisme islamiste n'est plus seulement dirigé contre l'Occident. C'est aussi un outil de contrôle de l'islam et de contestation des élites nationales au Proche-Orient, selon le politologue Bernard Rougier. Avec la première intervention américaine en Afghanistan, le «djihadisme stratégique», porté par une organisation nomade, Al-Qaida, hébergée par les talibans mais dépourvue d'enracinement solide dans le tissu social local, disparaît progressivement. Cependant, la seconde intervention américaine dans le «Grand Moyen-Orient», l'occupation de l'Irak de 2003 à 2010, a facilité, quant à elle, l'expansion d'un nouveau phénomène terroriste, le

«djihadisme social». Ancré dans l'intimité anthropologique et politique de la société irakienne, il se montre viscéralement hostile aux élites en place. Abou Moussab Al-Zarkaoui, le chef d'Al-Qaida en Irak, tué en 2006, a été l'homme de cette métamorphose. La publicité donnée dans la dernière livraison de Dar Al-Islam, la revue francophone de l'organisation, au «testament» d'Abaaoud ainsi que les images de l'exécution de prisonniers syriens par les kamikazes du 13 novembre diffusées sur le réseau social Telegram illustrent l'importance de ce recyclage de volontaires étrangers pour les dirigeants djihadistes irakiens. Bernard Rougier est politologue, professeur des universités à Paris-III, coauteur de « L'Égypte en révolutions » (PUF, 2015)

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43. Le GIGN va se rapprocher du département de la Vienne

La Nouvelle République du Centre-Ouest, F. Bluteau, 2016 02 15

Joué-lès-Tours, France - Annoncée par le ministre de l'Intérieur, Bernard Cazeneuve, la création d'une antenne du GIGN à Joué-lès-Tours (Indre-et-Loire) sera bientôt effective. La nouvelle a surpris : aucune fuite n'avait filtré... Pourtant, en interne à la gendarmerie, l'hypothèse était en discussion. Une antenne du GIGN, appelée « peloton d'intervention interrégional de la gendarmerie » (PI2G), sera donc installée à Joué-lès-Tours. C'est la seule certitude pour l'instant. Car du côté des autorités locales, aucune information précise n'a été communiquée : « no comment » à la préfecture comme au groupement de gendarmerie d'Indre-et-Loire.

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44. Oops! German Intel Agents Suspected of Financing al-Qaeda

Sputnik (Russia), Staff report, 2016 02 15

Moscow - Two German domestic intelligence officers are suspected of having given money to al-Qaeda members to gain information on the extremist group, Berliner Morgenpost newspaper reported on Sunday. The investigation has built its case on evidence provided by Irfan Peci, an ethnic Bosnian and an informant for the domestic intelligence agency BfV, who once led the German branch of the so-called "The Global Islamist Media Front," a propaganda organization associated with al-Qaeda, Berliner Morgenpost wrote. In his book "The Jihadist: Terror made in Germany" published in 2015, Peci wrote that he had received 500 euros from his BfV handler, which he was to hand over to an important Islamist leader in order to build confidence and gain more information about al-Qaeda activities. According to Peci, he had earlier paid 300 euros to members of the so-called "German Taliban Mujahidin" group with the full knowledge of his BfV curator.

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1. Canada gets stricter on visa-free travel

Agence France-Presse, Staff Writer, 2016 02 18

Ottawa - Canada will tighten its rules on entering the country next month, adding a layer of security that will impact Europeans and others previously allowed to visit without a travel visa. Formerly visa-exempt foreign nationals, including those passing through on a stopover, will have

to fill out an online Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) in advance and pay a small administrative fee (Can\$7), starting March 15. The measure is similar to one set up by the United States in 2008, and will affect people from more than 50 countries. Americans will be exempt. Anyone caught unaware of the new regulations can expect some leniency in the beginning, said Robert Orr, deputy minister for immigration. The eTA is meant to help authorities better screen travellers for admissibility, Orr told AFP. He noted that Canadian security and intelligence agencies already do so but "not in a systematic way". The United States, followed by Britain, France and China (whose citizens require a visa) are the top sources of tourists to Canada, according to government figures.

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2. Détention des migrants au Canada : l'ASFC sans surveillance

Radio-Canada - Nouvelles Ottawa-Gatineau (site web), Brigitte Bureau, 2016 02 17

Ottawa - Un sénateur d'allégeance libérale s'insurge contre le manque de surveillance indépendante de l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC). L'organisme fédéral emprisonne, chaque année, plus de 4000 demandeurs d'asile ou demandeurs déboutés, dont des centaines d'enfants. Le sénateur Wilfred Moore réclame la création d'un poste d'inspecteur pour surveiller les activités de l'ASFC. Il veut ainsi honorer la mémoire d'une Mexicaine morte en détention au pays. Le sénateur Moore déplore qu'un organisme fédéral aussi puissant que l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada ne soit soumis à aucune surveillance externe. D'autres organismes, comme la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) et le Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications (CST), doivent tous rendre des comptes à des commissaires indépendants, qui reçoivent aussi les plaintes du public à leur endroit. À l'heure actuelle, un demandeur d'asile qui voudrait porter plainte contre l'ASFC n'a aucun recours indépendant, comme l'explique Jenny Jeanes, d'Action Réfugiés Montréal. « La détention est gérée par l'Agence des services frontaliers et si une personne veut se plaindre de son traitement, des conditions de détention, toutes les plaintes vont aux agents frontaliers », note-t-elle. « Il n'y a pas du tout de système externe de plainte. »

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3. Canada's air mission against ISIS has ended, Sajjan tells Commons debate

CBC.CA, Staff Writer, 2016 02 18

Ottawa - Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan has told a House of Commons debate on the future of Canada's contribution to the U.S.-led mission against ISIS that Canada's CF-18 fighter jets have flown their last mission in Iraq and Syria. In announcing the changes to Canada's mission last week, the government said the CF-18 involvement in airstrikes would end by Feb. 22, but Sajjan told MPs Wednesday the CF-18s flew their last mission on Monday. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, interim Conservative Leader Rona Ambrose and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair delivered remarks Wednesday in the House as MPs debated the federal government's recently-announced changes to the mission to combat ISIS. Trudeau kicked off debate Wednesday afternoon by

thanking the Canadian forces for their work in the mission to date. He paid tribute to Sgt. Andrew Doiron, the Canadian soldier killed in Iraq last March. Trudeau went on to tout his plan to replace CF-18 fighter jets with a bigger contingent of soldiers to train local forces. The Conservatives, who under Stephen Harper drafted the original mission to send Canadian fighter-bombers into battle, are condemning the changes as a step back from the fight. The NDP is asking for a clearer definition of the new effort, seeking to know if Canadian trainers will be in harm's way and urging the government to spell out an exit strategy. The government is stressing a broader approach, including more humanitarian aid and help for refugees. Trudeau says the training mission is the right role for Canada in the right place. "Our goal is to allow local forces to take the fight directly to ISIL, to reclaim their homes, land and future," he told the Commons. "We will be more significantly involved in counter-terrorism measures, improving chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear security in the region."

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4. Canadian jets carry out final air strikes against IS targets

Globe and Mail, Steven Chase, 2016 02 18

Ottawa - Canada's fighter jets have conducted their last air strikes against Islamic State militants as the Trudeau government withdraws the aircraft to fulfill a campaign promise. Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan made the announcement during a Commons debate on the changes the Liberals are making to Canada's contribution to the fight against Islamic State. He also warned Canadians on Wednesday night that the revised mission will be more dangerous. Mr. Sajjan said the CF-18 mission ended on Feb. 15. The last strikes by Canadian flights took place on Feb. 14, when two CFHornets struck an Islamic State "fighting position" near Fallujah in Iraq, the military said. Last week, the Liberals unveiled a refashioned commitment to the U.S.-led military campaign, one that includes a bigger and riskier training mission. The number of Canadian special-forces advisers will climb to 207 from 69 in the expanded military deployment. "Please keep in mind: This is a dangerous armed conflict, and this mission carries inherent risk to our men and women in uniform," Mr. Sajjan told the Commons on Wednesday during a debate on changes to the mission. "This mission will be riskier than air operations," Mr. Sajjan said.

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5. Canadian women become ISIL moms

National Post, Tristin Hopper, 2016 02 18

Ottawa - In their bid to raise "the next generation of mujahedeen," at least five Canadian women have conceived children with ISIL fighters, according to radicalization researcher Amarnath Amarasingam. "We think there's about 10 to 12 Canadian women who have gone to (ISIL-controlled territory in) Syria, of those, three have had children and two are currently pregnant," said Amarasingam. A post-doctoral fellow at Dalhousie University, Amarasingam has been conducting a detailed survey of Westerners who have left to become foreign jihadists. He's talked to recruits to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) via social media. He's interviewed fighters at the Syrian border. And, with the promise of strict anonymity, he has met with the Canadian families who harbour the terrible secret of having a son or daughters in the

world's most notorious jihadist group. "There's a kind of trauma that many of these parents live with; they feel that they missed some kind of key sign," he said. "A lot have been unable to go to work. At least one father has descended into alcoholism." As Amarasingam explained, "it's not simply that their child has made a mistake," but they now have grandkids growing up in a war zone from which they likely may never emerge alive.

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6. Edward Snowden to speak to Vancouverites at Queen Elizabeth Theatre (CSE)

Vancity Buzz, Lauren Sundstrom, 2016 02 18

Vancouver - Controversial public figure Edward Snowden will speak at a Vancouver event via web-link on the power and perils of big data, according to Simon Fraser University. The event will be hosted by SFU's Public Square and will highlight the ways big data practices are evolving in regards to governments and corporations. "Snowden is a transformative figure in the field of big data," said Catherine Murray, Professor, Communication at Simon Fraser University in a release. "No other leak was of this scale, this importance to global and national security, and this revealing of the degree of challenges to privacy that big data may pose." Snowden is a former CIA employee who leaked classified information from the United States National Security Agency back in 2013, revealing numerous global surveillance programs. Snowden was granted asylum by the Russian government and he currently resides in Moscow. Snowden is a former CIA employee who leaked classified information from the United States National Security Agency back in 2013, revealing numerous global surveillance programs. Snowden was granted asylum by the Russian government and he currently resides in Moscow. In the past, Snowden has spoken directly to issues of Canadian privacy and security such as Bill C-51 and the Canadian Communications Security Establishment internet data surveillance project Levitation.

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7. How we can build a better public service

Ottawa Citizen, Scott Brison, 2016 02 18

The World Economic Forum recently brought together young leaders from around the world under its Global Shapers Community program to talk about the participation of millennials in government. I was part of that discussion, which reaffirmed how important it is for Canada to attract the best of this next generation to public service. This generation is among the most talented, educated and globally connected ever. While some of the experiences and expectations of these young people are unique to their cohort, they have much in common with Canadian workers of all ages and backgrounds: They are looking for a way to make a difference - be it at the local, national or global level. While young people can make a difference through an NGO or in the private sector, a same smart, talented, idealistic young person can change the world through public service, given the right tools. However, instead of bringing in more young Canadians to help address the challenges of an aging workforce, the average age of a new recruit has crept up. The federal public service must innovate to attract more young people. We need less rigid hierarchies, fewer layers of bureaucracy, more open and transparent decision-making, a culture of intelligent risktaking, more opportunity for continuous learning, and greater mobility

in and out of government. We are making progress in creating the conditions that will foster innovation and calibrated risk and we will continue to encourage our employees to experiment and help build a corporate culture that is markedly different from any before - one that is not too constrained by how things were done in the past, but rather meets the needs and expectations of our talented youth today and in the future. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's gender-equal and diverse cabinet shows a real commitment to diversity. No one better represents this principle than Minister of Democratic Institutions Maryam Monsef, who came to Canada as an Afghani refugee. At 30, she provides an invaluable perspective to cabinet deliberations. Furthermore, our prime minister personally taking on ministerial responsibilities for youth demonstrates his attachment to the issue and forward-looking approach. (Note: Hon. Scott Brison is President of the Treasury Board.)

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8. Millennials and the PS

Ottawa Citizen, 2016 02 18

Editorial: The Treasury Board president wants to hire more millennials, pumping new blood into the public service and ushering in a "golden age." But it raises the rather large question: How? Scott Brison argues that hiring millennials is a twofold boon to the public service. First, the greying of the public service presents a longterm logistical problem. The average age of new hires is 37. Second, the government needs people to step up with new approaches as others retire. Millennials would bring in new skills and diverse values. Sounds reasonable. But what do young people actually want from their employer? According to numerous studies and surveys, millennials seek meaningful work, less hierarchy, fewer rules, flexible work schedules, support for risk-taking and so on. Many young people want to make a difference in the world. Brison says government is where people can really "move the needle." This can be done, he says, "if government gives them the tools to do that." Can he and the public service actually offer this? And if they can, should they? Government is cumbersome to reform. So far, there doesn't seem to be a clear plan to make the public service more millennial-friendly (which can't be a straightforward process). So Brison has a lot of work ahead. It means, fundamentally, making the government as attractive a place to work as tech startups or change-the-world NGOs. This is a tall order, especially when briefing documents suggest there are too many decision-making layers and a toxic work environment in the bureaucracy.

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9. PS workers' early exit on day of snowstorm 'surprised' OC Transpo

Ottawa Citizen, Matthew Pearson, 2016 02 18

Ottawa - The federal government didn't give the city a heads-up before sending thousands of public servants home from work early on Tuesday during the massive snowstorm that dumped more than 50 centimetres of snow and made the afternoon commute a nightmare, OC Transpo officials said Wednesday. John Manconi, general manager of transit services, said the city's emergency response department is normally told in advance when the federal government is planning a major shutdown. But that didn't happen. Instead, transit officials heard the news via

Twitter just after 1 p.m. Hundreds of people soon converged at Transitway stations, some expecting express buses, but they didn't go into service for another few hours. "We were surprised by it. When we knew about it, we did what we could at that point," Manconi said. Had OC Transpo been given more warning, Manconi said the transit service would have advised public servants to stagger their departure times and would have put rush-hour express buses into service sooner. OC Transpo could have added extra buses in key spots to help disperse the crowds.

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10. Should government hire the best people or best bilingual people?

Ottawa Citizen, Randall Denley, 2016 02 18

OpEd: The federal government wants to hire thousands of millennials to rejuvenate the public service. This attempt to attract the best and brightest is laudable, but it's not going to happen as long as the government continues to regard bilingualism as a primary criterion for hiring and advancement. It's simply a matter of arithmetic. The number of Canadians who are proficient in both French and English is relatively small, at most 17.5 per cent of the population. Even that number is optimistic, since it's those who can carry on a conversation in both French and English, not the number who can meet the government's more demanding language standards. The government must make a choice. Does it want the best people or the best bilingual people? There are already enough reasons to shy away from federal employment. Government is perceived as slow-moving and rules- driven. Much has been written about poor public service morale. Add onerous language requirements on top of that, and it's easy to see why government faces a hiring challenge. Why would someone already successful in the private sector choose to master a new language just to work for the government? Most would agree that service for the public in both official languages is necessary. It is in the workplace that the system breaks down. In a designated bilingual area such as the National Capital Region, home to the largest number of public servants, workers have a right to be supervised in the language of their choice. In effect, that means if a group of 50 employees has even one person who insists on using French as the language of work, his bosses have to be bilingual to accommodate him. (Note: Randall Denley is an Ottawa commentator, novelist and former Ontario PC candidat)

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11. West and Russia should re-engage on economies, security, ambassador says

Ottawa Citizen, Jennifer Campbell, 2016 02 18

Analysis: Western sanctions against Russia in response to its expansion into Ukraine have had an effect on the country's economy, Russian Ambassador Alexander Darchiev admitted last week. But they haven't hurt nearly as much as the country's "systemic dependence on lavish natural resource revenues," a concept, the ambassador noted, that would not be alien to Canada. "With the drastic fall of oil and gas prices, as well as other export commodities, the Russian economy suffered a serious blow in 2015," he told diplomats, academics and students at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs' Ambassadors Speakers' Series. He said some countries hoped sanctions would lead to a "cornering or isolating of Russia," something he called "mission

impossible." Other countries hoped it would bring about a regime change. Instead, sanctions "had a backlash effect, hitting European producers who lost billions of euros, with some economic fallout experienced in, too." A silver lining of sanctions, he said, has been a "wake-up call to diversify by encouraging resourcefulness as opposed to over-reliance on resources." He noted that the current storm has been weathered rather well, with sectors such as agriculture seeing three per cent growth and industrial production up slightly. The finance and labour markets remain stable and the trade balance is positive, he said. (Note: Jennifer Campbell is editor of Diplomat magazine)

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12. Apple's risky bet on protecting a terrorist's iPhone

Washington Post, Todd C. Frankel, Jena McGregor, 2016 02 18

Washington - Johnny Hockin was unsure how he felt about Apple chief executive Tim Cook's very public rebuke Wednesday of the federal government's demand for help unlocking an iPhone left behind by an assailant in the terrorist attack in San Bernardino, Calif. Hockin, 32, owns an iPhone. But he is not a technologist or privacy advocate. He is a film producer living in Toronto. Yet his social-media feeds burned up with strong reactions to Cook's letter. Many people applauded Apple's defiant stance. The Twitter hashtag #StandWithApple took off. At the same time, presidential candidate Donald Trump was on Fox denouncing the company, wondering, "Who do they think they are?" And several police groups criticized Apple's position. Hockin watched it all unfold. "I have a lot of ambivalence," he said. "I agree with Tim Cook in general. I also think the feds have a point when they're looking to advance an investigation."

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13. Apple Unlocked iPhones for the Feds 70 Times Before

The Daily Beast, Shane Harris, 2016 02 18

Washington - Apple CEO Tim Cook declared on Wednesday that his company wouldn't comply with a government search warrant to unlock an iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino killers, a significant escalation in a long-running debate between technology companies and the government over access to people's electronically-stored private information. But in a similar case in New York last year, Apple acknowledged that it could extract such data if it wanted to. And according to prosecutors in that case, Apple has unlocked phones for authorities at least 70 times since 2008. (Apple doesn't dispute this figure.) In other words, Apple's stance in the San Bernardino case may not be quite the principled defense that Cook claims it is. In fact, it may have as much to do with public relations as it does with warding off what Cook called "an unprecedented step which threatens the security of our customers." For its part, the government's public position isn't clear cut, either. U.S. officials insist that they cannot get past a security feature on the shooter's iPhone that locks out anyone who doesn't know its unique password-- which even Apple doesn't have. But in that New York case, a government attorney

acknowledged that one U.S. law enforcement agency has already developed the technology to crack at least some iPhones, without the assistance from Apple that officials are demanding now.

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14. As Apple Resists, Encryption Fray Erupts in Battle

New York Times, Eric Lichtblau, Katie Benner, 2016 02 18

Washington - Last month, some of President Obama's top intelligence advisers met in Silicon Valley with Apple's chief, Timothy D. Cook, and other technology leaders in what seemed to be a public rapprochement in their long-running dispute over the encryption safeguards built into their devices. But behind the scenes, relations were tense, as lawyers for the Obama administration and Apple held closely guarded discussions for over two months about one particularly urgent case: The F.B.I. wanted Apple to help "unlock" an iPhone used by one of the two attackers who killed 14 people in San Bernardino, Calif., in December, but Apple was resisting. When the talks collapsed, a federal magistrate judge, at the Justice Department's request, ordered Apple to bypass security functions on the phone. The order set off a furious public battle on Wednesday between the Obama administration and one of the world's most valuable companies in a dispute with far-reaching legal implications. "This Apple case really goes right to the heart of the encryption issue," said Ira Rubinstein, a senior fellow at the New York University Information Law Institute, "and in some ways, this was a fight that was inevitable."

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15. CIA unveils 'roadmap' for workforce diversity

Federal News Radio, Merideth Sommers, 2016 02 18

Washington - The CIA this week released its Diversity and Inclusion Strategy, a three-point, three-year effort that officials said takes advantage of a "unique opportunity to weave diversity and inclusion deep into the fabric of our agency." The Diversity and Inclusion Strategy comes at a time when the agency is also working to stand up its Talent Center of Excellence and putting its modernization efforts into practice. CIA Director John Brennan said in a statement that diversity is important because in order to have "excellence in foreign intelligence" there must also be broad perspectives within the CIA. "Broad perspectives come from diversity in thought, ethnicities, backgrounds and experiences," Brennan said in a statement. "Embracing and leveraging diversity through an inclusive culture fosters innovation, new ideas and new insights which is at the heart of what we are charged to do and is what will drive mission success."

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16. Congress Is Wary of Chinese Deal for Chicago Stock Exchange (Canada)

Bloomberg View, Josh Rogin, 2016 02 18

Column - Dozens of members of Congress plan to ask the Obama administration to review the planned acquisition of the Chicago Stock Exchange by a Chinese firm, to assess whether it poses

a national security risk or a risk to the companies traded on the exchange. The Chicago Stock Exchange announced this month that it would be sold to a consortium led by the Chongqing Casin Investment Group of China, a move that would inject needed resources into the exchange and give the Chinese firm a foothold in the \$22 trillion U.S. equities marketplace. Chinese state media reported that the deal was meant to eventually bring more Chinese firms into the U.S. market and that U.S. technology could be used to open new exchanges in China, a potential win-win for both sides. But the exchange's CEO, John Kerin, has said that he doesn't know who owns Chongqing Casin and that the Chinese government may be a minority stakeholder, as it is in most large Chinese businesses. On Wednesday, a group of several dozen U.S. lawmakers plan to formally request that the Obama administration conduct a national security review of the deal through a process known as the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, or CFIUS. Dozens of deals involving China have undergone CFIUS investigation, and most were approved. The U.S. government approved a Chinese firm's acquisition of Smithfield Foods, the nation's largest pork producer, in 2013 despite Congressional objections. That same year, CFIUS approved the Chinese state-owned oil giant CNOOC's \$15 billion purchase of Canadian energy behemoth Nexen Inc., which had assets in the U.S. In 2005, IBM was allowed to sell its PC business to Lenovo.

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17. Court weighs access to U.S. lethal-drone records

Washington Post, Ann E. Marimow, 2016 02 18

Washington - A federal appeals court Wednesday considered whether the U.S. government must disclose more details about its lethal-drone operations. The American Civil Liberties Union pressed for a fuller picture of the targeted-killing program, which the Obama administration has fought in court to keep secret. Jameel Jaffer, the ACLU's deputy legal director, told the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit that government officials routinely disclose information about the strikes in places such as Yemen and Pakistan. "The drone strikes themselves are not secret. There are people overseas who witness them every day. If it's a secret at all," he said, "it's a secret to us." In the long-running Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, the civil liberties group has asked for statistics about the strikes, including the dates, locations and number of people killed, in addition to a dozen legal memos related to the operations. Justice Department lawyer Sharon Swingle, representing the CIA, drew a distinction between broad, general statements by officials and the type of "granular data" the ACLU has requested, which she said would "reveal very sensitive information."

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18. Encryption is vital to protect our rights in a digital world

Globe and Mail, Ann Cavoukian, 2016 02 18

Column: Apple CEO Tim Cook has taken a strong and principled stand to protect the privacy of Apple's customers and smartphone users everywhere. He is refusing to comply with the order of a California judge that Apple help the FBI break the encryption on the iPhone of one of the San Bernardino terrorists by building a back door. Apple is not opposing the order because it

sympathizes with the terrorists, far from it - this was a terrible tragedy. Thus far, Apple has done everything it can to co-operate with law enforcement. This order, however, goes one step too far. It compels Apple to develop special software to disable the security features offered to iPhone owners that effectively wipe the phone's contents, including the stored decryption key, after 10 failed attempts. This would then allow the FBI to use "brute force" to break the encryption offered by iOS on which millions of consumers rely to protect the privacy and security of their information. Make no mistake: Building a back door into the San Bernardino iPhone to access encrypted data would build a back door into all iPhones of a similar model. The operating system software is essentially the same; thus, opening one iPhone to access personal data would open all others. And once the back door has been built, it would be available not only to the U.S. government, but foreign governments and criminal hackers around the world. Why? Because such a back door would be in great demand and the sources for it would grow geometrically. Encryption is a vital tool to protect our fundamental rights in a digital world. Millions of people benefit, in numerous ways, from the privacy and security offered by the iPhone and similar products. The U.S. government would be jeopardizing those benefits for the sake of hacking into one iPhone, which would no doubt lead to additional cases of hacking. Interestingly, governments love to use the "greater good" argument as justification for their actions. I submit that the greater good in this case would be served by not building a back door into the iPhone. This is yet another example of government overreach. If Apple is forced to do this, it will take its toll on innovation and prosperity, which will further erode our privacy and freedom. That is simply too high a price to pay. (Note: Ann Cavoukian is executive director of the Privacy and Big Data Institute - Where Big Data meets Big Privacy at Ryerson University in Toronto, and was information and privacy commissioner of Ontario from 1997 to 2014.)

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19. How a passcode has foiled the FBI

Los Angeles Times, Paresh Dave, 2016 02 18

Los Angeles - Four numbers hardly seem like a foolproof way to protect a smartphone. But that's likely what has stumped federal law enforcement, who have been unable to break into the iPhone 5C used by one of the San Bernardino shooters. That has led to a standoff between Apple and the FBI over the agency's right to access the device's contents -- and its power to compel Apple to help it do so. Password-protecting an iPhone seemed unnecessary in the early smartphone days, when most devices contained little more than contacts and music. But as smartphones evolved into powerful mini-computers storing troves of personal, location and financial data, the need to safeguard them has soared. Phones today are better protected than they've ever been. "You have to go out of your way to not have a passcode," said Eric Burger, director of the Georgetown University Center for Secure Communications. "We're much better off." The increased use of passwords may be keeping out hackers or jealous boyfriends, but now authorities are finding themselves locked out, too.

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20. Inside the FBI's encryption battle with Apple

The Guardian (London), Multiple reporters, 2016 02 18

Washington - For months, the FBI searched for a compelling case that would force Apple to weaken iPhone security - and then the San Bernardino shooting happened Two weeks ago, the Federal Bureau of Investigation called Apple's headquarters in Cupertino, California, with a jarring message: the agency wanted Apple to help them hack an iPhone. Apple refused. The request stepped up a level on 16 February when a federal magistrate ordered Apple to help the FBI unlock a single iPhone - the phone belonging to one of the killers in the December mass shooting in San Bernardino, California. Apple again refused. But this carefully planned legal battle has been months in the making, US officials and tech executives told the Guardian, as the government and Apple try to settle whether national security can dictate how Silicon Valley writes computer code. Both sides expect the ensuing legal battle to have far-reaching implications that will touch on encryption, law enforcement, digital privacy and a 225-year-old law from America's post-colonial days. "The law operates on precedent, so the fundamental question here isn't whether the FBI gets access to this particular phone," said Julian Sanchez, a surveillance law expert at the libertarian-leaning Cato Institute in Washington. "It's whether a catch-all law from 1789 can be used to effectively conscript technology companies into producing hacking tools and spyware for the government."

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21. Newer Phones Aren't Easy to Crack

Wall Street Journal, Jack Nicas, Robert McMillan, 2016 02 18

New York - The legal fight around the locked iPhone of one of the San Bernardino shooters highlights the growing role of encryption in digital life -- and the intensifying battle between tech companies and the government over the proper bounds of the technology. Encryption scrambles data so that it is unreadable until unlocked with a unique key. Apple Inc. and Alphabet Inc.'s Google thrust the issue into the spotlight in 2014, when they issued new versions of their software that automatically encrypted data stored on phones, such as contacts, photos and some text messages. Moreover, Apple and Google, which together power more than 90% of the world's smartphones, said they wouldn't be able to break the encryption codes themselves. Law-enforcement officials, led by Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James Comey, expressed alarm that encrypted phones could hamper criminal investigations. Such cases have been rare until now, because much of the data investigators seek can often be found elsewhere, such as call records maintained by telecom companies. In the case of alleged shooter Syed Rizwan Farook, however, federal investigators say they have no other options. They persuaded a federal judge Tuesday to order Apple to circumvent the security measures on Mr. Farook's iPhone 5C, hoping to learn more about his contacts and communications in the final weeks of his life. Depending on the password that Mr. Farook used, there could be more than two billion combinations, which could take a computer 5 1/2 years to try, Apple estimates. In a court filing, the Justice Department said it can't tell whether the auto-erase feature is enabled, "therefore trying repeated passcodes risks permanently denying all access to the contents."

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22. NSA chief: 'Paris would not have happened' without encrypted apps

Yahoo News, Michael Isikoff, 2016 02 18

Washington - National Security Agency Director Adm. Michael Rogers warns that encryption is making it "much more difficult" for the agency to intercept the communications of terrorist groups like the Islamic State, citing November's Paris attacks as a case where his agency was left in the dark because the perpetrators used new technologies to disguise their communications. In an exclusive interview with Yahoo News, Rogers confirmed speculation that began right after the attack: that "some of the communications" of the Paris terrorists "were encrypted," and, as a result, "we did not generate the insights ahead of time. Clearly, had we known, Paris would not have happened." Rogers' comments were made on Friday, just days before the FBI obtained a court order requiring Apple to provide a "backdoor" into the data on the iPhone of one of the shooters in the San Bernardino, Calif., terror attack in December -- an order the company is resisting. But his remarks are likely to fuel the debate over encryption that has sorely divided the U.S. intelligence and law enforcement community, on one side, and privacy advocates and U.S. technology companies. (A spokesman for the NSA had no comment today on the court order or on Apple's response.) Rogers has at times sought to steer a middle ground in this debate, acknowledging that encryption is "foundational to our future" and even saying recently that arguing about it "is a waste of time." In the Yahoo News interview, he frankly acknowledged, "I don't know the answer" to unencrypting devices and applications without addressing the concerns over privacy and competitiveness, calling for a national collaboration among industry and government officials to solve the problem. But he left little doubt about the impact encryption is having on his agency's mission. "Is it harder for us to generate the kind of knowledge that I would like against some of these targets? Yes," Rogers said. "Is that directly tied in part to changes they are making in their communications? Yes. Does encryption make it much more difficult for us to execute our mission. Yes."

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23. Obama Plans Visit to Cuba, as Talks on Expanding Trade Begin

New York Times, Julie Hirschfeld Davis, 2016 02 18

Washington - President Obama will travel to Cuba within weeks, a senior administration official said on Wednesday, making a historic visit as part of an effort to end more than a half-century of estrangement and forge normalized relations with a Cold War adversary. The administration will announce the trip -- the first by a sitting president in 88 years, when Calvin Coolidge visited -- on Thursday as top Commerce, Treasury and State Department officials are meeting privately with their Cuban counterparts in Washington for talks aimed at expanding business ties between the two nations. Opening the discussions on Wednesday, Penny Pritzker, the commerce secretary, called on the government of Cuba to open its economy to American business and investment, saying the Cubans must do more to help facilitate commerce after the thaw between the two nations.

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24. Tech Industry Response Is Muted in Clash on Unlocking iPhone

New York Times, Nick Wingfield, Mike Isaac, 2016 02 18

New York - After a federal court ordered Apple to help unlock an iPhone used by an attacker in a December mass shooting in San Bernardino, Calif., the company's chief executive, Timothy D. Cook, penned a passionate letter warning of far-reaching implications beyond the case. The response from other technology companies? A mix of carefully calibrated support and crickets. Late on Wednesday, Sundar Pichai, the chief executive of Google, said on Twitter that law enforcement demands to hack customer devices and data "could be a troubling precedent." Not long afterward, Reform Government Surveillance, a coalition formed by Apple, Google, Microsoft and Facebook, released a broad statement that did not mention the Apple case or Mr. Cook's letter but said technology companies should not be required to put "back doors" -- the equivalent of a tech entryway -- into their products. Asked about Apple's opposition to the court order, representatives of Microsoft, Twitter and Facebook declined to comment. A spokesman for Amazon, which is not in the coalition, also declined to comment. The range of reactions highlights the complicated set of factors influencing tech companies' responses to government demands for customer data in the era after revelations by Edward J. Snowden, the former intelligence contractor, of widespread government surveillance. Some companies may be keeping their heads low to avoid becoming targets during the raucous presidential campaign, while others may fear that being too vocal will jeopardize government sales and relationships with law enforcement, privacy experts said.

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25. Vie privée Apple reçoit des appuis dans son bras de fer contre le FBI

Le Devoir, Fabien Deglise, 2016 02 18

San Bernardino, Californie - Ce serait une question de principes et de sécurité. La multinationale américaine Apple a décidé de tenir tête au FBI et refuse de lui donner les clefs de cryptage nécessaire afin d'accéder au contenu du iPhone d'un des meurtriers de la tuerie de San Bernardino, en Californie, en décembre dernier. Mercredi, le géant a reçu l'appui de l'importante Electronic Frontier Fondation. Pour Tim Cook, grand patron d'Apple, permettre une telle intrusion créerait un précédent qui mettrait en péril la sécurité et la protection de la vie privée de tous les propriétaires de iPhone 6. Il réclame d'ailleurs au passage un débat public sur le chiffrement des données personnelles qui selon lui, pour être efficace, doit se faire sans compromission. « Nous témoignons un grand respect aux professionnels du FBI et nous croyons que leurs intentions sont bonnes, explique Cook dans une lettre ouverte dévoilée mardi dans la foulée de l'ordre du tribunal reçu à ses bureaux. Or, ce que le gouvernement américain nous demande aujourd'hui de créer, et qui n'existe pas, nous le jugeons trop dangereux à faire : il nous demande de construire une porte dérobée pour lui permettre d'entrer dans nos iPhone. » Une porte qui, une fois ouverte, pourra être utilisée sur tous les appareils, par le gouvernement américain sur son territoire comme ailleurs sur la planète, mais également par des techniciens ou pirates moins bien intentionnés, dit-il.

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26. Gerry Adams says Sinn Fein government in Ireland inevitable

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 02 18

Kilkenny - Gerry Adams said that anger over Ireland's uneven recovery would hand his Sinn Fein party a breakthrough in elections this month, paving the way in coming years for an "inevitable" entry into government for the former political wing of the IRA. The nationalist group has already seen a near doubling of support since the last vote, according to opinion polls, leaving it jostling with centre-right Fianna Fail for the position of second largest party. Opposition to austerity measures imposed under Ireland's 2010 EU-IMF bailout had given way to anger at a recovery that helped the rich more than the poor, ushering in a new political era, Adams told Reuters in an interview on Wednesday. "People have been politicised, radicalised by policies of austerity. You see it in (British opposition leader) Jeremy Corbyn ... you see it in Portugal, you see it in Greece and you see it here in Ireland," he said. Adams said his party's past links to the Irish Republican Army (IRA) were not seen as a liability by voters. "Clearly Sinn Fein some time in the next decade is going to be in government. There is no doubt at all about that," he added during a campaign stop in the southeastern city of Kilkenny.

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Australia, New Zealand • Australie, Nouvelle-Zélande

27. Bishop seeks China missile confirmation

Australian Associated Press, Staff Writer, 2016 02 18

Canberra - Foreign Minister Julie Bishop says she wants to independently verify China has placed missiles on a South China Sea island before buying into the row about militarisation of the disputed territory. Ms Bishop, in Beijing for the annual foreign and strategic dialogue, said she had raised this in her discussions but Chinese officials had not conceded the missile reports were correct. She said she would discuss this with Australian intelligence and foreign policy experts when she returned home. "I am not going to buy into this until there has been verification that will satisfy Australia," she told Sky News. Ms Bishop said China's President Xi Jinping had declared in Washington that China did not intend to militarise the islands it claims in the South China Sea. So any act that could be seen as militarisation would raise concerns and tensions, she said.

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28. Canada refugee progress outpaces Australia's

Australian Associated Press, Staff Writer, 2016 02 18

Canberra - Refugee Council of Australia chief executive Paul Power said the government was dragging its feet while the rest of the world acted on their promises to resettle Syrian and Iraqi refugees. Mr Dutton told reporters in Washington that biometric screening, enhanced security checks and database intelligence checks with countries such as the US, Canada and the UK are underway to ensure the bona fides of people. "We want to extend a hand of welcome to those

people... who are in desperate need of a ... new life," he said. Canada's progress was a matter for that country, he said. (Full Report)

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29. George Brandis joins calls for Apple to comply with FBI request to unlock San Bernardino shooter's phone

ABC (Australia), Staff Writer, 2016 02 18

Canberra - Attorney-General George Brandis has joined calls for Apple to comply with an FBI request to unlock an iPhone used by one of the shooters in December's San Bernadino massacre. Apple's chief executive Tim Cook announcing the company would contest a court order to help the FBI break into a phone recovered from Syed Rizwan Farook, one of the San Bernardino shooters. The company was ordered to provide "reasonable technical assistance" to investigators seeking to unlock the data on Farook's iPhone 5C. Mr Cook argues the FBI's demand threatens the security of Apple's customers but he has already been criticised by a presidential candidate and New York's police chief for the taking the stance. The company's refusal to cooperate with the FBI has been criticised by a cast of characters including New York Police Commissioner Bill Bratton and presidential candidate Donald Trump who suggests unlocking the iPhone is "common sense".

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

30. Notorious Taliban commander held in Paktika

Pajhwok Afghan News, Pajhwok Report, 2016 02 18

Kabul - Security officials have arrested the Taliban notorious commander in woman dress in the Barmal district of southeastern Paktika province, the spy-service of the country said on Wednesday. A statement from the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said the detained Commander Hazrat Ali was the Taliban insurgency chief operator in the locality. One Kalashnikov and two hand grenades were recovered from Ali, the statement said. NDS released a video clip also in this regard. Taliban Spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, however, rejected the claim saying no Taliban commander has been arrested in Barmal district of Paktika. (Full Report).

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31. Taliban Used Children as Soldiers, Group Says

New York Times, David Jolly, 2016 02 18

Kabul - Child soldiers recruited by the Taliban were used in the battle to overrun the northern city of Kunduz last year, a prominent human rights organization said on Wednesday. Human Rights Watch reported 13 cases of children recruited to fight for the Taliban in that battle. Its researchers found that the insurgents used Islamic religious schools in the area "to provide

military training to children between the ages of 13 and 17, many of whom have been deployed in combat." Human Rights Watch said the Taliban begin indoctrinating children from as early as 6 years old. The United Nations has documented that children as young as 10 participated in the fighting in Kunduz, the capital of Kunduz Province. That northern city was captured in September by Taliban fighters; government forces, backed by United States air power, reclaimed the city days later. The cases of children found by Human Rights Watch to have fought for the Taliban in that battle included Malek, 14, from the Chahardara district of Kunduz, who was recruited by his teacher. His job was to carry rocket-propelled grenades in a Taliban unit. The insurgents rejected the Human Rights Watch report.

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Africa • Afrique

32. Des jihadistes de Daech circulent entre le Maroc et l'Espagne en Burqa

La Relève (Maroc), Journaliste maison, 2016 02 17

Rabat, Maroc - Des membres de la nébuleuse terroriste Daech se déplaceraient entre le Maroc et l'Espagne cachés sous des burqas et des niqabs, ce qui a incité les services des deux pays à redoubler d'efforts pour contrer leurs plans criminels, rapporte Assabah dans sa livraison de ce mardi 16 février 2016. Les sources citées par le journal pensent savoir que cette nouvelle manière de se dissimuler a permis à cette organisation terroriste de faire passer des centaines de guerriers en Europe en les mêlant aux réfugiés syriens, avant de recourir à la même entourloupe pour rentrer au Maroc, quand l'étau s'est resserré autour d'eux dans les pays d'accueil.

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33. KDF kills al Shabaab intel chief Mohammed Karatey linked to El Adde attack

The Star (Kenya), Staff report, 2016 02 18

Nairobi - Kenyan troops killed Mohammed Karatey aka Mahat Karatey who headed al Shabaab's intelligence wing in a major strike on Nadaris camp in Somalia last Monday. The Defence ministry said KDF soldiers under Amisom killed the commander, who was also the militant group's deputy commander, alongside 10 other mid-level commanders. "Karatey had gone to the camp to preside over the passing out of an estimated 80 Alamnyat recruits who had completed their training and were due for deployment," the ministry said. "It is confirmed that 42 recruits were also killed [in the attack between Buale and Sukow] while many others sustained injuries." The Alamnyat intelligence wing is made up of suicide bombers, assassins, explosives experts and information gatherers.

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34. Kenya 'kills' al-Shabab intelligence chief in Somalia

BBC News, Staff report, 2016 02 18

London - A Kenyan air strike has killed the intelligence chief of Somalia's militant Islamist group al-Shabab, an army statement has said. Mohammed Karatey and 10 other al-Shabab commanders were killed in the strike in southern Somalia on 8 February, it added. He played a key role in last month's deadly attack on a Kenyan military base in Somalia, the army said. Al-Shabab has not yet commented on the claim that Karatey has been killed.

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35. Plus de 100 nouveaux postes de surveillance installés

Liberté (Algérie), Farid Belgacem, 2016 02 17

Tiguentourine, Algérie - Tiguentourine, In-Amenas et Djanet : le niveau de vigilance relevé Le niveau de vigilance a été revu à la hausse aux frontières du Grand-Sud où la Gendarmerie nationale a installé plus de 100 nouveaux postes de surveillance sur le tracé frontalier algéro-libyen, allant d'Ouargla à Illizi jusqu'à Tamanrasset. La menace terroriste se fait de plus en plus sentir aux frontières du Grand-Sud algérien où la présence de groupes armés est signalée au quotidien, où de grosses saisies d'armes de guerre sont opérées et où il est noté l'émergence de nouvelles cellules dormantes de Daech. Le déplacement, dimanche et lundi dernier dans la région d'Illizi, du commandant de la Gendarmerie nationale, le général-major Menad Nouba, procède de l'urgence de déployer davantage de moyens humains et matériels pour anticiper la parade contre l'avancée des groupes armés vers les sites névralgiques de Tiguentourine, In-Amenas et Djanet. Ainsi, la bande frontalière algéro-libyenne, allant d'Ouargla à Illizi jusqu'à Tamanrasset, a été renforcée par plus de 100 nouveaux postes de surveillance. Ces postes, chargés de la sécurité des frontières, sont appuyés par des patrouilles de chasse, pédestres ou aériennes, des patrouilles de reconnaissance, des tireurs d'élite et des unités spéciales d'intervention chargées de la lutte antiterroriste.

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36. Terrorisme « Un allié sûr, crédible et respecté »

Le Soir (Belgique), B.L., 2016 02 18

Rabat - Le Maroc se dresse en partenaire majeur des Occidentaux dans la lutte antiterrorisme. Le terrorisme, ici, on connaît. Les années 2003 et 2011, notamment, ont été marquées par des attaques meurtrières. Il ne se passe guère de semaine sans que les autorités annoncent le démantèlement d'une cellule terroriste. Daesh l'admet, qui a menacé le royaume par vidéo en janvier. A Rabat, on n'est pas peu fier des remerciements de François Hollande adressés au roi pour l'« assistance efficace » dans l'enquête sur les attentats du 13 novembre à Paris. Le roi Philippe, à Bruxelles, avait aussi appelé Mohamed VI à l'époque. Le cas d'Abdelhamid Abaaoud, Belgo-Marocain abattu à Saint-Denis revient dans toutes les conversations. Abdelhak Khiame, patron de la police antiterroriste, avait indiqué au Figaro en janvier que son service avait permis de repérer la planque du terroriste. Mais le même journal admettait ce 4 février que la source des enquêteurs était une amie française de la cousine du terroriste. S'agissant de la torture, dont les services marocains sont régulièrement accusés par les organisations de défense des droits de l'homme, ledit Khiame bottait en touche dans l'hebdomadaire TelQuel le 21 septembre 2015 : «

Il y a peut-être eu quelques dérives, mais personnellement il n'y a eu aucun cas de torture dont j'ai été témoin ».

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37. Beijing defends South China Sea arms deployment

South China Morning Post, 2016 02 18

US, Taiwan officials say mainland has installed surface-to-air missiles on island in the Paracels. China says it's 'hype', but backs defence facilities Beijing has defended the deployment of armaments in the South China Sea after US and Taiwanese officials said it had installed surface-to-air missiles on a disputed island in the Paracel chain. Analysts said Beijing's move had been a long time coming and more military facilities would be mounted in the Paracels, where China considers its claims are less disputable than in other parts of the sea. Fox News first reported the missile deployment on Woody Island, also known as Yongxing in China, citing a US official, and the claim was backed by Taiwan's defence ministry yesterday. The defence ministry in Beijing described the reports as "hype", saying defence facilities on "relevant islands and reefs" had been in place for many years to safeguard territorial sovereignty. Foreign ministry spokesman Hong Lei (??) said any arms were for defence and were not part of a military build-up. Foreign Minister Wang Yi (??) said the news was "created" by Western media, who should instead focus on the civilian facilities China had been building. Fox News said satellite images indicated the Hongqi-9 air defence system had been set up on Woody Island, which is controlled by the mainland but claimed by Taiwan and Vietnam. The system has a range of 200km. Xu Guangyu (???) , a retired People's Liberation Army general, said the system could be found on many Chinese islands and there would be nothing abnormal about its presence on Woody Island, which houses the government of Sansha in Hainan (??). The news came as US President Barack Obama called for a halt to reclamation and militarisation in the sea as he concluded a summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean). The summit issued a statement calling for a peaceful resolution of sovereignty disputes in the sea, but did not single out China. The United States has twice sent warships near to disputed islands held by China. The latest patrol took place last month in waters within 12 nautical miles of Triton Island, also in the Paracels. Jin Canrong, a professor of international relations at Renmin University in Beijing, said the missile system on Woody Island was a response to the Triton patrol.

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38. Chinese missile installation raises tension in region

Globe and Mail, Nathan Vanderklippe, 2016 02 18

Beijing - The United States has expressed "serious concern" after China deployed surface-to-air missiles on an island in the South China Sea, an escalation that further militarizes a region where significant tensions have already emerged between China and its neighbours. Officials in Taiwan and the United States on Wednesday said China has placed missile batteries on Woody Island, the largest in the Paracel island group roughly 300 kilometres southeast of China - an area that has been the focus of a renewed construction effort as Beijing places a heavier stamp on its claims in the South China Sea. Both Vietnam and Taiwan also claim the Paracels, islands that like the much more distant Spratly group - where Beijing has dredged the sea to create new land masses capable of supporting buildings and runways - are disputed territory inside a maritime expanse criss-crossed by vital shipping lanes that move some \$5-trillion (U.S.) in world trade. The deployment of surface-to-air missiles marks a controversial expansion by China, adding to the small military base it operates on Woody Island, whose facilities include radar and a runway that has been used by fighter jets. China has controlled the Paracels since 1974, after a short naval battle with Vietnam. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi played down the missile installation, saying Wednesday that "the limited and necessary self-defence facilities China has built on islands and reefs" are "consistent with the self-defence and self-preservation China is entitled to under international law."

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39. Chinese Missiles Underscore a Growing Conflict Risk

New York Times, Mark Landler, Michael Forsythe, 2016 02 18

Washington - China's deployment of surface-to-air missiles on a disputed island in the South China Sea, at the very moment that President Obama is trying to buttress American influence in the region, underscores the growing risk of conflict among the Chinese, their neighbors and the United States. A day after Mr. Obama gathered 10 leaders from Southeast Asian countries for a summit meeting in California, a United States official said the Pentagon had evidence that China had placed missile batteries on an island that is part of an archipelago claimed by Vietnam and Taiwan, as well as by China. At the meeting, Mr. Obama sent a warning to China, declaring that the United States would "continue to fly, sail and operate wherever international law allows" and that "we will support the right of all countries to do the same." He said he had discussed with the leaders the need to halt further reclamation and militarization of islands in the South China Sea. "What China is doing is worrisome because they're obviously increasing their capacity for surveillance and for sustaining a presence that is well beyond what they've had before," said Kenneth G. Lieberthal, a senior fellow and an expert on China at the Brookings Institution.

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40. North Korea preparing attacks vs South Korea--Seoul spy service

Associated Press, 2016 02 18

Seoul - South Korea's spy agency has told ruling party officials that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un recently ordered preparations for launching attacks on South Korea, in the latest sign of high tensions on the Korean peninsula after the North's recent nuclear test and missile launch. One official from the Saenuri Party who attended Thursday's closed-door briefing by the

National Intelligence Service says Kim's spy agency has begun work to implement his order to "actively muster capabilities" to launch cyber and other attacks on South Korea. North Korea has a history of attacks against South Korea, but it is impossible to independently confirm what's really happening in the secretive North Korea. The Saenuri official refused to say whether the briefing discussed how the information has been obtained. He requested anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to media on the briefing. The spy agency said the attacks could target anti-Pyongyang activists, defectors and government officials. The comments come a day after four of the most advanced U.S. fighter jets flew over South Korea in a clear show of force against North Korea amid a festering standoff over its nuclear and missile ambitions.

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41. US expects 'very serious' talks with China after missile reports

Reuters, 2016 02 18

Washington - U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said on Wednesday the United States expects to have "very serious" talks with China about militarization of the South China Sea after reports that Beijing deployed advanced surface-to-air missiles to a disputed island. Taiwan's Defense Ministry said the missile batteries had been set up on Woody Island in the Paracels chain, which has been under Chinese control for decades but also is claimed by Taiwan and Vietnam. A U.S. defense official also confirmed the "apparent deployment" of the missiles, first reported by Fox News. "There is every evidence, every day that there has been an increase of militarization of one kind or another," Kerry told reporters when asked about the reported deployment. "It's of serious concern. "We have had these conversations with the Chinese and I am confident that over the next days we will have further very serious conversation on this." The United States claims no territory in the South China Sea but has expressed serious concerns about how China's increasingly assertive pursuit of territorial claims there could affect the vital global trade routes that pass through it.

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42. 14 Detained Outside Moscow for Preparing Fake Passports for Daesh Militants

Sputnik (Russia), Staff report, 2016 02 18

Moscow - Fourteen individuals were detained outside Moscow for preparing fake passports for Daesh militants, whose activities are prohibited in numerous countries including Russia and the United States, the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) said Thursday. The FSB and Interior Ministry were able to stop the international criminal group, which was not only preparing documents for those from Russia and other former Soviet republics to fight among the ranks of Daesh in Syria, but also for those returning to Russia to carry out terrorist and extremist acts, as well as illegal migration. "After collecting the needed base of evidence in the criminal case, ... a complex of operative military and investigation operations were carried out in the capital's region to suppress the activities of the group revealed by detaining 14 of its members 'red-handed,'" the FSB said in a statement.

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43. Intelligence Minister: Security forces bust tens of terrorist operations

Islamic Republic News Agency, 2016 02 18

Tehran - Minister of Intelligence Hojjatoleslam Seyed Mahmoud Alavi said on Wednesday that Iranian security forces have busted tens of terrorist operations. In the past two and a half year, tens of terrorist operations in various cities such as Tehran were discovered and busted instantly. He described the planned operations as bomb explosion and suicide bombing in metro stations, bazaar, Friday Prayer sermon in Tehran as well as Zahedan and Shiraz. Some 1,500 youths were to join terrorist groups who were advised by the personnel at the ministry to change their ideas, he said. Intelligence forces spare no efforts to restore calmness and security to the society, he said. Active and mass presence of people in the upcoming parliamentary elections as well as Assembly of Experts will demonstrate Iran's might and glory, Alavi said. (Full Report).

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44. Radioactive material stolen in Iraq raises security fears

Reuters, 2016 02 18

Baghdad - Iraq is searching for "highly dangerous" radioactive material stolen last year, according to an Environment Ministry document and seven security, environmental and provincial officials who fear it could be used as a weapon if acquired by Daesh (ISIS). The material, stored in a protective case the size of a laptop computer, went missing in November from a storage facility near the southern city of Basra belonging to U.S. oilfield services company Weatherford, the document obtained by Reuters showed and officials confirmed. A spokesman for Iraq's Environment Ministry said he could not discuss the issue, citing national security concerns. A Weatherford spokesman in Iraq declined to comment, and the company's Houston headquarters did not respond to repeated requests for comment. A U.S. official said the United States was aware of the missing material since November but it is still unclear whether it was misplaced or stolen.

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45. The Released Americans Were Kidnapped by Those Who Kidnapped the Qataris

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 02 18

Baghdad - While Iraqi and US sources yesterday confirmed the release of three Americans who were kidnapped in Iraq in January, the deputy of the Iraqi parliament's security and defence committee Hamid Al-Mutlaq told Asharq Al-Awsat that "known and armed militias that are affiliated with Iran kidnapped the three Americans in Baghdad". Al-Mutlaq added that "Tehran wanted to use the hostages to influence negotiations taking place between Washington and Tehran but the US government refused to bargain with Iran over the hostages." He continued by saying "I am sure that the Qataris who were kidnapped in Samawah were kidnapped by the same

armed militias". An Iraqi National Intelligence Service (INIS) source who wished to remain anonymous told Asharq Al-Awsat in Baghdad yesterday that "the INIS gathered accurate information on the whereabouts of the three US citizens and identified the exact site of detention based on this information".

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46. Moscow, Iranian Minister of Defense to Discuss an 8 Billion Dollar Arms Deal

Asharq Al-Awsat, Sami Amara, 2016 02 18

Tehran - In the prospect of intensifying military cooperation between Russia and Iran, Hossein Dehghan, Iranian Minister of Defense arrived to Moscow and instigated deliberations with his peer Sergey Shoygu. Dehghan is also expected to later meet Russian President Vladimir Putin. Moreover, the agreement on Russia delivering the S-300 (missile system) to Iran is in accord on execution, after the deal being previously put to rest, an approximate 10 years, due to the economic and military sanctions that were imposed on Iran. Dehghan visiting Russia aims to acquire artillery bulk worth a near 8 billion dollars in planes and military equipment. He will also be conferring several regional and international suits, like the Syrian crisis and the relationship with Gulf countries especially Saudi Arabia, Military-Technical Cooperation (MTC) sources reported. The list is the same one discussed with the Russian Ministry of Defense, the government, and Kremlin.

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47. Syrian national of YPG-links behind Ankara blast, says Turkish PM

Hurriyet Daily News, Staff report, 2016 02 18

Ankara - Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu has announced that a Syrian national with links to the People's Protection Units (YPG) was identified as the perpetrator of the attack in Ankara. The attacker received assistance from outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) militants in Turkey, the prime minister said. A Syrian national, identified as 1992-born Salih Necer, was behind the car bomb attack in Ankara on Feb. 17 that killed 28 people and wounded 61 others, Davutoglu said with "certainty." Necer was born in the Amuda province of northern Syria in 1992 and had links to the YPG, Davutoglu informed reporters. "A direct link between the attack and the YPG has been established," he said, adding that nine suspects were detained while the investigation continues. Davutoglu also explained that new detentions would take place, but declined to provide details regarding the upcoming operations.

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48. Why did Nasrallah focus on Israel when Hezbollah is busy in Syria?

Jerusalem Post, Ariel Ben Solomon, Yaakov Lappin, 2016 02 18

Jerusalem - Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah checked off all the boxes for harsh anti-Israel rhetoric during his speech, but his aim was to rally Shi'ite support behind him and even try to improve his group's drab image in the Sunni Arab world. He sought to embarrass Sunni Arab states by tying them to Israel because of their common goal in opposing Iran's aggressive goals in the region. And to hammer home the point that Hezbollah is the one standing up to Israel, not the Sunni Arabs, Nasrallah threatened on Tuesday night to hit large ammonia gas storage tanks in Haifa that he said would wreak damage and casualties equal to a nuclear attack. Environmental Protection Minister Avi Gabbay later said he had ordered the ammonia storage facility to be moved to the Negev.

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49. Ankara de nouveau frappée par un attentat

Le Figaro, Maurin Picard, 2016 02 18

Ankara - Cette attaque, la deuxième à frapper la capitale turque en quatre mois, a fait au moins 28 morts et 61 blessés. Turquie La violente explosion a frappé au coeur d'Ankara, dans un quartier stratégique, censé être surprotégé et nommé - à raison - « le quartier de l'État » (Devlet mahallesi). C'est là que sont situés, entre autres institutions, l'Assemblée nationale, de nombreux ministères et le siège de l'état-major des armées turques. Le bilan, toujours provisoire, faisait état mercredi soir de 28 morts et 61 blessés. L'explosion est survenue au passage de véhicules militaires, à proximité de logements occupés par des soldats et leurs familles. Elle s'est produite à 18 h 31, heure locale, au moment où ces militaires quittent le travail à bord de cars banalisés. L'identité des victimes - notamment la présence éventuelle de civils parmi les tués - n'était pas confirmée mercredi soir. Selon le vice-premier ministre et porte-parole du gouvernement, Numan Kurtulmus, un véhicule piégé est à l'origine de la déflagration. On ne sait pas avec certitude s'il s'agissait d'une attaque kamikaze, mais « il est évident qu'elle a été très bien planifiée », a commenté dans la soirée Numan Kurtulmus, affirmant « ne pas avoir, à cette heure, d'informations sur les auteurs ». L'attentat n'a pas encore été revendiqué.

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50. Attentats de Paris : des suspects espionnaient un responsable du nucléaire belge

Le Journal du Dimanche (JDD) avec l'Agence France-Presse, Thomas Liabot, 2016 02 18

Bruxelles - Les enquêteurs belges ont découvert que certains suspects des attentats de Paris s'intéressaient de près à un responsable du nucléaire belge. La mouvance djihadiste belge espionnait un "haut responsable du secteur nucléaire", selon une vidéo saisie par la justice fin novembre dans les effets personnels d'un homme inculpé à Bruxelles dans le cadre de l'enquête sur les attentats du 13 novembre à Paris. Le quotidien belge La Dernière Heure a révélé mercredi

la découverte, lors d'une perquisition, d'une vidéo d'une dizaine d'heures tournée en cachette devant le domicile du "directeur du programme de recherche et de développement nucléaire belge". Les enquêteurs belges ont ensuite pu déterminer que ces images avaient été "captées au moyen d'une caméra cachée dans un bosquet sous de la paille et que celle-ci a été récupérée sur place par deux suspects, repartis à bord d'un véhicule tous feux éteints", poursuivait le journal. Les deux hommes n'ont pas été identifiés et la date des enregistrements - avant ou après les attentats de Paris - n'a pas pu être déterminée, selon la DH .

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51. Des kamikazes visaient nos centrales: pas de raison de renforcer la sécurité, selon Jambon

La Dernière Heure (Belgique), Julien Crepin, 2016 02 18

Bruxelles - Les kamikazes des attentats de Paris visaient nos centrales nucléaires ! La vidéo de surveillance d'un dirigeant belge du nucléaire a été retrouvée chez Mohamed Bakkali, inculpé dans les attentats de Paris. Nos révélations d'hier sur la surveillance par caméra d'un haut dirigeant du secteur nucléaire belge par les membres du groupe terroriste à l'origine des attentats de Paris ont été confirmées mercredi par le parquet fédéral. La vidéo avait été retrouvée au domicile de la conjointe d'un des inculpés dans l'enquête sur les attentats de Paris, Mohamed Bakkali. Cette vidéo a été retrouvée le 30 novembre dernier, soit deux semaines après les attentats, lors d'une perquisition chez la femme de Bakkali. Le matériel informatique a été découvert dans les affaires du suspect. Suite aux révélations de la DH, nous avons contacté le cabinet du ministre de l'Intérieur Jan Jambon (N-VA) pour savoir si la sécurité de nos centrales, potentielles cibles d'attentats, allait être renforcée. Et la réponse est inchangée par rapport à celle que le ministre avait formulée au parlementaire écolo Jean Marc Nollet. "Nous avons dit que la protection de certains endroits par des militaires requérait le niveau 3 de la menace. Le niveau 3 actuellement défini par l'Ocam concerne les grandes manifestations et les concentrations de personnes. Rien n'indique une menace spécifique sur les centrales nucléaires, ni à Doel, ni à Tihange. C'est pour cette raison que nous n'y prévoyons pas de support militaire", explique le ministre Jambon.

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52. French Muslims Say Emergency Powers Come at Too High a Cost

New York Times, Alissa J. Rubin, 2016 02 18

Paris - Depending on who is telling the story, Daoud Muradyan, a blind 21-year-old, is either a potential terrorist or a harmless immigrant who embodies everything that is wrong with France's broad new antiterrorism powers. Mr. Muradyan came under suspicion after having contact with a radical imam, the French authorities say. They also say that he recently traveled to a part of Brussels where several of the attackers in the Nov. 13 Paris assaults had lived, and that he had five cellphones and four USB memory sticks in his possession when the police raided his home in the southeastern city of Avignon. But Mr. Muradyan, who converted to Islam and moved to France from Armenia in 2007, says he just likes to buy electronics and travel a bit. "The policemen were very mean when they came in, very mean and scornful," he said, recounting the

search of his home. "They broke everything." He is now one of hundreds of French Muslims who have been placed under house arrest under the state of emergency declared by President François Hollande after the Paris attacks by the Islamic State. He must tap his way to a police station three times a day to check in with the authorities. Muslim groups point to Mr. Muradyan's case as an example of government overreach as over the last year France has become a laboratory for balancing security concerns against civil liberties. At the very least, his case shows the quandary facing the authorities as they work to head off another terrorist attack, but risk further alienating France's Muslims.

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53. Loi sur le renseignement : des " boîtes noires " très complexes à mettre en place

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou et Damien Leloup, 2016 02 18

Paris - Ce dispositif-clé de la loi du 24 juillet 2015 fait face à des difficultés techniques de conception La loi sur le renseignement, adoptée en grande partie le 24 juillet 2015, promettait, pour répondre efficacement à la menace terroriste, la mise en place rapide de nouveaux outils techniques. Certains d'entre eux ne sont pourtant toujours pas opérationnels. Parmi ceux-ci les " boîtes noires " : ces dispositifs techniques d'interception automatique installés chez les opérateurs télécoms et les hébergeurs Internet et qui devaient permettre de repérer au sein du flux massif de données de communication circulant, notamment, dans les câbles optiques, ce que les spécialistes appellent " les signaux bas " . Ces données ou métadonnées (les informations d'un message qui ne sont pas son contenu : noms, numéros de téléphone ou encore adresses IP) doivent permettre d'identifier, par voie électronique, des comportements éventuellement suspects. Derrière cette typologie se cachent ce que les autorités appellent des " loups solitaires " ou descas de radicalisation isoléséchappant aux radars traditionnels des services de renseignement et aux techniques de surveillance classique. La loi sur le renseignement de juillet 2015 vise précisément cette technique dans son article L 851-3. Mais encore faut-il disposer de l'algorithme idoine -permettant d'effectuer le tri adéquat au sein des centres de données des opérateurs ou des - hébergeurs. Ce travail est toujours en cours. Gigantesque masse La direction technique de la Direction générale de la sécurité extérieure (DGSE) est, parmi d'autres, associée à ce travail de conception. Ce n'est pas une surprise car c ' est vers la DGSE que sera dirigé le fruit de la collecte effectuée par ces " boîtes noires " , qui n'ont toujours pas vu le jour. Interrogées par Le Monde , les autorités gouvernementales chargées de contrôler les interceptions administratives ont confirmé que ces dispositifs " n'étaient pas encore opérationnels " .

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54. Responsable nucléaire espionné: la vidéo trouvée chez Mohamed Bakkali

Radio Télévision Belge Francophone, Justine Katz, 2016 02 18

Bruxelles - Selon nos informations, la vidéo qui visait à espionner un haut responsable nucléaire, a été retrouvée chez la femme de Mohamed Bakkali. Cet homme est le 6e inculpé dans l'enquête sur les attentats de Paris. Il a été arrêté le 26 novembre 2015, inculpé d'assassinats terroristes. La vidéo, elle, a été retrouvée seulement le 30 novembre, lors d'une perquisition au domicile de son

épouse. On apprend que le matériel informatique se trouvait dans les affaires de Mohamed Bakkali. La vidéo est un enregistrement de plusieurs heures, qui suit les allées et venues d'un responsable du nucléaire en Belgique. C'est son domicile privé qui était espionné. Le parquet fédéral confirme l'information, mais ne souhaite pas donner plus de précisions. Selon nos informations, il travaillerait sur le site nucléaire de Mol. Les caméras de surveillance de la rue de son domicile ont permis aux enquêteurs d'apercevoir deux hommes qui s'activaient près de la caméra cachée. Mais la scène est filmée dans le noir et ne permet pas d'identifier les auteurs. Mohamed Bakkali, le logisticien Mohamed Bakkali est-il l'un d'entre eux ? A-t-il commandité la prise d'images ? Avec quelles intentions ? On l'ignore. Son avocat se refuse à tout commentaire. Mohamed Bakkali est un suspect qui semble jouer un rôle important dans la logistique des attentats de Paris.

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55. Turkey blames Syria's YPG group for Ankara blast

Al Jazeera, 2016 02 18

Ankara - Turkey's Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu has blamed Syria's PKK-linked YPG group for a blast in the capital Ankara that killed at least 28 people. The Turkish leader used the speech on Thursday to call on the country's allies to pick a side. Davutoglu blamed the suicide attack on a Syrian Kurd with links to the YPG, adding nine others linked to the attack were arrested after the bombing. The Turkish prime minister called on the US and other allies to end cooperation with the YPG in Syria and list it as a terrorist group. "We cannot continue to accept these dual standards, we are looking forward to a uniform stance against them (YPG)," Davutoglu said. "We call on all the countries to take a clear stance against those terrorist organisations...either stand by the side of Turkey as a state or take side with terrorists." Turkish jets carried out air strikes against PKK targets in northern Iraq shortly after the attack killing 70 of its members, the Turkish leader said.

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56. Turkish military attacked in south-east as Syrian Kurds blamed for Ankara blast

The Guardian (London), Constanze Letsch, 2016 02 18

Istanbul - An explosion has hit a military convoy in Turkey's south-east, killing at least six people, as the government blamed a car bomb attack that killed 28 on Wednesday on a Kurdish militia based in Syria. On Thursday morning a bomb detonated by remote control hit security forces travelling in a military vehicle on a road linking Diyarbakir to the district of Lice. The military said six people died and one was seriously injured. Ahmet Davuto?lu, Turkey's prime minister, alleged that Wednesday's attack was perpetrated by a Syrian national with links to the Syrian-Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG). The outlawed Kurdistan Workers' party (PKK) assisted with the attack, he added. "We collected intelligence all night," Davuto?lu told reporters in Ankara. "The perpetrators have been fully identified. The attack was carried out by YPG member Salih Nekar, who came in from Syria. Nine people were detained in connection to the attack." Davuto?lu said Turkish intelligence had established where the militants had crossed into Turkey and how their networks were organised.

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1. A First Nations man with a brain injury offered himself to ISIL on Twitter - just to test CSIS

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 02 29

Toronto - Two days after a terrorist killed a soldier at the National War Memorial and ran into the Parliament Buildings, Dwayne Boissoneau logged into Twitter to offer himself up to the

Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. "Hey brother, I'm ready to fight and support ISIS till death," Boissoneau, 30, wrote to a Canadian ISIL member in Syria who uses the alias Abu Turaab al-Kanadi. "I'm a Canadian and I'm sick of the face (fake) politics here." ISIL recruiters apparently believed they had found what they were looking for: a Canadian extremist willing to do what Michael Zehaf-Bibeau had done in Ottawa, a simple but headline-grabbing strike from within. They sent him a message on Twitter that said, "Who wants to do something to some top kaffirs (non-believers)?" They said they could get addresses. "Give me Canadian addresses," Boissoneau responded. "I will ensure something happens." The exchange was detected by the RCMP's Tactical Internet Operational Support Unit and Boissoneau was arrested for uttering a threat. But the judge who heard the case last month found he was not really a terrorist after all. According to the judge's decision, the man ISIL was trying to recruit is a low-to-average functioning First Nations man from Longlac, Ont., who suffers from a childhood brain injury and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, and who did not attend high school. The incident, which has gone unreported until now, shows how ISIL recruiters have been prowling social media, trying to goad Canadians and citizens of other Western countries into committing acts of terrorism close to home. Authorities believe that ISIL puts so much emphasis on efforts to incite extremist violence in the West that it has created a cell in Raqqa, Syria devoted to English-language radicalization. They also suspect that within that cell, a desk officer has been assigned specifically to radicalize Canadians. The Boissoneau case demonstrates how haphazardly the system works. ISIL is not choosy. It will work with anyone who says the right things online. Boissoneau had likely caught their attention by writing things like "Death 2 America" and "I kill infidels." His Twitter account shows he began posting extremistsounding messages in August 2014. On Oct. 13, he wrote: "God willing I will come and fight the cause." After he wrote to ISIL about joining, another user asked him, "wanna free ticket?" "YEA," he replied. Later, he added: "If I could afford it I'd be gone by now." Boissoneau was also exchanging Twitter messages with a British ISIL member named Reyaad Khan, who went by Abu Dujana and had also tried to incite attacks in Western countries until he was killed in a targeted drone strike last August. After Boissoneau's arrest, he told police he'd never actually met a terrorist in person and "wasn't that serious about going down there." He said he was going through a rough time and just wanted to "test the system" to find out if the Canadian Security Intelligence Service "can actually detect stuff like that." He acknowledged he had looked into the cost of plane tickets to Turkey, and that his sister said he was "curious about terrorism" but the judge said it appeared the real motive for was his online posts was to get a free plane ticket to Europe so he could visit his Hungarian girlfriend.

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Canada

2. Adil Charkaoui arrested for assault: reports

Montreal Gazette, Jesse Feith, 2016 02 29

Montreal - According to media reports, controversial imam Adil Charkaoui was arrested Friday for assault after a recent altercation with a security guard at Collège de Maisonneuve. Montreal police would not confirm the arrest on Sunday. The college confirmed earlier this week that Charkaoui was playing soccer Sunday, Feb. 21, with a group of men in a gymnasium they had

rented when a security guard asked them some questions. The men allegedly surrounded the guard, "bullied" him and Charkaoui "had physical contact with him." The guard called police, but no arrests were made at the time. Reports say Charkaoui was arrested Friday for the incident, but released under conditions and a promise to appear in court at a later date. On Saturday, Charkaoui reacted to the reports on social media. "The information that has just been published by La Presse is once again inaccurate, biased and sensationalist," he wrote on Facebook. "I am free in every sense of the word." Charkaoui found himself at the centre of a storm last year when he was linked to 19 young Quebecers who have travelled, or attempted to travel, abroad to conflict zones in the Middle East. Some had attended prayer sessions and activities at the Centre Communautaire Islamique de l'Est de Montréal where Charkaoui was the president of the board of directors. But that is where the association ends, Charkaoui told the Montreal Gazette last June. (Full report)

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3. A Neighborhood in Despair Transforms Into a Model of Inclusion

New York Times, Dan Levin, 2016 02 29

Toronto - Until not too long ago, the mention of Regent Park here in central Toronto brought to mind cockroaches and drug-fueled gang violence. It was an embarrassing stain on a progressive city that for decades had welcomed immigrants fleeing war, famine and poverty only to leave them trapped in an isolated collection of decrepit brick apartment blocks where crime and despair took root. Hard lessons have been learned, and today, an ambitious rejuvenation plan for the 69-acre neighborhood, with the aquatic center as its centerpiece and a ring of condos that are helping to pay for new subsidized and affordable rental housing, is disrupting entrenched notions of class, race and religion at a time when concerns about income inequality and immigration are growing in the West. As Canada accepts 25,000 Syrian refugees, the new Regent Park, thick with immigrants from Africa, Asia and the Caribbean, provides a blueprint for successful economic and cultural integration. Still, ghosts of the old Regent Park haunt the neighborhood, particularly in the public housing blocks that have yet to be demolished. Sally Beebee, 58, a Muslim immigrant from Sri Lanka, worries about using the stairwells in her building, where she says young men use and sell drugs. The risks are especially high for young Somali men and boys in Regent Park. Aside from the perils of drugs, which have led to the sometimes violent deaths of dozens of Somali-Canadians over the past decade, the authorities worry about the lure of Islamic extremism, particularly from terrorist groups like the Islamic State and the Shabab, the Somali branch of Al Qaeda. In 2014, a Somali-Canadian man was convicted of terrorism charges and sentenced to 10 years in prison for attempting to join the Shabab. Several Muslim-Canadians who attended a Toronto mosque disappeared in 2009 and are thought to have joined the terrorist organization, according to Canadian authorities.

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4. Federal pay system launches; Phoenix goes live in 34 departments - months late but on budget

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 02 29

Ottawa - A new automated pay system the federal government is rolling out in departments will save millions in overpayments to Canada's public servants and speed up processing that has caused pay glitches and delays, say officials at Public Services and Procurement. The new off-the-shelf system, known as Phoenix, went live last week - four months later than planned - with the first round of 34 federal departments. The first paycheques issued using the new self-serve system will be March 9. The second round of 67 departments will follow in April. Phoenix is also the last of the two-stage "pay transformation" that the Conservatives initiated in 2009 when their government decided to put the pay centre in Miramichi, N.B., as a trade-off for jobs lost when it closed the longgun registry. Phoenix was to roll out in October and December, but those plans were delayed because the department wanted more time to prepare and test the system, said Brigitte Fortin, assistant deputy minister at Public Services and Procurement for accounting, banking and compensation. Despite the delays, she said the project won't exceed its \$300-million budget. It is expected to save \$70 million a year beginning this year. Fortin said the old technology of the existing 40-year-old system was fraught with "high risks" that contributed to errors and delays in the pay for the 300,000 public servants across the country.

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5. Former Liberal minister calls for Ottawa to revisit Saudi arms deal

Globe and Mail, Steven Chase, 2016 02 29

Ottawa - Former Liberal justice minister Irwin Cotler, a leading international champion of human rights, says he believes the Canadian government should reconsider its controversial \$15-billion deal to sell combat vehicles to Saudi Arabia. A law professor and human rights lawyer, Mr. Cotler has drawn acclaim for his work as counsel to prisoners of conscience worldwide, from South Africa's Nelson Mandela to Soviet-era dissident Natan Sharansky. "My position as a matter of general principle - that would apply to Saudi Arabia - is that we should not sell arms to a country that engages in a persistent pattern of human-rights violations," Mr. Cotler said in an interview. He said Canada should re-examine the Saudi deal because the Liberals have committed to joining the global Arms Trade Treaty, which places additional obligations on signatories in terms of transparency and scrutinizing weapons exports. "If we are going to do that, then I think we have to revisit this particular sale to Saudi Arabia." Mr. Cotler said Ottawa must also consider developments, including, as The Globe and Mail reported last week, that Canadian-made fighting vehicles appear to have become embroiled in the Saudi-led fight with Houthi forces in neighbouring Yemen. "There is evolving evidence that we're seeing in terms of Yemen that [The Globe and Mail has] reported on," he said.

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6. Liberals drone shopping exercise sets stage for debate over lethal force

Canadian Press, Murray Brewster, 2016 02 29

Ottawa - The Trudeau government is quietly shopping for drones for the military and expects to see expressions of interest from the defence industry by mid-April. But the tire-kicking exercise is setting the stage for a potentially bruising policy debate over whether the remotely controlled aircraft should be armed and under what circumstances they would employ deadly force. The

Royal Canadian Air Force has lobbied hard over the last few years for the capability to fire weapons from whatever drone is selected and has even written the assumption into mandatory requirements, according to a series of access to information records obtained by The Canadian Press. Under the heading "Lethality," the high-level requirements review _ dated June 5, 2013 _ explicitly states that whatever system is chosen, the RCAF expects the remotely piloted aircraft to be capable of "carrying and employing precision-guided munitions." A separate slide presentation, dated Dec. 12, 2013 and intended as an update for the project management office at National Defence, noted there would have to be support for a precision-strike capability, but anticipates "public concern." The Pentagon and CIA run drone programs which have been subject to increasing scrutiny and criticism, particularly in light of the dramatic rise in strikes over the last eight years and claims of civilian casualties. The intelligence agency's program of targeted assassination has been the most controversial, prompting the Obama Administration to pledge three years ago to create "clear guidelines, oversight and accountability" when it comes to decisions to employ lethal force.

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7. Mixed reaction to Canada plan to change citizenship law

Al Jazeera, Mohamed Hashem, 2016 02 29

Ottawa - The Canadian government's plan to repeal citizenship- revocation laws has been welcomed by civil liberty groups in the country. The revocation laws, which were part of Bill C-24, went into effect in May 2015 and strictly applied to dual nationals of Canada giving the government ability to strip dual citizens of their Canadian passport if convicted of "terrorism, high treason and spying offences". "We applaud the government for introducing these changes to restore equal citizenship in Canada. Bill C-24 was discriminatory and unconstitutional," said Laura Track, a counsel for the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA). John McCallum, Canada's immigration minister, has said the government proposes to repeal and change parts of the Citizenship Act, which was previously amended under the Conservative government led by Stephen Harper.

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8. Mounties work to ease fears on both sides of the Syrian refugee story

Canadian Press, Stephanie Levitz and Terry Pedwell, 2016 02 29

Ottawa - Syrian refugees have received little by way of a formal orientation to Canada before they've arrived. In their drive to get 25,000 people here in a matter of months, the Liberals put off the detailed customary pre-departure briefings for refugees and instead waited until they landed. But one agency decided it could not wait: the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Four Mounties were involved last month in an experimental community integration project in Jordan designed to help Syrian refugees and the police force itself. The unique police engagement strategy was developed to address two issues _ the concerns police officers in Canada have over security screening of refugees, and an ingrained mistrust of authorities by the refugees themselves. For RCMP Acting Sgt. Lina Dabit and her colleagues, speaking the same language was an immeasurable help in approaching the refugees they met in Jordan. Crayons and

colouring books also helped break the ice with the children. "They weren't afraid of us because we did speak the language," Dabit said in describing the 20 to 30 daily encounters she and three of her colleagues had with Syrian families they met over a 10 day period in January.

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9. News outlet fights RCMP demand for information related to terror suspect

Canadian Press, Colin Perkel, 2016 02 29

Toronto - A Canadian media outlet squares off against the government Monday in a legal battle that pits media freedoms against the ability of police to investigate terrorism offences. Vice Media and its journalist Ben Makuch want Ontario Superior Court to quash an order that they hand over material related to their interviews with a suspected terrorist to the RCMP. "Courts should be wary of allowing the state to conscript journalists as investigative arms of the police," Vice and Makuch state in their factum. "If media outlets are permitted to become investigative arms of the police through the use of production orders, the media's important role and credibility will be undermined, as well as its ability to gather information." A year ago, Ontario court Judge Jack Nadelle ordered the online news outlet to hand over materials that Makuch used to produce three articles in 2014 about Farah Shirdon, of Calgary, including that he had left Canada to fight for Islamic State. The stories were based on conversations Makuch had with Shirdon via an online instant messaging app called Kik Messenger. Police said they needed the information to gather possible further evidence against the Canadian. Nadelle ordered Vice to turn over unedited copies of records of communications with Shirdon and any notes related to how they had communicated with him. The Toronto-born Shirdon, 22, a nephew of a former prime minister of Somalia, has made threats publicly against Canada and the U.S. In October 2014, Makuch cited Shirdon as saying from Iraq: "Canadians at home shall face the brunt of the retaliation. If you are in this crusader alliance against Islam and Muslims you shall see your streets filled with blood." Last September, RCMP charged Shirdon in absentia with several offences, including leaving Canada to participate in the activity of a terrorist group, taking part in the activity of a terrorist group, and threatening the U.S. and Canada.

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10. RCMP racked up \$900,000 in overtime during undercover anti- terrorism operation

Canadian Press, Geordon Omand, 2016 02 29

Vancouver - The RCMP spent just over \$900,000 in overtime pay over the course of a five-month undercover operation that led to the arrests of two terrorism suspects in British Columbia. Documents obtained by The Canadian Press through a freedom-of-information request show the Mounties paid at least 200 people, mostly police officers, \$911,090.54 for overtime work during the investigation, which was code named Project Souvenir. The operation culminated in the arrests of common-law spouses John Nuttall and Amanda Korody on July 1, 2013. They were found guilty last summer of plotting to blow up the B.C. legislature on that Canada Day. Their convictions have not been entered while defence lawyers argue in B.C. Supreme Court that the couple were manipulated by police into planting homemade pressure-cooker bombs on the legislature grounds. Defence counsel has described Nuttall and Korody as poor, methadone-

dependent former drug addicts, while the Crown has said they embraced a radicalized form of Islam and were ready to kill and maim innocent people. The court heard earlier that the operation involved more than 240 police officers, most of whom worked behind the scenes. Many were involved sporadically in the investigation. The bulk of the project's overtime expenses, \$519,039.55, went to 100 constables involved in the case, while 30 corporals were paid \$128,369.76 and 24 sergeants received \$69,494.65. Records show the Vancouver Police Department was given \$92,397, though it's unclear how that money was divided.

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11. 5 Klan members arrested at vicious Calif. brawl released

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 02 29

Anaheim - Five Ku Klux Klan members who were arrested following a vicious brawl in Anaheim were released because evidence shows they acted in self-defense, police said. Seven people who remained in custody were seen beating, stomping and attacking the Klansmen with wooden posts, Sgt. Daron Wyatt said Sunday. A police statement said the clash, which erupted after six Klan members arrived at a park Saturday for a planned anti-immigration rally, was started by a larger group of 10 to 20 counter-protesters who had "the intent of perpetrating violence." Police said the Klansmen stabbed three counter-protesters with knives and the decorative end of a flag pole. "Regardless of an individual or groups' beliefs or ideologies, they are entitled to live without the fear of physical violence and have the right, under the law, to defend themselves when attacked," the statement said.

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12. Apple-FBI battle renews push for encryption bill

Washington Post, Karoun Demirjian, 2016 02 29

Washington - The controversy over whether Apple should help federal investigators access the iPhone of one of the San Bernardino shooters is putting renewed urgency behind legislative efforts to settle the contentious issue of when tech companies should comply with government requests for help accessing their customers' secure information. FBI Director James B. Comey strongly hinted to lawmakers last week that it's time for Congress to begin a serious debate about encryption as Apple and the government battle it out in court with a California judge ruling recently that the tech giant should comply with investigators' demands. "Whatever the judge's decision is in California - I'm sure it will be appealed no matter how it ends up - will be instructive for other courts," Comey said Thursday during a House Intelligence Committee hearing. "But I do think the larger question is not going to be answered in the courts, and it shouldn't be, because it's really about who do we want to be and how do we want to govern ourselves." The heated atmosphere is focusing attention on the anticipated release of a bill being drafted by Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Burr (R-N.C.) and Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, the panel's top Democrat, that would compel companies to override encryption technology when presented with a warrant.

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13. Federal files leave questions about Marathon bomber, friend

Boston Globe, Maria Sacchetti, 2016 02 29

Boston - Tamerlan Tsarnaev passed the US citizenship test three months before he and his younger brother detonated two bombs at the Boston Marathon, according to federal immigration records obtained under the Freedom of Information Act. His test results, with correct answers to questions about slavery, the Constitution, and the Louisiana Purchase, are in 651 pages of previously confidential files on the bomber and his friend Ibragim Todashev. Both men were killed in separate incidents after the April 15, 2013, bombings. The Department of Homeland Security provided redacted files to The Boston Globe after multiple requests spanning three years. Only 206 pages were released in their entirety, so it remains unclear why the government granted the friends legal residency and put them on the path toward US citizenship. But the records show that months before the bombings, Tsarnaev went to the John F. Kennedy Federal Building in Boston, swore his allegiance to the United States, and denied any links to terrorism. The records also show that Todashev told immigration officials he had left Massachusetts in September 2011, the same month he allegedly helped Tsarnaev kill three men in Waltham. Until now, the government had declined to release the files, citing ongoing criminal investigations. But the mystery stirred debate about why immigration officials granted Tsarnaev and Todashev refuge in the first place, and whether officials missed warning signs about their criminal activity as their cases progressed through US Citizenship and Immigration Services. On Sunday, the agency issued a statement saying the cases were processed correctly.

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14. Microsoft Shores Up Cybersecurity

Wall Street Journal, Jay Greene, 2016 02 29

Redmond - With a touch of a button on the wall outside Microsoft Corp.'s Cyber Defense Operations Center, opaque windows turn clear, offering visitors a glimpse of the high-tech bunker where the software giant's security engineers work to thwart hackers. The new facility is at the heart of Microsoft's campaign to rebuild its reputation for security at a time when the number of potential targets for cyberattacks -- from smartphones to corporate servers and Web services -- has exploded. The center isn't just a workspace; it's also a showcase. When the glass turns clear, clients can look on as engineers battle hackers from behind dual-screen workstations. Pillars around the room are hung with giant monitors listing the latest threats. The far wall bears the directives "protect," "detect," and "respond" in huge block letters. Microsoft has long been viewed as doing too little to protect its customers from cyberattacks. The company has said, however, that its customers need to feel safe running Windows, storing data in its OneDrive online data-storage facilities, basing operations on its Azure cloud-computing service, and using other Microsoft products. "Microsoft has been on the fringe of security for some time," said Duncan Brown, research director at IDC Research Inc. "Now, they are putting it at the center of operations."

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15. NSA deploys game-changer against U.S. enemies

WTOP Radio (Washington), J.J. Green, 2016 02 29

Washington - U.S. intelligence has hard proof that almost 1,000 foreign intelligence targets, including terrorists tracked by the U.S., have changed their communications methods because they were tipped off by Edward Snowden's leaks. Those targets, according to Rick Ledgett, deputy director of the National Security Agency, include a group of terrorists that were actively plotting to attack the U.S. In an exclusive interview with WTOP, Ledgett described as "significant" the continuing damage caused by the leaks. He also detailed a new program to recapture the advantage over U.S. adversaries. "The information that Snowden leaked caused immediate risk and long-term risk to the safety of Americans around the world, and our friends and allies," said Ledgett. High-level foreign intelligence targets of the U.S. government, that number "in the high hundreds," he said, have altered the way they communicate because of the Snowden leaks.

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16. Pentagon chief to appeal to Silicon Valley for help with cybersecurity

Los Angeles Times, W.J. Hennigan, 2016 02 29

Los Angeles - Defense Secretary Ashton Carter will visit a crucial front this week in the war the Pentagon considers its greatest potential threat: cyberspace. Carter will visit a Pentagon outpost in the heart of Silicon Valley, speak at a cybersecurity conference in San Francisco and go to Microsoft and Amazon headquarters in Seattle to highlight the risks of cyberattacks and the need for greater digital cooperation with the Pentagon. His visit to the West Coast -- his third in less than a year, more than he's made to Kabul or Baghdad -- marks the latest effort by the Obama administration to recruit telecommunications, social media and other technology companies as partners in national security operations despite deep suspicion in Silicon Valley about government surveillance. "One hand of the government is reaching out to the valley, while another is poking them in the eye," said Peter W. Singer, a fellow at the nonprofit New America Foundation in Washington and coauthor of the book "Cybersecurity and Cyberwar."

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17. Tech firms rally to Apple's side in fight over locked phone

Washington Post, Ellen Nakashima, 2016 02 29

Washington - More than 25 major technology firms, media organizations and civil liberties groups are filing briefs this week in support of Apple's effort to block the U.S. government from forcing the company to help unlock an iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino terrorists. Microsoft, Verizon, Facebook, Google, Amazon.com and Yahoo are among the tech and telecom giants preparing to file or join friend-of-the- court briefs, according to industry lawyers. Those involved say the swell of support is unparalleled, especially for a case at the magistrate judge level - the lowest level of the federal court system. The filings also indicate the level of anxiety among companies about the possibility of a legal precedent greatly expanding the limits of what the government can force a company to do in criminal and national security probes. Meanwhile,

law enforcement groups and families of some of the 14 killed in the Dec. 2 attack in San Bernardino, Calif., are filing briefs in support of the government.

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18. Focus on Islamist terror plots overlooks threat from far right - report

The Guardian (London), Ben Quinn, Shiv Malik, 2016 02 29

London - The threat from far-right terrorists is being neglected by governments and law enforcement, according to the most extensive survey yet of "lone actors" in Europe. While Islamist plotters are given full attention, the authors of the 98-page report (authored by the Royal United Services Institute, Chatham House, the Institute for Strategic Dialogue and the University of Leiden in the Netherlands) warn that in comparison, individuals and small groups of rightwing extremists in the mould of Norway's Anders Breivik are in fact more lethal, almost as numerous, and much harder to detect by security services. Britain leads any other European country for the sheer number of attacks or plots over the past 15 years that have been planned by individuals or self-starting cells, according to the analysis conducted jointly by four research institutes. It also finds that almost half of rightwing attacks in Britain over recent years were partly motivated by the murder of Lee Rigby - a wave of violence that ranges from arson attacks through to bombings of Islamic centres.

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19. Online retail boom helping criminals smuggle guns into UK, says police chief

The Guardian (London), Vikram Dodd, 2016 02 29

London - Police trying to prevent terrorists from obtaining guns warn a rise in parcels being sent to Britain due to online shopping is helping criminals to camouflage firearms being smuggled into the country. Dave Thompson, chief constable of West Midlands police and the national lead for countering firearms, said there had been a surge in the number of guns circulating in the UK. In a Guardian interview, he said firearms were being reactivated overseas and then ordered for delivery into the UK. "Traditionally you'd have seen maybe six or seven years ago we'd be stopping people at Dover with 10 Baikals [a make of firearm] concealed in compartments in the car. That's become less of a feature. What's become more of a feature is weapons through the fast parcel system, individual items coming through." Thompson said guns and ammunition were still hard to acquire in the UK, and after the Paris attacks police had intensified their focus on stopping weapons being available for sale. But firearms are coming in from the US and Europe, with Germany causing special concerns, as well as Balkan countries. Once the weapons are smuggled into Britain, it is feared, they could fall into terrorist hands. "We can't safeguard ourselves by relying on criminals who might have access to firearms to have benign intent," Thompson said.

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20. Snoopers' charter faces Tory revolt

London Times, Fiona Hamilton, 2016 02 29

London - The government has been accused of rushing through new legislation that will give the security services sweeping new surveillance powers over the internet. The Investigatory Powers Bill, known as the "snoopers charter", is expected to attract controversy when it is introduced to the Commons this week. A Tory backbench revolt is anticipated after parliamentary committees raised privacy concerns about the bill and warned that it contained excessive powers, such as the provision for spies to obtain bulk data of private information across a wide section of the public. There is also concern about communications companies being required to hold for 12 months internet connection records, which reveal which websites their customers visit, although not the content of their communications. A final vote on the 300-page bill is expected before the Easter recess, prompting claims yesterday that the Home Office was trying to rush it through.

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21. UK imams visit Iraq to counter Isis propaganda by learning of life under jihadists

The Independent (UK), Oliver Wright, 2016 02 29

London - A group of Sunni imams are to make the first-ever visit by British Muslim religious leaders to see at first hand the front line in the fight against Isis. The imams, representing mosques across the country, will travel to Iraq tomorrow for an eight-day fact-finding mission. They are expected to visit parts of the country previously under Isis control as well as meeting victims of the group, including from the Yazidi community. The hope is that the visit will help to counter Isis propaganda in this country by highlighting the Sunni resistance to Isis in Iraq and relaying back first-hand accounts of life under the extremists. If successful, the plan is to then bring Iraqi Sunni imams to the UK, to talk in mosques about the reality of life in Isis-controlled areas and to "deglamorise" the group and its appeal to young British Muslims. The trip is being paid for in part by trustees of the Imam Husayn Shrine in Karbala which Isis attempted to blow up earlier this year. The rest of the funding is coming from the Muslim community in the UK.

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Australia, New Zealand • Australie, Nouvelle-Zélande

22. Border agencies crack down on terror funding

Courier Mail, Staff Writer, 2016 02 28

Canberra - Almost half a million dollars in cash has been seized at Melbourne airport in three weeks amid suspicions of links to the financing of terror groups. A combined taskforce of Australian law enforcement officers detected more than \$400,000 in undeclared excess currency at customs late last year and the seizure of items, including one crossbow and two electronic shock devices. Operation Kerlerap was part of increased effort from federal agencies, including the Australian Border Force's Counter-Terrorism Unit, which has linked organised crime and - terrorism through financial transactions or the supply of weapons.

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23. Send SAS to destroy ISIS, army told (Canada)

The Australian, Brendan Nicholson, 2016 02 28

Canberra - Australian special forces should be sent into Islamic State strongholds to find and destroy terrorists before they can launch their attacks, former army chief Peter Leahy says, in a call for a more direct confrontation with emerging threats. Professor Leahy, who led the army as a lieutenant general for six years during fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq, told The Australian the nation needed to rethink how it dealt with terrorism by adding a much sharper counter-terrorism strategy to its counter-insurgency efforts. "We've spent a lot of time in both Afghanistan and Iraq trying to build nice governments and we really have not had any success," he said. "The terrorists are still there." The more aggressive approach would see Australian special forces work with those from the US, Britain, France and others who have already established bases within striking range of potential targets, and with governments much closer to home. The strategy could use as mobile bases the navy's new landing ships, HMAS Canberra and HMAS Adelaide, together with unmanned surveillance aircraft to gather intelligence and to hit targets. Professor Leahy said the counter-terrorism strategy would complement the nation-building efforts involved in the counter-insurgency work that was already under way. Counter-insurgency involves fighting terrorists along with a strong focus on nation-building and training local armies to defend their own countries. A greater emphasis on counter-terrorism would mean finding and destroying terrorists in their bases. "Say you have a situation where Australian hostages are held in Papua New Guinea in the foothills of Lae. With the PNG government's permission you land in Lae, roll out your helicopters and you can hit a camp to recover an Australian, for example." Mr Hastie said Australia had to adapt and learn best practice from allies in the "Five Eyes" intelligence-sharing network -- the US, Britain, Canada and New Zealand -- who were already engaged in such operations.

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24. Spy fears may signal curtains for drone fun

The Australian, Paige Taylor, 2016 02 28

Canberra - For the past two weeks, the sci-fi buzz of a Blade Chroma drone has occupied and amused Tim Watson and his young sons. Brodie, 7, and five-year-old Matty have enjoyed chasing the new \$2000 family toy at John Dunn Memorial Park near their home in Perth's southeast. The three are crazy about electronics and Brodie is allowed to fly the drone when his dad switches it to semi-automated "smart mode", which the manufacturer describes as "a simple and safe drone experience" for the beginner. "I've wanted something like this since I was about the boys' age," Mr Watson said. He and his sons enjoy their hobby mainly on weekends at a dedicated 24ha flying field 30km south of Perth. It is owned by the Kalamunda Aeronautical Model Society, where Mr Watson is an instructor. There, even hobbyists must undergo a competency test before they can pilot anything. The increasing popularity of drones is drawing enthusiasts to suburban parks across Australia and a growing number of councils are responding by moving to restrict or ban them.

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25. Claims that 'Nawaz took money from Bin Laden' resurface

Pakistan Dawn, Malik Asad, 2016 02 29

Islamabad - A new book has once again made the claim that Nawaz Sharif received money from Al Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden. The book, Khalid Khawaja: Shaheed-i-Aman, is authored by Shamama Khalid, the wife of former ISI operative Khalid Khawaja. "Chief of PML-N Mian Mohammad Nawaz Sharif received funding from Osama Bin Laden, founder of Al-Qaeda, to contest elections against Benazir Bhutto's led Pakistan People's Party (PPP) after the end of Zia regime," the book states. The book claims that Mr Sharif's pledge of introducing an Islamic system attracted Khawaja as well as Bin Laden. But even though the Al Qaeda head honcho funded Nawaz Sharif heavily, the latter backtracked from all his promises after coming into power. The book also carries a note from former ISI director general, retired Lt-Gen Hamid Gul, which also claims that Khawaja was very close to Nawaz Sharif for some time.

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26. US using ties to reduce India-Pakistan tensions

Pakistan Dawn, Anwar Iqbal, 2016 02 29

Washington - The United States maintains close ties with both Pakistan and India because they help reduce tensions between South Asia's two nuclear-armed neighbours, says US Secretary of State John Kerry. A transcript released on Sunday shows Secretary Kerry arguing in two recent congressional hearings that the US has been working "really hard" to advance a "rapprochement" between Islamabad and New Delhi. In one of the statements he indirectly confirmed media reports that the US had been quietly encouraging the two prime ministers to hold bilateral talks. "We encourage that. I think it's required to encourage both leaders to engage in the dialogue that they've engaged in," he said. "And needless to say, we don't want to do things that upset the balance. But we do believe that Pakistan is engaged legitimately in a very tough fight against identifiable terrorists in their country that threaten Pakistan," he argued.

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27. Boumerdès Un terroriste se rend aux services de sécurité

Liberté (Algérie), Madjid T, 2016 02 28

Cap Djenet - Un terroriste s'est rendu avec sa kalachnikov, avant-hier, aux services de sécurité de la commune de Cap Djenet, a-t-on appris de source locale. Âgé de 32 ans, le repent, surnommé Abou Siaf, originaire de Cap Djenet, avait rejoint les maquis islamistes de l'ex-GSPC en 2005. Il faisait partie de Katibat Othmane-Benou-Afane relevant de l'ex-GSPC dont le champ

d'action s'étend de Dellys à Tizi Ouzou. Cette nouvelle reddition intervient une semaine après l'élimination de deux terroristes à Ammal.

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28. Kenya airports targets of al Shaabab attacks - KAA security head

The Star (Kenya), Staff report, 2016 02 29

Nairobi - Security has been beefed up in major airports following intelligence reports on Sunday evening of impending attacks by al Shabaab. Eleven militants have undergone training in Somalia and could carry out attacks early in March, said the Kenya Airports Authority head of security. "Domestic flights are the main targets. Operatives posing as passengers intend to blow themselves up during landing," Eric Kiraithe said. "Five operatives will target Jomo Kenyatta International Airport or Wilson Airport while the rest will focus on airports at the Coast region, among them Moi International Airport."

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29. L'Algérie arrête neuf Marocains soupçonnés de « vouloir rallier Daesh en Libye »

yabiladi.com (Maroc), Journaliste maison, 2016 02 28

Alger - L'armée algérienne a procédé à l'arrestation de neuf Marocains soupçonnés de vouloir rejoindre Daesh en Libye, indique le ministère de la Défense dans un communiqué relayé par la presse locale. Les interpellés sont poursuivis par la justice pour « association de malfaiteurs », « aide, assistance et transport illégal d'étrangers », rapporte le quotidien El Watan. Une information qui suscite le doute puisque les présumés aspirants jihadistes ont emprunté un autocar, au vu et au su des autorités, reliant Alger à Hassi Messaoud, situé dans la wilaya de Ouargla dans le Sahara.

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30. Le Maroc a aidé plusieurs pays, dont les Etats-Unis et le Danemark, à déjouer des projets d'attentats

La Relève (Maroc), Journaliste maison, 2016 02 28

Rabat - Outre la France et l'Espagne, le Maroc a aidé plusieurs autres pays à déjouer des projets d'attentats dont les Etats-Unis et le Danemark, a révélé le Directeur du Bureau central d'investigations judiciaires (BCIJ), Abdelhak Khiame. "C'est grâce au travail de nos équipes que plusieurs projets d'attentats ont pu être déjoués dans le monde entier. Outre la France, nous avons également renseigné l'Italie, les Pays-Bas, le Danemark et même hors d'Europe, les Etats-Unis", a indiqué M. Khiame dans un entretien publié vendredi par "Maroc Hebdo". Le directeur du BCIJ a rappelé la précieuse coopération entre les services marocains et leurs homologues français et espagnols et ayant permis l'arrestation du cerveau présumé des attentats terroristes du 13 novembre dernier à Paris, ainsi que le démantèlement des cellules terroristes dans les villes de Nador et de Sebta. Qualifiant en revanche de "médiocre", voire d'"inexistante" la coopération au niveau du Maghreb, M. Khiame a mis en garde contre les périls frontaliers qui menacent la

région. "L'Algérie refuse de coopérer avec nous. Pourtant les périls qui menacent aujourd'hui de frapper la région sont transfrontaliers, et il est important de collaborer. Il y a à mon avis tout un effort à faire au niveau interarabe, pas seulement au Maghreb", a-t-il dit.

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31. Somalia's al-Shabab claims Baidoa attack killing 30

BBC News, Staff report, 2016 02 29

London - Islamist militant group al-Shabab has said it carried out Sunday's attack in Somalia's southern city of Baidoa that killed at least 30 people. A car bomb exploded outside a restaurant as people were watching the English Premier League match between Manchester United and Arsenal. In a second explosion, a suicide bomber blew himself up at a busy junction. This is the fourth major al-Shabab attack in Somalia since the beginning of the year.

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32. Un pays coupé en deux par le terrorisme

Agence QMI, Marie-Christine Trottier, 2016 02 29

Yaoundé - Le sud du Cameroun se développe sous haute sécurité, alors que le nord peine à survivre Boko Haram sème la terreur au nord du Cameroun depuis un peu plus de deux ans. Des villages entiers ont été pillés et des attentats kamikazes frappent régulièrement les lieux publics, ce qui freine le développement du pays. «Les gens meurent chez eux, simplement parce que les routes sont fermées ou les couvre-feux les empêchent d'aller se faire soigner», explique Fadimatou, une commerçante du nord du pays qui a été forcée de migrer vers le sud à la suite d'un attentat suicide qui a ravagé le marché où elle se trouvait. Les raids et les enlèvements perpétrés par Boko Haram au nord du Cameroun se sont multipliés ces deux dernières années. On compte, depuis juillet, une cinquantaine d'attentats kamikazes dans cette région, ce qui a causé la fuite de milliers de familles. En mai 2014, le président du Cameroun, Paul Biya, a déclaré la guerre à Boko Haram et il s'est lancé dans une opération coûteuse, que le pays peine à assumer financièrement. «Toutes les dépenses que nous avons mises dans cette guerre, ce sont des dépenses dont nous avons besoin pour le développement de notre nation qui en a drôlement besoin. C'est une saignée de notre trésor public», de déplorer Issa Tchiroma Bakary, le ministre des Communications du Cameroun.

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Americas • Amériques

33. Colombia: ELN rebels 'taking over Farc areas' ahead of peace deal

BBC News, Staff report, 2016 02 29

London - Colombia's indigenous agency (Onic) has expressed concern over the presence of fighters from the ELN, or National Liberation Army, in areas traditionally held by the Farc rebel group. The government and the Farc are expected to sign a historic peace accord on 23 March.

The head of the agency, Luis Fernando Arias, urged the authorities to investigate. He said the indigenous people fear the presence of the ELN on their land. Indigenous groups in many parts of the country have found ELN propaganda material in their areas, said Mr Arias.

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Asia • Asie

34. China likely to tighten enforcement of U.N. sanctions on N. Korea: scholar

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 02 29

Beijing - China is likely to tighten its enforcement of U.N. sanctions against North Korea as the North's nuclear test and rocket launch this year appear to change a calculus of the Chinese Communist Party on how to solve the North Korean problem, according to a Chinese scholar on Monday. Last week's agreement by the United States and China on a draft U.N. resolution, which includes a ban on the supply of aviation fuel to North Korea, was evidence of the shift in Beijing's stance towards its only treaty ally Pyongyang, said Li Kaisheng, research fellow at the Institute of International Relations of Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences. Li made the remarks during an interview with Hong Kong-based Phoenix TV on Sunday. The United Nations is weighing over the draft resolution to punish North Korea for its Jan. 6 nuclear test and Feb. 7 launch of a long-range rocket, both of which violated previous U.N. resolutions. Winning China's cooperation is key to ensure the effectiveness of U.N. sanctions against North Korea because China accounts for nearly 90 percent of the North's foreign trade. Still, China is unlikely to put crippling sanctions on North Korea because a sudden collapse of the regime could spark a refugee crisis at its border and lead to a pro-U.S., democratic Korea on its doorstep, analysts say. (full article)

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35. China to prosecute two senior officials from Xinjiang over graft

Reuters, 2016 02 29

Beijing - China's ruling Communist Party has expelled two senior officials in the violence-prone far western region of Xinjiang for corruption and transferred them to prosecutors, an anti-graft watchdog said. China has jailed dozens of senior officials since President Xi Jinping launched a sweeping campaign against deep-seated graft after assuming office three years ago. In June, authorities announced an investigation over serious discipline violations, a euphemism for corruption, into Alimjan Maimaitiming, 56, a former secretary general in the government of Xinjiang, home to many of China's ethnic Muslim Uighurs. The violations were "extremely severe" and "gravely damaged party unity", the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) said on its website late on Sunday. The suspected crimes ranged from "forming cliques and factions" and opposing investigation to transferring criminal proceeds, destroying evidence, abusing his power and having improper sexual relations, the watchdog said in its statement. Alimjan Maimaitiming's official biography says he is from Cherchen, also known by its Chinese name of Qiemo, in the heavily Uighur deep south of Xinjiang. He was previously editor-in-chief of the official Xinjiang Daily.

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36. City to boost Xinjiang stability

China Daily, 2016 02 29

The city was officially established in Hotan prefecture on Feb 26 and is expected to play a strategic role in maintaining social stability in the region. Kunyu is the administrative headquarters of the 14th division of the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps, founded more than 60 years ago, serves as a stabilizing force in Xinjiang, which faces the constant threat of terrorism. The corps is known for building large-scale modern agriculture enterprises and training local militia in desert and border areas. It is a provincial-level organization that handles all administrative and judicial affairs in areas under its administration. On Saturday, Sun Jinlong, 54, was appointed the corps' new Party chief. Previously, he was deputy Party head of Hunan province. Kunyu covers an area of more than 687 square kilometers. It is now the second-largest city in Hotan prefecture, after Hotan city, which is 78 km away. The State Council, China's highest executive body, approved the application to make Kunyu a county-level city on Jan 7, as part of efforts to implement the central government's decision to support the corps' development in southern Xinjiang. The corps is working on transforming the headquarters of its 14 divisions into cities so they can better contribute to local social stability and development. So far, the company has created nine new cities. (full article)

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37. Kaspersky warns of Black Energy as an emerging cyber threat

The Hindustan Times, 2016 02 29

New Delhi - In a recent press release, Kaspersky Lab has revealed an information-stealing malware program that causes cyberattack-induced disruption of their whole business process. More Than Espionage: The majority of targeted attacks hitting businesses nowadays are conducted with cyberespionage in mind, harvesting precious business secrets or confidential personal data. But from time to time attackers get up to something completely different - like sabotage. This mode of attack is especially alarming because IT departments tend to focus on data loss/leaks, leaving them unprepared for the cyberattack-induced disruption of their whole business process, involving many different systems. Sometimes even physical consequences can result - particularly if the targeted business makes extensive use of ICS/SCADA which can be reached (a dangerous design flaw!) through general purpose networks.

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38. N.Korean Spy Chief Says Pyongyang Not Scared of Sanctions

Chosun Ilbo, 2016 02 29

The head of North Korea's General Bureau of Reconnaissance has said that the regime will survive regardless of international sanctions. Kim Yong-chol, who has headed the bureau since 2009, also serves as head of the United Front Department, which deals with South Korea. The former CEO of North Korean carmaker Pyeonghwa Motors told the Chosun Ilbo on Sunday that

Kim Yong-chol told him North Korea "has not lived a single day without sanctions and will not die from them." Pyeonghwa is a joint venture car company between the two Koreas. Park Sang-kwon related the same comments on TV on Saturday. Park also said that Kim is unhappy that he is constantly being identified in the South Korean media as the mastermind of the sinking of the Navy corvette Cheonan, shelling of Yeonpyeong Island, cyber attacks and box mine attack in the demilitarized zone. "I monitor all South Korean media reports about me and they accuse me of all of the bad things. But I'm not capable of doing those things," he quoted Kim as saying. Kim also insisted that the North's latest nuclear test was only aimed at defending the isolated state against a U.S. threat, while North Korean leader Kim Jong-un intends to continue testing long-range rockets until the international community is convinced of their peaceful purpose. (full article)

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39. North Korea says detained U.S. student confesses to crimes against state(Canada)

Reuters, 2016 02 29

Seoul - An American student held in North Korea since early January was detained for trying to steal a propaganda slogan from his Pyongyang hotel and has confessed to "severe crimes" against the state, the North's official media said on Monday. North Korea has a long history of detaining foreigners, and has used detained U.S. citizens in the past to extract high-profile visits from the United States, with which it has no formal diplomatic relations. Otto Warmbier, 21, a student at the University of Virginia, was detained before boarding his flight to China over an unspecified incident at his hotel, his tour agency told Reuters in January. "I committed the crime of taking out a political slogan from the staff-only area of the Yanggakdo International Hotel," the North's KCNA news agency quoted Warmbier as telling foreign and domestic media in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital. Warmbier said an acquaintance who belonged to a church had offered him a used car worth \$10,000 if he could present the church with the slogan as a "trophy" from North Korea, according to the agency. Roughly 6,000 Westerners visit the country annually, though the governments of the U.S. and Canada advise against it. Most are adventure-seekers curious about life behind the last sliver of the iron curtain, and ignore critics who say their dollars prop up a repressive regime.

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40. Student Held in North Korea Apologizes

New York Times, Choe Sang-Hun, 2016 02 29

Seoul - An American student detained in North Korea appeared in a government-arranged news conference in Pyongyang, the capital, on Monday, apologizing for what the country called an antistate crime: trying to steal a political banner. The student, Otto F. Warmbier, an undergraduate at the University of Virginia, was detained in North Korea in January while visiting the country on a tourist visa. While announcing his arrest, the state news media reported last month that Mr. Warmbier entered the country with the intent of "bringing down the foundation of its single-minded unity." "I made the worst mistake of my life," said Mr. Warmbier, sobbing and pleading for his release, according to video clips posted on Twitter by

Will Ripley, a CNN reporter who covered the news conference, held at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang. Mr. Warmbier, 21, was accused of trying to steal a political banner hanging on the wall of the Yanggakdo International Hotel in Pyongyang, where he was staying, early on Jan. 1, CNN said. The charges against him said he was encouraged to commit the "hostile act" by a member of an Ohio church, a secretive university organization and the C.I.A. It remained unclear whether Mr. Warmbier was coerced to appear at the news conference and apologize. CNN said the student appeared to be reading from a statement.

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41. Chechnya's hardman says he is ready to step down

London Times, Tom Parfitt, 2016 02 29

Moscow - The Kremlin-backed leader of Chechnya has hinted that he is ready to leave his post if President Putin wants him to. Ramzan Kadyrov, a regional strongman with tens of thousands of paramilitaries at his command, told state television he would happily "say goodbye" and concentrate on his family and animals. The 39-year-old former separatist rebel has led Chechnya for almost a decade, during which several of his opponents have been shot dead, both inside Russia and abroad. On Saturday, thousands of Russians marched in Moscow to mark the first anniversary of the assassination of Boris Nemtsov, a critic of Mr Putin, who was shot four times in the back. A former officer in a Chechen military unit run by one of Mr Kadyrov's relatives is among five men charged with the murder.

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

42. Bad day for Iran's hardliners as reformists sweep to election victory in Tehran and beyond

The Independent (UK), Kim Sengupta, 2016 02 29

Tehran - Landmark elections in Iran have resulted in sweeping gains for reformists and significant setbacks for hardliners, paving the way for pivotal changes for the country, both domestically and in its relations with the international community. The sheer scale of the advance made by the List of Hope, backing the government of Hassan Rouhani, unfolded as more than 90 per cent of the votes were counted in the crucial battleground of Tehran. It had taken every single parliamentary seat in the capital and was in overall lead over its rivals nationwide. The liberals also made unexpected progress in a second vote, which took place for the Assembly of Experts, a body traditionally dominated by hardliners and which appoints the Supreme Leader - the ultimate source of power in the Islamic Republic. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the current holder of the office, is 76 and is said to be ailing, meaning a successor may have to be chosen during the Assembly's eight-year term. What made the reformists' triumph all the more remarkable was that the Guardian Council, which vets candidates, had refused to let thousands of them run; among them was Hassan Khomeini, grandson of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the

founder of the Islamic Republic. But after rejecting initial calls from some to boycott the polls, the reformists mobilised and formed alliances with moderate conservatives who had become alarmed by the aggressive rhetoric of hardliners. The principalists, as the hardliners call themselves, saw many of their most senior leaders fall in a dramatic 24 hours, including, significantly, almost all the main opponents of President Rouhani's nuclear deal with the world powers.

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43. Iran Disbands Another Terror Cell

Fars News Agency, 2016 02 29

Tehran - Deputy Interior Minister for Security and Law Enforcement Affairs Hossein Zolfaqari said security forces disbanded another terrorist cell in Western Iran. "This morning two terrorists crossed the Western borders (in Soumar region). They were killed by border guards and security forces on the spot," Zolfaqari told reporters in Tehran Sunday night. He said several other terror plots were also foiled before and during the elections on Friday. In relevant remarks today, Commander of the Army's Western Zone Base General Manouchehr Kazzemi said security forces killed the two terrorists and confiscated their weapons, ammunitions and suicide belts. Intelligence Minister Seyed Mahmoud Alavi had announced on Sunday that security forces disbanded two terror cells plotting terrorist attacks ahead of the February 26 vote.

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44. Al Qaeda Rejects Truce, Calls for More Fighting in Syria

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 02 29

Beirut - The head of Syria's branch of al-Qaeda, one of its most powerful rebel groups, called for an escalation in fighting against the government and its allies on Saturday and urged opponents of President Bashar al-Assad to reject a ceasefire due to begin at midnight. The government and the opposition have agreed to take part in a U.S.-Russian "cessation of hostilities" accord that is due to begin at midnight (2200 GMT on Friday). Warring parties had been required to sign up by noon. Under the measure, which has not been signed by the Syrian warring parties themselves and is less binding than a formal ceasefire, the government and its enemies are expected to stop shooting so aid can reach civilians and peace talks begin. The truce excludes jihadist groups such as ISIS and the al-Qaeda-linked Nusra Front. The Damascus government and its Russian allies said they will not halt operations against those militants.

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45. Deputy intelligence chief killed as gunmen strike again in Aden

The National (UAE), Mohammed Al Qalisi, 2016 02 29

Aden - Gunmen killed Aden's deputy chief of intelligence on Friday in the latest assassination targeting high-ranking officials in Yemen's southern port city. Col Adham Mohammed Al Ga'ari, 40, who was also the leader of the Popular Committees civilian militia in neighbouring Abyan province, died on the spot in the attack near his home in Khour Maksar district at 2pm. "The armed men shot Al Ga'ari from a car using an American gun" before fleeing, a source in Aden's security services said. There was no claim of responsibility for the attack. Two of Al Ga'ari's three sons were in the car with him when he was killed but were unharmed. The older son, 12-year-old Mohammed, described the attack. Al Ga'ari took part in the military operation that was launched in 2011 to drive the Yemen-based branch of Al Qaeda - Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula - out of Abyan.

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46. G-20: Kingdom highlights tough measures against terror financing

Arab News, Staff Report, 2016 02 29

Shanghai - The Saudi banking sector is one of the best in the world, said Fahd bin Abdullah Al-Mubarak, governor of Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency. The Kingdom's tight measures against terrorist financing and money laundering crimes are also among the best in the world, said the governor. His remarks came as the G-20 finance ministers and central bank chiefs ended their meeting in Shanghai on Saturday. More needs to be done to combat "loopholes and deficiencies" in the world financial system as part of the fight against terrorism, the G-20 finance ministers said in their final communique. The G-20 officials also urged the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to "intensify its work on identifying, analyzing and tackling terrorist financing threats, the sources and methods of funding and the use of funds."

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47. Hezbollah defiant as Saudi Arabia squeezes tighter

Lebanon Daily Star, Hussein Dakroub, 2016 02 29

Beirut - Saudi Arabia Friday stepped up pressure on Lebanon, blacklisting four companies and three Lebanese men it accused of having links to Hezbollah, as the party remained defiant, refusing to apologize to the kingdom. "The kingdom will continue to fight the terrorist activities of the so-called Hezbollah with all available means. It will continue to clearly deal with global partners as no state or international organizations should overlook Hezbollah's militias and its extremist activities," the Saudi Interior Ministry said. Carried by the official Saudi Press Agency, the statement accused Hezbollah of "spreading chaos and instability, in addition to waging terror attacks and practicing criminal and illegal acts across the world." The statement came a week after Riyadh froze \$4 billion in military aid to Lebanon over "hostile" stances linked to Hezbollah. The move is the latest escalatory action by Riyadh and its Gulf allies against Lebanon - with a focus on Hezbollah - over political disputes.

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48. No evidence linking accused to account supporting Muslim Brotherhood, UAE court hears

The National (UAE), Naser Al Remeithi, 2016 02 29

Abu Dhabi - There is no evidence to link a man accused of publishing support for the Muslim Brotherhood online with a Twitter account that praised the group, argued his lawyer. Emirati M M F, 43, is accused of used his personal Twitter account to show sympathy towards the group. Court documents shown to the Federal Supreme Court in Abu Dhabi state "he legitimised the work of the Muslim Brotherhood calling them peaceful, unarmed heroes and rallied on people to support them". "The sentiments that were found online do not represent my client's beliefs or reflect them as can be seen in the investigations," his lawyer said. The Twitter account had been inactive for a long time before M M F was arrested, his lawyer explained. "My client does not belong to any group or political ideology," his lawyer told the court.

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49. Attentats de Paris : arrestation d'un suspect en Algérie

Sud Ouest (site web) avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 02 29

Akbou Algérie - Ce ressortissant algérien est soupçonné "d'avoir eu des liens avec les attentats terroristes de Paris perpétrés en novembre dernier" et d'être un proche d'Abdelhamid Abaaoud Un Algérien résidant en Belgique soupçonné de liens avec les attaques jihadistes du 13 novembre à Paris a été arrêté mardi en Algérie. Le suspect a été placé en détention préventive à Akbou, dans le département de Béjaïa (250 km à l'est d'Alger), a précisé le parquet. Un détour par la Turquie et la Grèce Le suspect s'est livré de lui-même en répondant à une convocation du juge d'instruction du tribunal d'Akbou, a ajouté le parquet, sans dévoiler l'identité du suspect et son rôle présumé dans ces attentats. Selon le quotidien Le Soir d'Algérie, il s'agit de Zouhir Mehdaoui, âgé de 29 ans, qui a quitté l'Algérie en 2012 à destination de la Turquie.

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50. Belgique : une enquête sur Salah Abdeslam classée sans suite en juin

Le Jdd (site web), Thomas Liabot, 2016 02 29

Bruxelles - Entendu par la police belge après la fusillade de Verviers en janvier dernier, Salah Abdeslam n'avait pas été jugé dangereux par les services fédéraux. L'homme le plus recherché d'Europe a été entendu par la police il y a un an. Selon la RTBF, Salah Abdeslam avait attiré les soupçons des enquêteurs belges après la fusillade de Verviers en janvier 2015. Les frères Abdeslam n'apparaissaient alors dans aucune base de données des renseignements locaux et n'étaient pas liés au terrorisme. C'est la police locale qui, après avoir recueilli des informations à

Molenbeek, avait eu vent de leur projet de quitter la Belgique pour la Syrie. Fiché comme candidat au djihad Entendu le 28 février 2015, Salah Abdeslam avait rassuré les enquêteurs sur ses intentions, reconnaissant simplement connaître Abdelhamid Abaaoud, un ancien ami de quartier. Une version assez crédible pour disparaître des radars. La police fédérale chargée de l'enquête par la suite va en effet décider de ne pas creuser cette piste. Les frères Abdeslam ne seront pas placés sous écoute ni surveillés, encore moins perquisitionnés.

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51. Cryptage/terrorisme: Yann Galut (PS) veut mettre Apple et Google à l'amende

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 02 29

Paris - Le député PS Yann Galut dépose lundi un amendement pour contraindre les géants informatiques, notamment Apple et Google, à collaborer avec la justice et propose une amende de 1 million d'euros s'ils n'obtempèrent pas, ce qu'il explique dans un entretien au Parisien/Aujourd'hui en France. "Nous sommes confrontés à un vide juridique sur la question de chiffrement de données, qui bloque les enquêtes judiciaires", déplore le député du Cher, qui dépose un amendement sanctionnant d'une amende de 1MEUR ceux qui s'abstiendraient "de répondre dans les meilleurs délais à une réquisition de la justice". "Apple, Google, ces grands groupes extrêmement puissants ne peuvent être contraints que financièrement", justifie-t-il. Le député fustige "la totale mauvaise foi" d'Apple et Google qui mettent en avant la protection de la vie privée de leurs clients "alors qu'elles n'hésitent pas à faire une exploitation commerciale des données". En France, en 2015, huit téléphones sont restés inaccessibles à la police judiciaire dans des enquêtes pour terrorisme, souligne le quotidien. Les grands groupes technologiques comme Apple ou Google proposent de plus en plus de produits et applications inviolables, dont seul l'utilisateur détient la clef.

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52. Jean-Yves Le Drian, général « tête dure »

Les Echos, Anne Bauer avec Elsa Freyssenet, 2016 02 29

Paris - Au fil des crises, le grognard de la Hollande est devenu un pilier du gouvernement. La guerre contre le terrorisme et ses succès en matière de ventes d'armes ont donné au ministre une influence qui va bien au-delà de son portefeuille de la Défense. Matignon est à sa portée. Même s'il préfère la Bretagne. Le ton jusque-là animé est soudain devenu accablé. Jean-Yves Le Drian évoque la nuit du 13 novembre : seul en voiture de retour d'un meeting à Lorient, le président l'appelle pour lui demander son avis sur l'instauration de l'état d'urgence. « Oui, bien sûr » , répond-il. Sur un second téléphone, les informations tombent : il y a beaucoup de morts, on ne sait pas encore combien. Il n'ira pas à Rennes filant directement vers Paris dans la nuit... Dans sa voix, c'est comme l'entrée dans un long tunnel - « on a changé de monde » - dont personne n'est encore sorti. Depuis, il a oeuvré au renforcement de la présence militaire sur notre sol, au partage - enfin ! - des renseignements américains pour frapper en Syrie et a enchaîné les réunions internationales pour intensifier la lutte contre Daech. Mais trois mois et demi après les attentats de Paris, la France et son ministre de la Défense se heurtent toujours aux intérêts de la Russie de Poutine - « on ne va pas aller faire la guerre aux Russes » , soupire-t-on à l'hôtel de Brienne.

Dans l'imbroglio syrien, le ministre s'en tient à sa doctrine : « Il y a en Syrie une guerre civile attisée par Bachar Al Assad qui nécessite un règlement politique et il y a notre combat contre l'ennemi Daech qu'il faut frapper, cogner, éliminer. » C'est lui qui, dès septembre 2015, a convaincu François Hollande d'en finir avec la ligne Fabius (pas de frappes en Syrie qui pourraient aider Bachar Al Assad). L'enjeu dépasse sa seule personne, mais Jean-Yves Le Drian en sera comptable quand même si un nouvel attentat survenait. « Il y aura d'autres attaques, c'est une certitude », répète Manuel Valls. Le ministre le sait - « la menace est permanente » - mais fait un pas de côté sur la communication : « Moi, je ne fais pas dans l'anxiogène, mais je suis dans la vigilance permanente, je ne fais pas de déclaration particulière mais je mets des soldats partout, partout, partout. » Façon de revendiquer son verbe sobre et factuel. Manière aussi de suggérer qu'il ne craint pas de se démarquer du Premier ministre.

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53. L'enquête menée sur Abdeslam avant les attentats bientôt examinée

Le Soir (Belgique), P. Ma., 2016 02 29

Bruxelles - L'enquête menée sur Salah Abdeslam en 2015 a-t-elle été menée dans les formes? Le 7 mars, le Comité P se penchera à huis clos sur la manière dont les services de renseignement et la police ont alors travaillé. Au lendemain de l'assaut de Verviers, qui a débouché le 15 janvier 2015 sur la mort de deux djihadistes, Sofiane Amghar et Khalid Ben Larbi, les policiers molenbeekoïses, se sont intéressés aux Abdeslam. Salah et Ibrahim ont été auditionnés. S'étaient-ils radicalisés ? Comptaient-ils partir en Syrie pour se battre dans les rangs de l'Etat islamique, comme on le prétendait alors dans le quartier ? Auditionné le 28 février, Salah Abdeslam ne lâchera rien, sinon que lui et son frère connaissent Abdelhamid Abaaoud. Fatalement, puisqu'il s'agit d'un ancien copain du quartier. L'enquête est reprise aussitôt par la police fédérale, compétente en matière de terrorisme. Mais les choses s'arrêtent là. Les Abdeslam ne sont pas considérés comme dangereux. L'enquête n'ira pas plus loin. Ni écoutes téléphoniques ni perquisition. Le 20 mars, les noms de Salah et d'Ibrahim Abdeslam sont toutefois intégrés à la liste de l'Ocam (Office de coordination de la menace), qui reprend les personnes susceptibles d'aller en Syrie. Le 8 mai 2015, la police fédérale établit un procès-verbal où elle affirme que rien ne permet de confirmer les informations de la police locale. L'affaire est classée sans suite le 29 juin par le parquet fédéral. Il ne sera plus question de Salah Abdeslam avant le 13 novembre et les attentats de Paris. Depuis, l'auteur survivant des tueries parisiennes est en fuite. Il est l'un des suspects les plus recherchés d'Europe.

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54. Riots Break Out Along Greece's Border With Macedonia

New York Times, Liz Alderman, 2016 02 29

Unidentified placeline - Riots erupted on the Greek border with Macedonia on Monday, as angry refugees broke down a razor-wire fence separating the two countries with a battering ram after the Macedonian authorities sealed the frontier to prevent them from passing. The conflict surged as the Greek government warned that as many as 50,000 people could be trapped in the country within a month, and as aid groups cautioned that a humanitarian crisis was growing. On Sunday,

Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany said that Greece could not be allowed to succumb to the migration crisis. "Do you seriously believe that all the euro states that last year fought all the way to keep Greece in the eurozone, and we were the strictest, can one year later allow Greece to, in a way, plunge into chaos?" she told the public broadcaster ARD.

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55. Surveillance des frères Kouachi : autopsie d'un échec

Le Monde, Soren Seelow, 2016 02 29

Paris - Si la DGSI ne manquait pas d'informations sur les tueurs de " Charlie Hebdo ", elle n'a pas su les analyser L'abondance des données collectées sur les frères Kouachi entre 2010 et 2013 confirme que ces deux " objectifs " ont fait l'objet d'un travail sérieux en raison de leur connexion établie avec " la mouvance terroriste " . La défaillance se situe ailleurs, dans l'analyse qui a été faite de ces informations. Après deux ans d'écoutes, la DCRI met un terme au suivi des frères Kouachi au motif qu'il n'a pas permis de " détecter d'éléments relatifs à la préparation d'une action violente " ni " de matérialiser des éléments permettant l'ouverture d'une enquête - judiciaire " . Ces deux arguments soulignent les limites du système français. La DGSI est une agence hybride, à la fois service de renseignement et de police judiciaire. L'arrêt de la surveillance des Kouachi au motif qu'elle n'a pas permis l'ouverture d'une enquête est révélateur de ce mélange des genres : la mission judiciaire de la DGSI a pris le pas sur le renseignement pur, la matérialisation d'une infraction sur l'interprétation des signaux faibles.

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1. Why Trudeau's security policies will hurt us

Ottawa Sun, David Krayden, 2016 03 14

Column: It was a week of diplomatic effulgence for the star of the hit Canadian comedy-drama Justin In Charge. Prime Minister Trudeau took centre stage with U.S.-President Barack Obama in the very public bonding of like-minded liberals dedicated to the same deficit spending and war

on climate change. As Trudeau traded quips with Obama after sharing haute cuisine, he achieved a rare kind of U.S. media exposure for a Canadian leader -- as uncommon as a total eclipse of the sun. This is foreign policy as practised by Trudeau -- one that is based on little but warm smiles and good intentions. Canadians seem unconcerned with this triumph of style over substance, or with the looming deficits spawned by spiralling government spending or the increasing uncertainty of Trudeau's intentions on the world stage, especially with regards to fighting ISIL. Despite his continuing honeymoon with Canadian voters, who apparently have grown even closer to Trudeau's undeniable telegenic image and personable ways, Trudeau is far from sitting pretty. Nowhere is he more vulnerable than with national security. Just as he intends to enshrine citizenship for Canadian terrorists, Trudeau has also indicated his desire to nullify or neuter the Conservative government's anti-terrorism legislation. Though Bill C-51 certainly raised some controversy, most reasonable Canadians knew that Stephen Harper did not design this law to lock up labour leaders or environmental activists but to meet the tough challenges of brutal terrorists who don't play by the democratic rule book. Since the legislation was passed in June 2015, there have been no concentration camps erected to imprison political dissidents but, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service has used the law more than 20 times to counter terrorist threats. CSIS director Michel Couombe offered that select piece of intelligence to the Senate committee on national security and defence. Couombe not only cited the efficacy of Bill C-51 but emphasized that the powers it offers are not "extraordinary," given that other democratic nations beset by terrorist threats possess the same legal options.

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2. Collège de Maisonneuve - 400 000 \$ pour lutter contre la radicalisation

Le Devoir, Fabien Deglise, 2016 03 14

Montréal - Québec espère que l'aide financière permettra d'assainir l'environnement de l'établissement Action. Réaction. Québec débloque 400 000 \$ pour venir en aide au Collège de Maisonneuve de Montréal dans sa lutte contre la radicalisation de plusieurs de ses étudiants. L'annonce en a été faite dimanche matin par la ministre de l'Enseignement supérieur, Hélène David, en présence du maire de Montréal, Denis Coderre. L'enveloppe doit alimenter un " projet-pilote " et l'embauche d'une " personne-ressource ", le tout pour l'implantation " de mesures d'appui au vivre-ensemble ", a indiqué la ministre. L'octroi de cette aide financière fait suite à une rencontre de la ministre, le 29 février dernier, avec le personnel enseignant, les représentants des étudiants et la direction de l'établissement scolaire où plusieurs incidents liés à la montée d'une pensée radicale violente ont été recensés dans les dernières années. " Ces 400 000 \$ vont permettre d'avoir une présence pour être témoin ou prévenir des situations, a indiqué Denis Coderre. C'est le chaînon manquant dans le processus visant à ramener un climat propice aux études. " Pour la directrice générale du collège, Malika Habel, c'est également une somme qui doit favoriser le rapprochement entre les personnes fréquentant le collège tout comme une meilleure compréhension de " ce qui se passe sur le terrain ", a-t-elle indiqué. Pas question toutefois d'un budget pour du " travail de bureau ", a dit Mme David. Cette somme doit permettre de " rétablir le dialogue " et " renouer des liens " concrètement au sein du collège, et ce, pour y

rétablir un environnement consacré réellement à l'apprentissage, plus qu'à la violence et à la division.

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3. Dion says embassy safety top priority as government faces funding challenges

Canadian Press, Mike Blanchfield, 2016 03 14

Ottawa - When worry wakes Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion in the middle of the night, one topic is the main culprit: concern over the safety of Canada's diplomats abroad. His concern seems well-founded. Sunday's car bombing in the Turkish capital of Ankara, following a suicide bombing three weeks ago, left more than two dozen dead. Canada's embassy in its NATO ally is about six kilometres from the location of Sunday's attack. Government documents also reveal that the cost of keeping Canada's diplomats safe is rising faster than the government predicted. Terrorism, civil unrest, criminal gangs and natural disasters pose threats to Canadian diplomats, says a memo on security at foreign missions prepared for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau that was obtained under Access to Information. This past week, Dion's renamed department, Global Affairs Canada, said the government is continually assessing the threats faced at its embassies as it released its new Plans and Priorities report. "It's my top priority," Dion said in a recent interview. "There's nothing more important for me than that." Asked what he plans to do to fix the situation, the minister replied: "I have made that very clear, that I don't want to compromise the security of my people, and their families, by the way." The prime minister's briefing note says Canadian missions face "evolving risks at a time when security resources are diminishing." The foreign affairs department has used "one-time funding" to complete security upgrades "at high-threat missions." It has trained a group of new Security Program Managers that have been deployed at 30 high threat missions, the memo says.

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4. Funding to 'ease religious tensions'

Montreal Gazette, Staff reporter, 2016 03 14

Montreal - Quebec's Liberal government will spend \$400,000 in an effort to ease religious tensions at Collège de Maisonneuve, after several high-profile incidents implicating the school's Muslim students. The money will go toward hiring staff to mediate conflicts, said Higher Education Minister Hélène David during a news conference at the Montreal CEGEP. The school's administration called upon the provincial government to act after an altercation last month between well-known Muslim leader Adil Charkaoui and a security guard at the CEGEP. Charkaoui was subsequently charged with assault. There have also been media reports about Muslim students falling prey to ISIS propaganda and, last year, the RCMP detained students Mahdi Jamali and Sabrine Djaermane over fears they might commit a terrorist act. During the press conference Sunday - as she sat next to Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre - David was careful to avoid the topic of radical Islam or use the word "de-radicalization" to describe the funding announcement. Instead, the minister called the money part of a plan for students to "live together" in harmony. This despite the fact that the provincial government announced a separate \$500,000 initiative, earlier this month, to fund an anti-radicalization centre in Montreal.

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5. Kidnapper of Irish priest, Australian slain

Philippine Star, 2016 03 14

Zamboanga City - Government security forces shot dead the leader of a criminal group tagged in the kidnapping of an Irish priest and an Australian during an operation in Naga, Zamboanga Sibugay yesterday. Waning Abdusalam was killed after he resisted arrest by a joint military and police team, according to Maj. Filemon Tan, spokesman for the military. "Abdusalam may have had links with the Abu Sayyaf bandit group, which is known for kidnapping foreigners and Christians," Tan said. Authorities said Abdusalam had been involved in the kidnapping of several people in Mindanao, including Filipinos as well as Irish missionary Fr. Michael Sinnott in 2009 and Australian Warren Rodwell in 2011. Sinnott was released after about a month with the help of a major Muslim rebel group. Rodwell spent 15 months in captivity and was freed after ransom was paid. The Abu Sayyaf was blamed for the Rodwell kidnapping. Joint elements of the Army's 102nd Brigade and the police moved to arrest Abdusalam in Barangay Singkilon at around 8 a.m. Earlier this month, suspected Abu Sayyaf militants holding two Canadians, a Norwegian and a Filipina issued a one-month deadline for millions of dollars in ransom to be paid. In a video posted on a local jihadist group's Facebook page, the victims warned they would be killed unless ransom is paid. Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall, Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad and Filipina Marites Flor were seized from a resort on Samal Island in Davao del Norte late last year. The government has reiterated its no-ransom policy and police are continuing efforts to rescue the hostages.

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6. Mohawk-driven protest against Energy East gains national momentum

Montreal Gazette, Philip Authier, 2016 03 14

Montreal - The Mohawk nation is threatening to do everything legally in its power to block the Energy East pipeline project, calling it a threat to their way of life. Despite perceptions opposition to the project is harboured mainly by mayors in Quebec, a Mohawk-driven Canadian First Nations movement against the project is picking up steam in other parts of the country. Besides the official opposition of the Assembly of First Nations Quebec and Labrador representing 43 Quebec chiefs, the list against TransCanada's pipeline now includes the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs - who are fighting their own pipeline battle - and the Iroquois Caucus regrouping Mohawk nations in Quebec and Ontario. The level of anger in the First Nations and their complaint at having not been consulted is revealed in a bluntly worded six-page personal "nation-to-nation" style letter from Mohawk Kanesatake Grand Chief Serge "Otsi" Simon to Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard. Dated March 9, the letter was obtained this weekend by the Montreal Gazette. Opening a new front for TransCanada and politicians to deal with, the letter unabashedly tags the project to move 1.1-million barrels of crude oil a day from Alberta to refineries in Eastern Canada "risky and dangerous," to First Nations and a threat to their lands, waters and very survival. "Indeed an alliance of indigenous nations, from coast to coast, is being formed against all the pipeline, rail and tanker projects that would make possible the continued expansion of tar sands," Simon writes. "One thing for sure, we the Mohawks of

Kanesatake will not be brushed aside any longer and we wish to press upon you that we reserve the right to take legal action if necessary to prevent the abuse of our inherent rights." Simon does not mention it in his letter but, a year ago, he told the Journal de Montréal that barricades against the pipeline were not excluded even though the preferred option remains dialogue.

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7. Ottawa's contract policies 'perverse' encourage industry gouging: leaked report

Canadian Press, Murray Brewster, 2016 03 14

Ottawa - A major independent study of federal government contract pricing and policies has warned that the current system provides "perverse incentives" for industry doing business with Ottawa to hike their costs, particularly in military equipment deals. The report written by the research firm PricewaterhouseCoopers - a copy of which was leaked to The Canadian Press - also says that both Public Services and Procurement and National Defence don't have the in-house staff and expertise to understand technical matters that contribute to higher project costs. The 32-page draft study, dated Nov. 17, 2015, was ordered by the former Conservative government, but delivered to the Trudeau Liberals, who promised in last fall's election to fix the broken procurement system to ensure the military gets the equipment it needs. The eye-popping cost of ships, planes, and tanks has been the subject of a political debate, notably over the F-35 stealth fighter, but also more recently with the navy's planned frigate replacements. Researchers at the multi-national audit firm were asked to examine how government policies, procedures and legislation contributed to the enormous price tags. One of the key findings was that the structure of the contracting regime "provides perverse incentives for industry to increase costs" - particularly in sole-source deals - and there is "limited expertise in government" to review industrial processes and validate the increases.

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8. Philippines Rejects Talks With Militants for Release of Captives

Reuters, 2016 03 14

Manila - The Philippines will not negotiate with Islamist militants demanding ransom within a month for the release of three foreign men and a Filipino woman kidnapped from a beach resort nearly six months ago, a military spokesman said on Friday (11/03). Army units pursuing the band of al Qaeda-linked Abu Sayyaf militants, who are holding the two Canadians, a Norwegian and the Filipino woman, are closing in on them, Brigadier-General Restituto Padilla said. "The policy on no negotiations with kidnapers includes no payment of ransom," Padilla told Reuters, dismissing the one-month deadline given by the militants as a ploy to relieve the military pressure they are facing. "We're getting closer to them, hence, they needed to expedite the demand for ransom in order for them to escape from the hands of the law, which is closely catching up." The four hostages were kidnapped from a beach resort on a southern island in September last year. They are believed to be held in the jungle on Jolo island, a stronghold of the Abu Sayyaf, who are known for bombs, beheadings and kidnappings. In a minute-and-half video clip posted on an Islamist-linked Facebook account on Thursday, the three foreigners appealed

to their governments to meet the militants' demands, saying if not they faced execution. It was the third time the militants had released such video appeals from the captives.

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9. Poll backs dropping some visas

Globe and Mail, Ann Hui, 2016 03 14

Toronto - A majority of Canadians support the right - along with Australians, New Zealanders and Britons - of residents to have unrestricted travel between the countries without the need for visas, a new poll has found. According to the poll commissioned by the Britain-based Royal Commonwealth Society, 75 per cent of Canadians believe that residents of the four Commonwealth countries should have an arrangement similar to the European Union, which allows citizens to travel freely to live and work in member countries. The poll, conducted by Nanos Research, is part of the group's ongoing efforts to promote greater mobility between the countries. The results showed 82 per cent of New Zealanders, 70 per cent of Australians and 58 per cent of Britons also support the idea. The survey of 1,000 Canadians was conducted in late January. Tim Hewish, the society's policy director, said the group plans to lobby politicians in Ottawa in the coming months. "It's the responsibility of elected governments to respond to these types of responses from their citizens," he said. Currently, Canadians require a visa for all travel to New Zealand and Australia. Canadians visiting Britain for work or study, or on trips longer than six months, also require a visa. The four countries were selected out of the 53 Commonwealth nations because they share similar socioeconomic characteristics, Mr. Hewish said. "It is intended that this could apply to other Commonwealth countries with comparable economic characteristics over time," his statement said.

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10. RCMP fight to keep lid on high-tech investigation tool

Globe and Mail, Staff reporters, 2016 03 14

Toronto and Montreal - Police in Canada are fighting to keep secret the specifics of advanced technology they've used to spy on mobile phones in a criminal investigation into organized crime. Court documents filed in the Quebec Court of Appeal show government lawyers have acknowledged that the RCMP used an extraordinary communications-interception technique involving "mobile device identifier" equipment. But the Crown will be fighting to keep details of the operation under wraps during a court hearing scheduled for March 30 in Montreal. Chris Parsons, a researcher with the Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto's Munk School, said this case "wouldn't be the first time [these devices] have been used - but it would be the first time [authorities] have been caught out in court." The public is bound to want to know more, Mr. Parsons said. "These are fundamentally devices of mass surveillance," he said. "Authorities using them will also be collecting information about law-abiding Canadians." Between 2010 and 2012, detectives in RCMP "Project Clemenza" used a high-tech device to eavesdrop on a group of reputed mafia members who were sending each other encrypted messages on BlackBerry phones. Police believed the suspects were out to settle scores during the power vacuum that had emerged after the jailing of mob boss Vito Rizzuto. On Nov. 24, 2011, a New Yorker named

Salvatore (Sal the Ironworker) Montagna was shot dead on the outskirts of Montreal. Fearing more bloodletting was imminent, an RCMP-led team divulged its ongoing operation to local police, so they could make arrests in that gangland slaying. Defence lawyers suggest the machinery the RCMP used in the case works by mimicking a cellphone tower and can trick all mobile phones within a specific radius into giving up data to police.

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11. Why the Islamic State must be fought on four fronts

Globe and Mail, Stephanie Carvin, 2016 03 14

Op-ed: The Canadian debate about the fight against the Islamic State frequently involves the need to take a holistic approach - essentially a broad strategy that includes everything from training missions overseas to countering violent extremism programs at home. But is this the right way to look at the IS problem? It might be tempting for the new federal government to present its strategy as a "whole of government" approach, but treating Islamic State as a puzzle that can be addressed in a comprehensive way is problematic. IS is a complex, dynamic and multifaceted organization that has managed to defy efforts to eliminate it and transformed itself into arguably the most sophisticated counterterrorism challenge faced by the West. In fact, the Islamic State should be broken down into two components: a sophisticated leadership controlling operations in Iraq and Syria; and the rank and file that actively support it. The leadership, although extremist, has managed to learn and adapt in the face of years of counterterrorism pressure against it. Even if it is eventually removed (or contained) in Iraq and Syria, we can expect that the leadership will continue to exploit ungoverned and undergoverned places, including parts of North Africa and South Asia. Note: Stephanie Carvin is an assistant professor of international relations at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University, and a former national security analyst with the federal government.

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12. CENTCOM Embroiled In Climate of Fear

The Daily Beast, Shane Harris, Nancy A. Youssef, 2016 03 14

Washington - Army Gen. Joseph Votel is expected to take over as the head of U.S. Central Command later this month, and he'll be leading the military campaign against ISIS at a troubled time for his own organization. In interviews, half a dozen current and former officials have described the environment at CENTCOM headquarters as "toxic" and "hostile" owing to a long-simmering dispute over whether political influence was brought to bear on intelligence analysts whose job is to objectively assess the strength of ISIS and the effects of the U.S.-led efforts to destroy the group. The subjects of the analysts' frustration are the the head of intelligence for CENTCOM, Maj. Gen. Steven Grove, and Gregory Ryckman, his civilian deputy. Some analysts have complained that they felt "bullied" into reaching conclusions favored by their bosses that weren't supported by facts, two individuals familiar with analysts' complaints told The Daily Beast. They say the written and verbal pressure created a climate at CENTCOM in which

analysts felt they had to self-censor some of their reports. Ryckman, in turn, has complained that the protesting analysts have created a "hostile work environment," according to three individuals who are knowledgeable about working conditions at CENTCOM and asked not to be identified. U.S. officials said that Ryckman had not lodged any formal complaints with the Defense Department. But his perceived grievances with analysts have become a topic of conversation at the command. The result: Analysts are suspicious of their bosses, and bosses are suspicious of the analysts. It will fall to Votel to help repair those divides.

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13. In the Apple Case, a Debate Over Data Hits Home

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 03 14

Washington - Three years ago, reeling from Edward J. Snowden's disclosure of the government's vast surveillance programs and uncertain how to respond, President Obama said he welcomed a vigorous public debate about the wrenching trade-offs between safeguarding personal privacy and tracking down potential terrorists. "It's healthy for our democracy," he told reporters at the time. "I think it's a sign of maturity." But the national debate touched off this winter by the confrontation between the Justice Department and Apple over smartphone security is not exactly the one Mr. Obama had in mind. Mr. Snowden's revelations produced modest changes and a heightened suspicion of the government's activities in cyberspace. Because the issue now centers on a device most Americans carry in their pockets, it is concrete and personal in a way that surveillance by the National Security Agency never was. The trade-offs seem particularly stark because they have been framed around a simple question: Should Apple help the F.B.I. hack into an iPhone used by a gunman in the massacre last December in San Bernardino, Calif.? "Discussing the case with my friends has become a touchy subject," said Matthew Montoya, 19, a computer science major at the University of Texas, El Paso. "We're a political bunch with views from all across the spectrum."

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14. Quiet Support for Saudis Entangles U.S. in Yemen

New York Times, Mark Mazzetti, Eric Schmitt, 2016 03 14

Washington - Adel al-Jubeir, Saudi Arabia's urbane, well-connected ambassador to Washington, arrived at the White House last March with the urgent hope of getting President Obama's support for a new war in the Middle East. Iran had moved into Saudi Arabia's backyard, Mr. Jubeir told Mr. Obama's senior advisers, and was aiding rebels in Yemen who had overrun the country's capital and were trying to set up ballistic missile sites in range of Saudi cities. Saudi Arabia and its Persian Gulf neighbors were poised to begin a campaign in support of Yemen's impotent government -- an offensive Mr. Jubeir said could be relatively swift. Two days of discussions in the West Wing followed, but there was little real debate. Among other reasons, the White House needed to placate the Saudis as the administration completed a nuclear deal with Iran, Saudi Arabia's archenemy. That fact alone eclipsed concerns among many of the president's advisers that the Saudi-led offensive would be long, bloody and indecisive. Mr. Obama soon gave his approval for the Pentagon to support the impending military campaign. A year later, the war has

been a humanitarian disaster for Yemen and a study in the perils of the Obama administration's push to get Middle Eastern countries to take on bigger military roles in their neighborhood.

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15. Renseignement et forces spéciales, la recette antiterroriste d'Obama

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 03 14

Washington - En Irak et en Syrie, en Somalie ou en Afghanistan, Washington préfère les opérations coup de poing clandestines aux troupes régulières. Depuis l'envoi des premiers renforts en Irak à l'occasion du " surge " de 2006, les Etats-Unis semblent toujours finir par s'en remettre aux mêmes moyens pour faire la guerre. Le Pentagone présente en effet l'association des forces spéciales et du renseignement comme la méthode miracle qui permettra en Syrie, comme en Irak à la fin des années 2000, de faire reculer l'organisation Etat islamique (EI). Depuis mai 2015, souvent dans le plus grand secret, ces soldats expérimentés effectuent des raids éclairs en zone ennemie et kidnappent des cibles de haut niveau. L'enjeu consiste à exploiter le plus vite possible les éléments trouvés sur place et les déclarations du prisonnier afin de lancer d'autres opérations. Jeudi 10 mars, le porte-parole du Pentagone, Peter Cook, a déclaré que la capture au cours de la semaine du 29 février par l'ETF (Expeditionary Targeting Force) - une unité de forces spéciales américaines basées dans le nord de l'Irak, au Kurdistan - d'un expert en armes chimiques de l'EI avait permis de " dégrader la capacité de l'EI à produire des armes chimiques " . Raid hélicoptère en Somalie Les bombardements ultérieurs, effectués à une date non précisée, auraient pu être réalisés grâce aux informations fournies par Souleimane Daoud al-Bakkar, alias Abou Daoud, présenté par M. Cook comme un " émir de l'EI pour la fabrication d'armes chimiques et traditionnelles " . Il a assuré que l'intéressé a été transféré aux autorités irakiennes, jeudi, après son interrogatoire. Si c'est la première fois que le Pentagone communique ainsi sur les opérations de l'ETF, qui vient d'être déployée en Irak, des opérations de ce type ont déjà été menées en Syrie. En mai 2015, les forces spéciales américaines ont tué, sur le sol syrien, Abou Sayyaf, considéré comme le grand argentier de l'EI. Lors de l'attaque, les soldats américains ont récupéré plusieurs téraoctets de données qui ont servi à d'autres opérations. John Allen, qui fut jusqu'au 23 octobre 2015 à la tête de la coalition contre l'EI, avait confirmé l'existence de cette stratégie fin novembre 2015 au Forum international d'Halifax sur la sécurité : " Pour faire reculer l'EI, il faut réduire au maximum le temps entre l'acquisition du renseignement et son utilisation opérationnelle. "

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16. The Encryption debate

60 Minutes, Lesley Stahl, 2016 03 13

The argument over encryption between Apple and the FBI reminds us that the world is facing a far more tech-savvy terror threat. While not that long ago al Qaeda often handled its communications by going back to the Stone Age relying on mules and couriers, the Islamic State, or ISIS, proved it can be done with just a push of a button using everyday tools of 21st century teenagers: the latest smartphones and messaging apps. The encryption debate centers around an iPhone found in San Bernardino, where 14 men and women were killed in a terror

attack last December. But before that, there was the massacre in Paris. We went there to meet the city's chief prosecutor who is confronting some of the same issues. Francois Molins: The terrorists are able to communicate with total impunity. Lesley Stahl: Do you have phones in terrorist attacks that you have not been able to get into because of encryption? Francois Molins: Oui oui. With all these encryption software programs, we can't penetrate into certain conversations and we're dealing with this gigantic black hole, a dark zone where there are just so many dangerous things going on. Voiceover: As head of Europol, Rob Wainwright gathers and analyzes information from over 600 law enforcement agencies. He has set up a new counter terrorism center to better coordinate all the intelligence. Lesley Stahl: How much is encryption a problem generally in these investigations? Rob Wainwright: In most of them. I mean, across the tens of thousands of investigations that Europol is supporting every year on terrorism and serious crime, at least three quarters of them have encryption at the heart of the challenge that law enforcement face.

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17. Snooper's Charter: Tech companies will have to give police 'back- door' access to customers' data

The Independent (UK), Matt Broomfield, 2016 03 14

London - Internet service providers and technology companies will be forced to install "back-door" flaws into their products, so British police and security services can access them on demand. The move was announced in draft documents published in support of Theresa May's controversial Investigatory Powers Bill, announced in November 2015. Companies will also be banned from revealing whether they had been made to install "back-door" access routes, leaving customers unable to know whether their messages and search history are truly secure. And if the draft documents are approved and the Bill known as the "Snoopers' Charter" is passed in Parliament, the controversial measures will be partially paid for by British taxpayers.

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18. UK government faces questions over plans to send troops to Libya

The Guardian (London), Patrick Wintour, Chris Stephen, 2016 03 14

London - The UK parliament's foreign affairs select committee is to ask the government whether it intends to send as many as 1,000 non-combat troops to Libya in an attempt to train a Libyan army capable of driving out Islamic State from the country. Senior members of the committee were told in Tunis last week that the formation of a Libyan government of national unity (GNA), which was announced on Saturday, would pave the way this week for a European conference on military intervention including the UK defence secretary, Michael Fallon. Committee members were told that the Italians would provide 5,000 troops and the UK 1,000, with more troops probably provided by the French. The British government is becoming increasingly concerned that a military vacuum in Libya has allowed Isis to gain a foothold around the town of Sirte in

Libya as well as to make military incursions inside Tunisia. But there is frustration on the committee at the evasive responses from the government over its plans for Libya.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

19. Hizb-e-Islami to join Afghan peace talks

The Express Tribune, Tahir Khan, 2016 03 14

Islamabad - Hizb-e-Islami Afghanistan (HIA), the second largest resistance movement in Afghanistan, led by former prime minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, has formally decided to join the peace talks with the Afghan government, the party said on Sunday. "Hizb-e-Islami has constituted a two-member team for the negotiation, which includes Qazi Hakim Hakim, head of HIA's central council and Ghairat Baheer, head of the political affairs," party sources told The Express Tribune. The announcement came days after the Taliban refused to take part in the quadrilateral dialogue process with the Afghan government, terming them "futile and misleading negotiations." In a statement, Taliban once again reiterated its policy that unless the occupation of Afghanistan is ended, black lists eliminated and innocent prisoners freed, talks will not bear any results. Diplomatic sources; however, insisted background efforts were still under way to contact the Taliban for persuading them to soften their stance about the talks.

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Africa • Afrique

20. Africa targeted once more as rivalry between Islamic militants grows

The Guardian (London), Jason Burke, 2016 03 14

Analysis - This latest attack in Ivory Coast - claimed by al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) - will underline why Africa is increasingly spoken of as the "new front" in Islamist militancy. This may be exaggerated, but the threat is undoubtedly growing on the continent, and well beyond its Mediterranean coastline. Ivory Coast has thus become the latest link in a chain of violence-hit countries - from Nigeria, where the Islamic State affiliate Boko Haram is still a force despite recent government efforts, to Somalia, where al-Shabaab extremists appear resurgent. Other militant operations in the last year have targeted tourists and hotels in Tunisia, Turkey, Egypt and elsewhere. Many of these have been claimed by Isis or subsidiary groups. The rivalry between al-Qaida and Isis is one reason for the recent upsurge of violence. Both organisations want to claim north and, increasingly, western Africa as their own sphere of influence. The stakes are high. AQIM is currently the most tenacious and effective of al-Qaida's affiliates. If it fades definitively from the scene, so would its parent organisation. The pre-eminence of Isis would be unchallenged.

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21. Al-Qaeda gunmen target beach resort

London Times, Jerome Starkey, 2016 03 14

London - At least 16 people were killed and dozens injured when Al-Qaeda gunmen opened fire at a beach resort in the Ivory Coast yesterday. Wearing balaclavas and grenade belts, the attackers targeted three seafront hotels in Grand-Bassam, a colonial-era town about 25 miles west of Abidjan, the country's commercial capital. Fourteen civilians and two special forces soldiers were killed. Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, which is active across the desert regions of Mauritania, Mali and Niger, has claimed responsibility. The government said that the attackers had been killed. "Security and defence forces intervened immediately and were able to neutralise six terrorists," said Hamed Bakayoko, interior minister. "The clean-up operation is under way." He said that troops were carrying out "security sweeps" and urged residents to stay calm. France's foreign ministry said that at least one of its nationals was among the victims. Citizens from Germany, Burkina Faso, Mali and Cameroon were also hit, Mr Bakayoko added. An American embassy delegation was in Grand-Bassam on Sunday but the US embassy in Abidjan said that there was no evidence that American citizens had been targeted or harmed.

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22. Côte d'Ivoire/Terrorisme - Attaque à Grand-Bassam: la Côte d'Ivoire, cible des jihadistes

Radio France Internationale, Journaliste maison, 2016 03 14

Grand-Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire - Des assaillants lourdement armés, qualifiés de « terroristes » par le gouvernement, ont attaqué la station balnéaire de Grand-Bassam, à une quarantaine de kilomètres à l'est d'Abidjan, faisant 16 morts, dont 14 civils. Dès 2013, et la poussée de jihadistes dans le nord du Mali, les services ivoiriens redoutaient de voir la menace descendre jusqu'à Abidjan. En 2015, les choses se sont précisées avec les attaques de Misséni et Fakola, juste de l'autre côté de la frontière, côté Mali. S'en sont suivi des arrestations de jihadistes en territoire ivoirien et leur extradition. A l'époque, les soupçons se portent sur une unité de combattants d'Ansar Dine, une « katiba », voire sur des éléments peuls liés au Front de libération du Macina. Mais cette fois-ci, c'est Aqmi/Al-Mourabitoune qui a revendiqué l'attaque. Rien à voir avec les précédentes escarmouches. Il s'agit là de la première attaque de ce type en Côte d'Ivoire, avec un mode d'action qui rappelle celui utilisé lors de l'attaque du Radisson Blu de Bamako, puis celle du Splendid à Ouagadougou. Un mode d'action imparable ? La méthode a malheureusement fait ses preuves à Bamako et à Ouagadougou. Les jihadistes attaquent en commando, des groupes de 5 à 10 hommes, et s'en prennent à des cibles très faciles à atteindre : terrasses de cafés, halls d'hôtels, plages et restaurants, dans des lieux touristiques, des capitales ou des villes secondaires moins surveillées et défendues.

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23. Deux Casques bleus tués dans le nord du Mali par un des leurs

Jeune Afrique, Journaliste maison, 2016 03 13

Tessalit, Mali - Deux Casques bleus de l'ONU au Mali ont été tués samedi soir et un troisième été blessé par un de leurs camarades, a annoncé dimanche la Mission de l'ONU dans le pays (Minusma), moins de trois semaines après un incident similaire. « Hier (samedi) vers 19H00 (même heure GMT) un tragique incident s'est déroulé dans le camp de la Minusma à Tessalit, région de Kidal, lorsqu'un Casque bleu a tiré sur trois de ses collègues. Deux morts sont à déplorer, un autre a été légèrement blessé », selon un communiqué de la Minusma, qui ne précise pas leur nationalité. Le suspect a été arrêté, la sécurité dans le camp a été renforcée, une enquête permettra de déterminer les causes et circonstances exactes de l'incident, selon le texte. Le 25 février, deux Casques bleus tchadiens avaient été tués dans le camp de la force onusienne à Kidal au cours de ce que la Minusma avait qualifié de règlement de comptes entre individus.

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24. Ivory Coast resort site of deadly attack

Globe and Mail, Geoffrey York, 2016 03 14

In another major expansion of its sphere of operations, an affiliate of al-Qaeda has claimed responsibility for an attack that killed at least 14 civilians and two soldiers at a beach resort in Ivory Coast. The beach outside three hotels at the seaside town of GrandBassam was strewn with bodies after the assault by at least three gunmen, who reportedly shouted "Allahu Akbar" - an Arabic phrase meaning "God is greatest." The heavily armed gunmen, dressed in black and wearing balaclavas, attacked the beach around lunchtime on Sunday as its restaurants and bars were crowded with vacationers. Most of the victims appeared to be Ivory Coast citizens. Four Europeans, including a French man, were among those killed, officials said. Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), a radical Islamist militia whose traditional stronghold is northern Mali and the edges of the Sahara Desert, swiftly claimed responsibility for the attack. The attack was reportedly orchestrated by Mokhtar Belmokhtar, the notorious leader of an AQIM splinter group who held two Canadian diplomats hostage in northern Mali in 2008 and 2009. He is the subject of an RCMP arrest warrant for his role in the kidnapping. The group has its roots in the remote desert wastes of Algeria and Mali, but AQIM has dramatically escalated its operations in recent months, targeting cities to the south where it was never previously active. It killed 20 people in an assault last November on the luxury Radisson Blu hotel in Bamako, the capital of Mali, and then killed 30 at another hotel and restaurant in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso's capital, in January.

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25. La Côte d'Ivoire se savait menacée par al-Qaida

Le Figaro, Tanguy Berthemet, 2016 03 14

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire - Les djihadistes d'al-Qaida au Maghreb islamique (Aqmi), ont revendiqué dimanche soir ce nouveau bain de sang. Après le Mali, le Burkina Faso, la Côte d'Ivoire est à son tour frappée par le terrorisme islamiste. Ce nouvel attentat ne surprend pas vraiment. Les services de renseignements, tant occidentaux que ouest-africains, avaient depuis plusieurs mois prévenu de ce risque. Les djihadistes d'Al-Qaida au Maghreb islamique (Aqmi), qui ont revendiqué dimanche soir ce nouveau bain de sang, n'avaient certes jamais vraiment directement menacé la Côte d'Ivoire. Mais le groupe, dont les bases se trouvent aujourd'hui entre le nord Mali

et la Libye, avait clairement laissé entendre qu'il voulait s'en prendre à tous les régimes régionaux hostiles à son endroit et proches des occidentaux en général, et de la France en particulier. À ce titre, Dakar et Abidjan apparaissaient comme des cibles presque évidentes. L'attentat de dimanche obéit d'ailleurs aux "règles" édictées par ces djihadistes. Comme à Bamako et Ouagadougou, les tueurs s'en sont pris à des lieux fréquentés par la bourgeoisie locale, les expatriés ou les touristes: des hôtels, des terrasses, des plages. Le choix précis de ces cibles visent sans doute, aux yeux des dirigeants d'Aqmi, à légitimer leurs actions en s'en prenant avant tout à des "infidèles" pour épargner les croyants. Pour autant l'action d'Aqmi ne portera sans doute pas plus ces fruits en Côte d'Ivoire qu'elle ne l'a fait à Ouagadougou. Les Ivoiriens se montreront très certainement tout aussi choqués et navrés que les Burkinabés ou les Français après les massacres de janvier et de novembre dernier.

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26. Terrorisme : attaque sanglante sur une plage ivoirienne

Le Figaro, Tanguy Berthemet, 2016 03 14

Grand-Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire - Au moins seize personnes, dont un Français, ont été tuées dans une station balnéaire. Afrique de l'Ouest La Côte d'Ivoire a été la cible dimanche d'un attentat. Les circonstances du raid qui a touché Grand-Bassam, une station balnéaire située à une quarantaine de kilomètres d'Abidjan, demeuraient flous dans la soirée. Selon les premières informations, un commando d'au moins six hommes cagoulés et armés de fusils automatiques a ouvert le feu peu avant 13 heures aux environs d'un hôtel connu des lieux, l'Étoile du Sud. Abbas el-Roz, un ressortissant libanais interrogé par l'AFP, qui séjournait dans cet établissement, a raconté que l'un d'eux portait un fusil d'assaut kalachnikov et une ceinture de grenades. Deux hôtels voisins, le Koral Beach et l'Auberge Bassamoise, auraient aussi été touchés par les assaillants. En fin d'après-midi, le raid sanglant semblait terminé. « Six terroristes ont été neutralisés », a affirmé à l'AFP Hamed Bakayoko, le ministre de l'Intérieur.

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27. Tunisia faces serious challenge in becoming new front line against Islamic State

Globe and Mail, Patrick Martin, 2016 03 14

Tunisia, the country that first propelled the popular uprisings in the Arab world five years ago when a frustrated street vendor set himself on fire, has become the latest front line in the war against Islamic State militants. Last week dozens of IS fighters launched a dawn attack on army and police posts in the coastal Tunisian town of Ben Gardane near the Libyan border. A total of 48 fighters from both sides were killed - along with seven civilians who included a 12-year-old girl - in a battle that lasted for hours. Most of the attackers were Tunisians, authorities said, and already were established as a well-trained IS unit inside the town. Last June, a Tunisian linked to Islamic State killed 38 people, mostly British tourists, at a beach resort of Sousse further north; an attack in March, 2015, left 22 dead at the Bardo museum in Tunis. The man responsible for the Sousse attack is believed to have been killed in the U.S. bombing last month of an IS training facility across the border in Libya. "Tunisia should expect further attacks," a report by the International Crisis Group said last week, citing the anarchic conditions in Libya that have left a

political vacuum into which Islamic State has moved. This has become a serious challenge for Tunisia, the Arab country that has advanced furthest toward a peaceful democracy after its revolution in 2011.

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28. 3.1 quake in N. Korea, South says not nuclear test

Agence France-Presse, 2016 03 14

Seoul - A minor 3.1 magnitude earthquake was detected in North Korea early Monday, South Korea's state weather agency said, adding that there was no indication it was related to a nuclear test. According to the Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA), the quake struck at 5:17 am (2017 GMT Sunday) near the southwestern North Korean city of Songlim. It was not believed to be the result of a nuclear test as the affected area was far from the North's Punggye-ri underground test site in the country's northeast. "It is a natural earthquake. We don't think it is another nuclear test. Nothing special has been detected," a KMA official told AFP. There were no immediate reports of any damage. The Korean peninsula is not an area of strong seismic activity, although minor earthquakes are quite common. Any moderate seismic shock usually sets off alarm bells, as it could be the first signal of a nuclear test. The first indication of the North's last test on January 6 was a 5.1 magnitude tremor at Punggye-ri that was detected by international seismic monitors. (full article)

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29. Pak hacker defaces Raipur AIIMS site, says all Indian government sites on target

Times of India, Rashmi Drolia, 2016 03 14

Raipur - Pakistani hackers on Saturday defaced the official website of AIIMS Raipur. While AIIMS administration wasn't aware about this till late in the evening, the site was patched till Sunday morning. The homepage of www.aiimsraipur.nic.in was hacked and displayed "Website stamped by Kashmiri Cheeta, Team: Pak Cyber Attackers. We are unbeatable. Mess with the Best, Die like the Rest." Posting the mirror link on his Facebook wall, the hacker whose handle name is Amir Muzaffar virtually known as 'Kashmiri Cheeta', confirmed that he had hacked the website. In an exclusive talk with TOI, the Pak hacker warned that "all government sites are on our target and we search sites with '.nic or .gov.in' keywords, and once we find a security lapse, you know what happens. Administrators of government websites are sloppy and rely blindly on white hat hackers whose job is to simply alert them about where the bugs are.

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30. US, South Korea Stage Assault Drill; North Threatens to Wipe out Enemies

Jakarta Globe, 2016 03 14

Pohang - US and South Korean troops staged a big amphibious landing exercise on Saturday (12/03), storming simulated North Korean beach defenses amid heightened tension and threats by the North to annihilate its enemies. The landing and assault drills on South Korea's east coast were part of eight weeks of joint exercises between the allies which the South has said are the largest ever. The North has denounced the exercises as "nuclear war moves" and threatened to respond with an all-out offensive. Tension on the Korean peninsula has been high since the North conducted its fourth nuclear test in January and followed that with a long-range rocket launch last month, triggering new UN sanctions. About 55 US marine aircraft and 30 US and South Korean ships, including the USS Bonhomme Richard and USS Boxer, which carry AV-8B Harrier attack jets and V-22 Osprey aircrafts, took part in the assault on beaches near Pohang city, the US navy said. "They will penetrate notional enemy beach defenses, establish a beach head, and rapidly transition forces and sustenance ashore," the US military based in South Korea said in a statement before the exercise. The North's military said it was prepared to counter the US and South Korean forces "with an ultra-precision blitzkrieg strike of the Korean style". "The revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK holding tightly the arms to annihilate the enemies with towering hatred for them are waiting for the dignified Supreme Command to issue an order to launch a preemptive strike of justice," it said in comments carried by the state KCNA news agency.

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31. Iran may still rely on N. Korea for missile materials: CRS report

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 03 14

Washington - Iran advanced its missile development with the help of North Korea, and the Middle Eastern nation may still rely on the communist nation for materials necessary for producing its ballistic missiles, a congressional report has said. The Congressional Research Service raised the suspicion in a recent report, noting that the intelligence community assessed until the latter 2000s that North Korean cooperation with Iran's ballistic missile program was ongoing and significant. "Iran has likely exceeded North Korea's ability to develop, test and build ballistic missiles. But Tehran may, to some extent, still rely on Pyongyang for certain materials for producing Iranian ballistic missiles, Iran's claims to the contrary notwithstanding," the report said. "For example, some observers argue that Iran may not be able to produce even its Scud B and Scud C equivalents -- Shahab-1 and Shahab-2, respectively -- without some foreign support for key materials or components," it said. Nevertheless, however, Director of National Intelligence (DNI) James Clapper stated during a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing in 2014 that Iran is not currently receiving assistance with its ICBM program. Clapper also said in

February this year that there has "not been a great deal of interchange" between Iran and the North, it said. The report said Syria continues to rely on North Korean and Iranian assistance for its missile program, noting that Defense Intelligence Agency Director Michael Flynn testified in 2013 that Syria's liquid-propellant missile program -- Scud B, Scud C and Scud D missiles -- depends on "essential foreign equipment and assistance, primarily from North Korean entities." On suspected nuclear cooperation between Iran and North Korea, the report said that the official U.S. assessment has been that there is no such cooperation between the two countries, even though some press reports have pointed to alleged cases of nuclear cooperation, such as the possibility of Iranian officials witnessing North Korean nuclear tests. "U.S. officials have stated publicly that there is no nuclear cooperation between Iran and North Korea," the report said. "Knowledgeable current and former U.S. officials contacted by CRS said that they were unaware of official unclassified U.S. government evidence of nuclear cooperation between Iran and North Korea."

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32. Bahrain facing cyber threats warns expert

Gulf Daily News, Sandeep Singh Grewal, 2016 03 14

Manama - It is just a matter of time before Bahrain is the target of a major cyber attack, a leading security expert has warned. Computer hackers from Iran and China have been targeting several organisations and government entities in the region for years, said independent consultant Tom Lockhart. "Bahrain has not faced any major cyber attack such as the one in 2012 on Saudi Aramco but eventually it will happen," Mr Lockhart told the GDN. In a matter of hours 35,000 computers at Aramco were partially wiped or totally destroyed, in a cyber attack dubbed "the world's biggest hack in history". Bahrain, along with Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, are prime targets for Iranian hackers seeking to disrupt business and steal classified data, said Mr Lockhart, who provides consultancy to independent British specialist security and risk management firm Le Beck International in Bahrain.

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33. Iran spies to appear in Riyadh court today

Saudi Gazette, Staff Report, 2016 03 14

Riyadh - The ring of 32 people accused of spying for Iran will appear before the Criminal Court in Riyadh again on Monday to listen to the confessions they have made during investigations and submit their written or verbal replies to the charges against them. The spies include 30 Saudis, an Iranian and an Afghan citizen. Makkah Arabic daily said on Sunday that the spies will appear before the court in groups of two each time. The court recessed its first session on Feb. 23 after giving each of the defendants a paper containing the charges against him. The judge in the case asked them to prepare their replies to the second round of the sessions beginning on Monday. He also asked them to assign lawyers or ask the court to do this for them. According to court sources, the attorney general asked for capital punishment for 25 of them. They said the

punishment would be applied against them if their conspiracy against the Kingdom was proved beyond doubt.

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34. KSA no safe haven for terrorists

Arab News, Rodolfo C. Estimo Jr., 2016 03 14

Riyadh - Terrorists won't find a safe haven in the Kingdom and they will not be able to escape from the authorities, a spokesman of the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said, while calling them to surrender. "It's better for them to surrender before it's too late," Maj. Gen. Mansour Al-Turki, spokesman of the ministry, was quoted as saying by an online newspaper. The ministry spokesman praised the members of the security forces for their accomplishment that "resulted in the destruction of the terrorists who killed Sergeant Badr Rashidi." Al-Turki was referring to the killing of six terror suspects by security forces during an exchange of fire in Al-Mustajiddah village of El-Ghazala, 100 km south of Hail, on the Hail-Madinah road in the Reaalbikr region. The slain terror suspects were on the wanted list issued by the ministry and carried rewards of up to SR5 million.

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35. L'Arabie saoudite menace d'expulser les sympathisants du Hezbollah

L'Orient-Le Jour, Journaliste maison, 2016 03 14

Riyad - Riyad a de nouveau accentué la pression sur le parti de Hassan Nasrallah en menaçant de sanctionner tout Saoudien ou résident qui le soutiendrait, pendant que la formation chiite se déchaînait de nouveau contre le royaume wahhabite. L'Arabie saoudite s'est référée hier à la résolution des pays du Conseil de coopération du Golfe (CCG) classant le Hezbollah parmi les organisations terroristes pour faire accentuer la pression sur les Libanais installés sur son sol, en expliquant les retombées de cette résolution sur le plan pratique. Selon une source du ministère saoudien de l'Intérieur, citée par l'agence saoudienne ASP, « tout citoyen saoudien ou résident installé dans le royaume qui soutiendrait ou montrerait une allégeance quelconque à ce qu'on appelle le Hezbollah, ou encore qui ferait sa propagande, lèverait des fonds en sa faveur, communiquerait avec ses membres ou les accueillerait fera l'objet de sanctions sévères prévues par les règles et les instructions données, notamment celles qui sont liées aux crimes que sont le terrorisme et son financement ». Le ministère précise que « tout résident qui sera jugé coupable de l'un de ces actes sera immédiatement expulsé » du territoire saoudien. Il rappelle dans le menu détail les décisions prises à ce même sujet par les autorités saoudiennes, après l'adoption, par les pays du CCG, de la résolution considérant le Hezbollah comme étant un groupe terroriste.

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36. Saudi Arabia says will punish Hezbollah supporters

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 03 14

Dubai - Saudi Arabia said Sunday it would punish anyone who belongs to Hezbollah, sympathizes with it, finances it or harbors its members. An Interior Ministry statement carried by the state news agency SPA said that Saudis and expatriates would be subjected to "severe penalties" under the kingdom's regulations and anti-terrorism laws. Foreigners would be deported, it said. The move comes after Gulf Arab countries declared Hezbollah a terrorist organization, raising the possibility of further sanctions against the group, which wields influence in Lebanon and fights alongside President Bashar Assad's forces in Syria. "Any citizen or resident who supports, shows membership in the so-called Hezbollah, sympathizes with it or promotes it, makes donations to it or communicates with it or harbors anyone belonging to it will be subject to the stiff punishments provided by the rules and orders, including the terrorism crimes and its financing," the statement said.

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37. Western Intelligence on the Coasts of Tripoli, With Neighboring Militias

Asharq Al-Awsat, Abdul Sattar Hatita, 2016 03 14

Tripoli - Capital city and largest city of Libya, Tripoli has become no short than a grazing land for militias, military arsenal, western intelligence agents, and some private security companies coming from countries like the U.S., Britain, France, and Italy. Security companies are managing to coexist together and are collecting data on developments. Doubts indicating the West soon intervening in Libya to fight ISIS, are rising. Starting March 13, Asharq Al-Awsat will launch a series of investigations in Tripoli, Libya. With all the spread militia and warlords, the Libyan largest city seems to have become the capital for terrorism. Based on documents, observations, and testimonies, a case of rage and confusion among warlords and anti-army leaderships was exposed. The off-board militants, leaders, groups and factions all fear a soon-coming international intervention. After convening, a number of groups and leaderships went as far as resorting to cooperate with ISIS.

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38. At least 37 killed in Ankara blast: Health minister

Hurriyet Daily News, Staff report, 2016 03 14

Ankara - At least 37 were killed while 125 wounded people were hospitalized after an explosion hit central Ankara on March 13, Health Minister Mehmet Müezzinoğlu has said in a press conference. A bomb-laden car caused the blast, Interior Minister Efkan Ala said at the same conference after a security meeting in Ankara. Thirty people were killed at the scene of the incident while four others died on their way to hospital, Müezzinoğlu said, adding that at least one of the 30 was one of the assailants. Ala said they would have more information about the

perpetrators of the attack by March 14. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who was in Istanbul, was briefed by Ala about the blast on the phone, according to presidential sources. Erdogan condemned the attack in a written statement, adding that "Turkey has become a target of terror attacks due to the instabilities in the region." Turkey will continue its determined fight against terrorism, he said. "Terror attacks - which intend to target the integrity of Turkey, unity and solidarity of our people - do not diminish our will to fight against terror, but further boost it," he added. The Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) immediately declared a broadcasting ban on images of the scene and victims. The United States had warned its citizens in a March 11 statement over a potential terror attack in Ankara. In a statement after the attack, the embassy said the source of the information in the warning was Turkish authorities and that it was a routine procedure.

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39. Istanbul police detain terror suspects in counter-terror ops

Daily Sabah, Staff report, 2016 03 14

Istanbul - Counter-terrorism teams from the Istanbul Police Department have carried out simultaneous anti-terror operations in various districts throughout the city, including Gaziosmanpasa and detained a number of suspects, a day after a deadly terrorist attack hit the capital, killing at least 37 people and injuring 125 others. Police have reportedly raided the houses of terror suspects and detained them. The suspects were brought to a hospital for a health checkup, and were then transferred to Vatan Police Headquarter in Istanbul.

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40. Le FBI est dans notre poche,

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 03 14

Non identifié - et au fond de notre sac à main, ce n'est pas de la science-fiction. Depuis plusieurs semaines, le service de renseignements américain exige qu'Apple l'aide à déverrouiller un iPhone 5 ayant appartenu à un des terroristes de l'attaque de San Bernardino, en décembre 2015. Apple, soutenu par Google et Facebook et des dizaines de sociétés de la Silicon Valley, refuse, car créer un logiciel capable de contourner la sécurité d'un seul iPhone compromettrait la sécurité de tous les appareils possédant le même système d'exploitation. Ce serait une sorte de " cancer ", a même déclaré le patron d'Apple, Tim Cook. En France, plus de 95 % des 20 millions de smartphones vendus en 2015 fonctionnent grâce à un système d'exploitation américain : Android de Google (65 %), iOS d'Apple (21 %), Windows Phone de Microsoft (9 %). Si l'Etat américain réussissait à obtenir de ces entreprises des programmes de déblocage, il aurait potentiellement la main sur tous nos appareils. De nombreux pays exigeraient sans doute qu'Apple, Google et les autres leur livrent une copie de ces programmes pour leur propre usage - judiciaire ou extra-judiciaire. Déjà, des députés français rêvent d'infliger des amendes à Apple et à Google quand ils refusent d'aider la police. Si ces systèmes de déverrouillage commençaient à circuler, des hackers pourraient s'en emparer, ou s'en inspirer pour créer leurs propres outils... Autre inquiétude, nos smartphones envoient en continu des flux massifs de données personnelles dans le " cloud ", c'est-à-dire dans des centres situés le plus souvent aux Etats-Unis. Apple et Google affirment que ces données

sont mieux protégées que par le passé, mais là encore, une intervention étatique pourrait tout remettre en question. Dès lors, pour se protéger, faut-il vivre crypté? Même si vous n'êtes surveillé ni par la NSA ni par la DGSE, le plus sage est sans doute de faire attention.

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41. Saudi-led coalition in Yemen regain control in Aden district

The National (UAE), Mohammed Al Qalisi, 2016 03 14

Aden - Yemeni forces backed by UAE troops and air strikes regained control of Aden's Al Mansoura district on Sunday after heavy overnight clashes with suspected Al Qaeda militants. At least 15 militants and two policeman were killed in the fighting, which broke out on Saturday afternoon when masked gunmen carrying the Al Qaeda flag attacked a police checkpoint in Al Mansoura. There were no civilian casualties. "The Emirates' warplanes supported the ground forces, who then advanced and took over the areas around the checkpoint after the extremists fled," said Abdulkader Al Amoudi, an aide to Yemen's defence minister. The UAE forces are in Yemen as part of a Saudi-led coalition supporting the internationally-recognised government against Houthi rebels who seized large areas of the country after overrunning the capital in September 2014.

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42. Un nouvel attentat meurtrier frappe Ankara

Le Figaro, Anne Andlauer, 2016 03 14

Ankara - Au moins 34 personnes ont été tuées dans un attentat-suicide à la voiture piégée dimanche soir en plein centre de la capitale turque. Turquie La violente explosion est survenue à proximité de la station de métro Kizilay, l'une des places les plus fréquentées de la capitale turque, vers 18h45 heure locale, au moment où des milliers d'Ankariotes profitaient des nombreux restaurants et centres commerciaux du quartier. La zone de l'attaque est également connue pour être le point de départ de nombreuses lignes de bus vers la métropole. Le ministre de l'Intérieur, Efkân Ala, a dénoncé un « attentat terroriste commis par un véhicule en mouvement chargé d'explosifs », visant des passagers à un arrêt de bus. Le dernier bilan officiel - provisoire - fait état de 34 morts, « dont un ou deux terroristes », a précisé le ministre de la Santé, Mehmet Müezzinoğlu. Cette attaque-suicide, non revendiquée dimanche soir, a également blessé 125 personnes, dont 19 grièvement. C'est le troisième attentat-suicide qui frappe la capitale turque en cinq mois. Le 10 octobre 2015, une attaque attribuée au groupe État islamique avait fait 103 victimes devant la gare d'Ankara. Le 17 février dernier, un attentat à la voiture piégée avait visé un convoi militaire, tuant 29 personnes dont neuf civils.

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1. Sharing info will help beat terror

Toronto Sun, 2016 04 04

Editorial: Information is vital currency in the war against terrorism. So too, is the willingness and ability of authorities to act on it. It came to light this past week that the FBI had warned Belgium about two of the men who carried out suicide bombing attacks that killed more than 30 people

last month in Brussels. That fact evokes a sad and bloody history in the West, in which terror attacks have repeatedly come on the heels of failures in intelligence sharing. Such failures date back notably to the Sept. 11 terrorism attacks against the United States, as subsequent reviews and 2004's 9/11 Commission's report found. While this latest incident may or may not have been preventable, the fact remains that the sharing of intel in a timely and cooperative manner is the best tool at the disposal of the governments, police and spy agencies working to protect us from a very real threat. It is not just between allies that information should be shared. It must also be coordinated inside our own borders. There is a recent report that authorities are bridging divisions between the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and its counterpart, the Communications Security Establishment, which is not permitted itself to spy on Canadians. Their co-operation, including apparently through the CSE-CSIS Collaboration office, is obviously essential to our security safety network. They need to be working hand in glove. Critics have fairly questioned whether oversight is sufficient to monitor and review joint operations between CSIS and CSE. If there is a need for better oversight, let's have it. But let us not keep our right hand from working with our left as we fight off those who would harm our nation.

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2. Canadian FM Voices Concern Over Escalation of Violence in Nagorno-Karabakh Sputnik News Service, 2016 04 04

Moscow--Canada firmly believes that there is no alternative to a peaceful, negotiated solution to this conflict, he underlined. "Canada is concerned by the recent escalation of violence between Armenian and Azerbaijani forces in Nagorno-Karabakh. We call on all sides to show restraint, immediately return to a true ceasefire, and actively resume dialogue within the framework of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Minsk Group," Stéphane Dion said in a statement. On Saturday, Armenia and Azerbaijan noted a sharp escalation of the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh, with both sides accusing each other of violating the ceasefire that has been in place since 1994.

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3. Cleared of Kanishka blast, not from blacklist Times of India, Yudhvir Rana, 2016 04 04

New Delhi - Vancouver-based Ripudaman Singh Malik, who was accused (and later acquitted) in the Kanishka bombing in 1985, has not yet received a communication from India about his name being removed from the so-called "blacklist", a secret list of names the Centre maintains of overseas Sikhs who are barred from entering India. The list contains names of people who were accused of being involved in or linked with terrorist activities during the '80s and '90s in Punjab. Talking to TOI over the phone from Vancouver on Sunday, Malik said he would be "very happy" to visit his homeland again, but was yet to get an official confirmation on the deletion of his name from the blacklist. "I was born there; of course, there is an attachment. I will especially like to visit and pay obeisance at the Golden Temple," he said in reply to a question on

PRE his reaction if he was allowed to visit India. Apart from Malik, five members of his family were also mentioned in the blacklist. Following a letter from Punjab chief minister Parkash Singh Badal, their names were removed by the Centre. Malik was born in Lahore just six months before the Partition. After his family migrated to India, he spent his childhood in Ferozpur and later moved to Canada in 1972. "I remember the last time I had visited India in 1994 for my father's funeral," he said in an emotive note. Going down memory lane, Malik said he had many friends from all faiths in India, including Hindus, Christians and Sikhs, and said appreciated India's FUSION diversity.

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4. From therapists to imams to cops, Canada seeks many antidotes to terrorism

The Economist (Blog), 2016 04 03

Toronto--As several colleagues write in this week's print edition, Western democracies are in a bind over how to stop their citizens being seduced by violent ideologies. With terrorism threatening every capital city, the issue is bound to concern central governments and their security services. But the initiatives that work best are often grassroots ventures, undertaken in places which have seen acute problems--for example, local youngsters heading off to Syria. Canada exemplifies the type. Two places have blazed a trail in the field of counter-radicalisation. One is Montreal, the starting-point of a project that later extended across Quebec; the other is Calgary. Take the Francophone province first. The Centre for the Prevention of Radicalism Leading to Violence was set up by Montreal's mayor a year ago. This followed terrorist attacks in both Quebec and Ottawa in October 2014, and reports of several young Quebecers going to fight with Islamic State. Benjamin Ducol, the centre's research director, stresses that it is independent of the police, though it does tell the police if it sees a security threat.

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5. Ottawa's big IT project still struggling

Globe and Mail, Barrie Mckenna, 2016 04 04

It was a seductively simple idea. Take the maze of federal government databases, e-mail systems and computer networks, and put them under one departmental roof. More than 60 e-mail systems would become one, 500plus databases would be merged into seven, and thousands of tech workers from dozens of departments would go to work for a single agency, Shared Services Canada. The two Conservative ministers in charge at the time - former public works minister Rona Ambrose (now interim Conservative leader) and treasury board president Tony Clement - were bursting with optimism when they announced the project five years ago. They promised the consolidation would save piles of money (up to \$400-million a year), wipe out duplication and enhance cybersecurity. "This is a whole new way of doing business for the government," Mr. Clement vowed. Not so much. It's turned into an old and very familiar story of how Ottawa works. Years and billions of dollars later, virtually none of the wondrous benefits have come to pass. And in last week's budget, the new Liberal government quietly gave Shared Services a \$384-million infusion over two years to its roughly \$1.9-billion annual budget - apparently, to keep creaky old government computer systems from crashing. The agency will get another \$75-

million to strengthen security. But this isn't just an inside-Ottawa tale of serial bungling. There are disturbing real-world consequences of the government's failure to fix chronic information technology (IT) problems. Websites periodically crash and go offline, sometimes for days, because of continuing database problems. A 2014 cyberattack by Chinese hackers on the National Research Council's network paralyzed much of its research work for nearly a year. Also in 2014, emergency workers in Saskatchewan lost voice communications for nearly an hour owing to a mix-up between Shared Services and the RCMP.

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6. Silence, coeurs et lapins à Maisonneuve

Le Devoir, Marco Bélair-Cirino, 2016 04 04

Montreal--Le collège de Maisonneuve n'a pas attendu l'aide financière du gouvernement du Québec pour déployer différentes mesures -- parfois originales -- pour apaiser les tensions. Le collège de Maisonneuve n'a toujours pas obtenu l'aide financière de 400 000 \$ promise il y a plus de trois semaines par la ministre de l'Enseignement supérieur, Hélène David, afin d'"implanter des mesures d'appui au vivre-ensemble", après la répétition d'actes d'incivilité, notamment dans la bibliothèque. "Nous n'avons pas encore reçu les 400 000 dollars", a confirmé la porte-parole du cégep, Line Légaré, au cours du week-end. "Mais ça ne saurait tarder", a-t-elle ajouté, à moins de deux mois de la fin de la session hiver 2016. La subvention exceptionnelle permettra à la direction du collège de Maisonneuve de faire l'embauche de "personnes-ressources qui travailleront auprès du personnel et des étudiants [afin de] maintenir un climat qui favorise l'apprentissage", avait mentionné la ministre David. Le départ de cinq élèves en janvier 2015 pour grossir les rangs du groupe armé État islamique (EI) en Syrie et en Irak, ainsi que l'arrestation de deux autres, Sabrine Djaermane et Mahdi el Jamali -- qui avait reçu les enseignements du prédicateur Adil Charkaoui -- pour fabrication et possession d'explosifs, ont détérioré le climat à l'intérieur de l'établissement d'enseignement.

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7. Hackers find soft spot in hospitals

Washington Post, Carolyn Y. Johnson and Matt Zapposky, 2016 04 03

Washington--The cyberattack on MedStar Health - one of the biggest health-care systems in the Washington region - is a foreboding sign that an industry racing to digitize patient records and services faces a new kind of security threat that it is ill-prepared to handle, security experts and hospital officials say. For years, hospitals and the health-care industry have focused on keeping patient data from falling into the wrong hands. But the recent attacks on MedStar's network and other hospitals across the country highlight an even more frightening downside of security breaches: As hospitals have become dependent on electronic systems to coordinate care, communicate critical health data and avoid medication errors, patients' well-being may also be at stake when hackers strike. Ransomware is not new, but cybersecurity experts and FBI data say its use is on the rise. Hospitals, of course, are not the only institutions facing such attacks. In nine

months in 2014, the FBI received 1,838 complaints about ransomware, and it estimates that victims lost more than \$23.7 million. The next year, the bureau received 2,453 complaints, and victims lost \$24.1 million. The FBI does not condone the paying of ransoms, but its agents acknowledge that businesses are often left with a tough choice.

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8. Intel Analysts: We Were Forced Out for Telling the Truth About Obama's ISIS War Daily Beast, Shane Harris and Nancy Youssef, 2016 04 04

Washington--Two senior intelligence analysts at U.S. Central Command say the military has forced them out of their jobs because of their skeptical reporting on U.S.-backed rebel groups in Syria, three sources with knowledge of their claim told The Daily Beast. It's the first known instance of possible reprisals against CENTCOM personnel after analysts accused their bosses of manipulating intelligence reports about the U.S.-led campaign against ISIS in order to paint a rosier picture of progress in the war. One of the analysts alleging reprisals is the top analyst in charge of Syria issues at CENTCOM. He and a colleague doubted rebels' capabilities and their commitment to U.S. objectives in the region. The analysts have been effectively sidelined from their positions and will no longer be working at CENTCOM, according to two individuals familiar with the dispute, and who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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9. British traitor Kim Philby shown in East German spy training film London Evening Standard, Joseph Watts, 2016 04 04

London--Never-before-seen footage of one of Britain's most notorious spies, Kim Philby, explaining how he stole files, sabotaged operations and escaped to Russia, was unveiled today. The film, recovered by the BBC, shows the ex-MI6 officer giving intricate details of his recruitment by Russia's KGB while at Cambridge University and his rise through Britain's intelligence service. The film was made in 1981 as Philby gave a lecture to agents in the East German Stasi intelligence service after he had fled the West in 1963. Philby tells the Stasi agents he was recruited before joining MI6 as a "long-term" project and then spent years working his way into the service.

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10. Google removes Taliban propaganda app from its stores after it was used to spread hate speech

The Sun (UK), Fionn Hargreaves, 2016 04 04

London--AN app developed by the Taliban has been taken down from Google's Play Store for breaking the tech giant's rules on hate speech. The hate-filled app, "Pashto Afghan News - alemarah" ran news and videos from the extremist group. Pashto is one of the two official

languages of Afghanistan and Alemarah is the name of the Taliban's propaganda arm. US group SITE Intel, who monitor jihadist activity online, discovered the app on Friday. It was taken down on Saturday. The app is thought to have been removed for inciting hate speech.

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11. Man arrested at Gatwick airport over Syria-related offences

Press Association, 2016 04 04

London--Counter-terrorism officers have arrested a man at Gatwick airport on suspicion of Syria-related offences. The 24-year-old was detained before boarding a flight, West Midlands police said. A woman aged 20 has also been arrested at an address in west London. The pair were being held at a police station in the West Midlands while searches were carried out at two addresses in Birmingham.

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12. Nuclear police say working until 68 is a security risk

London Times, John Simpson, 2016 04 04

London--Armed officers guarding Britain's nuclear assets are taking the government to the High Court over plans to make them work to 68, despite the police retirement age being 60. The police federation for the Civil Nuclear Constabulary has been granted a judicial review against the intention to make more than 1,500 trained firearms officers work longer. The force recently agreed to provide back-up officers in the event of a terror attack, with the military standing in to protect nuclear reactors and power stations.

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13. SAS's first openly gay recruit

Daily Mail (UK), 2016 04 04

London--THE SAS has recruited its first openly gay soldier in its 75-year history, it was reported yesterday. Described as a 'top bloke and a brilliant soldier', he was said to be a 27-year-old sergeant veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan. He joined the Army at 18 and is now training to be a sniper. Away from the military, the soldier, who cannot be named for security reasons, lives with his male partner in Herefordshire. According to the Daily Star Sunday, the soldier, originally from the North of England, was formerly in the Guards regiment. A defence source told the newspaper that the soldier, who is said to be a mountaineering expert, did not 'make a big deal' about being gay.

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Australia, New Zealand • Australie, Nouvelle-Zélande

14. Dutton denies children in detention 'deception'

The Australian, Rachel Baxendale, 2016 04 04

Sydney - The office of Immigration Minister Peter Dutton has disputed claims by refugee advocates, left-wing media and the Greens that 10 children remain at Sydney's Villawood detention centre, as the government celebrates the number of children in detention reaching zero for the first time in almost a decade. The number peaked at 2000 under Labor, having risen from zero when Kevin Rudd took office from John Howard in 2007. About 50 children remain in detention on Nauru. The Guardian yesterday reported the status of 10 children was on Friday changed from "held detention" to "community detention", but that they effectively remained behind bars, prompting Greens senator Sarah Hanson-Young to accuse Mr Dutton of deception. A spokeswoman for Mr Dutton confirmed the status of a number of children in Villawood had changed, but said that as of Friday, the children were living with family in townhouses adjacent to the detention centre where they were free to come and go during the day, and were no longer supervised by guards or behind locked gates. The Australian understands a significant number of the children are from families where the father has received a negative ASIO assessment and remains in detention, and it is therefore considered in their interests to remain close to Villawood. It is understood they must seek permission from a caseworker to have overnight visitors or stay elsewhere overnight, as is the case for anyone else in community detention.

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15. Security threat grounds air strike

The Australian, Greg R. Brown, 2016 04 04

Sydney - Plans by Border Force workers to conduct rolling strikes at Australia's major airports were dramatically shelved last night after the federal government revealed there was an "intolerable" threat to national security. The Fair Work Commission granted an urgent order to suspend the nationwide work stoppages after a senior Border Force official gave evidence that the risk profile facing the nation had escalated in recent days. Government lawyer Tom Howe QC told the commission the risk profile had risen from "tolerable" to "intolerable" in the past week. The Australian understands the risks relate to "persons of interest" connected to possible terrorism and drug smuggling at air and sea ports. Mr Howe warned there was a greater chance the "persons of interest" could enter Australia because of reduced "capacity" to screen for possible threats. "Events at the very end of last week took the risk profile from tolerable to intolerable," he told the commission yesterday. "Diminished capacity at this point in time represents a different profile to last week." Border Force officers check passports and question and search travellers coming into and leaving Australia. Officers also search baggage, aircraft and vessels, and patrol the tarmac, wharf and baggage-handling areas to detect and deter criminal activity.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

16. Intelligence operatives detain 7 kidnappers including a woman

Pajhwok Afghan News, 2016 04 04

Herat City-- At least seven kidnappers, including a woman, have been detained in western Herat province, the governor's office said Monday. A statement from the governor's house said the gang was busted by the National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel.

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Africa • Afrique

17. Démantèlement ?une nouvelle cellule "terroriste" au Maroc [Pan African News Agency

Panapresse, 2016 04 03

Rabat--Le ministère marocain de l'Intérieur a annoncé, dimanche, dans un communiqué le démantèlement d'une nouvelle cellule "terroriste" affiliée à Daesh en Libye. Selon la même source, le démantèlement de cette cellule "terroriste" a été faite les 1er et 2 avril dans les villes de Marrakech et Samara. La cellule est composée de deux éléments chargés de financer et de coordonner avec l'organisation Daesh en Libye, a ajouté le ministère.

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18. Le Nigeria met la main sur le chef d'Ansaru, groupe islamiste proche de Boko Haram

Agence France-Presse, 2016 04 03

Kano, Nigeria--Le groupe islamiste nigérian Ansaru, dissident de Boko Haram et lié à Al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamiste (Aqmi), a subi cette semaine une lourde perte, avec l'arrestation par l'armée nigériane de son chef, Khalid al-Barnawi, l'un des "terroristes" les plus recherchés par les Etats-Unis. "Les agents de sécurité ont effectué vendredi une avancée dans la lutte contre le terrorisme en arrêtant Khalid al-Barnawi, le chef du groupe terroriste Ansaru à Lokoja", capitale de l'État de Kogi (centre), a annoncé dimanche le porte-parole de l'armée nigériane Rabe Abubakar. Al- Barnawi, 47 ans, de son vrai nom Usman Umar Abubakar, "était en haut de la liste des terroristes que nous recherchons", a précisé à l'AFP le porte- parole militaire.

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19. Army conducts artillery exercise along east coast amid N. Korean threats

Yonhap English News, Staff reporter, 2016 04 04

Seoul - South Korea's Army conducted a live-fire artillery exercise along the east coast on Monday amid continuous threats of attacks and missile and artillery launches by North Korea. The large-scale naval firing drill along the East Sea mobilized artillery units belonging to the three Army corps stationed along the eastern front of the inter-Korean border, according to the military. The drill simulated an artillery counter-attack against a supposed North Korean naval provocation, the Army noted. About 20 artillery weapons were mobilized in the one-day drill, including the K-9 Thunder self-propelled howitzer and the 130 millimeter multiple launch rocket system, the Army said. Counter-artillery radar and unmanned aerial vehicles were also brought in for the exercise, along with naval warships.

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20. Boosting anti-terror features of buildings: Govt reviews security guidelines

Straits Times, Staff reporters, 2016 04 04

Amid a heightened alert against the threat of a terror attack here, the Government is reviewing security guidelines for building owners, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has revealed. An MHA spokesman said it has been working with key agencies - including the police, Singapore Civil Defence Force, Building and Construction Authority and Urban Redevelopment Authority - to update current guidelines. These will be brought in line with existing regulatory standards. The ministry is also looking to offer greater clarity in the technical specifications of security measures, such as vehicle barriers, closed-circuit television (CCTV) systems and glass facade standards. "We expect to complete the review by the end of this year," the spokesman told The Straits Times. The ministry said last month that the threat of a terrorist attack in Singapore was at its highest level in decades and that it could pass laws that may require building owners to adopt stringent security measures. But the ministry did not give a definite timeframe. The current guidelines, which are not compulsory, were published in 2005 and updated in 2010. Called Guidelines for Enhancing Building Security in Singapore, the 138-page document sets out security measures such as using an anti-ramming perimeter line or blast-resistant structural materials.

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21. Gunmen kidnap Malaysian ship crew in Abu Sayyaf area

Agence France-Presse, Staff reporter, 2016 04 04

Manila - Gunmen have kidnapped four Malaysians from a ship off the east coast of Sabah state in waters where Abu Sayyaf militants are known to operate, local media reported on Saturday. If the Philippine Islamist group is confirmed to be behind the kidnapping, it would be their second such hostage-taking in as many weeks and comes amid an uptick in such attacks. Major Felimon Tan of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Western Mindanao Command, said the military was verifying the reported kidnapping after Malaysian authorities informed them of the incident on Friday. "Whether or not they were seized by the Abu Sayyaf or brought to the Philippines, we have yet to confirm," Tan told AFP. "We confirm receiving reports of this incident (four Malaysians kidnapped) but information remains sketchy at the moment and efforts are being exerted to ascertain all details of the incident," Tan told Manila Bulletin through a text

message. "We have also coordinated with our Malaysian counterparts but details of which we are not at liberty to divulge," he added.

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22. India-Saudi Arabia join hands to fight terror as Modi wraps up visit

Hindustan Times, Staff reporter, 2016 04 04

New Delhi - India and Saudi Arabia on Sunday agreed to expand strategic cooperation in areas of counter-terrorism, defence, trade and investment as Prime Minister Narendra Modi concluded his visit to the kingdom. Modi, who called on Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz, was conferred Saudi Arabia's highest civilian honour, the King Abdulaziz Sash. The two leaders agreed to enhance cooperation in counter-terrorism operations, intelligence sharing and capacity-building to strengthen cooperation in law enforcement, anti-money laundering, drug-trafficking and other transnational crimes, said a joint statement issued after their meeting. Modi also invited Saudi companies to invest in the infrastructure sector in India. The two leaders condemned terrorism in all forms and manifestations, irrespective of who the perpetrators were and of their motivations. "They called on all states to reject the use of terror against other countries, dismantle terrorism infrastructures where they happen to exist and to cut off any kind of support and financing to the terrorists operating and perpetrating terrorism from their territories against other states; and bring perpetrators of acts of terrorism to justice," it said.

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23. Kidnap of M'sian sailors signals rising piracy threat in South Philippine waters (Canada)

TODAY (Singapore), Staff reporter, 2016 04 04

Manila - The fate of four Malaysian sailors who were kidnapped off a tugboat remains unknown, with the authorities no closer to opening lines of communications with the kidnappers. Sabah police chief Abdul Rashid Harun said yesterday that the authorities have not been contacted by the kidnappers. "There are no developments," he said in a WhatsApp message. The seizure of the four sailors on Friday night by eight armed men near Ligitan, a small island off the eastern coast of Sabah, was the latest in a series of kidnappings in the lawless waters and coastlines of the southern Philippines in the past year. The four Malaysian men from Sarawak are Wong Teck Kang, 31, Wong Hung Sing, 34, Wong Teck Chii, 29, and Johnny Lau Jung Hien, 21. They were part of a nine-member crew on a tugboat travelling from Manila to Malaysia, but the kidnappers released the other five, comprising Indonesians and Myanmarese. The Malaysian government is reportedly contemplating suspending trade and movements of essential goods from the east coast of Sabah to the southern Philippines. More than 18 foreign citizens are being held in the southern Philippines by kidnap-for-ransom groups pledging allegiance to Islamic State (IS), said the Philippine military. The Muktadir group has the fastest speedboats in the area and often commits abductions and then hands over the victims to Abu Sayyaf, which handles ransom negotiations, said Mr Singer. Several members of the group have outstanding arrest warrants for kidnapping in the Philippines and Malaysia. In September, Abu Sayyaf abducted two Canadians, a Norwegian and a Filipino from a resort in the southern Philippines. The group has released videos

demanding ransom payments in return for the hostages' release. In the past year, Abu Sayyaf has pledged allegiance to IS, but the Philippine military has said that the group does not receive direct support from the international terror organisation and operates more as a criminal gang than as ideologically driven rebels.

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24. N.K. rebukes 'anachronistic' sanctions, urges U.S. to seek talks

Yonhap English News, Staff reporter, 2016 04 04

Seoul - North Korea on Monday called the latest U.N. sanctions "anachronistic and suicidal" and urged the United States to make efforts to ease tensions on the divided peninsula. A month ago the United Nations Security Council imposed the toughest sanctions in decades over the North's January nuclear test and long-range rocket launch in February. A spokesman at the North's powerful National Defense Commission (NDC) said that the international community's "anachronistic and suicidal" sanctions have made Pyongyang even strengthen its will to pursue self-reliance. Washington's moves for "a war of aggressions against the DPRK to stifle it militarily created the worst crisis in which it may make a retaliatory nuclear strike at the U.S. mainland any moment," the spokesman was quoted as saying by the Korean Central News Agency. The DPRK stands for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the North's official name. The North has ratcheted up its bellicose rhetoric against Seoul and Washington in recent weeks, threatening to make a "pre-emptive" strike against them. "The more the U.S. sticks to its show of power against us, the faster it would face a nuclear catastrophe and self-destruction," he said.

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25. Terror caused more harm to Muslims: Kaaba Imam

Hindustan Times, Pawan Dixit, 2016 04 04

Lucknow - Imam-e-Kaaba, Sheikh Saleh Bin Mohammad Ale Talib asserted that terrorism had caused more harm to Muslims than any other community and the main reason behind terrorism was lack of education among Muslims. The Imam was in Lucknow on Sunday to preside over the International Conference on Islam and World Peace. Kaaba is the holiest shrine for Muslims across the world. Addressing a huge gathering at the Eidgah ground in Aishbagh, Talib said: "Some people are portraying a wrong image of Islam. Islam propagates peace and harmony and is against bloodshed." Talib said: "Terrorism has caused more harm to Muslims than to any other community. And terrorism has no connection with Islam." "Lack of education among Muslims was the main reason behind terrorism," he said. Talib also urged members of the Muslim community all across the world to educate their children. "Only with education, Muslims can fight against terrorism," he asserted. The Imam-e-Kaaba also expressed concern over veiled attacks on Saudi Arabia.

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26. The world needs to combat terrorism with unified stance: PM Narendra Modi

Economic Times (India), Sreeram Sundar Chaulia, 2016 04 04

New Delhi - Prime minister Narendra Modi's threenation tour of Belgium, the US and Saudi Arabia from March 30 to April 3 has reinforced his track record of furthering international security and economic prosperity. He made significant statements in Brussels, Washington and Riyadh at a time when the international community is desperate for solutions to pressing problems. Although there are no big-bang announcements from this prime ministerial journey, the undercurrent is that India is at the centre of global policymaking. Modi made interventions in all three countries about the grave threat posed by transnational terrorism and the means to tackle it. The core message he has delivered is the need for unity among concerned nations instead of narrow, individualistic responses that play into the hands of violent extremists.

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27. Xi's meeting with Obama 'eases tensions'

China Daily, An Baijie, 2016 04 04

Beijing - President Xi Jinping's meeting with US President Barack Obama has helped to alleviate tensions at a time when some countries have been playing up the South China Sea issue, Foreign Minister Wang Yi said. The meeting, which took place on Thursday on the sidelines of the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington, was closely watched by the international community because many countries are pessimistic about the current state of Sino-US ties, he said. "The Americans have said that they will not take sides (in the South China Sea issue), so it should not be a problem for the China-US relationship," Wang said. The relationship should not be affected by historical problems between China and some US allies, and the positive dialogue between the two leaders has reassured the international community, he added. During the 90-minute meeting, Xi and Obama discussed a range of issues, including economic policies, cooperation on nuclear security, maritime issues and the stability of the Korean Peninsula. The two leaders agreed to deepen cooperation and manage differences of opinion to expand common interests. It was the only bilateral meeting arranged by Obama's team during the summit.

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28. Azerbaijan says three of its servicemen killed in Nagorno- Karabakh clashes

Reuters, 2016 04 04

BAKU/YEREVAN - Three Azeri servicemen were killed in fresh fighting with Armenian-backed separatists over the breakaway Nagorno- Karabakh region on Monday, Azerbaijan's Defence Ministry said. Dozens were killed on both sides at the weekend in the biggest flare-up of violence over the region in years, creating a risk that the conflict, frozen for two decades, could again erupt into full-out war. Accounts from both sides indicated the fighting was not at the same level of ferocity as at its peak on Saturday, but there was still large-caliber fire being exchanged. The separatist military said it had destroyed an Azeri army unit, while Azerbaijan

said it had struck a separatist command point, causing several casualties. Reuters could not independently verify those assertions.

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29. Coalition destroy ISIL-occupied Turkish consulate in Mosul with consent from Turkey
Hurriyet, 2016 04 04

Ankara-Aircraft from a U.S.-led coalition have destroyed the Turkish consulate compound in Mosul, which has been occupied by fighters of the Islamist State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since June 2014, the Turkish Foreign Ministry has said. "The compound of our Mosul Consulate-General, which has been under DAESH occupation since 2014 and where, according to intelligence provided, high-level DAESH terrorists have resided, was targeted and destroyed by war aircraft belonging to countries that are members of the International Coalition for the Fight against DAESH at 3 a.m. on April 4, 2016," the Foreign Ministry said in a written statement released early on the morning of April 4, using an Arabic acronym for ISIL.

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30. Neutralized terrorist was killed by second shot, autopsy shows
Jerusalem Post, 2016 04 04

Jerusalem-- The Palestinian observer at the autopsy of Abdel Fattah al-Sharif, the Palestinian stabber shot in Hebron recently after he was already "neutralized," said the accused soldier's late shot was the fatal one. If the official results of Sunday's autopsy agree with the observer's opinion, the determination would significantly enhance the IDF prosecution's case against the soldier, likely for manslaughter, whose shooting of Sharif on March 24 was captured on video and went viral nationally and globally. Some reports indicated the indictment could be filed within two weeks.

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31. Panama Papers: Massive Tax Haven Document Leak Exposes Corruption and Crime on Global Scale

Haaretz, Uri Blau and Daniel Dolev, 2016 04 03

Jerusalem--A massive leak of millions of documents has revealed that heads of state, criminals and celebrities conduct and sometimes conceal their business activities in tax havens. The leak exposes holdings in shadowy companies that are owned by 11 past and present heads of state, and reveals how partners of Russian President Vladimir Putin clandestinely transferred no less than \$2 billion through banks and companies registered in tax shelters. The source of the leaked documents is a very powerful yet not very well-known law firm called Mossack Fonseca. This

firm has branches in Hong Kong, Miami, Zurich and more than 35 other locations around the world, among them Israel. The documents reveal many Israeli connections and disclose that businesspeople with Israeli citizenship as well as Israeli banks and companies have used the law firm to register companies in tax havens around the world. The documents expose, among other things, firms controlled by the prime ministers of Iceland and Pakistan, the king of Saudi Arabia and the children of the president of Azerbaijan registered in tax havens. They refer to at least 33 companies and individuals that have been on a United States government blacklist for having connections with Mexican drug lords, terror organizations like Hezbollah and rogue states like North Korea and Iran. One of the companies exposed in the leaked documents provided fuel for the aircraft used by the Syrian government to bomb and kill thousands of its citizens.

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32. Syria's Qaeda spokesman, 20 jihadists dead in strikes: monitor

Agence France-Presse, 2016 04 03

Nusra--The spokesman for Al-Qaeda's Syrian affiliate, Al-Nusra Front, his son and 20 other jihadists were killed in air strikes Sunday in the northeast of the country, a monitor said. Abu Firas al-Suri was meeting with other leading Islamist fighters in a Nusra stronghold in Kafar Jales when the raids struck, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said. "Abu Firas al-Suri, his son and at least 20 jihadists of Al-Nusra and Jund al-Aqsa and jihadists from Uzbekistan were killed in strikes on positions in Idlib province," its chief Rami Abdel Rahman told AFP. It was not immediately clear if the raids were carried out by Syrian regime warplanes or their Russian allies. Two other targets belonging to Al-Nusra and allied jihadist group Jund al-Aqsa in the north of Idlib province were also attacked, Abdel Rahman said, leaving many seriously wounded.

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33. Yemeni president sacks prime minister, appoints new senior team - state media

Reuters, 2016 04 04

Riyadh--Yemeni President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi appointed a new vice-president and prime minister on Sunday, pro-Hadi state media reported, sacking prime minister Khaled Bahah in a major shake-up ahead of peace talks later this month. Yemen has been in a civil war for more than a year between Hadi's supporters and the Iran-allied Houthi group that has sucked in a Saudi-led alliance and caused a major humanitarian crisis in one of the poorest countries in the Middle East. Yemen's state television reported that Hadi had appointed Ali Mohsen Al-Ahmar, a politically powerful army general who split violently with former Yemeni president Ali Abdullah Saleh in 2011, as the new vice-president.

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34. Leaked Documents Detail Offshore Accounts

New York Times, Steven Lee Myers, 2016 04 04

Washington-- A group of news media outlets published articles on Sunday based on what they said were 11.5 million leaked documents from a Panama law firm that helped some of the world's wealthiest people -- including politicians, athletes and business moguls -- establish offshore bank accounts. The German newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung said its reporters had obtained the documents from a confidential source. The newspaper then shared the files with other media organizations, like The Guardian and the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists. In an article, the investigative journalism organization said the documents revealed the offshore accounts of 140 politicians and public officials, including a dozen current and former world leaders and several individuals with close ties to President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia. The organization said reporters at 100 news media outlets working in 25 languages had used the documents to investigate the law firm, Mossack Fonseca, and its clients, including political figures in countries like Iceland, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. It is not illegal in many cases to have offshore bank accounts. But they are used in some instances by wealthy individuals and criminals to hide money and business transactions, and to avoid paying taxes. The leak followed a series of high-profile breaches in recent years in which individuals working for governments or companies have amassed internal files and then given them to media organizations. In 2014, Edward J. Snowden, a contractor for the National Security Agency, gave reporters what intelligence officials have estimated was at least 1.5 million documents from the agency. Hundreds of articles have been published based on those documents.

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35. Attentats à Bruxelles: l'un des deux kamikazes de Zaventem innocente les autres suspects

RTBF (Belgique), 2016 04 04

Bruxelles--Ibrahim El Bakraoui (29), l'un des deux auteurs de l'attentat-suicide à Brussels airport, a laissé derrière lui un message dans lequel il innocente d'autres suspects appréhendés. Ces derniers ne pouvaient pas savoir ce que leur commanditaire avait comme projet, rapportent les journaux Mediahuis lundi. Un message enregistré par Ibrahim El Bakraoui dans lequel il exprime son désespoir a été retrouvé sur un ordinateur abandonné dans une poubelle de la rue Max Roos (Schaerbeek), après les attentats du 22 mars.

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36. Contre le terrorisme, l'Italie tire les leçons de la lutte antimafias

Le Figaro, 2016 04 04

Rome--Jusqu'ici, l'Italie n'a pas subi d'attentat djihadiste grave sur son territoire. Cependant, elle a été l'un des premiers pays européens confronté à des organisations subversives liées aux instances islamistes radicales. Des groupes qui ne commettaient pas de délits en Italie, se limitant

souvent à fournir un soutien aux combattants actifs dans d'autres pays. Le phénomène s'est manifesté lors de la guerre en Bosnie et des arrivées de combattants musulmans vers le front balkanique. Il s'est renouvelé avec les cellules liées à al-Qaida impliquées dans l'organisation d'attentats et le recrutement de miliciens pour mener des attaques en Irak et en Afghanistan. Ces dernières années, l'influence de l'État islamique est devenue dominante dans le recrutement de combattants étrangers. Face à ces menaces, les autorités italiennes se sont appuyées sur deux expériences majeures de ces quarante dernières années: les succès dans la lutte contre le terrorisme intérieur et contre les mafias. Dans les deux cas, les institutions sont parvenues à obtenir d'importants résultats sans pour autant exagérer le rôle du renseignement. Elles ont concentré leurs efforts sur les forces de l'ordre et la magistrature, sans renoncer à adopter des outils d'investigation plus modernes ou plus percutants, toujours par le biais de nouveaux instruments légaux approuvés par le Parlement. Nous avons ainsi mis en place une législation de pointe concernant les collaborateurs de justice, souvent appelés «repentis», actualisé la réglementation sur les écoutes téléphoniques et, désormais, sur les opérations clandestines sur Internet.

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37. France, Belgium largest exporters of foreign fighters to Iraq and Syria, shows study
Jerusalem Post, Rosie Perper, 2016 04 04

Jerusalem--France is the largest exporter of foreign fighters to Iraq and Syria, with 900 French citizens traveling overseas to join the jihad, while Belgium exports the largest percentage of foreign fighters per capita, according to a study conducted by the International Center for Counterat The Hague. According to the policy brief, before the "Arab Spring" erupted in 2011, it was estimated that around 30,000 Muslim foreign fighters had left to fight in conflicts in various countries, including Bosnia, Kashmir and the Philippines. After the Arab Spring, the UN estimates that as many as 30,000 foreign fighters from 104 countries have been drawn to the conflict in Iraq and Syria alone. According to a Europol, roughly 5,000 foreign fighters are of European origin.

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38. Mastermind of Ankara blast escaped due to delayed intelligence: Report
Hurriyet, 2016 04 02

Ankara--A pro-government newspaper in Turkey has claimed that the mastermind of the March 13 bomb attack in Ankara that killed at least 37 people was able to escape security officials in the southeastern province of ?anl?urfa because two policemen in Ankara delayed communicating critical information. The report in daily Karar stated that both police officers were temporarily suspended from duty, while an investigation has been launched into their possible links with what the government calls the "Fethullahist Terrorist Organization (FETÖ)/Parallel State Structure (PDY)." The third suicide attack that hit Turkey's capital in five months was claimed by the outlawed Kurdistan Freedom Hawks (TAK), a terror group linked to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). Ensuing investigations revealed that two suicide bombers were behind the blast, while the authorities believe the mastermind of the attack was Vahit Ayçil, who

allegedly provided the explosives. Karar reported on April 1 that Ayçil "narrowly escaped security officials" in ?anl?urfa, to which he fled after the attack, due to "delays in intelligence" being provided to related intelligence units.

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39. Officials Home In On Terror Network

Wall Street Journal, Matthew Dalton, 2016 04 04

Brussels--At least 22 radical Islamists from Europe linked to the terror network behind the Brussels and Paris attacks are suspected to be still at large, putting security services on high alert as they rush to prevent Islamic State from striking again in the region. Many of the fugitives have been involved in previous Islamic State plots, officials say, and almost all of them have spent months or years fighting in Syria. Interviews and confidential court documents seen by The Wall Street Journal portray the fugitives as part of an extensive web of young men who developed a deep hatred of the West after embracing radical Islam at underground mosques and clandestine meetings in Molenbeek, a heavily Muslim district in the heart of Brussels. They have since become central to Islamic State's plans to strike the West, according to investigators, who suspect the Brussels network is behind the movement of battle-hardened operatives from Syria to Europe. "We see many plots and several cells that we now know are part of the same network," said Jean-Charles Brisard, president of the Center for the Analysis of Terrorism, a Paris think tank. "They're already here. The problem is how to find them."

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40. Terrorisme, la facture politique

Atlantico, 2016 04 04

Paris-Après les attentats de Bruxelles, ceux de novembre et les attaques contre Charlie Hebdo, la société française est désormais à bout de souffle en matière de réponses politique et juridique au risque terroriste. Les Français s'expriment à nouveau en faveur de plus de sévérité et d'une réponse pénale plus dure à l'égard des viviers terroristes que sont la petite et la grande délinquances. Atlantico : 91% des Français estiment aujourd'hui que les sanctions et les peines prononcées à l'égard du terrorisme ne sont pas assez sévères . D'une manière générale, ils sont également plus nombreux à partager cet avis sur le grand banditisme, le trafic de drogues, etc. Qu'est-ce que cela traduit de l'état d'esprit actuel des Français ? Quels sont les enseignements à tirer de ce sondage ? Jérôme Fourquet : Il m'apparaît important de souligner plusieurs choses. En premier lieu, rappelons que le score de 91%, relatif aux Français qui jugent que les sanctions contre le terrorisme ne sont pas assez sévères, n'est pas étonnant. Particulièrement au vu et au su du contexte très spécifique que nous traversons actuellement.

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41. Turkish intelligence warns of new terror attacks

Trend News Agency, 2016 04 04

Ankara--Turkey's National Intelligence Organization (MIT) has warned of the threat of new terrorist attacks by the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) in the country, the Turkish newspaper 'Huriyyet' said Apr. 4. The country's intelligence has information that the militants of the PKK terrorist organization plan terror attacks using suicide bombers in several major cities. A car bomb attack in Ankara on March 13 killed 37 people. Istanbul was also targeted by a suicide attack on March 19 leaving five people dead.

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42. Une ligne téléphone anti-radicalisation

Le Soir, 2016 04 04

Bruxelles-Selon nos confrères de SudPresse , l'Exécutif des musulmans de Belgique négocie actuellement avec la Fédération Wallonie- Bruxelles dans le but de lancer rapidement une ligne téléphonique « anti- radicalisation ». Ce numéro d'appel sera destiné aux jeunes en voie de radicalisation, mais aussi à leurs familles, amis, tout comme aux citoyens, aux professeurs, parfois inquiets, et qui se posent des questions sur l'Islam. Un projet similaire, Infolijn Islam, a été lancé au nord du pays le 30 mars dernier par l'Exécutif des musulmans et est subsidié par la Flandre.

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1. A weak global economy the biggest threat to global security

Globe and Mail Online, Ray Boisvert, 2016 04 05

Op-ed: Reviewing the increasing number of hot spots for violent conflict, along with the long list of economic challenges facing the international community, reminded me of how fragile societies truly are. But no more so than with respect to democracies. The democratic institutions

we have created, the values that have been forged, the rights and freedoms that are now enshrined, along with the great Canadian mosaic that has given conscience to a world-respected set of core beliefs, are increasingly under threat. But for the first time in generations, the source of that existential threat is from within our very political culture that is now beset with economic uncertainty. Although I have spent 30 years assisting in the mitigation, in one form or another, of an ever-transforming list of serious threats to Western civilization, never have I been as apprehensive. A perhaps unusual basis for that sentiment, but one that is emblematic of the problem, is the U.S. Republican party nomination process. The unprecedented level of ugly public discourse in the run-up to the November general election will certainly cause important transformations to our politics, our economy and our collective security. For early evidence, just look at the extreme or non-conventional parties voted in by the European public during their dark economic times - from Greece and Spain, to Hungary and Poland. What were once fringe parties or dying political movements, be they hyper-socialists, deep authoritarians, or extreme conservative traditionalists, are now alive and gaining strength. Note: Ray Boisvert, a retired assistant director of intelligence at CSIS, is president and CEO of ISECIS Leadership

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2. Richard Fadden says Canada not at war with ISIS, but special powers needed

CBC News, Kathleen Harris, 2016 04 05

Canada is not at war with ISIS, but security and intelligence forces need special powers to fight the "sophisticated" terror group, says the outgoing security adviser to the prime minister. Richard Fadden, who announced his retirement last week after nearly 40 years of public service, told CBC Radio's *As It Happens* that ISIS does not pose an "existential" threat to Canada, but it is accomplishing its prime objective of breeding terror. Military personnel deployed in Syria and Iraq may feel like they are fighting a war, but Fadden said that is not the perspective of Canada's security intelligence agencies. "I think people would think we are fighting a very, very serious situation that requires a great deal of attention and probably some new powers and resources. But I think most of my colleagues would say no, it wasn't war," Fadden told host Carol Off. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has faced sharp criticism for similarly rejecting the label "war." He said the word suggests the fight can be won by one side or the other, and in this case there is no path for ISIS to win against the West. Fadden added that constitutionally a war is formally declared by the Queen or her representative, the Governor General. But no matter what the conflict is called, Fadden urged "calm discussion" around new anti-terror laws that were brought in under the previous Conservative government to fight groups like ISIS. In the past, Fadden said, polarized debate has been fuelled in the wake of a crisis by hyper-partisans, "gotcha" media and academics who are better versed in theory than in practical solutions. "Do I like the idea as a Canadian citizen that instrumentalities of the state have powers that could affect me? No, I do not," he said. "But we are facing international terrorism threats of the sort we have not faced before, and Parliament has decided it needs some extreme tools." Fadden said he does not have to personally agree or disagree with the direction of the government, but he would have quit if he believed Bill C-51 had crossed the line. Last month, CSIS director Michel Couombe revealed that agents have used new powers to disrupt suspected terrorist threats nearly two dozen times since last fall. In the wide-reaching interview, Fadden also said he does not believe the fast-

tracked process to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees into Canada presented significant security risks, because equivalent checks were put in place.

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3. AFP intensifies operations to rescue Samal hostages

Philippine Star, Roel Pareño, 2016 04 05

Zamboanga City - Government troops have intensified their operations to rescue three foreigners and a Filipina taken from a resort on Samal Island. Maj. Filemon Tan Jr., spokesman for the Western Mindanao Command, yesterday said they are doing their best to rescue Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall, Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad and Marites Flor, who are reportedly being held by their captors in Sulu. Tan said rescue operations are not dependent on the April 8 deadline set by the Abu Sayyaf. In a video clip released on Facebook on March 8, the kidnappers said they would execute the hostages if their demands are not met. The Abu Sayyaf demanded a P1-billion ransom for each of the hostages. "The deadline set is the deadline of the Abu Sayyaf...we will do our best to rescue the kidnap victims the soonest time possible...their safety is our primary concern," Tan said.

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4. Countering the 'dirty bomb' threat: five things about radiological materials

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 04 05

Ottawa - World leaders are scrambling to ensure radiological materials don't fall into the hands of terrorists intent on exploding a "dirty bomb." Stopping groups such as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant from carrying out such an attack came up at the recent nuclear security summit in Washington. Here are five things to know about these materials, including what Canada is doing to secure them. What are they? Radioactive sealed sources are used in a variety of tools _ from construction gauges that measure concrete density to tumour-zapping machines in hospitals. The threat: Security officials fear terrorists could strap a conventional explosive to a radiological source to create a so-called dirty bomb. It would likely kill few people but could spread radiation over a wide area, potentially making a city's downtown uninhabitable for weeks or longer. Simply leaving an exposed source in a public area could have a similar effect. How likely is it? There has never really been a successful attack involving a radiological device. But officials have been working to prevent such material from going astray, studying the possible effects of an assault and figuring out how best to clean up the contamination. "I think the threat is real, but equally that threat needs to be kept in perspective," said Jez Littlewood, an expert in security studies at Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs.

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5. Lawsuit claims Mounties didn't pay former agent

The Province (Vancouver), Keith Fraser, 2016 04 05

Vancouver - A man who claims to be a former agent for the RCMP is suing the force for allegedly failing to pay him for his clandestine activities. The man, identified in a lawsuit only as Agent E, says that from 2001 until late 2014 he worked under the RCMP to provide investigative services in the areas of national security, money laundering and drug trafficking. He claims in the suit filed in B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver that he gathered information regarding specific targets identified by the RCMP, including brokering transactions involving the import and export of controlled substances at the request of the Mounties. Agent E says he brokered meetings between smugglers and traffickers that would not otherwise have occurred and relayed details of those meetings to RCMP officials. He also claims to have facilitated the production of controlled substances under the direction of the RCMP and to have helped international investigations of "representatives of foreign entities" dealing with passport fraud and money laundering. "The plaintiff's services generated information of value to the RCMP in respect of approximately 40 investigative targets," the suit reads. "The identities of the targets and details of the information provided to the RCMP cannot be disclosed in this pleading as the information would risk exposing the plaintiff's identity."

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6. Un leader musulman menacé de mort

Journal de Montréal, Sarah-Maude Lefebvre, 2016 04 05

Montreal-- Menacé de recevoir une «balle entre les deux yeux», le porte-parole d'une association québécoise de musulmans a porté plainte à la police de Montréal et affirme craindre pour sa sécurité. «Une balle entre les deux yeux mon criss de porc, va faire ta morale dans tes pays sous développé rempli d'ignorant comme toi...». «Le fouet jusqu'a ce que mort s en suivre pour rout les adepte du coran (sic)». Coprésident de l'Association des musulmans et des Arabes pour la laïcité au Québec (AMAL), Haroun Bouazzi, a «l'habitude» de recevoir des écrits haineux sur la page Facebook de son organisation. Mais ces deux messages, reçus le 22 mars au lendemain des attentats survenus à Bruxelles, lui ont fait particulièrement «peur».

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7. Un Ottavien accusé de terrorisme

Le Droit, 2016 04 05

Ottawa--Un peu plus d'un an après son arrestation pour des allégations de terrorisme, un Ottavien de 22 ans tente à nouveau d'obtenir sa liberté provisoire en attendant la suite de son procès. Suliman Mohamed est placé en détention préventive depuis janvier 2015. La Gendarmerie royale du Canada l'a interpellé après l'arrestation des jumeaux Carlos et Ashton Larmond, dans la même semaine. Les trois suspects se connaissent.

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8. A Key Similarity Between Snowden Leak and Panama Papers: Scandal Is What's Been Legalized

The Intercept, Glenn Greenwald, 2016 04 05

Commentary: FROM THE START of the reporting based on Edward Snowden's leaked document archive, government defenders insisted that no illegal behavior was revealed. That was always false: Multiple courts have now found the domestic metadata spying program in violation of the Constitution and relevant statutes and have issued similar rulings for other mass surveillance programs; numerous articles on NSA and GCHQ documented the targeting of people and groups for blatantly political or legally impermissible purposes; and the leak revealed that President Obama's top national security official (still), James Clapper, blatantly lied when testifying before Congress about the NSA's activities -- a felony. But illegality was never the crux of the scandal triggered by those NSA revelations. Instead, what was most shocking was what had been legalized: the secret construction of the largest system of suspicionless spying in human history. What was scandalous was not that most of this spying was against the law, but rather that the law -- at least as applied and interpreted by the Justice Department and secret, one-sided FISA "courts" -- now permitted the U.S. government and its partners to engage in mass surveillance of entire populations, including their own. As the ACLU's Jameel Jaffer put it after the Washington Post's publication of documents showing NSA analysts engaged in illegal spying: "The 'non-compliance' angle is important, but don't get carried away. The deeper scandal is what's legal, not what's not." Yesterday, dozens of newspapers around the world reported on what they are calling the Panama Papers: a gargantuan leak of documents from a Panama-based law firm that specializes in creating offshore shell companies. The documents reveal billions of dollars being funneled to offshore tax havens by leading governmental and corporate officials in numerous countries (the U.S. was oddly missing from the initial reporting, though journalists vow that will change shortly).

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9. Colombian in drug, uranium plots gets 13 years in U.S. prison

Reuters, 2016 04 05

New York--A Colombian who pleaded guilty to U.S. narcotics charges stemming from a probe that began with him trying to help a paramilitary group get uranium for a "dirty bomb" to attack the U.S. embassy in Bogota was sentenced to 13 years in prison. Jhon Jairo Cruz Trejos, who authorities call a freelance weapons trafficker, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Naomi Reice Buchwald in Manhattan after pleading guilty in November to charges including conspiring to import cocaine into the United States. Cruz Trejos, who is expected to get credit for time spent in custody after his February 2014 arrest in Colombia, said in court that "a lot that was done there was bluster," adding that he had been seeking money to fund his legitimate business as a mechanic. Buchwald said while some evidence indicated he lacked criminal sophistication, "that evidence is inconsistent with the amount of discussion about weaponry and the numerous discussions the defendant was involved in over numerous years."

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10. Pentagon kicks off overhauled employee appraisal program

Washington Post, Eric Yoder, 2016 04 05

Washington--The Defense Department on Friday began another overhaul of how it evaluates its civilian federal employees, this time with the support of employee unions whose opposition doomed the previous program. The first stage of the new Defense Performance Management and Appraisal Program involves about 15,000 employees, many in the national capital area. That includes several relatively small components, such as the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, plus the headquarters operations of some larger ones, such as the Navy's civilian personnel branch. Over the next two years, the large majority of the 750,000 employees in the Defense Department civilian workforce will have their performance rated under the system. The intent is to "create a fair, credible, and transparent performance appraisal process throughout the Department," said a Pentagon memo announcing the program's and the entities in the first phase. "This program will link individual performance to Department of Defense values and organizational mission; will ensure ongoing recognition and communication between employees and supervisors throughout the appraisal cycle; and will be critical to effective mission accomplishment and increased employee engagement."

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11. U.S. Met With Belgians on Security Concerns Before Attacks (Canada)

New York Times, Eric Schmitt, 2016 04 05

Washington- A "foreign fighter surge team" of experts from the F.B.I., the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security met with their Belgian counterparts a month before the Brussels terrorist attacks to try to correct gaps in Belgium's widely criticized ability to track terrorist plots, American officials said. The half-dozen experts focused on long-term structural fixes to the Belgians' failure to share intelligence effectively and to tighten porous borders, but not on providing information about suspected Islamic State operatives. The recommendations, even if accepted, would not have prevented the attacks at the Brussels Airport and in the city's subway last month, the officials said. But the gaps addressed in two days of meetings, held at Belgium's request at the United States Embassy in Brussels, underscore the urgency and the frustration senior American officials say they feel as they prod many European allies to embrace the kind of counterterrorism lessons the United States learned after the Sept. 11 attacks. Andrew M. Liepman, a former deputy director at the National Counterterrorism Center who is now a senior policy analyst at the RAND Corporation, said there were dual challenges ahead for European Union countries to overhaul their internal security bureaucracies as well as to enhance cooperation and intelligence-sharing among themselves. Some countries, like Germany and the Netherlands, take the need to share seriously, Mr. Liepman said. Others share a common language that engenders trust, most notably the so-called Five Eyes countries: the United States, Britain, Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

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12. Extremist toured UK mosques to preach jihad

London Times, Andrew Norfolk and Dominic Kennedy, 2016 04 05

London--Britain's biggest Islamic sect allowed a militant linked to al-Qaeda to tour dozens of mosques on a jihadist recruitment drive that spawned terror plots and murders. Senior representatives of the Deobandi sect, a supposedly moderate movement that controls almost half of Britain's 1,600 mosques, hosted the extremist cleric Masood Azhar during a 30-day visit in which hundreds of young Muslims were urged to seek weapons training at terrorist camps in Pakistan. Those who followed Azhar's advice included Rashid Rauf, a co-ordinator of the July 2005 London suicide bombings. Also recruited during the tour in 1993 of 42 Deobandi mosques was a 19-year-old student, Omar Saeed Sheikh, later convicted of beheading the American journalist Daniel Pearl in Pakistan. Azhar, then an associate of Osama bin Laden, now leads a globally banned Pakistani terror organisation linked to numerous fatal attacks in Kashmir, Afghanistan and India. Details of his "prepare for jihad" British tour, until now a closely guarded secret, undermine the argument that mainstream mosques have played little or no role in violent Islamist radicalisation.

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13. Isis supporters threaten London with terror attacks in new propaganda video

The Independent (UK), Lizzy Dearden, 2016 04 05

London--Isis supporters have released a new video calling for terror attacks in London, Berlin and Rome against a backdrop that suggests the terror group's propaganda machine may be in crisis. The video, called "Fight them, Allah will punish them by your hands", calls on extremists to "kill (infidels) wherever you find them". After showing footage of the attacks in Paris and Brussels, as well as 9/11, the narrator calls the previous atrocities a "cautionary message" to nations fighting the so-called Islamic State. "If it was Paris yesterday, and today in Brussels, Allah knows where it will be tomorrow," a narrator says in English. "Maybe it will be in London or Berlin or Rome." The propaganda film was released on Monday by a group called Al Wa'ad Media Production, which activists in Raqqa say support Isis.

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14. Imams sent to NZ to foil radicals

New Zealand Herald, Kurt Bayer, 2016 04 05

Wellington - Egypt's Government is sending Cairo-educated imams to "take control" of New Zealand mosques and Islamic centres in a new drive to reduce radicalisation and counter jihadism. The imams - trained at the ancient Al-Azhar University, regarded as the foremost institution in the Islamic world for the study of Sunni theology and sharia law - will spend up to three years working alongside local mosque leaders promoting moderate Islam and tolerance. One imam is already working at a Wellington mosque and three more are applying for work visas, according to Egypt's Ambassador to New Zealand, Tarek al-Wasimy. Explaining true

Islam and promoting its peaceful message was an important first, proactive step in protecting the world from militant Islam and terrorism, he said. "We are all combating terrorism. It has no borders and nobody is immune," he told the Herald yesterday. "We don't want anything to happen here like what has happened in Belgium, Paris, Madrid or London so we are sending imams to explain Islam and to take control of Islamic centres and mosques here." Mr al-Wasimy said the imams were funded by the Egyptian Government and Al-Azhar, which dates back to 970 and in recent years has embarked on a global initiative to improve the image of Islam, promote tolerance, and battle radicalisation and recruitment of young Muslims by extremist groups.

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15. New terror laws in Qld

Australian Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 04 05

Brisbane - Queensland's government will introduce new laws to give police greater powers to deal with terrorism and public emergencies. The new laws, designed to bring Queensland in line with other states, will make it illegal to refuse to provide information sought by police or giving false or misleading information and extend powers to search and seize vehicles as they leave or enter declared areas. "The shocking events of Paris last year and Brussels just last month highlight the very serious risks to public safety and the dangers ordinary people face from acts of terrorism," Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said on Tuesday. (Full report)

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16. Afghanistan Still High On NATO's Agenda: Stoltenberg (Canada)

Tolo News, 2016 04 05

Washington--NATO has said Afghanistan was high on its agenda as the White House termed the military alliance as an effective partner in the war against terrorism in the south Asian country. "Afghanistan is high on our agenda. Afghanistan is our biggest military operation ever," NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters on Monday after his meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama. "It shows the importance of unity in North America and Europe, because our military operation in Afghanistan is a direct response to the terrorist attack against the United States on 9/11. And European, Canadian soldiers have fought together with the American soldiers in Afghanistan for many, many years," he said.

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17. Afghan officials: Suicide bomber kills 6 in country's north

Associated Press, 2016 04 05

Kabul- A suicide bomber on a motorbike detonated his explosives near a busy bazaar in Afghanistan's northern Parwan province on Tuesday morning, killing at least six people, officials said. Earlier, a gunbattle with the Taliban in southern Uruzgan province late on Monday night

left at least 12 security forces killed, according to Raheemullah Khan, the province's deputy police chief. Mohammad Sayed Seddiqi, administrative chief of Siagird district, said the motorbike bomber struck during the traditionally busy morning hours, targeting the local police headquarters. No policemen were among the six killed but at least one officer was among the 26 wounded, he added.

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18. Afghan warlord changes his conditions for peace with Kabul

Associated Press, 2016 04 05

Kabul-- A notorious Afghan warlord who lives in hiding has dropped a key condition for ending his war of more than 40 years with Kabul, an associate said Tuesday. According to Amin Karim, an official of the Hezb-i- Islami Party, the party's leader, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, is no longer demanding that all foreign troops leave Afghanistan. Hekmatyar is designated a "global terrorist" by the United States and blacklisted by the United Nations. He is widely believed to live in Pakistan, though his supporters say he is in Afghanistan. Last year, he briefly came out of the shadows to set his conditions for peace that included the withdrawal of foreign forces.

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Africa • Afrique

19. France Pledges Support in Kenya's War on Terror, Graft

All Africa, Olive Burrows, 2016 04 05

Paris - President Uhuru Kenyatta met his French counterpart Francois Hollande on Monday, the first State visit by a Kenyan leader to France in the past 14 years. President Hollande said the European Union as a whole needs to support AMISOM's fight in Somalia following an announcement that it would be cutting its funding to the troops in a couple of months. "We have no choice but to work together because terrorists now know no borders... so why should we?" he posed at a press briefing following bilateral talks with President Kenyatta at the Presidential Palace on Monday evening. Kenya's Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amina Mohamed had earlier told Capital FM News that the threatened cuts had been one of President Kenyatta's motivations for visiting France. Hollande said the two leaders had also agreed for their governments to collaborate in the area of education. He said Kenyan aspiring craftsmen and technicians should be encouraged to pursue training in France and return home to build their country.

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20. ICAO Moves to Avert Attacks in Nigeria, Cameroun, Egypt, Others (Canada)

This Day, Dele Ogbodo, 2016 04 05

Abuja - The President in Council of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), Mr. Bernard Olumuyiwa Aliyu, has said the body is strategising with the Ministers of Aviation of

Nigeria, Cameroun, Niger, Somali, Egypt and countries within the continent to stem any terrorist attack on their airports. One of the strategies, Aliyu said, would be the adoption of biometric passport or the e-passport to monitor closely the movement of passengers within and outside the region. He admitted that ICAO had been having very close relationship with the Ministers of Aviation on aviation security challenges in Mali, Somali, Egypt and Nigeria, adding that aviation security was a very sensitive issue which ICAO cannot put in public domain. The ICAO boss, who is seeking re-election bid for a second term, made the disclosure at a get-together dinner organised Sunday night in Abuja for him by the Minister of State for Aviation, Mr. Hadi Sirika. He stated that ICAO was working hard to make the airports safe across Africa, adding that "bombing at airports is one of the critical issues that we are discussing at the moment," as he said ICAO and Nigeria would have to collaborate very closely on the matter. Aliyu alleged that corruption had impacted on the national economy and retarded the growth of the civil aviation, adding however that there was light at the end of the tunnel because of the present posture of President Muhammadu Buhari and his current fight against corruption. "I'm hopeful for our country because of the posture and the determination of Buhari regarding his fight against corruption. This is the bane of our society that has impacted all aspects of the national economy including the civil aviation. "I'm very hopeful now with the determination of the minister and the support that he is receiving from government, when he visited me in Montreal, Canada, I told him that we cannot afford to miss this opportunity. "With me being at ICAO and he being the minister for aviation, we will put ICAO resources at the disposal of Nigeria in all its efforts to move the sector forward." In his remark, Sirika, said government is committed to making sure that Aliyu is re-elected as president of the council before the end of the year based on his experience and achievements that he has recorded in his first term. He said: "We began his campaign for a second term and it was huge success and welcomed by every country and nation so far. When I spoke to the delegates of the United States and Canada about the representation of Aliyu they told me that you cannot do any better."

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21. Mali : Après l'attaque terroriste de Grand-Bassam : Grande crainte de représailles contre les maliens en Côte d'Ivoire

L'Humanité, 2016 04 04

Bamako--Après l'attaque terroriste de Grand-Bassam, une banlieue abidjanaise dont le cerveau et les supposés auteurs sont des maliens, la crainte de représailles contre la communauté malienne vivant en Côte d'Ivoire devient de plus en plus persistante. On se rappelle, lors d'une conférence de presse pour faire le point sur les enquêtes que nous avons suivie en direct sur la télévision ivoirienne, tenue le mardi 22 mars dernier, conjointement animée par le ministre d'Etat, ministre de l'Intérieur et de la Sécurité de la RCI, Ahmed Bakayoko et Christophe Richard Adou, le procureur de la République près du Tribunal de première instance d'Abidjan, compétente pour l'instruction de l'enquête, le ministre d'Etat, ministre de l'Intérieur et de la Sécurité de la RCI, Ahmed Bakayoko, en répondant à la question d'un confrère ivoirien concernant la nationalité du principal présumé cerveau de l'attaque, Kounta Dallah, a dit ne pas être en mesure de révéler la nationalité du supposé cerveau de l'attaque par crainte de représailles contre les ressortissants du pays de Kounta Dallah qui sont d'ailleurs très nombreux sur le territoire ivoirien.

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22. Maroc-Espagne: Une coopération sécuritaire sous le signe de l'efficacité

La Nouvelle Tribune (Maroc), 2016 04 04

Rabat--S'il y a un domaine où s'illustrent l'excellence et la densité du partenariat entre le Maroc et l'Espagne, c'est bien celui de la coopération sécuritaire dans laquelle les services compétents ont fait preuve d'efficacité face aux risques de déstabilisation qui guettent les deux pays et la région. Les réalisations accomplies sur tous les plans de la coopération sécuritaire sont là pour attester de la réussite de la collaboration entre les deux royaumes voisins visant à faire face à des défis sécuritaires de plus en plus redoutables et complexes, liés notamment à la lutte antiterroriste, à la criminalité transfrontalière et aux différents types de trafic. L'efficacité de cette coopération sécuritaire maroco-espagnole a été saluée à plusieurs reprises par de hauts responsables du pays ibérique qui l'ont même présentée comme un modèle à suivre. La dernière réunion du genre a été tenue la semaine dernière à Madrid entre le ministre de l'Intérieur, Mohamed Hassad, et le directeur général de la Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (DGST) et de la Direction Générale de la Sûreté Nationale (DGSN), Abdellatif Hammouchi, ainsi que le ministre espagnol de l'Intérieur, Jorge Fernandez Diaz, et le secrétaire d'Etat espagnol à la sécurité, Fransico Martinez.

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Americas • Amériques

23. Clearing up paramilitary activity key to Colombian peace process: rebel leader

Xinhua News Agency, Victoria Arguello, 2016 04 05

Caracas - Investigating and clearing up paramilitary activity is essential to the peace process involving the Colombian government and the armed leftist movements, a top rebel commander has said. The paramilitary activity, as an extension of the state apparatus, should be cleared up for the government to reach a lasting peace deal with the rebel groups, Antonio Garcia, leader of the National Liberation Army (ELN), said in an interview published Monday on Venezuelan news website Noticias 24. Garcia described paramilitary activity as "the use of exacerbated violence as a mechanism to terrorize the people so they fail to take action" to change their economic, political and social reality. The government of Colombia has been battling two insurgencies for decades such as the ELN and the larger Armed Revolutionary Front of Colombia (FARC). Peace talks with the FARC began in Havana, Cuba, in November 2012, and talks with the ELN are expected to begin soon in Ecuador.

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24. Panama rejects money-launder label following documents leak

Associated Press, Juan Zamorano and Joshua Goodman, 2016 04 05

Panama City - Panamanians have long shrugged off their country's checkered reputation as a financial haven for drug lords, tax dodgers and corrupt oligarchs. If they're crooks, they've

learned from the world's wealthy nations, they like to joke. That same defensiveness has re-emerged amid the fallout from the leak of 11.5 million confidential documents from the Panama-based law firm Mossack Fonseca revealing details of how some of the globe's richest people funnel their assets into secretive shell companies set up here and in other lightly regulated jurisdictions. Ramon Fonseca, a co-founder of the firm, said Monday that his country's success in establishing itself as an offshore banking giant has bred jealousy from first-world rivals at a time of increasing competition and scrutiny of the industry in the aftermath of the global financial crisis. "It's very unfair what's happening because there's not a level playing field," Fonseca told The Associated Press in an interview. "Without a doubt if this happened to a company in Delaware nothing would happen, but because it's Panama it's the front page of the world's newspapers."

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Asia • Asie

25. Govt rethinks security nod to Chinese firms after snub on Masood Azhar

Hindustan Times, Staff reporter, 2016 04 05

New Delhi - India considered reviewing clearance for Chinese investment in a tit-for-tat response on Monday after Beijing snubbed New Delhi by blocking a move to have Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed militant group chief Masood Azhar on the UN sanctions list. Official sources said the move to review security clearance for Chinese firms investing in India is meant to send a message to Beijing for its action in the UN four days ago. India has reasons to be upset because Azhar is the lynchpin in the audacious Pathankot airbase attack in January. "Pakistan has an important place in Chinese diplomacy. China's intervention in that case must be seen in this context. China will stop supporting Pakistan when it starts being affected by terrorism," junior foreign minister and former army chief VK Singh said in Gorakhpur. India and China share an uneasy relationship since the 1962 war between the two Asian giants over longstanding territorial disputes in Arunachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir's Ladakh region that the Chinese claim to be theirs. The Chinese intimacy with Pakistan, supplying India's bitter rival with arms and tipping the regional balance, has been a diplomatic thorny point too.

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26. India objects to Obama bracketing it with Pak on nuclear security

Hindustan Times, Staff reporter, 2016 04 05

New Delhi - India on Monday objected to US President Barack Obama clubbing the country with Pakistan as a challenge for global nuclear security, saying his remarks stemmed from a lack of understanding of New Delhi's defence posture. "Yes, we have seen those remarks. There seems to be a lack of understanding of India's defence posture," ME A spokesperson Vikas Swarup said. He explained India, which has a no-first use nuclear weapons policy, has never initiated military action against any neighbour. "Since the context was the Nuclear Security Summit, the President's own remark that 'expanding nuclear arsenals in some countries, with

more small tactical nuclear weapons which could be at greater risk of theft' sums up the focus of global concern," Swarup said.

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27. Kidnapped crew's barge found

New Straits Times, Staff reporter, 2016 04 05

Sandakan - The authorities have retrieved a coal-laden barge towed by 10 Indonesians when they were kidnapped by Abu Sayyaf militants in the southern Philippines last month. The barge, Anand 12, was recovered in the waters off Tungku in Lahad Datu in an Eastern Sabah Security Command (Esscom) operation two days ago. On March 26, the barge was on its way to the Philippines with its cargo from northern Kalimantan when armed men hijacked the tugboat, Brahma 12, that was towing it near Alice Reef off Tawi-Tawi. District Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency commander Captain Razak Abd Rahman said the barge with 7,000 tonnes of coal could have drifted across the border to where it was retrieved and towed to Lahad Datu. "Two MMEA assets, Kilat and Banggi 35, as well as a marine police boat PA 47, were sent to waters off Tungku after receiving information about it at 10.30am." The barge was found 8.4 nautical miles northeast from the Tun Sharifah Rodziah Platform and 13.7 nautical miles southeast of Tungku. It has since been towed by a tugboat to Fordeco Jetty in Lahad Datu.

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28. N. Korea's GPS jamming targeted at aircraft navigation system: official

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 04 05

Seoul - North Korea's continuing attempts to jam South Korea's Global Positioning System (GPS) may be aimed at disrupting the navigation systems of aircraft, government officials said as the communist country continued to send jamming signals on Tuesday. In a provocative operation that started in late March, North Korea has been sending GPS-jamming signals across the border. The signals began last Thursday and continued on and off into Tuesday, according to military and information and communication technology (ICT) sector officials. "An assessment showed that North Korea's near daily GPS-jamming activity seems to be targeting aircraft's navigation equipment," an intelligence source said, asking not to be named. But the North Korean operation has not yet resulted in any trouble with South Korea's aircraft because they use both GPS and an inertial navigation system that is immune to jamming attacks, the official said. In the GPS disruption campaign so far, the North has sent jamming signals on a total of 100 occasions and their maximum output reached more than 45 decibels, the official said. The strength of the signals are constantly lessening or increasing in what appears to be a new type of assault operation, according to the official.

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29. S. Korea dismisses N.K. call for dialogue

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 04 05

Seoul - South Korea on Tuesday dismissed North Korea's thinly veiled call for dialogue, reiterating that the communist state must immediately stop its provocative acts and rhetoric, and take "sincere" efforts toward denuclearization. On Sunday, Pyongyang mentioned the need for "negotiations" for the first time since the U.N. Security Council (UNSC) adopted a new sanctions resolution early last month to punish the unruly regime for its nuclear test in January and long-range rocket launch in February. "We urge North Korea to stop its provocations and threats immediately and take a path toward denuclearization with sincerity based on the realization that denuclearization is the only choice (it should make)," an official at Seoul's Foreign Ministry told Yonhap News Agency on the condition of anonymity. "As long as the North refuses to show its willingness to denuclearize and shuns any change, pressure by us and the rest of the world will continue," he added, pointing out that the international community, "with a united voice," is calling on the North to make good on its past denuclearization commitments. A unification ministry official also issued a similar statement, stressing that the international community will continue to put pressure on the North to give up its nuke arsenal.

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30. Sleuths identify NIA officer's suspected killer

Times of India, Pervez Iqbal Siddiqui and Neeraj Chauhan, 2016 04 05

New Delhi - Investigating agencies have laid their hands on a video clip of one of the assailants who gunned down National Investigating Agency officer Tanzil Ahmed Sunday in UP's Bijnor district early Sunday morning and are likely to release his photograph to the media on Tuesday. Investigators are reasonably confident that the suspect -who appears in CCTV footage of the wedding Ahmed attended before being shot dead -was one of the killers. Another suspect, about whom the investigators are less sure, too has been identified in the videos. "We have shown the footages to the hosts and they have not been able to identify the two men. we have sent their pictures to caterers and others to confirm if the two were known to them," said a senior officer associated with the high-level probe into the murder. Investigators are also looking into whether Ahmed was eliminated because of the important role he had played in terrorism-related probes. Inspector general of police (IG) ATS Asim Arun said investigators had yet to zero in on the motive behind the murder. "We are looking into the terror angle and other aspects as well," he told TOI. Investigators have also traced the movement of the suspects from footage of another CCTV camera installed at a private property outside Ahmed's village. The two are seen on a motorcycle.

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Eastern Europe • Europe de l'Est

31. FSB: CIA-Prepped Ukrainian Spy Detained by Russian Security Service

Moscow Times, 2016 04 05

Moscow-Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) has detained a Ukrainian counterintelligence agent, that tried to enlist in the agency, the FSB said in a statement published Thursday. According to the statement, Lieutenant Colonel Yuriy Ivanchenko of the Ukrainian Security

Service (SBU), was sent to Russia with the aim of becoming a false informant for the FSB. U.S. Intelligence agencies such as the CIA are working with the SBU office in Kiev -- supervising their work against Russia, the FSB statement said. "At some point, the SBU and CIA had planned to seize the FSB officer while obtaining information from Ivanchenko," the statement said.

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

32. Iranian commandos deployed to Syria as advisers: officer

Reuters, 2016 04 04

Dubai--Iran has sent commandos to Syria as advisers, a military official said on Monday, suggesting it is using its army as well as paramilitary forces to help President Bashar al-Assad's forces in the country's civil war. Tehran is Assad's main regional ally and has provided military and economic support to his fight against rebel groups and Islamic State militants. "We are sending commandos from army's Brigade 65 and other units to Syria as advisers," General Ali Arasteh, deputy chief liaison of the army's ground force, was quoted as saying by the Tasnim news agency.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

33. Global military spending nearly \$1.7T amid Mideast conflicts

Associated Press, 2016 04 04

Dubai--Global military spending rose in 2015 to nearly \$1.7 trillion, the first increase in several years, driven by conflicts including the battle against the Islamic State group, the Saudi-led war in Yemen and fears about Iran, a report released Tuesday shows. The study by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute also noted that the Chinese expansion in the South China Sea and Russia's annexation of Crimea and support of Ukrainian separatists also accounted for nudging spending up 1 per cent in real terms, compared to 2014. For weapons manufacturers, the nonstop pace of airstrikes targeting Islamic State fighters in Iraq and Syria, as well as Saudi-led bombing of Yemen's Shiite rebels and their allies, means billions of dollars more in sales.

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34. UAE jails 2 Lebanese, one Lebanese-Canadian for six months for Hezbollah links

Reuters, 2016 04 04

Dubai--A United Arab Emirates court sentenced two Lebanese nationals and a Lebanese-Canadian citizen to six months in jail followed by expulsion for setting up a group affiliated to the Lebanese Shi'ite militant group Hezbollah, local media said on Monday. The state news agency WAM did not identify the three but said they had set up a group of "international nature"

linked to Hezbollah without a license. The English language Gulf News said the three, a Canadian Lebanese and two Lebanese nationals aged 62, 66 and 30, were convicted of setting up an office for Hezbollah and carrying out commercial, economic and political activities without licences.

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Others • Autres

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Western Europe • Europe de l'Ouest

35. Data of nearly 50 million Turks allegedly leaked online

Associated Press, 2016 04 05

Istanbul-Hackers have posted a database online that seems to contain the personal information of nearly 50 million Turkish citizens in what is one of the largest public leaks of its kind. The leaked database contains 49,611,709 entries and divulged considerable private information, putting people at risk of identity theft and fraud. Entries include data such as national ID numbers, addresses, birthdates and parents' names. The hackers spotlighted the information for Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, his predecessor Abdullah Gül, and Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu. The leak came with the message: "Who would have imagined that backwards ideologies, cronyism and rising religious extremism in Turkey would lead to a crumbling and vulnerable technical infrastructure?"

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36. Jihadi Cool: Belgium's New Extremists are as Shallow as They are Deadly

Newsweek, Kurt Eichenwald, 2016 04 05

Column: Anyone surprised by the murderous attack in Brussels has not been paying attention. On a per capita basis, Belgium has been Europe's hotbed of young Muslims who travel to Syria to fight alongside the Islamic State militant group (ISIS) and then return home, often ready to kill. But the world should hesitate before crediting this attack to ISIS, because doing so tends to infuse the group with power that it does not have. These European attackers are not like the Al-Qaeda members of old--the radicalized adherents to fundamentalist Islam. Many of these new age killers were small children when the World Trade Center fell in 2001 and have spent much of their lives watching major wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and now Syria. Their knowledge of Islam is quite limited; they are more like jihadi hipsters than dedicated Islamists, or what some experts in the intelligence community call "jihadist cool." They celebrate what the Dutch coordinator for security and counterterrorism called "pop-jihad as a lifestyle." These are youths who gather in groups, such as the recently dismantled Sharia4Belgium. They know less about Osama bin Laden than they do about Tupac Shakur; Belgians who travel to Syria to fight often revere the deceased American rapper on social media, identifying themselves with his lyrics about life in the inner cities. But these attackers also have their own rap music, hip clothes popular with

young Muslims that are sold by companies like Urban Ummah and slogans akin to what might be found on a bumper sticker ("Work Hard, Pray Hard.") Their tweets often end with terms like #BeardLife and #HijabLife. While in Syria, they send selfies to their friends showing themselves wearing kohl, a traditional Middle Eastern eye shadow.

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37. Le président du Kenya, Uhuru Kenyatta, en visite à la DGSE

L'Opinion, Pascal Airault, 2016 04 04

Paris--Un an après l'attaque de l'université de Garissa par les shebabs, Uhuru Kenyatta est à Paris jusque mercredi, pour parler sécurité et économie. Pour sa première visite officielle en France, le président kenyan s'est entretenu lundi après-midi avec son homologue français, François Hollande, à l'Élysée. Les deux chefs de l'État, dont les intérêts nationaux sont régulièrement touchés par les attentats, devaient faire le point sur les moyens d'endiguer la montée de l'extrémisme, les actions de contre-terrorisme et la recherche de synergies, notamment pour améliorer la sécurité dans la Corne de l'Afrique en proie à la menace des shebabs. Au cours de sa visite, le président kenyan devait visiter le Centre interministériel de crise (CIC) du ministère de l'Intérieur, place Beauveau. Il souhaite voir la manière dont la France réagit lorsque un attentat intervient sur son sol. Selon nos informations, il s'est aussi rendu lundi au siège de la Direction générale du renseignement extérieur (DGSE), boulevard Mortier. Un entretien a eu lieu avec Bernard Bajolet, le patron de la DGSE, et ses équipes, pour parler notamment de la Somalie.

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38. Manuel Valls veut engager une bataille identitaire contre les salafistes

Radio France International, 2016 04 05

Paris--Manuel Valls annonce une augmentation des budgets sécuritaires ces prochaines années pour répondre à la menace terroriste. Le Premier ministre français, qui intervenait lundi 4 avril lors d'un colloque intitulé « Islamisme radical et démocratie », promet aussi d'engager une bataille « identitaire ». Le Premier ministre français Manuel Valls appelle ça un discours de vérité. Et face au terrorisme, il n'y a pas que « le défi sécuritaire », comme il l'appelle, mais aussi le vivre ensemble. Selon Manuel Valls, il a un ennemi: le salafisme. « Il y a une forme de minorité agissante des groupes qui sont en train de gagner la bataille idéologique, culturelle, a lancé le Premier ministre. Les salafistes doivent représenter aujourd'hui seulement 1% des musulmans dans notre pays. Et, d'une certaine manière, il n'y a qu'eux qu'on entend. »

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39. Turkey offers \$14 million bounty for 23 wanted ISIL militants

Hurriyet Daily News, 2016 04 05

Istanbul--Turkey's Interior Ministry has updated its list of "wanted terrorists" to include 23 Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants following the jihadist organization's twin suicide bombing in the country's capital on Oct. 10, 2015. The government has offered rewards

of more than 42 million Turkish liras (more than \$14 million) for any information leading to the suspects' capture. The ministry ranks those included on the list in five color-coded categories from red (most wanted), to blue, green, orange and grey. Three militants, ?lhami Bal?, Mustafa Dokumac? and Yunus Durmaz, are on the red list with 4-million-lira rewards offered for each.

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40. Un cadre de la DGSE nommé en Iran

Acteurs Publics, 2016 04 04

Paris--Directeur du renseignement à la direction générale de la sécurité extérieure (DGSE) du ministère de la Défense depuis 2012, François Sénémaud a été nommé ambassadeur de France auprès de la République islamique d'Iran. Il remplace Bruno Foucher, qui officiait à ce poste depuis 2011 et qui a été désigné - en février dernier - président du conseil d'administration de l'établissement public Institut français et ambassadeur, chargé de mission pour l'action culturelle extérieure de la France. François Sénémaud, 58 ans, a débuté dans la préfectorale. Sorti de l'ENA en 1985 (promotion Léonard de Vinci), il officie d'abord en Nouvelle-Calédonie, puis au ministère des Départements et Territoires d'outre-mer. Après la réélection de François Mitterrand en 1988, il entre au cabinet du ministre de l'Intérieur Pierre Joxe. Il y reste deux ans.

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41. Women are sirens for jihad

London Times, Graham Keeley, 2016 04 05

Madrid--Women are taking a greater role in jihadist terrorism cells in Spain, organising the recruitment and indoctrination of Isis fighters. They also plan the route that female volunteers take to Syria or Iraq to become sex slaves. Jorge Fernández Díaz, the Spanish interior minister, said that at least four imminent attacks were thwarted there last year. Madrid formed a special unit to halt the radicalisation of prisoners by convicted jihadist terrorists as part of its efforts to avert an attack similar to those in Paris and Brussels. Wire taps are routinely used to listen into telephone calls and prisoners' behaviour inside jail is closely monitored by specialist officers.

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1. Facts about the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada

Canadian Press, 2016 04 06

Ottawa - Some facts about the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada, known as Fintrac: What is it? An arm's-length federal agency based in Ottawa with a mandate to assist in the detection, deterrence and prevention of money laundering and the financing of

terrorist activities. Year created: 2000. Number of employees: 364. Budget: \$51.5 million. What does it do? Analyzes financial transaction reports and discloses intelligence to law enforcement, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the Canada Revenue Agency, the Canada Border Services Agency and foreign counterparts where it has reasonable grounds to suspect the information would assist in the investigation of money laundering and terrorist activity financing offences or threats to national security. Who helps Fintrac? More than 31,000 banks, securities dealers, casinos, money services businesses and others across the country have legal obligations to establish a compliance program, identify clients, monitor business relationships, keep records and report certain types of financial transactions, including suspicious transactions and international electronic fund transfers of \$10,000 or more. Source: Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada

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Canada

2. Amnistie internationale poursuit activement sa campagne pour libérer Raïf Badawi Presse Canadienne, Vicky Fragasso-Marquis, 2016 04 06

Montréal--Même si les médias n'en parlent que peu ces temps-ci, Raïf Badawi est toujours en prison et Amnistie internationale poursuit sa campagne activement pour libérer le blogueur saoudien dont la famille est réfugiée à Sherbrooke. Si le sujet revient moins dans l'actualité, ce n'est pas nécessairement parce que les nouvelles sont plus positives, selon la directrice générale de la section francophone d'Amnistie internationale Canada Béatrice Vaugrante. "Nous, notre campagne, elle continue, c'est juste que ces temps-ci, elle est moins amplifiée (...) Moi, j'en parle, mais ce n'est pas forcément repris", a constaté Mme Vaugrante en entrevue téléphonique avec La Presse Canadienne.

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3. Arms deal by Canadian firm raises issues about Ottawa oversight Globe and Mail, Steven Chase, 2016 04 06

Ottawa - A new UN panel report says a shipment of armoured personnel carriers to Libya from a Canadian-owned company's Mideast facilities several years ago violated an international arms embargo - an incident that raises questions about how extensively Ottawa should be policing the defence and military trade conducted by its citizens abroad. The March 2016 report, which flagged a transfer of armoured vehicles produced by Streit Group, a company first established in Ontario in the 1990s, was drawn up by experts monitoring global compliance with the United Nations Security Council arms embargo against Libya in place since 2011. Streit is owned by Guerman Goutorov, a Canadian citizen who lives in the United Arab Emirates. His Canadian-based company is Streit Manufacturing in Innisfil, Ont. The UN panel's reporting on what it calls an "illicit transfer" of armoured personnel carriers comes amid a growing debate in Canada over the military and defence goods that Canadians sell to Mideast countries - including a \$15-billion deal with Saudi Arabia - and increasing concern that Ottawa is not doing enough to monitor, control and shine a light on this flourishing business.

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4. Bodyguard to late North Korean dictator seeks asylum in Canada

Toronto Star, Nicholas Keung, 2016 04 06

Toronto - For more than a decade, Lee Young-guk was a bodyguard for the man who would go on to become one of the world's most brutal dictators. After a failed attempt to flee North Korea in 1994, when the Communist regime rewarded a smuggler in China for forcibly returning him to Pyongyang, Lee finally escaped to South Korea where he became a citizen -- and a vocal critic of his former boss, Kim Jong-il. Now, Lee is on the run again. On March 13, the now-53-year-old arrived in Toronto with his wife and two young children, and once again became an asylum seeker, this time fleeing what he claims are threats and persecution by South Korea for his outspoken criticism of their neighbour to the north. "I was arrested in a demonstration. Police beat me and tortured me. They released me but continued to follow me and threaten me," said Lee, who changed his name to Lee Young-dae after his defection to Seoul. "They are very sensitive to any criticism against the North. I feared they would send me back to Pyongyang." Kim Jong-il ruled North Korea with an iron fist, with thousands imprisoned, tortured or dying of starvation during his 17-year reign that ended when he died of an apparent heart attack in 2011.

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5. Canadian bank fined \$1.1 million for failing to report suspicious dealing

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 04 06

Ottawa - The federal anti-money laundering agency has levied a \$1.1-million penalty against an unnamed Canadian bank for failing to report a suspicious transaction and various money transfers. It is the first time the Ottawa-based Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada, known as Fintrac, has penalized a bank -- and it's being billed as a warning to thousands of other businesses. Generally, the centre tracks cash flows linked to terrorism, money laundering and other crimes by sifting through millions of pieces of data annually from banks, insurance companies, securities dealers, money service businesses, real estate brokers, casinos and others. In this case, Fintrac spokesman Darren Gibb said he cannot legally discuss details of the bank's infractions, and the federal agency is exercising its discretion to withhold the identity of the financial institution, which recently paid the penalty of \$1,154,670. But Fintrac wants to send a strong message that it will take whatever measures are needed to encourage compliance with the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act. The agency depends on a steady flow of reports about suspicious dealings, electronic fund transfers and large cash transactions in order to produce needed intelligence, Gibb said in an interview. "The reporting to us is absolutely critical. Without those reports, Fintrac is out of business," he said Tuesday. "We're going to be extra-diligent to ensure that entities are submitting suspicious transaction reports when they should be." Some 31,000 businesses across the country must furnish Fintrac with reports. The agency, in turn, provided 1,260 disclosures of financial intelligence to police and national security partners in 2014-15.

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6. Panama Papers leaks show change doesn't happen by itself, says Edward Snowden

Canadian Press, Tamsyn Burgmann, 2016 04 06

Vancouver - A trove of leaked data about offshore tax havens in Panama highlights more than ever the vital role of the whistleblower in a free society, says one of the tech era's most prominent figures to expose state secrets, Edward Snowden. The former U.S. intelligence contractor said Tuesday that the so-called Panama Papers, which were given to journalists by an anonymous source, demonstrate that "change doesn't happen by itself." "The media cannot operate in a vacuum and ... the participation of the public is absolutely necessary to achieving change," the ex-National Security Agency analyst said during a video conference from Moscow. Snowden was speaking from exile on a panel organized by Simon Fraser University examining the opportunities and dangers of online data gathering. The 32-year-old remains wanted by the U.S. government on charges of espionage after leaking classified documents in 2013 as evidence that government spy agencies were monitoring citizens' telecommunication.

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7. Snowden says Panama Papers show whistleblowers 'vital' to society

Globe and Mail, Sunny Dhillon, 2016 04 06

Vancouver - Edward Snowden, the former U.S. National Security Agency contractor responsible for the release of thousands of classified documents detailing the American government's use of mass surveillance, says the Panama Papers show the role of the whistleblower in a free society has become "vital." Mr. Snowden, who is living in Russia under political asylum, made the comments via video link during a sold-out event hosted by Simon Fraser University on Tuesday night. Mr. Snowden said the Panama Papers reveal "the most privileged and the most powerful members of society are operating by a different set of rules." "I think that this shows, more than ever, the role of the whistleblower in a free society has become not only desirable but vital," he said. The Panama Papers are a cache of 11.5-million records leaked from Mossack Fonseca, a Panamanian law firm that has been retained by politicians and business leaders around the world to channel money beyond their countries' borders and into tax havens through the use of offshore accounts. Mr. Snowden, when asked about Canada's new anti-terror legislation, cited its connection to the United States and the Five Eyes intelligence alliance. "You put everything in one big, giant bucket. I would suspect this is what C-51 is really about," he said. "It's about broadening that bucket and making sure we put more Canadian information in that sharing bucket, so that it's more easily shared. Now I don't want to say that it's absolutely what's happening, but ... this is how it works, this is what we do for every other country." Mr. Snowden received a standing ovation at the end of the 90-minute event. Tuesday's event, held at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, was part of the SFU President's Dream Colloquium, which brings leading thinkers to the university. The event was also live-streamed online. This was not the first time Mr. Snowden directly addressed a Canadian audience. He also spoke via web link to a crowd of more than 1,000 students at Toronto's Upper Canada College in February of last year.

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8. Top Mountie says 500 organized crime investigators now on terrorism cases

Vancouver Sun, Kim Bolan, 2016 04 06

Vancouver - About 500 Mounties who were working on organized crime investigations have been moved to national security and terrorism cases, RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson said Thursday. That means some major investigations targeting the highest echelons of organized crime are on hold, the top RCMP leader told The Vancouver Sun's editorial board. "That number of trained and experienced officers absent from the organized crime fight impacts our efforts on organized crime," Paulson said. "It is a significant percentage because we are taking the people with the experience in terms of evidence collection, wiretaps, search warrants and interrogations, high-value investigative techniques, that we bring to organized crime, and we are putting them on terrorism cases." Paulson said a major organized crime investigation could involve dozens of officers for years. "It takes between 40 and 100 people to run a full-sized project and that's a multi-year, wiretap, agent, undercover operation. That's a big enterprise," he said. "So you are looking at, in effect, probably four or five project-style targeting initiatives that aren't being deployed." While federal policing resources devoted to organized crime are down, the RCMP also has "provincial resources in B.C. that are dedicated to organized crime," he said, referring to successes of the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit.

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9. Class-action suit filed over watch lists of fliers (Canada)

Washington Post, Matt Zapotsky, 2016 04 06

Washington--A new class-action lawsuit alleges that untold thousands of people placed on the U.S. watch listing system deserve monetary damages for what it says are the unpleasant and unconstitutional consequences of having their names on various federal registers. The suit - filed in U.S. District Court in Alexandria on behalf of 18 American Muslims, including a 4-year-old - is perhaps the broadest challenge to the federal watch listing system, though it is hardly the first. One of the plaintiffs, Osama Ahmed, 24, a pharmacy technician living in Wayne County, Mich., said he was pulled aside at the Detroit airport on a trip back from Yemen in 2011 and detained for seven hours while authorities questioned him about politics, his religion and his trip. Ahmed said the agents saw pictures on his phone of him holding a gun - which he said is a common activity in Yemen - and alleged that he was "training." "Honestly, I was scared," he said. "I felt like I was kind of being put in a position where I did nothing wrong but they might try to link something to me." Ahmed said FBI agents later took him to lunch and tried to persuade him to become an informant. The lawsuit alleges that federal authorities often use the no-fly list - and the offer to take people off it - to cultivate sources. Another plaintiff, Anas Elhady, 22, of Dearborn, Mich., said he was trying to return to the United States last year from Canada by car when he was handcuffed and taken to a cell so cold that he soon began begging for help.

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10. Facebook's WhatsApp Bolsters Encryption

Wall Street Journal, Robert McMillan, 2016 04 06

New York--Facebook Inc.'s WhatsApp texting service said it had strengthened its encryption so that only the sender and receiver are able to read the contents of messages. WhatsApp has been working for more than a year to ensure the encryption works on different phone platforms and for different types of messages. On Tuesday, a spokesman said the more secure encryption is now available for all of the service's one billion users. Facebook's move comes as the nation debates the uses and limits of encryption technology. Over the past month, Apple Inc. and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been locked in a bitter struggle over the FBI's demands that Apple help unlock its mobile phones. The FBI argues that it will be less effective without ways to tap into the communications of terrorists and criminals. Apple and other technology companies argue that encryption is essential to protecting consumer privacy.

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11. ISIS Internet operation impossible to stop: U.S. commander

Washington Times, Rowan Scarborough, 2016 04 06

Washington--The nation's top military officer in charge of cyber warfare said on Tuesday that the U.S. is powerless to shut down the vast information network operated on the Internet by the Islamic State terror army. Like no other terrorist group, the Islamic State has embraced cyber space, and its associated messaging apps and platforms, to spread propaganda, recruit foreign killers and plan massacres, such as the March 22 attacks in Brussels. At a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing, Sen. Joe Manchin asked Navy Adm. Michael S. Rogers, chief of U.S. Cyber Command, "why can't be shut down the part of the Internet. Why can't we interrupt ISIS's ability to go on social media and attract? Why aren't we able to infiltrate that more?" "The idea you are going to shut down the Internet, given its construction and complexity, is just not [doable]," answered Adm. Rogers, who also directs the National Security Agency, which works to intercept ISIL's communications.

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12. No. 3 at Justice Dept. announces resignation

Washington Post, Matt Zapotsky, 2016 04 06

Washington--The third-highest-ranking official at the Justice Department is stepping down. Acting associate attorney general Stuart Delery - who oversees a broad swath of operations in the department, including all civil lawsuits, civil rights cases and antitrust matters - said in an interview that he will vacate his post April 14 and return to the private sector. He gave no specific reason, other than that he wants to spend more time with his sons, ages 11 and 15. "It seems like, all things considered, a good time for this," Delery said. "I've had a great experience here." During his time at Justice, Delery personally defended the department's positions on Obamacare, the Defense of Marriage Act and the National Security Agency's bulk collection of Americans' phone records. He spearheaded an initiative designed to protect service members' rights, and he was involved in implementing revamped federal policies for same-sex couples.

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13. Russia, China are greatest cyberthreats, but Iran is growing

Associated Press, Lolita C. Baldor, 2016 04 06

Washington--Russia and China present the greatest cyber security threat to the U.S., but Iran is trying to increase and spend more on its capabilities, the Navy admiral in charge of the military's Cyber Command told Congress Tuesday. Adm. Michael Rogers told the Senate Armed Services Committee that while the U.S. has more overall military power than the three countries, the gaps are narrower when it comes to cyber warfare. He said U.S. Cyber Command is making progress building cyber mission teams, and will have 133 fully operational by September 2018. He said that nearly 100 teams are already conducting cyberspace operations.

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14. Spy probe morphed into child porn case

Washington Post, Ellen Nakashima, 2016 04 06

Riverside, Calif--FBI agents entered Keith Gartenlaub's home in Southern California while he and his wife were visiting her relatives in Shanghai. Agents wearing gloves went through boxes, snapped pictures of documents and made copies of three computer hard drives before leaving as quietly as they had entered. The bureau suspected that Gartenlaub was a spy for China. The FBI had obtained a secret search warrant to enter the house, citing national security grounds. The agents were searching for evidence that Gartenlaub, an information technology manager at Boeing, had leaked computer information about the defense contractor's C-17 military transport plane to people acting on behalf of China. But since the search in January 2014, no spy or hacking charges have been brought against him. Instead, seven months later, he was charged with the possession and receipt of child pornography. He has denied the charges, but a jury convicted him in December.

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15. Islamic sect schools are investigated over radical clerics and 'terrorist sympathisers'

London Times, Dominic Kennedy and Andrew Norfolk, 2016 04 06

London--Schools run by Britain's biggest Islamic sect are being investigated after evidence emerged of the influence of radical clerics and alleged terrorist sympathisers. A scholar named Qari Hanif Jallundari was a guest at the Rabia school in Luton, Bedfordshire, in 2013. According to an audio recording, he had previously addressed fighters of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) in Pakistan, a proscribed terrorist organisation. He told jihadists: "Tomorrow belongs to Muslims. We have to maintain a united front and frustrate the efforts of those who want to divide on the lines of jihadi and non-jihadi factions. In my view every Muslim is a mujahid." The school he visited is run by the Rabia Educational Trust charity, which educates boys and girls. It is part of the Deobandi movement, which controls about 40 per cent of mosques in Britain and is

considered by many to be moderate. Yesterday it was revealed that dozens of Deobandi mosques played host to a militant with al-Qaeda links during a 1993 tour that spawned terror plots. The Department for Education is investigating schools including Rabia after evidence was uncovered by a BBC investigation whose findings were shared with The Times. Mr Jallundari told The Times: "Jihad is by no means synonymous with terror or indiscriminate murder. Islam unreservedly condemns the taking of innocent life: of women, children and elderly."

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16. Two suspected DHKP-C members arrested by London Metropolitan Police

Anadolu News Agency, 2016 04 06

London--Two suspected members of the DHKP-C organization have been arrested in London on terrorism charges. The duo-a 49-year-old man and a woman, aged 45-were arrested at a property in north London on suspicion of disseminating a terrorist publication and supporting a proscribed organization, a statement from the London Metropolitan Police on Wednesday read. The DHKP-C, whose Turkish initials stand for the Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front, is an outlawed ultra-left group listed as a terrorist organization by Britain, the EU and the United States.

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17. WhatsApp locks out terror police

London Times, James Dean, 2016 04 06

London--Terrorism investigators are to be completely locked out of WhatsApp after the company re-engineered its systems to make it powerless to comply with warrants to hand over suspicious communications. A security upgrade to the world's most popular messaging service means that its engineers can no longer unscramble encrypted communications sent by its one billion users. WhatsApp's decision will further antagonise GCHQ, MI5 and MI6, which believe that American technology companies fail to provide adequate assistance to terrorism investigations. The companies argue that strong encryption is essential as more private communications take place through digital channels.

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18. Al-Qa'ida man named masked video star as Sunshine Coast soldier

The Australian, Mark Schliebs, 2016 04 06

Sydney - Former Queensland soldier Mathew Stewart was identified as the mysterious star of a Taliban propaganda video by al-Qa'ida's top media expert in 2006, files from the Australian Federal Police reveal. A year after widespread speculation that a masked Australian who appeared in a 2005 extremist video broadcast in the Middle East was the Sunshine Coast man, a senior, US-born al-Qa'ida strategist and confidant of Osama bin Laden, Adam Gadahn, identified

Stewart by name. The files also show that Stewart gave an interview and was photographed with a Turkish journalist in Afghanistan in 2006, when he said he was a cocaine-snorting party boy in Brisbane before joining the Australian Army to find some meaning for his existence. Since 2002, when it was revealed that he had travelled to Afghanistan soon before the 9/11 attacks, there has been much speculation over Stewart's whereabouts, or even if he was still alive. His family has maintained he is dead, and held a funeral for him, and Australian authorities have never publicly confirmed sporadic reports that Stewart was alive and still an active member of al-Qa'ida. However, last October, The Australian revealed that authorities believed he was the al-Qa'ida member pictured and interviewed in a Syrian jihadist magazine, which said "Hamza Australi" was a former Australian soldier who went to Afghanistan in August 2001. He was now in Syria on al-Qa'ida's behalf, to train fighters in its local branch, Jabhat al-Nusra, he said.

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19. New law used in 'terror threat'

The Daily Post (New Zealand), Staff reporter, 2016 04 06

Wellington - The prospect of an imminent terrorist act led our internal intelligence agency to carry out urgent surveillance without a legal warrant under special new powers. It is unclear whether the suspected terrorist activity was aimed inside New Zealand or offshore. The fact was revealed in a sparse report from Security Intelligence Service director Rebecca Kitteridge made public this week. It reveals only that she exercised her powers to authorise spying in New Zealand without a warrant. Under law, the maximum time period the power can be exercised is 24 hours. The report from Ms Kitteridge also shows the SIS followed up its urgent surveillance with an application for a warrant "in relation to the same subject matter", continuing the intelligence operation. The report reveals the act was required under a law change passed in 2014. It also requires the Inspector- General of Intelligence and Security - currently Cheryl Gwyn - to investigate the use of the power to make sure it was appropriate. The law change shows the broad conditions under which the SIS director could do warrantless surveillance. The use of the power can only come after the director is satisfied it is needed for the "detection, investigation or prevention of any actual, potential or suspected terrorist act or facilitation of a terrorist act".

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20. Afghan Terror Fight Enlists Villagers

Wall Street Journal, Jessica Donati and Habib Khan Totakhil, 2016 04 06

KOT, Afghanistan -- An Afghan spy agency is recruiting villagers for militias to hold back Islamic State fighters seeking to expand their foothold in this opium heartland in eastern Afghanistan. The program, which one top official says the government hopes to roll out across the country and may later use against the Taliban, is President Ashraf Ghani's riskiest attempt to defend rural villages -- and a part of his much larger counterinsurgency strategy. The government has closely guarded the program, and news of it hasn't been reported since its

establishment in August 2015. Details of the program came from Afghan government officials, local village leaders and Western officials who have been monitoring its progress. The CIA pays most of the Afghan intelligence agency's bills, said Afghan security officials who work in intelligence and are familiar with its operations. But the NDS has discretion over how the funds are spent.

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21. In Pakistan, tackling extremism is a political minefield

Associated Press, Kathy Gannon, 2016 04 06

Islamabad--Tackling extremism is a political minefield in Pakistan, where politicians openly consort with leaders of banned militant groups and sympathy exists within the security forces and civil administration for perpetrators of crimes committed in the name of religion. As a result, many remain skeptical of the state's ability to put an end to the militant violence that kills hundreds of Pakistani civilians each year. A suicide bombing in a park in Lahore that killed 72 people, many of them Christians celebrating Easter Sunday, brought renewed international attention to Pakistan's extremism problem. In the aftermath, security forces arrested hundreds of suspected militants. At the same time, however, demonstrators calling for the implementation of Islamic law and expressing their support for the man who murdered an anti-blasphemy campaigner were allowed to congregate freely in the capital. On social media, pictures circulated showing senior members of Pakistan's elite police forces praying at the grave of Mumtaz Qadri, the policeman charged with killing the secular, left-leaning politician Salman Taseer because he defended a Christian woman accused of blasphemy. When Qadri was hanged for the murder in February, tens of thousands of Pakistanis rallied in his support.

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22. Taliban Leader, Trying to End Infighting, Appoints Critics to Senior Posts

New York Times, Mujib Mashal and Taimoor Shah, 2016 04 06

Kabul-- In a compromise bid to unite the ranks after months of infighting, the Taliban's new leader has appointed the brother and son of Mullah Muhammad Omar, the movement's deceased founder, to senior leadership posts, a spokesman for the insurgent group said on Tuesday. The appointments are the latest move by the supreme Taliban leader, Mullah Akhtar Muhammad Mansour, to publicly consolidate his authority after a leadership struggle last summer. Facing criticism or outright rebellion from field commanders who distrusted his ties to Pakistan and his handling of the succession, Mullah Mansour brutally quashed breakaway groups and sought to buy the support of other skeptical commanders, all while maintaining a publicity campaign that has portrayed the Taliban as united under his command, according to interviews with Taliban members. They spoke on condition of anonymity to avoid angering Mullah Mansour. Now, the announcement that he had formally brought two of the most influential skeptics back into the fold -- Mullah Abdul Manan, the brother of Mullah Omar; and Mullah Muhammad Yaqoub, the founder's son -- was expected to help bring other dissenters into line right as the Taliban's annual offensive is expected to pick up momentum in Afghanistan.

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23. Taliban Resume Attacks In Baghlan

Tolo News, 2016 04 06

Kabul-Taliban militants have resumed attacks on local police check posts in Dand-e-Shahabuddin area of Pul-e-Khumri, Baghlan, just weeks after a large-scale military operation was conducted in the area. Local officials said the Taliban has, over the past week, continued to storm local police check points in the area. In the latest clash between Afghan forces and Taliban, officials said five Taliban militants and two Afghan soldiers were killed. "Based on the reports that we have received, five militants have been killed and security forces have also recovered a number of weapons and two of our troops have been martyred-- an army soldier and a policeman," said Abdul Satar Barez, the provincial governor.

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24. 17 killed in recent fighting in Republic of Congo

Xinhua News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 04 06

Brazzaville - Republic of Congo government announced on Tuesday that a total of 17 people were killed in the fighting that broke out on Monday morning in the southern parts of the capital, Brazzaville. "Seventeen people died, among them three security officers, two civilians and 12 assailants. Six police officers as well as several civilians were injured," Government Spokesman Thierry Lezin Mougalla said. In addition, he said, six police stations, two customs posts and water as well as forestry offices were burnt down. Private homes and vehicles were ransacked and burnt down, he said, adding that assailants identified as members of Ninja militias led by ex-rebel leader Frederic Bintsamou alias Pastor Ntumi also carried away some weapons.

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25. Boko Haram Has Close Links With ISIL - Buhari

All Africa, Jonathan Nda-Isaiah, 2016 04 06

President Muhammadu Buhari on Tuesday in Abuja disclosed that Boko Haram has a strong material resources and has a close link to the international terrorist group ISIL. According to him in a statement by his special adviser media, Femi Adesina, ending insurgency in Africa will require stronger collaboration and commitment from governments, financial institutions and security agencies in tracking the sponsorship of terrorist activities. In a farewell audience at the State House with the High Commissioner of Kenya to Nigeria, Mr. Tom Amolo, President Buhari said terrorist attacks in Africa bear similar trademarks of intense planning, strong alliances and proper financial sponsorship, which must be thoroughly investigated and reversed. "Terrorist activities always have financial sponsorship and this can be seen in their acquisition of weapons, their movements and other logistics."

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26. Mali: réinstauration de l'état d'urgence pour dix jours

Agence France-Presse, 2016 04 05

Bamako-- Le gouvernement malien a réinstauré pour dix jours l'état d'urgence, mesure qui avait été levée fin mars, face aux menaces sur la sécurité de ce pays régulièrement victime d'attaques jihadistes, selon un communiqué officiel obtenu mardi par l'AFP. Un conseil des ministres extraordinaire tenu lundi "a adopté un projet de décret déclarant l'état d'urgence sur le territoire national" et ce, "sur le rapport du ministre de l'Administration territoriale", indique le compte rendu de cette réunion diffusé par le gouvernement. "Il décrète l'état d'urgence pour une durée de dix jours pour compter du lundi 04 avril 2016 à minuit, sur toute l'étendue du territoire national", affirme le texte.

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27. Somali Militants Are Proving Resilient in the Face of Losses

New York Times, Jeffrey Gettleman, 2016 04 06

Nairobi--The Shabab are not having a good week. On Tuesday, African Union forces said they had killed six commanders of the Shabab, the powerful Islamic insurgent group that has terrorized Somalia for years. Among the six killed in the Janale area, the African Union said, were a Yemeni explosives expert and a Kenyan trainer. This followed the announcement on Monday that the Pentagon had killed Hassan Ali Dhoore, a senior member of the Shabab's security and intelligence wing, in an airstrike. And a few days before that, the African Union said that allied forces -- which include the African Union troops, Somali security services and American air power -- had killed more than 20 "terrorists." Still, analysts question how effective this strategy is. Just like in other battle zones, such as Afghanistan or Iraq, Somalia's militants have proved resilient in the face of superior firepower.

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28. Terrorisme : le Maroc met en garde la Grande-Bretagne et l'Europe contre des attentats à l'arme chimique

Jeune Afrique, 2016 04 05

Rabat--Dans une interview au magazine britannique The Sun, le patron du FBI marocain a déclaré que Daesh pourrait utiliser l'arme chimique dans des attaques ciblées en Grande-Bretagne et en Europe. Les ingrédients pour en fabriquer sont, selon lui, librement vendus dans le commerce. « Il est très possible que Daesh utilise les armes biologiques et chimiques pour attaquer la Grande Bretagne ainsi que d'autres pays européens », a averti Abdelhak Khiame, directeur du Bureau central des investigations judiciaires (BCIJ) au Maroc dans une interview au journal britannique The Sun, le 4 avril. « Ils ont déjà des brigades d'enfants qui ont suivi des entraînements dans leurs camps afin de perpétrer des attaque terroristes en Europe. Pour les armes chimiques, nous avons pu constater combien il est facile pour eux de les concocter », ajoute le responsable sécuritaire marocain.

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29. Are Brazil's reinsurers ready for the Olympics?

Business News Americas, 2016 04 06

Brazil might not be known as a target for terrorism, but the country is becoming increasingly concerned as Rio's time to host of the Olympic Games is fast approaching. Panelists at Brazil's reinsurance conference in Rio de Janeiro agreed that local reinsurers are not ready for the global event, which will take place in the city from August 5th to the 21st. "One of the things that is often ignored is the platform that is created by these events," said Napoleon Montes-Amaya, vice president of war, terrorism and political violence in Latin America at Hiscox MGA. "The host country - or city, like Rio - inherits all the world's problems." Montes-Amaya noted that while Brazil might not currently be high on the list of targets of terrorist groups, that could change when such a large concentration of people from around the world attend the international sporting event this August.

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30. 'IS kidnap plot was to achieve fame'

Straits Times, 2016 04 06

Malacca - The Islamic State-linked terror cell that plotted the kidnapping of local leaders, including Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, was a lesser-known group desperate to gain notoriety. The group, Kumpulan Fisabillah, had initially planned to strike several low-value targets in Kedah. Federal Special Branch Counter-Terrorism Division tactical operations officer Assistant Superintendent Sufian Ali said they changed their plans to that of the abduction of prominent politicians, including Najib, Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein. This, he said, was so that the little-known group could gain "fame". Speaking at an intellectual discourse here yesterday, Sufian said among the items seized from the group, which included two Royal Malaysian Air Force personnel, was a flashbang grenade, otherwise known as a stun grenade.

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31. British journalist to appeal after Seoul blocks his site on DPRK

Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 04 06

Seoul - A British journalist who runs a website that documents technology development and issues in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea said on Tuesday that he will appeal a decision by the Republic of Korea to block his site for allegedly violating the country's National Security Law. Martyn Williams, whose website has been blocked in the ROK for almost two weeks, said the site does not violate the security law, which bans praising, sympathizing or

cooperating with Pyongyang. The website "doesn't seek to glorify or support" the DPRK, Williams, who is based in San Francisco, said in an e-mail. Williams has written about issues ranging from cell phone usage in the DPRK and its satellite technology, to a little-known computer operating system developed by the country. He said much of the content on his website is based on announcements made by Pyongyang and Seoul and reports in the media.

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32. China demonstrates strong commitment to nuclear security: UN official

Xinhua News Agency, Shi Xiaomeng, 2016 04 06

United Nations - China has demonstrated its strong commitment to enhancing nuclear security culture for the whole world, said Kim Won-soo, UN under-secretary-general and high representative for disarmament affairs, on Tuesday. Coming back from the fourth and the last Nuclear Security Summit, which concluded over the weekend in Washington, Kim said that throughout the process, China has made important contributions. China is doing a lot to improve nuclear security culture, including establishing a nuclear security Center of Excellence, strengthening internal legislation and taking inventory of radioactive sources and other related security and safety measures, said Kim in an interview with Chinese media. China has been training Chinese staff involved in the nuclear sector, and organized lots of workshops with the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to provide training for those countries that need to build capacities for their own national stand, Kim added.

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33. Forensic test underway on vessel hijacked by Abu Sayyaf

Jakarta Post, Anggi M. Lubis, 2016 04 06

Jakarta - Anand 12, one of the vessels manned by a crew of Indonesians possibly kidnapped by terrorist group Abu Sayyef, is currently undergoing a forensic test in Malaysia and the results are expected to be announced in 10 days' time, Foreign Minister Retno LP Marsudi has said. The Indonesian-flagged Anand 12, along with Brahma 12, were carrying a combined cargo of 7,000 tons of coals when they were hijacked in Philippine waters nearly two weeks ago. Brahma 12 was found drifting close to Sabah's east coast on March 29. The ship's owners reportedly received phone calls demanding a ransom of around US\$1 million from a person who claimed to be a member of Abu Sayyaf. The discovery of Anand 12 is expected to reveal and measure the capability of the group. Retno told reporters in a press briefing on Tuesday that the tugboat was found drifting in the waters off Sabah, with its barges still intact. She said that Anand 12 had been towed to Fordeco Jetty in Lahad Datu and was currently in the hands of the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (APKMM). "Given the location of the hijacking and its proximity to Malaysia, I established communications with the Malaysian Foreign Minister on March 31 and requested support. The Malaysian government is ready to assist at any time," she said during the conference.

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34. India will suffer if security checks on Chinese firms tighten: expert

Global Times, Staff reporter, 2016 04 06

Beijing - India stands to lose more than gain if it tightens its security checks on Chinese firms after Indian media claimed the country is considering scrapping security clearance to Chinese companies, analysts warned. Hu Zhiyong, a research fellow with the Institute of International Relations at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, told the Global Times that India stands to lose if it tightens security reviews of Chinese firms. "Chinese companies may think twice about their expansion plans in India over the possible security clearance review. Thus, India's development, which relies on China to improve its poor infrastructure, will be hindered," Hu said. According to a report in Indian newspaper Hindustan Times on Tuesday citing official sources, India's home ministry was reconsidering its security clearance for Chinese firms in India, and might cancel all proposals from Chinese firms cleared in the past nine months. The review move was allegedly made after China "blocked" a move to put "Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed militant group chief Masood Azhar on the UN sanctions list four days ago," as India believes that Azhar should be held responsible for the January attack of an Indian air force base, located on the Indian- Pakistani border, the report said.

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35. N.K. cyber capabilities pose serious challenges to U.S.: cyber command chief

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 04 06

Washington - North Korea's cyber capabilities pose serious challenges to the United States, the U.S. cyber commander said Tuesday, emphasizing the communist nation has steadily been bolstering its capabilities and has been "quite active" in the cyber domain. Adm. Michael S. Rogers made the assessment in a statement submitted for a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing, saying the North is one of the countries that his command is watching "most closely," along with Russia, China and Iran. "Iran and North Korea represent lesser but still serious challenges to U.S. interests. Although both states have been more restrained in this last year in terms of cyber activity directed against us, they remain quite active and are steadily improving their capabilities," Rogers said. "Both of these nations have encouraged malicious cyber activity against the United States and their neighbors, but they currently devote the bulk of their resources and effort to working against their neighbors." The North's cyber capabilities have been a greater focus of attention since a massive hacking attack on Sony Pictures in late 2014, which Pyongyang is believed to have carried out in retaliation for Sony's release of a comedy film ridiculing North Korean leader Kim Jong-un.

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36. Sharing terrorism information is key

The Japan News, 2016 04 06

Interview: Extremist militant group the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has continued to carry out indiscriminate acts of terrorism, from the Paris attacks in November to the attacks in Belgium last month. The Japanese government is poised to remain vigilant against terrorism as it

prepares to host the Group of Seven summit in the Ise-Shima area next month. The Yomiuri Shimbun interviewed National Public Safety Commission Chairman Taro Kono, 53, on Friday about Japan's counterterrorism measures. The following are excerpts of the interview. The Yomiuri Shimbun: The Belgium attacks were carried out despite the fact that Belgian authorities were on high alert. What are the lessons to be learned? Taro Kono: I realized how difficult it is to prevent suicide bombings. Even if one decides to make a bomb in Japan, police are in contact with relevant businesses -- so if there are any suspicious purchases of explosive materials or purchases involving abnormally large amounts of materials, police can obtain information. When it comes to bombs and small arms, it's safe to say that Japan maintains stricter control compared to Europe. Q: Shortcomings have been identified in both investigations and at an institutional level [regarding Belgian authorities]. A: Information was not delivered effectively. In this field, the Japanese police system is one step ahead. But when it comes to soft-target terrorism in which attackers target places where large numbers of unspecified people gather, it's frankly difficult for police to stave off all attacks on their own. Cooperation from relevant businesses is essential.

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37. Terror alert in Punjab on Pakistani terrorists

Indo Asian News Service, 2016 04 06

Chandigarh - Security agencies have issued a terror alert on the alleged movement of three suspected Pakistani terrorists from Jammu and Kashmir towards Delhi. Punjab Police sources say the three terrorists, along with their handler from Jammu and Kashmir, had crossed the Banihal tunnel in the neighbouring state late on Tuesday night. The terrorists, as per the alert, were moving in a grey-coloured Maruti Swift car, a senior Punjab Police officer told IANS here. The Punjab Police has warned that the suspected terrorists could have entered Punjab, which shares its northern border with Jammu and Kashmir. Security and intelligence agencies in Delhi claimed the terrorists could target Delhi, Mumbai or Goa. Punjab has witnessed two major terror attacks in the past nine months.

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38. Fragile truce largely holding in Karabakh after 4 days of deadly clashes

Agence France-Presse, 2016 04 06

Moscow--Azerbaijani and Armenian forces on Wednesday said they were largely observing a truce that halted four days of clashes which claimed scores of lives in the worst outbreak of violence in decades over the disputed Nagorny Karabakh region. "The ceasefire was largely observed overnight along the Karabakh frontline," the Armenia-backed separatist defence ministry in Karabakh said in a statement. Azerbaijan's defence ministry said its forces were "strictly abiding by the ceasefire agreement" that was hammered out on Tuesday by the Azerbaijani and Armenian army chiefs during a meeting in Moscow. Armenia's defence ministry spokesman Artsrun Hovhannisyan said that sporadic shooting continued on Wednesday "including from tanks, but not as intensive" as during the last days. An AFP photographer in the

village of Matagis in Karabakh, some 10 kilometres (six miles) from the frontline, confirmed that "the night was calm and without shooting."

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39. Russia's General Staff urges to unite efforts to undermine terrorism's financial base
ITAR-TASS World Service, 2016 04 06

Moscow--The international community should consolidate its efforts to destroy the sources of financial and material support of world terrorism, Chief of Russia's General Staff, First Deputy Defense Minister Valery Gerasimov said on Wednesday. Gerasimov made this statement at a meeting with Chief of the Austrian General Staff Lieutenant-General Othmar Commenda. The chief of the Russian General Staff said that Russia's Defense Ministry had supported with pleasure Austria's initiative on holding the meeting. Considerable changes have taken place in global and regional security lately, and international terrorism, which was estimated as a potential threat three years ago, has affected many countries, the chief of the Russian General Staff said.

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40. Russian Hackers Extend Working Hours to Please Customers
Sputnik News Service, 2016 04 06

Washington--Underground hackers throughout the world, particularly in Russia, have started to expand working hours and offer transaction guarantees in order to provide excellent service to customers, Dell's SecureWorks said in a report. "That trend [of improving services] has not died out, but rather increased, especially on the Russian Underground forums, where we saw many of the hackers expand their working hours to include weekends and even promising to be available 24/7," the report stated on Tuesday. Dell's SecureWorks, which provides intelligence-driven security solutions to counter cyberattacks, noted that "like any other market in a capitalist system, the business of cybercrime is guided by the supply and demand for various goods and services waxes and wanes."

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41. Russia ready to share experience with EU in combating terrorism - State Duma speaker
ITAR-TASS World Service, 2016 04 06

Moscow--Russia is willing to share experience with the European Union in the fight against terrorism as well as in refugee accommodation, Chairman of Russia's State Duma (lower house of parliament) Sergei Naryshkin said on Wednesday at a meeting with Austrian President Heinz Fischer. "Of course, we are anxiously following the developments related to the migrant crisis in the European Union member-countries and in Europe as a whole," Naryshkin said. "We understand that this massive influx of refugees from the Middle East and North Africa stems from the ill-considered and irresponsible policy, above all, of the U.S. aimed at meddling in the

internal affairs of countries in this region and attempts to overthrow the undesirable governments in these countries."

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42. Underground Hacker Market is Booming, Says New Report

Dow Jones News Service, Nicole Hong, 2016 04 06

Washington--Intelligence analysts found that business is booming in underground markets for Russian and other hackers, according to a report released Tuesday by security firm Dell SecureWorks Inc. Malware, which includes viruses and other software intended to disrupt computer users, is becoming "much cheaper and continues to offer a low barrier to entry for cybercriminals looking to steal information," wrote the analysts, who scoured dozens of websites on the dark web over the past eight months. Among the findings: Hackers are offering to steal personal emails from Gmail or Yahoo accounts for \$129. The report, which didn't detail the extent to which the online hackers delivered on their promises, said one illicit service boasted that emails could be snatched without the victim noticing any suspicious activity. Offers to hack into corporate email accounts cost more: \$500 per mailbox, the security firm said.

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43. Intelligence minister urges unity among all ethnic groups

Islamic Republic News Agency, 2016 04 05

Tehran--Iranian Intelligence Minister Mahmoud Alavi on Tuesday called on all ethnic groups to shun differences, saying that they should maintain their unity and brotherhood because the enemies are equally hostile to all ethnic groups. He made the remarks in a meeting with local people of Shushtar, Khuzestan province. He described the province as the gateway of Shia Muslims, saying that there was no region in the course of history except Khuzestan where all its inhabitants were Shia Muslims.

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44. Kidnapped Qatari royal released in Iraq: Qatar ministry

Reuters, 2016 04 06

Doha--A member of Qatar's ruling family kidnapped in Iraq last year with 26 other Qataris has been freed, along with a Pakistani man who was traveling with them, Qatar's foreign ministry said on Wednesday. About 100 unidentified armed men seized the group of Qatari hunters from a desert camp in southern Iraq near the Saudi border in December. At least nine members of the group managed to escape and crossed into Kuwait. "One man is Pakistani, the second is an al-Thani from the royal family," a foreign ministry official told Reuters. "Negotiations are continuing for the release of the others." The official gave no details of who had captured them or how the release had been secured.

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45. Lebanese security apprehends man over ISIS links

The Peninsula, 2016 04 05

Beirut: Lebanese General Security on Tuesday arrested a Lebanese national over affiliation to ISIS group. After investigations, the arrestee confessed affiliation to ISIS through the group's "Amir" in Wadi Khaled, nicknamed Abou Maaz, said Lebanon's General Security in a statement today. The arrestee also confessed having been active within the weapon trade industry in the service of ISIS.

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46. Saudi Security Officer Shot Dead in Attack Claimed by ISIS

ASHARQ AL-AWSAT, 2016 04 05

Riyadh--Assailants shot dead a senior Saudi security officer west of the capital Riyadh on Tuesday, the interior ministry said in a statement carried by state media. ISIS terrorist group claimed responsibility for the attack. Saudi state news agency SPA quoted an interior ministry spokesman as saying that the officer, Colonel Kitab Majed al-Hammadi, was shot dead in the al-Arja area of al-Dawadimi province west of the Saudi capital. Security authorities are investigating the murder, the spokesman added.

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47. Shin Bet: 'Terrorist plotted shooting attack due to quarrel with parents'

Jerusalem Post, Yaakov Lappin, 2016 04 05

Jerusalem--A Palestinian armed suspect who arrested last month was plotting a shooting attack on a road leading to the settlement of El Matan in Samaria, in the northern West Bank, but then changed his mind and turned back, the Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) announced on Tuesday. The suspect, Imad Al-Huli, a resident of Azun, was taken into custody by the IDF on March 23 near the perimeter fence of El Matan. During Shin Bet questioning, "it also emerged that the source of Huli's intention to carry out an attack was rooted in a personal reason; an argument with his parents regarding the cancellation of his engagement," the agency said.

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48. Atmosphere of Distrust Hinders EU Anti-Terror Cooperation

Der Spiegel, 2016 04 06

Berlin--Following the attacks in Brussels, calls are growing for European intelligence services to work together more closely. But cooperation is difficult because Germany's secret service has little trust in its EU partners, and has even spied on them. The man who wants to explain the psyche of Germany's foreign intelligence service is sipping a cappuccino and talking about the abduction of German tourists in the Sahara Desert a few years ago. A crisis committee was meeting at the Foreign Ministry in Berlin, and agents at the Federal Intelligence Service (BND) in Pullach, outside Munich, were trying to figure out how to get information about the kidnapers. Human lives were at stake, the pressure considerable. The French intelligence services had good sources in the region, but they were unwilling to share their information with the Germans, so the BND decided to spy on the French to gain access to it. This was how it came about that the Germans spied on a government agency in a friendly country, one they treated as one of their closest political allies. Friendly? Allied? These are not categories with which the man with the cappuccino is familiar in his work. A senior BND official at the time, he prefers to keep his name a secret. He recounts the episode to explain why an intelligence service sometimes finds it necessary to spy on one of its partners -- and how it could happen that the BND spied on so many institutions in Europe. Our business, says the man, is based primarily on suspicion. It took only a few hours after three bombs had exploded in Brussels and 35 people had been killed for politicians and experts to begin calling for better cooperation among intelligence services in Europe.

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49. Attentats de Bruxelles: Un temps soupçonné, Fayçal Cheffou affirme que sa vie est «ruinée»

20 Minutes.fr, 2016 04 06

Bruxelles-- Un temps soupçonné d'être « l'homme au chapeau » recherché après le double attentat suicide perpétré le 22 mars à l'aéroport de Bruxelles-Zaventem, Fayçal Cheffou a finalement été libéré. Depuis lors, le Bruxellois vit dans la clandestinité, révèle mardi le quotidien belge La Dernière Heure. Le journaliste militant, qui se sent traqué, affirme dans une interview au journal qu'il passe ses journées cloîtré chez une connaissance. « Je ne peux plus sortir. Toute cette affaire a ruiné ma vie », raconte Fayçal Cheffou, interrogé par téléphone. Fayçal Cheffou reconnaît toutefois qu'il n'était pas inconnu de la justice, mais se montre très dur envers les forces de l'ordre. « Je savais que la Sûreté de l'Etat me suivait parce que j'avais prétendument recruté des personnes du parc Maximilien pour intégrer des organisations extrémistes. (...) Ce chauffeur de taxi qui a pris les terroristes trouvait que je ressemblais un peu à celui qui portait un chapeau. Mais ils [les enquêteurs] n'avaient rien de plus », affirme-t-il.

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50. Border force warns terrorists could enter EU by abusing asylum checks

The Guardian (London), Patrick Kingsley, 2016 04 06

London--The EU's border force has warned that terrorists may have infiltrated Europe by hiding among asylum seekers, noting that two of the bombers in last November's Paris attacks arrived on the continent in a smuggling boat from Turkey. Frontex's annual risk analysis, released on Tuesday, said: "The Paris attacks in November 2015 clearly demonstrated that irregular migratory flows could be used by terrorists to enter the EU." Echoing observations made five months ago, the report added: "Two of the terrorists involved in the attacks had previously irregularly entered through Leros and had been registered by the Greek authorities. They presented fraudulent Syrian documents to speed up their registration process.

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51. Charlie Hebdo accusé de basculer dans le « racisme »

La Presse+, Marc Thibodeau, 2016 04 06

Paris--L'hebdomadaire satirique Charlie Hebdo est plongé dans une nouvelle controverse en raison de la teneur d'un éditorial publié dans la foulée des attentats de Bruxelles pour explorer les racines du terrorisme islamiste. Le directeur de la publication, Laurent Sourisseau, dit « Riss », écrit dans le texte controversé que les attentats en question sont « la partie immergée de l'iceberg » et marquent « la dernière phase d'un processus enclenché depuis longtemps et à grande échelle ». L'auteur, qui a été blessé lors de l'attaque ciblant l'hebdomadaire l'année dernière à Paris, affirme que la « terreur » est en fait l'aboutissement logique d'un climat de « crainte » et de « peur » dans lequel toute critique de l'islam est progressivement écartée comme une inacceptable manifestation de xénophobie. « Il n'y a pas de terrorisme possible sans l'établissement d'une peur silencieuse généralisée », selon le directeur de Charlie Hebdo.

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52. Erdogan calls for revoking terror supporters' citizenship

Anadolu News Agency, 2016 04 05

Ankara--Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has called for considering steps to strip citizenship of terrorist organization supporters. In remarks made during a meeting with Turkish attorneys at the presidential complex in the capital Ankara to mark the Lawyers' Day Tuesday, Erdogan said there is a need to annihilate adherents of terrorism through forceful measures. "We need to be decisive to take all necessary measures, including stripping citizenship to deactivate terrorist organization supporters," he said, adding: "They are not even our citizens."

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53. Istanbul, capitale mondiale du salafisme jihadiste

La Presse de Tunisie, Hmida Ben ROMDHANE, 2016 04 05

Chronique--Mustapha Kamel Atatürk devrait se retourner dans sa tombe. Que reste-t-il de la Turquie laïque dont il a bâti les fondations sur les ruines de l'Empire ottoman, battu avec l'Allemagne dans la guerre de 14- 18 ? Le drapeau turc est encore le même, les photos d'Atatürk ornent toujours les bureaux des hauts responsables et les bâtiments officiels, la laïcité est

toujours inscrite dans la Constitution, mais dans la réalité, elle est de plus en plus submergée par la lame de fond de l'islam politique dont le déferlement a commencé lentement et insidieusement depuis 2002, date de la première victoire des islamistes du Parti de la justice et du développement (AKP) d'Erdogan. Aujourd'hui, Istanbul est devenue le paradis non seulement des partis islamistes de tous bords et de toutes nationalités, mais aussi le refuge des chefs salafistes-jihadistes qui, depuis l'ancienne capitale ottomane, tirent les ficelles et dirigent « la guerre sainte » que les terroristes mènent dans plusieurs pays arabes. Ce n'est un secret pour personne qu'après avoir assis leur pouvoir, les responsables de l'AKP qui contrôlent l'Etat turc se sont engagés activement dans la déstabilisation du monde arabe en aidant systématiquement les partis islamistes et en s'attaquant tout aussi systématiquement aux régimes qui les pourchassaient, comme c'était le cas de la Tunisie, de l'Égypte, de la Syrie ou encore de la Libye.

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54. Les écoles musulmanes inquiètent le gouvernement

Le Figaro, 2016 04 06

Paris--L'Éducation nationale tente de remettre de l'ordre dans le maquis des établissements hors contrat, en multipliant les inspections inopinées et en sollicitant des inspecteurs arabophones. Aujourd'hui, une cinquantaine d'établissements musulmans, accueillant 5000 élèves, fonctionnent en France. Partout, à la périphérie des grandes villes, des projets voient le jour, souvent de petites écoles, ne comptant qu'une ou deux classes et une quinzaine d'élèves. Mais le mouvement est largement amorcé. Les maires se plaignent d'être en première ligne face à l'afflux de demandes mais de n'avoir aucun moyen de contrôler, ensuite, ce qui se passe à l'intérieur des établissements scolaires. L'Éducation nationale étudie le dossier de près. «Nous explorons toutes les pistes possibles, y compris celle d'une évolution substantielle du droit», affirme-t-on dans l'entourage de Najat Vallaud-Belkacem. La question des écoles hors contrat, qui ne sont pas tenues de respecter les programmes de l'Éducation nationale, est prioritaire. Après les attentats de novembre, une série d'inspections «surprise» a été lancée dans des établissements soupçonnés de radicalisation.

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55. Suisse et ONU ensemble contre le djihadisme

Le Temps, Luis Lema, 2016 04 06

Genève-- Lutter contre les conditions qui favorisent la radicalisation: c'est l'objectif d'une conférence qui va se tenir à Genève Une manière d'ouvrir la voie? Ou de se montrer simplement à côté du sujet? Main dans la main, les Nations unies et la Suisse entendent initier une nouvelle ère face à la menace mondiale du terrorisme, incarnée aujourd'hui par l'organisation Etat islamique (Daech). Jeudi et vendredi, en présence de nombreux ministres et experts, se tiendra à Genève une ambitieuse conférence internationale, dans le cadre de la stratégie antiterroriste mondiale lancée par l'ONU il y a dix ans. Une conférence de plus? Oui, mais à la différence qu'il ne sera nullement question de bombarder les djihadistes, de renforcer la collaboration entre les services de renseignement ou encore de couper les flux financiers des organisations terroristes. Un seul mot d'ordre ici: la prévention. D'une certaine manière, il s'agira pour la communauté

internationale de trouver les moyens de donner plus, et mieux, que ce qu'offre aujourd'hui Daech aux candidats potentiels à la « radicalisation » .

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56. Why the EU's deal with Turkey to stem Migrant Flow is deeply flawed

Newsweek, Owen Matthews, 2016 04 06

Analysis--For Ayla Agit, the deal signed in March between Europe and Turkey to stem the flow of migrants and refugees was a prayer answered. "Finally, we have a chance to get a new life in Germany!" says Agit, who was driven from her home this past October by fighting. The twist: Agit isn't a Syrian refugee; she's a Turkish citizen. Her hometown of Cizre was the scene of running street battles between armed Kurdish militants and the Turkish army last year that left close to 200 dead. Now she and thousands of other internally displaced Turkish Kurds are planning to join the exodus to Europe. Under the terms of the deal, all Turkish citizens are to be granted visa-free travel, though not the right to work, in the 26 nations in Europe's border-free Schengen area. In exchange, Turkey agreed to take back all refugees who cross into Greece using irregular means after March 20. For every person accepted back by Turkey, the EU promised to take a Syrian asylum seeker from camps in southeast Turkey. The Europeans will also hand over 6.5 billion euros (\$7.3 billion) to help Ankara deal with the estimated 2.7 million Syrian refugees currently on its soil. All Agit, a widow with five children, needs to get is the plane fare and a biometric Turkish passport. Once on EU soil, she and all Turkish Kurds like her who can prove political persecution or a threat to their lives if they return home are eligible to claim political asylum. Agit is likely to qualify, as her brother is in jail for membership in an illegal organization and police have raided her home multiple times. And thanks to a tourism industry depressed by a series of bombings in Ankara and Istanbul, Turkish charter airlines are offering one-way flights to Europe for as little as \$55.

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1. Ex-CSIS informant Eid to learn verdict

Ottawa Citizen, James Bagnall, 2016 05 02

Ottawa - Sometime after 11 a.m. Monday, Superior Court Judge Timothy Ray will give us his take on Roland Eid - the building tradesman charged four years ago with fraud in connection with his company ICI Construction. The proceeding before Ray began a little more than a year

ago, wrapping up in early March. Ray has been dissecting a small mountain of evidence and testimony ever since. The case, nearly a decade in the making, has been avidly followed in parts of Ottawa's business community - not least because Eid belongs to a prominent family of Lebanese immigrants. His eldest brother, Jean, is a partner with the upscale hair design salon, Rinaldo's. Eid Eid, an executive with Nova Networks, previously served as chief technology officer at Corel Corp., the graphics software company founded by Michael Cowpland. Roland Eid channelled his entrepreneurial instincts in a different direction. The youngest of nine siblings, Roland worked from the ground up at various local construction firms. A decade ago he launched ICI Construction, which won millions of dollars in contracts courtesy of the RCMP and Foreign Affairs. ICI was petitioned into bankruptcy early in 2008, just weeks after Eid and his family left Ottawa for Lebanon under mysterious circumstances. Eid had arranged late in 2007 to transfer \$1.7 million from his company to a personal account in Beirut. He claimed he had \$300,000 in additional commitments from a private investor in Ottawa. Defence counsel Richard Addelman argued at trial that this money was to have financed a housing project in Syria, which effectively controlled large swaths of Lebanon. Addelman said Roland Eid spent much time and effort organizing Canadian and other suppliers in preparation for the work. Financing was the key: Eid claimed that once the Syrians saw \$2 million in his Lebanese bank account, they would match it. Eid's defence is that he had intended to return \$2 million to ICI. But the Syrians did not produce the money. Eid also maintained - in an interview conducted before the trial began - that his Beirut bank temporarily froze the money that had been transferred from Ottawa. The RCMP conducted an initial investigation but put things on hold when it became apparent Eid was not keen to return to Ottawa. Canada does not have an extradition treaty with Lebanon. Then, to the surprise of nearly everyone, the Eids returned in 2012 equipped with emergency passports issued in Lebanon. Eid said he was on the run from Hezbollah, the Shia Muslim group. Starting in the late 1990s, Eid had been informing the Canadian Security Intelligence Service about the activities of certain members of the Lebanese community here and abroad. We know he was an informant because CSIS acknowledged his role in a reply to one of his an access-to-information requests. Eid last year launched a \$24-million civil suit against the RCMP and CSIS, alleging that these government agencies "created the circumstances that led to the loss of ICI."

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2. 10 Indonesian sailors return home after being released by Philippine militants.

Agence France Presse, 2016 05 02

Jakarta - Ten Indonesian sailors held hostage by Abu Sayyaf Islamic militants returned home on Sunday (May 1) after being freed in the southern Philippines, less than a week after the gunmen beheaded a Canadian captive. About five weeks after being abducted, the 10 tugboat crew turned up outside the house of the provincial governor on the remote Philippine island of Jolo. They flew back to Jakarta later the same day, arriving on a private plane at an air force base before being driven away in a minibus without speaking to reporters. Officials did not say if any ransom was paid for the 10 Indonesians. Abu Sayyaf does not normally free hostages unless a ransom is paid. There has been a recent upsurge of kidnappings in the strife-torn southern Philippines, and the Indonesians' release came just six days after Abu Sayyaf beheaded Canadian tourist John

Ridsdel, for whom they had demanded a US\$21 million ransom. Abu Sayyaf does not normally free hostages unless a ransom is paid. There has been a recent upsurge of kidnappings in the strife-torn southern Philippines, and the Indonesians' release came just six days after Abu Sayyaf beheaded Canadian tourist John Ridsdel, for whom they had demanded a US\$21 million ransom. The authorities said the group is still holding at least 11 foreign hostages - four sailors from Indonesia and four others from Malaysia, a Canadian tourist, a Norwegian resort owner and a Dutch birdwatcher.

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3. DFA: Philippines working for safe release of all Abu Sayyaf captives.

Philippine Star, 2016 05 02

Manila - The Philippines will continue working for the safe release of foreign nationals being held captive by the Abu Sayyaf group, the Department of Foreign Affairs said. "The Philippine Government is pleased at the positive developments resulting in the safe release of 10 Indonesian nationals abducted by the Abu Sayyaf on March 26, 2016," the DFA said in a statement released Monday. "While intensified operations continue on the ground, the DFA maintains close coordination with concerned foreign governments in ensuring the safe return of all the remaining hostages," it also said. The Abu Sayyaf still holds four Indonesian crew members of another tugboat seized on April 1 in the waters off Sempornah, Sabah and brought to Sulu. The group, which the Philippines and the US have categorized as a terrorist group, is also holding three remaining Samal tourists -- a Canadian, Norwegian, a Filipino woman -- a Dutch national, four Malaysians, a Chinese national and six other Filipinos. The release of the 10 Indonesian captives came almost a week since the Abu Sayyaf beheaded Canadian captive John Ridsdel after the deadline to pay a P300-million ransom lapsed.

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4. ISIL inspires kidnapper copycats, expert says

Ottawa Citizen, Lee Berthiaume, 2016 05 02

Ottawa - It's like a high-stakes game of poker, except there's no walking away from the table. That's how Alan Bell describes what happens when a Canadian is kidnapped overseas and held for ransom. Bell is a former British special forces operative who has both kidnapped and helped rescue kidnap victims. In a recent interview, he talked about the dark and dangerous dance between negotiators and hostage-takers that takes place far more often than many Canadians may realize. "Kidnapping is the easiest crime in the world to commit," says Bell, who now runs Toronto-based security company Globe Risk International, which helps companies develop kidnap-response plans. "And everybody knows it. Organized criminals know it. Terrorists know it. Guerrillas, they know it as well." While actual statistics are difficult to find because most cases go unreported, it's widely believed the number of cases is on the rise, and Bell says there are two reasons for that. First, Canadian mining, oil and gas companies are being forced to go to ever more remote and dangerous places to find undeveloped reserves. Second, numerous guerrilla and terrorist groups in Africa, the Middle East and Asia have been inspired by ISIL. That is what should worry travellers. "Countries around the world where it was never sort of

threatening, they're becoming dangerous because every single little organization is affiliating itself with ISIL and trying to outdo it or do exactly what it did with their brutality," he said.

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5. La guerre éclate entre policiers et manifestants

La Presse+, Audrey Ruel-Manseau; Gabrielle Duchaine, 2016 05 02

Montréal - La marche se déroulait sans heurts, dimanche après-midi. Depuis une heure, les centaines de manifestants réunis pour dénoncer le capitalisme déambulaient sans itinéraire au centre-ville de Montréal. Puis, le groupe s'est arrêté devant le poste de quartier 20 du SPVM. C'est là que la rue Sainte-Catherine est devenue le théâtre d'un affront enflammé entre manifestants et policiers. Le rassemblement de la Convergence des luttes anticapitalistes (CLAC) au centre-ville de Montréal était organisé dans le cadre de la Journée internationale des travailleuses et travailleurs. Des manifestations de quartier convergeaient vers le centre-ville et les manifestants s'étaient donné rendez-vous devant l'entrée de l'Université McGill et au Square Philips, au coin des rues Sainte-Catherine et Union, à 15 h. Majoritairement vêtus de noir de la tête aux pieds, les manifestants réunis en ces deux lieux ont pris la rue simultanément. Ils se sont retrouvés à l'angle des rues Maisonneuve et Robert-Bourassa. De là, ils se sont de nouveau divisés. « On se sépare, c'est plus dur pour la police de nous suivre », criait un des participants pour scinder le groupe en deux. Des policiers, principalement à vélo, suivaient la marche sans toutefois s'immiscer. Ce rassemblement était, tel qu'écrit dans un communiqué de presse envoyé par la CLAC, « l'occasion de pointer du doigt certaines des entreprises et institutions financières les plus pourries et les plus violentes au pays, voire au monde, qui ont pignon sur rue dans notre ville ». Ainsi, les manifestants s'arrêtaient devant des endroits stratégiques tels que la tour KPMG, « une tour de capitalistes véreux », ou encore le 1145, rue Union, là où « depuis 1880, la haute bourgeoisie canadienne [...] se réunit dans un club privé (le Club Saint-James) pour les grands rendez-vous des estis de crosseurs » comme on l'entendait dans le porte-voix.

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6. Les casseurs vite muselés

Journal de Montréal, Hugo Duchaine, 2016 05 02

Montréal - La stratégie policière a cette fois permis de limiter les débordements. Les centaines de policiers mis sur un pied d'alerte sont parvenus à museler rapidement la poignée de casseurs présents à la manifestation anticapitaliste, hier, au centre-ville de Montréal. Les policiers sont intervenus rapidement et en grand nombre afin d'éviter les débordements et procéder à quelques arrestations. Bien contenus, les débordements n'ont mené cette fois qu'à neuf arrestations, selon le Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM). C'est beaucoup moins que les 80 arrestations effectuées lors du même événement l'an passé. La manifestation, qui a débuté à 15 h, s'est déroulée dans le calme pendant plus d'une heure, avant qu'un affrontement n'éclate devant le poste 20 sur la rue Sainte-Catherine. Des projectiles ont alors été lancés aux agents et deux vitrines du poste ont été fracassées. Les policiers ont riposté avec des fumigènes et des gaz irritants. Un avis de dispersion a ensuite été donné à la foule. Les manifestants se sont enfuis dans les rues avoisinantes, poursuivis par des agents. RÉPONSE DÉMESURÉE « C'est vrai

qu'on a lancé des choses sur le poste de police, je comprends que les policiers aient répliqué», concède Bianca Buitrago-Poulin. Elle déplore cependant les poursuites en petits groupes ensuite menées par les agents. Zachary Gourd estime que les «policiers ont été très corrects, contrairement aux années précédentes » pendant la manifestation. Il déplore cependant la réponse démesurée lorsque certains manifestants ont «exagéré un peu». ANTICAPITALISME C'était la neuvième manifestation du 1er mai organisée par la Convergence des luttes anticapitalistes (CLAC). «Les inégalités s'agrandissent et il y a de moins en moins de classe moyenne», dénonce la manifestante Alia Gariépy.

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7. Le terrorisme philippin ravivé sous la bannière de l'Etat islamique

Le Temps (Suisse), Harold Thibault et Bruno Philip, 2016 05 02

Jolo, Philippines - Le groupe Abou Sayyaf, ex-affidé d'Al-Qaida spécialisé dans la piraterie, a décapité la semaine dernière un otage canadien faute d'obtenir une rançon Les deux hommes en moto ont abandonné, le 25 avril, près de la mairie de Jolo, une île de l'extrême sud-ouest des Philippines, leur sac contenant la tête d'un otage. Le Canadien John Ridsdel, 68 ans, avait été kidnappé, le 21 septembre 2015 au soir, avec un compatriote et son épouse philippine, ainsi qu'un Norvégien, dans une marina sur une petite île faisant face à Davao, la principale ville de Mindanao, la grande île du sud. Son exécution par un groupe islamiste est venue rappeler au monde le risque terroriste qui pèse sur le pays. Après leur capture, les quatre otages avaient été transférés à 500 kilomètres de là, à Jolo, non loin de la Malaisie. Le groupe Abou Sayyaf (ASG selon l'acronyme anglais) avait exigé d'abord 1 milliard, puis finalement 300 millions de pesos (plus de 6 millions de francs) pour chacun d'entre eux, posant une échéance au 25 avril, soit deux semaines avant la tenue des élections générales. Le président Benigno Aquino a annoncé mercredi dernier que « d'intenses opérations » étaient en cours. « Il faut s'attendre à des victimes, mais la plus haute importance doit être donnée à la neutralisation des activités d'ASG », a déclaré le chef de l'Etat. Ce groupe terroriste créé en 1991 et longtemps affilié à Al-Qaida s'est trouvé une nouvelle raison d'être: l'organisation Etat islamique. Un meneur d'Abou Sayyaf, Isnilon Hapilon, a prêté allégeance à l'EI en 2014. Début janvier 2016, les militants de quatre groupes armés distincts de Mindanao sont apparus dans une vidéo, faisant allégeance à l'organisation, munis de son drapeau noir et blanc.

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8. Payer des rançons ferait augmenter le nombre d'enlèvements

Agence QMI, Journaliste maison, 2016 05 02

Ottawa - La position du gouvernement de Justin Trudeau, qui ne verse pas de rançon aux preneurs d'otages, est la bonne, selon Jonathan Powell, qui a été chef de cabinet de l'ancien premier ministre britannique Tony Blair. M. Powell a aussi agi comme président du comité conjoint du renseignement. Dans une entrevue à Global News, il a affirmé qu'il y aurait davantage d'enlèvements si les gouvernements acceptaient de payer pour obtenir la libération des prisonniers. «Si vous payez une rançon, si les gouvernements paient des rançons, ils ne vont qu'encourager ces personnes à revenir et à prendre d'autres otages», a affirmé M. Powell,

ajoutant: « Vous placeriez vos populations à risque, partout dans le monde.» L'organisation du G7 a adopté, il y a deux ans, une politique qui refusait le versement de rançon.

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9. Philippine militants free 10 Indonesian hostages.

Associated Press, Jim Gomez, 2016 05 02

Manila - Abu Sayyaf militants have freed 10 Indonesian tugboat crewmen who were seized at sea in March and taken to a jungle encampment in the southern Philippines, officials said Sunday. The Indonesians appeared to be in good health when they were dropped off Sunday in front of the house of Sulu province's governor in the town of Jolo, said the town's police chief, Junpikar Sitin. The 10 men were then brought to a Philippine military camp, where arrangements were to be made for them to be turned over to Indonesian officials. Jolo's mayor, Hussin Amin, welcomed the release of the Indonesians, but said he was unaware whether a ransom had been paid. Abu Sayyaf gunmen beheaded a Canadian hostage in Sulu last Monday after they failed to receive a huge ransom by a deadline they had set. Philippine troops launched an offensive against the Abu Sayyaf after the beheading, and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has vowed to help the Philippines bring the killers to justice.

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10. We need to change the questions we ask about Muslims

Toronto Star, Azeezah Kanji, 2016 05 02

Op-ed: The new Environics survey of Muslims in Canada -- the sequel to their 2006 study -- includes some important pieces of data for contesting persistent, unfounded stereotypes. Many news reports headlined the fact that 83 per cent of Muslims feel "very proud" to be Canadian. It is also noteworthy that only 1 per cent of Muslim Canadians believe that "many" or "most" in the community support "violent extremists like Daesh." And only 3 per cent said they had ever seen or heard violent extremism being promoted in a mosque in Canada. But instead of simply heaving a sigh of relief, we should also ask: why the intense need to determine whether Muslims are dangerous/radicalizing to violent extremism/supportive of Daesh/proud to be Canadian, in the first place? These questions reveal as much about Canadian society as a whole as they do about the Muslim Canadian communities placed under scrutiny. These types of anxieties about Muslims are more a product of dominant narratives than a reflection of reality. After all, analyses by government agencies and academics indicate that far right-wing and white supremacist violence is a greater danger in North America than is political violence by Muslims -- but the right-wing and white-supremacist threat generally fails to stimulate the hand-wringing about "enemies within" elicited by reports of "radicalized Muslims." Note: Azeezah Kanji is a legal analyst and writer based in Toronto.

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11. CIA's Recounting of Bin Laden Raid Gets Mixed Reaction

Voice of America, Chris Hannas, 2016 05 02

Washington - The United States' ultra-secretive Central Intelligence Agency tweeted the details of an operation that killed a top terrorist leader Sunday, drawing thousands of retweets and likes from apparent supporters while others responded with criticism that ranged from "please don't" to "WTF?" The terrorist was al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. The operation was the one President Barack Obama approved in May 2011 that involved special operations forces flying helicopters into a compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan and later dumping bin Laden's body into the sea. Twitter has been around since 2006, but the CIA is a relative newcomer with an account dating back just two years. The agency's 1,600 tweets usually involve its history, profiles of agents killed in service or public comments from current officials. But with the fifth anniversary of the bin Laden raid, the CIA announced it would "live" tweet the details as if they were happening again to its 1.3 million followers. Over the course of six hours, the tweets laid out the events that ultimately ended what had been a nearly decade-long search for the man whose organization killed nearly 3,000 people on September 11, 2001.

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12. CIA Chief on ISIS: Not Just an Organization, 'It's a Phenomenon'

Meet The Press (NBC), Sally Bronston, 2016 05 01

Washington - On the fifth anniversary of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency John Brennan spoke exclusively with NBC's Chuck Todd on "Meet the Press". In a wide-ranging interview, Brennan soberly discussed the threat of ISIS, dismissed allegations of Saudi Arabia's role in 9/11, and reacted to Donald Trump and the current political climate in the country. On the threat of ISIS, Brennan assured viewers, "We will destroy [ISIS], I have no doubt in my mind. And we have to remove the leadership that directs that organization to carry out these horrific attacks." ISIS' number one is Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, and if he were to be killed, Brennan believes it would have an affect on the terrorist group. "If we got Baghdadi, I think it would have a great impact on the organization, and it will be felt by them," he said. Brennan warned fighting ISIS has its unique challenges, calling them not just an "organization," but "a phenomenon." "We know that ISIS is trying to carry out attacks in Europe and in other parts of the globe. Also, we are working very, very closely with our European partners," he said. Brennan was careful not to oversell America's ability to affect change in the Middle East. "The United States has only limited influence to shape events in the Middle East. And a lot of individuals think that the United States can wave a magic wand, and we can't," the CIA Director said.

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13. Former NSA head: US safer from terrorism than Europe

The Hill, Harper Neidig, 2016 05 01

Washington - Former National Security Agency (NSA) Director Gen. Michael Hayden said on Sunday he believes the U.S. is safer from terrorism than European countries. During a radio

interview with John Catsimatidis, Hayden was asked if European nations are becoming larger targets than the U.S. "No question about it," Hayden responded. "Now, John, that doesn't mean there's no threat here. There are a variety of things that actually make us more safe." The first, Hayden said, is simply that Europe is closer to where groups like the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria operate. "Second is we're actually pretty good at this, John," he continued. "Our security services have a pretty good record compared to the European services, or at least to many of the European services."

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14. Snowden: Without encryption, everything stops

The Hill, Rebecca Savransky, 2016 05 02

Washington - Edward Snowden defended the importance of encryption, calling it the "backbone of computer security." "Encryption saves lives. Encryption protects property," the former National Security Agency (NSA) contractor said during a debate with CNN's Fareed Zakaria that aired Sunday. "Without it, our economy stops. Our government stops. Everything stops." Snowden, who previously leaked documents revealing the extent of the NSA's surveillance program, said we are in the midst of the "greatest crisis in computer security in history." He said computer security bumped terrorism out of the top spot on our list of national security threats. "Our intelligence agencies say computer security is a bigger problem than terrorism, than crime, than anything else," he said.

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15. Fears Isil could use Northern Ireland as 'back door' into UK

London Daily Telegraph, Kate McCann, 2016 05 02

London - Northern Ireland could become a backdoor route for Isil terrorists to launch an attack on the UK, security sources fear. Ministers have been warned that the region is an easy target for Islamist groups seeking to launch plots in the UK because the Prevent anti-terror strategy does not apply and police are focused on sectarian violence instead of external threats. Fears that terror cells could base themselves in the Republic of Ireland to plan an attack and then slip across the border, which is not closely monitored, have added to serious concerns in Whitehall. Two senior Government ministers admitted there is a problem with border security and warned there is a "blind spot" to Islamist terrorism in Northern Ireland, making the British mainland vulnerable. One said: "There is an issue to do with the open border because if you can get into southern Ireland you have got border-free access into the UK. So someone could come from abroad or be radicalised in Ireland and move easily across the border into the UK."

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16. Isis sex slave kidnapped by British 'new Jihadi John' suspect Siddhartha Dhar (Canada)

The Independent (UK), Adam Withnall, 2016 05 02

London - A Yazidi teenager who was held as a sex slave by Isis says she was kidnapped and trafficked by the British jihadist and likely masked executioner Siddhartha Dhar. Nihad Barakat said the man who is widely suspected to be the so-called "new Jihadi John" from Isis propaganda videos is now one of the most senior commanders among foreign fighters in Mosul, the group's Iraqi stronghold. Dhar, a former British Hindu who preferred to go by the nickname Abu Rumaysah after his conversion to Islam, skipped police bail to travel to Syria with his wife and young children in 2014. When she fled Isis for the second time, Ms Barakat was helped by the Canadian charity CYCI, which pays local agents to get Yazidis out of captivity. It is a costly and controversial process.

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17. Manus Island asylum seekers could get more than \$125,000 in compensation, lawyer says

ABC (Australia), Richard Ewart, 2016 05 01

Canberra - An application will be heard today in Papua New Guinea's Supreme Court seeking compensation for detainees at the Manus Island immigration detention centre, after . Ben Lomai, the lawyer leading the case, says the application covers over 900 asylum seekers, and possible compensation could be in the vicinity of \$125,000 per asylum seeker. "Right now we have filed for 600 asylum seekers and we are yet to process another 300 plus," Mr Lomai told the ABC. The numbers include those currently in the detention centre, as well as those that were there previously or others who had been transferred to Nauru. Mr Lomai said the compensation figure was calculated based on past damage compensation cases, in correlation with the average time each asylum seeker spent at the detention centre. It is still unclear whether Canberra or Port Moresby will be responsible for paying the compensation should the courts rule in their favour, but Mr Lomai said "we will be seeking to enforce the judgment against the Commonwealth of Australia". "The independent state of Papua New Guinea is named as one of those responsible," Mr Lomai said.

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18. Shot teen Numan Haider 'set on fighting for Islamic State'

The Australian, Chip Le Grand, 2016 05 01

Canberra - Numan Haider was determined to travel to Syria and wage violent jihad for the emerging terror group ISIL months before he made the fatal decision to attack counter-terrorism detectives at a suburban police station, according to ASIO intelligence. A sworn statement by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation case officer assigned to monitor Haider and disrupt his plans details the level of organisation behind the teenager's descent into extremism, which

ended in his being fatally shot by police. The document reveals that as of June 2014, Haider was using a mobile phone falsely registered to vacant land, spoke in code to discuss his travel plans, took steps to avoid surveillance and had decided to fight for ISIL, soon to become Islamic State. The statement also details a July 2014 meeting between ASIO agents and Haider at his parents' home in Melbourne's Endeavour Hills, where the agency warned Haider about young Muslims becoming radicalised and travelling to Syria, and the extreme teachings of the Al-Furqan prayer group led by self-styled cleric Harun Mehicevic. Haider falsely claimed he had stopped attending Al-Furqan meetings. According to a statement sworn last week by case officer Julia Carrington and tendered as evidence at an inquest into the 18-year-old's death, Haider came to ASIO's attention in May 2014 as the unidentified owner of a mobile phone regularly in contact with a person of interest to ASIO connected to Al-Furqan. "ASIO knew Al-Furqan to be a place where an extremist form of Islam was discussed and where several men who had likely travelled to Syria had attended," it says. ASIO identified Haider as the phone's user and on June 12 obtained a warrant to intercept his calls and text messages. The intercepted material indicated that Haider was "security-aware, supporting of the group now referred to as Islamic State and intent on travelling to Syria". On June 29, ISIL leader Abu Bakr al- Baghdadi gave rise to Islamic State, declaring a caliphate in Iraq and Syria. While it was not illegal then for Australians to travel to Syria for humanitarian work, ASIO intelligence suggested this was not Haider's aim.

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19. Afghan Taliban may return to negotiating table

The Express Tribune, Kamran Yousaf, 2016 05 02

Islamabad - The main faction of the Afghan Taliban led by Mullah Akhtar Mansoor may return to the negotiating table with Afghan government representatives despite escalating violence in Kabul which has dented peace efforts. The Taliban expressed their willingness to resume the fledgling peace process following recent talks between the group's interlocutors and Pakistani authorities in Islamabad, officials familiar with the development told The Express Tribune on Sunday. All of them spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject. Last week, a three- member delegation from the Taliban's Qatar office travelled to Pakistan as part of the latest efforts to revive the fragile reconciliation process. Although the Taliban insisted the delegation visited Pakistan to discuss issues related to Afghan refugees and the border, officials said the trip's objective was to explore the possibility of direct talks with Kabul.

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20. Govt requests to Facebook for user data rise sharply

Pakistan Dawn, Tauseef Razi Mallick, 2016 05 02

Karachi - The government made 471 requests to Facebook for data related to 706 accounts/users in the latter half of last year, marking a two-fold increase in the number of requests made to the social networking site during the first six months of 2015. The details were given in a bi- annual

transparency report, "Global Government Requests Report", issued by Facebook recently. Between January and June of 2015, 192 such requests were made for data related to 275 users/ accounts, meaning that there was a 145 per cent jump in the number of requests made by the government to the social media giant during the second half of the year. The website said: "Based on legal requests from the Pakistan Telecom Authority, Facebook restricted access to six items that were alleged to violate local laws prohibiting blasphemy."

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21. US to use further cuts to get Dr Afridi out

Pakistan Dawn, Anwar Iqbal, 2016 05 02

Washington - The US Congress, which last week withdrew funds for an F-16 deal to force Pakistan to act against the Haqqani network, is now considering another cut, this time to persuade Islamabad to release Dr Shakil Afridi. Congressional sources told Dawn that a group of Republican and Democratic lawmakers were working on a new measure to use aid cuts to get Dr Afridi out of prison. Dr Afridi, who assisted US efforts in tracking down Osama bin Laden but is now serving a 23-year prison term in Pakistan, is considered a hero in the United States. In January 2014, President Barack Obama signed a bill that proposed to withhold \$33 million from assistance to Pakistan over Dr Afridi's detention. In May that year, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed another measure linking the provision of military aid to Pakistan to Dr Afridi's release. But congressional sources told Dawn that this year the lawmakers want a more substantial cut to force Pakistan to release Dr Afridi.

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Africa • Afrique

22. La Tidjaniya, arme secrète du « soft power » marocain en Afrique

Le Monde, Youssef Ait Akdim, 2016 05 02

Kano - Nigeria L'émir de Kano, entre islam et finance De Fès à Kano, en passant par Tivaouane et Kaolack au Sénégal, la Tidjaniya s'affirme comme la confrérie soufie la plus importante d'Afrique de l'Ouest. Elle puise pourtant ses sources au nord du Sahara, entre l'Algérie et le Maroc. Le nom de la tariqa (« confrérie ») vient de celui de son fondateur, Ahmed Tidjani (1737-1815), qui l'établit dans sa ville natale d'Ain Madhi, aux portes du désert oriental algérien. Mais c'est au Maroc voisin, à Fès, où il fut accueilli par le sultan alaouite Souleiman, qu'il est enterré. Son mausolée est l'objet d'un pèlerinage qui tient, pour ses adeptes, un rang presque aussi haut que celui de La Mecque. La zaouia (inzawa, « se retirer »), siège de la confrérie Tidjaniya au Maroc, est un atout maître dans les ressources de la diplomatie religieuse de Rabat en Afrique, que lui conteste d'ailleurs le pouvoir algérien. Les deux pays se disputent ainsi l'organisation des rencontres internationales de la confrérie. Après la première grand-messe des « tidjanes » mise en place par le gouvernement algérien en 2006, le royaume marocain a organisé à Fès, en mai 2014, un pèlerinage massif de dignitaires religieux d'Afrique de l'Ouest pour marquer le 200e anniversaire de la mort d'Ahmed Tidjani.

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23. Sudanese shepherd gave away Bisha terrorist

Saudi Gazette, Abdullah Al-Qamshah, 2016 05 02

Bisha - A Sudanese shepherd, grazing sheep in a farm to the east of Bisha, has foiled an attempt of a terrorist to run away from the security forces surrounding the village by hiding in a mountain. The terrorist was one of two who were killed by the security forces on Friday. The terrorist, who was on the run, entered the farm and tried to persuade the shepherd with money to give him the keys of a car that was parked in the farm, supply him with water and clothes and allow him to use his mobile phone. The shepherd turned down the offer and informed the owner of the farm about the incident and asked him to come immediately so that they could confront the armed terrorist together. Shahrani said when a security patrol arrived at the scene, the armed man started firing randomly against all people in the farm, including the security men.

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24. Dilma Rousseff, Facing Impeachment in Brazil, Has Alienated Many Allies

New York Times, Andrew Jacobs, 2016 05 02

Brasilia - As Dilma Rousseff wages a last-ditch battle to stave off impeachment and save her presidency, she has accused her rivals in Congress of creating turmoil, saying they are orchestrating a coup d'état to oust her. More than two-thirds of Brazil's lower house voted last month to approve an impeachment measure on charges that she illegally borrowed from state banks to plug budget holes. (She is not accused of stealing for her personal enrichment.) Many experts say the next step, a trial in the Senate that could begin in the coming weeks, will probably end in her removal. "I will struggle with all my might until the coup-mongers are defeated," Ms. Rousseff said in an interview. But many political analysts say Ms. Rousseff's slow-motion downfall can also be tied to an autocratic persona and a go-it-alone work style that has driven away scores of political allies, former staff members and cabinet ministers, many of whom have endured searing episodes of public humiliation. "She's alienated so many politicians and squandered the good will of so many people, in part because of her terrible political skills but also because of her arrogance," said Edson Sardinha, the editor of Congresso em Foco, a magazine that focuses on government corruption. "In her hour of need, very few people are willing to run to her defense."

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25. 'Iranian rush' poses diplomatic challenges

Korea Herald, Bae Hyun-jung, 2016 05 02

Seoul - South Korea's efforts to improve relations with sanction- freed Iran, while providing new momentum for its economy, is likely to come with a few challenges for its diplomatic blueprint. Citing Iran's alleged military exchanges with North Korea, as well as its persisting tension with Middle East power Saudi Arabia, experts suggested that South Korea should maintain balance amid the multilateral frame. It was Iranian Ambassador to Korea Hassan Taherian who stepped out to clear doubts on Iran's partnership with nuclear-driven North Korea. South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se (left) shakes hands with Iranian counterpart Mohammad Javad Zarif, during talks in Tehran on Nov. 7, 2015. (Yonhap) "There is no military cooperation with North Korea whatsoever," he told reporters in a press conference, the week before President Park Geun-hye's departure to Tehran. The event is not only the first summit since the two countries established diplomatic channels in 1962, but also the first visit by a female state leader since the Islamic Revolution in 1979.

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26. Abu Sayyaf Releases 10 Indonesian Sailors Held Hostage in Philippines (Canada)

New York Times, Floyd Whaley, 2016 05 02

Manila - Ten sailors from Indonesia who had been held hostage in the Philippines for more than a month were released on Sunday, officials from both countries said. President Joko Widodo of Indonesia said during a televised address in his country on Sunday night that the sailors were in good condition and would be flown to Jakarta immediately. The 10 men were kidnapped on March 26 from a tugboat that was passing through the pirate- infested waters of the southwestern Philippines. Indonesian officials said shortly afterward that ransom had been demanded from the sailors' company, but there was no confirmation from either country on Sunday that money had changed hands. The men were abducted by Abu Sayyaf, a militant organization that has functioned as a kidnap-for-ransom gang in the southern Philippines for more than two decades. Last week, after Abu Sayyaf beheaded a Canadian hostage, Mr. Aquino vowed again to kill or capture all members of the group. "We believe this is the result of continuing focused military operations we have been conducting," Restituto Padilla, a military spokesman, said of the sailors' release. "In order to move freely, they needed to let go of some of the hostages."

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27. Police and military on red alert in south Philippines (Canada).

Gulf News, Barbara Mae Dacanay, 2016 05 02

Manila - The police and the military placed all forces on red alert nationwide after two political supporters died, and unidentified armed men bombed a church and seven schools in the southern Philippines ahead of the May 9 poll. "The order was given by Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Director General Ricardo Marquez," said PNP spokesman Chief Superintendent Wilben Mayor, adding that the south is an election hot-spot. AL Qaida and Daesh-linked Abu Sayyaf members were suspected to have carried out the bomb attack on the Catholic church as "a diversionary tactic," said Padilla, adding that joint military and police operations were launched against the Abu Sayyaf in their lairs in the south after they beheaded one Canadian captive and threw his head in a sack in front of the Jolo municipal hall on April 25.

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28. 6 Potential Threats of Military Attack Deterred by Iranian Armed Forces' Power

Fars News Agency, 2016 05 02

Tehran - Deputy Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Baqeri said 6 highly likely military attacks on Iran have been deterred in the last two decades due to the country's deterrence, including its missile, power. "After the end of the sacred defense (the Iraqi-imposed war against Iran 1980-1988), we have come under the threat of military aggression 6 times," General Baqeri said, addressing a ceremony in Tehran on Monday. He reminded the American officials' admission of their plots to attack Iran in the past, and said all their war plans failed due to the opposition of "the political class (in the US), on one hand, and our missile, naval and defensive deterrence, on the other hand". General Baqeri warned that while the threat of military attack against Iran has faded out today, the enemies are seeking an opportunity to implement their ominous plots as soon as they find the country in a weak defensive position.

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29. Iraq Cleric's Followers Trigger Political Crisis

Wall Street Journal, Matt Bradley, Ghassan Adnan, 2016 05 02

Baghdad - Followers of a firebrand Shiite cleric who has long tormented the U.S. have triggered a crisis that threatens Iraq's political stability and hampers its efforts to fight Islamic State extremists. Protesters loyal to cleric Moqtada al-Sadr stormed Baghdad's government seat, occupied the Iraqi parliament and even attacked a senior lawmaker. They withdrew Sunday, but a committee of Sadr supporters organizing the protests said demonstrators would return after an Islamic religious holiday which ends Tuesday, according to Iraqi state television. The turmoil thrust Iraq's fragile government into one of the biggest political crises of its young democracy at an important moment for U.S. officials who see stability in Baghdad as essential to the fight against Islamic State. Vice President Joe Biden visited Iraq last week, the highest ranking U.S. official to do so since 2011. U.S. officials expressed confidence the Iraqi government was addressing issues the protesters raised, and voiced hope that the government wouldn't be distracted from the fight against Islamic State. The protests showed Mr. Sadr's ability to shape events in Iraq at a perilous time. Low oil prices have gutted Iraq's economy and Islamic State controls about a fourth of its territory. And for nearly a month, amid chair throwing and fist fights, Iraq's parliament has failed to put enough lawmakers on the floor to vote on a new cabinet.

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30. IRGC: No Role for Foreign Forces in Persian Gulf Security

Fars News Agency, 2016 05 02

Tehran - A senior commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps blasted deployment of foreign forces in the Persian Gulf as a source of instability, stressing that the IRGC, itself, is capable of establishing security in the region. "The foreign forces don't play any role in establishing security in the Persian Gulf and they are not helpful to regional stability," Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Second Naval Zone General Ali Razmjou said, addressing the IRGC commanders and forces in Bushehr province on Sunday. He, meantime, underlined the IRGC forces' high capability and power to deter the enemies' aggression and protect the Persian Gulf. Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Navy Rear Admiral Ali Fadavi in late March underlined Iran's deterrence power, and said 100 IRGC vessels are always deployed in the Persian Gulf to confront any threats.

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31. 11 terror suspects arrested in Bahrain

Gulf News, Habib Toumi, 2016 05 02

Manama - Bahrain police have arrested 11 people suspected of involvement in a terrorist attack that resulted in the death of a policeman and serious injuries to two others. The attack was carried out on April 16 in Karbabad village, west of capital Manama. The interior ministry in a statement on Friday evening said they were still working on arresting more suspects. "The crime teams and other police investigators responded to the scene shortly after the incident was reported," the ministry said. "Forensic evidence and information gathered during the investigation led to the identification and arrest of the suspects. The investigation will continue until all suspects are identified and arrested." The ministry named four suspects, a university student, a high school graduate, a private company employee and a private company security guard, who "plotted, prepared and were involved in the crime".

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32. 60 million cyber-attacks against Saudi public sector annually

Saudi Gazette, Maryam Al-Sughayar, 2016 05 02

Riyadh - Security expert and information security researcher Muhammad Amin revealed the number of cyber-attacks targeting the Kingdom last year was 60 million, a figure that made Saudi Arabia the most attacked country in the Middle East. He attributed the high number of cyber-attacks to the Kingdom's status and distinct role in the region in the political, financial and security arenas. "It is a country that is rich in oil and gas and it has potentials that criminals and other countries seek to take advantage of. All these factors make the Kingdom a target of these attacks, which is deemed the most prominent contemporary security problem," he said. Amin added that the government sectors recorded the most number of hacking attempts with oil, gas, financial and telecommunications sectors ranking among the most affected.

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33. Islamic Jihad delegation visits Iran to 'discuss ways to strengthen intifada'

Jerusalem Post, Maayan Groisman, 2016 05 02

Jerusalem - Islamic Jihad representatives are visiting Iran to discuss ways to strengthen the intifada in the West Bank and Jerusalem, Palestinian media reported on Sunday. The delegation, headed by the organization's Secretary-General Ramadan Abdullah, will visit Iran for a few days, according to a statement issued by the terrorist organization. The delegation will meet Iran's President Hassan Rouhani, Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani and Supreme National Security Council chief Ali Shamkhani. Islamic Jihad announced that "the delegation visiting Tehran has met with Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and the Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, as well as other senior Iranian officials." In these meetings, the parties discussed the circumstances prevailing in the Islamic world and especially the issue of Palestine and the ways to bolster the intifada in the West Bank and Jerusalem against "Zionist expansionism."

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34. Saudi Arabia: Imminent Terrorist Attack Foiled

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 05 02

Riyadh - According to the security spokesman of the Ministry of Interior (MOI) MajGen Mansour Al-Turki, Saudi security forces thwarted, yesterday, an eminent terrorist attack and apprehended two explosive packed vehicles. During the fire exchanged with security men, the man believed to be the ring leader was reportedly killed. The clashes took place at a barren space located at the Asir governorate in the south-western Saudi Arabia. Authorities now go over monitoring video tapes in hopes of tracking down those who placed explosives, which were later detonated, at the city street police center in the Al-Ahsaa governorate (east side of the country). The MOI security spokesman Mansour Al-Turki explained that security forces chased two cars outside of Bisha Province, in Asir Region, pointing out that one of the two cars was loaded with explosives.

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35. The Giant Al Qaeda Defeat That No One's Talking About

Politico Magazine, Michael Morell, 2016 05 02

Comment - Something significant and positive just happened in the Middle East, and most Americans are not aware of it. The United Arab Emirates, under the banner of a Saudi-led coalition, late last month delivered a major blow to the most lethal Al Qaeda group on the planet - Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), the primary Islamic extremist group operating in Yemen. The Sunni Gulf states are often painted in the Western media as shying away from a fight, not being capable of a fight and not willing to deal with terrorists and extremists in their midst. The UAE operation in Yemen proved that none of these characterizations are true of Abu Dhabi. On the weekend of April 23-24, the Emirati military, with the support of the Yemeni

military and local Yemeni tribes, seized from AQAP the strategically important city of Mukalla and the surrounding area. Mukalla, Yemen's fifth-largest city, hosts the country's second largest port--from which AQAP was earning substantial revenues by taxing the shipment of goods there. The city was to be the center of AQAP's Islamic emirate in Yemen. Its loss is a major blow to AQAP. It is the equivalent of the Islamic State losing Mosul or Raqqa. The military operation was well planned and executed. The Emiratis worked with local Yemeni tribes to secure their support for the operation, and the Emiratis trained a cadre of Yemeni soldiers to assist in the operation. The attack itself involved choreographed air, naval and ground operations. The operation, which some thought would take weeks, took only days. And now the coalition is shifting to operations to ensure that AQAP cannot return--to include the establishment of good governance in the area. It is a textbook solution of dealing with terrorist groups that hold territory. The implications of the Emirati operation are significant. It is the kind of military capability and willingness to act against terrorists that should become a model for other countries in the region. It is the kind of action that the United States should support--both with tangible assistance and public statements. And, it is the approach to dealing with terrorists holding territory that will work against other extremist groups, including the Islamic State, winning the support of local tribes, training local Sunni forces to take the fight to the enemy, and fighting ourselves where necessary. Note: Michael Morell is the former acting director and deputy director of the CIA.

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36. 'There was nobody to help me stop my son joining Isis' (Canada)

The Guardian (London), Kate Connolly, 2016 05 02

Berlin - Scrolling through photos on her mobile phone, Saliha Ben Ali stops at a picture of her son, Sabri, as a three-year-old sitting on Father Christmas's lap. Santa's white-gloved hands envelope Sabri's small torso and that of the little boy sitting to his right. Both lads stare straight ahead, looking slightly bewildered. "To think, they were the only guys who were scared of Santa Claus that day," Ben Ali recalls. "Now both of them are dead." Sabri died in Syria aged 19, fighting for Isis, sometime between August 2013 and 8 December that year, when an unknown man telephoned Ben Ali's husband to tell them he had been killed. She is still haunted by the 10-second phone call in which the man said "congratulations, your son is a martyr". Bilal, the boy with whom Sabri shared Santa's lap as a toddler and later went to school with him in Brussels, died in Paris on 13 November 2015. He was the jihadi who detonated a suicide bomb outside the Stade de France football stadium during the murderous night of attacks. "I was stunned when Sabri did what he did," Ben Ali says. "I saw the signs before he went that something was wrong, that he was being manipulated, but there was nobody to help me. Then when I saw what Bilal did, I simply could not believe it." At the workshop in a communist-era prefab in Berlin, Ben Ali shares her experiences with two other mothers. Christianne Boudreau's son Damian Clairmont,

22, left his native Canada for Syria to fight alongside Isis in late 2012. She heard of his death via Twitter in January 2014. Karolina Dam, a New Zealand-born Danish citizen, lost her 18-year-old son Lukas a year ago when he was killed in the Syrian border town of Kobani during a US-led coalition airstrike.

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37. Comment Europol lutte contre la propagande djihadiste sur Internet

Le Point, Marc Leplongeon, 2016 05 02

Paris - La communication de l'EI peut-elle être contrée ? Un officier supérieur du centre antiterroriste d'Europol répond aux questions du Point.fr. Cette cellule est composée de 17 personnes et a été mise en place très rapidement après les attentats de janvier 2015 contre Charlie Hebdo et l'Hyper Cacher de Vincennes. Le coeur de métier d'Europol est l'analyse criminelle. Historiquement, nous possédions un service appelé « check the web » dont l'objectif était de surveiller sur Internet toutes les sources ouvertes, c'est-à-dire les sources que tout le monde peut consulter. Nous suivons ainsi depuis une dizaine d'années l'évolution de la propagande terroriste et nous concentrons principalement sur deux groupes que sont Al- Qaïda puis l'État islamique (EI). Qui en sont les grands penseurs ? Quels thèmes sont le plus souvent abordés ? Vers quelles plateformes se tournent- ils pour diffuser leurs contenus ? C'est une approche très stratégique et basée sur une véritable expertise. Nous avons parmi nous des agents de nombreux pays, qui parlent donc plusieurs langues et qui sont spécialisés dans la propagande islamiste, celle du salafisme sunnite, notamment. On arrive à être « dans le temps » de la propagande. C'est effectivement une partie de notre activité. Mais soyons clairs : nous n'avons pas le pouvoir de supprimer nous-mêmes les contenus, nous ne faisons que des propositions aux plateformes qui les hébergent et nous centralisons les demandes des États membres. Cela permet d'instaurer une relation de confiance et de longue durée avec nos interlocuteurs. Les chiffres sont encourageants. Depuis notre création en juillet dernier, nous avons évalué 7 300 contenus et avons fait 6 400 propositions de retrait. 94 % de nos demandes ont été acceptées par les plateformes.

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38. En Allemagne, une troisième force politique à droite toute (Canada)

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 05 02

Berlin - Le parti populiste allemand a confirmé, lors de son congrès, son rejet de l'islam et sa proximité avec la Russie de M. Poutine. Déjà bien implantée dans plusieurs États-régions, Alternative pour l'Allemagne (Alternative für Deutschland-AfD), qui tenait son congrès à Stuttgart (Bade-Wurtemberg) les 30 avril et 1er mai, pourrait devenir la troisième force politique allemande à l'issue des prochaines élections législatives de l'automne 2017. Derrière l'Union chrétienne-démocrate (CDU) et le Parti social-démocrate (SPD) mais devant Die Linke, la gauche radicale, et les Verts. Comment qualifier ce parti créé en 2013 contre l'euro mais qui, depuis l'exclusion de ses fondateurs en 2015, n'avait pas de programme? «Conservateur et libéral», comme l'affirment ses deux présidents Frauke Petry et Jörg Meuthen, ou nationaliste, voire d'extrême droite, comme les propos et le comportement de certains de ses dirigeants le laissent penser? Le congrès de ce week-end n'a pas levé l'ambiguïté. L'AfD a également décidé

d'interdire les minarets, les appels des muezzins et le voile intégral. Les congressistes ont sifflé un délégué qui préconisait de dialoguer avec les représentants de cette religion en Allemagne. Le parti est contre l'abattage des animaux selon les rites juif et musulman. Les congressistes n'ont approuvé qu'en extrémis la possibilité pour l'Allemagne d'accueillir des immigrants qualifiés « sur le modèle canadien ».

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39. Islam doesn't belong in Germany, insists hard-right party

London Times, David Charter, 2016 05 02

Berlin - A hard-right German party that is third in national polls sharpened its antiimmigrant stance yesterday by declaring that "Islam does not belong" in the country. Alternative for Germany (AfD), which was founded three years ago to oppose the euro, confirmed its anti-Islam stance at a manifesto-writing conference that also called for a ban on minarets, the burka and the Muslim call to prayer. The move was a direct riposte to Angela Merkel, who said last year in the face of growing anti-immigrant feeling that Islam did "belong to Germany". That was before the influx of more than one million migrants seeking asylum -- many from Islamic countries -- which further polarised opinion. Polling yesterday put support for AfD on 13 per cent, putting it third behind Mrs Merkel's Christian Democratic Union and her coalition partners, the Social Democratic party.

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40. Jens Stoltenberg: « Nous ne voulons pas d'une nouvelle guerre froide »

Le Figaro avec la Tribune de Genève, Le Soir et Die Welt, Alain Barluet, Bernard Bridel, Philippe Regnier avec Christoph B. Schiltz, 2016 05 02

Bruxelles - De la lutte contre les passeurs en Méditerranée à la confrontation avec la Russie, en passant par le combat contre le terrorisme, Jens Stoltenberg, Secrétaire général de l'OTAN, s'explique. Lutte contre les passeurs en Méditerranée, confrontation avec la Russie, terrorisme: le secrétaire général de l'OTAN s'explique Des montagnes de l'Afghanistan à l'Atlantique Nord, en passant par la Méditerranée, la Baltique et l'ex- Europe de l'Est, l'Alliance atlantique est plus active que jamais. Entretien, en son siège bruxellois, avec son secrétaire général, le Norvégien Jens Stoltenberg. En mer Egée, des navires de l'OTAN participent à la lutte contre les passeurs, faut-il étendre cette mission à la zone entre la Libye et l'Italie? S'il y a une demande pour une présence de l'OTAN dans d'autres parties de la Méditerranée, nous l'examinerons soigneusement et envisagerons ce qu'il conviendra de faire. En mer Egée, nous avons pris, en février, la décision de déployer des navires, après une demande de l'Allemagne, de la Turquie et de la Grèce, trois membres de l'Alliance. Ce que fait l'OTAN s'inscrit dans un effort international plus large: le « deal » Union européenne-Turquie, les efforts de Frontex, etc. Tous ensemble, cela a vraiment fait une grande différence. Le nombre de passages de migrants et de réfugiés a été réduit de façon substantielle.

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41. Racisme : les Français plus tolérants malgré un climat tendu

Le Figaro, Caroline Piquet, 2016 05 02

Paris - La Commission nationale et consultative des droits de l'Homme (CNCDH) publie son rapport annuel ce lundi sur le racisme, l'antisémitisme et la xénophobie en France et dresse un état des lieux en France. Les Français sont plus tolérants que les années précédentes. C'est le principal constat dressé par la Commission nationale et consultative des droits de l'Homme (CNCDH) qui vient de rendre son rapport annuel sur le racisme, l'antisémitisme et la xénophobie en France. Comme chaque année, depuis 1990, cette institution rattachée à Matignon prend le pouls de la société française et fait un état des lieux du racisme dans notre pays. Voici, point par point, ce qu'on peut en retenir. . Plus de tolérance dans un climat tendu Pour mesurer le degré de tolérance en France, la CNCDH utilise une sorte de thermomètre national qu'elle a baptisé «indice longitudinal de tolérance». Plus les Français se montrent ouverts d'esprit, plus cet indice est élevé.

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42. Serge Michailof " Le Sahel est constitué d'une série de poudrières "

Le Monde, Cyril Bensimon, 2016 05 02

Non identifié - Pour ce grand spécialiste de l'Afrique, la démographie, la misère rurale, les fractures ethniques et religieuses, les trafics, les carences des Etats mettent la zone sahélienne sous tension. Face à cette crise, les politiques d'aide de l'Occident sont insuffisantes, quand elles ne se fourvoient pas Ancien directeur à la Banque mondiale et à l'Agence -française de développement (AFD), conseiller de plusieurs gouvernements africains, Serge Michailof est engagé depuis près de quarante ans dans les questions de développement. Dans son dernier - livre, Africanistan. L'Afrique en crise va-t-elle se retrouver dans nos banlieues? (Fayard, 2015), il dresse un parallèle entre la situation au Sahel et en Afghanistan. Vous craignez que de la crise actuelle au Sahel émerge un nouvel Afghanistan. D'autres Etats sont-ils susceptibles de s'effondrer comme le Mali en 2012? La comparaison à laquelle je procède a été parfois jugée excessive. Pourtant je persiste et signe. Ces régions n'ont rien de commun sur les plans géographique, historique ou culturel, mais elles partagent de graves fra-gilités structurelles : une démographie qui va dans le mur, une agriculture en panne, une misère rurale dramatique - moins de 0,5 % d'accès à l'électricité -, pas de création -d'emplois, une montée des tensions pour l'accès à la terre, à l'eau et aux pâturages, une aggravation des fractures ethniques et religieuses, la dissémination d'armes légères et une immense faiblesse des institutions publiques, qui fait que l'Etat est absent dès que l'on sort des villes.

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43. Turkish Drones Target ISIS in Syria, Kill 34

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 05 02

Istanbul - The Turkish military stated that shelling by Turkish artillery and drones which were launched from southern Turkey struck ISIS targets in Syria on Sunday, killing 34 militants. Turkish howitzers and multiple rocket launchers first hit ISIS targets about 12 km (seven miles)

south of the border, then four drones that took off from the Incirlik base in southern Turkey destroyed further targets, the military explained. The strikes, which destroyed six vehicles and five gun positions for ISIS, came in retaliation to ISIS rocket attacks on Sunday when four rockets fired from Syria hit the Turkish border town of Kilis and wounded eight people. The border town of Kilis and surrounding area has been hit frequently by rocket fire from ISIS-controlled Syrian territory in recent months, killing civilians. In the past year, Turkey has also witnessed suicide bombings linked to the ISIS as well as attacks linked to Kurdish militants.

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44. Une campagne de financement pour un film sur une victime de Mohamed Merah

Le Figaro avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 05 02

Paris - Une campagne de financement participatif pour la réalisation d'un film consacré à Latifa Ibn Ziaten, dont le fils a été assassiné par Mohamed Merah, est lancée aujourd'hui. Les réalisateurs Olivier Peyon et Cyril Brody vont faire le "portrait intime de Latifa et filmer son combat pour qu'il éveille les consciences", indique dans un communiqué la société de production Haut et Court, à l'origine du projet. La campagne de financement du film ("Latifa, le coeur du combat"), qui sortira en salles avant la présidentielle, est lancée sur la plateforme Kiss Kiss Bank Bank (kisskissbankbank.com). Pour deux euros donnés, un euro sera dédié à la réalisation du film et un autre versé à l'association "Imad, pour la Jeunesse et la Paix" fondée par Latifa Ibn Ziaten et avec laquelle elle mène un combat contre la radicalisation en se rendant dans les écoles et les prisons.

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CSIS in the News • Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Comment le Canada se protège contre le terrorisme?

La Presse canadienne, Ugo Giguère avec Adrian Wyld, 2016 05 29

Une synthèse des mécanismes de défense en place au Canada a été réalisée par deux analystes de la Bibliothèque du Parlement. Voici comment travaillent les services de sécurité face aux différentes menaces. Radicalisation - Mobilisation citoyenne: La Table ronde transculturelle sur

la sécurité, formée de citoyens de différentes collectivités, fournit au gouvernement des avis sur l'impact des politiques et des programmes de sécurité nationale. - La Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) et le ministère de l'Immigration, des Réfugiés et de la Citoyenneté du Canada (IRCC) mobilisent les communautés ethniques, culturelles et religieuses. - Les autorités disposent aussi de pouvoirs de surveillance, de recherche, d'écoute électronique et de perquisitions après obtention d'ordonnances de la cour. Planification d'attaques terroristes - Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS): Il utilise des sources humaines pour enquêter sur les menaces. Depuis 2015, il dispose de pouvoirs précis pour exercer des activités à l'étranger. - 280 ententes avec des organismes étrangers appuient ses activités. - Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications (CST): Il recueille de l'information sur les signaux électromagnétiques étrangers. Il offre aussi une aide opérationnelle aux autorités et au SCRS. Il est autorisé à intercepter des communications.

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2. No Gitmo here

Globe and Mail, 2016 05 30

Editorial: The long, painful and messy in-camera trials of Mahmoud Jaballah may have finally come to an end after almost two decades - or so it is to be hoped. Mr. Jaballah, an Egyptian carrying a false Saudi passport, first arrived in Canada claiming refugee status. Quite likely, he did have a reasonable fear of persecution that would entitle him to the protection of the UN Refugee Convention. But the government also believed he had a whiff of violent religious fundamentalism about him, and a suspicion of guilt by association with jihadists. So Canada couldn't just send him back to the cruel prisons of Hosni Mubarak's Egypt. But the Canadian authorities also believed they could not allow him to live at large in this country. So they decided to detain him, but without trying him. Within a few years, the fact that several men were being held under "security certificates" in cases more or less like Mr. Jaballah's, for indefinite time periods, without knowledge of all the evidence against them, was realized to be a scandal against Canada's values and the rule of law. In 2007, the Conservative government introduced the Special Advocates Program, so that some lawyers could examine the evidence against people detained in this way, and act on their behalf, questioning the government's allegations, though without actually disclosing the evidence to the detainees. Last week, Justice Dolores Hansen of the Federal Court of Canada detailed reasons showing a number of weaknesses in the government's evidence against Mr. Jaballah. For example, a CSIS agent was found to have confused "an Afghan refugee camp" with "a refugee camp in Afghanistan" - not proof that he was ever in Afghanistan. As a result, the most recent security certificate against Mr. Jaballah, who has been under house arrest for some time, has been declared to be unreasonable.

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3. The Daesh files

Toronto Star, Michelle Shephard and Andrew Bailey, 2016 05 30

Toronto - Entry date. Blood type. DOB and Nationality. Education. Employment. Would you like to be a fighter, martyr, security guard or administrator? These are the questions Daesh

recruits answer on an entry form when joining the group. Bureaucracy is not something that leaps to mind when thinking of terrorists, but Daesh has proven meticulous in its record-keeping and data entry. In recent months, Daesh defectors have been leaking these to journalists and academics, providing an intriguing snapshot of who joins the group and how. One database, which lists more than 4,000 members, including information on 16 Canadians, was shared by researcher Amarnath Amarasingam and analyzed by Toronto Star data specialist Andrew Bailey. The most striking information gleaned is the vast diversity of recruits, debunking theories that there is a common Daesh profile. Of the 4,078 entries, the average birth year is 1988, which means most recruits were 25 or 26 when they arrived in Syria between 2013 and 2014, the period covered by the database. But more than 770 recruits are under the age of 21. Information about the Canadians matched 12 names already public - recruits from Ontario, Alberta and Quebec. The identities of the remaining four cannot be confirmed, including a 30-year-old Toronto man who goes by the name Abu Musa al Kanadi and says he was a chemical engineering student. He did not include any contact numbers in his registration form. A man who answered the phone number listed by another Canadian man said he had already spoken to CSIS and the RCMP but that his brother was in Saskatchewan, not Syria. He would not provide contact information. The number of recruits going to Syria peaked in July 2014, after Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi declared the group's caliphate. The categories that list recruiters and those who facilitate travel would likely be valuable intelligence for law enforcement agencies trying to stem the flow of fighters. Four of the Canadians in the database - Zakria Habibi and Samir Halilovic from Sherbrooke, Que., as well as a Montreal recruit and Abu Musa al Kanadi - list al-Shimali as their contact and state they entered through Jarabulus. There are 19 others who list Canada as a country where they had travelled before coming to Syria. Among them is Erius Alliu, an Albanian-born American, who stated that he had lived as a child in Greece before moving with his family to Canada in 2002. Seven years later, he moved to Boston and worked as a cook before travelling to Syria in 2014. The 19-year-old claims he paid a taxi driver in Turkey \$650 to reach the border and then paid another \$400 to be smuggled into Syria.

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4. Khalistan terror camp in Canada plotting attacks in Punjab: India to Trudeau govt

Times of India, Rohan Dua, 2016 05 30

Chandigarh - Almost six months after the Pathankot terror attack, intelligence agencies have sent an alert to Canada's Justin Trudeau government, saying that pro-Khalistan terrorists are running a camp near Mission city in British Columbia to carry out strikes in Punjab. According to a report prepared by Punjab intelligence sleuths, Canadian Sikh Hardeep Nijjar has taken over as the operational head of Khalistan Terror Force (KTF) and formed a module comprising Sikh youths to carry out the attacks. The Punjab government has already submitted the report to the ministry of external affairs and ministry of home affairs to seek Nijjar's extradition. The report makes a reference to the January 2 Pathankot airbase attack, saying Nijjar "was to arrange weapons from Pakistan but due to high alert on the border in the wake of Pathankot incident, it could not materialise".

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5. U.S. ambassador says Arctic Council a good venue to co-operate with Russia

Canadian Press, Mike Blanchfield, 2016 05 30

Ottawa - The U.S. envoy to Canada says the Arctic Council is a great venue for his country to talk to Russia despite Moscow's differences with the West over Ukraine. Ambassador Bruce Heyman told The Canadian Press important progress can be made by the full engagement with the eight-country council in dealing with a wide range of issues, including environmental protection and maritime safety. The U.S. took over the rotating chairmanship of the council last year from Canada, and Heyman is bound for the Arctic on a nine-day diplomatic tour departing Sunday to more than a dozen locations with his fellow Ottawa-based envoys. The trip comes after the March 10 meeting at the White House between Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and President Barack Obama, where the two leaders affirmed environmental co-operation in the Arctic. The Liberals have come under fire from the Conservative opposition for their desire to open diplomatic dialogue with Russia. The Conservatives accuse the Liberals of being disloyal to Ukraine, which has been dealing with Russian aggression across its eastern borders since 2014 when its Crimean peninsula was unilaterally annexed. Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion has said it is in Canada's national interest to talk to Russia, especially about the Arctic, but the Conservatives say that amounts to cosying up to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

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6. Un Canadien détenu depuis deux ans connaîtra bientôt son verdict

La Presse canadienne, Journaliste maison, 2016 05 30

Dubaï - Un verdict devrait être rendu cette semaine concernant les accusations déposées contre un Canadien emprisonné depuis deux ans aux Émirats arabes unis (ÉAU), une détention que les proches de l'homme et des groupes de défense des droits de la personne estiment arbitraire. Le procès de Salim Alaradi avait commencé pour des accusations liées au terrorisme avant que ces dernières soient brusquement retirées en mars et remplacées par des infractions de moindre importance. M. Alaradi a immigré au Canada en provenance des ÉAU en 1998, mais est retourné dans ce pays en 2007 afin de lancer une entreprise d'électroménagers. Il était en vacances avec sa famille à Dubaï lorsqu'il a été arrêté, en août 2014. Il faisait partie d'un groupe de 10 hommes d'origine libyenne appréhendés à peu près à la même époque.

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7. What happened to the Toronto 18 plotters?

Toronto Star, Michelle Shephard, 2016 05 30

Toronto - A decade ago, 18 suspects were rounded up in what remains Canada's largest terrorism case since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Eleven were convicted, while seven were either acquitted or had their charges stayed or withdrawn. One of the four youths arrested was convicted and sentenced in 2009 but released immediately, given credit for pretrial custody. Only four of those convicted remain behind bars today. Below are the cases of the 10 convicted

adults and where they are now. ZAKARIA AMARA Born: Jordan, Aug. 18, 1985 Trial: Pleaded guilty in October 2009 and was sentenced to life. He appealed but the Ontario Court of Appeal upheld the sentence. The Supreme Court of Canada turned down an appeal to hear the case in 2013. Today: Serving his sentence at an undisclosed federal penitentiary. Parole: Will be eligible for full parole on June 2. Case: Amara converted to Islam from Christianity around the age of 10, two years before he came to Canada. He dropped out of Ryerson University to support his family and worked at a Canadian Tire gas bar. The group of suspects eventually split in two, with Amara and some of his friends plotting to blow up downtown Toronto targets. They built and tested a remote-controlled detonator and ordered three tonnes of ammonium nitrate to be used in truck bombs.

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United States • États-Unis

8. Governments Turn to Commercial Spyware to Intimidate Dissidents (Canada)

New York Times, Nicole Perlroth, 2016 05 30

San Francisco - In the last five years, Ahmed Mansoor, a human rights activist in the United Arab Emirates, has been jailed and fired from his job, along with having his passport confiscated, his car stolen, his email hacked, his location tracked and his bank account robbed of \$140,000. He has also been beaten, twice, in the same week. Mr. Mansoor's experience has become a cautionary tale for dissidents, journalists and human rights activists. It used to be that only a handful of countries had access to sophisticated hacking and spying tools. But these days, nearly all kinds of countries, be they small, oil-rich nations like the Emirates, or poor but populous countries like Ethiopia, are buying commercial spyware or hiring and training programmers to develop their own hacking and surveillance tools. The barriers to join the global surveillance apparatus have never been lower. Dozens of companies, ranging from NSO Group and Cellebrite in Israel to Finfisher in Germany and Hacking Team in Italy, sell digital spy tools to governments. A number of companies in the United States are training foreign law enforcement and intelligence officials to code their own surveillance tools. In many cases these tools are able to circumvent security measures like encryption. Some countries are using them to watch dissidents. Others are using them to aggressively silence and punish their critics, inside and outside their borders. "There's no substantial regulation," said Bill Marczak, a senior fellow at the Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs, who has been tracking the spread of spyware around the globe. "Any government who wants spyware can buy it outright or hire someone to develop it for you. And when we see the poorest countries deploying spyware, it's clear money is no longer a barrier."

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United Kingdom • Royaume-Uni

9. CIA ex-boss: secretive spooks tolerated in UK more than in US

The Guardian (London), Mark Brown, 2016 05 30

London - British people are not demanding more transparency from the intelligence services as loudly as Americans, the former director of the US National Security Agency (NSA) and CIA has said. Michael Hayden played a pivotal, leading role in American intelligence until he was replaced as director of the CIA shortly into the presidency of Barack Obama. In a wide-ranging talk on the fourth day of the Hay festival, Hayden addressed CIA torture, targeted killings, what he thinks about Edward Snowden and how Facebook is perhaps a greater threat to privacy than government. Hayden said the security services were changing faster in the US than the UK. "You as a population are far more tolerant of aggressive action on the part of your intelligence services than we are in the United States," he said.

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10. Cyber attacks on Lloyds drop 80pc

London Daily Telegraph, Tim Wallace, 2016 05 30

London - Lloyds Banking Group has seen an 80pc drop in cyber attacks as online criminals and fraudsters have switched their attention to other industries. Banks have been under increasing pressure from hackers, driving the Bank of England to include cyber attacks in reports on the key risks to the financial sector. Business group TheCity-UK warned that 75pc of fraud is now online, often through malicious email scams, indicating the scale of fraud entering the digital world. Yet Miguel-Ángel Rodríguez-Sola, Lloyds' digital boss, said there has been a sudden drop in cyber attacks on banks. "There had been an increase in the UK in terms of cyber attacks, between June and February this year," he said, noting that denial of service (DDOS) attacks became particularly common. "However, over the last two months I have had fivetimes less than at the end of last year."

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11. Probe into UK intelligence hub after whistleblower claims Pentagon issued 'misleading' information

i News (UK), Cahal Milmo, 2016 05 30

London - Plans to turn a Northamptonshire RAF base into one of Washington's largest intelligence hubs are in the balance after a Pentagon watchdog agreed to open an investigation into the decision to site the £200m centre in Britain. Senior Congress leaders called for an inquiry after saying they had been passed information from whistleblowers alleging that the Pentagon used "inaccurate or misleading" information to justify its choice of RAF Croughton, near Milton Keynes, for an ultra-secure intelligence analysis centre covering US operations in Europe and Africa. Documents obtained by i show that the inspector general of US Department of Defence has now agreed to investigate the process that led to the selection of the UK air base, which already acts as a major US secret intelligence centre and has a direct cable link to Britain's GCHQ in Cheltenham. RAF Croughton is known to serve as a relay station for CIA agent communications and has been at the centre of claims that it acts as a support site for US drone strikes carried out in the Middle East. The Pentagon yesterday rejected the claims that the selection process was not properly followed and insisted that the British base remains the "optimal location" for its new Joint Intelligence Analysis Complex (JIAC).

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12. Student seeks compensation after terror charges collapse

London Times, Jeremy Watson, 2016 05 30

London - A medical student is seeking compensation after a case against him involving serious terror charges collapsed. Yousif Badri, 30, became the first person in Scotland to be charged under three sections of the Terrorism Act 2000, after being suspected of planning a serious act of violence in the aftermath of Lee Rigby's murder. On May 22, 2013, Fusilier Rigby, a British Army soldier, was attacked and killed by Michael Adebolajo and Michael Adebowale near the Royal Artillery Barracks in Woolwich, southeast London. Mr Badri was arrested by police in June 2013 as he went into a Sainsbury's store for a sandwich. Detectives found a large tub of nails at his flat but no hammer and concluded they could be an ingredient for a bomb. However, he was cleared of any wrongdoing at the High Court in Glasgow last October. In a move dubbed "unusual" by legal sources, Judge Lord Turnbull told the jury that he "wholeheartedly agreed" when they returned the not guilty verdicts.

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Australia, New Zealand • Australie, Nouvelle-Zélande

13. Lead negotiator had no hostage experience

Australian Associated Press, Karlis Salna, 2016 05 30

Sydney - The primary police negotiator during the Lindt Cafe siege had never before worked in a hostage situation and had no counter-terrorism experience other than role playing with colleagues, an inquest has heard. The senior sergeant, identified only as "Peter", has also told the inquest into the December 2014 siege at Martin Place in Sydney that he had never before been involved in an operation where the offender had refused to directly communicate with negotiators. The officer, who has been with NSW Police for more than 29 years, had just four weeks of formal training as a negotiator, including an initial course at Goulburn in 2004, and two subsequent weeks in 2005 and 2006. He undertook a counter-terrorism course in 2009, which included some training in relation to Islamic extremism. But the inquest into the siege, during which hostages Tori Johnson and Katrina Dawson, as well as gunman Man Haron Monis were killed, heard on Monday that Peter had never before worked in a hostage situation, or a counter-terrorism operation. Asked by counsel assisting the coroner, Jason Downing, why he was picked to be the primary negotiator, he responded: "I think that at the time Reg just said 'go primary'."

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

14. BBC reporter detained in Nangarhar

Pajhwok Afghan News, Zeerak Fahim, 2016 05 30

Jalalabad - A reporter of British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) for eastern zone, Naimatullah Karyab, was arrested by security personnel, officials said on Sunday. Karyab was held on Saturday evening for interrogation in Jalalabad, the provincial capital of Nangarhar, the governor's spokesman, Ataullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News. The journalists would be released soon, if he was found innocent, he said. However, Karyab's brother Abdul Wahid said his brother went to Jalalabad on Saturday when foreign troops arrested him but later they handed him over the National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Sunday. During a meeting with journalists, Nangarhar governor Saleem Khan Kunduzi said that the reason behind the arrest would be cleared later. He has been trying to release the journalist as soon as possible.

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15. DNA test confirms Mullah Mansour's death in US drone strike

Pakistan Dawn, Raza Khan, 2016 05 30

Islamabad - A spokesman of the Ministry of Interior on Sunday said it had been confirmed through DNA test that the second person killed in the US drone attack in Balochistan was former chief of Afghan Taliban, Mullah Akhtar Mansour. "It is confirmed that Mullah Mansour was killed in the US drone strike in Noshki area of Balochistan," interior ministry's spokesperson said. He said the confirmation was made after conducting a DNA test of Mullah Mansour's body and matching it with the DNA of a close relative of Mullah Mansour -- who had come to claim the body. "DNA of Mansour matched with one of his relative who came to receive his body from Afghanistan." According to interior ministry's spokesperson, the other person killed in the attack has also been identified.

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Africa • Afrique

16. Bouira Des femmes et des enfants otages des terroristes ?

Le Soir (Algérie), H.M., 2016 05 29

Bouira, Algérie - L'opération militaire déclenchée le 17 mai dernier et qui s'est soldée, pour le moment, par l'élimination de 11 terroristes et la capture d'un douzième, se poursuit toujours mais est en butte, depuis mardi dernier, à une sorte de blocage. Selon des sources sécuritaires sûres, depuis mardi, les chefs militaires qui supervisent cette opération depuis leur QG installé sur les hauteurs de la crête Ighil Zeggagh, que nous avons déjà évoquée au début de cette opération et qui domine cette forêt, sont confrontés à un dilemme : les trois terroristes qui restent du groupe encerclé depuis le début et qui était composé de quinze individus, selon les informations précises fournies aux militaires par un terroriste capturé vivant au tout début de l'opération, se seraient retranchés dans une casemate dans laquelle vivaient, depuis plusieurs mois, des femmes et des enfants. Aussi, et selon toujours notre source, ces familles des terroristes auraient été utilisées pour le moment comme véritable bouclier par ces trois terroristes parmi lesquels un certain Gerrache Boudjemâa, un terroriste notoire, ancien du GSPC et d'Aqmi et qui aurait rallié récemment le groupe Jund Al Khalifa, qui avait fait allégeance à Daesh. Outre cela, et toujours selon notre source, c'est parce que ces trois terroristes, qui sont étrangers à la région, n'auraient

aucun lien avec les familles qui vivaient jusque-là dans ces casemates, qu'ils sont prêts à se faire exploser et refusent toute négociation avec les miliaires.

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17. La culture face au terrorisme au coeur d'un débat à l'Alecso

Le Temps d'Algérie, Journaliste maison, 2016 05 29

Tunis - 65 pour cent des jeunes adhérant aux organisations terroristes sont âgés entre 17 et 19 ans, tels sont les chiffres avancés par une étude présentée vendredi par la psychologue spécialisée en adolescence, Lilia Bouguerra, dans le cadre du forum organisé par l'Organisation arabe pour l'éducation, la culture et les sciences (ALECSO) portant sur le thème "Le rôle du tourisme culturel dans la lutte contre le fléau du terrorisme auprès des jeunes" au siège de l'Alecso à Tunis. Tirant la sonnette d'alarme quant à ce fléau dont les jeunes sont la première cible, l'étude portant sur les aspects sanitaires, psychologiques et sociaux des adolescents détenus pour des affaires liées au terrorisme a touché un échantillon de 200 filles et garçons âgés entre 13 et 23 ans, détenus actuellement soit à la prison de Mornaguia ou à Bouchoucha. Lilia Bouguerra a fait remarquer qu'une enfant de 10 ans a été impliquée dans une affaire terroriste. Ceci pour dire que ces groupes ont recours à l'élément masculin pour le front laissant la gente féminine pour des occupations logistiques ou d'accompagnement. Pour elle, les résultats de cette étude concordent parfaitement avec les études réalisées dans le monde tenant à signaler que le jeune qui se trouve généralement adolescent, ayant connu l'échec dans sa scolarité et sans emploi dispose de ce point de vue de beaucoup de temps libre ce qui le laisse le plus influencé et attiré à la dérive et à la délinquance.

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18. Mali: 5 casques bleus tués dans une attaque "terroriste"

Agence France-Presse, Serge Daniel, 2016 05 29

Bamako - Cinq Casques bleus ont été tués dimanche dans une embuscade "terroriste" dans le centre du Mali, une première dans cette région, alors que le pays connaît depuis une dizaine de jours une recrudescence des attaques meurtrières contre l'armée et les soldats de l'ONU. Ce nouvel assaut contre la Mission de l'ONU au Mali (Minusma) n'a pas été immédiatement revendiqué. La mission des Nations unies a rapporté qu'une attaque "terroriste" l'avait visée dimanche aux environs de 11H00 (locale et GMT), ciblant "un convoi de la force de la Minusma, pris dans une embuscade à 30 km ouest de (la ville) de Sévaré", dans la région de Mopti. "Selon les informations préliminaires, cinq Casques bleus ont été tués. Un autre a été grièvement blessé et son évacuation médicale est en cours", a ajouté la mission dans un communiqué. Cette attaque survient quelques jours seulement après la mort vendredi de cinq soldats maliens, tués dans l'explosion d'une mine au passage de leurs véhicules entre les localités d'Ansongo et d'Indelimane, dans le nord du Mali, selon l'armée. Et cinq Casques bleus tchadiens avaient déjà été tués le 18 mai, dans une autre embuscade au nord d'Aguelhoc, dans le nord-est du Mali. L'attaque avait été revendiquée par un cadre du groupe jihadiste malien Ansar Dine, allié à Al-Qaïda et qui a contrôlé le vaste nord du Mali pendant près de dix mois, entre 2012 et janvier 2013.

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Asia • Asie

19. 3 N. Korean defectors may arrive in S. Korea this week: Yonhap

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 05 30

Seoul - Three North Korean defectors, who fled from a restaurant where they worked in China, may arrive in South Korea as early as this week, Yonhap News Agency reported on Monday. The defectors, all women in their late 20s, are staying in Thailand, waiting to board a flight to Seoul, after leaving a North Korean-run restaurant in the northwestern Chinese province of Shanxi, the report said, citing an unnamed source. Last month, a group of 12 female workers and their male manager, who had been working at another North Korean restaurant in China, fled to South Korea in a rare en masse defection. North Korea operates dozens of restaurants in China and other Asian countries as part of its efforts to earn hard currency. Their employees are said to come under strict scrutiny from North Korean authorities. South Korea's government estimates that North Korea rakes in about \$10 million each year through those restaurants. (Full report)

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20. China denies media report of secret nuclear deal with N. Korea

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 05 30

Beijing - China denied a media report on Monday that Beijing and Pyongyang recently inked a secret deal for which North Korea would receive food aid from China in return for holding back on conducting its fifth nuclear test. Citing unidentified sources in Beijing, the U.S.-based website "Boxun," which often publishes critical reports on the Chinese Communist Party, reported on Sunday that the secret deal was made earlier this month after a Chinese special envoy was dispatched to Pyongyang. China sent the envoy to Pyongyang after receiving intelligence that North Korea could conduct another nuclear test to celebrate the end of a rare congress of the North's ruling Workers' Party, according to the report. China's foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying, when asked about the report, replied, "I wonder where you saw the report. I have not heard about that." But, Hua said, "As close neighbors, China and North Korea are in close communication through different channels." North Korea wrapped up its first party congress in 36 years earlier this month that cemented leader Kim Jong-un's grip on power and enshrined a policy of simultaneously pursuing nuclear advances and economic development.

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21. S. Korea shipped US\$350,000 worth of defense goods to Uganda in past 3 yrs

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 05 30

Seoul - South Korea exported defense goods totaling some US\$350,000 to Uganda over the past three years, data showed Monday as the African country vowed to cut off security and military cooperation with rival North Korea. According to the data by the Ministry of National Defense and the Defense Acquisition Program Administration, South Korea shipped some \$320,000 worth of bulletproof vests and helmets in 2013 to Uganda. The equipment was sent to Uganda's defense ministry. In 2014, \$20,000 worth of South Korean grenades were shipped to Uganda, while another \$10,000 worth of flares were exported in 2015, the data also showed. During the three-year period, however, South Korea did not buy any defense goods from the African country. Uganda currently maintains a 45,000-strong military force, with an annual defense budget of \$400 million. In August last year, South Korea set up military attache offices in Uganda and Ethiopia as it reached out to the African region. "The establishment of the military attache office in Uganda was carried out in consideration of the fact that Uganda was keeping friendly relations with North Korea," a military official here said.

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

22. Cyber Police Chief: Attacks on Iranian Gov't Website Led by Saudi Hackers

Fars News Agency, 2016 05 30

Tehran - Head of Iran's Cyber Police (FATA) Brigadier General Seyed Kamal Hadianfar announced that the recent cyber attacks on an Iranian government website were conducted by Saudi hackers. "We monitored a cyber attack on May 24 which was conducted from three countries and led by hackers in Saudi Arabia and they launched deceive attacks on the Statistical Center of Iran and of course such an attack is not important technically," Hadianfar told reporters in Tehran on Sunday. He also dismissed any relations between the hackers and the ISIL terrorist group, and said, "The hacker already had a hacking record and was identified by FATA." Hadianfar also rejected Iran's retaliatory measures against Saudi Arabia, and said Tehran has sent the IPs to the Interpol and Saudi Arabia's Cyber Police and is pursuing the case but there is no reason to think that the Saudi government has been involved in the attack.

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23. Iranian Military Advisor: 700 Terrorists Killed, Injured in Khan Touman in 1 Month

Fars News Agency, 2016 05 30

Tehran - A senior Iranian military advisor who is helping the Syrian army in its anti-terrorism fight disclosed that hundreds of Takfiri terrorists have been killed and wounded in Khan Touman front in Aleppo province in Northern Syria in the last 30 days. "A sum of 700 Takfiri militants were either killed or wounded in Khan Touman in the past month," Brigadier General Hamid Reza Rostamian told FNA on Sunday. He also said that at least 10 tanks and armored vehicles of

the Takfiri terrorists were also destroyed in the same period. On Wednesday, the Syrian army and popular forces launched initial step of a massive operation to take back Khan Touman. In early May, military sources announced that at least 400 terrorists had been killed or wounded in the pro-government forces' offensives in Khan Touman battle.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

24. Don't fall prey to cyber criminals when accessing public WiFi

Gulf News, Naushad K. Cherrayil, 2016 05 30

Dubai - Cyber criminals can easily hack user's personal information from public WiFi networks as hackers rely on the fact that many people are relaxed about the security of the networks they connect to. Public WiFi is everywhere and as it gains popularity in the region, with free connections available in most public places but there are also dangers surrounding it. Gemalto staged a live hacking demonstration to highlight the dangers of public WiFi networks and how users can protect themselves and their personal information from hackers in Dubai on Wednesday. The company has revealed how cyber criminals can easily use public WiFi networks to access private information on users' devices. Jason Hart, Chief Technology Officer, Identity and Data Protection at Gemalto, said that criminals now have the ability to create their own, illegitimate connections through these hot-spots, and extract information out of your laptops and smartphones.

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25. Iran Chooses to Deprive its Citizens From Performing Hajj After its Indecisive Stance

Asharq Al-Awsat, Asma Al-Ghabiri, 2016 05 30

Riyadh - For the second time, the Iranian delegation in charge of discussing Hajj arrangements for Iranian citizens with officials at the Saudi Ministry of Hajj and Umrah left the city of Jeddah yesterday without signing the protocol for the arrangements. The protocol was not signed despite the delegation changing their minds about their refusal to sign it the first time round and arriving in Jeddah where a preliminary agreement was signed on Wednesday. However, the delegation later returned and refused to sign the final agreement the day after. The Ministry of Hajj and Umrah yesterday said that continuous meetings that lasted several hours were held on Wednesday and Thursday. Despite this, the delegation "expressed its desire to leave without signing the protocol concerning the arrangements for their pilgrims, and left the city of Jeddah at dawn yesterday".

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26. Many terrorists killed in army operations, including 44 in Hama

Syrian Arab News Agency, 2016 05 30

Provinces - More terrorists are getting killed as the army units, backed by the Air Force, continued Sunday striking their positions in various areas, with their equipment and vehicles destroyed in the operations, SANA reported. The Syrian army's air force carried out sorties against ISIS terrorists' dens in al-Sukhneh town and to the east of it and in the villages of Taiba, Enq al-Hawa, Abu al-Hawadeed in the eastern countryside of Homs central province. A military source said that the sorties inflicted heavy losses upon the terrorists in personnel and weaponry and destroyed vehicles loaded with weapons and others equipped with machineguns. The air force also destroyed supply lines of ISIS and vehicles equipped with machineguns in sorties targeted the movements of the terrorists in Rahoum village to the east of Homs city.

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Others • Autres

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Western Europe • Europe de l'Ouest

27. Accord Turquie-UE: les Turcs exigent des visas

Le Figaro avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 05 30

Ankara - La Turquie tournera le dos au pacte sur les migrants avec l'Union européenne si ses ressortissants ne sont pas exemptés de visas pour se rendre dans l'espace Schengen, a mis en garde le chef de la diplomatie turque. Alors que le bras de fer se tend entre Ankara et Bruxelles, le ministre turec des Affaires étrangères, Mevlüt Cavusoglu, a redit qu'il était "impossible" pour son pays d'assouplir sa législation antiterroriste, l'une des 72 conditions demandées par l'UE. "Nous leur avons dit: "Nous ne vous menaçons pas". Mais il y a une réalité. Nous avons conclu deux accords et les deux sont liés l'un à l'autre", a déclaré M. Cavusoglu à un petit groupe de journalistes, dont l'AFP, à Antalya (sud). Si nécessaire, a poursuivi M. Cavusoglu, Ankara pourrait prendre des mesures "administratives" pour bloquer l'accord sur les migrants. La semaine dernière, le président Recep Tayyip Erdogan avait prévenu qu'aucune loi relative à l'accord "ne sortira du Parlement" turec si aucun résultat n'était obtenu sur les visas.

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28. Djihad : procès pour les sept de Strasbourg

Le Figaro, Angélique Négroni, 2016 05 30

Strasbourg - Ces hommes étaient partis en Syrie fin 2013. Ils minimisent leur implication dans les rangs armés de l'État islamique, mais l'un d'eux reconnaît que là-bas, « c'était pas le monde des Bisounours ». Terrorisme Les attentats du 13 novembre vont planer sur le procès qui s'ouvre ce lundi à Paris et porte sur une filière d'acheminement de djihadistes présumés. Partis en Syrie fin 2013 et arrêtés à leur retour quelques mois plus tard, en mai 2014, sept hommes de 24 à 26 ans, tous originaires de Strasbourg, doivent être jugés jusqu'au 7 juin pour « association de malfaiteurs en vue de la préparation d'actes de terrorisme ». Par le biais d'une même filière, deux frères notamment, Karim et Foued Mohamed-Aggad, avaient rejoint les terres syriennes. Mais

tandis que le premier était revenu en France, trois mois plus tard environ, et comparait à ce procès, le second était resté en Syrie, donnant de loin en loin des nouvelles à sa famille jusqu'à ce que son nom retentisse brutalement à travers l'actualité : Foued Mohamed-Aggad a été identifié comme l'un des trois kamikazes du Bataclan. Près de sept mois après cet attentat, les sept prévenus vont, dès lors, avoir sans doute plus de difficulté à convaincre le tribunal que leur séjour de quelques mois avait un but humanitaire, comme ils l'avaient affirmé. D'autant que ce départ avait été organisé après la rencontre décisive avec Mourad Farès, connu pour avoir été l'un des principaux rabatteurs de djihadistes français. « Tous les djihadistes dont on parle dans les journaux sont passés par moi » , s'était même vanté dans la presse ce Franco-Marocain d'une trentaine d'années qui, après avoir été arrêté en Turquie en 2014, est aujourd'hui écroué en France et sera jugé ultérieurement.

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29. Le djihadiste français Omar Omsen, toujours vivant, apparaît dans un reportage

Le Figaro, Anne-Laure Frémont, 2016 05 30

Non identifié - La mort de ce Niçois auteur de nombreuses vidéos de propagande djihadiste avait pourtant été annoncée l'an dernier. Sa mort avait été annoncée, sans être confirmée, en août 2015. Omar Omsen, qui se targue d'être l'un des principaux recruteurs de djihadistes français en Syrie via ses vidéos de propagande, est cependant bien vivant: il apparaît dans un sujet intitulé «Djihad, les recruteurs» diffusé sur France 2 jeudi prochain dans l'émission Complément d'enquête. Omar Omsen se présente comme l'Émir autoproclamé d'une katiba (groupe de combat) de Français, affiliée au Front Al-Nosra, branche syrienne d'al-qaida. L'homme de 41 ans, bien connu des services de sécurité français, a lui-même contacté le journaliste Romain Boutilly en apprenant qu'il faisait un sujet sur les recruteurs, indique le site de Francetv info. Il assure avoir mis en scène sa mort «afin de pouvoir sortir de Syrie pour subir une importante opération chirurgicale dans un pays voisin, sans se faire repérer. Une mort pour sortir des écrans radars des nombreux services de renseignements qui le traquent.» Selon le journaliste, qui reprend les propos du djihadiste, son groupe serait composé de «50 combattants» dont une quinzaine de Niçois, où a vécu Omar Omsen.

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30. Les " cyber " experts contre-attaquent en Sologne

La Nouvelle République du Centre-Ouest, Journaliste maison, 2016 05 30

Paris - Celteam Services n'a pas son pareil pour plonger dans les failles informatiques. La société de Neung-sur-Beuvron fait aussi " parler " les téléphones... On pourrait se croire dans une série télé à l'américaine, sur fond de cyberattaques ininterrompues, contre-espionnage informatique et autres téléphones portables à faire parler. Il n'en est rien, la scène se passe à Neung-sur-Beuvron, dans les locaux de Celteam Services. Ce jour-là, Patrice Guichard revient tout juste de l'étranger. Maroc, Suisse, puis Panama dans la foulée. Inutile d'essayer d'en savoir plus sur la nature des missions, le domaine est, on l'imagine, sensible et l'expert en sécurité informatique et électronique (*), forcément très discret sur le sujet. Des anciens du Raid et de la DGSE Depuis le mois d'avril dernier, ce Parisien d'origine a installé sa société sur le Domaine de Villemorant. Le

siège est resté à Paris, mais les appareils sophistiqués - et massivement protégés, à l'extérieur comme à l'intérieur du local - ont gagné l'Ecoparc de Neung-sur-Beuvron. A l'intérieur, trois écrans d'ordinateur s'illuminent de flux colorés, au fil des attaques informatiques enregistrées en temps réel, à l'échelle de la planète. L'un d'eux indique que la veille, il y en a eu 6 millions. « En sachant que ce n'est pas représentatif, car on a les données d'un seul éditeur », nous précise immédiatement le P-DG de la société pour nous donner à voir l'ampleur du phénomène. Réunie au complet, l'équipe de Celteam Services pourrait donner des sueurs froides à qui l'aurait après lui... Ils sont 12 experts indépendants au total, des anciens du Raid, de la DGSE, du GSPR (Groupe de sécurité de la présidence de la République) ou encore de N-Tech, ces enquêteurs spécialistes en technologies numériques au sein de la gendarmerie, à intervenir en fonction des missions. Tous ont leur spécialité, de l'espionnage industriel au « Darknet », en passant par les expertises judiciaires, la protection des données, les intrusions logiques, etc.

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31. Les fichiers " DaechLeaks " seront-ils utilisés au procès?

Le Monde, Soren Seelow, 2016 05 30

Paris - L'ouverture du procès de la filière djihadiste de Strasbourg, lundi 30 mai, devrait être marquée par un âpre débat sur le versement à l'audience d'extraits des " DaechLeaks ", une fuite de fichiers présentés comme émanant de l'organisation Etat islamique en Irak et au Levant (EIL). Le parquet de Paris a informé, mardi 24 mai, les avocats de la défense qu'il comptait produire à l'audience les fiches de renseignement issues de ces fuites concernant les sept apprentis djihadistes qui comparaissent devant le tribunal pour avoir intégré l'EIL en décembre 2013. Ces documents précisent leur nom, groupe sanguin et date d'arrivée, et surtout leur fonction au sein de l'organisation, à savoir combattant, kamikaze ou inghmasis (combattant équipé d'une ceinture explosive).

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32. Mathieu Duchâtel " L'armée chinoise est un élément-clé dans la politique étrangère de Xi Jinping "

Le Monde, François Bougon et Harold Thibault, 2016 05 30

Non identifié - Depuis son accession au pouvoir, en 2012, le président chinois modernise les forces militaires, en particulier l'arsenal nucléaire. Cette évolution vise, par certains aspects, à contrecarrer la stratégie américaine en Asie, souligne le chercheur, spécialiste de la région. La sécurité régionale en Asie, avec ses conflits maritimes, est l'un des sujets de recherche de Mathieu Duchâtel, directeur adjoint du programme Asie au Conseil européen des relations internationales (ECFR). Entre 2011 et 2015, il a été le représentant à Pékin de l'Institut international de recherche sur la paix de Stockholm (Sipri), où il a été chargé du programme Chine et sécurité globale. Le chercheur, auteur avec Jérôme Doyon d'une étude consacrée à l'armée chinoise, " Xi's Army : Reform and loyalty in the PLA " (" L'armée de Xi. Réforme et loyauté au sein de l'Armée populaire de libération "), décrypte les enjeux de la réforme militaire menée par le numéro un chinois, Xi Jinping. Mao disait que le pouvoir est au bout du fusil. Le

contrôle de l'armée revêt-il la même importance pour le président -chinois? L'armée est un élément-clé de la stabilité du régime.

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1. Goodale not committing to 'oversight' function for all-party security committee
iPolitics.ca, Amanda Connolly, 2016 05 31

Ottawa - Despite a Liberal Party campaign pledge to create a committee to "monitor and oversee" national security agencies, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale appeared to be backing away from that vow Monday at the Senate national security committee. "As committee

members know, our government has committed to establish a committee of parliamentarians to review and scrutinize the security and intelligence activities of all departments," said Goodale. However, that's not the pledge the party ran on and could mean a significant shift in powers from what the party promised Canadians. According to the Liberal Party website, the government's promise was to "create an all-party committee to monitor and oversee the operations of every government department and agency with national security responsibilities." Bodies like CSIS currently operate on a review model, meaning the Security Intelligence Review Committee conducts after-the-fact rather review of specific agency actions rather than being able to oversee activities as they happen. "The legislation will be before the House very shortly and that will describe exactly the function and the architecture that we have in mind, and it will fulfill the obligations that we have," Goodale said when asked whether the committee would specifically have oversight responsibilities. "The full details will be available then."

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2. Government mulls 'super' oversight body for security agencies

Globe and Mail, Michelle Zilio, 2016 05 31

Ottawa - Ottawa is considering setting up a "super" Security Intelligence Review Committee that would provide oversight to a number of federal security departments and agencies, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says. He made the revelation Monday during testimony to a Senate committee studying oversight of the Canada Border Services Agency, suggesting that the creation of a "superSIRC" is one of several options to solve a problem at the border agency, which has no process in place to deal with complaints about officer conduct. SIRC is the independent, external review body that reports to Parliament on the operations of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, ensuring that the spy agency uses its extraordinary powers to intrude on individuals' privacy legally and appropriately. Broadening its reach to include other departments and agencies - making a superSIRC - was first raised a decade ago by Justice Dennis O'Connor during the federal commission of inquiry into the Maher Arar affair. The Canadian engineer was jailed and interrogated in his native Syria for nearly a year after being flown against his will to the Middle East on a U.S. intelligence agency jet. Canadian security agencies had wrongly red-flagged him as a potential terrorist in intelligence exchanges with the United States. Upon learning that the agencies had been forging investigative partnerships that their watchdogs could not replicate, Justice O'Connor proposed a solution observers dubbed "superSIRC." The proposal envisioned transforming the existing CSIS watchdog - SIRC - into a body that could keep tabs on several agencies at once. Security agencies can freely swap information and intelligence, but their respective review bodies remain legally prevented from telling each other what they're learning. The government will launch consultations on Canada's national security framework this summer, which Mr. Goodale said will inform its position on CBSA oversight. The federal cabinet is expected to review the proposed parliamentary oversight committee very soon so that Government House Leader Dominic LeBlanc can table legislation to establish that committee before Parliament breaks for the summer. The committee would include MPs and senators from all parties and monitor the work of 19 agencies with national security responsibilities. Richard Fadden, former CSIS director and national security adviser to the prime minister, said Sunday that the parliamentary committee will need access to classified information if it is expected to be effective. "The logical thing to do would be to establish this

committee of parliamentarians, give them some staff, access to classified information, and then work through whether SIRC or the CSEC [Communications Security Establishment Canada] commissioner or the person who reviews military intelligence are integrated properly, or not," Mr. Fadden told CTV's Question Period with The Globe and Mail's Robert Fife.

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3. Liberals want to end jailing of child migrants, Goodale tells senators

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 05 31

Ottawa - Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says he wants to end the Canada Border Services Agency's practice of detaining child migrants. Goodale told a Senate committee on Monday his department is looking at alternatives to locking away children, but he added the issue is complex and requires study. "There are problems in the system that go beyond simply changing procedures," Goodale said. "Physical capacity is an issue. And we need to make some changes there in order to accommodate alternatives." In a confidential inspection report made public in January, the Red Cross said Canada should jail child immigrants only as a "last resort" and must find alternatives to detention for such vulnerable newcomers. The border services agency holds people who are considered a flight risk or a danger to the public and those whose identities cannot be confirmed. The Red Cross says the border agency detained 10,088 immigrants _ almost one-fifth of them refugee claimants _ in 2013-14 in a variety of facilities, including federal holding centres and provincial and municipal jails. Among these were at least 197 minors, held an average of about 10 days each. Goodale said the lack of independent review of border officer conduct "is a gap that definitely needs to be addressed." However, Goodale said while he agrees with the spirit behind a senator's private bill to create an inspector general for the border agency, he could not support the initiative. He noted the government is about to begin a broad, public consultation process on the national security framework, which could lead to creation of an inspector like the one outlined in the bill. "I need that consultation before I can commit to specific legislation." In addition, Goodale said he has asked officials to do a "broad, internal assessment" of all review functions within the Public Safety portfolio _ including the watchdogs over the RCMP and CSIS _ to identify both gaps and best practices.

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4. Americans and Canadian held in UAE acquitted - but 'nightmare' continues

The Guardian (London), Ashifa Kassam, 2016 05 31

Toronto - Two Americans and a Canadian detained for nearly two years in the United Arab Emirates have been acquitted of all charges by the country's supreme court. They remain in detention, however, as their families wonder when the "dark nightmare" will finally end. In August 2014, after decades of travelling and working in the UAE without incident, Salim Alaradi, a Canadian Libyan, and Kamal and Mohamed Eldarat, a Libyan American father and son, were arrested by state security officials. In March, prosecutors dropped the terrorism-related charges but continued to hold the businessmen in custody, on downgraded charges of providing

supplies to groups in a foreign country and collecting donations without permission. On Monday, a judge in the UAE declared the three dual nationals, as well as Libyan Issa al Manna, not guilty on all charges. The four men cheered as the verdict was delivered and embraced one another, said the lawyer for Alaradi. Amal Eldarat, 27, said she was elated by the verdict, which came after nearly 21 months of campaigning to have her brother and father released. She had hoped to speak with both after the verdict, but all of the men were whisked away by guards and returned to custody. Their return to prison was blamed on administrative paperwork.

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5. Feds say little about Indian media report of extremist allegations in B.C.

Canadian Press, Staff reporter, 2016 05 31

Ottawa - Federal authorities were tight-lipped Monday about a report that Sikh terrorists run a training camp in British Columbia. The Times of India reports that Indian intelligence agencies have alerted the Liberal government that pro-Khalistan extremists near Mission, B.C., plan to carry out strikes in Punjab. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale would say only that he doesn't comment on specific security allegations, and that the government follows closely any activity that could threaten the safety of Canadians. If there is information that needs to be acted upon, Canadian police and security agencies respond, he added. The Mounties said they were aware of the media report. "The RCMP monitors all potential threats but we are not in a position to speak to specific allegations, threats or ongoing investigations," said Staff Sgt. Rob Vermeulen, a force spokesman in B.C.

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6. India alerts Trudeau govt of Khalistan terror camp in Canada

Hindustan Times, Anirudh Bhattacharyya, 2016 05 31

Toronto - The Indian government has formally taken up with Ottawa the matter of alleged Khalistani arms-training camp being operated in the Canadian province of British Columbia. This was confirmed by official sources on Monday evening. New Delhi's move comes on the heels of a report in an English daily that an individual identified as Hardeep Nijjar, a resident of the Vancouver suburb of Surrey, had taken over as chief of the Khalistan Terror Force and subsequently commenced the training activities near Mission City. A spokesperson for Public Safety Canada, while not referring to a specific issue, said the "government of Canada monitors all potential threats and has robust measures in place to address them". "Canada's security and law enforcement agencies work closely with allies and key partners," the spokesperson added. "When the security and intelligence community receives credible warnings about a specific threat, they work with the appropriate partners to appropriately respond to the threat."

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7. Indian media allege existence of 'terror camp' near Mission

Globe and Mail, Sunny Dhillon, 2016 05 31

Vancouver - The federal government said little on Monday about an Indian newspaper report that alleged a pro-Khalistan "terror camp" has been operating out of a small community in British Columbia, though the local mayor cast doubt on the story. The Times of India reported on Sunday that a man who has been living in Surrey since 1995 is the operational head of a group known as the Khalistan Terror Force. The report said the group's members have been operating out of a camp near the city of Mission, east of Vancouver, and plan to carry out attacks in India. The report said Indian officials plan to seek the leader's extradition and believe he was involved in a 2007 attack on a cinema that killed six people. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale told reporters outside a national security and defence committee meeting in Ottawa that he does not comment on operational issues. "People can be assured, however, that wherever there is a credible threat, the police and security authorities of Canada respond appropriately in robust ways. Whatever action needs to be taken is to be taken. But I do not comment on any specifics," he said. Mr. Goodale said the Indian government has not contacted him directly, nor is he aware of it contacting other members of the Canadian government. Sergeant Rob Vermeulen, an RCMP spokesman based in British Columbia, said in a statement that the Mounties are aware of the media report.

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8. Innocent verdict for Canadian held in U.A.E., but man remains in custody: family

Canadian Press, Diana Mehta, 2016 05 31

A Canadian imprisoned in the United Arab Emirates for nearly two years has been acquitted of all charges by the country's Supreme Court, his family said Monday as they appealed to Ottawa to help bring the man home. Salim Alaradi had been accused of allegedly providing supplies to groups in a foreign country without permission of the U.A.E. government and collecting donations without the government's permission. But despite the acquittal, Alaradi remains in custody, his daughter said. "Our family is overwhelmed after almost two years of fighting for my father's freedom, but today I cannot say that he is free man because he is still behind bars even though he is innocent," Marwa Alaradi told The Canadian Press. "I am afraid for his safety and his health. Canada needs to get him out today." Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion welcomed Alaradi's acquittal and said he expects an "expedited process" to reunite the man with his family. "The government of Canada raised Mr. Alaradi's case at the highest levels and called for his release and return to Canada," Dion said in a statement. "Canadian officials will continue to provide consular assistance to Mr. Alaradi and his family, including by helping to facilitate his return home." Salim Alaradi immigrated to Canada in 1998 from the U.A.E. but returned there in 2007 to run a home appliance business. He was on vacation with his family in Dubai when he was suddenly arrested in August 2014.

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9. Le Centre de prévention de la radicalisation s'intéresse aux groupes d'extrême gauche

La Presse+, Philippe Teisceira-Lessard; Pierre-André Normandin, 2016 05 31

Montréal - La série d'attaques anti-embourgeoisement contre des commerces d'Hochelaga-Maisonneuve et de Saint-Henri intéresse vivement le Centre de prévention de la radicalisation

menant à la violence, qui dit recevoir « un bon nombre » d'appels en lien avec l'extrémisme de gauche. Un dossier d'intérêt L'attaque contre l'épicerie 3734, survenue samedi soir dans la rue Notre-Dame Ouest, n'est que le plus récent des incidents du genre qui portent la signature de groupes d'extrême gauche. En février dernier, trois commerces d'Hochelaga-Maisonneuve avaient été la cible de vandales. Ces attaques répétées, « ce sont des sujets d'intérêt pour le Centre », a indiqué Benjamin Ducol, directeur de la recherche au sein de l'organisation. « On a pour mission de documenter tous les types de radicalité, toutes les familles de radicalité. » Pour l'instant, le Centre effectue essentiellement un travail de documentation sur la question, mais des recherches plus poussées pourraient avoir lieu. Personne n'a été blessé dans les événements de samedi soir, mais une employée du commerce a été fortement secouée par l'irruption d'une trentaine de militants cagoulés.

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10. Plumber 'shocked' by reports alleging he's a terrorist leader

Vancouver Sun, Kim Bolan, 2016 05 31

Vancouver - A Surrey man whom Indian officials allege is a terrorist mastermind says he is completely innocent and shocked at reports linking him to a 2007 bombing in Punjab. Hardeep Singh Nijjar told The Vancouver Sun that he's a hardworking plumber and proud Canadian who has no time for Indian separatist politics. Nijjar, 38, said he has a meeting with a lawyer today to figure out how to respond to the allegations, which were reported in the Times of India and other newspapers on the Indian subcontinent. "This is garbage - all the allegations. I am living here 20 years, right? Look at my record. There is nothing. I am a hard worker. I own my own business in the plumbing," Nijjar said Monday in a phone interview. "I am very, very shocked. My family and me are very shocked." Nijjar has no criminal history in B.C. India's Central Bureau of Investigation has issued a warrant for Nijjar on charges of attempting to cause an explosion, making or keeping explosives with intent to endanger life or property, and making or possessing explosives under suspicious circumstances. All the charges were laid under India's Terrorist Act. The warrant is also posted on Interpol's site of people wanted in jurisdictions around the world. The media reports say Nijjar was made the leader of a separatist group called the Khalistan Terror Force and was involved in a 2007 cinema bombing in Ludhiana, in India's Punjab state, that left six people dead.

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11. Un anarchisme bête, cruel et méchant

Journal de Montréal, Mathieu Bock-Côté, 2016 05 31

Opinion - Samedi soir, un commando anarchiste d'une vingtaine de personnes s'est jeté dans une épicerie fine du quartier Saint-Henri pour le dévaliser. Premier objectif: dénoncer l'embourgeoisement du quartier. En gros, on dénonce l'invasion d'un quartier populaire par des individus aisés économiquement. Ils viendraient en détruire l'écosystème. Ce commando se présente donc comme une milice citoyenne. Deuxième objectif: faire comme Robin des bois. Redistribuer la nourriture aux citoyens du quartier. C'est une manière pour le moins expéditive de partager les richesses: on y verra une forme d'impôt révolutionnaire.

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12. Eric Holder: Edward Snowden Performed a 'Public Service,' But Must Be Punished

NBC News, Daniel Arkin, 2016 05 30

New York - Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder says fugitive leaker Edward Snowden performed a "public service" but still deserves to be punished. "We can certainly argue about the way in which Snowden did what he did, but I think that he actually performed a public service by raising the debate that we engaged in and by the changes that we made," Holder told former Obama White House adviser David Axelrod on an episode of "The Axes Files" podcast released Monday. But the former attorney general was quick to add that Snowden -- who leaked explosive documents about American government surveillance programs while working as a contractor for the National Security Agency in 2013 -- acted in a way that was "inappropriate and illegal." "I think he harmed American interests," Holder said. "I know there are ways in which certain of our agents were put at risk, relationships with other countries were harmed, our ability to keep the American people safe was compromised."

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13. Former State Dept. watchdog debunks central Clinton email claim

Fox News, Catherine Herrdige, Pamela K. Browne, 2016 05 31

Washington - The State Department's former top watchdog, in an interview with Fox News, rejected Hillary Clinton's repeated claims that her personal email use was in line with her predecessors' - while saying he would have immediately opened an investigation if he caught wind of a secretary of state using such an account. Howard Krongard, a George W. Bush administration appointee who served as the State Department inspector general from April 2005 to January 2008, cited his own experience in challenging Clinton's insistence that her practices were nothing out of the ordinary. "Certainly to my knowledge at least, Secretary [Condoleezza] Rice did not have a personal server. I certainly never either sent an email to one or received an email from one," said Krongard, who served during Rice's tenure. Further, he said, "I would have been stunned had I been asked to send an email to her at a personal server, private address. I would have declined to do so on security grounds and if she had sent one to me, I probably would have started an investigation."

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14. From Ike to Obama, CIA Has Briefed Presidential Candidates

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 05 31

Washington - After the political convention confetti is swept away, a more sobering tradition of the presidential election begins: The regular, top-secret intelligence briefings for Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, the likely Democratic nominee. The intelligence briefings could be eye-opening for New York businessman Donald Trump. The Republican's loose-lipped campaign

remarks have left some intelligence and foreign policy officials worried about whether he can keep the nation's secrets. Trump has said in interviews that he's looking forward to the briefings. Rep. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said he believes many people share his deep concern about Trump's inexperience with handling classified information. "I would have to imagine that those concerns are fairly broadly held, so I wouldn't be at all surprised if the intelligence briefings received by both candidates -- which will be identical -- will be at a more generalized level than they might otherwise be," said Schiff, D-Calif.

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15. Guantánamo is planning for prison after Obama

McClatchy News Service, Carol Rosenberg, 2016 05 31

Guantanamo Bay - Military leaders are thinking about whether they will need to put a wheelchair lift into their showcase communal prison three or four years from now, widen some cell doors, add ramps for geriatric captives. Not one of the 80 prisoners is now in a wheelchair and most are in their 30s or 40s. The oldest is 68. But briefings by senior military officials here made clear that they are starting to actively think about operating an offshore Pentagon detention center long after President Barack Obama leaves office. "At some point if detention operations continue here we will have to address, 'Are the doors in the cells wide enough to move wheelchairs in and out? Are there ramps to reach the medical facilities?'" said Rear Adm. Peter Clarke, the detention center commander. "And we've just started looking at that. So I can't tell you we are ready or not. But it's something we can plan for." Obama wants the prison emptied, and a Pentagon plan proposes moving 30 to 40 captives to military detention in the United States and releasing the rest to other countries. But Congress has outlawed any transfers to U.S. soil, and some members are proposing legislation to prevent transfers altogether, to anywhere, prompting speculation that the only way Obama does it is through an Executive Order that opponents of closure warn would be illegal.

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16. Obama's Anti-Islamic State Envoy: 'We Have Exposed Their Lies'

Der Spiegel, Matthias Gebauer, 2016 05 30

Interview - The US has scored some successes against the Islamic State with the deployment of special forces. In a SPIEGEL interview, President Obama's anti-IS envoy Brett McGurk says the terrorist militia is shrinking and calls for help from NATO in battling the Islamists. SPIEGEL: How strong is Islamic State today? Brett McGurk: They are substantially degraded. Forty-five percent of the territory in Iraq has been lost, 20 percent in Syria. We are taking out one of their battlefield commanders almost every three days because we are inside their networks. We know where they are and we can target them with more and more precision. After some intensive work by the intelligence services, we are also targeting their financial system. We found out where they are storing their cash. After some work by the US special forces on the ground, we know where they get their oil out of the ground, how they transport it and we hit those sites. SPIEGEL: Will airstrikes be sufficient for fighting them? McGurk: Don't take my word on that, listen to

them. Back in 2014, their leader Abu Bakr al- Baghdadi announced his caliphate was expanding all over the Middle East and into Europe. Now the key spokesman puts out a very different message, admitting that their territory is shrinking, that their leaders are being killed one by one, even that Raqqa and Mosul will fall. It's a very different message. They are no longer able to claim they are a divine movement; they are a criminal terrorist organization. We have exposed their lies by beginning to beat them on the battlefield.

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17. Two Americans held by UAE are acquitted (Canada)

Washington Post, Carol Morello, 2016 05 31

Washington - Two U.S. citizens whose imprisonment in the United Arab Emirates had drawn criticism from human rights groups and the Obama administration were acquitted Monday on charges that they supported militants in Libya, according to their family. Kamal Eldarat, 59, and his son, Mohamed Eldarat, 34, were not immediately released but were taken back to prison following the verdict in the UAE's highest court, said Amal Eldarat, the daughter and sister of the defendants. She had heard about the ruling in a call from a U.S. Embassy observer in the courtroom. "It could take a few days for paperwork and the administrative process," she told reporters in a conference call. "Some people can stay for up to three weeks, or a month, and there are some cases where they leave within the same day." Gregory B. Craig, a Washington lawyer representing the Eldarat family, said they were relieved at the verdict but concerned over the continued detention. According to Amal Eldarat, two other defendants who had been caught up in the same security sweep in 2014 also were acquitted Monday - Salim Alaradi, a Libyan Canadian, and a Libyan national whose family has not publicized his case.

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18. White House Fails to Detect a Single Cyber Threat

Washington Free Beacon, Adam Kredo, 2016 05 31

Washington - The White House has been unable to detect a single cyber security threat more than six months after issuing a "national emergency" to deal with what the administration identified as growing and immediate danger, according to a new government report. Six months after President Barack Obama invoked emergency powers to block the assets of any person caught engaging in "malicious cyber-enabled activities," the administration has not identified a single qualifying target, according to the Treasury Department, which disclosed in a report that "no entities or individuals have been designated." The April 2015 directive issued by the White House identified an "increasing prevalence and severity of malicious cyber-enabled activities" among individuals living outside the United States. These activities were said to constitute "an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States," prompting Obama to declare "a national emergency to deal with this threat." A half a year later, the White House still has not invoked this power to combat growing cyber threats, despite a rise in such activity among rogue nations such as Iran, North Korea, and China.

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19. Channel security fears as ex-judo star faces people smuggling charge

London Daily Telegraph, Ben Riley-Smith, Martin Evans, 2016 05 31

London - Ministers have been accused of ignoring stark warnings about the vulnerability of Britain's small ports amid mounting concern over the country's maritime security. Four reports, the most recent published just last week, warned that people smugglers could exploit lax security around the 7,000 miles of UK coastline. But ministers downplayed the risks, insisting the problem was not a significant priority. The revelation comes as two British men appeared in court charged in connection with a plot to smuggle illegal immigrants across the Channel. Robert Stilwell, 33, a former judo champion who represented Great Britain and has held European and Commonwealth titles, was charged alongside 35-year-old Mark Stribling after 18 Albanians were rescued from a sinking boat off the Kent coast early on Sunday. The two men, who were also on board the inflatable craft, were remanded in custody after making a brief appearance at Medway magistrates' court in Kent. John Vine, the former independent chief inspector of borders and immigration who stepped down in 2014, said lives could be lost due to an increase in migrant crossings this summer. He said he had twice raised concerns about security at smaller ports while in post but feared the issue "wasn't a major priority".

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20. Child abuse inquiry turns to Kincora home and claims of MI5 blackmail

The Guardian (London), Henry McDonald, 2016 05 31

Belfast - An inquiry into child abuse across a range of institutions in Northern Ireland will focus on Tuesday on the Kincora boys home scandal including allegations that MI5 blackmailed a paedophile ring which operated there in the 1970s. The historical institutional abuse inquiry will hear evidence from men who were abused at Kincora when they were children and their allegations that the perpetrators were protected because they were state agents spying on fellow Ulster loyalists. A number of Kincora abuse victims have tried through the courts to force the scandal to be included in the national investigation into allegations of establishment paedophile rings operating in Westminster. Gary Hoy tried and failed last month to force the home secretary to include Kincora in the Westminster inquiry. Hoy and others fear that the Kincora inquiry, which is based in Northern Ireland and taking hearings at the court in Banbridge, County Down, will not have access to sensitive MI5 intelligence files on the people who ran Kincora.

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21. Australia needs to strengthen cyber-security strategy: national report

Canberra Times, Henry Belot, 2016 05 31

Canberra - The Australian government's newly launched \$230 million strategy to bolster cyber-security lacks adequate funding and strategic vision, according to a leading policy group. The

strategy, launched by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in April, came with an acknowledgement Australia was prepared to take offensive action to protect the national interest. The funding boost came after \$400 million was allocated for staff with hacking experience at the Australian Signals Directorate and the announcement of 800 new intelligence and cyber roles within the Department of Defence. But the Australian Centre for Cyber Security's latest discussion paper on cyber threats, published on Monday, found the government had fallen "behind the pace" set by strategic partners. Professor Greg Austin, who prepared the report, said the government had not articulated strategies to reduce the risk of threats, or had an open conversation with the public. "There is quite a gap in the seriousness with which the Australian government discusses cyber threats and the actions taken by the US and the UK," he said. "We don't face quite the same threats as the US but there is evidence to suggest the Australian government is not prepared to recognise the serious threat of cyber crime." Professor Austin said many Australians did not understand the risks cyber crime posed and, as a result, were unlikely to support large-scale investments by the government. In the past six months, the computer system at the Bureau of Meteorology experienced a "massive breach", believed to have originated in China, and it was reported that 97 federal agencies were told to encrypt more data amid "hundreds" of attempted intrusions a month. The report also found the government had not committed "to develop and implement a specialists training plan in the field of countering cyber crime". can

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22. Money laundering

New Zealand Herald, 2016 05 31

Wellington - The furore over the Panama Papers is hastening completion of New Zealand's anti-money laundering regime. Prime Minister John Key told his post-Cabinet press conference that a remaining chunk of legislation to complete the country's AML obligations would be hurried through. "There's no question that's as a result of the debate around the Panama Papers and wider global debate," Key said. BusinessDesk reported last July that the Government was looking to extend the AML regime as the number of suspicious transactions reported to law enforcement agencies has more than tripled since the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act came into effect in mid-2013. A second tranche of legislative reform would extend anti-money laundering requirements to professions and businesses dealing in high-value goods, such as lawyers, accountants, conveyancing practitioners and real estate agents, Justice Minister Amy Adams said last year.

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23. Violence to escalate after ISIS Iraq defeat: Leahy

The Australian, Brendan Nicholson, 2016 05 31

Sydney - Even if Islamic State is driven out of Iraq, violence impelled by religious differences will continue to escalate across much of the Middle East and further afield, former army commander Peter Leahy says. Writing for The Australian, the former lieutenant general says the intensity of violence and willingness of so many of those involved to die as suicide bombers

reflects the extent to which religious ideology is driving the conflict. Now director of the University of Canberra's National Security Institute, Professor Leahy says Australians have become used to long Australian Defence Forces deployments overseas and there should be much more election campaign debate about the nation's operational goals. There has been more discussion about actor Johnny Depp's dogs than the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan and what Australian troops are expected to achieve, Professor Leahy says. "We can do better by them, and an election campaign is a good time to start talking about our war aims and what victory looks like. "We might even ... start talking about the ideas behind the threats we have sent our troops overseas to confront. What hope of any acknowledgment that, in the war on terror, we will be fighting multiple wars on multiple fronts for a very long time to come?" Professor Leahy says, in contrast, the terrorists have a clear strategy and believe they are engaged in a cosmic battle between good and evil.

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24. Chinese worker wounded in Karachi bomb attack

The Express Tribune, Faraz Khan, 2016 05 31

Karachi - A Chinese worker and his driver were wounded in Karachi on Monday in a bomb attack claimed by ethnic nationalists opposed to plans for extensive Chinese investment, police said. The 25-year-old Chinese man, identified as Finche, and his driver were slightly wounded in the attack, said Sindh IG Allah Dino Khawaja. "Apparently, the attack was aimed at the Chinese national," Khawaja said, adding the man was travelling with his driver and a security guard. A low-intensity bomb went off by the road in Gulshan-e-Hadeed, shattering the windows of the van the men were travelling in. Television footage showed construction helmets in a rear seat. A pamphlet signed by a group called the Sindhudesh Revolutionary Army, an ethnic Sindhi separatist group, was found at the site, police said. "The world's most plunderous nation has set its eye on Sindh," the pamphlet said, according to a photograph of it seen by Reuters. "They want to attack Sindh and enslave its people."

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25. In quest for ID cards, foreign spies bribed NADRA officials

The Express Tribune, Danish Hussain, 2016 05 31

Islamabad - The corrupt practices through which a number of foreign terrorists have been able to obtain national identity cards has allegedly allowed spies from neighbouring countries to secure legitimate identification documents, the federal government was informed recently. During a recent closed-door meeting, members of the National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra) and intelligence agencies told Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar that fake identity cards have been issued to Afghan nationals, some of whom worked with Indian intelligence agencies. The matter regained prominence in the wake of a drone strike on Afghan Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar Mansoor in Naushki, Balochistan. Officials had recovered a Pakistani ID card and passport from Mansoor's charred body though it bore the name of Wali Muhammad. It prompted

Nisar to admit during a press briefing on May 25 that "strategic, security and national interests of the country have been compromised to a great extent".

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26. Intelligence operatives releases BBC reporter Karyab

Pajhwok Afghan News, Zeerak Fahim, 2016 05 31

Jalalabad - BBC reporter Niamatullah Karyab was freed from two days in captivity by the National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Monday. Personnel of the Special Forces Unit had detained Karyab two days back in Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Karyab had been handed over to NDS officials for investigations after he was detained. The journalist said he was reunited with his family early in the morning. However, he did not give details of his arrest. Some days ago, NDS operatives had detained political analyst Hassan Haqyar in Kabul. He was released two days after being arrested. (Full Report).

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27. Key ISIS leader killed in an airstrike near Kabul

Khaama Press, 2016 05 31

Kabul - A key leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group was killed in an airstrike in Maidan Wardak province, located some 35 kilometers west of Kabul. According to the defense officials, the ISIS leader was identified as Mujahid and was killed along with one of his bodyguards. The officials did not elaborate further regarding the airstrike and whether it was carried out by the Afghan Air Force or the US Forces. The loyalists of the terror group are believed to have significant presence in eastern Nangarhar province and this is the first time a key leader of the group has been killed near Kabul. In the meantime, the Afghanistan National Security Council (NSC) on Monday approved in principle the strategy to fight the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group as the loyalists of the terror group are attempting to expand foothold in the country.

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Africa • Afrique

28. Ex-Leader of Chad Gets Life Sentence for War Crimes

New York Times, Dionne Searcey, 2016 05 31

Dakar - Hissène Habré, the former president of Chad, was sentenced to life in prison after he was found guilty of crimes against humanity, torture and sex crimes on Monday, more than 20 years after the start of a campaign to hold him accountable for the suffering and death of tens of thousands of people. Mr. Habré, who ruled Chad from 1982 to 1990, when he was deposed by the current president, Idriss Déby, stood trial before a special court in Senegal created to handle the case. Prosecutors had sought a life sentence, which he is expected to serve in Senegal. "The

systematic torture at such a large scale was his way of governing," said Gberdao Gustave Kam, the presiding judge on a three-judge panel, who read a summary of the verdict. "Hissène Habré showed no compassion toward the victims or any regret about the massacres and rapes that were committed." Victims and relatives of victims screamed with joy after the verdict was announced. Mr. Habré, who had sat silently during the 90-minute hearing, raised his fists to supporters and shouted for several minutes until armed guards led him away.

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29. Maurice: tirs contre l'ambassade de France, niveau de sécurité rehaussé

Radio France Internationale, Journaliste maison, 2016 05 31

Port-Louis, Maurice - Des coups de feu ont visé l'ambassade de France et l'hôtel Saint-Georges dans la capitale, Port-Louis. Aucun blessé, et pas de dégâts importants. Le commissaire de police, Mario Nobin, a annoncé sans tarder un déploiement de ses forces dans toutes les zones sensibles, en même temps que la mise à contribution de tous les services de renseignements et d'investigation. Les autorités prennent très au sérieux le message associé aux coups de feu sur l'ambassade de France et l'hôtel d'à côté, sans pour autant évoquer ouvertement la piste terroriste. « Je ne peux être catégorique pour l'heure, mais je peux dire que nos services anti-terroristes suivent de très près certains groupes », a déclaré le commissaire de police. En octobre dernier, la police soupçonnait quatre Mauriciens d'avoir tenté de rejoindre Daesh et surveillait une trentaine d'individus. S'agit-il de vrais fanatiques du groupe Etat Islamique qui ont tiré sur la chancellerie française à Port-Louis ? L'ambassadeur Laurent Garnier répondait à cette question sur la chaîne privée Radio Plus.

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30. Power Struggles Stall South Sudan's Recovery

New York Times, Jacey Fortin, 2016 05 31

Juba - If there is any chance for South Sudan to get back on its feet, it will need to be serious about the mundane. In recent weeks, the country's top priority has been to form a transitional government that strikes a delicate peace between former warring rivals. But South Sudan's governing elite have done little to focus on something just as critical to the country's health: righting the devastated economy. "You cannot talk about improving the economic situation now, because peace and security are the cornerstones for whatever you do," Michael Makuei, the country's minister of information, said last month as the government was being formed.

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31. Tchad / Sénégal / Justice / Hissène Habré - Hissène Habré: pourquoi son procès est historique?

Radio France Internationale, Journaliste maison, 2016 05 31

Dakar - Au Sénégal, le tribunal spécial africain de Dakar a donc finalement tranché. Ce procès d'Hissène Habré marquera certainement l'histoire de la justice internationale. C'est une première

en effet, et pour plusieurs raisons. C'est la première fois qu'un chef d'Etat est reconnu personnellement coupable de viols, qu'un ancien chef d'Etat africain est jugé en Afrique, et c'est la première fois au monde que des juridictions d'un pays jugent le chef d'Etat d'un autre pays pour des crimes contre l'humanité. Et tout cela a été possible en recourant au concept de « compétence universelle ». C'est un concept-clé de la justice internationale grâce auquel on peut engager des poursuites contre une ou plusieurs personnes en dehors du pays où les crimes graves ont été commis. Hissène Habré a donc été jugé au Sénégal - alors qu'il est Tchadien - parce qu'une plainte avait été déposée au Sénégal, le pays où il réside depuis son exil en 1990.

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Asia • Asie

32. Canada provides humanitarian support to ongoing relief efforts in Sri Lanka

Colombo Page, News Desk, 2016 05 31

Colombo - The Government of Canada has provided CAD 310,000 (approximately Rs. 35 million) in support to humanitarian relief efforts in Sri Lanka in response to the May 2016 flooding and landslides. The funding was disbursed through the Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund (CHAF) and the Emergency Disaster Assistance Fund (EDAF) of Global Affairs Canada and will support those most affected by the unprecedented rainfall and devastating floods in May 2016 which has resulted in tragic loss of life, injuries, missing, displaced and damages. Canadian funding will support up to 62,000 people. From this allocation CAD 150,000 will support Oxfam's humanitarian response in Sri Lanka. Oxfam Canada will implement the project with the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society and LEADS (Lanka Evangelical Alliance Development Service).

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33. China protests to Japan's embassy over G-7 leaders' statement (Canada)

Kyodo News, Staff Reporter, 2016 05 31

Beijing - China has lodged a protest with Japan's diplomatic mission in Beijing over a statement released last week by the leaders of the Group of Seven countries that touched on tensions in the South China Sea, diplomatic sources said Monday. China's Foreign Ministry made the protest after the leaders from Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States plus the European Union expressed concern over the situation in regional waters in their declaration at the close of an annual summit on Friday, according to the sources.

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34. Khalistan terror camp in Canada plotting attacks in Punjab: India to Trudeau government

Economic Times, Rohan Dua, 2016 05 31

Chandigarh - Almost six months after the Pathankot terror attack, intelligence agencies have sent an alert to Canada's Justin Trudeau government, saying that pro-Khalistan terrorists are running a camp near Mission city in British Columbia to carry out strikes in Punjab. According to a report prepared by Punjab intelligence sleuths, Canadian Sikh Hardeep Nijjar has taken over as the operational head of Khalistan Terror Force (KTF) and formed a module comprising Sikh youths to carry out the attacks. The Punjab government has already submitted the report to the ministry of external affairs and ministry of home affairs to seek Nijjar's extradition. The report makes a reference to the January 2 Pathankot airbase attack, saying Nijjar "was to arrange weapons from Pakistan but due to high alert on the border in the wake of Pathankot incident, it could not materialise".

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35. N.K missile launch fails for 4th straight time

The Korea Herald, Yoon Min-sik, 2016 05 31

Seoul - North Korea on Tuesday attempted yet another launch of its Musudan intermediate-range ballistic missile that ended in failure, sending mixed signals to the international community less than two weeks after proposing talks with Seoul. According to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the missile was fired around 5:20 a.m. in Wonsan, Gangwon Province. "The North has consistently been attempting ballistic missile launches since Kim gave the orders (for a ballistic missile test launch) on March 15. The military is on full alert in case of further provocations by the North," said a JCS official. He added that additional analysis is necessary on details of the launch. YonhapThe Ministry of National Defense refused to formally comment on how far the missile flew but a military official said that the military was unable to determine the direction of the launch, indicating that the flight was too brief to determine even the rough course. There have been speculations within the military that it may have exploded from the launch pad.

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36. South Korea says North Korea missile launch likely failed

Associated Press, Hyung-Jin Kim and Foster Klug, 2016 05 31

Seoul - A North Korean missile launch likely failed on Tuesday, South Korea's military said, the fourth in a series of high-profile failures that somewhat temper recent worries that the North is pushing quickly toward its goal of a nuclear-tipped missile that can reach America's mainland. South Korea's Yonhap news agency said the missile was a powerful mid-range Musudan, which could potentially reach U.S. military bases in Asia and the Pacific. Yonhap cited an unidentified government source as saying the missile exploded at a mobile launch pad as soon as the launch button was pressed. The report, if confirmed, suggests the missile may have even failed to lift off. Yonhap did not say how its source obtained the information. South Korea's military couldn't confirm the report. The Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that North Korea attempted to

launch an unidentified missile early in the morning from the eastern coastal town of Wonsan, but that it likely failed. It released no other details.

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37. Top N. Korean official makes surprise visit to China

Yonhap English News, Kim Deok-hyun, 2016 05 31

Seoul - Career diplomat Ri Su-yong, one of North Korea's highest-ranking officials, arrived in Beijing on Tuesday in a surprise visit to China that appears to signal the North's attempt to mend soured ties between the allies. A number of North Korean delegates led by Ri, vice chairman of the North Korean ruling party's Central Committee and the director of the party's International Department, arrived at the Beijing Capital International Airport amid tight security. Shortly after arriving at the airport, Ri's motorcade of 12 black sedans and one mini bus headed to the Daiyoutai State Guesthouse in central Beijing. Ri served as North Korea's foreign minister until he was promoted as a member of North Korea's politburo during the North's party congress earlier this month. Ri is expected to meet with Chinese officials, according to diplomatic sources in Beijing. During a regular press briefing on Tuesday, China's foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying declined to comment on Ri's visit to China, saying China's "competent authorities" will soon release information on the visit.

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38. With arrest of two key men, Khalistani 'terror cells' busted in Punjab (Canada).

Hindustan Times, 2016 05 31

Chandigarh - Punjab Police have busted two sleeper cells of terror outfits Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) and Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) that were allegedly preparing to target different dera (sect) heads, retired top-ranking police officers, and activists of right-wing Hindu organisations. Top police sources said the month-long and carefully crafted operation reached a decisive stage on Tuesday night when cops arrested Mandeep Singh, an operative of the KTF, from Jagraon near Ludhiana, and Arvinder Singh alias Mitha Singh of BKI from a village adjoining Nawanshahr. The duo had entered Punjab about two months ago. While Mandeep had come from Canada, Mitha had arrived from Doha in Qatar. Both terror operatives had travelled to Punjab on valid documents and had no history of involvement in crime, said investigators.

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39. Russia's 'Troll Army' Retaliates Against an Effort to Expose It

New York Times, Andrew Higgins, 2016 05 31

Helsinki - Seeking to shine some light into the dark world of Internet trolls, a journalist with Finland's national broadcaster asked members of her audience to share their experience of encounters with Russia's "troll army," a raucous and often venomous force of online agitators.

The response was overwhelming, though not in the direction that the journalist, Jessikka Aro, had hoped. As she expected, she received some feedback from people who had clashed with aggressively pro-Russian voices online. But she was taken aback, and shaken, by a vicious retaliatory campaign of harassment and insults against her and her work by those same pro-Russian voices. "Everything in my life went to hell thanks to the trolls," said Ms. Aro, a 35-year-old investigative reporter with the social media division of Finland's state broadcaster, Yle Kioski. This "information war," said Rastislav Kacer, a veteran diplomat who served as Slovakia's ambassador to Washington and at NATO's headquarters in Brussels, "is just part of a bigger struggle." While not involving bloodshed, he added, it "is equally as dangerous as more conventional hostile action."

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40. Russian cyber-espionage group hits Sanoma

Yle (Finland), Staff report, 2016 05 30

Helsinki - The Tokyo-based security software firm Trend Micro has found strong evidence that employees of Finland's Sanoma corporation have been targeted by an attempted cyber-attack. The Russian cyber-espionage group set up a fake server that closely resembled Sanoma's webmail server, Trend Micro's Senior Threat Researcher, Feike Hacquebord tells Yle. He says the group registered a web address that differed by just one character from the address of Sanoma's genuine webmail server. Hacquebord says the attack most likely occurred last August, and that the fake corporate webmail server operated for a few weeks before it was shut down. Data security firms refer to the cyber-espionage group behind the attacks by various names including Pawn Storm, APT28, Sednit and Sofacy. Hacquebord says the group is part of Russia's state intelligence apparatus. The German intelligence service has confirmed this assessment.

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

41. Faloudja : la guerre urbaine a commencé

Le Figaro, Georges Malbrunot, 2016 05 31

Faloudja - Les unités d'élite irakiennes sont entrées dans la ville tenue par Daech. Les combats s'annoncent violents. Moyen-Orient Après l'encerclement, place au combat urbain dans la « ville aux mille mosquées ». Et il s'annonce difficile. Lundi, les forces irakiennes ont pénétré dans Faloudja, ce sanctuaire islamiste devenu la première ville irakienne passée aux mains de Daech en janvier 2014. L'assaut a été lancé avant l'aube à partir de trois directions. Il est conduit par les membres de l'unité d'élite spécialisée dans le contre-terrorisme, et entraînée par des forces spéciales américaines. « Les troupes irakiennes sont entrées dans Faloudja avec le soutien aérien de la coalition internationale et de l'armée de l'air irakienne ainsi que l'appui de l'artillerie et des chars », a déclaré le général Abdelwahab al-Saadi, commandant de l'opération. « Il y a une résistance de Daech », a-t-il reconnu. Des tribus appuient Daech Après avoir pénétré vers 4 heures du matin dans le quartier al-Nouaimiya, au sud-est de Faloudja, les commandos irakiens ont conquis une station de police à l'intérieur de la ville, défendue par 500 à 1 000 djihadistes.

Ces derniers jours, des milliers de membres de la « Mobilisation populaire » - c'est-à-dire essentiellement des miliciens chiites encadrés par des conseillers iraniens - s'étaient employés à verrouiller Faloudja, à seulement 60 km à l'ouest de Bagdad.

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42. Iran rejects Bahrain espionage, interference allegations

Press TV, 2016 05 31

Tehran - Iran has categorically rejected as "unfounded" espionage and meddling allegations by the Bahraini regime against the Islamic Republic. An appeals court in Bahrain on Sunday upheld the life sentences as well as the citizenship revocation of five Shia activists over allegations that they had been "spying for Iran" and planning attacks in the country. A statement by the prosecution said that the court rejected the appeal by the five defendants and stripped them of their citizenship. In November last year, a Bahraini court handed down life imprisonment sentence to the men after convicting them of "spying for Iran" and seeking to carry out hostile acts against Bahrain. "Since the outset of popular protests in Bahrain, the country's government has been seeking to divert the public opinion from this country's internal crisis through leveling fabricated and delusive accusations against some countries," a source at Iran's Foreign Ministry said on Monday.

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43. Bahrain Court Upholds Life Sentence, Revocation of Citizenship for Five Activists

Asharq Al-Awsat, Obaid Al-Suhaymi, 2016 05 31

Manama - An appeals court in Bahrain has upheld the life sentences as well as the citizenship revocation of five activists over allegations of spying for the Iranian National Guard and planning attacks in the country by training people to use weapons and explosives to destabilize the security of the Bahraini society. Chief of the Terror Crime Prosecution, Advocate General Ahmed Al Hammadi said the High Court of Appeal explained that the High Criminal Court on November 5, 2015 sentenced five suspects to life in prison, ordered the confiscation of the seized items and ruled the revocation of their citizenship. The convicts were accused of intelligence for a foreign country and other parties working for it in order to carry out terror acts in Bahrain targeting public and financial institutions. Two of them had received training in Iran on "the manufacture and use of explosives and firearms in preparation for carrying out these hostile attacks", according to the charges.

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44. Hezbollah's Doctrine in Lebanese Elections

Asharq Al-Awsat, Mona Alami, 2016 05 31

Beirut - The municipal elections that were held in Lebanon this month showed a huge drop in the support for Lebanese political parties, including the so-called Hezbollah. The rise of independents, influential families and the Lebanese Communist Party was a sign that Hezbollah's role at the popular Shi'ite base has begun to diminish as a result of its interference in the Syrian war and the rising economic challenges that Lebanon is facing. Many believe that Hezbollah had built its reputation for fighting Israel and for leading to or contributing to Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon in 2000. Yet this organization, which is religiously, politically and militarily linked to Iran, is facing a growing problem. With its expansion outside Lebanon's border and its belief that it will become stronger than ever, the party has become more fragile. Since 2012, Hezbollah has given up on its essential role to fight Israel by joining the head of the Syrian regime, Bashar Assad, in the war against rebels.

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45. Israel's Interior Minister Moves to Revoke Citizenship of Arab Terror Suspect

Haaretz, Jack Khoury, 2016 05 31

Jerusalem - Interior Minister Arye Dery said on Sunday he was taking steps to revoke the citizenship of a man from Umm al-Fahm who has been charged in connection to a terror attack in Israel in October. Ala'a Ziwad confessed to deliberately ramming his car into two soldiers and then stabbing two additional people, at the Gan Shmuel intersection near Hadera, before he was subdued. Two soldiers, a 19-year-old woman and a 20-year-old man, were admitted to hospital in serious and moderate condition, respectively, after Ziwad hit them. In addition, a 14-year-old girl was hospitalized in moderate condition with stab wounds, while a 45-year-old man was treated for minor stab wounds. Writing on his official Facebook page, Dery said he had filed a request with the Haifa District Court to begin the process of revoking the citizenship of Ziwad, whose mother -- but not his father -- is an Israeli citizen. Dery said the father's residency permit would not be renewed.

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46. Kuwait Upholds Death Sentence for Sadiq Mosque Blast Ringleader

Asharq Al-Awsat, Mirza Al-Khuwaylidi, 2016 05 31

Kuwait - Kuwait's Supreme Court on Monday upheld the death sentence handed down to the main convict in the June 2015 bombing of the Imam Sadiq mosque that killed 26 people and left 227 injured. The court confirmed the sentence of capital punishment passed on Abdulrahman Sabah Idan, known as Saud, a stateless man (Bidoon) who drove the Saudi suicide bomber to the mosque during Friday prayers. The attack in Kuwait City was claimed by ISIS. The court also upheld jail terms of between two and 15 years for eight people, including four women, and acquitted 15 others including three women and the owner of the car that was used to drive the suicide bomber to the mosque. The court did not hear the appeals of five others -- four Saudis and a stateless man -- who had been sentenced to death in absentia by a lower court.

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47. Terrorists Recruiting Fighters Under US-Planned Ceasefire in Syria

Fars News Agency, 2016 05 31

Tehran - The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR) disclosed that the US-manufactured truce plan in Syria paved the ground for the al-Qaeda-affiliated al-Nusra Front to transfer over 3,000 of fresh recruits into the Syrian territories in March. "The Al-Nusra has managed to recruit and transfer thousands of fresh terrorists, including youngsters, to Syria's Northern territories, which shows how the US-backed ceasefire has ended in opposite results," said Rami Abdul Rahman, the president of SOHR. "My sources in al-Nusra told me that at least 3,000 fresh recruits joined al-Nusra in March, including hundreds of the refugees who lived in Northern camps," He further added. Military observers of the Syrian crisis have announced that most of the advances of the al-Nusra front in the battlefields are indebted to its recent recruitment of fresh forces during the ceasefire which has enabled the terrorist group to think about materialization of its old projects.

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48. UAE acquits two Libyan-Americans and Canadian of militancy charges

Reuters, 2016 05 31

Dubai - A security court in the United Arab Emirates on Monday acquitted two Libyan-American businessmen and a Libyan-Canadian charged with supporting Libyan militants, a lawyer and a family representative said. "The United Arab Emirates (UAE) Abu Dhabi Supreme Court State Security Chamber found American businessmen Kamal and Mohamed Eldarat not guilty, after nearly two years of arbitrary detainment and a four-month trial," a statement from the Eldarat family said. Kamal and son Mohamed were arrested at their home in the UAE in 2014, according to the family. Paul Champ, a human rights lawyer representing Canadian co-defendant Salim Alaradi - who was arrested while visiting the UAE - said that although the three men had been acquitted, they had yet to be released from custody.

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49. Assange: Hollande "est une escroquerie comme de nombreux politiciens"

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 05 31

Paris - Le fondateur de Wikileaks, l'Australien Julian Assange, reclus depuis quatre ans à l'ambassade d'Équateur à Londres, a accusé mardi François Hollande d'être "une escroquerie comme de nombreux politiciens". "On ne peut pas forcément lui en vouloir d'être un hypocrite, cela fait partie de son métier malheureusement", a-t-il ajouté, interrogé par visioconférence par iTélé. La France a rejeté en juillet 2015 une demande d'asile du fondateur de Wikileaks. Julian

Assange avait présenté sa requête de manière informelle, dans une longue lettre ouverte publiée le 3 juillet par le quotidien Le Monde. "A cette époque, j'ai révélé comment les trois derniers présidents français faisaient l'objet d'écoutes de la part des Etats-Unis", a-t-il expliqué sur iTélé. Cet espionnage a visé, au moins de 2006 à 2012, François Hollande et ses deux prédécesseurs de droite, Nicolas Sarkozy (2007-2012) et Jacques Chirac (1995-2007), d'après des documents de Wikileaks publiés par le quotidien Libération et le site d'information Mediapart. "On aurait pu penser que le président allait aider les lanceurs d'alerte", estime-t-il. Mais "L'Élysée ne voulait pas heurter les Etats- Unis". L'Australien critique également l'état d'urgence décrété en France après les attentats du 13 novembre à Paris et prolongé jusqu'à fin juillet.

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50. Hyper Cacher: un ex-indic de la gendarmerie a vendu des armes à Amédée Coulibaly
BFM TV (Chaîne de télévision - France), C. P. avec Sarah-Lou Cohen, 2016 05 31

Paris - Plus d'un an après la prise d'otages sanglante de l'Hyper Cacher, on sait désormais la provenance d'une partie de l'arsenal utilisé par Amédée Coulibaly. Nouvelles révélations sur les attentats de janvier 2015. Selon les informations de BFMTV, les enquêteurs connaissent désormais l'origine des armes utilisées par Amédée Coulibaly, lorsqu'il a semé la mort dans l'Hyper Cacher. Une partie de son arsenal provient de Lille, d'un ancien indicateur des gendarmes. Claude Hermant. C'est bien l'homme qui a armé, sans le savoir, Amédée Coulibaly. Six mois avant les attentats de janvier 2015, l'ex-mercenaire d'extrême droite achète, avec sa femme, à une société slovaque, les quatre pistolets Tokarev et les deux Kalachnikov qui seront retrouvés plus tard dans l'Hyper Cacher et dans la planque du terroriste. Interrogé par l'antiterrorisme en décembre dernier, Claude Hermant raconte qu'à l'époque, il est un indicateur des gendarmes de la section de recherches de Lille. Sa mission: acheter des dizaines d'armes pour les revendre. Il n'a alors qu'un seul acheteur, un dénommé Samyr.

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51. Les conflits sociaux ébranlent l'exécutif belge
Le Monde, Jean-Pierre Stroobants, 2016 05 31

Bruxelles - Le premier ministre, Charles Michel, apparaît isolé face à la multiplication des grèves. Une grève inattendue dans les chemins de fer, commencée jeudi 26 mai et qui ne s'achèvera que mercredi 1er juin, au lendemain d'une paralysie de tous les services publics. Une autre des surveillants pénitentiaires qui dure depuis trente-cinq jours en Wallonie et à Bruxelles. Une grogne des policiers, eux aussi tentés par des actions, qui se disent débordés par les missions liées au maintien du niveau d'alerte terroriste et refusent de remplacer les gardiens de prison. Enfin, un mouvement inédit de protestation des magistrats, qui doivent se croiser les bras à partir du jeudi 2. La Belgique aura rarement été confrontée à des tensions sociales aussi vives alors que le gouvernement de centre-droit, dirigé par le libéral francophone Charles Michel, ne paraît pas près de céder aux revendications des centrales syndicales.

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52. Turkey's Erdogan accuses Russia of arming PKK militants

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 05 30

Ankara - Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan has accused Russia of providing anti-aircraft weaponry and rockets to militants of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), government officials said on Monday, confirming reports in local media. Speaking to reporters on board his airplane after a visit to the southeastern province of Diyarbakir over the weekend, Erdogan accused Moscow of transferring weaponry to the PKK via Iraq and Syria, the pro-government Star newspaper said. "At this moment, terrorists are using anti-aircraft guns and missiles supplied by Russia. The separatist terrorist organization is equipped with these weapons. They have been transferred to them via Syria and Iraq," the newspaper reported Erdogan as saying. Two Turkish government officials confirmed Erdogan's comments, but Russia said Turkey must show proof for its claims. Responding to the accusation, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov was quoted by Interfax news agency as saying: "When someone says something, let them show evidence."

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1. Canada's Spies Won Awards for 'Dangerous' Work in Afghanistan, but Details Remain Secret

Vice News, Justin Ling, 2016 06 01

Canada won't confirm exactly what its spies were doing in Afghanistan, but it has been quietly awarding service medals for their service, according to documents obtained by VICE News. And

it was dangerous. Those medals were pinned on to the spooks' chests by Governor General David Johnston, who acts as Canada's head of state, for their work in Afghanistan. But for much of Canada's involvement in the war-torn country, the work of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) remained strictly secret. In recent years, CSIS' work in Afghanistan has slowly come to light. Even now, the government will only say that that CSIS agents were processing detainees and doing basic interviews with possible al Qaeda or Taliban commanders from within Canadian Forces and Afghan military bases. But these new documents, obtained under the Access to Information Act, reveal that CSIS agents may have been directly in harm's way. In 2013, the service created the Operational Service Medal (OSM), awarded specifically for "when the deployment involves a certain level of risk, threat, hardship or operational intensity," according to the regulations creating the medal. Asked specifically what sort of work would qualify an agent for the medal, and whether processing detainees would qualify as significantly risky or intense, the spokesperson refused comment. "As you understand, we would not be able to speak to the specifics of the role played by any award recipient," they wrote. According to the documents, the original plan was to create a Dangerous Operating Environment (DOE) Service Award, which appeared to be specific to CSIS. However, in a 2013 memo, CSIS' 'awards coordinator' wrote that "due to shifting priorities, the Service has not given out any DOE awards." A spokesperson for CSIS confirmed to VICE News that the DOE award was "abandoned prior to implementation." Instead, it was replaced by the more abstractly-named OSM, which is awarded through Canada's Department of National Defence. The government has never publicly admitted that CSIS agents are eligible for the OSM, and the regulations underline that the award is intended for soldiers and police. But according to the documents, CSIS agents are, in fact, eligible. In order to be considered for the OSM, the spy must have serviced 30 cumulative days in the region and would need to serve in "exceptional circumstances and the person must have been deployed specifically to provide that service or support on a full-time basis to the operations." It goes on to note that anything comparable to "normal duty" -- such as visits or inspections -- or work that is done "from the relative safety of a country distant from the theatre or area shall be excluded." Other awards can be granted for regular duty.

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2. China's foreign minister to meet with PM

Globe and Mail, Robert Fife, 2016 06 01

Ottawa - Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi will hold high-level talks with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Parliament Hill on Wednesday as planning gets under way for Mr. Trudeau's official visit to China in the fall. Mr. Wang is also meeting Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion in what the Chinese government said is the first annual meeting of foreign affairs ministers. The two men will discuss the upcoming G20 summit, global issues and human rights, Mr. Dion's office said. Charles Burton, a former counsellor at the Canadian embassy in Beijing, expressed surprise that the government had not informed Canadians that it has set up a formalized arrangement for annual talks with China's foreign minister. "You would have thought if Canada had established a formal mechanism for regular meetings between cabinet ministers of the two countries, normally one would expect that would have been publicly announced. It is quite a major thing," Mr. Burton said in an interview. Mr. Wang's visit was announced Monday in Beijing and late Tuesday in Ottawa. Usually such visits are made public days before the event.

China has made it a precondition of negotiations on free trade that Canada ensure an energy pipeline from the oil sands to the coast of British Columbia. It also wants the federal government to lift foreign investment restrictions on Chinese state-owned enterprises in the oil and gas sector. Mr. Trudeau promised before last fall's election that he would lift the restrictions that were put in place by the former Conservative government, although Mr. Burton noted that Canada's security agencies have concerns about Chinese control of vital Canadian resource companies. "You have Canadian security agencies who are concerned about more Chinese state investment leading to more security problems. It seems to be the security agencies, human-rights groups and public opinion at large are wanting more input into the process which we engage China," Mr. Burton said. Mr. Trudeau's former national security adviser, Richard Fadden, said the Chinese have been heavily engaged in spying and cyberattacks in Canada. "Their broad approach is to use the vacuum-cleaner approach. They'll, you know, pretty well take anything," Mr. Fadden, a former director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, said in an interview on Sunday. "So I think it's actually quite difficult to balance all of this and make sure we have a work-a-day relationship, while at the same time making it very clear we don't like the cyberattacks."

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3. Accused attacker facing additional terrorism charges

Toronto Star, Wendy Gillis, 2016 06 01

Toronto - More than two months since he was alleged to have attacked three members of the Canadian Forces at a Toronto recruitment centre, Ayanle Hassan Ali is now facing a slew of new terrorism-related charges, setting the stage for what could be a precedent-setting test of Canada's little-used terrorism legislation. Ali, a 27-year-old Montreal native, yelled out "Allah told me to come here and kill people" in the midst of the alleged March 14 attack, according to Toronto police Chief Mark Saunders. The alleged declaration fuelled speculation Ali may be the latest architect of a terrorist attack on Canadian soil, while comments from those close to Ali suggested he was mentally ill. Two developments in the case Tuesday only deepened the opposing versions of Ali. Following a psychiatric assessment, Ali was found unfit to stand trial "due to the ongoing psychotic symptoms of a major mental illness," according to a statement from his lawyer, Maureen Addie. He will now be treated with antipsychotic medications, with the goal of helping him become fit to stand trial. Another fitness assessment will be conducted and a followup hearing is scheduled for July. The fitness ruling was made within hours of the RCMP announcing it had laid nine new charges against Ali, all allegedly committed "for the benefit of, at the direction of or in association with a terrorist group." The Mounties did not say what terrorist group, or what new evidence has been uncovered since the incident. The new charges are: three counts of attempted murder, two counts of assault causing bodily harm, three counts of assault using a weapon and one count of carrying a weapon. The alleged offences are a duplication of the nine charges already laid by Toronto police on March 15, one day after the attack, except with the terrorism enhancements. They have been laid under section 83.2 of the Criminal Code, legislation passed after the 9/11 attacks that specifically targets crimes involving terrorism.

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4. Border service officials seize arms export bound for Iraq at Toronto airport

Canadian Press, Staff reporter, 2016 06 01

Toronto - Border officials say they've seized a cache of gun parts and police equipment at Toronto's Pearson International Airport that was destined for Iraq. The Canada Border Services Agency says the discovery of the arms stemmed from an incident in February, when officers at the Rainbow Bridge border crossing in Niagara Falls, Ont., identified a man who was the subject of "an intelligence lookout." During an interview with the man, officers discovered an airline waybill indicating an export of auto parts to Iraq. The CBSA says further investigation revealed documentation and photos that caused officers to suspect gun parts were in fact involved in the export shipment, which was located at the Toronto airport's cargo facility. Officers at the Rainbow Bridge immediately contacted their counterparts at the Toronto airport, who tracked down the shipment at a cargo services warehouse. A CBSA spokeswoman said the seizure was only announced Tuesday because the agency had to wait for confirmation from Global Affairs that the arms were in violation of United Nations Iraq Regulations. "The interaction at the Rainbow Bridge and then the colleagues at the bridge contacting colleagues at Pearson, that was all very quick," said Antonella Digirolamo. "What we do at ports of entry across Canada is we help with the administration of export legislation, but we had to defer to our colleagues at Global Affairs Canada."

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5. Canadian acquitted in UAE case released from prison after nearly two years

Canadian Press, Diana Mehta, 2016 06 01

Ottawa - A Canadian acquitted of charges he faced in the United Arab Emirates has been released from prison and could leave the country as early as Wednesday, his family told The Canadian Press, calling the news "an amazing surprise." Salim Alaradi had been accused of providing supplies to groups in a foreign country without permission of the U.A.E. government and collecting donations without the government's permission. The 48-year-old was found not guilty in the case on Monday, but wasn't immediately released, prompting his family to appeal to Ottawa to help bring him home. Alaradi's family said his Emirati lawyer was told around 10 p.m. local time on Tuesday that the man could be picked up from an Abu Dhabi prison. "We are shocked because we didn't see this coming. This was an amazing surprise for my family," Alaradi's oldest daughter Marwa Alaradi told The Canadian Press. "But I ask that we remain cautious until my father is safely home with us." Salim Alaradi is spending the night with his local lawyer and plans to leave the country as early as Wednesday, his family said, with plans to be accompanied to the airport by Canadian officials. "He is happy but his exhaustion and stress was very clear," Alaradi's daughter said of her father's state. "He is very sick." Alaradi's Canadian lawyer has said the father of five plans to leave the U.A.E. and travel to Istanbul where he will meet his family and receive immediate medical treatment.

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6. Free trade, high seas security hang over Chinese minister's visit to Ottawa

Canadian Press, Mike Blanchfield, 2016 06 01

Ottawa - High seas geopolitical tensions in Asia and free trade aspirations will hang over the arrival of China's foreign minister in Ottawa today for talks with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his cabinet. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi is set to meet his Canadian counterpart, Stéphane Dion, but will also pay a visit to Trudeau's Parliament Hill office. Visiting foreign ministers usually stick to talking to their counterparts, but Trudeau's insertion into Wang's itinerary shows the importance the government is placing on China at a pivotal time. Wang's visit to Ottawa comes just a week after China expressed its unhappiness with the declaration made at last week's G7 leaders' summit in Japan, where Trudeau sided with the group in expressing concern about the rising tensions in the South China Sea. Several countries in the region oppose Chinese assertive posture, with Japan particularly taking umbrage over the Beijing's claims in the East China Sea. This is significant because the disputed waters also include important international shipping lanes. Beijing may have taken exception to the G7's stand on the dispute, but it also has high ambitions for deepening economic ties with Canada, including a free trade deal. Trudeau made positive strides with Chinese President Xi Jinping during his first round of international travel last fall. The Chinese leader praised the vision of Trudeau's father, Pierre, for establishing diplomatic relations with the People's Republic in 1970 during a meeting at the G20 in Turkey.

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7. Grande réunion sur la réponse en cas d'attentat

La Presse+, Vincent Larouche, 2016 06 01

Sherbrooke - Pas moins de 350 personnes issues de tout ce que le Québec compte de services d'urgence et de sécurité publique participeront aujourd'hui à une présentation spéciale sur la coordination en cas d'attaque terroriste majeure, avec un des plus hauts responsables opérationnels français en la matière. Le lieutenant-colonel David Drouaud, qui a participé aux opérations lors des attentats de Charlie Hebdo à titre de responsable de la coordination des forces d'intervention au ministère de l'Intérieur, présentera pour la première fois en dehors de la France le nouveau plan français en cas de tuerie de masse. La présentation aura lieu à Sherbrooke dans le cadre du colloque de l'Association des directeurs de police du Québec.

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8. Il reçoit une bombe fumigène dans sa voiture

Agence QMI, Maxime Landry, 2016 06 01

Montréal - Un homme victime des vandales dans le Sud-Ouest Un résident de Mascouche a vu sa voiture être sérieusement endommagée, samedi soir, par le commando masqué qui a pillé une épicerie fine dans le Sud-Ouest à Montréal. «Ils lançaient des fumigènes et mon toit ouvrant était ouvert, a raconté Raphaël Yvon, qui circulait sur la rue Notre-Dame à bord de sa Jetta blanche. Il y en a un qui a atterri dans ma voiture, probablement par pur hasard.» Rapidement, l'habitacle s'est retrouvé complètement envahi par la fumée. En plus de l'engin fumigène, les malfaiteurs lui

ont également lancé un tract dénonçant l'embourgeoisement du quartier. La scène a d'ailleurs été captée par des caméras de surveillance situées à proximité. «Il y en a un qui a essayé de nous faire sortir de la voiture, a confié l'homme. Il a essayé d'ouvrir la porte, mais elle était barrée. Quand on est sorti, il s'est sauvé.» M. Yvon a indiqué que les protestataires étaient tous cagoulés et qu'ils étaient difficilement reconnaissables. «On arrivait à peine à voir leurs yeux», at-il précisé.

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9. Man charged with terrorism for attack on soldiers

Globe and Mail, Jill Mahoney and Colin Freeze, 2016 06 01

Toronto - A Toronto man accused of attacking Canadian soldiers with a knife has been charged with a terrorism offence just as a judge found him unfit to stand trial. Ayanle Hassan Ali, 27, was earlier charged with nine counts, including three of attempted murder, following unprovoked attacks at a North Toronto military recruiting centre in March. Witnesses described soldiers subduing a knife-wielding man who had tried to hurt them, allegedly saying, "Allah told me to come here and kill people." No soldiers were seriously injured. The Islamic State terrorist group has been urging extremists in North America and Europe to use such tactics against uniformed soldiers. On Tuesday, the RCMP announced in a statement that they laid a catch-all terrorism charge against Mr. Ali - specifically, a Criminal Code offence stating he committed all of his other alleged crimes for "the benefit of, at the direction of or in association with a terrorist group." The Mounties did not state which terrorist group they are accusing Mr. Ali of being aligned with and they did not discuss what evidence they have that led the Crown to believe he was motivated by terrorist ideals. The fresh charge came as Mr. Ali was in court for a hearing to determine if he's mentally fit to stand trial. In late March, Mr. Ali was ordered to undergo a 30-day psychiatric assessment, which was later extended to 60 days.

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10. New Mental Health Plan Could Be 'Turning Point'

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 06 01

Ottawa - The federal government is poised to unveil a new mental health strategy that could be the "turning point" for an employer once dubbed the "worst of the worst" for its high level of chronic stress and depression among Canada's public servants, said a leading mental health advocate. Bill Wilkerson, chair of Mental Health International who is leading a pan-European campaign on depression, said a successful plan would change the way executives lead, managers manage and employees work, eliminating the stress that infected the public service like a "super bug" over the past decade. That would, in turn, reduce absenteeism, boost morale, make employees more productive, innovative and better policy-makers. Without a mental health strategy, Wilkerson says the much-promised renewal of the public service - the latest known as Blueprint 2020 - will remain elusive. "A mental health strategy should be the heartbeat of public service renewal," Wilkerson said in an interview. "Without it, renewal is nourished by empty calories of rhetoric and distrust between public servants and their employer."

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11. Police held simulated security op at east end 'spy palace'

Ottawa Citizen, Vito Pilioci, 2016 06 01

Ottawa - The Ottawa Police Service is partnered with the Communications Security Establishment Tuesday morning for a joint training exercise at CSE's new billion-dollar headquarters in Gloucester. Police are warned residents that they may see an enhanced police presence at the modern building and area at 1929 Ogilvie Rd. between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. There was no public access to the simulation site until after the training is complete.(Full report)

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12. RCMP, bureaucrats rapped for improperly collecting personal info

CBC News, Dean Beeby, 2016 06 01

Ottawa - The RCMP and federal bureaucrats have been rapped for breaching their duty by gathering identifying data on people who ask for government information. It's the second time officials have been caught violating rules that are supposed to provide a large measure of anonymity for people who use Canada's Access to Information Act. The Mounties and public servants have promised to stop collecting the identifying information as of this month after Canada's information commissioner found the practice to be "arbitrary and unnecessary." The government "has breached its duty to assist requesters without regard for their identity," concludes the report of the commissioner's year-long probe, which responded to complaints by CBC News. The problem arises in a web-based tool that allows requestors to file and pay for official requests for government information under the Access to Information Act. The tool is currently used by 33 departments and agencies, many of them large. Online requests cannot be completed without first indicating the requester's gender in a mandatory "title" section, where the only options are "Ms." or "Mr." And all requests made to the RCMP on the site require the requestor to provide a date of birth.

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13. UAE frees Canadian man acquitted of militancy, set to leave Weds

Reuters, David Ljunggren, 2016 06 01

Ottawa - The United Arab Emirates on Tuesday freed a Libyan- Canadian man acquitted of aiding militants and he is set to leave the country on Wednesday, campaigners on his behalf said in a statement. Salim Alaradi and two Libyan-American businessmen - Kamal Eldarat and his son Mohamed - had been charged with supporting Libyan militants but were cleared by a UAE security court on Monday. The campaign to free Alaradi said he had been released at 10 p.m. Abu Dhabi time (1800 GMT). "Lawyers and family welcome the release but are cautious until he leaves the country and is reunited safely with his family. Tomorrow morning Canadian officials will continue to provide assistance and will accompany Alaradi to the airport," said the statement. In the Canadian capital Ottawa, a source connected to the case confirmed Alaradi had

been released and was set to leave on Wednesday. Alaradi was arrested in 2014 on a visit to the UAE. The Eldarats were detained the same year.

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14. Un policier parisien racontera

La Tribune de Sherbrooke, René-Charles Quirion, 2016 06 01

Sherbrooke - Sherbrooke accueillera un invité de marque cette semaine avec la présence de l'un des principaux acteurs policiers qui a dirigé les opérations à la suite des attentats de Paris en 2015. Le directeur-hôte du 18e colloque de l'Association des directeurs de police du Québec (ADPQ), Robert Pednault, est bien fier de la présence du lieutenant- colonel Drouaud. Ce dernier s'adressera à quelque 300 congressistes provenant de tous les corps de police municipaux du Québec, de la Sûreté du Québec, de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada et divers partenaires. Le lieutenant-colonel fera le portrait des opérations réalisées lors de cet événement et des décisions prises au fil des jours en tenant compte des enjeux tant politiques, stratégiques, décisionnels que médiatiques. « C'est une grande fierté de recevoir l'un des principaux dirigeants de la gestion de cette crise. Nous avons travaillé très fort avec l'Ambassade de France pour le recevoir. C'est une personne de très haut calibre », assure Robert Pednault qui dirige le Service de police de Sherbrooke. Le directeur du SPS estime qu'aucune ville n'est à l'abri de ce type d'événement. « Nous l'avons vu avec Ottawa ou Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, des gens peuvent décider d'agir seuls. Nous ne sommes pas à l'abri de personnes avec un problème de santé mentale qui choisit de commettre ce type de crime pour passer à l'histoire. Nous demeurons aussi sensibles aux signes de radicalisation, mais toute cette information doit rester confidentielle », mentionne Robert Pednault.

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15. Brother of Slain Taliban Chief's Driver Presses Charges over U.S. Drone Hit

Asharq Al-Awsat, Mohammed Ali Saleh, 2016 06 01

Washington - The Pentagon refused on Monday to comment on the charges that the brother of a man, who was killed in a U.S. drone strike alongside the Taliban's slain chief Mullah Akthar Mansour, has pressed against U.S. officials. A Pentagon source only said that the U.S. government does not recognize verdicts issued by courts abroad, mainly those linked to national security. Mansour was travelling by car near the Pakistani town of Ahmad Wal on May 21 when he was killed. U.S. officials described the car's driver as a "second male combatant" but according to Pakistani security officials he was a chauffeur named Mohammad Azam who worked for the Al Habib rental company based out of Quetta, the region's main city. His brother, Mohammad Qasim, said Azam was an innocent man who was providing for his four children and had been murdered.

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16. China, Russia Undeterred by Weak Obama Cyber Security Policy

Washington Free Beacon, Bill Gertz, 2016 06 01

Column - The Obama administration policy of avoiding assertive action against foreign hackers came under fire from Congress last week, and is raising concerns that the White House is failing to protect the country from large-scale cyber attacks. Christopher Painter, the State Department's coordinator for cyber security, defended the administration's strategy for deterring massive data breaches, like China's pilfering of sensitive personnel records on 22 million federal workers, known as "deterrence by denial." This strategy bears no relationship to the strategic doctrine of deterring foreign nuclear attacks by threatening to inflict massive nuclear blasts against any state that threatens to use its nuclear arms on the United States or its allies. Instead, "deterrence by denial" refers to a defensive effort to protect information networks against an onslaught of increasingly sophisticated and innovative cyber intrusions in the hope that foreign data thieves will eventually give up trying--rather than any effort to actually deter such attacks before they occur. The policy fits the overall Obama administration approach of limiting the use of assertive or offensive action against foes and doing as little as possible against those undermining U.S. interests. Instead, the administration uses only diplomatic and law enforcement means that have had little or no effect in deterring massive hacker attacks, primarily from China, along with those originating in Russia, Iran, and North Korea.

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17. CIA to detail secret Cold War actions

The Hill, Julian Hattem, 2016 05 31

London - The CIA is planning to offer details about four previously undisclosed covert actions conducted during the Cold War, a federal advisory committee declared in a report. It is unclear which actions will be detailed, however they will be from the Ronald Reagan administration or earlier. The disclosures will be published in upcoming volumes of an official State Department compendium of documents, called the Foreign Relations of the United States series. "CIA consistently reviews both specific documents and compiled volumes in a timely manner, and in 2015 it agreed to acknowledge four covert actions that will be documented in future volumes," the Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation claimed in a report published last week. The advisory panel is charged with declassifying State Department records and compiling the Foreign Relations of the United States series.

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18. Clinton Aide Says Little Thought Was Given to Potential Issues Over Private Email

New York Times, Eric Lichtblau, Steven Lee Myers, 2016 06 01

Washington - Hillary Clinton's chief of staff at the State Department said in sworn testimony released Tuesday that Mrs. Clinton's advisers gave little thought to the problems her private email server might create if they were forced to turn over her communications under public records law. "Certainly from my standpoint, I wish that had been something we thought about," Cheryl D. Mills, who was chief of staff when Mrs. Clinton was secretary of state, testified in a

deposition on Friday in a lawsuit against the State Department brought by a conservative legal group. Ms. Mills's comments -- contrite at times, defensive at others -- represented the first sworn public accounting from a member of Mrs. Clinton's inner circle about the controversy over her exclusive use of a private email account during her State Department tenure. Ms. Mills insisted during nearly seven hours of testimony that Mrs. Clinton's use of the private clintonemail.com account, housed on a server in her home, was "absolutely not" an attempt to evade the Freedom of Information Act, as many of her critics have charged. She acknowledged, however, that the account was tightly held. Unless Mrs. Clinton emailed other officials first from her account, they had to go through gatekeepers in Mrs. Clinton's office to get her email address.

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19. FBI wants to exempt its huge fingerprint and photo database from privacy protections
Washington Post, Ellen Nakashima, 2016 06 01

Washington - The FBI wants to exempt its burgeoning national database of fingerprints and facial photos from a federal law that gives Americans the right to sue for government violations of the Privacy Act, such as refusing to tell a person if he or she is in the system. The bureau also wants to shield its data storehouse from other Privacy Act rules, including one that lets people ensure that the information the government holds about them is accurate. The proposed exemptions, published in May in the Federal Register, have stirred objections from an array of privacy and civil rights advocates. They say that such carve-outs remove a critical check on the use of the huge database in criminal investigations. In particular, they are concerned about the bureau's deployment of still-developing facial recognition technology to identify potential suspects. Such technology, they say, may have lower accuracy rates for black people, young people and women. And they worry that it could be misused to track protesters at political rallies. "The Privacy Act was enacted to ensure that individuals had an enforceable right to know the records that the government keeps about their activities," said a coalition of groups in a letter to the Justice Department, whose 45 signatories include the American Civil Liberties Union, Amnesty International, the National Immigration Law Center and the ride-sharing services Uber and Lyft. "This is an extraordinarily broad proposal, and the system it affects is extraordinarily sensitive -- particularly for the communities it may affect the most." But the FBI and Justice Department say the reason they are seeking the exemptions is to ensure that ongoing investigations are not compromised by people learning they are the subjects of probes. They also say that another federal rule gives people the ability to obtain any criminal records they might have in the database. Moreover, the agencies say, only criminal mug shots are searched using facial recognition technology. And it is used only to come up with leads, not to identify a suspect or verify an identity.

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20. Military judge shouts down accused 9/11 mastermind at Guantánamo war court
Miami Herald, Carol Rosenberg, 2016 06 01

Guantanamo Bay - Accused 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheik Mohammed began complaining to his military judge, and the judge shouted him down in a brief, at times baffling, episode Tuesday

at the war court. At one point, Mohammed, 51, inexplicably announced in Arabic "this is a nuclear bomb in the world," as related through a court interpreter, after Army Col. James L. Pohl, the judge, threatened to eject him from court. After court, Mohammed's attorney, David Nevin said he thought the remark "referred to the World War II bombing of innocent people in Hiroshima in Japan," and called it "a placeholder for the idea that the United States has done harmful acts." Pohl reminded the alleged terrorist known as KSM that his Pentagon-paid lawyers speak for him in court. "He's an American," Mohammed replied, as Pohl continued to try to shut him up. "They're American." Mohammed, facing a death-penalty tribunal whose date has not yet been set, has mostly let his lawyers speak for him. But he chimed in at the end of lengthy legal arguments over a proposal to take sworn videotaped testimony here in October from elderly and infirm relatives of people killed on Sept. 11, 2001. The war court prosecutor wants to preserve the testimony for use at trial, and the sentencing portion, if Mohammed is convicted of war crimes.

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21. Minn. ISIL trial hears closing arguments ; Prosecutors say trio ready to kill; defense says it was bluster

USA Today, Aamer Madhani, 2016 06 01

Minneapolis - The case against three young Somali-American men being tried on charges that they conspired to join the Islamic State wrapped up Tuesday. Prosecutors argued that the men eagerly pursued the opportunity to fight and commit murders under the "direction and control" of the extremist group. Defense attorneys countered in their closing arguments in the three-week trial of Guled Omar, 21; Abdirahman Daud, 22; and Mohamed Farah, 22, that their clients showed bluster in some of their private conversations but were never serious about fighting in Syria. Their lawyers said they were entrapped by a government informant into a conspiracy that has led to six of their former friends pleading guilty to conspiracy to provide material support for the Islamic State, also known as ISIL or ISIS. The jury will begin deliberations Wednesday. The trial has captured the attention of the Twin Cities' large Somali-American community, which has seen about a dozen young people recruited to the extremist group's fight in Iraq and Syria.

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22. No warrant needed for cell-site data

Washington Post, Spencer S. Hsu, 2016 06 01

Washington - A split federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that police do not need a search warrant before obtaining cell-tower location data that can trace the long-term movements of a suspect's mobile phone, while conceding that the law had come "unmoored" from society's notions of privacy. The full U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, whose jurisdiction includes Virginia and Maryland, ruled 12 to 3 that police can obtain "cell-site" location information, or CSLI, under decades-old rules that allow authorities to collect business or "third party" records, such as banking transactions or numbers dialed from a landline phone, with a court order. "The Supreme Court may in the future limit, or even eliminate, the third-party doctrine. Congress may act to require a warrant for CSLI. But without a change in controlling

law, we cannot conclude that the Government violated the Fourth Amendment in this case," Judge Diana Gribbon Motz wrote for the majority. Motz said that arguments by two men convicted in armed robberies around Baltimore - who thought search warrants should be required for the collection of their cell-tower location data - would conflict with established Supreme Court doctrine and recent rulings by federal appellate courts in Florida, Cincinnati, New Orleans and Philadelphia. The Maryland defendants, Aaron Graham and Eric Jordan, argued that investigators' gathering of seven months of phone records - including an average of 130 neighborhood location data points per day over 221 days - amounted to "dragnet surveillance" revealing patterns of their lives. Police seeking the phone records were not required to show a judge probable cause that a crime had been committed, as needed for a search warrant.

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23. T.S.A. Is Training Dogs to Stay One Sniff Ahead of Bomb Makers

New York Times, Ron Nixon, 2016 06 01

San Antonio - Ajax is one of 230 dogs at the Transportation Security Administration's facility here on Lackland Air Force Base training to become bomb-sniffing canines. Dogs that pass the course will be deployed to the nation's airports, a first line of defense against terrorist bomb attacks. The assignment is becoming increasingly difficult as terrorists adopt techniques using household chemicals to construct bombs that make it hard even for a dog's sensitive nose to discern. "So we're now asking dogs not just to find a needle in a haystack -- now we're also saying to the dog, 'We need you to find any sharp object in the haystack,'" said Clive Wynne, a professor at Arizona State University. He is leading a study funded by the Office of Naval Research to develop methods to train dogs to identify a wide variety of common ingredients that could be used to make bombs. Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the federal government has spent billions on technologies to emulate the nose and brain of a trained bomb dog, which can detect minute traces of explosives. And while researchers have made progress, when it comes to accuracy, nothing quite beats the nose of a dog. "Dogs can detect a teaspoon of chemical in a million gallons of water -- nearly enough to fill two Olympic-size swimming pools," said Craig Angle, a professor in Auburn University's Canine Performance Sciences program. "They perform at a really high level. They're like the Peyton Mannings or Brett Favres of canines."

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24. U.S. Issues Travel Alert for Terrorism Risks in Europe This Summer

Wall Street Journal, Felicia Schwartz, 2016 05 31

Washington - The State Department on Tuesday alerted U.S. citizens traveling to Europe to heightened risks of terrorism, citing events in France and Poland this summer that are expected to draw large crowds. The European soccer championships and the Tour de France bicycle race, both hosted in France in June and July, could be terrorist targets, the alert said. The Catholic Church's World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, in late July, expected to draw up to 2.5 million visitors, will result in stricter security screenings there, the alert said. The message distributed Tuesday was an alert, not a warning. Warnings are seen as indicative of a higher-level threat.

The State Department often issues alerts for large-scale events, such as the Olympics. The State Department last issued a travel alert for Europe in March after terrorist attacks in Brussels killed nearly three dozen people. That message said terrorist groups continue to plan attacks throughout Europe in such public venues as sporting events and tourist sites.

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25. US warns of summer terror risk in Europe

London Times, Fiona Hamilton, Graeme Paton, 2016 06 01

London - Tens of thousands of American tourists were warned yesterday that they are at risk of terrorist attacks across Europe this summer, leading to fears that holidays will be cancelled en masse. The US State Department issued an unusually broad travel alert that applies to the whole continent for this month, next month and August. It warns American citizens that they could be in danger at major events, tourist sites, city centres, restaurants and on public transport. The advice singles out European Championship football matches in France and a Catholic youth festival in Cracow, Poland, warning that the large number of tourists would present "greater targets for terrorists planning attacks in public locations". It also raised the spectre of co-ordinated attacks across the continent. Will Geddes, a security expert, said that Americans tended to be more alarmist about security alerts but the warnings were backed up by intelligence. He added: "[The alert] could have economic knock-on effects because a lot of Europe is so reliant on the US dollar during the summer." Raffaello Pantucci, director of international security studies at the Royal United Services Institute, said of the warning: "I think it reflects the reality of the threat picture in Europe... If you look at France alone in the past year, you've had attacks and attempted attacks on public, in museums, attacks in music halls, attempted attacks at religious sites, attacks on random police officers. So it's a very broad threat picture. Isis has given people a pretty broad direction -- find a gun, find a lot of people and just shoot."

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26. White House: Obama does not think Snowden performed 'public service'

Politico, Nick Gass, 2016 06 01

Washington - Contrary to the opinion of his former Attorney General Eric Holder, President Barack Obama does not think that ex-NSA contractor Edward Snowden rendered a "public service" by leaking thousands of classified national security documents in 2013. "The president has had the opportunity to speak on this a number of times, and I think a careful review of his public comments would indicate that he does not," White House press secretary Josh Earnest said Tuesday, a day after Holder appeared on a podcast and acknowledged the role that Snowden's disclosures played in fostering a public debate about the role of government in surveillance.

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United Kingdom • Royaume-Uni

27. Blair government's rendition policy led to rift between UK spy agencies

The Guardian (London), Nick Hopkins, Richard Norton-Taylor, 2016 06 01

London - British involvement in controversial and clandestine rendition operations provoked an unprecedented row between the UK's domestic and foreign intelligence services, MI5 and MI6, at the height of the "war on terror", the Guardian can reveal. The head of MI5, Eliza Manningham-Buller, was so incensed when she discovered the role played by MI6 in abductions that led to suspected extremists being tortured, she threw out a number of her sister agency's staff and banned them from working at MI5's headquarters, Thames House. According to Whitehall sources, she also wrote to the then prime minister, Tony Blair, to complain about the conduct of MI6 officers, saying their actions had threatened Britain's intelligence gathering and may have compromised the security and safety of MI5 officers and their informants. The letter caused a serious and prolonged breakdown of trust between Britain's domestic and foreign spy agencies provoked by the Blair government's support for rendition.

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28. May ignored warnings over Channel planes

London Times, Peter Dominiczak, Steven Swinford, 2016 06 01

London - Theresa May ignored warnings from a former security minister and cancelled an aerial surveillance programme designed to stop migrants crossing the Channel into Britain to save £4 million, The Daily Telegraph can disclose. The Home Secretary agreed to scrap the surveillance contract in January despite being told by Baroness Neville-Jones, a former security minister and chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee, that it was a risk to Britain's border security. It comes amid growing criticism of border security after evidence emerged that people smugglers are increasingly using small boats to ferry migrants across the Channel to small ports and harbours on the coastline. Two British men were arrested at the weekend after a boat carrying 18 Albanian migrants was rescued off the coast of Kent. The Home Office announced yesterday that new vessels would be brought into service to patrol British coastal waters. However, the plans were dismissed as a "joke" by Conservative MPs after it emerged that the boats will not be fully operational until the end of 2017.

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29. MI5 'used Kincora sex abuse to blackmail politicians'

The Independent (UK), Lesley-Anne McKeown, 2016 06 01

Belfast - Hundreds of top secret police documents about the former Kincora Boys' Home in Northern Ireland have been declassified and handed over to a public inquiry, a lawyer has revealed. Some 26 boxes of material have been retrieved from Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) archives and given to the Historical Institutional Abuse (HIA) Inquiry which is examining allegations of child prostitution, vice rings and blackmail plots at the notorious east Belfast facility. Barrister Joseph Aiken, counsel to the HIA, said: "When the inquiry began this was all marked secret. At the request of the inquiry it has all been declassified by the PSNI and made available to the inquiry." It has long been claimed a high ranking paedophile ring preyed

on vulnerable young boys in Kincora during the 1970s. It is further alleged the UK security services knew about the abuse but did nothing to stop it, instead using the information to blackmail and extract intelligence from the influential men, including senior politicians and establishment figures, who were the perpetrators.

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Australia, New Zealand • Australie, Nouvelle-Zélande

30. Top brass let us down, says siege negotiator

The Australian, Dan Box, 2016 06 01

Sydney - The police negotiator speaking to the hostages held in the Lindt cafe siege says he felt "let down" by his senior officers, who did not respond when provided with the gunman's demands. The negotiator, who can be identified only as Peter, yesterday told an inquest into the December 2014 siege that he was not told at the time that his commanders considered meeting some of Man Haron Monis's demands. Among them was that Christmas lights strung outside the cafe in Sydney's Martin Place be switched off. The negotiators referred this to senior officers - involved in the police response to the siege, but were never told of their decision. As primary negotiator, it was Peter's role to speak directly to the hostages, in the hope of communicating with Monis. "If we did get permission to have the lights turned off, we would use that then as a bargaining tool to say 'We've done something for you, what about something back in regards of hostages?' " he told the inquest.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

31. Baghlan NDS Arrests Teenage Suicide Bomber Suspect

TOLO News, 2016 06 01

Kabul - Baghlan's National Directorate of Security (NDS) said Tuesday it has arrested a suspected teenage suicide bomber. Abdul Satar Bariz, provincial governor, said the suspect had been sent to Baghlan from Pakistan but before reaching his target he was arrested by the NDS. The teenager said he is from Peshawar in Pakistan and that he was prepared to carry out a suicide attack in Afghanistan after insurgents told him Islam was under threat in the country. Officials said the boy was originally from Paktia province, but has lived with his family in Peshawar for many years. The suspect said: "In Pakistan they told me to see (a man named) Taza Gul to get a suicide vest and to wear the vest and push the button and that I would go to paradise." "He told me Allah would give me a better place in paradise and give me angels and slaves and that there (Afghanistan) they do not allow the Holy Quran and that they burn the Holy Quran there," he said.

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32. Taliban kill 17 passengers after kidnapping around 185 in Kunduz

Khaama Press, 2016 06 01

Kabul - The Taliban insurgents have killed at least 17 passengers after abducting nearly 200 in the early hours of today in northern Kunduz province. According to the local government officials, the Taliban militants have killed at least 12 of the abducted passengers. However, a security official, Shir Aziz Kamawal, said the militants have killed at least 17 of the passengers after they were kidnapped from Kunduz-Takhar highway. The Taliban insurgents kidnapped at least 185 passengers after establishing a check post on the highway around 2 am local time. The security officials are saying that the Taliban insurgents kidnapped the passengers from 4 buses, 3 vans and 3 cars and took them with themselves. However, the majority of the passengers were released after they were interrogated by the Taliban insurgents but at least 17 of them were killed.

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Africa • Afrique

33. Le colonel Youssef Aguila va diriger une salle des opérations militaires pour combattre Daech

Pan African News Agency, Journaliste maison, 2016 05 31

Tripoli, Libye - Le colonel Youssef Aguila va diriger une salle des opérations militaires pour combattre Daech entre Syrte et Ajdabia [Pan African News Agency (French)] Le Conseil présidentiel du gouvernement d'union nationale a nommé le colonel Youssef Rateb Khalifa Aguila, chef d'une salle des opérations militaires chargée de combattre Daech (Etat islamique) dans la zone située entre Ajdabiya et Syrte dans l'Est de la Libye où deux bastions ont été repris à l'organisation terroriste. Selon une décision rendue publique mardi soir, six hauts officiers militaires ont été également nommés comme membres de cette section militaire. Le Conseil présidentiel du gouvernement de réconciliation nationale a publié un décret nommant mardi le général de brigade Ali Hussein al-Ahrach chef des gardes des installations pétrolières, à compter du 30 mai, selon un mémorandum du ministre de la Défense.

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34. Tirs contre l'ambassade de France, niveau de sécurité rehaussé

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 05 31

Port-Louis, Maurice - Des coups de feu ont visé l'ambassade de France et l'hôtel Saint-Georges dans la capitale, Port-Louis. Aucun blessé, et pas de dégâts importants. En revanche, la présence de graffitis faisant référence à l'Etat islamique, intrigue les autorités qui ont mobilisé toutes ses ressources pour retracer les auteurs de cette attaque. Le commissaire de police, Mario Nobin, a annoncé sans tarder un déploiement de ses forces dans toutes les zones sensibles, en même temps que la mise à contribution de tous les services de renseignements et d'investigation. Les autorités prennent très au sérieux le message associé aux coups de feu sur l'ambassade de France et l'hôtel d'à côté, sans pour autant évoquer ouvertement la piste terroriste. « Je ne peux être catégorique

pour l'heure, mais je peux dire que nos services anti-terroristes suivent de très près certains groupes », a déclaré le commissaire de police. En octobre dernier, la police soupçonnait quatre Mauriciens d'avoir tenté de rejoindre Daesh et surveillait une trentaine d'individus. S'agit-il de vrais fanatiques du groupe Etat Islamique qui ont tiré sur la chancellerie française à Port-Louis ? L'ambassadeur Laurent Garnier répondait à cette question sur la chaîne privée Radio Plus.

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Americas • Amériques

35. OAS head Almagro seeks emergency meeting on Venezuela

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 05 31

Washington - The head of the Organization of American States (OAS) called on Tuesday for an urgent meeting to see if crisis-hit Venezuela's socialist government had breached democratic rules, which could lead to a process of suspension. Luis Almagro, a former Uruguayan foreign minister, has called Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro a "petty dictator," accusing him of disrupting democracy by blocking the opposition-controlled congress and putting loyalists in the Supreme Court. Venezuela views the OAS as a pawn of hostile U.S. policy, and Maduro has dismissed Almagro as a turncoat working for its ideological adversaries in Washington. A two-thirds vote in the 34-nation OAS' General Assembly would still be needed to suspend Venezuela.

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36. 'Lone wolf' behind Haryana blast, lens on IS, says probe

Times of India, Neeraj Chauhan, 2016 06 01

New Delhi - The investigation into the recent blasts in Haryana is heading towards the possibility of "lone wolf" attacks by a trained, professional bomb-maker, who is most likely testing his bombs for something big, sources have told TOI. While refraining from linking it to Islamic State yet, sources said the possibility is not being ruled out. The forensic analysis of the bomb used in the May 26 bus blast in Pipli has suggested that the suspect used "300 to 400g of explosive material -potassium chlorate, ammonium nitrate tied with a proper circuitry and 12 volt battery and quartz watch used as a timer". "The way these IEDs we re tied is a work of a professional hand, who has definitely not used the internet formula to make the bomb.The bombs were of low intensity but the person is definitely trying to do something big," said an officer.

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37. 4 Bangladeshis admit to financing terrorism

Strait Times, 2016 06 01

Singapore - Four Bangladeshi workers detained in April under the Internal Security Act were yesterday convicted of financing terrorism. Rahman Mizanur, 31, Miah Rubel, 26, Md Jabath

Kysar Haje Norul Islam Sowdagar, 31, and Sohel Hawlader Ismail Hawlader, 29, pleaded guilty yesterday. They were charged last Friday with providing or collecting money to fund terrorist acts in Bangladesh. Miah and Jabath were also accused of possessing money for these terrorist purposes. Armoured vehicles taking the Bangladeshi suspects to court yesterday. Four of six men charged last Friday pleaded guilty to financing terrorism. The other two are claiming trial. The four were part of a group of six charged under the Terrorism (Suppression of Financing) Act, the first time the Act has been used for prosecution.

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38. Aquino beefs up military hardware in fight vs ASG (Canada).

Manila Bulletin, Genalyn Kabling, 2016 06 01

Manila - The country's first ever strategic sealift vessel will be deployed to the south to assist elite government troops running after the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG), President Aquino bared on Monday. As the government moves closer to neutralizing the notorious ASG group, the President said BRP Tarlac, a landing dock vessel purchased from Indonesia, would join the military operations to transport troops and supplies. In the Manila Bulletin interview, the President said government troops, aided by air and naval assets, are closing in on the ASG rebels holding hostages despite encountering some difficulties. The operations are "continuously refined" to "constrict them further" and help weaken this long-standing threat, Aquino added. Last month, the Abu Sayyaf beheaded Canadian hostage John Ridsdel after its ransom demand was not met. The group has threatened to kill another hostage next month if they do not receive ransom payment.

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39. Beijing works on air defence zone in South China Sea Beijing works on new ADIZ (Canada)

South China Morning Post, Staff reporter, 2016 06 01

Beijing - China is preparing an air defence identification zone (ADIZ) in the South China Sea, two years after it announced a similar one in the East China Sea, according to sources close to the People's Liberation Army and a defence report. But one source said the timing of any declaration would depend on security conditions in the region, particularly the United States' military presence and diplomatic ties with neighbouring countries. "If the US military keeps making provocative moves to challenge China's sovereignty in the region, it will give Beijing a good opportunity to declare an ADIZ in the South China Sea," the source said. The revelation came ahead of the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, a security forum attended by defence officials from various nations, including Admiral Sun Jianguo and US Secretary of Defence Ash Carter. Disputes in the South China Sea are expected to head the agenda of the three-day event, which starts on Friday. Top Chinese and US officials will also meet next week for their annual strategic and economic dialogue in Beijing. In a written response to the South China Morning Post on the zone, the defence ministry said it was "the right of a sovereign state" to designate an ADIZ. "Regarding when to declare such a zone, it will depend on whether China is facing security threats from the air, and what the level of the air safety threat is," the statement said.

Tensions between China and neighbours Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines over sovereignty in the South China Sea have risen since Beijing embarked on major land reclamation work on disputed islands and reefs in the area. A report in Canada-based Kanwa Defence Review said Beijing had defined the area of the ADIZ in the South China Sea, and the timing of the announcement would be a political decision.

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40. China says UN peacekeeper killed, 4 injured in Mali attack

Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 06 01

Beijing - Attackers in Mali killed one Chinese U.N. peacekeeper and injured four in an early morning attack on their base Wednesday, China's Foreign Ministry said. Spokeswoman Hua Chunying described the attack as "an act of terrorism and a serious crime that cannot be tolerated." China has called on Mali's government and the United Nations to conduct an immediate investigation and bring the perpetrators to justice, Hua said. More than 2,400 Chinese peacekeepers are currently assigned to U.N. missions in Mali, Liberia and five other African nations. The attack was the second on U.N. peacekeepers in recent days, with at least five Togolese killed in an attack Sunday by extremists in central Mali. Islamic extremists have been attacking international peacekeepers and Malian soldiers working to stabilize the north three years after a French-led military campaign ousted jihadists from power.

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41. Chinese embassy rejects U.S. paper's account of military air encounter over S. China Sea

Xinhua News Agency, Zhi Linfei, 2016 06 01

Washington - The Chinese Embassy in Washington on Tuesday rejected the New York Times' account about a recent air encounter between Chinese and U.S. military planes over the South China Sea. The Chinese military aircraft acted professionally while it watched the U.S. Navy spy plane carrying out close reconnaissance in Chinese coastal waters, said Zhu Haiquan, a spokesman for the Chinese embassy, in a letter to the Times published on the paper's website Tuesday. "Our operation was completely compliant with safety and professional standards. The attempt at intimidation by American military aircraft in the South China Sea, however, was not," Zhu pointed out. The encounter occurred about two weeks ago over China's Hainan Island. The Chinese Defense Ministry in Beijing has accused the American plane of espionage, saying the Chinese aircraft responded properly in line with professional standards and a bilateral agreement. "Regarding the incident raised in the editorial, our information indicates that Chinese military aircraft followed from a safe distance and monitored the American plane carrying out close reconnaissance in Chinese coastal waters," Zhu wrote in the letter, responding to the May 21 Times editorial entitled "Playing Chicken in the South China Sea."

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42. Homeland security dialogue: India, US likely to sign key agreements in July

Indian Express, 2016 06 01

Undisclosed placeline - India and the US are likely to ink two key agreements in July that would exempt prominent citizens from immigration checks and enable sharing of terror-related information, a senior Home Ministry source said Monday. Agreements on the Global Entry programme and the Homeland Security Presidential Directive-6 (HSPD-6) are expected to be signed during the US-India Homeland Security Dialogue in July. While the Global Entry programme is a US Customs and Border Protection programme that permits speedy clearance for pre-approved, low-risk travellers upon arrival in America, HSPD-6 is a model text agreement mooted by the US for exchange of information between the US Terrorist Screening Centre (TSC) and the Intelligence Bureau. Home Minister Rajnath Singh will lead the Indian delegation to Washington for the dialogue and the US team will be headed by their Secretary of Homeland Security.

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43. North Korea Tells China of 'Permanent' Nuclear Policy

New York Times, Jane Perlez, 2016 06 01

Beijing - A senior North Korean official arrived in Beijing on Tuesday for talks between his country and China, whose ties are formally close but have eroded recently because of the North's nuclear weapons program. North Korea's state-run Central News Agency reported early Wednesday that the official, Ri Su-yong, told the Chinese that it was the "permanent" policy of the North to try to expand its nuclear arsenal while striving to rebuild its economy. Hours before Mr. Ri's arrival, North Korea tried unsuccessfully to fire an intermediate-range Musudan ballistic missile, the fourth failed attempt in two months, according to the Yonhap news agency in South Korea. Mr. Ri, a former foreign minister who was recently promoted to the Politburo, came to discuss the recent congress in Pyongyang of the Workers' Party, said a former senior Chinese official familiar with the visit as well as North Korea. The official declined to be identified given the sensitivity of the matter. The Workers' Party congress, in early May, sought to cement the power of the North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un, with whom Mr. Ri is considered close. Mr. Ri was North Korea's ambassador to Switzerland at the time Mr. Kim attended a boarding school there, North Korea experts have said.

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44. Terror link: Canada mum, Nijjar claims innocence

Times of India, Staff Report, 2016 06 01

Chandigarh - Two days after intelligence sleuths said pro- Khalistan terrorists are running a camp near Mission city in British Columbia to carry out strikes in Punjab, Candian newspapers on Tuesday reported that their federal authorities were tight-lipped on the issue even as the alleged mastermind, Hardeep Nijjar, claimed innocence. TOI had reported on Monday that according to a report prepared by Punjab intelligence sleuths, Nijjar has taken over as the operational head of Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) and formed a module comprising Sikh youths

to carry out attacks in Punjab. According to 'Toronto Sun', Canada's public safety minister Ralph Goodale's office refused to comment on the allegations, but said the government monitors "all potential threats and has robust measures in place to address them". The Canadian authorities did not comment on Nijjar's alleged visits to Pakistan or his detention by the Thailand Police that were mentioned in the report by Punjab intelligence investigators.

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45. Hackers steal more than \$25.7 million from Russian banks -- FSB

ITAR-TASS World Service, Staff report, 2016 06 01

Moscow - Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) jointly with the Russian Interior Ministry has stopped illegal activities of a computer hacker group involved in the creation, distribution and use of malicious software, the FSB Public Relations Center told TASS on Wednesday. "Using this software, the perpetrators have stolen more than 1.7 billion rubles (\$25.7 mln) from accounts of Russian financial institutions," the FSB said. The damage caused by persons suspected of cybercrimes in Russia has exceeded 3 billion rubles (\$45 million), Interior Ministry spokeswoman Irina Volk told TASS on Wednesday. The Russian Interior Ministry and FSB have detained 50 hackers, more than 80 searches have been conducted, Volk said.

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46. Russian Performance Artist Pavlensky Nominated for FSB Prize

Moscow Times, Staff report, 2016 05 31

Moscow - Controversial performance artist Pyotr Pavlensky has been nominated for the Russian Security Services' (FSB) Prize for Literature and the Arts for the artistic protest which saw him light the door of the FSB headquarters on fire. Maria Baronova, a co-ordinator of the "Open Russia" human rights project, nominated the artist for the performance, which Pavlensky entitled "Threat." The Russian Security Services' Prize for Literature and the Arts awards artistic work on the subject of the FSB. Pavlensky poured gasoline on the door of the FSB headquarters in Lubyanka in November 2015 and set it alight in protest against repressive government policies. Baronova, who is to run in the upcoming Duma elections, said that the nomination had already been accepted.

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47. President: Iran Concerned about Security of Regional States

Fars News Agency, 2016 06 01

Tehran - Iranian President Hassan Rouhani underlined the Armed Forces' efforts to establish security not only in Iran but also in other regional countries. "The Islamic Republic of Iran thinks

not only about its people's interests and territory but also about supporting and helping the oppressed people of this dear region; the day Erbil faced the danger of collapse, the Iranian Armed Forces, political forces, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), Basij (volunteer forces) and government saved that territory," Rouhani said, addressing a large gathering of Iranian people in the Western city of Mahabad on Tuesday. He also referred to the threat posed by the ISIL and al-Nusra terrorist groups to Damascus, and reminded that Iran positively responded to the Syrian government's demand for help at that time.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

48. Al-Qarni's shooter was a member of Filipino Hezbollah

Arab News, Saeed A-Khotani, 2016 06 01

Riyadh - The dead shooter of prominent Saudi scholar and preacher Sheikh Ayedh Al-Qarni, at Zamboanga city, Philippines, in March this year, was a member of the Filipino Hezbollah group. This was disclosed to Arab News on Monday by Al-Qarni, in an exclusive interview after the scholar spent almost three months of hospitalization and recovery from his injuries in both the Philippine and Saudi hospitals. "Some investigators told me, when I was under treatment in the Philippines, that the initial investigation indicated the killed shooter in my incident was a Filipino Shia member of the Hezbollah group and he was a regular visitor to the Iranian cultural center where usually Shia cult was propagated and Iran advocacy promoted," he said.

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49. Former Mossad chief: Netanyahu is a fear monger, administration will soon come to an end

Jerusalem Post, Staff Report, 2016 06 01

Jerusalem - The former director of Israel's national intelligence agency Mossad said on Tuesday that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was a "fear monger" and believed the "countdown" to the end of his administration "has begun." In an interview with al-Jazeera Tuesday, Efraim Halevy also commented that the phenomenon of Jewish extremism in Israel eclipsed the threat of a nuclear Iran and that top generals in the IDF believed Hamas in Gaza "is the best situation for Israel." Speaking with Mehdi Hasan, host of the program UP Front, Halevy spoke candidly about Netanyahu's performance in the premiership, insinuating that his former boss used fear as a political tool in order to garner support. "I think he is a fear monger. I think he uses fear in a way in which one should not use," Halevy said. "I think nobody should vote out of fear," he added.

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50. No independent evidence of Badreddine's death: STL

Lebanon Daily Star, Ned Whalley, 2016 06 01

Beirut - The Special Tribunal for Lebanon deliberated Tuesday whether it should terminate the prosecution of Hezbollah commander Mustafa Badreddine. It first must establish whether he is actually dead. Badreddine's death was reported in Lebanese media on May 13. He was allegedly killed in an explosion near the Damascus airport, but details of the attack remain unclear. Hezbollah blamed "takfiris" for his killing. Commentators have suggested that the successful targeting of the party commander would have been a substantial achievement for rebel groups operating in the area, and alleged that Hezbollah covered up Israeli responsibility to avoid confrontation. In a televised eulogy of Badreddine, Hezbollah Secretary-General Sayyed Hasan Nasrallah dismissed the allegations, but reiterated the party's long-standing refusal to cooperate with the court. Prosecutors have submitted requests to Lebanese authorities for additional confirmation, including a death certificate.

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51. Terrorist groups eliminated in Sweida

Syrian Arab News Agency, 2016 06 01

Provinces - Army operations against terrorist organizations have continued in several areas, targeting their positions and gatherings, where numbers of terrorists are getting killed and their weapons and equipment destroyed, SANA reported. A number of ISIS vehicles and gatherings were hit in intensive army airstrikes that targeted their movements and positions in Homs and al-Salamiyeh in neighboring Hama. A military source said that the Syrian army's air force carried out intensive airstrikes over the past few hours on ISIS dens to the east of Palmyra city in eastern Homs. A convoy of vehicles was destroyed in the strikes and a number of ISIS terrorists were killed and others were injured. More ISIS gatherings and vehicles were hit in Jbab Hamad, Khneifis, al-Msheirfeh al-Janoubiyeh and Rasm Hameira, where a large number of terrorists were killed or injured many of the vehicles were destroyed.

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52. Top Jewish Terror Suspect Meir Ettinger Freed From Israeli Detention

Haaretz, Chaim Levinson, 2016 06 01

Jerusalem - The Shin Bet security service's number one Jewish suspect of terrorism was released on Wednesday after 10 months in administrative detention. Meir Ettinger, the grandson of the slain far-right activist Meir Kahane, was detained following the murder of the Dawabsheh family in the West Bank village of Duma last July, and was placed in administrative detention for six months. His detention was later extended by a further four months. The Shin Bet did not seek to extend the administrative detention order again. Ettinger remains under various restrictions, including a ban from the West Bank and East Jerusalem and a curfew. He is also barred from making contact with 93 people. Following his detention, a judge noted that Ettinger encouraged acts of violence that harmed Israel's security, and that he organized a violent revolt aimed at toppling the state.

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Others • Autres

There are no stories today. / Il n'y a pas d'histoires aujourd'hui.

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53. Alienation grows in Brussels district that bred Paris attackers

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 06 01

Brussels - When Moroccan-born former boxer Mohamed Idrissi orders a young man out of his gym for smoking, the respect is tangible. The youngster stubs out his cigarette and leaves, head bowed. Inside the gym, the muted thud of leather gloves striking punchbags resumes. Idrissi's influence goes beyond his job as a coach at the Brussels Boxing Academy, near the Molenbeek district of the Belgian capital where Islamist militants, several of them of Moroccan origin, planned last year's deadly Paris attacks. Since the Nov. 13 bloodshed in Paris, security has been tightened in Molenbeek, a district described by its own mayor as a "breeding ground" for violence, and many Muslims say they feel stigmatized. Idrissi is angered by frequent police checks of people with Moroccan roots which he sees as racial profiling although police deny this. But he bites his tongue in the presence of young men to avoid repeating "the kind of comments we warn parents can feed into their radicalization."

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54. Ces chefs à la tête des tueurs

L'Express, Boris Thiolay, 2016 06 01

Paris - Plus de six mois après les attentats de Paris et Bruxelles, l'identité des principaux organisateurs se précise. Parmi eux, plusieurs Français, dont un mystérieux homme clef, Abou Souleymane. Enquête. Une enquête colossale. Un réseau djihadiste aux ramifications tentaculaires. Deux cents jours après les attentats de Paris (130 morts), dix semaines après ceux de Bruxelles (32 tués), la justice française et son homologue belge déploient des moyens considérables pour reconstituer la genèse des actes terroristes les plus meurtriers jamais survenus dans les deux pays. Elles doivent aussi établir les responsabilités respectives de la quarantaine de djihadistes identifiés, dont une moitié a été interpellée. Treize d'entre eux - kamikazes ou fugitifs débusqués - ont trouvé la mort. A ce jour, seul Salah Abdeslam, 26 ans, unique survivant des commandos du 13 novembre, est détenu en France. Mais le « logisticien » du réseau a refusé de s'exprimer lors de sa première audition, le 20 mai. Quatre autres membres du groupe djihadiste font l'objet d'une demande d'extradition de la Belgique vers la France.

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55. Haine en ligne : les mesures des géants du Web ne satisfont pas les associations

Le Figaro, Elsa Trujillo, 2016 06 01

Non identifié - La Commission européenne, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube et Microsoft ont convenu d'un code de conduite contre les propos haineux sur Internet. Mais l'UEJF et SOS

Racisme remarquent un flou relatif des mesures annoncées. Un premier grand pas commun des géants du Web contre la haine en ligne. Dans le code de bonne conduite dévoilé mardi par la Commission européenne, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube et Microsoft s'engagent à «avoir des procédures claires et efficaces» pour examiner les signalements de «discours de haine illégaux» sur leurs différentes plateformes. Parmi les dispositifs prévus, la suppression des contenus haineux sous 24 heures ainsi que la mise en place de formations renforcées des employés. Ces mesures sont jugées floues par l'UEJF et SOS Racisme, qui avaient assigné Twitter, YouTube et Facebook en référé mi-mai pour l'inefficacité de leurs systèmes de modération. «Des formations de personnels sont évoquées sans que l'on sache si les équipes seront en sous-effectif ou non, et si elles pourraient être amenées à être renforcées», note Dominique Sopo, président de SOS Racisme, contacté par Le Figaro . «Il faudrait surtout s'intéresser au nombre de personnes préposées à cette tâche.»

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56. Les nouvelles menaces terroristes

L'Express, Ane Vidalie, Boris Thioly avec Pascal Ceaux, 2016 06 01

Paris - Le compte à rebours a commencé : plus qu'une poignée de jours avant le coup d'envoi de l'Euro 2016; quelques semaines d'ici au top départ du 103e Tour de France. Deux événements sportifs qui vont drainer des millions de supporters et de touristes, français et étrangers, dans les stades, les « fan L zones » et les bars, sur les places des villages et le long des routes. Policiers, gendarmes, militaires, spécialistes de la sécurité civile et du renseignement, eux, n'ont guère le coeur au ballon rond ni au vélo. Ils sont sur les dents, mobilisés par dizaines de milliers - 90000 pour veiller sur l'Euro, 23000, sur la Grande Boucle. Malgré l'ampleur inédite du dispositif, même ces professionnels ne sont pas entièrement rassurés. « Les stades et les fan zones, on sait gérer. Mais comment va-t-on protéger les attroupements qui se formeront aux terrasses des cafés? » s'interroge un membre de l'état-major du ministère de l'Intérieur. « 100 % de précautions, ce n'est pas le risque zéro », a reconnu Bernard Cazeneuve dans une récente interview au quotidien L'Equipe. Jamais la tension n'a été si palpable. Car jamais la menace terroriste n'a été si lourde. Patrick Calvar, patron de la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI), a sonné l'alarme à plusieurs reprises depuis le début de l'année. Le 17 février, devant les sénateurs de la commission des Affaires étrangères et des Forces armées, il a affirmé disposer d'« informations faisant état de la présence de commandos [djidhadistes] sur le sol européen, dont [les services de renseignement] ignor[ent] la localisation et l'objectif ». Face aux députés de la commission de la Défense, le 10 mai, il a insisté : « Nous savons que Daech planifie de nouvelles attaques [...] et que la France est clairement visée [...]. La question n'est pas de savoir "si", mais "quand" et "où". » La vigie du renseignement français, dont les services ont déjoué 15 projets terroristes depuis août 2013, s'attend à « une nouvelle forme d'attaque : une campagne terroriste caractérisée par le dépôt d'engins explosifs dans des lieux où est rassemblée une foule importante, ce type d'actions étant multiplié pour créer un climat de panique ». Autres scénarios redoutés : une opération menée contre une école et l'instrumentalisation de mineurs.

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57. Un djihad en version française

L'Express, Boris Thiolay, 2016 06 01

Paris - Plusieurs milliers de combattants francophones de Daech visent l'Hexagone. Ce phénomène trouve son origine dans les années 1990, quand s'implantent sur le territoire des réseaux djihadistes qui ont fait souche. Le blondinet n'a guère plus de 10 ans. Héros pathétique d'une vidéo diffusée par l'organisation Etat islamique (Daech), le 14 mai dernier, Abou Moussab (« le pursang », « le noble », son nom de guerre) est un petit Français totalement fanatisé. L'enfant explique vouloir suivre « les traces de son père », un Français converti, tué au combat en Syrie. L'orphelin aurait « aimé lui demander une faveur : faire une opération martyre et aller en France pour les faire exploser ». L'apprenti terroriste passe ensuite aux travaux pratiques. Il enseigne à un garçonnet encore plus jeune que lui à tirer à la kalachnikov. Au terme d'une mise en scène nauséuse, les gamins exécutent au pistolet deux prisonniers agenouillés. Cette vidéo n'est pas une première. Mais elle rappelle encore une fois que la France est une cible prioritaire pour l'Etat islamique. Afin d'y commettre des attentats, l'organisation djihadiste a besoin de recrues françaises, qui connaissent les lieux visés, ainsi que de francophones, capables de se fondre dans la masse.

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1. Canadian identified as terror leader

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 06 08

Toronto - After the nearly-decapitated body of a 68-year-old Hindu priest was found in western Bangladesh on Tuesday, the local ISIL affiliate claimed responsibility in a communiqué that vowed to "cleanse" the country of "filth." It was the latest in a wave of sectarian killings in

Bangladesh - many of them attributed to a regional franchise of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant that is reportedly led by a Canadian and former Southwestern Ontario resident Tamim Chowdhury. "He is from Windsor," said professor Amarnath Amarasingam, a post-doctoral fellow at Dalhousie University's Resilience Research Centre. "People who knew him say he was a quiet guy. Not much else is known about him at the moment." According to a report in the Beirut Daily Star, Chowdhury now uses the alias Shaykh Abu Ibrahim Al-Hanif and was identified in the latest edition of the ISIL propaganda magazine Dabiq as the "emir" of its branch in Bangladesh. In the magazine, distributed in April, Al-Hanif comes across as a violent hatemonger, referring to Hinduism as a "filthy, cow-worshipping religion" and threatening to "slaughter" those who did not subscribe to his militant version of Islam. "We let our actions do the talking," the lengthy interview quoted him saying. "And our soldiers are presently sharpening their knives to slaughter the atheists, the mockers of the prophet and every other apostate in the region." About 180 extremists have left Canada to take part in terrorism abroad, CSIS said in March. Another 60 have returned to Canada and police have prevented dozens more from leaving. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale outlined his national security agenda in a blog post this week in which he said the government was now collecting basic passport information from those exiting Canada. "This fills a significant security loophole," he said. The Liberals had also made arrangements for "stronger co-operation on no-fly lists to deny air travel to those who pose serious risks to aviation security or are likely to travel abroad for the purpose of engaging in terrorism," he wrote.

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2. Couple convicted in B.C. terror case were 'easy target' for RCMP, lawyer says Globe and Mail online, Sunny Dhillon, 2016 06 08

Vancouver - A husband and wife convicted of placing potentially explosive pressure-cooker devices outside the B.C. Legislature were an "easy target" for an aggressive undercover police operation because they were isolated, impoverished and vulnerable due to their dependence on methadone, a defence lawyer said Tuesday. John Nuttall and Amanda Korody were found guilty by a jury last year of conspiring to murder persons unknown and making or possessing an explosive substance - in both cases for the benefit of or at the direction of a terrorist group. They were arrested on July 1, 2013. Mr. Nuttall and Ms. Korody have argued they were victims of police entrapment. A hearing into that aspect of the case began in July, with closing arguments beginning earlier this week. Mark Jetté, Ms. Korody's lawyer, told the B.C. Supreme Court on Tuesday that undercover RCMP officers set out to establish a rapport with the couple, and it was easily done. "They know enough about these two, that they are socially isolated. ...They know they're impoverished," he said. "...To that extent, it's an easy target for a sophisticated undercover operation." Mr. Jetté said police also knew Mr. Nuttall and Ms. Korody, who had both been addicted to heroin, were dependent on methadone. He said there were times during the investigation when they could be seen consuming it, though only Ms. Korody had a prescription. "They're basically chugging methadone from a bottle," he said. Mr. Jetté is expected to continue his argument Wednesday, focusing on the couple's vulnerabilities. Tuesday, Ms. Sandford questioned whether the RCMP should have launched the elaborate operation - in which an undercover officer presented himself as a businessman with jihadist ties and approached Mr. Nuttall - at all. She said the Mounties had been told by the Canadian Security Intelligence

Service that Mr. Nuttall had tried to purchase potassium nitrate, though she said that information was not corroborated. Potassium nitrate can be used in explosives.

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3. PM adds 3 women to deputy minister posts

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 06 08

Ottawa - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has promoted three more women into deputy minister jobs as the wave of senior-ranking bureaucrats' retirements continues. In the latest shuffle of the senior ranks, three of the five promotions went to women. Marta Morgan, the associate deputy minister at Finance, moves into the top job at Immigration and Refugees and Citizenship at the end of the month to replace Anita Biguzs. Biguzs is retiring after overseeing the Liberals' resettlement of 25,000 Syrian refugees. Morgan's job was not filled in this round of moves. Manon Brassard, the Treasury Board assistant deputy minister who oversees compensation and labour relations, becomes president of the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec, a position that has been vacant for several months. Brassard has been stickhandling a thorny round of collective bargaining with 18 federal unions to replace the existing sick-leave regime with a new short-term disability plan. The government also didn't announce her replacement. Chantel Maheu, the assistant secretary to cabinet responsible for plans and priorities at the Privy Council Office, steps up to PCO's deputy secretary post overseeing plans and consultations. Her move is effective Sept. 6. The moves come with the retirements of three longtime bureaucrats - Biguzs at Citizenship, along with Ward Elcock and Margaret Biggs, former deputy ministers who have been working as PCO senior advisers. A career bureaucrat, Elcock was most recently special adviser on human smuggling and illegal migration. He held a series of senior posts, including director general of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and deputy minister at National Defence. Biggs was the former president of the defunct Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

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4. China's microphone diplomacy flops

National Post, 2016 06 08

Editorial: In strict diplomatic terms, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's recent visit to Canada could not be termed a success. It was the first visit by a Chinese foreign minister in seven years. It was also the first opportunity for the new Liberal government to demonstrate its eagerness to patch up relationships it claims were strained under the Conservatives. Luo Zhaohui, China's ambassador to Canada, says a lot of important work got done: the launch of a mechanism to improve dialogue; talks on trade and business relations; plans to increase student mobility, fight corruption and "hunt-down and surrender ... fugitive offenders." And, of course, the usual "candid and in-depth exchange of views on sensitive issues ... of mutual concern." Unfortunately, all of it was overshadowed by Wang's decision to lecture a Canadian journalist for daring to question him on China's record on human rights. "I would like to suggest to you that please don't

ask questions in such an irresponsible manner," he said. The reporter's remarks demonstrated "arrogance" and "prejudice," and were "unacceptable." "We welcome goodwill suggestions but we reject groundless or unwarranted accusations," he said.

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5. Federal photo-matching scheme quietly singles out passport fraudsters

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 06 08

Ottawa - Federal officials used photo-matching technology to identify 15 high-risk people - all wanted on immigration warrants - who used false identities to apply for travel documents. The Liberal government might make the facial-recognition scheme permanent to help find and arrest people ineligible to remain in Canada due to involvement with terrorism, organized crime or human rights violations. It's just the latest example of federal efforts to zero in on lawbreakers using biometrics - physical identifiers such as images, fingerprints or iris scans. The photo-matching idea emerged from concerns that people wanted by the Canada Border Services Agency might use fake names to obtain genuine Canadian travel documents from the Immigration Department's passport program, say internal memos released under the Access to Information Act. "Genuine Canadian passports and other travel documents are of high value to persons who seek to establish false identities," says a memorandum of understanding between the border and immigration agencies. "Individuals who have outstanding immigration arrest warrants can evade detection by law enforcement by using false identities to travel, or to live within communities while retaining access to benefits and services."

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6. L'ACEP se réjouit du retour de l'arbitrage

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 06 08

Ottawa - Le président du Conseil du Trésor, Scott Brison, a approuvé des mesures intérimaires qui permettront aux syndicats de négocier comme si le projet de loi C-4 adopté par le gouvernement Harper - qui retirait leur droit à l'arbitrage - n'avait jamais existé. Pour l'Association canadienne des employés professionnels (ACEP), qui compte 11 000 membres parmi lesquels des économistes, analystes, traducteurs fédéraux, l'annonce du président du Conseil du Trésor est «une bonne nouvelle», puisque ses membres ont toujours préféré la voie de l'arbitrage dans le cadre des négociations, au lieu de la conciliation ou du recours à la grève. «Lorsque le gouvernement conservateur nous a retiré notre droit à l'arbitrage, notre syndicat s'est retrouvé en position délicate.

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7. Personal email, BBMs subject to FOI, privacy watchdog tells public servants

Canadian Press, Allison Jones, 2016 06 08

Toronto - Ontario's information and privacy commissioner has told government and public sector staff that their personal email and BlackBerry Messenger accounts are subject to freedom of

information requests. Brian Beamish issued a guideline Tuesday for Ontario's public institutions to help them comply with access legislation. All public servants should be aware that "records relating to government business are subject to provincial access legislation, even if created, sent or received through instant messaging tools or personal email accounts," Beamish wrote. "There has been some confusion around these issues, but it is imperative that all public servants, elected officials and political staff understand that information requests for records about public business cannot be evaded by using instant messaging or personal email accounts." Political staffers often use tools such as BlackBerry Messenger to communicate with each other, and those records don't tend to be included in responses to access-to-information requests. Tom Henheffer, the executive director of Canadian Journalists for Free Express, said government and party staffers of all stripes use BBM "constantly." "Anything that could potentially be embarrassing, they all know to use BBM or personal email," he said.

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8. RCMP terrorism sting based on 'deceit and tricks,' must be condemned: lawyer

Canadian Press, Geordon Omand, 2016 06 08

Vancouver - Illegal police tactics during an undercover operation that led a couple to be found guilty of terrorism-related offences endanger public rights, shock the conscience of Canadians and must be strongly condemned, says a statement of defence filed in B.C. Supreme Court. John Nuttall and his common-law wife Amanda Korody were found guilty last year, but their convictions are on hold while their lawyers argue the RCMP entrapped their clients into planting what they believed were pressure-cooker bombs at the B.C. legislature. The Mounties used "deceit and tricks" throughout the elaborate sting, read the statement of defence. Nuttall's lawyer, Marilyn Sandford, told the court Tuesday that police aided and abetted terrorist activity by helping the couple design, construct and transport the homemade explosives. "It matters not that the RCMP knew the devices would not explode," she said. "The RCMP knowingly facilitated terrorist activity." Nuttall and Korody were arrested in July 2013 after an undercover operation that began five months earlier. Sandford criticized what she called a lack of oversight on the operation, suggesting it would not have continued for as long had operational plans been properly communicated to RCMP superiors in Ottawa. "Clearly, there is something inherently problematic about (police) setting up a pretend terrorist group," she said. "All of this ought to have been carefully considered." The sting went from gathering intelligence about Nuttall, whose outspoken views on radical Islam had already flagged him to police, to an operation designed to see whether undercover operators could induce him to commit terrorist acts, Sandford said.

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9. Relations Canada-Chine - Les diplomates se doivent de soulever la question des droits de la personne

Le Devoir, Marco Bélair-Cirino, 2016 06 08

Québec - Relations Canada-Chine - Les diplomates se doivent de soulever la question des droits de la personne, estime Jean-François Lépine Les diplomates canadiens ont le "devoir" de soulever la question des droits de la personne lorsqu'ils rencontrent des officiels chinois, est

d'avis le représentant officiel du Québec en Chine, Jean-François Lépine. M. Lépine réagissait notamment à la leçon donnée il y a une semaine par le chef de la diplomatie chinoise, Wang Yi, à la journaliste canadienne Amanda Connolly, après qu'elle eut interrogé le ministre canadien des Affaires étrangères, Stéphane Dion, sur le bilan de la Chine en matière de droits de la personne. " C'est le rôle de cette fille-là de poser cette question-là ", a dit l'ex-grand reporter à Radio-Canada, rappelant du même souffle qu'un ressortissant canadien accusé d'espionnage est actuellement détenu en Chine. " Ne vous en faites pas. Bon, ça les offusque dans une conférence de presse, mais ils sont très conscients que c'est notre préoccupation ", a-t-il poursuivi.

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10. Santé mentale dans la fonction publique Un «centre d'expertise» pour aider les ministères

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 06 08

Ottawa - Un centre d'expertise sur la santé mentale devrait être créé afin d'appuyer les institutions fédérales, qui admettent ne pas avoir les ressources appropriées pour faire face à ce problème qui frappe de plein fouet la fonction publique. C'est du moins ce que recommande le deuxième rapport du Groupe de travail mixte sur la santé mentale formé par le gouvernement et les syndicats. En 2015, près de la moitié (49%) des demandes d'assurance-invalidité approuvées avaient trait à des problèmes de santé mentale, soit de dépression, de névrose, de troubles affectifs et comportementaux. Ce centre d'expertise relèverait du Conseil national mixte où siègent employeurs et syndicats de la fonction publique.

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11. 12 ans de prison pour un Américain voulant rejoindre l'EI (Canada)

Le Figaro avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 06 08

Sacramento, Californie - Un Américain de 22 ans a été condamné à 12 ans de prison hier pour avoir voulu rejoindre en Syrie les combattants du groupe Etat islamique (EI). Nicholas Teausant, un Californien converti à l'islam, avait plaidé coupable en décembre de tentative de soutien à une organisation terroriste. Il avait été arrêté en mars 2014 près de la frontière canadienne, alors qu'il tentait de rejoindre la Syrie et l'organisation jihadiste. Sa peine de prison doit être suivie de 25 années de liberté surveillée. "Nous ne devons avoir aucune tolérance face au terrorisme. Il n'y a pas de marge d'erreur", a commenté un juge fédéral, John Mendez, en imposant sa condamnation à Sacramento, en Californie. D'après les autorités, Nicholas Teausant avait attiré l'attention du FBI en 2013 en écrivant sur des réseaux sociaux qu'il voulait "mener un jihad violent et participer à la chute de l'Amérique". Dans ses échanges avec un informateur du FBI, il a ensuite évoqué des attaques dans le métro de Los Angeles avant de faire marche arrière.

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12. Comey: FBI pursuing 1,000 ISIS cases across U.S.

Minnesota Public Radio (MPR), Matt Sepic, 2016 06 08

Minneapolis - Less than a week after a federal jury in Minneapolis found three Somali-American men guilty of trying to join ISIS, the head of the FBI said Minnesota is not the focus of anti-terror recruitment efforts, but counterterrorism remains the bureau's top priority. Director James Comey met Tuesday with business and community leaders in the Twin Cities. During a brief news conference at the FBI's field office in Brooklyn Center, Comey said terror recruitment is a problem across the country. "The bureau has close to 1,000 open cases in all 50 states focused on people who are at some stage between consuming the poison from the group we call ISIL to acting on that poison, either by traveling or moving toward violence here in the United States." Comey said the number of people attempting to travel began dropping last August, from six to 10 a month to one or two, but the number of recruitment cases agents are pursuing has held steady. Comey said recent high-profile prosecutions may be deterring some travelers, and the families of others may be warning them away. But Comey said some recruits may be planning attacks on American soil.

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13. F.B.I. Steps Up Use of Stings in ISIS Cases

New York Times, Eric Lichtblau, 2016 06 08

Washington - The F.B.I. has significantly increased its use of stings in terrorism cases, employing agents and informants to pose as jihadists, bomb makers, gun dealers or online "friends" in hundreds of investigations into Americans suspected of supporting the Islamic State, records and interviews show. Undercover operations, once seen as a last resort, are now used in about two of every three prosecutions involving people suspected of supporting the Islamic State, a sharp rise in the span of just two years, according to a New York Times analysis. Charges have been brought against nearly 90 Americans believed to be linked to the group. The increase in the number of these secret operations, which put operatives in the middle of purported plots, has come with little public or congressional scrutiny, and the stings rely on F.B.I. guidelines that predate the rise of the Islamic State. While F.B.I. officials say they are careful to avoid illegally entrapping suspects, their undercover operatives are far from bystanders. In recent investigations from Florida to California, agents have helped people suspected of being extremists acquire weapons, scope out bombing targets and find the best routes to Syria to join the Islamic State, records show. Officials said in interviews that because social media has given extremists a cloak of anonymity, these undercover stings -- both online and in person -- have become increasingly vital to gathering evidence and deterring possible attacks inside the United States. "We're not going to wait for the person to mobilize on his own timeline," said Michael B. Steinbach, who leads the F.B.I.'s national security branch. He added that the F.B.I. could not afford to "just sit and wait knowing the individual is actively plotting."

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14. Report finds sweeping flaws with visa partners

The Hill, Julian Hattem, 2016 06 07

Washington - More than one-third of countries participating in a program allowing their citizens to enter the United States without a visa are failing to live up to requirements for sharing information about suspected terrorists and criminals. The finding, contained in a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report released this week, heightened officials' concerns about potential vulnerabilities in the visa waiver program and its possible exploitation by terrorists. "Thousands of Europeans have gone to fight in Syria and Iraq, and most of them are from countries that have visa-free access to the United States," House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Michael McCaul (R-Texas) said in a statement on Tuesday. "These extremists are only a plane-flight away from our shores, which is why overseas counterterrorism cooperation is critical. "But if our partners do not share data about terror suspects quickly and transparently, such fanatics might be able to slip through the cracks to enter our country." Around the world, 38 nations participate in the visa waiver program, including friends and allies such as the United Kingdom, France and Japan. In order to participate, each of those 38 nations is required to agree with the U.S. to share information about lost or stolen passports, suspected terrorists and criminal history.

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15. U.S. airport security improves since screening lapses: DHS

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 06 07

Washington - The U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is working to improve airport screening after major lapses last year, a U.S. government investigator said on Tuesday, adding that the agency has embraced oversight. "As a result of our audit reports ... TSA is now, for the first time in memory, critically assessing its deficiencies in an honest and objective light," said John Roth, inspector general of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the TSA's parent agency. "We are generally satisfied with the response we have seen at TSA." "We went from a cultural situation where we were fought at every turn to one in which they now embrace oversight in a way that I think is ... positive," he added, in testimony before a U.S. Senate committee. In a covert audit, department staff succeeded in bringing banned items through airport checkpoints and raised concerns about the TSA's vetting of its workforce.

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16. U.S. regulators, FBI warn banks on cyber threat after Bangladesh heist

Reuters, Jim Finkle, Jonathan Spicer, 2016 06 07

Boston - U.S. regulators on Tuesday told banks to review the cyber security they have in place to protect against fraudulent money transfers and other threats to a global payments network, months after hackers stole \$81 million from the Bangladesh central bank's account at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The notice from the Fed and other financial regulators comes two weeks after the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation urged banks to look for signs of possible cyber attacks and asked them to hunt for technical clues that they have been targeted by the same group, according to a notification seen by Reuters. The warnings suggest that U.S. government and law enforcement agencies are concerned that recent attacks on banks in emerging-market economies could lead to losses for big U.S. firms that rely on the so-called SWIFT fund-transfer

network, which serves as the backbone of international finance. In early February, thieves hacked into Bangladesh Bank's interface with SWIFT's network and peppered the New York Fed with payment instructions. Most of the requests were blocked, but four were filled, amounting to \$81 million that went to accounts in the Philippines and remains missing.

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17. 17 things we learned from GCHQ director at Cheltenham Science Festival

Gloucestershire Echo, Aled Thomas, 2016 06 08

Cheltenham - Robert Hannigan, the Director of GCHQ was unveiled as a the 'senior GCHQ official' who would appear with Times journalist Ben Macintyre at a sell-out event at Cheltenham Science Festival called: For Your Eyes Only: The Secret Life of GCHQ. Seeing as the place runs on numbers we thought we'd review the event with a list. * Robert Hannigan is not at all ambivalent about Edward Snowden. He can't say that people have died because of his leaks, but he does know that terrorists being tracked, learned what GCHQ was doing via Snowden's leaks and then disappeared and nobody knows what they got up to. * GCHQ cannot compete with tech companies like Google when it comes to pay. But brilliant people (and not just brilliant technologists, but brilliant linguists, analysts, engineers and the rest) work at GCHQ because of the 'mission'. Doing interesting work to protect Britain, and Cheltenham. People like living here, they settle and they want to stay. * GCHQ's position is that Britain will be safer in the E.U. It is of course the government's position.

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18. A peek behind the curtain at GCHQ

BBC News, Rory Cellan Jones, 2016 06 08

London - It has long been the most secretive of Britain's intelligence agencies - but, lately, GCHQ has been tiptoeing ever so carefully out of the shadows. Last month, the signals intelligence operation opened a Twitter account - "Hello World," was its first offering - and last night its director spoke for an hour at an event where he even took questions from members of the public. Mind you, this was friendly territory - the Cheltenham Science Festival in GCHQ's home town. The session had been billed as an interview between the Times journalist Ben Macintyre and "a senior GCHQ official", but the level of security in the town's Imperial Gardens was an indicator of just how senior that official might be. So the audience - some of whom probably worked for him - cannot have been surprised when Robert Hannigan walked on to the stage. "Over the past few years we've been talked about by people who are not necessarily our greatest fans", so it was important for a democracy to explain a little more about how the agency operated, he said.

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19. British agents bring most wanted people trafficker to face justice

London Times, Nadeem Badshah, 2016 06 08

London - One of the world's most wanted people smugglers, Mered Medhanie, has been arrested after an operation involving Britain's National Crime Agency (NCA) and GCHQ. The 35-year-old Eritrean is accused of masterminding an international smuggling network that is responsible for the deaths of hundreds of migrants in the Mediterranean. Medhanie, dubbed "The General" because he styled himself on Muammar Gaddafi, the former Libyan dictator, was arrested in the Sudanese capital Khartoum in May before being extradited to Italy on Tuesday. The NCA said it tracked him down to the address in Khartoum. He is accused of being partly responsible for the Lampedusa tragedy in October 2013 in which at least 359 migrants, the majority from Eritrea and Somalia, lost their lives when their boat capsized off the Italian coast.

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20. L'« infobésité » des services secrets britanniques

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 06 08

Non identifié - Plusieurs documents secrets publiés par le site The Intercept montrent que seule une infime partie des trop nombreuses données collectées est véritablement analysée par les services. L'accumulation massive de données personnelles renforce-t-elle la sécurité des Etats? Le site TheIntercept s'est procuré une présentation confidentielle qui met en lumière l'inflation des données collectées par l'un des programmes secrets du GCHQ, les services secrets britanniques. «Contrairement à [l'attentat de] Mumbai, la majeure partie des données utiles lors du G20 de Londres ont été recueillies par les moyens classiques», se félicite la présentation . Mais elle révèle aussi une ombre - de taille - au tableau: seule une infime partie (3%) des informations collectées a été réellement «vue » par des agents. D'ordinaire, ce ne serait pas un problème: comme leurs homologues américains, les agents du GCHQ collectent d'immenses quantités de données, principalement pour pouvoir y effectuer ensuite des recherches. Mais dans le cas présent les données ont été collectées par Preston, un programme spécifique et ciblé, qui ne «met sur écoute électronique» que des personnes suspectées de terrorisme ou d'autres activités illégales... et donc susceptibles de contenir des informations très précieuses. Ce document et d'autres, fournis par le lanceur d'alerte Edward Snowden, montrent que les services britanniques souffrent depuis la fin des années 2000 d'«infobésité»: trop de données, trop peu d'agents, et trop de «bruit» numérique qui ne permet pas d'isoler les informations significatives.

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21. Leak shows MI5 struggling to cope with internet data

London Times, Sean O'Neill, 2016 06 08

London - Yesterday MPs in the Commons debated the Investigatory Powers Bill, which seeks to set out the interception powers of police and spies while establishing safeguards against their abuse. David Anderson QC, the independent reviewer of terrorism laws, said that he had assembled a panel to review the operation of bulk intelligence powers. "I will be asking whether the government has established a robust operational case for the bulk powers it says it needs, and

examining whether similar results could have been reached by other, less intrusive, means," he said.

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22. Program to turn youth from terror faces review

The Australian, Paul Maley, 2016 06 08

Sydney- An official de-radicalisation program aimed at pulling young Australian Muslims back from the brink of extremism will be reviewed following the arrest on terrorism charges of one of its former participants. NSW Police Deputy Commissioner Catherine Burn has confirmed the draft program, which was already due to be reviewed, will be subject to further scrutiny after a 16-year-old Sydney boy who was participating in the initiative was arrested over allegedly planning a terrorist attack. "As a result of recent events we are also reviewing the program to make sure it can be effective as it can be," Ms Burn told The Australian. "While we cannot guarantee that the program will be successful on all occasions we will continue to provide this pathway while also ensuring that we do all we can to maintain the safety and security of our community." In April, the 16-year-old was arrested after he allegedly sought to obtain a weapon for a terrorist attack. The youth, who remains in custody, was allegedly planning an attack to coincide with Anzac Day commemorations. It subsequently emerged the boy was one of a handful of extremists working with police on a highly sensitive de-radicalisation program.

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23. Training scaled back despite terror threat

Australian Associated Press, Karlis Salna, 2016 06 08

Sydney - As the nation's law enforcement agencies were being told to prepare for a major terrorist attack, NSW Police did nothing to update its negotiation strategy for dealing with violent extremism, an inquest has heard. Training for the negotiation squad, which played a pivotal role in trying to bring about a peaceful resolution to the 2014 Sydney siege, was also being scaled back. Under questioning from Dr Peggy Dwyer, counsel assisting the family of slain cafe manager Tori Johnson, the state's top negotiator on Wednesday confirmed that "financial constraints" had caused a scaling back of counter-terrorism training courses available to his team members. "That's partly correct," the officer, identified by the codename "Graeme", said on Wednesday. "The national platform for taking police negotiators and bringing these types of incidents to their attention ran twice a year. However, that was cut back to once a year." The detective chief inspector said police had since developed a plan for "working meetings" to rotate around the country to provide updates and up-skill negotiators. One pilot course has been run so far.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

24. Nominees for spymaster, defence minister introduced to MPs

Pajhwok Afghan News, Pajhwok Report, 2016 06 08

Kabul - President Ashraf Ghani's picks for the spymaster and minister of defence were introduced to the parliament for a vote of confidence on Wednesday. Vice-President Mohammad Sarwar Danish introduced Masoom Stanikzai and Gen. Abdullah Khan as nominees for National Directorate of Security (NDS) head defense minister respectively. Danish recited a presidential decree regarding the nomination of the intelligence and defence minister chiefs. He praised Wolesi Jirga members for granting trust vote to presidential picks for interior ministry and the attorney general. The legislators would once again endorse the presidential choices for the important positions, considering the current security situation in the country, the vice-president hoped.

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25. Pakistan will take all measures to increase its defence capability

Pakistan Dawn, Dawn Report, 2016 06 08

Islamabad - The Adviser to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz informed the Senate on Tuesday that Pakistan would take all possible measures to augment its defence capability. He was winding up discussion in the upper house on an adjournment motion moved by Senator Javed Abbassi over the recent test-fire by India of its supersonic interceptor missile. Sartaj Aziz said Pakistan was not oblivious to its defence requirements and is upgrading its capabilities through suitable technologies without entering into arms race. He said, "Our efforts for peace and friendship must not be interpreted as our weakness. We are fully capable to defend our people and territory." The adviser said Pakistani scientists and experts constantly monitored and evaluated the strategic threats that Indian nuclear doctrine posed to Pakistan's security.

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26. False bomb threat forces EgyptAir flight to make emergency landing in Uzbekistan: sources

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 06 08

Cairo - An EgyptAir flight to China was forced to make an emergency landing in Uzbekistan on Wednesday after the airline received a call claiming that there was a bomb on board, two Egyptian aviation officials said. They said the plane, which was carrying 118 passengers, had been evacuated and searched. No explosives were found, they said. "The plane is preparing to resume its journey. It was a hoax, thank God," said one of the officials. EgyptAir has received a number of bomb threats since one of its aircraft crashed into the Mediterranean on May 19. All have turned out to be hoaxes. (Full report).

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27. Mali : après la mort d'un Casque bleu, l'ONU promet des moyens supplémentaires

Jeune Afrique, Journaliste maison, 2016 06 07

Gao, Mali - Ce mardi 7 juin, le chef de la Mission de l'ONU au Mali (Minusma), Mahamat Saleh Annadif, a promis de renforcer la sécurité de ses troupes, lors de l'hommage au premier Casque bleu chinois tué dans ce pays il y a une semaine. Le sergent-chef Shen Liangliang a été tué le 31 mai à Gao, au nord du Mali, lors d'une double attaque jihadiste. Un communiqué de la Mission de l'Onu a indiqué que la cérémonie d'hommage s'est déroulée au quartier général de la Minusma, à Bamako. Étaient également présents lors de la cérémonie le ministre malien des Affaires étrangères Abdoulaye Diop, le commandant de la force militaire de la Minusma, le général Michael Lollesgaard, l'ambassadrice de Chine Lu Huiying et le général chinois Su Guanghui. Ban Ki-moon demande quelque 2000 militaires de plus La Minusma « prendra toutes les mesures nécessaires pour mettre en œuvre son mandat, y compris en assurant la protection de ses soldats de la paix », a assuré le chef de la Mission de l'ONU, Mahamat Saleh Annadif. « Nous allons renforcer les mesures sécuritaires et mettre à la disposition de nos braves soldats de la paix les équipements nécessaires leur permettant de mieux faire face (...) », a-t-il ajouté.

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28. Nigeria, battling Boko Haram in north, faces new threat from 'Niger Delta Avengers' in south

Washington Times, Guy Taylor, 2016 06 08

Washington - A surge of attacks by militants on oil and gas wells and pipelines in southern Nigeria is threatening to derail the army's campaign to defeat the Islamist terror group Boko Haram in the north, as the government finds itself fighting separate insurgencies raging on opposite ends of Africa's most-populous country. The bombing of pipelines by a group calling itself the "Niger Delta Avengers" has cut Nigeria's oil output by half in recent weeks and forced the government of President Muhammadu Buhari to begin shifting military assets -- including some U.S.-trained forces -- away from the fight against the brutal Boko Haram movement, which has declared its allegiance to Islamic State. "There are signs that military resources are being diverted from the northeast to beef up the military presence in the Delta, because what's going on in the Delta fundamentally affects the revenue of the nation," said John Campbell, a former U.S. ambassador to Nigeria. "The fear," said Mr. Campbell, now with the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, "is that if you reduce the military pressure that's being applied in the northeast on Boko Haram, which is on a backfoot but is not destroyed, the group will be able to revive itself quite quickly."

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29. Bangladesh launches crackdown on militants

Agence France Presse, 2016 06 08

Dhaka - Bangladesh police on Tuesday launched a deadly crackdown on Islamist militants as a 70-year-old Hindu priest became the latest victim in a series of gruesome killings by the extremists. As a government minister tried to portray the recent attacks as part of a conspiracy involving Israel's Mossad spy agency, security forces waged deadly gun battles with members of a home-grown militant group. Two "high-ranking" members of the Jamayetul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) were shot dead in a battle in Dhaka and another was killed in a northwestern district, police told AFP. The two JMB members killed in the capital had roles "in most of the recent attacks" including the bombing of a Shiite mosque and the murder of a liberal professor, said deputy commissioner of police M.R. Khaled. The third victim was killed in another gunfight in the town of Godagari in the northwestern district of Rajshahi, said local police chief Abu Forhad.

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30. India, US to enhance cooperation in cybersecurity

Indo-Asian News Service, 2016 06 08

New Delhi - India and the US stressed on cooperation on cyber issues, including to promote closer cooperation between their law enforcement agencies to combat cybercrime and also to share information on a real time on malicious cybersecurity threats and establish appropriate mechanisms to improve such information sharing. A fact sheet on the framework for the US-India Cyber Relationship, issued during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Tuesday, says that cooperation on cyber issues is a key component of the bilateral relationship between India and the US. Both sides recognise the value of enhancing and further institutionalizing their broad-based cooperation on cyber issues, and in that respect, intend to complete a framework based on the following shared principles and intended forms of cooperation.

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31. India storms through missile regime door en route to NSG

Times of India, Chidanand Rajghatta, 2016 06 08

Washington - The United States and India on Tuesday sent out a clear signal to China in course of talks between President Obama and Prime Minister Narendra Modi: No one country should dominate the Asia-Pacific region, and Beijing will have to live with the presence of the United States, India, and their allies and friends in the South China Sea and Indian Ocean region. Ahead of the bilateral meeting, the two sides disclosed that India had cleared all hurdles to become a member of the 34-member Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), a non-proliferation regime of which China is not a member. Monday was the deadline for any member to object to a new entrant, and none had. A senior US administration official confirmed that a political consensus had been achieved to admit India to the MTCR and the entry pending some technical issues was a mere formality.

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32. New vice unification minister vows to make N.K. give up nukes

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 06 08

Seoul - South Korea's new vice unification minister said Wednesday that he will do his best to prod North Korea into giving up its nuclear weapons program. Kim Hyung-suk said at his inaugural ceremony that the country should ramp up efforts to make North Korea abandon its nuclear weapons while keeping the principle of building trust between the two Koreas. "North Korea's nuclear weapons program poses a threat to South Korea's security and also serves as the biggest stumbling block to an improvement in inter-Korean ties and peaceful unification," Kim said. Earlier in the day, President Park Geun-hye conducted a small-scale reshuffle of vice ministerial officials and presidential aides including Kim. Kim, a former presidential secretary on unification, replaced Hwang Boo-gi, who served as the country's vice unification minister for about 18 months from November 2014. The new vice minister told reporters that denuclearization should be a top priority when it comes to the resumption of inter-Korean dialogue. "We do not say that we will not hold talks with North Korea," Kim said. "But we believe that if there is inter-Korean dialogue, it should be held in a proper manner and it should deal with core issues."

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33. Seoul police say N. Korea behind series of cyberattacks

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 06 08

Seoul - South Korean police said Wednesday that North Korea was behind three separate cyberattacks carried out earlier this year, claiming the reclusive country sent a large number of malware-tainted emails by disguising the senders. Between January and February, North Korea sent a large number of emails to South Koreans, including local journalists, defectors and North Korea experts, said the National Police Agency (NPA), wrapping up their months-long investigation. In late January, a link to a video clip, edited as if South Korean President Park Geun-hye was supporting the North's nuclear development, was distributed to 38,988 people. Police said the emails, which were disguised as if they were sent from local broadcasters, seem to be part of a propaganda campaign by the North. In the following month, more emails, pretending to be from a police officer, were sent to 48 people, including North Korean defectors and Pyongyang experts, asking for cooperation in the investigation of the fake video clip. Police said the emails contained viruses that could have infected the recipients' computers.

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34. US pressed to not takes sides in S. China Sea

China Daily, Li Xiaokun and Hu Yongqi, 2016 06 08

Beijing - Beijing urged Washington on Tuesday during high-level bilateral talks to keep its promise to not take sides on the South China Sea issue. "China hopes the United States will scrupulously abide by its promise to not take sides in territorial disputes and will play a

constructive role in safeguarding peace and stability in the South China Sea," said State Councilor Yang Jiechi. Disputes should be resolved by the parties directly involved through consultation, he said at the end of the eighth China-US Strategic and Economic Dialogue in Beijing. "China respects and protects the right that all countries enjoy under international law to freedom of navigation and overflight," Yang told reporters. US Secretary of State John Kerry reiterated US support for negotiations and peaceful resolution. "The US does not take a position on the sovereignty of any of the land features in the South China Sea, but we do believe all claimants should exercise restraint," he said. Yang said both sides agreed to maintain communication and control differences in "a constructive way". They also vowed to "nurture a joint, not mutually exclusive, circle of friends" in the Asia-Pacific, he added.

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35. Russian Performance Artist Pavlensky Says FSB Damaged Cultural Heritage

Moscow Times, Staff report, 2016 06 07

Moscow - Pyotr Pavlensky, the performance artist accused of damaging Russian cultural heritage by setting fire to the doors of the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB), has accused the FSB of illegally replacing the building's doors in 2008, the Meduza news website reported on Tuesday. Pavlensky's lawyer, Olga Dinze, filed a complaint to the Prosecutor General Yury Chaika, asking him to hold FSB employees accountable for their illegal actions. The complaint states that the FSB building in central Moscow was named an object of cultural heritage in 2007 and repairs to such buildings are only allowed with the authorization of the Federal Service for the Protection of Cultural Heritage. However, the doors were replaced in 2008 without such authorization. Pavlensky is currently standing trial for setting fire to the FSB doors during his performance art action "Threat: The Burning Doors of Lubyanka" on Nov. 9, 2015.

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36. Iran Condemns US State Department's Report

Fars News Agency, 2016 06 08

Tehran - Iranian Government Spokesman Mohammad Baqer Nobakht on Tuesday deplored the US state department for its "illogical and hostile" terrorism report against Tehran. "Their remarks are repetitive and our position is firm and appropriate to their comments," Nobakht told reporters in Tehran today. "We don't recognize any of their illogical, unusual and hostile remarks and condemn this move. The Islamic Republic of Iran adopts firm action in all areas which pertain to its national interests," he underlined. The US State Department on Thursday released its annual report on global terrorist activity, claiming that Iran is the top state sponsor of terrorism and labeling ISIL "the greatest threat globally" despite Tehran's serious assistance to the regional states in fighting against terrorism. Iran is helping the regional countries, including Iraq and

Syria, in campaign against terrorism by sending military advisors at the demand of their governments.

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37. Iran Training Foreigners Facing the UAE Islands and Gets Ready to Launch an Iraqi "Revolutionary Guard"

Asharq Al-Awsat, Adel al-Salmi, 2016 06 08

London - Iran has the intention to establish an Iraqi model of its Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and is using the Faror Island facing the occupied UAE islands to train foreign fighters. "The Revolutionary Guard is ready to use all its capacities to help Iraqis establish an IRGC in Iraq," Former head of the Revolutionary Guard, General Mohsen Rafiq Doust was quoted by Khabar Online as saying. Rafiq Doust said that IRGC would offer the Iraqis the experiences it had while establishing its own guard. Rafiq Doust is considered one of the oldest IRGC commanders in Iran. He also was a minister of the Revolutionary Guard between 1982 and 1989, before the seat was annulled. His announcement came following last month's visit of Iraqi officials from militias of Iraq's Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF) to Iran and their meeting with a number of Iranian officials.

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38. Canadian among 101 arrested in Saudi Arabia over terrorism charges

Gulf News, Habib Toumi, 2016 06 08

Manama - A Canadian living in Saudi Arabia was among 101 people arrested in one month by the local authorities in terrorism-related cases. The suspect is the first Canadian to be arrested in the kingdom on security and terrorism charges, Saudi daily Al Watan reported on Tuesday. The other suspects arrested in Shaaban, the lunar calendar month that ended on Sunday, were 62 from Saudi Arabia, 20 from Yemen, five from Syria, four from India, two from Egypt, two from Pakistan, one from Afghanistan, one from Chad, one from The Philippines, one from Ethiopia, and one stateless. Saudi Arabia in its drive to combat all forms of terrorism and security issues is launching the Middle East's largest security operation centre that will bring together various security centres in the vast kingdom and will merge all existing operation rooms under one system managed around the clock by 400 officers on every shift.

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39. Defiant Bashar al-Assad Vows to Retake 'Every Inch' of Syria

New York Times, David E. Sanger, Rick Gladstone, 2016 06 08

Washington - Syria's president promised to retake "every inch" of the country from his foes on Tuesday in a defiant speech that appeared to reject the humanitarian relief effort and peaceful transition of power that the United States, Russia and more than a dozen other nations have

pressed for since last fall. The speech by President Bashar al-Assad was his first major address since the effort to mediate an end to the civil war broke down in Geneva in April. It reflected his sense that Russian intervention in the war has bolstered his position -- and his ability to remain in power for the foreseeable future -- as the war enters its sixth year. Mr. Assad's defiance was notable partly because of efforts in recent months by Secretary of State John Kerry and other leaders of a 17-nation collaboration, known as the International Syria Support Group, to set a series of deadlines and limits that Syria could not violate. Every one of the directives has been broken. A cease-fire devised in Munich in February collapsed. Mr. Kerry's demand at that time -- that humanitarian access had to begin within weeks -- was briefly observed in a few towns before access was again largely blocked. "The speech was, unfortunately, vintage Assad -- unrepentant and damaging to international efforts to end the brutal civil war that has ravaged the country for more than five years -- the same international efforts that his principal backers, Russia and Iran, support," Mark C. Toner, a State Department spokesman, said in a statement on Tuesday night. "His remarks show once again how delusional, detached and unfit he is to lead the Syrian people."

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40. Hamas is ready for war with Israel

Foreign Policy, David Patrikarakos, 2016 06 08

Gaza City - Gaza City, GAZA -- The first thing you notice about Gaza: the donkeys. Attached to carts invariably driven by middle-aged men, they weave in and out of traffic, hauling fruits and vegetables through the city center. Gaza still bears the scars of the 2014 war between Hamas and Israel. The 51-day conflict resulted in the deaths of 2,300 Gazans, with 10,000 others wounded; 66 Israeli soldiers and six Israeli civilians also lost their lives. Gaza's infrastructure was decimated: A recent U.N. report stated that only 17 percent of the 18,000 homes destroyed during the conflict have been repaired, and an estimated 75,000 Gazans remain displaced. Tensions are once again high in the strip. Gazans are fearful that another war looms on the horizon. I wanted to know if Hamas members felt the same. My fixer Mahmoud and I went to find out, driving through Gaza City and eventually arriving in a narrow street, where a man in robes greeted us. This is "Mostafa,"* a senior advisor to a Hamas minister. He opened a tall, metal door and ushered us inside. We took a seat inside a large room with just two sofas furnishing the entire space. "What is happening in Jerusalem is a normal reaction to what is happening in the West Bank -- the arrests of people day and night, killing people day and night, the burning of children," he said.

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41. Jordan's King Abdullah pledges action after gunman kills intelligence officers

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 06 08

Amman - Jordan's King Abdullah II vowed on Tuesday to act decisively against anyone who threatens the kingdom's security, a day after a lone gunman shot dead five intelligence officers. "Jordan will act with all firmness and force against anyone seeking to undermine its security," he said on a visit to the headquarters of the intelligence services. "National unity is the weapon we

will use to thwart all plans that aim to disrupt stability and cohesion." He added that the country would not be weakened by "the terrorist acts of traitors". Earlier, the authorities imposed a media blackout on information about Monday's early morning attack, the official Petra news agency reported. It said the sweeping ban covered not only traditional media such as newspapers and broadcasters, but also internet sites and social media networks.

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42. Jordan Bars News Media Coverage of Shooting at Intelligence Office

New York Times, Kareem Fahim, 2016 06 08

Amman - Jordan's government on Tuesday barred the country's news media from publishing reports on a shooting at an intelligence office near Amman that killed five people and raised fears that militants had been able to penetrate one of the region's most powerful and ruthlessly effective counterterrorism agencies. Jordanian officials cast the shooting, which occurred on Monday, as an "isolated and individual act," and said they had arrested the killer. There were no immediate claims of responsibility from militant groups like the Islamic State that might suggest the attack, which killed three intelligence officers and two other employees at the office, had had broader organizational support. Local news reports said the suspect might have been detained at the intelligence building sometime before the shooting -- suggesting revenge as a possible motive. The secrecy order, which prevented the publication of any news on the assault, including on social media, showed that the attack had struck a nerve in Jordan -- momentarily denting official boasts of successes in thwarting militant attacks and, more generally, in protecting the country from the kind of violence seen in nearby Syria and Iraq. "For Jordan, it is a big shock," said Oraib al-Rantawi, the director of the Al Quds Center for Political Studies in Amman, the capital, speaking of the shooting on Monday. "We are proud to have maintained our security and stability in this region for the past five years."

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43. Over 100 terror suspects nabbed in a month (Canada).

Saudi Gazette, Staff Report, 2016 06 08

Riyadh - In pre-emptive strikes, the Saudi security authorities have nabbed as many as 101 terror suspects from 12 nationalities in the month of May. Local daily Al-Watan said on Tuesday that the suspects, who were involved in terror cases or were wanted for security reasons, consisted of 62 Saudis, 20 Yemenis, five Syrians, four Indians, two Egyptians, two Pakistanis and one each from Canada, Afghanistan, Chad, Ethiopia and the Philippines. According to the security sources, the Canadian who was caught on May 26, represented the first citizen from Canada to be on the list of wanted criminals. He is currently being interrogated. Nine Americans were also arrested on charges of supporting terrorism in addition to four Britons of whom one is serving a four-year-jail term. (Full Report).

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44. Why Jordan, intelligence hub on ISIS, took a rare hit Monday

Christian Science Monitor, Taylor Luck, 2016 06 08

Amman - A group of unknown assailants succeeded Monday in striking an institution that has been on the top of jihadists' hit-lists for nearly two decades: Jordan's General Intelligence Department (GID). Known and feared as the mukhabarat, they are Jordan's first line of defense, the linchpin of the kingdom's stability, and the West's greatest asset in the war on terror. The Jordanian government announced late Monday that it had arrested a suspect in the attack, which killed three officers and two employees at a GID branch on the outskirts of Amman, near the Baqaa Palestinian refugee camp. But even though the motives and identity of the attacker have yet to be revealed, both the government and security analysts immediately suspected the self-declared Islamic State (IS). IS had warned of a wave of attacks around Ramadan, which starts Monday. Observers say among potential targets for IS worldwide, Jordan's intelligence services would be at the top of its list. "Jordan's contribution to the war on ISIS is not by airstrikes, or bombings, or ground troops - it is by its intelligence," says Oraib Rantawi, political observer and director of the Al Quds Center for Political Studies. "When you talk about intelligence [on IS], you talk about the Jordanian GID."

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There are no stories today. / Il n'y a pas d'histoires aujourd'hui.

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45. Austrian bank shuts terror account of pro-BDS Austrian-Arab center

Jerusalem Post, Benjamin Weinthal, 2016 06 08

Berlin - The Austrian financial giant Bawag closed the bank account of the pro-BDS Austrian-Arab cultural center (OKAZ), which hosted a Palestinian terrorist in Vienna in April. A spokesman for New York-based investment firm Cerberus - the principal owner of the Bawag bank - told The Jerusalem Post on Tuesday that the account was closed. OKAZ is part of the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement targeting the Jewish state. OKAZ held an April event with the convicted Palestinian terrorist Leila Khaled, who is a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). The EU and the US both classify the PFLP as a terrorist organization. Khaled hijacked American TWA flight 840 in 1969. A year later, she hijacked EL AL flight 219. When asked about terror finance, a Bawag spokeswoman, said that it adheres to all anti-terrorism laws. The OKAZ did not immediately respond to a Post query.

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46. Car bomb targets police station in Turkey's Mardin

Al Jazeera, Hashem Ahelbarra, 2016 06 08

Istanbul - Three people killed and several others wounded in bomb attack on police building in Midyat near Syrian border. Three people have been killed and several others wounded in a car bomb attack on a police station in the country's southeastern province of Mardin. Hospital sources said more than 20 people, including police officers and civilians, were wounded in Wednesday's attack in the town of Midyat, a region where government forces are battling Kurdish separatists. In televised comments, Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said: "One police officer and two citizens have been confirmed dead so far." According to images posted on Twitter, glass from blown-out windows littered the streets and plumes of black smoke could be seen rising from the building. Turkey has been hit by a series of similar attacks in recent months.

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47. Copernic révolutionne les contrôles d'identité

Le Figaro, Alette de Broqua, 2016 06 08

Aix, France - Avec son terminal mobile d'identification biométrique, la société entend lutter contre le terrorisme. Technologie Son boîtier n'est pas beaucoup plus imposant qu'un terminal de paiement par carte bancaire, mais le dernier-né de la société aixoise Copernic pourrait bien être une des solutions aux problèmes posés par le terrorisme, la circulation de faux documents ou la migration massive auxquels sont confrontées la plupart des polices. Le C-One e-ID est un terminal mobile d'identification biométrique de personnes et d'authentification de documents sécurisés. « Il est le plus abouti du marché et n'a aucun équivalent dans le monde », soutient son président Jacky Lecuire. À tel point que les deux leaders du marché de l'identification, le français Morpho (filiale de Safran) et l'américain Crossmatch, l'ont inclus dans leurs gammes. Des besoins pour l'Euro Ce terminal intègre la totalité des fonctions nécessaires aux opérations de contrôle d'individus et de leurs papiers : capteur biométrique d'empreinte digitale homologué par le FBI, appareil photo et logiciel de reconnaissance faciale, lecteur de toutes sortes de papiers d'identité et de leurs informations stockés dans une puce. Copernic peut embarquer des bases de données ou être relié à ces bases et croiser les informations. Il peut enfin éditer un document d'identité, ce qui pourrait être très utile au moment où les migrants rentrent en Europe.

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48. Ex-CIA agent loses fight against extradition to Italy

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 06 08

Lisbon - A former CIA agent says she will be extradited to Italy to serve a prison sentence for her part in the U.S. extraordinary renditions program after Portugal's Constitutional Court rejected her final appeal. Sabrina de Sousa told The Associated Press Wednesday she is waiting to be told when she will be taken to Italy, where she was convicted in absentia and has a four-year sentence to serve. Since her October arrest in Lisbon on a European arrest warrant, De Sousa has lost her extradition fight at a lower Lisbon court and her appeal of that decision to the Portuguese Supreme Court. De Sousa was among 26 Americans convicted for the 2003 kidnapping in Milan of terror suspect Osama Moustafa Hassan Nasr. She insists she wasn't involved in the abduction. (Full report).

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49. French officials doubt Ukraine arrest linked to soccer bomb plot

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 06 08

Paris - French investigators believe a Frenchman detained in Ukraine with a cache of weapons and explosives was more likely involved in arms smuggling than tied to a militant group, the prosecutor leading the case said on Tuesday. France has requested Kiev's cooperation but is still awaiting a response more than 24 hours after Ukraine's state security service (SBU) said the suspect had planned "terrorist attacks" during the Euro 2016 soccer tournament which kicks off on Friday in France. "This young man is unknown to French intelligence services, and the judicial authorities for now are leaning towards a possible arms smuggling case," Thomas Pison, the state prosecutor for Nancy, said by telephone. SBU chief Vasyl Hrytsak said on Monday the 25-year-old had made contact with armed groups in Ukraine. In a sting operation, the suspect was stopped at the Polish border with rocket launchers, Kalashnikov assault rifles and explosives.

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50. Jouets ou armes de guerre, les drones sont sous surveillance

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 06 08

Paris - A quelques jours de l'Euro 2016, le risque d'un attentat terroriste à l'aide de ces engins volants est pris très au sérieux. Les organisateurs de l'Euro 2016, qui débute vendredi 10 juin, le savent: la menace pourrait surgir du ciel comme un insecte insaisissable. Vient à l'oreille le Vol dubourdon, l'interlude orchestral entêtant de Rimski-Korsakov. Bourdonner, bourdonnement... Les Britanniques ont un verbe pour cela: to drone. Jouet inoffensif ou intrus dangereux? Se déplaçant à basse altitude, d'une masse métallique très faible, l'aéronef sans pilote échappe aux radars classiques. Si les services de renseignement semblent privilégier d'autres modes d'action (bombes dans les transports, kamikazes dans les fans-zones, fusillades visant des supporteurs), l'attentat au drone - une stratégie meurtrière évoquée à plusieurs reprises par l'organisation Etat islamique, qui a déjà utilisé du gaz moutarde au Kurdistan irakien - est envisagé avec sérieux. La parade est plus sophistiquée que celle mise en oeuvre lors du dernier défilé du 14-Juillet ou, en décembre 2015, au Bourget, pour la COP21.

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51. L'inquiétude demeure sur les fans zones

Le Figaro, Christophe Cornevin, 2016 06 08

Paris - Si le ministère jette toutes ses forces pour assurer l'esprit festif de l'événement, la polémique demeure. Branle-bas de combat général parmi les services de sécurité. À quelques jours du coup d'envoi de l'Euro, l'État donne l'ultime tour de vis à un dispositif titanesque. Au total, 90 000 personnes sont mobilisées pour garantir coûte que coûte l'esprit « festif » de la compétition. Clef de voûte de cette pesante architecture, le ministère de l'Intérieur engage à lui seul 77 000 de ses personnels. Soit 42 000 policiers, 30 000 gendarmes et 5 200 techniciens de la

sécurité civile. Une partie des 10 000 militaires de l'opération « Sentinelle » déployés dans les transports compléteront le maillage régional. Cette levée des troupes ne se fait pas sans peine. Les syndicats de police sont montés au créneau pour déplorer, à l'image de Jean-Claude Delage, secrétaire général d'Alliance (majoritaire chez les gradés et gardiens), un « souci de plus à gérer, dans un contexte déjà très tendu ». Le préfet de police a lui-même parlé d'« épuisement avancé » des forces de l'ordre. Conscient que l'État ne peut plus tout faire, Bernard Cazeneuve exhorte autant que nécessaire l'organisateur et le club des villes hôtes à une « coproduction de sécurité ». En charge de la protection d'une centaine de sites officiels, parmi lesquels les dix stades abritant les matches, les 24 lieux de résidence et terrains d'entraînement ou encore le centre de la porte de Versailles qui va accueillir les médias de la planète, Euro 2016 SAS a embauché au total 10 000 gardes privés venant d'une soixantaine de sociétés expertes dans la sécurité événementielle. En faisant appel à une multiplicité d'opérateurs, l'organisateur a tiré les leçons du fiasco des JO de Londres en 2012, quand les Anglais avaient dû appeler à la rescousse 3 500 militaires, faute d'avoir pu recruter assez de personnel formé. Le club des dix villes hôtes présidé par Alain Juppé va quant à lui recourir à 3 500 agents de sécurité pour filtrer les entrées dans les fans zones. « Ces lieux festifs seront hypersécurisés avec un temps d'accès de trois heures comme dans les aéroports, assure Olivier Duran, porte-parole du Syndicat national des entreprises de sécurité.

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52. Selon l'Ukraine, le Français arrêté préparait " quinze " attentats

Le Monde, Elise Vincent et Benoît Vitkine, 2016 06 08

Kiev - Le profil et les motivations de Grégoire M., un Français de 25 ans interpellé le 21 mai en Ukraine avec un important arsenal de guerre et soupçonné par les Ukrainiens d'avoir eu des projets terroristes, étaient toujours flous, mardi 7 juin au matin. Les conditions de l'arrestation du jeune homme, originaire d'une commune rurale de la Meuse, ont fait l'objet, lundi 6 juin, d'un récit très détaillé de la part de Vassyl Hrytsak, le patron des services de sécurité ukrainiens (SBU). Des précisions en décalage avec le mutisme des autorités françaises, retranchées derrière le secret de l'enquête et l'attente officielle d'une réponse à leur demande d'entraide judiciaire. Lors d'une conférence de presse organisée à Kiev, lundi 6 juin, Vassyl Hrytsak a ainsi abondamment décrit la manière dont ses services avaient procédé. Pour arrêter Grégoire M. en flagrant délit avec notamment trois lance-roquettes, six Kalachnikovs, un gros stock de munitions et plus de 100 kg de TNT, le SBU a tendu un " piège " au jeune homme. Ses services suivaient cet employé d'une coopérative agricole du Bas-Rhin depuis décembre 2015.

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53. Spanish espionage enters Brexit debate

El Pais (Spain), John Carlin, 2016 06 08

London - Speaking on the BBC last month, the editor of The Spectator, a conservative weekly magazine, stated that cooperation among EU members on security issues was pointless, among other things because Spain's intelligence services are "a disaster." Just a few minutes later, the same program interviewed Sir John Sawers, who was head of Britain's MI6 foreign intelligence service from 2009 to 2014. Sawers came out in defense of his Spanish counterparts, stating that

"contrary to what has been said, they are very, very good." Sawers...spoke with EL PAÍS this week inside the bar of a London hotel that used to be a meeting point for spies during World War II. Asked to explain why he told the BBC that Spain's intelligence services (CNI) were "very, very good," he replied that it is one of the most "admirable" services in Europe. He called CNI director Félix Sanz, "whom I know well," an exemplary public servant, both as a general and as a chief of intelligence. "At the operational level, the British and Spanish teams share a great mutual respect. Both also share decades of experience fighting terrorism, which means they have special abilities and a deeply rooted resilience when it comes to addressing the current threat of Islamic terrorism. The Spanish actively helped the British intelligence services, for instance, when we were preparing for potential threats against the London Olympic Games of 2012."

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CSIS in the News • Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. BCCLA says warrantless spying on Canadians must end
CBC.CA, Liam Britten, 2016 06 24

Ottawa - The B.C. Civil Liberties Association is in federal court seeking access to government documents it says it needs for its ongoing court case on the alleged illegality of Canada's spying program. Special post-9/11 powers allow the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) to

collect phone, email and internet-use details from Canadians communicating with other countries and share that information with other Five Eyes countries. Five Eyes is an intelligence alliance consisting of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the U.K. and the U.S. In a lawsuit originally launched in 2013, the BCCLA maintains the collection of this data violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and should be stopped -- but it needs more documentation to make its case. "The CSE is engaged in what is surely one of the largest warrantless surveillance activities directed at Canadians," the BCCLA's litigation director, Grace Pastine, told On The Coast guest host Michelle Eliot. "We're seeking information that will tell us what kind of information the CSE is collecting, how they are storing it, who they are sharing it with and how long they're keeping it for. We believe Canadians have a right to know what one of their federal spy agencies is doing and the privacy protections that are in place." Pastine says the CSE should operate like the RCMP and CSIS which need warrants before gathering such information.

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2. No telling how we're being watched

Vancouver Sun, Ian Mulgrew, 2016 06 24

Column: Canada's version of the Star Chamber is about to get another case - the B.C. Civil Liberties Association challenge of the mass interception of Canadians' international telephone and Internet use. The group claims the Communications Security Establishment is spying on citizens in violation of the charter's protections against unreasonable search and seizure, but needs to see secret material to make its case. "We believe this dragnet program is probably one of the largest surveillance efforts the Canadian government has ever launched against its own citizens," BCCLA litigation director Grace Pastine said outside the Federal Court in downtown Vancouver. This battle began in October 2014 after the disclosures of U.S. whistleblower Edward Snowden; the BCCLA filed suit demanding to know who the CSE was watching, what data it was collecting, how long it was storing the information and how it was protecting privacy. Under the National Defence Act and a secret ministerial directive, the agency is permitted to read Canadians' email and text messages as well as listen to their international phone calls. It is also authorized to collect and analyze the metadata automatically produced each and every time someone uses a mobile phone or accesses the Internet. But there is no court or committee that monitors the interception of these private communications and metadata, and no judicial oversight of the CSE. The agency is shrouded in secrecy. "In addition, the (BCCLA) does not seek the disclosure of information that would tend to reveal sources, targets or the identity of national security or intelligence, nor does the respondent seek the granular details of specific operations or the specific no doubt evolving technologies that underpin investigative techniques." Full disclosure of the scope of the CSE's activities might be embarrassing to the government, he maintained, but that does not mean it is injurious to national security interests. In particular, Martin pointed out that judicial warrants are required by other government agencies, including the 16 others involved in national security. "(The Canadian Security Intelligence Service) is subject to judicial control and there is no reason why CSE should not be," he insisted. Lawyers for the Surrey couple found guilty in the Canada Day terror plot earlier this year gave up in frustration trying to pry information from the CSIS via the same process.

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3. PM's CSIS oversight plan is, in reality, nearly toothless

Toronto Star, Thomas Walkom, 2016 06 24

Column: Will Justin Trudeau's government keep its pledge to undo the worst parts of Stephen Harper's wide-ranging antiterror laws? The signs are not encouraging. To date, the Trudeau government has moved firmly on only one portion of that particular election promise: the formation of a parliamentary committee to oversee the country's various security agencies. But that proposed committee would be hedged in by so many restrictions as to render it almost toothless. Meanwhile, the substantive security amendments the Liberals promised in last year's election campaign are being put off until at least the fall. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says he wants to consult first. That the new government is moving so hesitantly on its predecessor's antiterrorism law should come as no surprise. When the Harper Conservatives introduced Bill C-51 last year, Trudeau's response was carefully inconsistent. He said his Liberals didn't like the bill but would vote for it anyway -- and then amend it if they won power. In their election platform, the Liberals vowed to "repeal the problematic elements of Bill C- 51" and introduce a new bill that better protected civil liberties. To that end, they made eight specific promises, ranging from establishment of a parliamentary oversight committee to partial repeal of a provision that, with judicial consent, allows the Canadian Security Intelligence Service to engage in any disruptive activity short of bodily harm, obstruction of justice or violation of a person's sexual integrity. In the latter case, the Liberals didn't promise to remove this disruptive power entirely. Yet they now promise redress only for people with names similar to those on the no-fly list. These people, some of whom are infants, will eventually be able to apply for unique identification codes testifying to their innocence. But the proposed National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians, announced last week by Goodale, is particularly instructive. Designed to oversee CSIS and other spy agencies, it would be made up of MPs and senators hand-picked by the prime minister of the day.

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4. Security lessons on the anniversary of the Air India bombings

Ottawa Citizen, Francois Lavigne, 2016 06 24

OpEd: Thursday, June 23 marks another year since the terrible events of that day in 1985 when 331 people died as the result of two bomb explosions attributed to Sikh extremists based in Canada. Thirty-one years have gone by, yet for many the pain still lingers. Mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, still mourn the senseless loss of life. As one who worked on finding out who was responsible for these heinous crimes, I also still live with the echoes of these senseless murders. Every year as June 23 approaches, the 331 voices screaming in my head get louder. Some may believe that since the Major Report on the Air India bombing, issued in 2010, the matter is closed. This massive report put much of the blame for how the catastrophe unfolded - and the subsequent failure to find and prosecute those responsible - on the backs of the men and women of the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS). I have taken issue with that and have said so before. If there is blame, that blame certainly should not fall on these people alone. It should fall on the government's failure to listen to what the men and women of CSIS were telling it. It should fall on the shoulders of those who brushed aside the warnings and refused to give CSIS and the RCMP the tools and resources they requested over and over. It

should fall on those whose shortsightedness and biases made the tragedy a political issue to be handled through spin, blaming those who deserved it least. This is why Air India must not be forgotten or swept away in memory. The men and women of CSIS who now bear much of the blame for the events of June 23, 1985, are owed an apology. Those who realized after the fact that they had failed in their duty to Canadians because they, not CSIS or the RCMP, had the hubris to believe they knew better than those whose job it is to protect Canadians - they are the ones who should hear those 331 voices in their heads. (Note: François Lavigne is a former Canadian Security and Intelligence Service officer who was part of the original investigation into the bombing of Air India Flight 182.)

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5. Arafat's shadowy money man visits Israel

Times of Israel, Avi Issacharoff, 2016 06 24

Jerusalem - Deceased Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's former money man Muhammad Rashid visited Israel on June 12 and held meetings with Israeli officials as well as figures connected to Syrian rebel groups, the official newspaper of the Palestinian Authority, Al-Hayat al-Jadida, reported. According to the report, Rashid traveled on a Canadian passport, arrived with a delegation of senior officials from Iraqi Kurdistan, and stayed at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. During the visit, Rashid, who is a fugitive from the PA, where he has been convicted of embezzlement, was said to have met with Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein and an IDF intelligence officer. From Jerusalem, Rashid reportedly went on to Haifa and met with senior Israeli officials at a restaurant, where the delegation was hosted by Deputy Minister for Regional Cooperation Ayoub Kara, a confidant of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

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6. B.C. advocacy group decries document redactions in federal spying case

Globe and Mail, Sunny Dhillon, 2016 06 24

Ottawa - Three years after it sued the federal government and alleged the Communications Security Establishment was unlawfully spying on Canadians, the BC Civil Liberties Association says it still has not received information pertinent to its case. Lawyers for the BCCLA and the Attorney-General of Canada were in federal court on Thursday for a hearing into the matter. The association has said the documents it has received through disclosure have been heavily redacted. David Martin, a lawyer representing the association, told the court the government can find a way to release more information about the spy agency's conduct without jeopardizing national security. "The BCCLA says this can effectively and safely be done," he said. Mr. Martin said the type of metadata being intercepted by the Communications Security Establishment should be disclosed, as well as the volume. Metadata refer to logs of phone and Internet communications. Mr. Martin said he would also like the government to reveal what is being done with the information, how long it's being retained and the manner in which it's being disseminated to domestic and foreign agencies. Robert MacKinnon, a lawyer for the Attorney-General of

Canada, told the court there has already been significant information disclosed and the association is not entitled to everything it seeks. The Communications Security Establishment captures and shares material in partnership with allies in the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand. They are collectively known as "the Five Eyes." Members cannot eavesdrop on their own citizens but metadata that are collected and shared can show intelligence analysts who is talking to who, even when the contents of the underlying conversations are unknown.

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7. Fear stifles PS whistleblowers

Ottawa Citizen, Don Butler, 2016 06 24

Ottawa - A fear of reprisals is the main reason federal public servants are reluctant whistleblowers, says a report done for the Office of the Public Sector Integrity Commissioner. The report, Exploring the Culture of Whistleblowing in the Federal Public Sector, was prepared by Phoenix SPI, an Ottawa public opinion and market research firm. It summarizes the results of 10 focus groups held with federal public servants last November in Ottawa, Winnipeg, Regina, Quebec City and Moncton. One group in each location was conducted with non-management employees and the other with executives and managers. While many said there was greater awareness about whistle-blowing now and more procedures are in place to facilitate it, the report says some public servants were skeptical about the extent to which things had really changed, suggesting the supposed changes "amount to 'window-dressing.'" Fear of reprisals was such a dominant theme that it rated its own section in the Phoenix report, which notes that the issue was identified and discussed by all groups before it was even introduced as a topic of discussion. "Most participants believe that fear of reprisals for reporting wrongdoing is a real concern," the report says, though the extent to which the concern is real can vary. "For example, it was suggested that some departments are probably worse than others, given their internal culture," says the report. "In other words, the fear is justified, but to different degrees depending on context and circumstances." Moreover, a majority of managers in each focus group said concerns about reprisals for reporting wrongdoing "are as justified or more justified" for public service managers, partly because they have no union to support them. The report, Exploring the Culture of Whistleblowing in the Federal Public Sector, was prepared by Phoenix SPI, an Ottawa public opinion and market research firm.

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8. Is Iran holding a Canadian hostage?

Globe and Mail, 2016 06 24

Editorial: Homa Hoodfar, a 65-year-old Canadian-Iranian university professor, should be home in Montreal right now but is instead being held by the Iranian government in the country's most notorious jail - a place where prisoners are routinely tortured. She has not been allowed contact with her family or her lawyer since she was arrested on June 6 in Tehran by Iran's Revolutionary Guard. No official charges have been announced. The Canadian government does not have formal diplomatic relations with Iran. Officials say they don't know why Ms. Hoodfar was arrested, and that they are concerned for her health. Ms. Hoodfar suffers from a neurological

disorder and is unlikely to have access to the medication she needs. This farce would be unacceptable under any circumstances, but it is even more appalling because it appears Ms. Hoodfar may have been taken prisoner in the hope of exchanging her for another Canadian-Iranian dual citizen living in Toronto. Iran has long wanted to get its hands on Mahmoud Reza Khavari, the former chief of the Melli Bank of Iran, who fled to Canada in 2011 after prosecutors tried to question him in connection with an alleged embezzlement and money-laundering scheme. Iranian Justice Minister Mostafa Pourmohammadi made the link after Ms. Hoodfar was seized, when he criticized Ottawa for not handing over Mr. Khavari. Ms. Hoodfar may be, in effect, a hostage. Seizing an innocent woman and holding her in a hellhole of a prison as negotiation collateral is something gangsters and terrorists do, not nations.

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9. Lifting Mexican visa rules runs counter to official advice

CBC.CA, Janyce McGregor, 2016 06 24

Ottawa - The Canadian government is proceeding with a campaign promise to lift the visa requirement for Mexican travellers on Dec. 1, even though public servants are warning the move comes with significant risks. Information obtained by CBC News shows government officials have cautioned Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government about proceeding ahead of a thorough review. The information includes a number of conditions Mexico should be required to meet in advance of the visa lift, including unfettered access by officers of the Canadian Border Services Agency at Mexican airports and a new information-sharing agreement between the CBSA and relevant Mexican authorities. Even so, officials identified a series of risks if the visas are lifted as expected during the visit to Canada by Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto. Peña Nieto will be in Canada starting on Sunday for a state visit. The Mexican president arrives in Ottawa late Monday night and will meet with Trudeau ahead of the Three Amigos North American leaders summit on June 29. The visa issue has been a longstanding irritant in Canada's bilateral relationship with Mexico, with Peña Nieto's government pushing hard for a resolution.

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10. Man loses bid to find reason for house raid

Ottawa Citizen, Ian Macleod, 2016 06 24

Ottawa - The Supreme Court of Canada has rejected an Ottawa man's bid to learn why the RCMP raided his south-side townhouse in its investigation into the 2014 Parliament Hill shootings. Mounties executed a warrant to search the Heatherington Road home of Farhan Nur in May 2015, looking for any evidence connected to Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, who gunned down National War Memorial sentry Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, 24, Oct. 22, 2014. Zehaf-Bibeau, 32, then stormed Centre Block with an old rifle, wounding a parliamentary security officer before being quickly killed in a wild shootout with police and security officers in the Hall of Honour. Shortly before, he recorded a cellphone video saying the attack was "in retaliation for Afghanistan and because (former prime minister Stephen) Harper wants to send his troops to Iraq." The RCMP has long suspected jihadi sympathizers exploited Zehaf-Bibeau's faltering mental state and influenced him to launch the armed attack. Nur and another man whose south-side Ottawa home

was searched - police have never charged or named either as a suspect or material witness in the Hill attacks - asked an Ontario court to order the release of RCMP affidavits, called "Information to Obtain" (ITOs), setting out the confidential details police used to win judicial approval for the warrants. The Nur warrant, according to case documents filed with the Supreme Court, authorized seizure of a desktop computer, black Samsung laptop and other electronic devices. It also gave police permission to search the devices for "any emails associated to Zehaf-Bibeau's email address, michaelzehaf@hotmail.com, or any electronic communications, including sent and unsent communications believed on reasonable grounds to have been sent by or received by Farhan Nur."

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11. Opinion: Canadian Muslims thankful for their blessings

Saudi Gazette, Mohammed Azhar Ali Khan, 2016 06 24

In the holy month of Ramadan, Canadian Muslims feel particularly grateful to Allah. They enjoy more freedom, prosperity, better education and health care systems, convenient lifestyle, security and the support of their fellow countrymen than do Muslims in many other countries. Perhaps the most striking illustration of the goodwill they enjoy is the Ramadan message they received from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who also joined Muslim Liberal Members of Parliament for iftar on the first day of fasting. He sent greetings to Canadian Muslims in a video beginning with "Assalam alaikum." He followed up with a written message that praised Muslims for their contributions to Canada. He said: "Ramadan reminds all of us to show appreciation for the countless blessings we enjoy and to put the needs of others before our own. This shows the tolerance and beauty of Canada and why Muslims here feel so grateful. Mohammed Azhar Ali Khan is a retired Canadian journalist, civil servant and refugee judge.

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12. Privacy protections outdated, says watchdog

Toronto Star, Alex Boutilier, 2016 06 24

Ottawa - Canada's privacy watchdog has warned Prime Minister Justin Trudeau that federal privacy protections are "ill-suited" for the 21st century. In a letter obtained by the Star, Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien told Trudeau the rules around government's handling of private information has not kept up with technological advances or society's expectations. The Privacy Act, which governs how the federal government uses Canadians' personal information, has not been substantially changed since it was introduced in 1983. When the law was introduced, most government business was conducted on paper. Now, government departments and agencies increasingly hold vast sums of information electronically - bringing a new set of issues, challenges and vulnerabilities. "One of the biggest changes in the privacy realm is technology, Canadians' relationship to it, and the desires by government and industry to harness its power for various purposes," Therrien wrote in a Nov. 10 letter, obtained under access to information law. "In this complex, new environment, modernization of our privacy framework and the pressing need for greater transparency around how technology is used is critical to maintaining citizens'

trust in government and the digital economy." The Star requested an interview with Therrien but he was unavailable.

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13. She fought for women's rights

Globe and Mail, Amira Elghawaby, 2016 06 24

Commentary: The first time I encountered Canadian-Iranian anthropologist Homa Hoodfar was during a small, intimate talk she gave to students at Carleton University. It was the late 1990s and she was there to discuss her then-recent book, *Between Marriage and the Market: Intimate Politics and Survival in Cairo*. For a young woman who was raised in Canada, but who visited her parent's homeland of Egypt frequently, I found Ms. Hoodfar's findings revelatory. Even though I had seen firsthand the full agency of my Muslim relatives in Egypt, I couldn't shake the stereotypes prevalent even then of Muslim women in general as docile, passive actors. Ms. Hoodfar's anthropological research in Egyptian villages shattered those stereotypes, opening doors to experiences in which women were frequently making deliberate decisions about their and their family's lives, that often covertly co-opted male control. Her research highlighted how women worked effectively within conservative communities, to take positions of authority within the home. In other words, Ms. Hoodfar, a professor of anthropology at Concordia University, turned misconceptions and assumptions about Muslim women on their head. So the news of her current imprisonment in Iran struck me as not only unjust, but deeply ironic. Ms. Hoodfar's important work has helped further understanding of Muslim women, including Iranian women. In a widely quoted 1993 essay, she shows how many Iranian women were in fact robbed of their agency during the rule of Reza Shah when they were forced to de-veil: "One can effectively argue that such outfits, in the existing social context, contributed to the exclusion of women of popular classes and pushed them toward seclusion, rather than laying the groundwork for their liberation," she wrote then. (Note: Author is Communications director of the National Council of Canadian Muslims)

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14. Stop debating semantics and do something to stop ISIL

National Post, Lauren Heuser, 2016 06 24

Column: Remarkably, last week's parliamentary debate over whether to recognize that the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) is committing genocide skirted one key question: how will declaring genocide affect what Canada is doing to prevent it? Perhaps this was an oversight. Perhaps the Tories really believed that calling a thing by its proper name is a triumph in its own right. If so, they were mistaken. Canada's recognition of this atrocity changes nothing on the ground. However, as the Liberals were right to note, genocide is a legal term. And it's one that triggers significant responsibilities. Now that the government has accepted that ISIL is trying to wipe out the Yazidi population, it should make clear how it intends to make good on its obligations. Specifically, under the Genocide Convention, Canada is now obliged to "prevent and punish" the perpetrators of this crime. This is not as pie-in-the-sky as it sounds. Canada is obviously not expected to solve this gargantuan problem alone. Rather, the obligation rests on all

signatories to the convention, but to differing degrees, depending on each state's capacity to influence the perpetrators' actions, its geographical distance from the events and the strength of its political ties. So the bar for Canada is not that high. But however low it may be, there can be no question that Canada has not yet crossed it. The Liberals will, of course, tell a different story. They will note that they have put in calls for the United Nations to take "urgent action" to investigate and prosecute ISIL. But we must be honest about where such efforts will lead, or more precisely, not lead.

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15. What motivates homegrown terrorists?

Ottawa Citizen, John McCoy, 2016 06 24

Commentary: Many of us are trying to make sense of events around the heartbreaking recent shooting in Orlando. Omar Mateen's targeting of a historically persecuted community and revelations about his own apparent struggle with his identity have caused a great deal of confusion about his motivations. Did Mateen carry out a mass shooting or was it a hate crime? Was he a terrorist, a so-called "lone wolf" or just a very troubled individual? On top of these lingering questions, the caustic debates over gun control and whether the events in Orlando were related to so-called "Islamic terrorism" have coalesced to create a toxic soup of media coverage and political grandstanding. These kinds of questions are not unfamiliar to us. In Canada less than two years ago, many of these same points of debate came up around the Parliament Hill shootings of October 2014 and the actions of another troubled young man, Michael Zehaf-Bibeau. Zehaf-Bibeau had displayed signs of mental illness and addiction and by all accounts led a directionless life. If we look more closely at these cases, not just at Mateen and Zehaf-Bibeau, but at many other "homegrown" terrorists, we can identify some shared factors and motivations. The sad truth is that these figures are not uncommon, and what drives them are issues and struggles related to their identity. We can begin by looking at one of the few larger studies that have been conducted on violent extremists: a 2010 study by a U.S. army psychologist John Venhaus, who examined more than 2,000 individual cases. Venhaus concluded that the motivations of these individuals could be placed in four categories: revenge, status, thrill, and identity seekers. Of these categories, identity seekers were the most common, roughly 40 per cent.

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16. A Senate committee wants to crack down on spy agencies' cozy relationship with Hollywood

Vice News, Jason Leopold, 2016 06 23

New York - The Intelligence Community is going to have to justify its relationship with Hollywood. Senators Richard Burr and Dianne Feinstein, the Republican chairman and ranking Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, included an amendment in the annual intelligence-spending bill passed late last month that calls for the Director of National

Intelligence to submit an annual report to congressional oversight committees detailing how the CIA and 15 other intelligence agencies interact with the entertainment industry. The measure, which defines the entertainment industry broadly, follows a series of reports published by VICE News over the past year detailing the agency's role in the production of 22 entertainment-related projects between 2006 and 2011. They included major motion pictures like Zero Dark Thirty and Argo; reality television series such as Top Chef; the cable drama series, Covert Affairs; and books including The Devil's Light by Richard North Patterson. In the case of Zero Dark Thirty, writer and producer Mark Boal and Katherine Bigelow gave CIA officers involved in the operation that resulted in the killing of Osama bin Laden gifts including dinners, fake pearl earrings, a bottle of tequila, and tickets to a Prada fashion show. The filmmakers, in turn, got access.

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17. FBI sees no evidence gunman was gay

Los Angeles Times, Molly Hennessy-Fiske, 2016 06 24

Los Angeles - Since the shooting at an Orlando, Fla., nightclub last week that left 49 people dead, reports have emerged that gunman Omar Mateen frequented the gay club, used gay dating apps and had gay lovers. But the FBI has found no evidence so far to support claims by those who say Mateen had gay lovers or communicated on gay dating apps, several law enforcement officials said. On Tuesday, Univision aired a report in which "Miguel," a man wearing a disguise to conceal his identity, alleged that he had sex with Mateen after meeting him on Grindr. He said Mateen had sex with other men too, including a threesome with a Puerto Rican who allegedly told Mateen, after having had unprotected sex with him, that he was HIV-positive. But investigators do not consider the man's account credible, according to one senior law enforcement official with access to the investigation. In seeking to verify the reports, federal agents have culled Mateen's electronic devices, including a laptop computer and cellphone, as well as electronic communications of those who made the claims, law enforcement officials said. So far, they have found no photographs, no text messages, no smartphone apps, no gay pornography and no cell-tower location data to suggest that Mateen -- who was twice married to women and had a young son -- conducted a secret gay life, the officials said.

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18. How to confront the terrorist threat

Washington Post, Michael B. Mukasey, Jamil N. Jaffer, 2016 06 24

Op-ed - Omar Mateen may have acted alone, but, sadly, his is not an isolated case. The carnage in Orlando, like that in San Bernardino, Brussels and Paris, offers three specific lessons for policymakers willing to learn from these tragic events. The first is that we cannot afford to disarm unilaterally in this war by limiting the legal authorities used by our law enforcement and intelligence professionals to identify and apprehend these killers before they strike. Here in the United States, we have made just that mistake. In the aftermath of the illegal disclosures of classified information by Edward Snowden, a bipartisan coalition of liberal Democrats and libertarian Republicans joined with President Obama to limit the collection of telephone and

Internet metadata that disclosed no content but offered a way to determine whether suspected terrorists were communicating with people in the United States. The second lesson is that we are safer when we take the fight to the terrorists overseas, instead of waiting until they attack us at home. This is true whether the attacks at home are undertaken by trained operatives, as in the cases of Paris and Brussels, or by those radicalized at home, as in the cases of San Bernardino, Calif., and Orlando. People such as Mateen take inspiration from two sources: a radical interpretation of Islam and the apparent success of terrorists at home and abroad. The third lesson is that no measures that may stoke emotions but are ultimately ineffectual - such as race- or religion-baiting, closing our borders to certain religious minorities or national groups, or building massive walls to be paid for in some mythical way by a foreign government - are likely to have a measurable impact on the ability of terrorists to operate against us at home. Nor will the unwillingness of the president, or the obvious reluctance of his former secretary of state, to describe the problem for what it is - radical Islamic terrorism - help us. Note: Michael B. Mukasey was U.S. attorney general from 2007 to 2009 and a U.S. district judge from 1988 to 2006. Jamil N. Jaffer is a former associate counsel to President George W. Bush.

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19. Tech companies are wary of tool that can detect terrorist images on Internet

Washington Post, Ellen Nakashima, 2016 06 24

Washington - President Obama suggested that extremist information spread online inspired a Florida man to commit the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history at a gay nightclub in Orlando last week - the latest in a long line of terrorist attacks in which Islamist propaganda played some role in radicalizing the assailant. Now a Dartmouth College researcher and a nonprofit group say they have created a technology that can help Internet companies instantly detect images and videos generated by terrorists and their supporters and remove them from their platforms. It is, they say, a way to cleanse popular online sites of gory videos and propaganda from the Islamic State, which is also known as ISIS and Daesh, that can serve to incite and inspire people to commit acts of violence. "If you could search out the beheading videos or the picture of the ISIS fighter all in black carrying the Daesh flag across the sands of Syria, if you could do it with video and audio, you'd be doing something big," said Mark Wallace, chief executive of the Counter Extremism Project (CEP), a nonpartisan policy group. "I believe it's a game-changer." The White House has signaled its support. "We welcome the launch of initiatives such as the Counter Extremism Project's National Office for Reporting Extremism (NORex) that enables companies to address terrorist activity on their platforms and better respond to the threat posed by terrorists' activities online," said Lisa Monaco, Obama's assistant for homeland security and counterterrorism. But a number of major social-media companies are wary of the idea. They say that there is no consensus in the United States or globally on what constitutes a terrorist image, and that they might end up expunging material posted by researchers or media organizations. And, they say, once a database is created, governments around the world will place additional data requests on them - and some countries will probably demand the removal of legitimate political content under the guise of fighting terrorism.

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20. Britain Votes to Leave E.U.; Cameron Plans to Step Down

New York Times, Steven Erlanger, 2016 06 24

London - Britain has voted to leave the European Union, a historic decision sure to reshape the nation's place in the world, rattle the Continent and rock political establishments throughout the West. Not long after the vote tally was completed, Prime Minister David Cameron, who led the campaign to remain in the bloc, appeared in front of 10 Downing Street to announce that he planned to step down by October, saying the country deserved a leader committed to carrying out the will of the people. The stunning turn of events was accompanied by a plunge in the financial markets, with the value of the British pound and stock prices in Asia plummeting. The margin of victory startled even proponents of a British exit. The "Leave" campaign won by 52 percent to 48 percent. More than 17.4 million people voted in the referendum on Thursday to sever ties with the European Union, and about 16.1 million to remain in the bloc. "I will do everything I can as prime minister to steady the ship over the coming weeks and months," Mr. Cameron said. "But I do not think it would be right for me to try to be the captain that steers our country to its next destination." In Berlin, the German foreign minister, Frank-Walter Steinmeier, called the news "truly sobering" and said, "It looks like a sad day for Europe and for Britain." "The main impact will be massive disorder in the E.U. system for the next two years," said Thierry de Montbrial, founder and executive chairman of the French Institute of International Relations. "There will be huge political transition costs, on how to solve the British exit, and the risk of a domino effect or bank run from other countries that think of leaving."

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21. Cameron resigns after Brexit defeat

London Times, Michael Savage, Lucy Fisher, 2016 06 24

London - David Cameron dramatically announced his resignation this morning after a shock vote for Brexit that changes the country's political landscape and shatters the continent's postwar settlement. Speaking on the steps of Downing Street after the referendum result, Mr Cameron pleaded for calm as he said he was not the right man to lead Britain out of the European Union and a new leader needed to be in place by the Tory conference in October. "The British people have voted to leave the European Union and their will must be respected," said Mr Cameron. "The will of the British people is an instruction that must be delivered. "I will do everything I can as prime minister to steady the ship over the coming weeks and months. But I do not think it would be right for me to try to be the captain that steers our country to its next destination." The pound plunged to a 31-year low as global markets reacted to the prospect of years of uncertainty, including over the future of the UK itself. The Bank of England said it would "take all necessary steps to meet its responsibilities for monetary and financial stability", adding that it had made contingency plans in a bid to avert panic. Alex Salmond, the former Scottish first minister, said he was certain that his successor, Nicola Sturgeon, would now demand a second independence referendum. The ballot is set to stoke further calls for similar plebiscites in other member states of the bloc. This morning Marine Le Pen, leader of the French far-right party Front National, seized on the UK result, tweeting her delight and demanding an in/out EU referendum in France.

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22. SNP says Scotland 'sees its future as part of the EU' and Sinn Fein calls for vote on Irish unity after Brexit win

London Daily Telegraph, Barney Henderson, Auslan Cramb, 2016 06 24

London - The SNP warned that Scotland "sees its future as part of the EU" while Sinn Fein called for a vote on Irish unity following the Leave victory, throwing the very future of the Union into doubt. Nicola Sturgeon, Scotland's First Minister, indicated Brexit could precipitate another vote on Scottish independence while her predecessor Alex Salmond said he expected her to begin moves towards breaking-up Britain. "Scotland sees its future as part of the EU," she said, adding: "Scotland clearly and decisively voted to remain part of the European Union, 62 to 38 per cent." The SNP manifesto for May's Scottish Parliament elections said there should be another ballot if there was a "significant and material" change in circumstances from the 2014 vote, such as Scotland being taken out of the EU against its will. Declan Kearney, Sinn Fein's national chairman, delivered a strongly-worded statement in which he stated English voters had "dragged Northern Ireland out of the EU". "English votes have overturned the democratic will of Northern Ireland. This was a cross community vote in favour of remaining in the EU. This British Government has forfeited any mandate to represent the economic or political interests of people in Northern Ireland."

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23. Tortured men urge review of MI6 rendition

London Times, Sean O'Neill, 2016 06 24

London - Victims of Colonel Gaddafi's torturers are demanding an independent review of the decision not to prosecute a former MI6 spy over Britain's role in their abduction and forced return to Libya in 2004. Abdel Hakim Belhaj and Sami al-Saadi have challenged the Crown Prosecution Service decision not to prosecute the unnamed senior intelligence official. Sue Hemming, CPS head of counter-terrorism cases, ruled this month that there was insufficient evidence to prosecute, after consultations with Alison Saunders, the director of public prosecutions. The CPS has appointed in-house lawyers to conduct a Victims' Right of Review of the decision but representatives of the Libyan families say that "a review by CPS staff junior to the original decision-makers is bizarre".

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24. Curb your attack dogs, Shorten tells Turnbull

The Australian, Rosie Lewis & Jared Owens, 2016 06 24

Canberra - Bill Shorten has demanded Malcolm Turnbull "call the attack dogs" off Labor candidate Anne Aly, after Justice Minister Michael Keenan attempted to "smear" the counter-terrorism expert as soft on Islamic extremism. Dr Aly, a Curtin University professor whose

counter-radicalisation program is funded by the Turnbull government, was targeted over a letter to the NSW District Court in which she advocated structured mentoring rather than a tough jail sentence for two young radicals, Mohammed Junaid Thorne and Mostafa Shiddiquzaman, who had pleaded guilty to using false identities to obtain plane tickets. Mr Keenan said the letter demonstrated "pretty poor judgment" on the part of Dr Aly, who is running against hawkish Liberal MP Luke Simpkins in the outer-Perth seat of Cowan. "I do support early intervention programs -- they are an important part of what we do; that doesn't extend to trying to reduce the jail sentence for a convicted criminal and a known hate preacher," he told ABC radio. The Opposition Leader defended Dr Aly as an "up and coming" candidate, saying Australians would trust the Egyptian-born academic over Mr Keenan when it came to deradicalisation. "She's a migrant girl who's come across here and done very well for herself. She's a respected researcher and leader in counter-radicalisation," Mr Shorten said. "You don't have to take my word for it. President (Barack) Obama and the White House, the Department of Homeland Security of the US, invited Anne Aly to the White House; they didn't invite Michael Keenan." The Prime Minister said he was not aware of the spat between Dr Aly and Mr Keenan. Mr Shorten said that was "not good enough" and Mr Turnbull needed to "call the attack dogs off Anne Aly".

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25. 12 operations conducted against rebels in 24 hours: MoD

Pajhwok Afghan News, Azizullah Hamdard, 2016 06 24

Kabul - Dozens of insurgents were either killed or wounded over the past 24 hours during newly-launched security operations in 13 provinces, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Thursday. Maj. Gen. Dawlat Waziri, MoD spokesman, told a press conference here a dozen operations were launched during the past 24 hours in Jawzjan, Badakhshan, Faryab, Paktia, Ghazni, Uruzgan, Kunduz, Kandahar, Farah, Ghor and Helmand provinces. Additionally, 11 separate commando-led raids, three overnight operations, nine air strikes and 92 aircrafts supply and combat flights were conducted during the period. The operations resulted in the killing and wounding of dozens of insurgents and the arrest of 16 others, he said. He said eight ANA soldiers also got killed in the round-the-clock offensives. During the operations, the MoD spokesman said 400 landmines were defused and a number of weapons and ammunition recovered from insurgents.

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26. Algérie : Amar Saadani fait la pluie et le beau temps

Jeune Afrique, Farid Alilat, 2016 06 23

Alger - L'affaiblissement du DRS ? C'est lui. Le retour en Algérie de Chakib Khelil ? C'est lui aussi. Dernière preuve de l'influence grandissante du secrétaire général du FLN : le remaniement gouvernemental du 11 juin. Il est au « système » ce que le présentateur météo est au temps : il

annonce les averses et les éclaircies, prédit petits et gros nuages et indique la direction du vent. Depuis son élection controversée comme secrétaire général du Front de libération nationale (FLN), en août 2013, Amar Saadani, 66 ans, s'est forgé une réputation d'homme influent. Il a mené une campagne médiatique aussi assidue que violente contre le patron du Département du renseignement et de la sécurité (DRS), le tout-puissant général Mohamed Mediène, alias Toufik, en l'accusant de comploter contre Abdelaziz Bouteflika et sa famille politique. Toufik a été limogé en septembre 2015, et son tentaculaire département dissous six mois plus tard.

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27. Morocco arrests 10 suspected Islamist militants, including Algerian

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 06 24

Rabat - Morocco said on Thursday that it had dismantled a suspected militant cell inspired by the radical group Islamic State and that it had arrested 10 men who were planning attacks in the North African kingdom. The interior ministry said in a statement that the cell was operating in the eastern city of Oujda, and the town of Tendrara in the same region bordering Algeria. This was the latest in a series of radical Islamist groups that Morocco has said it has broken up. It said 10 members of the group were meeting in a safe house and planning to rob a mall in the city of Oujda to fund their attacks across the kingdom. The group includes an Algerian national living in Morocco illegally, according to the statement carried by state news agency MAP said.

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28. Brazil Girds for Terrorist Threat at Rio Olympic Games

Wall Street Journal, Reed Johnson, Rogerio Jelmayer, 2016 06 23

Sao Paulo - Islamic State has begun posting digital propaganda in Portuguese, presenting an apparent threat and a new challenge to Brazilian security officials just six weeks before the start of the Olympic Games. The postings, which have surfaced on encrypted webpages and an instant-messaging platform, lay out the tenets of the radical militant group. Brazil's federal intelligence agency, the ABIN, told The Wall Street Journal Thursday that Islamic State's Portuguese-language channel reflects its "extremist ideologies." "The opening of this new front of disseminating information aimed at extremist indoctrination, directed at the Portuguese-speaking public, increases the complexity of the work of confronting terrorism, and represents an additional facility of radicalizing Brazilian citizens," ABIN said.

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29. Colombian president, head of FARC rebels agree on cease-fire

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 06 23

Havana - Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos and the head of the country's leftist FARC rebels agreed Thursday on a cease-fire and rebel disarmament deal that moves the country to the

brink of ending a 52-year war that has left more than 220,000 people dead. At a ceremony in Havana, Santos and FARC commander Rodrigo Londono, better known as Timochenko, watched as their lead negotiators signed a deal laying out how 7,000 rebel fighters will demobilize and hand over their weapons once a peace accord is implemented. In attendance were U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, a special U.S. envoy and the presidents of Cuba, Chile and Venezuela and other Latin American countries. "We're getting closer to the end of the armed conflict than at any time in more than five decades," said Cuban President Raul Castro, a guarantor of the talks. "The two sides' decision represents a decisive step forward. The peace process can't turn back."

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30. Mexico's long history of human rights issues

Toronto Star, Martina Jimenez, 2016 06 24

Analysis: Claudia Medina Tamariz was sleeping in her home in the port city of Veracruz on a steamy August night in 2012 when they came for her. Two navy officers and several policemen broke down her door, smashing a hallway mirror. They grabbed her and her husband from their bed, blindfolded them, and rampaged through the apartment. "What do you want? Where is your search warrant, I asked them," recounted Medina, 35. "They dragged me down the stairs, barefoot and in my pyjamas, put me in a van and drove me to the naval base near the airport." There, the naval officers tied her to a chair, threw water on her and tortured her with electric cables, shouting, "We know who you are. You are la Buena, la jefa, the head of narcotrafficking. Confess." She was charged with nine offences, including arms and drug trafficking crimes, and was forced to sign a false confession - "They threatened to go after my children if I didn't sign it" - and paraded in front of Veracruz media, her prison mug shot broadcast everywhere. Once in court, Medina retracted the confession and all charges were dropped, thanks to the intervention of Centro Prodh, a Mexican human rights organization, and of Amnesty International. She and three other female human rights activists came to Ottawa this week, in advance of a visit by Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto, who will arrive Monday for a state visit with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and for the North American Leaders summit with U.S. President Barack Obama Wednesday. Trade: Canada and Mexico are one another's third-largest trading partners, with two-way merchandise trade reaching more than \$37.8 billion in 2015. The countries have collaborated closely on regional trade issues, including the Trans Pacific Partnership, an agreement of 12 Pacific Rim countries that has been signed but not yet in force. Investment: Canada is the fourth-largest foreign investor in Mexico (more than \$29 billion between 2000 and 2014), with a strong presence in mining, banking and aerospace. There are 3,517 Canadian companies operating in Mexico, including Goldcorp, Bombardier, Scotiabank and Magna International. Mexican investment in Canada is increasing; Grupo Bimbo invested \$2.5 billion to acquire several Canadian bread companies.

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31. Abu Sayyaf strikes again (Canada).

Manila Times, Al Jacinto, 2016 06 24

Zamboanga City - Suspected Abu Sayyaf militants seized 13 Indonesian sailors off the southern Philippine province of Tawi-Tawi two weeks after they released four Malaysian hostages for ransom. The kidnapped sailors were crewmembers of tugboat Charles OO. Indonesian media reported that the boat captain phoned his wife and told her that gunmen who introduced themselves as Abu Sayyaf intercepted them at sea on Wednesday then demanded 20 million ringgits for their safe release. The militants and their hostages were last seen heading to Tawi-Tawi, one of five provinces under the Muslim autonomous region. There was no immediate statement from the boat owner, PT Rusianto Brothers. The hostages were reportedly formed into two groups by their Abu Sayyaf abductors. The latest abduction occurred after the terror group beheaded Canadian Robert Hall, whose government maintains a no-ransom policy.

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32. AFP modernization to focus on fighting internal threats (Canada).

Philippines News Agency, 2016 06 24

Manila - The continuation of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Modernization Program will give more focus on platforms that can be used to address the country's internal security threats, incoming AFP chief- of-staff Lt. Gen. Ricardo Visaya said. "(President-elect Rodrigo Duterte) would like to start by improving and updating equipment use for internal security operations so he will prioritize the acquisition of modern helicopters and fastcrafts, with nightfighting capabilities," Visaya said on Thursday. The acquisition of new equipment will help in dealing with the ongoing campaign against the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) and New People's Army threats. The bandit group kidnapped Canadians John Ridsel, Robert Hall, Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad and Hall's girlfriend Marites Flor on a resort in Samal Island.

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33. Defectors group to file complaint over court hearing on N.K. restaurant staff

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 06 24

Seoul--An association of North Korean defectors said Thursday it will file a complaint against local lawyers over a recent court hearing on the legality of Seoul's protection of 12 North Korean waitresses who defected to the South in April. The association, comprised of some 20 North Korean defectors groups, plans to register a complaint with the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office, seeking a probe into the lawyers for violating the National Security Law. On Tuesday, a closed-door session opened as the Lawyers for a Democratic Society, or Minbyun, requested the Seoul Central District Court to decide on the legitimacy of the state intelligence agency's protection of the defectors, who fled a North Korean- run restaurant in China with a male manager. The lawyers have asked the National Intelligence Service (NIS) to allow them to meet the restaurant workers to clarify Pyongyang's claim that they were kidnapped by Seoul.

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34. India's NSG bid stops at China wall

Times of India, Indrani Bagchi, 2016 06 24

New Delhi - China remained the last major obstacle in the way of India's membership bid in the Nuclear Suppliers Group as 47 of 48 members supported New Delhi's application at the group's special plenary session in Seoul on Thursday. The session debated until midnight but failed to come to a conclusion after hours of discussions, with China adamant in its opposition. Questions and doubts by other fence-sitting countries dissolved in the course of the evening, leaving China as the last man standing against India. Officials in Seoul said the meeting would restart on Friday. After Thursday's NSG meeting, delegations were asked to revert to their headquarters for fresh instructions. China raised a procedural block early in the day, refusing to admit the India membership issue to be discussed in the meeting. This, diplomats in the room said, caused a delay of over five hours, as the members wrestled with an agenda item. The discussions began at 9pm and ended around midnight, but remained in a deadlock.

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35. Latest test reveals N. Korean missile capable of flying 3,500 km: military

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 06 24

Seoul--North Korea's latest test of its Musudan mid-range missile indicates that the country is capable of firing a missile with a range of 3,500 kilometers, South Korea's military officials said Friday. In the latest test fire of the intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM) which the North calls the Hwasong-10, one of the two that were launched soared to an altitude exceeding 1,000 km and flew some 400 km before hitting the East Sea. The North launched the missiles on Wednesday near Wonsan on their east coast, but the first crashed without flying very far. It was the first time a North Korean IRBM has flown that far. All previous launch attempts ended in failure, having either exploded or crashed. The military officials said the Wednesday launch was likely to be aimed at testing the IRBM's engine performance or its maximum flight range. It said the latest test showed tangible gains vis-a-vis the past.

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36. Next police chief promises counterterrorism squad will respect human rights

Jakarta Post, Marguerite Afra Sapiie, 2016 06 24

Jakarta - The top counterterrorism official who received approval from the House of Representatives on Thursday to become the next National Police chief, Comr. Gen. Tito Karnavian, has made assurances that Densus 88, the police's counterterrorism squad, would respect human rights. "I will hold a special briefing with senior officials of Densus 88 so that they will take precautions when using their authority, which tends to get violent," Tito said on Thursday. Tito, who served as Densus 88 chief in 2009, said the force would get assistance from the National Commission of Human Rights (Komnas HAM) in order to gain a better understanding of the importance of upholding human rights in counterterrorism operations.

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37. S. Korea to keep sanctions on N. Korea until they show effect: ministry

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 06 24

Seoul--South Korea will use sanctions against North Korea until they succeed in discouraging Pyongyang's development of nuclear weapons, its foreign ministry said Friday. The pledge comes two days after North Korea test-fired two intermediate-range ballistic missiles in defiance of international sanctions designed to deter its development of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems. "We will consistently implement sanctions against North Korea over a sufficient timeframe until they have an effect, based on examples like that of Iran," the ministry said in a report to the National Assembly's foreign affairs and unification committee.

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38. U.N. aviation agency voices 'grave concerns' over N.K. GPS jamming (Canada)

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 06 24

Seoul-- A U.N. aviation agency has expressed "grave concerns" over North Korea's attempts to jam GPS signals in the South and decided to send a letter to Pyongyang to warn against such activity that could cause serious safety problems, the foreign ministry said Thursday. "The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) held the 208th board meeting in Montreal, Canada, from May 16-June 17 and adopted the decision to send a warning to the North with regard to the GPS disruption issue," the ministry said in a press release. "In addition, the ICAO board decided to send a letter in the name of its secretary general to the North to let the country know the results of the discussion at the meeting," it added. South Korea said jamming signals were sent from five North Korean regions -- Haeju, Yonan, Pyonggang, Kumgang and Kaesong - - between March 31 and April 6.

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39. Woman hostage released by Abu Sayyaf in southern Philippines (Canada).

Xinhua News Agency, 2016 06 24

Manila - The Abu Sayyaf on Friday released Marites Flor, a Philippine woman who was abducted by the group from a posh resort in southern Philippines along with other three men in September last year. Maj. Filemon Tan, spokesman of the military's Western Mindanao Command, confirmed the release of Flor in Jolo town in Sulu, a stronghold of the Abu Sayyaf. "She is physically okay," Tan said, adding that Flor was freed in front of the residence of Sulu Governor Abdusakur Tan in community Asturias at around 4:30 a.m. He said Flor was turned over to the custody of the Joint Task Force Sulu of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in Jolo at around 11 a.m. for medical check-up. The two other victims, Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall, were beheaded on April 25 and June 13, respectively for failure to meet ransom deadline.

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40. Netflix is just a CIA plot, says Kremlin

London Times, Tom Parfitt, 2016 06 24

Moscow - The Kremlin has accused the global film streaming company Netflix of being part of an American plot to subvert Russian society and culture. Vladimir Medinsky, the minister of culture who is a loyal supporter of President Putin, said that the film streaming service was on the US government payroll along with Silicon Valley giants. He explained his theory to a Russian news service. The White House had realised "how to enter every home, creep into every television, and through that television, into the head of every person on earth, with the help of Netflix. "It turns out that our ideological friends [the US government] understand perfectly well which is the greatest of the arts," he said in an allusion to Lenin's famous phrase about the propaganda power of cinema. "And you thought, what -- that all these gigantic start-ups appear by themselves? That some boy student thought something up and billions of dollars flutter from above?"

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41. FM Repeats Iran's Demand for West's Commitment to N. Deal Undertakings (Canada).

Fars News Agency, 2016 06 24

Tehran - Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif reiterated the need for loyalty of the world powers, specially the western states, to the nuclear deal struck with Tehran in July. "Iran has completely fulfilled its commitments in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and it is not deviating from it; on the other hand the other side should not deviate from its commitments," Zarif said in a joint press conference with his French counterpart Jean-Marc Ayrault in Paris on Wednesday. Yet, Ayatollah Khamenei reiterated that the arrogant party seeking continued animosity is not Tehran, but Washington that wants regime change in Iran. "Some imagine that hostilities are the result of our belligerence towards the US; (then if that's true) what has the Islamic Republic done to France? Why did France play the bad cop in the nuclear talks and why are the Netherlands and Canada showing enmity (towards Iran)," the Supreme Leader asked.

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42. Iranian Hackers Take Down Saudi Supreme Council for Youth and Sport's Website

Fars News Agency, 2016 06 24

Tehran - A group of Iranian hackers attacked the website of the Saudi Supreme Council for Youth and Sport (SCYS) on Wednesday. The group that has introduced itself as "Zone H" hacked the Saudi Supreme Council for Youth and Sport (SCYS). As a conventional move, the hackers released the information below to prove the success of their cyberattack: This is a CACHE (mirror) page of the site when it was saved by our robot on 2016-06-20 18:52:14" The website has gone out of service since yesterday. The Supreme Council for Youth and Sport

(SCYS) is run by Abdullah Bin Musa'ad Bin Abdul Aziz. The attack seems to be a response to several cyberattacks by Saudi hackers on a number of Iranian government websites in recent weeks. The documents released by the Yemen Cyber Army after it hacked the Saudi Foreign Ministry in May, 2015 showed that former Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al- Faisal in a letter to Chief of the Royal Court Khalid al-Tuwajiri has proposed adoption of a plan to harm Iran's national security.

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43. Djihadisme : inquiétudes sur le retour des mineurs français de Syrie

Le Figaro, Paule Gonzalès, 2016 06 24

Paris - La dangerosité de certains est établie, mais les moyens juridiques manquent pour les prendre en charge. Justice Il y a ceux qui combattent. Il y a ceux qui y naissent et ceux qui n'ont eu d'autre choix que d'accompagner leurs parents. Ils seraient actuellement plus de 400 mineurs français susceptibles de rentrer un jour ou l'autre sur le territoire national. Le ministère de l'Intérieur qui en est bien conscient a déjà tiré la sonnette d'alarme et redoute que les déboires militaires de Daech accélèrent le retour de ces mineurs parfois devenus enfants soldats. À la Chancellerie, on affirme : « La Protection judiciaire de la jeunesse intervient aujourd'hui auprès de ces mineurs sur décisions judiciaires pour une prise en charge éducative. »

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44. Israel to ratify nuke test ban treaty within 5 years

Times of Israel, Judah Ari Gross, 2016 06 24

Jerusalem - Year after year, Dr. Lassina Zerbo returns to Israel with the hope of convincing the Jewish state to ratify an international treaty banning nuclear tests, a move the UN nuclear test ban czar claims would have little negative effect on Israel's security but would be a "serious step forward in showing goodwill on arms control." Though his task may seem Sisyphean and occasionally "frustrating," the head of the United Nation's Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization sees progress being made, notably in the fact that this year he met personally with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, instead of meeting with a cabinet minister as he has done in the past. Netanyahu, for his part, was apparently convinced of the argument, saying this week that Israel would ratify the treaty at some point in the future, depending upon "the regional context and the appropriate timing."

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45. Jordan Fears Terror Attack on Syria Border May Herald New ISIS Front

Haaretz, Zvi Bar'el, 2016 06 24

Jerusalem - The explosion of a booby-trapped car Tuesday at the military post near the entrance of the Al-Rukban refugee camp in northeastern Jordan was expected. King Abdullah of Jordan

had warned in recent months at every local or international forum of the possibility of terror in the kingdom. While this seems to be the first time attackers have used a car bomb in Jordan, a more important distinction is that the explosion was the second attack in the past two weeks against military targets. Earlier this month five soldiers were killed in an attack on an intelligence base near the Palestinian refugee camp of Al-Baqaa, north of Amman. Tuesday's attack killed four border guards, an intelligence officer and a policeman. Jordanian intelligence has recently learned that operatives of the Islamic State (also known as ISIS or ISIL) are among the 60,000 Syrian refugees living in the desert refugee camps of Al-Rukban and Hadlat, on the Syria-Jordanian border.

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46. Police heighten security in Jerusalem for third Friday prayer of Ramadan

Jerusalem Post, Daniel K. Eisenbud, 2016 06 24

Jerusalem - Over 3,000 police officers from a breadth of units across the country will be deployed throughout Jerusalem, with an emphasis on the Old City, to oversee security as tens of thousands of Muslims converge at al-Aksa Mosque for Ramadan's third week of Friday prayers, police said Thursday. According to police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld, since the holiday commenced earlier this month, heightened security measures have been ongoing throughout the capital. To date, he said no incidents of violence have taken place in the Old City or Temple Mount, where scores of Muslims have converged at al-Aksa Mosque, Islam's third holiest site, to observe Friday prayers for the month the holiday takes place. "Israeli police have carried out security assessments and units will be deployed in and around the Old City area from the early hours of the morning on Friday in order to allow the thousands of people to come into the Temple Mount areas for prayers," he said.

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47. When Reporters Become the Targets in Syria

The Media Line, Noga Tarnopolsky, 2016 06 24

Jerusalem - On Tuesday, the organization Reporters Without Borders (known by its French acronym RSF) denounced the Turkish government for arresting its longtime representative in Turkey, Erol Önderoglu, on charges of "terrorist propaganda" a month after having taken part in a campaign of solidarity with pro-Kurdish media. It was only the latest insult against journalists trying to survive and work in the post-Arab Spring era. On June 12th, RSF slammed Turkish authorities when a Syrian journalist named Ahmed Abdelqader, 33, the founder and editor of the online journal Aynala al-Watan ("Eye on Homeland) who is a refugee in southeastern Turkey, just barely managed to survive a second assassination attempt. Islamic State claimed responsibility the drive-by shooting of Abdelqader in the southeastern city of Urfa on the evening of 12 June. According to RSF, over 200 reporters have been killed since the Arab Spring erupted in 2011, and at least 50 remain missing or are held by armed Islamist militias.

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48. Alain Marsaud : « Les terroristes, il faut les neutraliser »

Le Figaro, Jean-Marc Leclerc, 2016 06 24

Paris - Ancien magistrat, le député LR Alain Marsaud a écrit à la commission d'enquête parlementaire sur les « moyens pour lutter contre le terrorisme », dont il est membre, pour défendre des solutions radicales face aux djihadistes. LE FIGARO. - Qu'est-ce qui pêche, selon vous, dans la réponse antiterroriste aujourd'hui ? Alain MARSAUD.- L'exécutif navigue avec difficulté, au fil des drames qui se succèdent. On cherche en vain la stratégie, ce n'est pas aisé. On sait que quelque 2 000 Français, souvent d'origine maghrébine, partis pour la Syrie, l'Irak ou la Libye, accompagnés de 400 mineurs, nés sur place ou partis avec eux, vont revenir en France. Ne serait-ce que parce que les revers de l'État islamique réduisent peu à peu son territoire. Or nous n'avons ni les outils juridiques ni les structures pour traiter massivement des profils aussi inquiétants. Concernant les mineurs, certains, âgés de 10 ans à peine, ont porté les armes et participé à des exécutions. Comment traiter judiciairement et socialement ces enfants soldats ? Notre système pénal repose sur une quasi-irresponsabilité pénale pour les moins de 13 ans, or ces enfants, totalement déstructurés devront bien être pris en compte puisque certains ont tué.

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49. Roger Maudhuy : « Molenbeek nage en plein complotisme ! »

Le Figaro, Marie-Amélie Lombard-Latune, 2016 06 24

Bruxelles - Trois mois après les attentats de Bruxelles, l'historien, qui a vécu cinq ans dans cette commune, retrace la longue dérive du quartier vers le communautarisme. Roger Maudhuy n'est pas un expert, ni en terrorisme, ni en sociologie. Il connaît Molenbeek pour y avoir habité plusieurs années, en avoir arpenté les rues et y avoir discuté avec beaucoup de gens. Historien, « folkloriste », comme il se définit, vivant aujourd'hui dans l'est de la France, il en livre un portrait saisissant. Si son livre - Molenbeek. Vingt-cinq ans d'attentats islamistes, Éditions Michalon, juin 2016 - a le défaut d'être désordonné, il a le mérite d'être « cash ». Par touches réalistes, Roger Maudhuy explique comment Molenbeek, commune bruxelloise, est devenu ce ghetto travaillé par le fondamentalisme musulman et ce repaire pour djihadistes. LE FIGARO. - Trois mois après les attentats de Bruxelles, l'atmosphère dans le quartier de Molenbeek a-t-elle changé? Roger MAUDHUY. - Si la situation a changé, c'est en pire ! Non seulement trafics en tous genres et islam radical sont toujours là, mais, en plus, Molenbeek nage dans le complotisme. La grande majorité des jeunes est persuadée que les services secrets sont à l'origine des attentats, organisés par les Juifs, les Américains, les Français ou qui sais-je encore, pour nuire aux musulmans. À les entendre, la présence de GI américains dans le Thalys lors de l'attaque l'été dernier n'était pas fortuite. Des armes avaient sciemment été remises à Medhi Nemmouche avant l'attaque du Musée juif de Bruxelles.

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50. Un petit « manège » parisien très sécurisé

Le Figaro, Christophe Cornevin, 2016 06 24

Paris - Alors qu'une réplique des scènes de guérilla urbaine ayant éclaté le 14 juin dernier en plein Paris était redoutée, la manifestation parisienne de ce jeudi contre la loi travail a été comme une mer d'huile. Force est de constater que rarement un défilé syndical, l'un des plus courts et atypiques qui soient, n'a fait l'objet d'un tel niveau de sécurisation. Un « cataplasme » bleu très imposant a été déployé par les forces de l'ordre sur le modeste parcours et dans ses rues adjacentes. Dès mercredi, en effet, le préfet de police avait demandé et obtenu l'appui de 25 forces mobiles, CRS et escadrons de gendarmerie, pour verrouiller le dispositif. Plusieurs dizaines d'agents en civil du Bureau d'information de voie publique (BIVP), épaulés par leurs très discrets collègues de la Direction du renseignement, étaient disséminés dans la foule tandis qu'une demi-douzaine de brigades anticriminalité se tenaient en alerte. Au total, 2 100 agents étaient mobilisés.

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51. Viernheim hostage-taker wasn't carrying lethal weapon

The Local (Germany), Staff report, 2016 06 24

Berlin - The 19-year-old German man who took over a dozen people hostage in a cinema in western Germany on Thursday was not carrying a lethal weapon, prosecutors have confirmed. The man, who special police units shot dead after storming the building in Viernheim, Hesse, was carrying two blank firing guns, prosecutors in Darmstadt said on Friday. One of the weapons was a pistol the other was a rifle. He was also carrying a fake hand grenade. The attacker was identified by prosecutors on Friday morning as a 19-year-old German born in the city of Mannheim, which is about a 20-minute drive from Viernheim. Before his death he was living in northern Germany, prosecutors said. Authorities have still given no further information as to a possible motive for the attack. Hesse's interior minister Peter Beuth told DPA that the man was shot dead after a struggle with police. Police from nearby Darmstadt said on Thursday that there was no evidence of an Islamist background behind the attack. Security officials also told DPA that they do not currently suspect that there was a terrorist motive, and that the man was psychologically disturbed.

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1. Brexit prompts new agenda for North American Leaders' Summit

Globe and Mail, Robert Fife, 2016 06 27

Ottawa - The three leaders of North America will trumpet the benefits of liberalized free trade and the necessity of countries to work in unison when they gather in Ottawa for a summit that had been set up largely to focus on the environment but has been turned upside down by the

stunning British vote to exit the European Union. Officials say Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto, who arrives in Canada on Monday for a state visit, will remind North Americans "how lucky we are to be where we are ... and we are a lot more successful when we tackle shared problems together rather than put up walls." Sources say the two leaders will sign agreements on educational exchanges, and share "best practices" on ending the social isolation and exploitation of indigenous people in both countries. Canada will also offer intelligence and training to combat Mexico's drug violence. "We are going to have a wide-ranging discussion on security, and for Mexico, it truly has very significant security issues," a Canadian official said. "We have world-class talent on that part on all of our institutions, from the RCMP, CSIS [Canadian Security Intelligent Service] and CSE [Communications Security Establishment]. We have world-class assets that countries like Mexico could really learn from."

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2. Proposed security review panel called 'positive' but with caveats

The Lawyer's Weekly, Cristin Schmitz, 2016 07 01

Toronto - National security lawyers are welcoming the Liberals' proposed creation of a committee of MPs and senators to oversee all federal entities involved in national security matters, but say the government must go much further to improve review and oversight. Tabled in the Commons June 16 by government House Leader Dominic LeBlanc, Bill C-22 would establish a cross-party, security-cleared "national security and intelligence committee of parliamentarians" that would be appointed by the prime minister, via cabinet. Like the other national security lawyers contacted by The Lawyers Weekly, NDP justice critic Murray Rankin sees the bill as positive, but expressed "concerns" he hopes the government will address during a national security law reform consultation in the summer. "It's certainly a very positive step forward," said the former Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) legal adviser and ex-special advocate. "I am impressed that we finally have a proposed parliamentary oversight mechanism." Yet "one of the key things is access to the kind of information the committee will need to do its job, and it all turns on that," he added.

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3. Canadian academic jailed in Iran for dabbling in feminism, security: family

Canadian Press, Staff report, 2016 06 27

Montreal - A Montreal-based university professor being held in an Iranian jail is being investigated for 'dabbling in feminism and security matters,' according to her family. Homa Hoodfar's niece, Amanda Ghahremani, said the Tehran public prosecutor made a statement to Iranian media on the case on Friday. Ghahremani said the family doesn't know whether Hoodfar has been charged with a crime. She said the prosecutor's statement was the first indication of why the 65-year-old professor has been held in Iran's notorious Evin prison since her arrest on June 6. "We're very concerned that we have no news from her, that the family hasn't been able

to see her, that the lawyer hasn't been able to see her, and we don't know her mental state, her health, or the conditions of her detention," Ghahremani told The Canadian Press.

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4. Detained British-Iranian woman linked to 2009 protests: Iran

Agence France Presse, 2016 06 27

Tehran - An Iranian-British woman detained in Iran on charges of seeking to overthrow the government was implicated in anti-regime protests in 2009, a judicial official said. There had previously been scant information about the grounds for the arrest in April of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, a 37-year-old employee of the Thomson Reuters Foundation. But a report from Iran's Mizan news agency late Friday said she was implicated in mass protests against the re-election of hardline president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in 2009, a movement dubbed "the sedition" by the authorities. The report follows news last week that another dual-national woman arrested in June was suspected of "feminism and security" offences. Iranian media said Canadian-Iranian Homa Hoodfar, a 65-year-old Montreal professor, was among the founders of the Women Living Under Muslim Laws (WLUML) group, headquartered in London. She was "arrested for anti-security activities," state broadcaster IRIB said.

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5. Federal government prepares biggest refresh of its web offerings ever

Ottawa Citizen, Vito Pilioci, 2016 06 27

Ottawa - Canadians are about to see big changes in the way they receive services from the federal government online. More than 1,500 disparate, and often completely different looking websites, with strange and long Internet addresses, are in the process of being combined under the easy to remember Canada.ca umbrella. Everything from the way Canadians access information about the weather to how they apply for government jobs, access benefits and even inquire about financial matters such as taxes is about to change. "I'm really excited about this project. Canada.ca is such a great way to improve our service delivery to Canadians," said Michel Laviolette, director general, digital service directorate of the federal Citizen Service Branch. "We are working with 90 partner institutions to migrate their content from their old environment to Canada.ca. If you go on Canada.ca, you will notice it's organized differently by themes and tasks, such as 'find a job' or 'get a passport'. We are organizing the content that way." The hodgepodge approach to technology integration in the past has led to patchwork evolution of technological solutions that offer no uniformity and haven't been able to keep up with Canadians' demand for new online services and faster information delivery. It's also led to security breaches, including a cyber attack that crippled the Finance Department and Treasury Board in 2011, which was linked with attempts to gather data about the potential takeover of Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan. It took officials more than a week to alert the department responsible for national cyber-security about the attack due to the difficulty in tracking down information on various government networks. Laviolette said one of the biggest benefits that Canadians will see as a result of moving all federal departments and agencies under the Canada.ca umbrella will be in

the boost to network security. With a single point to protect, running in a secure data centre by qualified employees, the portal will be more secure than it has been in the past.

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6. Mexico's Brutal Human Rights

Ottawa Citizen, Alex Neve, 2016 06 27

Op-ed - North American friendship is in the air. It is Canada's turn to host the North American Leaders Summit, a meeting of Canada's prime minister and the U.S. and Mexican presidents that has come to be known as the "Three Amigos" over the years. But before the trio of friends get together Wednesday, Mexico's President Enrique Peña Nieto will travel to Canada for an official visit. Several issues will dominate his talks with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Mexico's chilling human rights crisis must top that list. For that is precisely what it is: a human rights crisis. Canadians were reminded of that grim reality this week as four remarkable female human rights defenders travelled to Ottawa for meetings with parliamentarians, officials and civil society allies. The prime minister should insist on measurable advances to overcome the entrenched impunity that protects human rights violators from facing justice. He should highlight as well that it is long past time for the Peña Nieto government to implement the many reforms that United Nations and inter-American human rights bodies have recommended to Mexico. At the same time, there are steps the prime minister could take to concretely demonstrate that Canada recognizes the gravity of Mexico's human rights crisis. Note: Alex Neve is Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada.

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7. Pension delay pushing military vets to the brink

Toronto Star, Allan Woods, 2016 06 27

Toronto - After a bomb-scarred tour in Afghanistan, a descent into a cloud of anger and anxiety and forcible retirement from the military due to his psychological problems, Kevin Sweeney thought he had finally hit rock-bottom last January. As he waited for his first pension payment on that winter day about a month after his release, a government case manager charged with easing his transition into civilian life referred the 45-year-old veteran, a married father of two, to the Kingston food bank. The suggestion left him feeling humiliated, but it only foreshadowed the problems ahead. He was forced to wait five months to begin receiving a military pension - a \$1,188.91 monthly cheque that he earned during more than a decade of service to the country. Sweeney's is a tale of a man who suffered from a faceless and troubled bureaucracy, but it is not unique. Canadian Forces Ombudsman Gary Walbourne said the military has been working on a 13,000-case pension backlog that has resulted in 1,300 complaints to his office since 2007. In response to questions from the Star, Walbourne's office said that the problem appears to be caused by an overloaded and understaffed department within National Defence that is responsible for processing pension applications. There have also been nearly 20,000 requests from reservists who want to pay money in lieu of service in order to access or increase their military pensions - a process known as a "buy back."

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8. Somali cabinet minister who called Toronto home killed in Al-Shabaab hotel siege

CBC.CA, Shanifa Nasser, 2016 06 27

Toronto - A Somali cabinet minister who called Toronto home was among 15 people killed Saturday when gunmen stormed a hotel in that country's capital in an hours-long attack that reportedly began with a suicide bomber detonating a vehicle loaded with explosives. Buri Mohamed Hamza was born in Somalia and served as the country's state minister for the environment. He died when his room at Mogadishu's Nasa-Hablod hotel collapsed from the force of the powerful car bomb, the Associated Press reported Sunday. But he was also a family man, with a wife and two children -- a daughter, Raja, and a son, Mohamed, both in their 20s -- who lived in Woodbridge, Ont., a suburb northwest of Toronto. Neighbour Abdiqani Ismail told CBC News that Hamza held dual Somali-Canadian citizenship and the two had been good friends for about 20 years.

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9. 'Lone wolf' attacks shift security burden to companies

Los Angeles Times, Natalie Kitroeff, 2016 06 27

Los Angeles - The people handling security for the nation's busiest malls and amusement parks are no longer retired cops. They are a 24-year veteran of the FBI, a former CIA operative and the onetime chief of counterterrorism for Scotland Yard. The theme-park industry's annual security bill, already roughly \$250 million a year, is expected to grow by more than \$100 million over the next few years, according to one consultant. Disneyland, Universal Studios Hollywood and SeaWorld all installed metal detectors outside their gates for the first time in December. "Lone wolf" shootings, including those at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Fla., this month, and in San Bernardino in December, have forced businesses to shoulder more of the cost and responsibility of securing America against terrorism. American companies were already spending about \$341 billion on security in 2014, more than three times as much as they did in 1990, after adjusting for inflation, according to ASIS International, a professional group for security personnel. The group said that since 2013, companies have been spending about 10% more on security each year. Closed-circuit cameras alone have become an \$8-billion industry, about 17 times larger than two decades ago.

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10. At least 10 hurt at chaotic, bloody neo-Nazi rally at Capitol

Sacramento Bee, Multiple reporters, 2016 06 27

Sacramento - A rally by a small group of neo-Nazi demonstrators at the state Capitol on Sunday erupted into a violent clash with protesters that left at least 10 people injured - five of them stabbed - and closed down streets as more than 100 police in riot gear and on horseback

intervened to halt the mayhem. Demonstrators battled with sticks, protest signs and other weapons as the Traditionalist Worker Party group - which said it wanted to assist supporters of presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump - began setting up for a scheduled noon rally on the west steps of the Capitol. Even before the event began, clashes broke out at numerous locations around the Capitol grounds among the 400 people gathered for and against the rally, which had been heavily promoted - and denounced - in recent days on various websites. Injuries were reported on both sides of the altercation. The Traditionalist Worker Party bills itself as a group of about 500 followers nationwide "defending faith, family, and folk against the politicians and oligarchs who are running America into the ground." "We intend to achieve that goal by building a nationwide network of grassroots local leaders who will lead Americans toward a peaceful and prosperous future free from economic exploitation, federal tyranny, and anti-Christian degeneracy," the group states on its website. The group and its California affiliate, Golden State Skinheads, sent about 30 people to speak up for Trump supporters who have been denied their freedom of speech, spokesman Matt Parrott said after the violence. The party's chairman is Matthew Heimbach, who reportedly is Parrott's son-in-law and briefly was a Trump delegate until his racial views became known. He sparked national headlines when he was accused of shoving an African American woman at a Trump rally in Kentucky in March. Heimbach could not be reached Sunday, but anti-hate groups that monitor such organizations have labeled Heimbach as a rising leader among white nationalists.

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11. Jones Act Eases Border Control Challenges (Canada)

Maritime Executive, Staff report, 2016 06 27

New York - The Lexington Institute, a nonpartisan, nonprofit think tank, has released a study stressing the critical role that the American maritime industry and the Jones Act play in strengthening U.S. border security and helping to prevent international terrorism. The study notes that since 9/11, the Jones Act has taken on new significance for national security, with the law playing a critical role in helping to secure the homeland from the threat of international terrorism. Were the Jones Act not in existence, the Department of Homeland Security would be confronted by the difficult and costly requirement of monitoring, regulating and overseeing foreign-controlled, foreign crewed vessels in coastal and internal U.S. waters, states the study. The current debate of enhancing U.S. border security has focused almost exclusively on illegal movement of people and drugs into the southern United States from Mexico. Yet, the southern land border is actually the smallest at 1,989 miles. The U.S. border with Canada is almost three times longer at 5,525 miles. "The prospect of terrorists on the inland waterways system is a particularly daunting challenge to homeland security. Via the inland waterways, a terrorist could reach America's heartland and many of its largest and most important urban centers. [These waterways] carry an enormous weight of the nation's internal commerce. ... Guarding every potential target along the inland waterways against terrorist attack is an impossible task."

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12. Not a day in April passed without an act of terrorism. By the end of the month, the toll told the story: 180 incidents, 1,385 injured, 858 killed (Canada)

Los Angeles Times, Robyn Dixon, Aoun Sahi, 2016 06 26

Johannesburg - From government and police reports, terrorism databases, news accounts and their own independent reporting, Times journalists in the U.S. and around the globe compiled a record of every fatal act of terrorism during the 30 days of April. They confirmed 858 deaths in 27 countries. An additional 1,385 were injured. Recent attacks in Paris and Brussels, San Bernardino and Orlando, Fla., have left Americans and Europeans feeling besieged. But the data show that terrorism strikes everywhere -- from Armenia to Peru, India to Thailand, Bangladesh to the Philippines. The deadliest places were chronic trouble spots -- Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria -- and most of the dead were Muslims, slain by other Muslims. The number of terrorist attacks around the world actually decreased by 13% last year, according to the U.S. State Department, the biggest decline in more than a decade. But the reality is that terrorist attacks over the last 15 years have become more deadly, more indiscriminate and more wide-ranging. During April, not one day escaped bloodshed committed by terrorists. Five victims in April were known to be Westerners: a Canadian beheaded in the Philippines, the three French soldiers killed in Mali and a taxi driver slain in Northern Ireland.

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13. Thefts Redirect Arms From C.I.A.

New York Times, Mark Mazzetti, Ali Younes, 2016 06 27

Amman - Weapons shipped into Jordan by the Central Intelligence Agency and Saudi Arabia intended for Syrian rebels have been systematically stolen by Jordanian intelligence operatives and sold to arms merchants on the black market, according to American and Jordanian officials. Some of the stolen weapons were used in a shooting in November that killed two Americans and three others at a police training facility in Amman, F.B.I. officials believe after months of investigating the attack, according to people familiar with the investigation. The existence of the weapons theft, which ended only months ago after complaints by the American and Saudi governments, is being reported for the first time after a joint investigation by The New York Times and Al Jazeera. The theft, involving millions of dollars of weapons, highlights the messy, unplanned consequences of programs to arm and train rebels -- the kind of program the C.I.A. and Pentagon have conducted for decades -- even after the Obama administration had hoped to keep the training program in Jordan under tight control. The Jordanian officers who were part of the scheme reaped a windfall from the weapons sales, using the money to buy expensive SUVs, iPhones and other luxury items, Jordanian officials said.

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14. The Security Consequences of Brexit

New York Times, Editorial Board, 2016 06 25

Editorial - Apart from creating economic turmoil, Britain's calamitous vote to leave the European Union could have no less profound foreign policy consequences, weakening the interlocking web

of Western institutions and alliances that have helped guarantee international peace and stability for 70 years. This is also a testing moment for President Obama, who has been understandably preoccupied with building alliances in Asia, but must once again make Europe and the trans-Atlantic alliance a priority and find ways to rebuild consensus and chart a united path forward. Otherwise, the major beneficiaries will be Russia and China, both challenging the established Western-led order. Since World War II, the United States, aided principally by Britain, has worked to reduce the potential for international conflict, with particular success in Europe; encourage democratic governance; promote free markets; and lift billions of people out of poverty. This was achieved by working with its allies to establish multiple reinforcing institutions, including NATO, the military alliance that now has 28 members; the E.U., the economic alliance that will have 27 members when Britain leaves; the World Bank; and the International Monetary Fund. In short, together America and Europe wrote the rules and norms by which much of the world now lives. The policies pursued by the West have sometimes been flawed and sometimes failed, but the system that linked America and Europe in a common defense and common political cause ended the Cold War, reunited Germany, built a new Europe and sought in one way or another to address every other major threat. A crucial brick in that system is now in danger of being removed. This stunning development comes at a time when these institutions were already under stress and when many people on both sides of the Atlantic had grown complacent about the relationship and its reinforcing commitments. Europe is economically battered, overwhelmed by refugees fleeing chaos in the Middle East and fearful of attacks within its borders by the Islamic State and other terrorists.

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15. With ' Brexit , ' Washington's Direct Line to the Continent Suddenly Frays (Canada)

New York Times, David E. Sanger, 2016 06 27

Washington - American officials struggling to reimagine their strategy after Britain's decision to divorce the European Union say the most urgent challenge will be to find a way to replace their most reliable, sympathetic partner in the hallways of European capitals. It will not be easy. No nation shares Washington's worldview quite the way Britain does, they say; the country has long been the United States' most willing security ally, most effective intelligence partner and greatest enthusiast of the free-trade mantras that, until recently, were a keystone of America's internationalist approach. And few nations were as willing to put a thumb as firmly on the scales of European debates in ways that benefit the United States. Now that quiet diplomatic leverage -- including moderating European trade demands and strong-arming nations to contribute more to NATO military missions -- is suddenly diminished. Even if Britain eventually regains its influence on the Continent -- a big if -- it will be deeply distracted for years. Moreover, the loss of Britain's strong voice in Europe comes at a particularly bad moment: just as the United States and its allies are debating how to handle a revanchist Russia and reinvigorate NATO, hurry along an American-European trade pact that has been languishing, and work through a diplomatic settlement in Syria that could relieve the migrant crisis in Europe. If Britain can no longer play that indispensable role for Washington, surely there is another country that can? Perhaps, but it is hard to think of who. It is not a role Germany has shown a real willingness to step into. Its post-World War II ethos still prevents it from committing combat forces, and it is not a member of the inner circle of intelligence sharing called the "Five Eyes," a club made up of the Anglo victors of

World War II. (The other three are Canada, Australia and New Zealand.) A lengthy negotiation to improve the intelligence relationship last year ended with only modest changes.

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United Kingdom • Royaume-Uni

16. £1m to keep 'tortured' Libyans out of court

London Times, Sean O'Neill, 2016 06 27

London - Almost £1 million of taxpayers' money has been spent attempting to prevent a claim by alleged victims of rendition and torture reaching the courts. Abdul-Hakim Belhaj and his wife Fatima Boudchar want a public apology for Britain's role in their abduction and transfer in 2004 to Libya, where they were imprisoned. They allege, on the basis of papers found in the abandoned office of Colonel Gaddafi's intelligence chief, that MI6 worked with the CIA in the extraordinary rendition. Government lawyers say that the case should not be heard in the courts because it would damage diplomatic relations with the United States.

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17. Sturgeon: Scotland could block referendum result

London Times, Lindsay McIntosh, 2016 06 27

Edinburgh - Nicola Sturgeon has suggested that the Scottish parliament could block Brexit. Holyrood will be required to vote on a legislative consent motion (LCM) on the UK's exit from the EU. The mechanism is used for UK laws that affect Scotland such as acts devolving powers. It would be used to ask Holyrood to agree to EU law being extinguished in Scotland. Yesterday the first minister said that it could, therefore, be used to oppose the result of the referendum. One legal expert was quick to throw cold water over the idea, saying that it would have no effect and Westminster would just push through the policy to honour the result of the referendum. Ms Sturgeon's willingness to float the idea shows that she is preparing to play hardball. Asked on the BBC's Sunday Politics Scotland if she would consider urging the Scottish parliament not to back an LCM, she said: "Of course. If the Scottish parliament was judging this on the basis of what's right for Scotland then the option of saying, 'We're not going to vote for something that is against Scotland's interests'. . . of course that is on the table."

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Australia, New Zealand • Australie, Nouvelle-Zélande

18. 'He's alive - and back trying to recruit jihadis'

The Advertiser, James Dowling, 2016 06 26

Canberra - Federal authorities are almost certain Australia's most senior terrorist Neil Prakash is not only alive, but also again reaching out to extremists. The Government announced in April that former Melburnian Prakash had been killed by a US missile while hiding in an Islamic State

stronghold in Mosul. But senior security officials now believe the US missed its man and Prakash is alive and seeking out fellow jihadis. It is understood there is intelligence that suggests Prakash has been in contact with sympathisers in the UK. Also, intercepted chatter among the jihadi groups overseas suggests the wanted Australian extremist is alive. The Australian Federal Police have a warrant for the arrest of Prakash on foreign incursion offences and being a member of a terrorist group.

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19. Kidnapped Aussies free

The Australian, Paige Taylor, 2016 06 26

Canberra - Seven men, including three Australians and a New Zealander abducted in Nigeria last week have been released, according to a statement issued to media by their Australian employer last night. "Five of the men have been injured, two of them seriously, and all are currently receiving attention from a team of medical specialists," a spokesman for Perth-based mining company MacMahon said. Perth mechanic Tim Croot, 24, evaded capture during the ambush, and a local driver was shot dead. "While we are relieved to be able to reunite the seven men with their loved ones, we are deeply saddened by the loss of the local driver Matthew Odok, who was fatally injured during the initial incident," MacMahon chief executive Sy van Dyk said. The kidnappings, in an area of southern Nigeria notorious for armed gangs, were initially thought not to be terror-related.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

20. Appellate court judge killed, NDS officer hanged by Taliban

Pajhwok Afghan News, Pajhwok Report, 2016 06 27

Farah City - The Taliban have killed the provincial appellate court judge who they kidnapped a week back in western Farah province, an official said on Saturday. Farah's deputy police chief, Col. Mohammad Ghaus Malyar, said the insurgents had held captive Judge Shamsur Rahman since last Wednesday when he was got off a passenger bus on its way to Farah from western Herat province in the Kansak village of Balablok district. He said Shamur Rahman was killed on Friday night in the Diwal Surkh village of Khak Safaid district. Meanwhile, the Taliban hanged the National Directorate of Security (NDS) former chief for Posht Koh district and his bodyguard in the same village on Friday. There has been no word from the rebel group regarding the two incidents.

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21. MoD conducts probe as Taliban release pictures of biometric devices

Khaama Press, 2016 06 27

Kabul - The Ministry of Defense of Afghanistan (MoD) conducted an investigation following Taliban's claims regarding their access to the sophisticated biometric system. A commission was instructed to investigate the claims by the Taliban militants regarding their access to biometric system and review of the biometric system in the Ministry of Defense, MoD said. According to a statement by MoD, the commission rejected the Taliban claims as baseless after concluding their investigation, saying the enemies of the country are exaggerating regarding the access to the system. MoD further added that the biometric system is centralized in the Ministry of Defense and is not even available in the units and Corps of the Afghan National Army. The statement by MoD said the system is well protected and can only be accessed with a specific code which the reliable security officials have access to only.

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Africa • Afrique

22. Canadian among the dead in attack on Somali hotel

Toronto Star, Evelyn Kwong, 2016 06 27

Mogadishu - A Somali cabinet minister with links to Woodbridge is among the 15 killed people in an Islamic extremist attack on a hotel in Somalia's capital, police say. "I'm trying to stay strong and it's kind of hard," Mohamed Hamza said Sunday night from Woodbridge, where he lives with his mother and sister, just hours after learning that his father, Buri Hamza, State Minister for the Environment in Somalia, was killed in the attack. Capt. Mohamed Hussein, a senior Somali police officer, said four attackers also died in the assault on Saturday which was claimed by Al Shabab, Somalia's militant rebels who are allied to Al Qaeda. "He was the best father, I loved him a lot, I loved when he could visit us," Mohamed Hamza said. Remembered as an active and passionate man by friends and family in Toronto, Somali police confirmed that Hamza died when his hotel room collapsed due to a powerful car bomb which the extremists used to blast their way into the Nasa-Hablod Hotel. "It's a tragedy. He was very well known for being a 'big guy' in terms of fighting for the cause in Somalia" longtime friend Bashi Hosh told the Star. Hosh remembers working closely with Hamza and, notably, his "passion" to fight the instability in Somalia while still in Canada.

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Americas • Amériques

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Asia • Asie

23. 'All-out war vs Abus won't work' (Canada).

Philippine Star, Edith Regalado, 2016 06 27

Davao City - They've been there, done that, and it hasn't work. An all-out war strategy has failed to neutralize the Abu Sayyaf, according to Sulu Gov. Sakur Tan, who says poverty in the

province must instead be tackled. "That all-out war was declared many times by previous presidents. All-out war nang all-out war, but look at what happened, the Abu Sayyaf is still there," Tan said. He noted that the Abu Sayyaf continues to kidnap foreign and local hostages for ransom. "What we need, I think, is we have to address the requirements of the community. We need to address the poverty prevailing in the area," Tan said. "The people, we need the support of the people on our side. If we have the support of the people they won't exist. We do not even have to go to war," Tan said. The Abu Sayyaf recently beheaded two Canadian hostages who failed to come up with the P300-million ransom for each hostage.

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24. Military chiefs call for more robots for national security

The Nation Multi, Juthathip Lucksanawong, 2016 06 27

Bangkok - The 26-kilogram, rectangular Portable Rescue Robot (PRR) stretched its manipulator arm, complete with a night vision camera, to surveil the area. With a wireless control system and two additional blades in front, the PRR showed off its ability to move freely in hostile terrain. The display was performed in front of veteran military officers and weapons experts who met at a recent seminar on the development of military technology. Mahanakorn University of Technology developed the robot, one of several robot prototypes that experts are collaboratively trying to develop to support national security missions. Using robots, especially for bomb retrieval missions, has long been considered by the Thai military. Over the recent decade, Thailand has seen both the Southern insurgency and terrorism plaguing national security, said Sqn Leader Jiradett Kerdsri, director of data and communication division of the Defence Technology Institute (DTI).

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25. Nepal questions Canada on workers killing in Kabul suicide attack

Asian News International, 2016 06 27

Kathmandu - Nepal has sought answers from Canada about its citizens killed in a terrorist attack in Kabul last week. Nepal has also requested the concerned authorities to ensure the safety and security of Nepali workers still working with Canadian diplomatic facilities in Afghanistan. At least thirteen Nepali migrant workers were killed and six were seriously wounded when they became a bomber's target while being ferried to the embassy in an unprotected minibus on June 20. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Bharat Raj Paudyal said Nepal's Ambassador to Canada, Kali Prasad Pokhrel, met Canadian High Commissioner to India, Nadir Patel, and other foreign ministry officials in Ottawa and sought to know their take on the incident and apparent security breaches, reports the Himalayan Times. Kathmandu has also asked Ottawa to conduct a thorough investigation into the incident and share the findings.

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26. S. Korea urges N.K. to halt making military threats

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 06 27

Seoul--South Korea urged North Korea on Monday to halt making military threats as Pyongyang warned of a shelling attack on the South similar to the one it waged in 2010 in response to Seoul's crackdown on illegal fishing near the western sea border. North Korea on Monday condemned South Korea for its operation with the United Nations Command (UNC) to repel Chinese fishing boats operating illegally in neutral waters between the two Koreas around the Han River estuary. "They should stop their reckless military provocations at once, bearing in mind that they may spark off an inescapable retaliatory action from the Korean People's Army like the Yeonpyeong Island shelling incident," the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said. In November 2010, North Korea launched an artillery attack on South Korea's Yeonpyeong Island near the tense maritime border. The attack killed four people, including two civilians, and injured 18 others.

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27. Sayyaf chief now leads SEAsia jihad

Manila Times, Moh Saaduddin, 2016 06 27

Manila- The leader of a faction of the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) is now the apparent commander of jihadists' groups in Southeast Asia. Isnilon Hapilon, who leads the ASG faction al-Harakat al-Islamiyah in Basilan province in southern Mindanao, has been named to head the groups by Abu Baker al-Baghdadi, the caliph of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS). This assessment was based by Abu Abdulrahman al-Filibini-who speaks the Filipino language fluently-on a supposedly recent video. The ASG, according to Abdulrahman, has called on the jihadists' groups to join forces with Hapilon, who has a bounty of \$5 million on his head under the United States Rewards for Justice Program. Abdulrahman threatened to wage war against the incoming government, telling the groups to unite regardless of the tribes to which they belong.

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Eastern Europe • Europe de l'Est

28. I, Snowbot

New York Magazine, Andrew Rice, 2016 06 27

New York - Edward Snowden's body might be confined to Moscow, but the former NSA computer specialist has hacked a work-around: a robot. If he wants to make his physical presence felt in the United States, he can connect to a wheeled contraption called a BeamPro, a flat-screen monitor that stands atop a pair of legs, five-foot-two in all, with a camera that acts as a swiveling Cyclops eye. Inevitably, people call it the "Snowbot." The avatar resides at the Manhattan offices of the ACLU, where it takes meetings and occasionally travels to speaking engagements. More than one person told me that, after talking to Snowden for hours on end, they got the sense that he is lonely. His conversation is preoccupied with the theme of escape. He recently collaborated on a track with a French musician, delivering a spoken-word monologue on surveillance over an electronic beat, and recommended the title: "Exit." Snowden sometimes says that although he lives in Russia, he does not expect to die there, and he told me he is optimistic that he will find a way out, somehow. Maybe some Scandinavian country will offer him asylum. Maybe he can

work out some kind of deal -- whether outright clemency or a plea bargain -- with the Justice Department. Wizner has been working with Plato Cacheris, a well-connected Washington defense attorney, but so far, there have been no official signals that the Justice Department would be willing to offer the kind of lenient terms Snowden would accept. And a window may be closing. He is unlikely to receive a more receptive hearing from Hillary Clinton, who has said he shouldn't be allowed to return without "facing the music." As for Donald Trump: He has called Snowden a "total traitor" and suggested he should be executed. "If I'm president," he predicted last year, "Putin says, 'Hey, boom -- you're gone.?' " So the comparatively thoughtful Obama may be Snowden's best hope, but even Snowden's allies concede that they doubt the outgoing president has the inclination to offer a pardon.

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29. Russian Hack Said To Reach Beyond Democrats

Wall Street Journal, Nicole Hong, 2016 06 27

New York - The attack on the Democratic National Committee's computer network this past spring was part of a broader monthslong campaign by Russian hackers against groups with ties to U.S. politics, according to a new report. Party officials and security researchers disclosed about two weeks ago that the DNC's system was compromised in April by two hacking groups with links to Russian intelligence services, one of the largest known breaches of a U.S. political organization. On Sunday, cybersecurity firm SecureWorks Corp. concluded that one of the hacking groups, dubbed "Fancy Bear" in security circles, also targeted the emails of presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton's campaign, as well as email accounts belonging to U.S.-based military spouses, political activists and journalists who wrote critically about Russia and others. Over the past year or so, the hackers tried to penetrate nearly 4,000 individual email accounts, researchers said.

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30. Snowden denounces Russia's 'unjustifiable' surveillance bill

London Daily Telegraph, Roland Oliphant, 2016 06 27

Moscow - Edward Snowden has condemned a "dangerous" package of anti-terrorism legislation passed by Russia's parliament last week, in a rare criticism of the authorities in his host country. Mr Snowden, who fled to Russia in 2013 after exposing an surveillance programme run by the US National Security Agency (NSA), urged Vladimir Putin to reject an "unjustifiable violation of rights". Mr Snowden described the bill approved by the State Duma as a "Big Brother law" that was "unworkable" and "should never be signed". He added: "Mass surveillance doesn't work. This bill will take money and liberty from every Russian without improving safety."

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

31. Iran to target terrorists in any place: IRGC

Press TV, 2016 06 27

Tehran - Iran is strongly determined to fight terrorism, Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps' (IRGC) Ground Forces Brigadier General Mohammad Pakpour says, adding that the Iranian forces will target terrorists "at any point." He said on Sunday that the IRGC Ground Forces are resolved to rigorously confront moves by armed groups and terrorists in border areas, emphasizing that the terrorists' positions will be targeted in any place. During recent clashes between the IRGC Ground Forces and terrorists in the northwestern parts of the country near the border with Iraq, many members of terrorist groups, including a number of their senior officials and commanders, were killed, Pakpour added and noted that the terrorists were provoked by reactionary states to conduct acts of aggression. He added that the IRGC forces are fully watchful of any move by terrorists and will give a decisive and swift response to any wicked act.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

32. At least 6 dead in northeast Lebanon suicide attacks

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 06 27

Qaa, Lebanon - Suspected ISIS suicide attacks in a northeastern Lebanon border village killed six people Monday and wounded at least 19 others. A security source told The Daily Star that four suicide bombers blew themselves up near a Lebanese Customs center in the village of Qaa. The six killed were in addition to the suicide bombers. The source said the blasts took place about 10 minutes apart. The army said in a statement that a suicide bomber blew himself up around 4:20 a.m. near the residence of a Lebanese national in the town of Qaa. That explosion was followed by three others on the road near that house. Four soldiers on a patrol were injured while heading to the site of the first explosion. Two are in a critical condition. The Lebanese Army had deployed to the sites of the blasts and asked citizens to remain in their homes over fears that other suicide bombers may plan further attacks.

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33. Hariri accuse le Hezbollah de "sacrifier les Libanais à la demande de l'Iran"

L'Orient-Le Jour, Journaliste maison, 2016 06 27

Beyrouth - L'ancien Premier ministre libanais Saad Hariri s'en est violemment pris dimanche au Hezbollah, accusant le parti chiite de "sacrifier les jeunes Libanais à la demande de l'Iran pour défendre Bachar (el-Assad)". "Comment pense-t-il pouvoir rester au pouvoir après avoir tué des dizaines de milliers de son peuple?", a demandé le chef du Courant du Futur en référence au président syrien, lors d'un iftar au Akkar, dans le nord du Liban. "Ceux qui nous accusent de vouloir affaiblir la Syrie ont tort, a ajouté M. Hariri, car, contrairement au Hezbollah, notre pouvoir de décision n'appartient à aucune partie étrangère." "Si (le secrétaire général du Hezbollah) Hassan Nasrallah décide aujourd'hui de retirer ses troupes de Syrie, il ne pourra pas le faire sans le consentement de l'Iran", a assuré le leader sunnite.

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34. Israel and Turkey Reach Reconciliation Deal

Haaretz, Barak Ravid, 2016 06 27

Rome - Israel and Turkey have reached a reconciliation agreement that ends the bilateral crisis that began with the killing of Turkish nationals during an Israeli military raid on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla in May 2010. The agreement will be officially announced Monday afternoon. During the conclusive meeting on Sunday between the negotiation teams, Israel got an official letter from the Turkish government in which it committed to intervene with Hamas to bring the cases of the two fallen Israel Defense Forces soldiers and two Israel civilians missing in Gaza to a conclusion. The joint announcement of the agreement was meant to take place Sunday evening, but instead was postponed to 1 P.M. Monday. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is to hold a press conference in Rome with the Israeli negotiating team - special envoy Joseph Ciechanover, who has been involved in the talks since the beginning, and acting National Security Adviser Jacob Nagel.

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35. Le Hezbollah plus défiant que jamais

Le Soir (Belgique), Baudouin Loos, 2016 06 27

Beyrouth - Au Liban, le mouvement chiite pro-iranien reste le parti le plus puissant. Malgré un certain isolement et des critiques, il assume ses choix - comme celui d'aider Assad en Syrie - avec l'assentiment de son parrain, l'Iran. La bombe n'a fait que deux blessés légers. Elle visait la façade d'une banque libanaise connue, Blom. Ce dimanche 12 juin au soir, tous les regards se sont tournés vers le mouvement pro-iranien Hezbollah. Car, pour beaucoup d'observateurs, cet attentat visiblement conçu pour ne pas tuer, une technique... inhabituelle au Liban, se voulait être un message à qui de droit. A savoir au secteur bancaire local qui serait tenté d'obéir aux injonctions américaines. Car une loi américaine de 2015 impose des sanctions contre les institutions financières étrangères qui feraient des transactions avec le Hezbollah, considéré comme terroriste. Concrètement, le Congrès exige la fermeture d'une centaine de comptes en banque appartenant à des caciques du parti islamiste chiite. Ce 24 juin, Hassan Nasrallah, le chef du Hezbollah, s'est lancé dans une diatribe édifiante. « Nous ne serons pas touchés, ni affectés par les sanctions américaines car aussi longtemps que l'Iran a de l'argent, nous en aurons. Nous recevons de ce pays de l'argent qui ne passe pas par les banques. De même que nous recevons des roquettes que nous utilisons pour menacer Israël, nous recevons notre argent. Aucune loi ne peut nous empêcher d'en recevoir. Nous sommes très clairs sur le budget du Hezbollah. Ses revenus et ses dépenses, ce qu'il mange ou boit, ses armes et ses roquettes, tout cela vient de la République islamique d'Iran. »

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36. Nasrallah Admits 26 Hezbollah Militants Killed, Others Missing in Aleppo Battles

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 06 27

Beirut - The Secretary General of so-called Lebanese Hezbollah party, Hassan Nasrallah, admitted on Friday that 26 of his militants were killed in Syria, while one was missing and another captured. In a televised speech delivered during a ceremony to mark the passing of 40 days since the killing of the party's commander Mustafa Badreddine, Nasrallah said: "The Aleppo province battle in northern Syria is Syria's biggest strategic battle." Nasrallah confirmed the presence of a large number of the so-called Hezbollah militants in Aleppo, where his party had been engaged in fierce battles against Islamic factions. "We have a responsibility to be more present in the city of Aleppo. We will increase our presence and everybody is asked to participate because the battle in Aleppo is the true and big strategic combat." Nasrallah accused the U.S. for demanding a truce in Syria with an aim to support the Syrian opposition forces.

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37. Shin Bet: East Jerusalem dentists arrested for bombing attack that wounded IDF officer

Jerusalem Post, Ben Hartman, 2016 06 27

Jerusalem - An east Jerusalem dentist and several members of his family have been arrested for carrying out a bombing that left an IDF officer seriously wounded in May, the Shin Bet said on Sunday. According to the Shin Bet, 36-year-old Samer Mahmoud Dawoud Alhabiya, stashed 56 small pipe bombs in his dental office in Abu Dis, as well as two firebombs and one large pipe bomb. The Shin Bet said Alhabiya told investigators he began planning his attacks in February because of what he called "desecrations of Al-Aksa Mosque and Israel's harming of Palestinian children." Several bombs were remotely detonated by cellphone in the May 10 attack near the Palestinian village of Hizma, seriously wounding Sec.-Lt. Shahar Roditi, who suffered shrapnel wounds and broken facial bones. An IDF patrol had spotted a suspicious device near Hizma, located near the northern Jerusalem neighborhood of Pisgat Ze'ev; it was detonated when the soldiers stopped to inspect it.

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Western Europe • Europe de l'Ouest

38. Cinquante fiches de radicalisation

La Nouvelle République du Centre-Ouest, O. Pouvreau, 2016 06 27

Tours - Lors de son intervention, vendredi, en session de conseil départemental, le préfet Louis Le Franc a rappelé l'état d'urgence en France, signalé qu'une « quarantaine de perquisitions administratives » avaient été faites en Indre-et-Loire dans ce cadre. Des armes et stupéfiants ont été trouvés. Il a rappelé aussi qu'une centaine de personnes ont fait l'objet d'un signalement, que cinquante fiches « radicalisation terroriste » concernaient le département. Près de 500 policiers et

700 gendarmes assurent la sécurité des populations en Indre-et-Loire. Selon nos informations, un homme en arme, jugé très dangereux, a été arrêté ces jours derniers à Tours.

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39. Confiance sur l'avenir de l'alliance militaire franco-britannique

Le Monde, Nathalie Guibert, 2016 06 27

Paris - Les autorités françaises ne craignent pas les effets du " Brexit " sur les accords bilatéraux entre les deux pays Une bouée rassurante flotterait-elle sur l'océan des inquiétudes nées du " Brexit "? L'alliance militaire entre la France et le Royaume-Uni tiendra bon, assurait-on à Paris, vendredi 24 juin. Le ministère de la défense français a fait part de sa confiance. " C'est un partenariat d'exception, celui de deux puissances nucléaires, membres du Conseil de sécurité et engagées sur le terrain des opérations, une relation fondée sur des arrangements bilatéraux solides. " Les deux partenaires maintiennent leurs " initiatives communes " en vue du sommet de l'OTAN des 8 et 9 juillet : demande d'un plan d'économies dans la bureaucratie de l'Alliance, accord sur les nouvelles forces à déployer à l'Est face à la Russie, ou encore refus de voir l'OTAN se transformer en coûteuse agence de cyberdéfense à la place des Etats qui ne voudraient pas investir. " Le Royaume-Uni va demeurer un allié fort et engagé de l'OTAN, et il continuera à jouer un rôle déterminant " , a d'ailleurs souligné à Bruxelles le secrétaire général de l'Alliance, Jens Stoltenberg.

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40. EU security strategy to push for closer defence co-operation

Financial Times, Alex Barker, 2016 06 27

Brussels - Europe's first security strategy in more than a decade is to push for closer EU defence co-operation, paving the way for multinational headquarters, military procurement and deployments to help cope with "times of existential crisis". A draft version of the EU's "global strategy" seen by the Financial Times casts serious defence integration as "the norm" that will boost the bloc's defence industry and better project Europe's foreign policy clout in its neighbourhood. The paper overseen by Federica Mogherini, the EU's foreign policy chief, is part of a multi- pronged political move towards the goal of a joint European military force, which was outlined in the Lisbon treaty but has been far from being realised. All advocates though are realistically hoping for small steps towards more combined forces. It comes at a time of great political uncertainty, posing both a threat and opportunity for the EU. Germany and France see a push to deepen common defence and security co-operation within the EU -- long resisted by Britain -- as one way to show the union has unity and purpose in the wake of the UK vote to leave the EU. Ms Mogherini's paper will be discussed at a summit of EU leaders on Wednesday. A German defence white paper in July will echo many of the calls to move to so-called "structured co-operation", where willing EU nations systematically pool military kit, armed forces and decision-making power.

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41. Nanterre: un commissaire de la DGSI jugé

Le Figaro avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 06 27

Nanterre, France - Un commissaire de police est jugé demain à Nanterre pour "violences" sur une avocate, soupçonné de l'avoir giflée lors d'une garde à vue à la Direction centrale du renseignement intérieur (DCRI, devenue DGSI) en avril 2014, des faits qu'il conteste. Le policier, 58 ans, toujours en poste à la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure, comparait devant le tribunal correctionnel pour "violences volontaires par une personne dépositaire de l'autorité publique sur un avocat dans l'exercice de ses fonctions". Le 1er avril 2014, l'avocate, inscrite au barreau des Hauts-de-Seine, avait accusé le commissaire de l'avoir giflée et insultée alors qu'elle assistait un suspect gardé à vue dans les locaux du service antiterroriste et de contre-espionnage à Levallois-Perret, près de Paris. Son client était interrogé sur l'identité du kamikaze qui avait perpétré un attentat-suicide ayant tué cinq touristes israéliens et le chauffeur bulgare de leur car, à l'aéroport de Bourgas, en Bulgarie, en 2012. Au cours de son audition, le commissaire lui avait assuré qu'il ne risquait pas d'être mis en cause dans ce dossier.

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42. PKK terrorists funded by drug trafficking, ministry report says

Daily Sabah, Staff report, 2016 06 27

Istanbul - Lice, a town in the southeastern city of Diyarbakır, has seen heavy military presence this week. Flanked by helicopters, troops swept through acres of cannabis fields hidden in plain sight in secluded areas of the district. The operations shed light on how the PKK terrorist organization rakes in profit from drug cultivation in Lice, and now an Interior Ministry report revealed that the organization earns more than \$1.5 billion a year from the cultivation and smuggling of narcotics. The terrorist organization has escalated attacks against the army, police and civilians since last summer, after it unilaterally ended a fragile two-year cease-fire which saw militants withdraw from the Turkish territories, although they covertly stored weapons across Turkey. Following a string of brutal attacks in the southeast and big cities, attention turned to how the small faction, whose leaders hide out in Northern Iraq, finances such bloody operations. A report from Anadolu Agency based on Interior Ministry sources shows that the terrorist group is heavily involved in the drug trade, from the production of narcotics to their delivery, distribution and sales. This "narco-terrorism" brings in massive revenues for the PKK, particularly cannabis production in the southeast, where PKK activities are concentrated.

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1. Call for up to nine years in prison surprises ex-CSIS spy's defence

Ottawa Citizen, James Bagnall, 2016 06 28

Ottawa - Crown attorney Moray Welch on Monday suggested former construction boss Roland Eid should serve "seven to nine" years in prison for his part in the 2008 bankruptcy of ICI Construction. Welch made his view known during a hearing before Superior Court Justice

Timothy Ray to discuss sentencing. Ray last month found Eid guilty of 10 counts of breaching the Criminal Code and the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act. The judge ruled Eid had defrauded ICI Construction's creditors, causing them to suffer combined losses of \$3.8 million. Eid controlled ICI Construction through his wife's ownership of the firm. Eid's counsel, Richard Addelman, appeared surprised by the Crown's relatively hard-line position on sentencing. "I want to make a submission that's realistic," he said following the hearing. Addelman had pointed out to Ray earlier in the day that Eid's actions took place before 2012, when the former Conservative government amended the law to include minimum sentences for fraud and other criminal offences. "No minimum sentences were imposed" under the previous (pre-2012) regime, Addelman told Ray. He added that a minimum could amount to a conditional sentence, in which Eid would serve time at home subject to certain restrictions. (Under the current law, which doesn't apply in this case, there is a minimum two-year sentence where the fraud exceeds \$1 million.) Addelman later made it clear he would not necessarily argue for a conditional sentence. He said this would depend on evidence he intended to place before Ray as part of the pre-sentencing process. An important factor from the defence point of view is Eid's mental state in 2007 and 2008, when he was travelling back and forth from his native Lebanon. Eid, a former informant with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, claimed he spent much time gathering intelligence about Hezbollah, a Shia Muslim group.

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2. CSIS locks horns with diplomats over anti-terror info sharing

CBC News, Dean Beeby, 2016 06 28

Canada's spy agency has been frustrated in trying to track Canadians who travel overseas to fight for ISIS and other extremist groups because the country's diplomatic service is refusing to play ball. That's the complaint of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, which says Global Affairs Canada (GAC) has not volunteered key security information, and drags its feet when asked for specific files on citizens and others. The rare glimpse into a squabble between spies and diplomats appears in a document obtained by CBC News under the Access to Information Act. The spy agency has been "concerned that GAC was not sharing information in a proactive manner and that its vetting process for responding to CSIS requests was causing lengthy delays," says a November 2015 account of the dispute. The problems occurred just months after controversial anti-terrorism bill, C-51, became law. The legislation was designed to smooth security information sharing among 17 federal agencies, including CSIS and Global Affairs Canada. Canada's privacy commissioner railed against the bill, saying it set the bar too low and unreasonably intrudes on privacy. The Liberals helped pass C-51, but since forming the government have said they will improve on it, though without providing specifics. A Canadian Press report in March said at least four federal agencies have already used the information-sharing powers conferred by the bill, including CSIS. But the newly released document shows the transition has been fraught -- largely because of the reluctance of the diplomatic service to hand over personal information on Canadians gleaned from passports and consular services. "CSIS has been in discussions with GAC to address challenges with respect to timely sharing of information related to threats to national security, for example Canadians travelling overseas to fight for extremist groups," says the RCMP document, signed Dec. 1 by Commissioner Bob Paulson. The RCMP, CSIS and Global Affairs were in talks last fall to break the logjam, drafting

a "declaration" to "facilitate timely information sharing" based on what Canada's diplomats gathered from citizens visiting or contacting embassies and missions, among other things. A spokeswoman for CSIS, Roxanne Ouellette, declined comment on the "specific operational issues" raised by the document, saying only that the spy agency works in "close collaboration" with the diplomatic service.

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3. Welcome parliamentary oversight is not enough to fix security policy

Toronto Star Online, 2016 06 28

Editorial: The lives of Canadians have never been more transparent to the state's security apparatus, yet the security apparatus remains troublingly opaque to the people. That dangerous asymmetry was compounded by the Harper government's overreaching Anti-Terrorism Act, formerly Bill C-51, which introduced vast new powers for spy agencies last year and yet did nothing to make them more accountable. It was reassuring, then, to see the new Liberal government table Bill C-22 last week, an important first step toward accountability. The legislation would finally give to Canada what most of our allies already have: a parliamentary committee that provides democratic oversight of our national security establishment. The all-party committee's members -- seven MPs and two senators -- would be sworn to secrecy and given statutory power to scrutinize all spying and clandestine operations, across all agencies and departments, in order to evaluate their effectiveness and legality. If passed, Bill C-22 would provide an essential check on a security apparatus that should not be allowed to wield its considerable power with impunity. But this proposal, as written and on its own, will barely begin to restore the balance between public safety and individual freedoms that the Conservatives' security policy so badly skewed. To do that, the government will need to take at least three steps. Undo the most egregious aspects of the Anti-Terrorism Act. No amount of oversight can address the profound pitfalls of the Tories' draconian security policy. The act compromises Canadians' privacy in unprecedented ways, criminalizes the "promoting" of terrorism, gives CSIS the power to perform the sort of dirty tricks it was created to pre-empt, and allows imprisonment of up to five years to prevent crimes that "may be carried out." The Liberals have said they are undertaking a public consultation to determine which parts of the act should be repealed. But what can the public possibly say to make the above violations of civil rights acceptable?

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4. Bizarre pleas from accused

Toronto Sun, Sam Pazzano, 2016 06 28

Toronto - Rohinie Bisesar, who's accused of stabbing another woman in Toronto's underground PATH system, was in court Monday, pleading her innocence and urging federal authorities to investigate her claims of international terrorism. "I know something has happened to myself and my former common-law ... something we're exposed to while we were both in investment banking," said Bisesar, who was deemed mentally fit for trial last month. "This is an important is

sue t hat should be investigated by federal (authorities)," said Bisesar. "I know this matter has to be dealt with as soon as possible." Bisesar is charged with first-degree murder. Toronto Police alleged Bisesar stabbed 28-year-old newlywed Rosemarie Junor last December inside Shoppers Drug Mart in the underground PATH system. In May, Bisesar fired her lawyer Calvin Barry, but the reasons are covered under a publication ban.

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5. Contre la radicalisation, le "vivre ensemble"

Le Devoir, Marco Fortier, 2016 06 28

Québec - Québec appuie cinq projets qui visent à développer l'esprit critique des jeunes Pour lutter contre la radicalisation menant à la violence, le gouvernement Couillard vient de donner le feu vert à cinq projets qui cherchent à développer l'esprit critique des étudiants du secondaire et du collégial. Ces projets visent à canaliser les idées radicales des jeunes avant leur éventuelle conversion à la violence, a expliqué la ministre de l'Immigration, de la Diversité et de l'Inclusion, Kathleen Weil, lundi à Montréal. Ces initiatives se veulent complémentaires au resserrement de la surveillance policière et à d'autres mesures mises de l'avant depuis qu'une douzaine de jeunes Québécois ont fui ou tenté de fuir en Syrie pour combattre les " ennemis d'Allah ", au cours des derniers mois. " Ces mesures visent à bâtir une société inclusive, à développer l'esprit critique des jeunes. On n'est pas en train de vous dire que les jeunes qui vont participer à ces projets de dialogue sont à risque de se radicaliser ", a expliqué le ministre Weil. Le mot d'ordre commun aux cinq projets est la promotion du " vivre ensemble ", une expression citée abondamment par le maire de Montréal, Denis Coderre. Ils visent aussi à développer l'estime de soi et l'appartenance au Québec des étudiants.

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6. Defence minister praises N.B. for 'leadership' on immigration

New Brunswick Telegraph Journal, John Chilibeck, 2016 06 28

Fredericton - Canada's defence minister remembers with fondness what it was like to be the only turbaned military member when he first trained to become an officer at Base Gagetown in the early 1990s. Harjit Sajjan said New Brunswick would benefit from more immigrants as a way of combating aging demographics and an exodus of young families. It starts, he said, with local leaders telling people from different cultures they can offer them a safe and friendly new home. "There is sometimes fear lurking in immigration populations because of everything they've seen and read in the news, especially these days," said the Liberal minister in an interview at Isaac's Way, a restaurant in downtown Fredericton, before appearing at an evening event with local Liberal MP Matt DeCoursey at the University of New Brunswick. "They want to know how they'll be treated. And the openness that New Brunswick is showing is a message that would be welcomed around the world." In a wide-ranging discussion that touched on everything from Liberal Premier Brian Gallant's efforts to create a bigger cyber security hub in New Brunswick to the importance of Base Gagetown for Canada's military, it was the topic of immigration that brought out his most passionate words. In the past, Sajjan has credited his faith with ensuring he wouldn't run with a bad crowd, including a childhood friend who turned into a drug dealer and

was eventually killed in a nightclub. Sajjan went on to become a detective in the Vancouver Police Department for 11 years working to bust gangsters and disrupt organized crime. Before winning the election last year, he did three tours of duty in the Afghanistan war as an intelligence officer trying to defeat the Taliban. He is what many people consider a quintessential immigrant success story. "I speak about this very directly because I've seen racism where immigrants say, 'I don't want to be here'," he said, referring to experiences in other parts of Canada. "Every time I hear people like Matt talking about the importance of immigration, that's the kind of message people around the world want to hear." Gallant has been pressing Sajjan and other members of the federal Liberal cabinet on putting more money toward New Brunswick becoming a cyber security hub, something the premier believes could bolster the province's weak economic growth and attract more talent.

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7. Degree program targets cybercrime

Montreal Gazette, Karen Seidman, 2016 06 28

Montreal - With dark iClouds looming on the horizon, we have entered a veritable era of cyber warfare. Forced to fight off such enemies as headless worms, hidden ghostware and - straight out of Terminator - machine-to-machine (M2M) attacks, the billions of connected devices in the world have created a cyber battlefield so dangerous to navigate that virtually no one is safe from a cyberattack. As information and communication technology (ICT) has become integral to almost every facet of modern society, cybersecurity has become one of the hottest fields around. With a goal of boosting supply and expertise in the burgeoning field, Polytechnique Montréal and Deloitte have teamed up to educate a new crop of cybersecurity experts. The engineering school, which is part of Université de Montréal, and the professional services firm are joining forces to fight cybercrime by expanding and upgrading Polytechnique's cybersecurity program - and creating a state-of-the-art curriculum that will meet current market needs. They aim to create the first bachelor's degree in cybersecurity - which will be offered in English next year as well - by offering three cutting-edge certificate programs in cyber investigation, online fraud and IT network computer security.

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8. DND moving 500 into building with asbestos

Ottawa Citizen, David Pugliese, 2016 06 28

Ottawa - The Department of National Defence is moving some 500 staff into a building in Gatineau that has asbestos as it tries to find accommodation for workers left without offices because of a fire in another facility. The fire broke out in the Louis St. Laurent building April 21, forcing the shutdown of that facility and the need to find new offices for the 1,800 DND and Canadian Forces staff who worked there. Some 1,400 staff are now being relocated at different office locations across Ottawa and Gatineau, while another 400 continue to work from home. About 500 of the employees will be relocated to the National Printing Bureau building, 45 Sacré Coeur Boulevard in Gatineau, by the end of the summer, said Lt.-Cmdr. Lora Collier. She acknowledged the building contains asbestos. "It is contained and encapsulated and does not

pose a threat to employees," she said. "There is no associated health or safety risk to employees who may be relocated to work in that building." Although a number of employees have raised the issue with the Citizen, Collier said the DND has not received any concerns from employees. June Winger, executive vicepresident of the Union of National Defence Employees, said the presence of asbestos is an ongoing problem with many DND buildings. It is not uncommon to see warning signs about asbestos in certain facilities, she added.

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9. Du théâtre contre la radicalisation des jeunes

Agence QMI, Marie-Christine Trottier, 2016 06 28

Québec - Québec mise sur cinq projets de tables rondes, de théâtre et d'actions communautaires pour lutter contre la radicalisation des jeunes menant à la violence. Environ 165 000\$ seront injectés sur deux ans pour intervenir auprès de 17000 jeunes de partout au Québec. Ces cinq projets font partie du Plan d'action 2015-2018 pour lutter contre la radicalisation au Québec. Herman Deparice-Okomba, directeur général du Centre de prévention de la radicalisation menant à la violence (CPRV) voit d'un bon oeil ces cinq projets annoncés hier matin. En effet, ce genre d'initiative a déjà fait ses preuves au Royaume-Uni et dans certains pays scandinaves.

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10. Five groups to battle radicalization

Montreal Gazette, Catherine Solyom, 2016 06 28

Montreal - The Quebec government has chosen five organizations to work with youths in high schools and CEGEPs to improve social cohesion - and prevent radicalization leading to violence. With a total of \$165,000 in funding, the groups will seek to counter extremist messages and Islamophobia through theatre, workshops and discussion groups, especially in areas and schools with diverse populations. Immigration Minister Kathleen Weil said the projects are meant to improve the "vivre ensemble" - or social cohesion in Quebec - and are part of the government's action plan to fight radicalization, announced last year after eight youths left Montreal to join extremist groups in the Middle East and another 10 were stopped at the airport. "We are convinced of the importance of prevention and dialogue to fight prejudice and discrimination and to counter hate speech promoting violence," said Weil, at a news conference Monday. "Without being naive and thinking this approach alone will solve such a complex problem with such immense ramifications, we are doing this also because we believe in the enormous potential of our youths ... to make a more just and inclusive society." The five groups were chosen out of only six which submitted proposals to the Quebec government, perhaps reflecting the dearth of expertise in the province in this admittedly new field of research.

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United States • États-Unis

11. 'Spy House,' a Reminder of Betrayal, Sits Empty in New Jersey

New York Times, Filip Bondy, 2016 06 28

Montclair, New Jersey - Amid the 75 houses inside the oak-lined, no-outlet neighborhood, a single home stands unoccupied, a celebrity eyesore. Inside the house, the baseboards have been torn from the walls, with wires visibly protruding. The back deck is deteriorating, and the foundation may be pitched slightly toward the wildlife preserve adjacent to the back yard. Around here, in a section of town called Fieldstone, everyone knows the peach-colored colonial with a sagging facade as the spy house, where a flock of Federal Bureau of Investigation agents arrested the Murphy family six years ago, on June 27, 2010. Richard and Cynthia Murphy were really Vladimir and Lidiya Guryev, Russian spies, part of a Northeast corridor cell that was soon sent back to Moscow by the United States government in an exchange. The Guryevs and their two talented, popular daughters, Katie and Lisa, became an inspiration for the FX show "The Americans." They are long gone, but the unoccupied house remains a frustrating story of its own and an unwanted symbol of betrayal for the community.

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12. Authorities warn of hacking hazards in Rio

USA Today, Kevin Johnson, 2016 06 28

Washington - If Zika, political instability and contaminated water weren't enough, U.S. intelligence officials warn Americans traveling in August to the Olympic Games in Rio and other destinations abroad that proprietary information stored on electronic devices is at high risk for theft by spies and cyber criminals who increasingly target global events as troughs rich in valuable intelligence. Bill Evanina, the nation's chief counterintelligence executive, urged travelers to carry "clean" devices, free of potentially valuable archives that could be tapped for economic advantage, personal data or security information. Just as the Olympics draw the world's most talented athletes, Evanina said, the games and other international events represent a "great playground" for government intelligence services and criminals, if only because of the "sheer number of devices." A little more than a month before the Rio games and in the midst of the summer travel season, the U.S. government will launch a multimedia campaign Wednesday to advise travelers of the increasing threat. The program, "Know the Risk; Raise Your Shield," warns in part that foreign security services and criminals track visitors' movements through their mobile phones and are able to control such things as internal microphones remotely, often without the users' knowledge. "When you travel abroad, assume that your personal information will be breached," Evanina said.

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13. Racist hate groups are evolving

Los Angeles Times, James Queally, 2016 06 28

Los Angeles - The two groups at the center of a violent Sacramento rally that left at least seven people with stab wounds on the Capitol grounds Sunday represent a marriage of the past and future of white supremacist organizations, experts and law enforcement officials said. The

Traditionalist Worker Party is a white nationalist group emblematic of a surge in "intellectual racism" that has pervaded extremist circles in the last decade. The group it held the rally in conjunction with -- the Golden State Skinheads -- is among California's oldest, largest and most violent white supremacist organizations, experts say. Joanna Mendelson, a researcher with the Anti-Defamation League's Center for Extremism in California, said the event seemed to follow a strategy used frequently by white power groups in recent years. The groups will often announce a rally, seemingly bait counter-demonstrators into violence, and then use video footage of the attacks as further evidence of the "white genocide" they use as a rallying call. The pattern was similar to an incident in Anaheim earlier this year, where three people were stabbed after protesters attacked a small band of Ku Klux Klan members. "Their biggest kind of whine right now is the idea that white people are being subjected to genocide," Mark Potok, editor of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Report magazine, said of the violence in Anaheim. "That kind of video simply illustrates how white people and particularly white nationalists are under attack."

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United Kingdom • Royaume-Uni

14. Facebook and YouTube block terror videos

London Times, James Dean, 2016 06 28

London - Social networks and video-hosting services have begun automatically to remove extremist videos from their sites after complaints that they were failing to stem the spread of hate online. Videos are being checked against databases of extremist content and automatically removed from Facebook, YouTube and other sites if they are found to breach their terms. Internet companies have been criticised by politicians globally for allowing Islamic State (Isis) militants to upload videos of executions to their plat-forms. The videos generally remain online until they are reported. The companies are now using technology originally invented to identify "hashes", or digital fingerprints, in copyrighted videos. If a software scan detects one of these fingerprints, the video is taken down. The fingerprints can be applied to known extremist material so that they can be detected as soon as they are uploaded.

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15. Fear That 'Brexit' Vote Will Stoke Xenophobia

New York Times, Dan Bilefsky, 2016 06 28

London - In Birmingham, protesters held a banner outside a mosque that said "rapefugees not welcome." Expletive-laced graffiti was scrawled on the front of a Polish community center in London. Far-right protesters in Newcastle displayed banners saying, "Stop immigration, begin repatriation." Less than a week after a referendum on British membership in the European Union, which galvanized fears about untrammelled immigration into the country, human rights advocates and leading politicians expressed alarm that the vote had given license to xenophobia, unleashing hatred among an economic underclass. Although the police in at least two major cities said they

had not recorded an increase in hate crimes after the vote, there were concerns that anti-immigrant sentiment was now rippling through British society and infecting daily life.

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16. Referendum has sparked 'open season' for racists

The Independent (UK), Ted Jeory, 2016 06 28

London - British Muslims are suffering an "explosion" in faith-based hatred with many women now afraid to conduct their daily lives, according to a new report which also warns of heightened racism following the UK's vote to quit the EU. The annual survey by the anti-Muslim hate monitoring group Tell MAMA found a 326 per cent rise in incidents last year, while the Muslim Council of Britain group of mosques said it had compiled a dossier of 100 hate crimes over the weekend alone. Political leaders including David Cameron and Jeremy Corbyn both voiced concern in the Commons yesterday, while Labour grandee Harriet Harman said many now seemed to believe it was "open season" for racists. Poles and other minority groups have suffered several verbal attacks throughout the country in recent days, and the National Police Chiefs' Council said it had detected a 57 per cent rise in reports to a police online hate crime-reporting site between Thursday and Sunday compared to the corresponding days four weeks ago. Tell MAMA's survey found that while far-right activists are often behind the incidents online, many attacks are happening in the real world - at schools and colleges, in restaurants and on public transport.

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17. Kill-list Aussie terrorist launches PR blitz

The Australian, Mark Schliebs, 2016 06 28

Sydney - A top Australian terrorist on a US kill list has launched a propaganda blitz from Syria, starring in YouTube videos and trying to mount a campaign for al-Qa'ida sympathisers to "stand up in defence of our brothers in Libya". Former Sydney preacher Mostafa Mahamed, now known as Abu Sulayman, has even attempted to launch a hashtag on social media, successfully - encouraging others to express solidarity with jihadists in the Libyan city of Benghazi. As a senior sharia official with al-Qa'ida's Jabhat al-Nusra group in Syria, Mahamed is the highest-ranking terrorist Australia has produced, placing him on a US kill list and making him go to great lengths to hide his whereabouts. Yet after a year trying to avoid the spotlight, the 32-year-old appears to be positioning himself as the public face for the group. He has starred in a propaganda video, "Giving is easier to the loyal people", and was sharing an interview he had with a pro-jihadi - Arabic-language radio show in a YouTube clip named "Jihad and Patience" at the weekend.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

18. Al Qaeda wanted Zwahiri's relatives released in exchange for my freedom: Ali Gilani
Pakistan Dawn, 2016 06 28

Lahore - Ali Haider Gilani, son of ex-premier Yousuf Raza Gilani, broke his silence about his kidnapping ordeal on Tuesday, saying he was abducted by Al Qaeda, which wanted the release of some women from the family of the group's leader Ayman al-Zawahiri in exchange for his freedom. Speaking to BBC Urdu at his Lahore residence, Gilani said he was in Al Qaeda's captivity for three years. Ali Gilani was recovered last month in a joint operation carried out by Afghan and US forces from an Al Qaeda compound in Afghanistan's Paktika province. Ali Gilani says that during this time in captivity, an important member of the militant group who went by the name of Zia stayed with him. "Al Qaeda was demanding the release of some women from Ayman al-Zawahiri's family in my exchange, and a hefty sum."

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19. Mullah Haibatullah ...From Courts to Leadership
Asharq Al-Awsat, Mahmoud Rahmani, 2016 06 28

Kabul - Taliban announced in the last week of May the appointment of Mullah Haibatullah Akhunzada to succeed its former leader Mullah Akhtar Mansour, who was killed by an American air raid. The new leader was born in a small village in Kandahar province, in southern Afghanistan, known as the capital of the political decision-making in the country. Haibatullah belongs to the Pashtuns group, same as the former Taliban leaders Mullah Mohammad Omar and Mullah Akhtar Mansour. Being the son of a scholar, Akhunzada received his education at an early age in religious schools in Kandahar. He later moved to Pakistan, where he pursued his religious studies. During the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Mullah Haibatullah fought alongside the Afghan Mujahideen against the Soviet forces, particularly alongside the troops of the former Taliban Leader Mullah Akhtar Mansour before being appointed as Taliban's leader.

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Africa • Afrique

20. Assassinat du ressortissant français Gourdel : Six terroristes abattus identifiés
El Moudjahid, Karim Aoudia, 2016 06 27

Alger - Le ministre de la Justice Gardes des Sceaux M. Tayeb Louh a fait part d'un nouveau rebondissement dans l'affaire de l'enlèvement suivi d'assassinat de l'otage français Hervé Gourdel perpétré en septembre 2014 dans les monts de Djurdjura. Le ministre de la Justice Gardes des Sceaux M. Tayeb Louh a fait part d'un nouveau rebondissement dans l'affaire de l'enlèvement suivi d'assassinat de l'otage français Hervé Gourdel perpétré en septembre 2014 dans les monts de Djurdjura. L'affaire en question est d'ailleurs au centre de la coopération judiciaire entre l'Algérie et la France,. M. Tayeb Louh a ainsi tenu à informer de l'identification de trois terroristes impliqués dans ce crime ignoble. S'exprimant en marge d'une séance plénière qu'a abrité hier l'APN et consacrer au vote d'une série de projet de loi, le ministre de la Justice que les trois terroristes identifiés étaient recherchés en vertus d'un mandat d'arrêt international pour leur

implication dans l'assassinat du ressortissant français Hervé Gourdel. Avec l'identification des terroristes Serradj Mohamed, Herdafi Mahieddine et Rabie Ayachi, mis hors d'état de nuire récemment dans la wilaya de Médéa, le nombre des éléments identifiés du groupe terroriste qui a assassiné Hervé Gourdel après son enlèvement à Ait Ouabane (wilaya de Tizi Ouzou) en septembre 2014 s'élève donc à six. Leur élimination est survenue dans le cadre de la retentissante opération menée récemment par les éléments de l'ANP dans la localité de Rouakchene de Médéa et ayant permis de neutraliser et de mettre hors d'état de nuire, plus d'une vingtaine de terroristes.

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21. Mali: l'avenir de la mission de l'ONU discuté et acté cette semaine

Radio France Internationale, Marie Bourreau, 2016 06 28

New York - Le Conseil de sécurité de l'ONU s'apprête à renouveler, mercredi 29 juin, le mandat de la Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée de l'ONU pour la stabilisation au Mali (Minusma). Compte tenu d'un contexte terroriste très difficile, il s'agit de l'opération de maintien de la paix la plus meurtrière. C'est une opération de maintien de la paix qui n'en porte que le nom. Car le mandat de la Minusma, qui doit être renouvelé cette semaine, en fait clairement une mission de lutte contre le terrorisme. Ce mot n'apparaît pas dans la résolution, qui parle plutôt de menaces asymétriques. Mais clairement, le Conseil de sécurité a pris la mesure des enjeux dans le nord du Mali, face à la multiplication des attaques contre les casques bleus déployés et la pression des pays contributeurs de troupes. Non seulement les effectifs sont revus à la hausse, avec 2 500 casques bleus et policiers supplémentaires, mais le mandat de la Minusma est aussi clarifié. Sa posture est beaucoup plus robuste, offensive et combative.

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22. Nigeria : deux kamikazes tués en tentant d'attaquer une mosquée

Jeune Afrique, Journaliste maison, 2016 06 27

Maiduguri, Nigeria - Deux kamikazes présumés ont été tués dans la nuit de dimanche à lundi dans deux explosions alors qu'ils tentaient d'entrer dans une mosquée lors d'une prière du Ramadan à Maiduguri, fief historique de Boko Haram, a-t-on appris de sources locales. « Heureusement, il n'y pas eu de victime à part les deux kamikazes », a indiqué lundi Babagana Kolo, membre d'un groupe d'autodéfense à Maiduguri, capitale de l'État de Borno. Selon Babagana Kolo et un habitant qui a souhaité garder l'anonymat, les deux kamikazes présumés voulaient se joindre à la prière de la nuit dans la mosquée en ce mois du jeûne du Ramadan, mais ont été stoppés à l'entrée par un garde.

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23. Amid Crisis, Rio Gov. Warns Olympics Could Be 'Big Failure'

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 06 27

Rio de Janeiro - Rio de Janeiro's acting governor warned Monday that the Olympic Games could be a "big failure," because of budget shortfalls that threaten to compromise security and mobility during the games. In an interview with Rio's O Globo daily, Francisco Dornelles said the state is still awaiting a 2.9 billion Brazilian real (\$860 million) payout from the federal government aimed at shoring up state coffers ahead of the Aug. 5-21 event. The funds were allocated last week but have not yet reached the state, and Dornelles warned that without them, police patrols may grind to a halt by the end of the week, for lack of gas money. "How are people going to feel protected in a city without security," Dornelles was quoted as asking. "I'm optimistic about the games, but I have to show reality," he said. "We can have a great Olympics, but if some steps aren't taken, it can be a big failure."

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24. Israeli satellite to help secure Rio Olympics

Times of Israel, 2016 06 28

Rio De Janeiro - An Israeli high-resolution imaging satellite will strengthen security during the Olympics and Paralympic Games taking place in Rio de Janeiro this summer. The announcement was made last week by Brazilian Defense Minister Raul Jungmann, who said the Eros-B satellite will allow very detailed inspections of the city during the sporting events in August and September, the G1 news portal reported Friday. "This is an Israeli satellite at a low Earth orbit altitude capable of capturing high-resolution images of up to 50 centimeters [about 1 1/2 feet] in an area of 450 kilometers [some 31 miles], thus enabling the identification of objects, people, cars and goods," Jungmann explained to the local media. He added that the Eros-B satellite will be used on an experimental basis for six months as a security complement and, in the future, will support in border surveillance.

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25. 'Talks with Abu to continue for hostages' release' (Canada).

Philippine Star, Jose Rodel Clapano, 2016 06 28

Manila - Incoming presidential adviser on the peace process Jesus Dureza yesterday said the administration of president-elect Rodrigo Duterte would have to continue negotiating with the Abu Sanyaf for the release of its remaining hostages. In a television interview, Dureza said the situation is complicated and there is no single approach in dealing with the bandit group. "You cannot put it in a box. It has to be a calibrated approach," Dureza said. He said the government cannot just order an offensive against the Abu Sanyaf because there are communities, families and hostages involved. Last week, the Abu Sanyaf agreed to release their Filipina captive, Marites Flor, who was later presented to Duterte in Davao City. Dureza said no ransom was paid for Flor's release. Flor was kidnapped along with Norwegian national Kjartan Sekkingstad and Canadians Robert Hall and John Ridsdel on Samal Island in September 2015.

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26. China stresses app obligations in information security

Xinhua News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 06 28

Beijing - Mobile app providers must fulfill "six obligations" when operating in China, including requiring real-name registration and preserving records of their users' activity for at least two months, a new regulation has made clear. Firstly, app providers must verify users' identities by requiring mobile phone numbers or other information, according to the regulation released by the Cyberspace Administration of China on Tuesday. Secondly, they should protect users' information and cannot use the information without the users' consent. Thirdly, the providers should improve their censorship and punish anyone releasing illicit information through warnings, suspension of service or shutting down accounts, the regulation said. Under Chinese law, online rumormongers and those who promote extremism or terrorism can face prison sentences.

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27. China submits implementation plan on sanctions against N. Korea

Yonhap News Agency, Kim Deok-hyun, 2016 06 28

Seoul - China has submitted an action plan on how to implement its sanctions against North Korea in tandem with the ongoing global efforts to punish Pyongyang for conducting its nuclear and missile tests earlier this year, a government source said Tuesday. "We have learned that China has turned in its implementation report" to the U.N. sanction committee for North Korea, the source told Yonhap News Agency on the condition of anonymity. In March, the U.N. Security Council asked the 193 member countries to draw up their own plans on how to enforce the sanctions on the North under its latest resolution adopted in the wake of Pyongyang's fourth nuclear test and a long-range missile launch in January and February. They were required to submit the plans within 90 days of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) adopting the resolution. That fell on June 2 (local time), though it is not a mandatory deadline. Though it passed the deadline, the submission was much faster than in 2013 when it took Beijing about seven months to send in its implementation report in connection with a UNSC resolution.

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28. Duterte Abu Sayyaf Group dialogue (Canada).

Gulf News, Barbara Mae Dacanay, 2016 06 28

Manila - President-elect Rodrigo Duterte is considering holding talks with a 28-year-old hostage-taking group that has links with Daesh in Syria and Iraq and the Al Qaida terror network, which was once led by the late Osama Bin Laden. "The Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG), they are not my enemies. I know that [their fight] is connected with the issue of Mindanao," said Duterte during a celebration party for him by supporters in Cebu City, central Philippines, late on Saturday night, the transcript of which reached Manila's media offices. "I just want a clarification: Are they willing to talk or just fight it out?" asked Duterte. The ASG abducted Flor, Sekkingstad, and Canadians John Ridsedl and Robert Hall from a resort on Samal Island off Davao City and took them to Sulu last September. Ridsdel and Hall were beheaded after the P300 million (Dh23

million) ransom demanded for each of them was not paid by ASG's deadline of April 27 and June 13, respectively. Hall was Flor's boyfriend.

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29. Govt dismisses ransom-paying claims for release of kidnapped sailors

Jakarta Post, Marguerite Afra Sapiie, 2016 06 28

Jakarta - Coordinating Political, Legal and Security Affairs Minister Luhut Pandjaitan insists the government has never paid ransoms for the release of Indonesian sailors held hostage by Philippine groups. He was responding to lawmaker TB Hasanuddin, who claimed the government had paid ransoms demanded by the Abu Sayyaf militant group for the release of kidnapped Indonesian sailors, an alleged practice he claims to be the reason why kidnappings continue to occur. "If we had paid the ransoms, we would have to account for the money spent," Luhut asserted on Monday in Jakarta. Jakarta is in communications with Manila to coordinate efforts for the release of seven Indonesian sailors held hostage by Philippine groups in Sulu waters on June 20, Luhut said, adding that Defense Minister Ryamizard Ryacudu was in the Philippines to discuss the matter.

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30. S. Korea, U.S. to discuss cooperation at cybersecurity meeting this week

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 06 28

Seoul - South Korea and the United States will hold a policy consultation meeting in Washington this week to discuss cooperation against the growing threat from hacking and other cybercrimes, the foreign ministry said Tuesday. The meeting will be held on Wednesday (local time) in Washington between a South Korean delegation led by Shin Maeng-ho, the ambassador for the ministry's international security affairs, and U.S. officials led by Christopher Painter, the coordinator for cyber issues at the U.S. Department of State, the ministry said in a press release. Both sides are expected to share their views on the latest cyberspace security conditions and explore ways to more effectively deal with hacking attempts at core infrastructure facilities and other cybercrimes, the ministry said.

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31. CIA and FBI desperately try to steal the show from Russian spies

Pravda, Alla Pustova, 2016 06 28

Moscow - American officials have come up with another way to spend tax-payers' money. Now they offer the White House an "efficient way to struggle against Russian spies." To achieve that, they suggest reviving a special body to "monitor Russian agents." The initiative in the spirit of the Cold War has taken form of a bill authorizing intelligence activities for 2017. The authors of the bill want to restore a work group appointed by the US president. According to the document,

the group will work to unmask Russian spies and Russian-sponsored assassinations, investigate 'front' groups, media manipulation, covert broadcasting, and secret funding." Traditionally, the committee will also combat Russia's influence in the media. Pravda.Ru asked an expert opinion from a historian of special services, retired FSB Major-General, Valery Malevanny. "Intelligence is categorized into legal and illegal intelligence. The US National Council of Intelligence, which is headed by CIA Director General Brennan, actually gives specific commands to track Russia's illegal intelligence agents, who operate not only in the United States, but throughout Latin America," the official said.

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32. Edward Snowden Criticizes 'Big Brother' Measure in Russia

New York Times, Ivan Nechepurenko, 2016 06 28

Moscow - Edward J. Snowden, an American who took refuge in Russia after leaking a trove of classified United States data from global surveillance, has criticized a proposed Russian law as an assault on freedom of speech, and has been rebuffed in an effort to collect a free-speech prize in Norway. Mr. Snowden, who was charged by the United States in 2013 with violating the Espionage Act, was invited to Norway by a writers' advocacy group to receive the prize, and sought guarantees in court that he would not be handed over to the American authorities. News agencies reported on Monday that a court in Oslo rejected his bid. His criticism of the Russian law came over the weekend, when he said on Twitter that it was "an unworkable, unjustifiable violation of rights that should never be signed." The law was passed by the lower house of Parliament on Friday; the speaker of the upper house, Valentina I. Matviyenko, signaled on Monday that her chamber would pass it as well. "Mass surveillance doesn't work," Mr. Snowden wrote. "This bill will take money and liberty without improving safety."

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33. Russia is harassing U.S. diplomats all over Europe

Washington Post, Josh Rogin, 2016 06 27

Column - Russian intelligence and security services have been waging a campaign of harassment and intimidation against U.S. diplomats, embassy staff and their families in Moscow and several other European capitals that has rattled ambassadors and prompted Secretary of State John F. Kerry to ask Vladimir Putin to put a stop to it. At a recent meeting of U.S. ambassadors from Russia and Europe in Washington, U.S. ambassadors to several European countries complained that Russian intelligence officials were constantly perpetrating acts of harassment against their diplomatic staff that ranged from the weird to the downright scary. Some of the intimidation has been routine: following diplomats or their family members, showing up at their social events uninvited or paying reporters to write negative stories about them. But many of the recent acts of intimidation by Russian security services have crossed the line into apparent criminality. In a series of secret memos sent back to Washington, described to me by several current and former U.S. officials who have written or read them, diplomats reported that Russian intruders had broken into their homes late at night, only to rearrange the furniture or turn on all the lights and televisions, and then leave. One diplomat reported that an intruder had defecated on his living

room carpet. In Moscow, where the harassment is most pervasive, diplomats reported slashed tires and regular harassment by traffic police. Former ambassador Michael McFaul was hounded by government- paid protesters, and intelligence personnel followed his children to school. The harassment is not new; in the first term of the Obama administration, Russian intelligence personnel broke into the house of the U.S. defense attache in Moscow and killed his dog, according to multiple former officials who read the intelligence reports.

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34. Iran: 11 rebelles kurdes et 3 militaires tués

Le Figaro avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 06 28

Région de Sarvabad - Onze "rebelles kurdes" et trois combattants des Gardiens de la révolution ont été tués lors d'affrontements armés près de la frontière avec le Kurdistan irakien, a rapporté aujourd'hui l'agence Fars citant un responsable de l'armée d'élite d'Iran. "Un groupe de onze contre-révolutionnaires liés au Parti démocrate du Kurdistan d'Iran (PDKI, ndlr) dissout, qui voulaient s'infiltrer dans le pays ont été repérés (...) et ont été éliminés après dix jours de poursuites dans la région de Sarvabad", a déclaré le général Mohammad Hossein Rajabi, commandant des Gardiens de la révolution (armée d'élite d'Iran) de la province iranienne du Kurdistan. Il a ajouté que "trois membres locaux des forces des Gardiens de la révolution" avaient été tués. Le PDKI est le plus ancien parti kurde iranien et réclame l'autonomie du Kurdistan d'Iran. Il a été interdit au lendemain de la révolution islamique de 1979 et mène depuis une lutte armée contre le pouvoir iranien. Dimanche, les autorités avaient fait état de cinq "rebelles armés" tués par les Gardiens de la révolution dans cette même région.

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35. Iran calls for a world free of chemical weapons

Islamic Republic News Agency, 2016 06 28

Tehran - Iranian Foreign has called for a world free of chemical weapons reminding the international community of its legal and ethical duty to provide compensation for the victims of chemical weapons. Mohammad Javad Zarif, in a written message read out in a ceremony held in the city of Sardasht in West Azarbaijan province on Monday, urged the international community to prevent the repetition of such catastrophic events. The Sardasht chemical attack should become a symbolic event for taking collective actions against war crimes and the use of the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs), Zarif said in his message marking the 29th anniversary of the 1987 chemical bombing of the city located in northwestern Iran by Saddam regime. Iran's top diplomat also warned against new chemical attacks by the terrorists who have access to chemical weapons. The bitter incidents of Halabcheh and Sardasht chemical attacks are being repeated in the region, Zarif said.

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36. IRGC: Iranian Forces Target Terrorists Anywhere

Fars News Agency, 2016 06 28

Tehran - Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Ground Force Brigadier General Mohammad Pakpour warned that his forces target the positions of those terrorists who dare to attack Iran anywhere even in the neighboring countries. Pakpour referred to the recent clashes between the IRGC forces and terrorist groups in the Northwestern parts of the country, and said during the clashes a large number of terrorists, including several commanders, who took order from certain reactionary states were killed. "Given the fact that the main strongholds of these terrorists is in Northern Iraq, their positions will be targeted at any point and region in case they don't act upon their undertakings and in a bid to prevent the repetition of anti-security moves and measures," he underlined. Pakpour stressed the Iranian forces' superiority over the terrorists' moves, and said they will give a crushing and rapid response to any aggression.

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37. 10-yr jail term for woman who spied for Hezbollah

Khaleej Times, Mustafa Al Zarooni, 2016 06 28

Abu Dhabi - A woman charged with spying for the terrorist Hezbollah party in Lebanon and supplying them dangerous, sensitive information, potentially damaging to the UAE's security and to leading government figures, has been given 10 years imprisonment. Rabab Marouf Atawi, a UAE citizen of Lebanese origin, was found guilty of espionage conducted by exploiting the sensitive position held by her Emirati husband. She accessed confidential information about government VIPs, and other details, and passed them on to Hezbollah's intelligence agency, Falah Al Hajiri, presiding judge of the State Security Chamber at the Federal Supreme Court, ruled on Monday. The court verdict has also been passed on other individuals for activities ranging from spying to using phone covers featuring terror group logos.

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38. Ban Ki-moon Calls for the Release of Political Prisoners in Yemen

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 06 28

Riyadh - The Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon called for the release of political prisoners, journalists and civil society activists in Yemen before Eid Al-Fitr. His comments came after he recently said that he was optimistic about the release of prisoners and detainees. This confirms the report that Asharq Al-Awsat published last week about the fact that the detainees who were recently released by the rebel militias in Yemen were in fact citizens who were arrested from their homes, on roads and at checkpoints, and that they have nothing to do with the legitimate forces and the fighting. The local sources from Taiz that informed Asharq Al-Awsat about this added that there are still many citizens who are languishing in the militias' prisons in various areas under their control. Talking about his meeting with the legitimate

government and rebel delegations, Ban Ki- moon said that "The situation in Yemen is of profound concern".

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39. Hizbullah Slams 'Politicians who Justify Terror' after al-Qaa Blasts

Naharnet Newsdesk, 2016 06 28

Beirut - Hizbullah on Monday condemned the dawn suicide bombings that rocked the northeastern border town of al-Qaa, lashing out at countries that "offer support" for "these terrorist murderers" and "some Lebanese politicians who launch justifications and excuses." "This crime is a new result of the terrorist, obscurantist thought that is spreading in the region like a plague and which has started to pose a major risk to its people," said Hizbullah in a statement. "It threatens Lebanon and its people without differentiation and regardless of sects and affiliations," the party warned. The bombings are also "the product of the clandestine and public support that is being offered by some countries and entities in the region and the world to these terrorist murderers in terms of arming, media assistance and political protection," Hizbullah added. These politicians "are conducting the biggest misinformation campaign to conceal the ugliness of this malicious thought," Hizbullah charged.

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40. Le Hezbollah dénonce « un nouveau produit du courant terroriste... »

L'Orient-Le Jour, Journaliste maison, 2016 06 28

Beyrouth - Selon Mohammad Raad, le Hezbollah combat en Syrie et au Liban pour défendre les deux pays contre le danger terroriste. « Des forces locales attendent les instructions de Riyad pour débloquer la présidentielle », accuse le parti de Hassan Nasrallah. Le Hezbollah a condamné les opérations kamikazes de Qaa dans lesquelles il a vu « un nouveau produit de la pensée terroriste obscurantiste qui se répand, tel un fléau, dans la région et qui menace l'ensemble des Libanais, toutes appartenances régionales et communautaires confondues ». « Le crime de Qaa est aussi le résultat de l'appui direct ou secret apporté par certains États de la région et du monde à ces terroristes meurtriers, au niveau soit de l'armement et de l'équipement, soit de l'appui médiatique, moral et politique », a indiqué le Hezbollah dans un communiqué, dans lequel il a présenté ses condoléances aux familles des victimes. Le parti chiite a insisté sur « la nécessité de combattre le terrorisme, d'exposer ses plans et d'empêcher son expansion, contrairement à ce que certains hommes politiques entreprennent au Liban où ils pratiquent la plus grande opération de leurre afin de camoufler l'atrocité de ce courant terroriste rancunier, à travers des tribunes médiatiques qui leur sont assurées et des déclarations truffées d'arguments et d'excuses censés couvrir les horreurs commises par les terroristes ». Le Hezbollah faisait ainsi allusion au courant du Futur et aux pays du Golfe qu'il accuse de soutenir les jihadistes qu'il combat en Syrie.

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41. Terror wave grips east Lebanon town

Now Lebanon, Albin Szakola, 2016 06 28

Beirut - A new round of explosions has ripped through the terror-stricken east Lebanon town of Al-Qaa, whose predominantly Christian residents awoke in the pre-dawn hours of the morning to a deadly wave of suicide bombings. Despite a strong security presence in the Bekaa border town, four suicide bombers detonated themselves shortly after 10:30 p.m., causing a number of injuries but not killing anyone in the town, which was mourning the death of at least five residents earlier Monday. Lebanon's armed forces issued a statement overnight that one assailant riding a motorcycle hurled a hand grenade at a crowd of town residents gathered outside the Mar Elias Church, before blowing himself up in front of the vigil held in honor for the victims' of the Monday morning attack. Minutes later, another suicide bomber detonated himself outside the church, after which two other suicide bombers detonated themselves without causing injuries to any civilians.

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42. Woman gets 10 years in jail for spying in Abu Dhabi

Gulf News, Abdulla Rasheed, 2016 06 28

Abu Dhabi - A top UAE court on Monday sentenced a woman to 10 years in jail for spying for top leaders of Hezbollah, a terrorist militia in Lebanon. The 48-year-old woman, R.M.A, an Emirati of Lebanese descent, was found guilty of handing over classified information about top leaders, including how political and economic decisions are made at the highest authorities in the country, to two members of the intelligence wing of the Hezbollah. The woman also provided sensitive information on the whereabouts of the VIP meetings in Abu Dhabi to the intelligence wing of Hezbollah. The woman, who is the wife of a VIP and a TV presenter, was also convicted of putting the country's interests and security at risk by delivering such classified information to the Iranian intelligence through agents of Hezbollah. Witnesses revealed that the accused woman communicated with the two members of the intelligence wing of Hezbollah during her visits to Lebanon.

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43. Affaire de Tarnac: Coupat et ses complices seront-ils jugés pour terrorisme?

Le Figaro, Journaliste maison, 2016 06 28

Paris - Les juges avaient retiré cette qualification pour les dégradations commises sur des lignes TGV en 2008 et ordonné un non-lieu. Le parquet de Paris a fait appel. Le feuilleton judiciaire dure depuis près de huit ans. D'ores et déjà renvoyés en procès pour des sabotages de lignes TGV

en 2008, Julien Coupat et deux autres membres du groupe de Tarnac doivent-ils être jugés pour des faits à caractère terroriste? La cour d'appel de Paris répond mardi. Le «groupe de Tarnac», présenté comme proche de l'ultra-gauche, est soupçonné d'être à l'origine de dégradations de lignes SNCF sur des caténaires dans l'Oise, l'Yonne et la Seine-et-Marne. Dans un premier temps, les juges d'instruction chargés du dossier avaient renvoyé à l'été 2015 huit membres du groupe en procès. Parmi les prévenus, Julien Coupat, son ex-épouse Yildune Lévy et deux autres personnes devaient être rejugés pour «association de malfaiteurs». Les quatre autres sont renvoyés pour des faits de faux, de refus de prélèvement d'ADN.

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44. Attentats : les experts accélèrent

Le Soir (Belgique), David Coppi, 2016 06 28

Bruxelles - Commission d'enquête Un rapport programme les débats sur les services de sécurité Après l'organisation des secours, les commissaires doivent s'interroger à propos de nos services de sécurité. Auditions des patrons de la police et de la Sûreté, puis des enquêteurs, enfin des responsables politiques... Deux mois après son installation, la commission d'enquête sur les attentats du 22 mars prend un nouveau départ. Ne nous emballons pas : elle se prépare à prendre un nouveau départ. Majorité et opposition en conviennent : ça traîne, ça cafouille, et les travaux qui avaient trait à l'organisation des services de secours, à Zaventem et à Maelbeek, laissent tout le monde dubitatif. Peut-être l'attente était-elle démesurée. On exagère toujours. En l'occurrence, ces premières semaines de débats ont permis de mettre en lumière certains dysfonctionnements dans la coordination des services de secours, ambulances et pompiers, arrivés sur les lieux des attentats un peu dans le désordre, parfois pour des raisons « communautaires » : la province du Brabant flamand (comprenant Zaventem) a snobé la Région bruxelloise. Un classique. Ajoutez l'embrouillamini - qui a dit quoi à qui ? - à propos de la non-fermeture du métro bruxellois entre les explosions à Zaventem et à Maelbeek, et le compte est bon : les commissaires vont rédiger une série de recommandations (le 4 juillet, pour une part) afin que tout cela se passe plus efficacement à l'avenir (en toute hypothèse), où il sera notamment question de réunifier les fonctions de coordination.

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45. La loi sur le renseignement, une « illusion de sécurité »

Le Temps (Suisse), Journaliste maison, 2016 06 28

Berne - Les opposants à la nouvelle loi qui donne plus de moyens au Service de renseignement mettent en garde contre une surveillance de masse La nouvelle loi sur le renseignement débouchera sur un Etat fouineur, affirment ses opposants. Une alliance regroupant la gauche et d'autres organisations a lancé lundi sa campagne en vue de la votation fédérale du 25 septembre. Contrairement au Conseil fédéral, les opposants à la loi qui étend l'arsenal à disposition du Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC) n'y voient pas un juste équilibre entre libertés individuelles et défense contre le terrorisme. « On crée une illusion de sécurité », selon le conseiller national Balthasar Glättli (Verts/ZH). Les auteurs des attentats de Paris ou de Bruxelles étaient connus des services de sécurité mais cela n'a pas permis d'éviter le pire.

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46. Terrorisme : la loi sur la sécurité dans les transports toujours pas appliquée

Le Point, Journaliste maison, 2016 06 28

Paris - Alors que le risque d'attentat est au plus haut, la loi amplifiant le champ d'action de la SNCF et de la RATP ne devrait être opérationnelle que fin septembre. Elle a été adoptée le 9 mars 2016 par le Parlement puis a été promulguée par le président de la République le 22 mars. Depuis, plus rien. Trois mois plus tard, la loi relative à la prévention et à la lutte contre les incivilités, contre les atteintes à la sécurité publique et contre les actes terroristes dans les transports collectifs de voyageurs n'a toujours pas été appliquée, rapporte RTL. Et ce, malgré les coups de semonce du gouvernement sur une menace terroriste qui n'a jamais été aussi importante. Ou, concernant les incivilités, alors qu'une étude de l'Observatoire national de la délinquance et des réponses pénales, publiée mardi, montre que 30 % des atteintes personnelles dans les lieux publics se passent dans les transports. Dans l'arsenal législatif dont s'est dotée la France pour lutter contre les attentats, le texte Savary - du nom de son rapporteur, le député PS de Gironde Gilles Savary - doit amplifier le champ d'action des services de transports. La SNCF et la RATP pourront en effet solliciter des enquêtes administratives concernant des recrutements sur des postes relatifs à la sécurité des personnes (conducteurs, aiguilleurs, sécurité des systèmes d'information). Objectif : s'assurer qu'elles ne sont pas fichées « S ».

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CSIS in the News • Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. CSIS joins Twitter, hilarity ensues

The Hill Times, 2016 07 20

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) started up a Twitter account last week, and had a little fun with people with its first tweet. "Yes, we're on Twitter. Now it's your turn to follow us," it told the Twittersverse. Social media users responded with good humour, generally.

Ian Adam asked CSIS through Twitter, "And if you follow back, should I be really, really nervous?" Things got a little more serious as writer and marketing consultant Karen Geier, under the handle Happy L'il Tree, wrote, "loving the completely chill attitude regarding your charter busting surveillance of citizens. GREAT COMEDY GUYS." CSIS also received a tweet from the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) Canada, which said, "Welcome to Twitter! Allow us to offer some neighbourly advice: 'password' is never a good password!" The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) became an early follower of CSIS on Twitter. When the CIA joined Twitter in 2014, it tweeted, "We can neither confirm nor deny that this is our first tweet." (Full report)

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2. Electronic spy agency mum on foreign info-sharing that could lead to torture

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 07 20

Ottawa - Canada's electronic spy agency won't say how often it shares information that could lead to someone being tortured in an overseas prison. The Communications Security Establishment - which monitors threats from foreign terrorists and spies - has censored documents that spell out the figures, even though the RCMP and Canadian Security Intelligence Service have revealed such numbers in the past. The reticence prompted Amnesty International Canada to say "much greater transparency" is needed from the Ottawa-based CSE. "At stake is Canada's compliance with crucial international human rights obligations to prevent torture and ill-treatment," said Alex Neve, Amnesty's Canadian secretary general. The secretive CSE has been thrust into the national spotlight in recent years due to leaks by Edward Snowden, the former spy contractor who worked for the National Security Agency, CSE's American counterpart. It is also among a handful of Canadian agencies, including the RCMP, CSIS, the Canada Border Services Agency and National Defence, bound by a government instruction that allows it to share information with foreign partners - even when it means someone could be abused as a result of that exchange. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said earlier this year the Liberals will review the "troubling set of issues" raised by the foreign-sharing policy, enacted by the previous Conservative government. A four-page 2010 federal framework document says when there is a "substantial risk" that sending information to - or soliciting information from - a foreign agency would result in torture, the matter should be referred to the responsible deputy minister or agency head. Records obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act offer a glimpse into how the CSE handled such cases in the first three months of 2015. The quarterly report to CSE Chief Greta Bossenmaier, labelled Top Secret and for Canadian Eyes Only, told her the number of cases that required a "mistreatment risk assessment" and the level of risk associated with passing the information to others. But those details were deleted from the publicly released version of the document. The report says there were "no known instances" of a recipient country's non-compliance with conditions attached to information-sharing during the three months. But little else was disclosed. The CSE faces "unique considerations" it must weigh when discussing details of assessments, said Christopher Williams, a senior spokesman for the intelligence agency. "With this in mind, we are not able to release the specific number you have requested without risking revealing insight into our capabilities." However, the number and content of such assessments are reviewed by the independent watchdog who keeps an eye on the CSE, said Williams.

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3. Why France--again?

The Hill Times, Phil Gurski, 2016 07 20

Op-ed: The horror of what happened in Nice compounds the horror of what happened in Paris in January and November 2015. These large-scale attacks got a lot of attention, but there were also some smaller ones like the killing of a police officer and his wife and an attempt to blow up a gas plant that have to be added to the list of terrorist attacks in France. It seems that France is making the headlines for all the wrong reasons. It is natural, then, to ask why? Why does France seem to suffer more from terrorism than its immediate neighbours? Is there something unique about that country that spawns terrorism? Can France identify these elements in order to make adjustments and prevent future attacks? I have read dozens of op-ed pieces on news sites around the world that seek to answer these questions. A variety of people--political scientists, psychologists, sociologists and others--have provided both the analysis and prescription for the terrorist disease that plagues France in particular. Case solved. If only it were that easy. France has done a terrible job of integrating Muslims. Yes, integration is a two-way street and it is not all the state's fault, but there is a huge gap between different types of citizens. France could learn a lot about how we do things here in Canada. French prisons are breeding grounds for radicalization; this is a tough problem to solve, but something needs to be done about it. French Muslims are estimated to represent between 60-80 per cent of the prison population, widely disproportionate to their almost 8 per cent of the general population. Note: Phil Gurski worked for over 30 years as an intelligence analyst in Canada, including 15 at CSIS. He is the author of *The Threat from Within: Recognizing Al Qaeda-inspired Radicalization and Terrorism in the West*.

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4. Canada to pledge up to \$200 million to help Iraq

Canadian Press, Lee Berthiaume, 2016 07 20

Ottawa - Canada will open its wallet to help Iraq's shattered economy when it co-hosts a major meeting in Washington on Wednesday to discuss the Middle East country's current and long-term needs. Officials from 24 nations are expected to attend the Iraq pledging conference, which aims to raise more than \$2 billion for humanitarian aid in the country, as well as for de-mining efforts and long-term stability. Up to \$200 million of that will come from Canada, the government announced on Tuesday. Bessma Momani, a Middle East expert at the University of Waterloo, said improving governance in Iraq and laying the foundation for economic growth is essential to address the root problems that led to the rise of ISIL. Such assistance is long overdue, she added. "Initially, this was viewed as simply a military operation," she said of the international community's fight against ISIL. "But you can't just cut out the cancer. We should have been investing in this years ago." Yet she also warned that progress will take a long time, and the prospects for Iraqi prosperity are not guaranteed. The U.S. and Canada are co-hosting the pledging event with Germany, Japan and the Netherlands, and the focus will be less on fighting

the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and more on starting Baghdad down the road to recovery.

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5. Canada urged to aid vulnerable Yazidis

Globe and Mail, Michelle Zilio, 2016 07 20

Toronto - Canada should resettle thousands of Yazidis and lead a referral of the Islamic State's genocide against the religious minority to the International Criminal Court (ICC), the opposition and Yazidi groups say. In emotional testimony to the House of Commons immigration committee on Tuesday, a Yazidi woman who survived the Islamic State attack on Iraq's Sinjar mountain in August, 2014, said the world has remained silent as her people suffer in what the United Nations has called genocide. Nadia Murad Basee Taha and fellow advocates asked Canada to create a special resettlement program for Yazidis, as Germany has. "I am very grateful to Germany, for example, who received some refugees and also who opened its borders for the Yazidis to flee," Ms. Taha said through an interpreter. She is one of 1,100 Yazidi women and girls who recently resettled in Germany. "I would like ... Canada to help with the immigration and with the asylum processes. Our people have been suffering for the past two years and they must be helped." Yazidis are a Kurdish minority group that practice an ancient faith. Because most of them have been unable to leave their home country of Iraq, the United Nations does not consider them refugees for resettlement in countries such as Canada. However, they face persecution by the Islamic State, which deems them "infidels," according to Ms. Taha. "They forced us to change our religion. They raped us. They sold us. ... And this continues today," she said, recollecting her village's capture by the Islamic State nearly two years ago.

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6. Charette brings 'political acumen' to new U.K. post

Ottawa Citizen, Tom Spears, 2016 07 20

Ottawa - Janice Charette will become Canada's new high commissioner to Great Britain and Northern Ireland as part of a major shuffling of the ambassadors and high commissioners who are the face of Canada around the world. In all, 26 people are taking over top diplomatic posts, as the announcement from Foreign Minister Stéphane Dion says the government is aiming for more diversity and more women among its diplomats. The group includes 13 men and 13 women. Charette was Clerk of the Privy Council from 2014 until early this year. Choosing her puts an experienced bureaucrat with good political instincts in the U.K. during the biggest upheaval in British politics in a century, said Jean Daudelin of Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs. "She had a successful career in the public service under the Liberals and under the Conservatives. She was assistant deputy minister and deputy minister under the Liberals, and she became Clerk of the Privy Council under Stephen Harper. So she was already a mandarin," he said. Add in her stints with Justice, Health Canada, and Citizenship and Immigration, and "she had an exceptionally broad experience in the public service. The fact that Harper chose her, when you consider how politicized his appointments were, was certainly a recognition that her knowledge and grasp of the function of bureaucracy was exceptional."

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7. Death wish in Turkey

Ottawa Citizen, 2016 07 20

Editorial: Following the botched coup attempt in Turkey, there have been alarming cries from within the country for the reinstatement of the death penalty. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who's further seeking to consolidate his power - already his grip is tight - says if the people are baying for blood, who's he to deny them? Well, the European Union, at least, had strong words for the Turkish leader. Ankara has long campaigned for EU entry. The rules aren't up for interpretation. "No country can become an EU member state if it introduces the death penalty," Federica Mogherini, the EU's foreign policy chief, says. Erdogan's musings about the death penalty, which was abolished in 2004, are part of a wider crackdown after last week's brief uprising failed to dislodge the Turkish strongman. The numbers show an anti-democratic purge in full swing - a darkly ironic trend in the wake of a failed putsch. The New York Times reports that 6,000 military members, nearly 9,000 police, 30 governors and 3,000 judges have been given the boot. On Tuesday, the government purged 15,000 education staff, and ordered 1,500 university deans to quit their jobs. This all comes as Canada this week announced a new ambassador to Turkey and a new consul general to Istanbul. The new ambassador, Chris Cooter, is a career diplomat. While Turkey is by no means Canada's largest diplomatic priority, Cooter's experience will be needed more than ever. Elliot Tepper, a senior fellow at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University, notes that Turkey's leadership has become "increasingly authoritarian."

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8. Dion shuffles diplomatic ranks

Globe and Mail, Robert Fife, 2016 07 20

Ottawa - Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion made a batch of diplomatic appointments on Tuesday, replacing several controversial Conservative appointees with experienced diplomats and naming two well-known Liberals to plum posts. The Liberal government shuffled the decks in the Middle East to remove inexperienced ambassadors named by former prime minister Stephen Harper and filled key posts in Pakistan, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Israel and Jordan with career diplomats. "It is a return to normal diplomacy in terms of appointments. People with decent credibility and to give real voice to the Foreign Ministry before we had the Harper government," said Ferry De Kerckhove, a former envoy to Indonesia and Egypt who knows many of the new ambassadors. The large diplomatic moves come in the midst of chaos in Europe and the Middle East, with the British vote to exit the European Union, Turkey in turmoil and a series of terrorist attacks. Canada's outspoken ambassador to Israel, Vivian Bercovici, was replaced by Deborah Lyons, a respected diplomat who was envoy to Afghanistan. Ms. Bercovici, named to the post by Mr. Harper in 2014, was widely viewed within Global Affairs Canada as someone who was unschooled in diplomacy and too ideologically connected to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud government.

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9. Diplomatic dance

Ottawa Citizen, 2016 07 20

Editorial: One of Ottawa's most rumoured diplomatic appointments was finally confirmed Tuesday: Former Clerk of the Privy Council Janice Charette will be high commissioner to Great Britain and Northern Ireland, a plum posting many would argue she richly deserves. Charette's appointment was part of a major overhaul of the top foreign postings. Most of the new jobs will be filled by career public servants, some with long pedigrees. For example, Ian Burney, a seasoned trade negotiator (and son of Canada's former ambassador to the United States, Derek Burney), will become ambassador to Japan, as Canada looks to more trade agreements in Asia. The government also shunted out two controversial Harper-era appointees: Bruno Saccomani, a former RCMP officer who handled the prime minister's security detail prior to his placement in Jordan; and Vivian Bercovici, whose outspoken views made for a bumpy ride as top envoy to Israel. Senior public servants replace them.

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10. Diplomatie canadienne Important remaniement, Cannon épargné

La Presse+, Hugo de Grandpré, 2016 07 20

Ottawa - Le gouvernement Trudeau a procédé à un remaniement de taille aux plus hauts échelons de la diplomatie canadienne, hier, remplaçant 26 ambassadeurs, hauts commissaires et consuls. Il en a profité pour déloger certains des choix les plus controversés du gouvernement Harper, dont Vivian Bercovici en Israël et Bruno Saccomani en Jordanie, et les remplacer par 13 femmes et 13 hommes, principalement issus de la fonction publique. L'ancien ministre conservateur Lawrence Cannon a quant à lui été épargné, et il devrait garder son poste à Paris jusqu'à la fin de son mandat, en mai 2017. Gros plan sur six de ces changements de visage pour le Canada à l'étranger.

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11. Ex-Tory minister survives Liberals' diplomatic shuffle

Ottawa Citizen, Jason Fekete, 2016 07 20

Ottawa - The Liberal government is leaving a former Conservative cabinet minister in one of Canada's plum diplomatic postings - for now - and signalling it will do things differently in naming foreign envoys. Lawrence Cannon, Canada's ambassador to France and a former minister in Stephen Harper's government, was left untouched Tuesday in a sweeping round of diplomatic appointments that saw new ambassadors, high commissioners and consuls general named in more than two dozen postings. The list of new envoys included appointments to the United Kingdom, Japan, Jordan, Turkey and Israel, as the Liberals replaced Conservative-appointed ambassadors and put their own diplomatic stamp on foreign relations. Another important appointment looms in China, where Ambassador Guy Saint-Jacques' term expires in October. The process to replace him is underway. Cannon remains in his post at a sensitive time following the terrorist attack in Nice. A spokesman for Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion, said Cannon likely will stay until his five-year appointment expires in May 2017. "Lawrence Cannon

is still in the post because he, like everyone else that's currently serving for us, has all the confidence of the minister. He's serving until (May 2017), so that will be part of the next cycle," said Joseph Pickerill, director of communications for Dion.

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12. Les cendres du Phénix

Le Droit, Jean Gagnon, 2016 07 20

Editorial - Chose rare en politique canadienne, le gouvernement fédéral s'est excusé lundi auprès de quelque 80000 fonctionnaires qui ont dû vivre, dans certains cas survivre, avec les défaillances de Phénix, le nouveau système de traitement de la paie de ses employés. Dès la mise en place de Phénix amorcé sous l'ancien gouvernement conservateur au coût de 300 millions \$, la sonnette d'alarme était tirée par l'Alliance de la fonction publique du Canada (AFPC) qui craignait déjà, en juin 2013, qu'un manque de ressources humaines et une formation inadéquate des employés ne se traduisent par des retards dans le traitement des paies des fonctionnaires fédéraux. Malgré l'inquiétude syndicale, Ottawa martelait en mars dernier que la mise en service de la phase I de Phénix s'était déroulée avec succès, hormis quelques problèmes mineurs réglés rapidement.

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13. Liberals replace Tory political appointments in major diplomatic shuffle

Canadian Press, Mike Blanchfield, 2016 07 20

Ottawa - The Liberal government's new ambassador to Japan was lauded Tuesday by a former Conservative trade official as a good choice for helping Canadian exporters crack the world's third largest economy. Ian Burney was Canada's chief negotiator on its free trade agreement with South Korea, a deal which viewed as a breakthrough in Asia. The bilateral Canada- Japan free trade process is all but dead as Japan has turned its attention to the 12-country Pacific Rim pact known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership. But with the ratification of the TPP in doubt _ both U.S. presidential candidates are against it, and Canada is holding consultations well into the fall _ revitalizing a deal with Japan is now more crucial, said Adam Taylor, a senior aide to former Conservative trade minister Ed Fast. "If there's anybody who's shown they have the skill, patience and temperament and the familiarity with the issues to take a deal that looks like it's in the ditch and bring it back on track, it would be Ian Burney," Taylor said. "I'm a Tory, but if this is a sign where the trade folks will go in the new government, that's actually good for Canada." Burney has a distinguished diplomatic pedigree: his father, Derek, served as Canada's ambassador to the U.S. under Brian Mulroney and was the head of Stephen Harper's transition team when it won power in 2006.

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14. Mideast appointments signal shift in Ottawa's approach to region

Globe and Mail, Patrick Martin, 2016 07 20

Toronto - Tuesday's shakeup of Canadian diplomats will hardly register on the Richter scale but, in the Middle East, a couple of deft moves signal Canada is taking a much more hands-on approach to regional issues. Israel has been watching for evidence of a shift since Canada's Liberals won the October election. Within hours of being sworn in, Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion announced that Canada will strive for a more balanced policy in the Middle East, one that includes reaching out to "other legitimate partners in the region" besides Israel. He even described Canada's role as being that of an "honest broker" - no words make Israeli leaders shudder more than those two. Stephen Harper's government was very good to Israel and Benjamin Netanyahu's government knew it had a staunch supporter in Canadian Ambassador Vivian Bercovici. It also knew the next Canadian representative could not be so one-sided. But in Deborah Lyons, whose name as the ambassador-designate leaked two months ago, the Israelis are being mollified by the appointment of a fair-minded career diplomat of substantial seniority. Ms. Lyons, most recently, has been Canada's ambassador to Afghanistan, a posting that gives her credibility in conflict zones. But prior to that is where her résumé gets really interesting.

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15. Phoenix flaw put PS personnel files at risk

Ottawa Citizen, Terry Pedwell and Aedan Helmer, 2016 07 20

Ottawa - The Public Service Alliance of Canada is renewing its call to scrap the government's Phoenix payroll system in light of newly released documents indicating that a flaw exposed the personal information of thousands of civil servants. "We knew this was going to be a disaster right from Day 1," PSAC executive vice-president Chris Aylward fumed Tuesday evening. "We knew this was going to be a Gong Show, and look where we are today," he said. "This is completely unacceptable. ... It's time to shut it down." Documents obtained by CBC News reportedly show officials were warned as early as Jan. 18 that the Phoenix system has a flaw that allows widespread access to employees' personnel records, including social insurance numbers. In an emailed statement to Postmedia, Public Service Minister Judy Foote's office confirmed government officials discovered the flaw early in the Phoenix rollout. "Shortly after the Phoenix system was launched, four departments reported that their managers were able to view the names and ID numbers of employees from across the federal government. As soon as this (was) discovered, a system fix was put in place to prevent this issue (from) reoccurring," according to government spokeswoman Annie Trepanier. "The department conducted a security review and assessed this incident as low risk." CBC reported as many as 70,000 public servants had access to the personal records of all 300,000 employees enrolled in the Phoenix system.

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16. Phoenix pay system also breached federal workers' privacy

CBC News, Dean Beeby, 2016 07 20

Ottawa - A dysfunctional compensation system that's withholding paycheques from federal workers has also been breaching their privacy, CBC News has learned. Newly released documents show senior officials were warned as early as Jan. 18 that the new Phoenix system has a flaw that allows widespread access to employees' personnel records, including social

insurance numbers. Despite the warning, the faulty software was broadly implemented this spring -- without alerting the unions or any employees that their private details were no longer secure. The disclosure of a massive privacy breach appears in documents obtained by CBC News under the Access to Information Act, deepening a crisis that has already touched some 80,000 public servants and triggered a wave of hiring to patch the problems. The briefing material prepared by Public Services and Procurement Canada indicates that up to 70,000 public servants had access to the personal details of all 300,000 employees covered by the system. A spokeswoman for Canada's privacy commissioner confirmed the department "has reported this matter to our office and we have followed up with them." Valerie Lawton said she could provide no further details. The minister in charge, Judy Foote, said she learned only this week of the internal breach of private information. "I am aware of it, and I've been told that none of the information became public," she said in an interview.

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17. U of T student interrogated in Bangladesh

Globe and Mail, Mahnoor Yawar, 2016 07 20

Toronto - Bangladeshi police have confirmed that a University of Toronto student is being interrogated, without clarifying his whereabouts or his condition, or saying whether he was being charged - escalating concerns over possible human-rights violations in his detention. Tahmid Hasib Khan, 22, and a fellow detainee, British citizen Hasnat Karim, 47, were among several hostages who survived a terrorist attack at a restaurant in Dhaka that left 23 people dead on July 1. They were then taken in by police for questioning. Family members have had no contact with Mr. Khan since July 3, aside from a phone call from an unknown agency confirming his detention. "We have to conduct the investigation through interrogation of witnesses, rescuers and others concerned. The puzzle cannot be solved without interrogation," the Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner said, according to a report in The Dhaka Tribune newspaper. Local outlets also reported that the commissioner evaded questions about the nature of the detention. The DMP's counter-terrorism and transnational crimes unit is said to be investigating. The commissioner's statement marks the first time law-enforcement authorities have acknowledged that Mr. Khan, a permanent resident of Canada, has been in custody since the attack. Last week, the deputy commissioner said everyone rescued had been "released."

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18. A new jihadist threat may be on the horizon in Syria

Washington Post, David Ignatius, 2016 07 20

Column - As the U.S.-led coalition has begun to gain ground against the Islamic State in Syria, officials have begun focusing attention on another jihadist group they fear may pose a more dangerous long-run threat there, the al-Qaeda affiliate known as Jabhat al-Nusra. Jabhat al-Nusra has played a clever waiting game over the past four years, embedding itself with more moderate opposition factions and championing Sunni resistance to Syrian President Bashar al-

Assad. The group has mostly avoided foreign terrorist operations and has largely escaped targeting by U.S. forces. Meanwhile, it has developed close links with rebel organizations such as Ahrar al-Sham that are backed by Turkey, Qatar and Saudi Arabia. But the global jihadist ambitions of Osama bin Laden remain part of Jabhat al-Nusra's DNA. U.S. officials report increasing evidence that the group is plotting external operations against Europe and the United States. Its operatives are said to have tried recently to infiltrate Syrian refugee communities in Europe. A stark warning of the danger ahead comes from the Institute for the Study of War, which closely follows events in Syria. In a forthcoming forecast, the institute argues that by January 2017, "Jabhat al-Nusra will have created an Islamic emirate in northwestern Syria in all but name" and will merge with the supposedly more moderate Ahrar al-Sham.

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19. Evidence On Coup Plot Sent To U.S.

Wall Street Journal, Carol E. Lee, 2016 07 20

Washington - The Obama administration's receipt on Tuesday of a cache of documents as part of Ankara's demand for the extradition of a U.S.-based cleric formally kick-starts a delicate process, with implications for the U.S.-led fight against Islamic State and relations between the allies. Turkish officials said the material, sent by email, contains evidence that would prove Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen, who has lived in Pennsylvania for nearly two decades, was behind the attempted coup. Ibrahim Kalin, a spokesman for Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, told reporters that government evidence shows that "a clique" of Mr. Gulen's followers serving in the Turkish army carried out the failed coup. The White House said the Justice Department had begun to review the documents as part of a process that ultimately would require U.S. federal court action for approval of an extradition, while distancing President Barack Obama from the final decision. Mr. Obama spoke by phone Tuesday with Mr. Erdogan, discussing both the accusations against Mr. Gulen and growing U.S. concerns about Turkey's widening crackdown in response to the attempted coup, White House press secretary Josh Earnest said. Mr. Obama offered U.S. assistance in Turkey's probe into the coup, Mr. Earnest said.

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20. Experts Skeptical of Brazil Group's ISIS Pledge Before Olympics

ABC News, James Gordon Meek, Lee Ferran, 2016 07 20

New York - Experts are questioning a recent pledge of allegiance to ISIS by a purported group of extremists in Brazil in what may be an attempt to rattle the international community before the Rio Olympics. A group calling itself Ansar al-Khilafah Brazil on Sunday pledged its loyalty to ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi on the messaging app Telegram and promised to "wage jihad against the enemy of Allah." The group also posted ISIS propaganda translated into Portuguese. But J.M. Berger, a terrorism expert who closely follows ISIS' online activity, said he doubts Ansar al-Khilafah Brazil actually exists. "The Ansar al-Khilafah Brazil Telegram channel appears to be the work of an ISIS social media activist rather than reflecting any bricks-and-mortar initiative," said Berger, a co-author of "ISIS: State of Terror." John Horgan, an ISIS

expert who teaches at Georgia State University, said he didn't know if the group was real, but he called ISIS supporters "masters of exploiting opportunity," such as security concerns over the Olympics. A U.S. counterterrorism official told ABC News, however, that while ISIS isn't known to have any cells in Rio de Janeiro, "we should take every threat like this seriously."

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21. NATO Muscles Up to Fight ISIS (Canada)

Wall Street Journal, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, 2016 07 20

Op-ed - From the horror of 9/11 to the mass shooting in Orlando, the U.S. has become grimly familiar with the pain of terrorist attacks. It is a pain shared by the people of Nice, Brussels, Istanbul and many other cities. By the millions who have fled Islamic State and the war in Syria and the millions more who are still there. America, you are not alone in this fight. Your friends and allies stand with you. And so does NATO. That is why I will join coalition defense ministers in Washington, D.C., this week as they intensify the fight against ISIS. The global coalition to counter ISIS, led by the U.S. and including every NATO ally, is making good progress. But the job is far from complete. It needs all the support it can get, and NATO is stepping up to help. Last week, NATO leaders met in Poland and agreed on three immediate steps to project stability in North Africa and the Middle East. First, NATO's advanced Awacs surveillance aircraft will provide valuable information directly to coalition forces. Second, the alliance is launching Operation Sea Guardian, a new maritime security operation in the Mediterranean, to include counterterrorism and intelligence-sharing. It can also work with the navies and coast guards of the region to strengthen their ability to fight terrorism. Third, NATO is stepping up support for its partners in the Middle East and North Africa and helping them to better secure their own countries and push back against violent extremism. Through NATO's long experience in the Balkans and in Afghanistan, the alliance has learned that an essential ingredient for long-term stability is the strength of local forces and institutions. In response to a more assertive Russia, NATO has implemented the biggest increase in its collective defense since the Cold War. After years of falling budgets, defense spending by European NATO allies and Canada rose last year. And it will rise again this year.

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22. Turkish minister pressures U.S. to extradite Gulen

Washington Post, Souad Mekhennet, Thomas Gibbons-Neff, 2016 07 20

Interview - Washington Post correspondents Souad Mekhennet and Thomas Gibbons-Neff interviewed Turkey's Minister of Foreign Affairs Mevlut Cavusoglu on Tuesday at his offices in Ankara. The 30-minute interview was conducted in English. Cavusoglu spoke forcefully about Fethullah Gulen, an opponent of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and a U.S. resident who the Turkish government believes was behind the coup attempt. And the minister made it clear that Turkey - a key U.S. ally in the fight against the Islamic State, also known as ISIS and ISIL - expects Gulen's extradition. White House press secretary Josh Earnest said the Justice and State departments will review material Turkey has presented. Following is a condensed version of the interview: WP: Is the country secure? Mevlut Cavusoglu: It was a coup attempt we have faced

on the 15th of July, and everything is under control right now, but I cannot say that the threat is 100 percent away. Therefore, we are taking some measures, investigations continue and legal actions are also taken against this group. WP: Some people in the United States and Europe raised concerns that now, after the coup, the Turkish government has used this as an excuse to get rid of any critical people. MC: It is us who faced this coup attempt, not the United States or the European Union. We have been trying to explain how dangerous this Gulen terrorist organization is. Some of [our] colleagues couldn't understand and believe it, and some of them didn't want to understand. As I explained to [Secretary of State] John Kerry last night on the phone, this is a matter of national security to us. You saw how they randomly killed people with helicopters, jets, cannons - they bombed the Turkish parliament. In our history we had very bloody coups and we suffered a lot; we have lost young generations. But none of these coups have ever targeted the Turkish parliament.

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23. GCHQ and Leamington charity aim to inspire girls to take up a career in cyber security

The Courier (Leamington Spa), Staff report, 2016 07 20

Leamington Spa - National security experts at GCHQ are working with a Leamington charity to offer a free cyber security course for teenage girls this summer. The Smallpeice Trust is running the CyberFirst Futures residential course with GCHQ at Birmingham University from August 1 to 4, during which participants will gain an insight into the next generation of cyber security tools. The course will also test their skills in dealing with modern and advanced cyber defence scenarios. Open to 16 and 17-year-old girls, those taking part in the four-day course will work closely with experts from GCHQ, the Smallpeice Trust and academia, gaining an insight into the importance of cyber security and getting first-hand experience of defending against a cyber-attack. Chris Ensor from GCHQ said: "We want to develop a diverse, continuous flow of people with the right skills and knowledge to help protect the UK against future cyber-attacks.

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24. Unapologetic Foreign Secretary Meets the Press

New York Times, Gardiner Harris, 2016 07 20

London - In his first news conference as British foreign secretary, Boris Johnson stood beside Secretary of State John Kerry on Tuesday and said he would not apologize for his past insults of President Obama and Hillary Clinton. "I'm afraid that there is such a rich thesaurus now of things that I have said that are being one way or another, through what alchemy I do not know, somehow misconstrued that it would really take me too long to engage in a full, global itinerary of apology to all concerned," Mr. Johnson said. "And I think most people who read these things in their proper context can see exactly what was intended," he continued. "And indeed, I find that virtually everybody I've met so far in this job understands that very well, particularly on the international scene." Mr. Johnson recently described Mr. Obama as "part-Kenyan" with an

"ancestral dislike of the British Empire." In 2007, he likened Mrs. Clinton to Lady Macbeth and wrote that she has "got dyed blond hair and pouty lips, and a steely blue stare, like a sadistic nurse in a mental hospital." But on Tuesday, Mr. Johnson -- who was born in New York City, spent part of his childhood in Brussels, and speaks French and Russian -- said Britain would become even more outwardly focused under its new government. "I want us to reshape Britain's profile as an even greater global nation," said Mr. Johnson, who wrote a book on Winston Churchill. "A Britain that is more active, more outward facing, more energetic on the world stage than ever before."

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25. Biden, Turnbull agree on closer military ties

The Australian, Brendan Nicholson, 2016 07 20

Sydney - Amid growing concerns about Beijing's assertiveness in the South China Sea, Malcolm Turnbull and US Vice-President Joe Biden have pledged to step up joint military training to deal with "any challenge" in the region. Australia has also agreed to broaden its training commitment in Iraq, to instruct law enforcement officers in counter-terrorism techniques to help them retain areas recaptured from Islamic State and keep order there. Mr Biden said there would be a greater unity between US and Australian forces, stressing "it's important that we stand together". "We also discussed steps Australia and the US are taking so our troops can train more together and increase our interoperability so that we are fully prepared to respond to any challenge -- to any challenge -- in the Pacific with a united front," Mr Biden said after talks with Mr Turnbull in Sydney. The Vice-President used his Australian visit, which concludes today with a speech hosted by Sydney University and the Lowy Institute, to reaffirm the US was a "Pacific power" and in the region to stay. Mr Biden said the US and Australia urged China and The Philippines to abide by the Permanent Court of Arbitration's ruling on the South China Sea.

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26. Dhaka cafe siege: Bangladesh investigates possible Australian link to terror attack (Canada)

ABC (Australia), James C. Bennett, 2016 07 20

Dhaka - Bangladesh authorities investigating this month's deadly terror attack at a Dhaka cafe are now exploring potential foreign links, including one man who had been living in Australia. The whereabouts of the man, named as Abu Terek Mohammad Tajuddin Kausar, are now unknown, but the acknowledgement of possible foreign involvement marks a major development in Bangladesh, which had consistently rejected Islamic State's claim of responsibility. Bangladesh authorities said they were tracking Mr Tajuddin, who is originally from Lakshmipur, south of Dhaka, and has spent time living in Australia, but said they were currently unsure of his whereabouts. The Australian Federal Police were contacted regarding Mr Tajuddin but a spokesperson said the AFP would not comment on intelligence matters. Bangladesh authorities are examining a list of potential militants which also includes suspected IS recruiters. Twenty-

two people, 18 of them foreign nationals, in Dhaka's upmarket Gulshan district on July 1 -- a major escalation in Bangladesh's Islamist violence. Until recent days Bangladeshi authorities had blamed homegrown groups for the attack. Bangladeshi security consultant Shahab Enam Khan said there was now little doubt that means IS was involved. "We are now discovering, and there is now credible evidence that people from here had linkages with ISIS," he said. "This is significant for sure, because the government actually ruled out the possibility of ISIS for some time. But now that there is new evidence ... these particular linkages between the missing boys and the connection with Syria, well there is a possibility of some sort of linkages between the homegrown terrorists as well as with ISIS." Mr Khan said alongside Mr Tajuddin, Bangladesh was also searching for two others who had spent time in Western countries. "One from Canada, and the other one studied in Japan, so you now can see that there is a growing trend and a credible trend that is coming up -- that we have a strong transnational linkage," he said.

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27. Terrorists have rights: Lindt cop

The Australian, Ean Higgins, 2016 07 20

Sydney - The police commander who held off ordering tactical officers to storm the Lindt cafe until after hostage Tori Johnson was killed has told an inquest gunman Man Haron Monis "had the same rights as anyone else", prompting the victim's mother to charge out of the courtroom, calling the officer "an absolute disgrace". Johnson's mother Rosie Connellan and father Ken Johnson made their dramatic departure moments after the commander also described the siege as "high-stakes games" and declined an opportunity to apologise for using the term. The detective chief superintendent's testimony triggered a legal debate about the authority of police to use lethal force against terror suspects in emergency situations. The Lindt siege, in which Johnson and barrister Katrina Dawson were killed, was Australia's biggest domestic terror incident since the rise of Islamic State. Towards the end of the afternoon session yesterday, the police officer, whose name has been suppressed by state coroner Michael Barnes, was being cross-examined by the barrister for the Johnson family, Gabrielle Bashir SC. Ms Bashir was questioning the officer on one of the key issues at the inquest -- why as forward commander he did not order the storming of the cafe after Monis fired a shot in the direction of escaping hostages, in what he - accepted from the start was an ongoing act of terrorism inspired by Islamic State.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

28. Taliban shadow district chief among 27 dead in Helmand airstrikes

Pajhwok Afghan News, Zainullah Stanikzai, 2016 07 20

Lashkargah - At least 27 Taliban, including the group administrative chief of Sangin district, have been killed in security forces airstrikes in southern Helmand province, an official said on Tuesday. Lt. Col. Mohammad Rasoul Zazai, spokesman for 215th Maiwand Military Corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News the airstrikes were conducted late on Monday in Sangin district. He said Maulvi Noor Agha, the Taliban's shadow district chief, and 15 other fighters were killed and as

many wounded in the airstrikes. The insurgents' vehicle was also destroyed, he added. Separately, 11 more rebels were eliminated and a cache of weapons was destroyed in air raids in Gerishk district. Among the dead was Mullah Mir Hamza, the Taliban local council's commission head. But the Taliban claimed to have captured the Sangin district and killed security officials. (Full Report).

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29. US declines to speculate on coup threats

Pakistan Dawn, Anwar Iqbal, 2016 07 20

Washington - The White House has said that it would not like to speculate if Pakistan was next after Turkey to have a military coup and reiterated its desire to continue a productive relationship with the country. The possibility of a military coup in Pakistan was explored at a Washington think-tank this week and it resurfaced at the White House news briefing on Monday afternoon when an Indian journalist referred to this debate and asked if Pakistan was next. "Well, I'm certainly not going to speculate about the political situation in another country. Obviously the United States has an important relationship with Pakistan," said White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest. He said Pakistan and the US did "not agree on everything," but they effectively coordinated on a variety of national security issues that were important to fighting extremists and protecting the citizens in both countries.

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Africa • Afrique

30. Des hommes armés ont attaqué un camp militaire

Le Matin (Maroc), Journaliste maison, 2016 07 19

Camp de Nampala, Mali - Mardi, «des hommes lourdement armés ont attaqué le camp de Nampala», a déclaré à l'AFP un élu de cette localité située à 514 km de la capitale Bamako. Les assaillants «ont actuellement le contrôle du camp, il y a des victimes, mais on n'a pas encore le nombre exact», a indiqué l'élu. Les assaillants sont arrivés à bord de «véhicules très équipés», ont attaqué le camp en faisant de nombreuses victimes, avant d'y mettre le feu et d'en occuper une partie, a ajouté l'habitant. Les attaques jihadistes ont été longtemps concentrées dans le nord du Mali, mais elles se sont étendues à partir de 2015 vers le centre, puis vers le sud du pays. Le centre du Mali est une zone où est basé le Front de libération du Macina (FLM), un groupe apparu début 2015 et dirigé par le prédicateur radical malien Amadou Koufa, un Peul.

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31. Kenya security accused of murder and abduction: report

Agence France-Presse, Staff report, 2016 07 20

Nairobi - Security agencies are killing and abducting men in north-east Kenya who they suspect of links to Islamist extremists, a rights group said Wednesday. Human Rights Watch (HRW)

documented 34 "enforced disappearances" and 11 suspected "extrajudicial killings" over two years in Garissa, Mandera and Wajir counties as part of counterterrorism operations in Kenya's predominately ethnic Somali north-east. "People in northeastern Kenya deserve protection from Al-Shabaab attacks, not further abuse from the authorities," said HRW executive director Ken Roth, adding the cases documented were "just the tip of the iceberg." The report details people taken from their homes by masked, armed men who did not identify themselves, or beaten in the streets, before being driven away in government vehicles. Some of the disappeared were last seen in police or military custody. None has been charged with any crime, nor are their families able to trace them.

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32. South Sudan: Conflict Parties Differ in Opinion over Deploying Regional Force to Protect Juba

Asharq Al-Awsat, Mustafa Sirri, 2016 07 20

London - The political conflict among main parties in the rule about regional forces has aggravated. Each party is adhering to its stance in which the ruling Sudan People's Liberation Movement announced disapproval of any regional force entrance to the country. However, Sudan People's Liberation Movement-in-Opposition emphasized the important role of these forces in protecting Juba and facilitating the return of first vice president Riek Machar. Ruling Sudan People's Liberation Movement, headed by South Sudanese President Salva Kiir, stated in a release that the party refuses entrance of any additional soldier noting that the U.N. forces spread in South Sudan are enough. In the statement, Machar was called for returning to Juba to handle his missions and to implement the peace agreement.

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Americas • Amériques

33. Brazil probes Olympics threats after group backs Islamic State

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 07 20

Brasilia - Brazil's intelligence agency said on Tuesday it was investigating all threats to next month's Rio Olympics after a presumed Brazilian Islamist group pledged allegiance to Islamic State (IS) less than three weeks before the Games. The SITE Intelligence Group that monitors the internet reported that a group calling itself "Ansar al-Khilafah Brazil" said on the Telegram messaging app on Sunday that it followed IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and had promoted IS propaganda in Arabic, English and Portuguese. Brazilian authorities stepped up security measures following the truck massacre in Nice last week, planning security cordons, further roadblocks and the frisking of visitors in Rio de Janeiro for the Olympics. Police and soldiers took part over the weekend in drills near sports facilities and along transport routes. "All threats related to the Rio 2016 Games are being meticulously investigated, particularly those related to terrorism," the Brazilian intelligence agency ABIN said in a statement when asked to comment on the previously unknown group's claim of support for Islamic State. "Many are dismissed and

those that deserve attention are investigated exhaustively," ABIN said. An agency spokeswoman declined to comment on whether the posting by the group presented a credible threat.

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34. WhatsApp Is Briefly Shut Down in Brazil for a Third Time

New York Times, Vinod Sreeharsha, 2016 07 20

Rio de Janeiro - For months, authorities in Brazil have sought access to digital data from WhatsApp to aid in criminal investigations. WhatsApp has repeatedly resisted the requests. On Tuesday, the same clash erupted again, for the third time in less than a year. A Brazilian judge in a state criminal court in Duque de Caxias, in Rio de Janeiro, ordered a nationwide shutdown of WhatsApp after the popular messaging service, which is owned by Facebook, did not turn over user data requested by authorities as part of a criminal investigation. A few hours later, Brazil's Supreme Court overturned the order. Despite the brevity of the episode, the case is part of a broader debate worldwide about when law enforcement officials and governments should have access to the digital data kept by tech companies. Many of the companies, like Apple and Microsoft, have said they are unwilling to turn over such data to authorities because doing so would infringe on the privacy rights of their customers. But authorities have argued that they need the data for security reasons. In Brazil, WhatsApp faced two previous shutdowns -- one last December, and another in May -- for not turning over digital information. Both of those bans were also quickly overturned on appeal by higher court judges. In March, a Facebook executive was briefly taken into custody for refusing to comply with similar orders to turn over information from WhatsApp. In the court ruling on Tuesday that ordered WhatsApp to be shut down, Judge Daniela Barbosa Assumpção de Souza said in a court statement that WhatsApp "cannot be offered to more than 100 million Brazilians without complying with the laws of the country, while failing to comply with judicial orders and obstructing criminal investigations."

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Asia • Asie

35. Bangladesh café attack: Investigators identify new suspects in CCTV footage

Reuters, 2016 07 20

Dhaka - Bangladeshi investigators poring over CCTV footage believe they have spotted four new suspects, including a woman, involved in a bloody attack on a cafe+ in the capital, Dhaka, this month, a senior security official said on Tuesday. Twenty-two people were killed in the attack, most of them foreigners, after five young Bangladeshi men stormed into the restaurant in an upscale part of the capital in an assault claimed by Islamic State. The five men were all killed hours later when security forces battled their way into the cafe to end the siege. Authorities have detained at least two people+ for questioning in connection with the attack and an official from the elite, police-run Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) said accomplices of the attackers might have been detected. In the video, the suspects were seen walking on the pavement and road and a "suspicious" car was also seen on the road.

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36. Bangladesh in Urgent Hunt to Root Out Recruiters for Islamic State (Canada)

New York Times, Ellen Barry, Maher Sattar, 2016 07 20

New Delhi - Bangladesh, reeling from a sudden intensification of terrorism this summer, has begun an urgent search for men suspected of building an Islamic State presence in the country and recruiting young Bangladeshis to fight in Syria and Iraq. Bangladesh's government has maintained that the escalating attacks there were the work of domestic terrorists supported by domestic patrons, and it has dismissed claims of responsibility from groups like the Islamic State and Al Qaeda. But a list of 10 high-value suspects that was released this month, after the harrowing siege of a restaurant in Dhaka, tells another story. The list includes three Bangladeshi expatriates -- longtime residents of Canada, Australia and Japan -- who have long been sought by the police and suspected of setting up training and recruitment pipelines for the Islamic State. A fourth man on the list vanished last year after telling his brother he planned to fight for the Islamic State in Iraq, the police said. The most talked-about of the suspects, Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury, is believed by some analysts to act as a coordinator of the Islamic State's activities in Bangladesh and parts of northeast India. No suspects have been arrested because some operated in countries with stronger legal protections, the police said, and others have disappeared.

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37. Beijing policies driving Chinese Muslims to IS: study

Agence France-Presse, Staff reporter, 2016 07 20

Beijing - Tough religious restrictions on Muslim minorities in China's far west may have driven more than 100 to join the Islamic State group, a US think tank said Wednesday. Beijing has long claimed that IS is recruiting Uighurs from the mainly Muslim region of Xinjiang, and blamed outside forces for fomenting deadly acts of violence there and elsewhere in China that have claimed hundreds of lives. At the same time, authorities have banned or strictly controlled the observance of certain Muslim practices, such as growing beards and fasting during Ramadan, saying they are symbols of "Islamic extremism". Those policies "could be a push factor driving people to leave the country and look elsewhere for a sense of 'belonging'", the Washington, DC-based New America Foundation wrote in a study of leaked registration documents for IS fighters. The findings were based on data from more than 3,500 foreign recruits provided by a defector from the jihadist organisation. Of those, 114 came from Xinjiang, the study says, making it the fifth highest contributor of fighters among the provinces and regions named in the data -- after three areas in Saudi Arabia and one in Tunisia. Overall, recruits were more likely to come from "regions with restive histories and tense local-federal relationships", the report said.

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38. Gov't condemns N. Korea's resumption of encrypted number broadcasting

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 07 20

Seoul - South Korea's government on Wednesday condemned North Korea's resumption of encrypted number broadcasting, a method used in the past to send orders to its spies operating in the country. The Ministry of Unification expressed "deep regret" over the North's latest provocation. Pyongyang on Friday resumed the broadcasting after a 16-year-long hiatus following Seoul's decision a week earlier to deploy an advanced U.S. antimissile system in South Korea by the end of 2017. "We can't speak conclusively about North Korea's hidden intentions behind the broadcasting. But we urge North Korea desist from such outdated practices and seek ways to promote inter-Korean ties," Unification Ministry spokesman Jeong Joon-hee said in a press briefing. The radio broadcast, which seemed to be a book cipher, lasted for 12 minutes, and began at 00:45 a.m. on Friday with a female announcer saying, "Starting now, I will give an assignment to exploration agent No. 27." The announcer then said, "On page 459, number 35, on page 913, number 55, on page 135, number 86, on page 257, number 2," followed by more numbers.

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39. ISIS operatives in India were in touch with Naxalites for terror training: NIA

Press Trust of India, 2016 07 20

New Delhi - ISIS operatives in India had approached Naxalite groups to understand their modus operandi for perpetrating terror and were also planning to buy firearms from them, NIA has said, revealing the sinister plans of the international terrorist outfit. This has been mentioned in the supplementary chargesheet filed by the anti-terror probe agency in a special court here against 16 people, including the absconding main recruiter of ISIS+ in India Shafi Armar, for allegedly indulging in terror-related activities in the country. The NIA has slapped Armar and 15 others+ with charges under various sections of Indian Penal Code, Unlawful (Activities) Prevention Act and Explosive Substances Act. The chargesheet against Armar was filed in a Mumbai court on Monday in a different case related to ISIS. The NIA had registered a case against ISIS on December 9, 2015. The NIA said that the two accused people had turned approvers and have been granted conditional pardon by the trial court.

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40. Pokemon Go could be used to detect secret info, minister warns

Jakarta Post, Marguerite Afra Sapiie, 2016 07 20

Jakarta - Defense Minister Ryamizard Ryacudu has warned players of Pokeman Go that their games may be used to detect the secretive information by foreign countries through smartphone cameras. All media, including augmented reality game Pokemon, are susceptible to being used as surveillance tools since they can detect intelligence information without the awareness of the gamers, the minister said on Monday. "We have to be very careful. [Secretive information] can be leaked through any form of media and channel, including this Pokemon Go game," Ryamizard said on Monday. With the advance of technology, Ryamizard said there were now tools that could overhear people's conversations from a distance of 50 meters, adding that smartphone-based games might have similar abilities.

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41. S. Korea's top brass convenes emergency meeting on N.K. provocations

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 07 20

Seoul - South Korea's military on Wednesday held an emergency meeting of top commanders from all service branches to discuss ways to better deal with North Korea's relentless military provocations, including the latest missile launch, officials said. In the video conference call held at Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), top commanders from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps said they are expecting additional military provocations from the North ahead of the Ulchi-Freedom Guardian (UFG) joint military drills set for August. Seoul and Washington hold the UFG drills annually and use the event to examine the forces' ability to secure security on the Korean Peninsula and maintain joint defense capacities. "North Korea may conduct its fifth nuclear test, and test-fire submarine-launched ballistic missiles and ballistic missiles launched from the ground, taking issue with the annual joint exercise between the two allies," the JCS said in a statement. It said as the South Korean military also expects various forms of provocative acts from the North in the areas near the border that divides the two Koreas, commanders discussed countermeasures and agreed to beef up surveillance and preparations against any military threats from the North.

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42. S. Korean man indicted for trying to enter N. Korea

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 07 20

Seoul - A 54-year-old South Korean man has been indicted on charges of attempting to enter North Korea in violation of the country's security law, prosecutors said Wednesday. The Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office said the suspect, whose identity was withheld, allegedly left for China in September 2013 and sought support from Uriminzokkiri, Pyongyang's main internet-based media and propaganda website, to enter the North. He is also suspected of seeking similar support from the North Korean Embassy in China in October 2013, although the embassy turned him down, prosecutors said. The 54-year-old, who has been claiming that the 2012 presidential election was rigged, allegedly told the North Korean media outlet that he wants to "introduce the details of the irregularities committed during the 18th presidential election through Pyongyang's broadcaster," according to prosecutors.

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43. Terrorist hunt continues

Jakarta Post, Margareth S. Aritonang and Ina Parlina, 2016 07 20

Jakarta - The National Police have gained more confidence in hunting down terrorist groups to the last member, particularly after the death of the country's most-wanted top terrorist leader Santoso. The death of Santoso, the leader of the East Indonesia Mujahidin (MIT) terrorist group, will change the course of counterterrorism efforts in the country because of the inclusion of the Indonesian Military (TNI) in the country's counterterrorism operations. Initial information on the

death of Santoso, aka Abu Wardah, was released to the public on Monday evening after a firefight involving Santoso's group and personnel of Operation Tinombala at Tambarana village in Poso, which ended with two terrorists being shot dead. One of them resembled Santoso. The National Police eventually confirmed on Tuesday that Santoso was one of the two who were shot dead during the firefight. However, the National Police Disaster Victims Identification (DVI) team is still carrying out a DNA test to make sure.

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44. Moscow security chiefs held over links to mobster

London Times, Tom Parfitt, 2016 07 20

London - Russia's Federal Security Service has detained officials at the powerful Investigative Committee for alleged links to the mafia godfather Shakro the Young. The security service said that it had arrested Major General Denis Nikandrov, deputy head the Moscow directorate, along with Mikhail Maksimenko, head of the committee's internal security division, and Mr Maksimenko's deputy, Alexander Lamonov. Service sources said that General Nikandrov was suspected of promising to free Shakro, whose real name is Zakhary Kalashov, for \$1 million. Officers were searching the suspects' homes and places of work. A lawyer for Mr Lamonov said that the detained had men denied doing anything wrong. There was speculation that the detentions could be part of one of the frequent carve-ups between factions of the siloviki -- clans in the military, security services and police vying for power in the Kremlin. President Putin, who promoted General Nikandrov to his post at the end of April, was informed of the purge.

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45. One Russian Security Agency Raids Another, in Rare Sign of Dysfunction

New York Times, Andrew E. Kramer, 2016 07 20

Moscow - Russia's main domestic intelligence service raided the Moscow headquarters of an investigative agency on Tuesday, in a rare sign of dysfunction in the country's domestic security services. The raid, recalling the rivalries and infighting of the immediate post-Soviet period, played out on a main street in the capital, New Arbat, and ended with arrests of three senior prosecutors. Agents of the Federal Security Service, or F.S.B., the main successor to the Soviet K.G.B., searched the offices of the Investigative Committee, the powerful branch of the prosecutor's office that deals with politically hued crimes. The raid was all the more baffling because the two agencies are generally viewed as operating in lock step to repress political dissent, crack down on organized crime and pursue other high-profile cases in the capital. The Investigative Committee's Moscow office, for example, pursued cases against the protest punk band Pussy Riot and the opposition leader Aleksei A. Navalny.

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46. SBU refute Russian security service claims that OSCE SMM translator was their agent
Kyiv Post, Staff report, 2016 07 19

Kyiv - Yuriy Tandit, advisor to the chief of the Ukrainian Security Service (SBU), has refuted the statement recently made by the Russian security agencies that a translator employed with the OSCE Special Monitoring Service (SMM) was an SBU informant. "We do not recruit OSCE employees. Authoritative international organizations confirm our position. We cooperate with the OSCE. It is important for us to implement the Minsk agreements. And the OSCE is here to help us with it," Tandit said in his comment for the online version of Ukrainska Pravda. The Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) alleged on July 18 that an SBU agent employed with the SMM as a translator had acted under instructions given by Ukraine's state security agencies to collect intelligence in Donbas. The informant was exposed and detained in the territory of Russia, the FSB said.

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47. Ukraine fighting threatens to reignite full-scale conflict
Financial Times, Roman Olearchyk, 2016 07 19

Kiev - Ukraine's top military commander promised an "adequate response" after seven Ukrainian soldiers were killed and 14 injured in the past 24 hours in fighting with Russian-backed separatists controlling the country's breakaway far east. The battles mark one of the bloodiest days of fighting this year, as an uptick in the daily shelling and gunfire threatens to reignite full-scale fighting in a smouldering 26-month conflict that has claimed nearly 10,000 lives. The heightened hostilities are also a stark reminder that while last year's internationally brokered peace accord succeeded in reducing the fighting from peak 2014 levels, the so-called Minsk agreements have failed to deliver a lasting ceasefire or progress on reintegrating the war-torn east with the rest of Ukraine. "My soul hurts for each life of our soldiers sacrificed for Ukraine?...?there will be an adequate response," Viktor Muzhenko, the head of Ukraine's armed forces, pledged on Tuesday.

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48. Iran to appoint foreign policy stalwart as new Syria envoy
Now Lebanon, Albin Szakola, 2016 07 20

Beirut - Iran is set to appoint a long-standing foreign policy insider as the country's new ambassador to Syria, according to an outlet close to the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). Mashregh News reported Sunday that Hossein Sheikholeslam--the current foreign policy advisor to Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani--will become the Iranian ambassador to Damascus, a post he previously held from 1998 to 2003. "Iran's Foreign Ministry appointed Sheikholeslam... as a replacement for Mohammad Riza Shibani," MP Javad Karimi-Ghodousi--who serves on the Iranian parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Committee--told the outlet, according to a translation prepared by Erem News. Sheikholeslam has a long history of

Iranian government service after rising to prominence for his role as the person responsible for interrogating US embassy staff detained in Tehran during the 1979-1981 hostage crisis.

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49. Report on secret Iran deal document underlines 'very serious' problem

Jerusalem Post, Yaakov Lappin, 2016 07 20

Jerusalem - A recent report on the Iran nuclear deal sheds light on a highly problematic aspect of the agreement, namely, that the Islamic Republic has been authorized to upgrade its uranium enrichment abilities, a senior Israeli arms expert warned on Tuesday. Emily Landau, head of the Arms Control and Regional Security Program at the Tel Aviv-based Institute for National Security Studies, told The Jerusalem Post that a report by the Associated Press underlined "a big concern - that Iran is allowed to work on research and development of a full range of advanced centrifuge models." According to the report, published by the AP on Monday, a confidential add-on agreement linked to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action [JCPOA, or the Iran nuclear deal], spells out Iranian plans to develop and install a range of new enrichment machines after the first ten years of the agreement pass.

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50. Army Destroys Nusra Posts on Eastern Border amid Report of IS Attack

Naharnet Newsdesk, 2016 07 20

Beirut - Artillery shelling by the Lebanese army on Tuesday destroyed the posts of the Qaida-linked al-Nusra Front in the Wadi al-Kheil and Khirbet Younin areas in the outskirts of the eastern border town of Aarsal, media reports said. Militant vehicles were seen going up in flames after the army used long-range multiple rocket launchers in its bombardment, al-Jadeed TV reported. The shelling of the outskirts of the eastern towns of Aarsal, Ras Baalbek and al-Qaa intensified in the afternoon and the sounds of blasts were echoing across northern Bekaa, state-run National News Agency reported. NBN television meanwhile quoted a military source as saying that the extremist Islamic State group had attacked an army patrol that was planting landmines on the Ras Baalbek-al-Qaa road near the al-Hamra hill. "No casualties among army troops were reported and this is the same road that the suicide bombers used to reach the town of al-Qaa," the source said, adding that "the clashes are still ongoing."

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51. Daesh websites push young Saudis to join terror network

Saudi Gazette, Staff Report, 2016 07 20

Jeddah - Many suspected Saudi militants have subscribed to Daesh ideas of an Islamic caliphate and wanted to participate in jihad in Iraq and Syria but they have not joined the terror group yet, according to Abdul Monem Al-Moshaweh, chairman of Assakeena Campaign. He said some of

these youths have adopted the takfiri ideology, which brands those who do not agree with it as infidels. "They have expressed their desire to contribute toward realizing the Islamic khilafat and to support weak Muslim communities," Al-Moshaweh said. Speaking to Makkah Arabic daily, Al-Moshaweh said many militants joined the terrorist group in order to find out the truth or just to experience the thrill of fighting. "They did not listen to anti-terrorism awareness programs and media campaigns," he pointed out. Al-Moshaweh said terrorist groups have found it easy to recruit young Saudis who subscribe to extremist views and believe in violence through their social networking websites.

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52. Europe eyes Israeli technology for spotting lone-wolf terrorists online

Reuters, 2016 07 20

Tel Aviv - European powers are trying to develop better means for pre-emptively spotting "lone-wolf" militants from their online activities and are looking to Israeli-developed technologies, a senior EU security official said on Tuesday. Last week's truck rampage in France and Monday's axe attack aboard a train in Germany have raised European concern about self-radicalized assailants who have little or no communications with militant groups that could be intercepted by spy agencies. "How do you capture some signs of someone who has no contact with any organization, is just inspired and started expressing some kind of allegiance? I don't know. It's a challenge," EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator Gilles de Kerchove told Reuters on the sidelines of an intelligence conference in Tel Aviv. Internet companies asked to monitor their own platforms' content for material that might flag militants had begged off, De Kerchove said.

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53. Netanyahu vows to respond with 'iron fist' if attacked

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 07 20

Beirut - Premier Benjamin Netanyahu said Tuesday that Israel would respond with an "iron fist" if attacked, in a speech marking 10 years since a devastating conflict with Hezbollah in Lebanon. Netanyahu described the war as "a clash between an extremist terror organization with an Islamist ideology and a free democratic Israel." "We are in a global battle. We are aware of the nature of the threats we face, and are preparing for any scenario," he said at a ceremony at the Mount Herzl military cemetery. "If the quiet is kept, those facing us will enjoy quiet. But if the need arises, we will respond to aggression - and the response will be powerful. Whoever thinks they will find 'spider webs' here will get an iron fist." The 2006 conflict erupted when Israel retaliated for a cross-border raid in which Hezbollah captured two Israeli soldiers and killed three, and quickly spiraled into a fully fledged war. Hezbollah fired thousands of rockets into northern Israel, which carried out strikes across Lebanon.

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54. Saudi Arabia Detains Turkish Military Attaché to Kuwait

Asharq Al-Awsat, Abdul Hadi Habtoor, 2016 07 20

Riyadh - Turkey's military attaché in Kuwait was recently arrested at the King Fahd International Airport in Saudi Arabia on his way to Europe. The attaché, identified as Mikail Gullu, was arrested at an airport in the Saudi city of Dammam as he attempted to board a flight to Germany, reports said. Turkish sources confirmed that Gullu had been successfully turned in to authorities in Turkey, however, no further details were given on his arrival to Ankara, Turkey's capital. The same sources said that Gullu was promised a high-post as a reward should the plotted coup in Turkey prove successful. They added that he was going to be assigned head to the military industrial sector as an incentive for the part he played in the coup. "He was stopped based on a Turkish request and was detained during his attempt to flee over his likely links to the coup in Turkey," sources added. Ankara put the military diplomat on the wanted list for involvement in the organization of a military coup.

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55. US-led strikes 'kill 56 civilians' in Syria

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 07 20

Beirut - At least 56 civilians, including children, were killed in strikes by a US-led coalition on Tuesday near a Syrian village held by ISIL, an opposition monitor said. The civilians had apparently been mistaken for the extremists and were bombed while fleeing fighting in Aleppo province, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. "There are at least 56 dead, including 11 children, and dozens more wounded, including some in critical condition," said Observatory director Rami Abdel Rahman. The monitor says it determines what planes carried out raids according to their type, location, flight patterns and the munitions involved. Asked about the strike near Al Tukhar, the US-led coalition against ISIL said it had "conducted air strikes near Manbij ... recently" and that it was looking into the reports alleging civilian casualties. Al Tukhar lies 14 kilometres north of the town of Manbij, a key ISIL stronghold that has been repeatedly targeted in raids by the US-led coalition.

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56. " Il y a un terrain favorable à la formation des intentions meurtrières "

Le Monde, Guillaume Poingt, 2016 07 20

Grenoble - Le passage à l'acte d'un individu n'est possible que parce qu'il est sensible au message déployé par les organisations terroristes Sebastian Roché, directeur de recherche au CNRS (Pacte/Sciences Po Grenoble/université Grenoble Alpes), a réalisé une vaste étude sur les rapports entre des collégiens et les institutions publiques. Que désigne la préradicalisation et pourquoi vous y être intéressé? La préradicalisation précède l'intention de passer à l'acte. La radicalisation est la phase qui suit et se traduit par un passage à l'acte, ce qui suppose de la

logistique et des complices, ce dont mon étude ne traite pas. La grande question est de savoir si les itinéraires des jeunes qui passent à l'acte sont des itinéraires individuels. Je voulais prendre le contre-pied de la théorie du " loup solitaire " et savoir s'il y a quelque chose dans la société qui prépare les jeunes à accepter un message radical.

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57. « Encore trop de blocages dans le renseignement international »

La Dépêche du Midi (Toulouse), Jean-Pierre Bédéï, 2016 07 20

Damas - Quels sont les ressorts qui ont permis à Daech de devenir une puissance terroriste ? Daech a prospéré en Irak et en Syrie sur la déstabilisation des États. Ce qui lui permet de se proclamer « un proto-état ». Il occupe aujourd'hui un espace Irak-Syrie, et il a une capacité à faire une propagande efficace sur des esprits fragiles en utilisant tous les moyens techniques de communication. On a même affaire à une propagande professionnalisée à travers le Net. Nous avons pu mesurer que Daech connaît parfaitement les ressorts qui guident les démocraties, comment celles-ci peuvent être affaiblies par une violence aveugle. Son but n'est pas de gagner en Syrie, mais de mettre à feu et à sang les démocraties et de casser le vivre-ensemble français par exemple. Malheureusement, après la barbarie de Nice, j'ai entendu des discours très violents de la part de la foule. Quant à certains responsables politiques, ils ont été en dessous de tout car en refusant l'unité nationale, ils sont tombés dans le piège que leur tend Daech. Comment fonctionne la propagande de Daech ? Daech dispose d'un journal que l'on peut consulter sur le Net, traduit en onze langues. La propagande s'appuie sur sept branches médiatiques spécialisées dans la production de contenus visuels, écrits, ou audios. Daech est capable d'adapter son discours sur le fond comme sur la forme au public qu'il vise : à chaque âge, à chaque sexe, à chaque aire géographique correspondent des messages différenciés avec la perspective d'un monde meilleur, idéalisé. Pourquoi la France est-elle devenue la cible privilégiée de Daech ? Parce que la France a un rôle à jouer. Parce que c'est une nation singulière. Parce qu'au travers de son histoire et de son action, elle est la seule capable de parler à tout le monde, à tous ces acteurs de la zone des conflits. Il n'y a pas beaucoup de pays qui ont des liens sur les plans diplomatiques, politiques, et même parfois personnels entre chefs d'État. En même temps, la France doit continuer, en tant que puissance militaire, à faire le travail pour éradiquer Daech. KADER ARIF Député de la Haute- Garonne, rapporteur de la commission d'enquête sur Daech « Les fournisseurs d'accès Internet et de réseaux sociaux ne semblent pas avoir pris la mesure du danger que représente Daech » « La France est la cible privilégiée de Daech car elle est la seule capable de parler à tout le monde ».

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58. Allemagne / Terrorisme - Attaque à la hache: réactions mesurées en Allemagne

Radio France Internationale, Pascal Thibaut, 2016 07 20

Berlin - Les prises de position sont restées prudentes en Allemagne après l'attentat commis par un jeune Afghan dans un train régional en Bavière, lundi 18 juillet au soir. Cette agression a ensuite été revendiquée par l'EI. Les réactions et les commentaires restent mesurés en Allemagne, jusqu'à présent épargnée par le terrorisme islamiste, suite à l'agression commise par

un jeune Afghan dans un train le 18 juillet au soir. Le ministre de l'Intérieur bavarois, un membre du parti conservateur CSU très critique contre la politique migratoire d'Angela Merkel refuse tout amalgame. « On ne peut pas nier qu'il s'agisse d'un réfugié mais nous ne devrions pas en tirer un jugement simpliste sur les réfugiés », a déclaré Joachim Hermann. Bien que l'organisation Etat islamique ait revendiqué pour la première fois un attentat en Allemagne, les autorités se veulent prudentes sur le degré réel de connexion entre l'auteur de l'agression et Daech. Défi de l'intégration Les commentaires dans la presse restent également mesurés. « La contre-stratégie ne consiste pas uniquement à plus de sécuritaire, écrit ainsi un quotidien régional. Il faut tendre la main à ces jeunes avant que l'EI ne le fasse » . Plusieurs autres journaux estiment également que de telles agressions sont difficilement évitables et que le défi principal réside avant tout dans l'intégration des nombreux réfugiés.

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59. Bernard Cazeneuve : « L'état d'urgence ne peut pas être un état permanent »

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 07 20

Nice - Au lendemain de l'attentat de Nice, le ministre de l'intérieur se dit « préoccupé de l'exacerbation de certaines tensions dans la société française ». Mis en cause par la droite et l'extrême droite pour sa gestion de la menace terroriste, Bernard Cazeneuve, le ministre de l'intérieur, répond dans une interview au Monde, et s'en prend à ceux qui, en proposant des « lois d'exception », veulent « s'affranchir de l'Etat de droit ». La droite a immédiatement mis en cause le gouvernement après l'attentat de Nice, survenu le 14 juillet. Y a-t-il eu une faille dans la sécurité ou au niveau des services de renseignement ? A Nice, la polémique a commencé dans les minutes qui ont suivi la commission de l'abject attentat. Des élus ont proféré des accusations et mis en cause les services de l'Etat. Que s'est-il passé ? Un individu, qui n'était pas connu des services de renseignement, qui n'avait jamais été condamné pour des faits en lien avec le terrorisme, est passé à l'acte de manière extrêmement violente. L'enquête en cours tend à montrer qu'il s'est très récemment radicalisé, et qu'il n'avait pas combattu aux côtés de l'organisation Etat islamique [EI] . D'ailleurs, cette dernière n'a pas revendiqué l'organisation de cet acte terroriste mais y a apposé a posteriori son logo. Ceux qui prétendent savoir garantir le risque zéro mentent aux Français. Il est extrêmement difficile de détecter la préparation d'un tel attentat et je veux saluer le courage des policiers et la rapidité de leur intervention.

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60. Bruxelles mesure ses critiques contre Erdogan

Le Monde, Cécile Ducourtieux et Jean-Pierre Stroobants, 2016 07 20

Bruxelles - L'UE s'alarme de la répression après le putsch raté en Turquie, mais ne veut pas braquer son partenaire-clé - Bureau européen - Réunis à Bruxelles lundi 18 juillet, les ministres européens des affaires étrangères devaient se livrer à un exercice périlleux : condamner la tentative de coup d'Etat en Turquie et, en parallèle, mettre en garde le régime du président Recep Tayyip Erdogan quant au respect des libertés. Le tout sans menacer, si possible, l'accord conclu en mars entre Ankara et Bruxelles pour endiguer les flux de migrants débarquant en Grèce. La haute représentante Federica Mogherini pensait avoir trouvé la bonne formule : l'Etat de droit

doit, dit-elle, être protégé « pour le bien de la Turquie », qui espère, officiellement du moins, toujours adhérer à l'Union européenne. Le pays menace cependant de réintroduire la peine de mort, ce qui serait contraire à toutes les valeurs de l'Union et du Conseil de l'Europe, où il siège. Aussi Mme Mogherini fut-elle tenue de rappeler qu' « aucun pays ne peut adhérer à l'UE s'il introduit la peine de mort ». La chancelière allemande, Angela Merkel, avait déjà téléphoné à M. Erdogan pour lui faire passer le même message. Et le ministre français des affaires étrangères, Jean-Marc Ayrault, rappelait que la peine de mort a été officiellement abolie en Turquie en 2004, dans le cadre de la candidature d'Ankara à l'entrée dans l'Union.

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61. Doubt cast on Bavaria axe attacker's nationality

The Local (Germany), Staff report, 2016 07 20

Berlin - German authorities have cast doubt on whether a teenager who went on an axe rampage on a Bavarian train was really an Afghan refugee, saying Wednesday he might have been from Pakistan. The Isis group released a video on Tuesday purportedly featuring the 17-year-old, who was shot dead by police following the train attack in which he injured five people, two of them critically. However, sources close to the German security services now think he might have pretended to be Afghan on arrival in Germany in 2015 in order to have a better chance at securing asylum, television station ZDF reported. In the Isis video the youth uses phrases of a dialect of Pashto spoken in Pakistan and not Afghanistan and experts have indicated that his accent is also clearly Pakistani, ZDF said. A Pakistani document was also found in his room. The name he used in the video, "Mohammed Riyadh", does not match the name under which he registered in Germany, Riaz Kahn, the station added. German authorities said they had authenticated the video.

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62. Erdogan targets more than 50,000 in purge after failed Turkish coup

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 07 20

Istanbul - Turkey vowed to root out allies of the U.S.-based cleric it blames for an abortive coup last week, widening a purge of the army, police and judiciary on Tuesday to universities and schools, the intelligence agency and religious authorities. Around 50,000 soldiers, police, judges, civil servants and teachers have been suspended or detained since the coup attempt, stirring tensions across the country of 80 million which borders Syria's chaos and is a Western ally against Islamic State. "This parallel terrorist organization will no longer be an effective pawn for any country," Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said, referring to what the government has long alleged is a state within a state controlled by followers of Fethullah Gulen. "We will dig them up by their roots," he told parliament. A spokesman for President Tayyip Erdogan said the government was preparing a formal request to the United States for the extradition of Gulen, who Turkey says orchestrated the failed military takeover on Friday in which at least 232 people were killed. U.S. President Barack Obama discussed the status of Gulen in a telephone call with Erdogan on Tuesday, the White House said, urging Ankara to show restraint as it pursues those responsible for the coup attempt.

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63. Germany faces self-radicalization among frustrated young refugees

Deutsche Welle, Staff report, 2016 07 20

Berlin - Few details are known about the attacker who seriously injured four people on a train near Würzburg on Monday night. According to Bavarian Interior Minister Joachim Herrmann, he was a 17-year-old asylum seeker from Afghanistan, who had been living in the Würzburg area since March 2015. Radicalization among refugees is not a new problem. Germany's domestic intelligence agency, the Verfassungsschutz, last year warned that refugees could be targeted by "Salafists" - the agency's term for Muslims who preach an ultra-conservative version of Islam - though in practice many Salafists distance themselves from IS. Julia Reinelt, head of international affairs at the de-radicalization organization the Violence Prevention Network (VPN), agreed that this does happen. "There certainly are recruitment attempts [by Salafists], beyond what the Verfassungsschutz claims," she told DW. Meyer Husamuddin, an imam who works with de-radicalization projects in the town of Wiesbaden, has also noticed that young unaccompanied refugees are vulnerable to radicalization. "Some of them are in a difficult psychological situation because their parents are often still in danger - and then maybe things aren't going so well here," he said. "Then it can happen that one or two of them become a ready victim for those who want to manipulate them." And Husamuddin has also noticed that radical Islamists have "discovered that there are certain people who it's easier to provoke into doing things." "My impression at the moment is that the networks trying to recruit for Daesh are weakened," he added, using the Arabic acronym for IS. "But the fact that they want to [recruit] - I do believe that."

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64. How Monday's train attack by a 17-year-old Afghan could change the German refugee debate

Washington Post, Rick Noack, 2016 07 20

Washington - Germany has so far been spared a large-scale Islamist terrorist attack similar to the ones that have targeted neighboring France and Belgium. But Monday's attack on a German train by a 17-year-old Afghan refugee has brought new fears about radicalized individuals, as more information emerged that the attacker had pledged loyalty to the Islamic State militant group in a video. According to the SITE Intelligence Group, the teenager went on to threaten more Islamic State attacks "in every village, city and airport." The "welcoming culture" that defined Germany last year during the migrant influx has largely disappeared, and Monday's attack could mark another significant development in the country's public debate about refugees. "Anti-immigration and Islamophobic opinions in the German population will grow, and there is a high risk of attacks on refugee centers in the coming weeks and months," said Daniel Koehler, director of Germany's Institute on Radicalization and De-Radicalization Studies and a fellow at George Washington University's Program on Extremism. "The current right-wing populist, extremist and anti-immigration movement will experience another surge in support. They will try to capitalize on this," he said.

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65. Le renseignement face aux « zombies du terrorisme »

Le Point, Christophe Labbé avec Olivia Recasens, 2016 07 20

Paris - Défi. Notre système de renseignement issu de la guerre froide n'est plus adapté à la menace mutante. Daech en a fait son objectif ultime : « Liquidier la zone grise. » Dans la tête des idéologues de l'Etat islamique, la « zone grise », ce sont tous ces Occidentaux de confession musulmane, « indépendants et neutres, qui refusent de rejoindre le califat ». La méthode prônée pour y parvenir est de multiplier sur le sol de l'adversaire les actions destructrices du ciment social. En commettant son massacre un 14 Juillet, jour de fête nationale, Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel a parfaitement répondu aux vœux de l'EI. Réveiller les « zombies du terrorisme » qui dorment chez nous est la dernière étape du plan de Daech pour empoisonner le regard des « Gaulois » sur leurs compatriotes musulmans et amorcer un cycle infernal de défiance afin de liquider au plus vite la « zone grise ».

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66. Le tueur de Nice préparait son passage à l'acte depuis des mois

Le Monde, Soren Seelow, 2016 07 20

Nice - Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel, " fasciné par l'ultraviolence ", s'était intéressé depuis peu à l'islam radical, selon le procureur François Molins Les enquêteurs commencent à y voir un peu plus clair sur la personnalité, les préparatifs et les soutiens logistiques de Mohamed Lahouaiej - Bouhlel, qui a tué 84 personnes à Nice, le 14 juillet. Lundi, le procureur de la République de Paris, François -Molins, est revenu, en conférence de presse, en détail sur les dernières avancées. Le magistrat s'est attardé sur la personnalité trouble du Tunisien, décrit par de nombreux témoins comme " très éloigné des considérations religieuses ", " particulièrement violent à l'égard de son épouse et de ses enfants ", - consommant du porc, de l'alcool et de la drogue, et ayant une " vie sexuelle débridée ". Selon les informations du Monde, plusieurs de ses proches ont rapporté que le tueur avait une sexualité violente à l'égard des femmes, et fréquentait tout autant les hommes. Le tueur était en instance de divorce. Son ex-compagne, sortie sans charge de garde à vue dimanche, a d'ailleurs dû être exfiltrée de son appartement et mise à l'abri avec ses enfants, en raison des menaces qu'elle recevait. " Un intérêt certain et récent "Malgré ce profil en apparence peu compatible avec l'idéologie rigoriste de l'organisation Etat islamique (EI), Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel a donné quelques signes de radicalisation récente. Un témoin a affirmé aux enquêteurs que le tueur avait récemment évoqué l'EI, expliquant qu' " il ne comprenait pas pourquoi Daesh (l'acronyme arabe de l'EI) ne pouvait pas prétendre à un -territoire ".

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67. Radicalisé, un conducteur de VTC cachait des explosifs

Le Figaro, Christophe Cornevin, 2016 07 20

Nice - Deux détonateurs et 400 grammes de dynamite ont été retrouvés au domicile de cet individu visé par une fiche S. Sécurité Au moment où le procureur de la République de Paris a

imputé la tuerie de Nice à un « terrorisme de proximité », l'interpellation dans le Val-de-Marne d'un chauffeur de VTC radicalisé dissimulant de l'explosif à son domicile a pris une résonance singulière. Si la section antiterroriste du parquet de Paris ne s'est pas saisie du dossier au dernier stade des investigations, l'affaire demeure inquiétante. Elle s'est nouée dans la nuit de dimanche à lundi, lors d'un contrôle à Sucy-en-Brie. Vers 2 h 30, un équipage de la brigade anticriminalité (BAC) intercepte un chauffeur VTC pour une infraction routière. À bord du véhicule, où se trouve un passager, les policiers découvrent des passeports et des permis de conduire provenant d'un cambriolage perpétré le 14 juillet sur la commune voisine de Saint-Maur-des-Fossés. Vérifications faites, il s'avère que le chauffeur de VTC affiche un vertigineux palmarès. Fiché S en raison de sa radicalisation religieuse, cet homme de 22 ans est connu pour 26 dossiers dont plusieurs condamnations écopées entre 2011 et 2014 pour trafics de stupéfiants, violences aggravées et atteintes aux biens.

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68. Thousands detained as Turkey vows to smoke out Gülen supporters

The Guardian (London), Kareem Shaheen, 2016 07 20

Ankara - As the dust settled on an attempted coup in Turkey, a crackdown has ensued. Thousands of judges and soldiers have been detained and Turkish officials have vowed to "cleanse" a bureaucracy that they say has entrenched supporters of an exiled cleric, Fethullah Gülen, in positions of power. It is a hunt that the government fully expects the opposition in parliament to stand behind - now that their warnings and enduring paranoia over a coup by Gülenists have, they say, become manifest. But how did it come to this? The Gülenists once found common cause with Recep Tayyip Erdogan, supporting his Justice and Development (AK) party when it was founded on a realist, pro-European and business-friendly platform in the wake of a 1997 coup. They remained allies as Erdogan initiated peace talks with the separatist insurgency of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), and through the liberalisation of the economy and EU accession talks. Gülen's acolytes were allies of Erdogan, partners in purges of the military over the last decade that turned into witch hunts, and ironically lead to the promotion of officers who would later take part in Friday's attempted coup. Gülen's supporters were instrumental in prosecuting two wide-ranging investigations and trials, known Ergenekon and Sledgehammer affairs, targeting "deep state" structures that were accused of planning to remove the AK party from power. "Let me put it this way," said one Turkish government official. "Nobody, I mean nobody, was aware at the time that the Gülen movement had a secret agenda. Let's keep in mind that [in 2007] it was a very different situation, with the armed forces openly threatening to overthrow the government." Since then, the relationship has steadily declined. Both sides accused each other of wanting to consolidate control.

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69. Trois militaires français tués en Libye

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 07 20

Paris - Le ministère de la défense a annoncé, mercredi, que trois sous-officiers français avaient été tués en « service commandé » en Libye. Le ministère de la défense a annoncé, mercredi

20 juillet, que trois militaires français avaient été tués en «service commandé» en Libye. Le ministre de la défense, Jean-Yves LeDrian, a salué «le courage et le dévouement de ces militaires engagés au service de la France, qui accomplissent, tous les jours, des missions dangereuses contre le terrorisme». Les trois militaires sont morts dans un «accident d'hélicoptère» en Libye, où la France mène «des opérations périlleuses de renseignement», a déclaré François Hollande, après l'annonce du décès de ces trois soldats par le ministère de la défense. «La Libye connaît également une instabilité dangereuse. C'est à quelques centaines de kilomètres seulement des côtes européennes. (...) Trois de nos soldats qui étaient justement dans ces opérations viennent de perdre la vie dans le cadre d'un accident d'hélicoptère. Je leur rends hommage aujourd'hui devant vous», a déclaré le chef de l'Etat depuis le Centre national d'entraînement des forces de gendarmerie de Saint-Astier (Dordogne).

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70. Trois militaires français tués en mission en Libye (Défense)

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 07 20

Paris - Trois militaires français ont été tués en Libye, a annoncé mercredi le ministère français de la Défense, confirmant ainsi pour la première fois la présence de soldats français dans ce pays. "Le ministre de la Défense, Jean-Yves Le Drian, déplore la perte de trois sous-officiers français décédés en service commandé en Libye", a annoncé dans un communiqué le ministère, sans plus de précisions. "Il salue le courage et le dévouement de ces militaires engagés au service de la France qui accomplissent, tous les jours, des missions dangereuses contre le terrorisme", ajoute le communiqué. Le ministre adresse ses "condoléances" aux familles et proches des trois militaires et "les assure de la reconnaissance de la Nation". La France admettait jusqu'ici que ses avions militaires survolaient ce pays pour collecter de l'information et du renseignement. Elle n'avait en revanche jamais confirmé la présence de forces spéciales françaises en Libye, évoquée notamment par le quotidien Le Monde.

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71. Turkey government fears second coup attempt as army leaders are purged

The Independent (UK), Patrick Cockburn, 2016 07 20

Istanbul - Turkish leaders are fearful that there may be a second attempt at a military uprising in the country following the failure of the recent coup. Several important military units are confined to their bases and President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been slow to return to Ankara from Istanbul, apparently because the capital has not been deemed completely secure. Fears of a second coup attempt stem from the realisation by the Erdogan administration that the infiltration by pro-coup forces of the senior ranks of the 600,000-strong armed forces and intelligence apparatus went far deeper than originally suspected. Some 85 generals and admirals or almost a quarter of the total of 375 were jailed yesterday by a court, a sign that the government privately believes that the plot involved many more senior officers than the small clique it has publicly claimed was behind the abortive putsch. Other sources suggest that the true figure for generals detained is 125. Arrests at a high level are continuing with Mr Erdogan's advisor on the air force, Lt Col Erkan Krivak, arrested yesterday. Soldiers from the Second Army, which is fighting a

widespread Kurdish rebellion in the south east of the country, have been ordered to stay in their camps in the embattled region. The Second Army commander, General Adem Huduti, is the most senior military commander arrested. The gates into the main base of the 3rd Corps in Istanbul, theoretically part a Nato rapid reaction force, are blocked by municipal dump trucks and heavy vehicles according to eye witnesses. "They are fearing another attempt at a coup," says Asli Aydintasbas of the European Council on Foreign Relations in Istanbul, pointing to the extensive nature of the purge of the senior officer corps and judiciary, a quarter of whose members have been dismissed. Those arrested for secretly backing the original coup include some from Mr Erdogan's inner circle such as Ali Yazici, his military secretary. Soli Ozel, professor of international relations at Kadir Has University in Istanbul and a columnist at Haberturk newspaper, says that "the number of Manchurian Candidates" in the upper ranks of the government is extraordinary - a reference to the film about secret agents and "sleepers" who infiltrated the top political leadership in the US in the 1950s at the height of the Cold War.

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72. Turkey intelligence agency suspends 180 personnel

Yeni Safak (Turkey), 2016 07 20

Ankara--The National Intelligence Organization of Turkey (MIT) has suspended 180 personnel following the foiled coup of July 15, which was aiming at toppling the democratically elected government. MIT personnel were discovered to have been inactive before the discharge. Before MIT, Turkey's Prime Ministry suspended almost 260 personnel, including 257 individuals of 230 clerks, six advisers and two legal advisers. Turkish prime ministry suspends 257 personnel Turkey's Prime Ministry suspended almost 260 personnel on Tuesday amid a nationwide move against those suspected of having links to Friday's military coup attempt which killed hundreds of people. According to premiership sources, the 257 individuals include 230 clerks, six advisers and two legal advisers. Suspensions have also taken place in other top institutions in the country. In a separate operation in Turkey's Religious Affairs Directorate, 492 people were suspended from duty over Friday's attempted coup. The deadly coup attempt occurred late on July 15 when rogue elements of the Turkish military tried to overthrow the country's democratically elected government. At least 208 people, including members of the security forces and civilians, were martyred in Istanbul and Ankara and nearly 1,500 others wounded as they protested against the coup. The government has said the attempted coup was organised by followers of US-based preacher Fethullah Gulen, who is accused of a long-running campaign to overthrow the state through supporters within Turkish institutions, particularly the military, police and judiciary, forming the so-called parallel state.

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73. Turkish intel informed top generals hours before coup attempt, says army

Hurriyet Daily News, Staff report, 2016 07 20

Ankara - Turkey's National Intelligence Organization (MIT) informed the country's top generals hours before the coup attempt was initiated by a group of soldiers within the army on July 15, while Chief of General Staff Gen. Hulusi Akar evaluated the information and issued all

necessary warnings and orders against "this despicable and miserable attempt," according to a statement published on the General Staff's official website on July 19. Beginning the statement by announcing that the attempts of the "terrorist traitors who are members of an illegal gang [the Fethullahist Terrorist Organization - FETÖ] and who have nestled into the Turkish Armed Forces [TSK]" had been suppressed as of July 17 at 4:00 p.m. throughout the country, the General Staff continued by denouncing any relation between this group and the "flag-loving, overwhelming majority" within the army. "The information given by the National Intelligence Organization on July 15, 2016, at around 4:00 p.m. was evaluated at the General Staff headquarters with the attendance of Chief of Staff General Hulusi Akar, Chief of the Army General Salih Zeki Çolak and Deputy Chief of Staff General Yasar Güler," said the statement, elaborating on the precaution orders given regarding the end of mobility of all military vehicles including tanks, planes, helicopters and concerning the return of the ones currently mobilized to posts.

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74. With Coup Crushed, Turkish Leaders Pursue a Rival in the U.S.

New York Times, Tim Arango, Ben Hubbard, 2016 07 20

Istanbul - Turkey's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, says that a mild-mannered Muslim cleric living in self-imposed exile in rural Pennsylvania was pulling the strings of a coup attempt last week that almost succeeded in taking over the state, and killing Mr. Erdogan himself. Now, Mr. Erdogan says that many thousands of Turkish citizens -- soldiers, policemen, bureaucrats, teachers, judges, lawyers and many more professions -- are all part of the cleric's movement and must be punished. Tens of thousands of people have already been arrested or suspended from their jobs in the four days since the coup failed, after a night of violence that plunged the country into chaos. Mr. Erdogan and the cleric, Fethullah Gulen, have been adversaries in recent years, and Turkey has said before that Mr. Gulen must be extradited by the United States. Now, though, Mr. Erdogan appears determined to get him back, a matter that threatens to aggravate relations between the two NATO allies. But who is Mr. Gulen? And is it possible he is behind such a vast conspiracy? James F. Jeffrey, a former American ambassador to Turkey now at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, called the organization a "cultlike" movement, and said no one really had solid information about its size and aims. But many experts on Turkey, Mr. Jeffrey included, say the followers of Mr. Gulen have sought to gain power within Turkey by infiltrating state institutions, most successfully the judiciary and the police. "They are a state within a state," he said. "They have infiltrated many places."

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1. Darktrace repêche un ancien agent du SCRS

Direction informatique (site web), Dominique Lemoine, 2016 07 20

Toronto - Darktrace s'implante au Canada avec l'ouverture d'un bureau à Toronto et nomme à la tête de sa direction au Canada un ancien agent de renseignements au service du Canada (SCRS) et de l'Angleterre (MI5), David Masson. Cette multinationale se spécialise en produits de

cybersécurité pour les entreprises. Elle a été fondée en 2013 à Cambridge en Angleterre et elle serait née d'une collaboration entre des mathématiciens de l'Université Cambridge et d'anciens agents du MI5, le service de renseignement responsable de la sécurité intérieure au Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord. L'approche de Darktrace miserait notamment sur l'apprentissage automatique (ou machine learning en anglais) pour reconnaître le comportement normal d'un utilisateur, d'un réseau ou d'un appareil informatique et pour pouvoir détecter une anomalie de comportement qui trahirait une attaque ou intrusion, plutôt que sur la surveillance d'attaques connues.

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2. How I became a Heritage Front poster girl

The Canadian Jewish News, Elisa Hategan, 2016 07 21

Commentary: "The problem with this country is they don't believe in freedom of speech," Ernst was saying. "I'm just a publisher. I don't condone violence, but if it happens, I don't want to hear about it. What those boys do after they leave the meeting is none of my business." I was sitting in the living room of the world's most notorious Holocaust denier, Ernst Zundel, surrounded by wall-to-wall bookshelves creaking under the weight of Nazi propaganda, revisionist history books and stacks of *Did Six Million Really Die?*, the booklet that had earned him his reputation. Staring down at us from an ornately framed oil painting was Zundel's beloved icon, Adolf Hitler. It was the spring of 1992, and I had just turned 17. Most of my days were spent in Zundel's Carlton Street townhouse cutting newspaper clippings and assisting with office duties. I also ran errands for him - mailed newsletters at the post office, fetched his favourite goose-liver paté from the corner grocery store. He paid me in meals and attention, which I desperately craved. I was born in Romania and came to Canada at age 11, two years before the fall of Nicolae Ceausescu's dictatorship. My parents split up soon after our arrival, and my father returned to Bucharest, where he died shortly after. By age 16, I was transitioning between my abusive mother's house and various group and foster homes. I didn't have any friends and lived in a rough inner-city neighbourhood where other kids picked on me because I didn't fit in. I missed Romania desperately. Droege, in turn, introduced me to his close friend Ernst Zundel, who lived a short five-minute walk from my place and needed help around his fortified townhouse. Being the youngest member of the Heritage Front gave my life purpose and direction. They were my newfound family. I had an ideology now; my anger was whittled into shape. When I was hungry or needed a place to sleep, I could depend on Ernst or Wolfgang to help. Before I met Ernst, I had no animosity toward Jews. But the twisted "facts" that he presented day after day quickly desensitized me to the horrors of the Holocaust. Soon I didn't even believe it happened. The Heritage Front's rapid growth was unparalleled in the history of Canada's far right - within a year, we were filling meeting halls with hundreds of angry skinheads, many of whom were told to infiltrate the Reform party so that "someday we can take over." It would be dangerous to leave - I was 18 now and knew too much for them to let me go easily. And besides, I wanted to do more than just drop out - I wanted to make a difference. I needed to make them pay for what they had done. With the help of anti-racist individuals who had been targeted by the Heritage Front for harassment, I began to spy on the Front. For four long months, I collected information on its leaders' criminal activities and stole Zundel's mailing lists. I signed more than two dozen affidavits and provided police with a list of people who owned illegal guns. Months later, I

testified against Droege and two other Heritage Front members in front of a Human Rights Commission tribunal, which resulted in convictions and jail sentences. These convictions, along with the subsequent revelation that Front co-leader Grant Bristow was an undercover CSIS agent, led to the Heritage Front's dissolution the following year. Note: Elisa Hategan is a Toronto-area freelance writer and social media marketing consultant. She is the author of the memoir *Race Traitor: The True Story of Canadian Intelligence's Greatest Cover-Up*.

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3. Le CSTC avare de détails sur le partage d'information pouvant mener à la torture

La Presse canadienne, Journaliste maison, 2016 07 20

Ottawa - L'agence d'espionnage électronique du Canada refuse de préciser à quelle fréquence elle partage de l'information pouvant mener à la torture d'un individu dans une prison étrangère. Le Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications Canada (CSTC) - qui analyse les menaces de terroristes et espions étrangers - a censuré des documents présentant ces données, même si la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) et le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) ont déjà révélé ces chiffres dans le passé. Cette réticence a poussé Amnistie internationale Canada à affirmer que le CSTC devait faire preuve d'une « plus grande transparence ». Le CSTC a été placé sous les projecteurs ces dernières années en raison des informations coulées par Edward Snowden, l'ancien sous-traitant de l'agence de sécurité nationale américaine (NSA), l'équivalent du CSTC au sud de la frontière. Le Centre fait également partie d'une poignée d'agences canadiennes - incluant la GRC, le SCRS, l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada et la Défense nationale - qui ont le droit de partager des informations avec des partenaires étrangers, même si cela signifie qu'une personne pourrait être torturée par la suite. Le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale, a indiqué plus tôt cette année que les libéraux se pencheraient sur les problèmes liés à cette politique de partage d'information, mise en place par le gouvernement conservateur précédent.

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4. 'Exceedingly exceptional' break for far from 'normal criminal'

London Free Press, Jane Sims, 2016 07 21

London, Ont. - Stephen Solis-Reyes is, by all accounts, exactly what an Ottawa judge who dealt with him said he is: "not the normal criminal." A London judge agreed Wednesday to lift a travel ban imposed on the Heartbleed Hacker, part of his conditional sentence for breaking into the federal tax collector's website in 2014, but not without telling the computer whiz the move is "exceedingly exceptional." It pays to be good and Solis-Reyes - a Western University student serving house arrest for his crime, but now free to go to an elite international computer programming competition in California - is very, very good. "It means a lot, for sure," Solis-Reyes said outside the London courthouse of the judge's decision. "I think he is expecting big things from me. He's expecting what I do in this competition is going to help society and help me in the future." The 21-year old Londoner was convicted in May of four charges - two counts of

mischievous, unauthorized use of a computer and obstructing a police officer - for sending technosavants through the federal government in 2014. That spring, as the income tax-filing deadline neared for Canadians, Canada Revenue Agency's website was breached by someone exploiting the so-called Heartbleed computer bug. About 900 social insurance numbers were stolen and the website had to be shut down, the tax deadline extended by a week and the RCMP began investigating. The Crown ultimately dropped 13 other charges against the Londoner, who maintained he'd broken into the system only to demonstrate its vulnerability.

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5. Canada's push for closer China trade ties hits problems -sources

Reuters, David Ljunggren, 2016 07 21

Ottawa - Canada's push for closer trade ties with China has slowed amid unease with the extent of economic access Beijing is asking for and its human rights record, several sources familiar with the matter said, impeding a top priority for Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Trudeau, whose election win last year was warmly welcomed by Chinese leaders, may also trim plans for a full week visit to China ahead of a G20 summit in September, deciding instead to take a shorter, more symbolic trip with less focus on trade than initially predicted. Trudeau, 44, promised to concentrate on expanding trade with China and India when he took office in November, seeking to help spark a sluggish export sector. But the sources said Ottawa did not fully appreciate how challenging it would be to handle an increasingly assertive China. "Nothing substantive is going to happen quickly," said one person close to the matter. "This is a process that will take a decade." Trudeau is popular in Beijing, which favorably recalls his father Pierre Trudeau, who established diplomatic relations with China in 1970 while he was prime minister. China has tried hard to woo Trudeau, who was the guest of honor at a special Chinese reception in Ottawa in January which featured rare photos of his father in the Chinese capital. The Liberals want to energize an anemic export sector they say is overly dependent on the United States, which took 78 percent of all Canadian goods shipped abroad in May - the highest proportion for almost a decade. Canada ran its two biggest trade deficits ever in April and May of this year. Bilateral trade with China in 2015 totaled just C\$85.3 billion (\$65.1 billion), with Canada running a C\$45.9 billion deficit, according to Statistics Canada. By contrast, 2015 two-way trade with the United States was C\$651.7 billion. China's embassy in Ottawa said it was unable to respond to requests for comment in time. The office of Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland said Canada and China "see this as a long-term relationship" and the two sides were "building a deep foundation and technical knowledge of one another". In 2012, concerns about China gaining undue influence prompted the former Conservative government to ban foreign state-owned enterprises from taking majority stakes in oil sands firms. The Conservatives were also very critical of China's human rights record and opinion polls at the time showed most Canadians were nervous about closer relations with China, a trend that has continued.

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6. Canada concerned about Turkish emergency state, possible death penalty comeback

Canadian Press, Mike Blanchfield, 2016 07 21

Ottawa - Canada has expressed sharp concerns over Turkey's imposition of a three-month state of emergency and reports that it may reintroduce the death penalty in response to last week's botched coup attempt. "Canada supports a democratic Turkey and respects the need for thorough investigations and prosecutions against the perpetrators of the recent attempted coup," Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion said in a statement released Wednesday night. "This must be done in accordance with Turkish and international law. Given this imperative, Canada is concerned by the state of emergency declared by President Erdogan today." Dion also said Canada is equally troubled by reports of the firings and detentions of tens of thousands of people, including members of the judiciary, public servants, teachers, academics, members of civil society and the media. But he said Canada is "especially concerned" about reports Turkey might bring back the death penalty, which it abolished 12 years ago. "The death penalty undermines human dignity and is incompatible with Turkey's international obligations. Canada urges Turkey to comply fully with its relevant obligations under international human rights law," Dion said. Erdogan has mused about reinstating the death penalty, which Turkey abolished in 2004 as a step toward joining the European Union.

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7. Canada to take part in Iraqi city of Mosul's liberation from ISIS with field hospital

CBC News, Staff reporter, 2016 07 21

The United States and France appear on the verge of taking a more active role in liberating Iraq's second largest city from the Islamic State, and Canada will support the effort by deploying an army field hospital and medical staff, Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan said Wednesday. A French government spokesman has said allied nations are preparing for a co-ordinated strike on Mosul, which extremists have turned into a stronghold in the nearly two years since they overran the region. At an air force base near Washington, U.S. Defence Secretary Ash Carter is hosting a meeting of countries, including Canada, who are taking part in the war against the Islamic State. They are planning the next phase of the campaign in conjunction with the Iraqi government. Sajjan says Canada will add an extra medical unit to its current special forces training and assistance mission. "There were gaps that needed to be filled in the coalition and one of them was the medical facility," Sajjan told CBC News in an interview. The Role 2 hospital has limited bed space, but will be able to provide emergency care and evacuation for casualties coming back from the fight for Mosul. He said the decision involves up to 60 personnel, but it will not mean an increase to the overall size of the Canadian deployment in Iraq. As part of the reboot of the mission in February, the government also beefed up its intelligence gathering capability, notably with greater involvement of the country's electronic eavesdropping service, the Communications Security Establishment. It also reportedly deployed specialists from the military's 21st Electronic Warfare Regiment, which intercepts and decodes enemy transmissions. Sajjan, who visited Iraq after the NATO summit in early July, said the capability is "paying off in a tremendous way."

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8. Cannon: the bipartisan diplomat

Globe and Mail, Daniel Leblanc, 2016 07 21

Ottawa - In the months leading up to last year's election, Conservative organizers in Quebec held their breath as Lawrence Cannon mulled a return to politics. The former minister would have had to quit his job as Canada's ambassador to France, but there were signs he was willing to provide a much-needed boost to the Conservative campaign in the province. His wife and their two children returned to live in Canada around that time, and the Conservatives were running high in the polls in the Quebec City area, where a winnable riding was his for the taking. Instead, Mr. Cannon gambled and decided to stay in Paris. He quickly ingratiated himself to the new Liberal government, surviving this week's purge of a number of Conservative appointees in Canada's diplomatic ranks. He now gets to finish his fifth year in France. A Liberal official said the government wants to make it clear that "having had a career in another party is not a death sentence." Shortly after he was sworn in last November, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was accompanied by Mr. Cannon as he went to the Élysée Palace for an official visit with French President François Hollande. Mr. Trudeau was impressed by his ambassador's performance, and the feedback he received in Paris and Ottawa was unanimously favourable. "The Prime Minister wants to reprofessionalize the diplomatic service," the senior Liberal source said. "Lawrence is doing a good job over there and the Prime Minister has decided that he will finish his term."

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9. Colis suspect à Passeport Canada

Le Droit, 2016 07 21

Gatineau--Un colis suspect a forcé l'évacuation de l'immeuble de Passeport Canada à Gatineau pendant une bonne partie de la journée de mercredi. Par mesure préventive, tous les employés ont été forcés de quitter l'édifice de la rue de Varennes, vers 9 h 40, tandis qu'un périmètre de sécurité de plus de 100 mètres a été mis en place. Des experts du Centre de soutien opérationnel de la Sûreté du Québec ont été appelés en renfort. Le groupe d'intervention est arrivé sur les lieux vers 13 h 30 pour faire la vérification du colis suspect.

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10. Defeating Islamic State will not end terrorism: Dion

Globe and Mail, Paul Koring, 2016 07 21

Defeating the Islamic State in the proto-caliphate it has ruthlessly carved out of Iraq and Syria won't end extremist terrorism, Foreign Minister Stéphane Dion said on Wednesday as Canada co-hosted a multinational conference aimed at raising \$2-billion (U.S.) to rebuild Iraqi cities devastated by the military campaign. "We need to make the basic distinction between Daesh and the problem we have with terrorism inspired by radical and false interpretation of Islamism," Mr. Dion said, referring to the Islamic State by its Arabic acronym. "Daesh pretends to be a state. They try to conquer villages, towns, cities, and they do it in Iraq, in Syria, in Libya. We are confident that we'll get rid of that. It will be difficult, but we are making progress." But the minister warned: "Once it's done, terrorism is still there. Daesh as an organization is likely to survive that, and you have alQaeda, Boko Haram. So we'll need to continue to work very hard, all together, with our police, intelligence services and deradicalization efforts, and we'll continue to fight." Canada, which co-hosted the fundraising conference in Washington, pledged \$200-

million (Canadian) - or about 10 per cent of the target - even before the daylong gathering got under way.

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11. État d'urgence en Turquie: le ministre canadien Dion est inquiet de la situation

Presse canadienne, 2016 07 21

Ottawa--Le ministre canadien des Affaires étrangères, Stéphane Dion, a fait part mercredi soir de sa préoccupation de la décision du président de la Turquie, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, de décréter l'état d'urgence dans son pays. Le communiqué qu'a écrit le ministre Dion mentionne que le Canada appuie une Turquie démocratique et respecte le besoin d'enquêtes approfondies et de poursuites contre les auteurs de la récente tentative de coup d'État. Il rappelle toutefois que ce travail doit être mené conformément à la législation turque et au droit international. Le gouvernement du Canada, ajoute-t-il, est aussi préoccupé par les informations qui rapportent qu'ont eu lieu des dizaines de milliers de licenciements et de détentions, y compris de membres de la magistrature, de fonctionnaires, d'enseignants, d'universitaires, de membres de la société civile et de représentants des médias.

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12. New Brunswick city feeling the pressure of public servants' pay problems

Globe and Mail, Michelle Zilio, 2016 07 21

The acting mayor of the small Maritime city at the centre of the public service pay fiasco has a message for the more than 80,000 federal government workers who have not been paid properly: It is not our fault. "In the community, there's a level of discomfort because of the intense scrutiny," Adam Lordon, acting mayor of Miramichi, N.B., told The Globe and Mail on Wednesday. The coastal city of about 18,000 people is home to the federal government's main centre for its new pay system, Phoenix, which has made headlines for failing to compensate more than 80,000 public servants properly. Mr. Lordon asked frustrated public servants to remember that the pay centre staff in Miramichi are working as hard as they can to address their concerns. Mr. Lordon said the pay centre has been a "life saver" for the city, which suffered job losses in recent years when pulp-and-paper mills in the area closed. He said he is working to ensure that Miramichi does not get blamed for the problems, which would have unfolded regardless of the central pay system's location. In cities such as Miramichi, residents voice their concerns directly to their local political leaders.

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13. New pay pal for the PS

Ottawa Citizen, 2016 07 21

Editorial: Give the prime minister credit for this much, at least: he knows he can't respond to the public-service pay fiasco by simply blaming the former government of Stephen Harper. Instead, amid news this week that as many as 80,000 public servants haven't received proper paycheques,

and hundreds more have gone months without being paid at all, and, oh, by the way, there was a massive privacy breach that could end in lawsuits or worse, Justin Trudeau addressed the crisis directly. "We are working right away on helping the most vulnerable while we make sure that the system functions for everyone," he said Wednesday. "It's something I have engaged in personally and tasked the Clerk of the Privy Council to oversee." Good. But lest the PM show himself to be one of those who believes words are the same things as actions, he needs to get results, fast. By now, public servants know this sorry saga well: The then-Conservative government decided, for political reasons, to shift the government pay centre to Miramichi. Few compensation staff were willing to move there. Still, pay services for 46 departments were transferred to Miramichi, N.B., in 2015. Next came the Phoenix pay system, which went live in February. And pay services for dozens more departments were transferred east. A shaky pay system, high volumes of work at a new facility and incomplete training - they created compensation carnage. Public Services Minister Judy Foote quickly pledged to hire 100 skilled people for a "satellite" pay centre in Gatineau to help out, but the government has had trouble recruiting them.

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14. PM promises to fix Phoenix

Ottawa Citizen, Jason Fekete, 2016 07 21

Gatineau - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is trumpeting the new Canada Child Benefit that just landed in parents' bank accounts across the country, but the government's inability to properly pay tens of thousands of federal workers is proving to be a costly distraction for the Liberals. Speaking at a news conference in Gatineau Wednesday to highlight the CCB payments that have started flowing, Trudeau promised to fix problems with the Phoenix pay system that have resulted in more than 80,000 public servants not being paid what they are owed. The problems have also extended to members of Parliament, some of whom quietly acknowledge they have not been paid in recent weeks. Federal officials apologized this week for continuing issues with the new pay system, but admit it could take months to completely fix the problem. Trudeau said the government is taking the situation "very seriously" and he is personally getting involved. He said he has asked Privy Council Clerk Michael Wernick to oversee getting the Phoenix system functioning properly and that everyone is paid what they are owed. "We are working right away on helping the most vulnerable, while we make sure that the system functions for everyone, and it's something that I have engaged in personally and tasked the clerk of the Privy Council to oversee. We are making sure that this situation gets fixed for the families who are needing our help," Trudeau said. "We are taking this very, very seriously and ensuring that people get the support and the pay that they are owed."

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15. PM urges Turkey to respect rule of law

Globe and Mail, Laura Stone, 2016 07 21

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says those who have been arrested in connection with the attempted coup d'etat in Turkey should be able to defend themselves in a "robust and legitimate process" in that country. Mr. Trudeau's concerns, which he says Canada has raised with the

Turkish government, come after the arrests of thousands of allegedly pro-coup soldiers and police officers following the failed putsch to overthrow President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government last Friday. About 60,000 others have been purged from positions in the military, police, civil service, schools and universities. Mr. Erdogan on Wednesday declared a three-month state of emergency and has also said he will consider public demands to reinstate the death penalty. "Coup d'etats are never a good thing," Mr. Trudeau said on Wednesday. "But at the same time, we are concerned that the democratic institutions, Turkey's constitution, are respected; that the rule of law continues," he added, in response to questions from reporters. "We need assurances that all those who have been arrested in connection to this coup d'etat will have the chance to defend themselves in a robust and legitimate process, and those are the concerns we have underlined with Turkey," Mr. Trudeau said.

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16. Post-ISIL challenges come into focus as Canada attends Washington meeting

Canadian Press, Lee Berthiaume, 2016 07 21

Ottawa - With a military victory over the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant in sight, Canada and its allies are turning their attention to what comes next _ keeping Iraq together and stopping the spread of terror. Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion and Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan were in Washington on Wednesday, where they and representatives from dozens of other countries heard that the fight against ISIL was going better than expected. A second day of meetings is scheduled for Thursday. U.S. officials said the militant group's forces had squeezed into the Iraqi city of Mosul and its Syrian stronghold, Raqqa. Preparations are currently underway to liberate Mosul, and while the effort isn't expected to be easy, success would eliminate the last real vestige of ISIL presence in Iraq. Sajjan, who said Canada will deploy up to 60 military personnel to a hospital in northern Iraq, wouldn't say how long he expects the fighting to last. But he did describe the pending battles for Mosul and Raqqa as the "final push" in the military campaign.

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17. Trudeau calls Phoenix pay problem an 'unacceptable situation'

CBC News, Staff reporter, 2016 07 21

Ottawa - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says the ongoing problem with the Phoenix pay system that has affected tens of thousands of government workers "is an unacceptable situation" inherited from the former Conservative government. "This is an unacceptable situation and we are trying to fix it," Trudeau said in French during an interview Wednesday morning with Radio-Canada's François Cormier and Martine Defoy. "We inherited the system from the previous government," he added, echoing last week's words from Scott Brison, president of the Treasury Board, who told CBC News the Liberals "inherited a mess from the Harper government," which "let the system deteriorate." While the new system was spearheaded under the previous Conservative government, it rolled out in phases under the Trudeau government's watch earlier this year in spite of a warning from the largest union representing federal public servants. The Public Service Alliance of Canada said thousands of its members experienced problems during

the first phase of the rollout, which began in late February, and in April the union warned the Liberals not to move ahead with the second phase.

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18. Turquie - État d'urgence dans un climat totalitaire

Le Devoir, Philippe Orfali, 2016 07 21

Montréal--En déclarant l'état d'urgence sans crier gare et en sommant des centaines d'universitaires de rentrer au pays sous peine de représailles, la Turquie s'est engagée dans une trajectoire aussi inquiétante qu'imprévisible mercredi. La purge se poursuit au pays de Recep Tayyip Erdogan, cinq jours après le coup d'État raté. Arrestations, suspensions, destitutions... Le coup de balai d'Ankara touche plus de 58 000 personnes, enseignants, policiers, juges, généraux et journalistes. Neuf mille d'entre eux ont été emprisonnés. Le président turc a annoncé tard mercredi " l'instauration de l'état d'urgence pour trois mois ", au bout d'une rencontre de cinq heures du Conseil de sécurité national, lui permettant d'imposer un couvre-feu et de restreindre le droit de manifester, et celui de circuler dans certains secteurs. Le ministre des Affaires étrangères du Canada, Stéphane Dion, s'est dit lui aussi " préoccupé " par les actions d'Ankara, appelant la Turquie à respecter les droits élémentaires des milliers de personnes qui auraient été arrêtées sans motifs, et de mettre fin à " des actes troublants de rétribution et d'intimidation ". Dans les universités montréalaises également, la crise politique turque se fait sentir. Elles sont nombreuses à accueillir des dizaines d'étudiants d'origine turque chaque année. La répression annoncée étonne.

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19. As U.S. and allies close in on Mosul, it's what comes after that stokes worry (Canada)

Washington Post, Dan Lamothe, 2016 07 21

Joint Base Andrews, Md. - As leaders from across the U.S.-led coalition against the Islamic State group meet in Washington this week, they are increasingly facing a crucial question: How will the coalition help the Iraqi government put the city of Mosul back together after it is taken back from the militants? The city of some 2 million people has been the de facto capital of the Islamic State in Iraq for more than two years. Coalition-backed Iraqi troops have been fighting on Mosul's outskirts for weeks as they seek to eventually retake it, but officials have yet to address what would happen after the city is retaken - issues such as how civilians will be cared for, how neighborhoods will be rebuilt and how improvised explosives sown across the city will be found and rendered harmless. Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter said that the "biggest strategic concern" raised at a meeting of coalition defense ministers here Wednesday was that stabilization and efforts to bring governance to Mosul do not lag compared with the military campaign. The issue came up as Gen. Joseph L. Votel, the chief of U.S. Central Command, laid out what the next steps in the fight against the Islamic State will be, Carter said. "Most of our conversation today was not, in fact, about the movements of forces, because that was planned a long time ago. And that's going fine," Carter said Wednesday. "Most of our conversations today was ... about

what happens after the defeat of ISIL in Mosul. Stabilization plans, reconstruction plans and so forth. And we're identifying the requirements there, which are large because, as General Votel indicated, it's a large city." The comments came as Secretary of State John F. Kerry joined with leaders from Canada, Germany, Japan and the Netherlands in a conference in Washington devoted to drumming up money to rebuild Iraq. Kerry said that \$2 billion already has been promised and will be put toward humanitarian aid, de-mining, immediate stabilization and longer-term recovery.

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20. CIA Chief Hedges When Asked if U.S. Saw Turkey Coup Coming

Wall Street Journal, Damian Paletta, 2016 07 20

McLean Va. - Central Intelligence Agency Director John Brennan said intelligence officials were well aware of strains within Turkey and sizable opposition to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, but he wouldn't say whether they foresaw an attempted coup last week. Mr. Brennan, speaking Tuesday evening to an audience at the Intelligence and National Security Alliance, described the setting U.S. officials were in Friday night when the attempted coup was unfolding. "The first thing you do when you have a situation like that is you try to ascertain the facts, and a lot of time...it's very very difficult because a lot of information is coming in and it is hard to distinguish between rumors," he said. He was interviewed at the event by Jennifer Sims, a former State Department official and intelligence expert. She then asked "Did we see it coming?" Mr. Brennan, said, "We..." and then laughed awkwardly before continuing.

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21. Detainee in Cuba is cleared for release (Canada)

Washington Post, Adam Goldman, Julie Tate, 2016 07 21

Washington - Mohamedou Ould Slahi, one of the most controversial and colorful prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and the author of a best-selling memoir about his time there, has been cleared for release from the military facility, U.S. officials announced Wednesday. Slahi, 45, who was born in Mauritania, had appeared before a parole-style review board June 2 that recommended his transfer. In making its decision, the board said it considered the detainee's "highly compliant behavior in detention." There also were "clear indications of a change in the detainee's mind-set." "I am just thrilled that he is finally cleared again and the government of Mauritania has said it welcomes him home," said Nancy Hollander, one of Slahi's attorneys. The prison has 76 detainees, and 31 of them have been approved for transfer. In November 1999, Slahi moved to Canada. The next month, Canadian authorities questioned him about Ahmed Ressam, who was arrested with explosives while trying to cross the U.S.-Canada border. Ressam, an Algerian, was convicted of attempting to bomb Los Angeles International Airport and sentenced to 37 years.

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22. Donald Trump Sets Conditions for Defending NATO Allies Against Attack (Canada)

New York Times, David E. Sanger, Maggie Haberman, 2016 07 21

Cleveland - Donald J. Trump, on the eve of accepting the Republican nomination for president, said Wednesday that if he were elected, he would not pressure Turkey or other authoritarian allies about conducting purges of their political adversaries or cracking down on civil liberties. The United States, he said, has to "fix our own mess" before trying to alter the behavior of other nations. "I don't think we have a right to lecture," Mr. Trump said in a wide-ranging interview in his suite in a downtown hotel here while keeping an eye on television broadcasts from the Republican National Convention. "Look at what is happening in our country," he said. "How are we going to lecture when people are shooting policemen in cold blood?" During a 45-minute conversation, he explicitly raised new questions about his commitment to automatically defend NATO allies if they are attacked, saying he would first look at their contributions to the alliance. Mr. Trump re-emphasized the hard-line nationalist approach that has marked his improbable candidacy, describing how he would force allies to shoulder defense costs that the United States has borne for decades, cancel longstanding treaties he views as unfavorable, and redefine what it means to be a partner of the United States. He said the rest of the world would learn to adjust to his approach. "I would prefer to be able to continue" existing agreements, he said, but only if allies stopped taking advantage of what he called an era of American largess that was no longer affordable. Giving a preview of his address to the convention on Thursday night, he said that he would press the theme of "America First," his rallying cry for the past four months, and that he was prepared to scrap the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada if he could not negotiate radically better terms. He even called into question whether, as president, he would automatically extend the security guarantees that give the 28 members of NATO the assurance that the full force of the United States military has their back.

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23. Lawmakers push TSA to strengthen Amtrak passenger security

The Hill, Melanie Zanona, 2016 07 20

Washington - A pair of House lawmakers is backing a bill that would prod the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) into implementing all the requirements of a decade-old law aimed at addressing terror threats on Amtrak. The legislation was crafted in response to a recent watchdog report that found the TSA has "limited regulatory oversight processes" to strengthen passenger security at Amtrak, because the agency has not complied with all of the recommendations mandated by Congress following the 9/11 terrorist attacks. "Right now, three key 9/11 Act passenger rail requirements still remain incomplete," Reps. Daniel Lipinski (D-Ill.) and Barbara Comstock (R-Va.) said in a statement. "With ever-growing security concerns across the nation, our bill directs the TSA to develop a process to follow through on these important security provisions."

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24. Nationalist group disavows killer (Canada)

Los Angeles Times, Jaweed Kaleem, Jenny Jarvie, 2016 07 21

Los Angeles - It was 7 a.m on Monday when Fredrix Washington got a call from a cousin with some news: Washington's photo was on television in a segment about the shooting deaths of three Baton Rouge, La., police officers. "Do we know Gavin Long?" the cousin asked. "Was he part of the empire?" Gavin Eugene Long was the killer. The empire was the Washitaw Nation, an "indigenous" black group that claims ownership over vast swaths of the United States and Canada and of which Washington is a top leader. In May 2015 in Jackson County, Mo., Long filed court papers declaring allegiance to the group, which has been monitored by the FBI and tied to sovereign citizen movements. "I don't even want to say his name," Washington said Tuesday in an interview from his apartment in San Pedro. "He's not one of us."

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25. Obama's Support of Erdogan Is Stark Reminder of Turkey's Value to U.S.

New York Times, Mark Landler, 2016 07 21

Washington - It's hard to remember today that to President Obama, Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey once embodied a new kind of Muslim leader. Mr. Obama regarded him as "a man of principle, and also a man of action," Tom Donilon, the president's former national security adviser, said in 2011. But when Mr. Erdogan began tilting in the direction of authoritarianism, ascending from prime minister to president and setting out to transform Turkey from a parliamentary democracy into a one-man system built around him, their once-intense relationship deteriorated. His frequent phone calls with Mr. Obama ended, and Mr. Erdogan has observed that they rarely speak anymore. On Tuesday morning, the phone calls resumed. Mr. Obama called Mr. Erdogan to deliver what a senior administration official described as a "shout-out" for his resilience in the face of a failed coup attempt, and to express relief that the Turkish president and his family were safe. Mr. Obama's supportive words, even in the face of a state of emergency that Mr. Erdogan declared on Wednesday and a crackdown that extended to banning every academic in the country from traveling abroad, testified to the stark reality the White House confronts with Turkey. Mr. Erdogan may now be a bitter disappointment to the president, but he is still better than any other option -- and, like it or not, remains a linchpin in the campaign against the Islamic State and in a host of other critical issues. For Mr. Obama, as for many of his predecessors, it is a familiar accommodation, struggling to square values and interests in the chaotic landscape of the Middle East. In Egypt, for example, the United States has tolerated a repressive military government in an effort to preserve another crucial alliance in the region.

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26. The FBI cleared Orlando killer in 2014; here's why

Los Angeles Times, Del Quentin Wilber, 2016 07 21

Washington - The veteran FBI agent and the local sheriff's deputy took no chances when they got a credible tip about a potential terrorist. In a joint operation, they ran his name through a maze of federal criminal and terrorism databases and scrutinized his telephone records for suspicious contacts. Without a warrant, they couldn't read his emails or listen to his calls. But they watched him from unmarked vehicles to track his daily routine and to see whom he met. They deployed two confidential informants more than a dozen times to secretly record his

conversations. They interviewed him twice and persuaded him to provide a written statement -- in which he admitted he had lied to agents. In the end, after a counter- terrorism investigation that stretched from May 2013 to March 2014, the agent and his supervisor concluded that Omar Mateen was not a threat and closed the case. "We don't have a crystal ball, unfortunately," said a senior FBI official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the case remains under investigation. "We went right up to the edge of what we could do legally, and there was just nothing there."

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27. U.S. targets growing threat of al-Nusra

Washington Post, Karen DeYoung, Adam Goldman, 2016 07 21

Washington - The Obama administration has begun to see Jabhat al- Nusra, al-Qaeda's affiliate in Syria, as a global threat that could eventually rival the Islamic State, echoing a Russian argument that it has long resisted. A new U.S. proposal to coordinate counterterrorism operations in Syria with Russia, discussed by President Obama last week with President Vladimir Putin, is partly designed to stop Moscow's Syrian government ally from bombing civilians and U.S.- backed moderate opposition forces. But stopping al-Nusra, which has been one of the main beneficiaries of the ongoing Syrian civil conflict, appears to have become an almost equally important goal. The proposed deal would start with coordinated U.S. and Russian strikes against al-Nusra. The group's capacity is growing, and it is "the largest al-Qaeda affiliate now in the world," Brett McGurk, the administration's envoy to the global coalition against the Islamic State, said this week. Nicholas Rasmussen, director of the National Counterterrorism Center, told Congress last week that senior al-Qaeda leaders are increasingly migrating to a "growing safe haven in Syria." Some have come from Pakistan and Yemen, where the group has suffered losses, while others may be among those recently released from years of detention in Iran.

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28. US intel bulletin warns of persistent threat from 'Western female violent extremists'

Fox News, Matthew Dean, 2016 07 20

Washington - The U.S. intelligence community is warning law enforcement agencies around the country of persistent terror threats posed by radicalized Western women. In a Joint Intelligence Bulletin - or JIB - distributed Tuesday and obtained by Fox News, the FBI, Department of Homeland Security, and National Counterterrorism Center note a "continued trend of Western female violent extremists... engaging or attempting to engage in plotting against targets in the West, including their home countries." The information was circulated after a review of recent arrests, as well as observations made following successful and disrupted plots. The agencies find that extremist-sympathizing Western women "are likely to continue" to follow persistent calls by terror groups like ISIS and Al Qaeda to plot and/or carry out lone wolf-style terror attacks in their home countries or other Western nations. Additionally, FBI, DHS and NCTC warn of the women's potential role in carrying digital surveillance of potential targets over the Internet through a practice known as "doxing." Doxing leverages publicly available information on the web to plot attacks against specific individuals or locations.

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29. US sanctions three Iran-based al Qaeda leaders

The Hill, Sylvan Lee, 2016 07 20

Washington - Three senior members of al Qaeda based in Iran have been sanctioned by the Treasury Department for channeling money into the terrorist organization, officials announced Wednesday. Faisal Jassim Mohammed Al-Amri Al-Khalidi, Yisra Muhammad Ibrahim Bayumi and Abu Bakr Muhammad Muhammad Ghumayn were classified as "Specially Designated Global Terrorists." That designation freezes any of their U.S.-based assets and blocks U.S. citizens from engaging in financial transactions with them. "Today's action sanctions senior [al Qaeda] operatives responsible for moving money and weapons across the Middle East," said Adam Szubin, acting under secretary for terrorism and financial intelligence. "Treasury remains committed to targeting [al Qaeda's] terrorist activity and denying [al Qaeda] and its critical support networks access to the international financial system."

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30. Britain targeted with more than 100 terror attacks in just ONE YEAR amid fears over rise in extremism across Europe

Daily Mail (UK), James Tapsfield, 2016 07 20

London - Some 103 terror attacks were carried out, planned, or foiled in Britain last year, a report has revealed. The figure for the UK was the highest in the EU, with six member states reporting 211 in total, according to Europol. Some 151 people died and more than 360 were injured as a result of terrorism - with the vast majority of fatalities in France, which was hit by the Charlie Hebdo and Paris atrocities in 2015. The figures - which have emerged less than a week after the deadly truck attack in Nice - are significantly higher than in 2014, when four people were killed and six wounded. The EU law enforcement agency's latest Terrorism Situation And Trend Report said the total number of terrorist incidents across the EU in 2015 slightly increased compared with 2014, when there were 201.

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31. Chemical plants and water supply are terrorist targets

London Times, Fiona Hamilton, 2016 07 21

London - Chemical plants are becoming a "target of choice" for terrorists who may also try to contaminate water supplies or infiltrate nuclear sites, according to Europe's law enforcement agency. The threat posed by Islamic State will only get worse, Europol warned, as it revealed that the number of jihadist attacks across the continent had more than quadrupled in a year. The agency's annual terrorism trends report said that Syrian asylum-seekers could be targets for swift radicalisation by Isis recruiters and that a new generation of fighters was being raised in the so-called caliphate. Rob Wainwright, director of Europol, said the threat was "reinforced" by

European Isis fighters who have returned. Chemical plants are becoming a "target of choice by terrorist groups", the report said, and biological toxins such as abrin and ricin had been bought using bitcoin on the dark web. "The phenomenon of individuals travelling for terrorist purposes to conflict zones increases the risk that expertise in the use of chemical weapons can be transferred to the European Union by returning foreign terrorist fighters," the report said.

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32. MI5 monitored protesters at RAF bases in the 1980s

The Independent (UK), Gavin Gordon, 2016 07 21

London - Peace protesters demonstrating against the deployment of US nuclear missiles at British air bases in the 1980s were kept under close watch by MI5, newly released government papers suggest. Files released by the National Archives in Kew, west London, indicate that peace camps set up around the bases involved were monitored by the security service for evidence of infiltration by "subversive organisations". They include a letter from a senior MI5 officer, JL Jones, to No 10 after Downing Street raised concerns about the activities of protesters who had established two camps at RAF Molesworth in Cambridgeshire, where some of the missiles were stationed. Writing in February 1985, Mr Jones said that the camps - known as the Rainbow Fields Village and the People's Peace Camp - were made up of "floating groups of Quakers and peace and ecology campaigners". "Although individual members of subversive organisations have from time to time been involved with both camps, neither owes its foundation or its continued existence to the support of any subversive group," he wrote.

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33. Teenager crashed world computer networks and sent Twitter bomb threats 'to be cool'

London Daily Telegraph, Martin Evans, 2016 07 21

London - A teenage computer hacker, who shut down government networks across the world and sent bomb threats to US airlines, has been spared jail. The 16-year-old, from Plympton in Devon, began targeting the systems of organisations and states he disagreed with when he was just 14. Using a laptop computer in his bedroom, the schoolboy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, caused chaos targeting Iraq's ministry of foreign affairs, the department of agriculture in Thailand and China's security ministry. He also crashed computers in the Japanese town of Taiji, where an annual dolphin hunt takes place, and the Sea-World theme park in Florida. He was arrested after using Twitter to send bomb hoaxes to American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and even the White House, telling them: "There's a nice tick-tick in one of those lovely Boeing planes. Hurry gentlemen, the clock is ticking. High quality." District Judge Diane Baker, sitting at Plymouth Youth Court, told the boy: "I think you got carried away by the fact you thought you were cool, you thought you were clever. You didn't think of what truly happens in the real world if you do these things. I don't think there would be any positive outcome for you going into a youth detention centre. I think it would destroy you." Addressing the court, the teenager said: "I just want to say that I am really sorry for everything that I have done. I didn't really know how serious it was. I am sorry to my family." He was convicted of three offences under the Computer Misuse Act and two under the Criminal Law Act, for the bomb hoaxes. He was given a two-year

youth rehabilitation order and a two-year supervision order and told to attend 120 hours' reparation and two courses.

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34. Attack fears as man 'drives car packed with gas cylinders into car park before setting himself on fire' near Sydney

The Sun (Australia), Danny Collins, 2016 07 21

Sydney - A man has driven a car packed with gas cylinders into a Sydney police station - in what police believe was a failed terrorist attack. Local media has reported that the man later set himself on fire in the car park of Merrylands police station after the vehicle failed to detonate. Aussie police have apprehended the suspect, who has not yet been identified. He is reported to have suffered burns but no one else was injured during the incident. Firefighters and police are currently on the scene in the suburb, 15 kilometres west of Sydney. Local streets were blocked off as armed officers scoured the area with police dogs. A Sydney Police statement read: "The man was arrested by officers about 8pm. "The perimeter remains in place as a precaution while officers from the Rescue and Bomb Disposal Unit attend and examine the vehicle. "No members of the public or police were injured during the operation." The incident comes just a week after a suspected ISIS-inspired terrorist drove a 19-tonne truck along Nice's promenade on Bastille Day, killing 84. (Full report)

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35. Australia link in Bangladesh terror attack (Canada)

The Australian, Mark Schliebs and Greg Bearup, 2016 07 21

Sydney - Bangladesh is investigating the possibility that a man who studied at the University of NSW, and then lived in Sydney with his Australian wife and young child, may have links to a deadly attack in a Dhaka cafe early this month. Twenty hostages, two police officers and six militants were killed in the attack when men with bombs and guns burst into the Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka on July 1. They began firing indiscriminately and detonated several bombs. Eighteen of those killed were foreigners. It marked a steep escalation in violence in Bangladesh where Islamist militants have murdered secular bloggers, academics and non- Muslims. The New York Times reported that a list of "high value suspects" was released which contained long-time residents of Canada, Japan and Australia, "who have long been sought and suspected of setting up training and recruitment pipelines for Islamic State". The name Abu Terek Mohammad Tajuddin Kausar was on that list. Dhaka journalist Maher Satter said he spoke to Mr Tajuddin's mother, Tahera Begum, who said that her son has been living in Australia for many years after moved here in 2006. "He would return occasionally to see his family but the last time he returned was in 2013. After that they started to lose touch," Satter said.

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36. Hostage had to die before we went in

The Australian, Ean Higgins, 2016 07 21

Sydney - The police commander in charge at the bloody end of the Lindt cafe siege has conceded his fear of seeing hostages and his own officers blown up by Islamic State-inspired gunman Man Haron Monis meant he would never have ordered police to storm the venue unless a hostage was killed. The officer also agreed, under questioning at a Sydney inquest by NSW State Coroner Michael Barnes, that it took too long for him to assemble information to enable him to decide whether to launch an assault after Monis fired a shot towards escaping hostages. "The buck stops with me, Your Honour," he said yesterday. The officer agreed he was made aware almost immediately that Monis had fired his first shot, in the general direction of the escaping hostages but high, at 2.03am on December 16, 2014. But he said he had been "flying blind" in trying to work out what happened, and did not receive critical bits of information, such as that after the escape, Monis ordered hostage Tori Johnson to his knees, and soon after fired a second shot, before the third shot that killed the cafe manager.

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37. Sydney man Renas Lelikan denied bail over alleged links to PKK terror group

ABC (Australia), Staff reporters, 2016 07 21

Sydney - A Sydney man who made headlines last year after the Australian Government refused him a passport on national security grounds has been formally denied bail over terrorism charges. Kurdish journalist Renas Lelikan, 38, was charged with being a member of a listed terrorist organisation - the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), after being arrested on Wednesday. Being a member of the PKK carries a maximum penalty of 10 years' imprisonment. Lelikan was due to appear in Parramatta Local Court via video link on Thursday, however was instead represented by his lawyer. Bail was not applied for and was formally refused, with his lawyer telling the court Lelikan intends to apply for bail next week. The prosecution requested the case be adjourned for two months, saying over 2,000 emails and pictures had been seized during raids on homes in North Sydney and Dee Why, and needed to be translated from Turkish into English.

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38. Terror-linked Sydney rioter kept in jail

Australian Associated Press, Toby Mann, 2016 07 21

Sydney - An allegedly radicalised Sydney rioter whose brother died fighting for ISIS and who also has links to dead terrorist Khaled Sharrouf will be kept behind bars, despite being granted parole. Ahmed Elomar was last week granted parole after serving three years of his maximum four-year- and-eight-month sentence for bashing a police officer during the 2012 riots at Sydney's Hyde Park. But the state government was convinced to lodge an appeal after considering a submission from the Commissioner of Corrective Services NSW, who opposed the 33-year-old's release, Minister for Corrections David Elliot said on Wednesday. Fears he has been radicalised and worries about the community's safety were at the centre of the government's opposition to his release, which was heard in the NSW Supreme Court on Thursday. The

barrister representing the minister, Lester Fernandez SC, told the court Elomar had links to Australian terrorist Khaled Sharrouf through his uncle Mohamed Elomar. He also had photographs of his brother, who is also named Mohamed and allegedly died while fighting overseas for ISIS, the court heard.

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39. Analysts Call On Govt To Target Insurgents' Funding Sources

TOLO News, Karim Amini, 2016 07 21

Kabul - Amid a surge in Taliban insurgency, a number of military and political analysts Wednesday pressed the Afghan government to enforce stricter measures to curb the funding sources of Taliban operatives and other terrorist organizations active in the country. They said that the Taliban finance their war machine through illicit drug smuggling and a range of other illicit dealings in their strongholds. "Afghanistan's surveillance and intelligence organs should work together at a district level to tackle the issue and to find out who really provides financial support to them (insurgents)," said military analyst Mirza Mohammad Yarmand. Reacting to experts' suggestions, meanwhile, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) has also confirmed that Taliban insurgents generate substantial revenue through illicit drug trafficking and a range of other illegal activities.

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40. Leader of group that called for coup in Pakistan arrested

Gulf News, Mohsin Ali, 2016 07 21

Islamabad - The head of a little-known political group that earlier this month put up billboards in major Pakistani cities, calling on the army chief to take over control, was arrested on Wednesday, according to media reports. Mian Kamran, chairman of the 'Move on Pakistan' party, was taken into custody in a predawn police raid on charges of vilifying armed forces and trying to foment disorder, a private television channel said. The channel said Kamran was picked up from a 'guesthouse', or mini hotel, where he was staying in Islamabad. A case had been registered against him at police stations in Lahore and Faisalabad cities in Punjab province and in Islamabad. A police detail from Lahore arrested him. The banners, which bore pictures of army chief General Raheel Sharif, had drawn strong reaction from mainstream political parties of the country. Some politicians termed it a conspiracy against the democratically elected government while others accused the ruling party of being behind the campaign.

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41. Two militants 'involved in killing of Ahmedis, Shias' shot dead in Karachi

Pakistan Dawn, Imtiaz Ali, 2016 07 21

Karachi - The Counter-Terrorism Department police on Wednesday claimed to have killed two militants linked with the Al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) and Lashkar-i-Jhangvi who were involved in targeted killing of members the Ahmedi and Shia communities. Acting on a tip-off, police and intelligence agency personnel conducted a raid in Shah Latif Town off the National Highway and killed Ashraf Jono and Shoukat Sardar, alias Usman, said SSP CTD-II Junaid Ahmed Shaikh. The Sindh government had announced Rs1.5 million for their arrest, he added. Ashraf Jono was involved in killing Ahmedis/Qadianis, he claimed. They killed five Shias from 2010 to 2014. They were "close associates" of the held chief of the banned LJ in Karachi, Naeem Bukhari. The killed militants were also 'suspects' in the killing of CTD SSP Chaudhry Aslam. Their network consisted of 21 members, added the SSP.

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42. Kenyan Police Deny Any Involvement in Abductions After Report

Bloomberg News, Samuel Gebre, 2016 07 21

Nairobi - Kenya's police denied any involvement in the disappearances of at least 34 people that Human Rights Watch said were abducted in counter-terrorism operations over the past two years. The multi-agency raids arrested people allegedly suspected of links to Somali militant organization al-Shabaab, the New York-based group said Wednesday in a report. Months later, those seized haven't been charged with any crimes, nor located, while the bodies of at least 11 other people arrested by state agents were later found, it said. "From where we are sitting, no police is involved," police spokesman Charles Owino said late Wednesday by phone. "There is no government policy to kill extra-judicially. We live in a country where there are laws. Let an independent body carry out an investigation."

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43. Le Haut-commissaire aux droits de l'homme en visite au pays

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 07 20

Kinshasa, RDC - En visite en RDC depuis le 17 juillet, le Haut-commissaire des Nations unies aux droits de l'homme, Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, est arrivé à Kinshasa mardi 19 juillet après avoir séjourné à Goma et Bukavu. Au cours de sa visite au Sud-Kivu, il a notamment rencontré des autorités provinciales, le Docteur Denis Mukwege ainsi que des femmes victimes des violences sexuelles à l'hôpital de Panzi. « Ceci est mon premier déplacement pour le Sud-Kivu ici à Bukavu. J'ai eu des entretiens très fructueux avec le docteur Mukwege à l'hôpital Panzi et à la fondation. J'ai rencontré des victimes des violations des droits de l'homme », a-t-il déclaré. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein a avoué avoir fait des rencontres « très émouvantes ». « J'attends avec impatience de discuter dans les prochains jours de toutes les questions concernant les droits de l'homme en RDC avec les hautes autorités à Kinshasa », a fait savoir le Haut-commissaire aux droits de l'homme. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein a promis de s'exprimer sur la situation des droits de l'homme en RDC à la fin de sa visite au cours d'une conférence de presse. A l'occasion de cette visite, Amnesty International a demandé au Haut-commissaire des Nations unies aux droits de

l'homme de lancer des appels aux autorités de la RDC notamment pour la libération des détenus politiques, la réforme des services de renseignement et la protection des civils.

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44. Libyan forces locked in fierce fight with Islamic State in Sirte

Washington Post, Missy Ryan, 2016 07 21

Washington - Forces loyal to Libya's fragile unity government are laying siege to Islamic State militants in the city of Sirte, a senior official said Wednesday, as fighters from the group's strongest affiliate put up stiff resistance to a Western-backed offensive there. The extremists, who took over the coastal city last year, are now holed up in a conference center in central Sirte after forces aligned with the unity government in Tripoli reclaimed other areas of the city in recent weeks, said Mohamed Taher Siyala, the government's foreign minister. About 250 members of the pro-government forces have been killed, and more than 1,000 wounded, Siyala said. He did not have figures for militant losses but said some had been arrested and others were thought to have fled to the south. Government-aligned fighters have had trouble advancing farther because militants have sown the area with booby traps and bombs, and the opposing forces, who are mostly part-time or militia fighters, lack skills and equipment required to disarm them. "We are patient," Siyala said. "We are trying to cut electricity, to cut food."

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45. UN fears IS in Libya could relocate from Sirte

Agence France-Presse, Staff report, 2016 07 20

The United Nations - United Nations (United States) (AFP) - UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon warned that Islamic State fighters could set up new cells across Libya and north Africa as they are driven from their stronghold of Sirte. Ban on Monday outlined the threat from foreign terrorist fighters (FTF) in Libya in a confidential report to the Security Council, obtained by AFP. "The recent pressure against ISIL in Libya could lead its members, including FTFs, to relocate and regroup in smaller and geographically dispersed cells throughout Libya and in neighboring countries," Ban said in the report. The defeat of IS fighters in Sirte "appears to be a distinct possibility", leading many to flee south as well as west, to Tunisia.

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46. 3 Convicted Over Rallies in Hong Kong

New York Times, Alan Wong, Michael Forsythe, 2016 07 21

Hong Kong - Three leaders of Hong Kong's massive student-led demonstrations in 2014 were found guilty on Thursday of charges stemming from their roles in events that set off 79 days of defiant street protests for free elections in the self-governing Chinese territory. Joshua Wong, 19, the bespectacled public face of the demonstrations, was found guilty of unlawful assembly, as was a fellow student leader, Alex Chow, 25. Nathan Law, 23, who is seeking to win a seat in Hong Kong's legislature in the September elections, was found guilty of inciting people to take part in an assembly, a charge on which Mr. Wong was acquitted. The judge, June Cheung, released the three men on bail until their sentencing, which is set for Aug. 15. They face a maximum of two years in prison although the ultimate punishment may be considerably lighter; the judge is seeking a report from probation officers on whether community service might be a suitable alternative. The charges stemmed from actions on the night of Sept. 26, 2014, when the trio led a group of students to break into a recently fenced-in square in front of the headquarters of the Hong Kong government.

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47. Le chef djihadiste le plus recherché d'Indonésie a été tué

Le Monde, Bruno Philip, 2016 07 21

Sulawesi - La mort de Santoso réduit encore un peu plus la force de frappe du groupe extrémiste des Moudjahidine de l'Est indonésien, affilié à l'EI L'opération " Tinombala " a réussi : lancée en mars à Sulawesi (les îles Célèbes) par les forces spéciales indonésiennes, elle avait pour but d'éliminer le chef djihadiste le plus recherché de l'archipel. C'est chose faite depuis lundi 18 juillet, après que Syaikh Abu Wardah Santoso a été abattu par les hommes de la force spéciale " Alpha 29 " au nord de cette grosse île de l'Indonésie. Le dernier combat de Santoso, 39 ans, a eu lieu dans son île natale, dans le département de Poso - une région considérée comme l'un des principaux bastions du djihadisme indonésien. Après une journée d'incertitude quant à l'identité du " moudjahid " tué, le ministre de la sécurité Luhut Pandjaitan l'a confirmée mardi devant la presse. " Je peux vous confirmer que Santoso a été abattu. Nous avons également tué - un autre djihadiste - , il s'agit d'un certain Muchtar " , a déclaré le ministre. Selon M. Pandjaitan, la mort de Santoso vient encore un peu plus réduire la force de frappe des Moudjahidine de l'Est indonésien (MIT), le groupe extrémiste qu'il avait fondé et qui avait fait allégeance à l'organisation Etat islamique (EI) en 2014. " Ils n'ont désormais plus que 19 combattants qui se cachent dans les montagnes du centre de Sulawesi " , a-t-il affirmé.

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48. Malaysia's counter-terrorism efforts draw India's attention

The Star Online, Zulkifli Abdul Rahman, 2016 07 21

Kuala Lumpur - Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has shown serious interest in Malaysia's moderation agenda and its counter-terrorism efforts, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi. During his 45-minute meeting with Modi on Tuesday, he said Modi asked extensively about Malaysia's de-radicalisation module, anti-terrorism legislation and welfare of Muslims. Modi told him Malaysia had vast experience in combating terrorism and extremism, and he wanted to know more about terrorism preventive laws such as the Prevention of

Terrorism Act (Pota) 2015 and the Special Measures Against Terrorism in Foreign Countries Act 2015. "I explained to him that such laws are not punitive legislation, but are more preventive in nature. "He told me that despite being a smaller nation, Malaysia had contributed much to counter-terrorism efforts at the international level.

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49. NIA seeks assistance of six countries in ISIS case probe (Canada).

Press Trust of India, 2016 07 21

New Delhi - The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has sought assistance from six countries, including the US, UAE and Canada, in its ongoing investigation against various suspected ISIS operatives and their terror activities in the country. The probe agency disclosed this in its charge sheet filed before District Judge Amar Nath against 16 suspected ISIS operatives, arrested from across the country allegedly on the charges of recruiting and financing people to join the terror group. The agency claimed that these accused were trying to "advance the cause of ISIS and establish Caliphate in India". It also alleged that they were seeking assistance from Maoist groups and had also planned to use forests of Telangana as hideout. It claimed that the ISIS cadres had received financial assistance through hawala transactions for purpose of organising meeting, travel expenses, recruitment and training to carryout the subversive activities of ISIS in India.

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50. Park defends THAAD deployment plan again

Yonhap News Agency, Song Sang-ho, 2016 07 21

Seoul - President Park Geun-hye on Thursday defended the recent decision by Seoul and Washington to deploy an advanced U.S. antimissile system here, stressing she won't bow to "criticism and resistance" to protect the nation. Presiding over a session of the National Security Council, Park vowed to devise "all necessary measures" to protect the nation from North Korea's persistent military threats, ordering her government to be fully ready to "strongly retaliate" if provoked. The NSC meeting was convened two days after Pyongyang launched three ballistic missiles in an apparent protest against the allies' decision to deploy a Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) battery to South Korea's southern county of Seongju. "The government has made the decision to deploy THAAD as it judged that the deployment was the best way to protect the nation and the people from North Korea's threats," Park said, pointing out that there are continuing calls from some politicians and citizens to scrap the plan. "If there is any other way -- other than the deployment of THAAD -- to protect our people from North Korea's possible missile attacks, (those against THAAD should) make a proposal," the commander-in-chief added.

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51. U.S., S. Korea building new paradigm of cooperation: Lippert

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 07 21

Seoul - The top U.S. diplomat in South Korea said Thursday that bilateral cooperation between Seoul and Washington is "enduring," adding that the two allies are building a "new paradigm of cooperation." Mark Lippert, the U.S. ambassador, noted that cooperation on the so-called New Frontiers including space, cyber and health would bring benefits not just to bilateral ties but also to the Asia-Pacific region as a whole. "We are working together to make a real difference in our bilateral relationship and in the global community. And a key feature of this cooperation is that it is enduring. It will survive. And it will thrive," he told a forum held in Seoul. "We are transforming our alliance. Our two countries are building a new paradigm of cooperation," he added. He emphasized the new frontiers of cooperation that U.S. President Barack Obama and South Korean President Park Geun-hye agreed to work on together in a summit held in October last year. They include such areas as space, cyber, health, energy and the environment. Lippert said that those areas represent "critical" issues for the 21st century that cover both challenges and opportunities, which cannot be tackled or enjoyed by a single country. He said that it requires deep cooperation and collaboration.

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52. Whither terrorism in Bangladesh? (Canada)

Dhaka Tribune, Faiz Sobhan, 2016 07 21

Oped: After the terrorist attack on Holey Artisan Bakery on July 1, the country and the residents of Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara, sometimes referred to as the 'tri-state area', is still reeling from the shock. The law enforcement and intelligence agencies find themselves in a race against time and are undoubtedly working overtime to unearth any plots and find the perpetrators before they strike again. The authorities have gained some important information from one of the attackers involved in the Kishoreganj attack and are following up other leads. The Holey Bakery attack points to an escalation by IS members in Bangladesh to take their operations to the next level. Shaykh Abu Ibrahim al-Hanif is suspected of being Bangladeshi- Canadian Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury. He has a Bachelors degree graduate in chemistry from the University of Windsor, Ontario and around thirty years of age. There are reports that he left Canada for Bangladesh around 2013 or 2014 but not much else is known about him.

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53. EU and US to investigate shock murder of Ukraine journalist

EU Observer, Andrew Rettman, 2016 07 21

Brussels - EU and US experts are to take part in the investigation of a murder of a prominent journalist in Ukraine for the sake of transparency, Ukrainian authorities have said. The international participants were invited on the order of Ukrainian president Petro Poroshenko on Wednesday (20 July), shortly after a car bomb killed Pavel Sheremet, an award-winning investigative reporter, in Kiev city centre. Khatiya Dekanoidze, the head of Ukraine's national police, later told press she had already met with forensic experts from the US Federal Bureau of Investigation to create a special task force. The killing caused shock in Ukraine and immediately

reverberated in Brussels and in Washington. The EU foreign service said "a swift and transparent investigation must be carried out to bring those responsible for this crime to justice". A spokesman for the US State Department voiced "support of a full and impartial investigation that will bring those responsible to justice".

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54. High-flying Russian spies banished to Siberia as punishment for 'indecent' graduation stunt where they paraded through Moscow which revealed their identities

Daily Mail (UK), Multiple reporters, 2016 07 21

London - Dozens of high-flying trainee Russian spies have been banished to the Siberian wilderness after taking part in 'indecent' graduation that compromised their identities. The agents staged a brash cavalcade of black Mercedes Gelandewagens through Moscow streets in a mafia-style show of strength to mark their graduation from the FSB Academy. They were given the choice of quitting the country's elite security service or being stationed in Chukotka or Kamchatka, and almost all of them picked the second option. Both locations are more than eight hours flying time from Moscow. A spy source said: 'It was important for the FSB leadership to teach their graduates a lesson for such a provocative behaviour.'

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55. Tensions raised after journalist is killed in Ukraine car bomb attack

The Independent (UK), Natalia Zinets, 2016 07 21

Kiev - An award-winning journalist working for the online investigative website Ukrainska Pravda was killed by a car bomb in central Kiev early yesterday morning, in what Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said was an attempt to destabilise the country. Pavel Sheremet, a Belarussian known for his criticism of his home country's leadership and his friendship with the slain Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov, was driving to work in the car of the website's owner when it was blown up. The killing was a throwback to the days of violence against journalists that Ukraine, under a pro-Western leadership since the 2014 Maidan protests, hoped to have shed. "It seems to me this was done with one aim in mind - to destabilise the situation in the country, possibly ahead of further events," Mr Poroshenko said in televised comments. He has asked experts from the US Federal Bureau of Investigation to join the murder investigation in the interests of "maximum transparency". Earlier, senior Interior Ministry officials said they could not rule out Russian involvement in the murder. In Moscow, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said: "The murder of a Russian citizen and journalist in Ukraine is a very serious cause for concern."

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56. Ukraine, Canada will sign agreement on cooperation in security soon - ambassador

Kyiv Post, Staff report, 2016 07 20

Kyiv - Ukraine and Canada will soon sign an agreement on cooperation in the field of security, Ukrainian Ambassador to Canada Andriy Shevchenko has stated. "We hope in the next few months we will sign a security cooperation agreement. This is an agreement on cooperation between the defense ministries of Ukraine and Canada. Work on the text has been actually completed, we are at the finish line, the text is ready to be signed," he said in an exclusive interview with Interfax-Ukraine. According to the ambassador, this is a framework document to be filled with concrete areas of cooperation. "Also, our officers are trained at Canadian military colleges, which is very important because they learn to think together with Canadians, with their NATO partners in the same way. We hope we will work with Canadian military men in the Black Sea, because a very ambitious program for the Black Sea was planned at the NATO summit," he added.

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57. Iran Vows Fast Enrichment Growth If N. Deal Dropped

Fars News Agency, 2016 07 21

Tehran - Iran's nuclear chief warned that the country still enjoys the needed capabilities to resume uranium enrichment operations at even higher capacity than before the Vienna Agreement with the world powers if the US-led parties continue to disrespect the nuclear deal. "We can go to better conditions compared with the past as quickly as possible," Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Ali Akbar Salehi said in a televised interview on Wednesday. "Of course, this will happen if the other side violates the nuclear deal and this violation will be confirmed by the board (in Iran) which supervises (implementation of) the nuclear deal," he added. Salehi expressed regret that the western officials have uttered contradictory words on Iran's nuclear deal with the world powers in recent months, calling them as a new plot. "Certain EU members speak to strengthen the nuclear deal and some others make unjustified remarks," he added.

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58. Security Forces Smash Terrorist Cell in Southeastern Iran

Fars News Agency, 2016 07 21

Tehran - The Iranian security forces dismantled a terrorist cell in the Southeastern province of Sistan and Balouchestan, an informed source said on Wednesday. "Members of a team which sought to carry out sabotage acts and blow up different places in Khash were identified and arrested," the source said. In the same region last month, the Iranian security forces arrested a member of Ansar al-Forqan terrorist group. "During the Law Enforcement Police's clashes with members of a terrorist group in Khash in the last (Iranian) month (of Khordad - mid June), several people were killed but one of them was arrested alive and his confessions showed that these people were members of Ansar al-Forqan terrorist grouplet," said Mohammad Marziyeh, the general-prosecutor of Zahedan city. A senior Iranian police commander announced on June

13 that the country's Law Enforcement troops have dismantled a terrorist cell in Sistan and Balouchestan province after killing five of them in fierce clashes.

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59. Captive Hizbullah Fighter Appears in Nusra Front Video

Naharnet Newsdesk, 2016 07 21

Beirut - A captive Lebanese Hizbullah fighter has appeared in a video released by al-Nusra Front, al-Qaida's Syria branch, a monitor said on Wednesday. "The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights has received a copy of a video showing regime forces and allied fighters who were captured days ago at the al-Safa checkpoint in the outskirts of Rankous in the western Qalamoun region," the Observatory said. The video shows four captives, including the Lebanese Hizbullah fighter, knowing that fourteen combatants were apprehended by al-Nusra, the monitor added. The Observatory did not mention the name of the Hizbullah captive in its statement. In the video, the captives urge the Syrian army and its allies not to enter the towns of Hureira and Ifra in Wadi Barada or else the hostages would be "killed." Experts say Hizbullah has lost 1,000 to 2,000 fighters in the conflict, including senior commanders.

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60. Kerry Warns of Rising Challenges in Securing Iraq Post ISIS Riddance

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 07 21

Washington - U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, in an announcement made on Wednesday, said that the battlefield momentum in Iraq and Syria has shifted against ISIS but the international community must now also confront the challenge of stabilizing newly liberated areas. "The momentum has shifted," Kerry told an international conference to raise funds for Iraq. "The new challenge that we face is securing and aiding for the recovery of a liberated area." The Anbar Salvation Council had reported in June a series of violations and sectarian-fueled assaults. Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF) militias were accused of carrying out the crimes after the city was made ISIS-free. Vice President to the Anbar Salvation Council and head of the governorate security committee Faleh al-Issawi had told Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper that eye witnesses informed the council of several crimes and violations PMF militants staged against a number of different civilian Fallujah neighborhoods.

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61. Lawyer for Iran spies accused of sedition

Saudi Gazette, Mansour Al-Shihri, 2016 07 21

Riyadh - A lawyer defending 32 people facing trial on charges of spying for Iran was himself accused of committing legal excesses that include inciting hostility against the Kingdom by foreign countries. According to informed sources, the lawyer, who was not identified, violated a

royal decree that incriminates support for extremist religious ideology. The lawyer was part of the legal team chosen by the accused to defend them in court. The defendants include 30 Saudis, an Iranian and an Afghan. He, however, could not defend the suspects because he never attended any court session nor did he meet with his clients in prison. After failing to defend his clients in the court, which is still trying the 32 men, the lawyer posted a number of tweets on his Twitter account from abroad. He attacked the state and cast doubts on the integrity of the Saudi judicial system. He also boasted about being the main speaker at a symposium organized by a hostile group in Germany.

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62. Renewed building of West Bank security barrier leaves 'gaps' for terrorists

Jerusalem Post, Tovah Lazaroff, 2016 07 21

Jerusalem - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's pledge Wednesday to complete 42 kilometers of the West Bank security barrier in the area of the South Hebron Hills does little to stop Palestinians from executing terror attacks against Israelis. That's because the abandoned South Hebron Hills section of the barrier that Netanyahu visited on Wednesday, which mostly hugs the Green Line, represents just a fraction of the 320 kilometer "gaps" in the West Bank security barrier. It doesn't even complete the stretch of the barrier that winds from Beersheba, through the South Hebron Hills and onward to Jerusalem. If the 42 kilometers in the South Hebron Hills are completed within a year as promised, the barrier would reach the edge of the Gush Etzion region of the West Bank and then stop, thereby leaving at least an 11 kilometer gap between the barrier and Jerusalem. The barrier around Jerusalem, is also, incomplete.

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63. STL sets sentencing hearing for Akhbar, chief editor August 29

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 07 21

Beirut - The U.N.-backed Special Tribunal for Lebanon will determine the sentence for local daily Al-Akhbar and its editor-in-chief, who have been found guilty of contempt, during a session next month, Judge Nicola Lettieri said Wednesday. According to an STL press release, Lettieri scheduled a sentencing hearing for August 29, and invited the accused to attend the hearing. Last week, the tribunal set up to investigate the 2005 assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri found Akhbar and chief editor Ibrahim al-Amin of contempt for publishing the names and photos of alleged secret witnesses in the case. Lettieri said that both the paper and its editor had "knowingly and willfully" interfered with the administration of justice by publishing the disclosed information in the Hariri case. The STL is tasked with prosecuting those responsible for the Feb. 14, 2005 bombing that killed Hariri and 21 others, plunging Lebanon into political turmoil.

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64. " L'unité nationale est une absolue nécessité "

Le Monde, Nicolas Chapis, Julia Pascual, et Soren Seelow, 2016 07 21

Paris - Le ministre de l'intérieur, Bernard Cazeneuve, s'inquiète des tensions et défend les mesures de l'exécutif Mis en cause par la droite et l'extrême droite pour sa gestion de la menace terroriste, Bernard Cazeneuve, le ministre de l'intérieur, répond dans une interview au Monde, et s'en prend à ceux qui, en pro-posant des " lois d'exception ", veulent " s'affranchir de l'Etat de droit ". La droite a immédiatement mis en cause le gouvernement après l'attentat de Nice, survenu le 14 juillet. Y a-t-il eu une faille? A Nice, la polémique a commencé dans les minutes qui ont suivi la commission de l'abject attentat. Des élus ont proféré des accusations et mis en cause les services de l'Etat. Que s'est-il passé? Un individu, qui n'était pas connu des services de renseignement, qui n'avait jamais été condamné pour des faits en lien avec le terrorisme, est passé à l'acte de manière extrêmement violente. L'enquête en cours tend à montrer qu'il s'est très récemment radicalisé, et qu'il n'avait pas combattu aux côtés de l'organisation Etat islamique- EI - . D'ailleurs, cette dernière n'a pas revendiqué l'organisation de cet acte terroriste mais y a apposé a posteriori son logo.

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65. "Nous devons restreindre les libertés de ceux qui nous menacent"

Valeurs Actuelles, Louis de Ragueneil, 2016 07 21

Paris - Bernard Squarcini Le directeur central du renseignement intérieur (DCRI) de 2008 à 2012 rappelle au gouvernement qu'il peut encore et doit agir. Charles Pasqua avait lancé qu'« il faut terroriser les terroristes ». Aujourd'hui, ils semblent ne plus avoir peur de rien... Nous faisons face à des individus qui ont souvent été impliqués dans la petite et moyenne délinquance. Ils ont pour consigne de ne pas se faire repérer, de masquer leur radicalisation ou encore de faire croire qu'elle s'est faite en un temps record, comme Mohamed Merah, en 2012. Nous sommes dans la taqiya et la théorie du bon voisin : on va en boîte de nuit, on boit de l'alcool... Nous devons trouver une réponse pénale et revoir totalement notre stratégie, en emprisonnant, en restreignant les libertés et en mettant hors d'état de nuire ces islamistes qui nous menacent. Les politiques doivent accepter que, pour être efficace, le renseignement ne soit jamais figé. Et encore moins politisé. Trop de choses reposent sur les seules épaules de la police et des services de renseignements.

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66. « Cette loi est un compromis entre sécurité et liberté individuelle »

24 Heures (Suisse), Florent Quiquerez, 2016 07 21

Berne - Nouveau préposé fédéral à la protection des données, Adrian Lobsiger défend la loi sur le renseignement Sa nomination avait suscité quelques crispations sous la Coupole en mars

dernier. D'aucuns s'inquiétaient de l'arrivée d'un ancien haut cadre de l'Office fédéral de la police (FedPol) au poste de préposé à la protection des données. A 55 ans, Adrian Lobsiger entame son mandat alors que les défis ne manquent pas en matière de défense des libertés individuelles. Première bataille: la future loi sur le renseignement, en votation le 25 septembre. Interview. Cette loi va-t-elle trop loin, comme l'estiment les opposants? Je ne suis pas là pour faire peur aux gens. Mais il faut se rendre compte que chaque Etat a la possibilité de saisir les informations de ses citoyens. La différence entre un pays démocratique comme la Suisse et un régime autoritaire, c'est que la marge de manoeuvre et les possibilités données à l'Etat de droit sont ancrées dans la loi, qui détermine le cadre procédural et les instruments de recours auprès d'une justice indépendante. Le texte qui est soumis en votation est le produit d'une longue discussion, dont l'origine remonte aux attentats du 11 septembre 2001. Nous sommes au bout de ce processus. Les libertés individuelles sont donc assez respectées? Nos services ont été consultés tout au long du processus législatif. Le résultat obtenu aujourd'hui représente un compromis entre les besoins de sécurité et la défense des libertés individuelles. Nous avons été entendus et je peux vivre avec ce compromis. La question qui se pose maintenant est la suivante: est-ce qu'on préfère le statu quo ou un changement? La majorité du parlement veut ce changement, et je respecte ce choix. Si le citoyen veut aussi donner plus de pouvoirs aux services de renseignements, alors il doit voter en faveur de ce texte. S'il veut se contenter du droit en vigueur, il doit dire non. Dans ce cas, la discussion sera très probablement close pour longtemps.

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67. Accusés d'avoir aidé et financé les Tigres tamouls

Le Temps (Suisse), Valérie de Graffenried, 2016 07 21

Berne - Treize individus vont devoir rendre des comptes devant la justice. Ils sont accusés d'avoir prélevé près de 15 millions de francs auprès de la diaspora tamoule en Suisse « grâce à un système sophistiqué de crédit à la consommation » Ils sont treize. Et tous accusés d'avoir soutenu financièrement les Tigres tamouls, ou plus précisément les Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). Le Ministère public de la Confédération (MPC) a annoncé mercredi matin avoir transmis au Tribunal pénal fédéral un acte d'accusation concernant treize individus qui ont gravité dans l'entourage des LTTE. Ils sont accusés d'avoir levé près de 15 millions de francs auprès de la diaspora tamoule au moyen d'un « système sophistiqué de crédit à la consommation », souligne le MPC dans son communiqué. Entre 2002 et 2009. Ce système de financement des LTTE s'est effondré en mai 2009, après la défaite militaire de l'organisation, qui a lutté pendant trente-sept ans pour l'indépendance du nord-est du Sri Lanka. Le conflit a fait près de 100 000 morts. De faux certificats de salaire Les treize prévenus viennent de Suisse, d'Allemagne et du Sri Lanka. Concrètement, ils sont accusés de soutien et/ou d'appartenance à une organisation criminelle - le MPC parle de terrorisme dans son communiqué -, d'escroquerie, de faux dans les titres et de blanchiment d'argent. Et risquent une peine maximale de 5 ans de prison.

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68. Des militaires français sont morts sur le sol libyen

Le Figaro, Tanguy Berthemet, 2016 07 21

Paris - L'Élysée a annoncé le décès de trois soldats dans ce pays où des membres des forces spéciales sont engagés contre Daech. Afrique du Nord Trois sous-officiers français sont morts en Libye lors de la chute d'un hélicoptère, a expliqué mercredi François Hollande. Cette annonce est la confirmation de la présence de militaires français dans ce pays, jusqu'alors jamais officiellement reconnue, même si ce secret était depuis plusieurs mois un secret de polichinelle. « La Libye connaît une instabilité dangereuse. C'est à quelques centaines de kilomètres seulement des côtes européennes. Et en ce moment même, nous menons des opérations périlleuses de renseignement » dans ce pays, a expliqué le président, sans autre précision. La date, le lieu et les conditions de la mort de ces hommes demeurent flous. François Hollande a simplement évoqué un « accident » . La presse locale avait annoncé, dès dimanche, ces décès dans un crash près de Benghazi, la grande ville de l'Est libyen. Un groupe islamiste agissant dans cette zone a affirmé avoir abattu un hélicoptère et des photos de la carcasse d'un MI35, de fabrication russe, ont été diffusées sur les réseaux sociaux. Un officier du général Khalifa Haftar, basé dans l'est de la Libye, assure que les Français ont été visés « dans le secteur de Magroun, à environ 65 kilomètres à l'ouest de Benghazi » . Le nombre exact de soldats français présents en Libye, membres du service action de la DGSE ou des forces spéciales, est inconnu, mais ils ne seraient que peu nombreux. La décision d'envoyer des forces sur le terrain aurait été prise fin 2015, alors que l'État islamique gagnait du terrain en Libye.

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69. Erdogan gives himself broad powers with state of emergency

Globe and Mail, Mark MacKinnon, 2016 07 21

Turkish President Tayyip Recep Erdogan declared the start of a three-month state of emergency on Wednesday, deepening a crackdown on political opponents in the wake of a failed military coup. Among other powers, the decree allows the government to declare curfews, restrict media broadcasts and conduct on-the-spot searches. Residents and visitors will be required to carry identification at all times. Mr. Erdogan, as President, also gains the ability to pass new laws by decree, without consulting parliament. "This measure is in no way against democracy, the law and freedoms," Mr. Erdogan said in a televised statement. "On the contrary, it aims to protect and strengthen them." The decree - which was met with applause and honking from supporters of Mr. Erdogan who watched the broadcast on a large screen set up on Istanbul's central Taksim Square - also allows the Turkish military to act beyond its borders "to capture or incapacitate persons who [have] carried out [disruptive] actions in Turkey." The new measures come amid a post-coup purge in which almost 60,000 members of the military, police, civil service, judiciary, media and academia have lost their jobs since Saturday under suspicion of affiliation with the movement Mr. Erdogan blames for inspiring the putsch attempt.

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70. France / Terrorisme - Attentat de Nice: les interrogatoires se poursuivent

Radio France Internationale, Journaliste maison, 2016 07 21

Nice - Cinq jours après l'attentat de Nice, l'enquête continue. Repérage des lieux avant le 14 juillet, recherches sur Internet effectuées par le terroriste, l'attentat était bel et bien prémédité.

Sur les cinq personnes toujours entendues par la police, deux ont vu leur garde à vue prolongée au-delà de quatre jours : un proche du terroriste âgé de 40 ans ainsi qu'un jeune homme de 22 ans. Ce dernier se trouve être le destinataire d'un SMS envoyé le soir même de l'attentat. Dans ce message, Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlej évoque la fourniture « d'autres armes ». Après son interpellation samedi 16 juillet, son domicile a été perquisitionné. Les enquêteurs y ont trouvé de l'argent en liquide et de la cocaïne. Ce même homme a désigné un Albanais, toujours en garde à vue, comme le fournisseur du pistolet du tueur de Nice. Affiner le profil du terroriste Prolongées au-delà de 96 heures, ces deux gardes à vue pourraient aller jusqu'à six jours, le délai en vigueur dans les affaires liées au terrorisme. Les cinq gardés à vue ont été transférés à Levallois-Perret, près de Paris, dans les locaux de la DGSI (Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure). Aucun d'eux n'est connu des services antiterroristes.

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71. Germany is likely to face more extremist attacks, says interior minister

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 07 21

Berlin - Germany is likely to face more extremist attacks, its interior minister said on Wednesday, although he played down any link between the government's open-door refugee policy and an axe assault aboard a train in Bavaria two days before. "Like several EU countries, like the whole EU, Germany is also in the target area of international terrorism ... the situation is serious," said Thomas de Maiziere. Meanwhile, German authorities cast doubt over whether the teenager behind Monday's train attack was really an Afghan refugee, saying he might have been from Pakistan. Mr de Maiziere said the teenager was believed to be a "lone wolf" attacker who had been "inspired" by ISIL but was not a member of the group. "This is perhaps a case that lies somewhere between a crazed rampage and terrorism," the minister said. He said investigators were still trying to determine the true identity of the 17-year-old who was shot dead by police following the train attack in which he injured five people.

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72. Germany Seeks to Calm Public After Assault on Train

Wall Street Journal, Ruth Bender, William Wilkes, 2016 07 21

Berlin - The German government on Wednesday sought to calm fears about the terror threat as more details emerged about the perpetrator of Monday's attack -- the first here claimed by Islamic State -- suggesting he would have been virtually impossible to detect. The new elements painted the 17-year-old assailant as a model immigrant who kept out of trouble and, by all appearances, was well on his way to becoming integrated. The attack by the teenager, who registered as a refugee traveling alone from Afghanistan in 2015, has rattled a country that had so far been spared a major terror attack despite welcoming over one million migrants, many from war-torn countries, last year. The news played into fears fueled by populist and conservative politicians that the record wave of newcomers, often undocumented and receiving only cursory screening, is making the country more vulnerable to terrorism and crime.

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73. Hollande exhorte les Français à s'engager

Le Figaro, Solenn de Royer, 2016 07 21

Paris - Le président a évoqué mercredi la mise en place d'une garde nationale. Élysée Six jours après la tuerie de Nice, François Hollande a renouvelé son appel à la cohésion et à l'unité, au lendemain d'une nuit agitée à l'Assemblée nationale où les députés examinaient la prolongation de l'état d'urgence pour six mois. Profitant d'une visite au centre national d'entraînement des forces de gendarmerie de Saint-Astier (Dordogne), le chef de l'État a jugé que si la colère était « légitime », elle ne pouvait pas « dégénérer dans la haine et la suspicion ». « Pour conjurer la menace, nous devons plus que jamais préserver notre cohésion nationale, faire prévaloir le rassemblement sur l'essentiel, a-t-il lancé. Ce que veulent faire les fanatiques, c'est nous opposer, nous fragmenter, a-t-il ajouté. Nous ne leur offrirons pas cette opportunité. » Alors que l'opposition appelle l'exécutif à muscler encore le dispositif sécuritaire, le président a une nouvelle fois défendu son bilan, plaidant pour « mettre en oeuvre » ce qui existe, avant d'« imaginer d'autres lois ». « Nous sommes résolus à prendre toutes les mesures utiles pour protéger les Français dans le respect de nos règles démocratiques, a-t-il précisé.

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74. Libye : les militaires français tués viendraient du centre de la DGSE de Perpignan

Midi Libre avec l'Agence France-Presse, Romain Duriez, 2016 07 21

Perpignan, France - Les trois militaires français tués en Lybie seraient du Centre parachutiste d'instruction spécialisée de Perpignan, un centre d'entraînement dédié aux opérations commando et à la guérilla. Ce mercredi 20 juillet au matin, Paris a annoncé que trois soldats français étaient morts en Libye. Trois militaires tués dans des circonstances peu claires lors d'une mission de renseignement, confirmant pour la première fois la présence de soldats français dans ce pays. Selon RTL, ils seraient issus du Centre parachutiste d'instruction spécialisée de Perpignan, un centre d'entraînement dédié aux opérations commando et à la guérilla. Des espions qui agissent clandestinement Le ministre de la Défense, Jean-Yves Le Drian, a déploré dans un communiqué la "perte de trois sous-officiers français décédés en service commandé en Libye" sans préciser leur identité ou leur grade. "Ce qui laisse penser qu'il s'agit de trois agents de la DGSE" indique RTL précisant qu'ils appartiennent au Centre parachutiste d'instruction spécialisée de Perpignan, anciennement connu sous le nom de 11e régiment parachutiste de choc. Des "espions" qui agissent clandestinement et qui, selon la version officielle, ont été tués dans un accident d'hélicoptère dont les circonstances n'ont pas été précisées.

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75. Quand le frère de Mohamed Merah invite les familles d'origine arabo-musulmane à regarder en face

Atlantico (site web), Journaliste maison, 2016 07 21

Paris - Quand le frère de Mohamed Merah invite les familles d'origine arabo-musulmane à regarder en face leurs responsabilités dans les dérives terroristes de certains de leurs enfants Abdelghani Merah Au centre de bien des radicalisations, la famille joue un rôle tout particulier

dans le processus qui mène au djihad. Il est primordial d'agir sur cette cellule privée pour prévenir la création de davantage de terroristes. Atlantico : Avec l'association Entr'Autre, vous combattez aujourd'hui la radicalisation chez les jeunes qui pourraient voir en Mohamed Merah un "héros". La société française, confrontée à une vague d'attentats terroristes, s'intéresse plus que jamais à ces phénomènes de rupture avec la société aux accents fondamentalistes. A quoi ressemble le monde quand on le regarde à travers les individus que vous rencontrez ?

Abdelghani Merah : L'occident est pour eux l'ennemi public numéro un, autant que les valeurs républicaines, la liberté d'expression... Exactement ce que souhaite instaurer L'Etat islamique aujourd'hui dans le monde : la haine, la mort du mécréant, du juif, de l'apostat comme moi est une nécessité.

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76. Swiss authorities indict 13 Tamil Tiger supporters for supporting LTTE

Colombo Page, News Desk, 2016 07 21

Bern - The Office of the Attorney General of Switzerland has indicted 13 accused associated with Sri Lanka's terrorist group Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for providing financial support to the organization through a sophisticated microcredit system. The 13 accused, who come from Switzerland, Germany and Sri Lanka, have been charged with supporting and or being members of a criminal organization, fraud, false certification, and money laundering, the Switzerland Attorney General's office said today. According to the Switzerland Attorney General's office, at the time of the offences, the LTTE was acting through a Swiss offshoot known as the World Tamil Coordinating Committee. This in turn acted through cantonal representatives. As a result of the continuing civil war in Sri Lanka, the LTTE's financial needs increased considerably. Accordingly, LTTE leaders in Switzerland devised and implemented a systematic and rapid method for obtaining money from the Tamil diaspora in Switzerland.

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77. Turkey's Erdogan declares state of emergency after coup bid

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 07 21

Istanbul - Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan declared a state of emergency on Wednesday as he widened a crackdown against thousands of members of the security forces, judiciary, civil service and academia after a failed military coup. Erdogan said the state of emergency, lasting three months, would allow his government to take swift and decisive measures against supporters of the coup and was allowed under the constitution. Emergency rule, which would take effect after it is published in Turkey's official gazette, would allow the president and cabinet to bypass parliament in passing new laws and to limit or suspend rights and freedoms as they deem necessary. Before announcing the state of emergency, Erdogan said the sweep was not yet over and that he believed foreign countries might have been involved in the attempt to overthrow him. Around a third of Turkey's roughly 360 serving generals have been detained since the coup attempt, a second senior official said, with 99 charged pending trial and 14 more being held. The Defence Ministry is investigating all military judges and prosecutors, and has suspended 262 of them, broadcaster NTV reported, while 900 police officers in the capital, Ankara, were also

suspended on Wednesday. The purge also extended to civil servants in the environment and sports ministries. More than 20,000 teachers and administrators have been suspended from the Education Ministry. One hundred intelligence officials, 492 people from the Religious Affairs Directorate, 257 at the prime minister's office and 300 at the Energy Ministry have been removed from duty.

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78. Turkish Leader Declares a State of Emergency

New York Times, Ben Hubbard, Ceylan Yeginsu, 2016 07 21

Ankara - Turkey's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, declared a three-month state of emergency on Wednesday that gave the state extra powers to pass laws as the authorities pursue individuals suspected of attempting to topple his government. The declaration followed the firing and suspension of tens thousands of soldiers, educators and civil servants in recent days on suspicion of complicity in the failed coup last week. In a televised address on Wednesday evening, Mr. Erdogan said the extra powers were needed to protect Turkey's democracy, and he criticized Western nations who have accused his government of overreaching in its efforts to root out opponents. "The aim is to rapidly and effectively take all steps needed to eliminate the threat against democracy, the rule of law and the people's rights and freedoms," Mr. Erdogan said. "This measure is in no way against democracy, the law and freedoms," he added. "On the contrary, it aims to protect and strengthen them."

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1. Where Is The Accountability For Ottawa's Communications Spies?

Huffington Post, Monia Mazigh, 2016 07 22

Commentary: The Communications Security Establishment (CSE) Commissioner report has been just released. For those who don't know what the CSE is, it is the agency related to the Department of National Defence that spies on communications received from abroad. In their

own words, their work focuses on "collecting foreign signals intelligence in support of the Government of Canada's priorities, and on helping protect the computer networks and information of greatest importance to Canada." It is important to emphasize that CSE is not supposed to spy on communication of Canadians in Canada or abroad. In that regard, the commissioner's mandate is mainly to review CSE activities and their compliance with the law, and in the case of complaints, to undertake investigation. However, the commissioner report, which is supposed to be an independent exercise conducted by a review body, seems more and more like a self-congratulatory document where criticism directed at the CSE or its activities is hard to find. The situation can be compared to a professor rating her own students in a national competition. Of course, she would like them to pass, and of course she would be lenient in marking. Rather, in such circumstances we need a professor from a different school, and the students' names should be hidden. In previous years, two main problems became clear to the public in regard to CSE activities: The stipulations protecting the privacy of Canadians are not always respected, as CSE was reminded by Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien. The lack of safeguards when it comes to information sharing with other agencies -- the Canada Security Intelligence Agency (CSIS), for example. Indeed, in defence of the CSE's activities, Minister of National Defence Harjit Sajjan recently minimized the amount of information revealed through metadata, usually collected by CSE during its operations. Metadata, or data on data, shouldn't be of a privacy concern for Canadians, according to minister Sajjan. Leaving it up to the minister in charge to decide what is acceptable and what is not, or what is lawful and what is not, is far from a democratic and accountable model. We need review mechanisms with the necessary autonomy, independence and structure to create true accountability. For instance, the ambiguous relationship between CSE and CSIS, described in the report, can't be investigated by any review body. There are currently agencies to oversee respectively CSIS (SIRC) and the CSE (the office of the CSE commissioner), but there is no "super-SIRC" to oversees them both and launch investigations on both of them. The parliamentary oversight presented by the government in Bill C-22 isn't clear if this aspect will be included in its mandate.

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Canada

2. Détenue en Iran Des appuis de taille pour une prof de Concordia

Agence QMI, Journaliste maison, 2016 07 22

Québec - Le Barreau du Québec et avocats sans frontières offrent leurs services en appui à la défense de la professeure de l'université Concordia Homa Hoodfar, toujours détenue en Iran sous des accusations imprécises et dans des conditions inconnues. Les deux organisations se disent inquiètes et pressent le gouvernement iranien de respecter les principes fondamentaux des Nations Unies, ce qui implique de permettre à la professeure montréalaise d'être représentée par un avocat de son choix et de lui communiquer les motifs de sa détention.

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3. Donald Trump's NATO comments 'not helpful', says Harjit Sajjan

Canadian Press, Lee Berthiaume, 2016 07 22

Ottawa - Donald Trump's comments that, if elected president, the U.S. wouldn't automatically come to the aid of allies are "not helpful," Canada's defence minister says. The presumptive Republican nominee said this week that some NATO members aren't spending enough on defence and instead relying on the U.S. to protect them. That would change if he's elected, Trump told the New York Times. While Trump appeared to be directing his comments at European allies, Canada spends less than one per cent of its gross domestic product on defence. That is half the NATO target and puts Canada near the back of the pack among the alliance's 28 members. In an interview with The Canadian Press, Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan defended NATO and Canada's military contributions. He pointed to Canada's recent promise to lead a NATO force in Latvia and its role in the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant as proof the country is pulling its weight.

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4. Feds looking to keep criminals, spies out of trusted traveller programs

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 07 22

Ottawa - Smuggling drugs, hate propaganda or people across the border could get you a lifetime ban from a trusted traveller program like Nexus under planned new rules. The Canada Border Services Agency has launched a month-long consultation on proposals that clearly spell out what will bar people from joining a program - or get them kicked out. Trusted traveller programs are intended to speed the flow of low-risk, known citizens across borders by steering them into express queues, giving security officers more time to focus limited resources on those who may pose a higher risk. Nexus, with more than 1.3 million members, is jointly administered by the Canadian and U.S. border agencies. The Canpass Air program allows permanent residents and citizens of Canada and the United States to enter Canada through major airports. Currently, someone must be "of good character" to become a trusted traveller. Under the amendments, that provision would be replaced with a detailed list of eight criteria - from a drug smuggling conviction to espionage allegations - that could prevent membership.

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5. Goodale shows no sign of meeting demands of hunger-striking immigration detainees

Canadian Press, Colin Perkel, 2016 07 22

Toronto -- Dozens of immigration detainees have entered a dangerous phase of their protest hunger strike, but there was little sign Thursday that the federal government would meet their demands. Among those demands are an immediate meeting with Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale and a 90-day limit on such detentions. "Sometimes, it feels like we're being kidnapped and held against our own wills," Richard Chinedu Abuwa said over the phone from the Central East Correctional Centre, where he has been for more than two years. "Some of us sit here for months, years, and years upon end not knowing what our futures hold for us, and it just really sucks." Abuwa was one of more than 50 detainees who began refusing food - and in some cases liquids as well - 11 days ago. As of Wednesday, the federal government said, 15 detainees at the Central East Correctional Centre in Lindsay, Ont., were still refusing meals. Dr. Michelle Fraser, one of 65 health-care professionals who wrote to Goodale last week urging he meet the detainees

and end indefinite detentions, warned the hunger strikers could soon start suffering serious, potentially lethal health effects. "It is shameful that 50 immigration detainees must resort to a hunger strike to capture the attention of the Canadian government," Fraser said. "This hunger strike is a sign of the desperation."

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6. L'AFPC pointe les conservateurs... et les libéraux «Le tsunami est loin d'être fini»

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 07 22

Ottawa - Malgré les nombreuses mises en garde des syndicats faites au cours des derniers mois, le gouvernement libéral n'a pas réagi à temps pour freiner l'implantation de Phénix et ainsi prévenir le véritable tsunami de plaintes et de problèmes qui s'accumulent, déplore le vice-président exécutif de l'Alliance de la fonction publique du Canada (AFPC) pour la région de la capitale nationale, Larry Rousseau. Les causes de cette situation inacceptable sont multiples, croit le dirigeant syndical. En commençant par les conservateurs Stephen Harper et Tony Clement, qui «n'ont jamais écouté les avis des syndicats», en passant par de hauts fonctionnaires qui «ont obéi aux ordres de peur de perdre leur emploi s'ils avaient osé donner l'heure juste», et du gouvernement libéral qui n'a jamais voulu entendre raison «pour freiner l'implantation de la deuxième phase», en avril dernier.

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7. Ontario Arabic paper probed for hate crime

National Post, Joe O'Connor, 2016 07 22

London - Police in London, Ont., are investigating a possible hate crime after an article appeared in an Arabic-language community newspaper that said Jews inflated the number of Holocaust victims from between "100,000 and 600,000" to six million. Beneath the headline "The Question Which Everyone Ignores: Why Did Hitler Kill the Jews?", the article in the June/July edition of Al Saraha also blames the Jews for Germany's "economic collapse" in the 1920s and for promoting "promiscuity ... homosexuality ... every type of sexual deviance." "This Jewish propaganda succeeded," the article says, "until it became prevalent throughout the media that six million Jews were victims of Hitler, even though the total number of Jews in Germany was less than a quarter of this figure that they say Hitler burned!" The article was reprinted from al-Masry al-Youm, an Egyptian daily newspaper operating in a notoriously anti-Semitic media landscape. Al Saraha is distributed in Middle Eastern restaurants and grocery stores throughout the Greater London area. It is recommended as a source for immigrant news by the London and Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership, an Ontario government-funded agency. London Const. Chris Loizides said "steps" are being taken to see "whether (the article) qualifies as a Criminal Code offence inciting hatred, promoting hatred or, on the contrary, is it free speech." A local member of the Arab-Canadian community initially alerted B'nai Brith, the Jewish human rights and advocacy group, about the article.

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8. Phoenix pay system to blame for twice breaching public servants' private data, says deputy minister

CBC.CA, Katie Simpson, 2016 07 22

Ottawa - Public servants had their private information breached twice when Ottawa launched its new computerised pay system, the government said Thursday. The deputy minister of Public Works, Marie Lemay, confirmed the incidents in an open letter to staff posted on the department's web site Thursday afternoon. The statement comes two days after CBC News first reported on privacy problems caused by 'Phoenix'. "Our Departmental Oversight Branch thoroughly reviewed these situations and determined that they posed low risk to employee privacy," Lemay wrote. "There was no evidence that employee personal information ever left the hands of federal employees or government contractors." The implementation of Phoenix has also been blamed for significant pay problems affecting more than 80,000 federal government employees. Lemay's letter said the first breach took place between March and July of 2015. Employee names, pay amounts, and 'Personal Record Identifiers', known as (PRI), were "inadvertently used by IBM to test the system during the development phase of Phoenix," the post said. "This information was immediately deleted as soon as the issue was detected. In addition, the employee information consisted of scrambled data that would have required technical expertise and significant time to make it readable." The incident was reported to the Privacy Commissioner, and was published in the 2015-2016 annual report on the Privacy Act.

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9. Star reporter up for Emmy for news documentary

Toronto Star, Nicholas Keung, 2016 07 22

Toronto - Star national security reporter Michelle Shephard has been nominated for a News and Documentary Emmy Award for her film about a Canadian's 13-year ordeal in a Guantanamo jail from the age of 15. Guantanamo's Child was co-directed by Shephard and Patrick Reed, and produced by White Pine Pictures. Based on her book about Omar Khadr by the same name, the documentary premiered at the 2015 Toronto International Film Festival. They are nominated in a category recognizing outstanding long-form coverage of current affairs and news. "This is a huge honour for everyone who worked hard to make this film. It wasn't an easy one to make," said Shephard, who is currently on leave for the yearlong Atkinson Fellowship, during which she's exploring topics including the radicalization of youth. "At a time when the world seems even more divided and we use hashtags to discuss terrorism and civil rights, we're just thrilled such as documentary is being recognized."

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10. Système de paye Phénix Ottawa confirme deux cas «d'atteinte à la vie privée»

Le Droit, Julien Paquette, 2016 07 22

Ottawa - La sous-ministre de Services publics et Approvisionnement Canada, Marie Lemay, a confirmé jeudi que le système de paye Phénix a connu des brèches de sécurité. Dans une lettre publiée sur le site web du ministère, à la suite d'un reportage de CBC, Mme Lemay soutient que

deux cas «d'atteinte à la vie privée» sont survenus durant la «mise en oeuvre préliminaire de Phénix», soit entre mars et juillet 2015 et entre février et avril 2016. «Je comprends que les employés soient préoccupés par la situation, et je tiens à vous assurer que nous prenons très au sérieux la protection des renseignements personnels des employés. Lorsque nous prenons connaissance d'un cas d'atteinte à la vie privée, nous suivons une approche systématique pour nous attaquer aux causes et aux conséquences», affirme Marie Lemay dans sa lettre. La sous-ministre précise que les évaluations de la direction générale de la surveillance de son ministère ont révélé que les brèches représentaient un risque faible d'atteinte à la vie privée. Toujours selon Mme Lemay, rien ne permet de croire que «les renseignements personnels des employés avaient été consultés par d'autres personnes que des fonctionnaires ou des entrepreneurs du gouvernement». Une analyse du Commissariat à la protection de la vie privée a d'ailleurs permis d'en apprendre davantage sur les deux brèches. La première touchait les noms, le salaire et le code d'identification de dossier personnel (CIDP) des employés. Ils ont été utilisés par erreur par IBM au moment de tester le système. Les renseignements utilisés ont ensuite été supprimés.

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11. Turkey urges Canada to act against group it blames for failed coup

Globe and Mail, Joe Friesen, 2016 07 22

Ottawa - The Turkish government is calling on Canada to "take the necessary steps" to address what it describes as a terrorist organization responsible for last week's failed coup. Turkish Consul-General Erdeniz Sen told The Globe and Mail's editorial board Thursday that his country, which has detained thousands of people since the attempted coup, has "concrete evidence" that the followers of the religious cleric Fethullah Gulen, who now lives in self-imposed exile in the United States, are behind the plot. Mr. Gulen has denied involvement. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said earlier this week that Mr. Gulen's followers constitute a terrorist organization that has infiltrated the military and public service. About 60,000 soldiers, police, judges, civil servants, teachers and academics have been suspended, detained or placed under investigation since the coup was put down, measures that have alarmed human-rights advocates around the world. Mr. Sen declined to say whether there are specific actions it has asked the Canadian government to take, but said it's a subject his country has raised routinely with its Canadian counterparts in the context of terrorist threats. He wouldn't discuss whether there is a Gulen movement in Canada, saying only that it is "everywhere." "The Canadian authorities know the elements. U.S. authorities know the elements. We want from our allies and partners to take the necessary measures about this organization," Mr. Sen said, referring to what he called the Fethullah Gulen terrorist organization.

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12. A reality check on the Middle East from America's spy chief

Washington Post, David Ignatius, 2016 07 22

Column - America's top spymaster offered contrarian assessments of some key issues: warning against "hyping" the threat posed by the Syrian al-Qaeda affiliate (terrorist group) Jabhat al-Nusra, cautioning against Obama administration plans to share intelligence with Russia on Syrian targets and questioning Turkish claims that last Friday's coup attempt was organized by a cleric living in the United States. National Intelligence Director James Clapper made the characteristically blunt comments in an interview Wednesday. He expanded on a warning he made in an interview in May that the United States can't by itself "fix" the problems of the turbulent Middle East. Clapper's skeptical view is shared by President Obama and has reinforced the administration's wariness about committing military force in Syria. Clapper began the wide-ranging discussion by questioning the recent "groundswell" of concern about Jabhat al-Nusra. He said that the Syrian al-Qaeda affiliate poses only a "nascent" danger to the U.S. homeland and "doesn't approach the threat" posed by the Islamic State. Jabhat al-Nusra's ability to attack the United States and Europe is "aspirational" rather than "imminent," he said, describing as overly "strident" recent news reports about increasing evidence of external plots by the group. Asked whether Turkish allegations that cleric Fethullah Gulen planned the attempted coup passed the "smell test" of credibility, Clapper answered: "No. Not to me." He said that Secretary of State John F. Kerry "was right on the ball" to press the Turks to back up their extradition request with evidence of Gulen's involvement. "We haven't seen it yet. We certainly haven't seen it in intel."

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13. Donald Trump's Remarks Rattle NATO Allies and Stoke Debate on Cost Sharing

New York Times, Sewell Chan, 2016 07 22

London - Donald J. Trump's statement that the United States might not come to the defense of NATO allies that do not foot their share of the bill fueled anxiety on Thursday in a Europe that is already deeply unsettled about Russia's assertive posture, Britain's decision to withdraw from the European Union and the rise of inward-looking populist and nationalist parties. In an interview with The New York Times, Mr. Trump suggested that if elected president he would use a country's level of military spending as a factor in deciding whether the United States would honor its commitment to defend any member nation that comes under attack. While President Obama and other American officials have also pressed European countries in recent years to increase military spending in line with their commitments to NATO, Mr. Trump more explicitly linked financial considerations to the strategic response he would order as president in the event of an attack by Russia. His comments left some European officials concerned that the United States under Mr. Trump would edge away from the security guarantees that Washington has provided to the Continent since World War II. But they also stoked the debate over cost sharing after years in which Europe had been slow to meet its commitments on military spending. Jens Stoltenberg, NATO's secretary general and a former prime minister of Norway, said that he "will not interfere in the U.S. election campaign," but made clear that he was alarmed by Mr. Trump's remarks. "Solidarity among allies is a key value for NATO," he said in a statement. "This is good for European security and good for U.S. security. We defend one another. We have seen this in Afghanistan, where tens of thousands of European, Canadian and partner-nation troops have stood shoulder to shoulder with U.S. soldiers."

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14. How the Real Edward Snowden Helped Write the Ending to Oliver Stone's 'Snowden'

The Daily Beast, Jen Yamato, 2016 07 22

Washington - The NSA's worst nightmare made his San Diego Comic-Con debut by way of video chat, moments after the first public screening of Oliver Stone's *Snowden*. "The FBI actually gets a copy of this talk because we're going through Google Hangouts, which unfortunately has a sort of built-in surveillance capability," joked Edward Snowden, his face peering down on a theater full of critics and journalists. He joined Stone and stars Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Shailene Woodley from Moscow, his home for the foreseeable future, "live--from the internet." Snowden tracks the NSA analyst as he wrestles with the decision to blow the lid off of the U.S. government's top-secret global surveillance program, an act that made him persona non grata in America and changed history. The telling of this historic expose, co-scripted by Stone and Kieran Fitzgerald, is authorized by Snowden, who appears as himself in the final coda. *Snowden* makes its official world premiere in September at the Toronto Film Festival, so bringing a tech-oriented political thriller to a July geekfest filled with superhero fans in spandex cosplay was a curious move. But its official release, timed for a fall Oscar berth, is not slated until September 16th. Snowden ...confirmed that life as an international fugitive isn't all that terrible. "I can confirm that I'm not living in a box," he said. "I actually live a surprisingly free life." "I love my country. I love the things that we try to do," he declared. "I have serious policy disagreements with some agencies of government, particularly senior officials. The working level guys by and large are good people trying to do the best they can. But they're often ordered more or less to do bad things, for what they believe to be a good reason."

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15. No 'manual' on how to beat terrorism, says Kerry (Canada)

The Independent (UK), Rachael Revesz, 2016 07 22

New York - The summit of global leaders in Washington DC starts one day after a pot of money has been pledged - \$2.1bn to help assist the people of Iraq as they move back into their homes and who are desperately in need of food and water. In the opening remarks for the conference, US secretary of state John Kerry welcomed the attendees - a who's who in the corridors of power, from the UK's new foreign secretary Boris Johnson as well as heads of state from countries including France, Finland, Sweden, Canada, Japan, Kuwait and Australia, as well as the FBI and military leaders. Mr Kerry said: "We are engaged in an historic effort. Nothing like this coalition has ever before been assembled. And we're not following a manual on antiterrorist coalition-building, we're writing it." Mr Kerry likened Isis to a bacteria or a virus, "resilient" and adaptable to changing conditions. It requires a multi-faceted attack -an attack against its supply lines, its oil facilities, tanker trucks and cash storage sites.

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16. Snowden to Help Develop a Safer Phone for Journalists

New York Times, John Markoff, 2016 07 22

Cambridge, Mass. - The former National Security Agency contractor Edward J. Snowden said Thursday that he planned to help develop a modified version of Apple's iPhone for journalists who are concerned that they may be the target of government surveillance. The announcement was made during a one-day conference on "Forbidden Research" held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Media Lab. Mr. Snowden, who spoke via a video connection from Russia, where he is living in exile, said he was working with Andrew Huang, a computer hacker known as Bunnie who studied electrical engineering at M.I.T., to see if it would be possible to modify a smartphone to alert journalists working in dangerous environments to electronic surveillance. Mr. Snowden, who is a board member of a nonprofit group called the Freedom of the Press Foundation, said he was concerned that cellphones and smartphones serve as tracking devices that automatically create electronic dossiers that give third parties, including governments, detailed information on location. As an example of the dangers of location data, he cited the mortar attack in 2012 by the Syrian government that killed Marie Colvin, an American journalist who was reporting in Homs, Syria, for The Sunday Times of London. "The radio frequency emissions of her communications that she used to file those news reports were intercepted by the Syrian Army," he said.

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17. Trump says help for NATO allies would depend on their spending (Canada)

Washington Post, Carol Morello, Adam Taylor, 2016 07 22

Washington - Presidential candidate Donald Trump has set off alarm bells with a suggestion that a Trump administration would not automatically defend fellow members of NATO from a Russian attack if they have not lived up to their financial obligations. Trump, in an interview transcript published Thursday in the New York Times, went beyond his earlier assertions that he might reconsider the U.S. role as one of 28 nations in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, because many European countries are not spending enough on defense. When asked whether he would provide military aid to the Baltic countries if Russia were to attack, Trump replied, "If they fulfill their obligations to us, the answer is yes." Trump was more vague when asked what he would do if the answer were no. "Well, I'm not saying if not," he said. "I'm saying, right now there are many countries that have not fulfilled their obligations to us." Though U.S. administrations have for decades complained that Europe is getting a free ride, Trump's comments represented a repudiation of Article 5, the heart of the alliance, that an attack on one is considered an attack on all. Article 5 was first invoked after the terrorist attacks against the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, and is the reason European and Canadian troops were sent to Afghanistan. "There's no question the NATO allies could be doing more," said James Goldgeier, dean of the School of International Service at American University. "But nobody ever said we're going to pick and choose who we're going to defend based on how much they're spending. The alliance would unravel if everyone did that."

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18. Turkey asks Texas, California to investigate schools it says are tied to Gulen

Washington Post, Valerie Strauss, 2016 07 22

Washington - The government of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has asked education officials in Texas and California to investigate publicly funded charter schools in those states that it says are linked to a Muslim cleric living in the United States, a man the government alleges was the mastermind of a coup attempt this month. The Turkish government also is planning to bring more complaints in other parts of the United States. The Erdogan government, through the international law firm Amsterdam & Partners, recently filed a formal complaint with the Texas Education Agency against a charter network called Harmony Public Schools, which operates 46 math, science and technology campuses in Texas and has received more than \$250 million in federal and state money. Turkey alleges that the Harmony schools are part of a network of more than 160 charter schools in more than 25 states started by Turkish men, all said to be inspired by Fethullah Gulen, the preacher who lives in seclusion in Pennsylvania. The complaint in Texas alleges, among other things, that the schools have abused public funds, funneled money to Gulen's movement - known as Hizmet (or "service") - violated legal requirements surrounding open and competitive bidding and discriminated against employees on the basis of national origin and gender. Officials at the Harmony schools - the first of the network of charters said to be Gulen-inspired - have repeatedly denied any connection to Gulen or any intent to proselytize at the schools. Soner Tarim, a co-founder and chief executive of Harmony Public Schools, said the allegations against the successful charter schools are false.

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19. White nationalists and other 'alt-right' activists are feeling more at home

Washington Post, David Weigel, 2016 07 22

Cleveland - Geert Wilders strolled toward Quicken Loans Arena, drawing the usual amount of double takes. Clad in a trim blue suit, wearing sunglasses under his silver-blond coif, he stopped to talk to Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) and a small crowd of foreign journalists began to gather. "He heads the Freedom Party in the Netherlands," King explained to a delegate who was wondering about the fuss. "A little bit of controversy here and there, but who among us hasn't created some?" In another year, the far-right Wilders would not have made it past the Republican National Convention's perimeter. He has proposed moratoriums on new Muslim immigration to his country and a similar halt on mosque construction. "I don't hate Muslims," he has said. "I hate Islam." But the rise and nomination of Donald Trump had inspired Wilders - and expanded his American fan base. He was just one of many people who might have been labeled extremists, and whose views are rejected by the old elite of the Republican Party, but who attended the convention and related events with a sense that their politics were finally winning. "I was at a McDonald's, having a hamburger, and I asked the young person who served me, 'Are you going to vote?'" Wilders said. "He told me: 'Sir, I've never voted, but for the first time in my life I have registered. I will vote for Trump. I feel that he's addressing the problems.' It's the same that you see in the Netherlands - my party, being the strongest, is supported by the people who never voted before."

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20. Boris Johnson once outed MI6 spy 'for a laugh'

Politics.co.uk, Adam Bienkov, 2016 07 20

London - There was some nervousness in the Foreign Office when it was announced that Boris Johnson had been made foreign secretary. Part of Johnson's new role involves overseeing MI6. This is a highly sensitive and delicate task which some within his department worry he is unsuited for. A piece by Adam Boulton in this week's Sunday Times also claimed that responsibility for MI6 was "being quietly shifted to the prime minister and National Security Council". However, the Foreign Office strongly denied this yesterday, telling Politics.co.uk that there were no plans to strip the department of responsibility for the secret service. "As has been long standing practice, responsibility for SIS and GCHQ lies with the foreign secretary. This has not changed and will not change," a spokesperson said.

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21. France tells us how not to counter extremism

The Independent (UK), Frank Foley, 2016 07 22

Op-ed - In the wake of the Nice attack, doubts have been raised once again about the tough French approach to countering extremism. Less commented on is the fact that the UK Government is pursuing anti-extremism policies that come straight out the French playbook. Whether it is "disrupting" non-violent extremism, or making Muslims feel that they are increasingly being monitored, the French authorities have been implementing hard-line policies for decades - and it has not done them any good. The UK Government's pursuit of French-style tactics is unusual if you consider the two countries' chequered history on matters of terrorism. When France was attacked by jihadist militants in the mid-1990s, it launched an unrelenting crackdown on extremist circles. French officials also poured scorn on "Londonistan" across the English Channel, where radicals were allowed to roam free. When London was hit by the 7/7 bombings in 2005, France told Britain (with some justification) that "we told you so" and maintained its own draconian response to terrorism. The British ramped up counterterrorism policies after 7/7. Yet my research indicates that the UK's response to jihadist terrorism has generally remained more proportionate than that of the French - and arguably with better results. Both countries still have a considerable problem of radicalisation, but France has faced a wave of terrorist attacks since 2012 unparalleled in any other western country. Something has been going seriously wrong in its efforts to combat extremism. Note: Frank Foley is a lecturer in the department of war studies at King's College London and author of "Countering Terrorism in Britain and France: Institutions, Norms and the Shadow Of The Past".

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22. Military on alert after serviceman escapes kidnap attempt

London Times, Deborah Haynes, John Simpson, 2016 07 22

London - Military personnel were on terror alert last night after an RAF serviceman fought off two men who tried to abduct him close to an airbase in Norfolk. In an assault that revived fears of a Lee Rigby-style attack, the victim, who is married and in his late twenties, escaped being

dragged into a car by tackling the first attacker to the ground. The serviceman sprinted off before the second man, armed with a military-style knife, could catch him during the confrontation close to RAF Marham on Wednesday afternoon. The suspects are still being hunted. Detective Superintendent Paul Durham, from the Norfolk and Suffolk major investigation team, said that terrorism may have been the motive for the attack but it could have been a non terrorism-related abduction or attempted robbery. Norfolk police urgently want to locate the dark-coloured people carrier used by the suspects, who were of Middle Eastern appearance. The vehicle could have been a Ford Galaxy.

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23. One in ten become victims of cybercrime

London Times, Richard Ford, 2016 07 21

London - One in ten adults have been victims of fraud or computer misuse offences, according to official figures published today. An estimated 5.8 million fraud and cyberoffences are committed annually, pushing the overall crime figures in England and Wales to more than 12 million. The first official estimate of the scale of online shopping scams, virus attacks, ticket frauds, computer hacking and theft of bank details along with credit and bank card fraud shows that fraud is the most common crime experienced by the public. The chance of being a victim of victim of fraud is the same regardless of class, region and whether a person lives in a rural or urban area, according to the Crime Survey of England and Wales. Official crime figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) showed that excluding fraud and cybercrime, there were 6.3 million crimes in the 12 months to March 2016, a fall of 6 per cent.

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24. 'Car-bomb' attacker targets police station

The Australian, Simone Fox Koob, 2016 07 22

Canberra - A man claiming to have a bomb drove a car laden with gas cylinders last night into the underground car park of a western Sydney police station that has been the target of terror threats. Terrified witnesses were told by police to run after hearing a "loud bang" at the Merrylands station at about 7pm. Police with guns drawn used fire extinguishers to douse the blaze as the man attempted to set the makeshift car bomb alight. A man was arrested about an hour later after a tense standoff with police. He was taken under police escort to hospital in a serious condition, suffering burns. NSW Police said no officers or bystanders had been injured. The Bomb Disposal Unit assessed the car as police set up a perimeter around the station. Authorities believe that the would-be bomber, a man in his 60s, has mental health problems but counter- terrorism police were to be called in to help local investigators determine the motive for the attack. However, late last night police said terrorism or violent extremism was "not one of our lines of inquiry". "There is nothing to indicate this is in any way related to terrorism," said Assistant Commissioner Dennis Clifford. "We keep an open mind but we are not leaning that way at this stage." He would not release any more details about the attacker or his motivation,

saying only there was "nothing to indicate he is linked to anyone else". Mr Clifford said police had been on high alert. He paid tribute to officers at the station.

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25. \$30k travel bill for new boss

New Zealand Herald, Nicholas Jones, 2016 07 22

Wellington - The GCSB director has racked up a travel bill of more than \$30,000 after little more than two months in the job. Andrew Hampton has released his travel and hospitality expenses for the year ending June 30, along with other public service chief executives. They have also outlined what gifts they received - including craft beer, apples, kiwifruit and mince pies, merino socks and tickets to the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. And while one chief executive spent \$5185 on taxis, Chai Chuah, the director-general of health, takes the Airbus from Auckland Airport. A disclosure regime for chief executive expenses, gifts and hospitality was introduced by the State Services Commissioner in 2010. Between his start date on April 26 and June 30, Hampton spent \$29,000 on international travel and nearly \$1000 on domestic trips. "Every year there are a series of meetings between foreign intelligence agencies. My arrival at the GCSB coincided with these meetings, which I attended in Europe and the United States. These are annual meetings that previous directors have also attended," Hampton said.

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26. Agencies to focus on 'lone wolves'

The Australian, Brendan Nicholson, 2016 07 22

Canberra - Malcolm Turnbull has ordered Australia's counter- terrorism agencies to urgently develop a strategy to prevent rapidly radicalised terrorists carrying out Nice-style attacks in public areas. The government has been advised that the threat of an attack by "lone-wolf" terrorists using a truck or knife and potentially causing scores of casualties could last for decades. Senior sources have told The Australian the Prime Minister is particularly concerned that while it would be hard for a terrorist to obtain a cache of automatic weapons here, an attack using a vehicle as a weapon could cause devastating casualties. Mr Turnbull has called in counter-terrorism co-ordinator Greg Moriarty and directed him to quickly identify lessons for Australia arising from the Bastille Day attack in Nice, in which Tunisian Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel ploughed a truck through a crowd that had been watching fireworks, killing more than 80 people, including 10 children. A key aspect of Mr Moriarty's report will be to advise on how vulnerable Australia's public areas are, and how authorities can protect open areas where large numbers congregate. Security agencies believe Lindt cafe attacker Man Haron Monis, who converted from Shia to Sunni Islam in the days before the siege, might fit that profile. Mr Moriarty said the threat was deep, global and multidimensional and Mr Turnbull had discussed "the need to position the country to be both secure and united, not just for tomorrow or next year but for ... generations". He said a "one size fits all" approach would not succeed.

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27. Balance between terror, mental health: PM

Australian Associated Press, 2016 07 22

Canberra - Greater access to mental health files could be on the table as part of a review into lone-wolf terrorism in Australia. Malcolm Turnbull has asked his top counter-terrorism adviser Greg Moriarty for ideas on how to prevent lone-wolf attacks in the aftermath of the Nice massacre and Sydney's Lindt cafe siege. Agencies will be asked to take a fresh look at their terrorist investigation watchlists to see if there are connections with mental health concerns or a history of crime. The prime minister says police and security services can already access mental health records where there is suspicion of terrorist activities. But asked whether the government wanted access to mental health files of those considered at risk of committing a terrorist act, the prime minister said his first priority was to ensure Australians were safe. He admitted it would be a huge step. "It's important that this be looked at carefully," Mr Turnbull told 3AW on Friday.

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28. Home raided after burning car slams into security door

ABC (Australia), 2016 07 22

Canberra - Police have searched the home of a western Sydney man who allegedly set his car alight and rammed it into the car park of Merrylands Police Station in what the Police Commissioner has described as a "drama-laden" incident. Officers raided the Greystanes home of 61-year-old Peter Zhurawel and have removed a number of items for examination. "We do know that a vehicle ... drove into the driveway ... and a short distance onto the footpath, detonated and [the driver] self-immolated inside the vehicle," Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione said. "From that point forward, police ... managed to secure that vehicle, the vehicle then rolled down the driveway and while still on fire, it rolled into the wall and then further into the garage door." Commissioner Scipione said officers "went above and beyond" using fire extinguishers to put out the flames and remove a gas bottle that had been opened and was inside the vehicle. "They then secured the vehicle and managed to recover some petrol ... and then ultimately, they removed the driver who at that stage was seriously burned," he said.

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29. Malcolm Turnbull says Government could probe terror suspects' links to mental illness, past criminal behaviour

ABC (Australia), Staff Writer, 2016 07 22

Canberra - Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has indicated the Federal Government may want access to the mental health files of individuals suspected of terrorist activity. The Government's top anti-terror adviser has been asked to investigate Australian terror suspects' potential links with mental illness and past criminal behaviour. The Prime Minister's request to counter-terrorism coordinator Greg Moriarty is part of a full "lessons learnt" review of Australia's defences against so-called "lone wolf" attacks, such as those carried out with a , an and guns in . Mr Turnbull has told Macquarie Radio the Government wants to protect people's privacy, but that needs to be balanced with national security. "I think it's important that we are all mindful of

the new environment in which we're operating and that is why we've got to look at it very carefully," Mr Turnbull said. Mr Turnbull conceded accessing the files would be a "huge step". "Yes it would be, and that's why it's important to speak with some precision. "You've got a number of important interests to balance here. Mental health alone, leaving aside issues of terrorism, is a gigantic challenge." Mr Turnbull said he valued Australia's "very significant" privacy protections, but his priority was to keep people safe.

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30. Security services doing good job: Stratfor

Australian Associated Press, Max Blekin, 2016 07 22

Canberra - The lack of large-scale terror attacks in the US and Australia show security services are doing a good job, a US private sector intelligence group says. Terrorist group Islamic State's call to adherents to conduct "lone wolf" attacks was a response to police pressure and an admission of weakness. In an analysis of "lone wolf" terrorism, Stratfor security analyst Scott Stewart says organised terror groups are more effective at mounting large attacks as they contained skilled operatives. But they were also more likely to attract attention of counter-terrorism services. "Judging from the lack of such attacks, at least in North America and Australia, they are doing a good job," Mr Stewart said. Terror leaders have now urged supporters to conduct "lone wolf" attacks but that was an admission that they were incapable of conducting attacks themselves. Most "lone wolf" attacks are very effective but some are, such as that by Norwegian fascist Anders Breivik, who killed 77 people in 2011, and the Islamist who drove a truck into a crowd in Nice, France on July 14, killing 84. That's police going about their everyday activities. It's also alert citizens reporting suspicious conduct. Based on sheer numbers, both are more likely to encounter grassroots terrorists than officers of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation. The Australian government has recognised this with the "be alert not alarmed" and similar campaigns and the national security hotline.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

31. 17 Daesh militants killed in Nangarhar operations

Pajhwok Afghan News, Ahmad, 2016 07 22

Jalalabad - Afghan security forces killed 17 Daesh or Islamic State militants during operations in the Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province, the governor's house said on Friday. The operations in Achin's Sangorai and Kharsha areas were carried out on Thursday, a statement from the Nangarhar governor's house said. It said 17 Daesh militants were killed and their communications system destroyed during the operations. The security forces and civilians stayed unharmed during the raids, the statement concluded. There has been no word from the self-styled IS group about the operations in Achin, which has been the scene of sporadic clashes between Daesh militants and Afghan security forces. (Full Report).

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32. Taliban official arrested in Nangarhar

Pajhwok Afghan News, Zeerak Fahim, 2016 07 22

Jalalabad - Taliban's deputy district chief for the Batikot district of eastern Nangarhar province has been arrested, an official said on Thursday. The governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban official, Rahmatullah, was captured by the Afghan Special Forces during an operation. The detainee, a resident of Behsud district, was involved in destructive activities in Achin and Batikot districts. The Taliban have said nothing about the incident. Separately, the provincial media center in a statement said an individual named Mustafa was arrested on the charge of stealing a car in the provincial capital and the detainee had confessed to his crime. A resident of the area, Omid Safi, said car-lifting and snatching of mobile phones and computers had increased these days in Jalalabad and the government should pay more attention to the matter. (Full Report).

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Africa • Afrique

33. Côte d'Ivoire : la défense de Simone Gbagbo rejette toute implication dans le meurtre (Canada)

Jeune Afrique, Claire Rainfroy, 2016 07 21

Abidjan - Côte d'Ivoire : la défense de Simone Gbagbo rejette toute implication dans le meurtre de Guy-André Kieffer La riposte était attendue. Mercredi 20 juillet, un ancien milicien pro-Gbagbo a accusé l'ancienne première dame ivoirienne d'avoir ordonné l'assassinat et la dissimulation du corps du journaliste franco-canadien Guy-André Kieffer, porté disparu en 2004 à Abidjan. Un témoignage « à charge et peu sérieux », dénonce Maître Ange Rodrigue Dadjé, l'un des avocats de Simone Gbagbo, jugée par les assises d'Abidjan depuis le 31 mai pour « crime contre les prisonniers de guerre et crime contre l'humanité ».

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34. Dix-sept soldats tués dans une attaque terroriste au Mali Bamako promet une riposte appropriée

Liberté (Algérie), Merzak Tigrine, 2016 07 21

Nampala, Mali - Au moment où les efforts se multiplient pour une application effective des Accords de paix d'Alger, le Mali enregistre une nouvelle attaque terroriste, qui a visé le camp militaire de Nampala. Revendiqué par deux groupes armés, un peul (ANSIPRJ) et un terroriste (Ansar Dine), cet attentat a coûté la vie à dix-sept soldats de l'armée malienne mardi à l'aube à Nampala, dans la région de Ségou, à environ 510 km de la capitale malienne. Selon un communiqué rendu public par l'armée malienne, l'attaque a été lancée "mardi à 5h30 (heure locale et GMT) par des individus armés dont l'identité reste à déterminer" contre le camp de Nampala, ville de la région de Ségou, à environ 510 km de Bamako. Ayant fait état dans un premier bilan de "12 morts et une trentaine de blessés parmi les militaires", les autorités maliennes ont revu, par la voix du ministre de la Défense Tièman Hubert Coulibaly, ce chiffre à

la hausse. "Nous avons perdu 17 hommes et déplorons 35 blessés à Nampala", a-t-il déclaré à la Télévision publique malienne. Indiquant que des spécialistes étudiaient les modes opératoires des assaillants et des groupes armés actifs dans la région pour les identifier, le ministre malien a promis : "Nous ferons en sorte que cette attaque terroriste coordonnée qui s'est portée sur nos positions à Nampala fasse l'objet d'une réponse appropriée". Revendiquée auprès de l'agence AFP par "l'Alliance nationale pour la sauvegarde de l'identité peule et la restauration de la justice (ANSIPRJ)", mouvement armé dont la création a été annoncée en juin, qui se défend d'être djihadiste ou indépendantiste, cette attaque a fait l'objet d'une autre revendication.

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35. Le Mufti de la Libye considère la présence de soldats français sur le sol libyen

Pan African News Agency, Journaliste maison, 2016 07 21

Tripoli - Le Mufti de la Libye considère la présence de soldats français sur le sol libyen comme une déclaration de guerre. Le Mufti de la Libye, Saddok Al-Gharani, a estimé que l'annonce par le ministère français de la Défense de la mort de trois de ses soldats à l'ouest de la ville de Benghazi constituait une "déclaration de guerre" à la Libye, appelant les Libyens à dénoncer cette ingérence. M. Al-Gharani, qui intervenait mercredi sur la chaîne de télévision "al-Tanassouh", a affirmé que "la Déclaration du ministère français de la Défense de morts parmi ses soldats en Libye et leur fierté à leur égard équivalent à une déclaration de guerre". "C'est un devoir légitime pour tous les Libyens de manifester pour condamner l'intervention française en Libye", a-t-il ajouté. L'ancien Mufti a souligné dans son intervention la nécessité d'unir les Libyens pour contrer ce qu'il appelle "une agression extérieure" en disant: "la question est maintenant claire, notre pays subit une invasion étrangère". "Maintenant, la lumière matinale a ébloui les yeux (...) Les Français se battent contre les révolutionnaires à Benghazi", a-t-il encore souligné.

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Americas • Amériques

36. Brazil arrests 'amateur' group accused of Olympics terror plot

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 07 21

Brasilia - Brazil arrested 10 people on Thursday suspected of belonging to a poorly organized group supporting Islamic State (IS) and discussing acts of terrorism during next month's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Justice Minister Alexandre Moraes said. The group, described as "absolutely amateur" by the minister, were all Brazilian citizens and in contact via internet messaging groups such as WhatsApp and Telegram. They did not know each other personally, the minister said. Though Brazil has no history of conflict with known militant groups, Moraes said the Games had made the Latin American country a more likely target, particularly because of participation by countries fighting IS. "Today was the first operation against a supposed terrorist cell in Brazil," he said. "Brazil was not part of the coalition against IS, but because of the upcoming Olympics and because it will receive many foreigners, Brazil becomes part of the target." SITE Intelligence Group, a U.S. company that monitors the internet, reported the previously unknown group calling itself "Ansar al-Khilafah Brazil" said on the Telegram

messaging app on Sunday that it followed IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, and had promoted IS propaganda in Arabic, English and Portuguese. It is unclear what relation those detained on Thursday may have with that group.

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37. Brazil arrests group plotting 'acts of terrorism' before Olympics

Buenos Aires Herald, Staff report, 2016 07 21

Buenos Aires - Brazil arrested 10 people on Thursday on suspicion of belonging to a group supporting Islamic State (IS) and preparing acts of terrorism during next month's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Justice Minister Alexandre Moraes said. The loosely organized group were all Brazilian citizens and in contact via internet messaging groups such as WhatsApp and Telegram, but did not know each other personally, the minister said. The group did not have direct contact with IS though some of its members had made "pro forma" declarations of allegiance to the militant Islamist group, the minister said. He did not elaborate. "Those involved participated in an online group denominated 'the defenders of Sharia' and were planning to acquire weapons to commit crimes in Brazil and even overseas," Moraes told a news conference. "It was an absolutely amateur cell, with no preparation at all, a disorganized cell," the minister said, adding that authorities decided to intervene when the group started to plan actions. He said members of the group had visited a weapons site in neighboring Paraguay that sells AK-47 assault rifles, but there was no evidence they acquired any weapons. Two people will be brought in for questioning, in addition to the 10 already detained, he added.

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38. Colombia faces Brexit-style 'great dilemma' in vote to end war with Farc

The Guardian (London), Sibylla Brodzinsky, 2016 07 22

Bogota - There's nothing Alexa Sarmiento would like better than to see her country at peace. Having grown up in Colombia's violence-plagued eastern plains region, she has seen more than her share of conflict. But Sarmiento says she's unsure if she will vote yes or no in a plebiscite later this year in which Colombians will be asked to accept or reject a peace deal between the government and leftist Farc guerrillas that would end more than half a century of war. "I do want the conflict to end, but it seems to me like the government has given in too much to the Farc," says Sarmiento, 19, who is studying to become a social worker. "But if I vote no, then what?" she asks herself. "Fifty more years of war? Is it responsible to do that?"

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39. Fumbles Beset Security Staffing For Rio Games

Wall Street Journal, Will Connors, Benjamin Parkin, 2016 07 22

Rio de Janeiro - People with no security experience and minimal training are being hired to screen for weapons outside Olympic venues, with just two weeks left before the Games begin and Brazil on edge about Thursday's arrests of suspected terrorists. The federal government

waited until July 1 to award the contract for private workers to monitor X-ray machines and pat down spectators at checkpoints outside Olympic facilities in Rio de Janeiro. Similar tenders for previous Games were in place as much as a year in advance. The result is a mad dash by the small Brazilian temp agency that won the 17.3 million reais (\$5.3 million) contract to supply as many as 7,000 screeners the government now says it needs. As of Monday, only about 1,500 workers had been hired, according to a person familiar with the effort who pronounced the 11th-hour recruiting spree "a mess." New hires for the screener jobs, which pay about \$9.50 a day, described haste and confusion. More than a dozen interviewed by The Wall Street Journal said they needed minimal qualifications to land the jobs, were given few instructions beyond where to report for work, and often found nobody around when they reported to their worksites. "How are you going to do this [job] if you don't have any practical training?" said Priscila Siqueira, a 31-year-old former IT worker who landed a screener post. "If I had to search someone, and they had a weapon or a bomb, then what? I wouldn't know what to do."

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40. Le Brésil arrête dix personnes suspectées de planifier une attaque terroriste pendant les JO

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 07 22

Rio de Janeiro, Brésil - Les présumés djihadistes, interpellés jeudi, programmaient, selon les autorités du pays, l'achat d'armes afin de commettre des crimes « au Brésil et à l'extérieur du territoire ». A quinze jours de la cérémonie d'ouverture des Jeux olympiques (JO) de Rio de Janeiro, à laquelle doit assister le président français, François Hollande, la police brésilienne a annoncé, jeudi 21 juillet, l'arrestation de dix personnes, soupçonnées de planifier une attaque terroriste pendant l'événement. Les suspects, placés en détention provisoire, appartiendraient à un groupe virtuel, « Defensores da Sharia » (Les défenseurs de la charia), faisant la promotion de l'organisation Etat islamique (EI). Selon les autorités brésiliennes, les présumés djihadistes, programmaient l'achat d'armes, tel un fusil AK-47, afin de commettre des crimes « au Brésil et à l'extérieur du territoire ». L'emprisonnement de deux autres personnes, en cours d'examen, pourrait être décidé dans les prochaines heures. Le coup de filet s'inscrit dans le cadre d'une opération antiterroriste dite « Hashtag » initiée en avril avec la collaboration de services étrangers de renseignement. Le fruit de ces investigations a abouti à la surveillance approfondie de plus de cent personnes réparties dans différents Etats du pays et témoignant leur sympathie pour l'EI.

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41. Olympic security: Brazil adjusts to new threats with help from global partners

Christian Science Monitor, Taylor Barnes, 2016 07 21

Rio de Janeiro - Even amid questions of whether Brazil will face international threats of terror as host of the first Summer Olympics in the southern hemisphere, nations from around the globe have stepped up to offer support and training opportunities to prepare it for this extraordinary situation. Some 75 governments - including odd bedfellows like Russia, Yemen, Turkmenistan, and the United States - will gather surveillance intelligence in command centers in Rio and Brasília. Brazilian law enforcement has sent teams of observers to foreign sporting

events like the Tour de France and Baku European Games to learn about large-scale event security firsthand. The United States has been a top trainer for Brazilian law enforcement in the period leading up to the 2014 World Cup and the Olympics. In one training, the US antiterrorism assistance office taught Brazilian police case studies on the 1999 Columbine school shooting and the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Brazilian security officials say the cooperation will not only benefit athletes and fans here for the Olympics this summer, but could leave Brazil's forces with a legacy of new professional skills that can be applied more broadly at home, ranging from detection of fake documents to improved airport security. Successfully hosting the sporting event will give the country - better known for its deeply troubled domestic security record, and underpaid law enforcement suffering poor working conditions - a positive international bump. For a nation that has long sought a more prominent role on the international stage, and touted "South- South" relations, Brazil, the trainee, could potentially become the trainer, sharing its new skills with other Southern Hemisphere nations, or other host nations, down the line. "Wherever there has been an important event, we've had Brazilian police collecting information," Andrei Rodrigues, a federal agent and the head of Brazil's special government agency dedicated to mega- event security, said in an interview with Brazil's Zero Hora. Rodrigues has been invited to create a database of best practices in partnership with Japan, which will host the 2020 summer games, and has said observers from Russia and Qatar, the sites of the two upcoming World Cups, will come to Brazil for the August Games. "Police from several countries are working with us," Mr. Rodrigues added in a separate interview. "Mutual cooperation between countries is vital."

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42. Ten arrested in Brazil over Olympics terror plot

Globe and Mail, Stephanie Nolen, 2016 07 22

Rio De Janeiro - Brazilian police have arrested 10 people, and issued warrants for two more, who they say were radicalized online by the Islamic State group and were discussing plans to attack the Olympic Games, which begin here Aug. 5. These are the first-ever arrests related to alleged Islamist terrorism in Brazil and the first use of an anti-terror law passed in March. Brazil's intelligence agencies have little experience in combatting terrorism, which has raised questions about how prepared the country is to ensure security at the Olympics. But Minister of Justice Alexandre de Moraes said those arrested on Thursday were "amateurs" who had no specific target and that crime was a bigger security concern during the Games than terrorism. Federal police say those arrested are all Brazilian nationals, that they had no actual contact with the Islamic State but consumed media from the group online, and communicated with each other through the message services WhatsApp and Telegram. The group members were located in 10 different Brazilian states and are between 20 and 40 years of age. They called themselves Defenders of Sharia. The genders of the group members were not given by police. Mr. de Moraes has said that foreign intelligence agencies are assisting with efforts for the Games, and that they were involved in gathering the information that led to these arrests. He said that some members of the group had sworn an oath of allegiance to Islamic State and that they planned to carry out an Orlando nightclub-style mass shooting attack. They did not have bomb materials, he added.

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43. Abu Sayyaf wants P200M ransom for 5 Malaysians (Canada).

Manila Times, Al Jacinto, 2016 07 22

Zamboanga City - Abu Sayyaf militants have demanded a P200 million ransom for the release of five Malaysian sailors they kidnapped in Sabah. Borneo Post reported that one of the hostages, Tayudin Anjut, 45, phoned his employer to say that they are being held captive in Basilan, one of five provinces under the Muslim autonomous region. Anjut said the kidnapers were demanding the ransom for their freedom, but Philippine military and police authorities could not immediately confirm nor deny the report. The President had earlier vowed to wipe out the Abu Sayyaf, linked to international terrorist groups, during his term. He, however, also raised the possibility of talking peace with the bandits. Duterte has ordered an all-out offensive against the Abu Sayyaf. The group beheaded Canadian John Ridsdel in April. On June 13, Abu Sayyaf rebels also executed another Canadian, Robert Hall, after the group's demand for P300 million ransom was not met.

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44. Activist-turned-scholar urges action on N.K. abductees

Korea Herald, Yeo Jun-suk, 2016 07 22

Seoul - On April 29, 1992, South Korea's top intelligence agency arrested dozens of activists for plotting to overthrow the government by building underground socialist organizations. The authorities described the groups as the biggest antistate entity ever established in the country's modern history. One of those arrested was Baik Tae-ung, who served as leader of the South Korean Socialist Coalition of Workers or "Sanomaeng" in Korean. Despite the plea that he was exercising the right to political freedom, the then 29-year-old activist was sentenced to life in prison, a sentence which was later reduced to 15 years. Baik was designated as a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International and released in 1999 through a special pardon from former President Kim Dae-jung. He flew to the United States, where he earned a doctoral degree on international human rights law and passed the bar exam in the State of New York. Now the activist-turned- professor has returned to South Korea with a new mission - to bring home people abducted by North Korea. In 2015, his related activities won him the membership of the United Nations Human Rights Council's Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, representing Asia-Pacific states. "The South Korean government should come forward to address this issue as it has significant meaning in the nation's modern history. It is not just a matter of bringing an individual back home. It is about healing wounds from the past," Baik said in an interview with The Korea Herald.

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45. Foreign ties to Gulshan attack under scrutiny (Canada).

Dhaka Tribune, Tribune Desk, 2016 07 22

Dhaka - Investigators suspect that the three local militant groups who carried out the Gulshan terror attack were assisted by several foreign extremist groups as well as some home-grown militant leaders now staying abroad. The unified platform was established in 2014 as agreed by the detained top leaders of banned outfits Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), Ansarullah Bangla Team and Hizb ut-Tahrir at Kashimpur High Security Jail, as their aim is the same - establishing Islamic rule in the country by uprooting the democratic forces. They think the attack was launched based on an order issued by the detained leaders recently. Another key suspect behind the Gulshan terror attack is Bangladesh-origin Canadian citizen Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury. Investigation sources said that he might be working to maintain communication between the local groups and Islamic State through his links in Afghanistan.

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46. Gov't bolsters countermeasures to deter N.K. cyberattacks

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 07 22

Seoul - South Korea is beefing up its governmentwide countermeasures to prevent possible cyberattacks by North Korea, officials said Friday. The Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning said the number of cyberattacks by North Korea more than doubled in the first half of this year. The cyberattacks "are judged as a part of North Korean provocations to trigger public anxiety" in South Korea, the ministry said. Last month, South Korean police said North Korea hacked into more than 140,000 computers at 160 South Korean firms and government agencies. About 42,000 documents were suspected to have been stolen, including defense-related information. The ministry urged people to install antivirus software and avoid opening suspicious emails. South Korea has been on high alert against hacking attacks by North Korea following the North's fourth nuclear test in January and a series of missile launches in recent months. (Full report)

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47. Maharashtra, Kerala cops arrest Zakir Naik's 'aide' for recruiting youths for IS

Times of India, Staff Report, 2016 07 22

Mumbai - The Kerala police along with the Maharashtra anti-terrorism squad arrested Arshid Qureshi, alleged to be a member of Zakir Naik's Islamic Research Foundation (IRF), on Wednesday night for recruiting Kerala youths for the terror outfit Islamic State. If his links with IRF are confirmed, this could be the first arrest of a member of televangelist Naik's organisation, under the scanner since two of the Bangladesh cafe attackers said they were inspired by his preachings. An IRF spokesperson refused to comment. Qureshi was held + after the police raided a flat in Seawoods. He was produced before a magistrate's court in CBD-Belapur on Thursday and remanded in transit custody for four days. He will be questioned by the Maharashtra ATS and later taken to Kerala. Based on this statement, the Palarivattom police slapped charges under Section 13 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) on the duo and booked them under sections of the IPC.

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48. Military support in C.Sulawesi counterterrorism operation praised

Jakarta Post, Ruslan Sangadji, 2016 07 22

Jakarta - National Police chief Gen. Tito Karnavian expressed his thanks to Indonesian Military commander Gen. Gatot Nurmantyo over the latter's support for Operation Tinombala, which led to the death of Indonesia's most wanted terrorist Santoso in a shootout in Poso, Central Sulawesi, Monday. "Without good cooperation, the operation would not have yielded the optimal result that we've seen now," he said on Wednesday. Responding to The Jakarta Post's question about two of Santoso's followers who were still at large, namely Basri and Ali Kalora, Tito asserted that the police would continue Operation Tinombala by using two methods, namely hard and persuasive approaches. He highlighted the importance of Operation Tinombala, saying that in terrorism networks in Indonesia, there was a concept called Qaidah Amina, in which Poso was considered an ideal place to launch their radical movements.

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49. NIA to probe IS operative's link with Dhaka plotter

Times of India, Staff Report, 2016 07 22

New Delhi - Days before Bangladesh home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal is to visit India, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has been asked to probe the Dhaka link to Islamic State operative Abu Al-Musa Al- Bangali, who was arrested from Burdwan two weeks ago. Government sources say the home ministry, which will share the details with Kamal next week, has asked NIA to probe Musa as he was reportedly in touch with Jamaat-ul- Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) senior leader Mohammad Suleiman, suspected to be the prime conspirator of the Dhaka bakery attack. The agency will take custody of Musa from West Bengal CID. It is suspected that Suleiman could be in India. Sources added that Kamal will visit the NIA headquarters on July 27. NIA has been given a list of 10 IS suspects, shared by the Bangladesh government.

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50. Kremlin Denies Warning Turkey of Imminent Coup

Moscow Times, Staff report, 2016 07 21

Moscow - The Kremlin has denied reports that Russian intelligence warned the Turkish government of an imminent coup, the RBC newspaper reported Thursday. Iran's Fars news agency, citing diplomatic sources in Ankara, alleged Wednesday that Moscow warned Turkish President Recep Erdogan of a military coup being prepared against his government several hours before the start of the coup on July 15, which killed 290 people. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Russia's government was unaware of such communications with Turkey's government prior to the failed coup. "I have no information of that nature and I do not know which sources the Fars agency are citing," he said on Thursday.

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51. Ukraine's Security Services and Rebels Are Said to Be Equals in Torture

New York Times, Andrew E. Kramer, 2016 07 22

Moscow - A report by two leading human rights groups released on Thursday accuses Ukraine's Western-backed security services of practicing abuse and torture in a manner similar to that of the rebel groups they are fighting. In the report about disappearances and torture in the Ukraine war, titled "You Don't Exist," Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International document harrowing abuse by both sides, including waterboarding and the use of electrical shocks. "People in eastern Ukraine who are being seized and hidden away by the warring sides are at the mercy of their captors," Tanya Lokshina, a researcher with Human Rights Watch and one of the authors of the report, said in a statement. "It is never legal or justified to seize people off the streets, cut them off from contact with family and lawyers, and beat and abuse them," she said. Ukraine's domestic intelligence agency, the Security Service of Ukraine, denies illegally detaining suspects in the conflict. And yet as recently as May, it refused to allow a United Nations delegation investigating reports of torture access to sites where suspects were alleged to be held illegally.

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52. Interior Minister: Secret Tunnel Discovered in Eastern Iran, 40 Terrorists Arrested

Fars News Agency, 2016 07 22

Tehran - Iranian Interior Minister Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli announced that the country's security forces have discovered a secret tunnel in Eastern Iran that the terrorists sought to use for sabotage operations. "Two nights before, we discovered a 40-meter tunnel in the 20-meter depth of the earth in the Eastern parts of the country and they (the terrorists) intended to use it secretly in ripe conditions for conducting explosion and other operations," Rahmani Fazli said, addressing a forum in Tehran on Thursday. "40 people were arrested in this regard," he added, but declined to provide any further details. In a relevant development, an informed source said on Wednesday that the Iranian security forces dismantled a terrorist cell in the Southeastern province of Sistan and Balouchestan. "Members of a team which sought to carry out sabotage acts and blow up different places in Khash were identified and arrested," the source said.

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53. IRGC Disbands Terrorist Group in Western Iran, Kills 1

Fars News Agency, 2016 07 22

Tehran - A senior commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) announced that another terrorist group has been dismantled in Western Iran. "A team of terrorists who were trying to cross Iran border with Turkey was dismantled on Thursday by the IRGC forces," Salmas IRGC Commander Colonel Alireza Madani said on Thursday night. He noted that IRGC forces realized that four terrorists were trying to enter Iran through the Turkish border in a region

25 kilometers from the city of Salmas. "Two of the terrorists managed to flee, one of them was arrested and another one killed during the IRGC operation," Colonel Madani added. He reiterated that on the basis of the intelligence tips received by the IRGC, the four terrorists were counterrevolutionary elements living in neighboring Turkey. "They wanted to launch terrorist activities in Iran, but their plans were aborted," Colonel Madani added.

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54. Al-Qaeda in Syria executes 14 'government forces'

Al Arabiya, 2016 07 22

Beirut - Al-Qaeda's Syrian affiliate Al-Nusra Front has executed 14 captured men it accused of fighting for President Bashar al-Assad, in retaliation for a regime advance near Damascus. A video distributed via the group's social media accounts showed 14 men, many with injuries including black eyes, stating their names as they lined up in pairs in front of the group's black flag. "Implementation of the death sentence against a group of... regime prisoners because of their attack on Harira village in Wadi Barada," text on the video read. The footage showed the men being shot in the head simultaneously as they knelt in front of Al-Nusra fighters. Wadi Barada is an area in the Qalamun region of Syria's Damascus province and is mostly controlled by an array of opposition groups, including Al-Nusra. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitor said that Al-Nusra had threatened to execute prisoners if government forces entered Harira.

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55. Hizbullah Shells IS in al-Qaa Outskirts, Inflicting Casualties

Naharnet Newsdesk, 2016 07 22

Beirut - Hizbullah on Thursday bombarded the posts of the extremist Islamic State group in the outskirts of the eastern border town of al-Qaa, inflicting casualties, Hizbullah's Military Media reported. It said the party fired heavy machineguns, artillery and multiple rocket launchers after detecting IS movements and gatherings in the al-Kahf area. On Wednesday, Hizbullah destroyed a bulldozer for the al-Qaida-linked al-Nusra Front in the outskirts of the northeastern border town of Aarsal. The bulldozer was carrying out reinforcements in the area of Wadi al-Khayl when the fighters destroyed it. Artillery shelling by the Lebanese army had on Tuesday destroyed al-Nusra's posts in the Wadi al-Khayl and Khirbet Younin areas amid army shelling of the outskirts of Aarsal, Ras Baalbek and al-Qaa. The army has been shelling the outskirts of the three towns for several days now. Troops have been on high alert since the unprecedented suicide bombings that hit the Christian border town of al-Qaa in late June.

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56. IDF adapting training to Hezbollah battle doctrine

Jerusalem Post, Yaakov Lappin, 2016 07 22

Jerusalem - Ten years after the Second Lebanon War, the IDF has made substantial changes in the way it trains its infantry for war against Hezbollah - arguably Israel's most formidable military threat in the immediate region. In the lead up to the 2006 conflict, the infantry had become rusty at war, spending nearly all of its time in counter-terrorism and anti-riot missions in the West Bank. The little training it did do involved largely unrealistic scenarios, like fighting in open areas, which were starkly different from the village battlefields of southern Lebanon that awaited it. Today, according to a senior military source who is familiar with current infantry training practices, nearly every aspect of preparations has been revamped. The length of training programs for conscripts and reserves has grown exponentially under the current chief of staff.

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57. Jihadis call on 'lone wolf' terrorists to attack Israeli athletes at Rio Olympics

Jerusalem Post, Staff Report, 2016 07 22

Jerusalem - Al-Qaida-influenced terrorists have issued directives to "lone wolf" attackers to carry out attacks against the Israeli Olympic delegation at the upcoming Rio Olympics, The Foreign Desk reported Thursday. The jihadis reportedly published a list of athletes to be targeted on social media, including the US, French and British delegations in addition to the Israelis. "One small knife attack against Americans/Israelis in these places will have bigger media effect than any other attacks anywhere else in sha Allah," the social media call read, according to The Foreign Desk. "Your chance to take part in the global Jihad is here! Your chance to be a martyr is here!" the jihadis said, citing the easy process of obtaining visas for travel to Brazil as well as the wide availability of guns in "crime-ridden slums." News site Globonews reported that the members of the group were linked to ISIS. It was not possible to immediately confirm this.

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58. Nusra official denies group plotting foreign terror attacks

Now Lebanon, Albin Szakola, 2016 07 22

Beirut - An official in Al-Nusra Front denied that the Al-Qaeda affiliate in Syria was plotting foreign terror attacks for the time being amid a flurry of warnings from Washington that the group is threatening US national security. "We in Nusra emphasize that [our] interest is maintaining a strong and standing Jihad in As-Sham (Syria), and all other desired interests to target the US and the West will be marginalized and absent," Abu Ammar as-Shami, a self-described spokesperson for the organization, claimed Thursday. Shami, who is reportedly a veteran Al-Qaeda member, wrote a series of comments on Twitter in response to David Ignatius's July 19 Washington Post column entitled "A new jihadist threat may be on the horizon in Syria," a reference to Nusra. Ignatius cited US officials as saying that there is "increasing evidence that the group is plotting external operations against Europe and the United States."

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59. US warns citizens of 'imminent threat' in Jeddah

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 07 22

Washington - The US government issued an urgent warning on Thursday about a possible attack against its citizens in the Saudi port city of Jeddah. The state department said the US embassy had "received reports of a potential, imminent threat against US citizens in areas of Jeddah frequented by westerners, such as markets, restaurants, and shopping malls, among others". The security message, published online and sent to US travellers registered with department, did not give further details on the reported threat, but reiterated existing guidance for visitors to Saudi Arabia. "Remember to vary your routes and times in all instances when traveling in the Kingdom," the notice said. "All US citizens are encouraged to be aware of their surroundings, and take extra precautions when travelling throughout the country." Earlier this month there were three bomb attacks in Jeddah, the kingdom's second city and major Red Sea port, and which CIA director John Brennan said bore the hallmarks of ISIL.

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60. 'Jealous' al Qaeda reduced to trumpeting rival Islamic State's terror attacks

Washington Times, Rowan Scarborough, 2016 07 22

Washington - Perhaps out of jealousy, al Qaeda is out with a special edition of its online magazine Inspire with stories devoted to a terrorist attack carried out by a rival -- the Bastille Day truck massacre in Nice, France. Inspire is published by al Qaeda's Yemeni branch, al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), a group dedicated to attacking the U.S. homeland. The Islamic State, another Salafist jihad group, claimed responsibility for the Nice carnage, in which Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel plowed a refrigerated truck at high speed through a dense crowd of revelers July 14, killing 84. Inspire lauded Bouhlel for using a truck rather than explosives, the acquisition of which might have caught the attention of French security agencies. "I think AQAP is jealous they haven't been able to succeed in a while and that ISIS has gotten all the attention lately in the media," said Steven Stalinsky, executive director of the Middle East Media Research Institute, which distributed the edition.

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61. Après le terrorisme, les émeutes... et toujours le même ressentiment anti-français

Atlantico (site web), Zohra Bitan, 2016 07 22

Paris - Après le terrorisme, les émeutes... et toujours le même ressentiment anti-français : mais en quoi la France est-elle vraiment raciste ? Suite au décès en garde à vue d'Adama Traoré, plusieurs émeutes ont éclaté en banlieues pour dénoncer la "négrophobie" et le racisme. Pourtant les études montrent que les Français font figure de bons élèves par rapport aux autres citoyens européens. Atlantico : Le décès d'Adama Traoré au cours de sa garde-à-voir pour une affaire d'extorsion de fonds a déclenché de nombreuses réactions sur les réseaux sociaux et de la part

d'associations de lutte contre le racisme et les violences policières. Plusieurs associations françaises ont d'ailleurs appelées à manifester contre les violences policières en reprenant les arguments du mouvement américain . Quelle est selon vous la réalité de cette idée au sein de la société française ? Comment se positionne-t-elle en comparaison avec les autres pays européens par exemple ? Zohra Bitan : Je préfère ne pas poser la question en ces termes car comparaison n'est pas raison. Je ne souhaite pas minimiser ce qui se passe en France, mais le rapport aux populations de couleurs ou issues de l'immigration n'est pas du tout le même.

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62. Attentat de Nice : quand la justice demande à la mairie de détruire 24 heures d'images

Le Figaro, Eugénie Bastié avec Paule Gonzalès, 2016 07 22

Nice - Nice : une étrange réquisition judiciaire Panique et incompréhension à la mairie de Nice. Le 20 juillet, la Sous-direction antiterroriste (SDAT) a envoyé aux agents qui gèrent la vidéosurveillance de la ville une « réquisition judiciaire urgente » leur demandant « l'effacement complet des enregistrements de vidéosurveillance de l'ensemble des caméras desservant la promenade des Anglais filmant pour la plupart d'entre elles l'action terroriste commise le soir du 14 juillet » . « C'est la première fois que l'on nous demande de détruire des preuves, précise une source proche du dossier. Le centre de vidéosurveillance et la ville de Nice pourraient être poursuivis pour cela et, d'ailleurs, les agents en charge du dispositif n'ont pas compétence pour se livrer à de telles opérations. » La demande paraît d'autant plus étonnante que, depuis vendredi, la SDAT a engagé une opération de sauvegarde des 30 000 heures de vidéosurveillance liées aux événements. Contacté par Le Figaro , le parquet de Paris confirme l'information : « Cela a été fait dans ce cas précis pour éviter la diffusion non contrôlée et non maîtrisée de ces images. » Du côté de la police nationale, on rappelle que « 100 % des vidéos susceptibles d'être intéressantes ont été récupérées » .

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63. Erdogan says Turkey's military to be restructured after abortive coup

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 07 22

Ankara - Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan told Reuters on Thursday that there were significant intelligence failures ahead of last week's attempted military coup and that the armed forces would quickly be restructured and have "fresh blood". In his first interview since declaring a state of emergency following last Friday's abortive coup, Erdogan said a new coup attempt was possible, but would not be easy, saying "we are more vigilant". "It is very clear that there were significant gaps and deficiencies in our intelligence, there is no point trying to hide it or deny it. I told it to the head of national intelligence," Erdogan told Reuters in his palace in Ankara, which was targeted during the coup attempt. Erdogan, describing how events unfolded on the night of the coup attempt, while he was on holiday with his family near the coastal resort of Marmaris, he said he had initially not believed a phone call from his brother-in-law informing him that soldiers had started blocking streets in Istanbul. He was initially unable to reach the head of the armed forces or the head of the national intelligence agency, and after some difficulty was able to contact the prime minister, he said.

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64. France / Terrorisme - France: opération anti-terroriste à Argenteuil, en banlieue parisienne

Radio France Internationale, Journaliste maison, 2016 07 22

Argenteuil - En France, une opération anti-terroriste a été menée ce jeudi après-midi en région parisienne dans la ville d'Argenteuil, dans le Val d'Oise. Deux logements étaient visés. Les policiers de la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) avec l'appui des policiers d'élite du Raid ont perquisitionné à Argenteuil à deux adresses différentes, avenue du Parc et avenue Maurice Utrillo. Cette opération est sans rapport avec l'attaque menée le 14 juillet à Nice, elle visait à vérifier un renseignement anonyme faisant état d'un projet d'action violente, a indiqué une source policière, qui a précisé que la section antiterroriste du parquet de Paris est saisie des investigations. Interrogé par RFI, un habitant du quartier, Evariste, qui se trouve bloqué dans un commerce situé face à l'un des sites témoigne : « Il y avait au moins une quarantaine de personnes, plus la police de la ville qui encadraient le lieu à hauteur de 300 m. Il y en a qui sont montés par le haut, d'autres par-devant. Une quinzaine de personnes du Raid avec des robots, des béliers sont entrés. Après, cinq chiens sont venus avec leurs maîtres des policiers du Raid, arrivés sur les lieux ils sont restés au moins une trentaine de minutes et ils sont sortis avec trois femmes et un homme menottés. Après quelque temps, nous avons remarqué sept personnes du Raid avec des policiers scientifiques avec des masques et des valises. Ils sont rentrés et restés longtemps puis sont sortis avec une jeune femme d'environ 19, 22 ans en pleurant. Ils l'ont mise dans la voiture de police et ils sont partis avec eux. Au moment où je vous parle une partie de la cité est quadrillée, personne ne passe. Tout est sécurisé. Il y a des banderoles de la police pour que personne ne franchisse la zone. Ils sont en pleine intervention. »

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65. Nice: Hollande réunit ses ministres, cinq suspects mis en examen

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 07 22

Paris - Le président François Hollande, sous le feu des critiques, réunit vendredi ses ministres pour un nouveau Conseil restreint de sécurité et de défense, au lendemain de la mise en examen des cinq suspects en contact avec Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlej avant l'attentat de Nice. Ce Conseil, le quatrième depuis la tuerie du 14 juillet, se tiendra à 10H00, immédiatement après un entretien entre le chef de l'Etat et son ministre de la Défense Jean-Yves Le Drian. Le volet judiciaire a avancé avec la mise en examen et le placement en détention provisoire de cinq personnes - quatre hommes âgés de 21 à 40 ans et une femme de 42 ans - ayant été en contact avec le tueur avant l'attentat de Nice qui a fait 84 morts et 331 blessés. L'enquête révèle une préparation de longue date, un acte "mûri" pendant plusieurs mois avec des "complicités" et des "soutiens", selon le procureur de Paris, François Molins. Chokri C., Mohamed Oualid G. et Ramzi A. sont poursuivis pour "complicité d'assassinats en bande organisée en relation avec une entreprise terroriste". Ramzi A. est aussi mis en examen pour "infractions à la législation sur les armes en relation avec une entreprise terroriste", comme un couple d'Albanais, Artan H. et Enkeledja Z. Ces trois derniers suspects sont soupçonnés d'avoir participé à la fourniture du pistolet avec lequel Lahouaiej Bouhlej a tiré sur des policiers avant d'être abattu.

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66. Nice attacker 'plotted for months and had accomplices'

The Guardian (London), Kim Willsher, 2016 07 21

Paris - The French-Tunisian man who drove a lorry into crowds celebrating Bastille Day in Nice, killing 84 people and injuring hundreds more, had help planning the attack, Paris prosecutor François Molins has revealed. Evidence from telephones and computer records suggested that Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouhlel was not a recently radicalised "lone wolf", as previously thought, but had several accomplices and had planned his attack for up to a year. Molins told a press conference on Thursday that after the attack on the offices of Charlie Hebdo magazine in January 2015, in which 12 people died, Bouhlel sent a text message to one suspect that read: "I am not Charlie. I'm happy they have brought some of Allah's soldiers to finish the job." The prosecutor revealed what he described as "significant advances" in the inquiry, as four men and a woman suspected of helping Bouhlel appeared before a judge in Paris accused of being involved in a terrorist operation. The prosecutor said it was increasingly evident that Bouhlel's attack was premeditated and that he had logistical and planning support from the five, with whom he had been in regular contact. "He seems to have envisaged and developed his criminal plans several months before carrying them out," Molins said.

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67. Russian intelligence saved Erdogan from coup - media reports

Russian Press Digest - Russica Izvestia, Dmitry Kalinin, 2016 07 22

Moscow - Reports that Russian intelligence warned the Turkish president about the military coup, allowing him to escape and retain power, appeared in various Russian media outlets in the evening of July 20. However, it is unclear to what extent the reports are true: Erdogan himself said that he learned about the coup from his brother-in-law. Russian media have reported that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was warned by Russian intelligence services about the military coup against him that was thwarted in the early hours of July 16. The Russian media outlets that have spread the version of Moscow's involvement in Erdogan's victory over the plotters cite the major Iranian news agency Fars, which, in turn, refers to reports by several Arab media outlets (in particular, the Sudanese newspapers Al Sudan Al Youm). The Arab media outlets cite anonymous Turkish diplomats as their source. According to the version that appeared in the Iranian media, Russia's military intelligence based at Khmeymim airbase in Syria managed to intercept and decode sensitive Turkish military radio messages.

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68. Terrorisme : comment les autorités peuvent espionner un smartphone ou un PC

Le Figaro, Elsa Trujillo avec Benjamin Ferran, 2016 07 22

Paris - À droite comme à gauche, l'attentat de Nice fait émerger des propositions au sujet de la lutte antiterroriste en ligne. Retour sur les moyens à disposition de la police et des services de renseignement. Des photos de repérage de la Promenade des Anglais, des vidéos d'accidents

mortels de véhicules ou encore des images de combattants avec des drapeaux de Daech. Les éléments retrouvés dans le téléphone portable et l'ordinateur de Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel, l'auteur des attentats de Nice, pouvaient en dire long sur ses intentions. De quoi relancer une nouvelle fois le débat sur la surveillance des personnes suspectes ou fichées S en ligne. Depuis dix-huit mois, l'arsenal de mesures déployé par le gouvernement à cet égard n'a pourtant cessé de se muscler. Et des voix s'élèvent pour instaurer de nouvelles mesures. La police et les services de renseignement sont déjà autorisés à surveiller ou à fouiller un smartphone ou un ordinateur, localement ou à distance, dans un cadre bien défini. . Saisir des appareils et exploiter leurs données La solution la plus directe est de récupérer directement les appareils des suspects, afin d'examiner leurs contenus. Des perquisitions peuvent être menées dans tout lieu privé, aussi bien un logement qu'une entreprise, que fréquente un suspect ou un témoin. La loi autorise la saisie des données informatiques directement à la source (saisie d'un disque dur ou leur copie sur un support physique, tel qu'une clé USB). «Il est également possible d'accéder à des données se situant en dehors du lieu de la perquisition à l'aide d'un ordinateur se trouvant sur place. Par exemple, pour consulter des courriers électroniques, un compte client sur un site Web ou des fichiers sur un serveur», précise Service-Public.fr.

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69. Trois questions clés sur le dispositif de sécurisation du 14 juillet

Le Figaro, Christophe Cornevin avec Vincent-Xavier Morvant, 2016 07 22

Nice - Une semaine après la tuerie de Nice, l'examen du dispositif policier du 14 Juillet fragilise les déclarations du ministre de l'Intérieur. La police nationale absente à l'entrée de la promenade des Anglais Alors que Bernard Cazeneuve assurait le 16 juillet à la sortie du conseil de défense que la « police nationale était présente et très présente sur la promenade des Anglais » le soir du 14 Juillet, aucun fonctionnaire de l'État n'était en fait déployé à l'entrée du périmètre de sécurité, au moment où le terroriste Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel a foncé dans la foule au volant d'un camion de 19 tonnes en passant par le trottoir. Comme l'a reconnu la Place Beauvau elle-même, les effectifs de la police nationale, présents sur ce premier point de contrôle « Gambetta », avaient en effet été relevés à 21 heures par leurs collègues municipaux. Seuls deux agents de la ville et leur voiture gardaient donc l'entrée de la Prom'. Placés au milieu de la chaussée derrière deux barrières de sécurité et revêtus d'un gilet jaune, ils étaient en charge d'assurer la « déviation de la circulation et un contrôle visuel » dans le flot des nombreuses voitures. Au moment de la tragédie, les premiers policiers nationaux, eux, étaient postés à plus de 370 mètres plus bas, au point « Meyerbeer ». Situé au début de la zone événementielle de la Prom'Party, il était protégé par six fonctionnaires. « Répartis sur les voies », comme l'a précisé le ministre de l'Intérieur dans un communiqué diffusé dans la nuit de mercredi à jeudi, « ce sont les premiers intervenants face au camion meurtrier » .

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70. Turkish Intelligence Spied on People Involved in Coup Attempt

Sputnik (Russia), Staff report, 2016 07 21

Ankara - Turkish intelligence service had spied on those arrested and dismissed after the failed coup attempt before it happened, Yasin Aktay, deputy chair of Turkey's ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP), told Sputnik on Thursday. "There were lists [of participants before the coup]. The country's intelligence spied on all of them... Of course it knows who is who but everything is in line with the law. We never struggle with people only because they are adherents of a certain organization or have certain political views," Aktay said. He also called participants of the coup attempt members of a terrorist organization.

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1. Tamim's dangerous Canada connection

Bangladesh Daily Star, Staff Correspondent, 2016 08 09

Dhaka - Meet Tamim Chowdhury -- the man who is now thought to have masterminded the Holey Artisan attack in Gulshan that left 20 diners, 17 of them foreigners -- dead on July 1. Only a week later, he led the attack near the Eid congregation in Sholakia that left four, including two

cops, dead. Terrifying new information has been gleaned about Tamim, a longtime resident of Calgary in Canada. He used to mix with people who had joined IS, and many of them went to Syria where the terror group controls a large part of territories. He was deemed such a dangerous man that religious leaders in Windsor, where Tamim was born, had asked him around 2013 not to mix with youths at the mosques, fearing that he might radicalise them. It is estimated that some 180 Canadians have left the country to take part in jihadi war around the world, the director of Canadian Security Intelligence Service said in March, according to the National Post. About 60 have come back already, and Tamim was probably one of them.

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Canada

2. Aminata Traoré, invitée indésirable?

Le Devoir, Marie-Michèle Sioui avec Boris Proulx, 2016 08 09

Montréal - « Le message, c'est que l'hémisphère nord, qui est donneur de leçons de démocratie, foule aux pieds ses propres principes. » La phrase est tombée comme une condamnation, formulée par Aminata Traoré, une ex-ministre malienne à qui le Canada a refusé l'entrée au pays, où elle devait participer au Forum social mondial (FSM), organisé pour la première fois dans un pays situé au nord de l'équateur. Au téléphone, lundi soir, la militante altermondialiste -- et féministe, et femmes d'affaires, et écrivaine -- semblait résignée. Pendant que son passeport diplomatique circulait encore entre les mains d'employés qui devaient s'affairer à réviser sa première demande de visa refusée, Mme Traoré a annoncé qu'elle se rangeait, une fois de plus, du côté des exclus. « Par principe, j'ai décidé d'annuler ma participation au FSM, parce qu'on n'a jamais été confrontés à une situation pareille. Par solidarité, je ne vais pas y aller alors que 200 autres n'ont aucune chance de venir », a-t-elle lancé. La veille, 312 personnes avaient contacté les organisateurs du FSM pour les aviser du rejet de leur demande de visa. Un chiffre que le ministère de l'Immigration ne peut pas confirmer, car il soutient qu'il n'a pas de liste définitive des participants attendus.

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3. Canada pulls logo from anti-Israel forum; Two Liberal MPs object to tone of cartoon

National Post, Graeme Hamilton, 2016 08 09

Toronto - The federal government has distanced itself from a major international gathering opening Tuesday in Montreal following complaints that its programming included anti-Semitic content. The World Social Forum, expected to draw more than 10,000 participants, was told last week to remove the Canadian government logo from its list of partners after two Liberal MPs expressed disgust over what they called a "blatantly anti-Semitic cartoon" on the event's website. MPs Anthony Housefather, representing the Montreal riding of Mount Royal, and Michael Levitt, representing the Toronto riding of York Centre, also took exception to the World Social Forum's heavy emphasis on the anti-Israel BDS movement. "The Prime Minister, the Government of Canada, and the Canadian Parliament have been very clear that we oppose the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement and that anti-Semitism is never acceptable," the

MPs said in a statement. Forum organizers cancelled a session that had been scheduled to show how Islamist terrorists are "in the service of world Zionismcapitalism." The page for the event had featured a cartoon of a hook-nosed orthodox Jew with a Star of David on his hat, a drawing that Reuben Poupko, co-chairman of Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) Quebec, said was "not so different from those that appeared in Nazi papers." Housefather said the federal government did not provide a grant to the Forum, but it did subsidize the employment of two students working with the organization.

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4. Governments must clarify whether citizens can legally volunteer with anti-ISIL forces: study

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 08 09

Toronto - Governments need to clarify whether their citizens can legally serve as volunteer fighters in armed groups battling the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in Syria and Iraq, a study released Tuesday has recommended. The Institute for Strategic Dialogue report found that governments "appear reluctant to state clearly" whether the hundreds of Western anti-ISIL fighters, many of them military veterans, have broken any laws. The hazy legality has led to confusion and uncertainty among both volunteer fighters and law-enforcement agencies over whether Westerners joining forces with Kurdish militias could be prosecuted at home. The Canadian government has sent mixed signals on the issue: while verbally discouraging Canadians from taking up arms against ISIL, Ottawa has not prevented them from travelling or arrested them, although some have been questioned by the RCMP upon returning. "There is a need in some instances for governments to clarify the legal situation surrounding anti-ISIS foreign fighters," according to an advance copy of the 64-page report obtained by the National Post.

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5. Opinion: Searching for the shadowy Canadian leader of ISIS in Bangladesh

Bangladesh Daily Star, Amarnath Amarasingam, 2016 08 09

The name Tamim Chowdhury first came on my radar in early 2015 when I was doing interviews with friends of another Windsor jihadi who had gone off to fight in Syria: Ahmad Waseem, known as Abu Turab, who was killed in March 2015 in Tal Hamis. Tamim's name was floating around as someone who may have also left for Syria. I jotted down his name, but then became busy with other things. Some months later, I spoke to another friend of Waseem's and remembered to also ask about Tamim. He seemed a little surprised, and remarked that Tamim, facing harassment from law enforcement in Canada, had decided to simply move back to his home country of Bangladesh. Nothing to worry about, he said. I was skeptical. The next time I saw his name appear, it became clear that Tamim was indeed important. A colleague of mine, who asked to be anonymous, pointed me to the ISIS Study Group website (which as of this writing has gone offline) where Tamim was mentioned as one of the leaders of ISIS in Bangladesh.

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6. Trois ans pour l'usurpateur d'identité

Le Droit, Louis-Denis Ebacher, 2016 08 09

Gatineau - Un fabricant de faux passeports de Gatineau, ayant permis à un des criminels les plus notables du Canada de fuir le pays, écope trois ans de pénitencier. Harbi Mohamoud Gabad, 50 ans, a plaidé coupable à des chefs reliés à la production de faux documents, vendredi, au palais de justice de Gatineau. Au lieu d'entamer un procès complexe qui aurait duré cinq semaines, Gabad a reconnu les faits rapportés par la procureure de la Couronne, Geneviève DePassillé. Le ministère public s'est entendu avec l'avocat de la défense, Richard Dubé, sur la peine de trois ans, en échange du plaidoyer. Entre août 2011 et mars 2014, Gabad a approché au moins 13 personnes vulnérables du Vieux-Hull, dont des itinérants et des toxicomanes. En échange de leurs cartes d'identité, il leur offrait de l'argent ou du crack. Les cartes ont servi à fabriquer de faux passeports. Au moins deux des documents contrefaits ont servi à deux criminels bien connus, a rappelé Me DePassillé à la juge Rosemarie Millar, de la Cour du Québec. «L'un a permis à un dénommé (Rabih) Al Kalil de sortir du pays. Depuis ce temps, explique la procureure, il a été arrêté en Grèce et extradé.» Al Kalil est accusé de meurtre, et fait partie des cibles des policiers dans le cadre du projet «Loquace» à Montréal. Rabih est le frère de la présumée tête dirigeante de son clan, Hisham «Terry» Alkhalil. La famille a quitté la Colombie-Britannique il y a quelques années pour s'installer à Ottawa.

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7. Turkey plays politics in Canada, warns outlaw group behind failed coup is operating here

National Post, Joseph Breen, 2016 08 09

Ottawa - Five Turkish parliamentarians will bring a dire warning to their Canadian counterparts on Parliament Hill on Tuesday -- that the same gang of outlaw terrorists who waged a bloody failed coup against the Turkish state is also deeply established in Canada. And just as Turkish civil society is being purged of followers of the Hizmet movement, described by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as a "cancer" justifying the return of the death penalty, so too should Canada move to suppress this threat -- from closing Hizmet schools and restricting finances to extraditing leaders, the Turkish delegation will argue. The wider world "didn't really grasp the seriousness" of the July 15 coup, Selcuk Unal, Turkey's Ambassador to Canada, said in an interview. It revealed a covert "parallel state," under the control of exiled preacher Fethullah Gulen, willing to murder and blackmail its way to power, Unal said. "It is not a small, disorganized thing. It was an organized and serious thing."

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8. 50 G.O.P. Officials Warn Donald Trump Would Put Nation's Security 'at Risk'

New York Times, David E. Sanger, Maggie Haberman, 2016 08 09

Washington - Fifty of the nation's most senior Republican national security officials, many of them former top aides or cabinet members for President George W. Bush, have signed a letter declaring that Donald J. Trump "lacks the character, values and experience" to be president and "would put at risk our country's national security and well-being." Mr. Trump, the officials warn, "would be the most reckless president in American history." The letter says Mr. Trump would weaken the United States' moral authority and questions his knowledge of and belief in the Constitution. It says he has "demonstrated repeatedly that he has little understanding" of the nation's "vital national interests, its complex diplomatic challenges, its indispensable alliances and the democratic values" on which American policy should be based. And it laments that "Mr. Trump has shown no interest in educating himself." Late Monday, Mr. Trump struck back. The signatories of the letter, he said in a statement, were "the ones the American people should look to for answers on why the world is a mess, and we thank them for coming forward so everyone in the country knows who deserves the blame for making the world such a dangerous place." He dismissed them as "nothing more than the failed Washington elite looking to hold onto their power." Among the most prominent signatories are Michael V. Hayden, a former director of both the C.I.A. and the National Security Agency; John D. Negroponte, who served as the first director of national intelligence and then deputy secretary of state; and Robert B. Zoellick, another former deputy secretary of state, United States trade representative and, until 2012, president of the World Bank. Two former secretaries of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge and Michael Chertoff, also signed, as did Eric S. Edelman, who was Vice President Dick Cheney's national security adviser and as a top aide to Robert M. Gates when he was secretary of defense.

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9. Don't give Trump nuclear codes; He's unfit to be president, a former Minuteman III launch officer says.

Los Angeles Times, John Noonan, 2016 08 09

Op-ed - Since the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945, American presidents have thought of their nuclear responsibilities as the heaviest burden one could shoulder. Harry Truman wrote, "We have discovered the most terrible bomb in the history of the world." Dwight Eisenhower, no stranger to conflict, said that nuclear bombs have made war "not just tragic, but preposterous." John F. Kennedy called the weapons a "sword of Damocles," one all Americans were forced to live beneath. Those men bring us to 2016 and the Republican candidate for president, Donald Trump, who also had some deep thoughts on nuclear weapons. That is, "If we have them, why can't we use them?" Having spent five years of my life as a Minuteman III launch officer, and a year as an instructor teaching young officers how to run that weapon system, I'm equipped to answer the Trump campaign's question. The very point of nuclear weapons is that they are never used. We have them to dissuade hostile powers from attacking us, and vice versa. Trump simply cannot be trusted with weapons that can kill millions. He cannot be handed the nuclear "football" -- a briefcase containing the war plans and codes for our nuclear forces--and be made responsible for its contents. Note: John Noonan is a Republican national security expert and former Minuteman III nuclear launch officer.

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10. Former CIA Officer Evan McMullin to Launch Independent Presidential Bid

ABC News, Staff report, 2016 08 08

New York - Evan McMullin, a former CIA counterterrorism officer, will run for president as a third-party conservative alternative to Donald Trump, GOP operatives working to back the candidate told ABC News today. The operatives working on McMullin's bid resigned from Better for America in order to push his candidacy. Better for America, a 501(c)(4) organization that cannot officially endorse or back McMullin's bid, has been working for months on trying to select a candidate and get on ballots throughout the country. In some states, like Texas, they will likely have to sue to get on the ballot. A 501(c)(4) is an issue-based nonprofit that can raise unlimited funds and does not have to disclose its donors. It's an extreme uphill climb, but his supporters are confident McMullin, 40, can act as a disruptor who they hope can peel off some red states in a race where some Republicans are still resistant to Donald Trump.

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11. Newly declassified papers reveal U.S. tensions on Argentina's 'dirty war'

Washington Post, Karen DeYoung, 2016 08 09

Washington - The Obama administration on Monday released more than 1,000 pages of newly declassified documents relating to U.S. policy toward Argentina's "dirty war" of the late 1970s and early 1980s. The documents, most from the administration of President Jimmy Carter, reveal a near-constant internal tension between U.S. eagerness to push human rights as Carter's signature foreign policy issue, and concerns that cutting off aid and trade with Argentina's ruling military junta could be counterproductive and might push it toward a closer relationship with the Soviet Union. "When we take actions toward Argentina, which are interpreted as punitive, we not only enrage the right-wing ideologues, we also arouse the business sector and the media in the U.S.," Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's national security adviser, wrote in a March 1979 memo to then-Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. President Obama announced the declassifications in March, on a visit to Argentina that coincided with the 40th anniversary of the coup that brought the junta to power. "I believe we have a responsibility to confront the past with honesty and transparency," Obama said at the time. An initial tranche of the documents, the same ones as those now made public, were presented to Argentine President Mauricio Macri by Secretary of State John F. Kerry during a visit to Buenos Aires last week.

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12. The state of cyber security: we're all screwed

The Guardian (London), Dan Tynan, 2016 08 09

Las Vegas - When cybersecurity professionals converged in Las Vegas last week to expose vulnerabilities and swap hacking techniques at Black Hat and Defcon, a consistent theme emerged: the internet is broken, and if we don't do something soon, we risk permanent damage to our economy. "Half of all Americans are backing away from the net due to fears regarding security and privacy," longtime tech security guru Dan Kaminsky said in his Black Hat keynote speech, citing a July 2015 study by the National Telecommunications and Information

Administration. "We need to go ahead and get the internet fixed or risk losing this engine of beauty." There's no lack of things to be worried about: organized cybercriminal gangs; government surveillance; not to mention hack attacks from nation states. That may be good news for the cybersecurity industry, which is expected to grow more than 10% annually and surpass \$200bn worldwide by 2021, according to research firm Markets and Markets. But it's bad news for the rest of us. As we conduct more of our lives online, we're being asked to become increasingly savvy about computer security. Many are simply uninterested or not up to the task.

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13. Dissidents 'highly capable' of carrying out attack in Britain

Belfast Telegraph, Deborah McAleese, 2016 08 09

Belfast - Dissident republicans are now capable of launching a bomb attack on mainland Britain, security sources believe. A "few dozen" hard line republican terrorists are responsible for the heightened security fears across Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK. Security sources have confirmed that the New IRA is currently the most dangerous terrorist organisation operating in the province. Intelligence gathered by both police and MI5 suggests that the paramilitary group has improved its bomb-making techniques and is highly capable of launching a bomb attack in the UK.

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14. Inside MI5: My own safety does not keep me awake at night... you take certain measures and get on with life

Belfast Telegraph, Deborah McAleese, 2016 08 09

Belfast - In her bootcut jeans, trainers and T-shirt, she could easily be the girl next door. Mel is in her 30s. She is pretty, fresh-faced and smiley. She also laughs a lot. You could imagine her as the life and soul of the party during a night out with the girls. But behind the smiles and laughter lies a secret that only her closest family members know. Mel is an MI5 spy, highly trained in espionage and the use of informants. During six years operating in Northern Ireland, the information she has uncovered has helped prevent innumerable terrorist atrocities. It is Mel's job to find people with access to secret intelligence about Northern Ireland's terrorist groups, and build a relationship with them to obtain the secrets. "It's not that different to any other job really. I have normal working hours and I don't take work home. I spend a lot more time at my desk than people would think. There is a lot of paperwork to make sure we are authorised and covered legally to go out and meet agents," she explained.

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15. Surveillance: Taking liberties? (Canada)

Financial Times, Gonzalo Viña, 2016 08 08

London - Growing up in Tehran, Fred Ghahramani remembers being told by his mother to be careful with what he said on the telephone because "the secret police is always listening". After several members of his family disappeared, Mr Ghahramani's father, an academic from an ethnic minority, escaped with his family to Canada when the boy was just nine years old. But his childhood fears of Ayatollah Khomeini's security service remain fresh in Mr Ghahramani's mind. It is why the Vancouver-based tech entrepreneur has pledged \$1m to help campaign groups fight what he sees as a growing encroachment on privacy and civil liberties in his adopted country and in other major democracies. "You could hear them on the other end of the line - - it was quite comical that they might want to listen to a child, but you still had to be careful with what you said. You had to second guess your thoughts," Mr Ghahramani says. "I am not saying we are there yet, but my great worry is that we are sleepwalking into that same kind of environment." Canada, Australia, France, New Zealand and others have introduced powers to give security services and police far-reaching surveillance powers. No country, however, is going quite as far as the UK in creating laws that give government agencies the ability and the right to gather information. Adding to traditional forms of targeted surveillance, security services will soon have new powers to mine information about individuals via the explosion in data generated by smartphones and tablets. Mr Ghahramani, the Iranian émigré, remains sceptical about the security claims made not just by the British government but by many others around the world. "Canada and France have been collecting data in bulk for over four years, and yet terror attacks still happen. In the case of the Paris attacks, the terrorists communicated through unencrypted SMS. In the US, the NSA's bulk data collection programs have been in place even longer," he says. "The truth is, it's never actually been proven that bulk data collection can stop terrorism."

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16. Australia's white jihadists

The Courier-Mail, Paul Syvret, 2016 08 09

Column: One of the favourite refrains of the more extreme anti-Islam brigade in Australia, as they try to dust themselves with a thin layer of mangled reason, is that "maybe not all Muslims are terrorists, but all terrorists are Muslim". Australia's counter-terrorism authorities clearly have a more sophisticated and informed view of what might constitute a threat to this country. We saw this over the weekend with the arrest of far-right activist Phillip Galea, who was charged with collecting or making documents likely to facilitate a terrorist act and planning or preparing for a terrorist act. He remains in custody. Galea has been associated with right wing groups, including Reclaim Australia and splinter group the United Patriots Front (UPF). Although, given the shifting sands of allegiances out on the fringes, Reclaim Australia claims he is not currently a "member" of this loose grouping; no, he's just attended some of the rallies that have been staged under its banner in recent times. At least Galea, who told a court on Sunday that the charges were a "conspiracy against the patriot movement" and didn't apply for bail (he remains in custody and says he will fight the charges), has some mates on the outside prepared to support him. Take Melbourne man Neil Erikson, who has drifted in and out of the various puddles around the patriots' pond, such as Reclaim Australia, the UPF and the Australian Liberty Alliance. All are basically rabid anti-Islam groupings with a pathological fear that halal food is the start of a

slippery slope to Mecca, that multiculturalism is a failure and if you don't like our brand of ultranationalism then "f--- off 'cos we're full".

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17. Australian man may face more charges over alleged far-right plot

Reuters, Staff reporter, 2016 08 09

Sydney - A member of an Australian anti-immigration group accused of planning an attack may face additional charges in what the government said was the first time federal terrorism laws had been used to target such right-wing groups. Phillip Galea, 31, has been charged with acts done in preparation for a terrorist act and collecting or making documents likely to facilitate a terrorist act, after being arrested in Melbourne on Saturday. Victoria state Assistant Commissioner Ross Guenther told reporters that he or his associates may face additional charges. Galea will return to court on Tuesday for his next hearing. "That's always a possibility given that we're in an early part of the investigation," Guenther said on Monday. Australia, a staunch U.S. ally, has been on heightened alert for attacks by home-grown Islamist radicals since 2014 and authorities say they have thwarted a number of plots. But far-right activist groups and political parties opposed to Islam and Asian immigration are on the rise in Australia. One Nation, a political party headed by right-wing firebrand Pauline Hanson, secured four senate seats and king-maker status in national elections held last month by running on a protectionist, anti-Islam platform.

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18. Australia sets up specialist cyber unit to trace terrorism payments

Reuters, Staff reporter, 2016 08 09

Sydney - Australia has set up a cyber-intelligence unit to identify terrorism financing, money laundering and financial fraud online, the government said on Tuesday, because of "unprecedented" threats to national security. The measure expands on a major platform of conservative Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, who narrowly won re-election last month after promising to improve Australia's cybersecurity and transform the economy into a tech-savvy business hub. Justice Minister Michael Keenan said the new unit, set up under money-tracking agency the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC), would investigate online payment platforms and financial cybercrime to crack down on money-laundering and criminal networks. "We know that the use of fraudulent identities continues to be a key enabler of serious and organised crime and terrorism," Keenan said in a statement. The statement said the new AUSTRAC unit would work with the Australian and New Zealand government-funded identity support service, ID Care, to target job recruitment scams that crime syndicates used to recruit innocent people to traffic money between jurisdictions. The new unit would also work with the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network to identify patterns and trends that could indicate large-scale financial scams or their methodology, Keenan said. Reuters previously reported that a decision by Australia's major banks to stop offering overseas remittance services had driven the money transfer business underground, making it harder for the authorities to track.

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19. China 'spies' put power sale at risk (Canada)

The Australian Financial Review, Aaron Patrick and Primrose Riordan, 2016 08 09

Canberra - Chinese spies have been caught by the intelligence services conducting "brazen" espionage in Australia over the past year, hardening concerns within the federal government about allowing a Chinese company to buy a \$10 billion power company from NSW. Senior government officials were "deeply concerned by the consequences" of a Chinese state-owned company, State Grid Corp, being issued a 99-year lease to operate Ausgrid, which provides all of Sydney's electricity, according to a security source. There were at least 60 cyber attacks on energy networks last financial year, according to official figures. Cabinet's national security subcommittee has already been briefed on their concerns and Treasurer Scott Morrison seems not to be afraid of vetoing the deal, which would fund a large part of the NSW Coalition government's new infrastructure projects. "That's the job. There are no easy decisions. This is not an easy decision and there are implications of the decision either way. Foreign investment is a very sensitive issue out there in the public and it has to be managed carefully," Mr Morrison said. The decision over Chinese investment in Australia's power grid is shaping up as the first major foreign policy test of the re-elected Turnbull government, which wants to promote foreign investment to drive the economy. Along with State Grid Corp, Cheung Kong Infrastructure, the largest publicly-listed infrastructure company in Hong Kong, is also waiting for government clearance to purchase a 99-year lease for 50.4 per cent of Ausgrid. State Grid Corp already owns electricity networks in South Australia and Victoria and was cleared by the Foreign Investment Review Board to bid last year for Transgrid, a NSW electricity distributor that was sold to Canadian interests.

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20. E-currencies regulated to fight terrorism (Canada)

Sydney Morning Herald, Jewel Topsfield, 2016 08 09

Jakarta - Australia is moving to become one of the first countries to regulate e-currencies such as bitcoin under its anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing laws. Bitcoin - the most prominent digital currency to emerge globally - is backed by a computer code rather than a physical substance such as gold or mainstream currency. The anonymity of payments using digital currencies make them attractive for terrorism financing, according to Australia's financial intelligence agency, AUSTRAC, which is co-hosting a counter-terrorism financing summit with Indonesia in Bali this week. Justice Minister Michael Keenan will inform the summit of the work Australia is doing to improve its anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing legislation after a review recommended the regulation of digital currencies. "The report ... recommends strengthening an already robust legal framework to respond to new and emerging threats," he said. "The government is committed to facilitating growth and innovation in this sector and appropriate anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regulation will aid that development." The AUSTRAC report, Terrorism Financing in Australia 2014, said electronic, online and new payment methods posed an emerging terrorism financing risk, which was likely to increase over the short term as use of these systems grew. In 2014, Canada became the first country to regulate bitcoin and other virtual currencies under its anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing laws.

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21. Police intercepted alleged terrorist's phone calls for months, Melbourne court hears

ABC (Australia), Sarah Farnsworth, 2016 08 09

Melbourne - Police bugged telephone calls made by an alleged far- right extremist charged with plotting a terrorist act for eight months, a Melbourne court has heard. Braybrook man Phillip Galea, 31, is charged with planning to commit a terrorist act and collecting material in connection to a terrorist act. Police allege Galea is a political extremist linked to far- right groups. Galea did not apply for bail at a brief hearing in the Melbourne Magistrates' Court. A federal police prosecutor said large volumes of electronic material were seized from his home and police needed to transcribe lengthy phone calls made by him. The court heard Galea's phone calls were lawfully bugged by authorities from January 2015 onwards and some calls run as long as three hours. Galea's defence lawyer argued he had been given a vague summary of the allegations against his client and opposed the prosecution's request for extra time to prepare the case. Magistrate Lousia Bazzina described it as an extraordinary delay. The court heard Galea is suffering from audio and visual hallucinations from what was described as a "flash bang" from his arrest in raids of his home on the weekend.

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22. Shadow warriors working to bleed the terrorists dry

The Australian, Nivell Rayda and Amanda Hodge, 2016 08 09

Jakarta - A few months ago Agus Santoso, deputy chairman of Indonesia's financial intelligence unit PPATK, bumped into convicted terrorist Muhammad Jibril in the green room of a television station. Jibril had just been released after serving a five-year sentence for harbouring Noordin M Top, the late mastermind of the 2004 bombing of the Australian embassy in Jakarta, the 2005 Bali bombings and the 2009 bombings of Jakarta's JW Marriot and Ritz Carlton hotels. He was unusually eager to meet Santoso. "He said to me; 'Pak Agus, I have been praying that one day we could meet. Please help me. All of my bank accounts have been suspended, my assets frozen. I can't go to the bank and open an account. They won't even let me make a transfer'," Santoso - recalls. The same thing had happened to his Malaysian wife and their four children. They couldn't leave or enter the country without being questioned by immigration and their belongings scrutinised, Jibril complained. He couldn't get loans to open a business. He even tried to use a fake ID but he was recognised. "I told him, you are a convicted terrorist," Santoso says. "Your name appears at the UN Security Council sanctions list. Your father is Abu Jibril (a firebrand cleric with ties to Jemaah Islamiah). Your younger brother died in Syria fighting for ISIS. "If you want to open an account you need to renounce your radical views. You can pray, you can fast, you can perform the Haj as many times as you want. But you can't preach and tell people to wage jihad against infidels." Jibril had fallen victim to what those in the backrooms of the counter-terrorism finance world call "disruption" -- a sort of spy-craft in a cardigan that can comprise covert or overt actions to frustrate terrorist suspects. Australian intelligence agencies have already identified self- funded terrorism as one of the biggest issues, with aspiring terrorist fighters more likely to use personal salaries, welfare payments, business profits or even small

personal loans to self-fund terrorism or contribute to extremist groups in the Middle East, such as Islamic State.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

23. 700 insurgents killed, wounded in a week: MoD

Pajhwok Afghan News, Ahmad Shah Erfanyar, 2016 08 09

Kabul - The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Monday said some 700 insurgents were either killed or wounded over the past one week during operations underway in 13 provinces. Maj. Gen. Mohammad Habib Hesari, MoD operations head, told a press conference here that 19 government forces-planned operations were underway in Nangarhar, Kunar, Laghman, Paktika, Paktia, Khost, Kandahar, Zabul, Helmand, Ghor, Farah, Kunduz and Takhar provinces. As a result of these operations, he said at least 518 rebels were killed and another 188 wounded during the past one week in various areas of the country. He said most of the casualties inflicted on insurgents were in Nangarhar, Helmand and Kunduz provinces and 43 insurgents were also detained during the period. Without providing specific figures, Hesari said a minimal number of security personnel also suffered casualties during the past one week.

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24. Airstrikes Are Barely Holding Off Taliban in Helmand, Afghan Officials Say

New York Times, Mujib Mashal, Taimoor Shah, 2016 08 09

Kabul - The Afghan security forces are struggling to head off an intensified Taliban offensive in Helmand Province in recent weeks, heavily relying on American airstrikes as the insurgents have again tightened the noose around Lashkar Gah, the provincial capital, according to officials and residents. Even as Afghan and American officials insist that they will not allow another urban center to fall, concerned about the political ramifications for the struggling government in Kabul as well as the presidential campaign in the United States, residents and local officials describe Lashkar Gah as practically besieged. The main road connecting the city and the highway to the southern commercial and military hub of Kandahar has been repeatedly blocked in recent days by the Taliban, who blew up several bridges. Civilian passengers can travel on an alternate dirt road, but have to pass through insurgent checkpoints. Many businesses and nongovernmental organizations based in Lashkar Gah are trying to evacuate, and the road blockages have added to their alarm. The Afghan forces' continuous failure to hold ground in a province that has seen the deployment of a large number of troops and resources, as well as hundreds of NATO military advisers, is taking a toll on the residents of Lashkar Gah. The city has long been a haven for people displaced from other areas of Helmand by the constant back and forth between the Taliban and the coalition and government forces.

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25. Dozens killed in Quetta bomb attack

Gulf News, Mohsin Ali, 2016 08 09

Islamabad - More than 60 people were killed and dozens injured in a suspected suicide bomb explosion on Monday in the capital of Pakistan's restive southwestern Balochistan province, officials said. The blast, one of the worst attacks in the province long plagued by a low-scale separatist insurgency, occurred at the Civil Hospital in Quetta. The attacker targeted lawyers gathered outside the emergency ward of the hospital where the body of the slain president of Balochistan Bar Association, Bilal Anwar Kasi, was brought for autopsy. Kasi was earlier shot dead by unknown gunmen on Mannu Jan Road in the provincial capital when he was on his way from his home to Balochistan High Court. The dead and the injured included lawyers, police officials and journalists, the national broadcaster said and quoted Balochistan home minister Sarfraz Bugti as saying that the incident appeared to be a suicide attack.

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26. Le terrorisme vous choque-t-il encore ?

Journal de Montréal, Lise Ravary, 2016 08 09

Chronique - Les islamistes, salafistes, daeshistes et autres fanatiques qui se réclament d'un islam violent, façon 7e siècle, sont en train de remporter une victoire inattendue dans la guerre qu'ils mènent aux mécréants, musulmans, juifs ou chrétiens: nous rendre insensibles à la barbarie. La surabondance d'attentats meurtriers use l'humain, c'est normal Les attentats, devenus monnaie courante, nous émeuvent pendant quelques heures et puis on passe à autre chose. À quoi bon s'en faire si on ne peut rien y faire, non ? TROP LOIN Hier, un kamikaze s'est fait exploser au milieu d'une foule en deuil devant un hôpital, à Quetta au Pakistan. Bilan, 70 personnes et 122 blessés. L'attentat a été revendiqué par l'État islamique. Il y a quelques années, j'aurais été bouleversée par cette nouvelle. Maintenant, je ne suis qu'horrifiée. À Pâques, un autre attentat avait fait 75 morts au Pakistan, dont le tiers étaient des enfants. Nul ne va nier que c'est terrible, mais nous haussons collectivement les épaules : le Pakistan est une poudrière depuis la création de la République islamique en 1947. Et c'est si loin. À ma surprise, on a peu parlé ici du meurtre du mannequin vedette Qandeel Baloch, 26 ans, la Kim Kardashian du Pakistan, étranglée par son frère qui ne pouvait supporter le déshonneur que suscitait le francparler de sa soeur - elle militait contre les crimes d'honneur - et ses photos sexy sur internet. Sans doute inspirés par certains commentaires sur le châtement infligé au blogueur saoudien Raif Badawi, combien ont pensé : «elle a couru après»? La désensibilisation fait son oeuvre.

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27. Top Daesh commander among 30 killed in Nangarhar

Pajhwok Afghan News, Pajhwok Report, 2016 08 09

Jalalabad - Islamic State (IS) or Daesh leader for Khorasan Hafiz Saeed was among 30 others killed in Afghan forces' operation in Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Monday. Lt. Col. Mohammad Zaman Wazir, 201st Selab Military Crops commander, told reporters in Achin district that 30 Daesh rebels, including Hafiz Saeed, had been killed.

Saeed originally hailed from Orakzai tribal region of Pakistan and was a member of the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). He joined the IS after its emergence in eastern Afghanistan. Saeed was promoted as the group's Khorasan region's leader. Few months back, there were reports in media about the killing of Saeed but later the reports proved untrue. The Daesh group has not yet commented about the claim. (Full Report).

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Africa • Afrique

28. Alors que 23 ressortissants égyptiens ont été enlevés dans l'est libyen

Liberté (Algérie), Lyès Menacer, 2016 08 08

Syrte - Une bataille "décisive" se prépare contre Daech à Syrte Le gouvernement d'union nationale (GNA) de Fayez al-Sarraj, fort du soutien de l'aviation américaine, est décidé à en finir avec la branche libyenne de l'autoproclamé État islamique (Daech), acculé dans son fief à Syrte, mais continuant toutefois à opposer une résistance farouche aux forces gouvernementale. Dans un communiqué diffusé hier, le GNA a annoncé en effet le lancement prochainement de ce qu'il considère comme le dernier assaut pour libérer la ville natale de l'ancien guide Mouammar Kadhafi des mains de ce mouvement terroriste. C'est le "début du compte à rebours pour la dernière phase des opérations militaires contre (...) Daech" dans cette ville côtière située à 450 km à l'est de Tripoli, ont annoncé ces forces dans un communiqué transmis aux agences de presse. Selon le texte, les commandants de l'opération ont tenu des réunions "intensives" avant l'assaut "final et décisif" pour "éradiquer la bande de Daech de la ville de Syrte". Samedi, leur centre de presse a publié des photos de soldats étudiant un plan de la ville. Les forces du GNA tentent d'atteindre le Centre de conférences "Ouagadougou", le complexe où les terroristes ont établi leur centre de commandement et sont aujourd'hui pris en étau.

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29. Le Canada veut renouer avec les missions de maintien de la paix dans le continent

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 08 08

Ottawa - Le ministre canadien de la Défense nationale, Harjit S. Sajjan, séjournera en Afrique, notamment en République démocratique du Congo (RDC), en Éthiopie, au Kenya, en Tanzanie et en Ouganda du 09 au 16 août 2016. L'annonce a été faite la semaine dernière dans un communiqué du ministère de la Défense nationale daté du 4 août 2016. Selon ce communiqué, le ministre sera accompagné de l'ex-sénateur libéral et Lieutenant-général à la retraite Roméo Dallaire (celui qui commandait la Mission des Nations unies pour l'assistance au Rwanda (MINUAR) pendant le génocide de 1994), et de l'ancienne procureure en chef du Tribunal pénal international pour l'ex- Yougoslavie (TPIY) et du Tribunal pénal international pour le Rwanda (TPIR) et ex-Haut-commissaire des Nations unies aux droits de l'homme Louise Arbour. Le recoupement des informations obtenues de diverses sources nous permet d'attester que le Canada se prépare à déployer une cinquantaine de Forces canadiennes dans une mission de maintien de la paix, vraisemblablement en RDC, dans le cadre de la Mission de l'organisation des Nations

unies pour la stabilisation en République démocratique du Congo (Monusco). Mais rien n'a encore été précisé.

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30. South Africa and Terrorism - the Links Are Real

Institute for Security Studies, Albertus Schoeman, 2016 08 09

Analysis - Since the bombings by People against Gangsterism and Drugs (PAGAD) in Cape Town in the late 1990s, there has not been a serious terror attack in South Africa. Yet links continue to be found between South Africa and international terrorism. In June the US embassy in South Africa alerted its citizens in the country to possible terror attacks, and the UK and Australia similarly revised their travel alerts. How real is the threat? Evidence suggests that South Africa has been used as a transit point for terrorists, and as a base for planning, training and financing terror operations. But perhaps the bigger problem is government communication in response to the allegations and mounting evidence. Rather than shedding light and inspiring confidence, the official line has fostered distrust and uncertainty. What we do know is that South Africa has a long history when it comes to violent extremism. Note: Albertus Schoeman, Consultant, Transnational Threats and International Crime Division, ISS Pretoria.

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31. War of words in Boko Haram extremist leadership struggle

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 08 08

Lagos - A struggle within Nigeria's Islamic extremist group Boko Haram is playing out in public, with a new leader named by the Islamic State group accusing the longtime leader of killing his own people and living in luxury while fighters' babies starve. Abu Musab al-Barnawi, named by the Islamic State group last week as the new governor of its West Africa Province, alleges that Abubakar Shekau has killed fellow Muslims including his own fighters, neglected hungry women and children and failed to provide food and weapons to fighters. His audio message apparently was made Friday and posted by the New York-based Sahara Reporters, a Nigerian news group. Shekau responded in a video posted on YouTube, saying al-Barnawi is not qualified to lead the group but insisting that "we have not reneged on our loyalty to the leadership of (Abu Bakr) al-Baghdadi," the Islamic State leader. The video, which was posted Sunday night and removed by YouTube for violating its standards, ends with Shekau firing repeatedly in the air. He is flanked by two fighters hefting rocket-propelled grenade launchers. The video starts with an unidentified masked man in front of a large group of armed fighters announcing their refusal to follow al-Barnawi and calling Shekau "our leader." Then Shekau, with his trademark bushy beard and camouflage, threatens more attacks and warns "President (Muhammadu) Buhari, very soon you will see us inside your home, the presidential palace."

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Americas • Amériques

32. Security Screeners Cut Corners at Rio Games

Wall Street Journal, Multiple reporters, 2016 08 09

Rio de Janeiro - Security screeners posted outside some Olympics venues have taken to waving spectators through checkpoints without X-raying their bags in order to help reduce long lines, the latest breakdown in a process that has raised fears about lax security at the Rio Games. Olympics security officials have at times been halting the use of X-ray scanners and instead inspecting bags by hand to help shorten wait times, an organizing committee spokesman said Monday. He said security personnel were also performing "random" checks, an acknowledgment that at times not all bags are being screened in an effort to speed the lines. At several Olympics locales over the weekend, including the beach-volleyball stadium in Copacabana and the equestrian venue in Deodoro sports complex on the city's north side, screeners opted for visual inspections of bags in lieu of machine screening of backpacks and purses. In some cases, screeners didn't review bags at all, although ticket holders were required to walk through metal detectors.

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Asia • Asie

33. China determined to battle on two fronts as North Asian tensions spike

Reuters, Staff reporter, 2016 08 09

Beijing/Tokyo - As China diplomatically confronts the United States and South Korea over new missile defenses and intensifies pressure on Japan at sea over disputed islets, Beijing is signaling it is prepared to stand its ground on two key regional fronts. Mainland analysts see little immediate chance for an easing of tensions now roiling across Northeast Asia, saying a rising China is showing it is keen to shape its own battlefield despite fresh threats. "This action is China saying to the world that it has the ability to fight two regional conflicts on its doorstep," said Ni Lexiong, a naval expert at the Shanghai University of Political Science and Law. "If [Japan] is actively making provocations in our South China Sea, then in the East China Sea, on its doorway, it will face a little pressure," Ni said. Beijing's claims to much of the South China Sea were invalidated last month in an emphatic ruling by an arbitration court in The Hague in a case brought by rival claimant, the Philippines. The region's deepening fault lines after the ruling were exposed at the weekend as a fleet of Chinese coast guard and fishing vessels sailed near Japanese-controlled islets in the East China Sea. Japan warned China on Tuesday ties were "deteriorating markedly". Tokyo worries that Chinese control of the South China Sea, through which much of the oil it imports is shipped, threatens its national security and takes Beijing a step closer to extending its influence into the Western Pacific.

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34. India seeks US help to crack Pakistan terror fund trail

The Hindu, Vijaita Singh, 2016 08 09

New Delhi - India has initiated the process to corner Pakistan globally regarding its patronage to the Al Rehmat Trust, a front for the terrorist outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), which carried out

the attack at the Pathankot airbase in January this year. India has approached select European countries and the U.S., who are part of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to seek the bank transaction details of the Al Rehmat Trust, which operates a dozen offices in Pakistan. Indian agencies suspect that the Trust, founded by Jaish chief, Maulana Masood Azhar, has over Rs. 100 crore in its kitty and the money is used for funding and training terrorist modules. The National Investigation Agency had sent a letter rogatory (judicial request) to Pakistan in April this year, seeking the donation and bank details of the trust.

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35. Japan demands China withdraw gov't ships from waters near Senkakus

Kyodo News, Staff reporter, 2016 08 09

Tokyo - Japan demanded Tuesday that China promptly withdraw its government vessels from waters around the disputed Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea, saying Beijing's attempt to change the status quo has badly hurt bilateral ties. Tokyo's strongly worded protest came after some Chinese government vessels continued to enter Japanese waters around the islets in recent days despite repeated protests from Japan, escalating tensions in the area. Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida summoned Chinese Ambassador to Japan Cheng Yonghua to the Foreign Ministry on Tuesday morning and protested against the Chinese move around the Japanese-administered, Chinese-claimed uninhabited islands, according to the ministry. "The Chinese side is attempting to change the status quo in a one-sided manner. I cannot help saying that because of this, the situation surrounding Japanese-Chinese relations has markedly deteriorated," Kishida was quoted as telling the ambassador. It was the first direct protest lodged by a Japanese Cabinet member over the recent Chinese activities around the islets, which China calls Diaoyu, following repeated protests by Japanese Foreign Ministry officials. Kishida told Cheng that Chinese vessels' repeated entry into Japanese territorial waters is totally unacceptable, as it violates Japan's sovereignty and escalates tensions, the ministry said.

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36. S. Korea, U.N. aviation body to discuss reaction to N. Korea's unannounced missile launches

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 08 09

Seoul - South Korea and the United Nations' air navigation regulator, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), will discuss this week ways to respond to North Korea's recent launches of ballistic missiles that came without the necessary declaration of no-fly zones, the foreign ministry said Tuesday. "North Korea's unannounced launches of ballistic missiles will surely be discussed," spokesman Cho June-hyuck said in a briefing, referring to the meeting between Vice Foreign Minister Cho Tae-yul and ICAO Secretary General Fang Liu slated for Thursday in Seoul. "Actions that can be taken in regards to North Korea's firing off of ballistic missiles in violation of relevant regulations will be part of the discussion," the spokesman said, adding that international civil aviation security will be one of major issues to be dealt with at the meeting. The planned meeting comes as South Korea is ratcheting up diplomatic efforts to tighten the screws on North Korea following the country firing off a series of ballistic missiles in

defiance of bans imposed by the international community. Last week, South Korea alerted the ICAO and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) about the dangers of North Korea's recent ballistic missile launches conducted without prior warning, including the test-firing that took place on Aug. 3.

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37. Taurus missiles to start operation with S. Korean Air Force this year

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 08 09

Seoul - South Korea plans to deploy dozens of "jamming proof" air- to-ground guided missiles that can be carried on its F-15K fighters in a bid to bolster its strike capabilities amid mounting military threats from North Korea, military officials said Tuesday. Dozens of Taurus missiles will be brought in from Germany by the end of this year as the U.S. government has recently approved the exports of critical military GPS receivers which can be attached to war planes, according to the military. The receivers are vital because they are not affected by North Korean GPS jamming. The military said the F-15K Slam Eagle is designed to penetrate the North's air defense systems and precisely destroy major military facilities. If armed with the Taurus missile, the plane can hit North Korea's capital city of Pyongyang while flying over Daejeon, 164 kilometers south of Seoul. It also said the jets could fire off a Taurus over the East Sea and hit the North missile launching facility in Hwadae, in the northern part of North Korea.

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38. THAAD discord amplifies through Minjoo's China visit

Korea Herald, Shin Hyon-hee, 2016 08 09

Seoul - The controversial visit by six first-termers of The Minjoo Party of Korea to China was met with little fanfare since their arrival on Monday, as the Seoul government continued to slam the trip and reaffirmed the need to station the U.S.' Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system here. "We're at a critical moment when it's more important than anything to gather strength from all people in unison to surmount this grave security situation, instead of incurring internal division and confrontation through social controversy," Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn said at a cabinet meeting on Tuesday. President Park Geun-hye later echoed Hwang's views during her speech at the ruling Saenuri Party's convention to elect a new leadership. "The disputed THAAD installment is a minimal defense measure to safeguard the survival of the nation and of the people, as well as an inevitable one to counter North Korea's nuclear and missile threats," she said. As the six lawmakers pressed ahead with the trip, despite criticism from the government and some fellow party members, they ran into a series of snags for scheduled meetings with Seoul's Ambassador Kim Jang-soo and Korean businesspeople in Beijing.

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Eastern Europe • Europe de l'Est

39. Lawyer with links to Russian secret service says Edward Snowden is 'alive and well'

The Express (UK), Will Stewart, 2016 08 08

London - A lawyer with close links to the Russian secret services took the extraordinary step of announcing that US whistleblower Edward Snowden is "alive and well". Rumours spread following a mysterious 64-character tweet appeared on Snowden's Twitter account and was then deleted, triggering speculation that he had been kidnapped or even killed. Lawyer Anatoly Kucherena said: "I can authoritatively say that he is alive and well, he is living in Russia and is busy with his favourite work." The lawyer, close to the secret services, did not explain how suspicious messages appeared on Snowden's Twitter account, or what they meant. Nor has Snowden been seen in public.

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40. Les « djihadistes en transit » inquiètent Sofia

Le Temps (Suisse), Alexandre Lévy, 2016 08 09

Sofia, Bulgarie - Connu pour être le beau-frère de l'un des frères Kouachi, responsables de la tuerie de « Charlie Hebdo » en janvier 2015, Mourad Hamyd aurait tenté de rejoindre la Syrie via la Bulgarie. Une tendance qui inquiète de plus en plus les autorités du pays Suspecté dans un premier temps par les enquêteurs d'être le « troisième homme » de la tuerie à Charlie Hebdo en janvier 2015, Mourad Hamyd avait été rapidement mis hors de cause: âgé à l'époque de 18 ans, il était à son lycée au moment de l'attaque. De plus, Mourad, qui se trouve être le beau-frère de Chérif, l'un des frères Kouachi, a vigoureusement condamné leur « crime barbare », s'en prenant au passage à ceux qui avaient « jeté son nom en pâture » .

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

41. Leakage of IAEA's Secret Information on Iran Troubling US

Fars News Agency, 2016 08 09

Tehran - Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Ali Akbar Salehi underlined that disclosure of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s secret information about Iran has backfired and turned into a problem in the US. "Leakage of the information showed the Iranian negotiators' wisdom and cleverness because the same issue has turned into a problem in the US," Salehi told FNA on Monday. "The Americans say why Iran's nuclear breakout has decreased to 4 months from the previous one-year period; therefore, you (the Iranians) shouldn't worry and they should be concerned," he added. Late in July, the AP claimed that it has obtained a leaked document that is the only text linked to last year's deal between Iran and six foreign powers that hasn't been made public, although US officials say members of Congress have been able to see it.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

42. 'Aleppo's Regime' Falls Apart, Russia Carries out Strikes to Prevent its Collapse

Asharq Al-Awsat, Caroline Akoum, 2016 08 09

Beirut - The opposition factions' success in breaking the siege of Aleppo has changed the military balance on the ground with hopes that such advance could reflect on the negotiations expected to be held in Geneva end of August. Sporadic fighting continued in south Aleppo on Sunday after regime forces and their allies witnessed a blow when opposition factions succeeded to break the siege of the city's eastern districts and to surround its western neighborhoods. Meanwhile, Aleppo's operation room asserted that opposition factions aim to "liberate the city." On Sunday, Jaish al-Fatah announced it had captured a number of regime forces members in the areas where the opposition was able to advance. Activists asserted that the Syrian regime and its ally, Russia, had amplified their air assaults particularly in Aleppo's Ramouseh area, to prevent the complete collapse of regime forces.

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43. Canadian Green Party Votes to Support Boycott of Israel

Haaretz, 2016 08 09

Jerusalem - Canada's Green Party voted on Sunday to support the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement against Israel, despite the opposition of party leader Elizabeth May. The vote followed a heated debate over Israel during the final plenary session of the party's national convention in Ottawa, according to reports in the Canadian media. "I'm deeply disappointed," May said after the vote. "The party policy on this issue is a position I can't support," she said, calling BDS tactics ineffective and "polarizing." Opinions among Greens were sharply divided. "I've never felt prouder to be a member of this party," said Dimitri Lascaris, the party's justice critic who tabled the motion. "We took a brave stand today for human rights," he said, despite facing accusations of anti-Semitism. He added some Jewish delegates supported the position.

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44. Car bombs target pro-government militia in Yemen, 10 dead

Gulf News, Staff Report, 2016 08 09

Sana'a - Yemeni security officials say at least 10 fighters from a pro-government militia have been killed when suspected Al Qaida militants targeted their convoy with two car bombs. The officials say the attack took place late on Sunday in the Yafea area in Lahj province, where Yemen's Al Qaida branch controls several areas, including a large base in which it has stockpiled heavy weapons looted from army depots elsewhere. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to talk to the media. Al Qaida has taken advantage of Yemen's civil war to gain a foothold in several southern Yemeni areas. The war pits troops and militiamen loyal to the internationally recognised government, backed by a Saudi-led coalition, against Shiite Al Houthi rebels and a former president's loyalists. (Full Report).

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45. Iran backed Iraqi, Lebanese Shiite militias deploy to Syria's Aleppo

Associated Press, 2016 08 09

Beirut - Iran-backed Shiite militant groups from Lebanon and Iraq are deploying hundreds of additional fighters to front lines in the Syrian city of Aleppo, Iranian media and militia officials said Monday, after Syrian rebels breached a government-imposed siege and cut a key government route to the contested city over the weekend. The reinforcements by at least four groups, described by officials and state media as "elite," will shore up Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces there as fighting over control of the city intensifies. Rebels breached the Syrian government siege on opposition neighborhoods in the city of Aleppo Saturday, opening a corridor in the south and marking a major military breakthrough. The push prompted an intensive airstrike campaign Sunday as insurgent groups put up a massive defense to protect the new corridor and gain new ground.

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46. Major security flaw in 900m Android phones, tablets, says Check Point

Times of Israel, Dan Schwartz, 2016 08 09

Jerusalem - Nearly a billion Android phones and tablets are vulnerable to malware that could allow hackers "complete control of devices and access to sensitive personal and enterprise data on them," according to Israeli cybersecurity firm Check Point. The hacks are possible due to a series of four vulnerabilities -- dubbed QuadRooter -- affecting Android devices built on Qualcomm chipsets, which are found in nearly two-thirds of mobile devices. "If any one of the four vulnerabilities is exploited, an attacker can trigger privilege escalations and gain root access to a device," said the Check Point research team that discovered the problem. Unlike most malware, which can be rooted out or at least detected by antivirus software, there's little users can do except wait for Qualcomm to issue patches to fix the problem, according to Check Point.

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47. Shin Bet: UN worker used his position to aid Hamas military projects

Jerusalem Post, Staff Report, 2016 08 09

Jerusalem - A United Nations worker in Gaza has been arrested for using his position to aid Hamas military activities, the Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) announced on Tuesday. The suspect was named as 38-year-old Wahid Abdullah Burash of Jabalia in Gaza, an employee of the United Nations Development Program. The UNDP is tasked with projects to help the Strip's inhabitants, including projects to rehabilitate homes damaged in warfare. Burash had worked as a UNDP engineer since 2003. He was tasked with demolishing homes damaged in warfare and evacuating the waste. According to the Shin Bet, Burash was instructed by a senior Hamas official in 2014 to use his position in order to help the organization. In 2015, he allegedly helped build a naval marina for use by Hamas's military in northern Gaza.

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48. Antiterrorisme : une ado de 16 ans écrouée

La Dépêche du Midi (Toulouse), Journaliste maison, 2016 08 09

Melun, France - Une mineure de 16 ans, qui se disait prête à commettre un attentat en France, a été mise en examen hier à Paris et placée en détention provisoire. L'adolescente répond des chefs d'«association de malfaiteurs en relation avec une entreprise terroriste criminelle» et «provocation à la commission d'actes de terrorisme par un moyen de communication en ligne», en l'occurrence la messagerie cryptée Telegram. Une information judiciaire, confiée aux magistrats du pôle antiterroriste de Paris, a été ouverte hier. La jeune fille avait été interpellée jeudi dans le cadre d'une opération antiterroriste à Melun (Seine-et-Marne). «Très radicalisée», la jeune fille était administratrice d'un groupe sur Telegram, où «elle a relayé de nombreux messages de propagande de Daech, a relayé des appels à la commission d'un attentat et a également exprimé son intention de passer à l'acte», a précisé une source proche de l'enquête. Les enquêteurs sont remontés jusqu'à l'adolescente, qui n'a pas d'antécédent judiciaire, après avoir repéré un message «très inquiétant» posté au sein de ce groupe sur Telegram.

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49. Blow for migrant deal as Turkey rejects EU terror law demands

Financial Times, Laura Pitel, Jim Brunson, 2016 08 09

Istanbul - The EU's demand that Turkey must overhaul its terror laws in return for visa-free travel is "impossible" in the aftermath of last month's attempted coup, the country's EU minister has warned. In an interview with the Financial Times, Omer Celik dealt a fresh blow to the fragile deal between the EU and Ankara that has helped stem the flow of refugees and migrants to European shores. For the EU to ease visa requirements for 79m Turkish citizens -- one of a series of incentives promised in return for Turkey's help with the refugee crisis -- Turkey needs to amend its sweeping terror legislation in line with EU law and guidance from the Council of Europe. Mr Celik said that Turkey was open to discussions about counterterror law with European partners and could commit to reforms in the longer term. He warned, however, that it was "impossible" in the short term after the government was almost overthrown by alleged supporters of Fethullah Gulen, an exiled cleric who Turkey has branded a terrorist. He strongly denies the accusation.

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50. Chartres : deux ans de prison pour consultation répétée de sites faisant l'apologie du terrorisme

France 3 - (Régions) avec l'Agence France-Presse, Fabienne Marcel, 2016 08 09

Chartres, France - Un homme de 31 ans a été condamné lundi par le tribunal correctionnel de Chartres à deux ans de prison ferme pour avoir consulté de manière répétée des sites liés à la commission d'actes terroristes. Le tribunal correctionnel de Chartres, qui le jugeait en comparution immédiate, l'a placé sous mandat de dépôt à l'issue de l'audience, a-t-on appris de source judiciaire, confirmant une information du journal local L'Écho Républicain. Le parquet avait requis une peine d'un an de prison ferme. L'homme a été interpellé à la fin de la semaine dernière à Chartres après avoir été repéré par les services de renseignement. Les investigations ont montré qu'il avait pris l'habitude de consulter des sites internet faisant l'apologie du terrorisme, selon cette source. Sur son mur Facebook, l'homme aurait laissé entendre qu'il voulait voir détruire la Tour Montparnasse à Paris. "Les enquêteurs n'ont pas trouvé d'éléments qui permettent de penser à un projet clairement établi", indique cette source judiciaire. "Cet homme ne faisait pas l'objet d'une fiche S.

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51. Erdogan : " Les Occidentaux ont laissé les Turcs seuls "

Le Monde, Christophe Ayad, Marie Jégo et Marc Semo, 2016 08 09

Ankara - Le président turc, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, rejette les critiques sur l'ampleur des purges en cours en Turquie depuis la tentative de coup d'Etat dans la nuit du 15 au 16 juillet. Il menace de rompre les accords migratoires signés avec l'Union européenne Trois semaines après la tentative de putsch qui a ébranlé la Turquie dans la nuit du 15 au 16 juillet, le président Recep Tayyip Erdogan a reçu Le Monde, samedi 6 août, à -Istanbul, pour lui accorder son premier entretien à la presse occidentale depuis ces événements. Le chef de l'Etat turc, en butte à de virulentes critiques en Occident sur l'ampleur des purges post-coup d'Etat, reproche à ses partenaires, européens comme américains, leur manque d' " empathie " et de soutien. Alors qu'il doit rencontrer son homologue russe, Vladimir Poutine, mardi, à Saint-Pétersbourg, M. Erdogan dessine les contours d'une probable rupture avec l'Union européenne (UE) sur la question migratoire ainsi que sur les droits de l'homme. Vous avez déclaré que les Occidentaux avaient " pris le parti des putschistes et des terroristes ". Qu'est-ce que vous leur reprochez? Pendant la tentative de putsch, une partie des leaders du monde occidental m'ont appelé au téléphone. Cela n'était pas suffisant. Nous n'étions pas face à une attaque terroriste ordinaire. Nous comptons 240 martyrs et 2 200 blessés. Le monde entier avait réagi à l'attaque contre Charlie Hebdo . Notre premier ministre s'était joint à la marche dans les rues de Paris. J'aurais souhaité que les leaders du monde occidental réagissent également à ce qui s'est passé en Turquie et qu'ils ne se contentent pas de quelques clichés pour condamner - la tentative de putsch - . Ou alors, j'aurais voulu qu'ils viennent ici en Turquie.

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52. European intelligence database seen aiding fight against suspected militants

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 08 08

Amsterdam - A European counter-terrorism intelligence database designed to generate greater intelligence sharing among allies to avert deadly Islamist attacks has gone online after overcoming traditional reluctance by spy agencies to sharing information. European officials were spurred into setting up the project by the Paris attacks last November by Islamist militants which exposed intelligence gaps. A total of 130 people were killed in those attacks. Hosted by the Dutch intelligence service in the Hague, the database went live on July 1, the German Interior Ministry and the German domestic intelligence agency (BfV) said. "The intelligence database will make it much easier and quicker to share information about possible threats," said one intelligence official. The database enables European intelligence agencies to share real-time information about suspected Islamist militants collected by members of the Counter-Terrorism Group (CTG), which groups all 28 European Union countries, Switzerland and Norway.

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53. Facebook Denies Withholding User Data in German Criminal Investigations

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 08 08

Berlin - Facebook rejected on Monday claims made by Germany's state authorities that it was reluctant to co-operate with them on criminal investigations, saying many of the requests it received for user data were incorrectly formulated. Several regional interior ministers have complained that the social media group is hesitant to respond to requests for data and have called on the Federal Justice Ministry to introduce new laws. But Facebook said it had provided "round the clock assistance" to the authorities in Bavaria following a spate of violent attacks in Munich, Wuerzburg and Ansbach last month. A spokeswoman for the Justice Ministry said it was examining whether there was a need to change the law or whether there was a problem with its implementation.

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54. La Turquie conquise par l'islamisme

Journal de Montréal, Loïc Tassé, 2016 08 09

Chronique- Suite au coup d'État raté du 15 juillet dernier, le gouvernement turc est devenu encore plus dictatorial et plus islamiste qu'auparavant. Sous prétexte de lutter pour la démocratie, Recep Tayyip Erdogan a purgé toutes les forces d'opposition chez les militaires, les policiers, les juges, les professeurs, les fonctionnaires et les journalistes. La Turquie n'est plus un pays démocratique. Si Erdogan va jusqu'au bout, la Turquie basculera complètement dans le camp des islamistes. Aujourd'hui, Erdogan rencontre Vladimir Poutine à Saint- Pétersbourg. Poutine doit regarder avec angoisse la montée d'Erdogan. Quant aux membres de l'OTAN, ils se demandent de plus en plus quoi faire avec ce pays. 1 Pourquoi tant de Turcs ont-ils manifesté aux côtés d'Erdogan ? Ce dimanche, près de cinq millions de Turcs sont descendus dans les rues aux côtés d'Erdogan, prétendument pour soutenir la démocratie. Mais ce chiffre ne veut pas dire grandchose. Erdogan a fait arrêter ou fait renvoyer de leur poste plus de 60 000 personnes. Dans de telles conditions, beaucoup de Turcs veulent donner l'impression de soutenir Erdogan. Car l'opposition est réduite au silence. Les médias sont presque tous contrôlés par Erdogan ou

fermés. Ceux qui critiquent le gouvernement d'Erdogan risquent la prison. Erdogan recevra bientôt de nouveaux pouvoirs qui devraient lui permettre de gouverner en vrai dictateur.

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55. New spyware detected targeting firms in Russia, China: Symantec

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 08 08

Frankfurt - A previously unknown hacking group variously dubbed "Strider" or "ProjectSauron" has carried out cyber-espionage attacks against select targets in Russia, China, Iran, Sweden, Belgium and Rwanda, security researchers said on Monday. The group, which has been active since at least 2011 and could have links to a national intelligence agency, uses Remsec, an advanced piece of hidden malware, Symantec researchers said in a blog post. Remsec spyware lives within an organization's network rather than being installed on individual computers, giving attackers complete control over infected machines, researchers said. It enables keystroke logging and the theft of files and other data. Its code also contains references to Sauron, the all-seeing title character in The Lord of the Rings, Symantec said. Strider is the nickname of the fantasy trilogy's widely traveled main character Aragorn. Separately, Moscow-based Kaspersky Lab has labeled the same group using the Remsec spyware as "ProjectSauron".

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56. Saudis Offer Aid To German Probe

Wall Street Journal, Andrea Thomas, 2016 08 09

Berlin - Saudi authorities offered Berlin help in investigating two attacks claimed by Islamic State in Germany last month, officials from both countries said on Monday. Authorities here said the terror militia abroad hadn't only inspired the attacks, but also appeared to have helped execute them by instructing both perpetrators in how to maximize casualties. The investigation had shown that Islamic State members abroad had helped the perpetrators and that at least one of them had a Saudi cellphone number, a German official said. The findings, derived from a probe of the perpetrators' electronic devices, suggest a more deliberate campaign by Islamic State to attack Germany than authorities had expected in the immediate aftermath of the attacks, which left several people wounded. The atrocities by two recently arrived asylum seekers have punctured a sense of calm in Germany, which had so far been spared the large-scale terror assaults seen in France and Belgium. Chancellor Angela Merkel, who presided over the arrival of well over a million refugees since the beginning of last year, has seen her popularity ratings plummet in the weeks following the attacks. The German government welcomed Saudi Arabia's offer to share intelligence on the attacks, which both took place in the southern state of Bavaria.

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57. The Returnees: Former Islamic State Members Open Up to Investigators

Der Spiegel, Multiple reporters, 2016 08 08

Berlin - When Nils D. turned his back on the Islamic State (IS), he thought about sex. He had spent a year serving the terrorist militia, performing guard duty and working as a cook. He had discovered severed heads on the street and watched beheadings. He had listened to the screams of people being tortured and looked on as they were hung from metal poles with their hands tied behind their backs. These are the kinds of atrocities he had exposed people to as a member of a special unit that was tasked to arrest alleged spies, traitors or other opponents of IS. But by the beginning of November 2014, he wanted out. He came up with a false pretense to travel to Turkey. He wanted to meet his mother and sister in Istanbul and then journey onward to his home in Dinslaken, Germany, a town in the country's Ruhr region. Nils D. has never said what was going through his mind that day, but his mobile phone's browser history provides some answers. He perused a list of the most wanted criminals on the German Federal Criminal Office's website because he feared he might get arrested in Germany. He also looked up ferry connections from Turkey and long-distance buses to his home state of North Rhine-Westphalia, because he feared getting checked at the airport. He also looked on the website of a popular retailer for new plus-size clothes because he needed an inconspicuous outfit and was too corpulent for normal attire. In addition, he searched for hotels in Istanbul and for sightseeing tips in the city for the days he would be spending with his mom and sister, Annika. Most of all, though, Nils D. thought about sex. He searched for terms like "Red Light Istanbul" online. One query result contained the heading, "Bordello in Istanbul." His phone also saved the names of dozens of relevant porn clips he had played. Before he boarded a bus from Istanbul back home, he deleted the data stored on his mobile phone. The images of him with his buddies in battle gear, the photo of him standing behind a masked, bound man holding a pistol to his head -- all of it was supposed to disappear before his return. Today, Nils D. is being held in a German prison as a convicted terrorist. The Higher Regional Court in Düsseldorf sentenced him to four years and six months behind bars.

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58. Turquie/purge : plus de 26.000 interpellations

Le Figaro, Journaliste maison, 2016 08 09

Ankara - Plus de 26.000 personnes ont été interpellées en Turquie à la suite du coup d'Etat manqué du 15 juillet, dont 16.000 ont été officiellement arrêtées et placées en détention provisoire, a annoncé aujourd'hui le ministre de la Justice, Bekir Bozdag. Dans une interview diffusée en direct à la télévision, le ministre a ajouté que 6000 autres suspects étaient toujours en prison mais qu'aucune charge n'avait encore été officiellement retenue contre eux. Quelque 7700 autres sont en liberté mais font l'objet d'une enquête pour leur implication présumée dans la tentative de putsch. Le ministre a aussi mis en garde mardi les États-Unis de ne pas sacrifier les relations bilatérales en raison du "terroriste" Fethullah Gülen, à l'origine, selon Ankara, du putsch avorté du 15 juillet.

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59. Une adolescente radicalisée mise en examen

Le Figaro, Journaliste maison, 2016 08 09

Melun, France - La mineure de 16 ans avait publié sur Internet des messages jugés « inquiétants » par les enquêteurs. Radicalisation Une mineure de 16 ans a été mise en examen, ce lundi à Paris, et placée en détention provisoire. L'adolescente, interpellée jeudi dans le cadre d'une opération antiterroriste à Melun, en Seine-et-Marne, se disait prête à commettre un attentat sur le sol français. La jeune fille était administratrice d'un groupe sur la messagerie en ligne Telegram où, lors de conversations, « elle a relayé de nombreux messages de propagande du groupe État islamique, a relayé des appels à la commission d'un attentat et a également exprimé son intention de passer à l'acte » , selon une source proche de l'enquête. C'est grâce à ces messages que les enquêteurs ont pu remonter jusqu'à l'adolescente, qui n'a pas d'antécédent judiciaire. Les perquisitions menées par les policiers d'élite du Raid, notamment au domicile familial de la jeune fille, n'ont pas permis de découvrir des armes ou des explosifs. L'ordinateur et le téléphone de la mineure sont en cours d'exploitation et « il n'y a pas eu à ce stade d'autres interpellations » , ajoute cette même source. « Très radicalisée » , la fille a été inculpée pour « association de malfaiteurs en relation avec une entreprise terroriste criminelle » et « provocation à la commission d'actes de terrorisme par un moyen de communication en ligne » .

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1. Tamim's dangerous Canada connection

Bangladesh Daily Star, Staff Correspondent, 2016 08 09

Dhaka - Meet Tamim Chowdhury -- the man who is now thought to have masterminded the Holey Artisan attack in Gulshan that left 20 diners, 17 of them foreigners -- dead on July 1. Only a week later, he led the attack near the Eid congregation in Sholakia that left four, including two

cops, dead. Terrifying new information has been gleaned about Tamim, a longtime resident of Calgary in Canada. He used to mix with people who had joined IS, and many of them went to Syria where the terror group controls a large part of territories. He was deemed such a dangerous man that religious leaders in Windsor, where Tamim was born, had asked him around 2013 not to mix with youths at the mosques, fearing that he might radicalise them. It is estimated that some 180 Canadians have left the country to take part in jihadi war around the world, the director of Canadian Security Intelligence Service said in March, according to the National Post. About 60 have come back already, and Tamim was probably one of them.

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2. Aminata Traoré, invitée indésirable?

Le Devoir, Marie-Michèle Sioui avec Boris Proulx, 2016 08 09

Montréal - « Le message, c'est que l'hémisphère nord, qui est donneur de leçons de démocratie, foule aux pieds ses propres principes. » La phrase est tombée comme une condamnation, formulée par Aminata Traoré, une ex-ministre malienne à qui le Canada a refusé l'entrée au pays, où elle devait participer au Forum social mondial (FSM), organisé pour la première fois dans un pays situé au nord de l'équateur. Au téléphone, lundi soir, la militante altermondialiste -- et féministe, et femmes d'affaires, et écrivaine -- semblait résignée. Pendant que son passeport diplomatique circulait encore entre les mains d'employés qui devaient s'affairer à réviser sa première demande de visa refusée, Mme Traoré a annoncé qu'elle se rangeait, une fois de plus, du côté des exclus. « Par principe, j'ai décidé d'annuler ma participation au FSM, parce qu'on n'a jamais été confrontés à une situation pareille. Par solidarité, je ne vais pas y aller alors que 200 autres n'ont aucune chance de venir », a-t-elle lancé. La veille, 312 personnes avaient contacté les organisateurs du FSM pour les aviser du rejet de leur demande de visa. Un chiffre que le ministère de l'Immigration ne peut pas confirmer, car il soutient qu'il n'a pas de liste définitive des participants attendus.

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3. Canada pulls logo from anti-Israel forum; Two Liberal MPs object to tone of cartoon

National Post, Graeme Hamilton, 2016 08 09

Toronto - The federal government has distanced itself from a major international gathering opening Tuesday in Montreal following complaints that its programming included anti-Semitic content. The World Social Forum, expected to draw more than 10,000 participants, was told last week to remove the Canadian government logo from its list of partners after two Liberal MPs expressed disgust over what they called a "blatantly anti-Semitic cartoon" on the event's website. MPs Anthony Housefather, representing the Montreal riding of Mount Royal, and Michael Levitt, representing the Toronto riding of York Centre, also took exception to the World Social Forum's heavy emphasis on the anti-Israel BDS movement. "The Prime Minister, the Government of Canada, and the Canadian Parliament have been very clear that we oppose the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement and that anti-Semitism is never acceptable," the

MPs said in a statement. Forum organizers cancelled a session that had been scheduled to show how Islamist terrorists are "in the service of world Zionismcapitalism." The page for the event had featured a cartoon of a hook-nosed orthodox Jew with a Star of David on his hat, a drawing that Reuben Poupko, co-chairman of Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) Quebec, said was "not so different from those that appeared in Nazi papers." Housefather said the federal government did not provide a grant to the Forum, but it did subsidize the employment of two students working with the organization.

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4. Governments must clarify whether citizens can legally volunteer with anti-ISIL forces: study

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 08 09

Toronto - Governments need to clarify whether their citizens can legally serve as volunteer fighters in armed groups battling the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in Syria and Iraq, a study released Tuesday has recommended. The Institute for Strategic Dialogue report found that governments "appear reluctant to state clearly" whether the hundreds of Western anti-ISIL fighters, many of them military veterans, have broken any laws. The hazy legality has led to confusion and uncertainty among both volunteer fighters and law-enforcement agencies over whether Westerners joining forces with Kurdish militias could be prosecuted at home. The Canadian government has sent mixed signals on the issue: while verbally discouraging Canadians from taking up arms against ISIL, Ottawa has not prevented them from travelling or arrested them, although some have been questioned by the RCMP upon returning. "There is a need in some instances for governments to clarify the legal situation surrounding anti-ISIS foreign fighters," according to an advance copy of the 64-page report obtained by the National Post.

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5. Opinion: Searching for the shadowy Canadian leader of ISIS in Bangladesh

Bangladesh Daily Star, Amarnath Amarasingam, 2016 08 09

The name Tamim Chowdhury first came on my radar in early 2015 when I was doing interviews with friends of another Windsor jihadi who had gone off to fight in Syria: Ahmad Waseem, known as Abu Turab, who was killed in March 2015 in Tal Hamis. Tamim's name was floating around as someone who may have also left for Syria. I jotted down his name, but then became busy with other things. Some months later, I spoke to another friend of Waseem's and remembered to also ask about Tamim. He seemed a little surprised, and remarked that Tamim, facing harassment from law enforcement in Canada, had decided to simply move back to his home country of Bangladesh. Nothing to worry about, he said. I was skeptical. The next time I saw his name appear, it became clear that Tamim was indeed important. A colleague of mine, who asked to be anonymous, pointed me to the ISIS Study Group website (which as of this writing has gone offline) where Tamim was mentioned as one of the leaders of ISIS in Bangladesh.

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6. Trois ans pour l'usurpateur d'identité

Le Droit, Louis-Denis Ebacher, 2016 08 09

Gatineau - Un fabricant de faux passeports de Gatineau, ayant permis à un des criminels les plus notables du Canada de fuir le pays, écope trois ans de pénitencier. Harbi Mohamoud Gabad, 50 ans, a plaidé coupable à des chefs reliés à la production de faux documents, vendredi, au palais de justice de Gatineau. Au lieu d'entamer un procès complexe qui aurait duré cinq semaines, Gabad a reconnu les faits rapportés par la procureure de la Couronne, Geneviève DePassillé. Le ministère public s'est entendu avec l'avocat de la défense, Richard Dubé, sur la peine de trois ans, en échange du plaidoyer. Entre août 2011 et mars 2014, Gabad a approché au moins 13 personnes vulnérables du Vieux-Hull, dont des itinérants et des toxicomanes. En échange de leurs cartes d'identité, il leur offrait de l'argent ou du crack. Les cartes ont servi à fabriquer de faux passeports. Au moins deux des documents contrefaits ont servi à deux criminels bien connus, a rappelé Me DePassillé à la juge Rosemarie Millar, de la Cour du Québec. «L'un a permis à un dénommé (Rabih) Al Kalil de sortir du pays. Depuis ce temps, explique la procureure, il a été arrêté en Grèce et extradé.» Al Kalil est accusé de meurtre, et fait partie des cibles des policiers dans le cadre du projet «Loquace» à Montréal. Rabih est le frère de la présumée tête dirigeante de son clan, Hisham «Terry» Alkhalil. La famille a quitté la Colombie-Britannique il y a quelques années pour s'installer à Ottawa.

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7. Turkey plays politics in Canada, warns outlaw group behind failed coup is operating here

National Post, Joseph Breen, 2016 08 09

Ottawa - Five Turkish parliamentarians will bring a dire warning to their Canadian counterparts on Parliament Hill on Tuesday -- that the same gang of outlaw terrorists who waged a bloody failed coup against the Turkish state is also deeply established in Canada. And just as Turkish civil society is being purged of followers of the Hizmet movement, described by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as a "cancer" justifying the return of the death penalty, so too should Canada move to suppress this threat -- from closing Hizmet schools and restricting finances to extraditing leaders, the Turkish delegation will argue. The wider world "didn't really grasp the seriousness" of the July 15 coup, Selcuk Unal, Turkey's Ambassador to Canada, said in an interview. It revealed a covert "parallel state," under the control of exiled preacher Fethullah Gulen, willing to murder and blackmail its way to power, Unal said. "It is not a small, disorganized thing. It was an organized and serious thing."

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8. 50 G.O.P. Officials Warn Donald Trump Would Put Nation's Security 'at Risk'

New York Times, David E. Sanger, Maggie Haberman, 2016 08 09

Washington - Fifty of the nation's most senior Republican national security officials, many of them former top aides or cabinet members for President George W. Bush, have signed a letter declaring that Donald J. Trump "lacks the character, values and experience" to be president and "would put at risk our country's national security and well-being." Mr. Trump, the officials warn, "would be the most reckless president in American history." The letter says Mr. Trump would weaken the United States' moral authority and questions his knowledge of and belief in the Constitution. It says he has "demonstrated repeatedly that he has little understanding" of the nation's "vital national interests, its complex diplomatic challenges, its indispensable alliances and the democratic values" on which American policy should be based. And it laments that "Mr. Trump has shown no interest in educating himself." Late Monday, Mr. Trump struck back. The signatories of the letter, he said in a statement, were "the ones the American people should look to for answers on why the world is a mess, and we thank them for coming forward so everyone in the country knows who deserves the blame for making the world such a dangerous place." He dismissed them as "nothing more than the failed Washington elite looking to hold onto their power." Among the most prominent signatories are Michael V. Hayden, a former director of both the C.I.A. and the National Security Agency; John D. Negroponte, who served as the first director of national intelligence and then deputy secretary of state; and Robert B. Zoellick, another former deputy secretary of state, United States trade representative and, until 2012, president of the World Bank. Two former secretaries of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge and Michael Chertoff, also signed, as did Eric S. Edelman, who was Vice President Dick Cheney's national security adviser and as a top aide to Robert M. Gates when he was secretary of defense.

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9. Don't give Trump nuclear codes; He's unfit to be president, a former Minuteman III launch officer says.

Los Angeles Times, John Noonan, 2016 08 09

Op-ed - Since the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945, American presidents have thought of their nuclear responsibilities as the heaviest burden one could shoulder. Harry Truman wrote, "We have discovered the most terrible bomb in the history of the world." Dwight Eisenhower, no stranger to conflict, said that nuclear bombs have made war "not just tragic, but preposterous." John F. Kennedy called the weapons a "sword of Damocles," one all Americans were forced to live beneath. Those men bring us to 2016 and the Republican candidate for president, Donald Trump, who also had some deep thoughts on nuclear weapons. That is, "If we have them, why can't we use them?" Having spent five years of my life as a Minuteman III launch officer, and a year as an instructor teaching young officers how to run that weapon system, I'm equipped to answer the Trump campaign's question. The very point of nuclear weapons is that they are never used. We have them to dissuade hostile powers from attacking us, and vice versa. Trump simply cannot be trusted with weapons that can kill millions. He cannot be handed the nuclear "football" -- a briefcase containing the war plans and codes for our nuclear forces--and be made responsible for its contents. Note: John Noonan is a Republican national security expert and former Minuteman III nuclear launch officer.

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10. Former CIA Officer Evan McMullin to Launch Independent Presidential Bid

ABC News, Staff report, 2016 08 08

New York - Evan McMullin, a former CIA counterterrorism officer, will run for president as a third-party conservative alternative to Donald Trump, GOP operatives working to back the candidate told ABC News today. The operatives working on McMullin's bid resigned from Better for America in order to push his candidacy. Better for America, a 501(c)(4) organization that cannot officially endorse or back McMullin's bid, has been working for months on trying to select a candidate and get on ballots throughout the country. In some states, like Texas, they will likely have to sue to get on the ballot. A 501(c)(4) is an issue-based nonprofit that can raise unlimited funds and does not have to disclose its donors. It's an extreme uphill climb, but his supporters are confident McMullin, 40, can act as a disruptor who they hope can peel off some red states in a race where some Republicans are still resistant to Donald Trump.

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11. Newly declassified papers reveal U.S. tensions on Argentina's 'dirty war'

Washington Post, Karen DeYoung, 2016 08 09

Washington - The Obama administration on Monday released more than 1,000 pages of newly declassified documents relating to U.S. policy toward Argentina's "dirty war" of the late 1970s and early 1980s. The documents, most from the administration of President Jimmy Carter, reveal a near-constant internal tension between U.S. eagerness to push human rights as Carter's signature foreign policy issue, and concerns that cutting off aid and trade with Argentina's ruling military junta could be counterproductive and might push it toward a closer relationship with the Soviet Union. "When we take actions toward Argentina, which are interpreted as punitive, we not only enrage the right-wing ideologues, we also arouse the business sector and the media in the U.S.," Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's national security adviser, wrote in a March 1979 memo to then-Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. President Obama announced the declassifications in March, on a visit to Argentina that coincided with the 40th anniversary of the coup that brought the junta to power. "I believe we have a responsibility to confront the past with honesty and transparency," Obama said at the time. An initial tranche of the documents, the same ones as those now made public, were presented to Argentine President Mauricio Macri by Secretary of State John F. Kerry during a visit to Buenos Aires last week.

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12. The state of cyber security: we're all screwed

The Guardian (London), Dan Tynan, 2016 08 09

Las Vegas - When cybersecurity professionals converged in Las Vegas last week to expose vulnerabilities and swap hacking techniques at Black Hat and Defcon, a consistent theme emerged: the internet is broken, and if we don't do something soon, we risk permanent damage to our economy. "Half of all Americans are backing away from the net due to fears regarding security and privacy," longtime tech security guru Dan Kaminsky said in his Black Hat keynote speech, citing a July 2015 study by the National Telecommunications and Information

Administration. "We need to go ahead and get the internet fixed or risk losing this engine of beauty." There's no lack of things to be worried about: organized cybercriminal gangs; government surveillance; not to mention hack attacks from nation states. That may be good news for the cybersecurity industry, which is expected to grow more than 10% annually and surpass \$200bn worldwide by 2021, according to research firm Markets and Markets. But it's bad news for the rest of us. As we conduct more of our lives online, we're being asked to become increasingly savvy about computer security. Many are simply uninterested or not up to the task.

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13. Dissidents 'highly capable' of carrying out attack in Britain

Belfast Telegraph, Deborah McAleese, 2016 08 09

Belfast - Dissident republicans are now capable of launching a bomb attack on mainland Britain, security sources believe. A "few dozen" hard line republican terrorists are responsible for the heightened security fears across Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK. Security sources have confirmed that the New IRA is currently the most dangerous terrorist organisation operating in the province. Intelligence gathered by both police and MI5 suggests that the paramilitary group has improved its bomb-making techniques and is highly capable of launching a bomb attack in the UK.

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14. Inside MI5: My own safety does not keep me awake at night... you take certain measures and get on with life

Belfast Telegraph, Deborah McAleese, 2016 08 09

Belfast - In her bootcut jeans, trainers and T-shirt, she could easily be the girl next door. Mel is in her 30s. She is pretty, fresh-faced and smiley. She also laughs a lot. You could imagine her as the life and soul of the party during a night out with the girls. But behind the smiles and laughter lies a secret that only her closest family members know. Mel is an MI5 spy, highly trained in espionage and the use of informants. During six years operating in Northern Ireland, the information she has uncovered has helped prevent innumerable terrorist atrocities. It is Mel's job to find people with access to secret intelligence about Northern Ireland's terrorist groups, and build a relationship with them to obtain the secrets. "It's not that different to any other job really. I have normal working hours and I don't take work home. I spend a lot more time at my desk than people would think. There is a lot of paperwork to make sure we are authorised and covered legally to go out and meet agents," she explained.

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15. Surveillance: Taking liberties? (Canada)

Financial Times, Gonzalo Viña, 2016 08 08

London - Growing up in Tehran, Fred Ghahramani remembers being told by his mother to be careful with what he said on the telephone because "the secret police is always listening". After several members of his family disappeared, Mr Ghahramani's father, an academic from an ethnic minority, escaped with his family to Canada when the boy was just nine years old. But his childhood fears of Ayatollah Khomeini's security service remain fresh in Mr Ghahramani's mind. It is why the Vancouver-based tech entrepreneur has pledged \$1m to help campaign groups fight what he sees as a growing encroachment on privacy and civil liberties in his adopted country and in other major democracies. "You could hear them on the other end of the line - - it was quite comical that they might want to listen to a child, but you still had to be careful with what you said. You had to second guess your thoughts," Mr Ghahramani says. "I am not saying we are there yet, but my great worry is that we are sleepwalking into that same kind of environment." Canada, Australia, France, New Zealand and others have introduced powers to give security services and police far-reaching surveillance powers. No country, however, is going quite as far as the UK in creating laws that give government agencies the ability and the right to gather information. Adding to traditional forms of targeted surveillance, security services will soon have new powers to mine information about individuals via the explosion in data generated by smartphones and tablets. Mr Ghahramani, the Iranian émigré, remains sceptical about the security claims made not just by the British government but by many others around the world. "Canada and France have been collecting data in bulk for over four years, and yet terror attacks still happen. In the case of the Paris attacks, the terrorists communicated through unencrypted SMS. In the US, the NSA's bulk data collection programs have been in place even longer," he says. "The truth is, it's never actually been proven that bulk data collection can stop terrorism."

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16. Australia's white jihadists

The Courier-Mail, Paul Syvret, 2016 08 09

Column: One of the favourite refrains of the more extreme anti-Islam brigade in Australia, as they try to dust themselves with a thin layer of mangled reason, is that "maybe not all Muslims are terrorists, but all terrorists are Muslim". Australia's counter-terrorism authorities clearly have a more sophisticated and informed view of what might constitute a threat to this country. We saw this over the weekend with the arrest of far-right activist Phillip Galea, who was charged with collecting or making documents likely to facilitate a terrorist act and planning or preparing for a terrorist act. He remains in custody. Galea has been associated with right wing groups, including Reclaim Australia and splinter group the United Patriots Front (UPF). Although, given the shifting sands of allegiances out on the fringes, Reclaim Australia claims he is not currently a "member" of this loose grouping; no, he's just attended some of the rallies that have been staged under its banner in recent times. At least Galea, who told a court on Sunday that the charges were a "conspiracy against the patriot movement" and didn't apply for bail (he remains in custody and says he will fight the charges), has some mates on the outside prepared to support him. Take Melbourne man Neil Erikson, who has drifted in and out of the various puddles around the patriots' pond, such as Reclaim Australia, the UPF and the Australian Liberty Alliance. All are basically rabid anti-Islam groupings with a pathological fear that halal food is the start of a

slippery slope to Mecca, that multiculturalism is a failure and if you don't like our brand of ultranationalism then "f--- off 'cos we're full".

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17. Australian man may face more charges over alleged far-right plot

Reuters, Staff reporter, 2016 08 09

Sydney - A member of an Australian anti-immigration group accused of planning an attack may face additional charges in what the government said was the first time federal terrorism laws had been used to target such right-wing groups. Phillip Galea, 31, has been charged with acts done in preparation for a terrorist act and collecting or making documents likely to facilitate a terrorist act, after being arrested in Melbourne on Saturday. Victoria state Assistant Commissioner Ross Guenther told reporters that he or his associates may face additional charges. Galea will return to court on Tuesday for his next hearing. "That's always a possibility given that we're in an early part of the investigation," Guenther said on Monday. Australia, a staunch U.S. ally, has been on heightened alert for attacks by home-grown Islamist radicals since 2014 and authorities say they have thwarted a number of plots. But far-right activist groups and political parties opposed to Islam and Asian immigration are on the rise in Australia. One Nation, a political party headed by right-wing firebrand Pauline Hanson, secured four senate seats and king-maker status in national elections held last month by running on a protectionist, anti-Islam platform.

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18. Australia sets up specialist cyber unit to trace terrorism payments

Reuters, Staff reporter, 2016 08 09

Sydney - Australia has set up a cyber-intelligence unit to identify terrorism financing, money laundering and financial fraud online, the government said on Tuesday, because of "unprecedented" threats to national security. The measure expands on a major platform of conservative Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, who narrowly won re-election last month after promising to improve Australia's cybersecurity and transform the economy into a tech-savvy business hub. Justice Minister Michael Keenan said the new unit, set up under money-tracking agency the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC), would investigate online payment platforms and financial cybercrime to crack down on money-laundering and criminal networks. "We know that the use of fraudulent identities continues to be a key enabler of serious and organised crime and terrorism," Keenan said in a statement. The statement said the new AUSTRAC unit would work with the Australian and New Zealand government-funded identity support service, ID Care, to target job recruitment scams that crime syndicates used to recruit innocent people to traffic money between jurisdictions. The new unit would also work with the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network to identify patterns and trends that could indicate large-scale financial scams or their methodology, Keenan said. Reuters previously reported that a decision by Australia's major banks to stop offering overseas remittance services had driven the money transfer business underground, making it harder for the authorities to track.

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19. China 'spies' put power sale at risk (Canada)

The Australian Financial Review, Aaron Patrick and Primrose Riordan, 2016 08 09

Canberra - Chinese spies have been caught by the intelligence services conducting "brazen" espionage in Australia over the past year, hardening concerns within the federal government about allowing a Chinese company to buy a \$10 billion power company from NSW. Senior government officials were "deeply concerned by the consequences" of a Chinese state-owned company, State Grid Corp, being issued a 99-year lease to operate Ausgrid, which provides all of Sydney's electricity, according to a security source. There were at least 60 cyber attacks on energy networks last financial year, according to official figures. Cabinet's national security subcommittee has already been briefed on their concerns and Treasurer Scott Morrison seems not to be afraid of vetoing the deal, which would fund a large part of the NSW Coalition government's new infrastructure projects. "That's the job. There are no easy decisions. This is not an easy decision and there are implications of the decision either way. Foreign investment is a very sensitive issue out there in the public and it has to be managed carefully," Mr Morrison said. The decision over Chinese investment in Australia's power grid is shaping up as the first major foreign policy test of the re-elected Turnbull government, which wants to promote foreign investment to drive the economy. Along with State Grid Corp, Cheung Kong Infrastructure, the largest publicly-listed infrastructure company in Hong Kong, is also waiting for government clearance to purchase a 99-year lease for 50.4 per cent of Ausgrid. State Grid Corp already owns electricity networks in South Australia and Victoria and was cleared by the Foreign Investment Review Board to bid last year for Transgrid, a NSW electricity distributor that was sold to Canadian interests.

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20. E-currencies regulated to fight terrorism (Canada)

Sydney Morning Herald, Jewel Topsfield, 2016 08 09

Jakarta - Australia is moving to become one of the first countries to regulate e-currencies such as bitcoin under its anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing laws. Bitcoin - the most prominent digital currency to emerge globally - is backed by a computer code rather than a physical substance such as gold or mainstream currency. The anonymity of payments using digital currencies make them attractive for terrorism financing, according to Australia's financial intelligence agency, AUSTRAC, which is co-hosting a counter-terrorism financing summit with Indonesia in Bali this week. Justice Minister Michael Keenan will inform the summit of the work Australia is doing to improve its anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing legislation after a review recommended the regulation of digital currencies. "The report ... recommends strengthening an already robust legal framework to respond to new and emerging threats," he said. "The government is committed to facilitating growth and innovation in this sector and appropriate anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regulation will aid that development." The AUSTRAC report, Terrorism Financing in Australia 2014, said electronic, online and new payment methods posed an emerging terrorism financing risk, which was likely to increase over the short term as use of these systems grew. In 2014, Canada became the first country to regulate bitcoin and other virtual currencies under its anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing laws.

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21. Police intercepted alleged terrorist's phone calls for months, Melbourne court hears

ABC (Australia), Sarah Farnsworth, 2016 08 09

Melbourne - Police bugged telephone calls made by an alleged far- right extremist charged with plotting a terrorist act for eight months, a Melbourne court has heard. Braybrook man Phillip Galea, 31, is charged with planning to commit a terrorist act and collecting material in connection to a terrorist act. Police allege Galea is a political extremist linked to far- right groups. Galea did not apply for bail at a brief hearing in the Melbourne Magistrates' Court. A federal police prosecutor said large volumes of electronic material were seized from his home and police needed to transcribe lengthy phone calls made by him. The court heard Galea's phone calls were lawfully bugged by authorities from January 2015 onwards and some calls run as long as three hours. Galea's defence lawyer argued he had been given a vague summary of the allegations against his client and opposed the prosecution's request for extra time to prepare the case. Magistrate Lousia Bazzina described it as an extraordinary delay. The court heard Galea is suffering from audio and visual hallucinations from what was described as a "flash bang" from his arrest in raids of his home on the weekend.

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22. Shadow warriors working to bleed the terrorists dry

The Australian, Nivell Rayda and Amanda Hodge, 2016 08 09

Jakarta - A few months ago Agus Santoso, deputy chairman of Indonesia's financial intelligence unit PPATK, bumped into convicted terrorist Muhammad Jibril in the green room of a television station. Jibril had just been released after serving a five-year sentence for harbouring Noordin M Top, the late mastermind of the 2004 bombing of the Australian embassy in Jakarta, the 2005 Bali bombings and the 2009 bombings of Jakarta's JW Marriot and Ritz Carlton hotels. He was unusually eager to meet Santoso. "He said to me; 'Pak Agus, I have been praying that one day we could meet. Please help me. All of my bank accounts have been suspended, my assets frozen. I can't go to the bank and open an account. They won't even let me make a transfer'," Santoso - recalls. The same thing had happened to his Malaysian wife and their four children. They couldn't leave or enter the country without being questioned by immigration and their belongings scrutinised, Jibril complained. He couldn't get loans to open a business. He even tried to use a fake ID but he was recognised. "I told him, you are a convicted terrorist," Santoso says. "Your name appears at the UN Security Council sanctions list. Your father is Abu Jibril (a firebrand cleric with ties to Jemaah Islamiah). Your younger brother died in Syria fighting for ISIS. "If you want to open an account you need to renounce your radical views. You can pray, you can fast, you can perform the Haj as many times as you want. But you can't preach and tell people to wage jihad against infidels." Jibril had fallen victim to what those in the backrooms of the counter-terrorism finance world call "disruption" -- a sort of spy-craft in a cardigan that can comprise covert or overt actions to frustrate terrorist suspects. Australian intelligence agencies have already identified self- funded terrorism as one of the biggest issues, with aspiring terrorist fighters more likely to use personal salaries, welfare payments, business profits or even small

personal loans to self-fund terrorism or contribute to extremist groups in the Middle East, such as Islamic State.

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23. 700 insurgents killed, wounded in a week: MoD

Pajhwok Afghan News, Ahmad Shah Erfanyar, 2016 08 09

Kabul - The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Monday said some 700 insurgents were either killed or wounded over the past one week during operations underway in 13 provinces. Maj. Gen. Mohammad Habib Hesari, MoD operations head, told a press conference here that 19 government forces- planned operations were underway in Nangarhar, Kunar, Laghman, Paktika, Paktia, Khost, Kandahar, Zabul, Helmand, Ghor, Farah, Kunduz and Takhar provinces. As a result of these operations, he said at least 518 rebels were killed and another 188 wounded during the past one week in various areas of the country. He said most of the casualties inflicted on insurgents were in Nangarhar, Helmand and Kunduz provinces and 43 insurgents were also detained during the period. Without providing specific figures, Hesari said a minimal number of security personnel also suffered casualties during the past one week.

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24. Airstrikes Are Barely Holding Off Taliban in Helmand, Afghan Officials Say

New York Times, Mujib Mashal, Taimoor Shah, 2016 08 09

Kabul - The Afghan security forces are struggling to head off an intensified Taliban offensive in Helmand Province in recent weeks, heavily relying on American airstrikes as the insurgents have again tightened the noose around Lashkar Gah, the provincial capital, according to officials and residents. Even as Afghan and American officials insist that they will not allow another urban center to fall, concerned about the political ramifications for the struggling government in Kabul as well as the presidential campaign in the United States, residents and local officials describe Lashkar Gah as practically besieged. The main road connecting the city and the highway to the southern commercial and military hub of Kandahar has been repeatedly blocked in recent days by the Taliban, who blew up several bridges. Civilian passengers can travel on an alternate dirt road, but have to pass through insurgent checkpoints. Many businesses and nongovernmental organizations based in Lashkar Gah are trying to evacuate, and the road blockages have added to their alarm. The Afghan forces' continuous failure to hold ground in a province that has seen the deployment of a large number of troops and resources, as well as hundreds of NATO military advisers, is taking a toll on the residents of Lashkar Gah. The city has long been a haven for people displaced from other areas of Helmand by the constant back and forth between the Taliban and the coalition and government forces.

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25. Dozens killed in Quetta bomb attack

Gulf News, Mohsin Ali, 2016 08 09

Islamabad - More than 60 people were killed and dozens injured in a suspected suicide bomb explosion on Monday in the capital of Pakistan's restive southwestern Balochistan province, officials said. The blast, one of the worst attacks in the province long plagued by a low-scale separatist insurgency, occurred at the Civil Hospital in Quetta. The attacker targeted lawyers gathered outside the emergency ward of the hospital where the body of the slain president of Balochistan Bar Association, Bilal Anwar Kasi, was brought for autopsy. Kasi was earlier shot dead by unknown gunmen on Mannu Jan Road in the provincial capital when he was on his way from his home to Balochistan High Court. The dead and the injured included lawyers, police officials and journalists, the national broadcaster said and quoted Balochistan home minister Sarfraz Bugti as saying that the incident appeared to be a suicide attack.

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26. Le terrorisme vous choque-t-il encore ?

Journal de Montréal, Lise Ravary, 2016 08 09

Chronique - Les islamistes, salafistes, daeshistes et autres fanatiques qui se réclament d'un islam violent, façon 7e siècle, sont en train de remporter une victoire inattendue dans la guerre qu'ils mènent aux mécréants, musulmans, juifs ou chrétiens: nous rendre insensibles à la barbarie. La surabondance d'attentats meurtriers use l'humain, c'est normal Les attentats, devenus monnaie courante, nous émeuvent pendant quelques heures et puis on passe à autre chose. À quoi bon s'en faire si on ne peut rien y faire, non ? TROP LOIN Hier, un kamikaze s'est fait exploser au milieu d'une foule en deuil devant un hôpital, à Quetta au Pakistan. Bilan, 70 personnes et 122 blessés. L'attentat a été revendiqué par l'État islamique. Il y a quelques années, j'aurais été bouleversée par cette nouvelle. Maintenant, je ne suis qu'horriifiée. À Pâques, un autre attentat avait fait 75 morts au Pakistan, dont le tiers étaient des enfants. Nul ne va nier que c'est terrible, mais nous haussons collectivement les épaules : le Pakistan est une poudrière depuis la création de la République islamique en 1947. Et c'est si loin. À ma surprise, on a peu parlé ici du meurtre du mannequin vedette Qandeel Baloch, 26 ans, la Kim Kardashian du Pakistan, étranglée par son frère qui ne pouvait supporter le déshonneur que suscitait le francparler de sa soeur - elle militait contre les crimes d'honneur - et ses photos sexy sur internet. Sans doute inspirés par certains commentaires sur le châtement infligé au blogueur saoudien Raif Badawi, combien ont pensé : «elle a couru après»? La désensibilisation fait son oeuvre.

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27. Top Daesh commander among 30 killed in Nangarhar

Pajhwok Afghan News, Pajhwok Report, 2016 08 09

Jalalabad - Islamic State (IS) or Daesh leader for Khorasan Hafiz Saeed was among 30 others killed in Afghan forces' operation in Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Monday. Lt. Col. Mohammad Zaman Wazir, 201st Selab Military Crops commander, told reporters in Achin district that 30 Daesh rebels, including Hafiz Saeed, had been killed.

Saeed originally hailed from Orakzai tribal region of Pakistan and was a member of the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). He joined the IS after its emergence in eastern Afghanistan. Saeed was promoted as the group's Khorasan region's leader. Few months back, there were reports in media about the killing of Saeed but later the reports proved untrue. The Daesh group has not yet commented about the claim. (Full Report).

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28. Alors que 23 ressortissants égyptiens ont été enlevés dans l'est libyen

Liberté (Algérie), Lyès Menacer, 2016 08 08

Syrte - Une bataille "décisive" se prépare contre Daech à Syrte Le gouvernement d'union nationale (GNA) de Fayez al-Sarraj, fort du soutien de l'aviation américaine, est décidé à en finir avec la branche libyenne de l'autoproclamé État islamique (Daech), acculé dans son fief à Syrte, mais continuant toutefois à opposer une résistance farouche aux forces gouvernementale. Dans un communiqué diffusé hier, le GNA a annoncé en effet le lancement prochainement de ce qu'il considère comme le dernier assaut pour libérer la ville natale de l'ancien guide Mouammar Kadhafi des mains de ce mouvement terroriste. C'est le "début du compte à rebours pour la dernière phase des opérations militaires contre (...) Daech" dans cette ville côtière située à 450 km à l'est de Tripoli, ont annoncé ces forces dans un communiqué transmis aux agences de presse. Selon le texte, les commandants de l'opération ont tenu des réunions "intensives" avant l'assaut "final et décisif" pour "éradiquer la bande de Daech de la ville de Syrte". Samedi, leur centre de presse a publié des photos de soldats étudiant un plan de la ville. Les forces du GNA tentent d'atteindre le Centre de conférences "Ouagadougou", le complexe où les terroristes ont établi leur centre de commandement et sont aujourd'hui pris en étau.

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29. Le Canada veut renouer avec les missions de maintien de la paix dans le continent

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 08 08

Ottawa - Le ministre canadien de la Défense nationale, Harjit S. Sajjan, séjournera en Afrique, notamment en République démocratique du Congo (RDC), en Éthiopie, au Kenya, en Tanzanie et en Ouganda du 09 au 16 août 2016. L'annonce a été faite la semaine dernière dans un communiqué du ministère de la Défense nationale daté du 4 août 2016. Selon ce communiqué, le ministre sera accompagné de l'ex-sénateur libéral et Lieutenant-général à la retraite Roméo Dallaire (celui qui commandait la Mission des Nations unies pour l'assistance au Rwanda (MINUAR) pendant le génocide de 1994), et de l'ancienne procureure en chef du Tribunal pénal international pour l'ex- Yougoslavie (TPIY) et du Tribunal pénal international pour le Rwanda (TPIR) et ex-Haut-commissaire des Nations unies aux droits de l'homme Louise Arbour. Le recoupement des informations obtenues de diverses sources nous permet d'attester que le Canada se prépare à déployer une cinquantaine de Forces canadiennes dans une mission de maintien de la paix, vraisemblablement en RDC, dans le cadre de la Mission de l'organisation des Nations

unies pour la stabilisation en République démocratique du Congo (Monusco). Mais rien n'a encore été précisé.

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30. South Africa and Terrorism - the Links Are Real

Institute for Security Studies, Albertus Schoeman, 2016 08 09

Analysis - Since the bombings by People against Gangsterism and Drugs (PAGAD) in Cape Town in the late 1990s, there has not been a serious terror attack in South Africa. Yet links continue to be found between South Africa and international terrorism. In June the US embassy in South Africa alerted its citizens in the country to possible terror attacks, and the UK and Australia similarly revised their travel alerts. How real is the threat? Evidence suggests that South Africa has been used as a transit point for terrorists, and as a base for planning, training and financing terror operations. But perhaps the bigger problem is government communication in response to the allegations and mounting evidence. Rather than shedding light and inspiring confidence, the official line has fostered distrust and uncertainty. What we do know is that South Africa has a long history when it comes to violent extremism. Note: Albertus Schoeman, Consultant, Transnational Threats and International Crime Division, ISS Pretoria.

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31. War of words in Boko Haram extremist leadership struggle

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 08 08

Lagos - A struggle within Nigeria's Islamic extremist group Boko Haram is playing out in public, with a new leader named by the Islamic State group accusing the longtime leader of killing his own people and living in luxury while fighters' babies starve. Abu Musab al-Barnawi, named by the Islamic State group last week as the new governor of its West Africa Province, alleges that Abubakar Shekau has killed fellow Muslims including his own fighters, neglected hungry women and children and failed to provide food and weapons to fighters. His audio message apparently was made Friday and posted by the New York-based Sahara Reporters, a Nigerian news group. Shekau responded in a video posted on YouTube, saying al-Barnawi is not qualified to lead the group but insisting that "we have not reneged on our loyalty to the leadership of (Abu Bakr) al-Baghdadi," the Islamic State leader. The video, which was posted Sunday night and removed by YouTube for violating its standards, ends with Shekau firing repeatedly in the air. He is flanked by two fighters hefting rocket-propelled grenade launchers. The video starts with an unidentified masked man in front of a large group of armed fighters announcing their refusal to follow al-Barnawi and calling Shekau "our leader." Then Shekau, with his trademark bushy beard and camouflage, threatens more attacks and warns "President (Muhammadu) Buhari, very soon you will see us inside your home, the presidential palace."

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32. Security Screeners Cut Corners at Rio Games

Wall Street Journal, Multiple reporters, 2016 08 09

Rio de Janeiro - Security screeners posted outside some Olympics venues have taken to waving spectators through checkpoints without X-raying their bags in order to help reduce long lines, the latest breakdown in a process that has raised fears about lax security at the Rio Games. Olympics security officials have at times been halting the use of X-ray scanners and instead inspecting bags by hand to help shorten wait times, an organizing committee spokesman said Monday. He said security personnel were also performing "random" checks, an acknowledgment that at times not all bags are being screened in an effort to speed the lines. At several Olympics locales over the weekend, including the beach-volleyball stadium in Copacabana and the equestrian venue in Deodoro sports complex on the city's north side, screeners opted for visual inspections of bags in lieu of machine screening of backpacks and purses. In some cases, screeners didn't review bags at all, although ticket holders were required to walk through metal detectors.

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33. China determined to battle on two fronts as North Asian tensions spike

Reuters, Staff reporter, 2016 08 09

Beijing/Tokyo - As China diplomatically confronts the United States and South Korea over new missile defenses and intensifies pressure on Japan at sea over disputed islets, Beijing is signaling it is prepared to stand its ground on two key regional fronts. Mainland analysts see little immediate chance for an easing of tensions now roiling across Northeast Asia, saying a rising China is showing it is keen to shape its own battlefield despite fresh threats. "This action is China saying to the world that it has the ability to fight two regional conflicts on its doorstep," said Ni Lexiong, a naval expert at the Shanghai University of Political Science and Law. "If [Japan] is actively making provocations in our South China Sea, then in the East China Sea, on its doorway, it will face a little pressure," Ni said. Beijing's claims to much of the South China Sea were invalidated last month in an emphatic ruling by an arbitration court in The Hague in a case brought by rival claimant, the Philippines. The region's deepening fault lines after the ruling were exposed at the weekend as a fleet of Chinese coast guard and fishing vessels sailed near Japanese-controlled islets in the East China Sea. Japan warned China on Tuesday ties were "deteriorating markedly". Tokyo worries that Chinese control of the South China Sea, through which much of the oil it imports is shipped, threatens its national security and takes Beijing a step closer to extending its influence into the Western Pacific.

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34. India seeks US help to crack Pakistan terror fund trail

The Hindu, Vijaita Singh, 2016 08 09

New Delhi - India has initiated the process to corner Pakistan globally regarding its patronage to the Al Rehmat Trust, a front for the terrorist outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), which carried out

the attack at the Pathankot airbase in January this year. India has approached select European countries and the U.S., who are part of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to seek the bank transaction details of the Al Rehmat Trust, which operates a dozen offices in Pakistan. Indian agencies suspect that the Trust, founded by Jaish chief, Maulana Masood Azhar, has over Rs. 100 crore in its kitty and the money is used for funding and training terrorist modules. The National Investigation Agency had sent a letter rogatory (judicial request) to Pakistan in April this year, seeking the donation and bank details of the trust.

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35. Japan demands China withdraw gov't ships from waters near Senkakus

Kyodo News, Staff reporter, 2016 08 09

Tokyo - Japan demanded Tuesday that China promptly withdraw its government vessels from waters around the disputed Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea, saying Beijing's attempt to change the status quo has badly hurt bilateral ties. Tokyo's strongly worded protest came after some Chinese government vessels continued to enter Japanese waters around the islets in recent days despite repeated protests from Japan, escalating tensions in the area. Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida summoned Chinese Ambassador to Japan Cheng Yonghua to the Foreign Ministry on Tuesday morning and protested against the Chinese move around the Japanese-administered, Chinese-claimed uninhabited islands, according to the ministry. "The Chinese side is attempting to change the status quo in a one-sided manner. I cannot help saying that because of this, the situation surrounding Japanese-Chinese relations has markedly deteriorated," Kishida was quoted as telling the ambassador. It was the first direct protest lodged by a Japanese Cabinet member over the recent Chinese activities around the islets, which China calls Diaoyu, following repeated protests by Japanese Foreign Ministry officials. Kishida told Cheng that Chinese vessels' repeated entry into Japanese territorial waters is totally unacceptable, as it violates Japan's sovereignty and escalates tensions, the ministry said.

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36. S. Korea, U.N. aviation body to discuss reaction to N. Korea's unannounced missile launches

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 08 09

Seoul - South Korea and the United Nations' air navigation regulator, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), will discuss this week ways to respond to North Korea's recent launches of ballistic missiles that came without the necessary declaration of no-fly zones, the foreign ministry said Tuesday. "North Korea's unannounced launches of ballistic missiles will surely be discussed," spokesman Cho June-hyuck said in a briefing, referring to the meeting between Vice Foreign Minister Cho Tae-yul and ICAO Secretary General Fang Liu slated for Thursday in Seoul. "Actions that can be taken in regards to North Korea's firing off of ballistic missiles in violation of relevant regulations will be part of the discussion," the spokesman said, adding that international civil aviation security will be one of major issues to be dealt with at the meeting. The planned meeting comes as South Korea is ratcheting up diplomatic efforts to tighten the screws on North Korea following the country firing off a series of ballistic missiles in

defiance of bans imposed by the international community. Last week, South Korea alerted the ICAO and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) about the dangers of North Korea's recent ballistic missile launches conducted without prior warning, including the test-firing that took place on Aug. 3.

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37. Taurus missiles to start operation with S. Korean Air Force this year

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 08 09

Seoul - South Korea plans to deploy dozens of "jamming proof" air- to-ground guided missiles that can be carried on its F-15K fighters in a bid to bolster its strike capabilities amid mounting military threats from North Korea, military officials said Tuesday. Dozens of Taurus missiles will be brought in from Germany by the end of this year as the U.S. government has recently approved the exports of critical military GPS receivers which can be attached to war planes, according to the military. The receivers are vital because they are not affected by North Korean GPS jamming. The military said the F-15K Slam Eagle is designed to penetrate the North's air defense systems and precisely destroy major military facilities. If armed with the Taurus missile, the plane can hit North Korea's capital city of Pyongyang while flying over Daejeon, 164 kilometers south of Seoul. It also said the jets could fire off a Taurus over the East Sea and hit the North missile launching facility in Hwadae, in the northern part of North Korea.

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38. THAAD discord amplifies through Minjoo's China visit

Korea Herald, Shin Hyon-hee, 2016 08 09

Seoul - The controversial visit by six first-termers of The Minjoo Party of Korea to China was met with little fanfare since their arrival on Monday, as the Seoul government continued to slam the trip and reaffirmed the need to station the U.S.' Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system here. "We're at a critical moment when it's more important than anything to gather strength from all people in unison to surmount this grave security situation, instead of incurring internal division and confrontation through social controversy," Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn said at a cabinet meeting on Tuesday. President Park Geun-hye later echoed Hwang's views during her speech at the ruling Saenuri Party's convention to elect a new leadership. "The disputed THAAD installment is a minimal defense measure to safeguard the survival of the nation and of the people, as well as an inevitable one to counter North Korea's nuclear and missile threats," she said. As the six lawmakers pressed ahead with the trip, despite criticism from the government and some fellow party members, they ran into a series of snags for scheduled meetings with Seoul's Ambassador Kim Jang-soo and Korean businesspeople in Beijing.

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39. Lawyer with links to Russian secret service says Edward Snowden is 'alive and well'

The Express (UK), Will Stewart, 2016 08 08

London - A lawyer with close links to the Russian secret services took the extraordinary step of announcing that US whistleblower Edward Snowden is "alive and well". Rumours spread following a mysterious 64-character tweet appeared on Snowden's Twitter account and was then deleted, triggering speculation that he had been kidnapped or even killed. Lawyer Anatoly Kucherena said: "I can authoritatively say that he is alive and well, he is living in Russia and is busy with his favourite work." The lawyer, close to the secret services, did not explain how suspicious messages appeared on Snowden's Twitter account, or what they meant. Nor has Snowden been seen in public.

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40. Les « djihadistes en transit » inquiètent Sofia

Le Temps (Suisse), Alexandre Lévy, 2016 08 09

Sofia, Bulgarie - Connu pour être le beau-frère de l'un des frères Kouachi, responsables de la tuerie de « Charlie Hebdo » en janvier 2015, Mourad Hamyd aurait tenté de rejoindre la Syrie via la Bulgarie. Une tendance qui inquiète de plus en plus les autorités du pays Suspecté dans un premier temps par les enquêteurs d'être le « troisième homme » de la tuerie à Charlie Hebdo en janvier 2015, Mourad Hamyd avait été rapidement mis hors de cause: âgé à l'époque de 18 ans, il était à son lycée au moment de l'attaque. De plus, Mourad, qui se trouve être le beau-frère de Chérif, l'un des frères Kouachi, a vigoureusement condamné leur « crime barbare », s'en prenant au passage à ceux qui avaient « jeté son nom en pâture » .

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41. Leakage of IAEA's Secret Information on Iran Troubling US

Fars News Agency, 2016 08 09

Tehran - Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Ali Akbar Salehi underlined that disclosure of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s secret information about Iran has backfired and turned into a problem in the US. "Leakage of the information showed the Iranian negotiators' wisdom and cleverness because the same issue has turned into a problem in the US," Salehi told FNA on Monday. "The Americans say why Iran's nuclear breakout has decreased to 4 months from the previous one-year period; therefore, you (the Iranians) shouldn't worry and they should be concerned," he added. Late in July, the AP claimed that it has obtained a leaked document that is the only text linked to last year's deal between Iran and six foreign powers that hasn't been made public, although US officials say members of Congress have been able to see it.

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42. 'Aleppo's Regime' Falls Apart, Russia Carries out Strikes to Prevent its Collapse

Asharq Al-Awsat, Caroline Akoum, 2016 08 09

Beirut - The opposition factions' success in breaking the siege of Aleppo has changed the military balance on the ground with hopes that such advance could reflect on the negotiations expected to be held in Geneva end of August. Sporadic fighting continued in south Aleppo on Sunday after regime forces and their allies witnessed a blow when opposition factions succeeded to break the siege of the city's eastern districts and to surround its western neighborhoods. Meanwhile, Aleppo's operation room asserted that opposition factions aim to "liberate the city." On Sunday, Jaish al-Fatah announced it had captured a number of regime forces members in the areas where the opposition was able to advance. Activists asserted that the Syrian regime and its ally, Russia, had amplified their air assaults particularly in Aleppo's Ramouseh area, to prevent the complete collapse of regime forces.

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43. Canadian Green Party Votes to Support Boycott of Israel

Haaretz, 2016 08 09

Jerusalem - Canada's Green Party voted on Sunday to support the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement against Israel, despite the opposition of party leader Elizabeth May. The vote followed a heated debate over Israel during the final plenary session of the party's national convention in Ottawa, according to reports in the Canadian media. "I'm deeply disappointed," May said after the vote. "The party policy on this issue is a position I can't support," she said, calling BDS tactics ineffective and "polarizing." Opinions among Greens were sharply divided. "I've never felt prouder to be a member of this party," said Dimitri Lascaris, the party's justice critic who tabled the motion. "We took a brave stand today for human rights," he said, despite facing accusations of anti-Semitism. He added some Jewish delegates supported the position.

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44. Car bombs target pro-government militia in Yemen, 10 dead

Gulf News, Staff Report, 2016 08 09

Sana'a - Yemeni security officials say at least 10 fighters from a pro-government militia have been killed when suspected Al Qaida militants targeted their convoy with two car bombs. The officials say the attack took place late on Sunday in the Yafea area in Lahj province, where Yemen's Al Qaida branch controls several areas, including a large base in which it has stockpiled heavy weapons looted from army depots elsewhere. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to talk to the media. Al Qaida has taken advantage of Yemen's civil war to gain a foothold in several southern Yemeni areas. The war pits troops and militiamen loyal to the internationally recognised government, backed by a Saudi-led coalition, against Shiite Al Houthi rebels and a former president's loyalists. (Full Report).

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45. Iran backed Iraqi, Lebanese Shiite militias deploy to Syria's Aleppo

Associated Press, 2016 08 09

Beirut - Iran-backed Shiite militant groups from Lebanon and Iraq are deploying hundreds of additional fighters to front lines in the Syrian city of Aleppo, Iranian media and militia officials said Monday, after Syrian rebels breached a government-imposed siege and cut a key government route to the contested city over the weekend. The reinforcements by at least four groups, described by officials and state media as "elite," will shore up Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces there as fighting over control of the city intensifies. Rebels breached the Syrian government siege on opposition neighborhoods in the city of Aleppo Saturday, opening a corridor in the south and marking a major military breakthrough. The push prompted an intensive airstrike campaign Sunday as insurgent groups put up a massive defense to protect the new corridor and gain new ground.

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46. Major security flaw in 900m Android phones, tablets, says Check Point

Times of Israel, Dan Schwartz, 2016 08 09

Jerusalem - Nearly a billion Android phones and tablets are vulnerable to malware that could allow hackers "complete control of devices and access to sensitive personal and enterprise data on them," according to Israeli cybersecurity firm Check Point. The hacks are possible due to a series of four vulnerabilities -- dubbed QuadRooter -- affecting Android devices built on Qualcomm chipsets, which are found in nearly two-thirds of mobile devices. "If any one of the four vulnerabilities is exploited, an attacker can trigger privilege escalations and gain root access to a device," said the Check Point research team that discovered the problem. Unlike most malware, which can be rooted out or at least detected by antivirus software, there's little users can do except wait for Qualcomm to issue patches to fix the problem, according to Check Point.

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47. Shin Bet: UN worker used his position to aid Hamas military projects

Jerusalem Post, Staff Report, 2016 08 09

Jerusalem - A United Nations worker in Gaza has been arrested for using his position to aid Hamas military activities, the Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) announced on Tuesday. The suspect was named as 38-year-old Wahid Abdullah Burash of Jabalia in Gaza, an employee of the United Nations Development Program. The UNDP is tasked with projects to help the Strip's inhabitants, including projects to rehabilitate homes damaged in warfare. Burash had worked as a UNDP engineer since 2003. He was tasked with demolishing homes damaged in warfare and evacuating the waste. According to the Shin Bet, Burash was instructed by a senior Hamas official in 2014 to use his position in order to help the organization. In 2015, he allegedly helped build a naval marina for use by Hamas's military in northern Gaza.

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48. Antiterrorisme : une ado de 16 ans écrouée

La Dépêche du Midi (Toulouse), Journaliste maison, 2016 08 09

Melun, France - Une mineure de 16 ans, qui se disait prête à commettre un attentat en France, a été mise en examen hier à Paris et placée en détention provisoire. L'adolescente répond des chefs d'«association de malfaiteurs en relation avec une entreprise terroriste criminelle» et «provocation à la commission d'actes de terrorisme par un moyen de communication en ligne», en l'occurrence la messagerie cryptée Telegram. Une information judiciaire, confiée aux magistrats du pôle antiterroriste de Paris, a été ouverte hier. La jeune fille avait été interpellée jeudi dans le cadre d'une opération antiterroriste à Melun (Seine-et-Marne). «Très radicalisée», la jeune fille était administratrice d'un groupe sur Telegram, où «elle a relayé de nombreux messages de propagande de Daech, a relayé des appels à la commission d'un attentat et a également exprimé son intention de passer à l'acte», a précisé une source proche de l'enquête. Les enquêteurs sont remontés jusqu'à l'adolescente, qui n'a pas d'antécédent judiciaire, après avoir repéré un message «très inquiétant» posté au sein de ce groupe sur Telegram.

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49. Blow for migrant deal as Turkey rejects EU terror law demands

Financial Times, Laura Pitel, Jim Brunson, 2016 08 09

Istanbul - The EU's demand that Turkey must overhaul its terror laws in return for visa-free travel is "impossible" in the aftermath of last month's attempted coup, the country's EU minister has warned. In an interview with the Financial Times, Omer Celik dealt a fresh blow to the fragile deal between the EU and Ankara that has helped stem the flow of refugees and migrants to European shores. For the EU to ease visa requirements for 79m Turkish citizens -- one of a series of incentives promised in return for Turkey's help with the refugee crisis -- Turkey needs to amend its sweeping terror legislation in line with EU law and guidance from the Council of Europe. Mr Celik said that Turkey was open to discussions about counterterror law with European partners and could commit to reforms in the longer term. He warned, however, that it was "impossible" in the short term after the government was almost overthrown by alleged supporters of Fethullah Gulen, an exiled cleric who Turkey has branded a terrorist. He strongly denies the accusation.

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50. Chartres : deux ans de prison pour consultation répétée de sites faisant l'apologie du terrorisme

France 3 - (Régions) avec l'Agence France-Presse, Fabienne Marcel, 2016 08 09

Chartres, France - Un homme de 31 ans a été condamné lundi par le tribunal correctionnel de Chartres à deux ans de prison ferme pour avoir consulté de manière répétée des sites liés à la commission d'actes terroristes. Le tribunal correctionnel de Chartres, qui le jugeait en comparution immédiate, l'a placé sous mandat de dépôt à l'issue de l'audience, a-t-on appris de source judiciaire, confirmant une information du journal local L'Écho Républicain. Le parquet avait requis une peine d'un an de prison ferme. L'homme a été interpellé à la fin de la semaine dernière à Chartres après avoir été repéré par les services de renseignement. Les investigations ont montré qu'il avait pris l'habitude de consulter des sites internet faisant l'apologie du terrorisme, selon cette source. Sur son mur Facebook, l'homme aurait laissé entendre qu'il voulait voir détruire la Tour Montparnasse à Paris. "Les enquêteurs n'ont pas trouvé d'éléments qui permettent de penser à un projet clairement établi", indique cette source judiciaire. "Cet homme ne faisait pas l'objet d'une fiche S.

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51. Erdogan : " Les Occidentaux ont laissé les Turcs seuls "

Le Monde, Christophe Ayad, Marie Jégo et Marc Semo, 2016 08 09

Ankara - Le président turc, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, rejette les critiques sur l'ampleur des purges en cours en Turquie depuis la tentative de coup d'Etat dans la nuit du 15 au 16 juillet. Il menace de rompre les accords migratoires signés avec l'Union européenne Trois semaines après la tentative de putsch qui a ébranlé la Turquie dans la nuit du 15 au 16 juillet, le président Recep Tayyip Erdogan a reçu Le Monde, samedi 6 août, à -Istanbul, pour lui accorder son premier entretien à la presse occidentale depuis ces événements. Le chef de l'Etat turc, en butte à de virulentes critiques en Occident sur l'ampleur des purges post-coup d'Etat, reproche à ses partenaires, européens comme américains, leur manque d' " empathie " et de soutien. Alors qu'il doit rencontrer son homologue russe, Vladimir Poutine, mardi, à Saint-Pétersbourg, M. Erdogan dessine les contours d'une probable rupture avec l'Union européenne (UE) sur la question migratoire ainsi que sur les droits de l'homme. Vous avez déclaré que les Occidentaux avaient " pris le parti des putschistes et des terroristes ". Qu'est-ce que vous leur reprochez? Pendant la tentative de putsch, une partie des leaders du monde occidental m'ont appelé au téléphone. Cela n'était pas suffisant. Nous n'étions pas face à une attaque terroriste ordinaire. Nous comptons 240 martyrs et 2 200 blessés. Le monde entier avait réagi à l'attaque contre Charlie Hebdo . Notre premier ministre s'était joint à la marche dans les rues de Paris. J'aurais souhaité que les leaders du monde occidental réagissent également à ce qui s'est passé en Turquie et qu'ils ne se contentent pas de quelques clichés pour condamner - la tentative de putsch - . Ou alors, j'aurais voulu qu'ils viennent ici en Turquie.

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52. European intelligence database seen aiding fight against suspected militants

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 08 08

Amsterdam - A European counter-terrorism intelligence database designed to generate greater intelligence sharing among allies to avert deadly Islamist attacks has gone online after overcoming traditional reluctance by spy agencies to sharing information. European officials were spurred into setting up the project by the Paris attacks last November by Islamist militants which exposed intelligence gaps. A total of 130 people were killed in those attacks. Hosted by the Dutch intelligence service in the Hague, the database went live on July 1, the German Interior Ministry and the German domestic intelligence agency (BfV) said. "The intelligence database will make it much easier and quicker to share information about possible threats," said one intelligence official. The database enables European intelligence agencies to share real-time information about suspected Islamist militants collected by members of the Counter-Terrorism Group (CTG), which groups all 28 European Union countries, Switzerland and Norway.

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53. Facebook Denies Withholding User Data in German Criminal Investigations

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 08 08

Berlin - Facebook rejected on Monday claims made by Germany's state authorities that it was reluctant to co-operate with them on criminal investigations, saying many of the requests it received for user data were incorrectly formulated. Several regional interior ministers have complained that the social media group is hesitant to respond to requests for data and have called on the Federal Justice Ministry to introduce new laws. But Facebook said it had provided "round the clock assistance" to the authorities in Bavaria following a spate of violent attacks in Munich, Wuerzburg and Ansbach last month. A spokeswoman for the Justice Ministry said it was examining whether there was a need to change the law or whether there was a problem with its implementation.

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54. La Turquie conquise par l'islamisme

Journal de Montréal, Loïc Tassé, 2016 08 09

Chronique- Suite au coup d'État raté du 15 juillet dernier, le gouvernement turc est devenu encore plus dictatorial et plus islamiste qu'auparavant. Sous prétexte de lutter pour la démocratie, Recep Tayyip Erdogan a purgé toutes les forces d'opposition chez les militaires, les policiers, les juges, les professeurs, les fonctionnaires et les journalistes. La Turquie n'est plus un pays démocratique. Si Erdogan va jusqu'au bout, la Turquie basculera complètement dans le camp des islamistes. Aujourd'hui, Erdogan rencontre Vladimir Poutine à Saint- Pétersbourg. Poutine doit regarder avec angoisse la montée d'Erdogan. Quant aux membres de l'OTAN, ils se demandent de plus en plus quoi faire avec ce pays. 1 Pourquoi tant de Turcs ont-ils manifesté aux côtés d'Erdogan ? Ce dimanche, près de cinq millions de Turcs sont descendus dans les rues aux côtés d'Erdogan, prétendument pour soutenir la démocratie. Mais ce chiffre ne veut pas dire grand-chose. Erdogan a fait arrêter ou fait renvoyer de leur poste plus de 60 000 personnes. Dans de telles conditions, beaucoup de Turcs veulent donner l'impression de soutenir Erdogan. Car l'opposition est réduite au silence. Les médias sont presque tous contrôlés par Erdogan ou

fermés. Ceux qui critiquent le gouvernement d'Erdogan risquent la prison. Erdogan recevra bientôt de nouveaux pouvoirs qui devraient lui permettre de gouverner en vrai dictateur.

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55. New spyware detected targeting firms in Russia, China: Symantec

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 08 08

Frankfurt - A previously unknown hacking group variously dubbed "Strider" or "ProjectSauron" has carried out cyber-espionage attacks against select targets in Russia, China, Iran, Sweden, Belgium and Rwanda, security researchers said on Monday. The group, which has been active since at least 2011 and could have links to a national intelligence agency, uses Remsec, an advanced piece of hidden malware, Symantec researchers said in a blog post. Remsec spyware lives within an organization's network rather than being installed on individual computers, giving attackers complete control over infected machines, researchers said. It enables keystroke logging and the theft of files and other data. Its code also contains references to Sauron, the all-seeing title character in The Lord of the Rings, Symantec said. Strider is the nickname of the fantasy trilogy's widely traveled main character Aragorn. Separately, Moscow-based Kaspersky Lab has labeled the same group using the Remsec spyware as "ProjectSauron".

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56. Saudis Offer Aid To German Probe

Wall Street Journal, Andrea Thomas, 2016 08 09

Berlin - Saudi authorities offered Berlin help in investigating two attacks claimed by Islamic State in Germany last month, officials from both countries said on Monday. Authorities here said the terror militia abroad hadn't only inspired the attacks, but also appeared to have helped execute them by instructing both perpetrators in how to maximize casualties. The investigation had shown that Islamic State members abroad had helped the perpetrators and that at least one of them had a Saudi cellphone number, a German official said. The findings, derived from a probe of the perpetrators' electronic devices, suggest a more deliberate campaign by Islamic State to attack Germany than authorities had expected in the immediate aftermath of the attacks, which left several people wounded. The atrocities by two recently arrived asylum seekers have punctured a sense of calm in Germany, which had so far been spared the large-scale terror assaults seen in France and Belgium. Chancellor Angela Merkel, who presided over the arrival of well over a million refugees since the beginning of last year, has seen her popularity ratings plummet in the weeks following the attacks. The German government welcomed Saudi Arabia's offer to share intelligence on the attacks, which both took place in the southern state of Bavaria.

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57. The Returnees: Former Islamic State Members Open Up to Investigators

Der Spiegel, Multiple reporters, 2016 08 08

Berlin - When Nils D. turned his back on the Islamic State (IS), he thought about sex. He had spent a year serving the terrorist militia, performing guard duty and working as a cook. He had discovered severed heads on the street and watched beheadings. He had listened to the screams of people being tortured and looked on as they were hung from metal poles with their hands tied behind their backs. These are the kinds of atrocities he had exposed people to as a member of a special unit that was tasked to arrest alleged spies, traitors or other opponents of IS. But by the beginning of November 2014, he wanted out. He came up with a false pretense to travel to Turkey. He wanted to meet his mother and sister in Istanbul and then journey onward to his home in Dinslaken, Germany, a town in the country's Ruhr region. Nils D. has never said what was going through his mind that day, but his mobile phone's browser history provides some answers. He perused a list of the most wanted criminals on the German Federal Criminal Office's website because he feared he might get arrested in Germany. He also looked up ferry connections from Turkey and long-distance buses to his home state of North Rhine-Westphalia, because he feared getting checked at the airport. He also looked on the website of a popular retailer for new plus-size clothes because he needed an inconspicuous outfit and was too corpulent for normal attire. In addition, he searched for hotels in Istanbul and for sightseeing tips in the city for the days he would be spending with his mom and sister, Annika. Most of all, though, Nils D. thought about sex. He searched for terms like "Red Light Istanbul" online. One query result contained the heading, "Bordello in Istanbul." His phone also saved the names of dozens of relevant porn clips he had played. Before he boarded a bus from Istanbul back home, he deleted the data stored on his mobile phone. The images of him with his buddies in battle gear, the photo of him standing behind a masked, bound man holding a pistol to his head -- all of it was supposed to disappear before his return. Today, Nils D. is being held in a German prison as a convicted terrorist. The Higher Regional Court in Düsseldorf sentenced him to four years and six months behind bars.

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58. Turquie/purge : plus de 26.000 interpellations

Le Figaro, Journaliste maison, 2016 08 09

Ankara - Plus de 26.000 personnes ont été interpellées en Turquie à la suite du coup d'Etat manqué du 15 juillet, dont 16.000 ont été officiellement arrêtées et placées en détention provisoire, a annoncé aujourd'hui le ministre de la Justice, Bekir Bozdag. Dans une interview diffusée en direct à la télévision, le ministre a ajouté que 6000 autres suspects étaient toujours en prison mais qu'aucune charge n'avait encore été officiellement retenue contre eux. Quelque 7700 autres sont en liberté mais font l'objet d'une enquête pour leur implication présumée dans la tentative de putsch. Le ministre a aussi mis en garde mardi les États-Unis de ne pas sacrifier les relations bilatérales en raison du "terroriste" Fethullah Gülen, à l'origine, selon Ankara, du putsch avorté du 15 juillet.

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59. Une adolescente radicalisée mise en examen

Le Figaro, Journaliste maison, 2016 08 09

Melun, France - La mineure de 16 ans avait publié sur Internet des messages jugés « inquiétants » par les enquêteurs. Radicalisation Une mineure de 16 ans a été mise en examen, ce lundi à Paris, et placée en détention provisoire. L'adolescente, interpellée jeudi dans le cadre d'une opération antiterroriste à Melun, en Seine-et-Marne, se disait prête à commettre un attentat sur le sol français. La jeune fille était administratrice d'un groupe sur la messagerie en ligne Telegram où, lors de conversations, « elle a relayé de nombreux messages de propagande du groupe État islamique, a relayé des appels à la commission d'un attentat et a également exprimé son intention de passer à l'acte » , selon une source proche de l'enquête. C'est grâce à ces messages que les enquêteurs ont pu remonter jusqu'à l'adolescente, qui n'a pas d'antécédent judiciaire. Les perquisitions menées par les policiers d'élite du Raid, notamment au domicile familial de la jeune fille, n'ont pas permis de découvrir des armes ou des explosifs. L'ordinateur et le téléphone de la mineure sont en cours d'exploitation et « il n'y a pas eu à ce stade d'autres interpellations » , ajoute cette même source. « Très radicalisée » , la fille a été inculpée pour « association de malfaiteurs en relation avec une entreprise terroriste criminelle » et « provocation à la commission d'actes de terrorisme par un moyen de communication en ligne » .

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1. Co-operation, outreach best terrorism defence

London Free Press, Peter Fragiskatos MP, 2016 08 16

Op-ed - By its nature, terrorism targets innocent people and seeks to create distrust among citizens through shock, panic and fear. This is what makes it the weapon of the ignorant and of the cowardly. And last week, our region and city felt its impact. What is the way forward and

how should we respond? By keeping in mind a few important truths about what keeps societies secure. The first of these is the need to remain vigilant, yet reasonable. Questions will be asked about whether more could have been done to keep us safe from the likes of Aaron Driver. This is appropriate, but unless the conversation is measured, we might end up trying to fix what is not broken. The result will be that important resources needed to maintain public safety -- time, energy and money -- could be used ineffectively. Avoiding this problem requires us to search first for lessons, not in what went wrong, but in what went right. Last Wednesday, various agencies -- the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the London Police Service, Strathroy-Caradoc and the Ontario Provincial Police -- worked together to thwart an act of terrorism. The importance of this cannot be overstated. When the RCMP was informed about an imminent attack, they acted swiftly and were successful. Local forces were involved and engaged. Partnership, rather than rivalry, is what defined this effort and we are all safer because of it. This example, in fact, provides a model as we move forward. Note: Peter Fragiskatos is the Member of Parliament for London North Centre. Prior to being elected in October, he taught political science at King's University College.

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2. Single bullet killed terror suspect, dad says

Toronto Star, Alex Ballingall, 2016 08 16

London - The suspected terrorist who allegedly planned an attack on a major Canadian urban centre last week was killed by a bullet as Mounties descended upon him outside his sister's home, according to his family. Wayne Driver, a retired military officer whose youngest son Aaron Driver died after detonating an explosive device inside a taxi during the confrontation with police in Strathroy, Ont., told the Star that the family also plans to give him an Islamic funeral Thursday - on what would have been his 25th birthday. Both Driver and Aaron's older brother, Rob, say they were told by the RCMP that an autopsy concluded the 24-year-old died from one of two gunshots wounds. Driver said he was told that one bullet pierced his son's spleen, and another went through his heart and liver. Aaron's father doesn't remember the last time he saw his son. Wayne Driver said Aaron had been estranged from much of his family for years, leaving home when he was 16 and then dropping out of high school while living in a group home. He said his youngest child had an emotional upbringing, which included his mother's death when he was just 7 and the loss of his son, who died during childbirth when Aaron was 19. He was profoundly affected by both losses, Driver said. He supported his son's conversion to Islam until he realized how radical he had become. Driver said sometime around Christmas 2014, he was contacted by the Canadian Security Intelligence Committee. Driver recalled feeling sick and perplexed when shown an inch-thick file outlining his son's online comments. He said it included photos of mass graves and people who had been beheaded, with his son allegedly claiming that the people depicted deserved to die. "I don't understand," he said, explaining that he's always felt such acts epitomize cowardice and cruelty. "It's not like butterflies. It's like somebody has punched you in the stomach."

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3. What will it take to stop the next Aaron Driver?

iPolitics, Tasha Kheiriddin, 2016 08 16

Column - "There's nobody there to support (the families). There's nobody there to give them strength or any counselling support in any way, shape or form. And the loss of life impacts everybody in the end." That's Christianne Boudreau commenting on the case of Aaron Driver, the 24-year-old Ontario man who died recently in a confrontation with police after authorities were told by the FBI he was plotting to carry out a terrorist attack. Boudreau can relate: Her son Damian died in 2014 fighting for ISIS in Syria. Damian converted to Islam as a teenager and became progressively more obsessed with fighting President Bashir al-Assad. He was under CSIS surveillance for two years before he left Canada, and was executed by the Syrian army. After his death, Boudreau founded two organizations to combat youth radicalization and reach out to parents whose children had joined radical groups such as ISIS. Boudreau spoke to Toronto's AM640 radio from France about her son's case in the wake of Driver's death, and following a federal announcement to the effect that Canada would be stepping up its anti-radicalization efforts. Early news reports suggested that Public Security Minister Ralph Goodale would be announcing details of the plan today. Turned out Goodale was not announcing anything, but meeting and holding a photo-op with a Montreal organization that conducts de-radicalization initiatives. That didn't impress Boudreau. "It's a camera, election, posturing thing," she told me. "They really need to start putting action behind their words."

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4. Agir après les faits

Journal de Montréal, Richard Martineau, 2016 08 16

Chronique - Plus on en apprend sur Aaron Driver, l'islamiste qui a été neutralisé par la GRC alors qu'il s'apprêtait à commettre un attentat suicide, plus on se pose des questions... Lutter contre le terrorisme est une atteinte à la liberté de pensée ? En juin 2015, Driver (qui avait été arrêté pour «activités suspectes» sur les réseaux sociaux) a été remis en liberté sous conditions. On lui demandait, entre autres, de s'engager à ne pas troubler l'ordre public, d'assister à «des séances de counseling religieux» et de porter un bracelet électronique. LES DROITS DE DRIVER À l'annonce de ces conditions, l'Association manitobaine des droits et libertés (AMDL) s'était immédiatement portée à la défense d'Aaron Driver. «On parle d'un citoyen canadien qui n'a pas été inculpé d'un crime, mais qui sera surveillé grâce à un bracelet de surveillance chaque heure du jour, a lancé le directeur de l'AMDL, Corey Shefman. C'est franchement inacceptable.» Je sais qu'il est facile de jouer au gérant d'estrade une fois qu'on sait comment les choses ont tourné... Mais je me demande si, à la lumière des événements récents, le directeur de l'AMDL dirait la même chose aujourd'hui. Défendrait-il encore les droits d'Aaron Driver sachant que le gars était aussi dangereux? «La GRC demande à M. Driver de promettre qu'il va bien se comporter, a dit Corey Shefman.

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5. Airy-fairy platitudes no deterrent to terrorism

Postmedia News, Mark Bonokoski, 2016 08 16

Column - If I were taxi driver Terry Duffield, I'd have two questions for Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale and his plans on curbing radicalization. First, what in hell were the cops thinking when they had jihadist wannabe Aaron Driver's residence surrounded, yet still allowed him to get into my cab with a bomb in his knapsack? Why didn't they confront this 24-year-old terrorist before he had the opportunity to blow me up? And secondly, how did a homegrown terrorist known to security agencies, who had been on a peace bond for ISIS-related activity, and who once had a monitor shackled to his ankle, manage to get the materials in a small southwestern Ontario town like Strathroy to successfully make that bomb? These are questions Goodale did not address, nor did he allude to Duffield's brush with the unexpected that all Canadians should now be worried about as a part of their future. This jihadi insanity is not going away any time soon.

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6. Border security issues with US are piling up for new Canadian Government

Inside Policy (Macdonald-Laurier Institute), Scott Newark, 2016 08 16

Comment - When the new Government assumed office almost nine months ago, it was clear that they had new policy priorities and that they were specifically intent on a more inclusive and consultative process for decision making than their predecessor. Some sceptics, myself included, cautioned that while this was understandable, governing was about making choices and taking action and not just holding media events to celebrate 'inclusion' and 'outreach'. Put differently, governing is more difficult than campaigning but that's what Governments are elected to do. This substantive lack of progress is evident in a number of areas and as we prepare for the return of Parliament in September, Canada-US border security is clearly an area where specific actions are required. This is true, not only because of the inherent priority of the subject given our geographical situation, but also because of a changing security-focused world and the need to deliver on border security focused commitments. Additionally, although it is sometimes taken for granted, Canada-US relations is our highest foreign policy priority and border security issues are a central part of that discussion. The importance of this failure to deploy sensor surveillance technology along the Canada-US border cannot be overstated. Without it, Canada and the US face increased risk of cross border smuggling of weapons, drugs, tobacco and people. In today's world that's an unacceptable risk and what's required is action not repetitive 'consultation' or more RCMP navel gazing. While a joint Canada-US database is the obvious starting point, in today's travel-facilitated world it will be necessary to expand the database to trusted allies such as the other 'Five Eyes' partners (UK, NZ, Australia) as well as the EU and indeed others. Note: Scott Newark is a former Alberta Crown Prosecutor who has also served as Executive Officer of the Canadian Police Association, Vice Chair of the Ontario Office for Victims of Crime, Director of Operations to the Washington D.C.-based Investigative Project on Terrorism and as a Security Policy Advisor to the Governments of Ontario and Canada. A variation of this article appears in FrontLine Security magazine.

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7. Canada.ca web renewal costs soaring with more expenses coming

Ottawa Citizen, Vito Pilioci, 2016 08 16

Ottawa - Expenses related to the federal government's web renewal project are already skyrocketing and the initiative is only in its second official year. The push to gather a vast majority of the government's departments and agencies under the Canada.ca web address -- as opposed to the various disparate websites they previously had -- has already cost the federal government at least \$9.2 million, of which \$5.4 million has been paid. The contract, which was awarded to Adobe Corp. in March 2015, was originally valued at \$1.54 million. And the true cost of getting Canada.ca fully operation will be millions more, however an exact dollar amount remains elusive. The price of the project rockets upward when factoring in the costs associated with getting each of the government's departments and agencies ready for the switch to Canada.ca. Each of the departments that are preparing to switch to Canada.ca are responsible for building any costs associated with the website switch into their existing budgets. However, none of the spending is being tracked by Treasury Board of Canada, which is the department responsible for ensuring government resources are properly managed. The acknowledged additional spending for the website switchover from the listed departments equals \$19.79 million. There are a total of 90 federal departments and agencies that are required to switch to Canada.ca by the end of 2017.

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8. Canadian government pledges \$35 million to fight radicalization

Montreal Gazette, Katherine Wilton, 2016 08 16

Montreal - Ottawa will spend \$35 million over five years to fund programs that reach out to vulnerable people open to radicalization in a bid to prevent terror attacks in Canada. The federal government will establish a national centre for de-radicalization that will coordinate efforts across Canada to fight extremism. Most of the money will go to groups and organizations at the community level that are best equipped "to intervene in the right way, with the right tools and at the right time," Public Security Minister Ralph Goodale said on Monday. Goodale visited Montreal's de-radicalization centre to learn what the centre is doing to help young people who are vulnerable to extremism and violence. "The events of the last week or so have demonstrated in Canada that we need to get better and better at understanding and dealing with the serious issue of radicalization," Goodale said. More information about the national centre will be released in the coming weeks. In the meantime, federal officials are consulting experts in order to recruit the right people to work at the centre.

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9. Canadian-trained forces clearing the way to retake Mosul from ISIS

CTV.CA, Josh Dehaas, 2016 08 16

Ottawa - CTV News has learned that Canadian-backed Kurdish forces have spent the past 48 hours clearing the way to take back Mosul, the last major stronghold of ISIS and its de facto capital in Iraq. The Peshmerga spent Sunday and Monday reclaiming a dozen villages near Iraq's

second- biggest city, sources told CTV's Mercedes Stephenson. The Canadian Special Forces helped the Kurdish troops plan the operation and remained close enough to the combat that they could see the fighting and provide real-time advice -- but they were not on the frontline. No Canadian soldiers were injured.

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10. Critics slam oversight on immigration detention reforms

Toronto Star, Nicholas Keung, 2016 08 16

Toronto - Migrants advocates welcome Ottawa's reforms of the immigration detention system, but say the government is falling short on creating proper oversight of the agency responsible for the enforcement operations. "It is encouraging the federal government is promising actions and reforms to the immigration detention system. Detention of immigrants needs to be absolutely the last resort and the government recognizes that," said Josh Paterson of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association. "The thing is, we need to put an end to housing migrants in criminal population. The money dedicated to the immigration infrastructure must not become the reason to detain more migrants and for longer period of time." Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale announced on Monday that \$138 million would be invested to "enhance alternatives to detention" and invest in rebuilding immigration holding facilities. He also plans a series of community consultations.

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11. Detention centres will be replaced

Toronto Star, Tondra McCharles, 2016 08 16

Ottawa - The federal public safety minister says a \$138-million plan unveiled Monday to replace two immigration detention centres in greater Vancouver and Montreal will ease pressure on an overburdened national system. However, Ralph Goodale offered nothing to expand or replace an immigration holding centre in the greater Toronto area. And there was nothing that immediately addresses the needs of the more than 200 individuals - about 30 per cent of illegal immigrant detainees in Ontario - who end up in provincial maximum-security jails. Last month, a hunger strike by a group of about 50 immigrants in two Ontario jails highlighted widespread concerns about the length and conditions of their detention. At the time, Goodale, the minister responsible Canada Border Services Agency, promised reforms were coming.

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12. Feds want RCMP to look into Canadian firm's armoured car shipments to war-torn Libya

CBC.CA, Murray Brewster, 2016 08 16

Ottawa - The Liberal government has asked the Mounties to look into a UN report that found a Canadian-owned company shipped dozens of armoured personnel carriers into the chaos of Libya, possibly in violation of an arms embargo. In a statement released late Monday, the Global

Affairs Department said a copy of the UN panel's findings about the Streit Group has been handed to the Mounties. There's no indication at the moment whether the RCMP intends to launch a full-blown investigation. The Liberal government says it will leave the matter up to law enforcement. "It is the role of the RCMP to investigate potential offences under Canadian law, while the prosecution of offences under federal jurisdiction is the responsibility of the Public Prosecution Service of Canada who will determine if Canada has jurisdiction to prosecute based on the facts of the case," spokesman Francois Lasalle said in a statement. The department didn't say when the UN report, which was released in March, was shared with the Mounties.

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13. Goodale pledges \$138M for immigration detention centres in Laval and B.C.

Montreal Gazette, Katherine Wilton, 2016 08 16

Montreal - The Liberal government will spend about \$138 million to rebuild holding centres in Laval and British Columbia, which means fewer immigration detainees will have to be held in provincial correctional facilities. The money will also be spent to enhance alternatives to detention to "ensure that detention is truly a last resort," Canada's Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale announced on Monday. About 450 to 500 individuals are detained under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act at any given time. Some are detained pending deportation while others are deemed a flight risk, pose a security risk or don't have proper identification. In 2014, a Red Cross investigation found numerous shortcomings at Canadian facilities for immigrant detainees including triple bunked cells, lack of support for detained children and inadequate mental health care.

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14. Guilty plea ends case that pitted cellphone privacy rights against border security powers

National Post, Graeme Hamilton, 2016 08 16

Montreal - A Quebec man arrested last year at the Halifax airport for refusing to provide border officers with the password for his cellphone pleaded guilty Monday and was ordered to pay a \$500 fine. Alain Philippon's plea on the eve of a scheduled trial brought an abrupt end to a case that was being watched closely as a test of the line between privacy rights and the state's power to control its borders. Robert Currie, director of Dalhousie University's Law and Technology Institute, said the plea deal represents a "missed opportunity" to explore an emerging legal question. Philippon, 39, was returning to Canada from the Dominican Republic in March 2015 when he was pulled aside by the Canada Border Services Agency and as part of a search asked to provide access to his BlackBerry. He refused to give the password and was charged under the federal Customs Act with hindering or preventing an officer from doing his job.

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15. Harjit Sajjan has numbers but not location for African peacekeeping

CBC.CA, Murray Brewster, 2016 08 16

Ottawa - Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan knows how many troops he wants to send to Africa, but says he has no clear direction from cabinet on where to place them. Sajjan told reporters in a conference call on Monday, at the end of a five country tour in the troubled region, that an announcement on Canada's renewed United Nations peacekeeping commitment will be made shortly. He wouldn't say what the number might be. There has been a lot of speculation about a possible Canadian contribution to existing missions in Mali, and perhaps even Congo. When asked if any country had been stricken off his list as a result of the fact-finding mission, Sajjan did not rule out South Sudan, or any nation in the region.

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16. I'm very glad the Mounties got their man in Strathroy

Globe and Mail, Margaret Wentz, 2016 08 16

Column - The biggest story in Canada this weekend was the triumph of Penny Oleksiak, the dazzling young Canadian who took the swimming world by storm. Lucky us. The biggest story could have been the triumph of Aaron Driver, the Islamist-inspired jihadi warrior, if he had blown himself up at a train station in Southern Ontario and taken a dozen innocent people with him. We'll never know, of course. Just as Mr. Driver stepped into a taxi, police opened fire and he detonated a bomb. Officially, we don't know what killed him, but either way the Mounties got their man. I'm sorry they had to do it, but I don't have a shred of sympathy for him - only for his family, who saw him going to the dark side and were helpless to prevent it. Mr. Driver had rejected help. He sought out martyrdom. All the evidence indicates that he was a traitor to his country. The RCMP don't get much good press these days. They're usually portrayed as the gang that can't shoot straight. Most stories about the Mounties are meant to tell us how sexist, racist and incompetent they are. They deserve a lot of credit for getting this one right. Around 8:30 a.m. last Wednesday, the FBI sent them a screen shot of a man with his faced masked, taken from a homemade "martyrdom" video. By 11 a.m., Canadian authorities had identified the suspect. At 4:30 p.m., when the man got into a taxi outside his house in Strathroy, Ont., police were waiting for him. Ralph Goodale, the minister of public safety, says Canada needs to step up its counter-radicalization efforts. I'm all for that. The trouble is, nobody knows what works. And nobody will ever devise the perfect combination of police powers and social intervention that will keep us completely safe. Like it or not, sometimes the only solution is the violent one.

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17. La détention des immigrants remise en question

Le Devoir, Sarah R. Champagne, 2016 08 16

Montréal - L'annonce de la réfection des centres de détention canadiens doit relancer la réflexion, jugent des groupes Le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale, a annoncé lundi des investissements de 138 millions de dollars, principalement pour moderniser les centres de détention d'immigrants à Laval et en banlieue de Vancouver. Des voix s'élèvent pour réclamer la fin de cette pratique, digne d'un traitement réservé aux criminels dans certains cas. En mai dernier, Carmelo Monge s'est présenté aux bureaux de Citoyenneté et immigration Canada 1010 à Montréal, croyant qu'il repartirait avec un permis de travail renouvelé. Il a plutôt été arrêté. "

Ils m'ont mis les menottes et alors je me suis senti comme si j'avais fait quelque chose de très grave ", relate-t-il, encore sous le choc. " Je ne suis pas un criminel, je suis ici pour travailler, pour aider ma famille restée au Mexique ", dit l'homme de 45 ans. Il est au Canada depuis huit ans, en attente d'une demande de résidence permanente fondée sur des considérations humanitaires, après avoir vu sa demande d'asile déboutée. À son arrivée au centre de détention de Laval, des bâtiments entourés de barbelés, c'est la surveillance constante qui l'a marqué. " J'ai vu une femme du Pakistan avec son enfant à l'entrée, avec des gardes autour d'eux ", rapporte M. Monge.

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18. Le Canada veut prévenir la radicalisation de certains de ses citoyens

Radio France Internationale, Pascale Guéricolas, 2016 08 16

Montréal - Au Canada, le gouvernement cherche des moyens pour prévenir la radicalisation de ses citoyens. Un dossier d'actualité alors que la police a dû abattre la semaine dernière un jeune homme qui avait projeté un attentat contre une ville canadienne. Dès cet automne 2016, le gouvernement canadien va mettre en place un bureau national pour lutter contre la radicalisation. Ralph Goodale, le ministre canadien de l'Intérieur, a annoncé la création de cet organisme alors qu'il visitait le Centre de prévention de la radicalisation à Montréal. Inauguré il y a un peu d'un an, ce regroupement de travailleurs sociaux, de chercheurs, de psychologues vient en aide à ceux et à celles qui s'inquiètent pour un proche. Jour et nuit, amis et parents peuvent joindre le Centre et leur demander conseil.

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19. London police, RCMP tight-lipped about probe of address tied to terror suspect Aaron Driver

London Free Press, Jennifer O'Brien, 2016 08 16

London - Five days after swooping down on a northwest London home in the dark of night as part of a terrorism probe, the RCMP still won't say why the place is under investigation. But the family who lives there has had "no communication" from the RCMP since their home was searched -- without a warrant -- and cleared the night terrorism suspect Aaron Driver died in a confrontation with police in Strathroy, their lawyer said Monday. "My understanding is they are not suspects," said Gord Cudmore, who is acting as a lawyer for the London Muslim Mosque and, by extension, the family who lives at 43 Blanchard Cres. because they are members of the mosque. London police and officers with the RCMP searched the home Wednesday and Thursday, hours after Driver was killed in a confrontation with police after detonating a bomb in a Strathroy cab.

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20. Mosque applauds de-radicalization plan

London Free Press, Jennifer O'Brien, 2016 08 16

London - The London Muslim Mosque welcomed news from Ottawa that the government is moving ahead with a nationwide program to combat radicalization. "This is in line with what we've been talking about," mosque spokesperson Nawaz Tahir said Monday. "We'd be happy to lend any support we can. This is a multi-disciplinary issue. It's not a London issue, it's a macro issue and it requires a national response." His comments came after Public Security Minister Ralph Goodale spoke about plans for Ottawa to spend \$35 million during five years to fund programs that reach out to vulnerable people open to radicalization in a bid to prevent terror attacks in Canada.

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21. Someone is posting fake Ottawa terror attack stories on Facebook

Ottawa Citizen, Staff report, 2016 08 16

Ottawa - If you're part of a local Facebook group, stay on the lookout for false terrorism stories. Ottawa Police sent out a warning on Monday that someone is going on the Facebook pages for Ottawa-area groups and posting fake stories about a terrorism attack in the city. One of the fake posts was put on the "Ottawa Babywearing Group" page, and had a fake headline that said three police officers and eight civilians were killed by a suicide bomber in Ottawa. Another fake post said ISIS had launched an attack in Kanata that killed 92 people and wounded 187. "These posts have been fabricated," the Ottawa Police warning said. "This falsified info may be circulating with various city names." (Full report).

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22. Was U of T student holding gun in Bangladesh attack?

Toronto Star, Peter Edwards, 2016 08 16

Toronto - A University of Toronto student remains in custody in Bangladesh following publication of pictures that allegedly show him holding a gun at the scene of a deadly hostage-taking. However, questions remain unanswered about the context of photos that appear to show Tahmid Hasib Khan on the rooftop of the Holey Artisan Bakery during the July 1 attack that killed 20 hostages. The New York Times and Guernica magazine have published reports quoting hostages as saying that Khan, 22, was also a hostage, and that he was photographed after being ordered to hold an unloaded pistol. In a report that included the images, the Dhaka Tribune acknowledged that "by themselves, the photos present no hard evidence that links... Tahmid directly to the attackers." The Tribune also said it could not independently verify the source of the images, which it described as having been "widely circulated in the media."

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23. Woman wins battle over security clearance

Toronto Star, Alyshah Hasham, 2016 08 16

Toronto - After a two-year battle with Transport Canada, Ayaan Farah could have her security clearance and job restored. A Federal Court judge quashed the decision to revoke the US

Airways employee's security clearance, because Transport Canada failed to give her enough information to defend herself against allegations of links to individuals with criminal records. The decision was "both procedurally unfair and substantively unreasonable," Justice Susan Elliott wrote in a ruling released Monday. Elliott sent the matter back to the federal Minister of Transport Marc Garneau to be considered again in light of her ruling. Elliott's ruling comes seven months after a federal court hearing and almost two years since Farah's security clearance was revoked in late 2014, effectively resulting in her losing her job of eight years at Pearson International Airport. In an interview, Farah said she is elated by the ruling but exhausted by how long the process has taken.

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24. 15 Guantánamo Detainees Are Sent to Emirates in Largest Obama-Era Transfer

New York Times, Charlie Savage, 2016 08 16

Washington - The Pentagon said on Monday that it had sent 15 Guantánamo detainees to the United Arab Emirates in the largest single transfer of the Obama administration. The move eliminated a fifth of the wartime prison's remaining population, which dropped to 61. While it appears increasingly unlikely that President Obama will succeed in closing the prison before he leaves office in January, the transfer brought him significantly closer to another goal: getting out every detainee who has been approved for transfer. Some have been stranded on that list for years because they could not be repatriated. The detainees sent to the United Arab Emirates included 12 Yemenis and three Afghans. The United States had held each of them without trial for about 14 years. Their departure reduced the list of prisoners approved for transfer to 20 men, although a parole-like review board occasionally adds new names to it. "The United States is grateful to the government of the United Arab Emirates for its continued assistance in closing the detention facility at Guantánamo Bay," Lee Wolosky, the State Department special envoy who negotiates such transfers, said in a statement. The Obama administration has made a sustained diplomatic push to persuade Persian Gulf states to resettle detainees from troubled countries like Yemen. American security officials see them as attractive places to send such detainees both because they share the same language and culture, and because they have security agencies with the capacity to monitor them.

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25. Brooklyn Man Charged With Killing Imam and Assistant Near Mosque

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 08 16

New York - Two days after an imam and his assistant were gunned down after afternoon prayers in Queens, the police said late Monday that a man they had in custody had been charged in the killings. The man, Oscar Morel of Brooklyn, 35, who was taken into custody late Sunday after the police connected him to a hit and run that occurred about a mile away from the fatal attack, faces two counts of second-degree murder and two counts of criminal possession of a weapon, the police said. A police official said investigators had found what they believe was the murder

weapon in the man's home as well as clothes matching the description of what the gunman had been wearing during the shootings. The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the gun was found inside a wall in his apartment, on Miller Avenue in the East New York neighborhood, in a cavity that had apparently been cut open and resealed. A man who answered a phone listed for Mr. Morel's family said that he was stunned by the arrest. "That is our relative," the man said, his voice soft and shaking with emotion. "We are just finding out ourselves. We're pulling together the pieces as well."

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26. Documents Confirm CIA Censorship of Guantánamo Trials

The Intercept, Mattathias Schwartz, 2016 08 15

Washington - In January 2013, during the military trial of five men accused of plotting the 9/11 attacks, a defense lawyer was discussing a motion relating to the CIA's black-site program, when a mysterious entity cut the audio feed to the gallery. A red light began to glow and spin. Someone had triggered the courtroom's censorship system. The system was believed to be under the control of the judge, Col. James Pohl. In this case, it wasn't. "The 40-second delay was initiated, not by me," Pohl said. He was referring to the delayed audio feed, which normally broadcasts to the press and other observers seated in the gallery. The gallery is cut off from the courtroom by three layers of soundproof Plexiglas. "I'm curious as to why ... if some external body is turning the commission off under their own view of what things ought to be, with no reasonable explanation, then we are going to have a little meeting about who turns that light on or off." Later, Pohl said the censorship was the work of an "OCA," short for "Original Classification Authority." In the future, he said, no external body would be permitted to unilaterally censor what was happening in his courtroom. Many have speculated that Pohl's "OCA" is in fact the CIA. That speculation is now confirmed with the release of three new documents by The Intercept. The documents show the evolution of secret rules governing what is and is not allowed to be discussed before the military court at Guantánamo.

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27. Hackers Say They Hacked NSA-Linked Group, Want 1 Million Bitcoins to Share More Motherboard (Vice), Lorenzo Franceschi-Bicchierai, 2016 08 15

New York - A mysterious hacker or hackers going by the name "The Shadow Brokers" claims to have hacked a group linked to the NSA and dumped a bunch of its hacking tools. In a bizarre twist, the hackers are also asking for 1 million bitcoin (around \$568 million) in an auction to release more files. "Attention government sponsors of cyber warfare and those who profit from it!!!!" the hackers wrote in a manifesto posted on Pastebin, on GitHub, and on a dedicated Tumblr. "How much you pay for enemies cyber weapons? [...] We find cyber weapons made by creators of stuxnet, duqu, flame." The hackers referred to their victims as the Equation Group, a codename for a government hacking group widely believed to be the NSA. The security firm Kaspersky Lab unmasked Equation Group in 2015, billing it as the most advanced hacking group Kaspersky researchers had ever seen. While Kaspersky Lab stopped short of saying it's the NSA, its researchers laid out extensive evidence pointing to the American spy agency, including a long

series of codenames used by the Equation Group and found in top secret NSA documents released by Edward Snowden. The Equation Group, according to Kaspersky Lab, targeted the same victims as the group behind Stuxnet, which is widely believed to have been a joint US-Israeli operation targeting Iran's nuclear program, and also used two of the same zero-day exploits.

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28. Homeland Security Offering States Voting Cybersecurity Help

Voice of America, Staff report, 2016 08 16

Washington - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security offered Monday to help state elections officials with the challenge of securing voting systems from the threat of cyber attacks. Homeland Secretary Jeh Johnson hosted a meeting by telephone with officials from around the country as well as representatives from the Justice Department and the National Institute for Standards and Technology. Most voters in the U.S. encounter some kind of machine during the voting process, whether they vote directly on a touchscreen device or put their paper ballot into a scanner. But which system is used is up to officials overseeing the 9,000 separate voting jurisdictions across the country, not the federal government. Johnson encouraged states to implement recommendations that include making sure electronic voting machines are not connected to the internet while voting is taking place.

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29. Promises unfulfilled: How a State Department plan to stabilize Iraq broke apart

Washington Post, Jeff Gerth, Joby Warrick, 2016 08 15

Washington - A week before the last U.S. soldiers left his country in December 2011, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki traveled to Washington to meet the team that would help shape Iraq's future once the troops and tanks were gone. Less than three years later, the relatively calm Iraq that Maliki had led in 2011 was gone. The country's government was in crisis, its U.S.-trained army humiliated, and a third of its territory overrun by fighters from the Islamic State. Meanwhile, State Department programs aimed at helping Iraqis prevent such an outcome had been slashed or curtailed, and some had never materialized at all. Clinton's political foes would later seek to blame her, together with President Obama, for the Islamic State's stunning takeover of western Iraq, saying the State Department failed to preserve fragile security gains achieved at great cost by U.S. troops. Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump last week asserted that Obama "founded" the Islamic State and that Clinton was "the most valuable player" in the group's creation. Trump later contended that he was being sarcastic. But an intensive review of the record during Clinton's tenure presents a broader picture of missteps and miscalculations by multiple actors -- including her State Department as well as the Maliki government, the White House and Congress -- that left Iraqi security forces weakened and vulnerable to the Islamic State's 2014 surge. Documents and interviews point to ambitious plans by State Department officials to take control of dozens of military-run programs in Iraq, from training assistance for Iraqi police to new intelligence-collection outposts in Mosul and other key Iraqi cities. But the State Department scrapped or truncated many of the plans, sometimes at the behest of a skeptical

Congress and other times on orders from the White House, which balked at the high costs and potential risks of U.S. civilians being killed or kidnapped. Still other efforts were thwarted by a Maliki government that viewed many of the programs as an unwelcome intrusion in Iraqi affairs.

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30. Trump proposes ideological test for Muslim immigrants and visitors to the U.S.

Washington Post, Karen DeYoung, 2016 08 16

Washington - Donald Trump called Monday for a Cold War-style mobilization against "radical Islamic terror," repeating and repackaging calls for strict immigration controls -- including a new ideological litmus test for Muslim visitors and migrants -- and blaming the current level of worldwide terrorist attacks on President Obama and Hillary Clinton. In a grab bag of promises to battle the Islamic State organization together with Russia and anyone else who wants to join the fight, the Republican nominee underlined the need to improve intelligence and shut down militant propaganda, recruiting and financing. But he provided few specifics on how he would expand such efforts beyond those already underway. "My administration will aggressively pursue joint and coalition military operations to crush and destroy ISIS," Trump said in a speech in Youngstown, Ohio, using an acronym for the Islamic State. "International cooperation to cut off their funding, expanded intelligence sharing and cyberwarfare to disrupt and disable their propaganda and recruiting .??. It's got to be stopped." Trump softened the tone of previous comments on a number of things, including his description of NATO as "obsolete" and filled with members who don't pay their fair share for U.S. "protection." He said the United States would work closely with NATO on counterterrorism, and he congratulated the alliance for establishing a new division to handle the threat "since my comments."

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31. US nukes at Turkey base at risk of seizure: report

Agence France-Presse, Staff report, 2016 08 15

Washington - Dozens of US nuclear weapons stored at a Turkish air base near Syria are at risk of being captured by "terrorists or other hostile forces," a Washington think tank claimed Monday. Critics have long been alarmed by America's estimated stockpile of about 50 nuclear bombs at Incirlik in southern Turkey, just 70 miles (110 kilometers) from the border with war-torn Syria. The issue took on fresh urgency last month following the attempted coup in Turkey, in which the base's Turkish commander was arrested on suspicion of complicity in the plot. "Whether the US could have maintained control of the weapons in the event of a protracted civil conflict in Turkey is an unanswerable question," said Monday's report from the Stimson Center, a nonpartisan think tank working to promote peace. "From a security point of view, it's a roll of the dice to continue to have approximately 50 of America's nuclear weapons stationed at Incirlik Air Base in Turkey," report co-author Laicie Heeley said.

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United Kingdom • Royaume-Uni

32. British MPs given Mossad self-defence training after Jo Cox murder

Indo-Asian News Service, 2016 08 16

London - British MPs are being taught unarmed street-fighting techniques used by the Israeli intelligence agency Mossad in a bid to protect themselves from stalkers, terrorists, and political extremists in the light of Jo Cox's murder, it was reported on Monday. According to the Telegraph, the self-defence training known as "Krav Maga" -- Hebrew for "contact combat" -- combines jiu jitsu, judo, boxing, and street fighting. It teaches MPs how to defend themselves against attacks, including swinging punches to the head, a bottle, glass, or ashtray to the head, and a "slash with a knife, most commonly a 3-4 inch lock blade or kitchen utility knife". They will also learn how to disarm a lone-wolf attacker. The training comes in the wake of the brutal murder of Jo Cox, a Labour member of parliament who was shot and stabbed in her Batley and Spenningsdale constituency in June.

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33. More than 30,000 Muslims meet in UK to reject Isis

The Independent (UK), Matt Payton, 2016 08 16

London - Thousands of Muslims from across the world converged on the UK for a convention where they rejected extremism and violence of terror groups such as Isis. More than 30,000 members of the Ahmadiyya Islamic movement met at Oakland Farm in Hampshire for a three-day convention, the 50th time the annual event has taken place. On the final day, attendees were led by the global Caliph of the movement in a vow of peace and a pledge of allegiance to their home countries. "The only thing the terrorists are achieving is to completely violate the teachings of the Holy Koran and of the Holy Prophet Muhammad," His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad told attendees. "Let it be clear that they are not practising Islam, rather it seems as though they have invented their own hate-filled and poisonous religion." The Ahmadiyya movement has 129 centres across the UK including the Baitul Futuh Mosque in south London, the biggest in Western Europe. The movement was founded in India in 1889 with a strong emphasis of peace over violence and tolerance over extremism.

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Australia, New Zealand • Australie, Nouvelle-Zélande

34. Deleted Lindt Cafe siege texts 'not needed': deputy commissioner

Sydney Morning Herald, Ava Benny-Morrison, 2016 08 16

Sydney--One of NSW's most senior police officers says she did not believe any of the text messages she deleted after the fatal Lindt Cafe siege needed to be retained. Among the text exchanges on December 15 and 16, 2014, were requests to return calls, updates on coming briefings and words of support as the Martin Place siege rolled on. Now police intelligence specialists are trying to recover those deleted messages to hand over to the inquest into the siege. Deputy Commissioner Catherine Burn was quizzed about her decision to delete the texts during her highly-anticipated evidence at the inquest on Monday. "Ordinarily I would delete text

messages, it would depend on the timing," she told the NSW Coroner's Court. "I delete them at different times periodically or at the time. "To my knowledge or recollection none of the texts I had are ones I thought I needed to keep or needed to retain. "If they could be recovered that would be good ... I would prefer that would be the case if we could recover them."

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35. FIRB boss defends advice on Ausgrid

The Australian, Glenda Korporaal, 2016 08 16

Canberra--The Foreign Investment Review Board made a unanimous decision to recommend Scott Morrison block the Chinese bidders for Ausgrid on the basis of "detailed analysis" by security agencies, FIRB chairman Brian Wilson said yesterday. In an interview with The Australian, Mr Wilson defended FIRB's handling of the decision, saying the board had not "changed its mind" on the suitability of the bidders after it greenlighted the short list a few months ago. He said its final decision to recommend the bids was based on new information supplied to the board with security concerns "not immaterial". "There has been a huge amount of detailed analysis done on these assets by all sorts of agencies and things become apparent." Mr Wilson added that the FIRB board, which includes the former head of ASIO and ASIS David Irvine, was "100 per cent united" on the decision. He said it had been made after the recommendations of security agencies were "tested and tested very strongly".

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36. GCSB wins power to spy on Kiwis

Dominion Post, Vernon Small, 2016 08 16

Wellington--The Government is set to break a long-standing ban on the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) spying on New Zealanders with a sweeping revamp that brings our spy agencies under a single law. Prime Minister John Key yesterday said Cabinet had accepted the bulk of changes, including extra powers for the GCSB, as recommended by the Cullen-Reddy review in March. He said the changes were the most significant reform to the agencies' legislation in the country's history. New Zealanders had a high degree of confidence the Government was "not out there snooping on their private thoughts, their private emails or aspects of their life that have no relevance to other New Zealanders", he added. They expected the GCSB and the Security Intelligence Services (SIS) to look for genuine or real threats that one or two of a very small group of people potentially posed.

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37. COAS confirms death sentences of 11 'hardcore terrorists'

Pakistan Dawn, Dawn Report, 2016 08 16

Rawalpindi - Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif on Tuesday confirmed the death sentences of 11 'hardcore terrorists' involved in committing "heinous offences related to terrorism," said an Inter-Services Public Relations statement. The convicts were involved in killing of DIG Fayyaz Sumbal and ASI Raza Khan of Balochistan Police and Inspector Kamran Nazir of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) at Quetta, ISPR said. The convicted terrorists also include those who were involved in sectarian killings, kidnapping and killing of civilians and personnel of Frontier Constabulary and killing of Major Majeed of Pakistan Army. These convicts were tried by military courts. They were found guilty of planning and executing a number of attacks on law enforcement agencies (LEAs) and the armed forces and involvement in the destruction of schools and communication infrastructure.

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Africa • Afrique

38. La coalition au pouvoir en RDC appelle les Etats de la sous- région à soutenir les forces armées

Pan African News Agency, Journaliste maison, 2016 08 15

Kinshasa, RDC - La coalition au pouvoir en RDC appelle les Etats de la sous-région à soutenir les forces armées congolaises La Majorité présidentielle (MP) en République Démocratique du Congo (RDC) a appelé les Etats de la sous-région à soutenir, conformément au droit international, les Forces armées de la RDC (FARDC) dans la lutte qu'elles mènent contre le terrorisme, a indiqué lundi dans un message publié à Kinshasa, le secrétaire général de la MP, Aubin Minaku. La MP, qui réagissait aux massacres perpétrés le week-end dernier à Béni, au Nord-Kivu, dans l'est de la RDC, a manifesté sa compassion à la population de cette contrée, avant d'encourager le président Joseph Kabila à poursuivre ses initiatives en direction du Burundi, de l'Ouganda et du Rwanda pour ramener une paix durable dans l'est de la RDC. Elle a invité à cette même occasion le peuple congolais à ne pas se laisser distraire, mais à appuyer les FARDC et la Police nationale pour mettre ces terroristes hors d'état de nuire.

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39. Report says East African countries face increasing threat from al-Shabab

Washington Post, Kevin Sieff, 2016 08 15

Nairobi - Somalia-based al-Shabab militants pose a rising threat to nations across East Africa, which are among the continent's fastest-growing, according to a report released Monday by a regional bloc of eight countries. The report by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development notes that al-Shabab, like the Islamic State militant group, has been able to recruit young men and women from countries beyond its power base. The report also includes new details about terrorists who "exploit weaknesses to operate across the region's borders." Al-Shabab "is clearly no longer an exclusively Somali problem, and requires a concerted international response," according to the report, titled "Al-Shabab as a Transnational Security Threat."

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40. 'Counter-terror operations on hold for a month'

Times of India, Bharti Jain, 2016 08 16

New Delhi - The attack on a CRPF patrol in Nowhatta area of downtown Srinagar, presumably the first such strike coinciding with the Independence Day, came amid preoccupation of security forces with controlling violent civilian mobs over the past one month, which put counter-insurgency operations on the back-burner. "Though the security bandobast had been tightened ahead of the Independence Day, as is done every year, it seems terrorists could hide in the area ahead of the strike as no counter-insurgency operations have been taken up in over a month. The J&K police and CRPF have been too busy responding to daily law and order situations and controlling riotous mobs," a senior J&K police officer pointed out. "Sustained counter-insurgency operations are needed to ensure that terrorists are on the run and cannot hide in an area for a possible strike.

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41. 'Ziaur Rahman had a hand in Bangabandhu's assassination'

Dhaka Tribune, Tanveer Ahmed, 2016 08 16

Dhaka - Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman once said his love for the people was his greatest strength and that loving them too much was his greatest weakness. This indeed proved to be true when Indira Gandhi warned Bangabandhu about a possible plot by then Maj Gen Ziaur Rahman and Lt Col Faruk Rahman. Bangabandhu told Indira he considered them as his sons and he believed they could never think of harming him. Bangladesh was barely four- years-old when some derailed army officers and their men staged a bloody coup and killed the man who had led the nation to freedom from Pakistan in 1971. In an interview with Anthony Mascarenhas, self-confessed killers Faruk and Col Abdur Rashid said that Zia had known about the coup beforehand. Indian intelligence had tipped off how furious Pakistani generals were planning to terminate Sheikh Mujib. The discussions also included possible options for a military takeover during the chaos that would follow the killing.

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42. Bangladesh identifies 3rd Dhaka terror mastermind (Canada).

Xinhua News Agency, 2016 08 16

Dhaka - Police in Bangladesh capital Dhaka said Monday that they have identified the third Dhaka terror mastermind. A Dhaka Metropolitan Police official who preferred to be unnamed told Xinhua that the suspected mastermind is Nurul Islam Marjan, a student of Chittagong University in southeastern Bangladesh. He said photographs taken by the militants during the

attack were sent to Marjan who maintained communication with the attackers and the other two masterminds. He said Marjan is a member of the banned local Islamist outfit Jamaatul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) which has been blamed for the terror attack that killed 22 people, including 18 foreigners and two police officers. Inspector General of Bangladesh Police AKM Shahidul Huq said that one Canadian-Bangladeshi Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury along with former army officer Syed Md Ziaul Haque, who has been dismissed for a coup attempt, plotted to attack the cafe.

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43. Bangladesh police name third prime suspect in July cafe attack (Canada).

Reuters, 2016 08 16

Dhaka - Bangladeshi authorities named a third prime suspect on Monday in their investigation into the July 1 attack at a Dhaka cafe in which 20 hostages were killed, most of them foreigners. Mohammed Saiful Islam from Dhaka's counterterrorism police said Nurul Islam Marjan, a commander from the Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) militant group, had been identified on information from several different sources. "We got this details and now we are verifying these information," Saiful, a senior officer, told Reuters. Police have accused JMB of several attacks over the past 18 months that have ratcheted up fears about militancy. JMB says it is affiliated to ISIS but the government insists ISIS has no presence in Bangladesh. Police say Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury, a Canadian citizen and the prime suspect, is still at large in Dhaka. Analysts say ISIS identified him in April as its national commander.

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44. Bombings laid at door of separatists

Sydney Morning Herald, Lindsay Murdoch, 2016 08 16

Bangkok--A wave of bombings targeting Thailand's tourist areas last week is likely to be linked to militant Malay separatists fighting south-east Asia's longest-running war, according to sources with knowledge of the conflict. If proven - and no group has yet claimed responsibility - the attacks mark an alarming escalation of the conflict by militants who have for years concentrated their violence on Thailand's four southern border provinces. Beheadings, bombings, drive-by shootings and vicious assaults have left more than 6300 people dead and at least 11,500 injured in the conflict, which is rarely reported outside Thailand. The bombs which killed four people and injured 33 others last week are likely to have been planted by hardline militants operating in a cell on their own who want to intensify pressure on Thailand's military government by targeting tourism, sources say.

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45. China's armed police hold anti-terror exercise in Xinjiang

Xinhua News Agency, 2016 08 16

Urumqi---- China's armed police on Monday completed a five-day anti-terror exercise in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region as part of efforts to combat violent terrorist attacks. The exercise, attended by some 3,000 people, was based on the current security situation in southern Xinjiang, according to a military statement released Monday. The drill examined the force's capabilities in force projection, intelligence reconnaissance, information communication, fire assault, comprehensive support as well as nighttime operations, it said.

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46. China tries out new hardware in Xinjiang counter-terror exercise

Reuters, 2016 08 16

Beijing--China has tested 21 new pieces of security equipment, including drones, during a counter-terrorism exercise in the western region of Xinjiang, state media said on Tuesday, as it strengthens its presence in the violence-prone area. Hundreds of people have been killed over the past few years in resource-rich Xinjiang, strategically located on the borders of central Asia, in violence between the Muslim Uighur people who call the region home and ethnic majority Han Chinese. The government has blamed the unrest on Islamist militants, though rights groups and exiles say anger at Chinese controls on the religion and culture of Uighurs is more to blame for the unrest. China denies any repression in Xinjiang.

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47. Legal steps taken to bring back 6 fugitive killers (Canada).

The New Nation (Bangladesh), 2016 08 16

Dhaka - The taskforce committee, formed on 28 March, 2010 to bring back the six fugitive killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, could not attain any remarkable progress in this regard, though six years have already elapsed in the The committee, however, managed to locate the whereabouts of two killers, SHMB Noor Chowdhury and Abu Mohammad Rashed Chowdhury, first one is staying in Canada and the next one in the USA. But this information is nothing new, according to sources. "We have initiated a discussion with the US Justice Department to bring back Rashed Chowdhury," Anisul Huq, Law Minister and Chairman of taskforce committee, said. The government is still in the dark about the existence of four other killers -- Khandakar Abdur Rashid, Shariful Hoque Dalim, Abdul Mazed and Muslehuddin Khan --as no accurate information could be collected about their whereabouts. Unconfirmed sources, quoting expatriates, said that Rishaldar Muslehuddin was seen in Germany though he was earlier reportedly located in India.

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48. More info needed to analyze change over N.K. intelligence agency: Seoul

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 08 16

Seoul--South Korea said Tuesday that more information is needed to analyze whether control of North Korea's intelligence agency has changed following the latest overhaul of its cabinet

organization. The Ministry of State Security, Pyongyang's intelligence agency, was previously placed under the control of the powerful National Defense Commission (NDC) before the country's parliament replaced the NDC with a newly created state apparatus named the State Affairs Commission (SAC) in late June. The NDC previously had three ministries--the Ministry of People's Armed Forces, the North's defense ministry, and the Ministry of People's Security, the North's police agency--under its wing. But as North Korea's state media called the two ministries by different official names, speculation is growing that the official name of the ministry on state security might have been altered.

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49. After Raising Ukraine Tensions, Russia Suggests Talks

Wall Street Journal, Andrey Ostroukh, 2016 08 16

Moscow - Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Russia had no intention of breaking diplomatic ties with Ukraine and was discussing the possibility of organizing joint talks with Ukrainian, Russian, French and German officials aimed at resolving the conflict in eastern Ukraine. Mr. Lavrov's comments Monday, at a joint press conference after meeting German counterpart Frank-Walter Steinmeier, came after Russian President Vladimir Putin blamed Ukraine late last week for incidents in Crimea that left two Russian service members dead and said Russia would respond. Mr. Putin had indicated Russia could pull out of a meeting tentatively planned for the sidelines of a meeting of the Group of 20 major economies in several weeks. Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said last week that Russia could cancel diplomatic relations if Mr. Putin wished. "I don't think that we are in a situation when somebody is interested in breaking diplomatic relations," Mr. Lavrov said Monday. "This is a last resort measure."

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50. Calm Urged After Reports of Crimea Skirmish

New York Times, Andrew E. Kramer, 2016 08 16

Moscow - Germany's foreign minister, Frank-Walter Steinmeier, urged Moscow on Monday to reduce tensions with Ukraine after what Russian officials said was a border skirmish with Ukrainian forces in which two Russian soldiers died. Germany is Russia's closest ally in trade and politics among the major European powers, and Mr. Steinmeier has used this position to exert diplomatic pressure. He met Monday with his Russian counterpart, Sergey V. Lavrov, in the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg. Mr. Steinmeier said both Russia and Ukraine should step back from a looming confrontation along their de facto border on the Crimean peninsula, where Russia said two of its soldiers died in a skirmish with a Ukrainian commando group that had slipped across. Russia annexed Crimea in March 2014. Whether any such skirmish took place remains a matter of dispute. Ukraine has denied it, and says the Kremlin invented the story to escalate tensions and to whip up nationalist passions before parliamentary elections next month.

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51. Iran: un binational arrêté pour "liens avec les renseignements britanniques" (Canada)

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 08 16

Téhéran - L'Iran a arrêté une personne ayant la double nationalité britannique et iranienne pour liens présumés avec les services de renseignements du Royaume-Uni, a indiqué mardi le procureur de Téhéran. Cette personne "a été arrêtée la semaine dernière à Téhéran", a annoncé Abbas Jafari Dolatabadi, cité par l'agence Mizan qui dépend de l'autorité judiciaire. "Elle était active dans le secteur de l'économie iranienne et était liée aux services de renseignements britanniques", a-t-il ajouté sans plus de précisions sur son identité. Trois autres binationaux ont été arrêtés au cours de l'année écoulée -- de nationalités américaine, britannique et canadienne -- et attendent d'être traduits devant les tribunaux.

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52. Iran detain a dual national linked to British intelligence

Reuters, 2016 08 16

Tehran - Iran said on Tuesday it had arrested a dual national last week in Tehran linked to Britain's intelligence service, the latest in a string of arrests of dual nationals over the past year. "The accused was working in an economic sector related to Iran," Tehran prosecutor general, Abbas Jafari Dolatabadi, was quoted as saying by the state news agency IRNA. Dolatabadi did not identify the accused person nor the second nationality. The prosecutor said the arrest was part of a crackdown against what officials have portrayed as "Western infiltration". Iran's potential opening up to the West after last year's nuclear deal has alarmed Iranian hardliners. Iran's Revolutionary Guards have arrested at least six other dual-nationality citizens, or expatriates, upon their return to visit Iran in the last year, the highest number of Iranians with dual-nationality detained in recent years to have been acknowledged.

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53. 'High-security' Philippine passport out

Gulf News, Janice Ponce de Leon, 2016 08 16

Dubai - A "high-security" and "untamperable" Philippine passport was unveiled here Monday, featuring famous landmarks and a promise to curb delays in the issuance of new e-passports. Philippine Consul General to Dubai, Paul Raymund Cortes, unveiled the new design, highlighting its "visually striking" features, and touting it as one of the "most secure passports" in the world. The e-passport will arrive in Dubai over the next 10 days, he said. "This new e-passport has new security features that make it un-tamperable and avoiding the risk of forgery, thereby increasing the respect for the Philippine passport," Cortes said. The new document

contains a range of security features -- such as holographic images that can be seen from a certain angle and an upgraded security feature of the microchip to capture the applicant's personal data. Security inks were also used to print the passports to prevent forgery.

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54. Daesh recruited expatriates from nine countries

Saudi Gazette, Mansour Al-Shihri, 2016 08 16

Riyadh - During the last two years, Daesh (the so-called IS) group has recruited expatriates from nine nationalities to manufacture explosives and carry out suicide operations in Saudi Arabia, according to security sources. The sources said the Saudi security forces have dismantled the terrorist cells and arrested all members hailing from Yemen, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Algeria, Nigeria, Chad, Pakistan and the Philippines. In its latest statement, the Ministry of Interior explained that the assassin who murdered security patrol corporal Muzhil Fahd Mohammed Al-Silouli in Bisha was a Yemeni national named Omar Saeed Mahdi Bahaisami who was in his early 20s. The corporal was coming out of the mosque after the Fajr (early morning) prayer when the Yemeni ran his car over him and then stabbed him several times in the neck. The statement said the security forces apprehended the killer and six other accomplices from the same nationality.

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55. Hezbollah, Amal supporters clash over posters in south Lebanon

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 08 16

Beirut - Members of Lebanon's two main Shiite parties, Hezbollah and the Amal Movement, clashed in a south Lebanon town Monday over the right to post political banners in their neighborhoods. A security source told The Daily Star that the problems began Sunday when a dispute erupted in Sarafand between partisans over posters showing Hezbollah chief Sayyed Hasan Nasrallah and Amal leader Nabih Berri. The dispute escalated Monday when those involved in the conflict began shooting at each other. A joint security committee belonging to Hezbollah and Amal intervened to end the skirmish. A Sarafand resident meanwhile told The Daily Star that the Lebanese Army deployed heavily in the area to contain the situation. Hezbollah and Amal are typically allied. It is common to see posters showing both Nasrallah and Berri together in areas where the parties enjoy support.

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56. Saudi women terrorists referred to court

Gulf News, Habib Toumi, 2016 08 16

Manama - The three Saudi sisters arrested last week as they were attempting to cross from Lebanon into neighbouring Syria to join terror groups have been referred to court, a Saudi daily reported on Monday. The seven children of the three sisters who were with them when they were prevented by the Lebanese authorities from continuing their way into Syria were taken to a social

care centre, Okaz reported. The children were aged between one and 10 years old. The husband of one of the sisters had tipped Saudi authorities about the departure of the group, telling them the sisters planned to join terror groups in the conflict zone. The interior ministry praised the Saudi husband and highlighted the importance of families and citizens in contributing to protecting the nation from terrorism. They were arrested by border security officers late at night.

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57. Syrie : un normalien français qui combat Daech témoigne

Le Figaro, Edouard de Mareschal, 2016 08 16

Manbidj, Syrie - Hubert, un jeune Français, normalien et diplômé de HEC, a tout quitté en septembre dernier pour rejoindre les combattants kurdes de Syrie. Il a participé à la libération de Manbidj, en Syrie. Les combattants des Forces démocratiques syriennes (FDS), une coalition kurdo- arabe, ont célébré ces dernières heures avec les civils la libération de la ville qui était le principal point de passage vers la Turquie pour les membres de l'État islamique. LE FIGARO. - Qu'est-ce qui vous a poussé à vous engager dans les forces kurdes ? HUBERT. - Plusieurs raisons m'ont poussé à rejoindre les YPG, mais deux épisodes ont eu un effet déclencheur : lorsque Daech a tenté de s'emparer de Kobané, puis a pris le contrôle de Sinjar et massacré les yazidis. À ce moment-là, je travaillais dans le civil en Irak. J'ai vu que Daech était capable d'asservir une population. Mais j'ai aussi vu que les YPG étaient capables de les repousser. J'avais été déçu par les pechmergas (les combattants kurdes irakiens, NDLR), qui avaient fui Qaraqosh et la plaine de Ninive sans se battre. Je parlais kurde, j'avais des contacts sur place, donc j'ai décidé de rejoindre les YPG en Syrie. Pourquoi avoir pris les armes ? Au départ, je voulais plutôt travailler dans le civil. Mais à l'Académie militaire, par laquelle transitent tous les volontaires étrangers, j'ai vu des jeunes Kurdes, qui avaient fait des études comme moi, prendre les armes. Je me devais de les suivre. Nous menons le même combat contre Daech, un ennemi qui nous a clairement déclaré la guerre.

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58. Merkel fait face à une Allemagne qui doute

Le Monde, Cécile Boutelet, 2016 08 16

Berlin - Après les attaques de juillet, la tentation sécuritaire - voire identitaire - se propage dans le paysage politique Angela Merkel fait lundi 15 août sa rentrée dans un paysage politique allemand qui n'a jamais été aussi troublé depuis son arrivée au pouvoir, en 2005. Pendant sa pause estivale, marquée par deux attentats terroristes et une fusillade à Munich, la chancelière avait chargé son ministre de l'intérieur, Thomas de Maizière, d'incarner la puissance publique. En l'absence de Mme Merkel, c'est lui qui s'est rendu sur les lieux des drames et a tenu des propos

d'une fermeté inédite. Et qui se doit de répondre à la demande de sécurité, voire à l'angoisse
identitaire qui émane de plus en plus de la -société allemande.

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1. 'Rising threat'

National Post, Larry Comeau, 2016 08 17

Letter to the Editor - Re: Liberals Stand Firm On Changes To Bill C-51, Aug. 12; Stop Radicalization, letters to the editor, Aug. 16. Not only is there no national deradicalization plan to deal with radical Islamists, the Trudeau Liberals are sending mixed messages. From naively

saying we are not at war with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant - even though this murderous group has called Canada a legitimate target and claimed last week's thwarted terrorist as its operative - to still planning to remove several provisions from Bill C-51, this government has a disjointed approach to tackling this rising threat. We cannot count on our ability to deradicalize individuals, or on the ability of the RCMP and CSIS to stop future attacks on our soil. Without the timely intelligence from the FBI, we could have had more Canadian casualties last week. Larry Comeau Ottawa. (Full letter).

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2. PM says civil liberties must be balanced with security in battling terrorism

Canadian Press, Staff report, 2016 08 16

Halifax - An alleged terrorist plot in Ontario that created anxieties over police monitoring of suspects hasn't shaken Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's emphasis on balancing civil liberties with public safety. In his first reaction to an alleged plot that led to the death of Aaron Driver in Strathroy, Ont., Trudeau said Tuesday that balancing individual rights with keeping Canadians secure from bombing threats has to be handled with care. "Canada is a country that values its freedom (and) its basic charter rights," he said during a stop in Bridgetown, N.S., for an infrastructure funding announcement. "All Canadians expect their government to do two things: to keep Canadians safe and to defend and uphold the values and rights that all Canadians hold dear." "Getting that balance right isn't always easy in the challenging situation we now live in but it's extremely important." During the last federal election, the Liberals pledged to guarantee that all Canadian Security Intelligence Service warrants respect the charter, that the right to lawful protests and advocacy aren't violated, and they pledged to "narrow overly broad definitions (in Bill C-51), such as defining 'terrorist propaganda' more clearly." They also said a Liberal government would limit the Communications Security Establishment's powers by requiring a warrant to engage in the surveillance of Canadians and emphasize community outreach to battle radicalization of youths. Asked if the reforms are being revisited in light of cases like Driver's, Trudeau said the Liberals plan to create an all-party committee of parliamentarians to oversee national security agencies.

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3. Review of Harper's Anti-Terrorism Bill Likely to Launch End of Summer

iPolitics, Amanda Connelly, 2016 08 17

Ottawa - The government's highly anticipated review of its national security framework, including the Harper government's controversial anti-terrorism legislation C-51, is expected to start before parliamentarians return from summer break. "Yes, it will be soon -- so most likely before Parliament resumes," said Scott Bardsley, press secretary for Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau campaigned on a promise to "repeal the problematic elements of Bill C-51, and introduce new legislation that better balances our collective security with our rights and freedoms." But so far, he has not provided details on when he envisions starting that process despite pressure from critics of the law. Bill C-51, which received royal assent in June 2015, criminalizes the promotion of terrorism, cracks down on

vaguely defined "terrorist propaganda" and gives judges the authority to order its removal from the Internet. It also widens the net of who can be preventatively arrested without a warrant, allows for expanded information sharing on people deemed threats to national security among 17 different government departments, and grants the Canadian Security Intelligence Service the new power to actually disrupt suspected terrorist plots instead of just collect information about them.

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4. the wake of Driver, Couture-Rouleau, experts say police need to improve assessment of extremists

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 08 16

Toronto - The RCMP thought Martin Couture-Rouleau was on the right track when officers met the 25-year-old radicalized convert on Oct. 9, 2014. Despite his failed attempt to travel to Syria, he seemed to be coming around. Eleven days later, he drove to a strip mall frequented by uniformed soldiers in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que. and killed Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent. Chased by police, he crashed his car and charged officers with a knife before he was shot dead. Following a similar scenario in Strathroy, Ont. on Aug. 10, which ended with the shooting death of ISIL supporter Aaron Driver as he was allegedly about to conduct a bombing, some experts are calling for changes to the way extremists are assessed. Former Canadian government intelligence analyst Phil Gurski said the cases pointed to the need for more thorough and regular assessments of the extremists on the radar of security agencies. "I think it calls for a little more in-depth assessment and analysis of these guys," he said," said Gurski, a radicalization expert who retired last year after a career with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and Communications Security Establishment. "We have to come up with a system where assessments are being done on a regular basis," he said. "So what that means is you're going to have to have other warrant powers, or source powers or something. Or maybe you talk to Driver once every two weeks as opposed to once every three months kind of thing."

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5. « Ces crimes ont un impact majeur sur la communauté »

La Presse+, Louis-Samuel Perron, 2016 08 17

Montréal - Le printemps dernier, le chef du Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) et le maire Denis Coderre ont lancé en grande pompe le Module incidents et crimes haineux, une escouade spécialisée contre les crimes à caractère haineux formée de trois policiers. La Presse s'est entretenue avec Fady Dagher, directeur adjoint du SPVM. Q : Pourquoi le SPVM met-il autant d'efforts contre ces crimes ? R : Ce qui me préoccupe énormément dans les crimes haineux, c'est l'impact sur le sentiment de sécurité. Certaines personnes pensent qu'une croix gammée ou un dessin de Mahomet sur une mosquée, ça finit là, on va l'enlever, sauf que c'est incroyable, l'insécurité que ça amène. Ces crimes ont un impact majeur sur la communauté. C'est beaucoup plus gros que juste un mur avec un graffiti à effacer. Q : Pourquoi avoir mis en place une telle équipe spécialisée ? R : Le crime haineux, on l'a toujours traité [au SPVM]. Par contre,

l'incident haineux, c'est une première. L'incident haineux nous permet de comprendre de façon plus fine et plus subtile ce qui se passe dans la communauté, [de comprendre] le malaise qu'ont certaines communautés, qu'ont certaines personnes avec des orientations sexuelles ou avec des handicaps. Ça va nous donner une bonne idée de ce qui se passe exactement sur le terrain.

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6. Anonymous s'attaque aux firmes de génie-conseil

Journal de Montréal, Annabelle Blais, 2016 08 17

Montréal - Le collectif de pirates informatiques dénonce les scandales de corruption Le collectif Anonymous a piraté hier le site de l'Association des firmes de génie-conseil du Québec qui n'a pas été impressionnée par les prouesses des pirates. Le visage de Guy Fawkes, symbole du groupe Anonymous, est apparu sur le site de l'Association des firmes de génie-conseil. Des noms de dossiers ont aussi été remplacés par des termes faisant allusion au scandale de corruption comme «fraude», «détournement de fonds» «appels d'offres truqués».

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7. Border phone search raises questions: lawyers

Canadian Press, Staff report, 2016 08 17

Halifax - Several thorny questions still haven't been answered in the case of a Quebec man who refused to give border officers his cellphone pass code, say privacy and technology lawyers. Alain Philippon had said he would fight a charge of obstructing border officials but pleaded guilty Monday in Dartmouth, N.S., and was fined \$500. He was charged when he refused to unlock his cellphone in March 2015 after flying to Halifax from the Dominican Republic. David Fraser, a privacy lawyer with McInnes Cooper in Halifax, says that because the case didn't go to trial there are still serious doubts about phone searches. "What was at issue in this case is that we are now walking around with devices in our pockets that have a huge amount of very sensitive personal information," he said Tuesday in an interview. "The question is: Under what circumstances can a government agent just go trolling through it without a warrant?"

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8. Deux fois plus de crimes contre des groupes religieux

La Presse+, Louis-Samuel Perron, 2016 08 17

Québec - Graffitis nazis sur une synagogue, tête de porc devant une mosquée, homosexuels agressés : plus de 250 crimes haineux ont été commis au Québec en 2014, dont près d'une centaine à Montréal. En un an, les crimes ciblant un groupe religieux ont doublé dans la province. Les communautés juive et musulmane sont préoccupées par le phénomène, mais n'observent pas de flambée sur le terrain. Le nombre de crimes haineux perpétrés au Québec était relativement stable dans les dernières années, et même en baisse au Canada. Or, 257 délits haineux ont été rapportés en 2014, un bond de 39 % par rapport à l'année précédente, a révélé le ministère de la Sécurité publique (MSP) dans un volumineux document rendu public lors de

l'étude des crédits, en avril dernier. Depuis 2010, il n'y avait jamais eu plus de 200 crimes haineux pendant une année. Cette récente augmentation est « majoritairement attribuable à la hausse des délits motivés par la haine contre certaines religions », selon le MSP.

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9. Family with ties to Aaron Driver forced to clarify their relationship

Globe and Mail, Colin Freeze, 2016 08 17

London - As Aaron Driver put the finishing touches on a planned terrorist attack last week, he gave no hint anything was wrong, except for confiding that he was feeling ill. "He says, 'I'm not feeling good.' He's sick. He coughs and says I want to go to a hospital," a 60-year-old friend recalled. A cook for his congregation, he had befriended Mr. Driver when the 24-year-old loner showed up at the local mosque in London, Ont., last year. For initiating this friendship, the cook felt at first like a good neighbour - until last Wednesday. That's when a police intervention made the cook and his family feel like suspected accomplices. As authorities scrambled to neutralize the threat posed by Mr. Driver, they also used some heavy-handed tactics to isolate the family's home. Female family members say police snipers even pointed a laser-scoped rifle at them as they exited their house with their hands up. Three days earlier, Mr. Driver had been at that very house, where the family says he was showing a gentler facet of his personality. On that Sunday, "he trimmed the bushes in the back, the roses and daisies," the cook's 52-year-old wife recalls. She was explaining that her husband and Mr. Driver had bonded over odd jobs. "He was a polite, well-mannered kid, very quiet and shy," she said. Speaking to The Globe and Mail in an hour-long interview, the family members, who knew Mr. Driver by his Islamic name of Harun, say they can't reconcile the police allegations with their interactions with the young man they knew.

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10. Fighting crime in the digital age

National Post, Adam Belsher, 2016 08 17

Op-ed - This week, top police officials from coast to coast have descended on our nation's capital for the 111th annual Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police conference. The topic that will shape their discussion, Public Safety in a Digital Age: Real Victims - Real Crime, is timely, given that we're at an important societal juncture. So much of our daily lives now take place online: our wealth passes through jurisdictions in the form of ones and zeros; the most intimate details of our lives, whether they are held by government or industry, rest on servers located somewhere around the globe; and our critical infrastructure, whether it is managed by the public or private sector, is operated digitally. Given the recent media coverage of data breaches and many people's personal experiences with fraudulent phishing schemes, it's understandable that we, as consumers and citizens, want to erect the highest walls possible around our valuable digital assets. This is a natural human reaction, but it isn't a realistic societal response, given the magnitude of our online world. Consider some facts. Ninety per cent of the data that has ever been created has been produced in the past two years. Every minute, 300 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube. Current prototypes of driverless cars generate a gigabyte of data a second. This year alone, 1.4 billion smartphones will be shipped. In the next five years, it is estimated

that there will be 50 billion connected devices worldwide. And these are conservative estimates, given the exponential innovation we've seen in the field of information technology in recent years. Securing ourselves and our digital assets on our own is not feasible. We cannot create a zero-risk digital environment. The statistics underscore this. In Stats-Can's last national analysis on crime, it reported that the overall crime rate is down to its lowest point since 1998. However, three areas of crime have increased significantly: fraud, child exploitation and terrorism. What ties these together is the fact that they are crimes that are enabled by our digital connectivity and how hard it is for police agencies to deter and investigate these felonies, because technology allows the perpetrators to conduct their crimes with relative anonymity. But that has not deterred police forces throughout the country from trying to tackle these issues - especially in the case of child sexual exploitation, which is one of the most heinous crimes imaginable. Note: Adam Belsher is CEO of Magnet Forensics, a software company headquartered in Waterloo, Ont., that supports more than 3,000 police, national security and other agencies with investigative authorities in 93 countries by developing evidencemanagement tools.

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11. Goodale contradicted over claim that no immigration detainee wrote him

Toronto Star, Tondra McCharles, 2016 08 17

Ottawa - Advocates for a group of hunger-striking immigration detainees were shocked Monday to hear Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale say none had replied to his request for details of why their detention was unfair. In fact, 17 of 50 detainees in two Ontario jails who ended a hunger strike in July responded to Goodale's invitation conveyed to them by Canada Border Services Agency officials. Syed Hussan, a member of the End Immigration Detention Network, told the Star that many wrote Goodale to make their individual case, and others did not. "Many of the detainees refused to participate. They didn't know what it was for. They didn't know it came from Goodale's office," Hussan said, adding many felt that, "the onus is not on the detainee to prove why he shouldn't be in there. The onus is on the government to explain why someone is in prison without trial or charges, in the case of the people we work with, mostly for two-plus years." Scott Bardsley, a spokesman for Goodale, told the Star Tuesday that the minister was not fully briefed with the latest information on the hunger strikers' file prior to a news conference in Laval, Que., Monday.

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12. Honduras ' ' No . 1 enemy ' in limbo ; Activist urges Justin Trudeau to help stem rights abuses in mining companies

Toronto Star, Marina Jimenez, 2016 08 17

Toronto - Padre Melo lives every day as though it is his last. He knows assassins are out to kill him. And, eventually, they may succeed. "I cannot walk in the streets or ride my bike," said Melo, a Jesuit priest, human rights activist and radio host from Honduras. Melo, whose real name is Ismael Moreno Coto, travelled to Toronto this week to talk about the risks he faces in his home country at an event hosted by Canadian Jesuits International. "I have police patrolling outside my house, but I don't know if they are protecting me or watching me. I am the

government's No. 1 enemy." Honduras is one of the deadliest places in the world to be an environmental activist, according to Global Witness, an international non-governmental organization focused on natural resource exploitation. Between 2010 and 2014, 101 environmentalists were killed in the country, and few of the cases have been prosecuted. This is a fact Melo knows well. On March 2, 2016, Berta Caceres, a recipient of the Goldman Environmental Prize and a close friend of Melo's, was shot to death. Such impunity seems shocking in a country of just eight million and one with a strong Canadian presence. Canada signed a free-trade agreement with Honduras in 2014 and an estimated 100,000 Canadians visit each year. But it's the mining sector where Canada has the biggest impact: 90 per cent of all foreign mining investments in Honduras are Canadian, according to the Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA), a Washington, D.C., think-tank.

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13. No surprises in Trudeau's stance on terrorism

Toronto Star, Paul Wells, 2016 08 17

Column - So far on terrorism, Justin Trudeau is more or less the prime minister Stephen Harper told us he would be. On the very day Trudeau became leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, in April 2013, he sat in Ottawa for an interview with Peter Mansbridge of the CBC. Two bombers had just detonated their home-brew contraptions at the Boston Marathon, killing three and wounding hundreds. How would you respond if you were prime minister, Mansbridge asked. "Over the coming days," Trudeau replied, "we have to look at the root causes." Two years later Trudeau won the election. And then last week the RCMP shot and killed Aaron Driver in Strathroy, Ont., before he could kill anyone else, and we have had a chance to see how Trudeau handles terrorism. To a great extent, in any public sense, he doesn't. The prime minister returned from three weeks of vacation to a series of regional infrastructure announcements. It's Ralph Goodale, his minister of public safety -- who was first elected to the Saskatchewan legislature when Justin Trudeau was three years old -- who has been the government's face in the aftermath of Strathroy. So if you're looking for a prime minister who personalizes the government's fight against terror, who is depicted by his staff working on it alone late into the night, Trudeau may disappoint.

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14. Police chiefs want new law that would compel people to reveal passwords

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 08 17

Ottawa - Canada's police chiefs want a new law that would force people to hand over their electronic passwords with a judge's consent. The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police has passed a resolution calling for the legal measure to unlock digital evidence, saying criminals increasingly use encryption to hide illicit activities. There is nothing currently in Canadian law that would compel someone to provide a password to police during an investigation, RCMP Assistant Commissioner Joe Oliver told a news conference Tuesday. "The victims in the digital space are real," Oliver said. "Canada's law and policing capabilities must keep pace with the evolution of technology." The chiefs' proposed password scheme is "wildly disproportionate,"

because in the case of a laptop computer it would mean handing over the "key to your whole personal life," said David Christopher, a spokesman for OpenMedia, a group that works to keep the Internet surveillance-free. "On the face of it, this seems like it's clearly unconstitutional."

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15. Transfert d'armes en Libye: Ottawa s'en remet à la GRC

Le Devoir, Marie-Michèle Sioui, 2016 08 17

Ottawa - Le gouvernement fédéral a transmis à la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) les conclusions d'un rapport de l'Organisation des Nations unies (ONU), qui révèle qu'une entreprise canadienne aurait opéré le transfert illicite de véhicules blindés vers la Libye. En mars, un rapport de l'ONU a avancé que l'entreprise ontarienne Streit aurait transféré en 2012 des véhicules blindés de ses installations des Émirats arabes unis vers la Libye, pourtant sous un embargo commercial qui y interdit la vente d'armements. Selon le comité de l'ONU concernant la Libye, tout transfert de véhicule blindé vers le pays de l'Afrique du Nord devrait être interdit. En 2014, des membres de ce comité ont rencontré des représentants de Streit, qui se sont défendus d'avoir agi illégalement. Or, selon la CBC, qui a eu accès à des avis de livraison et des reçus de vente, l'entreprise canadienne aurait continué de vendre des véhicules blindés à la Libye et au Soudan du Sud après avoir été avertie par l'ONU.

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16. Workers plan protest to crank up pressure on Foote to fix Phoenix

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 08 17

Ottawa - The giant Public Service Alliance of Canada is cranking up the pressure on Public Services Minister Judy Foote to fix the troubled Phoenix pay system by staging a public protest by workers in her home province. Employee frustration over the malfunctioning pay system has escalated in recent weeks as new cases of public servants being unpaid, overpaid or not paid at all keep cropping up, but Thursday's planned demonstration is the first political action against the Liberals since PSAC first sounded the alarm about the massive project more than a year ago. The rally will be held at Harbourside Park in St John's NL, drawing public servants from federal offices there as well as from Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Until now, the unions have been working with senior bureaucrats at Treasury Board and Public Services and Procurement Canada to try and resolve mushrooming pay problems caused by Phoenix which appear to be getting more complicated. It also comes the day before Foote is expected to have her first face-to-face meeting with PSAC President Robyn Benson and Debi Daviau, president of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada. Unions have complained that Foote has dodged responsibility for the fiasco and let her senior bureaucrats take the heat. She didn't appear as a witness at the government operations committee meeting that was hastily called last month to discuss Phoenix.

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17. 'Shadow Brokers' Leak Raises Alarming Question: Was the N.S.A. Hacked?

New York Times, David E. Sanger, 2016 08 17

Washington - The release on websites this week of what appears to be top-secret computer code that the National Security Agency has used to break into the networks of foreign governments and other espionage targets has caused deep concern inside American intelligence agencies, raising the question of whether America's own elite operatives have been hacked and their methods revealed. Most outside experts who examined the posts, by a group calling itself the Shadow Brokers, said they contained what appeared to be genuine samples of the code -- though somewhat outdated -- used in the production of the N.S.A.'s custom-built malware. Most of the code was designed to break through network firewalls and get inside the computer systems of competitors like Russia, China and Iran. That, in turn, allows the N.S.A. to place "implants" in the system, which can lurk unseen for years and be used to monitor network traffic or enable a debilitating computer attack. According to these experts, the coding resembled a series of "products" developed inside the N.S.A.'s highly classified Tailored Access Operations unit, some of which were described in general terms in documents stolen three years ago by Edward J. Snowden, the former N.S.A. contractor now living in Russia. But the code does not appear to have come from Mr. Snowden's archive, which was mostly composed of PowerPoint files and other documents that described N.S.A. programs. The documents released by Mr. Snowden and his associates contained no actual source code used to break into the networks of foreign powers. Whoever obtained the source code apparently broke into either the top-secret, highly compartmentalized computer servers of the N.S.A. or other servers around the world that the agency would have used to store the files.

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18. Ex-CIA officer running for president will sue Texas to get on ballot

Dallas Morning News, Jamie Lovegrove, 2016 08 16

Washington - Independent presidential candidate Evan McMullin, an ex-CIA officer and congressional policy wonk who launched his campaign last week to offer "Never Trump" Republicans a conservative option, faces a steep political challenge gaining enough support to affect the November election. And by jumping into the race so late, McMullin will need to clear significant legal hurdles, as well. Filing deadlines for independent candidates in more than half of the states have already passed, and several more deadlines are fast approaching. That will mean going to court -- including in Texas, where an independent had to gather nearly 80,000 signatures by May. "Our intention in Texas is to file a legal challenge, and we think that the great people of Texas will agree with us that there shouldn't be artificial boundaries on the kinds of people that can run for president," said Joel Searby, the campaign's chief strategist. Noting that Texas' May 9 petition deadline -- by far the earliest in the country -- fell long before the Democratic and Republican nominating conventions, Searby argues that prospective independent candidates were unable to take into consideration the choices of the two major parties before deciding whether to run.

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19. F.B.I. Provides Congress Email Inquiry Documents

New York Times, Mark Landler, 2016 08 17

Washington - The F.B.I. on Tuesday handed over to Congress documents related to its investigation of Hillary Clinton's private email server after House Republicans pushed the bureau to surrender material it had gathered before it concluded last month that she should not face criminal charges. The documents were believed to include notes from the F.B.I.'s 3½-hour interview with Mrs. Clinton in early July, the last step in a lengthy investigation into her email practices as secretary of state that continues to dog her run for president. "The F.B.I. has turned over a 'number of documents' related to their investigation of former Secretary Clinton's use of a personal email server," according to a statement from the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. "Committee staff is currently reviewing the information that is classified Secret. There are no further details at this time."

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20. FBI defends decision not to charge Clinton, gives documents to Congress

Washington Post, Matt Zapotosky, Karoun Demirjian, 2016 08 17

Washington - The FBI on Tuesday forcefully defended its decision not to criminally charge Hillary Clinton in connection with her use of a private email server as secretary of state in a letter to lawmakers that laid out its rationale for refusing to do so. The letter was sent to House Oversight Committee lawmakers the same day that the bureau released to the GOP-controlled Congress a variety of material from its investigation. It marked yet another occasion in which the FBI leadership responded to - and in some cases rebutted - GOP claims about why the Democratic presidential nominee should have been charged. But the material turned over to lawmakers - which included an investigative summary; reports known as "302s" containing interviews with Clinton and others; and classified emails found on her private server - may give Republicans fodder to criticize Clinton in the months before the election. Or it could, that is, if that material - some of which is classified - is released or leaked by Republicans, which could put them in an awkward spot. But there was confusion Tuesday night among lawmakers about what material could eventually be released.

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21. Hackers Claim to Hit NSA-Linked Super-Cyberespionage Group

ABC News, Lee Ferran, 2016 08 16

New York - A group of mysterious hackers recently claimed to have broken into the systems of another hacking group with suspected links to the National Security Agency, and the attackers are now attempting to auction off the cyber superweapons they said they found. Cybersecurity experts were abuzz Monday after a group calling itself the Shadow Brokers claimed in stilted English in messages online to have hacked the Equation Group. The Equation Group was revealed last February to be an extremely high-level veteran hacking squad with "solid links" to the creators of the cyber superweapon Stuxnet, which was reportedly used in a joint NSA-Israeli intelligence operation that targeted an Iranian nuclear facility. Cybersecurity experts were

initially split on whether the hack was legitimate, but after initial analysis of some teaser code released by the Shadow Brokers, some have come to the conclusion that at least those tools appear to be real. "The level that a nation-state would have to go through to fake this stuff would be like nothing we've seen before and highly unlikely," said one cybersecurity expert, who requested he not be identified because of the sensitivity of the subject. The U.S.-based cybersecurity firm Symantec wrote today in a blog post, "It will take some time to assess all of the released files. However, early indications are that at least some of the tools released are functioning exploits."

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22. Powerful NSA hacking tools have been revealed online

Washington Post, Ellen Nakashima, 2016 08 17

Washington - Some of the most powerful espionage tools created by the National Security Agency's elite group of hackers have been revealed in recent days, a development that could pose severe consequences for the spy agency's operations and the security of government and corporate computers. A cache of hacking tools with code names such as Epicbanana, Buzzdirection and Egregiousblunder appeared mysteriously online over the weekend, setting the security world abuzz with speculation over whether the material was legitimate. The file appeared to be real, according to former NSA personnel who worked in the agency's hacking division, known as Tailored Access Operations (TAO). "Without a doubt, they're the keys to the kingdom," said one former TAO employee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive internal operations. "The stuff you're talking about would undermine the security of a lot of major government and corporate networks both here and abroad." Said a second former TAO hacker who saw the file: "From what I saw, there was no doubt in my mind that it was legitimate."

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23. Trump to Receive First Classified Briefing Tomorrow

ABC News, Mike Levine, John Santucci, 2016 08 16

New York - Certain staffers in the FBI's New York Field Office have been told to expect a special guest tomorrow: Donald Trump. He is scheduled to receive his first classified briefing as the Republican Party's presidential nominee, according to sources notified of the upcoming visit. Trump is planning to take with him New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, a former Defense Intelligence Agency director who has become an outspoken supporter of Trump, a senior campaign official said. Career staffers from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), the nation's top intelligence office, will be leading the briefing, which is expected to cover major threats and emerging concerns around the world. Trump's session comes two days after he laid out a series of foreign policy proposals, including plans for subjecting immigrants to "extreme vetting" and temporarily blocking immigration from "the most dangerous and volatile regions of the world."

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24. US officials: Up to 100,000 Iran-backed fighters now in Iraq

Fox News, Lucas Tomlinson, 2016 08 16

Washington - As many as 100,000 Iranian-backed Shiite militia are now fighting on the ground in Iraq, according to U.S. military officials -- raising concerns that should the Islamic State be defeated, it may only be replaced by another anti-American force that fuels further sectarian violence in the region. The ranks have swelled inside a network of Shiite militias known as the Popular Mobilization Forces. Since the rise of Sunni-dominated ISIS fighters inside Iraq more than two years ago, the Shiite forces have grown to 100,000 fighters, Col. Chris Garver, a Baghdad-based U.S. military spokesman, confirmed in an email to Fox News. The fighters are mostly Iraqis. Garver said not all the Shia militias in Iraq are backed by Iran, adding: "The [Iranian-backed] Shia militia are usually identified at around 80,000." According to some experts, this still is an alarmingly high number. "The effect of the Obama administration's policy has been to replace American boots on the ground with the Iranian's. As Iran advances, one anti-American actor is being replaced with another," Thomas Joscelyn, a senior fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, said in a recent phone interview.

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25. Hate preacher's jail time poses radicalisation risk

London Times, Richard Ford, 2016 08 17

London - The jail sentence for Anjem Choudary poses a challenge to the Prison Service, which is being criticised for failing to do enough to prevent radicalisation. He begins his time behind bars weeks after a report found complacency among prison managers over the problem of Islamic extremism in jails. Ian Acheson, author of a report commissioned by Michael Gove, the former justice secretary, called for special units in top-security jails to hold proselytising Islamist inmates. He said that intelligence in the prison system showed that a group of jihadist prisoners were preaching to the 12,500 Muslim inmates in England and Wales. Choudary has been held in Belmarsh top-security jail in southeast London, where a special unit -- effectively a jail within a jail -- enables the Prison Service to hold the most dangerous and disruptive inmates. It is likely that he will remain at the prison for some time while his behaviour is assessed. David Wilson, a former prison governor who is now professor of criminology at Birmingham City university, said: "The Prison Service will have to limit opportunities for radicalisation to take place but it can be done."

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26. North Korean deputy ambassador based in London defects to South Korea

The Independent (UK), Samuel Osborne, 2016 08 17

London - A senior North Korean diplomat based in London has defected, South Korea has confirmed. The deputy ambassador, Thae Yong Ho, has arrived with his family in South Korea, making him the highest-ranking diplomat ever to defect to the South. Mr Thae defected due to

his discontent with the regime and for the future of his child, Jeong Joon-hee, a spokesman at the South's Unification Ministry, told a news conference. Mr Jeong declined to give details on the timing of Mr Thae's arrival in the South. "They are currently under government protection and relevant institutions are going ahead with necessary procedures as usual," he said.

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27. Revealed: how Anjem Choudary inspired at least 100 British jihadis

The Guardian (London), Vikram Dodd, 2016 08 16

London - Anjem Choudary and his extremist groups are believed to have inspired at least 100 people from Britain into terrorism, including organisations committed to campaigns of murder against the west, the Guardian has learned. Choudary avoided serious criminal charges for years, but his own conviction for terrorism, agreed unanimously by an Old Bailey jury in July, can now be reported after legal restrictions were lifted. Documents from intelligence sources say his groups were at the heart of the Islamist movement in Britain, which has been left facing a "severe" threat of jihadi attack. Choudary and an acolyte, Mohammed Rahman, were convicted after they urged support for Islamic State and pledged allegiance to the group. The conviction represents only a fraction of the jihadi mayhem to which the lawyer is linked.

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28. Beijing to Canberra: expect investments to be scaled back

The Australian, Glenda Korporaal and Andrew White, 2016 08 17

Canberra--The Chinese embassy has warned that the rejection this year of two bids by Chinese companies to invest in Australia showed "clear protectionist tendencies" which would have a "serious impact on the enthusiasm" of firms wanting to invest in Australia. "The Chinese government is highly concerned about the statement by the Australian Treasurer on his preliminary decision to block the sale of the 50.4 per cent of Ausgrid in a 99-year lease to foreign bidders on national security grounds," the embassy said yesterday in reply to questions from The Australian. It noted that last week's move by Scott Morrison was the second time the government had rejected bids for Australian assets by Chinese interests, referring to the bid for the giant Kidman cattle property assets which was knocked back before the election, despite the bid being revised following an earlier response from the Treasurer. The embassy said the handling of the two deals "shows a clear protectionist tendency" which "would have serious impact on the enthusiasm of Chinese firms which want to come and invest in Australia". "The Australian side stated on many occasions that it welcomes Chinese business investment, but made decisions just to the contrary. "The Chinese side hopes that the Australian government will make efforts to create a fairer, better and more transparent trade and investment environment for Chinese enterprises." The embassy said the Chinese company State Grid had "been involved in this commercial project for a long time and has been invited to table a binding offer". Representatives for bidders led by the State Grid electricity company and Hong Kong infrastructure company Cheung Kong Infrastructure, which were involved in the two final bids

for a 99-year lease on NSW electricity company Ausgrid, are now assessing their situation following last week's surprise "preliminary" rejection of their bids on the grounds of national security.

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29. Dunne doesn't trust spies with expanded powers

Newstalk ZB, Felix Marwick, 2016 08 17

Auckland--United Future Leader Peter Dunne said provisions that will give SIS and GCSB staff immunity from criminal liability are amongst his concerns, though he accepts there will be situations where it would be desirable. But he believes they have an attitude that the law is a minor irritation they treat as they see fit, and he thinks they've read too many Le Carre novels. "I just don't think that they're sufficiently clear of that attitude to be confident that they could act responsibly under the type of environment being proposed in this bill." SIS and GCSB Minister Chris Finlayson said how criminal immunity is determined, and by whom, could lie with the courts.

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30. Gold Coast start-up partners shocked by terrorist 'customers'

The Australian, Mark Schliebs, 2016 08 17

Brisbane--Two digital entrepreneurs from the Gold Coast have inadvertently been linked to Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood and the leaking of hacked information from the US Democratic party. Friends Karl Lehnert, 37, and Michael Tippett, 34, started business HotSnail six years ago, to cater to grey nomads who wanted to keep abreast of their mail while on the road. The service allows customers to have letters sent to designated post office boxes, then scanned and electronically sent to them, and several small businesses have joined frequent travellers in their customer base, including a gift shop, cosmetics distributor and a mowing service. But now, via one of their customers, a suburban Gold Coast post office box of theirs appears as the registered postal address for the websites of the Muslim Brotherhood and Bitcoin sellers. DCLeaks.com -- a website making headlines in the US following the leaking of phone numbers and email addresses of current and former Democrats in the House of Representatives -- also has the same address listed.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

31. 11 convicted on terror charges

Gulf News, Mohsin Ali, 2016 08 17

Islamabad - Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif on Tuesday confirmed the death sentences of 11 men convicted by military courts on terrorism charges. A statement issued by the military's public relations wing said these "hardcore terrorists" -- all belonging to banned

insurgent outfit Tehreek e Taliban Pakistan (TTP) -- had been involved in committing "heinous offences related to terrorism". One among them, named Zia Ul Haq, was involved in suicidal attacks and killing of a deputy inspector general of police, several other police officials and an ISI operative in the southwestern Balochistan province. The convicts also include those who were involved in sectarian killings, kidnapping and killing of civilians and personnel of Frontier Constabulary and killing of Major Majeed of the Pakistan Army. In January 2015, Pakistan empowered military courts to try civilians for terrorism-related offences.

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32. Pakistan offers India bilateral arrangement on non-testing of nuclear weapons

The Express Tribune, Staff Correspondent, 2016 08 17

Islamabad - In an attempt to promote restraint and responsibility in South Asia, Pakistan has offered its nuclear-armed arch rival for a bilateral arrangement on non-testing of nuclear weapons, the Foreign Office said on Tuesday. Prime Minister's Adviser on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz had earlier this month renewed Islamabad's proposal to New Delhi for simultaneous adherence to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). A similar proposal, Nafees Zakaria said, which was made following Pakistan's nuclear tests in 1998, did not elicit a favourable response from India. "Pakistan has indicated the possibility that the two countries may consider a bilateral arrangement, which is reflective of its policy of promoting restraint and responsibility in South Asia and its consistent support for the objectives of the CTBT," the spokesperson said in a statement.

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33. Taliban splinter group appoints new leader

Pajhwok Afghan News, Javed Hamim Kakar, 2016 08 17

Kabul - Mullah Emdadullah Mansour has been appointed as new leader of a Taliban splinter group, Mullah Dadullah Front, the group said in a video message on Tuesday. The group's former leader Mullah Mansour Dadullah was killed along with his fighters by fighters loyal to former Taliban supreme leader Mullah Akhtar Mansour about 10 months back in southern Zabul province. According to the new video message obtained by Associated Press (AP), the slain Mansour Dadullah's nephew Emdadullah has been appointed as the group new leader. His appointment was declared in a grand gathering in Zabul province where dozens of his fighters and religious leaders could be seen. Mullah Emdadullah pledged to continue fighting against foreign invaders in Afghanistan. He also promised revenge for the group's slain leader.

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Africa • Afrique

34. BCIJ : Arrestation de 4 présumés terroristes actifs à Casablanca

La Nouvelle Tribune (Maroc), Journaliste maison, 2016 08 16

Casablanca - Le Bureau Central d'Investigations Judiciaires (BCIJ), relevant de la Direction Générale de Surveillance du Territoire national, a démantelé mardi une cellule terroriste composée de quatre extrémistes s'activant entre Casablanca et la commune rurale « Mograne » relevant de la province de Kénitra, indique le ministère de l'Intérieur dans un communiqué. Selon les premiers éléments de l'enquête, les membres de cette cellule, qui ont prêté allégeance au prétendu émir de l'organisation dite « Etat islamique », ont adhéré à des projets terroristes dangereux visant la stabilité et la sécurité du Royaume, en planifiant l'exécution d'opérations ciblées contre des sites vitaux à Casablanca, conformément à l'agenda de cette organisation terroriste, précise la même source.

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35. Latest Boko Haram Video Reignites Debate Over Negotiations

Voice of America, Chika Oduah, 2016 08 17

Abuja - It has been two days since the jihadist sect Boko Haram released a video that showed as many as 50 of the missing Chibok schoolgirls still alive, and the Nigerian government has yet to reach out to the family of the girl who was singled out in the video. The lack of contact has again left the families of the Chibok girls feeling neglected. "No one from the Nigerian government has contacted us. Maybe it's because we are poor or because we don't have oil in Chibok. We are nobody. But I am glad to know that God has answered my prayers by keeping her alive," said Esther Yakubu, whose daughter appeared in the video. "The message I have for the federal government is to release the [jailed] fighters so that the [other] fighters will release the girls." Boko Haram's latest video has sparked a fierce debate within Nigeria about the possibility of negotiations between the federal government and the jihadist sect. Last year, Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari said he was open to talking to a credible Boko Haram leader.

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36. Shabab Militants Killed by U.S.-Backed Somalis

New York Times, Jeffrey Gettleman, 2016 08 17

Nairobi - United States forces assisted Somali commandos in killing several members of the Shabab militant group in an attack last week, an American military spokesman said on Tuesday, but it was not clear whether any high-level operatives had been eliminated. The raid took place last Wednesday, when a contingent of elite American troops acting as military advisers accompanied Somali forces in an assault on a Shabab checkpoint in Saakow, a remote outpost in southern Somalia that has become a notorious hide-out for the militants. American Special Forces have been quietly working in Somalia for years, with increasing success. As the Somali-led force approached the checkpoint, the militants opened fire, setting off a gun battle, said Lt. Cmdr. Anthony Falvo, a spokesman for the United States military's Africa Command. Three Shabab militants died; no Americans were hurt. "U.S. advisers accompanied the Somali-led force, which is standard for what we do in that area," said Commander Falvo, who added that the American forces were armed but did not participate in the firefight.

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Americas • Amériques

37. Brazilian Intelligence Service Stokes Olympic Terrorism Fear for Its Own Benefit

The Intercept, Lucas Figueiredo, 2016 08 16

Washington - The enemy could not have chosen a worse time to turn up. On the eve of a major international sporting event, Brazil was simultaneously living through profound economic and political crises. With the country at its weakest moment and fears spreading rapidly, the bombshell dropped: A secret service report leaked to the press revealed that a group of Brazilian citizens, in collusion with foreign agents, planned to arm themselves in order to commit acts of violence and thus further destabilize the country. That was 30 years ago, in the first year of the post-dictatorship era. The event was the 1986 FIFA World Cup in Mexico. In Brazil, President José Sarney's government was a disaster, and the cumulative inflation would reach 65 percent that year. The dangerous enemy rehearsing the moves to plunge the country into chaos? According to the secret service, which at the time was known as the National Information Service (Serviço Nacional de Informações, or SNI), the threat was the return of guerrilla warfare, funded by foreign agents, principally from Germany, but also involving the left-leaning opposition Workers' Party and the trade union federation Unified Workers' Central. Of course, the threat was just a delusion. It was fabricated by the SNI to warrant the criminalization of social movements and help stop the construction of a left-wing political project, but not only that. The creation of a dangerous enemy right at the beginning of the democratic transition justified the existence of an entity that had become the symbol of the dictatorship. That was neither the first nor the last time that the Brazilian secret service, aiming to maintain or expand its powers, "planted" in its reports the existence of a radical internal enemy colluding with powerful foreign enemies. In 1960, when the entity was still called the Information and Counterinformation Federal Service, the threat was embodied by a picture of Fidel Castro nailed to the façade of the National Students' Union headquarters in Rio de Janeiro. Four years later, in the early days of the civil-military dictatorship, the red alert was triggered by the discovery of a nightclub suspiciously named Battleship Bartemkin (a play on words of the classic Soviet propaganda film Battleship Potemkin). For years, the secret service has fought to raise its budget and prestige in the state's hierarchy. Recently, it requested the right for its agents to wiretap and carry firearms. ABIN continues to hope for increased power and resources and refuses to abandon its dark legacy from the dictatorship era. Its current general director, Wilson Roberto Trezza, is a veteran from the SNI era. After the Olympics, he might be substituted out for Janér Tesch Hosken Alvarenga, yet another agent trained in the National Information Service.

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Asia • Asie

38. Another 7-8 people were involved (Canada).

Bangladesh Daily Star, Staff Correspondent, 2016 08 17

Dhaka - A top investigator of the gruesome Gulshan terror attack said yesterday apart from the militants killed and "masterminds" identified, seven to eight people had been involved in the whole mission. Investigators could learn organisational names of some of them but are yet to

identify them by their family names and photos, said Monirul Islam, chief of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police. "Some of them had been involved in previous militant attacks," Monirul, an additional commissioner of DMP, told reporters at the DMP media centre. The suspects played their parts at different levels, he added. The police claimed to have identified Canada-Bangladesh citizen Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury and Nurul Islam Marzan as "masterminds" of the militant attacks at Gulshan and Sholakia Eid congregation.

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39. China and Asean to launch hotline, adopt code on encounters at sea

Strait Times, Kor Kian Beng, 2016 08 17

Beijing - China and Asean are set to launch an emergency hotline and adopt a code for unplanned encounters in the South China Sea, in steps aimed at managing risks in the vital waterway after an international ruling against Beijing's territorial claims. Senior officials from both sides said yesterday that they have reached an agreement on a set of guiding principles for a hotline among senior diplomats and on a joint statement on the Code for Unplanned Encounters at Sea (Cues), following their meeting in Inner Mongolia's Manzhouli city. The two documents will be submitted to leaders at the Asean-China Summit next month for their endorsement. At the 13th Senior Officials Meeting on the implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC), they also agreed to complete a draft framework for a binding Code of Conduct (COC) by the middle of next year.

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40. China faces serious threat of Internet vulnerabilities

Global Times, 2016 08 17

Beijing--China is facing a serious threat of Internet vulnerabilities to hacking, as statistics show that over 200,000 vulnerabilities were found from 2009 to 2016, a cyber security expert said at a conference on Tuesday. According to China's National Vulnerability Database (CNVD), domestic Internet security monitoring platforms reported 25,314 vulnerabilities in 2015. Meanwhile, a report published by a security center affiliated to IT company Qihu 360 showed that 43.9 percent of 2.3 million monitored websites were found to have vulnerabilities, and 12.3 percent had high-risk vulnerabilities as of November 2015. Yan Hanbing, a senior official with the National Computer Network Emergency Response Technical Team Coordination Center (CNCERT), said Tuesday that an increasing number of cyber vulnerabilities have been found by general software or revealed by individuals, partly due to the activity of domestic Internet security monitoring platforms in recent years. Yan made the remarks at the 2016 China Internet Security Conference, which was jointly held by Qihu 360 and the Cyber Security Association of China on Tuesday in Beijing.

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41. China says cyber rules no cause for foreign business concern

Reuters, 2016 08 17

Beijing--China's pending cyber security law will not create obstacles for foreign business, China's Foreign Ministry said, responding to concerns by international business lobbies over the planned rules. More than 40 global business groups last week petitioned Premier Li Keqiang, according to a copy of a letter seen by Reuters, urging China to revise draft cyber rules they believe are vague and discriminate against foreign enterprises. The groups say the pending rules, including a cyber security law that could be passed this year, include provisions for invasive government security reviews and onerous requirements to keep data in China. They say the regulations would impede China's economic growth, create barriers to market entry and impair the country's security by isolating it technologically. The ministry, in a faxed statement to Reuters late on Tuesday night, said the law will not be used to "carry out differential treatment and will not create obstacles and barriers for international trade and foreign businesses investing in China." "As for the legal requirement for internet operators to provide relevant data in the course of enforcement agencies' counter-terrorism and criminal investigations, this is necessary for safeguarding national security and investigating crimes. All countries do this," the ministry said

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42. Dhaka cafe attack 'mastermind' Marzan was a 'friend' of Islami Chhatra Shibir: Officials Marzan a CU dropout (Canada).

BDNews24, Uttam Sen Gupta, Chittagong, 2016 08 17

Dhaka - They also say the Arabic department student had gone missing after sitting the sixth test of second-year final in February last year. He did not take readmission. Proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury says they had found out about Marzan's involvement with the Jamaat-e-Islami's student wing after inspecting some laptops confiscated during a police raid on a dormitory in November last year and some documents belonging to Shibir. "After checking those documents, police have said Nurul Islam Marzan was 'friend' of Shibir," Chowdhury told bdnews24.com on Tuesday. Vice-Chancellor Prof Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury said they identified Marzan as a former student after seeing his photo in the media and crosschecking them with his certificates and photo in university documents. The counter-terrorism unit says Canadian-Bangladeshi Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury had planned the attack.

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43. Experts call for strengthened global cooperation to tackle cyber crimes

People's Daily (China), 2016 08 17

Beijing--With transnational cyberspace crimes on the rise, cyber security experts at home and abroad have once again called to reinforce global cooperation in an effort to crack down on such crimes. "Cyber crimes have become more transnational in recent years. Global cooperation is now urgent and necessary due to the complexity and urgency of the crimes," noted Zhong Zhong, deputy head of the Cyber Security Protection Bureau under China's Ministry of Public

Security. Zhong said that China has built an effective cooperation framework with multiple countries, including the U.S. and Russia, to tackle cyber crimes across all fields. China's ongoing anti-cyber crime campaign was launched in April. Targeting personal information leaks, the campaign has so far bagged over 1,900 suspects and discovered more than 23 billion instances of leaked personal information, according to Zhong. Zhong made his remarks at the 2016 China Internet Security Conference, which was jointly held on Aug. 16 in Beijing by IT company Qihoo 360, the Internet Society of China (ISC) and the Cyber Security Association of China.

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44. Japan lodges protest over Chinese vessels near Senkakus

Kyodo News, 2016 08 17

Naha, Japan-- Japan lodged a protest Wednesday after China Coast Guard vessels entered Japanese territorial waters around the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea. Chinese government ships and fishing boats have repeatedly sailed near the uninhabited islands, which China claims and calls Diaoyu, drawing protest from Tokyo. Four Chinese coast guard ships entered Japanese waters at around 10 a.m., the first such move since Aug. 9, according to the Japan Coast Guard. One of the ships was apparently armed. The ships left the waters at around 11:40 a.m., the coast guard said.

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45. N.K. restaurant workers resettle in S. Korea after April mass defection

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 08 17

Seoul---- A group of 13 North Korean defectors who worked at a restaurant in China have recently begun to resettle in South Korea after undergoing Seoul's probe into what caused their massive defection in April, Seoul's unification ministry said Tuesday. In early April, one male manager and 12 female workers who worked at a Pyongyang-run restaurant in the Chinese eastern port city of Ningbo defected to South Korea en masse. The Ministry of Unification said that it is true that they have begun to resettle in South Korea, but it cannot reveal further details due to concerns over their safety. The high-profile defection came as North Korea was slapped by the U.N. Security Council's tougher sanctions in March over its fourth nuclear test in January and long-range rocket launch the following month. The rare massive defection has garnered attention over whether the sanctions have a major impact on pressuring North Korea, as Pyongyang-run restaurants in foreign countries have served as one of main sources of hard currency for the North. But the case has also sparked a row in South Korea over whether they defected to Seoul of their own free will following North Korea's repeated claims that the female workers were abducted by Seoul's spy agency. The National Intelligence Service (NIS) has held them under its protection without sending them to a state-run resettlement facility, saying that the case is a high-profile defection and North Korea is using it as propaganda.

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46. Ranking N. Korean diplomat defects to S. Korea: Seoul

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 08 17

Seoul--A high-ranking North Korean diplomat stationed in Britain defected to South Korea, Seoul's unification ministry said Wednesday, in the latest in a series of high-profile defections by the North's elite. Thae Yong-ho, a minister at the North's embassy in London, has arrived in South Korea with his family, the Ministry of Unification said, without unveiling further details. "They are now under the Seoul government's protection," Jeong Joon-hee, ministry spokesman, said at a hastily arranged press conference. Thae, previously known to have sought asylum in a third country, is among the highest ranking North Korean diplomats who have defected to Seoul, the ministry said. As a minister he was the No. 2 man at the embassy.

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47. Rody warns terrorists: I can be 10 times worse (Canada).

Philippine Star, Christina Mendez, 2016 08 17

Manila - Don't bring out the worst in me. President Duterte yesterday gave the warning to the Abu Sayyaf, reiterating his intent to run the bandit group to the ground. Duterte also expressed anew his concern over reports that militants of the Islamic State of Syria and Iraq (ISIS) have infiltrated Mindanao disguised as Islamic missionaries. He has said that the ISIS threat might become a big problem in three to six years. Duterte said the ISIS is working with the Abu Sayyaf in Sulu, which is known for kidnapping foreigners in exchange for ransom. The Abu Sayyaf, known for amassing tens of millions of dollars from kidnappings, beheaded two Canadian nationals in recent months after ransom deadlines passed. The group is still holding Malaysian seamen and Japanese, Dutch, Norwegian and Filipino hostages.

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Eastern Europe • Europe de l'Est

48. En Bosnie, des enclaves salafistes à la marge

Le Monde, Jean-Baptiste Chastand, 2016 08 17

Sarajevo - Les autorités affirment contrôler désormais les communautés qui ont abrité des djihadistes Je suis venu ici parce qu'il n'y a pas de criminel, pas d'alcool, pas de drogue, pas de femmes à moitié nues, pas de -tentations ", liste Edis Bosnic, avant d'ajouter : " Pas comme à Sarajevo. " A 36 ans, ce solide salafiste à la barbe rousse fournie montre les quelques maisons simples et peu entretenues de son village, devant lesquelles sont -garées des voitures déglinguées. " Vous voyez bien qu'on n'a pas beaucoup d'argent ", souligne celui qui est à la fois imam et porte- parole autoproclamé de Gornja Maoca, une enclave islamiste perdue dans les montagnes du nord de la Bosnie apparue il y a une quinzaine d'années. Selon lui, 200 habitants vivent ici chichement, entre prière et travail. Sous haute surveillance des services antiterroristes bosniens et étrangers, ils pratiquent un islam radical, bien loin de celui très ouvert et tolérant répandu dans ce petit pays des Balkans. Le salafisme a fait son entrée dans le pays avec l'arrivée

de combattants arabes pendant la guerre d'indépendance (1992-1995). Certains sont restés après la fin des combats et ont propagé leur vision rigoriste.

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

49. Top Security Official Indirectly Confirms Deployment of Russian Bombers in Iranian Airbase

Fars News Agency, 2016 08 17

Tehran - Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) Ali Shamkhani indirectly confirmed deployment of Tu-22M3 bombers and Su-34 strike fighters in Western Iran to be used for airstrikes against terrorists in Syria. "Cooperation between Tehran and Moscow to fight against terrorism in Syria is strategic and we exchange our capacities and possibilities in this regard," Shamkhani said on Tuesday when asked by Iran's state-run news agency about Russian media reports on the deployment of the country's fighter jets on the Iranian soil. "The conditions have grown difficult for the terrorists due to the constructive and extensive cooperation among Iran, Russia, Syria and the resistance front and this trend will continue with new and massive operations until their full annihilation," he added. Shamkhani underlined that Tehran, without any expectations, is playing a military advisory role in countries which are fighting against terrorism.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

50. A Turkish Three-Step Roadmap For Syria Including Assad's Departure

Asharq Al-Awsat, Said Abdul Razzak and Youssef Diab, 2016 08 17

Ankara, Beirut - Turkey has set a three-step scenario for a political solution in Syria summarized in protecting the borders, preventing the creation of states controlled by the Kurdish Democratic Union Party (PYD) and the return of refugees currently residing in neighboring countries. Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim asserted during an interview with the Turkish Karar newspaper published yesterday that the new era would not see a state structure based on Syria's sectarian, ethnic or regional basis. Yildirim said that when there is no sectarian structure, this means that Bashar Assad will not be in Syria "in the long-run." The prime minister said a solution in Syria will preserve Syria's territorial integrity, and therefore, a strong state could not be formed in the presence of the Kurdish PYD in North Syria. Diplomatic sources had previously told Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper that "Turkey would not accept the presence of Assad, but rather agrees on his staying during a short transitional period."

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51. Hezbollah cells in West Bank busted by Israeli security forces

Jerusalem Post, Yonah Jeremy Bob, Danielle Ziri, 2016 08 17

Jerusalem - The Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) on Tuesday announced that it had taken down a number of terrorist cells in the West Bank whose members had been recruited through Facebook by elite Hezbollah Unit 133 in Lebanon and the Gaza Strip. It also has cracked down on efforts by Hezbollah to recruit Arab Israelis. The arrests included a cell from Kalkilya in the West Bank that was ordered to carry out an attack on an IDF patrol. The cell's leader, Mustafa Kamel Hindi, 18, was recruited by a Hezbollah agent named Bilal through Facebook and was given instructions via email, according to the Shin Bet. The cell was arrested in June before it was able to carry out a shooting attack on an IDF patrol for which its members had trained with target practice and mock bomb assembly. The defendants have already been indicted in the Judea Military Court. Israel's ambassador to the UN Danny Danon on Tuesday called on the Security Council to designate Hezbollah as a terrorist organization.

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52. Iran Arrests a Dual Citizen for Alleged Spying for Britain (Canada)

Wall Street Journal, Asa Fitch, 2016 08 17

Dubai - Tehran's top prosecutor said authorities arrested a dual citizen who had been in contact with British intelligence services, the latest in a string of such detentions in Iran this year. The person faces espionage charges after being taken into custody, prosecutor general Abbas Jafari Dowlatabadi told the official Islamic Republic News Agency on Tuesday. He didn't disclose the person's name or second nationality, or elaborate further on the case. The U.K. said it was seeking information following the reported detention of a dual Iranian-British national in Iran. At least six other Iranian dual nationals have been arrested this year, many of whom stand accused of spying or attempting to undermine the Iranian system. Recent arrests in Iran include Nazanin Zaghari-Ratliffe, a British- Iranian employee of the Thomson Reuters Foundation, the charitable arm of media giant Thomson Reuters, who was picked up in April and later accused of being a spy. Others include two Iranian-American businessmen and an Iranian- Canadian professor.

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53. ISIS Claims Responsibility For Attack on Camp in Atma

Asharq Al-Awsat, Nazeer Rida, 2016 08 17

Beirut - There are conflicting reports about the identity of the victims of the suicide bombing that targeted an unofficial camp for displaced Syrians in the area of Atma which is on the border with Turkey on Sunday evening. Opposition sources and the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said that the attack targeted a safe site used by opposition fighters belonging to the Sham Legion to reinforce troops. On the other hand, the Syrian National Coalition of Syrian Revolution and Opposition Forces said that the attack targeted civilians and resulted in more than 40 people dying. The Coalition believes that ISIS is responsible. Meanwhile, ISIS yesterday claimed responsibility for a suicide bomb attack on a bus in Syria near the Atma border crossing separating Turkey with the north-east of Idlib. In a statement that it posted on the internet, it said that the explosion killed 50 fighters from the Sham Legion and Harakat Nour Al-Din Al-Zenki.

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54. Nasrallah's offer is unconstitutional

Lebanon Daily Star, Hussein Dakroub, 2016 08 17

Beirut - The Future Movement's parliamentary bloc Tuesday rejected Sayyed Hasan Nasrallah's presidency and premiership overture to former Premier Saad Hariri as a breach of the Constitution, saying the Hezbollah chief cannot impose MP Michel Aoun as a sole candidate for the country's top Christian post. In a statement issued after its weekly meeting chaired by former Prime Minister Fouad Siniora, the bloc stressed that the election of a president and a Parliament speaker, or the nomination of a prime minister are national matters, and not issues for each confessional or sectarian group to decide. Meanwhile, officials of the Future Movement and Hezbollah held a new round of talks Tuesday night as part of their ongoing dialogue aimed at reducing sectarian and political tensions, fueled by the Syrian war. Nasrallah's premiership and presidency offer came during a televised speech last Saturday, while addressing a Hezbollah mass rally in the southern town of Bint Jbeil.

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55. NATO Can Do More to Destroy Islamic State -- If We Ask (Canada)

Wall Street Journal, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, 2016 08 17

Op-ed - The goal of the recent attacks directed or inspired by Islamic State on civilians in the U.S. and Europe is to create an atmosphere of fear and to intensify political tensions across the world. As the terrorist organization continues to lose ground in Iraq and Syria, it is focusing more on spreading terror abroad. Central Intelligence Agency Director John Brennan has repeatedly warned that Western countries should expect more attacks. As Islamic State shifts its strategy, the U.S. and its allies should as well. The time has come for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to invoke its self-defense clause so the full weight of the alliance is brought to bear against Islamic State, also known as ISIS. Although ISIS has carried out attacks throughout the West, only seven of America's 27 NATO allies -- Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Turkey and the U.K. -- have joined the U.S. in directly attacking the group. Many other NATO countries could contribute special- operations forces, attack aircraft and surveillance assets to ongoing operations, thereby multiplying the effect. Creating a NATO rapid-reaction force to serve as an attack force against Islamic State would make a major impact. NATO countries have advanced capabilities in intelligence, airpower, special operations and other areas that are required to combat terrorists. Bringing the many resources of NATO nations to bear in the fight against Islamic State -- and taking the fight to Iraq and Syria -- would help to eliminate ISIS safe havens and to stanch the flow of refugees into Turkey and Europe. Eliminating Islamic State's hold on Raqqa and Mosul is essential. If successful, this would reduce the organization's ability to raise funds, plan terror operations abroad and attract individuals from all over the globe. Note: Ms. Feinstein, a Democrat from California, is vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

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56. « La Suisse doit rattraper son retard »

Le Temps (Suisse), Bernard Wuthrich, 2016 08 17

Berne - Le 25 septembre, les Suisses votent sur la nouvelle loi sur le Renseignement, combattue par un référendum de la gauche. L'ancien chef du Service de renseignement suisse, Peter Regli, la juge nécessaire dans le contexte actuel. La loi sur le renseignement (LRens) élargit les moyens d'action du Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC). Celui-ci pourra, en cas de graves menaces d'attentat, d'espionnage, de cyberagressions, d'utilisation d'armes chimiques ou d'attaques contre les infrastructures suisses, mener des opérations de surveillance préventive également dans des espaces privés: écoutes téléphoniques, surveillance des réseaux câblés, intrusion dans des réseaux informatiques pour acquérir des informations. « Pour qu'une mesure de surveillance soit mise en place à l'encontre d'une personne, il faut plus qu'un soupçon approximatif ou qu'une barbe bien fournie, contrairement à ce que les opposants affirment. Il faut une menace concrète et grave dans ces domaines précis », insiste la conseillère nationale et criminologue Rebecca Ruiz (PS/VD) qui, contrairement à la majorité du PS, soutient cette loi. Par ailleurs, le SRC devra au préalable obtenir l'accord du Tribunal administratif fédéral et du Conseil fédéral sous le contrôle de la Délégation des commissions de gestion du parlement et d'une autorité de surveillance indépendante.

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57. « Le monde politique a négligé la sécurité »

Le Temps (Suisse), Journaliste maison, 2016 08 17

Berne - Services secrets Pour Peter Regli, ancien patron du Renseignement suisse, la nouvelle loi soumise à la votation le 25 septembre est indispensable pour faire face aux nouvelles menaces. La loi sur le renseignement (LRens), sur laquelle le peuple devra se prononcer le 25 septembre, élargit les moyens d'action du Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC). Celui-ci pourra, en cas de graves menaces d'attentat ou d'attaque contre les infrastructures, mener des opérations de surveillance préventive également dans des espaces privés. Peter Regli est un défenseur convaincu de la LRens, combattue par un référendum de gauche soutenu par le Parti pirate. Celui qui fut le patron du Service de renseignement suisse de 1991 à 1999 reste un expert réputé dans le domaine. Pour lui, la LRens doit donner au SRC les moyens nécessaires pour faire face aux menaces d'aujourd'hui. « Des moyens que nos adversaires utilisent déjà et que notre Etat n'a pas encore à sa disposition. Nos ennemis sont armés de longues hallebardes alors que nous n'avons que des couteaux militaires pour nous défendre. »

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58. Coup d'envoi pour la loi sur le renseignement

Tribune de Genève, Florent Quiquerez, 2016 08 17

Berne - La menace terroriste sert les partisans du texte qui sera voté le 25 septembre, sans décourager ceux qui dénoncent un Etat fouineur. La campagne démarre. Après un été lourdement marqué par les attentats, les partisans de la loi sur le renseignement semblent avoir un boulevard devant eux jusqu'à la votation du 25 septembre. Hier après-midi, un comité réunissant des élus de tous les partis (sauf les Verts) a officiellement lancé la campagne. Attaques meurtrières en France et en Allemagne, retour de djihadistes en Suisse, cyberattaque contre Ruag: les exemples ont fusé pour justifier l'importance de la nouvelle loi. « Le terrorisme n'appartient plus uniquement aux films et aux livres », a lancé Beat Flach (Vert'lib. /AG). « Dans ce nouveau contexte international, notre Service de renseignement (SRC) est dépassé, a ajouté Corina Eichenberger (PLR/AG). Il faut l'adapter aux nouvelles réalités. » Garde-fous La nouvelle législation veut donner davantage de moyens au SRC: renforcer en quelque sorte la panoplie des espions helvétiques. La loi qui sera votée le 25 septembre leur permettra de mener des opérations intrusives. Ils pourront s'infiltrer dans des ordinateurs, procéder à des écoutes téléphoniques ou poser des caméras dans des locaux privés.

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59. Germany accuses Turkey of supporting terrorism: report

The Local (Germany), Staff report, 2016 08 16

Berlin - The leaked report states the German government's belief that Ankara has been deliberately financing Islamist and terror organizations with the direct consent of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, according to the report aired by ARD on Tuesday. The document written by the Interior Ministry was a confidential answer to a question posed by Die Linke (the Left Party) in the German parliament (Bundestag). "The numerous affirmations of solidarity and support for the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, for Hamas and for armed Islamist opposition groups in Syria by the ruling AKP party and president Erdogan underscore their ideological affinity to their Muslim brothers," the document states, according to ARD.

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60. Turks of all political stripes oppose coup attempt - even ardent critics of Erdogan

The National (UAE), Lorena Rios, 2016 08 17

Istanbul - Time and again since the failed coup of July 15, president Recep Tayyip Erdogan has urged his countrymen to take to the streets and squares of Istanbul and Ankara to declare their unity and determination to defend Turkey's democracy. And Turks responded, day after day, in their millions. In an unprecedented display of unity, president Erdogan stood alongside the leaders of Turkey's main opposition parties. Even though the pro-Kurdish People's Democratic Party (HDP), long a thorn in Turkey's side, was excluded from the show of unity, Kurds also joined what were dubbed the "Democracy and Martyrs" demonstrations. The failed coup, which was instigated by a faction of the armed forces, has united Turks as never before. For whatever the differences between the political parties there is one thing that troubles them more: the fear they all share of being forced to live under military rule.

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61. Un service de renseignement mieux armé mais mieux surveillé

Agence Télégraphique Suisse (ATS), Journaliste maison, 2016 08 16

Berne - Le Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC) disposera d'un nouvel arsenal de mesures pour lutter contre le terrorisme. Mais il sera davantage surveillé. Aperçu du projet soumis en votation et qui ne devrait pas entrer en vigueur avant la mi-2017. Avec la nouvelle loi sur le renseignement, les agents du SRC pourront surveiller des communications (courrier, téléphone, courriel), observer des faits dans des lieux privés, si nécessaire en installant des micros, ou perquisitionner secrètement des systèmes informatiques et y installer des "chevaux de Troie". Le Conseil fédéral estime à une dizaine par an le nombre de cas pouvant faire l'objet de ces "recherches spéciales", un cas complexe pouvant nécessiter plusieurs mesures. Celles-ci ne seront utilisées qu'en dernier recours pour lutter contre le terrorisme, la prolifération d'armes et l'espionnage. Le SRC pourra ainsi observer une personne revenue d'une zone de conflit djihadiste, un espion infiltré auprès d'une autorité suisse ou le responsable du bras armé d'un parti interdit à l'étranger qui planifie des attaques en Suisse. Pas question en revanche de se servir de cet arsenal pour pister l'extrémisme violent.

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1. Civil liberties still struggling under Liberals ; Government dragging its heels on review of security legislation

Regina Leader Post, Greg Fingas, 2016 08 18

Column - Canada's ongoing debate over the protection of civil liberties has taken a few noteworthy turns this summer. And what's normally considered a quiet season could have

significant ramifications for Canadians, whether or not they're currently monitoring the political scene. On the one hand, the federal NDP has reiterated its outrage at C-51, the surveillance bill that was forced through by Stephen Harper's Conservative government with the supposedly grudging support of Justin Trudeau's Liberals. Since taking power, the Liberals have made excuses to drag their heels even in providing minimal accountability for the exercise of wideranging powers to intrude on Canadians' civil rights. At the same time, the Conservatives and others are not only refusing to acknowledge any flaws in Canada's existing security state, but are also hinting at demanding even more of a crackdown on personal freedoms. And some seem to be treating the foiled attack planned by Aaron Driver as an excuse for even more surveillance and disruption powers. In fact, the peace bond scheme pushed by the Conservatives failed utterly. Despite being subject to limits on individual action set up by C-51, Driver - working alone - was able to assemble an explosive device as part of a plan to attack civilians. Moreover, it was FBI surveillance, not any action by CSIS or any other Canadian authority, that identified Driver's plans in time for the RCMP to respond. Yet somehow we're now facing calls for even more severe intrusions on privacy.

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2. Goodale seeks new anti-terror measures; Peace bonds have failed to stop extremists

Ottawa Citizen, Ian Macleod, 2016 08 18

Ottawa - Stronger anti-terror measures are needed after a court- ordered peace bond failed to stop jihadist Aaron Driver from making bombs and plotting an attack, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said Wednesday. "What the incident shows is that peace bonds are tools and instruments with limited capacity, it's not a perfect solution to every situation," Goodale told reporters Wednesday after a speech to the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police. One option would be to amend the Criminal Code to require professional de-radicalization counselling for individuals suspected as terrorist sympathizers "to change (their) behaviour," he said. Leading terrorism experts say the problem goes beyond court orders to keep the peace, especially when dealing with individuals willing to sacrifice their lives for the jihadist cause. Peace bonds are based on threat assessments by the RCMP, possibly with input from the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). With Driver and Couture-Rouleau, those assessments proved to be wrong, said Wesley Wark, a terrorism expert at the University of Ottawa. "That threat assessment was basically that Aaron Driver was a person that liked to talk very openly about his support for the Islamic State (of Iraq and the Levant), jihad and all the rest of it, but was unlikely to take any action," he said. "Who at the end of the day has the final say on the threat assessment? How do they come up with judgments and were those judgments reviewed from time to time or were they set in stone?"

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3. Ottawa pledges to hire deradicalization adviser after man's death in standoff with RCMP

Globe and Mail, Colin Freeze, Laura Stone, 2016 08 18

Ottawa - Following the fatal police shooting of would-be suicide bomber Aaron Driver, Canada's Public Safety Minister says the Liberals will "up our game" in the fight against terrorism by imminently hiring a deradicalization adviser. "What the incident in Strathroy demonstrates is that this is important," Ralph Goodale told reporters on Wednesday. He said the new adviser will be hired within weeks and could succeed in counter-terrorism challenges where police and intelligence services are falling short. Details are under wraps, but observers are keen to see how the approach will take shape, especially since the global track record of such initiatives is mixed. "There are all kinds of these programs all over the world. Everyone's got one," said Phil Gurski, a former analyst at the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. And yet, he added, no one has really figured out the best approach. CSIS recently canvassed outside experts for feedback on which governments' deradicalization - or "countering violent extremism" (CVE) - programs are working best. Many replied that none are known to be working particularly well. "Some expressed skepticism as to the relevance of CVE initiatives, highlighting the lack of supporting empirical evidence thus far to measure their effectiveness," says a CSIS discussion paper recently published online. Other experts told CSIS such programs are only valuable "provided that their implementation is not led by governments ... [because] governments are not credible messengers."

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4. Our wolves will come to you': ISIL ramps up anti-Canada propaganda after Ontario terror incident

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 08 18

Toronto - An image circulated by an ISIL propaganda outfit on Wednesday showed Toronto burning while a terrorist watched from nearby mountains, a wolf at his side. "Our wolves will come to you," it read. As expected, ISIL has ramped up its propaganda campaign against Canada following last week's police killing of Aaron Driver, an ISIL supporter in Strathroy, Ont. who was allegedly in the final stages of planning a bomb attack. Attempting to capitalize on the incident, the pro-ISIL al-Wa'd Foundation released two posters on its Telegram channel on Wednesday, including the one showing an apocalyptic Toronto, according to the SITE Intelligence Group. "O worshippers of the cross in Canada, now now fighting came, our wolves will come to you from where you will not know so you won't enjoy life," it read. The second poster showed a terrorist walking through a destroyed Toronto street. "Soon very soon," it read. ISIL makes heavy use of propaganda, much of it distributed on social media. A retired senior Canadian Security Intelligence Service official, Andy Ellis, said in April that Canadians were part of the ISIL propaganda wing, which valued their English-language skills.

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5. Unlike Trudeau, jihadists don't take holidays

Toronto Sun, Candice Malcolm, 2016 08 18

Column - While Prime Minister Justin Trudeau seems to be on perpetual holidays this summer, one of his cabinet ministers has finally addressed an issue the Liberals have long avoided -- how to combat jihadists in Canada. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale was in Montreal this week

to announce a new strategy for fighting home-grown terrorism. In the wake of a thwarted attack by ISIS-connected jihadist Aaron Driver, Goodale says he wants Canada to become a global leader in understanding and countering radicalization. This will be no easy feat. Earlier this year, Canadian Security Intelligence Service Director Michel Coulombe told a Senate national security committee that 180 individuals with ties to Canada are fighting alongside foreign terrorist groups -- including about 100 with the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria -- while another 60 or so are back in Canada. The Trudeau government has been reluctant to talk about the threat of home-grown jihadists in Canada. But Goodale's new interest in counter-radicalization is better late than never.

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6. 'A very peaceful man:' wife of Calgary imam detained in Turkey recounts ordeal

Canadian Press, Lauren Krugel, 2016 08 18

Calgary - Rumeysa Hanci breaks down in tears when she recounts how she spent her 13th wedding anniversary, travelling home to Calgary from Turkey and not knowing when she would see her husband, Davud, again. She said Turkish authorities have not explained why they have imprisoned the imam, who has Canadian and Turkish Citizenship. Allegations in Turkish media that he was involved in last month's coup attempt make no sense to Rumeysa. "My husband is a very gentle and kind man," she said, sitting at the dining room table of the family's northwest Calgary house, photos spread out in front of her showing the couple beaming on their wedding day and Davud's face sandwiched between those of his grinning sons. "He's not involved with any violence. He's a very peaceful man." Turkish news reports say Davud has ties to Fethullah Gulen, the U.S.-based cleric who the Turkish government accuses of masterminding a July 15 coup attempt.

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7. Feds farm out web-hosting duties to U.S. server

Ottawa Citizen, Vito Piliéci, 2016 08 18

Ottawa - Canada.ca isn't as Canadian as it sounds. The federal government initiative to move all of its departmental and agency websites to the Canada.ca domain includes farming out the web-hosting duties for the site to Amazon Web Services in the United States. A recent draft plan produced by the government for cloud computing requires that only data which the government has deemed to be "unclassified" -- which means it cannot be of harm on a national or personal level -- should be allowed to be stored on servers outside of Canada. However, it is unclear whose responsibility it is to determine what information is considered sensitive. And when information is deemed sensitive, it remains unclear how and where that data will be stored. Julia Sullivan, a spokeswoman for Employment and Social Development Canada, which is overseeing the Canada.ca initiative, said no sensitive information is being stored on the American servers. She also said, as more departments join the Canada.ca website, such as Canada Revenue Agency

which accepts Canadians' tax filings online, there will need to be workarounds in place to ensure that sensitive data isn't sent to the American servers.

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8. Goodale urges public discussion on police access to passwords and digital data

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 08 18

Ottawa - Canadians need to think about how far police should be allowed to go in accessing their electronic devices and communications, the federal public safety minister says. A federal review of cybersecurity will provide a chance to discuss a proposal from Canada's police chiefs for a new law that would compel people to hand over passwords with a judge's consent, Ralph Goodale said Wednesday. The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police says the measure is needed to fight criminals in cyberspace who increasingly use tools to hide their identities and communications. In the United States, there are literally thousands of smartphones and other digital devices "sitting on shelves" because authorities can't get into them, said Terrence Cunningham, a police chief in Massachusetts and president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. "And we know that those devices hold the answers to the questions that we need so that we can hold people accountable and prosecute some of these cases," Cunningham said during the Canadian chiefs' annual conference this week.

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9. Ils voulaient rejoindre Al-Qaïda

Journal de Montréal, Hugo Joncas, 2016 08 18

Montréal - Des documents de la GRC contiennent des détails troublants sur deux candidats québécois au djihad « J'EN AI PAS MAL RIEN À FOUTRE DU NORD-AMÉRICAIN. TU PEUX PAS MÉLANGER L'HUILE ET LE VINAIGRE. L'ISLAM EN OCCIDENT, ÇA MARCHE SI TU FAIS DES CONCESSIONS... MOI, JE VEUX PAS FAIRE DES CONCESSIONS » - Merouane Ghalmi Deux jeunes Montréalais arrêtés à l'hiver 2015 à leur retour de Turquie ont en fait tenté de rejoindre un groupe de djihadistes affiliés à Al-Qaïda en Syrie, selon des documents de la GRC dévoilés hier. Merouane Ghalmi et Daniel Minta Darko (en mortaise) se sont d'abord rendus en Malaisie pour brouiller les cartes. Interceptés à leur retour à Montréal le 2 février 2015, Merouane Ghalmi et Daniel Minta Darko avaient un plan pour rejoindre Ahrar Al-Sham, un regroupement d'organisations islamistes et salafistes lié au Front Al-Nosra, la branche d'AlQaïda en Syrie. Selon les documents de février et mars 2015 qu'a dévoilés la Cour du Québec, Ghalmi et Darko étaient proches de Sami Elabi, du quartier Dollard-des-Ormeaux. Selon la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) et les recherches de notre Bureau d'enquête, ce djihadiste se bat aux côtés du Front Al-Nosra, le bras d'Al-Qaïda en Syrie.

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10. Jailed reporter says freedoms under threat

Calgary Sun, Bill Kaufmann, 2016 08 18

Calgary - Other nations are ahead of Canada in helping journalists abused by repressive governments, once-imprisoned reporter Mohamed Fahmy said in Calgary Wednesday. Fahmy, who was jailed for 438 days in Egypt on trumpedup terrorism charges while a reporter for Al Jazeera English, said his experience led him to draft a charter to ensure Ottawa aids journalists detained abroad. "We wrote up a protection charter partnering with Amnesty International and one of the main points was the need for a new law obligating the government to help journalists imprisoned," Fahmy, 42, told a GlobalFest Human Rights Forum audience. "I'm hoping the government will respond." Fahmy said a moreenlightened Trudeau government gives him hope after last fall's electoral defeat of what he called a less-responsive Harper administration. Fahmy was openly critical of what he dubbed the Harper government's lukewarm response to his detention in Egypt that began in 2013 and ended in September of last year.

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11. Le Canada accusé de planifier une « invasion »

La Presse+, Jean-Thomas Léveillé, 2016 08 18

Ottawa - Le Canada est en train de « concocter » un plan visant à « renverser les institutions démocratiquement élues du Burundi », accuse le parti au pouvoir à Bujumbura. La récente tournée africaine du ministre canadien de la Défense, Harjit Sajjan, avait pour objectif de préparer « la venue d'une force d'invasion au Burundi », affirme un communiqué publié mardi soir par le Conseil national de défense de la démocratie - Forces pour la défense de la démocratie (CNDD-FDD). La tournée du ministre Sajjan, terminée lundi, avait pour objectif d'évaluer le rôle accru que pourrait jouer le Canada au sein des missions de maintien de la paix des Nations unies (ONU). Accompagné par le lieutenant-général à la retraite Roméo Dallaire ainsi que l'ancienne haute-commissaire des Nations unies aux droits de l'homme Louise Arbour, le ministre Sajjan s'est rendu en Éthiopie, au Kenya et en Ouganda, de même qu'en Tanzanie et en République démocratique du Congo, deux pays voisins du Burundi. Le choix de ces destinations n'est pas « une simple coïncidence », affirme le communiqué signé par le président du CNDD-FDD, Pascal Nyabenda, qui demande aux pays de la région « de rejeter toutes doléances » du Canada concernant le déploiement d'une force onusienne au Burundi ou ailleurs dans la région.

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12. Le collège de Maisonneuve se dote d'une équipe anti- radicalisation

Le Devoir, Marco Fortier, 2016 08 18

Montréal - Les intervenants devront prendre garde de ne pas devenir des informateurs de police, avertit une experte Le collège de Maisonneuve, qui a été aux prises avec l'extrémisme religieux au cours des derniers mois, s'apprête à embaucher cinq professionnels dans l'espoir de désamorcer les idées " radicales " des étudiants. Selon ce que Le Devoir a appris, la direction du collège prépare l'embauche de trois travailleurs de corridor et de deux autres spécialistes de la radicalisation en vue de la rentrée scolaire. Les cours commencent lundi prochain, mais le processus de sélection des cinq professionnels sera terminé dans deux semaines. Ce projet-pilote de 400 000 \$ survient après une série de cas de radicalisation d'étudiants du collège. Certains ont tenté d'aller faire la guerre en Syrie pour le groupe armé État islamique, classé comme terroriste

par le Canada. Sabrina Djaermame et El-Madhi Jamali, deux anciens élèves du collège de Maisonneuve arrêtés en 2015, font face à la justice pour avoir planifié un attentat à Montréal, en plus d'avoir cherché à aller faire le djihad en Syrie. Des tensions, des bagarres sont aussi survenues entre des groupes du collège au cours des derniers mois. De jeunes musulmans se sentent exclus et stigmatisés. " Les travailleurs de corridor seront sur le terrain pour recueillir la parole des étudiants. Leur défi est de se faire accepter, de gagner la confiance des jeunes pour les aider ", dit Line Légaré, porte-parole du collège de Maisonneuve. En plus des trois travailleurs de corridor, deux autres professionnels seront embauchés pour appuyer les étudiants et le personnel du collège. Ces experts, formés en relations interculturelles ou qui ont un profil de psychologue ou de travailleur social, aideront la communauté du collège à comprendre et à réagir aux idées " radicales ".

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13. Lutte contre le terrorisme Des démarches judiciaires amorcées dès 2015

La Presse+, Vincent Larouche, 2016 08 18

Montréal - Transparence dans les cas d'« engagements à garder la paix » Les péripéties de Merouane Ghalmi et Daniel Minta Darko sur la route du djihad ont pu être rendues publiques hier grâce aux démarches judiciaires entamées dès 2015 par La Presse pour faire augmenter la transparence dans les dossiers où des suspects de terrorisme se voient imposer des « engagements à garder la paix » devant un juge sans être accusés d'une infraction criminelle. À plusieurs reprises ces dernières années, les autorités ont invoqué l'article 810.011 du Code criminel qui permet d'arrêter un individu et de le conduire devant un juge pour qu'il s'engage à respecter une série de conditions si les autorités ont des « motifs raisonnables de craindre la possibilité [qu'il] commette une infraction de terrorisme ». C'est ce qui avait été fait dans le cas de Ghalmi et Darko, qui s'étaient notamment engagés à ne pas entrer en contact avec des terroristes et à porter en tout temps un bracelet électronique GPS qui permettait de les suivre à la trace (leurs engagements ont expiré depuis et n'ont pas été renouvelés, si bien qu'ils sont libres comme l'air). Pour justifier cette procédure, la police a rédigé une déclaration assermentée qui décrivait ses craintes en s'appuyant sur ses enquêtes. La déclaration a été montrée à des juges, mais jamais déposée en cour, ce qui rendait sa consultation impossible pour les journalistes et la population en général.

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14. Lutte contre le terrorisme Un père remue ciel et terre pour sauver son fils

La Presse+, Vincent Larouche; Louis-Samuel Perron, 2016 08 18

Pierrefonds - Le père de Merouane Ghalmi n'a fait ni une ni deux. Lorsqu'il a appris que son fils avait quitté la résidence familiale de Pierrefonds à destination de la Turquie, il s'est arrangé pour le faire arrêter par la police turque. Puis il a sauté lui-même dans un avion pour aller le retrouver dans une geôle anatolienne et le ramener coûte que coûte à la maison. C'était en juillet 2013. À l'époque, Merouane Ghalmi était âgé de 21 ans. Adeptes de sports de combat, il avait commencé à développer une ferveur religieuse intransigeante qui inquiétait ses proches. Il se renseignait sur des groupes islamistes, ne buvait plus, ne sortait plus avec des filles. Surtout, il passait des heures

à discuter sur Skype avec Sami Elabi, un autre jeune du quartier qui était l'un des premiers Québécois partis rejoindre des groupes djihadistes en Syrie. Elabi avait invité Merouane Ghalmi à venir le rejoindre. La famille Ghalmi soupçonnait ce qui se passait. Le récit de ses efforts est contenu dans deux déclarations assermentées de la GRC rendues publiques hier à la suite des démarches d'un groupe de médias, dont La Presse. Les documents avaient été présentés à un juge l'an dernier pour justifier l'imposition de conditions qui visaient à garder sous surveillance Ghalmi et un de ses amis, Daniel Minta Darko, en raison de leurs sympathies envers des groupes terroristes.

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15. Ottawa veut serrer la vis aux terroristes potentiels

Agence QMI, Guillaume St-Pierre, 2016 08 18

Ottawa - L'incident d'Aaron Driver incite la Sécurité publique à s'intéresser à une douzaine de personnes ciblées Le gouvernement Trudeau souhaite serrer la vis aux terroristes en puissance visés par un engagement à ne pas troubler l'ordre public. Ralph Goodale dit avoir pris des précautions auprès d'une douzaine de personnes. Le ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale, a reconnu mercredi que l'attentat déjoué de justesse la semaine dernière en Ontario a exposé les failles du système de surveillance actuel. «Cet incident démontre que les ordres de ne pas troubler la paix sont des outils qui ont des capacités limitées», a commenté M. Goodale en marge de la conférence annuelle de l'Association canadienne des chefs de police (ACCP). Le décès du sympathisant du groupe armé État islamique Aaron Driver, tombé sous les balles de la GRC mercredi dernier, accentue le débat au sujet de la sécurité nationale. Selon la GRC, Driver en était rendu à la dernière étape de sa planification pour perpétrer un attentat en sol canadien. L'homme de 24 ans a pu concocter son plan même s'il était soumis à un engagement de ne pas troubler l'ordre public en lien avec du terrorisme depuis 2014.

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16. Pas des loups solitaires

La Presse+, Gabrielle Duchaine; Vincent Larouche, 2016 08 18

Montréal - Daniel Darko et Merouane Ghalmi n'étaient pas des loups solitaires. L'enquête de la GRC a révélé des liens directs avec un ancien élève du collège de Maisonneuve parti combattre en Syrie, avec le centre islamique Asshaba d'Adil Charkaoui et avec un Montréalais qui, selon toute apparence, fait du recrutement pour un groupe terroriste en direct de la Syrie. Explications. DARKO ET GHALMI Jusqu'à récemment, les deux jeunes hommes habitaient à moins de deux kilomètres l'un de l'autre, le premier à Dollard-des-Ormeaux, l'autre à Pierrefonds. Ils ont préparé leur voyage ensemble. C'est Ghalmi qui a invité Darko à se joindre à lui. Ils ont tout caché à leur famille. Ils ont quitté le Canada à quelques jours d'intervalle et ont suivi le même itinéraire, prenant un vol vers la Malaisie « pour brouiller les cartes ». De là, ils se sont envolés, ensemble, vers la Turquie, où ils ont été interceptés et renvoyés. SAMI ELABI Il est ce Montréalais parti, bien avant la vague actuelle d'aspirants djihadistes, pour combattre au sein du front Al-Nosra, la branche d'Al-Qaïda en Syrie. Il a grandi dans le même quartier que Ghalmi et Darko. Il a longtemps été actif sur les réseaux sociaux, où il se montrait dans des vidéos et photos, armes à

la main. En interrogatoire, Merouane Ghalmi a avoué que c'est Elabi lui-même qui lui avait demandé d'aller le rejoindre. Darko a lui aussi été interrogé par la police au sujet d'Elabi. Il a dit le connaître, mais a refusé de dévoiler la nature de ses conversations avec lui.

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17. RCMP feared that restricting would-be radicals would backfire in Canada, affidavits show

Toronto Star, Allan Woods, 2016 08 18

Montreal - As Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale promised to toughen the requirements on terror suspects who are subject to restrictive peace bonds, newly unsealed court documents show police feared one Montreal man could launch an attack in Canada if he were prevented from travelling abroad. The warning from RCMP Cpl. Brenda Makad is contained in a police affidavit used in support of a peace bond application in 2015 against Daniel Minta Darko. "Even though I believe that the desire to leave Canada in order to join the fighting in Syria is Darko's priority, the call to action in the West and the incidents Canada has suffered recently lead me to fear that faced with the impossibility of leaving, Darko would act here," Makad said in the affidavit. The 28-year-old Muslim convert, along with Merouane Ghalmi, 24, travelled halfway around the world to try to "shuffle the cards" and throw authorities off their trail, the police allege in the affidavit. They were intercepted in Turkey and returned to Canada, the affidavit said. In Canada, RCMP officers investigated and interviewed the two men. Individual affidavits of the interviews were then used to obtain peace bonds -- with restrictive conditions -- against both. Among the allegations in the police affidavits: Darko lied to police and Daesh propaganda was found on his cellphone, and Ghalmi enjoyed a close friendship with Canadian jihadist Sami Elabi. The two affidavits were released in a Montreal court Wednesday after a media challenge of the sealing order. The peace bonds against the two men were in effect for 12 months and expired earlier this year, Crown prosecutor Lyne Décarie said in an email to the Star. The problem with peace bonds, said Canadian terrorism researcher Amarnath Amarasingam, is that there are only restrictions--on movement, on communication, on association-- without positive intervention. "There is no followup, no attempt to provide further help and supervision," he said. "We tell them what they can't do and leave it at that."

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18. Terrorism near-miss has Liberals looking to toughen peace bonds

Toronto Star, Tondra McCharles, 2016 08 17

Ottawa - The federal Liberal government says it may toughen the law on peace bonds to require terrorist sympathizers to take mandatory de-radicalization counseling. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said the death of Aaron Driver in Strathroy last week, where RCMP sharpshooters believe they pre-empted a planned terror attack, showed the current limitations of peace bonds. "We have recognized for this incident and beyond it that peace bonds have some usefulness but they're not a panacea. They're a tool that has limitations," Goodale told reporters. One option for the federal Liberal government, which is undertaking widespread public consultations on the country's national security laws, is to require individuals subject to a peace

bond to meet regularly with de-radicalization experts, he said. However, Goodale acknowledged that there are not many such experts or counselors in Canada and said that is "exactly why" the Liberals are spending \$35 million to set up a centre for countering violent extremism, "to have national capacity and national coherence to deal with these very issues." The Liberals promised the centre in last year's campaign "and we were scoffed at," he said. But it is still not up and running. Goodale said any peace bond changes would come as part of a package of changes the government is looking at in its review Canada's national security framework, and C-51, the Conservatives anti-terror law of 2015. He got testy with reporters when pressed about why the Liberals are taking so long. The Liberals promised consultations and reforms in the 2015 election campaign. "You don't develop good law in a panic," he retorted.

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19. A former CIA asset has become a U.S. headache in Libya

Washington Post, Missy Ryan, 2016 08 18

Washington - He's a grandfather and longtime Washington suburbanite who now commands a powerful fighting force in northern Africa. He's also a former CIA asset and anti-Islamist warrior who stands in the way of peace in Libya. The United States and its allies can't figure out what to do about Khalifa Hifter, the Libyan general whose refusal to support a fragile unity government has jeopardized hopes for stability in a country plagued by conflict. Since he emerged as an important post-revolution figure in 2014, Western governments have struggled to define an effective policy to deal with Hifter, who has styled himself as an antidote to extremists while building his own power base and shunning the political process brokered by the United Nations. "Hifter is threatening many of the Western-backed initiatives in Libya and the establishment of a recognized political power," said Barak Barfi, a scholar at New America, a Washington think tank. "Hifter doesn't have the strength on the battlefield to deliver on his promises to defeat Islamists, but he can act as a spoiler."

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20. AP Sources: Manafort tied to undisclosed foreign lobbying

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 08 17

Washington - Donald Trump's campaign chairman helped a pro-Russian governing party in Ukraine secretly route at least \$2.2 million in payments to two prominent Washington lobbying firms in 2012, and did so in a way that effectively obscured the foreign political party's efforts to influence U.S. policy. The revelation, provided to The Associated Press by people directly knowledgeable about the effort, comes at a time when Trump has faced criticism for his friendly overtures to Russian President Vladimir Putin. It also casts new light on the business practices of campaign chairman Paul Manafort. Under federal law, U.S. lobbyists must declare publicly if they represent foreign leaders or their political parties and provide detailed reports about their actions to the Justice Department. A violation is a felony and can result in up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. Manafort and business associate Rick Gates, another top

strategist in Trump's campaign, were working in 2012 on behalf of the political party of Ukraine's then-president, Viktor Yanukovich. People with direct knowledge of Gates' work said that, during the period when Gates and Manafort were consultants to the Ukraine president's political party, Gates was also helping steer the advocacy work done by a pro-Yanukovich nonprofit that hired a pair of Washington lobbying firms, Podesta Group Inc. and Mercury LLC.

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21. FBI aiding Ukraine probe that revealed Manafort ties

Washington Post, Multiple reporters, 2016 08 18

Washington - FBI officials recently formed a partnership with the Ukrainian anti-corruption agency that has uncovered records showing that Donald Trump's campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, was to receive millions of dollars in alleged off-the-books payments. The involvement by the FBI, which has been working "hand in hand" since June with Ukrainian investigators, could heighten potential legal problems for Manafort and draw further scrutiny by U.S. authorities to his extensive political and financial ties to Ukraine. Manafort this week issued a strong denial, saying he never received off-the-books payments and calling the reports "unfounded, silly and nonsensical." Neither he nor his attorney responded to requests for comment. The Ukraine inquiry is examining whether Viktor Yanukovich, the ousted Ukrainian president and leader of a pro-Russian party, looted assets when he fled the country for Moscow in 2014. The anti-corruption investigation discovered a "black ledger" showing \$12.7 million in alleged payments to Manafort between 2007 and 2012 from that party, called the Party of Regions.

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22. Former NSA Staffers: Rogue Insider Could Be Behind NSA Data Dump

Motherboard (Vice), Lorenzo Franceschi-Bicchierai, Joseph Cox, 2016 08 18

New York - There are a lot of unanswered questions surrounding the shocking dump of a slew of hacking tools used by an NSA-linked group earlier this week. But perhaps the biggest one is: who's behind the leak? Who is behind the mysterious moniker "The Shadow Brokers"? So far, there's no clear evidence pointing in any direction, but given the timing of the leak, and the simple fact that very few would have the capabilities and the motives to hack and shame the NSA publicly, some posited The Shadow Brokers could be Russian. But there's another possibility. An insider could have stolen them directly from the NSA, in a similar fashion to how former NSA contractor Edward Snowden stole an untold number of the spy agency's top secret documents. And this theory is being pushed by someone who claims to be, himself, a former NSA insider. "My colleagues and I are fairly certain that this was no hack, or group for that matter," the former NSA employee told Motherboard. "This 'Shadow Brokers' character is one guy, an insider employee." The source, who asked to remain anonymous, said that it'd be much easier for an insider to obtain the data that The Shadow Brokers put online rather than someone else, even Russia, remotely stealing it. He argued that "naming convention of the file directories, as well as some of the scripts in the dump are only accessible internally," and that "there is no

reason" for those files to be on a server someone could hack. He claimed that these sorts of files are on a physically separated network that doesn't touch the internet; an air-gap.

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23. Hacked Attack Code Looks Genuine

Wall Street Journal, Robert McMillan, 2016 08 18

New York - Evidence is mounting that a mysterious hacking group claiming to have stolen data from a spying operation linked to the National Security Agency is telling the truth. Security vendor Kaspersky Labs ZAO, which first identified the NSA-linked operation last year, said files released in the latest hack use an unusual mathematical approach it had seen in that operation's code. Kaspersky dubbed the operation the Equation Group, and said it appeared to be supporting U.S. interests in cyberspace. The new files were released last weekend by a hacking group calling itself the Shadow Brokers, which claims to have a bigger cache of files it is offering to sell. They appear to be attack code that targets security software on routers that direct computer traffic around the internet. "This code similarity makes us believe with a high degree of confidence that the tools from the Shadow Brokers leak are related to the malware from the Equation Group," Kaspersky said in a blog post. Two former NSA employees said the code published by the Shadow Brokers looked authentic.

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24. Iran Cash Held Until Prisoner Release

Wall Street Journal, Carol E. Lee, Jay Solomon, 2016 08 18

Washington - New details of the \$400 million U.S. payment to Iran earlier this year depict a tightly scripted exchange specifically timed to the release of several American prisoners held in Iran. The picture emerged from accounts of U.S. officials and others briefed on the operation: U.S. officials wouldn't let Iranians take control of the money until a Swiss Air Force plane carrying three freed Americans departed from Tehran on Jan. 17. Once that happened, an Iranian cargo plane was allowed to bring the cash home from a Geneva airport that day. President Barack Obama and other U.S. officials have said the payment didn't amount to ransom, because the U.S. owed the money to Iran as part of a longstanding dispute linked to a failed arms deal from the 1970s. U.S. officials have said that the prisoner release and cash transfer took place through two separate diplomatic channels. But the handling of the payment and its connection to the Americans' release have raised questions among lawmakers and administration critics.

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25. McMullin: Trump couldn't get cleared for 'low-level job at the CIA'

The Hill, Jesse Byrnes, 2016 08 17

Washington - Independent presidential candidate and former CIA operative Evan McMullin on Wednesday argued that Donald Trump shouldn't get security briefings as the GOP presidential nominee. "If there's anyone that shouldn't be trusted with regard to intelligence it's Donald

Trump, both in the literal sense and with regard to our intelligence services," McMullin said on CNN's "The Lead" Wednesday. "He shouldn't have access to these briefings," continued McMullin, who served for 11 years at the CIA, noting the briefings involve highly sensitive material. "Hopefully we're not sharing everything we could be with him," he added. McMullin said Trump wouldn't be able to get a security clearance if applying for a "low-level job at the CIA" because he has been "co-opted by Vladimir Putin."

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26. NSA's use of software flaws to hack foreign targets posed risks to cybersecurity

Washington Post, Ellen Nakashima, Andrea Peterson, 2016 08 18

Washington - To penetrate the computers of foreign targets, the National Security Agency relies on software flaws that have gone undetected in the pipes of the Internet. For years, security experts have pressed the agency to disclose these bugs so they can be fixed, but the agency hackers have often been reluctant. Now with the mysterious release of a cache of NSA hacking tools over the weekend, the agency has lost an offensive advantage, experts say, and potentially placed at risk the security of countless large companies and government agencies worldwide. Several of the tools exploited flaws in commercial firewalls that remain unpatched, and they are out on the Internet for all to see. Anyone from a basement hacker to a sophisticated foreign spy agency has access to them now, and until the flaws are fixed, many computer systems may be in jeopardy. The revelation of the NSA cache, which dates to 2013 and has not been confirmed by the agency, also highlights the administration's little-known process for figuring out which software errors to disclose and which to keep secret. The hacker tools' release "demonstrates the key risk of the U.S. government stockpiling computer vulnerabilities for its own use: Someone else might get a hold of them and use them against us," said Kevin Bankston, director of New America's Open Technology Institute. "This is exactly why it should be U.S. government policy to disclose to software vendors the vulnerabilities it buys or discovers as soon as possible, so we can all better protect our own cybersecurity."

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27. NSA website recovers from outage amid intrigue

Politico, Eric Geller, 2016 08 17

Washington - The National Security Agency's website was offline for almost a full day until Tuesday evening, in an unexplained outage that began shortly after hackers claimed to have stolen a collection of the agency's prized cyber weapons. It's unknown if the two events are connected. POLITICO first noticed that the agency's website wasn't working at 10:54 p.m. Monday. It came back online around 5 p.m. Tuesday. The outage began a few hours after a mysterious group called the Shadow Brokers claimed to have stolen cyber weapons from the Equation Group, a sophisticated hacking group suspected of being linked to the NSA. Some cybersecurity experts, as well as fugitive NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden, suggested that the alleged thefts may be connected to the uproar over suspected Russian cyber spying on the Democratic Party -- but no information has surfaced to link the two, or to connect the alleged thefts with the NSA website outage. During the outage, the NSA homepage itself was accessible,

but all links on the page led to "Service Unavailable" error pages, except for blog posts listed under the "What's New" section. (Those may be hosted on another server.) An unnamed source told FedScoop that the outage was due to an ongoing "internal review."

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28. Nuclear 'spy' claims FBI tricked him into confession

London Times, Robin Pagnamenta, Boer Deng, 2016 08 18

London - An engineer accused of stealing American nuclear secrets for a company owned by the Chinese state that is investing in Hinkley Point has accused the FBI of tricking him into making incriminating statements. Szuhsiung "Allen" Ho, an American citizen born in Taiwan, was arrested in Atlanta in April and accused of spying. He is now in prison awaiting a decision on a \$1 million bail hearing. The US Justice Department has accused him of threatening US security by attempting to recruit American nuclear experts for the Chinese government. He denies the charges. Dr Ho, 66, was working for China General Nuclear Power Corp, a partner in the Hinkley Point nuclear power station in Somerset. He is also accused of conspiring to produce plutonium for the Chinese government. If found guilty, he could face life in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Peter Zeidenberg, Dr Ho's lawyer, said at a bail hearing on Tuesday in Knoxville, Tennessee, that his client was tricked into answering questions without legal representation.

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29. The Shadow Brokers Mess Is What Happens When the NSA Hoards Zero- Days

Wired, Andy Greenberg, 2016 08 18

New York - When the NSA discovers a new method of hacking into a piece of software or hardware, it faces a dilemma. Report the security flaw it exploits to the product's manufacturer so it gets fixed, or keep that vulnerability secret--what's known in the security industry as a "zero day"- -and use it to hack its targets, gathering valuable intelligence. Now a case of data apparently stolen from an NSA hacking team seems to show the risks that result when the agency chooses offense over defense: Its secret hacking tools can fall into unknown hands. On Wednesday, networking equipment firms Cisco and Fortinet warned customers about vulnerabilities revealed in data posted to the web days earlier by an anonymous group calling itself Shadow Brokers. The group claimed it obtained the data by hacking of an elite espionage team known as Equation Group and linked to the NSA. Shadow Brokers described its haul as a cache of encrypted "cyberweapons" that it would auction to the highest bidder. The data dump also contained an unencrypted sample with 300 megabytes of information including hacking software--known as "exploits"--designed to target networking appliances from Cisco, Fortinet, Juniper and TopSec.¹ Based on Fortinet and Cisco's urgent warnings in response to the exploits' leak, it appears that some of those exploits had in fact been secret zero-day flaws. That raises the likelihood that the data was in fact stolen from NSA hackers--a view increasingly held by security experts analyzing the data. More broadly, it also raises new questions about the NSA practice of keeping zero days secret rather than reporting them to affected companies. "There's always that delicate balance: how do they accomplish their mission, hack their adversaries, and still protect the rest of us?" asks Jeremiah Grossman, a prolific web security researcher and chief

of security strategy at the firm SentinelOne. "The longer you haven't reported it, the higher the likelihood it will eventually leak."

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30. Trump makes intel community queasy

Politico, Nahal Toosi, 2016 08 17

Washington - Just ahead of his first classified briefing, Donald Trump said he didn't trust the work of America's intelligence agencies. Well, they don't exactly trust him either. Interviews over the past several months with current and former intelligence officials and intelligence experts revealed significant trepidation about the notion of a Trump presidency -- an uneasiness that the Republican nominee's latest comments are likely to exacerbate. Several sources cited Trump's unpredictability, his harsh rhetoric about Muslims, his vocal support for torture and his suggestions that he'd go after terror suspects' families as causes of concern, even among the most hawkish elements of the intelligence world. "The wholesale slaughter of families of terrorists -- it is understood as a war crime," an Army intelligence officer told POLITICO. "You can see how emotionally it might seem like a satisfying" thing to say, "but no matter how much you might wait to raze and salt the earth ... people understand the right versus wrong component of it." A terrorism expert at a D.C. think tank described the mood about a possible President Trump in the intelligence community as "fearful."

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31. US Intelligence Assessments Fully Corrupted by Wish to Please Boss (Canada)

Sputnik (Russia), Staff report, 2016 08 18

Washington - The entire US intelligence assessment apparatus has been undermined by a pervasive culture of providing the country's military and political leaders with false and misleading conclusions that they want to hear, retired Canadian diplomat Patrick Armstrong told Sputnik. US Central Command (CENTCOM) is investigating a US House of Representatives Joint Task Force report that alleges the command manipulated intelligence on the fight against the Daesh terrorist group, CENTCOM spokesperson Kyle Raines told Sputnik on August 11. "The entire government structure in the United States has been completely corrupted, over time but especially during the Obama administration," Armstrong, a specialist on the Soviet Union and Russia who previously served as political counsellor in the Canadian Embassy in Moscow, said on Wednesday. The investigation has aroused concern among senior US political figures. Last week, US Senator Kelly Ayotte said that CENTCOM officials must be held accountable for manipulating intelligence about the coalition's efforts to defeat and destroy the Islamic State. Armstrong said CENTCOM's misleadingly optimistic assessments about the success of the US strategy were expressions of an intelligence culture that ignored and harshly punished dissidents and honest, independent assessments.

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32. Anjem Choudary's wife now faces police probe

London Daily Telegraph, Staff report, 2016 08 17

London - Anjem Choudary's wife is being investigated over allegations she has been running an extremist female cell in east London. The 42-year-old mother of five was caught on camera apparently praising Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Isil) as she preached to Muslim mothers and young children at a secretive meeting. Rubana Akhtar, who is the self-declared leader of the women's wing of her husband's banned al- Mouhajiroun (ALM) movement, was also recorded apparently making anti-Semitic remarks, including referring to "filthy Jews" at one point. Going by the name Umm Luqman, she delivered a weekly two hour lecture to a group of female followers in London touching of many of her husband's favourite topics.

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33. Cautious support for spying reforms

New Zealand Herald, Isaac Davison, 2016 08 18

Auckland--The Human Rights Commission has given cautious support to the Government's spying reforms. However, the human rights watchdog says it is concerned about the broad definition of national security in the legislation, which will come before Parliament tomorrow. Chief commissioner David Rutherford said today that the proposed changes to laws governing the Security Intelligence Service (SIS) and the Government Communication Security Bureau (GCSB) addressed concerns the commission had previously raised about the agencies. These concerns included stronger authorisation for spying warrants, greater oversight of the agencies, and strengthened requirements regarding compliance with human rights law. Rutherford said the proposed changes were "a significant improvement" but there were aspects of the bill which were still a concern. "Chief among these is the definition of national security," he said.

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34. National Security must come firm in any China deal

The Australian, Greg Sheridan, 2016 08 18

Column: The Turnbull government made exactly the right decision in rejecting proposed Chinese bids for majority ownership of the NSW poles and wires company Ausgrid, and it did so in substantially the right way. There is no reputational damage to Australia in this at all. Most, not all, of the criticism of both the decision and the process has been wildly overblown and demonstrates a lack of understanding of the national security issues involved or the reality of Chinese foreign investments and strategic policy. There are three positions open to a government. Either the Chinese can invest in any Australian infrastructure, in which case our national security would be hopelessly compromised. Or they can invest in no Australian infrastructure. This would be a very controversial and discriminatory policy, hard to justify and cost some otherwise welcome investment. Or there is reality, that difficult and sensitive cases must be exhaustively evaluated case by case. The Ausgrid rejection by Scott Morrison was on

national security grounds. This was the unanimous recommendation of every relevant national security agency and the unanimous view of every member of the Foreign Investment Review Board. Calls for greater transparency are utterly ridiculous. Name the nation that publishes the most sensitive vulnerabilities and secrets of its critical national infrastructure.

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35. NBN reveals Ausgrid towers used to carry its cables

The Australian, Annabel Hepworth and Andrew White, 2016 08 18

Sydney--Ausgrid, the NSW electricity network operator at the centre of a surprise foreign investment rejection on national security grounds, is carrying cables on behalf of the National Broadband Network, as well as leasing its own cables to telecoms operators. After bids from State Grid Corp of China and Cheung Kong Infrastructure were rejected by Scott Morrison last week on national security grounds, the NBN confirmed that it used Ausgrid towers carrying power lines to run cables as part of its network in NSW. The NBN was the centre of an earlier row over national security when Chinese equipment manufacturer Huawei was blocked from supplying the multi-billion-dollar network being built by the federal government. The Treasurer has declined to explain the national security concerns over the Ausgrid bidders, throwing the bids into chaos ahead of a Friday deadline for the bidders to respond and try to keep their bids alive.

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36. Preachers guilty of recruiting for IS (Canada)

Sydney Morning Herald, Nick Miller, 2016 08 18

London--Two radical British preachers convicted of inciting support for Islamic State had been in contact with a Blackburn teenager who plotted an attack on a Melbourne Anzac Day parade last year, Fairfax can reveal. The preachers were part of a wider network of radicals who at the time were focused on recruitment of vulnerable, impressionable youths, and indoctrinating them in hatred of the West and loyalty to IS. Anjem Choudary, 49, and Mohammed Mizanur Rahman, 33, were found guilty of encouraging support for a terrorist organisation at the Old Bailey on July 28, with reporting restrictions on the convictions lifted on Tuesday. "Choudary and Rahman are believed to have been recruiters and radicalisers for over 20 years," the Metropolitan Police said. A psychologist, Dr Tim Diggie, said the teen's online contact with IS sympathisers had the effect of "normalising extremist views justifying violent behaviour". The boy had also been in contact with Aaron Driver - a Canadian, 24, who died last week in Ontario after a confrontation with police in which he was shot. Driver had made a martyrdom video.

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37. Sydney siege inquest: Andrew Scipione denies saying storming Lindt Cafe should be last resort

ABC (Australia), 2016 08 18

Sydney--NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione tells an inquest he did not advise the police operational commander during the Sydney siege that storming the Lindt Cafe should be a last resort. NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione has denied telling the police operational commander during the Sydney siege that storming the Lindt Cafe should be a last resort. The Commissioner appeared at the inquest into the deaths of three people, during the siege at Sydney's Martin Place in December 2014. He told the hearing he did not overstep his executive role and interfere with operational matters. Commissioner Scipione said he did not tell Assistant Commissioner Mark Jenkins the police deliberate action plan to stop the siege, which was essentially storming the cafe, should be a "last resort". "I wouldn't be telling Jenkins that DA [deliberate action] was a last resort. That's not my responsibility. That's not my role," he said.

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38. Chances of military takeover in Pakistan remote: US experts

Pakistan Dawn, Staff Correspondent, 2016 08 18

Washington - The chances of a sudden change of government in Pakistan are remote as the military is not prepared to bring down the civilian set-up, says Ambassador Robin Raphel. The former US assistant secretary of state for South Asia was among half a dozen American scholars - - and a Pakistani journalist -- who analysed the current political situation in Pakistan at a recent seminar in Washington. The speakers highlighted different weaknesses and strengths in the current political set-up and its relations with the country's powerful military establishment. All agreed that the military would retain its 'dominating influence' over the civilian set-up but would not bring it down. "The military does not want snap elections," said Ms Raphel, a respected Pakistan sympathiser in Washington who recently faced an FBI investigation for her alleged friendly relations with Pakistani diplomats. In June, she was cleared of charges and allowed to resume her work as an expert on South Asian affairs.

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39. FO takes Indian intelligence agencies to task in latest statement

The International News, 2016 08 18

Islamabad - The spokesperson for the Foreign Office on Thursday slammed Indian intelligence agencies and blamed them for targeting Pakistanis with their destructive activities. In a series of statements, the Foreign Office claimed that alleged RAW agent Kalbhushan Yadav and his network was involved in carrying out subversive activities in Pakistan. "Kalbhushan and his network was involved in spreading terrorism and destabilizing activities in Karachi and Balochistan," said the spokesperson. "Pakistani people are a victim of Indian intelligence agencies' subversive activities," he added. The Foreign Office also slammed Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent address by stating that it was an unsuccessful attempt to hide the Indian atrocities and acts of injustice in occupied Kashmir.

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40. Paktika intelligence officer survives gun attack

Pajhwok Afghan News, Rahim Khan Khoshal, 2016 08 18

Sharana - A senior intelligence official escaped unhurt in a Taliban gun attack and two militants were killed in return fire in southern Paktika province on Wednesday, an official said. Provincial deputy police chief Abdul Rauf Masood told Pajhwok Afghan News the Paktika urban National Directorate of Security (NDS) manager, Mohammad Ibrahim, came under attack from militants in the center of Yusafkhel district this morning. Ibrahim escaped unhurt, while two Taliban attackers were killed and a third wounded in counterattack, he said. Bakht Mohammad, a resident of Yusafkhel district, also said two Taliban fighters attacked Ibrahim in the district bazaar around 9am. "Taliban in broad daylight ambushed the urban NDS manager in the district bazaar, but he survived and two attackers were killed in retaliatory firing," he said.

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41. Regional spy-networks behind unrest in Helmand

Pajhwok Afghan News, Zainullah Stanikzai, 2016 08 18

Lashkargha - Regional intelligence networks have been tasked to support Taliban capture some areas of southern Helmand province to sabotage government development programmes, an official claimed on Thursday. Governor Hayatullah Hayat said this during a gathering marking Afghanistan's 97th Independence Day here. He said the Taliban planned to capture most parts of Helmand province and establish their networks here. According to the governor the insurgents staged strong attacks in the last couple of weeks but were pushed back by security forces. He claimed Pakistan wanted to transfer the Quetta Shura here to Helmand province so that from one side the province would become the Taliban hub and from another side Islamabad would no more face the criticism for being supportive of Taliban and host of the Taliban Quetta Shura.

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42. Six jeunes tunisiens dont un présumé terroriste arrêtés en Tunisie

Pan African News Agency, Journaliste maison, 2016 08 17

Tunis, Tunisie - Six jeunes tunisiens, âgés entre 23 et 33 ans, impliqués dans une tentative de migration clandestine à partir des côtes de l'île de Kerkena, dans le sud-est de la Tunisie, en direction de l'Italie, ont été arrêtés, a annoncé mercredi une source sécuritaire tunisienne. Parmi ces jeunes figurent un élément présumé terroriste recherché par la justice pour appartenance à une organisation présumée terroriste et un agent de la sécurité licencié, a ajouté la même source. Les forces de sécurité ont pu identifier le présumé terroriste qualifié de "dangereux" qui s'est présenté avec des documents falsifiés. Les agents de la garde nationale tunisienne ont par ailleurs déjoué tôt mercredi une tentative clandestine de naviguer depuis les côtes de Kerkena vers l'Italie avec l'arrestation de quatre personnes dont 3 Tunisiens et 1 Algérien, a-t-on indiqué de source sécuritaire.

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43. U.N. Wants to Know Why Peacekeepers Did Not Stop Violence in South Sudan

New York Times, Rick Gladstone, 2016 08 18

New York - Alarmed over attacks that included the rapes and beatings of foreign aid workers by soldiers in South Sudan's capital last month, the United Nations secretary general has ordered an inquiry into why the organization's peacekeepers failed to stop the violence, his spokesman said on Wednesday. The inquiry by an outside and independent panel will focus on a July 11 attack at the Terrain hotel complex in the capital, Juba. One person was killed and several civilians were raped and beaten in the attack, said Farhan Haq, the spokesman for the secretary general, Ban Ki-moon. Mr. Haq, reading from a statement, also said Mr. Ban was concerned over allegations that forces of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan, the peacekeeping operation known as Unmiss, "did not respond appropriately to prevent this and other grave cases of sexual violence committed in Juba." The spokesman said the panel's goal would be "to determine the circumstances surrounding these incidents and to evaluate the Mission's overall response."

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44. 'Coup' call renewed from Canada

Phnom Penh Post, Touch Sokha, 2016 08 18

Nompen - A former soldier living in Canada who last month called on the armed forces to turn against the government renewed that call in a video posted yesterday, warning the government that it had 30 days to release jailed opposition members and rights workers or face the wrath of the armed forces. Som Sovanara - a member of the dissident Khmer National Liberation Front, which bills itself as non-violent, but has been labelled a terrorist organisation by the prime minister - received asylum in Canada after fleeing Cambodia in 2013. In the video, Sovanara repeats his call to the armed forces to "be ready to go against the authoritarian leadership of the CPP, Hun Sen and Yuon communists", using a word for the Vietnamese considered derogatory by many. He also goes on to demand the government release jailed opposition members, human rights activists and KNLN members within 30 days, and release CCTV footage of political analyst Kem Ley's murder.

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45. 2nd Indonesia sailor flees Abu Sayyaf captors in Philippines (Canada).

Associated Press, Teresa Cerojano, 2016 08 18

Manila - A second Indonesian sailor escaped from Abu Sayyaf militants in the southern Philippines on the same day his colleague swam to freedom after almost two months in captivity, officials said Thursday. Ismail, the chief officer of a tugboat whose seven crewmen were abducted near Philippine waters in June, was recovered by troops Wednesday along a road in southern Jolo Island's Luuk town, said Maj. Filemon Tan, a regional military spokesman. "Military troops were scouring the area looking for other Indonesian hostages when they found Ismail, who identified himself to the military as a kidnap victim," Tan said. The Philippines says it has stepped up a military offensive against the militants, who earlier this year beheaded two Canadian hostages. Washington and Manila list the Abu Sayyaf, which has more than 400 fighters, as a terrorist organization.

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46. 60 terrorists sneaked into J&K during unrest

Times of India, Saleem Pandit, 2016 08 18

Srinagar - Taking advantage of the ongoing unrest in the valley, terrorists in north Kashmir's Kupwara and Uri sectors have sneaked into central as well as south Kashmir, sources told TOI. Armed terrorists are believed to be travelling from one part of the valley to another after infiltrating into the Indian side in the days since the unrest began following the killing of Hizb commander Burhan Wani on July 8, said a senior Intelligence officer. On Wednesday at around 3 am Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists ambushed a security convoy in Kashmir, killing three personnel in Baramulla in an escalation of violence that officials blame on separatist protests that have hamstrung forces for more than a month. "Two soldiers and a police constable died in the attack on the convoy," SSP Baramulla Imtiyaz Hussain told reporters. Hizb claimed responsibility for the attack on the Army convoy in Baramulla.

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47. How JMB evolved to 'Neo JMB' (Canada).

BDNews24, Suliman Niloy, 2016 08 18

Dhaka - That changed when they carried out synchronised bomb explosions in 63 of the country's 64 districts on Aug 17, 2005. The government refused to accept their existence immediately, but had little choice when they surfaced in name of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB). After four militant organisations, including JMB were banned and many of their leaders hanged, the law enforcing agencies got complacent, imagining they had wiped out militancy. In 2013, the Islamist militants resurfaced with some vigour, attacking 'apostate bloggers' in the wake of the Shahbagh movement demanding maximum punishment for 1971 war criminals. Since 2014, Bangladesh has witnessed targeted attacks on writers, online activists, publishers, Hindu and Christian priests, foreigners and members of Shia community. But it is only after the Jul 1, 2016 Gulshan cafe attack that intelligence agencies admitted the rise of a 'Neo-JMB' led by Tamim Chowdhury, a Canadian-Bangladeshi.

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48. La Chine prend de l'avance dans le cryptage des communications

Le Monde, Harold Thibault avec David Larousserie, 2016 08 18

Pékin - L'envoi réussi d'un satellite " quantique " permettra à Pékin de tester une technologie destinée à un usage commercial et militaire La Chine a pris une longueur d'avance dans la maîtrise des technologies de cryptage en lançant, mardi 16 août, un satellite de communication quantique. Pékin se démarque ainsi en mettant à l'essai, au niveau spatial, une technique de transmission de clés d'encodage réputée inviolable, fondée sur les lois de la physique quantique. Le projet est suivi de près par les physiciens mais aussi par les militaires. Une fusée Longue Marche 2-D tirée mardi à 1 h 40 de la base de Jiuquan, dans le désert de Gobi, a placé en orbite un satellite d'expérimentation quantique à échelle spatiale (Quess, selon l'acronyme anglais). Egalement surnommé Mozi, du nom du philosophe et scientifique chinois du Ve siècle avant J.-C., il permettra, sur une mission de deux ans, de tester l'envoi de clés hypersécurisées. " De tels moyens en disent long sur les ambitions de la Chine. Elle n'hésite pas à investir des sommes colossales dans ces recherches ", commente Hoi Kwong Lo, chercheur en cryptographie quantique à l'université de Toronto (Canada). La recherche quantique est l'une des priorités du treizième plan quinquennal, feuille de route présentée en mars et qui guidera l'économie chinoise jusqu'à la fin 2020.

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49. N.K. diplomat defector, wife from highly privileged families: source

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 08 18

Seoul--A top North Korean diplomat and his wife who defected to South Korea come from privileged backgrounds as they are descendants of prominent guerrillas who fought against Japanese colonialists in the 1930s, a source familiar with the matter said Thursday. Thae Yong-ho, who served as minister at North Korea's embassy in London, is believed to be the son of late four-star general Thae Pyong-ryol who actively took part in the anti- Japanese campaign, led by North Korea's late founder Kim Il-sung, according to the source. The North's diplomat Thae, his wife and children have recently defected to South Korea, making him one of the highest-level North Koreans to desert the repressive regime, South Korea's unification ministry said Wednesday. As minister, he was the No. 2 man at the diplomatic mission there. "A North Korean diplomat usually works in overseas missions for three years, but Thae had worked in London for 10 years, mainly because of his good family ties," the source said.

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50. N.K. leader orders tighter surveillance to prevent defection: source

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 08 18

Seoul--North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has sent security agents overseas to monitor government officials and business personnel following the high-profile defection of a senior diplomat, a source familiar with the regime said Thursday. The leader has also ordered the execution of those who failed to prevent the recent defections, claimed the source, who declined to be identified, adding anti-aircraft machine guns were used to kill the condemned. He said Kim

has ordered North Korean diplomatic missions and overseas restaurants to root out even the slightest chance of people leaving their posts without permission. "Kim has threatened an immediate pullout of overseas business operations that fail to perform," the source said, adding that he has ordered tighter crackdowns on North Koreans watching smuggled DVDs of South Korean dramas and other programs.

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51. NK diplomat's defection blow to Kim regime

Korea Herald, 2016 08 18

Seoul--A high-ranking North Korean diplomat's recent defection to the South is expected to have a substantial impact on the Kim Jong-un leadership, but local experts said it may be a stretch to see it as an omen of Pyongyang's downfall. Seoul's Unification Ministry on Wednesday announced Thae Yong-ho, a minister based in London, has come to South Korea with his family and is under protection. Thae's defection is the latest in the recent string of defections by the North's elite group. The North Korean Embassy in London where Thae Yong-ho had worked (Yonhap)Local media, citing sources, has reported that Thae and his wife are both descendants of guerillas who fought against Japanese colonialists in the 1930s, which would make them members of highly-privileged families. According to the source, Thae's family ties had allowed him to work in overseas missions for 10 years, instead of the conventional three. Experts say Thae's defection is likely to have a significant impact on Kim's regime, as sources have said that the young leader has "become enraged" and has ordered families of overseas officials to return to North Korea. Thae Yong-ho during an interview in 2004 (Yonhap)Kim Yong-hyun, a professor of North Korean studies at Seoul's Dongguk University, said that the regime's unstable nature may have contributed in some part to the defection, along with recent sanctions. "(The impact) is mostly psychological. The very fact that a high-ranking diplomat has defected deals a blow to the Kim regime, which is barely hanging on amid international sanctions and pressure," He said.

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52. North Korean Diplomat, Who Embraced London, Defects

New York Times, Choe Sang-Hun, Rick Gladstone, 2016 08 18

Seoul - He enjoyed a bit of tennis at the local club. He indulged in curry at an Indian restaurant in the west London neighborhood where he lived. As the No. 2 North Korean diplomat in Britain, he chaperoned a brother of his country's reclusive leader to an Eric Clapton concert last year. The diplomat, Thae Yong-ho, 55, seemed to embrace the trappings of a comfortable life in a capitalist capital thousands of miles from dreary North Korea, never hinting at disloyalty. He had lived in London for a decade, trusted because of his family's impeccable legacy in North Korean history. So it was a shock on Wednesday when South Korea announced that Mr. Thae had betrayed his hermetic homeland by becoming the most senior North Korean official to defect in nearly two decades. How and when the diplomat had eluded his colleagues at the North Korean Embassy, who are required to monitor one another to thwart treason, was not clear. But a South Korean government spokesman, Jeong Joon-hee, said at a news conference that the diplomat had arrived recently in South Korea with his wife and family, proclaiming

disillusionment with the increasingly isolated government of the North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un. Mr. Jeong did not specify how many family members had accompanied Mr. Thae or whether any remained in North Korea, where they could be at risk of reprisal. Nor did he explain the route taken by Mr. Thae, second in rank to Ambassador Hyon Hak-bong in London.

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53. Sayyaf threatens to behead hostage; Indonesian escapes (Canada).

Manila Times, Al Jacinto, 2016 08 18

Zamboanga City - Suspected Abu Sayyaf militants have threatened to behead a young Filipino man they had kidnapped in the southern province of Sulu if their ransom demand is not paid. This developed as an Indonesian tugboat crew member who was set for execution by the Abu Sayyaf escaped Wednesday and was rescued by villagers in a coastal town in Sulu. The militants are demanding P1 million in exchange for the life of Patrick James Almodovar, who is in his early 20s, or they will kill him on August 24. In a video clip released by the Abu Sayyaf, Almodovar appealed to the government to save his life and pay the ransom. Speaking in the Tausug dialect, he begged Governor Totoh Tan and Jolo Mayor Kerkar Tan to pay the Abu Sayyaf despite the strict no-ransom policy of the government. The militant group has beheaded a Malaysian man and two Canadian hostages in Sulu after their family failed to pay ransom money.

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54. Terrorist convict Abu Bakar Ba'asyir gets 3-month sentence cut

Jakarta Post, News Desk, 2016 08 18

Jakarta - Terrorist convict Abu Bakar Ba'asyir gets 3-month sentence cut Radical Islamic cleric Abu Bakar Ba'asyir (center) waves at supporters after his appeal hearing at the Cilacap District Court in Central Java on Jan. 12. The Supreme Court rejected his appeal. Convicted terrorist leader Abu Bakar Ba'asyir was given a three-month sentence reduction on Independence Day, an official said on Wednesday. "This is the second year he [Ba'asyir] has been granted an Independence Day remission," said the corrections office chief of the West Java Justice and Human Rights Agency, Agus Toyib, in Bandung, West Java, as reported by Antara news agency. Ba'asyir, the spiritual leader of Islamic organization Jamaah Ansharut Tauhid (JAT), was sentenced to 15 years in prison in 2011 after the South Jakarta District Court declared him guilty of funding a military training camp for a terrorist group in Aceh.

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55. Cyberespionnage Un oeil pour les espionner tous

L'Humanité, Pierric Marissal, 2016 08 18

Moscou - Sauron, l'outil de cyberespionnage le plus ingénieux jamais conçu, est actif depuis juin 2011. Son existence vient d'être mise au jour. Le 30 juillet dernier, le FSB, le service de renseignements de Moscou, a reconnu que pas moins de vingt systèmes informatiques gouvernementaux, militaires et scientifiques russes ont été infiltrés par un cyberespion. Ce programme dont les spécificités ont été publiées mardi dernier est nommé comme le méchant du Seigneur des anneaux, représenté par un menaçant oeil cerclé de flammes : Sauron. Parfaitement camouflé, cet espion a pu se fondre pendant des années - les premières infections découvertes datent de l'été 2011 - au coeur des réseaux les plus stratégiques. Sauron a espionné aussi en Iran et au Rwanda, au sein d'une ambassade à Bruxelles. Touchées aussi, des entreprises de télécommunication et une compagnie aérienne chinoise. « Et on n'a découvert que le sommet de l'iceberg », reconnaissent dans leur rapport les chercheurs de la société de sécurité informatique russe Kaspersky. Lorsque le cyberespion s'est niché, il se développe et crée son propre écosystème camouflé « On était vraiment très excités », raconte à l'Humanité Orla Cox, qui dirige le département de recherche en sécurité de Symantec, entreprise qui a débusqué le programme chez l'un de ses clients stratégiques, en octobre dernier. « Ces découvertes-là, on en fait à peine une fois par an. »

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56. Iran, Syria, Russia Use Military, Intelligence Capacities to Fight against Terrorism

Fars News Agency, 2016 08 18

Tehran - Spokesman of Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) Keivan Khosravi underlined anti-terrorism cooperation among Tehran, Damascus and Moscow, adding that they will use all their capacities to this end. "Cooperation among Iran, Russia, Syria and the resistance front against the Takfiri terrorist stream has been underway for some time and continues growingly," Khosravi said on Tuesday. Noting that the three countries' high- ranking political, security and military officials have held several meetings to increase cooperation within the framework of their common interests, he said, "The military intelligence, commandship, training and territorial capacities of the member states have been devoted to this cooperation." Khosravi added that given the progress and victories gained in the battle field of war against the terrorist groups, decisions are made to exchange the aforementioned capacities.

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57. Analysts expect escalation in Yemen violence

Gulf News, Jumana Al Tamimi, 2016 08 18

Dubai - Iran-backed Al Houthi militias and forces loyal to former president Ali Abdullah Saleh used peace talks in Kuwait to regroup themselves and prepare for more fierce battles in Yemen, analysts have said. While the internationally-recognised Yemeni government of Abd Rabbo Mansour Hadi offered some concession during the talks, Al Houthis and their allies refrained

from showing any intention to reach a peaceful settlement, analysts added. "When Al Houthis went to the talks, they had in mind of buying time and distracting the international community and the Arab coalition in their efforts to find a serious solution," said Fadel Al Rubei, a Yemeni political analyst based in Aden. "When Al Houthis went to the talks, they were planning to regroup themselves and reinforce their positions on the ground," he added to Gulf News. The Kuwait talks, which started in April with the aim of finding a peaceful end to the Yemeni civil war, broke down on July 7.

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58. How the Islamic State Seized a Chemical Weapons Stockpile

Foreign Policy, Harald Doornbos, Jenan Moussa, 2016 08 17

Washington - Abu Ahmed told us how the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS) came to acquire some of the world's most fearsome weapons, which were claimed as spoils of war from Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's forces months before its creation. Roughly four months before the split between the Nusra Front and ISIS, in December 2012, dozens of Syrian jihadi fighters climbed a hill toward Regiment 111 -- a large army base near the town of Darat Izza, in northern Syria. That town had been taken roughly five months earlier by a coalition of rebel groups. But while they had besieged Regiment 111 since the summer of 2012, they still had not succeeded in capturing the base from the troops loyal to President Assad. The weather had turned bad in winter, however, making it more difficult for the Syrian Air Force to hold off the rebels with airstrikes. Moreover, the base was huge, sprawling over almost 500 acres, and difficult to protect from all approaches. Syrian Army soldiers inside Regiment 111 successfully defended their base during the first rebel attack in early November 2012, killing 18 Nusra fighters in the process. But the cold December wind only fortified the rebels' resolve. The base was a goldmine: home to guns, artillery, ammunition, and vehicles. And deep inside Regiment 111's bunkers lay something even more valuable -- a cache of chemical weapons.

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59. Liberation of Sana'a Continues, Russia Rejects 'Political Council'

Asharq Al-Awsat, Arafat Madabish and Abdul Hadi Habtoor, 2016 08 18

Aden, Riyadh - Yemen's Vice President and Army Deputy Chief Commander, Lieutenant General Ali Mohsen Al Ahmar, is finalizing the battle to liberate the capital Sana'a within the framework of a military operation that was launched last week. Well-informed sources said that Ahmar was mobilizing tribes located around the capital to fight with the national army. The sources also said that the Yemeni vice president has held important meetings and (secret) talks with security and military leaders, as well as tribal sheikhs and political leaders from the General People's Congress, who were supporting the rebels in Sana'a and Omran. The sources, however, declined to reveal the names of those who have recently joined the legitimate forces. In the same context, Chargé d'Affaires of the Russian Embassy in Yemen Oleg Dremov rejected recent media reports that Russia could officially announce its support to the rebels' political council.

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60. Russia defies U.S. with second day of strikes

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 08 18

Moscow/Beirut - Russia launched a second day of airstrikes against Syrian militants from an Iranian air base, rejecting U.S. suggestions its cooperation with Tehran might violate a U.N. resolution as illogical and factually incorrect. State Department spokesman Mark Toner Tuesday called the Iranian deployment "unfortunate," saying the United States was looking into whether the move violated U.N. Security Council Resolution 2231, which prohibits the supply, sale and transfer of combat aircraft to Iran. Russia bristled at those comments Wednesday after announcing that Russian SU-34 fighter bombers flying from Iran's Hamadan air base had for a second day struck Daesh (ISIS) targets in Syria's Deir al-Zor province, destroying two command posts and killing more than 150 militants. "It's not our practice to give advice to the leadership of the U.S. State Department," Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said in a statement.

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61. U.S. Military and Lebanese Army Conclude Joint Military Exercise

Naharnet Newsdesk, 2016 08 18

Beirut - The Lebanese Army and the United States armed forces concluded an annual bilateral military exercise Wednesday, the U.S. Embassy in Beirut said. The nine-day combined exercise, dubbed "Resolute Response 2016," began on Aug. 8, at the Jounieh Naval Base and included land and sea drills, the U.S. Embassy statement said. The U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army and the Lebanese Army completed activities that included explosives disposal, diving exercises, and maritime board, search, and seizure procedures, it added. Resolute Response is one of more than 60 military exercises U.S. Central Command conducts with its partner nations each year. This particular exercise was part of a routine theater security cooperation engagement plan, with the primary focus of reassuring regional nations of the United States' commitment to security and stability, the embassy said. It also provided an opportunity for the U.S. Military to train their Lebanese counterparts.

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Others • Autres

62. UN experts: Extremists foiling governments with encryption

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 08 18

The United Nations - Increasing numbers of foreign fighters for the Islamic State group and al-Qaida are returning home, potentially to carry out attacks, and are using the "dark web" or encrypted messaging that the most sophisticated intelligence agencies can't penetrate, U.N. experts said in a report circulated Wednesday. The experts monitoring sanctions against the extremist groups said governments highlighted the challenge to national security from the communication methods being used by these "foreign terrorist fighters" and people being radicalized at home who need to be monitored and investigated. They said the rise in the use of the "dark web" -- a collection of thousands of websites which use tools to maintain anonymity --

and especially encrypted messaging "has closed off the ability of even the most sophisticated agencies to penetrate huge quantities of messages." The result, the experts said, is that governments are "potentially losing much of their previous technological advantage over terror groups."

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63. 2 Car Bombs in Eastern Turkey Kill 6, Wound at Least 219

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 08 18

Ankara - Two car bombings targeted police stations in Turkey, killing at least six people and wounding 219 others, officials said Thursday. A car bombing attack on a police station in the eastern province of Van late Wednesday killed a police officer and two civilians. At least 73 other people -- 53 civilians and 20 police officers -- were wounded, officials said. Authorities blamed that attack on the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, which has launched a campaign of car bombings targeting police stations or roadside bomb attacks on police vehicles. Last week, PKK commander Cemil Bayik threatened increased attacks against police in Turkish cities. Hours later, another car bombing hit police headquarters in the eastern Turkish city of Elazig early Thursday, killing at least three police office officers and wounding 146 other people, Gov. Murat Zorluoglu said. At least 14 of them were in serious condition. Mahmut Varol, the deputy mayor for Elazig, told Haber Turk television that the explosion occurred on the grounds of the police headquarters and caused cars parked nearby to catch fire.

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64. A window on key target of 'witch hunt' in Turkey

Los Angeles Times, Umar Farooq, 2016 08 18

Unidentified placeline - For much of the last month, in squares across Turkey, hundreds of thousands gathered for a "democracy watch" -- part celebration of the failure of a coup attempt that killed hundreds, and part an expression of determination to find and punish those responsible. But not everyone poured into the streets. "It's right to be proud of what is achieved against the failed coup and traitors," said Orhan, a middle-aged teacher from Istanbul who asked that his full name not be used for his safety. "But on the other hand, a witch hunt started, and looking at my friends now I feel like a Jew under Hitler's rule." Orhan belongs to Hizmet, a movement of millions of Turks inspired by the teachings of Fethullah Gulen, a 75-year-old cleric living in exile in Pennsylvania. Although Gulen's public teachings center on a moderate form of Sufi Islam, his critics say he is the head of a cult that has masked a plan to infiltrate much of Turkey's government and military infrastructure. The Turkish government this month formally asked the U.S. to arrest and extradite Gulen, alleging he used followers in the military to engineer an uprising that threatened to plunge the country back into the cycle of military intervention that has beset the nation since 1960.

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65. German Who Plotted to Bomb U.S. Targets in Europe Gets Out of Prison Early

New York Times, Sewell Chan, 2016 08 18

Berlin - A German man who trained in Pakistan with an offshoot of Al Qaeda and confessed in 2009 to plotting to bomb American targets in Germany was released from prison this week. The decision to grant early release to the leader of the plot, Fritz Gelowicz, comes as the country grapples with the aftershocks of two recent attacks in Bavaria by people claiming loyalty to the Islamic State. Mr. Gelowicz, 36, was sentenced in 2010 to 12 years in prison. Counting time served before his sentencing, he had been in prison for nearly nine years and was eligible for early release based on good behavior and because he was no longer deemed to be a danger, according to Andreas Vitek, a spokesman for the Düsseldorf Higher Regional Court. Mr. Gelowicz will have to report regularly to a probation officer. The court in Düsseldorf released Mr. Gelowicz on Monday, but the decision did not receive widespread attention until Wednesday, after his defense lawyer, Dirk Uden, wrote about it on his website.

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66. L'inquiétant retour des jihadistes de Syrie

La Dépêche du Midi (Toulouse), Journaliste maison, 2016 08 18

Paris - Avec l'effondrement progressif du califat instauré par l'État Islamique (EI), une problématique épineuse émerge sur les radars des différents acteurs politiques et sécuritaires : celle du retour au pays des Français engagés dans les rangs de l'organisation terroriste. D'autant que l'Hexagone avance le contingent de combattants le plus fourni d'Europe avec 645 adultes présents en Syrie et en Irak dont 245 femmes, selon les chiffres de Patrick Calvar, patron de la DGSI. « Pour assurer notre sécurité, nous devons nous occuper des vétérans. Il ne faudra pas perdre de vue que parmi eux, il y aura des terroristes très aguerris mais aussi des gens relevant d'ores et déjà de la psychiatrie et dont nous ne savons pas ce qu'ils vont devenir », avait pointé le patron du renseignement lors de la présentation de son rapport le 24 mai devant le Parlement, rappelant au passage que « le phénomène des vétérans d'Afghanistan avait donné le GIA en Algérie et les attentats de 1995 en France ». Des vétérans capables de passer à l'acte à l'instar Abdelhamid Abaaoud, l'un des cerveaux des attentats du 13 novembre, exemple le plus éloquent de terroriste ayant mis à profit son « expérience » militaire pour frapper sur le sol national. Mais les Français ne seront pas les seuls dangers potentiels à la fin de la guerre. « Beaucoup de Tunisiens, un peu moins de Marocains et d'Algériens » présents en Syrie « ont la capacité de venir très facilement sur notre territoire et la plupart sont francophones », a prévenu M. Calvar.

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67. Signalé par la DGSI, un islamiste radical a été écroué

La Provence, Denis Trossero, 2016 08 18

Marseille - Vivant en foyer à Marseille, il allait sur les sites jihadistes depuis L'Alcazar II s'appelle Jean-Claude Caldora. Il a 29 ans et, il y a quelques jours, il a été écroué par le tribunal correctionnel de Marseille qui a posé sur son "cas" un regard empreint de gravité. Quelques jours plus tôt, la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) avait signalé cet individu au

parquet de Marseille en le désignant comme "un islamiste radical " consultant régulièrement les sites djihadistes faisant l'apologie du terrorisme ou incitant à la commission de tels actes. Jean-Claude Caldora était domicilié au foyer d'accueil Saint-Jean-de-Dieu de la rue de Forbin (2e) et fréquentait régulièrement la bibliothèque municipale de l'Alcazar, tout près de la Canebière (1er). L'enquête a permis d'établir qu'il s'intéressait essentiellement aux sites d'information sur le conflit en Syrie et en Irak, à des sites d'achats de vêtements et d'accessoires islamistes. Il aurait notamment fréquenté un site reprenant une publication de Alhayat, la société de médias de l'État islamiste, consacrée à la haine envers les Occidentaux et les juifs.

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68. Un radicalisé arrêté à son retour de Turquie

Le Temps (Suisse), Laure Lugon Zugravu, 2016 08 18

Zurich - Un deuxième Genevois a été arrêté à l'aéroport de Zurich le 9 août dernier. Placé en détention préventive, l'homme de 29 ans est accusé d'être en lien avec une organisation terroriste Et de deux. Un second Genevois aspirant djihadiste de 29 ans a été arrêté à son retour de Turquie, a appris la Tribune de Genève. Le 9 août dernier, H., à la double nationalité suisse et tunisienne, a été appréhendé à l'aéroport de Zurich, avec la collaboration de l'Office fédéral de la police (Fedpol). Placé en détention préventive, il est accusé d'être en lien avec une organisation terroriste. Il serait le onzième cas référencé en Suisse et le second du genre touchant le canton, relève le quotidien. « Cette arrestation est intervenue dans le cadre d'une enquête pénale que le Ministère public de la Confédération (MPC) avait ouverte le 19 février 2016, explique Linda von Burg, au service communication du MPC. Dans le cadre de cette enquête, un Suisse romand de 21 ans avait déjà été arrêté le 8 juin dernier à son retour à l'aéroport de Zurich et placé en détention préventive. » Le jeune homme revenait de Turquie, comme son ami H. « Il est reproché aux deux prévenus d'avoir violé l'art. 2 de la loi fédérale interdisant les groupes Al-Qaida et Etat islamique et les organisations apparentées.

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1. Parole Board extends day parole for Saad Gaya, member of Toronto 18

Canadian Press, Diana Mehta, 2016 08 31

Toronto - A man who pleaded guilty to participating in a plot to bomb targets in Toronto has had his day parole extended as the Parole Board of Canada found he has made a "strong beginning" to his period of conditional release. In January, Saad Gaya was initially granted six months of

day parole, with special conditions that included avoiding contact with those involved in criminal activity and a requirement to participate in religious counselling to deal with religious extremism. The board has since reviewed his case and decided to extend his day parole up until his statutory release date, which a spokeswoman said is in January 2017. Gaya, now 28, was one of the so-called Toronto 18 – a group of men and youths who were accused of plotting to bomb targets in Ontario that included the Toronto Stock Exchange, CSIS headquarters and a military base, all in protest of Canada's military involvement in Afghanistan. Eleven were ultimately convicted of terrorist offences. Gaya, a former science student at Hamilton's McMaster University, was arrested in 2006 while unloading a delivery truck filled with three tonnes of bags marked ammonium nitrate fertilizer. He was originally sentenced in 2010 to 12 years in prison, and an appeal court increased that to 18 years.

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2. Bangladesh terrorism suspect had Alberta ties, sources say

Edmonton Journal, Yolande Cole, 2016 08 30

Calgary - A Canadian accused of masterminding a deadly attack in Bangladesh last month is the latest person with ties to Calgary and extremist groups overseas. Bangladeshi police say Tamim Chowdhury was behind an attack at a Dhaka restaurant on July 1 that left more than 20 people dead. Chowdhury was one of three suspects killed by police near the Bangladesh capital over the weekend. Sources say the man spent time in Calgary and was spotted at a local prayer centre with Damian Clairmont, who died fighting alongside terrorist groups in Syria in April 2012. Clairmont's mother, Christianne Boudreau, said she felt sick to her stomach when she heard about the Dhaka attack. Reached in France, Boudreau said she had learned through George Washington University researcher Amarnath Amarasingam that Chowdhury apparently had ties to the same Calgary prayer group that her son had been a part of before going to Syria.

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3. Bring Homa home

Globe and Mail, 2016 08 31

Editorial: Homa Hoodfar, an anthropology professor at Concordia University, is being treated abominably as a pawn in Iranian politics. At this rate, she may well die from illness in a notoriously horrendous prison without having been charged or convicted of any crime. Prof. Hoodfar is a triple citizen of Canada, Iran and Ireland. She has travelled back and forth to Iran, and she appears to have had a considerably more benign view of the social and political order in Iran than most Canadians do. She has extensively studied the culture and lives of women in Iran. In 2013, President Hassan Rouhani of Iran (the equivalent of a prime minister rather than a president) appointed Shahindokht Molaverdi as deputy minister of women and family affairs. Ms. Molaverdi sounds like the sort of person that Prof. Hoodfar would approve of. Earlier this year, she visited Iran and was detained by the counterintelligence unit of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps. She was freed for a while, but not allowed to leave Iran, and then

she was moved to the horrific Evin Prison - which may be said to specialize in political prisoners. Appearances suggest that Prof. Hoodfar has been set up by the Revolutionary Guards, as if she were some sinister Western agent trying to undermine Iranian values. Surely Mr. Rouhani should stand up against the Revolutionary Guards to demand Prof. Hoodfar's freedom, even though he may have many other tasks to deal with.

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4. Canadian Taliban prisoner pleads for his family's lives

Toronto Star, Jesse Winter, 2016 08 31

Toronto - A kidnapped Canadian and his American wife have appeared in a new video pleading for their lives. Joshua Boyle and Caitlan Coleman were kidnapped by the Taliban in 2012 while on a backpacking trip in the mountains of Afghanistan. In the two-minute, 32-second video shared by SITE Intelligence group, Boyle, 33, and Coleman, 31, say that if the Afghan government doesn't stop executing Taliban prisoners, their captors will kill them and other prisoners. "They will execute us, women and children included, if the policies of the Afghan government are not overturned, either by the Afghan government or by Canada somehow, or United States," Boyle says in the video. He appears wan, with a long, unkempt beard and Coleman is seen dressed in black clothing covering everything but her face. They each speak slowly, in turn, apparently reading from a script held off camera. "Our captors are terrified at the thought of their own mortality approaching and are saying that they will take reprisals on our family," Boyle says in the video. In May, the Afghan government hanged six inmates linked to the Taliban. Coleman was pregnant when the couple was kidnapped in 2012. In November her parents received a letter telling of how she'd given birth to a second child while being held in captivity. The video is the first time she or Boyle have been seen in three years. In 2013, the couple appeared in two videos asking the U.S. government to free them from the Taliban.

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5. Ce qui cloche

La Presse+, Agnès Gruda, 2016 08 31

Chronique: En 2015, les consulats canadiens des quatre coins du monde ont traité 2 361 013 demandes pour des visas de séjour au Canada. La vaste majorité, soit 83 %, ont reçu une réponse favorable. Mais 17 % ont été rejetées. Faut-il en conclure que les témoignages cités dans mon dossier de dimanche dernier sur « La loterie des visas » ne constituent que des cas d'exception ? Et que globalement, notre système d'accueil de visiteurs occasionnels va très bien, merci ? Malheureusement, non. C'est vrai que près de 2 millions d'étrangers ont pu voyager au Canada l'an dernier, pour rendre visite à leurs proches, assister à une conférence ou simplement en touristes. Mais le système de sélection a fermé les portes du Canada à plus de 400 000 visiteurs potentiels. Parfois pour des raisons légitimes. Mais trop souvent, par un simple réflexe de méfiance, doublé d'un aveuglement bureaucratique. Car ce qui ressort avant tout des nombreux témoignages recueillis avant, mais aussi après la publication de mes articles, c'est l'aspect aléatoire, obscur et aveugle de la machine qui décide qui aura droit de fouler brièvement le sol canadien, et qui ne l'aura pas.

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6. China promises humane, lawful treatment of detained Canadian

Reuters, Ben Blanchard and Michael Martina, 2016 08 31

Beijing - Chinese Premier Li Keqiang promised on Wednesday that a Canadian man held in China for two years on suspicion of spying would be treated humanely and lawfully, but the man's family expressed frustration and called for his release. China indicted Canadian citizen Kevin Garratt in January on charges of spying and stealing state secrets. He was detained in August 2014 near China's sensitive border with reclusive North Korea. State media says Chinese authorities had found evidence that Garratt worked with Canadian espionage agencies to gather intelligence in China. China strictly regulates religious activities within its borders but China's Foreign Ministry says the case has nothing to do with Garratt's faith. Asked about Garratt, Li told a joint news conference with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Beijing that China and Canada would continue to communicate on the issue. "As for the individual case you have raised, I want to say that China is a country with rule of law and our judicial authorities will handle it in strict accordance with the law, and give the relevant case humane treatment," Li said in rare public comments by a top Chinese leader on such a touchy issue. With Trudeau by his side, Li said China would grant consular access in such cases if they involved foreigners. "For these cases, the departments of both sides will continue to remain in touch and we believe it's essential for our two countries to remove disturbances and work together to uphold the other interests of China-Canada relations."

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7. City study circle was one of terror 'clusters'

Calgary Herald, Dan Taekema, 2016 08 30

Calgary - Tamim Chowdhury was once held up as an academic example to other students at Forster Secondary School in Windsor. On Saturday he was killed in a shootout with police in Bangladesh, accused of being the mastermind behind a terrorist attack that killed at least 20 people. Pat Osborne, who was just starting out as a business teacher at the now-shuttered school when Chowdhury was a student there, said he remembered him as a "real bright kid." "Tamim was one of our highest award winners in terms of winning academic scholarships to the University of Windsor," he said. "Later on we used him as an example of a kid who worked hard and was able to receive money for university." On Saturday, police stormed a two-storey building near Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh, and killed three suspected militants, including Chowdhury. Bangladesh police chief A.K.M. Shahidul Hoque stated that Chowdhury was the mastermind behind a July 1 attack on a popular cafe and another attack on an Eid congregation on July 7 that left three dead. According to the chief, police received a tip Chowdhury was in the house. When a SWAT team raided the building they were shot at and, when the suspects failed to surrender, they were killed. Chowdhury's death has done little to answer questions about how a southern Ontario student became a suspected terrorist leader.

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8. Des efforts pour contrer l'intégrisme et l'islamophobie

La Presse+, Gabrielle Duchaine, 2016 08 31

Montréal--Au coeur du débat sur la radicalisation depuis le départ de plusieurs de ses ex-élèves vers la Syrie, le collège de Maisonneuve prend les grands moyens pour repousser l'intégrisme religieux hors de ses murs. L'établissement met en branle une série de mesures visant à promouvoir la diversité et à donner un meilleur soutien aux élèves et aux employés. Apprivoiser l'islam Les élèves du collège qui se sont radicalisés « s'étaient bricolé un islam de pacotille », déplore le professeur de sciences politiques Jean-Félix Chénier, qui organisera un atelier hebdomadaire destiné à démystifier cette religion qui compte plus de 1,6 milliard de fidèles dans le monde. M. Chénier cible autant les élèves musulmans que les autres. Par des discussions, des lectures et la venue de conférenciers experts et de Québécois musulmans « bien ancrés dans la communauté », il espère déboulonner certains préjugés, répondre aux questions que bon nombre de jeunes se posent et contrer l'islamophobie. Lors des ateliers, qui seront parascolaires et facultatifs, le thème de l'islam ne sera pas abordé de manière théologique, mais plutôt philosophique et politique. « On veut distinguer l'idéologie de la religion », explique le professeur.

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9. Harjit Sajjan wants to do homework first, then pick a UN mission later

Toronto Star, Paul Wells, 2016 08 31

Column: Harjit Sajjan's office offered me an interview with the defence minister. This was more than a week ago now, after Sajjan landed in Vancouver from a week-long visit to Africa. And if you want the truth of it I sat on the interview for days because I wasn't entirely sure what to make of it. After our conversation, Sajjan and two other ministers announced Canada will contribute 600 soldiers and \$450 million over three years, to United Nations peacekeeping. The sound of self-congratulation from some corners has been so hearty that a lot of what Sajjan told me stands as a useful corrective. Please stow, if you will, your noble image, from some half-forgotten high school social studies class, of blue-helmeted soldiers, sternly guarding a neat line between two carefully separated armies somewhere. Those days are gone and they are not coming back. "This is not the peacekeeping of the past," Sajjan told me. "There's no peace to keep. We've also made it clear that peace operations are going to be risky." Traditional peacekeeping was a relic of 19th- and early 20th-century industrial war, when massed armies would hurl themselves at one another in ways that actually made them relatively easy to separate, delineate and track. Latter-day asymmetric combat, led in many cases by ragtag groups of militants armed with a few trucks and sidearms, follows no neat lines. Civilian and paramilitary groups intermingle, as do friendly and unfriendly armies. Allegiances shift. It's hard to even know where to send the blue helmets.

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10. Iran - La famille d'Homa Hoodfar craint qu'elle meure en prison

Le Devoir, Marie-Michèle Sioui, 2016 08 31

Montréal--La famille de la Montréalaise Homa Hoodfar, emprisonnée en Iran depuis trois mois, craint que l'ex-professeure de l'Université Concordia laisse sa vie derrière les barreaux de la prison d'Evin, à Téhéran. " Le temps passe et nous avons peur qu'elle ne puisse plus endurer cette situation et, dans un tel cas, nous ne savons pas ce qui pourrait arriver... Nous ne voulons même pas penser à ce qui pourrait arriver ", a déclaré sa nièce, Amanda Ghahremani, au Devoir. Un membre de la famille de la Canado-Iranienne a pu la voir il y a quelques semaines : Homa Hoodfar rentrait alors d'un séjour à l'hôpital et était si faible qu'elle pouvait à peine marcher ou parler. " Nous n'avons pas de nouvelles depuis ", s'est inquiétée Mme Ghahremani. Tenue dans le noir par l'Iran, la famille s'est résignée à interpellier les médias pour faire bouger les choses. " On a voulu respecter le processus légal, mais nous avons vu tellement de violations des droits en Iran : ils ne lui ont pas donné accès à un avocat, à sa famille, à ses médicaments ou à un médecin indépendant qui puisse s'assurer qu'elle est en bon état ", a énuméré sa nièce.

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11. PM shows readiness to bolster ties by joining Chinese-led bank

Globe and Mail, Nathan Vanderklippe, 2016 08 31

Beijing - Signing on as member of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank a way to curry favour with Beijing, but does little to resolve the tension between Ottawa's desire to profit from China and the will among Chinese leaders to further bring Canada into their nation's economic orbit Hours after landing in Beijing, Justin Trudeau signalled Canada is ready to take the first step in a promised "reset" of its relationship with its second-largest trading partner by applying for membership in the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, a China-led institution the United States has refused to join. Canadian Finance Minister Bill Morneau is expected to meet Wednesday afternoon with Jin Liqun, the bank's president, in Beijing, at the outset of Mr. Trudeau's inaugural trip to China as Prime Minister. "We are looking very favourably at the possibility of joining," Mr. Trudeau said Tuesday after arriving in China. The AIIB is China's answer to the U.S.-dominated World Bank and the Japan-dominated Asian Development Bank. The new global financial institution is headquartered in Beijing, with China as its largest shareholder. Though it has been built as an international organization - with Western countries contributing to its governance standards and English as its language of operations - the bank, in selecting which highways, power plants and railways to fund, gives China new power to exert regional influence. Signing up is a way for Ottawa to curry favour, sending a message that it supports a project central to China's ambitions in challenging the existing world order. It will not, however, bring new wealth to Canadian corporations, since the AIIB's universal procurement policy allows any company access to project bidding, regardless of whether its home country has membership in the bank.

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12. Put Focus On Child Soldiers

Ottawa Citizen, Roméo Dallaire, 2016 08 31

Op-ed: Twenty-two years ago, I was the force commander of the UNAMIR peacekeeping mission before, during and after the Rwandan genocide. I witnessed first-hand, in one of

humanity's darkest hours, the horrific impacts of conflict and genocide. This experience has produced an unrelenting drive in me as a humanitarian to both prevent conflict and protect peace. With this experience as a backdrop, it was with immense pleasure that I recently returned from a five-country fact-finding mission to Africa with Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan and esteemed colleagues Justice Louise Arbour and Ambassador to the United Nations Marc-André Blanchard. Over a week, we reached out to the highest authorities in Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to understand how Canada can re-engage in peace support operations in the region. We undertook this trip, in the words of Minister Sajjan, to discover the ground truth about conflict. It is only through an intimate understanding of how and why conflict persists that we will be in a position to effectively contribute to its prevention. The most obvious observation, without a doubt, was the brutal fact that war has radically changed. Therefore, our tactics and approach must change also. Today, children are both the primary drivers and victims of conflicts around the globe and particularly in Africa. From Mali to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Somalia, children continue to swell the ranks of both state and non-state armies. It is in this complex and ambiguous conflict environment that Canada will eventually re-engage in peace support operations. Note: Roméo Dallaire is a retired lieutenant-general and founder of the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative.

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13. Tracking radicalized Calgarians overseas is mission of mother who lost son

CBC News, Staff reporter, 2016 08 31

The mother of a Calgary man who died in Syria fighting with ISIS is working to uncover names of other radicalized young people with links to the city. Christianne Boudreau spends a lot of time online, researching and reaching out to people, trying to connect the dots between all the young men associated with her son Damian Clairmont. She said the recent discovery of yet another Calgary connection to the group Islamic State in Iraq and Syria is certainly not the last. "We don't know all of them so we don't know for sure, we're still trying to dig up names, but it's getting so challenging because they're dying so fast," she said. Calgarian killed in Bangladesh The names of a handful of young men have surfaced in connection to Clairmont's prayer group in Calgary, including Tamim Chowdhury, who was recently killed by police in Bangladesh after allegedly orchestrating a deadly attack in a restaurant in that country's capital, Dhaka.

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14. Trudeau opens Canada's door wider to China and exploratory talks on free trade

Canadian Press, Andy Blatchford, 2016 08 31

Beijing - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has brought Canada closer to China after agreeing with the Chinese premier to deepen the countries' relationships _ and explore a possible free trade deal. After meeting with Trudeau, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang told reporters through a translator that Canada and China will launch a feasibility study on an eventual free-trade deal. A senior Canadian official later said the two countries have ongoing technical discussions on free trade, but stressed that there are no negotiations under way at this point. "This year marks 45 years of diplomatic relations between Canada and China," Trudeau said as he stood beside Li in Beijing's

Great Hall of the People, which overlooks Tiananmen Square. "My father, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, played an important role in establishing a partnership between our two countries when he was prime minister. So, I'm very happy to be extending that effort now." The countries also agreed to hold annual meetings between the Chinese premier and the Canadian prime minister on a range of issues, including national security and the rule of law. Asked if he had raised human rights concerns and the case of a jailed Canadian, Trudeau said the foundation of a good relationship is the ability to be frank and open about issues that can be worked on together. He added that he's "highlighted a number of consular cases" every time he's had the opportunity to sit down with Chinese leaders. Those cases include Kevin Garratt, a Canadian imprisoned for more than two years in China on espionage charges. Trudeau himself has indicated in the past that there's no evidence to support the accusations against Garratt. The prime minister did not say what China has told him about Garratt's case. Li insisted through a translator that China is a country of the rule of law. He said judicial authorities will handle cases in strict accordance with the law. He added that individuals will be treated in a "humanitarian way."

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15. American Is Facing Spy Trial in China, and Husband Seeks Obama's Help

New York Times, Chris Buckley, 2016 08 31

Beijing - An American businesswoman faces trial in China on spying charges dating back 20 years, including that she tried to recruit Chinese in the United States to spy against their homeland, her husband said on Tuesday. He urged President Obama to raise the case with President Xi Jinping of China at a Group of 20 summit meeting in eastern China beginning over the weekend. The businesswoman, Phan Phan-Gillis, widely known as Sandy, was indicted last month on the espionage charges after having been detained while visiting China last year. But her husband, Jeff Gillis, said he had held off revealing the indictment while new lawyers for his wife tried to come to grips with the case. "The time really is critical for Sandy, with the imminent meeting between President Obama and Xi Jinping," Mr. Gillis said by telephone from the couple's home in Houston. The prosecutors' claims against Ms. Phan-Gillis include that she spied while visiting Guangxi, a region of southern China, in 1996, he said. "Sandy is absolutely innocent," he said. "Chinese officials did not even check their own internal databases to see if Sandy was in the country then. She wasn't even in China." The indictment also charges that Ms. Phan-Gillis tried to recruit Chinese people in the United States in the late 1990s to work for a "foreign spy organization," Mr. Gillis said. He said that that allegation was also false and that trying Ms. Phan-Gillis over allegations of events two decades ago in another country defied law and common sense.

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16. American Mom Held by Afghan Militants Pleads for U.S. Help (Canada)

The Daily Beast, Shane Harris, Sami Yousafzai, 2016 08 30

Washington - An American woman held by Afghan militants along with her husband and two young sons is seen pleading for U.S. intervention in a new video obtained by The Daily Beast. The video is intended to convey a message to the governments of Afghanistan, Canada, and the United States that there will be consequences for the execution of Taliban prisoners in Afghan jails, said a member of the Haqqani network, a Taliban affiliate that is holding the family captive and made the video. Caitlan Coleman and her Canadian husband Joshua Boyle were kidnapped while hiking in Afghanistan in 2012. Their families have previously said that Caitlan gave birth to two boys while in captivity. In the new video posted online by jihadists, Coleman and Boyle each speak in turn, slowly and apparently from a script prepared by their captors. "We have been told that the Afghan government has executed some of their prisoners...and that our captors are frightened of the idea of further executions," Coleman says. "Because of their fear, they are willing to kill us, willing to kill women, and to kill children, to kill whoever in order to get these policies reversed or to take revenge." "I ask if my government can do anything to change the policies of the Afghan government to stop their policy of executing men before these men start executing their prisoners," Coleman said. In May, the Afghan government executed six Taliban members. The Haqqani source said that the video was made two to three months ago, but that it's being released now in response to Monday's ruling by an Afghan court that Anas Haqqani, the brother of the network's leader, will be executed for his role in helping to raise funds for the network. The Haqqani have conducted devastating terrorist attacks in Afghanistan, including some against U.S. forces. U.S. officials said they are aware of reports of the video and are working to free Coleman and her family. While Boyle is a Canadian citizen, U.S. officials are working to release all the family members and view the two children as American citizens. Recently, the Haqqani were close to a deal with the Canadian government to free Boyle, but he refused to return home without his wife and children, an Afghan Taliban source said.

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17. FBI Director: Americans Never Had 'Absolute Privacy'

Nextgov.com (US), Frank Konkel, 2016 08 31

Washington - FBI Director James Comey said his agency is preparing for a renewed conversation on encryption by collecting information regarding how "widespread default encryption" has affected law enforcement at the federal level. Comey said default encryption--especially on mobile devices-- in the post-Edward Snowden era has fundamentally impacted law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal levels, providing a near "absolute privacy" he argued had never occurred before in history. Comey said the FBI has been unable to collect evidence from 650 of 5,000 devices, including mobile phones and tablets, received from state and local governments this year. The FBI is tallying that data and other statistics, Comey said, for a public conversation on encryption--specifically the balance between security and privacy--sometime after the Nov. 8 election. Encryption briefly became a hot-button issue in early 2016 when tech giant Apple refused to comply with an FBI request to crack an iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino shooters.

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18. Key ISIS Officer Reported Dead in Syria's North

New York Times, Eric Schmitt, Anne Bernard, 2016 08 31

Washington - The senior Islamic State strategist Abu Muhammad al- Adnani was killed in northern Syria, the group announced on Tuesday, signaling the death of one of the world's most-wanted terrorists. In Washington, the Pentagon spokesman, Peter Cook, confirmed that an American "precision strike" near Al Bab, Syria, on Tuesday night had targeted Mr. Adnani, but could not confirm his death. "We are still assessing the results of the strike," he said in a statement. Two American officials, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence, said a United States military drone had hit a vehicle Mr. Adnani was thought to be traveling in, following a close collaboration between the Central Intelligence Agency and Special Operations forces to track him. A founding member of the Islamic State, Mr. Adnani, a 39-year-old Syrian, was the group's chief spokesman and propagandist, running an operation that put out slickly produced videos of beheadings and massacres that shocked the world and sent a rush of recruits running to join the group in Syria. Accounts from arrested members of the Islamic State confirmed Mr. Adnani's role as an operational leader as well. He oversaw the group's external operations division, responsible for recruiting operatives around the world and instigating or organizing them to carry out attacks that have included Paris, Brussels and Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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19. The CIA's Venture-Capital Firm, Like Its Sponsor, Operates in the Shadows

Wall Street Journal, Damian Paletta, 2016 08 31

Washington - Forterra Systems Inc., a California startup focused on virtual reality, was in need of money and its products didn't have much commercial appeal. Then funds came in from a source based far from Silicon Valley: In-Q-Tel Inc., a venture-capital firm in Virginia funded by the Central Intelligence Agency. One catalyst for the 2007 infusion, according to a former Forterra executive and others familiar with it, was a recommendation by a man who sat on the board of the venture-capital firm-- and also on the board of Forterra. In-Q-Tel pumped in cash, Forterra developed some tools useful to the military, and government contracts started coming in. Like the agency that founded it, the CIA-funded venture- capital firm operates largely in the shadows. In-Q-Tel officials regard the firm as independent, yet it has extremely close ties to the CIA and runs almost all investment decisions by the spy agency. The firm discloses little about how it picks companies to invest in, never says how much, and sometimes doesn't reveal the investments at all. Even less well-known are potential conflicts of interest the arrangement entails, as seen in this Forterra example and others continuing to the present. Nearly half of In-Q-Tel's trustees have a financial connection of one kind or another with a company In-Q-Tel has funded, a Wall Street Journal examination of its investments found.

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20. U.S. Defends Its Curbs On Money Laundering

Wall Street Journal, Emily Glazer, Aruna Viswanatha, 2016 08 31

New York - U.S. banking regulators sought Tuesday to "dispel certain myths" around anti-money-laundering rules that critics contend have inadvertently cut off access to the U.S. financial system for some countries, businesses and individuals. The Treasury Department, along with four bank regulators, published an unusual, four-page "fact sheet" along with a lengthy blog post to clarify regulatory expectations related to the rules. While the statements didn't change the rules, they emphasized that the government doesn't take a "zero-tolerance" approach to enforcing anti-money-laundering laws and reserves enforcement action for the most egregious instances of widespread or intentional wrongdoing, such as recent fines related to movement of drug-cartel money. Regulators resolve about 95% of compliance failures without penalties, three senior Treasury officials said in the blog post. The problem, argue critics of the U.S. government's approach, is that anti-money-laundering enforcement has caused banks to pull back from some customers who aren't suspected of illegal activity. That has become a challenge recently along the southwestern U.S. border with Mexico, as well as for island nations and emerging-market economies. It is often harder to track the movement of cash in those areas, and banks don't want to risk getting caught up in money tied to drug or human trafficking. For banks, the risk has grown particularly prominent given multibillion-dollar penalties levied in recent years on several banks that failed to keep dirty money out of the U.S. financial system or didn't appropriately alert authorities to suspicious transactions.

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21. White Lives Matter Has Been Declared a Hate Group

New York Times, Liam Stack, 2016 08 31

New York - A white nationalist group called White Lives Matter, which calls itself an opponent of the Black Lives Matter movement, has been declared a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center, an organization that tracks extremist groups in the United States. "The White Lives Matter website says their movement is dedicated to the preservation of the white race. That tells you all you need to know," said Heidi Beirich, the director of the Intelligence Project at the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala. "They're against integration, immigration. This is standard white supremacist stuff." The group, which grew out of a social media meme, argues that white Americans are victims of a genocide caused by factors like the immigration of nonwhite people and marriage between white Christians and nonwhites or Jews, Ms. Beirich said. The law center's designation is meant to draw attention to and increase scrutiny of the group's activities. Researchers with the law center said White Lives Matter had been promoted by the Aryan Renaissance Society, a group in Texas that is a member of the United Aryan Front, a white nationalist coalition.

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22. Why Killing Top Terrorists May Not Hurt Groups

New York Times, Max Fisher, 2016 08 31

Analysis - It seems obvious: Killing terrorist leaders should weaken their organizations, depriving those groups of strategic direction and ideological appeal. The death of someone like Abu Muhammad al-Adnani, a senior Islamic State figure reported killed on Tuesday in Syria,

should seem like a significant setback for the group. But scholars have struggled to find evidence that killing leaders is an effective way to dismantle terrorist organizations, instead finding ample evidence that it makes little difference. That research seems to apply especially to the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL, whose attributes make it resilient to losing even a top figure like Mr. Adnani. Two features make a terrorist group able to withstand a senior officer's death, according to research by Jenna Jordan, a Georgia Tech professor and a leading expert on the subject. The first is popular support. Groups need a steady stream of recruits and a pool of potential new leaders. Support among civilians in areas in which the groups primarily operate also makes them more stable, by broadening support networks and helping them to safely retrench when needed. Leaders are usually killed in or near communities that support them, resulting in those communities rallying behind the terrorist group and against whoever did the killing. The second feature is not something usually associated with groups like the Islamic State: bureaucracy. The more a terrorist group resembles a corporate organizational chart -- often with administrative, payroll and logistical staff -- the more stable it is, and the better able to handle a leader's death.

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23. State spying helps to create extremists. My father was one of them

The Guardian (London), Francis Beckett, 2016 08 31

Op-ed - When you lock people up without trial, "whether it is in Belmarsh or Guantánamo Bay, you recruit more terrorists than you contain", warned Shami Chakrabarti earlier this year. She has said that senior intelligence officials made a successful bid for enormous power post-9/11, particularly in government surveillance. And appalling attacks in France and Belgium have made us more likely to give the security services the power to curtail our liberties. But should we? I claim some special insight. For at least the first 10 years of my life, from 1945 to 1955, my childhood home was under constant MI5 surveillance. My parents knew it, though I did not; and I have spent a lot of the past two years with recently released MI5 records at the National Archives, reading verbatim my parents' telephone conversations from 60 years ago and the spies' reports on their movements. I recognise a few of the people described as the adults who peopled my childhood, and I can picture in my mind where the watcher's car was parked when he reported on my family's movements. My father, John Beckett, was a leading fascist. He was in prison for nearly four years during the second world war, then under a sort of house arrest, not allowed to live within 20 miles of London or to travel more than five miles from his home. When these restrictions were lifted, the surveillance continued, masterminded by Graham Mitchell, who became deputy director of MI5 in 1956. It is mostly Mitchell's memoranda I have been reading. They betray a deeply unhealthy pleasure in the secret power his position gave him over the life of another man. At one point Mitchell believes (probably wrongly) that he has caught John out in an extramarital affair. Telephone intercepts have John telling his wife he is having dinner with a male friend, but the man following him says it is a female friend who joins him in the restaurant.

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24. UK and France restate commitment to border treaty after Calais talks

The Guardian (London), Multiple reporters, 2016 08 30

London - British and French interior ministers have ordered a fresh review of security in Calais and confirmed they will continue with the treaty under which British border checks are carried out on French soil. A joint statement issued by the home secretary, Amber Rudd, and her French counterpart, Bernard Cazeneuve, says they will work together to strengthen security around the "shared border" in Calais and "strongly diminish" the migratory pressures that have attracted 7,000 migrants to the Channel tunnel port. The statement from the two ministers confirms their commitment to the 2003 Le Touquet treaty but makes no reference to calls from some French politicians for an asylum "hotspot" processing centre to be set up in Calais to consider claims for asylum in Britain. French rightwing politicians, including Nicolas Sarkozy, have called for Le Touquet to be scrapped or changed, raising the prospect of the UK border returning from Calais to Dover. But the joint statement issued by Rudd and Cazeneuve after a meeting in Tuesday clearly says they are committed to "preserve the vital economic link". The two ministers say they recognise the humanitarian situation in Calais and they will step up their joint efforts to improve the situation.

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25. Australia warns new lawmakers to weigh Chinese investment cautiously

Reuters, Tom Westbrook, 2016 08 31

Sydney - Australia has urged legislators to take a more cautious approach in backing China's pursuit of "legitimate interests" and stay alert to the motives guiding its investments, in a briefing book published by the non-partisan parliamentary library. Authored by government officials and distributed ahead of Tuesday's opening of parliament, the booklet raises concerns that "creating a Eurasia-wide, China-led bloc to counter the United States" is the long-term aim of China's "One Belt, One Road" project, including its investments in northern Australia. "Some see this initiative as a profound challenge to the current global political and economic status quo," a parliamentary library researcher wrote in the booklet, designed to guide lawmakers on issues likely to come before them. "Australia needs to adopt a more economically and strategically prudent attitude in determining how the Australia-China economic relationship is to further develop." In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters she was not familiar with the booklet, but cooperation between Chinese and Australia companies was based on market principles and was mutually beneficial. "We hope the government of the relevant country can create a just, fair and transparent environment for Chinese enterprises investing abroad," she told a daily news briefing. The caution comes after Australian Treasurer Scott Morrison this month blocked the sale of electricity network Ausgrid to China and Hong Kong buyers, citing undefined national security concerns.

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26. People urged not to give in to demands of cyber criminals

Radio New Zealand News, Staff reporter, 2016 08 31

Wellington - People who fall victim to ransomware attacks are being urged not to give in to the demands of cyber criminals. The executive director of Netsafe, Martin Cocker, says his organisation deals with a handful of people each week who are wondering what to do after finding their computer files locked up. Mr Cocker says those people are discouraged from paying a ransom. He says cyber criminals use whatever money they get to fund further crime and even if a ransom is paid, there is no guarantee someone will get their files back. The electronic spy agency, the GCSB, has raised concerns that these sorts of cyber attacks are becoming more common. (Full report)

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27. 4 suicide-bombing vests, large cache of explosives seized near Kabul

Khaama Press, 2016 08 31

Kabul - A large cache of explosives and weapons was seized in Kapisa province close to capital Kabul by the operatives of the Afghan intelligence. The National Directorate of Security (NDS) said the cache was discovered during an operation conducted in the vicinity of Kapisa province but no further details were given. NDS further added that the cache included 4 suicide bombing vests, 200 kgs of explosives, 9 Improvised Explosive Device, 86 rounds of mortar, 20 rounds of 82mm rockets, 3 BM1 rockets, 7 hand grenades, 4 RPG7 rockets, 580 explosives capsules, 800 meters of explosives belt, and thousands rounds of ammunition of different type. It is yet not clear on what purposes the anti-government armed militant groups were looking to use the explosives for. However, the anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have been attempting to scale large attacks in main cities of the country, including capital Kabul.

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28. Hostage video aimed at pressuring Afghan govt over militant case- Taliban source (Canada).

Reuters, 2016 08 31

Peshawar - The release of a video showing a U.S. and a Canadian citizen held hostage by the Taliban is designed to pressure the Afghan government not to impose the death sentence on the son of a feared militant leader, a Taliban source said on Wednesday. U.S. and Canadian officials have said they are aware of the video of Caitlan Coleman, a U.S. citizen and her Canadian husband, Joshua Boyle, who were kidnapped in 2012 while on a backpacking trip. A State Department spokesman said on Tuesday the validity of the video was being studied but offered no further comment. According to a senior member of the Taliban, who spoke on condition of anonymity, the timing of the release was aimed at pressuring the Afghan government not to execute Anas Haqqani, son of Jalaluddin Haqqani, founder of the feared Haqqani network.

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29. Would be suicide bomber among 5 arrested in Baghlan

Pajhwok Afghan News, Habib Rahman Sherzai, 2016 08 31

Pul-I-Khumri - A would-be suicide bomber was among five others arrested by intelligence forces in northern Baghlan province, officials said Tuesday. Governor, Abdul Sattar Bariz told Pajhwok Afghan News that two militants were detained by National Directorate of Security (NDS) forces in Doshi district of Baghlan. A would-be suicide bomber and his guider were detained when entering to Pul-I-Khumri, the provincial capital, he said. Local officials said that a drug smuggler along with 49 kilograms of hashish was also arrested in Baghlan. Yar Mohammad, a resident of Pul-I-Khumri City, was happy about the detention and said, "NDS forces are working day and night for the protection and safety of people, but some powerful individuals try to create problems to them," He asked the government to award honest people and punish warlords and law violators. (Full Report).

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30. "Children Suicide Bombers" Drop the Fake Masks of ISIS

Asharq Al-Awsat, Waleed Abdul Rahman, 2016 08 31

Cairo- The video that featured a group of children who shot captives in Iraq; the arrest of a child who was trying to implement a suicide bombing operation with an explosive belt; and the bloody suicide attack implemented by another child in a wedding party south of turkey have raised many questions on ISIS's recruitment of children. Egyptian experts in extremist groups' affairs see that ISIS's exploitation of children in its terrorist attacks drops the last fake mask of the organization, and suggests that the organization's adoption of this new trend perhaps aims at saving expenditures and avoiding the loss of its experienced members. On another hand, experts say that ISIS used children to fuel its wars by indoctrinating its bloody ideology in their young minds, as part of the so-called "schools of Caliphate" by training children on three levels: intellectual, combatant, and psychological.

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31. Death toll from Shabaab attack on Mogadishu hotels rises to 22: police

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 08 31

Mogadishu - The death toll from Tuesday's car bomb attack targeting two hotels popular with officials near the presidential palace in the Somali capital Mogadishu has risen to 22, police said on Wednesday. The attack was claimed by the Islamist militant group al Shabaab. The blast partially destroyed two hotels, including one in which a meeting of security officials was underway, the government has said. "We have confirmed from various hospitals that at least 22 died and 50 others were wounded," police officer Major Mohamed Abdullahi told Reuters. Information Minister Mohamed Abdi Hayir said on Tuesday a security officials were gathered

inside one of the hotels, the SYL, at the time of blast, and that one minister and some state radio journalists were wounded. The hotel is frequented by government officials and police said it believed the facility was the likely target.

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32. Libyan Forces Prepare for Liberation of Sirte

Asharq Al-Awsat, Khalid Mahmoud, 2016 08 31

Cairo - Libya's pro-Government of National Accord (GNA) forces announced on Monday they are fortifying their control over ISIS' stronghold in Sirte, after heavy fighting that left dozens dead and wounded. U.N. secretary-general's special representative for Libya Martin Kobler expressed his appreciation for the "heroic Libyan efforts" and the advancement achieved so far against the "barbaric enemy that should be defeated," meaning ISIS. Kobler revealed he had a meeting with French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault during which they discussed the current situation in Libya. Kobler said that Ayrault was in grief for the large number of deceased Libyan young men fighting ISIS. On Monday, pro-GNA forces announced they had "totally liberated" one of the two districts where ISIS fighters were holed up after an evening assault on their positions. "Our forces have totally liberated district Number One" in northern Sirte, the campaign's media center said.

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33. Militants attack pipeline in Nigeria's Delta as others pursue talks

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 08 30

Abuja - A militant group said on Tuesday it attacked a pipeline operated by a subsidiary of Nigeria's state oil company in the country's southern Delta region, just a day after the most prolific rebel group in the restive energy hub said it had halted hostilities. OPEC member Nigeria has seen its oil output fall by around 700,000 barrels a day to 1.56 million bpd due to attacks on oil pipelines in the southern energy hub, home to much of the country's oil and gas wealth, since the start of the year. The Niger Delta Greenland Justice Mandate said it attacked the Ogor-Oteri pipeline in Delta state, operated by Nigerian Petroleum Development Company (NPDC) and Nigerian energy company Shoreline, at around 03:00 a.m. (0200 GMT) on Tuesday. Niger Delta Avengers, the group that claimed responsibility for most attacks in the impoverished region where militants want a greater share of the country's oil wealth, said on Monday it had halted hostilities. "The Niger Delta Greenland Justice Mandate remains underdressed on its mission to getting justice for the people," said the group, previously unknown before an attack on Aug. 11.

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34. Nigerian commander: Only weeks left for Boko Haram

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 08 31

Maiduguri - Nigeria's army expects to seize Boko Haram's last few strongholds in the northeast over the next few weeks, the commander in charge of crushing the jihadist group's seven-year

insurgency said on Wednesday. The army missed a December deadline set by President Muhammadu Buhari to wipe out the group, which wants to set up an Islamic caliphate in the area around Lake Chad, but has retaken most of its territory - at one point the size of Belgium. Major General Lucky Irabor, commander of the operation, said the jihadists were now holed up in a few pockets of the Sambisa forest - where more than 200 girls kidnapped from the town of Chibok in 2014 are believed to be held - and two areas near Lake Chad and would be flushed out "within weeks". Despite the set-backs, Boko Haram still manages to stage regular suicide bombings in Nigeria and neighbouring Chad, Niger and Cameroon. Since 2009, more than 15,000 people have been killed, 2.3 million displaced and the local economy decimated. "Almost all of the locations held by the Boko Haram terrorists have been reclaimed. We are talking only of a few villages and towns," Irabor said in an interview at his base in Maiduguri in Borno state, birth place of the insurgency.

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Americas • Amériques

35. Colombia's Santos calls peace plebiscite in Oct., reveals question

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 08 30

Bogota - Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos on Tuesday officially called a plebiscite allowing the nation to decide whether to accept a peace agreement to end more than five decades of war with Marxist rebels. Voters will be asked on Oct. 2 to respond yes or no to a single question: "Do you support the accord that puts an end to armed conflict and constructs a stable and durable nation?" Santos's four-year push to negotiate an end to 52 years of war with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) was finally concluded last week and he has promised to give Colombians the final decision. "It's a clear and simple question that leaves no room for any confusion," Santos said after signing the document. "More legitimacy would be impossible, all that's needed now is the Colombian people."

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36. Venezuela arrests opposition activists ahead of anti-government rally

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 08 31

Caracas - Venezuela has arrested several opposition activists accused of plotting violence during an anti-government rally scheduled for Thursday, President Nicolas Maduro said on Tuesday, and opposition leaders slammed the arrests as intimidation. The opposition is calling on sympathizers from across the country to march in the capital of Caracas to push for a recall referendum against Maduro, who calls the rally a plot to stir up violence and set the stage for a coup. The upcoming march follows months of tensions between Maduro and the opposition-controlled legislature, exacerbated by triple-digit inflation, Soviet-style product shortages and a severe economic recession. "We must win the battle against the coup - before, during, and after the dates announced by these fascists," Maduro said in a televised broadcast. "We've captured a group of people carrying important equipment, C4 explosives. We're trying to capture a number of them in real time." Maduro called opposition party Popular Will "the party of violence that is

mixed up in the coup of Sept. 1." He accused opposition leaders of seeking to stage a putsch similar to one that briefly toppled late socialist leader Hugo Chavez in 2002.

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37. Vote on whether to remove president nears in Brazil's Senate

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 08 31

Brasilia - Senators debated the fate of Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff into the wee hours of Wednesday, then planned a short break before casting votes that will decide whether to remove her permanently as leader of Latin America's most populous country. Many of the 81 senators signed up to speak Tuesday afternoon on the fifth day of her impeachment trial, prompting Chief Justice Ricardo Lewandowski to announce that they would go as long as it took for everyone to be heard. He said the trial would resume late Wednesday morning for the final vote on removing her. Passionate closing arguments by Rousseff's accusers and speeches by her allies appeared to be doing little to tip the balance in her favor on the eve of the impeachment decision. Suspended by the Senate in May, Rousseff faces permanent removal for breaking fiscal responsibility laws in her managing of the federal budget. Most of the senators making statements attacked Rousseff, blaming her for Brazil falling into its deepest recession in decades and saying she ignored signs of a slowdown.

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38. 15 soldiers killed in clash with Abus (Canada).

Manila Times, Llanesca T. Panti, Al Jacinto and Fernan Marasigan, 2016 08 31

Manila - Fifteen soldiers, including an officer, were killed while 12 others were wounded in a fierce firefight with more than 120 heavily armed Abu Sayyaf members in Patikul, Sulu late Monday afternoon. The military clashed with the terrorist and kidnapping group at 4:30 p.m. in Sitio Kan Jalul, Barangay Maligay in Patikul town, Brig. Gen. Arnel de la Vega, commander of the Joint Task Force Sulu, said in a report to Gen. Ricardo Visaya, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief of staff. De la Vega said the composite team of soldiers from the Philippine Army's 35th and 21st Infantry Battalions was conducting combat operations when it engaged the Abu Sayyaf. The AFP Western Mindanao Command said about two dozen militants were killed in the clash. One of them was the body of Mohammad Said alias Amah Maas, an Abu Sayyaf sub-leader blamed for the beheading of Canadian hostages John Ridsdel and Robert Hall earlier this year after their families failed to raise P600 million in ransom.

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39. At least 40 killed in Philippines clashes (Canada).

Gulf News, Gilbert P. Felongco, 2016 08 31

Manila - Ongoing clashes on an island in the Philippines have cost the lives of at least 40 combatants, mostly Abu Sayyaf, officials said on Tuesday. The chief of the armed forces' public affairs office, Marine Col. Edgard Arevalo, said the number of fatalities in the clashes in Sulu had already reached 40 as fighting spread out to different areas of the southern Philippine island as the military stepped up the hunt for the militants. Of the fatalities, 25 are from the Abu Sayyaf while 15 are from the military. President Rodrigo Duterte has vowed to destroy the Abu Sayyaf following the recent execution of an 18-year-old student who was abducted earlier. The terror group is still holding in the mountains of Sulu Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad, one of three foreigners and a Filipina abducted in September 21, 2015 in the resort island of Samal in Davao del Norte. Two of the foreigners, both Canadians, have already been executed while a third kidnap victim, Filipina Marites Flor, was released last month.

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40. Canadian father sues over denial of HK passport to son

South China Morning Post, Chris Lau, 2016 08 31

Beijing - Timothy Loh says boy should be entitled to travel document by virtue of family's Chinese descent A Canadian father of Chinese descent is suing the government for not granting his Canada-born son a Hong Kong passport on the grounds the boy is not a Chinese national. Timothy Loh and his son Hudson Timothy George Loh argued through their lawyers yesterday at the High Court that the 11 year old should be qualified for a passport due to their Chinese heritage and close ties with the city. But legal representatives for the director of immigration and passports appeal board countered that their claims were bending the law. They suggested the matter would be better resolved if the son were to be naturalised as a citizen. But presiding judge Mr Justice Anderson Chow Ka-ming said one of the possible consequences of that could be his son losing consulate protection by Canada even if he was still allowed to use his Canadian passport. "He is not prepared to concede it to this extent," barrister Hectar Pun Hei said, for the Lohs.

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41. China condemns Kyrgyzstan car bomb attack

China Daily, Wang Qingyun, 2016 08 31

Beijing - China said it strongly condemns the "severe terrorist attack" on its embassy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, which injured three people and killed the attacker, and it reiterated its determination to crack down on terrorism. Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying made the remarks on Tuesday after confirming that the embassy was hit by a car bomb on Tuesday morning, slightly injuring three embassy staff members. Calling terrorism "the common enemy to the international community and the most severe threat that countries of this region face", Hua said China will strengthen counterterrorism cooperation with countries in the region including Kyrgyzstan, both on the bilateral level and within the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. Through such cooperation, China will firmly crack down on all forms of terrorism, protect Chinese in other countries and maintain regional security and stability, Hua said. "China has asked Kyrgyzstan to adopt whatever measures are necessary to ensure the safety of China's

organizations and Chinese people in Kyrgyzstan, have a rapid and thorough investigation of the incident and bring the perpetrators to justice," the spokeswoman told a daily news conference.

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42. Dhaka cafe attack 'mastermind' Tamim led all recent terror attacks, police chief says (Canada).

BDNews24, Staff Correspondent, 2016 08 31

Dhaka - Alleged Gulshan cafe carnage mastermind Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury, killed in Narayanganj raid, had led all the recent terror attacks in Bangladesh, police chief AKM Shahidul Hoque says. Tamim, an expatriate in Canada, made the headlines after police said he was the brains behind the Gulshan attack in which 22 persons, including 17 foreigners, were killed on July 1. Police announced Tk 2 million reward for information leading to the capture of 'Neo-JMB leader' Tamim. On Tuesday, Inspector General of Police Hoque said in a programme, "Mastermind Tamim Chowdhury not only did lead the Gulshan and Sholakia attacks, the attacks in northern Bangladesh - Dhaka, Tangail, Pabna, Kushtia and the other places - were all carried out under his leadership."

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43. LTTE leaders paid defense officials of former government and escaped

Colombo Page, News Desk, 2016 08 31

Colombo - Sri Lanka's Minister of Foreign Affairs Mangala Samaraweera in a startling revelation said that the leaders of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) paid money to a defense official of the previous government to obtain safe passage out of the country. Minister Samaraweera said over 200 LTTE members, who have paid an official of the Ministry of Defense and left the country during the last week of the war in May 2009, are now listed as missing persons. The Foreign Minister said several prominent LTTE leaders were among those who bought their way out. The Minister said an investigation is underway into the matter and the newly established Office of the Missing Persons (OMP) will be able to disclose the information on them. Minister Samaraweera made these remarks at an awareness program held to enlighten the heads of media institutions on the establishment of the Office of the Missing Persons and government's program to build reconciliation.

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44. N. Korea building railway long-range missile launchers on railroad: report

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 08 31

Seoul - North Korea is building a mobile long-range missile launcher system that can move along the country's railroad tracks, the U.S.- based Radio Free Asia (RFA) reported Wednesday, citing sources in the communist country. A North Korean resident in Kangwon Province told RFA that North Korean engineers have been working on the mobile missile system since May at a state-run motor vehicle factory. The plant is under the supervision of the North's Second

Economic Commission that is in charge of the ammunition industry. The unidentified North Korean source said that technicians have built some six railway-mounted launcher vehicles per month. Another source in North Hamgyong Province also said he heard the government is manufacturing vehicles to launch a long-range missile that can move over the country's railways. According to the source, the North's Second Economic Commission is overseeing the production of mobile missile launchers as North Korean leader Kim Jong-un emphasized in March the need to diversify the country's nuclear attack capability against the enemy. "North Korea has no other way but to produce such launchers because China has suspended the exports of large-scale vehicles capable of handling mobile missile launchers," the informant said.

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45. N. Korea executes vice premier in July: Seoul official

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 08 31

Seoul - North Korea has carried out the execution of a vice premier and punished two senior officials, a Seoul official said Wednesday, as the North's leader is seeking to further strengthen his reign of terror. The official said North Korea executed the 63-year-old Kim Yong-jin by firing squad last month after being branded as an "anti-party and anti-revolutionary element." He was investigated by the North's intelligence agency due to his sitting posture shown at a key parliamentary meeting held in late June. North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, who took power in late 2011, is believed to have executed more than 100 government and military officials, including his once-powerful uncle Jang Song-thaek, as he seeks to consolidate his oppressive rule. The Seoul official also said that two other senior officials were punished for lapses. He said the North sent Kim Yong-chol, 71, the head of the United Front Department (UFD), to a rural farm for one month of reeducation starting in mid-July as he showed a "heavy-handed" attitude and was blamed for abusing his power. "As Kim is expected to further show his loyalty (to the North's leader) after (reeducation), the government is keeping close tabs on the possibility that North Korea will show a more hard-line attitude toward South Korea," the official said.

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46. Sanctions putting squeeze on N.K. leader's ability to secure funds: minister

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 08 31

Almaty, Kazakhstan - North Korean leader Kim Jong-un is facing difficulty in securing funds needed to govern the country as tougher international sanctions have affected the inflow of hard currency, South Korea's pointman on unification said Tuesday. Unification Minister Hong Yong-pyo also said that a series of defections by North Koreans, including senior diplomat Thae Yong-ho, seem to be the result of tough U.N. Security Council (UNSC) sanctions imposed on the North. "It is hard to exactly grasp the situation, but North Korea's governing funds are on the decline and (the North's leadership including Kim) is under pressure," Hong told Yonhap News Agency during his visit to Kazakhstan. On March 2, the UNSC slapped its toughest ever sanctions to date on Pyongyang after the reclusive regime detonated its nuclear device and fired off a long-range rocket launch earlier in the year. "North Korea claims that the sanctions have dealt a blow to the lives of ordinary people, but in reality, Pyongyang is seen as having difficulty

in managing the regime (due to the sanctions)," Hong said of his assessment of the impact of the U.N. sanctions. He said that the sanctions also seem to encourage more North Koreans to flee the repressive regime as they are under high pressure to provide money to the regime.

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47. Two foreign workers get jail for terror funding

Strait Times, Danson Cheong, 2016 08 31

Singapore - Two Bangladeshi workers detained in April under the Internal Security Act were yesterday jailed for financing terrorism. Mamun Leakot Ali, 30, was given 21/2 years, while Zzaman Daulat, 34, will face two years behind bars. Both were part of a group of six workers charged under the Terrorism (Suppression of Financing) Act in May. Calling for deterrent sentences, DPP Nicholas Khoo said the two men could have thought the worst punishment they would face for their actions would be repatriation, but the courts needed to send a message that such crimes would be "roundly condemned". He added that "great violence can be perpetrated with relatively small amounts of money". The men were part of a group called the Islamic State in Bangladesh (ISB). The duo had provided between \$200 and \$500 to fund terrorist attacks in their home country. Both men had initially claimed trial, but yesterday, they pleaded guilty and asked the court for leniency.

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48. Doctors 'just too scared to tell Uzbek despot that he's dead'

London Times, Marc Bennetts, 2016 08 31

Moscow - Is Islam Karimov, the ruthless dictator who has ruled Uzbekistan for 25 years, dead or alive? Uzbek authorities insist that President Karimov, 78, is in a stable condition in hospital after suffering a brain haemorrhage at the weekend, reportedly after drinking vodka toasts to the country's Olympic medallists. Yet a host of well-informed regional experts and analysts, citing insider sources, are equally adamant that Mr Karimov is dead. Analysts are concerned that his death could trigger in- stability in Uzbekistan, a mainly Muslim country of 32 million people that borders Afghanistan. "It's a fact," Daniil Kislov, editor of the well- respected Ferghana news agency, told The Times. "The Uzbek authorities will only announce his death when they feel the time is right. They could drag the announcement out for days." Ferghana is an Uzbek website that has been banned at home since 2005 and is now based in Moscow. Mr Kislov challenged the Uzbek authorities to present "proof" that Mr Karimov was still alive. "Show us a video of him in his hospital ward," he wrote in an online post. Dmitry Peskov, a spokesman for the Kremlin, said that Russia, which neighbours Uzbekistan, was working on the assumption that he was alive.

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49. Islamic State ax attacker planned to move to Germany - sources

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 08 31

Berlin - An Islamic State supporter who was shot dead in Russia after he attacked police officers with an ax had planned to travel to Germany to join members of his family there, two people who knew him told Reuters. Usman Murdalov, 21, and his friend Sulim Israilov, 18, armed themselves with axes and attacked a traffic police post near Moscow on Aug. 17. In a video posted online a day later, they professed loyalty to Islamic State. The two people who knew him said that Murdalov, up to the point when he left his home village in the Russian region of Chechnya on Aug. 12, had been making arrangements to travel to Germany to join his father and his step-mother who moved there three months earlier. Germany has seen a spate of violent attacks in the past few months, including two blamed on Islamists. Security officials have said that people with extremist links, some of them Chechens, are getting into Germany by passing themselves off as migrants and asylum seekers. Ingo Decker, head spokesman for the interior ministry of the German state of Brandenburg, declined to comment on Murdalov or his family, but said the state had been dealing with large numbers of Chechen refugees for years.

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50. Iran Satellite Launch Prompts Fear of Long Range Ballistic Missile Attack

Washington Free Beacon, Adam Kredo, 2016 08 31

Washington - Iranian officials announced on Tuesday that the country is preparing to launch three new satellites into space, renewing concerns from defense experts about Iran's ongoing research into long-range ballistic missile technology that could help it fire a nuclear weapon at Western nations. Mohsen Bahrami, the director of Iran's space agency-- which has long been suspected of providing cover for weapons research--announced that Iran would launch its newest satellite, dubbed "Friendship," later this year. "The Dousti (Friendship) satellite (built) by (experts at) Sharif University of Technology is the first satellite which will be launched in the second half of this (Iranian) year," which began on March 20, Bahrami was quoted as saying by the country's state-controlled press. Defense experts and former U.S. officials told the Washington Free Beacon that the test is likely cover for Iran to pursue illicit intercontinental ballistic missile technology, which could enable the Islamic Republic to fire a nuclear weapon over great distances. Asked about the reports on Tuesday, a State Department spokesman told the Free Beacon that it will not take a position on the launch before it has occurred.

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51. US 'terrorizing' Europe into avoiding Iran

Press TV, 2016 08 31

Tehran - A senior Iranian official says the US is terrorizing the Europeans into shunning business with Iran despite the lifting of sanctions under a landmark nuclear deal. Deputy Petroleum Minister for trade and international affairs Amir Hossein Zamaninia has said US officials are deliberately keeping the terms of engagement with Iran opaque. As a result, European banks and investors are not clear about how they can operate in Iran without falling foul of US law, he was quoted as saying in remarks published on Monday. US Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets

Control (OFAC) oversees the implementation of American sanctions which have mostly remained in place despite the July nuclear accord. Many Iranians are disappointed at the results of the nuclear agreement, which they still have to see in their ordinary lives.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

52. 6 members of terror cell face court trial

Arab News, Staff Report, 2016 08 31

Riyadh - The specialized criminal court in Riyadh has started the trial of six members of a terrorist cell for planning to blow up a residential complex in Riyadh and assassinate a provincial governor. The prosecution has sought the death sentence for the main accused and two others. Representative of the Bureau of Investigation and Public Prosecution read the charges. The first defendant, leader of the cell, was charged with 17 crimes, including allegiance to Al-Qaeda, adopting the Takfiri though, planning to bomb a residential complex, targeting a governor, planning to kidnap a police officer, training on manufacturing explosives, harboring a person who went to places of unrest. The second accused has been charged with manufacturing explosives, disobeying the guardian and going out to places of unrest among others, and the third defendant with participation in a banned gathering, filming it and publishing it on the Internet.

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53. Daesh propaganda chief killed in suspected U.S. strike

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 08 31

Beirut - Daesh (ISIS) spokesman and head of external operations Abu Mohammad al-Adnani, one of the group's longest-serving and most prominent leaders, has been killed in Aleppo province in Syria, the group said Tuesday, threatening to avenge his death. Adnani had been one of the last remaining members alive of the group that founded Daesh, along with the group's self-appointed caliph Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. As Daesh's spokesman, he was its most visible member. As head of external operations as well, he was in charge of attacks overseas, an increasingly important tactic for the group as its core Iraqi and Syrian territory has been eroded by military losses. Shortly after the announcement, a U.S. defense official told Reuters the United States carried out an airstrike in Syria's town of Al-Bab targeting a senior Daesh official, declining to disclose the target and saying the operation was still being reviewed. A senior Syrian rebel official had said earlier that Adnani was most probably killed in Al-Bab.

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54. Dozens of Mass Graves With Thousands of Victims Found in Iraq and Syria

The Media Line, Linda Gradstein, 2016 08 31

Jerusalem - Journalists have found and mapped at least 72 mass graves in Iraq, the most comprehensive survey so far, and expect that many more will be uncovered as the territory that

Islamic State controls in both Syria and Iraq continues to shrink. In Syria, the Associate Press (AP) has obtained locations for 17 mass graves, including one that is believed to contain the bodies of hundreds of members of a single tribe who were killed when Islamic State took over their area. In at least 16 of the graves in Iraq, the territory is still too dangerous to excavate, and officials say they cannot even guess the number of dead. According to AP, which has spent months investigating the issue, the number of known victims ranges from 5,200 to more than 15,000. Many of these are in Sinjar Mountain, where Islamic State launched an assault against the Yazidi minority in 2014. An estimated 3000 Yazidi women are still in Islamic State captivity.

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55. Former Mossad Chief: Israel's Greatest Threat Is Internal Division, Not Hezbollah
Haaretz, Noa Shpigel and Jonathan Lis, 2016 08 31

Jerusalem - Former Mossad chief Tamir Pardo said on Tuesday that the greatest danger Israel faces isn't external, but rather the divisions within Israeli society. Speaking at a press conference ahead of an event commemorating fallen Druze soldiers, Pardo said that "If a divided society crosses a certain threshold, you can reach phenomena such as civil war, in extreme cases," adding that the distance between the present-day situation in Israel and a civil war is growing smaller. "I'm afraid we're in that direction," he added. Pardo made his comments in response to a question regarding the threats facing Israel. "Threats to countries today are internal and not external. What you have in Syria, in Iraq, in Libya and in Yemen and in a lot of countries - you see the daily statistics of attacks." Responding to a comparison drawn by Israel's defense minister between the nuclear accord with Iran and the 1938 Munich Pact, Pardo said it was like comparing "zucchinis and pears."

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56. In Jewish extremist camp, youths learn to withstand Shin Bet grilling
Times of Israel, Staff Report, 2016 08 31

Jerusalem - A right-wing extremist Jewish group ran a series of summer camps in the West Bank teaching young people how to withstand interrogation by the Shin Bet security service, as well as teaching them Krav Maga self-defense, basic Arabic and counter-missionary work, according to a Tuesday report. The Lehava organization, headed by Bentzi Gopstein, organized five camps in the West Bank's southern Hebron Hills over the summer, each lasting for three days. Video of the camp published by the Yedioth Ahronoth newspaper shows dozens of youths taking part in military-style training exercises, including running through obstacle courses and instruction in Krav Maga self-defense. According to Yedioth, some of the training was to be used to teach youths how to fight Israeli security forces, which have launched a crackdown against Jewish extremists in recent years.

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57. Palestinian Officials Abuse Journalists
The Media Line, Katie Beiter, 2016 08 31

Jerusalem - Journalists critical of Palestinian policies in the West Bank and Gaza Strip have been imprisoned and tortured according to Human Rights Watch (HRW), a New York-based NGO devoted to human rights activism. HRW released a report August 30 documenting five instances of rights abuses against journalists. According to HRW, officials in the West Bank and Gaza have a long history of clamping down on journalists and restricting freedom of the press by arresting, torturing and bringing criminal charges against them. "The governments in both areas arrest and try to silence those who criticize the authorities and it is having a chilling effect on free speech and public debate on important issues like health, corruption, poverty and politics," Sari Bashi, the Israel/Palestine Director of HRW said. Bashi said that HRW has documented a number of cases in the past five years of activists and journalists being arrested, tortured and charged for expressing criticism of the authorities.

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58. US asked to pressure Israel to stop extrajudicial executions

Gulf News, Nasouh Nazzal, 2016 08 31

Ramallah - An official request by the Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been submitted calling on the US to put pressure on Israel to end its practice of extrajudicial executions. The call comes after Israeli occupation soldiers gunned down 38-year-old Eyad Zakaria Hamed last week in front of his home in the town of Silwad, just north of Ramallah. An Israeli investigation into the killing showed that Hamed did not pose a threat to the soldiers involved in the shooting. He was unarmed at the time of his murder. The soldier was questioned and released to his unit, an ultra-orthodox Jewish battalion called Netzah Yehuda. International legal and human rights organisations have documented Israel's practice of extrajudicial executions among other crimes contrary to international law. In March, an Israeli rights group has released a video showing the moment an Israeli soldier appears to shoot dead a wounded Palestinian in Hebron minutes after he had stabbed another soldier.

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59. Assad Knew about Operation Euphrates Shield, Ankara Aims to Prevent a "Kurdish Corridor"

Asharq Al-Awsat, Saeed Abdelrazek, Paula Astih, 2016 08 31

Ankara, Beirut - Turkey issued a strong warning to Kurdish Forces in north Syria, asking them to immediately move north the Euphrates or become another target, and have called on Washington to abide by its promises in this regard. Turkish deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus said the main target of Operation Euphrates Shield launched by Ankara last week in North Syria, was to prevent the establishment of a Kurdish corridor stretching from Iraq to the verge of the

Mediterranean Sea. Speaking in Ankara on Monday, Kurtulmus said that all relevant parties, including the regime of Bashar Assad, were informed of Turkey's operation in Syria. The Turkish prime minister's office had denied on Monday claims saying Turkish forces were targeting civilians in Syria. Kurtulmus said: "Turkey is not an invader, and does not launch wars. Russia had informed Syria about the operation and we are certain about it."

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60. Frankfurt airport terminal reopens after security scare

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 08 31

Frankfurt - Authorities say Frankfurt airport is fully reopened after a portion of Terminal 1 was evacuated when a person entered a secure area without undergoing required searches. Airport operator Fraport said in a Twitter message Wednesday that the airport was returning to normal operations after a disruption that lasted about two hours. All passengers were evacuated as a precaution and had to go through security controls again. Fraport said there were some delays caused by the incident and advised passengers to check with their airlines on the status of their flights. No information was given on whether the person responsible for the alert had been found. (Full report).

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61. Italy expels Russian accused of inept bid to buy Nato secrets

London Times, Tom Kington, Deborah Haynes, 2016 08 30

Rome - Italy has handed a suspected Russian spy back to Moscow two months after he was allegedly caught buying Nato secrets from a Portuguese agent. European security sources said that the detention of Sergei Pozdnyakov would have embarrassed and enraged Moscow at a time of tension between Russia and the West. "This was a counter-intelligence coup for the Italians and the Portuguese," one source said. Court documents suggest that the Russian had already got his hands on Nato secrets from the same alleged agent. Mr Pozdnyakov, suspected of being a senior member of Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service, had allegedly travelled to Italy without obtaining diplomatic immunity -- a basic error of tradecraft. Paying an official for secret information is illegal, although unspoken diplomatic rules usually mean that a foreign intelligence officer caught running agents is expelled within 48 hours. On this occasion the Russian was freed only last month, without fanfare, after eight weeks behind bars. His alleged occupation was never proved and the Russian embassy described him as a diplomat.

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62. Teenage German Girl is Charged With Attempted Murder and Supporting ISIS

Asharq Al-Awsat, Majid al-Khateeb, 2016 08 31

Hanover - German federal prosecutors have charged a 16 year old girl of Moroccan origin named Safia S. who was accused of stabbing a German policeman in the neck with a knife. She was charged with attempted murder, being a supporter of a foreign terrorist organisation and

inflicting serious bodily harm on a policeman aged 34 after a six month investigation. A 19 year old man of Syrian origin who knew about the plan to attack non-Muslims was charged with failing to report a crime. The investigation proved that the young extremist has already written about her intentions to carry out a suicide attack in Germany to a friend in Britain via the internet. Safia S. stabbed a policeman in the neck with a kitchen knife she was carrying at a train station in the city of Hanover which is the capital of Lower Saxony on February the 26th. Reports issued by the investigative committee said that she provoked the police more than once and stabbed the policeman whilst he was checking her personal identity.

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63. Un policier attaqué par un déséquilibré à Toulouse

Le Figaro, Angélique Négroni, 2016 08 31

Toulouse--Un esprit dérangé qui exprime sa folie en s'emparant de l'actualité. Tel semble être le profil de celui qui a poignardé, ce mardi à Toulouse, un agent de sécurité de 21 ans, dont les jours ne sont pas en danger, en criant : « J'en ai marre de la France, de ce pays ! » L'agression est survenue en début d'après-midi. Venant déposer plainte pour le vol de son portable, au commissariat du centre de la ville, A. A., un Français de 31 ans, d'origine algérienne, quitte les lieux le temps de récupérer le numéro de série de son téléphone. En revenant, et reconnu par l'agent de sécurité, il se fait ouvrir la porte vitrée. C'est alors qu'il s'en prend à un autre fonctionnaire, affecté à la sécurité et qui contrôlait les sacs de personnes à l'entrée. Sortant un couteau de cuisine à lame fixe, le forcené tente d'égorger ce dernier, qui lui tourne le dos. A. A., qui a fait plusieurs séjours psychiatriques, avait déjà fait parler de lui. En 2013, sur le mur du même commissariat, il avait tagué l'inscription suivante : « affaire Merah = Sarkozy + DCRI = terrorisme » . L'année suivante, et lors d'une manifestation propalestinienne, il avait projeté des cocktails Molotov contre les forces de l'ordre et contre une synagogue de la ville.

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CSIS in the News • Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Canadians lack understanding of CSE and why it needs to snoop

The Hill Times, Phil Gurski, 2016 09 05

Op-ed: If there is one spy agency in Canada that is poorly understood and about which much of little veracity has been published it has to be CSE, or the Communications Security Establishment. CSE has a number of roles, but the one that gets the most public attention is

signals intelligence, or SIGINT. This method of intelligence collection entails capturing telecommunications in a variety of forms by a variety of techniques, few of which are known. This is indeed a good thing: the spy agency that openly shares how it gathers intelligence will not be in the spy business very long. This may sound sacrilege to some, but some things need to remain secret. CSE is not a law-enforcement agency and does not go to court to acquire warrants to collect information, unlike CSIS and the RCMP. It is limited to the collection of intelligence outside Canada and it cannot include Canadians (or Americans, British, Australians, and New Zealanders for that matter--Canada's so-called "five eyes"partners) in its dragnet. And yet, some information pertaining to Canadians has apparently been picked up, and the scale of that collection appears to be on the upswing, according to a recent National Post article. Should Canadians be worried? It is hard to say, but I will go with no. Before I explain why I think that there are limited circumstances under which CSE should be able to collect information on Canadians, it would be remiss not to note that I worked for that organization for almost 20 years. I knew how it operated very well in the pre-9/11 period, but would not purport to be an expert on how it operates now. Nevertheless, I am certain that the same rigour and observance of Canadian law, as well as internal policies, are being followed today much as they were when I was there. We do not know precisely what kinds of information were collected, but there is a particular circumstance under which Canadian communications should and must be intercepted by CSE, and I think that Canadians would agree with me. Note: Phil Gurski is president and CEO Borealis Threat and Risk Consulting.

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Canada

2. 10 choses qui ont changé depuis le 11 septembre 2001

Radio-Canada - Nouvelles (site web), Mélanie Meloche-Holubowski, 2016 09 06

Ottawa - Quinze ans ont passé depuis la pire attaque terroriste de l'histoire des États-Unis. Les attaques sur le World Trade Center et le Pentagone ont fait 2977 morts... et le monde continue d'en subir les conséquences. Voici 10 choses qui ont changé depuis cet attentat qui est resté ancré dans nos mémoires. Charles-Philippe David, de la Chaire Raoul- Dandurand de l'UQAM, Nicolas Hénin, un journaliste français qui a été retenu en otage par le groupe armé État islamique (EI), Michel Juneau-Katsuya, expert en sécurité nationale, Stéphane Berthomet, codirecteur de l'Observatoire sur la radicalisation et l'extrémisme violent, et Rachida Azdouz, psychologue et spécialiste en relations interculturelles, de l'Université de Montréal, ont parlé de ces nombreux changements à l'émission 24-60. 1. L'attentat à New York a inauguré une nouvelle ère « Le 11 Septembre a été un moment fondateur, le début d'une nouvelle époque. On le voit même dans les discours utilisés au cours des attentats depuis. On dit : "ça ne sera plus jamais comme avant" », illustre le journaliste Nicolas Hénin. Le vrai exemple du terrorisme à grande échelle, c'est le 11 Septembre. Et c'est resté. Nicolas Hénin Ce fut aussi le début d'une guerre de longue haleine entre l'Occident et les groupes djihadistes (Al-Qaïda, puis le groupe armé État islamique), croit Nicolas Hénin. Vaincre le terrorisme est un défi sérieux et ambitieux. Ainsi, la bataille sera de longue haleine, affirme M. Hénin, qui ajoute que les pays occidentaux doivent s'attendre à subir d'autres attaques terroristes au cours des prochaines années.

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3. Fewer feel government is broken, survey finds

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 09 06

Ottawa - Most Canadians think the federal government is working better today with the Liberals at the helm than when the Conservatives were in power, a new survey suggests. The survey by The Environics Institute and the Institute on Governance into public perceptions about the way they are governed found Canadians are more likely to feel government is working - as opposed to broken - than they were in 2014. Two surveys into Canadians' views of how we are governed were conducted 18 months apart, the most recent in February, but the comparative results are being made public now for the first time. They suggest Canadians may still have the same complaints about government as they did in 2014 but that concerns about its lack of trustworthiness, its corruption or its not being responsive to citizens' wants and needs have declined significantly. Keith Neuman, executive director of The Environics Institute, said he couldn't conclusively say the change was due to the so-called Trudeau effect because the survey didn't ask about political affiliations or how respondents voted. New governments always have a honeymoon period, especially when replacing a long-serving predecessor. Heightening the contrast, one survey was conducted during the final leg of the Tory era while the second was conducted during the early months of the Justin Trudeau government.

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4. Firm owned by Canadian sold armoured vehicles to Sudan despite export ban

Globe and Mail, Geoffrey York, 2016 09 06

Toronto - A Canadian-owned company has sold 30 armoured vehicles to Sudan, newly obtained documents show, despite Canadian regulations that ban the export of military and paramilitary equipment to the war-torn country. Because of Sudan's violent crackdown in Darfur, Canada imposed sanctions more than a decade ago that prohibit Canadian citizens from selling "arms and related material" to anyone in Sudan. Its definition of this material includes "military and paramilitary equipment." The documents, United Arab Emirates export permits obtained by The Globe and Mail, indicate that the Typhoon armoured trucks were exported to Sudan by Streit Security Vehicles, which is part of Streit Group, owned by Canadian businessman Guerman Goutorov. The papers show that Streit Security Vehicles exported 30 armoured Typhoon trucks to Sudan in 2012 from its factory in the UAE. The "end user" is listed as the "Sudan Police." A spokesman for Streit Group would not comment on the Sudan sale. But when asked about a similar sale in South Sudan, the company insisted its vehicles are not military vehicles and are not exported with any form of weaponry. A Globe investigation over the past 18 months has documented a growing number of examples of Canadian sales of military-related equipment to countries with poor human-rights records, including a \$15-billion deal to sell weaponized armoured vehicles to Saudi Arabia.

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5. Islamistes et collabos

Journal de Montréal, Richard Martineau, 2016 09 06

Chronique - Dans son dernier numéro, le magazine français Marianne consacre sa couverture aux femmes d'origine arabe et de culture musulmane qui combattent courageusement l'islamisme. On défend maintenant le port du burkini dans nos écoles ! Parmi elles: une psychanalyste, une chercheuse, une enseignante, deux réalisatrices et l'essayiste québécoise Djemila Benhabib. LES TRAITRES Dans une (trop) courte entrevue, Mme Benhabib parle des féministes de gauche qui défendent les barbus sous prétexte que la haine des femmes est plus acceptable lorsqu'elle vient «d'ailleurs». «Désormais, je mets les islamo-gauchistes sur le même plan que les islamistes, dit-elle. Je ne fais plus de différence, car ces femmes apportent leur complicité en toute connaissance de cause. «Elles nous font autant de tort que les islamistes, elles ont choisi leur camp. «Ce courant nous a trahis. Il a lâché les démocrates iraniens, puis algériens, il a lâché la laïcité et il a lâché les femmes. «C'est impardonnable.» Bref, pour Djemila Benhabib, fini le temps où l'on marchait sur des oeufs quand venait le temps de nommer les complices des barbus. Ce ne sont pas des «islamo-gauchistes» ou des «idiots utiles». Ce sont des islamistes, point. Ces gens permettent à l'idéologie islamiste d'avancer, d'occuper davantage de terrain et de faire reculer la liberté des femmes. Donc, appelons-les par leur nom.

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6. It's in Canada's self-interest to defend rights

Ottawa Citizen, Shannon Gormley, 2016 09 06

Op-ed: Another meeting between a powerful dictatorship and a liberal democracy, another chance to pretend that by defending universal values, governments unavoidably hurt their countries' own interests. China has perfected the art of censoring speech, repressing minorities, jailing critics and flouting the rule of law at home. The consequences of its abuse extend beyond the mainland, though. Not content to delete the online musings of 14-year-olds in their parents' Shanghai apartments, China is sending its censors abroad. A South Korean court recently yanked a classical music performance from a theatre in Seoul. Why would a court of law in a democratic country demote itself to the position of crazed art critic? The court itself noted that the Chinese Embassy threatened South Korea with financial reprisals if the show went on. And why would the Chinese Embassy lower itself to issuing threats about a show in a foreign country? The show was about the Falun Gong, a minority group that China pathologically persecutes. If only the stakes were no higher than art. But by persecuting yet another minority, China inflames international terrorism while supposedly fighting domestic terrorism: In Xinjiang province, where most Uighur Muslims live, China doesn't let kids enter mosques, doesn't let mosques broadcast the call to prayer, and doesn't let anyone who might go to mosque travel without ID cards, wear head scarves, grow large beards, or give their children names that sound too Muslimy. Note: Shannon Gormley is an Ottawa Citizen global affairs columnist and freelance journalist.

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7. L'imam Hamza Chaoui prêche dans des lieux publics

La Presse+, Philippe Teisceira-Lessard, 2016 09 06

Montréal - Le controversé imam Hamza Chaoui, au coeur l'an dernier d'un projet avorté de « centre communautaire islamique » destiné aux jeunes Montréalais, offre maintenant ses enseignements religieux dans des lieux publics. L'homme organise occasionnellement des sorties, destinées aux jeunes hommes, qui mélangent « soccer, rappels religieux, barbecue », selon sa page Facebook. Elles s'ajoutent à ses cours hebdomadaires à la mosquée Soumna, dans Parc-Extension. La dernière sortie a eu lieu à la fin du mois d'août au parc Jarry. Il en a publié des images sur les réseaux sociaux. On l'y voit s'adressant à un groupe d'une douzaine de jeunes, dont au moins deux enfants. « Soyez au rendez-vous pour d'autres sorties », a écrit le prêcheur. Dans un message à La Presse, M. Chaoui a affirmé qu'il « poursui[t] toujours [s]es activités religieuses d'imam et de prédicateur avec les jeunes et avec la communauté en général dans différentes mosquées ». « Les sorties ne sont pas un remplacement du centre que nous n'avons pas encore ouvert dans l'Est, a-t-il précisé. Les sorties ne sont pas en collaboration avec une mosquée ou un centre culturel en particulier, c'est une activité indépendante. » Islam et démocratie Hamza Chaoui expose que l'islam et la démocratie sont « complètement » incompatibles parce qu'un homosexuel ou un athée peut devenir député. « Le vote en islam est haram [un péché] et n'est pas permis », a-t-il dit. « La démocratie est un système de mécréance et il faut le boycotter. » -- Hamza Chaoui M. Chaoui juge aussi sévèrement le système criminel canadien, qui n'apprendrait pas aux criminels à ne plus recommencer. Dans un prêche prononcé en 2013, il défend notamment l'amputation d'une main devant la foule pour punir les voleurs ainsi que la lapidation pour les époux adultères. Il souligne toutefois que les musulmans d'ici ne devaient pas se faire justice eux-mêmes ou appliquer cette loi au Canada.

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8. La question des trois Canadiens détenus à l'étranger a été abordée

La Presse canadienne, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 06

Hangzhou, Chine -- Le premier ministre Justin Trudeau a indiqué avoir discuté avec les dirigeants turcs et indonésiens au sujet du sort de trois Canadiens détenus dans ces pays. M. Trudeau a dit avoir soulevé la question en marge du sommet du G20, en Chine, mais n'a pas précisé quelle réponse il avait obtenue. La Turquie a placé en détention deux hommes détenant la citoyenneté canadienne et turque à la suite de la tentative de coup d'État survenue dans ce pays en juillet. En Indonésie, un enseignant canadien est en prison après avoir été reconnu coupable de crimes contre des enfants. Il maintient toutefois son innocence.

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9. Petit lexique pour mieux comprendre

La Presse+, Gabrielle Duchaine, 2016 09 06

Non identifié - Islamique ou islamiste ? Ça veut dire quoi, faire le djihad ? Les Arabes sont-ils tous musulmans ? Un niqab, est-ce que ça couvre le visage ou seulement les cheveux ? Au Québec, l'enjeu de la radicalisation choque. Il soulève les passions... et il sème beaucoup de

confusion. Pour démêler tout ça, nous avons demandé l'aide du professeur de sociologie à l'UQAM Rachad Antonius, expert de l'islam et des communautés arabes au Québec. Petit lexique illustré. Arabe ou musulman ? Tous les Arabes ne sont pas musulmans et les musulmans ne sont pas tous Arabes. Définitions. Musulman Un musulman est quelqu'un dont la religion est l'islam, mais cela n'exclut pas qu'on puisse devenir non pratiquant ou non croyant. Il y a 1,4 milliard de musulmans dans le monde, répartis dans divers continents et pays différents, et ayant des cultures très diversifiées. De plus, les sociétés musulmanes sont traversées par des interprétations très variées, parfois contradictoires de l'islam, explique M. Antonius. Arabe Les Arabes sont les citoyens de pays où la langue arabe est dominante (22 pays). Ce n'est pas un groupe ethnique à proprement parler, mais avant tout une culture et une identité politiques. La grande majorité des Arabes sont musulmans, mais beaucoup d'Arabes sont chrétiens ou juifs. Les Arabes ne constituent que 20 % des musulmans. Une forte proportion des Québécois arabes sont chrétiens, précise M. Antonius. À noter : la Turquie, l'Iran et l'Afghanistan ne sont pas des pays arabes.

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10. Principal under investigation for anti-Muslim posts

Toronto Star, Noor Javed, 2016 09 06

Toronto - The York Region District School Board is investigating allegations that an elementary school principal put anti-Muslim posts on her Facebook page. A spokesman for the board said it was aware of concerns raised by a community member about public postings on a Facebook page under the name Ghada Sadaka. Sadaka is identified as a principal in the York board on the page. "We take all matters of this nature seriously. After learning of the allegations, the board has begun an investigation," said YRDSB spokesperson Licinio Miguelo. "This is a personnel matter, and as such details cannot be provided, however we will conduct a thorough investigation, follow all protocols and policies and take any necessary measures," he said. Some of the Facebook posts the principal is alleged to have shared and commented on include: videos purportedly showing violent "Muslim takeovers" of Paris and London; articles expressing concerns around bringing refugees to Canada, given their "terrorist sympathies"; and another headlined: "Must see: Dutch mayor tells fellow Muslims they can f----- if they don't like freedom." Sadaka, the new principal at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Public School in Markham, referred all questions to the board's head office when contacted by the Star Friday. "I appreciate your questions, but for any further information you will have to go through the board office," she said.

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11. That's anti-Canadian

Globe and Mail, 2016 09 06

Editorial: Kellie Leitch, the Conservative MP and candidate for her party's leadership, caused a stir last week when she e-mailed supporters with a questionnaire that asked them, among other things, whether the federal government should screen potential immigrants for "anti-Canadian values." Ms. Leitch was duly criticized, but she didn't back down. "Screening potential immigrants for anti-Canadian values that include intolerance towards other religions, cultures and sexual orientations, violent and/or misogynist behaviour and/or a lack of acceptance of our

Canadian tradition of personal and economic freedoms is a policy proposal that I feel very strongly about," she said Friday. It's now clear that Ms. Leitch is all too happy to play identity politics. This is the same person who, as minister for the Status of Women during the federal election campaign last year, announced the creation of a tip line for people to report "barbaric cultural practices." She later claimed she was misunderstood. She wasn't. It's clearly her practice to sell policies that raise fears of Muslim immigrants based on inaccurate stereotypes about their culture and beliefs.

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12. Air Force, Short of Drone Pilots, Uses Contractors to Fight Terror

New York Times, Michael S. Schmidt, 2016 09 06

Washington - The American military's extensive use of drones against the Islamic State and other terrorist groups has resulted in a shortage of Air Force pilots and other personnel to operate the aircraft, leading the Pentagon to rely more on private contractors for reconnaissance missions in Afghanistan and Iraq. Since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the Pentagon has used contractors to perform many duties traditionally carried out by uniformed personnel, like protecting military bases and feeding service members. The contractors who are now serving as drone pilots are based in the regions where the drones are flown, and they are legally prohibited from being "trigger pullers" and firing weapons, Air Force officials said. But there is no limit on the type of reconnaissance they can perform, and they are providing live video feeds of battles and special operations. As the Obama administration has accelerated its campaign against the Islamic State in Iraq, Syria and Libya over the past 10 months, the Pentagon has added four drones flown by contractors to the roughly 60 that are typically flown every day by uniformed Air Force personnel. Over the next two years, the Pentagon plans to add six more operated by contractors, the officials said. The number and identities of contractors working on the drone flights are considered classified information, the Air Force said. But Pentagon officials said there are at least several hundred contractors, many of them former drone or fighter pilots who are making double or triple their military salaries.

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13. Hillary Clinton Accuses Russia of Interfering With U.S. Election

New York Times, Amy Chozick, 2016 09 06

Moline, Illinois - Hillary Clinton accused Russian intelligence of interfering with the American election, implying that President Vladimir V. Putin viewed a victory by Donald J. Trump as a destabilizing event that would weaken the United States and buttress Russian interests. "It's almost unthinkable," Mrs. Clinton said on Monday, referring to what she called recent "credible reports about Russian interference in our elections" and citing a hacking of the Democratic National Committee's emails in July. "We've never had the nominee of one of our major parties urging the Russians to hack," Mrs. Clinton said in a news conference. "I want everyone -- Democrat, Republican, Independent -- to understand the real threat that this represents." The

comments, Mrs. Clinton's most extensive yet on one of the more unusual subplots of the presidential campaign, came after a Washington Post report that United States intelligence and law enforcement agencies are probing a wide, covert Russian effort to disrupt the presidential election. Asked by a reporter if Russia's actions amounted to a cyberwar, Mrs. Clinton said, "I'm not comfortable using the word 'war.'"

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14. Inside Menwith Hill

The Intercept, Ryan Gallagher, 2016 09 06

Washington - The narrow roads are quiet and winding, surrounded by rolling green fields and few visible signs of life beyond the occasional herd of sheep. But on the horizon, massive white golf ball-like domes protrude from the earth, protected behind a perimeter fence that is topped with piercing razor wire. Here, in the heart of the tranquil English countryside, is the National Security Agency's largest overseas spying base. Once known only by the code name Field Station 8613, the secret base -- now called Menwith Hill Station -- is located about nine miles west of the small town of Harrogate in North Yorkshire. Originally used to monitor Soviet communications through the Cold War, its focus has since dramatically shifted, and today it is a vital part of the NSA's sprawling global surveillance network. For years, journalists and researchers have speculated about what really goes on inside Menwith Hill, while human rights groups and some politicians have campaigned for more transparency about its activities. Yet the British government has steadfastly refused to comment, citing a longstanding policy not to discuss matters related to national security. Now, however, top-secret documents obtained by The Intercept offer an unprecedented glimpse behind Menwith Hill's razor wire fence. The files reveal for the first time how the NSA has used the British base to aid "a significant number of capture-kill operations" across the Middle East and North Africa, fueled by powerful eavesdropping technology that can harvest data from more than 300 million emails and phone calls a day. Over the past decade, the documents show, the NSA has pioneered groundbreaking new spying programs at Menwith Hill to pinpoint the locations of suspected terrorists accessing the internet in remote parts of the world. The programs -- with names such as GHOSTHUNTER and GHOSTWOLF -- have provided support for conventional British and American military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. But they have also aided covert missions in countries where the U.S. has not declared war. NSA employees at Menwith Hill have collaborated on a project to help "eliminate" terrorism targets in Yemen, for example, where the U.S. has waged a controversial drone bombing campaign that has resulted in dozens of civilian deaths.

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15. Intelligence community investigating covert Russian influence operations in the United States

Washington Post, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 05

Washington - U.S. intelligence and law enforcement agencies are probing what they see as a broad covert Russian operation in the United States to sow public distrust in the upcoming presidential election and in U.S. political institutions, intelligence and congressional officials

said. The aim is to understand the scope and intent of the Russian campaign, which incorporates cyber-tools to hack systems used in the political process, enhancing Russia's ability to spread disinformation. The effort to better understand Russia's covert influence operations is being spearheaded by James R. Clapper Jr., the director of national intelligence. "This is something of concern for the DNI," said Charles Allen, a former longtime CIA officer who has been briefed on some of these issues. "It is being addressed." A Russian influence operation in the United States "is something we're looking very closely at," said one senior intelligence official who, as others interviewed, spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive matter. Officials are also examining potential disruptions to the election process, and the FBI has alerted state and local officials to potential cyberthreats. The official cautioned that the intelligence community is not saying it has "definitive proof" of such tampering, or any Russian plans to do so. "But even the hint of something impacting the security of our election system would be of significant concern," the official said. "It's the key to our democracy, that people have confidence in the election system."

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16. Obama Met With Putin, Said Hackers Shouldn't Create a Cyber 'Wild Wild West'

ABC News, Jordyn Phelps, 2016 09 05

New York - President Obama addressed his tense, 90-minute-long meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the G20 in a press conference on Monday. The two leaders apparently held fast to their positions on hot button issues like cyber-security and brokering a cease-fire in Syria. Russian hackers having been implicated in some current cyber threats and security issues was a key topic. Though Obama didn't identify specific instances, he said "we have had problems with cyber intrusions from Russia in the past" and that the goal is to not to duplicate a "cycle of escalation" that has occurred in arms races of the past. "What we cannot do is have a situation where this becomes the wild, wild West, where countries that have significant cyber capacity start engaging in unhealthy competition or conflict through these means," the president said. He added that nations have enough to worry about in the realm of cyber attacks from non-state actors without nation-states engaging in hacking against one another.

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17. Isis 'given hitlist' as MoD puts 20,000 soldier names online

London Times, Deborah Haynes, 2016 09 06

London - The Ministry of Defence was accused of a security blunder last night for publishing online the name, rank and army number of 20,000 soldiers and potential recruits. The details of every regular officer, reservist officer and university trainee were available on the government website. One soldier described it as effectively providing a "target list" for Islamic State militants at a time of heightened security risk. The three documents also include every adult volunteer in the army cadet force. "This is a serious security threat when Isis and other groups are looking to

target individuals," Major Chris Green, a reservist who has left the force but whose details are on a list, said. One serving reservist who is named said: "They've basically provided a target list for Isis." The Army List has always been a publicly accessible document as a hard copy, with online versions published in recent years. An MoD spokesman said: "The security of our people is our foremost concern and we keep measures to address the threats to them under constant review."

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18. ISIS Recruiter Reaches out to British Model Using Facebook

Asharq Al-Awsat, Raneem Hannoush, 2016 09 06

London - West Yorkshire's anti-terror police announced on Sunday its fears of a former British model being led on for recruitment by the terror group ISIS. The model was being recruited through Facebook. The Sunday Times has discovered that Kimberley Miners, 27, has been reached out to by the ultra-hardline group through social media, Facebook. A British ISIS member fighting in Syria appearing under the alias Abu Usamah al-Britani had been contacting her. The recruiter has been grooming Miners to become a bride to one of the militants abroad and has been preparing for her departure from the United Kingdom. Miners codenamed herself as Aisha Lauren al-Britaniya and has posted images of women brandishing rifles and other weapons. A spokesman for the British Home Office told Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper in a phone interview that the matter concerning Miners touches very sensitive grounds, which is why MI5 and anti-terror police will maintain top discretion during investigations.

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19. It's High Time for Prisons Within Prisons to Hold Jihadists

The Daily Beast, Maajid Nawaz, 2016 09 05

London - The recent terrorism conviction of Anjem Choudary, the West's most prolific media cheerleader for the so-called Islamic State, raised questions about his incarceration in prisons that have--in some cases --been labelled jihadist training camps. Indeed, terrorist recruitment in prisons is one of the biggest challenges the West faces today, and Jihadi- Joker Anjem Choudary would thrive in such an environment. Prison radicalization is a real and sustained problem. Petty criminals predisposed to violence like "shoe-bomber" Richard Reid caught trying to blow up a transatlantic flight out of Paris in 2001 initially were radicalized in this very way, by mixing with hardened jihadist ideologues inside Britain's jails, only to come out and attempt to attack the United States. As of this summer there were 12,633 Muslims in prison in England and Wales. While of the 147 convicted terrorists in UK jails, 137 defined themselves as Muslim. A 20 percent increase in the jail population has been outstripped by a 122 percent rise in Muslim inmates. Muslims make up just one in twenty Britons, but one in seven inmates. In the U.S., rough estimates suggest that 35,000- 40,000 prisoners convert to Islam each year. Nationally at around 350,000 inmates, 15 percent of the U.S. prison population is Muslim. This is more than 18 percent the proportion of Americans who are Muslim. That's a huge disparity. These psychologically vulnerable Muslim prisoners must not be allowed to mix with charismatic, committed and convincing jihadist ideological recruiters.

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20. MPs to urge ban on UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia

The Guardian (London), Patrick Wintour, 2016 09 05

London - Fresh calls for a UK ban on arms sales to Saudi Arabia are due to be made this week when the powerful all-party select committee on arms export controls meets to finalise a report expected to be deeply critical of the 18-month Saudi-led bombing campaign in Yemen. A cross-party push will be made for the committee to urge the UK to suspend its multibillion-pound arms sales to Saudi Arabia in a move that would infuriate Riyadh, unnerve arms manufacturers and embarrass the Conservative government. Since the 16-strong committee last met before the recess, Saudi airstrikes on 15 August left 19 killed and 24 injured when a raid hit a Yemeni hospital supported by Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). It was the fourth attack on an MSF facility in Yemen in a year, and led to the MSF withdrawing from parts of Yemen. MSF insisted it had shared the hospital's GPS coordinates with all parties involved in the conflict. On 25 August the United Nations' top human rights official, Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein, called for an international independent inquiry into the Saudi air campaign. The UN's report showed that 60% of the civilian deaths documented in a one-year period resulted from airstrikes carried out by the Saudi-led coalition on weddings, markets, schools and hospitals. In several of those attacks, the UN said it was unable to identify any possible military target. The UK government has said it was not against an international inquiry, but favoured a Saudi-led inquiry. In August at a press conference in Bahrain, the Saudi-led coalition cleared itself of breaches of humanitarian law in six out of eight cases investigated, including raids last year on a delivery by UN World Food Programme trucks that had not coordinated with the coalition.

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21. Parliament's back for Snoopers' Charter. Former head of GCHQ talks to El Reg

The Register (UK), Alexander J. Martin, 2016 09 05

London - Parliament has returned from recess (only for a fortnight before conference season begins) and the House of Lord's committee stage examination of the Investigatory Powers Bill will resume this afternoon. The upper chamber had been waiting for the publication of a review of the bill's bulk powers, which had been led by the independent reviewer of terrorism legislation, David Anderson QC. Bulk hacking missions were addressed last week at a panel convened by the Chartered Institute of IT. Academics, National Crime Agency representatives, and Sir David Omand -- the former director of GCHQ and visiting professor at KCL -- discussed the difficulties that traditional law enforcement techniques encountered when attempting to tackle cybercrime. Corresponding with The Register, Sir David explained how in his experience such bulk hacking powers were necessary for law enforcement purposes on the internet, rather than just being necessary for national security reasons. Omand wrote: "The recent serious rise in global cybercrime by organised criminal groups...has only reinforced the importance of having the specialist techniques and international liaisons of the secret agencies available to support the investigations of law enforcement."

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22. Seven arrested at London City Airport after Black Lives Matter protesters storm runway

London Daily Telegraph, Sam Dean, 2016 09 06

London - London City Airport was brought to a standstill on Tuesday morning after a group of Black Lives Matter activists stormed the runway. The demonstrators say they have "shut down London City Airport to protest the UK's environmental impact on black people". Police said the nine protesters locked themselves together and erected a tripod on the runway, while it has been reported that they bypassed security and reached the airport by using a rubber dinghy to cross the docks. As of around 10.15am, there had been seven arrests, but only two protesters had been removed from the runway.

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23. Universal credit poses a major security risk, spies tell No 10

London Times, Oliver Wright, 2016 09 06

London - The universal credit welfare programme was sent back to the drawing board because spies warned that it was insecure and could lead to millions of people being hacked, a report reveals. Experts working for GCHQ, the government's listening agency, contacted Downing Street in alarm after being "fobbed off" by the Department for Work and Pensions over security flaws in the benefits programme. As a result plans to launch the service next year were abandoned. Today only about 300,000 people are receiving benefit payments through universal credit and the system will not be fully operational until 2022 at the earliest. GCHQ's involvement in delaying universal credit is revealed in a report by the Institute for Government into how the welfare reform programme went disastrously wrong.

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24. Australian police take seriously on terror attack from IS

Xinhua News Agency, Matt Walsh, 2016 09 06

Canberra - Police in Australia on Tuesday said they will take seriously on the threat posed by "lone wolf" terrorists, in the wake of a frightening statement from an Islamic State (IS) publication calling for public executions at famous landmarks. The article was published in the first edition of terror magazine Rumiya, and it calls on Australian followers of IS to kill citizens "even in their backyards." Police commissioner Graham Ashton said the threat would still be taken seriously, especially in the lead up to finals for the two major sporting competitions, the Australian Football League (AFL) and the National Rugby League (NRL). "If we need to beef up that (security) presence, we will," he told the press on Tuesday. "There is nothing at this stage to suggest," he said. "This is propaganda from IS. If anything does emerge of any specificity it will be acted upon quickly by our Joint Counter Terrorism Strike Team." Victoria's Premier Daniel Andrews said while the national threat level for terrorism remains at "probable," Victoria

Police was taking the threat "very seriously." The state's capital, Melbourne, is set to host a number of AFL and NRL finals over the next month.

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25. Many Chinese nationals still aligned with Beijing, says Dibb

The Australian, Cameron Stewart, 2016 09 05

Canberra - A dangerous number of Chinese nationals in Australia owe their primary allegiance to Beijing rather than to Australia, one of the country's leading strategic experts has warned. Professor Paul Dibb says the Chinese community in Australia has adopted an increasingly - strident pro-Chinese government view in recent years, largely influenced by the Chinese embassy in Canberra. It is a trend, he says, that risks fuelling a fresh backlash against foreign investment in Australia. "The fact is that there are a considerable number of Chinese residents and students here that feel nostalgic about the People's Republic and its ruling party," Professor Dibb writes in The Australian today. "If that is so, we have a dangerous case on our hands with a group of people who are not integrating and who owe allegiance to a foreign power." Professor Dibb's comments come amid growing political debate about the issue of Chinese investment in Australia and its implications for national security. Chinese President Xi Jinping has urged Malcolm Turnbull to adopt a "fair" and "transparent" approach to investment after China was angered by the rejection of two \$10 billion-plus bids for the NSW Ausgrid power network. "The debate about Chinese investment in Australia and the presence here of a large Chinese community raises serious questions about Chinese influence and intentions," Professor Dibb writes.

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26. Teen allegedly built cooker bomb

The Age, Jane Lee, 2016 09 05

Canberra - A teenager followed instructions from an Islamist propaganda article called "Make a bomb in the kitchen of your mom" to prepare for a Mother's Day terror attack in Melbourne, a court has heard. Victoria Police seized items used to build explosive devices in a raid on the boy's family home in Greenvale last year, including three bombs they later detonated under safe conditions in a nearby park. Fairfax Media has reported that police believed the raid thwarted a massacre the boy had planned for Mother's Day in May last year. The 18-year-old - referred to as MHK - has pleaded guilty to partially constructing an improvised explosive device and accessing documents related to such devices in preparation for or planning a terrorist act. He appeared in the Supreme Court on Monday for a pre-sentence hearing. Prosecutor Sarah McNaughton, SC, said police had found documents from a 2010 issue of Al Qaeda propaganda magazine Inspire on the boy's computer. The court heard the teenager told shop staff he was buying a pressure cooker for his mother and fairy lights for his sister but instead used the items to make the bomb for a planned terror attack.

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27. Turnbull vows no pause in fight against ISIS

The Australian, David Crowe, 2016 09 05

Canberra - Malcolm Turnbull has urged an "unrelenting" military campaign to defeat Islamic State amid talks with fellow leaders on a political settlement in Syria, one week after announcing new rules to widen the scope for Australian strikes on terrorist targets. The Prime Minister spoke with Russian President Vladimir Putin yesterday on the challenges in Syria and held a formal meeting last night with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, a key figure in the effort to halt the radicalisation of foreign fighters. The talks were held on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Hangzhou where US President Barack Obama held talks with Mr Putin but failed to reach an agreement on halting offensives by forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in areas held by rebels backed by the US. Mr Turnbull declared at the G20 summit in Turkey last year that a political solution was the ultimate objective in Syria to end a war that has killed an estimated 500,000 people, setting off a storm among some conservatives in Australia at a time when former prime minister Tony Abbott put more weight on military operations against Islamic State.

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28. Five suspected foreign trained militants arrested in Karachi: CTD

Pakistan Dawn, Imtiaz Ali, 2016 09 06

Karachi - Police's Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) on Monday claimed to have arrested five suspects involved in sectarian killings in the metropolis. Speaking at press conference at CTD Civil Lines, the senior officer claimed the held suspects were involved in killings of religious scholars, doctors and prominent personalities on sectarian grounds and were planning to target 'prominent religious scholars' before Eidul Azha. "They were allegedly involved in targeted killings of Mufti Ghulam Akbar, Mufti Kamran Husain, Hafiz Mohammad Sajid, Dr. Fazlur Rehman, Maulana Yasir and others." "Arrested suspects are foreign trained," additional inspector general of police, CTD, Dr. Sanaullah Abbasi said. "Karachi has become a battlefield for proxy war of foreign countries who wanted to destabilise Pakistan generally and Karachi particularly," elaborated the counter-terror force chief.

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29. Twin suicide blasts in Kabul: 24 killed, 91 wounded

Pajhwok Afghan News, Ahmad Shah Erfanyar, 2016 09 06

Kabul - The death toll from twin suicide bombings has risen to 24 with another 91 people injured in the latest attack on central capital Kabul on Monday, officials said. The twin blasts in rapid succession took place in front of the Defence Ministry building at about 3:30pm when the ministry officials were leaving. Faridon Obaidi, crime investigation chief at the 101 Asmai Zone police headquarters, told reporters at the scene that first a magnetic bomb was detonated and when police rushed to the scene to look for casualties a suicide bomber on foot approached them and detonated his explosives. However, he did not provide figures for the casualties. Mohammad

Ismail Khawasi, the Public Health Ministry spokesman, said 24 people were killed and another 91 wounded in the twin blasts. He said the dead and the wounded had been shifted to various hospitals in the central capital.

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30. "Babar", la taupe française qui espionne l'Algérie depuis 2009 (Canada)

Le Matin (Algérie), Yacine K., 2016 09 05

Alger - La France espionne l'Algérie. Les Etats-Unis espionnent la France. Tout le monde s'espionne. Même si les chefs d'Etat et de gouvernement jouent les vierges effarouchées, cette information est une réalité connue de tous. Surtout sur le volet économique où l'espionnage des entreprises et laboratoires ignore les pays amis. La nouveauté ce sont ces révélations confiées par Bernard Barbier, un ancien cadre des services d'espionnage français, Bernard Barbier, rapportés lors du Symposium central supélec. Cet ancien espion confirme les révélations faites déjà par Le Monde en mars 2014. Le quotidien vespéral français avait révélé que les services secrets français espionnait l'Algérie, le Canada, la Côte d'Ivoire, l'Iran grâce à un logiciel. Bernard Barbier a abondé dans le même sens que les anciennes révélations, rappelant que c'est grâce à un logiciel malveillant du nom de code Babar que la Direction générale des services extérieurs (DGSE, espionnage extérieur français) espionne un certain nombre de pays, dont l'Algérie. Selon cet ancien limier, le logiciel "Babar" a été détecté par les services canadiens qui ont retrouvé des traces dudit logiciel dans plusieurs pays, comme l'Iran, l'Espagne, la Grèce, la Côte d'Ivoire ou l'Algérie.

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31. Analysts: Negotiating With Nigeria's Oil Militants Could Encourage Them

Voice of America, Chris Stein, 2016 09 06

Lagos - If Nigeria's government plans to sit down with the militant groups that have wreaked havoc on its oil industry, they will need a lot of chairs. More than a dozen groups have appeared since attacks on oil pipelines started earlier this year, each claiming their own constituencies and making their own demands. While some in the Niger Delta say dialogue is the best way to save lives and quell the ongoing insurgency, others say the government's July decision to talk with the militant groups is merely encouraging them. Starting earlier this year, a group calling itself the Niger Delta Avengers took credit for a series of blasts targeting pipelines and other types of oil infrastructure that severely disrupted Nigeria's oil output. The Joint Niger Delta Liberation Force, Utorogun Liberation Movement, Red Scorpion and the Reformed Egbesu Boys are all groups that have popped up in recent months. Some, like the Niger Delta Greenland Justice Mandate, say they've carried out attacks. Others merely list demands, or claim they're not taking part in government negotiations.

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32. DGSN: liens avérés entre le Polisario et les membres du réseau de trafic de drogue démantelé

La Relève (Maroc), Journaliste maison, 2016 09 04

Boujdour, Maroc - DGSN: liens avérés entre le Polisario et les membres du réseau de trafic de drogue démantelé près de Boujdour Les premiers éléments de l'enquête menée par la Brigade nationale de la police judiciaire (BNPJ) sur le réseau de trafic international de drogue, démantelé jeudi, ont démontré l'existence de ramifications régionales de ce réseau dans les camps de Tindouf et le nord du Mali. Les premiers éléments de l'enquête ont également permis d'établir des liens avérés de ses membres avec des responsables du Polisario et leur collusion avec des activités terroristes, indique la Direction générale de la sûreté nationale (DGSN). Ces investigations ont prouvé que le propriétaire de la drogue saisie, originaire du nord du Mali, a passé un accord avec l'un des trafiquants connu dans les camps de Tindouf sous le nom de "Robio" en vue de garantir l'opération de transport et d'acheminement de la drogue au Mali en contrepartie d'une importante somme d'argent, précise vendredi la DGSN dans un communiqué. Le dénommé "Robio" a mobilisé tous les moyens logistiques pour la réussite de cette opération, dont il a confié l'exécution à un groupe de personnes originaires de Tindouf, en l'occurrence un chauffeur, un guide et des transporteurs, parmi lesquels figure le fils du soi-disant "ministre du Développement" de la fantomatique "RASD" et ancien wali du soi-disant camp d'Es-Smara, souligne la même source. Et d'ajouter que "Robio" est connu pour ses activités dans les domaines du crime organisé transfrontalier et est soupçonné d'implication dans des actes terroristes, dont le rapt de trois Européens dans le camp de Rabouni près de Tindouf .

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33. South Sudan to Allow More U.N. Peacekeepers, but Force Will Be No 'Panacea'

New York Times, Jeffrey Gettleman, 2016 09 05

Ukunda, Kenya - Under intense pressure, South Sudan's beleaguered government has relented and will allow more United Nations peacekeepers into the country. In the two and a half years since civil war erupted, South Sudan has been the scene of atrocities including civilian massacres, the forcing of children into militias, the burning of emergency food supplies and the widespread rape of women and girls, including Western aid workers. Tens of thousands of people have been killed. On Sunday night, during a visit by the United Nations Security Council to Juba, South Sudan's capital, the government agreed to allow the addition of 4,000 peacekeeping troops to the existing force of 14,000 soldiers, police and military observers. Top American officials, including Secretary of State John Kerry and Samantha Power, ambassador to the United Nations, had been pushing hard for the increase and the Security Council authorized the expansion of the force last month. African nations had also supported the move, though South Sudan's government had claimed that it would be an affront to its sovereignty. Shortly after the decision was made public, Ms. Power said that South Sudan's government was weak in terms of the rule of law and warned that the peacekeeping force would not be a "panacea."

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34. Santos confident Colombians will say 'yes' to peace

Agence France-Presse, Staff report, 2016 09 06

Bogota - Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos says he is certain his government's peace deal with FARC rebels will be approved in an October 2 referendum because "an imperfect peace is always preferable to a perfect war." "The 'no' won't win. The 'yes' camp will win. I'm completely sure of that and I am not worried about what some call Plan B. I'm absolutely convinced," he said in an interview with AFP on Monday. Santos said he had not been obliged to put the agreement ending the 52-year conflict with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, to a referendum. "But a referendum is a democratic thing, it gives much more legitimacy to an agreement like this one. That's why I insisted there be a referendum," he said.

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35. 'One nation in South Asia is spreading terror in the region'

The Hindu, Atul Aneja, 2016 09 06

Hangzhou - Without naming Pakistan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Monday, used the G-20 forum to assert that "one single nation" in South Asia is spreading "agents of terror", amid calls for the imposition of sanctions against those who sponsor the menace. In an obvious reference to Islamabad, Mr. Modi said: "Indeed one single nation in South Asia is spreading these agents of terror in countries of our region." The Prime Minister lauded the G20 initiative on countering terror financing, pointing out that that all countries should meet the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) standards. "The growing forces of violence and terror pose a fundamental challenge. There are some nations that use it as an instrument of state policy. India has a policy of zero tolerance to terrorism. Because anything less than that is not enough," Mr. Modi said. "For us a terrorist is a terrorist."

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36. A retired army major, he went missing in April (Canada).

Bangladesh Daily Star, Staff Correspondent, 2016 09 06

Dhaka - The man killed in Friday's police raid in Rupnagar was a retired army major who went out of contact with family members in April, according to sources. Soon after the raid, officials had said the dead was Murad alias Jahangir Alam alias Omar; fellow militants would call him "Major Shaheb". As the military commander of "Neo JMB", he gave arms training to the Holey Artisan and Sholakia attackers, police added. In the last two days, a number of police officials told this newspaper that the real name of the militant is Major (ret'd) Jahidul Islam. Asked if the person killed in Rupnagar was Major (ret'd) Jahidul, an official of Inter Services Public Relation (ISPR) replied in the positive. According to his three acquaintances in Dhaka, Jahid got commissioned in 2000 after training under Bangladesh Military Academy's 43 Long Course. The

army authorities sent him to Canada for a course (2013-2014) at the junior staff college of Canadian armed forces, said the acquaintances.

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37. Au G20, les officiels britanniques sur leurs gardes contre les espions chinois

La Tribune (France), Laszlo Perelstein, 2016 09 05

Hangzhou, Chine- Pour les représentants britanniques au G20, la prudence est de mise. Les chefs de la sécurité du gouvernement ont averti les fonctionnaires de la nouvelle Première ministre britannique Theresa May : méfiez-vous des "pièges à miel" tendus par des espions-chinois, alors que le sommet du G20 se déroule du 4 au 5 septembre à Hangzhou, en Chine, rapporte le Telegraph . " Les officiels voyageant avec [Theresa] May se sont vus attribuer numéros de téléphone et adresses email temporaires afin d'échapper aux pirates de l'État chinois" , écrit le journal. Les collaborateurs de la chef du gouvernement doivent également se tenir éloignés de tout appareil électronique et ne pas garder d'éventuels cadeaux reçus, comme les clés USB ou les chargeurs de téléphones. Il y aurait également de fortes chances pour que les chambres utilisées pendant le G20 soient truffées de micros, a confié une source du ministère de la Défense au Telegraph .

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38. Bharat Sevashram Sangha gets into film production to spread message against violence (Canada).

Hindustan Times, 2016 09 06

Kolkata - Bharat Sevashram Sangha, one of the leading Hindu organisations of the country, is producing a film with a budget of over Rs 1 crore to spread its message against violence and fundamentalism. The film will hit the cinema halls on September 16. The move comes at a time when Hindus are at the receiving end in Bangladesh and Bengal is being used as a fertile ground for terror outfits such as IS and Jamaat-ul-Mujaheed in Bangladesh. Established in 1917, Bharat Sevashram Sangha's film is a biopic on its founder, Pranavananda Maharaj. The star cast includes veteran actors like Ranjit Mallick, Soumitra Chatterjee and Biblab Chatterjee. Arjun Chakaborty is playing the lead role. The film is directed by Raja Sen. The Sangha, a major Hindu charitable organisation, has hundreds of ashrams in India and other countries, including UK, US, Canada, Bangladesh and Guyana.

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39. G20 will cooperate in battle to fight graft (Canada)

China Daily, Zhang Yanin, 2016 09 06

Beijing - Members of the G20 have agreed to advance the anti- corruption campaign and refuse to offer "safe havens" for corrupt officials who remain at large in foreign countries. Speaking to journalists at the end of the two-day G20 Leaders Summit in the lakeside city of Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, President Xi Jinping said important breakthroughs have been made this year

in the fight against graft with fugitive repatriations and recovery of assets. G20 members have decided to set up an anti-corruption research center in Beijing to provide intelligence support for capturing fugitives and recovering their illegal assets. The summit also passed the G20 2017-18 Anti-Corruption Action Plan, Xi said. "These anti-graft achievements will leave corrupt officials no place to hide in G20 members' territories and in the world at large," Xi said. In recent years, many G20 economies, including the United States and Canada, have become popular destinations for fugitive corrupt officials due to the lack of signed bilateral extradition treaties and legal differences, according to China's Ministry of Public Security. Many corrupt officials have transferred billions of yuan in ill-gotten assets to foreign accounts either through money-laundering and underground banks, according to the ministry.

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40. Killed in Dhaka raid, 'militant' Jahid left Bangladesh Army on return from Canada

BDNews24, Liton Haider and Kazi Enamul Haque, 2016 09 06

Dhaka - The suspected militant killed during a raid on a house at Mirpur's Rupnagar is a former army officer, who left the job two years ago after returning from Canada. Police first identified him as 'Murad' alias 'Omar' aka 'Jahangir', but it has emerged that he is Mohammad Jahidul Islam, son of a former police inspector from Comilla. DMP Deputy Commissioner Masudur Rahman said the law enforcers became certain about his identity after matching his fingerprint on the National ID card. Police said the former army officer was the second-in-command of 'top Neo-JMB leader' Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury and the military commander of the group. He went to Canada in 2014 and left the job after returning home, Jahirul said. "He had said he was not enjoying the job," he added. Jahirul also claimed the family had no contact with Jahidul for the past four months. Tamim, an expatriate in Canada, allegedly masterminded the deadly Gulshan café siege.

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41. Neo JMB trainer Murad was ex-army major (Canada).

The New Nation (Bangladesh), 2016 09 06

Dhaka - Police have confirmed the identity of the 'Neo JMB' trainer Murad alias Jahangir who was killed in a 'gunfight' with cops during a raid on a 'militant hideout' in the city's Rupnagar area on Friday night. Locals told police that the real name of Murad, who was staying on the top floor of a six-storey building in the area, was actually Mohammad Zahidul Islam, 37. He was major of the army and retired from the force willingly. He was son of Nurul Islam, and Jebunnahar Islam. The locals denied having any idea about Murad's militant link and only informed that he had come to the area around 4 to 5 months ago. They identified him (Murad) after watching his photos on television and in newspapers. The locals added that Murad's father had told them that he had gone to Canada after quitting his Bangladesh Army job.

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42. NIA probes IS operative Abu Musa's link to JMB leaders

Times of India, Neeraj Chauhan, 2016 09 06

New Delhi - Probing Indian recruit of Islamic State Mohammad Masiuddin alias Abu Musa's link with Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) leaders involved in the Dhaka attack, the National Investigation Agency has approached US, Germany, New Zealand and neighbouring Bangladesh seeking information about his online conversations. Sources in the anti-terror probe agency said that Musa had interacted with his handlers, including Shafi Armar alias Yousuf al-Hindi, and Mohammad Suleiman among others using chat apps and channels including Telegram, Surespot, Kik and Thremma. The four countries have been approached through Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) requests and details of his chats or messages have been sought. Officials said that JMB leaders, who owe their allegiance to IS, discussed their strategy on these platforms and gave directions to Musa about what needs to be done here in India.

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43. Philippines' Duterte vows to eat militants (Canada).

Agence France Presse, 2016 09 06

Manila - Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has vowed to personally tear apart and eat Abu Sayyaf Islamic militants, in a bloodthirsty vow of revenge for deadly attacks. "They will pay. When the time comes, I will eat you in front of people," Duterte told an audience of Filipinos late on Monday night while in Laos for a regional summit. "If you make me mad, in all honesty, I will eat you alive, raw." Duterte often hurls abusive insults at critics and is waging a brutal war on crime in which nearly 3,000 people have been killed since he took office on June 30. The Abu Sayyaf are a small band of Islamic militants based on remote southern islands of the mainly Catholic Philippines and are listed by the United States as a terrorist organisation. They are notorious for kidnapping foreigners to extract ransoms, and this year beheaded two Canadian hostages.

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44. Trudeau China visit sets tone for rebalancing

Global Times, Tang Xiaosong, 2016 09 06

Op-ed: In a sign of rapprochement with China, the administration of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Wednesday announced its decision to apply to join the China-backed Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). Canada, a key US ally, could become the first North American state to assume AIIB membership. More than four decades after his father began paving the way for Sino-Canadian relations in the 1970s, Trudeau is set to open a new era in the bilateral relations. Unlike his predecessor Stephen Harper, who tied Canada closely to the US, Trudeau has opted for a more balanced diplomacy since he took office. The new prime minister aims to rebalance the Harper government's pro-US policies, diluting the excessive political flavor attached in its dealings with China and securing a balance between China and the US. Under Harper's value-based China policy, Sino-Canadian relations encountered myriad stumbling blocks. The Conservative government's approach to developing relations with China was

clouded by political prejudices, hostility toward Chinese State-owned enterprises and a failure to recognize the innumerable development opportunities cooperation with China offers. It also left the international community with the strong impression that Canada was unable to disengage itself from the US influence on its foreign policy. Note: The author is director of the Center for Canadian Studies at Guangdong University of Foreign Studies.

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45. Vote in Hong Kong Deepens a Thorn in China's Side (Canada)

New York Times, Michael Forsythe, Alan Wong, 2016 09 06

Hong Kong - In Canada, it is the Québécois. In Spain, the Catalans. In Britain, the Scots. Now, China must deal with its own version of a democratically elected indigenous movement, elevated to positions of political power on Sunday in the only place in the authoritarian country where that is possible: Hong Kong. Six young people -- none older than 40 -- were elected to Hong Kong's legislature on platforms that called for the city's 7.3 million people to decide their own fate, a generation after Britain and China decided it for them by negotiating the handover of the onetime British colony to Chinese rule. These new legislators stand apart from more established and moderate pro-democracy lawmakers who for decades have tried to work with Beijing while pushing for expanded direct elections. Their success speaks to the cost in public opinion that Beijing has suffered for its steadfast refusal to compromise on popular demands for greater participation in the selection of Hong Kong's leader next year.

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46. Iran, Britain Exchange Ambassadors after 5 Years (Canada).

Fars News Agency, 2016 09 06

Tehran - Hamid Baeedinejad and Nicholas Hopton submitted their credentials to senior officials in London and Tehran on Monday afternoon to launch their careers as Iran and Britain's ambassadors. "It is over one year that the Islamic Republic of Iran and Britain's embassies have resumed operation and all the current affairs were carried out by the two countries' charge d'affairs. Now fter the rise of (appropriate) conditions to enhance the two countries' relations, the two (states) have decided to station their envoys in Tehran and London," a source at the Iranian foreign ministry said. The parliament approval came a week after the US and Britain targeted Iranian financial sectors with new punitive measures. The sanction against CBI and Iran's petrochemical industry was adopted in a unilateral move by the US, Canada and Britain outside the UN Security Council as other council members, specially Russia and China, had earlier warned against any fresh punitive measure, including sanctions, against Iran.

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47. Supreme Leader Calls for Reinvigoration of Iran Cyberspace Activities to Confront Enemies' Threats

Fars News Agency, 2016 09 06

Tehran - Supreme Leader of Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei underlined the vital importance of cyberspace's potentials and capacities in the promotion of the country in various fields and also in defusing enemies' threats. "The enemy is seeking to pervert devoted and righteous youths from the essence of religion; today this is being done across the cyber world," Ayatollah Khamenei said on Tuesday on the occasion of the commencement of education at seminaries across Iran. He noted that confronting this scheme was the first and foremost responsibility of the clergymen, and said, "Seminaries and religious scholars should equip themselves with the capability to confront the massive enemy army." The Supreme Leader said that the cyber world was a simultaneous source of blessing and cursing.

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48. 'Iran, aided by proxy terrorist groups, biggest existential threat to Israel'

Jerusalem Post, Daniel K. Eisenbud, 2016 09 06

Jerusalem - Citing Iran and its proxy terrorist organizations, Hamas and Hezbollah, as the greatest existential threats to Israel, former Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) head and current chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Avi Dichter, said the Middle East is undergoing "tectonic movements." "We used to have three enemy countries: Syria, Jordan and Egypt," said Dichter Monday during an international press briefing at The Israel Project's headquarters in Jerusalem. "We signed a peace treaty with Egypt and Jordan, and today we have four enemy countries - Syria, Lebanon, the Gaza Strip, which has an army of terrorists, and Iran, an enemy state." While Israel has historically engendered a robust level of deterrence against hostile neighbors by winning several damaging wars, he contended that a recently empowered Iran, aided by its allies, now poses the most imminent danger to Israel's security.

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49. Canada entry rules change for dual citizens

Gulf News, Derek Baldwin, 2016 09 06

Dubai - Dual citizen Canadians must show a Canadian passport to enter the country under tightened entry rules effective September 30. An estimated 40,000 Canadians live and work in the UAE with many returning home for annual holidays or work-related matters. In years past, the government said that dual citizens often entered Canada using their foreign passports backed up by a citizenship card or a provincial driver's licence to confirm they were Canadian citizens. Now, this practice will end for dual citizens flying into Canada. Without a proper Canadian passport, Canadian citizens will not be allowed to enter the country as part of a new electronic

travel authorisation system. In a new advisory, the Canadian government warned that "Canadian citizens will need to have appropriate documents to travel to Canada before they can board their flight. Visa-exempt foreign nationals, meanwhile, travelling to Canada have been shown leniency until the new system is fully online.

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50. Lebanon indicts Syria intelligence officers for mosque bombings

Now Lebanon, Albin Szakola, 2016 09 06

Beirut - The Lebanese judiciary has issued an indictment against two Syrian intelligence officers on charges of orchestrating the 2013 twin bombing of two mosques in Tripoli that left dozens dead. On Friday, Judge Alaa Khatib formally indicted Captain Mohammad Ali Ali, who serves in Syrian military's intelligence notorious Brigade 235, commonly known as the "Palestine branch," as well as Nasser Jowban, an official in the regime's Political Security Branch for the bombings. The 44-page report issued by the judge following up on the terror attack accused the two officers of "planning and supervising" the attack. Not only were the two officers indicted, but an "ongoing inquiry" was also opened by Judge Khatib to uncover the identity of the Syrian regime officials who "ordered the attack." "The investigation shows that the order was issued by a high-level security apparatus in Syrian intelligence," a summary of the indictment prepared by Lebanon's state National News Agency said.

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51. Shortage of IT specialists exposes govt networks to spy threats

Arab News, Sharif M. Taha, 2016 09 06

Riyadh - An information technology expert said a shortage of specialized cadres in information security has exposed government and service sector networks to spy and infiltration attacks. Last week, the Electronic Security Center (ESC), an affiliate of the Interior Ministry, detected foreign attacks targeting the electronic networks of a number of government agencies and other vital sectors in the Kingdom. Dr. Hani Al-Zaid, an expert in information security, told local media that the issue is linked to challenges facing the Saudization of technical jobs, notably those related to information security. Based on his experience in the government sector, he said there were two challenges facing the Saudization of technical jobs: Shortage of specialized cadres in information security, and difficulty in the recruitment of qualified cadres due to limited privileges of such jobs. According to the ESC report last week, the foreign electronic attacks came on a number of governmental and service sector networks.

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52. STL: Telecoms expert details final calls before bombing

Lebanon Daily Star, Ned Whalley, 2016 09 06

Beirut - A telecoms expert described to the Special Tribunal for Lebanon how a covert network of cellphones exhibited striking call patterns in the leadup to the assassination of ex-Prime

Minister Rafik Hariri, culminating in a flurry of activity in the hour before his death. John Edwards Philips testified that the activity of a group of eight "red phones" can be strongly associated with the crime. "They worked in a pattern together. They were coordinated and cohesive," he said. Philips is the prosecution's primary expert on cell-siting and the analysis of call data records. Overlaying coverage maps with satellite photos, he demonstrated the remarkable activity of the red phones in the final minutes before a massive car bomb killed the former prime minister outside Beirut's St. Georges Hotel. Prosecutors say they have identified a number of covert networks used in the conspiracy, giving each a color. The red phones were allegedly used in the actual execution of the bombing.

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53. Washington Still Sees Hizbullah 'Terrorist Organization' (Canada).

Naharnet Newsdesk, 2016 09 06

Beirut - Washington emphasized that the United States will continue to regard Hizbullah as a terrorist organization and will continue to tighten surveillance and sanctions against its institutions and members, the Saudi Okaz daily reported on Sunday. "U.S. Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Thomas Shannon had stressed during meetings with Lebanese officials that the U.S. will not back down from regarding Hizbullah as a terrorist organization and tightening surveillance and sanctions against its institutions and members," well-informed sources in Beirut told the daily. The Arab League, United States, France, the Gulf Cooperation Council, Australia, Canada, the Netherlands, and Israel have classified Hizbullah as a terrorist organization. In December 2015, the U.S. Congress voted to impose sanctions on banks that deal with Hizbullah. In May, Lebanon's central bank instructed the country's banks and financial institutions to comply with the new measure against the Lebanese Shiite group.

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54. Agression islamiste à la prison d'Osny

Le Figaro, Paule Gonzalès, 2016 09 06

Osny, France - Un surveillant a été attaqué à l'arme blanche dimanche par un détenu radicalisé, aidé par plusieurs complices. Terrorisme Pas un acte isolé, mais concerté entre plusieurs détenus... À la prison d'Osny, dans un quartier dédié supposé accueillir les candidats à la déradicalisation, l'agression dimanche de deux surveillants, dont l'un gravement atteint, fait froid dans le dos. Le détenu auteur des faits, Bilal T., a frappé sa victime à l'aide d' « une lame de 25 cm très fine et très aiguisée qui a transpercé de part en part la gorge du surveillant à 2 mm de la carotide, puis est passée à quelques millimètres du poumon », affirme-t-on de sources pénitentiaires. Selon ces dernières, l'individu bénéficiait de fortes complicités parmi les autres

détenus, avec lesquelles cette agression aurait été programmée. Les enquêteurs auraient trouvé sur un autre détenu des liens qui font penser que l'idée était de procéder à une « exécution » telle que Daech a l'habitude de les pratiquer. Selon des personnels pénitentiaires, l'auteur de l'agression « aurait badigeonné l'une des portes de cellules du sang du surveillant et aurait levé les mains afin de prier ». Enfin, un téléphone portable a été retrouvé dans l'une des cellules de cette unité dédiée. Tous ces éléments ont conduit le parquet antiterroriste de Paris à ouvrir une information judiciaire pour terrorisme. D'autant que Bilal T. a toujours été considéré par les magistrats, dès son interpellation, comme un élément dangereux avec des finalités très claires.

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55. Allemagne : le gendarme de la vie privée étrille les services de renseignement

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 06

Berlin - Une inspection menée sur une installation des services de renseignement allemands a débouché sur 12 plaintes formelles. En Allemagne, les révélations d'Edward Snowden sur les activités de surveillance des Etats-Unis n'en finissent pas de faire des vagues. La très grande proximité et la collaboration entre la National Security Agency américaine (NSA) et le Service fédéral de renseignement (BND) a notamment déclenché une enquête du commissaire fédéral pour la protection des données (BfDI). Il a pu se rendre dans l'une des installations conjointes de la NSA et du BND, à Bad Aibling, dans le sud du pays. Il en a tiré une analyse juridique, classifiée, que s'est procurée le site allemand spécialisé Netzpolitik . Une analyse au lance-flammes Cette analyse est extrêmement sévère pour le BND: le commissaire a dénombré 18 violations sévères de la loi, et a adressé 12 plaintes formelles liées à ces manquements. Netzpolitik note qu'il s'agit du nombre de plaintes adressé par le commissaire sur une année entière pour tout l'appareil fédéral allemand. Selon le BfDI, le BND a créé et utilisé au moins sept bases de données sans aucun fondement légal. Ces bases, écrit-il, doivent être détruites immédiatement. Une sacrée épine dans le pied des services allemands et américains: parmi celles-ci figure XKeyscore, le «Google» pour espions, l'outil qui leur permet de chercher dans la masse de trafic internet intercepté. Il s'agit de l'un des instruments les plus utilisés par les services américains et leurs plus proches alliés. Cet outil, écrit le commissaire, permet de «scanner l'intégralité du trafic internet dans le monde, à la fois les métadonnées [qui communique avec qui, quand et combien de temps] et le contenu» .

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56. DGSE L'espion qui parlait trop

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 05

Paris - Lors d'une anodine réunion d'anciens élèves d'une grande école d'ingénieurs, Bernard Barbier, personnage central de la DGSE durant dix ans, a livré en public, dans une intervention filmée, quelques secrets d'Etat, notamment sur la guerre cybernétique. Comment les Etats-Unis ont espionné l'Elysée, par le biais des logiciels malveillants glissés sur Facebook par la NSA. Comment la France a monté ses équipes de " hacking " et créé son propre logiciel malveillant, baptisé " Babar ". Comment Bernard Barbier a proposé une fusion entre la DGSE et son

homologue allemand, qui a été rejetée pour des raisons politiques. Comment les révélations d'Edward Snowden ont aidé la France à se protéger de l'espionnage " ami " des Américains.

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57. J.-Y. Camus : « L'appel des peuples à un retour de souveraineté mérite un vrai débat »
Le Figaro, Marie-Laetitia Bonavita, 2016 09 06

Opinion - LE FIGARO. - Comment expliquer le faible score du parti de Merkel et la poussée de l'AfD ? Jean-Yves CAMUS. - La chancelière allemande a fait un pari : présenter à la population l'affaire de l'accueil des réfugiés comme un sujet devant être traité comme un intérêt supérieur de la nation. Elle a pris cette décision seule, avec l'aide de quelques conseillers, mais elle est suffisamment fine pour connaître les réticences que cela allait engendrer. Cette décision, elle l'a prise pour des raisons humanistes, compte tenu de ses convictions religieuses et des années noires de l'Allemagne lors de la Seconde Guerre mondiale, mais également pour des raisons démographiques et pour donner un signal à l'ensemble des pays européens qui rechignaient à ouvrir leur portes aux migrants venant selon elle pour des raisons politiques. Les agressions sexuelles de Cologne et les attentats terroristes ont montré que non seulement la méthode consistant à répéter « cela va marcher » n'est pas unanimement acceptée mais que l'intégration des migrants prend du temps et qu'elle n'est pas automatique. La chute de Merkel est également liée au phénomène politique de l'extrême droite en Allemagne. Certes, le parti de la chancelière CDU a reculé de la deuxième à la troisième place dans son fief en Mecklembourg-Poméranie Occidentale mais il ne s'est pas effondré. Mais c'est l'AfD qui a connu une grosse poussée depuis les dernières élections européennes et tout laisse à penser qu'il enregistrera un bon score lors des élections de Basse-Saxe dimanche prochain et de Berlin le 18 septembre prochain. L'AfD gagne sur les abstentionnistes et capte l'espace libéré par le parti néonazi NPD qui chute de 6 % à 3 %, confirmant qu'il n'y a pas de place pour ce genre de parti.

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58. La circulation obscure du renseignement policier
Le Temps (Suisse), Fati Mansour, 2016 09 06

Genève - Le rapport des députés porte un regard nuancé sur la manifestation sauvage du mois de décembre et sur les informations dont disposait l'ex-numéro deux de la police Un regard plus apaisé sur la manifestation sauvage ayant défigurée le Grand Théâtre et sur l'action de la police genevoise. Le rapport de la Commission de contrôle de gestion, présenté lundi à la presse par la socialiste Nicole Valiquet Grecuccio, ne relève aucun dysfonctionnement important du côté des forces de l'ordre. Le principal point noir réside dans la transmission, la traçabilité et l'interprétation du renseignement. En d'autres termes, la hiérarchie disposait du scénario des casseurs, mais elle ne le savait pas vraiment ou tendait à le minimiser. Personne n'a oublié cette aube du 20 décembre 2015 et son cortège de vitres brisées, de murs tagués et de symbole culturel attaqué à l'huile de vidange. L'engagement de la police a été beaucoup critiqué et les députés poussés à s'intéresser à la question. Parallèlement et après un rebondissement inattendu, Christian Cudré-Mauroux, le chef des opérations, a été dégradé de ses fonctions de numéro deux pour avoir négligé des renseignements en sa possession avant la manifestation, et surtout caché

ces éléments à ses supérieurs lors de l'enquête qui a suivi. Un recours a été déposé par l'intéressé et la procédure administrative est toujours en cours. Le rapport des députés ne porte pas sur le comportement adopté par ce haut fonctionnaire après la manifestation. Son rôle est toutefois omniprésent dans l'analyse de la préparation du dispositif. Après 19 séances de travail et 18 personnes auditionnées, la sous-commission est convaincue d'une chose: le contexte de l'époque a été un facteur non négligeable. « En cette fin d'année, c'est l'alerte terroriste qui mobilise toutes les attentions dans les services, les Fêtes approchent et il faut faire tenir le personnel sur la durée », relève Nicole Valiquer Grecuccio. Danger mal évalué Malgré cette fébrilité post-Bataclan, l'appel au défilé sauvage est bien repéré par la brigade chargée de récolter des informations sur le terrain. Une première note du 15 décembre fait état de 400 à 800 manifestants mais n'est pas très alarmiste. Une seconde note du 17 décembre, un renseignement dit « fermé » car hautement confidentiel, diminue de moitié le nombre mais évoque la présence du Black Bloc, l'itinéraire et surtout la cible du Grand Théâtre.

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59. Les confessions d'un maître de l'espionnage (Canada)

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 09 05

Paris - Bernard Barbier, personnage-clé de la DGSE pendant dix ans, a levé le voile sur plusieurs secrets d'Etat C'est une intrusion inespérée dans un monde interdit aux regards extérieurs, celui du renseignement et des guerres secrètes. Face aux élèves de l'école d'ingénieurs CentraleSupélec, dont il est issu, Bernard Barbier, l'un des personnages les plus importants de l'espionnage français des dix dernières années, a levé le voile sur des mystères qu'on pensait insolubles. Au cours de cette causerie, il a ainsi fait oeuvre de transparence sur certaines des principales affaires d'espionnage récentes ayant touché la France. Il a brisé des tabous, notamment en relatant l'attaque chinoise sur Areva et en confirmant la responsabilité de la France derrière une attaque informatique mondiale détectée par les services canadiens.

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60. Soupçonné d'avoir giflé une avocate, un grand flic de la DGSI fixé mardi

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 05

Nanterre,France - Un commissaire de la Direction centrale du renseignement intérieur (DCRI, devenue DGSI), une avocate. Elle accuse le grand flic de l'avoir giflée lors d'une garde à vue. Mensonge, répond-il. L'accusation a requis à son encontre sursis et amende. La justice se prononce mardi. Le huis clos se déroule le 1er avril 2014, au quatrième sous-sol des locaux du service antiterroriste et de contre-espionnage à Levallois-Perret (Hauts-de-Seine). Interrogé sur l'identité du kamikaze qui avait perpétré un attentat à l'aéroport de Bourgas, en Bulgarie, en 2012, le client de l'avocate avait décidé de garder le silence. Après deux auditions par des capitaines, leur supérieur, commissaire très bien noté, avait emmené l'homme et son avocate dans une pièce adjacente pour tenter de l'inciter à parler. L'avocate raconte que le policier avait assuré à son client qu'il ne risquait pas d'être mis en cause. Inquiète des "pressions" induites par cet entretien informel, elle avait souhaité que cette remarque soit consignée dans la procédure.

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61. Un Algérien fiché « S » condamné au Mans

Ouest-France, Julien Belaud, 2016 09 06

Mans, France - La défense a plaidé que l'habit ne fait pas toujours le moine. Mais le tribunal a prononcé une peine - en deçà des réquisitions - pour non-respect de l'assignation à résidence. Il a été condamné pour vols en réunion et usage de faux papiers. En situation irrégulière, il a échappé à une reconduite à la frontière, présentant un document qui faisait de lui un citoyen d'Irak. Chez son frère, un pistolet à gaz lui appartenant a été retrouvé lors d'une perquisition. Selon son épouse, il aurait évoqué une « théorie du complot » à propos des récents attentats. Alors quand cet Algérien de 46 ans, fiché « S », n'est plus venu « pointer » au commissariat du Mans, comme le lui imposait une assignation à résidence, tout l'a désigné comme un terroriste en puissance. En tenue de combat, une dizaine de policiers l'ont interpellé au mois de juillet, puis il a été placé en détention. Abdel a comparu, hier, devant le tribunal correctionnel du Mans, pour menaces de mort sur son épouse et non respect de l'assignation à résidence. Chemise bleu ciel et blanche, le prévenu aux faux airs de Julien Clerc peine à convaincre. « C'est des mythes ! » Les menaces de mort ? « C'est des mythes ! Elle est malade de la tête, elle manipule tout le monde ! Mais je lui pardonne. » Son oubli d'être allé au commissariat ? « J'y suis allé, ils m'ont dit de dégager ! Dis-moi, M. le juge, je fais quoi ? » Le pistolet ? « Je l'ai trouvé. Et je l'ai gardé pour le 14 juillet ! » Sa tentative d'échapper à la police ? « J'ai eu peur d'être expulsé en Algérie. J'ai des problèmes avec l'extrémisme, là-bas. » « Vent de panique » Le procureur de la République décrit « un habitué du mensonge et de la dissimulation, qui a déjà été jugé ici même sous une fausse identité ». Il requiert « dix à douze mois ferme » .

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62. Un suspect clé arrêté à Bruxelles

Le Soir (Belgique), Journaiste maison, 2016 09 06

Bruxelles - Un suspect clé dans l'enquête sur les attentats de Paris, et qui était activement recherché par la police depuis son départ précipité d'un centre de réfugiés en Autriche en décembre, a été arrêté en juillet à Bruxelles, révèle lundi la chaîne américaine CNN. Trahi par son passage sur Facebook, il devrait être remis prochainement à l'Autriche, d'après CNN, qui cite le parquet fédéral comme source. Cet homme de nationalité marocaine, Abid Tabaoui, était arrivé au centre de réfugiés le 10 décembre, le jour même où deux autres suspects - Adel Haddadi, un Algérien de 29 ans, et Mohamad Usman, un Pakistanais de 35 ans - avaient été arrêtés dans le cadre de l'enquête. Les enquêteurs avaient trouvé le téléphone d'Abid Tabaoui à côté du lit d'Adel Haddadi.

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Canada

1. Alerte à la bombe dans le quartier Mill Woods à Edmonton

Radio-Canada - Nouvelles (site web), Journaliste maison, 2016 09 07

Edmonton - Plusieurs résidents du quartier Mill Woods à Edmonton ont dû être évacués après qu'un potentiel engin explosif artisanal eut été retrouvé dans un logement au coin de la 20e Avenue et de la 46e Rue mardi après-midi. La police d'Edmonton fait enquête. L'école Pollard Meadows a été ouverte afin d'accueillir les résidents évacués. Des pompiers et des ambulanciers ont été dépêchés sur les lieux.

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2. Canadian planes providing intelligence for allies' IS bombing campaign

Canadian Press, Lee Berthiaume, 2016 09 07

Ottawa - Despite the withdrawal of Canada's fighter jets from Iraq and Syria last spring, a senior officer says Canadian military aircraft are providing vital intelligence to allies for air strikes and other operations against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Brig.-Gen. Shane Brennan, commander of Canada's Joint Task Force-Iraq, says the number of Canadian intelligence officers assigned to the anti-ISIL effort has grown to 50. Their mission is to analyze the pictures taken by the Auroras so the coalition can plan air strikes and ground operations. "What we do is gather the trends and the activities of what is happening with Daesh," Brennan said from the task force's headquarters in Kuwait. "That is used to support what you would call targeting, whether that's munitions-based or lethal targeting, or other types of targeting." Brennan described the work of the Auroras and intelligence officers as a "critical contribution" to the fight against ISIL.

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3. Edward Snowden lauds 'courageous' asylum seekers who sheltered him: 'They had a hundred chances to betray me' (Canada)

National Post, Theresa Tedesco, 2016 09 07

Interview - Edward Snowden, the world's most wanted dissident, looks back on his escape from Hong Kong. The National Post's Theresa Tedesco communicated with him via encrypted text messages through his Canadian lawyer, Robert Tibbo. The interview has been edited and condensed. Q: How are you? How is life in Russia? A: I'm doing surprisingly well, given some rather sinister figures are still feeling a bit vengeful about having been thrust into the spotlight. Public opinion regarding my decision to reveal mass surveillance to journalists has been moving favourably around the world, including perhaps unexpectedly the U.S. where even the former attorney general who once charged me as a criminal now says that while he can't condone it, he believes what I did was a "public service." Most of my time nowadays is focused on my work at the Freedom of the Press Foundation I sleep in Russia, but thanks to technology, I move all over the world. Q: Do you have any regrets? Would you have done anything differently? A: One of the things we've seen in the wake of these revelations is that the abuse of intelligence by authorities acts like a kind of cancer of government. The longer they go undetected, the harder they become to remove. Because the public at large wasn't permitted to know of them, and therefore couldn't object, we reached a point where critical masses of government staff became

implicated in these abuses domestically and via foreign liaisons. At that point, if you actually try to enforce the law and bring investigation and charges, you've got half of the institution fighting you, even if they know it's immoral, because they worry they might be the next one to be held to account. Had I known what was going on sooner, if I had come forward earlier, maybe we'd be in a better place. But there's always next time.

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4. Government to stop using ISIL, will refer instead to Daesh

Canadian Press, Staff report, 2016 09 07

Ottawa - The Liberal government will no longer refer to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and will instead call the group by a different, potentially insulting name: Daesh. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale revealed the change in a report on terrorism released last month, saying ISIL is neither Islamic nor a state and that the report would instead use the group's Arabic acronym. Global Affairs Canada and the Department of National Defence also say they are both adopting Daesh to refer to the group. The decision continues a trend that has been sweeping through western governments. France and the United Kingdom are among those that have adopted the term in recent years.

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5. La paille et la poutre

Le Devoir, Francine Pelletier, 2016 09 07

Chronique - Plutôt que de déclarer la guerre au burkini, deux écoles secondaires ont choisi de respirer par le nez, cette semaine, en rangeant le controversé maillot dans la catégorie des " accommodements raisonnables ". Mieux vaut encourager les étudiantes musulmanes à se baigner emmitouflées, croit la Commission scolaire de Montréal, que de les reléguer à la marge et à l'isolement. Applaudissons à sa sagesse et à son courage, le geste étant sûr de susciter la condamnation chez ceux qui maudissent le voile musulman, n'y voyant qu'une " propagande islamiste " éhontée. Permettre le port de ce maillot, rappelons-le, ne veut pas dire applaudir à celui-ci. Cela dit, si c'est l'islamisme qui inquiète, si c'est le recul de l'égalité hommes-femmes qui fait peur, mettons au moins l'opprobre au bon endroit. Pourquoi toujours s'en prendre à de simples citoyennes plutôt qu'aux véritables prosélytes, aux vrais coupables d'un credo moyenâgeux ? L'Arabie saoudite. Il est toujours un peu troublant de constater combien le vitriol se répand devant des femmes un peu trop habillées alors que l'indifférence perdure envers un régime connu non seulement pour ses tortures et ses exécutions, mais également pour avoir exporté l'extrémisme religieux. Si l'ensemble des pays musulmans aujourd'hui -- du Moyen-Orient à l'Asie du Sud-Est en passant par l'Afrique -- plonge dans le fondamentalisme, c'est beaucoup à cause de l'islam pratiqué au royaume des Saoud. Né il y a trois siècles en plein désert, le wahhabisme -- du nom du clerc qui lui a donné son nom, Mohammed ben Abdelwahhab -- a été façonné " par un environnement austère et xénophobe, opposé à l'art, aux sanctuaires et à la musique, à mille lieues de l'islam cosmopolite de Bagdad ou du Caire ", dit une enquête du New York Times sur l'extrémisme saoudien. Les pétrodollars donnent aux autorités religieuses un " budget extravagant pour exporter leur courant sévère de l'islam ". Selon

un rapport de l'U.S. Council on Foreign Relations (2004), des douzaines de mosquées sont construites dans le monde, y compris au Canada. Aujourd'hui, on trouve des mosquées financées par l'Arabie saoudite à Toronto, à Ottawa, à Calgary, à Québec, et jusqu'au " pôle Nord ", à Inuvik et à Iqaluit.

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6. Liberals play 'long game' with China

Postmedia News, Marie Danielle Smith, 2016 09 07

Hong Kong - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau wrapped up his first official visit to China Tuesday with another push for close co-operation, including on human rights, and for openness and inclusiveness in the global economy. "The kinds of anxieties we're seeing around the world as people are closing in are going to leave us all poorer and worse off," he said Tuesday in Hong Kong, expanding messages Canada brought to the Group of 20 table Sunday and Monday. "There are not as many bright spots in terms of growth and openness and trade as we'd like to see around the world." Addressing concerns in Canada, Trudeau strengthened his language on human rights Tuesday, appearing more relaxed in Hong Kong on the last day of his visit. He said he didn't see a trade-off between human rights and a closer economic relationship. "I think you have to talk fully and frankly about human rights and engage and talk about the challenges that need to be faced," he said.

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7. Meet the Canadian who hid Snowden

National Post, Theresa Tedesco, 2016 09 07

Hong Kong - It's mid-afternoon and Robert Tibbo has sweat through his second shirt of the day in the sweltering subtropical humidity of the Hong Kong summer. Sitting in a small, non-descript conference room on the ninth floor of the High Court building in Central Hong Kong, the Canadian-born barrister is one of the busiest human rights lawyers in the Chinese city-state, and the strain of coming to the constant aid of more than 70 refugee clients who depend on him for more than just their asylum cases is showing. In recent days, Tibbo has dealt with eviction notices, improper charges on utility bills and general complaints about not having enough money to buy groceries, which he temporarily rectifies by reaching into his own pocket. "Good lawyers are hard to find, but one with a big heart is even more rare," said Jonathan Man, a solicitor at Hong-based Ho, Tse Wai & Partners who has worked on numerous cases with Tibbo. "He is somebody who has devoted his life to protecting refugees and people seeking asylum and he takes that very seriously," added Laura Poitras, a U.S. journalist and Oscar-winning documentary director who has worked with Tibbo.

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8. Radicalisme: le nouveau mot fourre-tout

Le Huffington Post (Québec), Bruno Massé, 2016 09 06

Non identifié - La semaine dernière, l'Office national de l'énergie décide d'annuler les audiences publiques concernant l'évaluation du pipeline Énergie Est. Dans son communiqué, elle porte le blâme sur les perturbations d'activistes lors du premier jour d'audiences, qu'elle qualifie de violentes. Parce que les activistes ont fait du bruit. Lise Ravary est certaine qu'il s'agit de radicaux alors ça doit être vrai. Ce glissement sémantique n'est pas nouveau. De la création du Centre de prévention de la radicalisation menant à la violence (CPRMV) aux mesures draconiennes de l'État d'urgence en France, nos gouvernements profitent des attentats de l'État islamique pour tenter de marginaliser la dissidence politique sous toutes ses formes. Le CPRMV, ou «pas de chicane dans ma cabane» D'abord, on ratisse large. Non satisfait de s'attaquer seulement à l'intégrisme religieux, le CPRMV fait d'une pierre deux coups pour réduire une multitude de discours et de pratiques complexes au seul «radicalisme», comme si tout cela équivalait. Dans sa typologie des «types de radicalisation», le Centre met sur un pied d'égalité les intégristes religieux, les néonazis, «l'extrême-gauche» et oui, des environnementalistes... qui utiliseraient «la violence pour défendre leur cause». C'est un rapprochement dangereux et intellectuellement malhonnête, mais bon, les conservateurs l'ont fait en premier. Ce flou s'explique peut-être du fait que le CPRMV ne définit jamais ce qu'il considère comme violent. Est-ce que briser une vitre, c'est violent? Est-ce que faire du bruit, comme prétend l'ONÉ, c'est violent? Et lorsqu'un membre de l'EI fait sauter une bombe, est-ce aussi grave que lorsque des activistes pour les droits des animaux libèrent des belettes en cage? C'est ce qu'on présume, non? Tandis que le Code criminel du Canada qualifie surtout de violence une atteinte à l'intégrité physique d'une personne (i.e. blesser réellement quelqu'un), ce manque de clarté de la part du Centre témoigne soit d'incompétence, ou alors, et plus probable: du projet volontaire de marginaliser, voire de profiler pour ensuite criminaliser les gens qui ont d'autres positions que celle du gouvernement. Bien sûr, ce gouvernement qui fait la guerre aux pauvres, lui, il n'est pas radical, il n'est pas violent. La compagnie minière financée à même nos impôts, celle qui s'enfuit avec le minerai, pollue l'eau et empoisonne la population, elle n'est pas radicale, elle n'est pas violente.

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9. Royaume-Uni Condamnation d'un prêcheur islamiste bien connu de la GRC

La Presse+, Gabrielle Duchaine; Vincent Larouche, 2016 09 07

Londres - L'un des prêcheurs radicaux les plus influents d'Occident, suivi sur les réseaux sociaux par les terroristes canadiens Martin Couture-Rouleau et Michael Zehaf Bibeau, vient d'être condamné à plus de cinq ans de prison au Royaume-Uni pour avoir soutenu le groupe armé État islamique (EI). En 2013, il avait prédit un attentat au Canada. Les Anglais le surnomment « l'homme le plus détesté » de leur pays, le « prêcheur de haine ». Anjem Choudary, avocat de 49 ans d'origine pakistanaise, prédicateur emblématique dans les milieux islamistes britanniques, marchait sur une fine ligne depuis plusieurs années. Il s'était fait « le porte-parole des extrémistes, faisant des commentaires des plus déplaisants, mais sans jamais franchir le seuil de la criminalité », comme l'a expliqué au Guardian le commandant Dean Haydon, chef de l'escouade antiterroriste de Scotland Yard. Du moins jusqu'à ce que le prédicateur appelle à soutenir l'EI dans une série de vidéos publiées sur la plateforme YouTube, après avoir prêté allégeance au chef du groupe terroriste, Abou Bakr al-Baghdadi, donnant ainsi les munitions nécessaires aux autorités pour l'arrêter. Un « tournant » pour la police ; un cas qui pourrait se

reproduire chez nous avec l'entrée en vigueur des nouvelles dispositions de la loi antiterroriste. Un attentat au Canada Cela faisait bien 20 ans que Choudary était dans la ligne de mire des autorités, multipliant les sorties controversées et les propos extrémistes, parfois au sujet du Canada. Dans une entrevue accordée à La Presse en 2013, un an avant les attaques de Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu et d'Ottawa, il avait par exemple martelé que le pays risquait de subir un attentat terroriste en raison des politiques étrangères d'Ottawa de l'époque. « Le soutien apporté à Israël et la guerre à la terreur, considérée par les musulmans comme une guerre contre l'Islam, placent le Canada dans la même position que les États-Unis, la Grande-Bretagne et la France », avait-il déclaré. Martin Couture-Rouleau, auteur de l'attentat contre des militaires à Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, et Michael Zehaf Bibeau, le tireur du parlement, suivaient tous deux Anjem Choudary sur Twitter. Les a-t-il inspirés ?

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10. 10 years of legal limbo for 9/11 suspects

Washington Post, Missy Ryan, 2016 09 07

Washington - When the George W. Bush administration announced in September 2006 that 14 major terrorism suspects had arrived at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, military lawyer Morris Davis heralded it as a sign of the government's commitment to attaining justice. For Davis, then chief military prosecutor at the top-security facility, the end of the suspects' detention at secret CIA prisons overseas promised a credible legal reckoning in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. "I want our grandchildren to look at Guantanamo the way we look back at Nuremberg," Davis told the lawyers on his team, offering as a model the prosecution of Nazi officials that followed World War II. "We felt we had the ability to conduct these trials in a way that ... the country would be proud of." Ten years later, none of those 14 "high value" detainees brought to Guantanamo Bay have been convicted or sentenced in the military commissions. Roughly half a dozen cases tried in other commission proceedings have resulted in convictions, but most have been thrown out on appeal. A clutch of cases is moving so slowly in preliminary proceedings that the trial of five suspects accused of organizing the 9/11 attacks is expected to begin at the earliest in 2020, nearly 20 years after hijacked planes struck the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

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11. After Edward Snowden Fleed U.S., Asylum Seekers in Hong Kong Took Him In

New York Times, Patrick Bohler, 2016 09 07

Hong Kong - When the 42-year-old Filipino woman opened the door of her tiny Hong Kong apartment three years ago, two lawyers stood outside with a man she had never seen before. They explained that he needed a place to hide, and they introduced him as Edward Snowden. "The first time I see him, I don't know who he is," the woman, Vanessa Mae Bondalian Rodel, recalled in an interview. "I don't have any idea." Ms. Rodel is one of at least four residents of Hong Kong who took in Mr. Snowden, the former National Security Agency contractor, when he

fled the United States in June 2013. Only now have they decided to speak about the experience, revealing a new chapter in the odyssey that riveted the world after Mr. Snowden disclosed that the N.S.A. had been monitoring the calls, emails and web activity of millions of Americans and others. At the time, governments and news outlets were scrambling to find the source of the leaks, which were published in The Guardian and The Washington Post. In an interview recorded in a hotel room, Mr. Snowden identified himself and revealed he was in Hong Kong. Then he went into hiding. About two weeks later he turned up in Moscow. It was never clear where Mr. Snowden was holed up during those critical days after leaving his room at the five-star Mira Hotel, when the United States was demanding his return. As it turns out, he was staying with Ms. Rodel and others like her -- men and women seeking political asylum in Hong Kong who live in cramped, substandard apartment blocks in some of the city's poorest districts. They were all clients of one of Mr. Snowden's Hong Kong lawyers, Robert Tibbo, who arranged for him to stay with them.

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12. DHS secretary Johnson vows 'no stone unturned' on election security

Politico, Nick Gass, 2016 09 06

Washington - Faced with the potential threat of an election compromised by foreign hackers, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson on Tuesday sought to reassure Americans, pledging to "leave no stone unturned" when it comes to ensuring the integrity of the process. "Well first, we have a lot of confidence in the integrity of the election process itself," Johnson told MSNBC's "Andrea Mitchell Reports." "There are some 9,000 state and local jurisdictions that are involved in the election process, including national elections, we've looked at a fair amount of it. We've looked at what states and cities do." Johnson went on to say that "we have a lot of confidence in the process itself, we're in the mode now of wanting to leave no stone unturned, and so, what DHS, my department, has been going over the last several weeks is contacting state election officials to say, we want to leave no stone unturned."

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13. Dinner, drinks and a near fatal ambush for U.S. diplomats

Foreign Policy, Colum Lynch, 2016 09 07

Washington - On the night of July 7, seven American diplomats in Juba left a farewell dinner early and were headed back to the U.S. Embassy, anxious to avoid the city's deepening chaos, when their two-car convoy was ambushed by the South Sudanese presidential guard of Salva Kiir. South Sudanese troops fired between 50 and 100 rounds at the two armored SUVs as soon as they passed the presidential palace. No one in either vehicle, which included James Donegan, the second-highest ranking U.S. official in South Sudan, was hurt or killed in the attack, but it wasn't for a lack of trying: Three separate clusters of South Sudanese soldiers unloaded on the unarmed diplomats' vehicles. Eventually, a U.S. Marine rapid response team from the embassy had to fetch three of the waylaid Americans and their South Sudanese driver. State Department officials provided Foreign Policy with conflicting accounts of whether the department had conducted a formal investigation into the incident, with one official saying it hadn't, and another

saying it had carried out some form of investigation. But both officials said they have demanded South Sudan carry out an investigation and hold those responsible to account. The State Department has also downplayed the role of the South Sudanese in targeting U.S. diplomats, saying there was no way to know whether Kiir's presidential guard knew who they were shooting at. "We do not believe our vehicles and personnel were specifically targeted," a State Department official told FP. "I think we can speak with certainty the people in the convoy did not identify themselves necessarily to the soldiers or say that it was an American convoy."

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14. Missed opportunities to stop OPM cyber breach spelled out

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 09 07

Washington - It was time to purge the hacker from the U.S. government's computers. After secretly monitoring the hacker's online movements for months, officials worried he was getting too close to critical information and devised a plan, dubbed "the Big Bang," to expel him. Trouble was, with all their attention focused in that case, they missed the other hacker entirely. A new congressional report provides previously undisclosed details and a behind-the-scenes chronology of one of the worst-ever cyberattacks on the United States, laying out missed opportunities before the break-in at the Office of Personnel Management exposed security clearances, background checks and fingerprint records. That attack - widely blamed on China's government - compromised personal information of more than 21 million current, former and prospective federal employees, led to the resignation of the OPM director and drew outrage over changing explanations about the hack's seriousness. The report by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform faulted the personnel agency for failing to secure sensitive data despite warnings for years that it was vulnerable to hackers. It concluded that the hacking revealed last year could have been prevented if OPM had put in place basic, required security controls and recognized from an earlier break-in that it was actually dealing with a sophisticated, persistent enemy. OPM Acting Director Beth Cobert said in a statement the agency disagrees with much of the report and it "does not fully reflect where this agency stands today." She said the OPM hack "provided a catalyst for accelerated change within our organization," including hiring new cybersecurity experts and strengthening its security.

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15. Oregon confrontation heads to court

Los Angeles Times, Rick Anderson, 2016 09 07

Portland - For weeks in Oregon's rugged backcountry, the two brothers were the face of the armed occupation of a wildlife refuge -- two men dressed in flannel and cowboys hats with copies of the Constitution jammed in their breast pockets. Now Ammon and Ryan Bundy -- behind bars since the occupation wound down after the shooting death of one protester and the systematic arrests of others -- are headed to trial in Portland for their leading role in taking over the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. The federal court trial of the Bundy brothers along with six codefendants is expected to spark lively arguments over the government's right to control federal land such as the wildlife refuge in southeast Oregon. The Bundys and their

antigovernment followers occupied the site for 41 days in January and February, surrendering soon after one occupier was killed by state police. For taxpayers, the takeover tab came to \$9 million in costs and damage, federal officials estimated. Millions more are being spent on the resulting federal trials this year and next.

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16. U.S. Fears E-Piracy Could Manipulate Electoral Results

Asharq Al-Awsat, Heba El Koudsy, 2016 09 07

Washington - U.S. intelligence and law enforcement agencies are investigating several attempts to break through the systems and electronic voting records for the U.S. coming presidential elections, which will be held on November 7. The agencies are concerned that these cyber attempts might affect the results of the elections between Republican candidate Donald Trump and Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton. They see these attacks as a broad covert Russian operation in the United States to sow public distrust in the upcoming presidential election and in U.S. political institutions. The effort to better understand Russia's covert influence operations is being coordinated by James R. Clapper Jr., the director of national intelligence. "This is something of concern for the DNI," said Charles Allen, a former longtime CIA officer who has been briefed on some of these issues. "It is being addressed."

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17. U.S. Sends Iran Two More Loads of Cash

Wall Street Journal, Jay Solomon, Carol E. Lee, 2016 09 07

Washington - The Obama administration followed up a planeload of \$400 million in cash sent to Iran in January with two more such shipments in the next 19 days, totaling another \$1.3 billion, according to congressional officials briefed by the U.S. State, Treasury and Justice departments. The cash payments -- made in Swiss francs, euros and other currencies -- settled a decades-old dispute over a failed arms deal dating back to 1979. U.S. officials have acknowledged the payment of the first \$400 million coincided with Iran's release of American prisoners and was used as leverage to ensure they were flown out of Tehran's Mehrabad on the morning of Jan. 17. The revelations come as Congress returns from a summer recess with Republicans vowing to pursue charges that the White House paid ransom to Tehran, a charge President Barack Obama has repeatedly rejected. Sen. Marco Rubio (R., Fla.) introduced legislation on Tuesday that would bar such payments to Iran in the future and seeks to reclaim the \$1.7 billion for victims of Iranian-backed terrorism. The Obama administration briefed lawmakers on Tuesday, telling them that two further portions of the \$1.3 billion were transferred though Europe on Jan. 22 and Feb. 5. The payment "flowed in the same manner" as the original \$400 million that an Iranian cargo plane picked up in Geneva, Switzerland, according to a congressional aide who took part in the briefing. The \$400 million was converted into non-U.S. currencies by the Swiss and Dutch central banks, according to U.S. and European officials.

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18. Death to Cheshire florist, declares Isis magazine

London Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 07

London - A florist who featured in an Isis magazine that called for attacks on ordinary Britons said he was shocked to find himself the target of terrorist death threats and "didn't know any jihadis". Counter- terrorism police interviewed Stephen Leyland, 64, from the Manchester area, yesterday after his image was featured in the Isis magazine Rumiya. "They said that the foreign secretary [Boris Johnson] had asked about it," he said. The photograph of Mr Leyland and his stall was apparently lifted at random from the internet and printed with a caption encouraging Isis supporters to take: "Even the blood of a merry Crusader citizen selling flowers to passersby." The Isis magazine listed children playing in parks, businessmen riding to work, old men buying lunch and even the flower seller in the street as "fair game". It also named sites in other Western countries such as Bondi Beach and Melbourne cricket ground in Australia as potential targets.

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19. Explosives and bomb-making equipment found at 12 locations in one town

The Guardian (London), Henry McDonald, 2016 09 06

Belfast - Explosives and bomb-making equipment have been discovered at 12 different locations in the Northern Ireland town of Larne. The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) confirmed on Tuesday that it had found a "significant amount of terrorist material" during a search operation in the County Antrim port town. The PSNI said the find included explosive devices and bomb-making parts as well as chemicals, ammunition and a gun. The searches across the Co. Antrim port town were a joint operation between the PSNI and the Metropolitan police. Among the locations searched around Larne today was a disused quarry and a number of addresses in the town. The PSNI assistant chief constable in charge of anti-terrorist police operations in Northern Ireland said that the Larne and the entire province is "safer in general as a result" of these latest finds.

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20. Hate preacher Anjem Choudary could be free in two years

London Times, Fiona Hamilton, Duncan Gardham, 2016 09 07

London - The hate preacher Anjem Choudary could be released from jail in just over two years, prompting criticism that his prison sentence yesterday for terrorism offences was not enough of a deterrent. Choudary, 49, who headed an extremist network that inspired plots both in the UK and overseas, had faced a maximum sentence of ten years at the Old Bailey after pledging allegiance to Islamic State. However the preacher, who refused to acknowledge the court, was sentenced to five and a half years despite the judge concluding that he was dangerous and calculating. Haras Rafiq, of the anti-extremism group Quilliam, said that five years was not enough. "Choudary has been directly linked to hundreds of individuals that have gone out to Iraq and Syria. He has been

doing this for 15 to 20 years. There are people he has allegedly radicalised who have got longer sentences."

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21. UK immigration minister confirms work to start on £1.9m Calais wall

The Guardian (London), Alan Travis, Angélique Chrisafis, 2016 09 07

London - Work is about to begin on "a big, new wall" in Calais as the latest attempt to prevent refugees and migrants jumping aboard lorries heading for the Channel port, the UK's immigration minister has confirmed. Robert Goodwill told MPs on Tuesday that the four-metre high wall was part of a £17m package of joint Anglo-French security measures to tighten precautions at the port. "People are still getting through," he said. "We have done the fences. Now we are doing the wall," the new immigration minister told the Commons home affairs committee. Building on the 1km-long wall along the ferry port's main dual-carriageway approach road, known as the Rocade, is due to start this month. The £1.9m wall will be built in two sections on either side of the road to protect lorries and other vehicles from migrants who have used rocks, shopping trolleys and even tree trunks to try to stop vehicles before climbing aboard.

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22. 'Terror tinnie' accused to fight charges

Australian Associated Press, Genevieve Gannon, 2016 09 07

Melbourne - Six Melbourne men accused of attempting to flee to Indonesia by boat as part of a plan to join Islamic State fighters in Syria are expected to fight the charges. A tentative date of May 15 has been set for a contested committal hearing for the men who each face a single count of making preparations for incursions into foreign countries to engage in hostile activities. Islamic preacher Robert 'Musa' Cerantonio, Shayden Thorne, Kadir Kaya, Antonio Granata and Paul Dacre were arrested near Cairns in May towing a seven-metre boat en route to Cape York. Police allege they planned to use the vessel to travel to Indonesia, and then on to Syria. Murat Kaya, who was arrested in counter-terror raids in Melbourne a few days later, is said to have bought the boat. Prosecutors have built a large, circumstantial case against the co-accused based on some-2000 statements and exhibits, and the volume of material is expected to grow, the Melbourne Magistrates' Court heard on Wednesday.

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23. "Flaws" in govt anti-terror funding round

Australian Associated Press, Rashida Yosufzai, 2016 09 07

Canberra - Federal Labor has seized on a scathing audit outlining flaws on how the federal government picked organisations to help prevent radicalisation. Only 21 of the 42 programs awarded almost \$1 million in funding as part of a counter-terrorism strategy should have been

successful, the Australian National Audit Office said. That's if the Attorney-General's Department had picked those that properly met the criteria needed for funding. The initiative was about backing community-based and non-government groups to help people steer away from violent extremism. But the department pushed through 46 of the 59 applications that did not properly meet the criteria - which led to 10 of those being fully approved. The report said the process through which applications were given funding was flawed in "significant respects". As well, many of the funded organisations have yet to indicate whether they'll register onto a directory connecting people at risk of radicalisation with help - a key requirement.

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24. ASIO evidence at siege inquest kept secret

Australian Associated Press, Daniel McCulloch, 2016 09 07

Sydney - Could Australia's intelligence agency have done more to stop gunman Man Haron Monis before the fatal Sydney Lindt Café siege? A coronial inquest has been examining what the Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) knew about Monis and whether it should have taken action against him before he staged the December 2014 siege. All evidence relating to ASIO has been gathered in private, and the information may never be made public, it has been revealed. The inquest has examined whether Monis should have been detected, kept under surveillance or on a security watch list. It has also looked at whether Monis should have been predicted to commit a politically motivated attack, and what role ASIO played during the Martin Place siege. Critically, it has explored the response to 18 National Security Hotline reports made days before the siege relating to violent and offensive images on Monis' Facebook page. ASIO had begun looking into the reports but had not yet completed its inquiries by the time the siege occurred, with questions emerging about whether it should have acted with greater urgency.

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25. Malcolm Turnbull says Australians should be 'very alert' after IS call for lone wolf attacks

ABC News, Liam Cochrane, 2016 09 07

Vientiane - Malcolm Turnbull says an Islamic State propaganda magazine's calls for attacks in Sydney and Melbourne should be taken seriously, with terrorists looking for soft targets after setbacks on the battlefields of Syria and Iraq. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull says recent calls for terrorist attacks at Australian landmarks should be taken seriously. An Islamic State propaganda magazine has called for 'lone wolf' attacks at locations in Sydney and Melbourne. The threats have been but not by the Prime Minister, who said recent attacks around the world showed the danger of so-called lone wolf terrorists. Speaking in Laos, Mr Turnbull said the calls for violence in Australia represented desperation on the part of the Islamic extremists. "As Daesh (Islamic State) comes under more and more pressure on the battlefield in Syria and in Iraq -- as it is rolled back, as its territory is being taken back -- it will resort to terrorist activities outside of the Middle East," he said. "The capacity of Daesh, of course, is much less than they proclaim it to be. "But we do have to be very alert to the actions of these lone actors -- individuals who, as

I've described in the national security statement last week, for a variety of reasons, may be radicalised.

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26. Rare gift as undercover G20 spooks go under the covers (Canada)

Adelaide Advertiser, Tory Shepherd, 2016 09 07

Vientiane - Gifts, "honeypots" and cyber hacking are among the weapons used by the Chinese to hunt top-secret information at the G20 summit. Delegates at the global economic forum were warned not to accept presents such as USB sticks that could gather data, and to resist overly friendly people who might be out to scam secrets. Australians were warned about "honeypots" - women or men who might try to seduce them in order to steal information or plant a listening device. Another strategy is to give a gift with a bug inside. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and the Australian delegation travelled to Hangzhou in China for the summit - and for those without encrypted communications networks, the main internet option was the easily hacked official G20 network. Among the more old-fashioned espionage efforts were "tourists" who looked remarkably un-touristy as they focused long lenses on jour-nalists along Hangzhou's fam-ous riverfront. As Mr Turnbull addressed the crowd at the B20 business leaders' meeting, a man in uniform sidled up behind journalists to read what they were writing. News Corp Australia was warned not to write anything about spies while in China because of the possibility of being detained or not being allowed a visa in the future. Peter Jennings, the Australian Strategic Policy Institute's executive director, said honeypots were "part and parcel of espionage", adding: "(Sex) has often been used as a way of trying not only to get people in but then to create a suitable basis (for blackmail)." Russian ships sailed close to the coast during the Brisbane G20 and in 2013 Russia reportedly spied on other countries at the G20 by giving out "Trojan Horse" USB sticks, while Canada was accused of allowing spying at the 2010 G20. (Full report)

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27. Spy bill lacking some robust privacy protection

New Zealand Herald, Gehan Gunasekara, 2016 09 07

Op-ed: The much-anticipated New Zealand Intelligence and Security Bill is before a Parliament select committee. There is unlikely to be loud applause from Edward Snowden, however, as the bill does little to address the concerns regarding mass surveillance he exposed in 2013 and the subsequent mischiefs that have come to light including the GCSB spy agencies spying on New Zealand residents. The bill follows the recommendations of the independent Cullen-Reddy Report as to how these should be addressed and it does implement many of them. The devil, however, is in the detail. On the one hand the bill strengthens privacy protections by expanding the number of the Privacy Act's rules that now apply to the intelligence agencies. Thus an individual may complain that information about them that was used, say, in a security clearance, was out of date, inaccurate or misleading, and another may complain that information about them was retained longer than necessary by the intelligence agency. The bill's requirements for the issue of warrants for surveillance is also relatively robust. There are, despite this, some weaknesses. First, the Privacy Commissioner can only investigate breaches by the intelligence

agencies and make recommendations to agencies and to the Prime Minister, which the latter is not obliged to follow. Note: Gehan Gunasekara is an associate professor in commercial law at the University of Auckland and researches and teaches privacy law.

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28. Teen claims divine intervention turned him from jihad

The Australian, Pia Akerman, 2016 09 07

Sydney - A Muslim youth who believes God sent police to catch him before he could detonate a bomb in Melbourne could be freed within weeks if a judge agrees to his bid for a sentence served solely in a youth justice centre. The 18-year old, who cannot be identified, yesterday gave evidence during a plea hearing in the Victorian Supreme Court, telling judge Lex Lasry how he had started planning to mount a domestic terrorist attack early last year after watching Islamic State videos online. He said he downloaded an al-Qa'ida bombmaking instruction manual and bought pipes, a pressure cooker, screws and explosive materials after an ISIS recruiter told him to target a Melbourne train, police station or the CBD. "At the time I thought this was what God wanted for me," he said, telling the court he now believed God had answered his prayers for guidance by causing his arrest in May last year. "It's something I thank God for every day," he said. "People would have died." The teen has pleaded guilty to preparing for or planning a terrorist attack. He has been held in a youth justice centre since his arrest, with his barrister, Robert Richter QC, arguing he should be sentenced to remain there for three years instead of being imprisoned in an adult jail.

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29. Army chief says threats persist despite successes

Pakistan Dawn, Baqir Sajjad Syed, 2016 09 07

Islamabad - Despite the successes of Operation Zarb-i-Azb, threats to peace persist, Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif said on Tuesday, calling for the implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP) and wide-ranging legal and governance reforms to sustain the military's achievements against terrorists. Speaking at what may well be his last Defence Day ceremony as army chief, Gen Sharif said: "Operation Zarb-i-Azb has attained its military objectives, and today the Pakistan flag flies proudly over all parts of our dear homeland." But, at the same time, he admitted that "internal and external threats to peace have not been completely eliminated". The general shared his view of the measures necessary to address these continuing threats, calling for the effective implementation of NAP, addressing weaknesses in the criminal justice system and reforms to break the nexus between organised crime, corruption and terrorism.

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30. Kaboul frappée par une série d'attentats

Le Monde, Julien Bouissou, 2016 09 07

Kaboul - L'offensive talibane s'intensifie et n'épargne plus la capitale afghane Kaboul s'enfonce dans la guerre. La capitale afghane a été frappée par trois attentats-suicides en moins de vingt-quatre heures, qui ont fait au moins trente-six morts et une centaine de blessés, à proximité du ministère de la défense. Plusieurs passants, policiers et soldats se sont alors rendus sur le lieu de l'explosion pour venir en aide aux victimes. C'est à ce moment précis qu'un kamikaze s'est infiltré dans la foule, près d'un pont, et s'est fait exploser. Selon les autorités, la première bombe a été actionnée à distance, et la deuxième, par un insurgé. Des corps ont été projetés dans la rivière Kaboul, et, face à l'afflux de blessés, on a dû en transporter certains à l'arrière de pick-up de la police. Selon un bilan provisoire, ce double attentat a fait trente-cinq morts et cent trois blessés dont un général et plusieurs hauts responsables des forces de sécurité. Un porte-parole taliban a revendiqué la double attaque et a indiqué que la première détonation visait le ministère de la défense, et la seconde la police. Quelques heures plus tard, vers 23 heures, une lourde explosion a retenti dans le centre de la capitale, à Shar Naw, devant un bâtiment abritant une ONG afghane. " L'explosion a été si violente qu'elle nous a réveillés. On a ensuite entendu des coups de feu. Plusieurs quartiers sont bouclés et la ville est paralysée ", témoigne une habitante de la capitale. Une voiture piégée a explosé avant que deux assaillants pénètrent dans les locaux de l'ONG, selon un mode opératoire souvent employé par les talibans. L'assaut des forces de sécurité afghanes a duré toute la nuit et s'est terminé en fin de matinée par la mort des deux assaillants. Au moins six habitants ont été blessés, et un a été tué. L'intensification de l'offensive talibane dans le pays, où la situation sécuritaire s'est nettement détériorée depuis la fin des opérations de combat de l'OTAN fin 2014, n'épargne plus Kaboul. Les nombreux barrages policiers ou les murs anti-explosion protégeant les bâtiments sensibles de la capitale n'y font rien : les attaques terroristes se multiplient. Le 25 août, trois insurgés ont mené un assaut de plus de dix heures sur le campus de l'université américaine afghane, faisant treize morts. " Ultraradicalisation "Même si cette attaque n'a pas été revendiquée, les analystes soupçonnent les talibans ou le réseau Haqqani, qui lui est étroitement lié, seuls capables de planifier un tel assaut, d'en être les auteurs.

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31. Pakistan, India exchange fire at LoC

The Express Tribune, Staff Correspondent, 2016 09 07

Islamabad - Pakistani and Indian troops exchanged fire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kashmir on Tuesday as Pakistan marked Defence Day, commemorating its successful defence in the 1965 war with India. Pakistan Army's media wing said the Indian soldiers resorted to "unprovoked firing" at Nezapir sector of the LoC - a de facto border that divides Kashmir between the two countries. The Pakistan troops responded befittingly to the India firing, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said. No loss of life was reported in the exchange of fire that started late night and continued till 10am. This was the second time in four days the two countries traded fire along the LoC amid worsening ties between the two nuclear-tipped neighbours. On August 14 also, Pakistan had accused India of violating the ceasefire. Pakistan

strongly denounced what it called grave human rights violations by Indian forces in the disputed Himalayan valley while New Delhi accused Islamabad for stoking unrest in the region.

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32. US to Pakistan: Go after terrorists threatening your neighbours

Pajhwok Afghan News, Lalit K Jha, 2016 09 07

Washington - It is in the interest of both Afghanistan and Pakistan to go after terrorists, the United States says, asking Islamabad to do more against the groups targeting its neighbours. "It's in Pakistan's interest, it's in Afghanistan's interest to go after these terrorist groups, to root them out and to destroy them," the State Department deputy spokesman said. Mark Toner told reporters at his daily news conference the US wanted to see peace and stability in the region, a task involving efforts on Pakistan's part, as well as the ability of the Afghan government to provide security to its people. Toner strongly condemned Taliban attacks on the Ministry of Defense as well as CARE International -- an institution dedicated to helping Afghans build a better future. "We commend the courageous actions that were taken by the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces in the aftermath of these attacks. They responded quickly and decisively to the incidents.

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33. Best Mechanisms to Combat Modern Fundamentalism

Asharq Al-Awsat, Emile Amin, 2016 09 07

Cairo - The closed-minded fundamentalism is considered among the biggest dangers that threaten the world's societies. Rigid beliefs and rejection of other identities can hold back solving any problem in the community. But the most dangerous problems are those that exploit religions to justify extremist positions. According to the common definition, the first challenge in combating modern fundamentalism is the intellect's allegation that he/she possesses the absolute truth. The root of fundamentalist extremism can be referred to the Philosopher Immanuel Kant, who created the term "Dogma", which means the human being's false belief in his capability of possessing the absolute. According to Kant, people can never achieve that because the nature of the human mind doesn't allow it. The lack of tolerance and forgiveness provided fundamentalists with the opportunity to revive religious conflicts so they can justify their desire in excluding others.

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34. ISIS puts new twist on terror recruiting: big money

Christian Science Monitor, Taylor Luck, 2016 09 06

Tunis - The business of recruiting the next generation of terrorists has long preyed on young men with limited prospects. High unemployment across the Middle East points to a vast pool of

Muslims who are often undereducated, easily ensnared, or simply bored. But the Islamic State has taken the trend to new lengths, making financial stability a central part of its recruiting pitch, according to defectors. While Al Qaeda has long provided salaries and the latest military equipment - reportedly backed by individual donors from the Arab Gulf - it tended to target ideologically driven recruits, with money often not a factor in their pitch. But the Islamic State, with wealth generated from oil revenues and taxation in the territories it holds, is promising foreign fighters higher salaries, housing, and additional benefits of \$250 per month for a family of five, according to Monitor sources, as well as other reports. "It is not a coincidence that ISIS is building its ... networks in the very neighborhoods, towns, and refugee camps that are economically marginalized - something Al Qaeda had never even considered," says Hassan Abu Haniyeh, an expert in jihadist movements who is based in Amman, Jordan.

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35. La lutte contre la corruption est plus compliquée que celle contre le terrorisme, selon le PM tunisien

Pan African News Agency, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 06

Tunis, Tunisie - Le Premier ministre tunisien, Youssef Chahed a estimé que "la lutte contre la corruption et le terrorisme" sont les faces d'un même phénomène ciblant le citoyen, axe central de tout développement", affirmant que la guerre contre la corruption en demandant des comptes aux coupables est "plus complexe, parfois plus difficile que la lutte contre le terrorisme". S'exprimant dans une allocution à l'ouverture, lundi soir à Gammarth, du 5ème congrès ministériel du "réseau arabe pour l'intégrité et de lutte contre la corruption", M. Chahed a précisé que "les stratégies de lutte contre la corruption et les outils d'activation de la reddition des comptes ne peuvent être efficaces en l'absence d'expériences et de formation, outre l'instauration d'une coopération arabe et sud-sud afin que les expériences et les meilleures politiques dans ce domaine profitent à tout le monde sans exception". Le congrès se tient à Tunis du 5 au 7 septembre sur le thème "demander des comptes pour promouvoir le développement durable", rappelle-t-on.

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36. Tunisia fears jihadists returning home from Libya, seeks joint action

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 09 06

Tunis - North African countries should be cooperating more to stop Islamic State fighters who are fleeing their Libyan stronghold of Sirte from returning to their homelands and causing trouble there, Tunisia's defense minister said on Tuesday. Libyan forces aligned with the U.N.-backed government in Tripoli launched their campaign to recapture Sirte in May and are advancing on the last areas under its control. But Tunisia, which estimates that about 4,000 of its nationals left to fight for jihadists groups, is concerned that many are returning to the country and could turn their focus on home soil. "The danger is real. Those who leave Sirte are heading south to eventually join Boko Haram, but some are also going west," the Tunisian minister, Farhat Hachani, told journalists on the sidelines of a gathering of defense and military officials in Paris. "There isn't a regional strategy. Neighboring countries are managing the day to day security and

military question ... but while there are terror laws, you need proof that a young person was in a camp or fighting in jihadist ranks," he said.

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37. Flash Protest in Venezuelan Town Rattles Maduro

Wall Street Journal, Anatoly Kurmanaev, 2016 09 07

Villa Rosa - In half a year, the residents of this working-class town on Venezuela's main resort island went from fervently cheering the revolution to chasing President Nicolas Maduro through the streets. The town became the epicenter of national attention on Friday when the president's decision to walk through this once-pro-government neighborhood ended in him being surrounded by angry residents banging pots and shouting antigovernment slogans. Mr. Maduro fled to safety, but the incident was captured on video and quickly went viral, highlighting the president's weakening authority at a time of deepening economic turmoil and as a resurgent opposition pushes for a recall referendum to end 17 years of socialist rule. "What we saw that day was nothing less than the break between the ruler and the people," said Jony Rahal, the opposition's lawmaker for Villa Rosa. In response, the government is now besieging the town, residents here say. On Monday, the Socialist Party bused in hundreds of red-clad government workers from across the island to Villa Rosa to intimidate local opposition supporters and transmit images of the town's support for Mr. Maduro.

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38. 'IS suicide squad in our midst'

New Strait Times, Farrah Naz Karim and Aliza Shah, 2016 09 07

Kuala Lumpur - Intelligence gleaned by counterterrorism operatives in the country suggest that Malaysia now has, in its midst, suicide bombers ready to die for the Islamic State (IS) group. Bukit Aman's Special Branch Counter-Terrorism Division (SB-CTD) principal assistant director Datuk Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay said evidence strongly pointed to several individuals pursuing the IS cause here. Police, he said, had been working on this latest piece of intel and were on their case. He said the individuals, who considered themselves "IS operatives", were believed to have been trained for their missions. The aspiring suicide bombers, he said, were as radicalised as the eight IS Malaysians who had returned from Syria to launch terror attacks for IS here. Ayob said as the terror group continues to be pounded by security forces in Syria, scaling down their military might, more fighters would begin returning home.

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39. ASEAN must step up cybersecurity: Minister

Jakarta Post, Marguerite Afra Sapiie, 2016 09 07

Jakarta - Coordinating Political, Legal and Security Affairs Minister Wiranto has said with the current form of terror threats, which include foreign terrorists, cross-border terrorism, use of internet in spreading radicalism, as well as an increase of terrorist financing cases in neighboring countries, ASEAN member states should build up cybersecurity to better track and counter such threats. "Cybersecurity has become a new challenge in our regional security. Due to its complex and sophisticated nature, ASEAN should give more concern to the matter as well as involve other relevant stakeholders [to improve defense]," Wiranto said at an ASEAN Political-Security Community Council meeting on Tuesday. Wiranto further said Southeast Asian leaders should better maximize the implementation of the ASEAN Convention on Counterterrorism.

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40. Beijing Wages a Subtle War Against American Power

Wall Street Journal, Andrew Browne, 2016 09 07

Analysis from Shanghai - China, it turns out, didn't deliberately intend to snub President Barack Obama, although the strained protocol when he landed in Hangzhou for a Group of 20 summit over the weekend made it look that way. China plays by its own rules nowadays, even on the simple matter of who should provide mobile stairs for the U.S. president's aircraft. A disagreement over whose set to use -- America's or China's -- forced Mr. Obama to exit from a lower door on folding steps. A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman criticized "arrogant and opinionated" Western media for suggesting Beijing had deliberately tried to humiliate him. But the symbolism was apt. China's behavior toward America during the Obama administration has been marked by episodes of collaboration on the global stage -- a climate-change accord, U.N. sanctions on North Korea, the deal to curb Iran's nuclear program -- and more regular flare-ups of nationalism. Small insults, minor aggressions: Behind the big set pieces of diplomacy, this is how China has sought to undermine the U.S. superpower and emphasize its own growing stature. It bullies Washington's regional friends and allies in territorial disputes. At home, it selectively harasses U.S. investors. And it sends a barely concealed message that American and other Western nonprofit groups aren't welcome by putting them under a police regime. These aggravations amount to a potent challenge to Washington, mainly because Mr. Obama hasn't found a good way to counter them.

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41. Canada condemns Pyongyang missiles launch

Xinhua News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 09 07

Ottawa - Canada on Tuesday condemned Pyongyang's launch of ballistic missiles into the Pacific Ocean one day earlier. In a statement issued Tuesday afternoon, Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs Stephane Dion said Canada strongly condemns the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)'s launch of three ballistic missiles on Monday. The DPRK "continues to demonstrate its wilful disregard for its international obligations and the will of the United Nations Security Council through its repeated ballistic missile tests, which are in direct contravention of multiple Security Council resolutions," he said. He pointed out that the DPRK's reckless ballistic missile launches threaten regional and international peace and security, urging

Pyongyang to cease its provocations and immediately and verifiably abandon its ballistic missile program.

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42. Duterte mulled martial law after Davao blast - Palace

Philippine Star, Christina Mendez, 2016 09 07

Manila - President Duterte considered declaring martial law right after the bombing in Davao City, but decided to declare a state of emergency due to lawless violence instead, Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea admitted yesterday. Medialdea also signed and issued an order allowing the military and police to invoke warrantless arrest and seizures in certain situations under the state of emergency. Medialdea bared that the President thought of declaring martial law right after the Davao bombing, but he later agreed on declaring a state of emergency due to lawless violence to prevent the violence in Davao from spilling to other parts of the country. Medialdea downplayed insinuations that the President is keen on declaring martial law. He maintained that the military would just augment the police force during operations, which would be an extra effort to prevent terrorist activities.

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43. FBI wants to interrogate Bangladesh militants

Dhaka Tribune, Sheikh Shahariar Zaman, 2016 09 07

Dhaka - The Federal Bureau of Investigation has expressed interest to work closely with the Bangladeshi investigators dealing with recent militant attacks, a Foreign Ministry source says. As part of the process, the FBI wanted to let its members interrogate militant suspects arrested in recent months. However, the Bangladesh government has not shown any interest in this regard. "They [the FBI] have told us that they have much knowledge and expertise in this matter and that they want to understand the militants' psychology. But the government has not yet responded positively," a Foreign Ministry official said, declining to be named. According to the official, who was not authorised to talk to media on the matter, the West believes that the Islamic State or other foreign terrorist groups are directly involved in the recent terror attacks in Bangladesh. "Our government has been rejecting such claims outright," the official said.

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44. Japan to check background of nuclear workers to prevent terrorism

Kyodo News, Staff reporter, 2016 09 07

Tokyo - Japan's nuclear watchdog decided Wednesday to make operators of nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities check the background of their workers to prevent terror attacks. Following the recommendation of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Nuclear Regulation Authority will introduce the new regulation in late September, although the actual implementation is expected to be from next year or later due to necessary procedures, such a revision of the rules regarding the handling of nuclear materials. It is also unclear how the new

measure will be effective in preventing terrorism as the operators will conduct the background checks based on information workers provide themselves, rather than by referrals to police or other law enforcement authorities. The regulation will cover employees and subcontracting workers who enter restricted areas where nuclear materials are kept and those who have access to important information at the facilities.

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45. Kremlin blocks leading pollster amid spy claims

London Times, Marc Bennetts, 2016 09 07

Moscow - Russia has clamped down on the country's only independent pollster, the Levada Centre, days after it published an opinion poll indicating declining support for President Putin's party before this month's parliamentary elections. The Moscow-based pollster was officially blacklisted as a "foreign agent" after a justice ministry inspection discovered that it had received £94,000 in funding from the US defence department in the past three years. The label, which has clear connotations of espionage in Russia, was introduced in 2012 for non-governmental organisations that receive funding from abroad and are engaged in "political" activities. It has been previously been used to put pressure on human rights organisations and independent election monitors, as well as other groups that fail to toe the Kremlin's line. Lev Gudkov, director of the Levada Centre, told The Times that the justice ministry's ruling would make it impossible for the organisation to maintain the trust of respondents and that it could be forced to close down.

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46. Russian Security Services Say 'Spy Pen' Found in Pokemon Go Player's Home

Moscow Times, Staff report, 2016 09 06

Moscow - Russian security services say they found a "spy-pen" in the home of video blogger Ruslan Sokolovsky, who was recently detained for filming himself playing Pokemon Go in a Yekaterinburg cathedral. Police have charged Sokolovsky with committing an extremist act and offending religious sensitivities. If convicted, he could face several years in prison. Russia's Investigative Committee said the pen could be used to receive illegal information from abroad. Other potentially incriminating items in the suspect's apartment include a video camera, a tripod, and a professional microphone. Police are also investigating magazines published by the video blogger, which they say contain illustrations which incite religious hatred. Earlier this year, Sokolovsky launched a self-titled magazine for atheists. He wrote that: "we have been inspired by Charlie Hebdo and have decided that there are too few such publications in Russia that take an absolutely amoral approach to ridiculing the contemporary national reality."

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47. Suspected spy sentenced to three years after plea agreement

Croatian News Agency, Staff report, 2016 09 06

Zagreb - The High Court in Belgrade has upheld a plea agreement with Cedo Colovic, charged with spying for Croatian intelligence services, sentencing him to three years in prison, the court said Tuesday. Colovic, who has dual Serbian and Croatian citizenship, was arrested outside Belgrade on September 2 and the plea agreement was reached with the Public Prosecutor's Office on September 4. He had lived and worked in Croatia until 1990 when he moved to Serbia. According to Belgrade media, Colovic served as an officer in the army of the self-proclaimed Republic of Serb Krajina and came to Serbia as a refugee in August 1995 at the time of Operation Storm. He was suspected of providing confidential military and intelligence information to a Croatian intelligence service. Nine war crimes indictments were allegedly issued against Serb officers based on the information provided by him. (Full report).

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48. Iran intelligence minister travels to Germany

Press TV, 2016 09 07

Tehran - Iranian Intelligence Minister Mahmoud Alavi has made an unannounced trip to Germany, with observers describing the unprecedented trip -- about which little detail has been made public -- as highly significant. According to a brief press release that appeared on the website of the Iranian Intelligence Ministry on Tuesday, Minister Alavi and his accompanied delegation traveled to the Federal Republic of Germany at the invitation of "pertinent authorities" in the European country. The timing of the trip was not made available. In Berlin, Alavi "met with German intelligence officials and discussed issues of mutual interest," according to the press release. The minister also met with personnel at the Iranian Embassy in Berlin. The unprecedented visit by the Iranian intelligence minister to the heart of Europe comes at a sensitive juncture when the Takfiri terrorist group of Daesh has been posing a growing threat to countries worldwide.

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49. ISIL car bomb kills 12 civilians in Iraqi capital

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 09 07

Baghdad - An ISIL car bombing struck a bustling commercial area of central Baghdad killing at least 12 civilians. The explosives-laden pick-up truck was left in a parking lot in the Shiite district of Karradah, near a hospital and shops, a police officer said. Up to 28 people were wounded and at least 15 cars were damaged when the bomb detonated late on Monday, he said. Mourners held a funeral procession for some of the dead on Tuesday morning, with men carrying coffins wrapped in Iraqi flags as women wailed and pounded their chests in grief. At the scene of the bombing, shocked residents examined the blood-stained pavement and the damage to nearby shops. ISIL said the suicide attack had been planned to target Shiites. Karradah is a major commercial area of the capital. Its streets are lined with clothing and jewellery stores, restaurants and cafes. The area is usually packed with shoppers, especially ahead of Eid Al Adha, which begins next week.

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50. Advanced security system to deal with emergencies in Haj

Saudi Gazette, Badea Abu Al-Naja, 2016 09 07

Makkah - As part of efforts to strengthen Haj security, the Directorate General of the Civil Defense Department (CDD) has joined the National Unified Security Operations Center in the Makkah region to deal with threats, accidents and challenges, using advanced technologies. "This provides a suitable atmosphere for security agencies to exchange information quickly and at various administrative levels and pass orders to field teams," an official said. "The CDD cooperation with the National Unified Security Operations Center entails application of advanced technology as the latter provides requirements of security sectors including IMS (incident management system) and GIS (geographical management system)," the official said. Other accessible systems are ICCS (integrated control unit), ECMS (enhanced crisis management system), VSS monitoring systems, MDS (mobile data system), WAN system, ARLS system for vehicle monitoring and RMS (resource management system).

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51. Crown Prince inspects the vanguard high-speed marine interceptors

Arab News, Staff Report, 2016 09 07

Jeddah - The government of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman is keen to boost the Kingdom's security capabilities and protect all its regions by providing its forces with the latest high-tech armament and advanced defense equipment. Among these is high-speed marine interceptors that top the list of interception and pursuit vessels in the world. These will deter anyone who is tempted to cross the Kingdom's marine borders, Saudi Press Agency quoted Crown Prince Muhammad Bin Naif, deputy premier and minister of interior, as saying. This came during the Crown Prince's inspection of the vanguard vessels in Jeddah Tuesday. The Crown Prince also recently commissioned an Airbus C-295 aircraft for Security Aviation that has entered into service. It is the first of four aircraft for which contracts were signed. (Full Report).

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52. IS Announces Death of Australian Jihadist of Lebanese Origin in Syria

Naharnet Newsdesk, 2016 09 07

Beirut - The Islamic State group has announced the death in Syria of an Australian jihadist of Lebanese origin convicted over a 2005 plot to bomb the Melbourne Cricket Ground, in a new English-language magazine. Ezzit Raad, who traveled to the Middle East after serving time in jail, died fighting for IS in Manbij near the battleground city of Aleppo in northern Syria, according to the online propaganda magazine Rumiya released on Monday. The first edition also featured calls for lone-wolf attacks in the West, singling out targets in Australia in a

biography of the Australian jihadist of Lebanese origin, also known as Abu Mansur al-Muhajir. The 38- page magazine was released simultaneously in seven languages, including English, French, German, Russian and Turkish. Australia's Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said last week that more than 60 Australians have so far been killed in Iraq and Syria, while around 200 people back home had been investigated for supporting militant groups.

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53. Israeli government okayed sale of spyware that exploits iPhones

Times of Israel, Staff Report, 2016 09 07

Jerusalem - NSO Group, an Israeli technology company that created spyware that was found being used to compromise a prominent United Arab Emirates activist's iPhone, had sold the software to an Arab company with the express permission of the Israeli Defense Ministry. The discovery of the sophisticated spyware, called Pegasus, capable of infiltrating and remotely taking control of iPhones without leaving a trace, forced Apple to push out a security update last week. The software came to light after researchers said the Emirati rights activist, Ahmed Mansoor, was targeted by a simple text message that asked him to tap on a link for information on detainees tortured in the UAE. Suspicious, he forwarded it to internet watchdog group Citizen Lab. The software can track calls and contacts, collect passwords, read text messages and emails, record calls and trace the whereabouts of the user.

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54. Regime drops chlorine bombs on Aleppo

Naharnet Newsdesk, 2016 09 07

Beirut - Syrian activists and rescue workers in the rebel-held part of the contested city of Aleppo said that government warplanes dropped suspected chlorine bombs Tuesday on a crowded neighborhood, injuring dozens. The report could not be independently verified and it was not clear how it was determined that chlorine gas was released. Claims involving use of chlorine and poisonous gases are not uncommon in Syria's civil war, and both sides have denied using them while blaming the other. Last month, there were at least two reports of suspected chlorine attacks in Aleppo also, while the Syrian regime also blamed the opposition for using the gas. In Tuesday's attack, a medical report from one of the hospitals in the eastern rebel-held part of Aleppo was shared with journalists via text messages. It said at least 71 persons, including 37 children and 10 women, were treated for breathing difficulties, dry cough, and that their clothes smelled of chlorine.

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55. Secret Talks between Israel, Iran to Exchange Information on Missing Diplomats

Asharq Al-Awsat, Nazir Majli, 2016 09 07

Tel Aviv - Israeli Military Censor allowed on Monday publishing information regarding secret talks that took place in 2015 among Israel, Iran and the so-called Hezbollah in addition to a third

intelligence party in order to close the case of Ron Arad who jumped from his airplane on the Lebanese territories around 30 years ago and the case of Iranian diplomats who were lost during the same period in Lebanon. Western intelligence sources close to the matter said that "although talks did not have a positive outcome but they were held in a hostile-free manner". Information revealed that the so-called Hezbollah had suggested holding these talks after notifying the intelligence of a Western country that some information brought hope for solving the mystery of Ron Arad. According to the Western intelligence source, the so-called Hezbollah fighters said that they are still trying to find the place where Arad was buried, affirming that "they will find it in the end".

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56. 'Safe Zone' on Agenda of NATO Chief's Visit to Turkey

Asharq Al-Awsat, Said Abdul Razzak, 2016 09 07

Ankara - NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg will begin a two-day visit to Turkey on Thursday. He will meet with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister Binali Yildirim, Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu, Defense Minister Fikri Isik and other high-ranking officials. A diplomatic source told Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper that Stoltenberg is expected to discuss the latest developments in Syria as well as Turkey's demand for a no-fly zone over the north of Syria, the areas which the Free Syrian Army managed to liberate from ISIS control. Sources believe that Turkey is trying to make a safe area for refugees over the 98 Km southern border with Jarablus-Azaz. The area had been liberated during the Euphrates Shield operation last month. The Turkish President's spokesman, Ibrahim Kalin, declared that world powers have not ruled out Turkey's idea for a "safe zone" in Syria but they have not shown a clear will to implement the plan either.

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57. Bundestag: Neo-Nazi NSU 'had more than three members'

Deutsche Welle, Staff report, 2016 09 06

Berlin - The spate of murders became public five years ago; the trial has been running for more than three, but the prospect of a resolution is still a long way off in the case of the National Socialist Underground (NSU), a neo-Nazi terrorist cell thought to have been responsible for at least ten murders, two bombings, and 15 bank robberies over a period of several years. Now, the chairman of Germany's second parliamentary inquiry into the staggeringly complex case has said he is convinced that the cell was much bigger than state prosecutors assume, and that authorities were too hasty in assuming that only three people - two of whom are dead - were responsible for all 27 crimes. "If I look at the facts and the evidence, I am deeply convinced that the NSU did

not consist of just three people, and that apart from the helpers and supporters who are being prosecuted for providing apartments, cell phones and weapons, there were also co-perpetrators," the Bundestag's NSU committee chairman Clemens Binninger told the "Frankfurter Rundschau" newspaper.

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58. Notre-Dame de Paris : la fille du propriétaire de la voiture aux bonbonnes de gaz est fichée S

Le Point, Aziz Zemouri, 2016 09 07

Paris - Une Peugeot 607 avec 6 bouteilles de gaz pleines dans le coffre a été retrouvée, dimanche, au 1, rue du Petit-Pont, près de Notre-Dame, à Paris. Lundi, dans cette artère du 5^e arrondissement de Paris, tout le monde ne parlait que de ça. L'information n'avait pas été rendue publique, mais les commerçants et les riverains cherchaient la confirmation. Dimanche 4 septembre, vers 7 h 30 du matin, un véhicule Peugeot a été retrouvé 1, rue du Petit-Pont, warnings allumés et sans plaque d'immatriculation. Les policiers demandaient alors l'intervention des techniciens du laboratoire central de la PP. À l'aide d'explosifs, la voiture s'ouvrait. Une première bouteille de gaz vide était extraite de l'habitacle. Dans le coffre, six autres bonbonnes de gaz étaient installées et des feuilles rédigées, selon la police, en arabe ont été retrouvées. 19 ans et radicalisée Très rapidement, les enquêteurs remontent la trace du propriétaire, en Seine-Saint-Denis. Ce dernier signale la disparition de sa fille majeure, 19 ans, sans doute partie avec son véhicule alors qu'elle avait prévenu son père qu'elle passerait le week-end chez une amie. Le père informe la police que sa fille est « radicalisée » et qu'elle tentait de rejoindre des zones de combat djihadistes. Si le papa est inconnu des services de police, sa fille est fichée S, elle est également fichée par la police judiciaire.

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59. One of Germany's best known Islamist preachers went on trial in the western city of Düsseldorf on Tuesday on charges of backing "a terrorist group" fighting in Syria.

The Local (Germany), Staff report, 2016 09 06

Düsseldorf - One of Germany's best known Islamist preachers went on trial in the western city of Düsseldorf on Tuesday on charges of backing "a terrorist group" fighting in Syria. Sven Lau, 35, stands accused of supporting and recruiting fighters for the Syria-based Jaish al-Muhajireen wal-Ansar (JMA), or Army of Emigrants and Supporters, which Germany lists as a terrorist organisation. A convert to the ultra-conservative Salafist branch of Islam, Lau gained notoriety in 2014 when he organised a vigilante "Sharia Police" group that patrolled German streets seeking to enforce Islamic law. He was arrested in December in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, a hotspot for fundamentalist Islam from where a number of fighters have left to wage jihad in Iraq and Syria. Prosecutors allege that Lau was the JMA's main contact in the state's Düsseldorf area and recruited two volunteers in 2013.

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60. Prévention de la radicalisation : des "unités dédiées au sein des détentions classiques.

FranceTv Info (site web), Journaliste maison, 2016 09 07

Paris - Prévention de la radicalisation : des "unités dédiées au sein des détentions classiques. C'est extrêmement dangereux" Emmanuel Gauthrin, secrétaire général de FO Pénitentiaire, a réclamé mercredi sur franceinfo la suppression "des unités dédiées au sein même des détentions classiques" après l'agression dimanche de deux surveillants pénitentiaires par un détenu à la maison d'arrêt d'Osny (Val-d'Oise), une unité spéciale de prévention de la radicalisation. Un acte que le syndicaliste qualifie de "prémédité" et de "terroriste". "Ces unités dédiées au sein même des détentions classiques. C'est extrêmement dangereux. On continue malheureusement à polluer le reste de la population pénale". (...) C'est suicidaire de faire une unité dédiée sur Osny", a expliqué Emmanuel Gauthrin, secrétaire général de FO Pénitentiaire. La maison d'arrêt d'Osny dispose de "586 places pour aujourd'hui 1 100 détenus écroués." L'unité dédiée accueille 18 détenus radicalisés. #Prison Il faut arrêter de regrouper les détenus radicalisés selon Emmanuel Gauthrin (FO pénitentiaire) <https://t.co/tpo8gIGcwp> - franceinfo (@franceinfo) 7 septembre 2016 Selon Emmanuel Gauthrin, "il faut reformer très profondément le système pénitentiaire français". "La législation ne nous permet pas de fouiller quand on le souhaite, y compris dans ces unités-là", a-t-il regretté.

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61. Tracking the rise of terrorism; Q&A Loretta Napoleoni

Toronto Star, Oliva Ward, 2016 09 07

Interview - Terrorism is daily fare for Loretta Napoleoni. The Italian-born economist is a world-ranking expert on the financing behind terror networks: author of bestselling books on Daesh (also known as ISIS or ISIL); "rogue" economics, and tracking the dollars that are funneled into terrorist coffers. But she found herself in new and darker territory with her latest book, Merchants of Men: How Jihadists and ISIS turned kidnapping and refugee trafficking into a multi-billion-dollar business. As chairperson of the countering terrorism financing group for the Club de Madrid, Napoleoni closely monitors the flow of dark money. But what she discovered in this three-year project was nothing less than the massive-scale merchandising of human misery. "This is a system that I never knew existed," she says. Q: Is Canada right to refuse to pay ransom? A: It's a good idea. If you feed the bears they will come back for more. But if you decide that is the way forward everyone should stick together. Otherwise you put everyone else in danger.

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1. CSIS to brief other agencies on operations

Globe and Mail, CSIS to brief other agencies on operations, 2016 09 09

Ottawa - A controversial law that allows Canada's spies to engage in terrorism-disruption campaigns may pose problems for federal police and diplomats. For this reason, they are being given a peek at some CSIS operations - and even allowed to challenge them. Newly released

records suggest that Bill C-51, the controversial 2015 omnibus bill that overhauled the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, has sent ripples throughout the federal-security bureaucracy. CSIS's so-called "threat-reduction activities" (or TRAs) have prompted fears of unintended fallout. To mollify concerns, the spy agency has committed to giving potentially affected agencies a heads up about what it is doing, according to records recently released to The Globe and Mail via access to information laws. For example, an "enhanced consultation memo" was recently signed between CSIS and Global Affairs Canada. While much is redacted in the undated document, CSIS promises to loop in foreign-affairs functionaries about things it is doing. "The Service will provide intelligence assessments ... of TRA measures which have a foreign policy component." On Nov. 24, 2015, CSIS Director Michel Coulombe and RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson cosigned a memo where they agreed to have their lieutenants brief each other on counterterrorism probes. CSIS's "new mandate to reduce threats" could potentially increase the likelihood of the agencies "adversely affecting each other." Mr. Coulombe, the spy chief, told Parliament in March that such powers have been exercised only a couple of dozen times since the bill passed. Prior to that, he once testified that C- 51 could allow CSIS to "go into disrupting a financial transaction," or "disabling a mobile device" or "tampering with equipment." Yet these are among the more innocuous kinds of questionable tactics that global spy agencies engage in. The law says that CSIS officers cannot physically harm a suspect, but it can consider violating his or her Charter rights - so long as the minister and a Federal Court judge first approve.

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2. Liberals' slow movement on Bill C-51 raises suspicions

Globe and Mail, Campbell Clark, 2016 09 09

Comment: Ralph Goodale is a minister who can spend 10 minutes answering a yes-or-no question, and that's a particularly useful skill when the topic is ragging the puck. The Liberal government has been putting off promised changes to Bill C-51, the controversial anti-terror legislation passed by Stephen Harper's Conservatives. On Thursday, Mr. Goodale and Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould announced consultations on broader national security issues - the kind the Liberals promised to launch once they'd tabled legislation to replace C-51. But now changing Bill C-51 will come after the consultations, at some point in the future. That delay, Mr. Goodale said, was because the government is following an "orderly" process. He listed some things the government has done in the area of national security, which, he said, shows the Liberals aren't failing to live up to their promises to amend Bill C-51. That's notwithstanding the fact that they haven't lived up to those promises. In their campaign platform, the Liberals promised to legislate eight measures related to Bill C-51, and, they said, "as this legislation is tabled," they would launch broader consultations on national security. Now amending Bill C-51 will wait. The Liberals sounded a lot more rushed in opposition. Bill C-51 had been tricky for leader Justin Trudeau. For fear of looking soft on terrorism, they said they'd vote for the bill, but amend it if they took office. But then many left-leaning voters, the kind that might vote Liberal or NDP, expressed unusual hatred for Bill C-51. In the campaign, the Liberals toughened up a promise to repeal Bill C-51 and replace it. But it's hard to see why the government can't move quickly on the other changes. One was to "guarantee that all Canadian Security Intelligence Service warrants respect the Charter of Rights and Freedoms." Bill C-51 allowed judges to authorize violations of the Charter. If the government thinks unconscionable violations of the

Charter have been legalized, you'd think they'd hurry to fix it. The Liberal platform also promised to narrow an "overly broad" definition of "terrorist propaganda," and that's not overly complex. Mr. Goodale did say Thursday the government will still make five of those promised measures law, eventually. If you're counting, there's still one platform promise left out, and it's a big one: the pledge to limit the powers of the Communications Security Establishment, Canada's electronic eavesdropping agency, "by requiring a warrant to engage in the surveillance of Canadians." The CSE isn't supposed to target Canadians, but it can pick up their communications when they are targeting foreigners, and do warrantless bulk tracking of communications, intercepting so-called metadata - who called whom, when, for how long. We'll see, eventually. Mr. Goodale, despite his verbal gymnastics, is a serious minister. But he might disappoint those anti-C-51 NDP-Liberal voters who now seem to have gone Liberal. The long version of the discussion paper released for public consultation gives the impression the Liberals aren't looking to roll back spy powers. Its tone suggests they favour the biggest feature of Bill C-51, which was giving Canadian Security Intelligence Service broad powers to "disrupt" threats - traditionally the purview of the RCMP - rather than to just collect intelligence.

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3. Au Canada, nouvelle bataille autour d'un oléoduc géant

Le Monde, Anne Pélouas, 2016 09 09

Ottawa - Après l'échec de Keystone XL, TransCanada veut construire un pipeline de 4 600 km pour acheminer le pétrole de l'Alberta vers la Côte est Le Canada a soif de pétrole. Après le refus, fin 2015, par l'administration Obama, du projet Keystone XL, qui devait transporter l'or noir de la province de l'Alberta vers Houston (Texas), la compagnie TransCanada espère avoir trouvé une porte de sortie. Son projet Energie Est prévoit la transformation d'un gazoduc de 3 000 kilomètres en oléoduc et la construction d'un nouveau tronçon de 1 600 kilomètres pour acheminer le pétrole issu des -sables bitumineux, sur 4 600 kilomètres, d'Hardisty (Alberta) à Saint-Jean (Nouveau-Brunswick).

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4. Being muslim in shadow of 9/11

Ottawa Citizen, Mohammed Adam, 2016 09 09

Column: Only last week, I was making plans with friends to go out to celebrate Eid al-Adha - the Muslim feast of sacrifice - which we thought would fall on Sept. 11. The day being a Sunday, we looked forward to meeting most of our friends at a local restaurant for a big celebration. It never occurred to us that this might be problematic. It was only after I talked to another friend in the United States that I realized that the symbolism of the date was causing considerable consternation among Muslims south of the border. Apparently American Muslim leaders worried that some might interpret the Eid, which involves a lot of merrymaking, as a celebration of the 9/11 attacks. In the age of Donald Trump, Muslim leaders felt there would be a severe backlash and were at a loss how to proceed. However, given the nature of the lunar calendar, the date

changed, and Eid is now likely to take place on Sept. 12 or 13. But what it all brought vividly home is that 15 after years after the traumatic attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, 9/11 still haunts Muslims. What I remember most in the immediate aftermath of 9/11 is not just the anger and sickening horror of the attacks, but the feeling that, as a Muslim, I was a marked man. Most of us felt that if your name was Muhammad, Hassan or Fatima, woe for you. Some of us thought our phones were being tapped. It really was weird. Many people I know stopped travelling through the United States, for fear of being targeted. (Note: Mohammed Adam is an Ottawa writer.)

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5. Cash seizures jump at Vancouver airport

Globe and Mail, Mike Hager & Kathy Tomlinson, 2016 09 09

Vancouver - As Vancouver's housing market began sizzling, border guards at the nearby international airport were seizing millions of dollars in undeclared cash from Chinese citizens, with total amounts jumping 50 per cent in each of the past three calendar years, government data show. According to the information, released to The Globe and Mail by a New Democrat MLA, during that period, border guards confiscated more than \$13- million in hidden currency from 792 Chinese people passing through Vancouver International Airport, which is Canada's second-busiest after Toronto. The average person had \$17,000 in hidden bills, bank notes or drafts. That is in addition to the \$323million declared at the airport by 20,000 Chinese citizens or passengers on flights to and from that country, during roughly the same period, according to data released to The Globe through a freedom of information request. Experts say these sums of hidden and declared money, which dwarf the funds brought through the airport from other countries, were likely carried by some of the 922,000 people from China recently given 10- year temporary visas, which allow them to visit for up to six months at a time. Former RCMP investigator and financial crimes specialist Kim Marsh said many travellers bring large amounts of money - or bank notes or drafts - instead of transferring them through institutional routes because they want to avoid paying taxes in Canada and get around Chinese currency laws that make it illegal for the average citizen to take more than \$50,000 (U.S.) a year out of that country.

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6. Did We Train Terror Leader?; Military Probe

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 09 09

Ottawa - A senior terrorist killed in Bangladesh last week may have been trained by the Canadian Armed Forces as part of an international military co-operation program, defence sources said Thursday. The Department of National Defence said it was trying to verify whether Mohammad Zahidul Islam, the alleged second-in-command of a pro-Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) faction behind a wave of deadly attacks, had trained in Canada. Also known as "Murad," he was killed by Bangladesh security forces during a raid last Friday. Since then, the Dhaka press has reported the 37- year-old was an army major who had trained at the Canadian Forces junior staff college in 2013-14 before returning to Bangladesh, quitting the military and taking up terrorism. "We are currently looking into the matter, but cannot confirm the

information at the moment," said Daniel Le Bouthillier, head of media relations at DND. But defence sources said the Bangladesh press accounts appear to be correct. Canada's Military Training and Cooperation Program has trained more than 2,000 military students from the Asia-Pacific region since 1965. Bangladesh is among the foreign militaries whose students have taken part in the program. "The Canadian Armed Forces has exchange and training programs designed to enhance our bilateral relationships and promote Canadian values," Le Bouthillier said. "These agreements between the CAF and the military forces and government agencies of other nations promote interoperability and by their presence, enhance understanding and co-operation." According to The Daily Star, a Dhaka newspaper, after returning from military training in Canada, Murad "looked interested in religious activities and started telling his friends that he would quit the army as 'many things in the service contradicted his ethics and religious beliefs.' " He retired from the Bangladesh military in July 2015 and his family lost contact with him in April 2016, the newspaper reported.

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7. Government terror report omits key issues

Ottawa Citizen, Satyamoorthy Kabilan, 2016 09 09

Column: This weekend marks 15 years since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, on the United States, resulting in the deaths of nearly 3,000 people. So much has changed since that day, but what is patently clear is that terrorism remains a global threat. What does this mean for Canada's security today? Public Safety Canada recently released its 2016 Public Report on the Terrorist Threat to Canada, outlining some of the key national security threats as well as providing a useful description of the National Terrorism Threat Level system. While the report does cover many of the main threats, are there other key issues that need to part of our discussion about the terrorism threat to Canada? Three additional areas merit further attention: 1. Foreign fighter returnees as a potential resource The report has a significant focus on foreign fighters and the threat of returnees. Foreign fighters come home for a range of reasons and should not be considered a homogeneous group. Some are disillusioned by their experiences, with reports of brutal crackdowns against foreign fighters who want to escape the conflict in Syria and Iraq. Could disillusioned returnees serve as credible voices against radicalization and participation in foreign conflicts? We need to understand what opportunities these returnees may present. A returnee whose experience can serve as valuable narrative to help counter radicalization needs to be distinguished from those who still pose a risk to Canada. In June 2015, the Conference Board of Canada's Centre for National Security met to discuss the issue of extremist groups and identified a number of emerging threats, including the rise of anti-government groups such as "sovereign citizens." In the Canadian context, the Moncton, N.B., shooter could be viewed as an anti-government extremist. While it is essential to deal with the current terrorist threat, we should not lose sight of emerging extremist groups. (Note: Satyamoorthy Kabilan is the director of national security and strategic foresight with the Conference Board of Canada.)

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8. Immigrants need better screening, Clement says

Globe and Mail, Laura Stone, 2016 09 09

Ottawa - Conservative leadership candidate Tony Clement says he will propose enhanced immigration screening as part of his platform to protect Canadians from potential terrorists. The Ontario MP plans on pitching the idea, part of his national security plank, at a news conference in Ottawa next week. "We should be increasing screening to weed out people who have backgrounds that indicate that they have been involved in terrorist organizations or militant organizations that pose a threat to the country," Mr. Clement told The Globe and Mail. "That, I think, is where we should provide our resources." Mr. Clement was responding to fellow candidate Kellie Leitch's idea to screen immigrants for so-called "anti-Canadian values," which includes intolerance toward religions and sexual orientation, as well as misogyny or violent behaviour. Ms. Leitch told The Globe her proposal is about promoting tolerance and equality, and she wants to have a discussion about what constitutes a "unified Canadian identity," which in her eyes is equality of opportunity, hard work, generosity, freedom and tolerance. But her plan has been panned by some of Ms. Leitch's fellow Conservatives, who've called it everything from "dogwhistle politics" to "Orwellian." While Mr. Clement said it's always a good idea to talk about Canadian values, he doesn't think a values test is the right approach.

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9. Le gouvernement Trudeau discute de sécurité nationale avec les Canadiens

Radio-Canada - Nouvelles (site web), Geneviève Garon, 2016 09 08

Ottawa - À compter d'aujourd'hui, les Canadiens peuvent participer en ligne à une vaste consultation instaurée par le gouvernement de Justin Trudeau sur toutes les questions relatives à la sécurité nationale. Jusqu'au 1er décembre, le gouvernement libéral recueillera les opinions et les conseils tant des experts que des citoyens. Le tout afin de pouvoir proposer, l'an prochain, un projet de loi destiné à remplacer la Loi antiterroriste qu'avait adoptée le gouvernement de Stephen Harper le 6 mai 2015.

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10. McGill video coaches students how to respond to a shooter

Montreal Gazette, Karen Seidman, 2016 09 09

Montreal - The alarming image above is part of a training video McGill University will be showing students to prepare them for the (unlikely) possibility of an active shooter on campus. It is part of a chilling scene that depicts a masked gunman loading a weapon and then stalking the hallways of a campus building, randomly shooting at anyone in his path. "Every second counts," counsels the video. "Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. ... Planning could save your life." McGill has taken the unsettling step of choosing to not just prepare students for the workforce, but for the unlikely event they may one day encounter an active shooter on campus. The new training video, which has been distributed among teachers to share with their classes, coaches faculty and students on how to react if a gunman starts randomly firing in the hallways, classrooms, libraries - or anywhere - on the tranquil university campus. Laced with constant warnings about its disturbing nature, the video provides three main tactics for surviving such an ambush by a shooter: run, hide, fight. "As unlikely as it is, it could happen," the video says. "Odds are you will never face the unthinkable, but if you do, keep the

odds in your favour. ... You can never fully prepare for an active shooter, but you can improve your chances of surviving." Ollivier Dyens, deputy provost of student life at McGill, sent out the video to faculty Thursday morning with a note asking them to disseminate as widely as possible "this training video on what to do in the unlikely event of a shooter on campus."

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11. Mission de paix - Le gouvernement refuse la demande de vote de l'opposition

Le Devoir, Marie Vastel, 2016 09 09

Ottawa - Alors que le gouvernement Trudeau se prépare à déployer des Casques bleus à l'étranger, les trois partis d'opposition estiment que les libéraux doivent d'abord soumettre toute mission de paix à un vote aux Communes. Le gouvernement préfère cependant rester vague quant à ses intentions. Le ministre de la Défense, Harjit Sajjan, a soufflé le chaud et le froid jeudi. Lorsque le Globe and Mail lui a demandé en entrevue si le Parlement serait invité à se prononcer sur l'éventuelle mission de paix, le ministre a été catégorique : " Non. Nous allons décider au conseil des ministres et aller de l'avant le plus vite possible. " Quelques heures plus tard, il a refusé de confirmer ou d'infirmier cette réponse. Invité à trois reprises à dire si, oui ou non, son gouvernement permettrait aux députés de voter, le ministre a esquivé. " Nous avons été clairs depuis le début ", a-t-il fait valoir en conférence téléphonique en rappelant que le Parti libéral a promis en campagne électorale de renouer avec les missions de paix onusiennes et que cette promesse figurait dans sa lettre de mandat du premier ministre. " Le fait que nous étudions des opérations de soutien de la paix ne devrait pas être une surprise pour personne, et surtout pas pour l'opposition ", a argué le ministre depuis Londres, où il prenait part à une conférence de pays qui participent aux missions de paix des Nations unies.

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12. Sajjan wavers on Commons vote

Globe and Mail, Steven Chase, 2016 09 09

Ottawa - The federal government is refusing to commit to a parliamentary vote on troop deployments for what it promises will be a return to a major peacekeeping role for Canada - one or more missions that could hold significant peril for soldiers in an era in which stabilizing conflict zones has grown more dangerous. The government shifted message on this matter within a matter of hours on Thursday. Early in the day, Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan told The Globe and Mail that the Liberals would not put the matter to a vote in the House of Commons. The government is currently considering options for a major new peacekeeping deployment and Mr. Sajjan said in a taped interview that the government had already received an election mandate from voters to deploy soldiers to United Nations operations. Asked twice whether there would be parliamentary votes on peacekeeping deployments, he replied: "No. We will be deciding in cabinet and moving forward as quickly as possible on this." But later in the day, after questions from journalists on a teleconference, Mr. Sajjan declined to answer whether MPs would be asked to vote on peacekeeping deployment. Instead, he said the cabinet will determine how things will proceed. "Once we have that discussion, a process will be decided on," he said. His office later said the government was not ruling out a parliamentary vote. He announced that Canada will

host the next UN Peacekeeping Defence Ministerial in 2017. This summit is a new forum, inaugurated this year in London, to improve UN efforts to resolve conflicts. The Liberals are fully within their rights to send soldiers abroad without consulting the Commons, but the past decade saw former prime minister Stephen Harper hold votes in some instances - for extensions or deployments of combat missions.

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13. The ISIS leader who once received Canadian military training

Maclean's Magazine, Adnan R. Khan, 2016 09 09

Ottawa - A former Bangladeshi military officer who played a key role in this past summer's deadly terrorist attacks in Dhaka once received military training in Canada, a Department of National Defense source has confirmed to Maclean's. The news follows confirmation last June that Windsor-native Tamim Chowdhury, who had been on Canada's terrorism watchlist since 2013, had emerged as the leader of Islamic State's Bangladeshi affiliate. Now it appears his second in command also had a Canadian connection, bringing to total four people linked to Canada who have been accused in Bangladesh recently of being members of Islamic State. The latest development is perhaps the most disturbing. The man, identified by Bangladeshi media as Muhammad Jahidul Islam and known to his extremist cohorts as Major Murad, was a retired major from the Bangladeshi military, according to press reports, and Chowdhury's "right hand man". Investigators in Bangladesh say Islam had retired from the military in July 2015 after returning home from Canada and described him as the man responsible for training the attackers who targeted the Holy Artisan Bakery, an upscale cafe in the Bangladeshi capital, Dhaka, killing 29, including 18 foreigners. He died in a hail of bullets after police raided his hideout in an apartment north of the city on Sept. 2. According to an investigation carried out by Amarnath Amarasingam, a terrorism expert at the University of Waterloo, a source in Bangladesh says Islam was in Canada as part of an officer training program for military personnel from developing countries: the Directorate - Military Training and Cooperation (DMTC) at the Army Staff College in Kingston, Ont. Another source in Bangladesh also told Maclean's that Islam received military training in Canada as part of the program. A DND spokesperson said Ottawa is aware of reports that Islam trained in Canada. "We are currently looking into the matter, but cannot confirm the information at the moment," Daniel Le Bouthillier, head of media relations, wrote in an email response to a Maclean's query.

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14. Wherever it leads, let's applaud consultation on security

Globe and Mail, Wesley Wark, 2016 09 09

Comment: The federal government has just released a long-awaited public consultation document (green paper), titled Our Security, Our Rights. The paper fulfills a Liberal promise to consult with Canadians about national security issues in the aftermath of the very contentious and heated debate over the 2015 anti-terrorism legislation, Bill C-51, passed as one of the last acts of the previous Conservative government. Consultation with Canadians is a great idea, but attendant with real difficulties. The process is unheard of historically - never before has a

Canadian government actually encouraged a public debate about the secretive realm of national security. Not surprisingly, few Canadians are well versed in such matters. Our national security literacy is low, whether we are talking about threats or about the tools available to respond to those threats. Due in part to the way Bill C-51 was rolled out, the Liberals face entrenched political views on national security. Conservatives are ready to fight to the end to preserve every inch of C-51; the New Democrats are ready to throw the whole thing out. This green paper will test whether there is space for a genuine, informed political debate in Canada. Another challenge hidden beneath its folds is that it was written by government bureaucrats who - let us face it - have grown up under the Conservatives, are used to their ways and outlook, and may be resistant to change or a new doctrine of openness. Whether the thinking of senior security and intelligence professionals can be "greened" by the green paper remains an interesting question. The green paper is set in the predictable and unavoidable context of finding the right balance between security and rights. But the balancing act is made precarious by two problems. One is that Canadians lean to the rights side of the equation because that is what we know and cherish. The other is a narrow perspective on security threats. Here, the Liberals have fallen into a trap set by the long-standing contention of the previous Conservative government that terrorism was the No. 1 threat to Canadian national security. (Note: Wesley Wark is a visiting professor at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa, and an expert on national security issues. He gave testimony before Parliament on Bill C-51 in the spring of 2015.)

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15. Acts of kindness in Canada on 9/11

Washington Post, Peter Marks, 2016 09 09

Washington - As if you needed another reason in this grotesque political season to contemplate a move to the Great White North, along comes "Come From Away," a musical packed with so much Canadian goodwill you'll wonder why an entire province wasn't awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. That maritime province, Newfoundland, is the benevolent locale of this heartwarming and eager-to-please musical, which had its official opening Wednesday night at Ford's Theatre. Its most compelling character, in fact, is the place itself, and more to the point, the embracing spirit of a rough-hewn people who opened their arms and homes to 7,000 airline passengers marooned there on one of the worst days in American history, Sept. 11, 2001. The 15th anniversary of the terrorist acts that resulted in 3,000 deaths in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington - and a fundamental change in the way Americans think about the world - occurs on Sunday. For anyone with even a faint memory of or connection to those events, the musical by the husband- and-wife team of Irene Sankoff and David Hein will reach into a place in your gut you may have wanted left undisturbed. My heart leaped into my mouth several times over the course of the hour and 45 minutes of "Come From Away," episodes triggered by finely detailed depictions of the stranded passengers' realizations of the scale of the horrors, and the townfolk's small but meaningful acts of kindness toward the horde of strangers in their midst.

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16. DHS secretary: Ballot counts are largely safe from cyberattack

Politico, Jennifer Scholtes, 2016 09 08

Washington - Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said Thursday it would be very difficult for hackers to alter Election Day ballot counts. "It is so decentralized and so vast," the secretary said during a forum hosted by The Atlantic. "You've got state governments, local governments, county governments involved in the election process. It would be very difficult to alter the count." Johnson said federal officials are generally concerned, however, about the potential for state actors, hacktivists or cyber criminals to manipulate or interfere with online state election systems. It was recently revealed that hackers had infiltrated voter registration databases in Illinois and Arizona. To help protect against those threats, the Department of Homeland Security has been offering to assist election officials with cyber hygiene evaluations, incident response and information sharing. But the secretary said those offers are being misconstrued. Several state officials have expressed concerns about a federal overreach into local election control.

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17. Don't be fooled -- Donald Trump's foreign policy is as scary as ever

Washington Post, David Ignatius, 2016 09 08

Column - Donald Trump is shifting to "responsible candidate" mode now, so his remarks on foreign policy Wednesday night sounded relatively restrained -- until you begin parsing the details. A...head-scratcher came in Trump's discussion of the intelligence briefing he received last month. The correct answer would have been to say: I'm not going to discuss a secret briefing. What Trump did instead was insidious: He implied that Obama had ignored policy recommendations from the intelligence community and "did not follow .??. what our experts said to do." Trump knew this because he's "pretty good with the body language" and "could tell that [the analysts] were not happy." This reflects a chronic misunderstanding of how the intelligence process works. Analysts do not make policy recommendations. It's a violation of their basic tradecraft. What they do, at best, is offer honest, unsentimental assessments of whether policies are working. Over the decades, they've offered withering assessments of U.S. military involvement in Vietnam, Lebanon, Iraq and Syria, to name just a few. But that doesn't mean they've offered policy direction. If Trump gets another intelligence briefing, it should be prefaced with an admonition: "Mr. Candidate: Nothing in this session should be construed as policy advice."

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18. Europe should brace for flood of 'hardened' ISIS fighters, US says

McClatchy News Service, Tim Johnson, 2016 09 09

Washington - The likely collapse of the Islamic State caliphate in Iraq and Syria will deal a mighty blow to the terror group but may scatter "hundreds of hardened killers" into Western Europe, top Obama administration officials said Thursday. The likely dispersal of the terrorists makes the sharing of intelligence between Western Europe and the United States ever more essential, the officials said. Allied forces are "getting close" to launching an assault to retake

Mosul, Iraq's second largest city and an Islamic State stronghold, Defense Intelligence Agency Director Vincent R. Stewart, a Marine Corps lieutenant general, told the 2016 Intelligence & National Security Summit in Washington. "I would imagine that the operation will unfold sometime in the next two, three months," Stewart said, adding that "a long and difficult battle" may unfold in the city itself. "The threat that I believe will dominate the next five years for the FBI will be the impact of the crushing of the caliphate, which will happen," FBI Director James Comey said at the forum, which was sponsored by two associations of professional intelligence officials. "But through the fingers of that crush are going to come hundreds of hardened killers who are not going to die on the battlefield."

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19. FBI Arrests Two in String of Breaches at CIA, Justice Department

Wall Street Journal, Devlin Barrett, 2016 09 08

Washington - Two North Carolina men were arrested Thursday on charges that they were part of the hacking group "Crackas With Attitude" that pulled off a series of embarrassing data breaches against the head of the CIA, a senior FBI official, and the Justice Department's case management system. Andrew Otto Boggs, 22, and Justin Gray Liverman, 24, were charged with being part of a conspiracy to access the personal accounts of senior government officials in late 2015 and early 2016. Although court documents didn't name the victims, they include CIA Director John Brennan and then- Deputy FBI Director Mark Giuliano, according to officials close to the case. The hackers also managed to repeatedly access the Justice Department's computer system over a week earlier this year, according to authorities. The hacking group also targeted officials from the White House, Department of Homeland Security, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, as well as their families, according to authorities. The two men were charged in a criminal complaint filed in federal court in northern Virginia with conspiring to commit offenses against the U.S. If found guilty they could face up to five years in prison.

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20. Fifteen years after 9/11, the attacks' effects continue to be felt

Montreal Gazette, Jack Jedwab, 2016 09 09

Opinion: On Sept. 11, 2001, people around the world were riveted to their television screens as terrorists crashed planes into the Twin Towers in New York City. To those of us watching the collapsing skyscrapers, the many people fleeing for their lives and the valiant rescue efforts, it all seemed surreal. That day's horrific events, which killed close to 3,000 people, also included the terrorist hijackings of two other planes, both of which crashed, one into the Pentagon. The shock felt in the United States was massive, and there was a collateral effect on much of the Western world. Over the past 15 years, the images associated with 9/11 have been shown repeatedly on television and in other media. They serve as a stark reminder of the capacity of terrorists to wreak havoc on society. If the world's most powerful nation is vulnerable to such acts, so too are others, as evidenced by subsequent acts of terrorism elsewhere. It's understandable that since then, Americans' collective sense of security has been shaken. Despite all the measures put into place in the aftermath of 9/11 to make citizens feel more at ease, the threat of terrorism remains a

very important source of anxiety - and not only in the United States. Fifteen years later, 9/11 comes up in debates about civil liberties, relations between communities, immigration, diversity, the accommodation of difference and the place of religion in our society. The lessons we've drawn from 9/11 have had a clear impact on public policy choices across North America. (Note: Jack Jedwab is president of the Association for Canadian Studies and the Canadian Institute for Identities and Migration.)

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21. Former DHS Secretary Tom Ridge warns that terror attacks 'will probably happen again' in U.S. and country 'should just accept the inevitability'

New York Daily News, Adam Edelman, 2016 09 09

New York - The former homeland security secretary who created the color-coded terrorism risk advisory system is now saying that Americans just need to chill out about terror attacks because they "will probably happen again here." The country "should just accept the inevitability" of future attacks, Tom Ridge, who led the Department of Homeland Security from 2003 to 2005, said Thursday during a forum hosted by The Atlantic in Washington, D.C. "What I really think the country needs to do is accept the reality that it is a global scourge, accept the reality that it will probably happen again here -- we have no idea how many times," added Ridge. "I'm not trying to say that the pain or suffering of a terrorist attack isn't significant, isn't real. It is. But I want America to dial down some of the hyperbole and the hyperventilation," said Ridge, who has called GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump "dangerous."

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22. Spy games meet word games as officials warn Russia against election meddling

Baltimore Sun, Ian Duncan, 2016 09 09

Washington - When some of the nation's top spies joined each other on stage at a conference Thursday, the question of whether Russia was behind the hacking of the Democratic National Committee and state elections systems soon came up. The spies carefully skirted the question. We're working with our partners on it, CIA director John Brennan said. It's really a policy question, NSA director Adm. Michael Rogers said. "I'm going to continue the streak of not talking about that," FBI director James Comey said. Then he went on to talk about it in a rather backhanded way. The intelligence officials' comments Thursday mirrored those of other top government leaders this week as the United States tries to figure out what to do about what is widely suspected to be Russian meddling in the upcoming election without saying publicly the Kremlin is behind the attacks.

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23. The almost forgotten war in Afghanistan

Globe and Mail, Brahma Chellaney, 2016 09 09

Comment: This Sunday marks the 15th anniversary of the longest war in American history that continues to rage ferociously in Afghanistan, casting a shadow over that country's future and highlighting the failure of U.S. President Barack Obama's strategy to gradually wind down the conflict. Yet the war now attracts little international attention, except when a major militant attack occurs. The current situation in Afghanistan is worse than at any time since 2001, when the U.S. invasion helped oust the Taliban from power, forcing them to set up their command-and-control structure in neighbouring Pakistan, their creator and steadfast sponsor. Today, the resurgent Taliban hold more Afghan territory than before, the civilian toll is at a record high and Afghan military casualties are rising to a level that American commanders warn is unsustainable. From sanctuaries in Pakistan and from the Afghan areas they hold, the militants are carrying out increasingly daring attacks, including in the capital Kabul, as illustrated by the recent strike on the American University of Afghanistan. U.S. president George W. Bush declared war in Afghanistan in response to the world's worst terrorist attack in modern history on Sept. 11, 2001, at home. Yet before he could accomplish his war objectives in Afghanistan, Mr. Bush invaded and occupied Iraq - one of the greatest military misadventures in modern history that destabilized the Middle East and fuelled Islamist terrorism. Mr. Obama came to office with the pledge to end the Bush-era wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. In Iraq, he ended the Bush war, only to start a new war in the SyriaIraq belt.

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24. Washington Really Doesn't Want To Deal With A Cyber War With Russia

BuzzFeed News, Ali Watkins, Sheera Frankel, 2016 09 09

Washington - The Obama administration is wary of publicly accusing Russia of meddling in the US election despite increasing pressure from within Washington, for fear of fanning public concerns over the security of the election and igniting a cycle of tit-for-tat cyber attacks, several US government officials told BuzzFeed News. "Do you really want to call it out, and recognize it? With everything you do, you should be reinforcing the public's confidence in the election system," said one US intelligence official, who is frequently briefed on Russia issues. Calling Russia out, he said, could also validate widespread worries over the security of the November election. "Do you really want that shitstorm? I don't think you do." The White House has not assigned blame for the hack of the Democratic National Committee emails, which cybersecurity experts say were most likely stolen by Kremlin-backed hackers. Another US intelligence official said it appeared as though actors in Russia weren't even trying to hide their efforts anymore. The official said his organization had buckled down on official travel to Moscow, urging employees to follow protocol and leave their phones and laptops at home. Asked what that meant for working conditions, the official said "We just have to trust that the facilities we use in the embassy are secure."

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25. White House names retired Air Force general as first cyber security chief

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 09 09

Washington - The White House on Thursday named a retired U.S. Air Force brigadier general as the government's first federal cyber security chief, a position announced eight months ago that is intended to improve defenses against hackers. Gregory Touhill's job will be to protect government networks and critical infrastructure from cyber threats as federal chief information security officer, according to a statement. The administration of President Barack Obama has made bolstering federal cyber security a top priority in his last year in office. The issue has gained more attention because of high-profile breaches in recent years of government and private sector computers. Touhill is currently a deputy assistant secretary for cyber security and communications at the Department of Homeland Security. He will begin his new role later this month, a source familiar with the matter said. Touhill's responsibilities will include creating and implementing policy for best security practices across federal agencies and conducting periodic audits to test for weaknesses, according to the announcement.

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26. 'Nothing to stop' Choudary claiming more benefits after jail

London Daily Telegraph, Steven Swinford, 2016 09 09

London - Terrorists should be subject to financial restrictions on their benefits after leaving jail or will just "stick two fingers up at the state" and continue claiming, a former police chief said. Richard Walton, a former head of counter-terrorism command at Scotland Yard, warned that there will be "nothing to stop" hate preachers such as Anjem Choudary claiming benefits after they leave jail. Earlier this week, a judge criticised Choudary for claiming £500,000 in benefits from a country he "so adamantly despises" as he was sentenced to five-and-a-half years in jail for supporting Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (Isil). Mr Walton said yesterday: "Are we prepared to let him come back and carry on claiming benefits? "He has consistently stuck two fingers up at the state. "We could look at the parallels with sex offenders, and post-conviction have an order that limits behaviours."

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27. Police claim to have foiled Isis-inspired bomb plot in London

London Times, Fiona Hamilton, Duncan Gardham, 2016 09 09

London - A suspected Islamic State-inspired bomb attack was foiled by police yesterday in what was described as the most significant terror plot against the capital for two years. Counterterrorism detectives arrested two brothers, aged 19 and 20, over fears that they were trying to get hold of chemicals to construct an explosive device in west London. Their alleged targets were unclear but were thought to be random members of the public rather than the military or police. The alleged plot was said to be in the very early stages but sources said that it was more sophisticated than a knife attack carried out at a Tube station in east London last year by a mentally ill man who had been downloading Isis material. It is possible that the brothers were also trying to get hold of guns and other weapons, raising fears of a Paris-style attack on several targets. Security sources indicated that the latest suspected plot could be the most serious

in the capital since two Isis supporters, Tarik Hassane and Suhaib Majeed, were held for planning a drive-by shooting of a west London police station in October 2014. They said it was "highly significant" but warned that the nature and scale of the plot would remain unclear until searches in London and the Thames Valley were complete. Scotland Yard said that two men were arrested at an address in west London as part of a "pre-planned, intelligence-led investigation" by the Met's SO15 Counter-Terrorism Command and the South East Counter Terrorism Unit. They were thought to have been put under surveillance by police and MI5.

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28. Islamic State calls for acts of terror on Australian soil

Herald Sun, Rita Panahi, 2016 09 09

Canberra - The Islamic State's special brand of subhuman savagery is evident in every page of its official magazine, Rumiya. The latest release, published on Tuesday, contains the usual glorification of violence and evil in the name of Islam but also contains no fewer than four pages devoted to Australia, including the veneration of Australian Lebanese jihadi Abu Mansur al-Muhajir, aka Ezzit Raad, who the terror group claims was killed in Syria. There are also explicit calls for attacks on Australian soil to be carried out by the "lions of the Ummah (Islamic community) and those living in Australia in particular". "Kill them on the streets of Brunswick, Broadmeadows, Bankstown and Bondi," Islamic State proclaims. "Kill them at the MCG, the SCG, the Opera House, and even in their backyards. Stab them, shoot them, poison them and run them down with your vehicles. "Kill them wherever you find them until the hollowness of their arrogance is filled with terror and they find themselves on their knees with their backs broken under the weight of regret for having waged a war against the believers and by Allah's will, and then through your sacrifices, this Ummah will be victorious." Melbourne is described as "a land cloaked in darkness and corrupted by kufr (unbelief), fornication and all forms of vice", and there is derogatory commentary on everything from Australia's "bikini-clad women" to our counter-terrorism laws.

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29. Protesters walking fine line

Bay of Plenty Times (New Zealand), Staff Writer, 2016 09 09

Wellington - Legitimate protesters could be charged as terrorists under new legislation unless changes are made, the NZ Law Society says. New Zealand's history of protest at sea, including against the visit of US nuclear vessels during the 1970s and 1980s, was cited during submissions on the law change yesterday. Parliament is considering legislation that will bring New Zealand up to date with current international rules about maritime security. It will create new offences related to maritime terrorism and maritime boarding. But there are concerns that the law change could be used to stifle protest at sea because the definition of what is "terrorism" is too broad. Jonathan Orpin of the New Zealand Law Society appeared before Parliament's Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade committee yesterday and argued for the terrorism definition to be tightened.

The current definition is to carry out or to threaten acts with the purpose of intimidating a population or to compel a government or organisation. Mr Orpin submitted that should be changed to match the terrorism definition in other legislation - including an intention to induce terror in a civilian population, or to unduly compel or force a government or organisation.

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30. Sydney Opera House threat: Man to face court charged with making threats on forecourt

ABC (Australia), 2016 09 09

Canberra - An 18-year-old man has been charged with making threats at the Sydney Opera House. Police said the man, from Narwee in Sydney's south-west, was behaving suspiciously in the Opera House forecourt yesterday. His backpack was taken for forensic examination, police said. A statement from NSW Police said the man was interviewed and charged overnight with threatening to destroy or damage property. Police have also searched the man's home and seized a number of items "for examination", the statement said. "Officers from the NSW Police Terrorism Investigations Squad commenced an investigation into the incident," the statement said.

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31. Taliban storm ex-Aussie stronghold of Tarin Kowt

The Australian, Greg Bearup, 2016 09 09

Canberra - The Afghan provincial city of Tarin Kowt is under heavy attack from the Taliban, with government buildings targeted and the leadership reportedly having fled the city by air. Tarin Kowt is the capital of Oruzgan, where the majority of Australia's troops were based during the war in Afghanistan. Oruzgan police chief Wais Samim told Reuters that Taliban militants had fought their way to within a few hundred metres of the governor's compound and police headquarters. "If reinforcements do not arrive, this city will collapse into the hands of the Taliban," Oruzgan Governor Karim Khademzai told Agence France-Presse. He said people were unable to flee because insurgents had surrounded the city. Journalist Bilal Sarwary tweeted NATO jet fighters had bombed several locations in the city and the forces of local commander General Raziq had pushed back the Taliban in two locations. An Australian reconstruction force arrived in Oruzgan in 2006, with the force building to 1500 soldiers until the withdrawal in 2013. It was where most of the 41 Diggers who died in Afghanistan were killed and more than 261 were seriously wounded. The war effort cost billions of dollars as Australia attempted to establish security, build roads, open schools and hospitals. The Defence Ministry says its security forces are waging operations in 15 provinces. The Taliban has also brought terror to Kabul with a number of attacks. Analysts have blamed poor leadership at a national level, with President Ashraf Ghani reportedly clashing with Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah. The two rule a government of national unity, which many say is not working.

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32. Terror fears as teenager arrested

The Australian, Paul Maley, 2016 09 09

Canberra - Two days after Islamic State called on its followers to carry out lone-wolf attacks on iconic Australian sites such as Bondi Beach and the MCG, an 18-year-old suspected extremist has been detained at the Sydney Opera House. Police moved swiftly yesterday to detain the boy, who was known to counter-terrorism detectives, after Opera House security staff and members of the public became suspicious of the teenager's behaviour. Police sources last night said there was no threat to the public safety and detectives were exploring whether mental illness was a factor. The arrest comes just days after Islamic State published graphic and detailed instructions to its followers to kill unbelievers in Sydney and Melbourne, in its online magazine Rumiyaah. The release of Rumiyaah, which singled out the Opera House as a target, generated widespread publicity and police are likely to investigate whether it was a factor in the teenager's behaviour. "Light the ground beneath (Australians) aflame and scorch them with terror," the unnamed author of the magazine article said. "Kill them on the streets of Brunswick, Broadmeadows, Bankstown, and Bondi. Kill them at the MCG, the SCG, the Opera House, and even in their backyards.

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33. Baghlan-i-Markazi blast claims 7 lives, leaves 12 injured

Pajhwok Afghan News, Habibur Rahman Sherzai, 2016 09 09

Pul-I-Khumri - Seven people were killed and a dozen others wounded in a bomb explosion in northern Baghlan province on Thursday, an official said. The blast happened inside a shop in the main bazaar of Baghlan-i- Markazi district at about 4pm, the governor's spokesman told Pajhwok Afghan News. Mahmood Haqmal said six civilians and a policeman were killed in the bombing, which wounded 12 people. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Giving an eyewitness account, Mohammad Zahir said the blast resulted from explosives attached to a bicycle that had been parked in front of the shop. A doctor at the district hospital, Khalil Naramgo, confirmed receiving a large number of injured people from the site. He said some of the injured were in critical condition. (Full Report).

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34. India financing terrorism in Pakistan: FO

Pakistan Dawn, 2016 09 09

Islamabad - The Foreign Office on Monday accused India of financing terrorism in Pakistan, saying that "open evidence is available on India's involvement in subversive activities". The FO statement comes just days after Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a veiled reference towards Pakistan at a recent G20 forum, said "one single nation in South Asia is spreading agents of terror in countries of our region". FO Spokesman Nafees Zakaria, hitting back at Modi's statement, said that "India is in fact that single nation". The FO statement comes as Modi while

addressing ASEAN member nations at a summit in Laos sought a coordinated response against the "export of terror", Times of India reported. "Export of terror, growing radicalisation and spread of extreme violence are common security threats to our societies," he told the summit, in what is believed to be another apparent reference to Islamabad.

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35. Abdullah and Al Sissi discuss ways to tackle terrorism

Khaleej Times, 2016 09 09

Cairo - Shaikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, met Thursday with Egyptian President Abdul Fattah Al Sissi. During the meeting held in Cairo, Shaikh Abdullah and Al Sissi exchanged views on issues of mutual concern, as well as recent developments concerning regional and international events. They stressed the need to exert all necessary efforts to combat terrorism and extremism in the region and achieve peace, security and stability. Shaikh Abdullah and Al Sissi spoke about the historic relations between UAE and Egypt. The meeting also touched on development and growth of bilateral relations thanks to the support of both countries' leaders in order to achieve joint strategic interests. Shaikh Abdullah was in Cairo participating in the consultative meeting of Arab foreign ministers, held in Cairo on Thursday ahead of the 146th ordinary session of the Arab League Council at the ministerial level.

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36. Huit terroristes tunisiens abattus entre l'Irak et la Syrie

African Manager (Tunisie), Journaliste maison, 2016 09 08

Remada, Tunisie - Huit terroristes d'origine tunisienne ont été récemment abattus entre l'Irak et la Syrie. Ces derniers avaient quitté la délégation de Remada, relevant du gouvernorat de Tataouine, pour rejoindre les zones de trouble, rapporte le journal Al Chourouk, ce jeudi 8 septembre 2016, citant des sources sécuritaires bien informées. D'après la même source, deux terroristes en relation avec des djihadistes de Syrte, en Libye, ont été arrêtés par les forces sécuritaires à Tataouine.

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37. Libya: ISIS' Use of Families as Human Shields Delayed Liberation of Sirte

Asharq Al-Awsat, Khalid Mahmoud, 2016 09 09

Cairo - Forces loyal to the Libyan Government of National Accord (GNA) have announced that the liberation of Sirte was delayed due to the fact that ISIS has been using civilians as human shields. Speaker Aguila Saleh said that foreign interference had complicated the political process. Saleh was speaking after meeting with President of Niger Mahamadou Issoufou during his visit to Niger. Solid Structure spokesperson Brigadier Mohammed Al-Ghosari said that there

are families inside the 600 District and that their presence is delaying the advancement of the troops. He explained there are many women and children among the civilians in the district, without specifying the date for the liberation operation. Despite the optimism that the government forces might be able to liberate Sirte before Eid Al-Adha, Ghosari's statement to Asharq Al-Awsat reflects otherwise. Media center of the Solid Structure announced in a statement that its forces were able to advance towards Civil Court and the Saving Bank.

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38. Une cache pour terroristes et 13 bombes de confection artisanale détruites à Tizi Ouzou, Chlef

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 08

Tizi Ouzou, Algérie - Une cache pour terroristes et 13 bombes de confection artisanale détruites à Tizi Ouzou, Chlef et Constantine Une cache pour terroristes et (13) bombes de confection artisanale ont été détruites mercredi à Tizi Ouzou, Chlef et Constantine par les forces de l'Armée nationale populaire (ANP), tandis que des éléments de la Gendarmerie nationale ont arrêté (4) éléments de soutien aux groupe terroristes à Annaba, indique jeudi un communiqué du ministère de la Défense nationale (MDN). "Dans le cadre de la lutte antiterroriste, des détachements de l'ANP ont détruit, le 7 septembre 2016, une cache pour terroristes et 13 bombes de confection artisanale à Tizi Ouzou, Chlef (1° Région militaire) et Constantine (5°RM), tandis que des éléments de la Gendarmerie nationale ont arrêté 4 éléments de soutien aux groupes terroristes à Annaba/5°RM", précise la même source. Dans le cadre de la sécurisation des frontières et de la lutte contre la criminalité organisée, un détachement de l'ANP a, pour sa part, arrêté, à In Guezzam/6°RM, "41 contrebandiers et saisi un véhicule tout-terrain, 21 groupes électrogènes, 15 marteaux piqueurs et divers outils d'orpaillage".

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39. Argentina arrests Lebanese man wanted by US over terror charges

Naharnet Newsdesk, 2016 09 09

Beirut - Argentinian authorities detained a Lebanese man at an airport late Wednesday, who was wanted by the United States over terror charges. Argentinian news agency Telam reported that the man was arrested at Ezeiza International Airport in Buenos Aires while trying to pass through airport controls using false documents from Paraguay under the name Khalil Mohamad Al-Sayed. The U.S. had blacklisted the suspect and called for his arrest over terror charges. He was also wanted in Brazil for drug trafficking and selling arms. The Argentinian agency added that he had been arrested after authorities made a comparison between a list of suspects wanted by Interpol and the Argentinian immigration authorities' records. He was taken to a prison near the airport to be questioned by a court. (Full Report).

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Asia • Asie

40. 'NK conducts largest nuclear test'

Korea Herald, Yoon Min-sik, 2016 09 09

Seoul - North Korea is believed to have carried out Friday another nuclear test assessed to be its largest one to date, South Korean military said. This marked the fifth official nuclear experiment by the communist state since the UN Security Council adopted a resolution banning it from any nuclear or ballistic missile programs. The Joint Chiefs of Staff said that a magnitude-5.0 artificial earthquake had been detected near Punggye-ri, Hamgyeong Province, where an underground nuclear test site is located. The waves had been reported by the state-run Korea Meteorological Administration. "(The military) believes that it is a nuclear test, and we are conducting further analysis on the nuclear material used and whether the test has succeeded," Defense Ministry spokesman Moon Sang-kyun said in a press briefing. Based on the size of the seismic event, the KMA estimated the yield of the test to be about 10-12 kilotons, which amounts to 67-80 percent of that of the atomic bomb that hit Hiroshima in 1945. Pyongyang's fourth and latest nuclear test in January, which caused a magnitude-4.8 earthquake, was assessed to involve 6 kilotons. No further signs of unusual movement were detected from the North Korean military afterwards, according to military.

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41. 29 nations' military leaders attend defense chiefs' meeting at Aguinaldo (Canada).

Manila Bulletin, Francis T. Wakefield, 2016 09 09

Manila - Military leaders of 29 nations ended Wednesday a three- day Chiefs of Defense (CHOD) Conference at Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City, hosted by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the United States Pacific Command. Marine Col. Edgard A. Arevalo, chief of the AFP Public Affairs Office, said the meeting gathered the chiefs of defense and senior military leaders of Myanmar, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, India, Nepal, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Fiji, Canada, China, Japan, South Korea, Mongolia, Chile, Colombia, France, Mexico, Peru, United Kingdom, and the US. The annual gathering is held to strengthen military cooperation, promote collaboration, and discuss security challenges in the Indo-Pacific maritime and geopolitical sphere. Started in 1998, CHOD became a platform for multilateral military dialogue and sharing of regional and global perspectives on common security challenges.

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42. Amendment will prevent overseas religious infiltration into China

Globe and Mail, Deng Xiaoci, 2016 09 09

Beijing - China will amend its religious affairs regulations in a bid to protect the country from illegal religious activities, including overseas infiltration and religious extremism. To protect legal religious activities, curb extremism and the spread of illegal religious activities, individuals or organizations should not use religion to jeopardize State security, social order, undermine

ethnic unity, split the country and conduct terrorist attacks, read the draft amendment. The amendment added that individuals or organizations should not create conflicts within a religion, between different religions, as well as between believers and non-believers. According to the draft, religious groups, institutes, sites and citizens should obey the Constitution and relevant laws and regulations to protect national unity, ethnic unity and religious and social harmony. "In recent years, many religious groups in China have promoted fundamentalism or even desinicization, which are not in the national interest and will damage national security in the long run," Xiong Kunxin, a professor on ethnic studies at Beijing's Minzu University of China, told the Global Times.

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43. Australia's double standard over territorial disputes

China Daily, Wang Hui, 2016 09 09

Column: The disputes between Australia and its smaller neighbor East Timor over maritime boundaries could serve as a useful lens for others to see through the double standard of some Western countries. On Aug 29, Australia's Foreign Minister Julie Bishop and the Attorney General George Brandis said in a joint statement that Australia will argue that an arbitration body in The Hague has no jurisdiction to settle a dispute with East Timor over their maritime boundary, adding that Australia did not consider its final report would be binding. The statement was issued the same day a conciliation commission was due to hear an arbitration case initiated by East Timor against Australia in The Hague over the disputed Timor Sea. To cut a long story short, the feud between Australia and East Timor stems from the latter's attempt to renegotiate maritime boundaries with Australia in the Timor Sea, which is abundant in oil and natural gas reserves. Over the years, Australia has allegedly resorted to malpractice, such as spying, to gain commercial profits from a bilateral gas deal. Yet, what is uncommon in the Australia-East Timor dispute is the sharp difference between Australia's attitude towards its own maritime dispute and toward the territorial dispute between China and the Philippines in the South China Sea. Soon after an arbitral tribunal in The Hague handed down its ruling in favor of the Philippines in the South China Sea arbitration case on July 12, Australia joined a chorus led by the United States to press China to accept the ruling, giving a deaf year to China's stance that the arbitral tribunal had no jurisdiction over the case.

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44. Bodies of Bangladeshi terrorists lie unclaimed in mortuary weeks on (Canada).

EFE News Service, 2016 09 09

Dhaka - The bodies of the jihadists who killed 22 people, most of them foreigners, in a Dhaka restaurant in early July, have laid unclaimed in mortuaries for weeks alongside those of other extremists killed in police operations. They include five bodies of the jihadists at the Holey restaurant and 13 others of alleged terrorists killed in three police operations in recent weeks in Dhaka, among them the Canadian-Bangladeshi Tamim Chaudhry, the alleged intellectual author of the attack on July 1. "No family has formally applied for the body," said Muhammad Yusuf Ali, an additional deputy commissioner of Dhaka police. Payera Begum, the mother of a

suspected jihadist, said she claimed the body but did not have resources to bring it home and had sought help from the authorities. "I have asked police if they would give me the body but found no answer. I cannot bring it on my own," she said.

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45. Counterfeit cliques backed by spies and mobsters

Dhaka Tribune, Mohammad Jamil Khan, Kamrul Hasan, 2016 09 09

Dhaka - Law enforcers say that at least 40 organised counterfeit syndicates are active in circulating fake notes across Bangladesh now, taking advantage of the massive rush of cash exchanges during Eid-ul-Azha season. Obtaining security materials used in counterfeit money seems very easy. The counterfeit syndicates in Bangladesh are bringing the special paper from Pakistan and the security threads from India, law enforcement sources said. Along with this, involvement of a foreign intelligence agency was also found to be behind the racket. Police's counterterrorism chief Monirul Islam told the Dhaka Tribune that they were suspecting the involvement of a foreign intelligence agency and were investigating the matter. Along with Bangladesh police, officials of Indian intelligence are also working to trace these note forgers.

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46. Need to target not only terrorists, but also their supporting ecosystem, says PM Modi

Times of India, Staff Report, 2016 09 09

New Delhi - Three days after he had singled out Pakistan at the G 20 meeting+ for spreading terror across the world, PM Narendra Modi again used a multilateral forum to slam Islamabad as an instigator and global exporter of terror. Speaking at the East Asia summit in Vientiane on Thursday, Modi projected Pakistan as a risk not just to India but to the global community and called for strongest action against all countries using terrorism as an instrument of state policy. "There is one country in India's neighbourhood," he said, "whose competitive advantage rests solely in producing and exporting terrorism". It seems apparent that Modi is not likely to pass up an opportunity to target Pakistan at international forums with India deciding to adopt a muscular response to Islamabad's bid to internationalise+ violent protests in Kashmir.

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47. North Korea Claims Success in Latest Nuclear Test

New York Times, Choe Sang-Hun, Jane Perlez, 2016 09 09

Seoul - North Korea conducted its fifth underground nuclear test on Friday, its government said, despite threats of more sanctions from the United States and the United Nations. The latest test, according to South Korean officials, produced a more powerful explosive yield than the North's previous detonations, indicating that the country was making progress in its efforts to build a functional nuclear warhead. Later Friday, the North's nuclear weapons institute issued a statement saying that the test was successfully conducted for a final check on the explosive power and other characteristics of a "nuclear warhead that has been standardized to be able to be

mounted on" its ballistic missiles. A statement from the South Korean military also said that an artificial tremor, registered as magnitude 5, had originated from Punggye-ri in northeastern North Korea, where the North has conducted its four previous underground nuclear tests. A senior official at the Defense Ministry later told reporters that it had concluded that a nuclear detonation had caused the tremor. The ministry estimated the explosive yield was equivalent to 10 kilotons of TNT, the most powerful detonation unleashed in a North Korean nuclear test so far, according to the official, who briefed reporters on the condition of anonymity. The South's government estimated the North's last nuclear test, conducted in January, at 4.8 magnitude with an explosive yield of six to nine kilotons. (By comparison, the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945 exploded with 15 kilotons of energy.) In Washington, Ned Price, a National Security Council spokesman, said: "We are aware of seismic activity on the Korean Peninsula in the vicinity of a known North Korean nuclear test site. We are monitoring and continuing to assess the situation in close coordination with our regional partners."

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48. These North Korean missile launches are adding up to something very troubling

Washington Post, Anna Fifield, 2016 09 09

Analysis from Seoul - North Korea is touting technological progress in its nuclear program, saying after a nuclear test Friday that it can now produce "smaller, lighter and diversified nuclear warheads of higher strike power." But it is also making strides in its missile program, analysts say -- advances that could enable it to outsmart missile defense systems, which could make the missiles more attractive to potential customers. North Korea conducted what it called a "nuclear warhead explosion test" Friday. The country has conducted only five nuclear tests since its program began, but this is the third since Kim Jong Un took power at the end of 2011 and its second this year alone. Under Kim's leadership, North Korea has also sharply accelerated the pace of missile testing, with almost two dozen launches this year alone. While many of this year's tests have not been successful and there are still many unknowns about North Korea's nuclear and missile programs, there have still been noticeable -- and concerning -- improvements. "It seems like North Korea is trying to qualitatively improve its missiles and develop options to evade or fool U.S. missile defenses," said Kelsey Davenport, director for nonproliferation policy at the Arms Control Association. "If this continues unchecked, they could develop an inter-continental ballistic missile that could pose a threat to the United States in the next decade."

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49. Why Kim Jong Un Tested a Nuclear Warhead Now

The Daily Beast, Gordon G. Chang, 2016 09 09

Analysis - North Korea is hailing a "successful" fifth nuclear test, which it carried out Friday morning local time. The device tested, which created a 5.3-magnitude tremor at its Punggye-ri test site, was reportedly in the 20- to 30-kiloton range, much more powerful than the North's previous detonations. The last test, in January, yielded only about 7 to 9 kilotons. The North Koreans have been ready to test this device since May. So why did they wait until now? Some

are suggesting the detonation celebrated North Korea's Foundation Day, marking the 68th anniversary of the establishment of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. But from all indications, the Kim regime tested at this time because it realized China would not impose costs for the detonation. The test took place three days after Pyongyang's nuclear envoy traveled to Beijing. Choe Son Hui, deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry's U.S. affairs bureau, arrived in the Chinese capital on Tuesday. We don't know what Choe--who was deputy chief envoy to the six-party denuclearization talks, which have been dormant since 2008--and her interlocutors said this week. Nonetheless, it was evident that the North Koreans were confident of the Chinese reaction. At the moment, Beijing is far more upset with Seoul than Pyongyang.

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50. Fragile Weeklong Cease-Fire Holds in Ukraine

Wall Street Journal, Nathan Hodge, 2016 09 09

Moscow - Ukrainian officials and Russia-backed separatists say a tenuous cease-fire has held for a week along the front lines in eastern Ukraine, after months of intense combat over the summer. Government and separatist forces began the truce on Sept. 1, coinciding with the beginning of the school year. "The number of casualties among Ukrainian service members has decreased dramatically," said Col. Oleksandr Motuzyanyk, the Ukrainian government's military spokesman. "Not a single soldier was killed over Sept. 1-4." Fighting erupted in eastern Ukraine in 2014, in the wake of pro-Russia President Viktor Yanukovich's ouster. The conflict has continued to simmer, despite a European-brokered peace deal in early 2015. During two successive summers, casualties spiked as the two sides traded fire along a relatively stable front line. While the shaky cease-fire has held, both sides accuse the other of frequent violations, and exchanges of fire continue at contested points. Major Russian military drills along Ukraine's border have heightened alarm in Kiev amid Washington-Moscow tensions. In a briefing Thursday in Kiev, Alexander Hug of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which monitors the conflict in Ukraine, said a particularly serious incident occurred Monday night around the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, where both sides exchanged fire with mortars, automatic grenade launchers, small arms and heavy-machine guns. "The episode underlines the fragility of the cease-fire," Mr. Hug said. "One bullet fired in anger can set off an inferno."

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51. Snowden Is Turning Into a Liability for Putin

Bloomberg View, Leonid Bershidsky, 2016 09 09

Column - Edward Snowden is increasingly unhappy with the situation in Russia, where he has lived for more than three years. President Vladimir Putin once welcomed the National Security Agency contractor for his propaganda value, but he may be wondering if it's all been worth it. Snowden now openly criticizes the Kremlin on matters of political importance, such as its "anti-terrorism" policy and its own special brand of electoral democracy. The whistle-blower tweets in English, but Russian media, including pro-Kremlin ones, invariably pick up his posts. I would be

surprised if the Kremlin weren't irritated. It does its best to squeeze local critics out of the country or discredit them, yet it's stuck harboring a foreigner whose initial gratitude may have worn out and who is less willing to give Putin the benefit of the doubt. Snowden has tweeted that he fears retaliation for his criticism, but he won't desist. There aren't too many ways for the Kremlin to retaliate, though, without handing a moral victory to the U.S. It certainly won't extradite Snowden: In March, when Donald Trump called for the return of the whistle-blower, Peskov said the Russian government's position hadn't changed. It would be no surprise, however, if arrangements were quietly made to move Snowden to another asylum country. With his zealotry, he is a liability to Putin, and he may never really have been an asset.

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52. Anti-Iran terror cell received US training

Press TV, 2016 09 09

Tehran - An anti-Iran Kurdish terrorist group says it has received many rounds of military training from US advisers as well as arms and ammunition from both Washington and European countries. Hussein Yazdanpanah, the commander of the so-called Kurdistan Freedom Party (PAK), which seeks to carve out an "independent Kurdish republic" inside Iran and has staged many deadly terror attacks inside the Islamic Republic, made the remarks while speaking to the Associated Press, which reported them on Thursday. "They helped and trained us within the framework of the fight against Daesh," he claimed, referring to the Takfiri terrorist group that has been ravaging Iraq and Syria since 2014. He said, however, that the alleged fight against Daesh "was never an alternative to their struggle" against Iran. He said his group, which had launched six attacks inside Iran this year alone, would continue striking the Islamic Republic.

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53. IAEA: Iran's nuclear activities abiding by JCPOA

Islamic Republic News Agency, 2016 09 09

Vienna - The International Atomic Energy Agency declared on Thursday that Iran's nuclear materials production has been in line with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and its agreement with the Group 5+1 (the US, Russia, China, France and Britain plus Germany). International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Yukiya Amano released his 5-page report and circulated it among the representatives of the 35 IAEA member- states here on Thursday. In his latest report on Iran's nuclear activities within the framework of the JCPOA, Amano published one of his shortest reports ever. Amano's report said that Iran has not carried out activities related to reprocessing at the Tehran Research Reactor (TRR) and the Molybdenum, Iodine and Xenon Radioisotope Production (MIX) Facility or at any of the other facilities it has declared to the IAEA.

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54. Iran Introduces Halal Internet

The Media Line, Katie Beiter, 2016 09 09

Jerusalem - In an effort to "de-Westernize" and maintain control over internet users and the spread of information, the Iranian government has revealed a state-sponsored internet known formally as the National Information Network. This new service, nicknamed the "halal" (lawful) internet, is another ploy by the Iranian state to limit the spread of information into and around Iran. "The network is basically a government effort to create a nationally controlled internet," Sanam Vakil, an associate fellow at Chatham House, an international affairs think tank, in London, told The Media Line. "Iran is a state that has heavy internet censorship so a national internet would be a way to provide increased government control." This state-sponsored internet acts more as an intranet, which is essentially a private network controlled by an organization, which, in this case, is the Iranian government. In this type of system, all users are identifiable and the state controls what users can and cannot see.

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55. 'Iranian Regime is a Failure'...Cannot but Threaten'

Asharq Al-Awsat, Ibrahim al Qurashi, 2016 09 09

Mecca - Saudi Arabia's Grand Mufti Sheikh Saleh bin Abdulaziz Al Asheikh, who serves as Saudi Arabian Minister of Islamic affairs, confirmed that Iranian regime's attempt to politicize Hajj is not accepted and that millions of pilgrims who come every year to perform their rituals should not end up listening to the Iranian slogans of political agendas; noting that "Iranian regime that criticizes Saudi Arabia is a failure and cannot but threaten and deliver speeches." Asheikh said, in a press conference on Wednesday, that Iran today has great animosity against Muslims and it does not want Hajj to pass safely. Muslims of the world fully trust and acknowledge the services rendered by the Saudi government toward the Two Holy Mosques and the pilgrims, added the grand mufti. On Monday, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Nayef had dismissed Iranian criticism of Saudi Hajj management.

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56. Abbas, the KGB and the world of Middle East espionage

Jerusalem Post, Yossi Melman, 2016 09 09

Jerusalem - The revelation that Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, whose Fatah nom de guerre is Abu Mazen, was a KGB agent shouldn't surprise those knowledgeable of the PLO movement and Soviet Union methods. Since its creation in 1959, the Fatah group and later the PLO were influenced and supported by various Arab intelligence communities, the KGB, and its satellite security services in the communist bloc. Beyond solidifying ideological bonds, the cooperation was a marriage of convenience. The PLO needed financial support, military training and weapons. The Soviet Union, entangled in the Cold War with the West, wanted to increase its influence in the Middle East. The Soviet Union and its client states in Eastern Europe supported

"progressive" movements and groups around the globe, including those who were involved in terrorism. While the Soviet Union tried to keep its hands clean, it instructed the security services of its client state to do the dirty work.

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57. Five Israeli Arabs Jailed for Seeking to Join ISIS

Haaretz, Jack Khoury, 2016 09 09

Jerusalem - Five men from the north were sent to prison on Thursday for trying to join the Islamic State. The five, from Sakhnin and Deir Hanna, were given prison sentences ranging from two and a half to six years. Another man, the primary defendant and the leader of the group, is still on trial. The five were convicted as part of a plea bargain. The defendants used to meet frequently in the Sakhnin area starting in early 2014 in order to discuss ISIS and its ideology, expressing support for radical Islam, the charge sheet said. The group practiced fighting by slaughtering sheep in order to "strengthen their hearts," they said, according to the indictment. One of them, Karim Abu Salah, planned to fly to Turkey and then enter Syria in order to join ISIS. But he was detained by the Shin Bet at Ben-Gurion International Airport and blocked from leaving Israel. After this incident, Abu Salah continued to meet the group and discuss ISIS.

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58. Hamas spends \$100 million a year on military infrastructure

Times of Israel, Avi Issacharoff, 2016 09 09

Jerusalem - As the residents of the Gaza Strip endure daily hardships due to the dire economic situation in the enclave, their Hamas leaders spend over \$100 million a year on the group's military wing, the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, according to estimates by both Israeli and Palestinian sources. Spending on digging tunnels accounts for some \$40 million of that annual sum. By way of comparison, the budget of the last Hamas government, which dissolved in April 2014, was \$530 million. In other words, some 20 percent of the budget was funneled toward arming the group with advanced weapons, digging tunnels, training, and salaries for Hamas fighters. Some 1,500 Hamas members from various brigades are currently employed in tunnel digging. The average salary for an excavator is \$250-\$400 a month -- relatively high for the Strip, where unemployment is rampant. The diggers also receive bonuses and incentives for meeting deadlines set by the Hamas military leadership.

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59. Islamic State Outpost Takes Hold Near Jordan and Israel

Wall Street Journal, Yaroslav Trofimov, 2016 09 09

Irbid, Jordan - While international attention is focused on fighting Islamic State in its heartland in Raqqa and Mosul, a much smaller but strategically important pocket of territory has fallen under the extremist group's sway in southern Syria, along the borders of Jordan and the Israeli-held Golan Heights. What makes this particularly alarming is that militants in the mountainous

area, known as the Yarmouk Basin, aren't foreign jihadists. They're mostly local villagers, many of them former fighters of the Western-backed Syrian rebel alliance, the Free Syrian Army. That makes them a difficult target, and recent FSA offensives had limited success. "You are fighting against someone who is defending his own village. And our guys fighting there are the cousins of the guys they are fighting against," said Maj. Issam al-Reis, spokesman for the FSA's Southern Front. Islamic State's main region of control is in northeastern Syria and neighboring parts of western Iraq, an area that has been shrinking under recent attacks by Iraqi troops, Kurdish militias and, as of late, the Turkish army. Lt. Gen. Stephen Townsend, the new commander of the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq, told The Wall Street Journal in an interview that he thinks the battle to retake Mosul will begin in the coming weeks. However, the push to retake Raqqa in Syria is on hold, he said.

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60. Kurdish "Angelina Jolie" Killed in Fighting

The Media Line, Linda Gradstein, 2016 09 09

Jerusalem - Asia Ramazan Antar, who was nicknamed the Kurdish Angelina Jolie after the American movie star, was killed near Minbic, a town on the Syrian-Turkish border that was recently liberated from the control of Islamic State. The Facebook page called We Want Freedom for Kurdistan, announced that Antar, 22, was "martyred" in the battle against Islamic State, prompting an outpouring of grief and admiration for the young woman. Antar was recruited into the all-female Kurdish military organization the Women's Protection Units in 2014, and took part in several campaigns against Islamic State. The organization, known as the YPJ, is the all-female brigade of the armed forces of the Syrian region of Kurdistan, according to the Kurdish project. Antar's death comes as Syrian Kurdish groups and their allies said they will approve a constitution for a new system of government in northern Syria next month, defying a Turkish incursion aimed to limit Kurdish influence in the area.

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61. Palestinians dismiss Israeli claims Abbas was KGB agent

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 09 09

Ramallah - A spokesman for Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas on Thursday dismissed a claim by Israeli researchers that he worked as a Soviet agent in Damascus in the 1980s. The claim emerged in a report by Israeli public television on Wednesday night citing two researchers who were studying the so-called Mitrokhin papers stored in Britain at Cambridge University's Churchill Archives Centre. "In 1983, he (Abbas) is listed as being groomed by the KGB under the code name Krotov, the mole," one of the Israeli researchers, Isabella Ginor, told the programme. But Mr Abbas' spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh said the allegation "falls under the framework of Israeli absurdities which we have got used to." Mr Abbas was born in what was then British mandate Palestine, but his family fled to Syria during the 1948 war triggered by the creation of the state of Israel. Later, Mr Abbas studied for his doctorate in Moscow.

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62. 30 to 40 ISIS suspects at large, European officials say

CNN.com, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 09

Washington - European security officials estimate that 30 to 40 suspected ISIS terrorists who helped support the November 13 Paris terror attacks are still at large, CNN has learned. This development comes as European officials told CNN they believe ISIS is ratcheting up its planning for international attacks to retaliate for losses in Syria, Iraq and Libya. An exclusive CNN report this week showed the Paris slaughter, which killed 130 people, was meant to be broader and include other countries, such as the Netherlands. CNN also reported information from the Belgian prosecutor that a man allegedly linked to the Paris attackers was on the loose for months after authorities learned of his existence. "The outlook is as bleak as it has ever been," said Paul Cruickshank, editor of CTC Sentinel, a publication issued by the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, and a terrorism analyst for CNN. Characterizing the mood at a recent high-level European conference on counter-terrorism, Cruickshank said, "We're talking beyond severe concern." The European countries most firmly in the crosshairs are launching air strikes against ISIS with the US-led coalition: France, Belgium, the Netherlands, the UK and Denmark, as well as Germany, which is flying target reconnaissance sorties.

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63. 7 Are Arrested After Police in Paris Find Gas Cylinders

New York Times, Aurelien Breeden, 2016 09 09

Paris - It was an ominous discovery, especially for a city so recently scarred by large-scale terrorism: A car full of gas cylinders, parked in the heart of Paris near Notre Dame Cathedral. It was a puzzling discovery, too, and four days after the car was spotted early on Sunday, the mystery surrounding it still swirls with unanswered questions. But the biggest one -- Was it connected to a terror plot? -- appeared to have been answered late Thursday night with the arrest of three women. Bernard Cazeneuve, the French interior minister, announced that the three women were "in all likelihood preparing new and, moreover, imminent violent actions." Mr. Cazeneuve described the women, ages 19, 23, and 39, as "radicalized" and "fanatics." They were arrested on Thursday evening in Boussy-Saint-Antoine, a small town about 14 miles southeast of Paris.

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64. Bonbonnes de gaz à Paris : trois « fanatisées » interpellées dans l'Essonne

Le Figaro, Christophe Cornevin, 2016 09 09

Paris - Parmi les trois femmes figure la fille du propriétaire de la Peugeot découverte à Paris dimanche. Elle a été blessée par balle alors qu'elle poignardait un policier. Terrorisme Trois femmes soupçonnées de graviter dans la mouvance islamiste interpellées dans l'Essonne, dont une qui a tenté d'assassiner un policier au couteau avant d'être blessée d'une balle par un fonctionnaire en état de légitime défense... Quatre jours après la découverte, dimanche au petit matin, aux abords de Notre-Dame, à Paris, de six bonbonnes de gaz dans une Peugeot 607 sans plaque d'immatriculation et les feux de détresse allumés, la traque s'est soldée par une opération antiterroriste particulièrement spectaculaire. Lancés dans ce que Bernard Cazeneuve a appelé une « véritable course contre la montre » pour retrouver la piste du ou des derniers occupants de la berline « piégée », les policiers de la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) ont localisé jeudi soir trois jeunes femmes dans le secteur de la gare de Boussy-Saint-Antoine. Âgées de 39, 23 et 19 ans, décrites par le ministre de l'Intérieur comme « radicalisées » et « fanatisées », elles étaient sur le point, toujours selon l'hôte de la Place Beauvau, « de préparer de nouvelles actions violentes et de surcroît imminentes ». L'une d'elles n'est autre que l'une des filles du propriétaire de la Peugeot 607, que les limiers traquaient sans relâche depuis ce week-end. À l'approche d'un des agents de l'antiterrorisme, la jeune femme a soudain brandi un couteau avant de se jeter sur lui et de le frapper. Le policier a esquivé le coup. Touché à l'épaule, il a été hospitalisé sans que ses jours soient en danger. L'agresseuse a, quant à elle, été neutralisée par un projectile tiré par l'un des collègues du fonctionnaire pris pour cible.

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65. Essonne : trois femmes interpellées soupçonnées de projeter un attentat

Le Monde, Soren Seelow, 2016 09 09

Boussy--Saint-Antoine, France - Trois femmes ont été interpellées dans la soirée de jeudi 8 septembre à Boussy-Saint-Antoine (Essonne), dans le cadre de l'enquête sur la voiture contenant des bonbonnes de gaz retrouvée le week-end dernier en plein Paris. « Ces jeunes femmes, âgées de 39, 23 et 19 ans, radicalisées, fanatisées, préparaient vraisemblablement de nouvelles actions violentes, et de surcroît imminentes », a déclaré le ministre de l'intérieur, Bernard Cazeneuve, lors d'une allocution place Beauvau. Tandis que des policiers de la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) s'apprêtaient à interpellier les suspects, l'une d'elles a agressé au couteau un fonctionnaire, qui a été blessé à l'épaule. Ses jours ne sont pas en danger, a précisé le ministre. Un de ses collègues a répliqué en faisant usage de son arme, blessant l'assaillante à la cuisse et à la cheville. Selon une source proche de l'enquête, l'agresseuse, Ines, 19 ans, est la fille du propriétaire du véhicule dans le coffre duquel les policiers ont découvert les bonbonnes de gaz.

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66. Germany to pour cash into mass surveillance

Deutsche Welle, Staff report, 2016 09 08

Berlin - Germany's spies will be working with significantly increased resources next year, if a budget report leaked to three media outlets is approved. The federal domestic intelligence agency, the Verfassungsschutz (BfV) is bidding for an 18-percent budget boost in 2017, up to

307 million euros (\$345 million), while the foreign intelligence agency BND will get a 12-percent rise to 808 million euros, according to a report released Thursday by the "Süddeutsche Zeitung" along with public broadcasters NDR and WDR. A special parliamentary committee must now approve the increase - which, like all secret service budgets, are classified - but opposition parties have already voiced their concern. The majority of the increased funds are expected to be plowed into mass surveillance - particularly decrypting what the report calls "non-standardized telecommunications" - meaning widely-used messaging services, such as WhatsApp. Such online services appear to be a particular concern to the BND. "Encryption means that of the more than 70 available communication services ... only less than ten can be gathered and the content read," the budget plan read. The BND says it needs much of the extra money - some 73 million euros over the next few years - to set up "Panos," a new project specifically aimed at decrypting such messaging systems by finding weaknesses in the apps. The leaked plan also says the intelligence agencies need extra money to buy expertise from "external companies and service providers." In the leaked plan, the BfV said it needs extra money because its own resources are currently inadequate to fulfill its mission.

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67. L'Administration pénitentiaire face à la poudrière islamiste

Le Figaro, Paule Gozalès, 2016 09 09

Osny, France - L'attaque dimanche de deux surveillants par un détenu placé dans l'unité de prévention de la radicalisation de la prison d'Osny révèle les errements de la stratégie actuelle. Justice « Nos ministres répètent que nous sommes en guerre contre l'islamisme, mais si l'on connaissait avec quelle mollesse l'Administration pénitentiaire la mène, tout le monde serait atterré . » Ce surveillant de prison de la région Rhône-Alpes s'inquiète. Il y a quelques jours, son établissement a reçu de région parisienne un prévenu pour terrorisme particulièrement signalé. « Nous l'avons tout de suite mis à l'isolement. Mais ce n'est pas le cas partout. Et de toute façon, les quartiers d'isolement ne sont jamais complètement étanches. » Un autre détenu a été également transféré de région parisienne vers la région lyonnaise. Par hélicoptère cette fois-ci, du fait de sa dangerosité. Une débauche de luxe bien inutile : à son arrivée, la direction de la prison n'a rien trouvé de mieux que de l'affecter en détention classique. « Autant dire qu'avec ce traitement VIP, il va briller parmi les autres détenus » , souligne ce personnel pénitentiaire. « La population pénitentiaire du Rhône se caractérise par son extrême violence. Il y a un terreau favorable ici pour les gros bonnets de l'islamisme qui, mis sous les feux des projecteurs, peuvent avoir de l'influence et faire leur marché. Il ne faut pas oublier que Khaled Kelkal vient d'ici . »

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68. Terrorisme: 260 personnes interpellées depuis le début de l'année (Cazeneuve)

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 09

Paris - Deux-cent soixante personnes, en lien avec des filières ou opérations terroristes, ont été interpellées depuis le début de l'année, indique le ministre de l'Intérieur Bernard Cazeneuve dans un entretien au quotidien La Presse de la Manche paru vendredi. "Depuis le début de l'année, plusieurs attentats ont été déjoués et 260 individus en lien avec des filières ou opérations

terroristes ont été interpellés", annonce Bernard Cazeneuve. "A l'heure actuelle, 689 français ou résidents habituels en France sont actuellement présents sur le théâtre des opérations terroristes en Syrie et en Irak", ajoute-t-il. "Nous avons constaté, au cours du premier semestre de cette année, une nette diminution du nombre d'arrivées sur zone: 18, soit quatre fois moins qu'au cours du semestre précédent" et "parallèlement, un tassement des retours détectés: 12 seulement au premier semestre 2016, contre 25 lors du semestre précédent", poursuit le ministre de l'Intérieur.

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1. Fonctionnaires fédéraux en voyage : attention aux espions

Radio-Canada - Nouvelles (site web), Catherine Lanthier, 2016 09 12

Ottawa - « La menace qui pèse sur vous en tant que fonctionnaire canadien en voyage officiel est bien réelle. » Le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) vient tout juste de mettre à jour ses directives sur les voyages à l'intention des fonctionnaires fédéraux. Obtenu par Radio-

Canada Ottawa-Gatineau, ce document interne d'une quarantaine de pages insiste sur l'importance pour les employés du gouvernement d'être extrêmement prudents à l'étranger. Le SCRS soutient que « la menace terroriste qui pèse sur les Canadiens a changé » depuis les attaques survenues à Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu et au Parlement canadien en octobre 2014.

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2. La sécurité et l'esprit européen de Montréal attirent les Américains

Agence QMI, Camille Dufétel, 2016 09 13

Montréal - Avec les différents attentats en Europe, Montréal avec son aspect sécuritaire jumelé à une atmosphère européenne, aurait davantage tenté les touristes américains, dont la présence a été remarquée en ville ces derniers mois. Sentiment de sécurité D'après Michel Juneau-Katsuya, ancien cadre et agent de renseignements senior au Service canadien de renseignement de sécurité (SCRS), rien d'étonnant à tout cela. «C'est d'une certaine logique, on regarde les faits, indique-t-il. On a retrouvé des cellules terroristes importantes en France, en Belgique, en Allemagne, etc., on est notamment menacés par la possibilité d'être attaqués de manière aveugle par des attentats frappant n'importe où, n'importe qui, n'importe quand. L'Europe vit malheureusement une période très trouble.»

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3. Les suspects de terrorisme devraient être surveillés en tout temps, ou emprisonnés, dit Tony Clement

Le Devoir, Marie Vastel, 2016 09 13

Ottawa - Les Canadiens soupçonnés de terrorisme ne sont pas assez contrôlés, de l'avis de Tony Clement. Le candidat à la direction conservatrice estime qu'ils devraient être surveillés en tout temps, à défaut de quoi ils devraient être enfermés en prison. Et ce, jusqu'à ce qu'ils ne représentent plus une menace. Le député ontarien a choisi de faire de la sécurité nationale l'objet de sa première conférence de presse en tant que candidat à la succession de Stephen Harper. Tony Clement veut également resserrer la sélection des immigrants et propose un projet-pilote prévoyant que tous les demandeurs passent une entrevue avec un représentant canadien. Le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité(SCRS) vérifie déjà les antécédents de tous les demandeurs, fait remarquer Wesley Wark.

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4. My plan to tackle terror

Toronto Sun, Tony Clement, 2016 09 13

Op-ed: My national security policy deals with the real and present threat of terrorism at home and abroad. I believe the first duty of any government is the safety and security of their citizens. Public Safety Canada's recent "2016 Public Report on the Terrorist Threat to Canada" confirms Canada remains at risk from terrorism. On Sunday, we marked the 15th anniversary of the September, 2001 attacks on the United States, in which 24 Canadians lost their lives. Canada is

no stranger to terrorism. One of the worst terrorist attacks prior to 9/11 was the bombing of Air India Flight 182 in which 331 people lost their lives, the vast majority of whom were Canadian citizens. This plan was cultivated in Canada by Canadians. We must learn the lessons from this bombing and the Air India Commission's report, as well as the Public Safety Canada report, which acknowledges the "serious and unfortunate reality that terrorist groups, most notably ISIS, use violent extremist propaganda to encourage individuals to support their cause." In spite of the fact that we have had 180 Canadians supporting jihadist movements abroad, 60 who have returned and are on the streets and over 93 who have been seeking to leave since 2014, we have had very few convictions. At the same time, we have had 683 cases of terrorism financing flagged by Fintrac and not one charge. Canadian charities that are linked to terrorism have also gotten away without criminal repercussions. My national security plan calls for: A new Counter-Terrorism Secretariat responsible for investigating and prosecuting terrorism cases Prosecution of those who are seeking to advance the interests of terrorist groups and for those who promote, honour or praise terrorists or terrorist acts with the intention of inducing others to supporting terrorism Prohibiting foreign funds from entering Canada, where the donors or recipients are linked to radicalization. Extra focus will be placed on extremism-and terrorism- connected jurisdictions such as Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar An independent agency to oversee and monitor all charities in order to ensure they do not contribute to terrorism or radicalization publishing a terrorist "wanted" list and a "no-visit" list of well-defined terrorist sympathizers A CSIS review of the Muslim Brotherhood and their associates in Canada New programs to support families who report radicalization of related individuals, and new efforts to work with moderate mainstream Muslim Canadians to identify and counter the political-religious ideology fueling Islamist fundamentalism. Note: Clement is running for the leadership of Conservative Party of Canada.

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5. Brave teen and his mom 'still fighting'

Ottawa Citizen, Andrew Duffy, 2016 09 13

Ottawa - Jonathan Pitre completed his second round of chemotherapy Monday and now begins the perilous, nervous wait to see whether his stem- cell transplant has started to work its magic. In an interview late Monday morning, after enduring his final chemo infusion, Pitre, 16, offered a message to the people of Ottawa. "We're still here, obviously, and we're still fighting - and that won't change," said the Russell teenager who was born with a severe form of epidermolysis bullosa (EB), a blistering skin disease. "I'm feeling good. I would say all is great, but of course there have been a few complications here and there. But that's what a transplant is; we're working through it. We'll be back soon." Pitre has been battling a persistent fever since receiving a bonemarrow transplant on Thursday. His temperature has spiked, at times, to 105 F (40.6 C) and higher, and his nose is running. Both are common complications posttransplant. The medical journey that Ottawa's "Butterfly Boy" has travelled the past two weeks has been exhausting. He had a particularly difficult night on Sunday because he had to empty his bladder every two hours to flush the toxic chemotherapy drug, cyclophosphamide, from his system. It can cause bleeding in the bladder. At one stage on Sunday night, Pitre wasn't passing enough urine, so he was given

a drug that made him go every 15 minutes. His mother, Tina Boileau, who sleeps in his hospital room, helped her son parade all night to the bathroom with his IV stand. "Yesterday was not a nice day for us, not at all. Both of us," said Pitre, a champion of understatement.

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6. Canadian company accused of 'knowingly' breaking Sudan arms embargo

CBC News, Murray Brewster, 2016 09 13

A United Nations panel that monitors sanctions in Sudan has accused a Canadian company of deliberately skirting the long-standing arms embargo against that country with the 2012 sale of more than two dozen armoured vehicles, CBC News has learned. The condemnation of the Streit Group, which has a plant in Innisfil, Ont., is contained in an unpublished, confidential report that has been kept secret at the UN. Excerpts of the report have been obtained by CBC News from high-level international sources. Its findings accuse Streit and the United Arab Emirates, which helped facilitate the 2012 sale, of knowingly breaking the arms embargo imposed over a decade ago against Sudan. The sanctions prohibit the export of weapons to Sudan and rendering technical assistance related to arms. But the allegation being made by investigators, who are working for the monitoring panel, is that Streit supplied unarmed armoured cars knowing that machine guns and other weapons would be put on them by Sudanese authorities, in a process known in the arms trade as diversion. Streit is owned by Canadian businessman Guerman Goutorov. Publication of the full UN Security Council panel report was put on hold by Russia last spring for reasons unrelated to arms trafficking, said one of the sources with knowledge of the file who could not speak publicly.

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7. Government use of surveillance devices must be restricted: privacy experts

Globe and Mail, Colin Freeze, 2016 09 13

Toronto - Canada must acknowledge, and then constrain, the government's use of portable surveillance devices that can indiscriminately dredge data from people's smartphones without them knowing, privacy experts say. Everything that is known or suspected about the government's use of these machines - called "IMSI catchers," "cell-site simulators" or "Stingrays" - is chronicled in a comprehensive, first-of-its-kind, 130-page report written by privacy experts and released to The Globe and Mail. Federal police have used these devices for more than a decade, but the practice was confirmed only this year in a series of stories in The Globe. Now, researchers Christopher Parsons and Tamir Israel say it's time for civil society to debate the pros and cons of IMSI catchers, even if many government agencies still won't discuss them. "This ongoing secrecy has the effect of delaying important public debates," the report says. The report was commissioned by the Telecom Transparency Project and the Canadian Internet Policy & Public Interest Clinic. They received grants from the Open Society Foundation, privacy activist Frederick Ghahramani, a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship Award, and the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto. The report follows Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale's announcement last week that he is soliciting the public's views on the powers of police and spy agencies. Other countries, such as

Germany, have been more open about their use of IMSI catchers. An "IMSI," which stands for "international mobile subscriber identity," is a unique serial number now affixed to every smartphone's chip set. It is one of several digital identifiers that police build modern investigations around if they can tie a specific number to a specific suspect.

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8. If potential terrorists can't be monitored 24/7, jail them: Clement

Canadian Press, Joanna Smith, 2016 09 13

Ottawa - Conservative leadership candidate Tony Clement is proposing putting people at high risk of committing terrorist acts behind bars if they cannot be monitored around the clock. "If they are so dangerous to the Canadian population that they deserve a peace bond slapped on them, I would put it to you that unless we can surveil them 24/7, they should be incarcerated," Clement told a news conference Monday in Ottawa. The Ontario MP and former cabinet minister said the case of Aaron Driver, 24, a known terrorist sympathizer who was killed last month in a confrontation with police in Strathroy, Ont., showed the limits of court-ordered peace bonds to deal with people who have extremist ideas. The RCMP has acknowledged that Driver, who was under a peace bond while he planned his thwarted terrorist attack with explosives, was not under constant surveillance and that it was a tip from U.S. authorities that alerted them to his plans. Clement said peace bonds are not enough unless security officials are able to monitor people 24 hours a day. "If that is not possible, then I think the community interest and the national interest is there would be incarceration until they were no longer a threat," Clement said. Clement said this would have to follow a judicial process - and be subject to judicial review - but said the details would be up to the courts.

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9. Les fonctionnaires reprennent les négociations avec Ottawa

La Presse canadienne, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 13

Ottawa - L'Alliance de la fonction publique du Canada (AFPC) est de retour, cette semaine, à la table de négociations face au gouvernement fédéral. Les principaux points de mésentente concernent les congés de maladie, mais aussi les salaires des quelque 80 000 travailleurs représentés par l'AFPC. Les négociations ont débuté il y a plus de deux ans. Le regroupement syndical soutient que sa relation avec le gouvernement s'est détériorée avec la récente affaire du nouveau système de paie Phoenix. La plupart des ratés de ce mode de paie touchent des fonctionnaires qui n'ont pas reçu les bonnes rémunérations pour des heures supplémentaires ou autres indemnités. Par ailleurs, au moins 1100 employés fédéraux se sont plaints, selon les autorités, d'erreurs dans leurs indemnités de maternité et autres congés. Enfin, plus de 700 employés n'auraient même pas reçu de chèque de paie.

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10. Manitoba teen pleads guilty to terrorism charge: public prosecution service

Canadian Press, Staff reporter, 2016 09 13

Winnipeg - The federal government says a 17-year-old has pleaded guilty to a terrorism charge in Manitoba youth court. The Public Prosecution Service of Canada says the teen admitted to counselling the commission of an indictable offence at the direction of, or in association with, a terrorist group. In a release, it says the teen, who cannot be named, was 16 at the time of the offence. No other details have been provided regarding the charges. A spokesperson for the public prosecution service couldn't immediately be reached for comment. The release says sentencing is to occur at a later date. (Full report)

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11. Mosque visit raises eyebrows

Toronto Sun, Anthony Furey, 2016 09 13

Toronto - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau visited a gendersegregated mosque Monday morning whose imam is a member of a group considered a terrorist organization abroad. Samy Metwally, the lead imam at the Ottawa Muslim Association, is a "a member of the International Union for Muslim Scholars (IUMS)", according to the mosque's website. In 2014 the United Arab Emirates placed the group on its list of designated terrorist organizations. "IUMS was founded by Yusuf al-Qaradawi, the Muslim Brotherhood's leading ideologue and a notorious figure who, among other accomplishments, was for many years banned from entering France and endorsed the murder of Israelis," Daniel Pipes, an author and Islamic studies scholar who has taught at Harvard and University of Chicago, explained via e-mail. The Muslim Brotherhood is also designated a terrorist organization by at least half a dozen countries globally. It has not been designated as such in Canada, though the federal government has come under increased pressure in recent years to do so. The IUMS website posts various theological and political messages from al-Qaradawi in English. In a call for Syrian rebel groups to halt their infighting, he writes: "Allah Almighty has specified you to carry the banner of jihad, and to defend Islam, and to protect the sanctity of Muslims."

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12. RCMP Arrested This Ottawa Man Over Terrorism Fears Last Month

Vice News, Rachel Browne, 2016 09 13

Within days of a foiled terror plot that ended in the death of Aaron Driver, a known Islamic State supporter in southern Ontario, Canada's federal police arrested another young man over fears he would participate in terrorism, VICE News has learned. Ottawa man Tevis Gonyou-McLean, 24, was arrested on August 12 and charged with uttering a threat to cause death or harm to another person. The RCMP are also pursuing a terror-related peace bond against him over fears that he might engage in terrorism at home and abroad. At the end of August, Gonyou-McLean was released on a \$1,000 bond and 27 bail conditions that heavily restrict his behaviour and movements, according to court records. His name appears on a list provided to VICE News by the Public Prosecution Service of Canada that, experts say, paints the most complete picture of who has been pursued under terror-related peace bonds, which are legal tools used to restrict an individual's movements when there may not be enough evidence to lay a criminal charge. The bail conditions forbid him from communicating with four other Ottawa men who have been

embroiled in terrorism cases. They are: twin brothers, Carlos and Ashton Larmond, who recently pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit acts of terror; Awso Peshdary who will stand trial later this year for his alleged role as primary recruiter for a homegrown terrorist network; and Luqman Abdunnur, who was arrested in 2014 after he praised the shooting on Parliament Hill that year. The reasons for the accusations against Gonyou- McLean are not outlined in the court document. His mother told VICE News in an interview that he began espousing extremist views after he converted to Islam in March 2015. The RCMP confirmed to VICE News in an email that Tevis Gonyou-McLean was arrested by the RCMP Ottawa Integrated National Security Enforcement Team (INSET), and is facing a criminal charge as well as a terror-related peace bond application. Because of a court ordered publication ban, "the RCMP will not be commenting any further on this matter," said RCMP spokesperson Annie Delisle.

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13. Un adolescent plaide coupable à une infraction de terrorisme

Radio-Canada - Manitoba (site web), Journaliste maison, 2016 09 13

Winnipeg - Un jeune homme de 17 ans a plaidé coupable, lundi, à une accusation de terrorisme, devant la Section de la jeunesse de la Cour provinciale du Manitoba. Il a admis avoir conseillé la perpétration d'un acte criminel au profit ou sous la direction d'un groupe terroriste, ou en association avec lui, selon un communiqué du Service des poursuites pénales du Canada. Aucune information supplémentaire n'a été fournie sur la nature des accusations.

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14. Bill Allowing 9/11 Lawsuits Against Saudis Faces Veto

New York Times, Julie Hirschfeld Davis, 2016 09 13

Washington--The White House said on Monday that President Obama would veto legislation approved by Congress that would allow the families of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to sue Saudi Arabia for any role in the plot, escalating a bipartisan dispute with lawmakers over the measure. Josh Earnest, the White House press secretary, said Mr. Obama "does intend to veto this legislation," and would work to persuade lawmakers in both parties to change course. If he cannot, the measure could lead to the first veto override of his presidency, as the legislation drew the backing of lopsided majorities in both the House and Senate. "The president feels quite strongly about this," Mr. Earnest said of the legislation, which Mr. Obama has said could dangerously undermine the United States' interests globally, opening the country to a raft of lawsuits by private citizens overseas.

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15. Bodies of U.S. Fighters Head Home

Wall Street Journal, Ben Kesling, 2016 09 13

SULAYMANIYAH, Iraq -- The bodies of three Americans who died fighting Islamic State as volunteers for a Syrian Kurdish militia began a return home after a weekslong struggle by their families and the U.S. government to repatriate their remains. The long and logistically complex journey from the Syrian battlefield to the U.S. revealed a simple truth: It is far easier for Americans to get to Syrian Kurdistan to fight Islamic State than it is for the remains of the fallen to come home. "I didn't think he was going to get out," Reginald Savage of Raleigh, N.C., said of the remains of his son William, who died in early August. "I was planning on him being buried in Syria." The remains of Mr. Savage, Levi Jonathan Shirley, and Jordan MacTaggart were held for weeks in Syrian Kurdistan after they died fighting against Islamic State forces. Later, they were driven across the region -- in ambulances displaying their so-called martyr photos -- before crossing into Iraqi Kurdistan, where the paperwork needed for the flights to the U.S. was secured, according to representatives of the semiautonomous Kurdish Syrian region of Rojava.

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16. Former CIA chief who urged Iraq war signs on as Trump adviser

Reuters, 2016 09 13

Washington--Former CIA Director James Woolsey, a vocal advocate of the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq who promoted allegations that Saddam Hussein harbored illegal weapons, will serve as a senior national security adviser to Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, the campaign announced on Monday. Woolsey's hiring contrasted with Trump's repeated assertions that he was a stalwart opponent of the invasion, although he initially supported it. In the announcement, Woolsey said he supports Trump's plan to expand the U.S. military, which calls for ending Pentagon budget caps and spending billions of dollars for additional troops, ships and aircraft. "Mr. Trump's commitment to reversing the harmful defense budget cuts signed into law by the current administration, while acknowledging the need for debt reduction, is an essential step toward reinstating the United States' primacy in the conventional and digital battlespace," Woolsey said.

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17. House Intelligence Committee to Discuss Classified Report on Snowden Ahead of Movie Launch

The Intercept, Jenna McLaughlin, 2016 09 13

Washington--The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence will meet this Thursday to discuss former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden, who in 2013 gave journalists a massive cache of classified documents detailing the U.S. global surveillance regime. The intelligence oversight panel will be discussing a report prepared by members and staff concerning Snowden's unauthorized disclosures, according to Jack Langer, director of communications for Committee Chair Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., The report is the product of "around two years" of work, he told The Intercept. While Langer noted that the report is classified, he said the committee might publish an unclassified executive summary -- though there aren't any specific plans yet for its release, or to hold public hearings about its contents. When asked whether the timing of report had anything to do with talk of Snowden's return to the

United States -- to be pardoned or to face trial -- Langer said the two events were unrelated. The American Civil Liberties Union, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and prominent activists are launching a campaign Wednesday to urge President Barack Obama to pardon Snowden. The announcement is expected to take place at an event in New York, where Snowden will speak via live stream from Moscow.

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18. Long-Secret Stingray Manuals Detail How Police Can Spy on Phones

The Intercept, Sam Biddle, 2016 09 13

New York--Harris Corp's Stingray surveillance device has been one of the most closely guarded secrets in law enforcement for more than 15 years. The company and its police clients across the United States have fought to keep information about the mobile phone-monitoring boxes from the public against which they are used. The Intercept has obtained several Harris instruction manuals spanning roughly 200 pages and meticulously detailing how to create a cellular surveillance dragnet. Harris has fought to keep its surveillance equipment, which carries price tags in the low six figures, hidden from both privacy activists and the general public, arguing that information about the gear could help criminals. Accordingly, an older Stingray manual released under the Freedom of Information Act to news website TheBlot.com last year was almost completely redacted. Harris declined to comment. In a 2014 letter to the Federal Communications Commission, the company argued that if the owner's manuals were released under the Freedom of Information Act, this would "harm Harris's competitive interests" and "criminals and terrorist[s] would have access to information that would allow them to build countermeasures." But Stingrays are known for spying on low-level marijuana dealers and other domestic targets, not al Qaeda; as the Electronic Frontier Foundation's Jennifer Lynch said in December, "I am not aware of any case in which a police agency has used a cell-site simulator to find a terrorist." Meanwhile, it is already publicly known that the NSA uses Stingray-like devices to locate suspected terrorists as part of a system known as Gilgamesh.

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19. Saudi Aramco's Bid to Buy a Houston Oil Refinery Is a Big Strategic Bet (Canada)

New York Times, Clifford Krauss, 2016 09 13

Houston--The Saudi national oil company is making a bid to significantly expand its operations in the United States at a critical moment in the always uneasy relations between the United States and Saudi Arabia. The company, Saudi Aramco, aims to strengthen its position on the Gulf of Mexico coast by buying a large oil refinery in the Houston Ship Channel that LyondellBasell is putting up for sale. And despite geopolitical tensions between Riyadh and Washington, Saudi Aramco sees the potential acquisition as a way to shore up its exports at a time of erosion in the oil business on which the Saudi economy is still largely reliant. Because of plunging prices, the value of Saudi oil sales has shrunk in recent years. And Saudi Arabia's archrival, Iran, is becoming a more potent commercial competitor now that it is exporting substantial quantities of crude. Four years ago Saudi Aramco completed a \$10 billion expansion of a giant oil refinery in Port Arthur, Tex., in a joint venture with Royal Dutch Shell called Motiva Enterprises. The

converted plant is now the biggest producer of gasoline, diesel and other petroleum products in the United States. This time, Saudi Aramco wants to do a deal on its own. But its negotiations with LyondellBasell, a Dutch company, come as Congress is moving to allow families of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to sue Saudi Arabia for supposed ties between government officials and the terrorists, most of whom were Saudi citizens. The Obama administration has threatened to veto the measure, although an override is possible. Saudi Aramco is in competition for the Lyondell refinery with Texas-based Valero, as well as two big Canadian companies, Suncor and Cenovus.

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20. ISIS 'sniped' out 1 shot kills 4 fiends, saves 12 hostages

New York Post, Emily Saul, 2016 09 12

London--A sharpshooter killed a top ISIS executioner and three other jihadists with a single bullet from nearly a mile away - just seconds before the fiend was set to burn 12 hostages alive with a flamethrower, according to a new report. The British Special Air Service marksman turned one of the most hated terrorists in Syria into a fireball by using a Barrett .50-caliber rifle to strike a fuel tank affixed to the jihadi's back, the UK's Daily Star reported Sunday. The pack exploded, killing the sadistic terrorist and three of his flunkies, who were supposed to film the execution, last month, the paper said. The ISIS butcher - who reportedly delighted in burning hostages alive - had been on a US "kill list" for several months, sources told the paper, which did not identify the sniper or the executioner.

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Australia, New Zealand • Australie, Nouvelle-Zélande

21. Freeze frame on terrorism

Herald Sun, Simon Benson and Kate McMahon, 2016 09 13

Melbourne - This is the moment police say terrorism came to suburban Australia. CCTV images obtained by A Current Affair show neighbours armed with nothing more than broomsticks, rocks and fence palings fighting alleged attacker Ihsas Khan in Sydney at the weekend -- holding him at bay until he was caught by police. Minutes earlier, Mr Khan allegedly tried to kill 59-year old Wayne Greenhalgh, who was stabbed repeatedly on his hands and body. Neighbours, including Sivei Ah Chong, 43, ran to aid Mr Greenhalgh -- who made his escape through a neighbouring hairdressing salon. Images showed blood sprayed throughout the salon as Mr Greenhalgh ran for his life -- a flimsy locked security door the only thing between him and Mr Khan. Neighbours then stepped in again as the alleged IS-inspired lone wolf tried to break open the locked door. Using a fence paling, Mr Ah Chong beat Mr Khan over the head to get him away from the salon, where terrified customers were crouching. "He said, I'll kill you. I said, 'mate, you do that to me, you know, I'll kill you' ... He said, 'I'm ready to die'," Mr Ah Chong said. Police later captured Mr Khan using Taser guns. A 22-year-old man is set to appear in a Sydney Court on Wednesday.

The deluge of tip-offs to ASIO and the Australian Federal Police from members of the public comes as TheHerald Sun reveals the average number of calls flooding into the hotline has risen 40 per cent since April this year to number almost 70 a day. Many calls, according to one intelligence official, are now coming from families alerting agencies to a relative who may be attempting to leave the country to join IS. Figures obtained by the Herald Sun show that an average of 2000 calls, emails, letters or text messages a month are being processed through the hotline.

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22. Organised crime linked to terrorism: CCC

Australian Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 09 13

Brisbane - There is anecdotal evidence that organised crime is financing terrorism, the head of Queensland's Crime and Corruption Commission says. Chairman Alan MacSporran says links between organised crime and the funding of terrorism-related activities is being watched closely in Australia. He agreed there was anecdotal evidence that was occurring "because of the huge cash flow and profits they make, it is a very simple covert way to finance terrorism and something we need to keep a close watch on." Mr MacSporran told ABC Radio drug trafficking was by far the most lucrative vice for organised crime gangs, and crystal methamphetamine (ice) was their product of choice. "I can assure you that ice has been identified, globally, not just in Australia ... as a high threat, in fact the highest threat," he said. "Of our eight organised current investigations, six of them involve trafficking in ice." Mr MacSporran said organised crime was well embedded in the ice trafficking industry and outlaw motorcycle gangs were only part of the problem.

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23. Qld supports national anti-terror laws

Australian Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 09 13

Brisbane - Queensland's government has thrown its support behind proposed national anti-terror laws that will keep high-risk convicted terrorists in jail after their sentences expire. Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk says she has written to federal Attorney-General George Brandis to give her government's support for plans which will also allow children as young as 14 to be subject to an anti-terrorism control order. "Here in Australia, the national terrorism threat level is probable ... it means all levels of government and all law enforcement agencies must work cooperatively," she told state parliament on Tuesday. (full report)

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24. Rampage sparks terror tips surge

Adelaide Advertiser, Simon Benson, 2016 09 13

Adelaide - Intelligence officials have revealed that calls from the public to the national security hotline spiked 50 per cent in the 24 hours after the alleged ISIS-inspired lone wolf terrorist attack

at the weekend. The deluge of tip-offs to ASIO and the Australian Federal Police has also risen about 40 per cent since April, to almost 70 a day, The Advertiser can reveal. As the Government grapples with the rising terrorism threat, frightening CCTV footage has captured knife-wielding suspect Ihsas Khan on his bloody rampage - and how victim Wayne Greenhalgh, 59, didn't stand a chance. Mr Greenhalgh was stabbed repeatedly, losing some fingers and suffering deep puncture wounds to his chest and neck, as he walked his dog in the Sydney suburb of Minto on Saturday. He remains in a serious condition in hospital. Taken from inside a Minto hair salon, the footage shows Khan, 22 - who friends say was "lost in his own world" - hunt down Mr Greenhalgh. The chilling footage shows Khan attempting to force his way in, wrestling with the door handle while holding the weapon up against the glass. Inquiries about Khan reveal a depressive past and a loner who shunned Muslim religious leaders who tried to reach out to him after his mother died.

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25. Returning fighters pose long-term threat

Australian Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 09 13

Canberra - The tens of thousands of foreign fighters from the Syrian and Iraqi conflicts will pose a major security threat to the international community for decades to come, a Lowy Institute study says. As Islamic State's caliphate collapses, thousands of these foreign fighters will seek to head home, many with deep ideological beliefs, lethal skills and strong resentments against the West, the think tank says. "These individuals pose a threat not only to the countries to which they return, but to all countries whose citizens travel and trade in the international system," the study says. Foreign fighters flocked to the IS banner, among them more than 100 Australians. The US Central Intelligence Agency believes some 18,000-22,000 foreign fighters remain, with the prospect that many will seek to return to their home or third countries as the caliphate collapses. The study, by Lowy analysts Lydia Khalil and Roger Shanahan, says IS will seek to remain relevant through a global campaign of terrorism. Increasingly, IS is using foreign fighters for attacks outside the Middle East.

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26. Student had enduring hatred of Australia, documents reveal

Sydney Morning Herald, Rachel Olding, 2016 09 13

Sydney - A Sydney student charged over a terrorist stabbing attack in Minto told police as far back as 2013 that he hated Australia because of its involvement with the US in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, police documents reveal. Ihsas Khan, then 19, made the admissions after he went on a bizarre rampage with a large pair of scissors, cutting down Australian flags on homes in his street and then standing on the road staring at one of the homeowners. The pharmacy student, who dropped out of university after the incident and was put on psychiatric medication, allegedly stabbed a stranger on Saturday in a planned yet random attack that police said was inspired by Islamic State. Wayne Greenhalgh, who was walking his dog through Minto at the time, suffered near-fatal wounds to his hands and body and had to run for his life into a neighbour's home before Mr Khan tried to smash his way in through a glass door while allegedly

shouting "Allah Akbar" and "somebody's going to die today". CCTV footage from the nearby home, which operates a salon out of its garage, shows the terrifying moment Mr Khan tried to smash his way in to get to Mr Greenhalgh. The footage, obtained by A Current Affair, also shows three heroic neighbours trying to force Mr Khan back by swinging a fence paling. He has been charged with committing a terrorist attack and attempted murder. "Wayne would not have survived if it wasn't for the neighbours helping and if Wayne wasn't locked inside the hairdresser salon," said one witness. "I can't imagine what would have happened."

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27. Terror threat persists from twin towers to the suburbs

The Australian, 2016 09 13

Editorial: Editorial: The horrific stabbing attack in a Sydney suburb on Saturday, allegedly inspired by Islamic State, underlines the pernicious threat of terrorism within our borders as well as the diabolical challenge confronting law enforcement agencies. The Australian-born alleged terrorist, Ishaq Khan, is a 22-year-old of Bangladeshi descent whose extremist tendencies already had brought him to the attention of police. He launched a ferocious and apparently random attack on 59-year-old Minto resident Wayne Greenhalgh, stabbing him repeatedly. Mr Greenhalgh ran for help and was protected by a neighbour, Sivei Ah Chong, who took to the attacker with a fence paling in the sort of selfless display of suburban solidarity we normally see only in the face of natural disasters. This, apparently, is our brave new world in the age of Islamist terrorism and lone wolf attacks.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

28. 112 insurgents killed in past 24 hours, says MoD

Pajhwok Afghan News, Azizullah Hamdard, 2016 09 13

Kabul - As many as 112 insurgents and four Afghan National Army (ANA) troops have been killed during clashes over the past 24 hours, the Ministry of Defence said on Monday. The insurgents suffered casualties during clashes with security forces in Kunduz, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Ghor, Ghazni and Nangarhar provinces, a MoD statement said. It said 51 insurgents were killed and 15 others wounded in Ab Band districts and areas near the provincial capital of southern Ghazni province. Another 24 insurgents were killed in Chora district and surrounding areas of Tirinkot, the capital of Uruzgan province, five in Qala-i-Zal district and on the outskirts of Kunduz City, the capital of northern Kunduz province. More than a dozen Taliban militants were killed in Shah Walikot district of southern Kandahar province, 16 were killed in Pasaband district of western Ghor province and one in the Hesarak district of eastern Nangarhar province.

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29. US to stay engaged with Pakistan 'long into the future'

Pakistan Dawn, Anwar Iqbal, 2016 09 13

Washington - The United States would continue to stay engaged with Pakistan and provide it economic assistance "long into the future", said a US State Department spokesperson following a congressional debate, which also explored the possibility of sanctioning Islamabad. In a statement shared with Dawn, the State Department also emphasised the need for Pakistan to take immediate steps to stop cross-border terrorist attacks into Afghanistan. "We have urged the government of Pakistan to redouble its standing commitment to closer counterterrorism cooperation with Afghanistan against all groups that pose a long-term security threat to both countries," the official said. The State Department pointed out that "robust civilian and security assistance" to Pakistan allowed the US to jointly work on issues important to both countries, such as energy, economic growth, security, education and health.

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Africa • Afrique

30. Borno Governor Observes Eid-El-Kabir in Town Liberated From Boko Haram

All Africa, Abdulkareem Haruna, 2016 09 13

Maiduguri - The Borno State governor, Kashim Shettima, on Monday led top government functionaries to Konduga, one of the liberated Boko Haram territories, to observe this year's Eid-el-Kabir celebration with internally displaced persons. Director General of the National Orientation Agency (NOA), Garba Abari, Senators Abubakar Kyari and Baba Kaka Garbai, and the Speaker of the state House of Assembly, Abdulkareem Lawal, accompanied the governor. Konduga, about 35km from Maiduguri, the state capital, is the gateway to the dreaded Sambisa forest and one of the 27 local government areas that suffered the most attacks by Boko Haram insurgents. Though the main township was never captured by the insurgents, Konduga was under repeated attacks by Boko Haram which wanted its control for unfettered access to Maiduguri. The persistent attacks forced the villagers to flee into IDPs camps in Maiduguri where they remained for about two years. According to a statement by Isa Gusau, spokesman of Governor Shettima, the delegation arrived Konduga at about 9am and was received by officials of the local government, and a large number of former IDPs who had returned home to Konduga two weeks ago.

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31. La fin de l'État islamique à Syrte

Le Figaro, Maryline Dumas, 2016 09 13

Syrte - Face à la mer bleu turquoise, Syrte a pris un air de ville fantôme. Ses bâtiments ne sont plus que des squelettes de béton, ses rues sont encombrées de meubles ou de carcasses de voitures. Il faut tourner à droite et s'éloigner de la route côtière pour trouver un peu de vie dans cette ville qui accueillait 75 000 habitants en 2011. Le territoire de l'État islamique à Syrte s'est réduit à peau de chagrin, passant de 250 kilomètres de côtes libyennes à un kilomètre carré. Les forces fidèles au Gouvernement d'union nationale de Tripoli s'appêtent à crier victoire, mais Syrte est détruite. C'est dans une petite rue parallèle à la mer que se reposent quelques hommes de la brigade al-Marsa. Ils sont à peine une dizaine, ce vendredi. De très jeunes adultes, affalés

sur des matelas posés contre le mur d'une maison. Cette bâtisse qui devait être, avant la prise de Syrte par l'EI en juin 2015, une résidence cosy sert aujourd'hui de base arrière à cette brigade venue de Misrata, la ville voisine et centre de commandement de l'opération. Muftah Salem, le chef de l'unité, explique que ses hommes sont arrivés là, dans cette rue à la frontière entre le quartier 1 et le 3, il y a deux semaines. Le front est à 700 mètres d'ici. Cet employé d'une usine de métallurgie est optimiste sur l'issue des combats qui l'opposent à l'État islamique depuis le 12 mai dernier.

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32. Quand la citoyenneté devient un marché licite et lucratif (Canada)

Le Monde, Marc-Olivier Bherer, 2016 09 13

Moroni, Comores - Dans ce monde inquiet pour sa sécurité, obtenir un passeport est de plus en plus difficile. Rares sont ceux qui échappent à ce zèle administratif. Certains, en revanche, savent éviter ces tracasseries en achetant la nationalité d'Etats complaisants. Dépasser la notion de nationalité Atossa Araxia Abrahamian suit ainsi le destin de l'un de ces hommes, Ahmed Abdul Khaleq, blogueur engagé pour la défense des droits des apatrides aux Emirats arabes unis. Arrêté une première fois en avril 2011, il est gracié par le président. Libéré, Ahmed Abdul Khaleq reprend ses activités militantes, mais il est bientôt la cible d'incessantes tracasseries. A force, les autorités parviennent à contraindre sa famille de demander un passeport comorien, puis à l'expulser, lui seul, en 2012, vers la Thaïlande. Il vit aujourd'hui au Canada, où il a obtenu le statut de réfugié. Il est l'un des malheureux chanceux de ce triste commerce.

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33. Troops Kill Female Suicide Bomber in Borno State

All Africa News, Senator Iroegbu, 2016 09 13

Abuja - The Nigerian military has killed a female suicide bomber at a security checkpoint while attempting to gain entrance into a cattle market in Borno State on the eve of Sallah day celebration. The Director of Army Public Relations (DAPR), Col. Sani Usman, said in a statement that a suspected female suicide bomber was on Sunday September 11, 2016, evening, seen approaching troops' check point located at Kara Cattle market axis, Dikwa, towards Antul and Mukdala, in Dikwa Local Government Area (LGA), Borno State. He said that the suspect was challenged from afar by the vigilant duty sentry but she refused to stop claiming to be coming from Monguno to see her parents in Dikwa. "Troops, sensing the direction of approach was suspicious and abnormal, fired a shot at her and the gallant sentry was proven right as she was carrying a Person-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (PBIED) which exploded with a loud bang, killing her instantly and causing minor injury to two soldiers and a Civilian JTF assisting them," he stated. Usman said that the injured soldiers and the civilian have been treated and have continued with their duties. This incident, he noted, has shown that there are a few of the remnants of the Boko Haram terrorists that are determined to carry out criminal acts to create panic and insecurity in some areas.

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34. Beijing, Ottawa to work out an extradition treaty

China Daily, Zhang Yan, 2016 09 13

Beijing - China and Canada agreed on Monday to start discussions on a bilateral extradition treaty that would facilitate the return of corrupt fugitive Chinese officials who remain at large in Canada. The agreement was reached at the China-Canada High-Level National Security and Rule of Law Dialogue in Beijing, where discussions were held on ways to improve cooperation on issues such as law enforcement, combating transnational organized crime, judicial cooperation and exchanges on the rule of law. In depth talks of an extradition treaty and the signing of an agreement on sharing the recovered stolen assets will occur in the coming months, while negotiations are finalized on a yearlong memorandum of understanding on a pilot project in which Chinese experts will be invited to help identify Chinese immigrants who use fraudulent means to enter Canada. "The start of such a discussion is a positive sign preparing the way for formal negotiations on the bilateral extradition treaty," said Zhang Xiaoming, deputy director-general of the Judicial Assistance and Foreign Affairs Department at the Ministry of Justice. Huang Feng, a law professor at Beijing Normal University said, "It marks great progress toward formally signing in the near future a bilateral extradition treaty between the two countries." "The two countries do not have major political or legal obstacles and have established good cooperative foundation, which will help them to communicate effectively and exchange views on signing an extradition treaty," he said.

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35. China, Canada pledge to boost security cooperation

Xinhua News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 09 13

Beijing - China and Canada on Monday pledged to strengthen security cooperation at a high-level dialogue held in Beijing. It was the first China-Canada High-Level National Security and Rule of Law Dialogue, a mechanism established during Canadian Prime minister Justin Trudeau's visit to China from late August to early September. According to a joint statement released after the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on fighting terrorism, cyber crime, organized crime, consular affairs and other issues. The two sides have confirmed their future cooperation framework. Some common goals are expected to be reached under the framework, such as initiating a discussion on an extradition treaty and finalizing an agreement on sharing and returning recovered assets. The dialogue was co-chaired by Wang Yongqing, secretary-general of the Commission for Political and Legal Affairs of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, and Daniel Jean, National Security Advisor to the Canadian Prime Minister.

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36. Japan, Canada agree to come down hard on N. Korea at U.N.

Japan News, Staff reporter, 2016 09 13

Tokyo - Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his Canadian counterpart Justin Trudeau agreed Tuesday to coordinate their response to North Korea's provocative acts, including last week's nuclear test, through the framework of the United Nations, a Japanese government spokesman said. In their roughly 20-minute telephone meeting, Abe and Trudeau shared their resolute condemnation of North Korea's behavior, Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Koichi Hagiuda said. Pyongyang claims it detonated a nuclear weapon last Friday, its fifth nuclear test and the latest since January. The country has also been pursuing ballistic missile development, most recently launching three missiles on Sept. 1 believed to have fallen into Japan's exclusive economic zone in the Sea of Japan. Hagiuda quoted Abe as telling Trudeau that North Korea's previously unseen threat level calls for a previously unseen response, and that the international community must take specific action to send a strong message to Pyongyang that further provocative acts will not be tolerated.

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37. Karim was Tamim's second man

Dhaka Tribune, Arifur Rahman Rabbi, 2016 09 13

Dhaka - The terrorist who died in Azimpur on Saturday night was the most important person in New Jamaatul Mujahedin Bangladesh (JMB) after Tamim Chowdhury, police have said. Shamser Uddin alias Jamshed Hossain alias Abdul Karim, who killed himself during a raid at the Azimpur den had been coordinating the terror group after the death of Tamim, who masterminded the Gulshan attack. Shamser was a close and trusted aide of Tamim. Under his instructions, Shamser planned attacks, provided training and implemented targets. Police earlier claimed Zahidul alias Maj (retd) Murad, killed in Dhaka's Rupnagar on September 2, was Tamim's second-in-command. After Tamim's death, Shamser was the interim head of the organisation. He was planning to reorganise the group and carry out more attacks. He was collecting money and arms. Police found four guns and Tk3 lakh at the den.

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38. North Korea's sixth nuclear test could come 'any time'

The Independent (UK), Hyung-Jin Kim, 2016 09 13

Seoul--North Korea is capable of detonating another nuclear device at its main atomic test site any time it chooses, Seoul officials have said. The statement comes in the midst of plans from the United States to send two nuclear-capable supersonic bombers to the South in a show of force against Pyongyang. Speculation about any new nuclear test by the North comes just days after it conducted its fifth atomic bomb explosion. Friday's test was the North's most powerful to date, and its claim to have used "standardised" warheads has sparked concerns the country is making headway in its push to develop small and sophisticated warheads to be topped on missiles. After the test, the North's nuclear weapons institute said it will take unspecified measures to further boost its nuclear capability, which analysts said hinted at a possible sixth

nuclear test. South Korea's Defence Ministry spokesman Moon Sang Gyun said yesterday that South Korea and US intelligence authorities believe North Korea has the ability to detonate another atomic device anytime at its main Punggye-ri nuclear test site, where the five previous atomic explosions took place.

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39. Park holds phone conversation with Canadian P.M. on N. Korean nukes

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 09 13

Seoul - President Park Geun-hye held a phone conversation with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Tuesday, and shared views on expanding cooperation to better tackle Pyongyang's nuclear provocations, her office said. During the 20-minute conversation, Park and Trudeau exchanged information on North Korea's latest nuclear test, while finding ways to bolster Seoul-Ottawa ties. The presidential office said the call was arranged upon request from Canada. The North American country has been implementing sanctions against North Korea since August 2011. Last week, Pyongyang conducted its fifth nuclear test despite the international community's call for denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula. In January, North Korea conducted a fourth nuclear test after its previous tests in 2006, 2009 and 2013. (Full report)

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40. Philippines, Indonesia to step up maritime cooperation (Canada).

Gulf News, Gilbert P. Felongco, 2016 09 13

Manila - Indonesia and the Philippines have formally agreed to intensify maritime cooperation, as part of efforts to clamp down against piracy plaguing the Sulu Sea area. Following meetings with Indonesian President Joko Widodo, at the Istana Merdeka in Indonesia, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said in a press statement the two leaders had signed a Joint Declaration on Maritime Security and Law Enforcement on Friday, September 9. "We discussed ways of strengthening existing bilateral cooperation and identified new areas of partnership, including maritime security and law enforcement. We agreed to step up joint measures to address the issue of piracy and lawlessness in the waters in our region," Duterte said. Both leaders expressed "grave concern" on maritime security particularly in the Sulu Sea. Recently, the Abu Sayyaf beheaded two of their Canadian victims, John Ridsdel and Robert Hall, after the families of the victims failed to pay ransom.

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41. S. Korea's top diplomat to discuss N. Korean nuke test with China, Russia

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 09 13

Seoul - South Korea's top diplomat Yun Byung-se is scheduled to discuss North Korea's latest nuclear provocation with his Chinese and Russian counterparts, the foreign ministry said Tuesday. Yun plans to have separate telephone talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov Tuesday night to discuss measures that can be

taken in response to Pyongyang's fifth nuclear test, foreign ministry spokesman Cho June-hyuck said in a regular briefing. Friday's nuclear detonation test was the strongest yet by the reclusive country. Pyongyang tested its first nuclear device in 2006, followed by 2009 and 2013. It carried out its fourth nuclear test in January of this year. "The ministers plan to assess North Korea's fifth nuclear test and discuss future responses," Cho said. The test prompted South Korea, the United States and other partner countries to rush to adopt tougher sanctions against North Korea which was affected by the harshest United Nations Security Council resolution following its previous nuclear test.

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42. The lucrative prospect of bitcoin 'mining' in Tibet

Washington Post, Simon Denyer, 2016 09 13

Kongyu Township, China--Inside a metal shed in the Tibetan highlands of western China, thousands of microprocessors flank narrow corridors, generating a constant hum and stifling waves of heat. Outside, the sky is clear and blue, with a mountain peak looming at the top of a narrow wooded valley. A flock of goats ambles idly past a pile of discarded foam packaging. Inside, though, tranquility is transformed into clamor. Red, blue and green lights constantly flash; cooling water trickles down the walls, and large ventilation fans thrum as they struggle to shift the hot air produced by all this concentrated computing power. This is a bitcoin "mine," the engine room of the world's leading digital currency. The microprocessors here approve and record all the transactions that keep the bitcoin system running. They also compete to solve complex mathematical problems and are rewarded with bitcoins: That's a way of putting fresh digital currency into circulation and incentivizing more people to set up "mining" operations. For a while, bitcoin was effectively kidnapped by drug dealers, becoming the anonymous payment backbone of the Silk Road, a black market in illegal drugs that flourished on the dark Net - until the FBI closed that market down in 2013.

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43. U.S. sends B-1B bombers to S. Korea amid N. Korean threats

Yonhap News Agency, Choi Kyong-ae, 2016 09 13

Pyeongtaek, South Korea - The flight by two U.S. B-1B bombers over South Korea demonstrates the "steadfast and unshakable" U.S. commitment to its key Asian ally in the wake of North Korea's nuclear test, the U.S. Forces Korea commander (USFK) said Tuesday. The supersonic bombers left U.S. Andersen Air Force Base on Guam on Tuesday morning and arrived over the skies above the Osan Air Base, south of Seoul, at 10:00 a.m. They flew past the U.S. air base in Pyeongtaek, 70 kilometers south of Seoul, accompanied by a flight of four South Korean F-15K and four U.S. F-16 fighter jets. The flybys highlight the close cooperation between the U.S. and South Korean military forces that keeps them ready to respond at any time to threats, the USFK said. "North Korea's nuclear test is a dangerous escalation and poses an unacceptable threat. The United States has an unshakable commitment to defend allies in the region and will take necessary steps to do so, including operations like this one today, and the deployment of the Terminal High Altitude Air Defense (THAAD) battery to the Korean Peninsula," USFK

Commander Gen. Vincent K. Brooks told reporters at Osan Air Base. "Today's demonstration provides just one example of the full range of military capabilities in the deep arsenal of this strong alliance to provide and strengthen extended deterrence," he said.

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44. US flies bombers over SKorea in show of force against North

Associated Press, Lee Jin-Man, 2016 09 13

Osan Air Base, South Korea -- The United States on Tuesday sent two nuclear-capable supersonic bombers streaking over ally South Korea in a show of force meant to cow North Korea after its recent nuclear test and also to settle rattled nerves in the South. The B-1B bombers, escorted by U.S. and South Korean jets, were seen by an Associated Press photographer as they flew over Osan Air Base, which is 120 kilometers (75 miles) from the border with North Korea, the world's most heavily armed. The bombers were likely to return to Andersen Air Force Base in Guam, without landing in South Korea. Such flyovers are common when always high animosity rises on the Korean Peninsula, which is technically in a state of war as there has never been a peace treaty to officially end the 1950-53 Korean War. South Korea does not have nuclear weapons and relies on the U.S. "nuclear umbrella" as a deterrent to North Korea. Washington also stations more than 28,000 troops in the South, and tens of thousands more in Japan. North Korea is keenly aware of the U.S. presence on the peninsula and of what it considers the U.S. nuclear threat. It uses such flyovers and the American military influence in the South in its propaganda as alleged proof of U.S. hostility that it claims as the reason it needs a nuclear bomb program.

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45. Kiev recruits teenagers for sabotage acts in Donetsk republic

ITAR-TASS World Service, 2016 09 13

Kiev - The Ministry of State Security of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic has detained a group of teenagers suspected of conducting acts of sabotage in Donbass upon the order of Ukraine's special services. "The DPR's Ministry of State Security has uncovered an espionage ring of Ukraine's special services and curbed the activity of a sabotage group active on the republic's territory," the Donetsk News Agency reported citing the ministry. The group consists of seven teenagers who first received some 5,000 hryvnia (\$187) from the Ukrainian special services and then were blackmailed for the crimes they already committed, the ministry said. Between May 2015 and June 2016, the group blew up civilian cars, military vehicles and multipurpose lightly-armored transporters, service cars of a police department in Yasinovataya and of other civilian and military facilities, it said.

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46. Russian, Chinese Officials Discuss 'Color Revolutions'

Sputnik News Service, 2016 09 13

Beijing - Russian Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev, Chinese Minister of Public Security Guo Shengkun and Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China's Politics and Law Commission Meng Jianzhu on Tuesday discussed a number of security and political issues, including the so-called color revolutions, the Russian Security Council said in a statement. Earlier in the day, Patrushev, Guo and Meng participated in Russia-China consultations on justice, public safety and public order that took place in the Chinese capital of Beijing. "[The sides] discussed the problems of 'color revolutions,' plans of counterterrorism cooperation, as well as the issues of international legal support and cooperation in the sphere of justice," the statement published after the consultations said. The sides also discussed the issues of bilateral cooperation between the countries' prosecutor's offices, struggle with undocumented immigration and information security, the Council's press service added.

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47. Canadians sign petition calling for diplomatic ties with Tehran

Tehran Times, 2016 09 13

Tehran - Thousands of Canadian citizens and residents have signed a petition, carried on the official website of the Parliament of Canada, calling for the re-establishment of diplomatic ties with Tehran. More than four thousands have signed the petition up to now. "We, the undersigned, citizens and residents of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada to re-establish diplomatic relations with Iran, including re-opening embassies in both countries, as a matter of utmost importance," read part of the petition. (Full Report).

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48. IRGC: US Trying to Repeat Libya's Disarmament Scenario in Iran

Fars News Agency, 2016 09 13

Tehran - IRGC Deputy Commander Brigadier General Rasoul Sanayee Rad blasted Washington for trying to hatch a plot for disarming Iran similar to Libya. "The US is looking for repeating the disarmament scenario of Libya in Iran; today Libya has been split into three regions," General Sanayee Rad said on Saturday, addressing a meeting of IRGC commanders in the city of Rasht in Northern Iran. He said that former Libyan dictator Colonel Muammar Qaddafi believed that coming to terms with the Americans would prevent his country from coming under the US attack. "Hence, Qaddafi agreed to pay \$2.7 billion compensation for the victims of the Pan American flight which was exploded by Libya over Lockerbie, Scotland," General Sanayee Rad added. The IRGC deputy commander reiterated that the West forced Qaddafi to surrender the perpetrators of the terrorist attack after the former Libyan leader paid the compensation.

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49. GCC protests over US law on sponsors of terrorism

The National (UAE), Taimur Khan, 2016 09 13

Abu Dhabi - The GCC has condemned a bill passed unanimously by the United States congress last week that would allow families of the victims of the September 11 terror attacks to sue the government of Saudi Arabia in US courts. Such legislation undermines international relations and could affect counterterrorism cooperation between Washington and its Gulf allies, the GCC secretary general Abdullatif Al Zayani said. The bill, which president Barack Obama strongly opposes, is "contrary to the foundations and principles of relations between states and the principle of sovereign immunity enjoyed by states," Mr Al Zayani said. "Such laws will negatively affect the international efforts and international cooperation to combat terrorism," he said. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, also criticised the bill the state news agency Wam reported.

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50. President al-Assad in Daraya: We will retake all areas from the terrorists

Syrian Arab News Agency, 2016 09 13

Damascus - President Bashar al-Assad performed on Monday the prayers of Eid al-Adha (Feast of the Sacrifice) at Saad Ibn Muaz Mosque in Daraya city in Damascus Countryside. A number of state officials, ministers, MPs and Muslim scholars also observed the prayers, which were led by sheikh Adnan al-Afiouni, Mufti of Damascus and its countryside. Eid al-Adha festival, which marks the end of the annual Muslim pilgrimage of Hajj to Mecca, commemorates the willingness of Prophet Ibrahim to follow God's command to sacrifice his son Ismael. Sheikh al-Afiouni delivered the Eid sermon, saying Eid al-Adha this year gives the Syrians hope for the end of the crisis in the country thanks to the Syrian Arab Army and the victories it has achieved. He also referred to the recent reconciliation agreements, where civilians and gunmen have evacuated from cities in Damascus countryside and Homs, which he said indicates that those who want to go back on the right track always find the doors of the homeland open for them.

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51. Syrie, les acteurs aux intérêts croisés d'un champ de bataille régional

Le Figaro, Adrien Jaulmes, 2016 09 13

Chronique - L'accord signé entre Kerry et Lavrov devait entrer en vigueur hier soir. Mais le conflit syrien, commencé en 2011 comme une guerre civile entre le régime de Bachar el-Assad et les rebelles, est devenu depuis une guerre aux nombreux intervenants, dont chacun est en mesure de faire capoter la trêve. Régime syrien contre rebelles, islamistes chiites contre islamistes sunnites, Iraniens contre Saoudiens, Turcs contre Kurdes, Kurdes et Turcs contre djihadistes, Russes contre rebelles, Américains soutenant à la fois les Turcs et leurs ennemis kurdes, combattant ou soutenant diverses factions rebelles : le conflit syrien est devenu un champ de bataille à entrées multiples, où s'affrontent forces armées régulières et milices, acteurs locaux et

puissances étrangères. En plus de cinq ans de guerre et un demi-million de morts, essentiellement civils, la Syrie est devenue un patchwork de fiefs ennemis qui se combattent ou s'allient dans un jeu compliqué qui défie jusqu'à présent toute solution diplomatique. Le conflit syrien dépasse en violence et en complexité toutes les autres crises contemporaines. Il a développé ses propres règles. C'est une guerre où éviter la défaite tient souvent lieu de victoire, où les interventions étrangères se font autant manipuler par les groupes qu'elles soutiennent qu'elles ne les manipulent et où l'ennemi de son ennemi n'est pas forcément un ami.

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52. « Une grande gueule, pas autre chose »

Le Soir (Belgique), Ludivine Ponciau, 2016 09 13

Bruxelles - Le procès de deux membres des « Kamikaze Riders » a débuté ce lundi devant le tribunal correctionnel de Bruxelles. Interpellés le 27 décembre 2015, Saïd Saouti (31 ans) et Mohamed Karay (28 ans) étaient dans un premier temps soupçonnés d'avoir planifié pour le 31 décembre un attentat dans le centre de Bruxelles. Mais cette prévention n'avait finalement pas été retenue. Les deux membres du club de motards suspecté d'être lié à Sharia4Belgium sont poursuivis pour participation aux activités d'un groupe terroriste. Saïd Saouti en tant que dirigeant, Mohamed Karay en tant que membre. C'est suite à un appel anonyme, passé quelques jours avant leur arrestation et dénonçant des projets d'attentats, que les enquêteurs s'étaient intéressés aux deux motards. La date du 31 décembre approchant, ils avaient fini par interpellier les deux suspects mais, depuis, le dossier s'est fortement dégonflé. « Je ne suis pas un musulman extrémiste », a soutenu Saïd Saouti, interrogé sur sa radicalisation présumée. Problème : le contenu de sa page Facebook, l'historique des articles qu'il consultait sur le net et des vidéos qu'il partageait sur Youtube, contenus à propos duquel le juge Pierre Hendrickx l'a longuement interrogé ce lundi, laissent clairement penser que le jeune homme cautionnait les actes de l'Etat islamique, voire qu'il soutenait ouvertement l'organisation terrorisme. L'un de ses contacts Facebook se plaint ainsi auprès de Saouti qu'« on l'empêche de partir », un autre lui signale qu'il a « prêté allégeance ». A une femme qui lui confie ses projets de mourir en martyr, il souhaite « le meilleur ». Un autre « pseudo » le questionne sur la possibilité de tuer des enfants et des femmes. « S'ils le font, alors on peut leur infliger la même chose », lui avait répondu Saïd. D'ailleurs, on est loin d'avoir infligé le dixième de ce qu'ils nous ont infligé. » Certains de ces contenus postés sur le web datent d'août 2014, soit avant que Saïd Saouti ne soit condamné à 6 ans de réclusion pour vol avec violence. Ce qu'il ne conteste pas. « Je n'étais pas assez encadré à l'époque. Ce sont des bêtises que je regrette amèrement.

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53. Allemagne: trois migrants syriens arrêtés pour appartenance présumée à l'EI

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 13

Berlin - Trois réfugiés syriens, arrivés en Allemagne lors de l'afflux migratoire de 2015 et soupçonnés d'appartenance au groupe jihadiste Etat islamique (EI), ont été arrêtés mardi dans le nord du pays, a annoncé le parquet fédéral allemand. Les trois hommes Mahir Al-H., 27 ans, Mohamed A., 26 ans, et Ibrahim M. 18 ans ont été interpellés dans le Schleswig- Holstein et leurs appartements font l'objet de perquisitions. Ils étaient arrivés en Allemagne en novembre 2015, au pic de la crise migratoire qui a vu un million de demandeurs d'asile entrer dans le pays. "En l'état actuel des investigations de la police criminelle, les trois accusés sont soupçonnés d'être venus en Allemagne sur ordre de l'organisation Etat islamique pour soit exécuter une mission, soit pour se tenir prêt en vue d'instructions", selon un communiqué du parquet qui a décidé de les poursuivre pour appartenance à une "organisation terroriste étrangère". Mahir Al-H. est soupçonné d'avoir rejoint l'EI en septembre 2015 et d'avoir bénéficié d'une "courte" formation aux armes à Raqa, le bastion du groupe dans le nord de la Syrie. Le mois suivant lui et ses deux complices présumés ont pris la route de l'Europe, via la Turquie et la Grèce, sur ordre d'un responsable de l'EI chargé "des attentats hors du territoire de l'Etat islamique". "Aucune mission ou instruction précise n'a été jusqu'à présent mise en évidence par les enquêteurs", selon le parquet.

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54. Bruxelles, ghetto mental et cible de la radicalisation

Le Soir (Belgique), Colette Braeckman, 2016 09 13

Bruxelles - En quoi l'Etat islamique est-il un projet nouveau, globalisant et pourquoi séduit-il tant de jeunes musulmans d'Europe ? Les programmes dits de « déradicalisation » ont-ils une chance de réussir ? N'est-il pas déjà trop tard ? Les questions se sont bousculées au cours du débat sur le thème « Jeunesse, radicalisation et terrorisme » animé par Béatrice Delvaux. Plusieurs intervenants étaient rassemblés : Massimo d'Alema, Ismael Saidi, Johan Lemman, Malika Hamidi, Joh Gatt Rutter, ainsi que Charles Picqué. Au nom de la Fédération des progressistes européens, Massimo d'Alema a d'abord rappelé qu'au départ, Al Qaida avait été une « base » logistique et militaire soutenue par les Occidentaux désireux de contrer les Soviétiques. Après avoir évoqué les effets déstabilisateurs des printemps arabes et de la guerre en Irak, il a pris le temps d'expliquer le projet politique « globalisant », c'est-à-dire totalitaire, de Daesh, qui utilise à son profit la marginalisation sociale de certains jeunes musulmans d'Europe. Pour Malika Hamidi, s'exprimant au nom du réseau « European muslim network », les musulmans vivant en Europe (30 à 40 millions de personnes...) « sont aujourd'hui pris en otage, diabolisés et les programmes dits de déradicalisation sont stigmatisants, sinon contre-productifs ». Un jugement confirmé par Ismael Saidi : « La déradicalisation, cela n'existe pas. Il faut voir les choses en face, certains de ces jeunes sont foutus. C'est en amont qu'il faut agir. Le seul vaccin contre la radicalisation, c'est l'école. Il faut bannir les écoles-poubelles, les mêmes que celles où j'ai étudié... Trop de talents se perdent ... » Charles Picqué, bourgmestre de Saint-Gilles, abonde : « Une tranche d'âge m'inquiète, celle des jeunes qui sont en décrochage après 4 ou 5 années d'études secondaires, ils sont largués. On préfère écrémer le dessus du panier ... »

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55. Derrière le commando des femmes, Kassim, l'ennemi public numéro 1

Le Progrès (Lyon), Journaliste maison, 2016 09 13

Paris - Les trois femmes soupçonnées de vouloir commettre un attentat en France ont été présentées hier à la justice. Deux suspectes ont été mises en examen. Elles ont été téléguidées par Rachid Kassim, ennemi public N° 1 des services secrets. Inès M., 19 ans, Sarah H., 23 ans, et Amel S., 39 ans étaient présentées devant la justice hier soir. Selon BFMTV, Amel S. a été mise en examen pour « association de malfaiteurs en relation avec une entreprise terroriste en vue de commettre des crimes d'atteinte aux personnes » et de « complicité de tentative d'homicide contre un représentant de la force publique ». Sarah H. a elle aussi été mise en examen, et placée en détention provisoire. Inès M. devrait également être mise en examen par les juges antiterroristes. Ces trois femmes, dont les deux plus jeunes étaient connues des services pour leur radicalisation et des velléités de départ en Syrie, avaient évoqué des gares de l'Essonne et de Paris ainsi que des policiers comme cibles potentielles. Elles envisageaient aussi de se procurer des ceintures explosives ou de lancer des voitures contre des bâtiments. Samedi, une première suspecte, Ornella G., 29 ans, une convertie radicalisée, a été mise en examen et écrouée dans l'enquête sur la voiture remplie de bonbonnes de gaz. Son empreinte avait été retrouvée dans le véhicule. D'après son récit, elle et Inès M. ont échoué à mettre le feu au véhicule dans la nuit du 3 au 4 septembre. Rachid Kassim, « l'inspirateur » Les modalités de l'attaque à la voiture piégée correspondent aux consignes que Rachid Kassim dispense via Internet. Ce Français de 29 ans, originaire de Roanne dans la Loire (lire par ailleurs), ancien animateur social parti sur les terres du djihad, est devenu une priorité pour les services de renseignement. Depuis la Syrie, il a été « l'inspirateur » de Larossi Abballa, qui a tué un policier et sa compagne le 13 juin à Magnanville et « a délivré directement ses consignes » aux deux assassins du prêtre de l'église de Saint-Étienne-du-Rouvray.

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56. Generation Jihad: Scholar of Islam predicts civil war across Europe as more young Muslims facing poor job prospects turn to radical groups

The Daily Mail Online, Julian Robinson, 2016 09 13

Berlin - A scholar of Islam has warned of civil war across Europe as more young Muslims facing poor job prospects turn to radical groups, it has been reported. Professor Gilles Kepel, from the Sciences Po in Paris, France, said a growing 'Jihad Generation' is likely to continue to carry out terror acts in European cities. The aim of their terror activity is to both incite hatred towards Muslims and, in doing so, cause further radicalisation among young people, the professor of political science said. He told the German newspaper Die Welt that this in turn could lead to the point where Europe enters into civil war. Kepel said the recent terror attacks across the continent were part of a war within Islam rather than between Islam and Western civilization. The extremists, he said, also want to crush more moderate Islamic opposition. After civil war had ruined Europe, he said, the long term goal of the terrorists would then be to build a caliphate 'on the ruins of the old continent'. Kepel said that while most Muslims were not involved in any

terror-related activity, a lack of job prospects and their feeling of hopelessness in French suburbs could boost the likelihood of young Muslims becoming radicalised.

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57. German police arrest three Syrian refugees suspected of 'IS' connections

Deutsche Welle, Staff Writer, 2016 09 13

Berlin - A statement from Germany's Federal Public Prosecutor's office on Tuesday confirmed earlier media reports that federal police and agents from Germany's GSG 9 special operations unit were involved in pre- dawn raids against terror suspects. Three men were arrested in the raids. All three are Syrian nationals and the prosecutor's office listed their names as Mahir Al-H. (17), Mohamed A. (26), and Ibrahim M. (18). The full names of criminal suspects in Germany are usually not released by officials. The men are suspected of being members of a foreign terror organization, the so-called "Islamic State" ("IS"). According to the investigation so far, the three came to Germany in November with the intention of "carrying out a previously determined order [from IS] or to await further instructions." Mahir Al-H. is believed to have received training from IS in Raqqa, Syria on how to use weapons and explosives in September 2015. One month later, he and the other two suspects are believed to have agreed on a plan to travel to Europe to carry out operations or attacks outside of IS-controlled areas.

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58. Non à la surveillance de masse

24 Heures (Suisse), Journaliste maison, 2016 09 13

Berne - Au nom de la sécurité, de nombreux États renforcent leurs dispositifs de surveillance. Cela semble particulièrement justifié dans une perspective d'efficacité numérique et face à la menace terroriste. Mais on oublie ou on admet trop facilement que certaines mesures de surveillance piétinent plusieurs droits humains fondamentaux. La nouvelle loi sur le renseignement (LRens), sur laquelle nous votons le 25 septembre prochain, n'échappe pas à cette tendance. Parmi la palette de mesures que la loi met à disposition du Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC), deux sont particulièrement problématiques. L'exploration du réseau câblé permettra au SRC d'enregistrer tous les flux de données et de les analyser au moyen de mots-clés. Le service de renseignements aura ainsi accès à une quantité énorme de données et au contenu de communications électroniques telles que les e-mails, la téléphonie ou les recherches via Internet. Toutes les personnes se trouvant en Suisse seront touchées par ces mesures de surveillance.

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59. Sécurité : à quoi servent 600 millions en deux ans

Le Soir (Belgique), Martine Debuisson, 2016 09 13

Bruxelles - Budget Au menu : matériel informatique, engagement de personnel, surveillance... Le gouvernement a budgété 200 millions en 2015 et 400 millions en 2016 pour lutter contre le

terrorisme et renforcer notre sécurité. Voici comment il a déjà réparti la majorité de ces montants. Le gouvernement le répète constamment - et l'opposition le conteste tout aussi régulièrement : étant donné le contexte de violence terroriste que nous connaissons, les dépenses liées à la sécurité sont en nette augmentation car l'équipe Michel y a consacré des moyens supplémentaires. Alors, quels sont ces chiffres ? Et, surtout, comment sont-ils ventilés ? Voici quelques jours, pour son interview de rentrée dans Le Soir, le président du CDH Benoît Lutgen évoquait les 400 millions souvent cités par la majorité fédérale... pour regretter qu'« on n'en connaisse toujours pas la ventilation ». Dimanche, à l'université d'été du MR, le Premier ministre Charles Michel évoquait, lui, le chiffre de « 600 millions en deux ans ». Qu'en est-il finalement ? Et à quoi sont destinées ces sommes ? Nous avons obtenu une note gouvernementale qui détaille les (principaux) montants consacrés à la sécurité et à la lutte contre le terrorisme en 2015 et 2016, et qui en précise les affectations. En 2015, 39,6 millions ont d'abord été octroyés aux services de sécurité lors du contrôle budgétaire. Ensuite, sur une provision de 200 millions prévue par le gouvernement pour les dépenses liées à la sécurité, 40,4 millions ont été libérés dans un premier temps, et 70,9 millions dans un second (en septembre). Soit un total de 150,9 millions. Voici comment ces 150,9 millions ont été ventilés : - 71,8 millions pour la Police, - 31,9 pour la Justice, - 16,4 pour les scanners douaniers, - 12,2 pour les Affaires étrangères, - 6,7 pour la Sûreté de l'Etat, - 5 pour la sécurisation des bâtiments critiques, - 4,8 pour l'Intérieur, - 1,7 pour le Shape, - 0,4 pour l'Ocam, - 0,1 pour le Centre de crise. Ce sont donc la Police et la Justice qui, de manière logique, ont reçu les deux tiers des moyens supplémentaires mis à disposition en 2015 pour la sécurité et la lutte contre le terrorisme.

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60. Terrorisme : l'adolescent soupçonné d'avoir voulu "passer à l'acte" à Paris a été mis en examen et écroué

FranceTv Info (site web), Journaliste maison, 2016 09 13

Paris - Arrêté dans le 12^e arrondissement de Paris chez sa mère, où il était assigné à résidence, le jeune homme, sensible aux thèses de l'islam radical, envisageait de tuer des passants à l'arme blanche sur la promenade de la coulée verte. Le mineur de 15 ans interpellé samedi 10 septembre, dans le 12^e arrondissement de Paris, a été mis en examen dans la soirée du lundi 12 septembre pour association de malfaiteur terroriste en vue de commettre un attentat, selon les informations de franceinfo. Il a été placé en détention provisoire. Aucun lien n'a été établi par les enquêteurs avec la double enquête sur un attentat avorté à la voiture piégée aux bonbonnes de gaz et sur une autre attaque "imminente" que les autorités assurent avoir déjouée en démantelant un commando de femmes jihadistes. Le mineur de quinze ans, interpellé samedi à Paris, avait fait état sur la messagerie cryptée Telegram "d'un passage à l'acte avec une arme blanche", selon une source proche de l'enquête. Cette nouvelle menace s'est traduite samedi par des messages d'alerte concernant plusieurs sites sensibles dans la capitale, notamment des commissariats et certains lieux publics.

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61. Terrorisme : Telegram donne du fil à retordre aux policiers

Ouest-France, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 13

Paris - « Telegram est le principal réseau utilisé par les terroristes », confirmait, en mai, Patrick Calvar, patron de la DGSI (Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure). En 2013, les frères russes Nikolaï et Pavel Durov ont créé cette application gratuite pour smartphones qui permet d'échanger messages, photos, vidéos et fichiers de manière cryptée. « On sait intercepter, mais pas décoder » Les échanges se font soit à deux, soit avec un groupe (jusqu'à 5 000 abonnés). « Vitesse et sécurité », promet Telegram. Les données sont cryptées grâce à une clé de chiffrement aléatoire. Les contenus sont illisibles en cas d'interception par un tiers, et s'autodétruisent au bout d'un certain temps. Telegram se paye le luxe d'offrir jusqu'à 300 000 dollars à qui sera capable de déchiffrer ses messages. Un policier explique à l' AFP : « On sait intercepter les données quand A parle avec B, mais on ne sait pas décoder le message, car la clé de chiffrement est inconnue des messageries elles-mêmes qui en font un argument commercial. » Les terroristes utilisent Telegram pour échanger et promouvoir leurs idées. L'application est recommandée par l'État islamique. Infiltrer ces réseaux, y être intégré est possible, assure un enquêteur français, « à condition d'être un bon acteur, d'avoir de solides connaissances culturelles et religieuses pour arriver à faire illusion » .

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1. Cellphone monitoring device use should be transparent and limited, researchers say
CBC News, Laura Wright, 2016 09 14

Ottawa - A report by the Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto is slamming Ottawa for its lack of transparency when it comes to government agencies' use of mobile phone monitoring devices.

The devices, known as IMSI catchers, commonly known by their commercial names like Stingray, DRTBOX and Hailstorm, can surreptitiously intercept communications from a mobile device to identify and track the person associated with it. The authors of the 130- page document lay out three main recommendations: they call for transparency on how the monitoring devices are used, they want to ensure they're only used under strict conditions, and they want to minimize the device's impact on peoples' privacy. The devices aren't new, but their use is becoming more common. The authors argue this is due to both the fact that 81 per cent of Canadians have a mobile device they carry with them at all times, and because IMSI catchers are getting cheaper. The authors of the report said the unchecked use of these devices "poses an insidious threat to privacy." Currently, there is no public information about how agencies like the RCMP, CSIS and police forces use these devices. And it's been incredibly difficult for journalists and privacy advocates to get police services across the country to confirm or deny if they even have such a device, let alone use one. It's illegal to use uncertified radio devices under the Radiocommunication Act, which this device falls under. Agencies that want to use one must apply for a licence.

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2. IS 'pushing hard' to radicalize our youth

Winnipeg Free Press, Katie May, 2016 09 14

Winnipeg - The case of a Manitoba teen who admitted to promoting terrorism for the Islamic State has attracted national attention as security experts say the radicalization of youth appears to be on the rise. Terrorism expert and retired University of Manitoba professor Peter St. John said the case could be an example of a "desperate" Islamic State trying to lure young westerners with slick online campaigns. "(Islamic State) is pushing very hard to disrupt western societies as much as it can by getting through to young people," he said. "So maybe this is why suddenly, after nothing in Manitoba, we've had a couple of cases like this -- because we don't look on ourselves as a place where terrorists would be. But there is a huge, sophisticated push to reach young people through the Internet." The 17-year- old male from rural western Manitoba pleaded guilty to counselling to commit an indictable offence for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with a terrorist group, namely Islamic State. He was 16 at the time and can't be identified. Details of the offence are scant. The home- schooled teen was charged in November 2015 after police seized computer equipment, books and notebooks from his home. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service and the RCMP's national security enforcement section were involved in the investigation. The teen tried to convert to Islam at the Brandon Islamic Centre, the Brandon Sun reported.

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3. RCMP seek peace bond for Tevis Gonyou-McLean over terror concerns

CBC News, Staff reporter, 2016 09 14

Ottawa - Just two days after known ISIS supporter Aaron Driver was killed in a confrontation with police in Strathroy, Ont., RCMP in Ottawa arrested a 24-year-old man over concerns he would engage in terrorism. Police took Tevis David Gonyou-McLean of Ottawa into custody on

Aug. 12, alleging he uttered a threat to cause death or bodily harm "to unspecified persons," according to court documents. RCMP are now trying to convince a judge to issue an extraordinary peace bond against Gonyou-McLean. On Aug. 19, an officer swore before a provincial court judge that she feared, based on the alleged threat, that Gonyou-McLean might: - Leave Canada to participate in the activity of a terrorist group. -Participate in the activity of a terrorist group. -Commission an offence for a terrorist group. Gonyou-McLean is also barred from communicating with six people, including Ottawa twin brothers Ashton and Carlos Larmond, who are currently serving prison sentences for terror-related offences. He also can't communicate with Awso Peshdary, who is awaiting pre-trial in December for terror-related offences, and Luqmann Abdunnur. At least one security expert doesn't believe those conditions go far enough, however. 'Why isn't he being held?' "It would seem to me that if he's charged, then why isn't he being held?" asked Phil Gurski, a former CSIS agent who now runs a private security firm.

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4. Terror suspects getting younger

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 09 14

Toronto - A 15-year-old who robbed a Montreal dépanneur to finance his plan to join the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. A Toronto girl of the same age caught at a Middle East airport on her way to Syria. In Winnipeg, a terrorist offence committed by a 16-year-old. Over the past two to three years, Canadian counterterrorism police have found themselves investigating minors as young as 13 - members of the online generation engrossed in extremism, some of them turned in by their families. "This is something that we've been seeing for a number of years now," RCMP Deputy Commissioner Mike Cabana said in an interview Tuesday. "And not just in Canada actually. It's in other countries as well. The same reality is there." The latest case emerged Monday, when the Public Prosecution Service of Canada announced a youth had pleaded guilty in Manitoba youth court for counselling the commission of an offence for the benefit of, or at the direction of, a terrorist group. In a few cases, police have dealt with adolescent extremists through terrorism peace bonds, including one for a young offender in Thunder Bay, Ont. In Toronto, police arrested an 18-year-old last September on a terrorism peace bond. Intelligence analyst Phil Gurski wrote in a September, 2015, blog post that while those involved in extremist violence were once in the 18-to-28 range, "we are seeing a worrisome development of late: a lowering of the radicalization age." "But I think there is a silver lining. The younger the radical the greater the chance of diversion," wrote Gurski, who worked on radicalization at the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and Public Safety Canada. "As the radicals get older, the opportunities for success are smaller." Teenaged extremists may also be more likely to be detected. Assuming they live at home, their families will know if they have disappeared, and may notice changes in their behaviour or that they have been viewing terrorist propaganda on the Internet.

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5. Body of alleged terrorist leader unclaimed

Windsor Star, Dan Taekema, 2016 09 14

Windsor - Alleged terrorist leader Tamim Chowdhury's body is lying unclaimed in a medical college morgue. His relatives in Bangladesh have reportedly refused to claim his body and police are attempting to contact his parents with hopes they'll accept his remains. His parents still live in Windsor, multiple sources say. Chowdhury, a former student at J.L. Forster Secondary School who later earned a degree at the University of Windsor, was killed in a shootout with police at the end of August. According to officials in Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh, he was the mastermind behind multiple attacks in the country that killed at least two dozen people. Now, authorities are left with the problem of what to do with his body, which is currently being held in the morgue of the Dhaka Medical College and Hospital. "No one has claimed his body," Masudur Rahman, a spokesman for the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said early Friday. "We are trying to connect with the couple, his parents, then we will deliver the body." According to Rahman, police in Bangladesh have reached out to Interpol, with hopes they can help get in contact with Chowdhury's parents. A spokesperson for the RCMP, which acts as the Canadian arm of the international policing organization, was not immediately able to confirm that was the case. Bengali media outlets reported Chowdhury's uncle identified his body, but refused to claim it out of "humiliation and anger."

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6. Fintrac found 'significant' deficiencies at nearly 500 real estate firms: data

Canadian Press, Alexandra Posadzki, 2016 09 14

Toronto - Canada's anti-money laundering agency conducted on-site examinations of more than 800 real estate companies over four-and-a-half years and found "significant" or "very significant" deficiencies during 60 per cent of those visits, new data shows. A document obtained by The Canadian Press through an Access to Information request shows that Fintrac conducted 823 examinations of companies in the real estate sector between 2012 and mid June of this year. The federal anti-money laundering watchdog found "significant" deficiencies with the anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist financing controls at 468 of those companies, while 28 companies had "very significant" deficiencies. Meanwhile, 324 companies had only "limited" deficiencies. None of the companies were named in the document. When asked what constitutes a "limited deficiency," the agency said it includes instances where the deficiencies are minor or the regulations are only partially being followed. According to the watchdog, an example of a significant deficiency is when there is a "excessive number" of minor deficiencies found, or a number of more severe issues. Very significant deficiencies include instances where there is an "unacceptable" number of minor and serious issues, or infractions that are "very serious" in nature.

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7. Iran dismisses lawyer of Canadian prisoner

Toronto Star, Olivia Ward, 2016 09 14

Toronto - The outlook for release of Montreal anthropologist Homa Hoodfar from Iran's Evin prison darkened Tuesday with news that a hardline judge has dismissed her lawyer and chosen another to represent her without her consent. "This seems to be standard procedure for this judge, who has been violating many laws," said Hoodfar's niece, Amanda Ghahremani, speaking from Montreal. "He's denied access to her lawyers, her family, she is in solitary confinement and has not been moved to a general ward. Her health is our biggest concern." The judge, Abolqasem Salvati, known for earlier draconian verdicts, has presided over high-profile cases of Iranian-born journalist Jason Rezaian, Canadian permanent resident Mostafa Azizi and Iranian-British charity worker Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, who was sentenced last week to five years in prison. Hoodfar, said to be in "fragile, declining health," was first arrested in March by the counter-espionage service of Iran's Revolutionary Guard, which is in a power struggle with President Hassan Rouhani. She was released on bail after interrogation and arrested again in June.

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8. La professeure de Concordia toujours en isolement en Iran

Agence QMI, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 14

Téhéran - La Montréalaise a été arrêtée en juin et est accusée de propagande La prof de sociologie et d'anthropologie montréalaise Homa Hoodfar est toujours en isolement à la prison de Evin à Téhéran en attente d'un procès pour lequel le juge chargé de la cause a lui-même assigné un avocat. Les proches de Mme Hoodfar ont publié hier une mise à jour du dossier dans lequel il est précisé que le juge Abolqasem Salavati a maintenu la détention en isolement de l'enseignante de l'Université Concordia, âgée de 65 ans. Le magistrat a aussi rejeté l'avocat qu'elle avait choisi pour lui en imposer un autre. «Ses droits légaux, selon le droit iranien, continuent d'être bafoués et il semble que ce juge est déterminé à la condamner malgré un manque de preuves crédibles», mentionne la déclaration.

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9. Mosque calls Sun story 'categorically false'

Ottawa Sun, Anthony Furey, 2016 09 14

Ottawa - An Ottawa mosque visited by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau this week said it's "categorically false" that their Imam has links to a terror group. The Sun reported Monday that Ottawa Muslim Association's imam, Samy Metwally, is listed as a member of the International Union of Muslim Scholars on the OMA's website. The IUMS was designated a terrorist organization by the United Arab Emirates and faces criticism from various experts for its supposed ties to the Muslim Brotherhood. "These accusations are, of course, categorically false in what they insinuate and grossly unfair," OMA President Naeem Malik said in a statement. "The OMA and Imam Metwally do not have any ties to terrorist organizations nor do they harbour any ideology in favour of terrorism or extremism." However, the statement does not at any point address what specifically is incorrect about the Sun's reporting and the OMA did not respond to requests for clarification. Their release concludes: "No further statement will be issued, nor will we be available for contact by the media." An OMA spokesman identified as Mr. Ibrahim is also quoted as saying "we are extremely concerned about potential hateful backlash or

harm to our institution and congregants." The OMA garnered national attention Monday after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau visited the mosque to acknowledge Eid al-Adha, a Muslim holiday. In a response to questions from the Sun about Trudeau's visit, the prime minister's office pointed out that former PM Jean Chretien attended the mosque in the days following 9/11. Former Conservative cabinet ministers have also visited the mosque, including Jason Kenney. Metwally became the imam there in the summer of 2012.

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10. PSAC takes Phoenix pay glitches to labour tribunal, as sick-leave negotiations loom

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 09 14

Ottawa - The foulups of the Phoenix pay system are at the centre of a labour tribunal hearing into whether the federal government is breaking the law by not paying thousands of people properly and on time. The Public Service Alliance of Canada is arguing at a hearing of the Public Service Labour Relations and Employment Board this week that Phoenix pay glitches amount to an "unfair labour practice" because they have effectively changed the terms and conditions of employment for public servants during a period of collective bargaining. "This government put in place a process where our members are not getting paid properly or on time, which is part of their terms of employment," said Chris Aylward, vice-president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada. The union filed the unfair labour complaint in June after the second phase of the rollout when complaints from public servants who were being underpaid, overpaid or not paid at all began to mushroom. Public Services and Procurement Canada, the federal paymaster and department responsible for Phoenix, has been holding regular public briefings on efforts to fix the system and updating the size of the backlog of 80,000 files, which it has promised to eliminate by Oct. 31. The tribunal hearing, however, is calling union officials and senior bureaucrats to testify, offering an inside look at how the project was designed, planned, implemented and rolled out in two phases in February and April.

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11. Ségrégation sexuelle à la mosquée: Trudeau n'excuse pas sa présence

Le Devoir, Hélène Buzzetti, 2016 09 14

Ottawa - Loin de s'excuser, le premier ministre Justin Trudeau estime que c'est son devoir d'aller à la rencontre des gens, même si cela implique de se retrouver dans une mosquée à un moment où les femmes sont tenues à l'écart. Lundi, M. Trudeau s'est rendu à l'Ottawa Muslim Association pour prononcer quelques mots aux musulmans réunis pour célébrer la fête du sacrifice. Pendant la cérémonie précédant la prise de parole du premier ministre, hommes et femmes étaient séparés. Les hommes occupaient le plancher principal, tandis que les femmes étaient reléguées à un balcon à l'arrière. M. Trudeau a d'ailleurs pris la peine de saluer « les soeurs là-haut » au début de son court laïus. Il s'en est trouvé certains pour critiquer ce choix. L'ancien ministre péquiste Bernard Drainville, celui qui avait défendu la Charte des valeurs québécoises, a écrit sur Twitter lundi soir : « Ségrégation sexuelle cautionnée par Justin Trudeau qui salue " the sisters upstairs " à la mosquée d'Ottawa. » Interrogé à ce sujet mardi, M. Trudeau a quelque peu esquivé la question de la ségrégation sexuelle pour parler de sa responsabilité de

bâtir des ponts. « Les valeurs qui définissent le Canada incluent le respect et l'ouverture envers tout le spectre de la diversité. » Selon le premier ministre, « les politiciens ont la responsabilité de rassembler les gens plutôt que de fomenter la division. Et c'est pourquoi je suis heureux de participer à des événements communautaires dans des églises, des temples, des synagogues et des mosquées ».

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12. A Hacker Releases Democratic Documents

New York Times, Alan Rappeport, 2016 09 14

New York - A hacker who American intelligence officials believe has ties to the Russian government made public on Tuesday a second batch of documents suspected of having been stolen from the Democratic National Committee's computer system, leaving the organization rushing to contain damage or embarrassment less than two months before the presidential election. The internal documents, which party officials were verifying for authenticity, were distributed at a cybersecurity conference in London. The release was apparently the work of Guccifer 2.0, a self-identified Romanian hacker who claimed responsibility for publishing a trove of the committee's documents before the Democratic convention in July. Donna Brazile, the interim chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee, blamed Russian espionage for the hack and said that foreign agents were trying to help Donald J. Trump, the Republican presidential nominee, be elected. "The D.N.C. is the victim of a crime: an illegal cyberattack by Russian state-sponsored agents who seek to harm the Democratic Party and progressive groups in an effort to influence the presidential election," Ms. Brazile said in a statement. "There's one person who stands to benefit from these criminal acts, and that's Donald Trump."

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13. CIA Director John Brennan to Birmingham students: 'I don't want the agency to just look like me'

Alabama.com, Ivana Hrynkiw, 2016 09 14

Birmingham, Ala. - The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency visited Birmingham high school students today to discuss what working for the agency is like and the possibility of starting a CIA ambassador program at Ramsay High School. Brennan stressed that character and integrity are two of the most important things he looks for in potential officers. "Make sure you're taking care of how you're doing on the personal front... integrity can be quashed in a matter of minutes." According to Chanda Nolita Temple, spokesperson for Birmingham City Schools, the students present at the meeting today were students who have shown an interest in careers in government or in security. She also said that they are some of the district's best students. Another purpose of Brennan's speech was to emphasize the diversity he wants to see within the agency. "I don't want the agency to just look like me."

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14. DNI Declines Required Damage Assessment of Clinton's Leaked Email Secrets

Washington Free Beacon, Bill Gertz, 2016 09 14

Washington - The U.S. intelligence community declined to conduct a required assessment of the damage to national security caused by former secretary of state Hillary Clinton sending and receiving secrets on a private email server. "ODNI is not leading an [intelligence community]-wide damage assessment and is not aware of any individual IC element conducting such formal assessments," Joel D. Melstad, a spokesman for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, said. The most sensitive classified information leaked and possibly obtained by foreign intelligence services included ultra-secret information on U.S. drone strikes, according to American intelligence officials. James Clapper, the director of national intelligence, agreed with security officials who argued against the need to carry out the damage assessment. Intelligence officials argued in internal discussions that since many details of the drone missile program targeting terrorists were disclosed in earlier leaks unrelated to Clinton's use of a personal email server, gauging the damage done by her conduct would be difficult, and possibly unnecessary. Melstad, the DNI spokesman, declined further comment when asked the reasons behind Clapper's decision not to launch the damage assessment.

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15. Edward Snowden's former boss speaks out: 'I would have hired him again' -- but not now

Geek Wire, Alan Boyle, 2016 09 14

Seattle - The cybersecurity expert who hired Edward Snowden for his last job is laying out his lessons learned - but admits it would have been hard to stop the man who spilled some of the National Security Agency's most closely held secrets. "Knowing what I knew at the time, I would have hired him again," Steven Bay, a former cyberintelligence analyst for Booz Allen Hamilton, said today in Seattle at the IEEE Computer Society's "Rock Stars of Cybersecurity" conference. "Knowing what I know now, obviously, I wouldn't," he added. Snowden got the job, and started working as an intelligence analyst at the NSA's facility in Hawaii at the beginning of April in 2013. Bay said two red flags came up in the weeks that followed. First, Snowden began asking about a highly classified mass-surveillance program that's now known to the public as PRISM. Bay had access to the PRISM data, but Snowden didn't. Bay didn't give Snowden access to PRISM, but he did provide him with some data that in retrospect he shouldn't have. The second red flag popped up when Snowden started coming in late to work, only a few weeks after starting the job. When Bay asked about it, Snowden told him he was suffering from epilepsy.

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16. Hacker Guccifer 2.0 Gives Rambling Speech at Cybersecurity Conference

Motherboard (Vice), Lorenzo Franceschi-Bicchierai, 2016 09 13

New York - The hacker who claimed to be behind the breach on the Democratic National Committee, who goes by the name Guccifer 2.0, was slated to talk via livestream at a London cybersecurity conference on Tuesday. But, perhaps unsurprisingly, Guccifer 2.0, whom experts

believe is just a front for Russian government hackers, was a no show. Instead, someone else read out loud a rambling statement purportedly sent by the hacker. In the long statement, Guccifer 2.0 talks about who's really to blame for data breaches (spoiler alert: definitely not hackers like him), accuses Twitter of censoring his "twits," and blames government contractors as the real culprits because they make buggy software. "As a result they pose a threat to the critical infrastructure elements and the national security as a whole. Total computerization along with inadequate software development may cause a lot of troubles," Guccifer 2.0 said, according to a transcript obtained by Motherboard. "That's why it's better to use paper sometimes. We should start now to prevent electronic apocalypse and rise of the machines in the future. Or else it would be too late."

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17. How the Trump Organization's Foreign Business Ties Could Upend U.S. National Security (Canada)

Newsweek, Kurt Eichenwald, 2016 09 14

New York - If Donald Trump is elected president, will he and his family permanently sever all connections to the Trump Organization, a sprawling business empire that has spread a secretive financial web across the world? Or will Trump instead choose to be the most conflicted president in American history, one whose business interests will constantly jeopardize the security of the United States? Throughout this campaign, the Trump Organization, which pumps potentially hundreds of millions of dollars into the Trump family's bank accounts each year, has been largely ignored. As a private enterprise, its businesses, partners and investors are hidden from public view, even though they are the very people who could be enriched by-- or will further enrich--Trump and his family if he wins the presidency. A close examination by Newsweek of the Trump Organization, including confidential interviews with business executives and some of its international partners, reveals an enterprise with deep ties to global financiers, foreign politicians and even criminals, although there is no evidence the Trump Organization has engaged in any illegal activities. It also reveals a web of contractual entanglements that could not be just canceled. If Trump moves into the White House and his family continues to receive any benefit from the company, during or even after his presidency, almost every foreign policy decision he makes will raise serious conflicts of interest and ethical quagmires. The Trump Organization has...shown interest in Ukraine. In 2006, Donald Trump Jr. and Ivanka Trump met with Viktor Tkachuk, an adviser to the Ukrainian president, and Andriy Zaika, head of the Ukrainian Construction Consortium. The potential financial conflicts here for a President Trump are enormous. Moreover, Trump's primary partner for his lucrative business in Canada, a well-respected Russo- Canadian billionaire named Alex Shnaider, is also a major investor in Russia and Ukraine, meaning American policies benefiting those countries could enrich an important business connection for the Trump Organization. The dealings of the Trump Organization reach into so many countries that it is impossible to detail all the conflicts they present in a single issue of this magazine, but a Newsweek examination of the company has also found deep connections in China, Brazil, Bulgaria, Argentina, Canada, France, Germany and other countries.

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18. Lawmakers Probe Intelligence Officials on How the US Will Respond to a Cyberattack

Nextgov.com, Mohana Ravindranath, 2016 09 14

Washington - The federal government, including the Defense Department, needs a clearer plan about how to respond to attacks on civilian systems, members of the Senate Armed Services Committee argued Tuesday. Sen. John McCain, R.-Ariz., suggested drafting a policy about "what the United States' actions would be in the case of a threat, in the case of an actual attack," he said during a hearing on encryption and cybersecurity. "If you don't act, I guarantee you Congress will act," he said, addressing witnesses Adm. Mike Rogers, director of the National Security Agency, and Marcell Lettre, undersecretary of defense for intelligence. In response to McCain's suggestion, Lettre argued during the hearing that "new legal and regulatory approaches are not as potentially productive as robust" conversations between the public and private sectors. Lettre said the public and private sectors are often able to cooperate "if on the government side, we're able to communicate the problems we're trying to solve, and ask for industry's best expertise and wisdom about solutions."

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19. Military experts say climate change poses 'significant risk' to security

The Guardian (London), Oliver Milman, 2016 09 14

New York - A coalition of 25 military and national security experts, including former advisers to Ronald Reagan and George W Bush, has warned that climate change poses a "significant risk to US national security and international security" that requires more attention from the US federal government. The prominent members of the US national security community warned that warming temperatures and rising seas will increasingly inundate military bases and fuel international conflict and mass migration, leading to "significant and direct risks to US military readiness, operations and strategy". In a report outlining climate risks, the group state: "The military has long had a tradition of parsing threats through a 'Survive to Operate' lens, meaning we cannot assume the best case scenario, but must prepare to be able to effectively operate even under attack. Dealing with climate risks to operational effectiveness must therefore be a core priority." Organized by the non-partisan Center for Climate and Security, the group includes Geoffrey Kemp, former national security adviser to Reagan, Dov Zakheim, former under secretary of defense under Bush, and retired general Gordon Sullivan, a former army chief of staff. Recommendations to the federal government include the creation of a cabinet- level official dedicated to climate change and security issues and the prioritization of climate change in intelligence assessments.

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20. Obama to be urged to split cyberwar command from NSA

Washington Post, Ellen Nakashima, 2016 09 13

Washington - The Pentagon and intelligence community are expected to recommend soon to President Obama that he break up the joint leadership of the National Security Agency and U.S. Cyber Command to create two distinct forces for electronic espionage and cyberwarfare. The

potential move is driven by a sense that the two missions are fundamentally different, that the nation's cyberspies and military hackers should not be competing to use the same networks and that the job of leading both organizations is too big for one person. Obama was on the verge of ending the "dual-hat" leadership in late 2013, but was persuaded to hold off when senior officials, including then-NSA Director Keith B. Alexander, argued against it on the grounds that the two organizations needed one leader to ensure that NSA did not withhold resources from CyberCom. Adm. Michael S. Rogers, currently the head of the NSA and CyberCom, last week told an audience at the Intelligence & National Security Summit that "I believe in the long run the right thing is to keep these two [organizations] aligned, but to separate them." But on Tuesday, Rogers clarified his remarks to suggest now was not the time. At a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the chairman, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz), noted Rogers earlier this year supported retaining the "dual-hat" relationship. "Is it still your professional advice" that such an arrangement is in CyberCom's best interests? McCain asked. "Yes," Rogers replied.

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21. Pardon for former NSA contractor Snowden seen unlikely

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 09 14

Washington - The U.S. government will not budge on its demand that former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden return to face prosecution for stealing thousands of classified intelligence documents, despite new calls for President Barack Obama to pardon him, U.S. officials said on Tuesday. The officials said they expect Snowden's supporters to use the Thursday release of "Snowden" - directed by veteran filmmaker Oliver Stone - to mount a public campaign demanding a pardon before Obama leaves office in January. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said on Monday that Snowden is charged with "serious crimes, and it's the policy of the administration that Mr. Snowden should return to the United States and face those charges." Two other U.S. officials said there are no discussions inside the Justice Department about granting him a pardon.

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22. Report: Obama Admin Provided Iranian Terror Orgs With \$37.4 Million in Cash

Washington Free Beacon, Adam Kredo, 2016 09 14

Washington - Iran is estimated to have spent at least \$37.4 million in recent U.S. cash payments to fund its global terrorism operation, including organizations responsible for the murder of U.S. citizens, according to new research provided to the Washington Free Beacon by analysts. The recent \$1.7 billion cash payment to Iran--which is being described by many in Congress as a ransom payment to the Islamic Republic-- will be used in part to fund Iran's leading military organization, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), which is responsible for orchestrating terror attacks that have killed Americans. The new research comes amid a growing scandal over the Obama administration's decision to hand Iran billions in cash as part of an effort to secure the release of several U.S. hostages earlier this year. Leading lawmakers now suspect

that the IRGC played a key role in assuming control of this cash, which the White House has admitted to putting directly in Iranian hands, the Free Beacon disclosed Monday evening.

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23. Spy agencies concerned about possible U.S. election hacks: NSA chief

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 09 13

Washington - American intelligence agencies are concerned about reports that foreign governments may be attempting to undermine the Nov. 8 U.S. elections through cyber attacks, Admiral Mike Rogers, the director of the National Security Agency, said on Tuesday. "We continue to be actively concerned," Rogers told a Senate hearing, responding to a question from Senator John McCain, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Marcel Lettre, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, testified that the government is taking any such activities "quite seriously" and said an "aggressive investigation" is under way. Rogers said he could not provide specifics about spy agencies' current assessment of the alleged hacking in a public setting. But he added, "I will say this, that it continues to be an issue of great focus ... for the foreign intelligence community, attempting to generate insights into what foreign nations are doing in this area." Under further questioning, Rogers declined to characterize the activity as by a foreign nation-state.

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24. Syria Agreement Widens U.S. Rift

New York Times, Helene Cooper, David E. Sanger, 2016 09 14

Washington - The agreement that Secretary of State John Kerry announced with Russia to reduce the killing in Syria has widened an increasingly public divide between Mr. Kerry and Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter, who has deep reservations about the plan for American and Russian forces to jointly target terrorist groups. Mr. Carter was among the administration officials who pushed against the agreement on a conference call with the White House last week as Mr. Kerry, joining the argument from a secure facility in Geneva, grew increasingly frustrated. Although President Obama ultimately approved the effort after hours of debate, Pentagon officials remain unconvinced. On Tuesday at the Pentagon, officials would not even agree that if a cessation of violence in Syria held for seven days -- the initial part of the deal -- the Defense Department would put in place its part of the agreement on the eighth day: an extraordinary collaboration between the United States and Russia that calls for the American military to share information with Moscow on Islamic State targets in Syria. "I'm not saying yes or no," Lt. Gen. Jeffrey L. Harrigan, commander of the United States Air Forces Central Command, told reporters on a video conference call. "It would be premature to say that we're going to jump right into it." White House officials were also dubious. "I think we'd have some reasons to be skeptical that the Russians are able or are willing to implement the arrangement consistent with the way it's been described," Josh Earnest, the White House press secretary, said Monday at a briefing. He added, darkly, "But we'll see."

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25. Turkey Asks U.S. To Arrest Cleric

Wall Street Journal, Margaret Coker, 2016 09 14

New York - Turkey requested that U.S. authorities detain the Turkish Muslim cleric living in self-imposed exile in Pennsylvania whom President Recep Tayyip Erdogan accuses of masterminding a failed coup that killed at least 271 people in July, according to the state Anadolu news agency. The request comes amid a complex and lengthy extradition process that Turkey is pursuing to have Fethullah Gulen, a onetime ally of the Turkish leader, stand trial in his homeland on charges including leading a terrorist organization, organizing a coup attempt and a variety of financial misdeeds. Mr. Gulen vigorously denies any wrongdoing and says the charges against him are part of a political vendetta that started after his supporters in Turkey's civil service and media in 2013 began investigating and publishing corruption allegations against politicians close to the president.

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26. U.S. Spies Think China Wants to Read Your E-Mail

Bloomberg View, Eli Lake, 2016 09 13

Column - For more than a decade, the U.S. military and intelligence community has quietly warned that the world's largest telecom equipment manufacturer, Huawei, is an arm of the People's Liberation Army and that its phones, circuits and routers are instruments of Chinese eavesdropping. Now these agencies are starting a formal review, led by the FBI and the NSA, examining the national security implications of Huawei's potential participation in building the U.S. 5G wireless network, according to current and former U.S. intelligence officials. These officials told me that while the two largest U.S. telecom providers -- AT&T and Verizon -- have yet to join up with Huawei on this project, the prospect of such a partnership is real and alarming. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the intelligence assessment was ongoing and classified.

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27. Cameron blamed for rise of Isis

London Times, Deborah Haynes, 2016 09 14

London - An "opportunistic" David Cameron led a botched intervention in Libya that caused the rise of Islamic State in north Africa, a parliamentary inquiry has concluded. The former prime minister was "ultimately responsible" for the failure of the 2011 bombing campaign, according to the foreign affairs committee. He relied on poor intelligence as he allowed an operation designed to protect civilians to "drift" into a campaign to remove Colonel Gaddafi, the report said. Its publication comes two days after Mr Cameron surprised Westminster by standing down as an MP. Britain and France led airstrikes on Libya after an uprising triggered by the Arab Spring. The threat of further violence by Gaddafi spurred western powers to take action but since then thousands of people have been killed and unrest continues to this day. The report into the conflict

said that the chief of the defence staff at the time, General Lord Richards of Herstmonceux, "disassociated himself" from the government's claim that the operation was in the national interest. It accuses Mr Cameron of backing regime change without a coherent strategy for the country after the removal of Gaddafi. "By the summer of 2011, the limited intervention to protect civilians had drifted into an opportunist policy of regime change. That policy was not underpinned by a strategy to support and shape post-Gaddafi Libya," it said.

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28. Edward Snowden makes 'moral' case for presidential pardon

The Guardian (London), Ewen MacAskill, 2016 09 13

London - Edward Snowden has set out the case for Barack Obama granting him a pardon before the US president leaves office in January, arguing that the disclosure of the scale of surveillance by US and British intelligence agencies was not only morally right but had left citizens better off. The US whistleblower's comments, made in an interview with the Guardian, came as supporters, including his US lawyer, stepped up a campaign for a presidential pardon. Snowden is wanted in the US, where he is accused of violating the Espionage Act and faces at least 30 years in jail. Speaking on Monday via a video link from Moscow, where he is in exile, Snowden said any evaluation of the consequences of his leak of tens of thousands of National Security Agency and GCHQ documents in 2013 would show clearly that people had benefited. "Yes, there are laws on the books that say one thing, but that is perhaps why the pardon power exists - for the exceptions, for the things that may seem unlawful in letters on a page but when we look at them morally, when we look at them ethically, when we look at the results, it seems these were necessary things, these were vital things," he said. "I think when people look at the calculations of benefit, it is clear that in the wake of 2013 the laws of our nation changed. The [US] Congress, the courts and the president all changed their policies as a result of these disclosures. At the same time there has never been any public evidence that any individual came to harm as a result." Snowden still wants to return to the US and seems confident, in spite of all the evidence to the contrary, that it will happen. "In the fullness of time, I think I will end up back home," he said. He is (not) impressed with the British prime minister, referring to Theresa May as a "a sort of Darth Vader in the United Kingdom", whose surveillance bill is "an egregious violation of human rights, that goes far further than any law proposed in the western world".

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29. GCHQ blocks 58,000 scam emails from government addresses every day

London Daily Telegraph, Cara McGoogan, 2016 09 13

London - The UK's intelligence agency GCHQ has stepped up the fight against online scammers and created a tool that blocks malicious emails that appear to be sent from government addresses, but are in fact run by cyber criminals. The blocking system can identify when "gov.uk" emails are being sent from IP addresses not associated with an official government computer and block them. GCHQ has been testing the system on emails from the fake "taxrefund@gov.uk" address, which was sending 58,000 messages a day. "Whoever was sending 58,000 malicious emails per

day from taxrefund@gov.uk isn't doing it anymore," said Ciaran Martin, the chief executive of the National Cyber Security Centre, which is launching in October.

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30. Spymasters plan to build 'Great British Firewall'

Financial Times, Sam Jones, 2016 09 13

London - Ambitious new plans are being drawn up by GCHQ to create a "Great British Firewall" to block malicious websites countrywide and combat a doubling of serious cyber attacks threatening national security over the past year. Though still in its infancy, the scheme is intended to be a flagship project for the new National Cyber Security Centre -- a public-facing arm of GCHQ which will open next month to better co-ordinate the UK's digital defence efforts. The NCSC plan envisions private-sector internet service providers, such as BT, Sky or Virgin Media, voluntarily complying with its proposals, circumventing any need for legislation. Consumers will be able to opt out of the censorship should they wish in order to allay concerns over civil liberties. Malicious websites which automatically infect visitors' computers with malware -- often disguised as legitimate domains -- are one of the most common methods of cyber attack. They are widely used by states such as China, Iran or Russia in efforts to penetrate sensitive government networks, steal commercial information or compromise national infrastructure. They are also a common means for cyber criminals to target individuals.

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31. UK judges to decide on Abu Hamza relative's deportation

The Guardian (London), Richard Ford, 2016 09 13

London - British judges will decide if the daughter in law of the Islamic cleric Abu Hamza should be deported on the basis of whether she is a "serious threat" to society, the European Court of Justice ruled today. The EU's most senior court said that the Moroccan woman, who is 32, should not be automatically expelled from the UK simply because of her criminal record for trying to smuggle a SIM card into Belmarsh top security prison where he was held. It said that Britain could expel her if her "personal conduct constitutes a genuine, present and sufficiently serious threat" that may affect the fundamental interests of society. Prison officers at Belmarsh in southeast London found a SIM card in the coin pocket of her jeans beneath her burka in 2010 as she arrived to visit Abu Hamza, a high risk Category A inmate. He had been convicted of inciting violence and was awaiting extradition to the US on terror charges. She had previously visited the hook-handed Islamist extremist behind bars and knew that SIM cards were banned in prisons.

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Australia, New Zealand • Australie, Nouvelle-Zélande

32. Australia courts US, Canada after rejecting Chinese bids for Ausgrid-sources

Reuters, Jamie Freed, 2016 09 14

Sydney - North American bidders will not need an Australian partner to bid for Australian electricity distributor Ausgrid, an adviser on the potentially A\$10 billion (\$7.46 billion) deal said, after the government rejected sole offers from Chinese interests. Canadian funds such as Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and Borealis Infrastructure had this month been advised during a roadshow that they did not need Australian partners if they bid through a consortium, the source told Reuters. The adviser to the New South Wales state government, which is selling the asset, requested anonymity because he is not authorised to speak publicly. An investment banker representing interested parties said he also had heard from colleagues at the roadshow that no Australian partners were necessary for North American bidders acting through consortiums. "It was a surprise," he said, declining to be identified for reasons of client confidentiality. "Everyone's starting assumption was you needed to have domestic participation." Despite the guidance given on the North American roadshow, there was still significant uncertainty over what kinds of bids would be acceptable and whether the government would risk angering China by approving a majority foreign bid of any sort. Australia last month blocked Chinese state-owned State Grid and privately run Hong Kong firm Cheung Kong Infrastructure (CKI) from bidding for a 50.4 percent controlling stake in Ausgrid, citing national security concerns. State Grid and CKI are believed to have offered about A\$13 billion for Ausgrid, the largest power network in the country. While China is Australia's biggest trading partner and a major investor, Canberra cooperates closely on intelligence matters with Canada and the United States. Canadian funds have participated in recent infrastructure deals in Australia including the sales of ports and rail group Asciano and transmission network operator Transgrid. University of Western Australia international relations Professor Mark Beeson said Australia ran the risk of upsetting China if it allowed 100 percent foreign ownership of the grid.

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33. Australia to extend money laundering laws

Reuters, Staff reporter, 2016 09 14

Sydney - The Australian government is reviving long-stalled plans to extend anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing laws to capture lawyers, accountants, real estate agents and jewellers, Justice Minister Michael Keenan said. The law reforms have been repeatedly shelved since mid-2007 after opposition from some of the affected sectors - most notably the legal profession. The first tranche of the anti-money laundering laws were put in place a decade ago to compel banks, fund managers and casinos to report the source of their money flows, but the anticipated follow-up to cover other sectors did not eventuate. The Australian government is preparing to release proposals to the public for consultation. "The first step in this process will be the release of industry consultation papers by the Attorney General's Department, which is expected to happen before the end of the year," Keenan said in a statement.

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34. Informant warned ASIO of planned Sydney terrorist attack

ABC (Australia), Jessica Kidd and Karl Hoerr, 2016 09 14

Sydney - Court documents have revealed Australia's spy agency ASIO was fed information about two Sydney men who were plotting to carry out a terrorist attack on behalf of Islamic State. Omar Al-Kutobi, 25, and Mohammad Kiad, 27, were under surveillance for about a month when they were arrested and charged with preparing to carry out a terrorist attack in February 2015. Court documents reveal an informant tipped off the Joint Counter-Terrorism Team (JCCT) to the plot on February 10 and said the attack was imminent. "The lions will depart to carry it out in a few hours," the JCCT was told. The JCCT is a multi-agency taskforce comprising New South Wales Police, the Australian Federal Police and ASIO. The same day, counter-terrorism police swarmed on the granny flat Al-Kutobi and Kiad shared in Fairfield and arrested the men. The pair was arrested just minutes after they had filmed a video in which Al-Kutobi can be seen speaking Arabic in front of a home made Islamic State flag. "I swear to God almighty, yellow people, there is no reproach between us," Al-Kutobi said in the video. "You will only get from us the stabbing of your kidneys." Officers also discovered a note which said "we are here to cut off your heads", along with home made napalm, a machete, a hunting knife and instructions and ingredients to make an improvised explosive device.

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35. Jihadists predicted to return to Australia as IS loses ground in Iraq and Syria

ABC (Australia), Michael Edwards, 2016 09 14

Sydney - Security agencies are preparing for an onslaught of Australian jihadists returning from fighting with groups such as Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. A new said the number of jihadists seeking to return to Australia would rise after Islamic State suffered military defeats and lost territory from its self-declared caliphate. It is estimated as many as 100 Australians are fighting in Iraq and Syria and experts fear they could use the combat skills acquired there in terrorist operations back here. Airstrikes led by the US and Russia helped roll back the self-declared caliphate to a point where its two main cities -- Raqqa in Syria and Mosul in Iraq -- were under threat. The more ground it loses, the more its foreign fighters look to leave. "Some of them will be seeking to come back to Australia," Lowy Institute research fellow Rodger Shanahan said. "What their intent when they come back to Australia is, that's going to be another thing that's going to exercise the minds of the security agencies."

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36. Terror teams seek data access to identify threats

The Australian, Paul Maley, 2016 09 14

Sydney - Counter-terrorism authorities could be given greater access to intelligence on criminals, local police reports, medical data and welfare information to better identify potential terrorists. The government is examining ways information that might help identify people with extremist tendencies could be cross-checked with other data bases to home in on potential terrorists. The work was announced by Malcolm Turnbull in July and spearheaded by then counter-terrorism co-ordinator Greg Moriarty, who since has become the Prime Minister's foreign policy adviser. Since then, work has focused on examining the personality and behavioural traits of terrorists or extremists with a view to identifying potential markers, The Australian has been told. Saturday's

alleged terror attack, in which 22-year-old Ihsis Khan is charged with stabbing his neighbour, 59-year-old Wayne Greenhalgh, in a suburban street, has again highlighted the potential correlation between mental illness and extremism. Mr Khan is understood to have suffered from mental health problems, as have a string of known jihadists, among them Lindt cafe gunman Man Haron Monis, who was diagnosed by at least one psychiatrist as a probable schizophrenic. Mr Khan has never been investigated by the counter-terrorism squad. However, he is understood to have come to the attention of police at least twice.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

37. Taliban Seizing Weapons, Using Against Troops

TOLO News, Parwiz Shamal, 2016 09 14

Kabul - Badakhshan officials said on Tuesday that Taliban has seized security forces' equipment and weapons in the province and are now using these against government troops. Badakhshan provincial governor said that in the past year, the Taliban has managed to seize the equipment, including light and heavy weapons as well as armored vehicles - which has become an increasing problem for security forces. "In 2015 a number of Afghan forces' armored vehicles were seized by the enemy in Wardoj, Jurm and Yamgan valley and there is no doubt that those vehicles need to be destroyed so that they cannot be used against them (troops)," said Faisal Bigzad, the provincial governor. Bigzad has urged foreign forces to help them destroy this equipment. "We have asked the ministry of defense and Resolute Support to destroy these vehicles," Bigzad said.

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Africa • Afrique

38. La France envisage de doter la Minusca en drones tactiques de reconnaissance

All Africa, Rock Ngassakys, 2016 09 13

Bangui, RCA - Dans l'idée de renforcer la sécurité en République centrafricaine et aider l'équipe des trois cents soldats onusiens envoyés dans le pays à accomplir loyalement leur mission, la France a résolu de doter la Minusca en drones tactiques de reconnaissance. L'annonce a été faite, le week-end dernier, par le ministre de la Défense, Jean Yves Le Drian, notamment au cours d'une réunion portant sur les missions de maintien de la paix de l'ONU, qui s'est tenue à Londres. « En Centrafrique, la France mettra fin à l'opération Sangaris fin octobre, mais ne quittera pas ce pays. D'autant plus, après l'opération Sangaris, elle souhaite conserver une position centrale au sein de la Minusca en occupant des postes clés au sein de l'état-major de la force onusienne. Malgré le fait que , la présence française en RCA qui avait atteint environ 2 500 hommes, a été réduite à environ 300 soldats », a souligné les conclusions des participants à cette réunion stratégique. Avant de préciser que l'envoi de drones de reconnaissance devrait aussi renforcer la position et la capacité des forces onusiennes dans le pays.

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39. Le nouvel ambassadeur de France se trompe sur toute la ligne

Espace Manager, Raouf Ben Rejeb, 2016 09 13

Tunis - Le nouvel ambassadeur de France à Tunis s'appelle Olivier Poivre d'Arvor. Tout ce qu'on sait de lui c'est que Tunis sera son premier poste à l'étranger. A part d'être le frère du plus célèbre présentateur de journal télévisé PPDA, il a passé toute sa carrière dans la culture. Ecrivain, homme de théâtre, conseiller littéraire dans plusieurs maisons d'édition, sa seule responsabilité majeure c'est d'avoir dirigé la radio France Culture dont il a été éjecté après cinq ans de bons et loyaux services. Parachuté au Quai d'Orsay grâce à Bernard Kouchner ministre des affaires étrangères sous Sarkozy, il a été pressenti pour diriger l'ambassade de France à Athènes puis à Bucarest mais il n'a jamais rejoint ni l'une ni l'autre capitale à ce titre. Le seul titre d'ambassadeur, celui de l'attractivité culturelle il l'a obtenu de Laurent Fabius, l'ex-ministre des affaires étrangères. Est-ce le bon profil pour diriger l'ambassade de France à Tunis. Beaucoup en ont douté. Ses premières déclarations leur donnent malheureusement raison. En effet, interrogé sur ses priorités à Tunis par la radio RTL, Olivier Poivre d'Arvor a eu cette déclaration tout à fait surprenante. Selon lui, sa « mission principale », « c'est d'assurer la sécurité des Français qui se trouvent en Tunisie. «Il y a 30.000 ressortissants, presque 15.000 jeunes dans des lycées français. Ce sont des cibles. Il faut pouvoir les protéger, notamment dans les pays comme la Tunisie dont on sait qu'ils sont fournisseurs de jihadistes». S'il vient en Tunisie rien que pour ça, il se trompe sur toute la ligne. Car en Tunisie ce sont l'armée et les forces de sécurité tunisiennes qui assurent la sécurité et la protection des Tunisiens et des ressortissants étrangers. Peut-être se croit-il dans quelque territoire qui compte sur les étrangers, les Français en l'occurrence pour assurer sa sécurité.

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Americas • Amériques

40. Argentina's Macri Expresses 'Disgust' With Venezuelan Government

Bloomberg News, Andrew Rosati, Erik Schatzer, 2016 09 13

Buenos Aires - Argentine President Mauricio Macri expressed his "disgust" with Venezuela's human rights record, adding to increasing criticism President Nicolas Maduro has received from once close regional allies. In an interview with Bloomberg News, Macri faulted his Venezuelan counterpart's refusal to let plans for a recall referendum against his rule to move forward expeditiously, indicating that the political gridlock is only furthering the ongoing crisis in the country. "The process is killing Venezuelans every day," Macri said on the sidelines of a business forum in Buenos Aires. "I'm going to every international forum to say, we cannot accept, we cannot look to the other side, we have to denounce what is going on." The Argentine premier's comments follow harsh rebukes from Brazil and Chile over what they say is a lack of due process in the country.

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Asia • Asie

41. Allies seek new sanctions on NK

Korea Herald, Yoon Min-sik, 2016 09 14

Seoul - South Korea and the US on Tuesday said they agreed to push for stronger economic sanctions and other measures to pressure North Korea, indicating that Pyongyang's provocative actions will have "serious consequences." "The two countries will retain our deterrence (against the North) and work with the international society for more powerful and effective sanctions, to create an environment where (North Korea) will have no choice but to change," said South Korea's top nuclear envoy Kim Hong-kyun after talks with his US counterpart Sung Kim. The meeting followed last Friday's nuclear test by the communist country, which was followed by the UN Security Council's condemnation and a pledge to begin weaving a new set of resolutions to punish Pyongyang. Prior to talks with Kim, the US special representative contacted Tokyo and Beijing to talk to his counterparts Kenji Kanasugi and Wu Dawei. He was slated to speak with Russia's deputy foreign minister Igor V. Morgulov on Tuesday afternoon. Sung Kim stated that the leaders of South Korea, the US and Japan have reached a consensus that the North Korean actions required a strong multilateral response at the UN. "We are, of course, working closely with UNSC, our six-party partners, and the broader international community to ensure full implementation of the UNSC resolution 2270 and other existing resolutions. And to take additional steps including new sanctions to demonstrate to North Korea that there are indeed serious consequences to its unlawful and dangerous actions," he said.

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42. Envoys Vow to Pursue North Korean Penalties

New York Times, Choe Sang-Hun, 2016 09 14

Seoul - The United States and South Korea vowed on Tuesday to push for the "strongest possible" resolution at the United Nations Security Council, including new sanctions and the removal of existing loopholes, to punish North Korea for its latest nuclear test. The top American and South Korean envoys on North Korea expressed their resolve during a news conference in Seoul, the South's capital, on Tuesday, speaking shortly after two nuclear-capable supersonic bombers from the United States Air Force base in Guam streaked over the South in a show of force. The flight by the B-1B bombers demonstrated the United States' commitment to providing "extended deterrence," including the threat of using nuclear weapons, to protect the South, said Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, the top American military commander in the country. It was also intended to help counter calls among nationalist politicians and scholars here who contend that the South must arm itself with nuclear weapons. On Tuesday, Sung Kim, Washington's top official dealing with North Korea, and his South Korean counterpart, Kim Hong-kyun, reiterated that the South did not need to build its own nuclear bombs or to reintroduce American tactical atomic bombs that were withdrawn in the early 1990s. Their intention was "to secure the strongest possible resolution that includes new sanctions as quickly as possible," Sung Kim said, declining to elaborate on how China, the North's main ally on the Security Council, would respond. "The situation requires a swift and strong international response."

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43. Indonesia to start joint maritime patrols this year

Jakarta Post, Marguerite Afra Sapiie, 2016 09 14

Jakarta - Indonesia plans to start implementing coordinated patrols with the Philippines and Malaysia this year as part of efforts to step up maritime defense in regional waters amid the risks of piracy and hostage-taking. The Indonesian Navy is currently drafting the routes for the joint patrols, which would stretch to the piracy-prone waters of the Sulu Sea, to realize the trilateral maritime agreement signed by the three countries in August. Defense Minister Ryamizard Ryacudu said on Tuesday. "I believe we can start the coordinated patrols this year. I will meet the Malaysian defense minister in the near future [to further discuss the plan]," Ryamizard told journalists. Aside from drafting the coordinated patrols routes, the Navy is also mulling the safest routes for commercial ships to use in the area, especially those traveling back and forth among the three countries. Safe routes are important in order to prevent any hijacking and hostage-taking taking place again in the future, he added.

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44. PM Hasina calls for combined efforts to battle militancy (Canada).

BDNews24, Senior Correspondent, 2016 09 14

Dhaka - Greeting all Bangladeshis in and outside the country on Eid-ul-Azha, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged all to come together and raise their voices to fight militancy and terrorism. She said on Tuesday, "It is not just our (Bangladesh's) issue. Extremism and militancy are massive problems for the entire world. And we have to do whatever we can from our own positions to combat them." Security was tight across the country during the main prayers on the Muslim festival. A terror attack on a police check-post near Kishoreganj's Sholakia Eidgah ground on the day of Eid-ul-Fitr in July made law enforcers take no chances this time. The prime minister is scheduled to leave on Wednesday for New York on a 12-day visit abroad. "I'm leaving tomorrow for the UN General Assembly. I also have a programme in Canada. Then I will go to New York."

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45. Top diplomats from S. Korea, U.S., Japan to discuss N.K. issue

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 09 14

Seoul - The top diplomats of South Korea, the United States and Japan will hold a meeting early next week in New York to discuss countermeasures against North Korea's recent nuclear test, the foreign ministry in Seoul said Wednesday. The trilateral meeting will be held among South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida. They will meet Sunday (local time) on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly session. "During the upcoming meeting to be held amid unprecedentedly grave security situations, they are expected to mostly discuss comprehensive and strong measures against the North," the ministry said in a press release. They will also include additional sanctions both by the U.N. Security Council and main allies, the ministry added. The foreign ministers' meeting comes after the North conducted its fifth nuclear test

Friday in defiance of stepped-up warnings by the international community to halt its military provocations.

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46. U.S. has no right to lecture China over North Korea: People's Daily

Reuters, Staff reporter, 2016 09 14

Beijing - The United States is a troublemaker and has no right to lecture China about taking responsibility for reining in North Korea as tensions on the peninsula are a direct result of U.S. actions, the official People's Daily newspaper said on Wednesday. While China has been angered by North Korea's fifth and largest nuclear test to date last week, it has also blamed the United States for taking what Beijing sees as equally provocative behavior, like a decision to base the Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) anti-missile in South Korea. China is North Korea's most important diplomatic and trade partner, and while China has signed up for tough United Nations sanctions on the isolated state, it refuses to cut the country off completely, fearing it may collapse. The United States says it wants China to do more, with U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter last week singling out the role he said China should play. In a commentary, the ruling Communist Party's official paper said the United States was pretending it had nothing to do with the North Korea issue and was putting the blame on others. "People have reason to doubt whether Washington is willing to make the effort to push the North Korea issue in the direction of a resolution," the paper said.

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Eastern Europe • Europe de l'Est

47. Bulgaria's Security Agency Deemed 181 Asylum Candidates 'Dangerous' in 2015

Sofia News Agency, Staff report, 2016 09 14

Sofia - The deputy head of Bulgaria's domestic security and counter-intelligence agency has said as many as 181 asylum candidates were considered a "threat to national security" last year. The State Agency for National Security (DANS) also took steps for the expulsion of 29 foreign nationals, its deputy chairman Oleg Petkov has told daily 24 Chasa. As many as 17 300 migrants were interviewed over the same period, Petkov has explained. (Profilers from DANS, the State Intelligence Agency, and the State Agency for Refugees are to hold interviews with all asylum candidates). His organization barred three foreign nationals from traveling via Bulgaria last year on suspicion they were willing to join a terrorist organization.

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

48. Iranian DM Warns against Terrorists' Abuse of Ceasefire to Reenergize

Fars News Agency, 2016 09 14

Tehran - Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Hossein Dehqan warned that the ceasefire in Syria should not result in giving a chance to the terrorist groups to revitalize and reinforce themselves. "The ceasefire in Syria should not be in such a way as to enable the sponsors of terrorism to help the terrorist groups get equipped and reorganized," General Dehqan told reporters. The Iranian Defense Minister reiterated that there are concerns that the terrorists take the chance under the ceasefire to supply weapons and reinforce to once again resume their savage operations. He, however, said that the ceasefire should take effect to help the besieged civilians to receive relief aids and find a political solution to the Syrian crisis. Earlier on Tuesday, terrorists violated the temporary nationwide ceasefire brokered by Russia and the US after they launched mortar attacks on government positions in the Northern districts of Aleppo city.

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49. Les binationaux, « otages » des luttes politiques iraniennes (Canada)

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 14

Téhéran - La République islamique détient au moins huit binationaux, dont trois Américains, trois Britanniques et une Canadienne. Vendredi 9 septembre au matin, Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe a pu téléphoner depuis la prison d'Evin, à Téhéran, à son mari Richard, à Londres. Cela faisait des semaines qu'ils n'avaient pas été en contact direct, mais les nouvelles n'étaient pas bonnes. L'Anglo-Iranienne a révélé le verdict qui venait de lui être signifié: cinq ans de prison. Les charges qui pèsent contre elle? Elles n'ont pas été dévoilées. «Sécurité nationale», s'est contenté d'indiquer le gardien de prison qui surveillait l'appel téléphonique. Le procès, qui s'est déroulé le 14 août, n'aurait duré que trois heures, sans chef d'inculpation. «Cinq ans, c'est ridicule, s'est emportée Nazanin au téléphone. Pour quelle raison? On va faire appel, mais combien de temps ça va prendre? Des mois?» Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, 37 ans, travaille pour la Fondation Thomson-Reuters, organe caritatif de l'agence de presse du même nom, qui n'est pas active en Iran - Mme Ratcliffe n'a pas d'activités professionnelles dans son pays natal, précise son mari. Le cauchemar de cette femme a commencé il y a cinq mois. Arrivée en 2007 au Royaume-Uni pour faire des études, elle s'y est mariée à Richard Ratcliffe, un comptable britannique. A Pâques, Mme Zaghari-Ratcliffe a rendu visite à sa famille en Iran avec leur petite fille de deux ans, Gabriella. Mais le 3 avril, au moment de prendre l'avion de retour pour Londres, elle a été arrêtée à l'aéroport.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

50. Erdogan Signs Reconciliation Agreement with Israel, Prepares for a Possible Meeting with Netanyahu

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 09 14

Tel Aviv - Diplomatic sources in Tel Aviv revealed on Monday that Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan who has signed an official reconciliation with Israel, two days ago, might meet Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in New York next week, during their participation in the

U.N. General Assembly session. Although Netanyahu media bureau denied the meeting, however sources from the Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs affirmed that the meeting will be held and will discuss means to rebuild relations between the two countries. The same sources said that the meeting is being organized in a discreet way and the wish of both parties to abstain from affirming or denying the information is understood. According to the Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs report, this meeting is a normal development to the reconciliation agreement signed last June.

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51. Israel's new spy satellite 'not functioning' as expected

Times of Israel, Judah Ari Gross, 2016 09 14

Jerusalem - The Ofek-11 reconnaissance satellite launched by Israel on Tuesday evening may be malfunctioning, officials involved in the project said a few hours after launch, though they said they have been able to make contact with the craft. The Israel Aerospace Industries satellite was successfully put into orbit using a Shavit rocket, a locally produced space launch vehicle, the head of the Defense Ministry's Space Department, Amnon Harari, told reporters. However, in the hours after the launch, it was "not clear that everything was in order," he said. Due to the rotation of the Earth, the teams on the ground are only able to make contact with the satellite "once every few hours," something that makes the work of the engineering teams "sevenfold more difficult," said Doron Ofer, CEO of the Israel Aerospace Industries' Space Division.

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52. Syria truce largely holds, aid preparations underway

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 09 14

Beirut - A new cease-fire in Syria brought a full day with no combat deaths in the war between President Bashar Assad and his opponents, a monitoring body said, and efforts to deliver aid to besieged areas got cautiously underway. Twenty-four hours after the cease-fire took effect, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said on Tuesday that it had received not a single report of combatants or civilians killed by fighting in any areas covered by the truce. The cease-fire, brokered by the United States and Russia, is supported by countries that back Assad and his opponents, and marks the second attempt this year to halt a war that has so far made a mockery of all peace efforts since fighting began more than five years ago. It also marks the biggest bet yet by the administration of U.S. President Barack Obama that it can work with Russia to end a war that President Vladimir Putin transformed a year ago when he sent warplanes to join the fight on Assad's side.

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53. Tarras Says General Security Wrongfully Accused Him of 'Meeting IS Members in Turkey'

Naharnet Newsdesk, 2016 09 14

Beirut - General Security interrogators accused Muslim cleric Sheikh Bassam al-Tarras of meeting Islamic State members during his latest visit to Turkey, media reports said on Tuesday. "Tarras says the interrogators questioned him about his visit to Turkey and accused him of meeting IS members in the hotel in a bid to frame him," the Kuwaiti al-Anbaa newspaper reported. The pan-Arab daily al-Hayat meanwhile said the cleric was arrested "after his number was found on the cellphones of some members of the cell that was apprehended by the General Security on charges of carrying out the Ksara bombing." "During interrogation, the detainees said they were attending the cleric's religious lectures," al-Hayat added. Later on Tuesday, state-run National News Agency said Tarras was released after State Commissioner to the Military Court Judge Hani Helmi al-Hajjar questioned him and verified that he did not confess to having any ties to the bombing.

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54. Washington: ISIS Spokesman Confirmed Killed in U.S. Airstrike

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 09 14

Washington - The Pentagon has confirmed that a U.S. air strike killed ISIS leader and spokesman Abu Mohammed al-Adnani in northern Syria end of August. "The strike near Al Bab, Syria, removes from the battlefield ISIS's chief propagandist, recruiter and architect of external terrorist operations," Pentagon press secretary Peter Cook said earlier this week. "It is one in a series of successful strikes against ISIS leaders, including those responsible for finances and military planning, that make it harder for the group to operate." The air strike was conducted by a Predator drone, which fired a Hellfire missile at the car Adnani was traveling in. The United States had said on Aug. 30 that Adnani had been targeted in a strike, but it stopped short of confirming his death. Soon after the strike against Adnani, the Russian defense ministry said it was responsible for his death, a claim Pentagon officials dismissed as a "joke." (Full Report).

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55. « Plus de 700 djihadistes sont déjà de retour en Tunisie »

Tribune de Genève, Schneider, 2016 09 14

Berne -En Tunisie, une association se fait le porte-voix de plus de 250 familles touchées par le départ d'un enfant en Syrie ou en Irak A mesure que les défaites s'enchaînent pour le groupe Etat islamique en Syrie et en Irak, la crainte de voir revenir des djihadistes dans leur pays d'origine augmente. Comme en Tunisie, plus grand exportateur de combattants avec 6000 individus sur les 30 000 étrangers estimés l'an passé par l'ONU. La prison ne peut être la seule solution pour eux, alerte une association tunisienne, Rescue Association of Tunisians Trapped Abroad (RATTA). Son président, Mohamed Iqbal Ben Rejeb, simple commerçant, l'a créée en 2013, après avoir

réussi à convaincre son frère, handicapé, de rentrer de Syrie au bout d'une semaine. Interview. Comment expliquez-vous le grand nombre de départs de Tunisiens en Syrie et en Irak? Des politiciens et imams tunisiens ont incité des jeunes à aller combattre Bachar el-Assad. Les départs massifs de Tunisie ont eu lieu entre la fin de 2012 et le début de 2014. Ces jeunes sont devenus des combattants, des tueurs ou de simples employés de Daech. Comment la Tunisie fait-elle face aux retours de djihadistes? Plus de 700 personnes sont déjà revenues des zones de conflit entre 2013 et 2015, mais le gouvernement ne veut plus livrer de statistiques officielles. Les retours, c'est notre grande crainte. Les auteurs des attentats du Bardo et de Sousse se sont entraînés en Libye. Quand des personnes embrigadées et préparées au combat reviennent ici, elles représentent des bombes à retardement. Surtout en Tunisie, où il n'y a pas de procédure de déradicalisation.

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56. Allemagne : des terroristes infiltrés parmi les réfugiés

Le Figaro, Nicolas Barotte, 2016 09 14

Schleswig-Holstein, Allemagne - Les terroristes présumés s'étaient mêlés aux réfugiés. Mardi matin, dans la région du Schleswig-Holstein, trois individus, soupçonnés d'appartenir à Daech, ont été interpellés au terme d'une vaste opération de police mobilisant 200 personnes. Pour atteindre l'Allemagne, les suspects ont suivi la même route que certains terroristes qui ont frappé Paris l'an dernier : la route des Balkans. Ils ont même bénéficié « de la même organisation de passeurs », a souligné le ministre de l'Intérieur Thomas de Maizière. « Leurs documents de voyage proviennent du même atelier. » Les trois jeunes hommes, qui se présentent comme syriens, ont été déférés devant un juge. Ils « sont soupçonnés d'être venus en Allemagne sur ordre de Daech pour soit exécuter une mission, soit se tenir prêts en vue d'instructions », a expliqué le parquet fédéral. Thomas de Maizière a précisé qu'« à ce stade de l'enquête », aucune indication d'un attentat en préparation n'avait été retrouvée. Mahir al-H., 17 ans, Ibrahim M., 18 ans, et Mohammed A., 26 ans, constitueraient « une cellule dormante ». Le plus jeune aurait été formé à Raqqa au maniement d'explosifs.

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57. Erdogan says there is still a 'long way to go' in anti-Gülen fight

Hurriyet Daily News, Staff report, 2016 09 13

Istanbul - The government has covered significant ground in the fight against the Fethullahist Terror Organization (FETÖ) but there is still a long way to go, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said, vowing further measures against the organization, which is blamed for Turkey's failed coup attempt of July 15. "We must make this so-called FETÖ terror organization unable to betray our nation again, along with all of its elements. We are waging this struggle in all our institutions. We have covered significant ground so far but there is still a lot of ground to cover," Erdogan said during an Eid al-Adha holiday ceremony in Istanbul on Sept. 13. The president also claimed that the attempted takeover was not the end of what he called a "great plot," but only one phase. "Those who participated in the coup attempt are certainly members of the FETÖ terror organization. But we know that there is a greater plot. July 15 was not the finale of this plot; it

was just a phase of it," Erdogan said, suggesting that this "plot" extended to other Muslim countries around the world.

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58. La France a été la cible d'une vingtaine de cyberattaques majeures en 2015

La Tribune (France), Michel Chabriol, 2016 09 14

Paris - Le directeur général de l'ANSSI Guillaume Poupard a indiqué que la vingtaine d'attaques informatiques majeures lancées en 2015 contre la France a principalement concerné des entreprises. Soit clairement de l'espionnage économique. Cela fait évidemment froid dans le dos même si, in fine, ce n'est guère surprenant. "Il faut savoir que la France a connu, en 2015, une vingtaine d'attaques majeures informatiques", a révélé le directeur général de l'Agence nationale de la sécurité des systèmes d'information (ANSSI), Guillaume Poupard, dans le cadre du premier rapport d'activité de l'Agence publié mardi depuis sa création en 2009. Interrogé sur les révélations du "Monde" sur un piratage américain de l'Élysée en 2012, il a répondu lundi lors d'un point presse portant sur le bilan de l'activité de l'ANSSI en 2015, qu'il ne confirmait pas ces informations. Dans un contexte croissant d'attaques informatiques, le secrétaire général de la défense et la sécurité nationale (SGDSN), Louis Gautier, auquel l'ANSSI est rattachée, a pour sa part assuré lundi que "les mois qui viennent vont être marqués par la continuité des nos actions". Notamment dans le domaine de la prévention. "On n'est pas sur un effet de mode", a d'ailleurs expliqué le patron de l'ANSSI, qui a rappelé que dans ce domaine la France n'avait "pas d'amis mais des alliés".

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59. Le fiché « S » qui inquiète la justice angevine

Ouest-France, José Jean-Bart, 2016 09 14

Angers, France - Ce jeune homme de 26 ans, adopté, s'est converti lors d'un de ses passages en détention. Il est jugé pour avoir violé son assignation à résidence et consulté des sites djihadistes. Enquête Il se fait appeler Daoud Abdillahi Houssein. David Pagerie, à l'état civil, comparaît ce mercredi devant le tribunal correctionnel d'Angers. La justice reproche à cet Angevin de 26 ans d'avoir violé son assignation à résidence. En surfant sur la messagerie cryptée Telegram, celle des terroristes récemment passés à l'acte en France, il pourrait aussi avoir consulté des sites liés au terrorisme. Des vidéos d'exécution ont été retrouvées sur son téléphone mobile. Il sort transformé de la prison Aujourd'hui, Daoud se déplace en djellaba, arbore une barbe fournie. Il n'en a pas toujours été ainsi. Enfant djiboutien adopté par un couple angevin, David Pagerie se fait remarquer au sortir de l'adolescence, il y a une dizaine d'années. Un peu paumé, il connaît ses premiers démêlés avec la justice pour des délits de droit commun. En particulier des attaques à la boule de pétanque contre des stations-service, quand il a trop bu. « Des conneries », résume Me Mathias Jarry, son avocat de l'époque. Qui voit son client partir au centre de détention d'Argentan (Orne). « Quand il est revenu, il avait changé. Il m'a dit qu'il avait rencontré la paix. » Physiquement, le jeune homme n'est plus le même. Dans sa tête non plus. Sa quête d'identité l'a emmené sur un terrain glissant. L'avocat évoque une « dérive ». Il est alors fiché « S ». En novembre 2013, après les attentats de Paris, il est ciblé lors d'une des nombreuses perquisitions

administratives lancées en Anjou. Quelques semaines plus tard, il n'hésite pas à se mettre en scène dans un quotidien local. Alors assigné à résidence, il doit pointer trois fois par jour au commissariat... en face de chez lui. Il tient un discours provocateur, refuse de condamner les attentats, annonce son intention de porter plainte contre l'État pour les paroles de La Marseillaise...

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60. Le poste très stratégique du " dernier " commissaire européen britannique

Le Monde, Cécile Ducourtieux, 2016 09 14

Strasbourg - En attendant le Brexit, l'ex-ambassadeur du Royaume-Uni en France, Julian King, sera chargé des questions de sécurité. Si l'on m'avait dit, il y a quelques mois encore, que je serais présent ici parmi vous, je ne l'aurais probablement pas cru. La situation est tout à fait singulière. " C'est par ces mots que Julian King, le probable futur commissaire britannique, a entamé son audition au Parlement de Strasbourg, lundi 12 septembre. Singulière, la situation l'est certainement : quand les Britanniques ont voté pour le Brexit, et que " leur " commissaire de l'époque, Jonathan Hill, a démissionné dans la foulée, son portefeuille - les services financiers - a été confié au Letton Valdis Dombrovskis, et personne à Bruxelles ne pensait qu'il serait remplacé. Au début de l'été, les dirigeants européens espéraient en effet que David Cameron, le premier ministre d'alors, activerait sans attendre la procédure de divorce officielle d'avec l'Union. Mais Londres a décidé de jouer la montre et de faire valoir ses droits à un nouveau commissaire - c'est tout à fait légitime, tant que le pays est membre de l'Union. Et, très symptomatique de la " drôle de guerre " dans laquelle est entrée l'Europe depuis qu'elle a compris que la sortie du Royaume-Uni traînerait probablement en longueur : M. King n'a pas hérité d'un portefeuille insignifiant, ridicule ou humiliant. Certains avaient évoqué pour lui, brièvement, le rôle de gestionnaire en chef des bâtiments de la Commission... Mais, à 52 ans, ce diplomate de carrière, pur produit du Foreign Office, s'est vu attribuer un tout nouveau maroquin, sur un sujet stratégique : la sécurité. Le poste a été créé sur mesure pour celui qui était encore, au début de l'été, ambassadeur du Royaume-Uni en France. Il faut dire que le curriculum vitae de ce parfait francophile, passé par l'École nationale d'administration, est riche. Il collectionne les passages à Bruxelles (il y fut notamment directeur de cabinet des commissaires Peter Mandelson au commerce, puis de Catherine Ashton à la diplomatie), fut en poste comme ambassadeur britannique en Irlande, puis secrétaire d'État pour l'Irlande du Nord. " L'intérêt général " Comme il l'a rappelé lundi soir, à Strasbourg, M. King devra, dans ses nouvelles fonctions, travailler avec plusieurs commissaires, et sans administration sous ses ordres. Et surtout, s'occuper d'un dossier qui relève encore essentiellement de la compétence des États membres. Sans compter qu'il existe déjà un " M. Sécurité " à Bruxelles, le Belge Gilles de Kerchove, " coordinateur de l'UE pour la lutte contre le terrorisme " auprès du Conseil européen... La mission est-elle périlleuse, voire impossible? " M. King a l'intention d'être un commissaire à 100 % ", d'aider, à Bruxelles, à faire avancer des sujets éclatés entre plusieurs agences et directions générales, assure-t-on dans son entourage. Parmi ses priorités, renforcer les moyens financiers et humains d'Europol (l'agence des polices européennes) ou s'assurer que les décisions prises en matière de sécurité sont appliquées.

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61. Résistances islamiques au Renseignement

Le Temps (Suisse), Valérie de Graffenried, 2016 09 14

Berne - Sécurité Nicolas Blancho et son Conseil central islamique suisse s'opposent à la loi sur le renseignement. Le conseiller fédéral Guy Parmelin s'en est étonné. Le propre service d'analyse et de prévention du CCIS a été très peu sollicité « Dans cette campagne, je suis étonné de l'opposition du Conseil central islamique suisse. Je constate que l'organisation de Nicolas Blancho combat cette loi et c'est un signal plutôt inquiétant. » Cette petite phrase, le conseiller fédéral Guy Parmelin l'a récemment lâchée dans Le Matin Dimanche, à propos de la loi sur le renseignement (LRens), soumise en votation le 25 septembre. Avant d'ajouter: « Je ne vais pas aller jusqu'à dire que son organisation a quelque chose à se reprocher, car ce n'est certainement pas le cas. Mais cette campagne était aussi l'occasion pour certains milieux de prouver qu'ils condamnent le terrorisme et les risques de dérives en la matière. » Entrer dans les mosquées Nicolas Blancho et ses camarades combattent effectivement la LRens. Parce qu'ils se sentent dans le viseur du Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC)? Cette loi permettra aux collaborateurs du SRC de procéder à des écoutes téléphoniques, d'infiltrer des ordinateurs grâce à des mouchards, de poser des caméras dans des appartements privés ou encore de pénétrer des mosquées. C'est ce dernier point qui inquiète le plus le CCIS.

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62. Rétenion de tous les fichés "S": "une absurdité", selon Cazeneuve

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 14

Paris - Le ministre de l'Intérieur Bernard Cazeneuve a qualifié mercredi d'"absurdité" la proposition faite par certains à droite, comme Nicolas Sarkozy, de placer en centre de rétention tous les fichés "S" au nom de la lutte antiterroriste. "A partir du moment où vous dites à ceux qui sont surveillés qu'ils le sont, ils se dissimulent", a-t-il expliqué sur France Inter. Les fameuses fiches "S" (pour sûreté de l'Etat) signalent notamment les personnes considérées comme liées à la mouvance islamiste radicale et sont destinées à attirer l'attention des forces de sécurité si l'un des fichés est contrôlé ou interpellé. Celui qui fait l'objet d'une fiche "S" n'en est pas informé. "En terme d'efficacité de la lutte antiterroriste, c'est une absurdité. En termes de principe, prétendre que l'on puisse procéder à la mise en rétention ou en détention d'une personne sans qu'un juge judiciaire n'intervienne, c'est la fin des principes républicains, donc c'est contraire aux principes constitutionnels, c'est contraire à tous les principes de droit et c'est inefficace", a poursuivi M. Cazeneuve.

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63. Terrorisme: arrestation à Paris d'un mineur qui "s'était proposé pour une action"

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 14

Paris - Un adolescent "qui s'était proposé pour une action terroriste" a été arrêté mercredi à Paris et placé en garde à vue, a appris l'AFP de sources proches de l'enquête. Né en septembre 2001, le suspect, arrêté dans le XXe arrondissement dans le nord-est de la capitale, était "en lien avec le jihadiste français Rachid Kassim", déjà au coeur de plusieurs enquêtes dont celle sur un

commando de femmes démantelé la semaine dernière. Samedi, un autre adolescent, âgé de 15 ans, également en lien avec ce jihadiste et soupçonné de pouvoir "passer à l'acte", avait été arrêté à Paris. Une perquisition était en cours mercredi matin au domicile du mineur arrêté quelques heures plus tôt, les enquêteurs de la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) cherchant à établir ses intentions. Au centre des investigations: Rachid Kassim, un propagandiste virulent du groupe jihadiste Etat islamique (EI) qui, depuis la zone syro-irakienne et via la messagerie cryptée Telegram, appelle à commettre des attentats en France. Interrogé à l'issue du conseil des ministres, Bernard Cazeneuve a confirmé cette arrestation, soulignant le travail "extrêmement dense" des services de renseignement destiné "à identifier ceux qui sont susceptibles de passer à l'acte". "Un travail continu qui nous mobilise nuit et jour", a ajouté le ministre de l'Intérieur.

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64. Vendeurs appelés à scanner les terroristes

Le Soir (Belgique), Ludivine Ponciau, 2016 09 14

Bruxelles - Terrorisme Une disposition oblige dorénavant les commerçants à signaler les clients suspects La Belgique veut encadrer la vente de produits pouvant servir à la fabrication d'explosifs. Une incitation à la délation sur la base de critères peu précis. A partir du 19 septembre prochain, toute personne ayant eu connaissance de vols, de disparitions ou de transactions suspectes de « précurseurs d'explosifs » est tenue, en vertu d'une loi portant exécution d'une norme européenne, de le signaler auprès de la police fédérale. Certaines substances chimiques, le nitrate d'ammonium et le perchlorate de potassium, par exemple, peuvent en effet servir à la fabrication de charges explosives telles que celles utilisées lors des attentats de Paris et de Bruxelles. En novembre dernier, ce sont trois kamikazes qui se sont fait exploser au stade de France en actionnant leurs ceintures. Quatre mois plus tard, à Zaventem et dans le métro bruxellois, pas une seule arme à feu n'a été utilisée, mais bien trois sacs à dos ou de voyage bourrés d'explosifs. Les terroristes avaient non seulement acquis la capacité technique de fabriquer du TATP, mais ils étaient également parvenus à réunir une importante quantité de précurseurs d'explosifs sans éveiller le moindre soupçon. Et si l'accès à ces substances chimiques avait été rendu plus difficile ?

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1. Canada goes extra mile to secure Kevin Garratt's release from China
Globe and Mail, Nathan Vanderklippe & Laura Stone, 2016 09 16

Ottawa - The sudden release of a Canadian held for two years in China on suspicion of spying comes after a high-stakes campaign to secure his freedom, including an unusual and unannounced visit four months ago by the director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service,

who met with Chinese officials to try to persuade them that Kevin Garratt wasn't a spy. On Thursday, a bearded Mr. Garratt landed in Vancouver and embraced his family, a free man. He had been accused by Chinese authorities of stealing military and defence research secrets and charged with espionage. His release puts a sudden end to a major irritant between Canada and China less than a week before Premier Li Keqiang arrives in Ottawa for an official visit, and caps an extraordinary effort by the government of Canada, its embassy in Beijing and two prime ministers to push for Mr. Garratt's release. The visit to China by CSIS director Michel Coulombe, Canada's top spy, was one element of that effort, according to multiple sources with knowledge of the meeting. When Mr. Garratt was indicted in January, China's state media said investigators had found evidence he had accepted tasks to gather intelligence for Canada. Mr. Coulombe met with Geng Huichang, the minister in charge of China's powerful state security apparatus, to deliver the message in person that Mr. Garratt, a Pentecostal pastor, did not work for CSIS. The Canadian had first come to China in 1984 and had taught English, operated a kindergarten, sold coffee and conducted humanitarian work in North Korea. He was a missionary, not a spy.

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2. Conservatives Double Down On Divisive Policies Canadians Rejected

The Huffington Post Canada, Michel Picard, 2016 09 16

Opinion: The Conservatives lost the election last year because they fell out of touch. This week Conservative MP Tony Clement unveiled a plan that proved just how out of touch his party still is on national security. They still don't get it: Canadians expect their government to protect not only their security, but also their rights. While our government is focused on working hard to grow the economy for middle class Canadians, Mr. Clement has other ideas. Instead of seeking to inspire Canadians with ideas on how to make Canada better, he seeks to prey on ignorance and fear. He put out a plan that is unworkable, unconstitutional and will not make Canadians any safer. His most egregious proposal is to lock Canadians behind bars for crimes they have not committed. That would make a mockery of our rights and of the very idea of justice -- the same values he purports to defend. The previous government criminalized the promotion of terrorism in terms so broad that some thought it made Conservative campaign ads featuring Daesh videos illegal. Now Mr. Clement is proposing to double down on that misguided approach. He tries to whip up fear of immigration by proposing "enhanced screening." Yet Canada already has a robust, multi-layered approach designed by CSIS, the RCMP and our other security agencies.(Note: Parliamentary Secretary for Public Safety)

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3. Darkrace Un système immunitaire contre les cybermenaces

La Presse+, Karim Benessaieh, 2016 09 16

Ottawa - Chaque jour au Canada, 1600 attaques de rançongiciels auraient lieu. Mots de passe et dossiers confidentiels volés font régulièrement l'actualité, stimulant la recherche de nouvelles approches pour assurer la sécurité des réseaux. L'une d'elles, conçue à l'Université de Cambridge et imitant le système immunitaire humain à partir des mathématiques probabilistes, semble

prometteuse. Elle est proposée depuis 2013 par l'entreprise britannique Darktrace, qui a ouvert en avril dernier son bureau canadien, dirigé par l'ex-agent des services secrets David Masson. Entrevue. Q D'abord, pourriez-vous vous présenter ? R J'ai été membre du service de renseignement britannique, le MI5, pendant plus de 20 ans, puis j'ai travaillé au sein du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) pendant quatre ans. Je m'occupais de cybersécurité et de sécurité nationale en général. Je me suis ensuite joint à la compagnie Darktrace en janvier de cette année, après une invitation à établir un bureau ici, au Canada. Q Expliquez-nous l'approche de type « système immunitaire » au coeur de la technologie proposée par Darktrace. R J'aimerais utiliser une métaphore. On a pris le modèle du système immunitaire humain. La première protection, c'est ma peau. Pour un réseau, c'est le pare-feu. Mais ce n'est pas assez, j'ai besoin d'un système immunitaire à l'intérieur qui a une compréhension innée de mon corps. Au moment où quelque chose traverse la peau, mon système immunitaire sait immédiatement que ce virus ou cette bactérie ne fait pas partie de moi. Q Comment votre « système immunitaire pour entreprises » reconnaît-il les anomalies ? R Il n'a pas besoin d'une formation, n'a pas besoin de recevoir des indications, il est sans cesse à l'écoute. Il comprend le comportement normal des utilisateurs et peut repérer ce qui ne fait pas partie du fonctionnement habituel du réseau. Il apprend par lui-même, sans intervention humaine. C'est nécessaire parce que les réseaux ne sont pas statiques, ils se développent sans cesse, ont des visiteurs, de nouveaux membres. Un humain ne pourrait pas gérer toute cette information. Un ordinateur, lui, le peut.

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4. Les conservateurs ne comprennent toujours pas : pour les Canadiens, la sécurité et les droits

Le Huffington Post (Québec), Michel Picard, 2016 09 15

Blogue - Les conservateurs ne comprennent toujours pas: pour les Canadiens, la sécurité et les droits sont importants. Les conservateurs ont perdu l'élection de l'an dernier parce qu'ils étaient déconnectés. Cette semaine, le député conservateur Tony Clement a dévoilé un plan qui prouve à quel point son parti est encore déconnecté en matière de sécurité nationale. Le blogueur Michel Picard explique: Nous allons tenir les engagements que nous avons pris auprès des Canadiens, en garantissant que tous les mandats du SCRS sont conformes à la Charte des droits et libertés; en protégeant le droit des Canadiens de participer à des manifestations et à activités militantes légitimes; en soutenant plus solidement les gens dont le nom se trouve par erreur sur les listes de sécurité du transport aérien; en réduisant la portée des définitions trop générales de la loi en matière de sécurité; et en exigeant un examen législatif des changements apportés à la Loi antiterroriste après trois ans.

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5. Public should be concerned about radicalization of youth, Manitoba expert says

CBC.CA, Riley Laychuk, 2016 09 16

A Manitoba expert on defence and security says the public should be concerned about the radicalization of youth online by groups like Islamic State, but they shouldn't panic. Jim

Fergusson, head of the University of Manitoba's Centre for Defence and Security Studies, made the comments in response to news this week that a western Manitoba teenager has pleaded guilty to a terrorism-related charge for supporting ISIS online. "We should be concerned. Parents, communities, teachers, et cetera, should have some basic knowledge of how to identify ... the warning signs, if you will, of someone becoming radicalized," Fergusson told CBC News on Wednesday. "A lot of times, nothing happens and it just gets worse and worse." The boy's arrest last November occurred just months after another Manitoban, Aaron Driver, was arrested and questioned about his online support of ISIS. Fergusson said the two arrests aren't surprising. Neither is the fact that both arrests involved young men who are considered attractive recruits for groups like ISIS, he added. He said groups generally seek "youth who tend to be ... vulnerable to being influenced by this type of very simple message with idealist principles" and those "who don't have a great deal of experience [or] a great deal of responsibilities." Fergusson believes the radicalization attempts make some youth feel like they belong and have a purpose. However, as Manitoba deals with two high-profile cases, Fergusson said he believes the radicalization "fad" may be fizzling out. "Once ISIS is completely eliminated and other issues emerge on the international agenda ... this will start to fade and it will be taken over by other things," he said. Fergusson said he expects more people may be on the watch lists of groups like CSIS, but he doesn't expect a surge of arrests in the near future.

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6. Real Secret Agents on New 'Call a Spy' Hotline Answer Your Burning Questions

Sputnik Deutschland, Staff report, 2016 09 16

Berlin - If you ever wanted to chat to a spy, now's your chance - a group of German artists have set up the "Call a Spy" hotline. Ariel Fischer from the art group "Peng!" told Sputnik Deutschland that they can set up the hotline anywhere with a stable internet connection. It looks like an ordinary telephone, but is connected to the "Call a Spy" server. The server contains a database of spy's numbers, and randomly selects one to connect the caller with. Calls are routed through a private network that masks the original source of the call. Fischer said that despite the secrecy of intelligence work, the majority of the numbers were freely available on the internet, and come from a range of different countries. "You can find most of the numbers on the internet, some of them are from professional organizations, and some of them became known as the result of intelligence leaks. You just have to search," Fischer explained. "We have a lot of them, including for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, NSA, CIA, FBI, BND (Germany's federal intelligence service), and the BfV (Germany's domestic intelligence service). There are also Italian and French intelligence services. We are also constantly searching for people who might be able to find new numbers so that we can bring 'Call a Spy' to different countries," Fischer said.

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7. Canada Can Do More to Fight Money Laundering, Terror Financing

Wall Street Journal, Ben Dipietro, 2016 09 16

Column: A review of Canada's efforts to fight money laundering and terrorism financing received good marks from the International Monetary Fund, though it said more improvement is needed in the country's legal framework and implementation of its programs. The IMF report, released Thursday, was adopted by the Financial Action Task Force as Canada's fourth mutual evaluation. FATF is an intergovernmental organization that establishes standards and advocates for measures to combat money laundering, terrorism financing and other threats to the international financial system. While Canadian authorities were credited with good understanding of the risks the country faces from money laundering and terrorism financing, the IMF report said the exclusion of legal counsels, legal firms and Quebec notaries from its oversight is a "significant loophole" and "raises serious concerns" since legal professionals are at high risk of misuse for money laundering or terrorist financing purposes. "That risk is not satisfactorily mitigated." The report found Canada's anti-money laundering watchdog agency, the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada, or Fintrac, is limited by the country's constitution into the types of analysis it can conduct; for instance, Fintrac isn't permitted to request information from any reporting entity. While Fintrac cooperates "effectively" with other law enforcement agencies, the report found the constraints on the organization create a "gap" in the country's ability to fight these problems. The report found shortcomings with Austria's financial intelligence unit, saying it only conducts "very basic operational analysis and does not conduct any strategic analysis to support the operational needs of competent authorities." The unit doesn't have the capability to cross-match suspicious transaction reports or analyze data to uncover trends and patterns and "does not conduct analysis of terrorist financing-related suspicious transactions," the report said.

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8. Canadian 'spy' detained by China returns home

Associated Press, Staff Writer, 2016 09 16

Toronto - A Canadian who was detained in China for two years over accusations of spying has been freed and has returned to Canada. Kevin Garratt was indicted by prosecutors in Dandong, a city on the North Korean border where he and his wife ran a coffee shop and conducted Christian aid work for North Koreans. He and his wife, Julia, were arrested in August 2014 by the state security bureau. Julia was later released on bail. China's official Xinhua News Agency had reported authorities found evidence implicating Garratt in accepting tasks from Canadian espionage agencies to gather intelligence in China. Kevin Garratt's release comes just over a week after Justin Trudeau, the Canadian prime minister, visited China. The Chinese premier, Li Keqiang, is to visit Canada in a week's time for talks with Trudeau. Simeon Garratt, the couple's son, has insisted their arrest must have been a mistake. They ran a coffee shop and had worked with North Star Aid, a British Columbia-registered charity that says it seeks to help North Koreans primarily through providing humanitarian aid.

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9. Canadian held in China for two years back home, family says

Globe and Mail, Nathan Vanderklippe & Laura Stone, 2016 09 16

Beijing and Ottawa - Kevin Garratt, the Canadian missionary detained in China for two years, is "extremely happy" to be home, his son says. "It was almost at the point where everyone was losing hope - and then you get the good news," Simeon Garratt, the couple's eldest son, told the Globe and Mail on Thursday. "Honestly, he looks great - a lot better than I was expecting. He's in good spirits, and I think he's extremely happy." The release happened suddenly, Simeon said, with the family notified Wednesday and his father landing in Vancouver the following morning. More than two years after Kevin's arrest - a period that saw him under constant surveillance and, recently, in a room where the lights were permanently kept on - his father was struggling to process what had happened, Simeon said. "I think his thoughts are still pretty scattered now. It all happened at the last minute, even more so for him because he wasn't told anything right up until the time," he said. "It probably hasn't quite hit him yet that he's back. I don't think he's slept probably in a couple of days, at least." The Canadian government has been pushing for Mr. Garratt's release since he and his wife, Julia, were arrested in August, 2014 under suspicion of stealing state military and defence research secrets. While Julia was released on bail in February, 2015, Kevin remained imprisoned. The espionage allegations against him came about a week after Canada accused a China-sponsored hacker of breaching the National Research Council.

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10. Canadian held in China on spying accusation has been released: Trudeau's office

Canadian Press, 2016 09 16

Ottawa- A Canadian accused of spying and jailed in China for more than two years has been released and is back in Canada, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's office confirmed on Thursday. Kevin Garratt lived in China for about 30 years, conducted Christian aid work and ran a popular coffee shop near China's border with North Korea. Garratt's wife Julia was also arrested, although she was released on bail about six months later. In January, he was indicted on accusations of spying for Canada and stealing Chinese state secrets. Garratt's family said in a statement that a court in Dandong issued its ruling in the case against him on Tuesday and was deported from China on Thursday and was back in Canada to be with his friends and family. "The Garratt family thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers, and also thanks the many individuals who worked to secure Kevin's release," it said. The family asked for privacy and said it would release more information in the coming weeks. The brief statement provided no other details. A statement issued Friday by China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said Garratt was allowed to leave after a local court issued a verdict in his case.

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11. Canadian Held Two Years on Spy Charges in China Returns Home

New York Times, Ian Austen, 2016 09 16

Ottawa - A Canadian man who worked with a charity that provided food to North Koreans returned to Canada on Thursday after being held in China on espionage charges for just over two years. The family of the man, Kevin Garratt, who is from Vancouver, British Columbia, said in a brief statement that he was deported after a court hearing in Dandong, China, on Tuesday. "The Garratt family thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers, and also thanks the many

individuals who worked to secure Kevin's release," the statement said. Mr. Garratt's detention dampened relations between Canada and China, particularly under the previous Conservative government. Early this month, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau raised Mr. Garratt's case during a visit to China. Mr. Garratt and his wife, Julia Dawn Garratt, were operating a coffee house in China near the border with North Korea as part of a Christian aid mission when they were both arrested in August 2014. Chinese officials later said that they were being held on "suspicion of stealing and spying to obtain state secrets." Ms. Garratt was released on bail and allowed to leave China. But Chinese officials announced in January that Mr. Garratt would be tried on the charges.

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12. Canadian imprisoned in China for 'spying' released after 2 years

CNN.com, James Griffith, 2016 09 16

Hong Kong - A Canadian man charged with spying in China has been released after over two years in prison. Kevin Garratt returned to Canada on Thursday, Ottawa confirmed in a statement. "We are delighted that Kevin Garratt has returned safely to Canada and is with his family once more," Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said in a statement. "We remain deeply impressed by the grace and resilience of the Garratt family." Trudeau said Canadian officials "at the highest levels" were involved in securing Garratt's release. In a statement, the Garratt family thanked everyone "for their thoughts and prayers, and also thanks the many individuals who worked to secure Kevin's release." "Please respect the family's privacy in this time of transition. We will be releasing more information in the coming weeks."

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13. China releases alleged Canadian spy

Agence France-Presse, 2016 09 16

Montreal - A Canadian man arrested in China two years ago on charges of spying and stealing state secrets has been freed and is back home in Canada, his family said Thursday. Kevin Garratt was detained in 2014 along with his wife, Julia Dawn, who was later released on bail, in the northeastern Chinese city of Dandong, on the border with North Korea. Before their arrests, Garratt and his wife, both Christians, had run a coffee shop in Dandong and were active in helping send humanitarian aid to impoverished North Korea. Garratt was deported from China on Thursday after a court in Dandong ruled on his case on Tuesday, his family said in a statement. "Kevin... has returned to Canada to be with his family and friends," the family said. "The Garratt family thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers, and also thanks the many individuals who worked to secure Kevin's release." The family asked for respect of its privacy "in this time of transition," saying it would release more information in the coming weeks. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau welcomed Garratt home, praising his family's "grace and resilience," especially that of Kevin and his wife. Canada's second-largest trade partner after the United States, China has strongly pushed Canada to join the China-backed Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. Canada said in August it would apply. The United States and Japan -- the world's largest and third-largest economies, respectively -- have declined to join.

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14. China says Canadian man it released treated 'based on law'

Agence France-Presse, Nomaan Merchant and Rob Gillies, 2016 09 16

Beijing - China said Friday that a Canadian citizen it detained for two years over spying allegations was allowed to leave the country after a local court issued a verdict in his case, but it refused to say what the verdict was or why he was detained at all. Kevin Garratt's return to Canada was announced Thursday by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who said he had pressed Garratt's case with top Chinese officials. Garratt had been indicted by prosecutors in Dandong, a city on the North Korean border where he and his wife ran a popular coffee shop and conducted Christian aid work for North Koreans. He and his wife, Julia, were arrested in August 2014 by the state security bureau. While his wife was released on bail, Garratt remained in custody. China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in a faxed statement Friday, said Garratt had been treated "according to law." It said China "fully guaranteed all kinds of procedural rights of Kevin Garratt, and fully respected and implemented the consular rights of the Canadian side," the ministry said. But the ministry declined to say what investigators found or what the outcome of the trial was. A person who answered the phone at the court on Friday, a Chinese state holiday, said officials were not available to discuss the case. Chinese state media have previously reported that authorities found evidence that implicated Garratt in accepting tasks from Canadian espionage agencies to gather intelligence in China.

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15. Dutch police to get Canadian BlackBerry data

National Post, Joseph Brean, 2016 09 16

Ottawa - After a police raid on a Toronto technology company, Canada has agreed to share a massive stash of encrypted BlackBerry Ltd. messages with Dutch police investigating an underworld conspiracy involving robberies, drug trafficking, attempted murder and assassinations. But rather than simply hand over the messages, from 20,000 different users, an Ontario judge this week imposed restrictions designed to prevent a "fishing expedition" by police in the Netherlands or any other country. The ruling ensures the data will remain under Canadian control, and not be shared further without a court's approval. The fear is that unfettered disclosure would expose innocent people to the unjustified attention of police, just because they used an encrypted Black-Berry. "Canada remains the home of this data," Judge Ian Nordheimer wrote. The case arose from a Dutch probe of an organized crime ring, in which police seized assault rifles, machine guns, grenades, vehicles, tracking devices, and large sums of money. Unusually, they also kept discovering BlackBerrys that had been modified to send only encrypted messages, outside the normal cellphone network. He later wrote a letter that came before Judge Nordheimer in which he "denies any conscious involvement with anyone who used the services of his company for criminal purposes." Manupassa was also "critical of Dutch authorities for not requesting assistance and/or information from him, prior to taking the steps that they did." The 20,000 users are said to include the Dutch criminal suspects and their associates, but also likely include many innocent users of Ennetcom's service. Most are believed to be Dutch.

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16. Federal government argues pay problems 'an honest administrative error,' as tribunal wraps

CBC.CA, Ashley Burke, 2016 09 16

Ottawa - The Phoenix pay problems affecting 80,000 workers is an "honest administrative error," the federal government argued as a labour tribunal came to a close on Thursday. The four-day hearing in front of the Public Service Labour Relations Board wrapped up with closing arguments from both sides. During the tribunal, union representatives and senior officials testified, including the associate assistant deputy minister responsible for the roll out of government's new Phoenix pay system. Rosanna Di Paola testified yesterday that the root cause of the problems are insufficient training, not the technology itself. The Public Service Alliance of Canada filed a complaint in June arguing the Treasury Board of Canada broke the law by not paying public servants accurately or on time after the roll out of Phoenix. "The human suffering that has been exposed in this case is real," Patricia Harewood, the legal officer for PSAC, said during closing arguments. "We have heard stories of public service workers in dire straights after months of being paid inaccurately or not at all," she added. "There is nothing normal or every day about these stories." But the government's lawyer said the labour complaint is in "the wrong forum" and should be thrown out. Sean Kelly, the lawyer representing the Treasury Board of Canada, said that the case is "strictly a contract dispute" that should be dealt with through the grievance process, not through a board hearing. "We are being asked to compensate unknown individuals," argued Kelly. "We don't know how many there are. We don't know their names. We don't know their circumstances." The union argues the government violated the Public Service Labour Relations Act that states an employer is not allowed to change the terms and conditions of employment while it is in collective bargaining with the union.

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17. Goodale to host UK terror watchdog, national security committee

iPolitics.ca, Amanda Connolly, 2016 09 16

Ottawa - Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale will host the U.K.'s terrorism legislation watchdog and members of its Intelligence and Security Committee (ISC) next week in Ottawa for a meeting that will include discussion about the government's new national security committee of parliamentarians. The meeting will come as Parliament resumes from its summer sitting and is expected to dive into debate on Bill C-22, which was tabled on June 16 and announced the framework for the government's nine- member committee of appointed parliamentarians who will "review and scrutinize" the activities of national security agencies. The committee brings Canada more in-line with other G7 countries' democratic review and oversight bodies, including congressional intelligence committees in the US. It won't be the first time Goodale sits down with the eight British committee members - back in January, he spent three days in the U.K. and France holding meetings with counterterrorism partners including the ISC. Goodale's office at the time described the trip as an opportunity for the minister to meet with his foreign counterparts on security issues ranging from how best to create a parliamentary oversight committee to how to tackle radicalization and security. David Anderson, the U.K.'s

Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, will also be taking part in the meeting with Goodale and the ISC.

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18. Jonathan Pitre - symbol of limitless strength

Ottawa Citizen, Mark Sutcliffe, 2016 09 16

Comment: While the two major candidates running for president of the United States engaged in a pointless battle over who was healthier, Jonathan Pitre, the delightful, clever, resolute young man from Russell, was fighting off fever and the risk of infection after a stem cell transplant in Minnesota. Although his skin is as fragile as the surface of a bubble, and he's been ravaged by chemotherapy and radiation, Jonathan has become a symbol of limitless strength. He is sick, he is battered, but he is not weak. Facing the toughest battle of his young but arduous life, Jonathan has barely blinked. He has summoned a wisdom well beyond his years, a remarkable perspective forged by hardship and realism. He knows the stakes of the risky but potentially life-altering medical journey upon which he has embarked. He's aware of the long struggle ahead and the odds of success. But he seems to approach it all with a serenity and acceptance that most of us can barely achieve during a routine traffic delay. When Jonathan speaks publicly about his circumstances, it is always with clarity and pragmatism. When he told the Citizen's Andrew Duffy this week that he's taking his recovery one day at a time, it wasn't a cliché. He appears to be approaching this passage with a controlled hope and determination, an extraordinary self-discipline and level-headedness. Throughout his ordeal, it seems, he has refused to be either broken by his debilitating illness or dreamy-eyed about a solution. For a teenager with a serious medical condition, he appears to be remarkably devoid of drama.

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19. Le Canadien Kevin Garratt est libéré

La Presse canadienne avec le Toronto Star, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 16

Ottawa - Kevin Garratt, un Canadien détenu depuis plus de deux ans en Chine pour des accusations d'espionnage, a été libéré hier, a confirmé le bureau du premier ministre Justin Trudeau. « Nous sommes heureux que Kevin Garratt soit revenu en toute sécurité au Canada et qu'il soit de nouveau en compagnie de sa famille », a déclaré M. Trudeau dans un communiqué transmis hier en fin de journée. « Je suis très heureux de la tournure des événements », a pour sa part affirmé le père de Kevin Garratt, Ross. Au moment de son arrestation, M. Garratt vivait en Chine depuis environ 30 ans, où il participait à des oeuvres caritatives chrétiennes et tenait un café très populaire près de la frontière avec la Corée du Nord. Il avait été arrêté avec sa femme Julia il y a un peu plus de deux ans, mais Mme Garratt avait obtenu sa libération sous caution au bout de six mois. En janvier, M. Garratt avait été formellement accusé d'espionnage pour le compte du Canada et d'avoir volé des secrets d'État. LA VISITE OFFICIELLE DE TRUDEAU Le premier ministre Justin Trudeau a soutenu qu'il avait évoqué cette affaire avec ses homologues à Pékin lors de sa récente visite officielle en Chine, au début du mois.

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20. One week after transplant, Jonathan Pitre can finally rest

The Ottawa Citizen Online, Andrew Duffy, 2016 09 16

Ottawa - One week after his stem cell transplant at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital, Jonathan Pitre is finally able to get some rest. Pitre, 16, a Grade 11 student from Russell, Ont., was asleep Thursday morning after one of the most difficult days of his two-and-a-half weeks in hospital. "We are better today, but yesterday was pretty heavy," Pitre's mother, Tina Boileau, said in an email exchange Thursday. Her son's blood pressure "went through the roof" during an exceptionally difficult five-hour bath ordeal Wednesday evening. "It was probably the longest one ever," she said. The bath is a necessary part of the disease management protocol for those with epidermolysis bullosa (EB), a progressive skin disorder that is among the most severe afflictions known to medicine. The bath - a key infection fighting measure - is even more important now for Pitre, whose infection-fighting immune cells were systematically destroyed by chemotherapy and radiation to prepare his body for the stem cell transplant. It normally takes four hours to bathe Pitre, remove his bandages, manage new blisters, and reapply his bandages and wrappings.

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21. Phoenix pay glitches 'honest' errors, government tells labour tribunal

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 09 16

Toronto - Phoenix pay system malfunctions that have left thousands of people unpaid are "honest administrative errors" rather than breaches of the labour laws governing the public service, federal lawyers say. Treasury Board lawyer Sean Kelly told a labour tribunal hearing that the Public Service Alliance of Canada has failed to prove that Phoenix's glitches undermine the ongoing round of collective bargaining. Phoenix has been at the centre of a four-day hearing at the Public Service Labour Relations and Employment Board into whether the federal government is breaking the law by not paying thousands of people properly and on time. PSAC had argued Phoenix pay problems amount to an "unfair labour practice" because they have effectively changed the terms and conditions of employment for public servants during a period of collective bargaining. Kelly argued the pay problems public servants are facing are "errors" not unilateral changes to the terms and conditions of employment, which are enshrined in the Public Service Labour Relations Act, collective agreements and the government's directive on pay. "The disruptions to pay ... are not a result of changes to terms and conditions of employment," Kelly said. "This was an honest administration error in processing ... due to untimely and incorrect data entry and slower-than-expected processing times, as opposed to a software malfunction or the intention of the employer to change the terms and conditions of employment."

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22. Concern Over Hacked Emails Becomes a Fear of Being Next

New York Times, Nicholas D. Shear, Nicholas Fandos, 2016 09 16

Washington - A panicked network anchor went home and deleted his entire personal Gmail account. A Democratic senator began rethinking the virtues of a flip phone. And a former national security official gave silent thanks that he is now living on the West Coast. The digital queasiness has settled heavily on the nation's capital and its secretive political combatants this week as yet another victim, former Secretary of State Colin L. Powell, fell prey to the embarrassment of seeing his personal musings distributed on the internet and highlighted in news reports. "There but for the grace of God go all of us," said Tommy Vietor, a former National Security Council spokesman for President Obama who now works in San Francisco. He said thinking about his own email exchanges in Washington made him cringe, even now. "Sometimes we're snarky, sometimes we are rude," Mr. Vietor said, recalling a few such moments during his time at the White House. "The volume of hacking is a moment we all have to do a little soul searching."

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23. Despite fears, American followers of Islamic State are few

McClatchy News Service, Hannah Allam, 2016 09 15

Washington - After remarks that painted a doomsday scenario of lone wolves, random attacks and radicalization via cellphone, Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., had one last ominous thing to say about the Islamic State's ability to attack the United States. "This threat from the foreign fighters cannot be overstated," he warned. Yes, it can. When it comes to the Islamic State's threat to the United States, overstatements are the norm, with rhetoric of the kind Meadows used at a congressional hearing Wednesday sounding alarmist when compared with data and other assessments of the group's ability to attack the United States after years of stepped-up U.S. efforts to fight extremism here and in the Middle East. Although no one in the counterterrorism world would dare consider the Islamic State a vanquished threat, recent studies show that Islamic State-related arrests have slowed, that it's harder now for jihadist recruiters to prey on impressionable Americans and that foreign fighters who leave the so-called caliphate are a much bigger risk for Europe than the United States. In the past four years, 104 people have been arrested in domestic cases related to the Islamic State, according to the Program on Extremism at George Washington University. More than half those cases - at least 58 - came about through the use of confidential informants or undercover stings, tactics that have come under fire from civil liberties groups concerned with entrapment. Seamus Hughes, deputy director of the Program on Extremism, said, "It's clear the arrest tempo has slowed down" and is likely to plateau, if it hasn't already. Hughes said the drop came partly from successes by U.S. authorities in cracking down on Americans trying to travel to or communicate with the extremists. The Islamic State also has become more guarded with its recruiting tactics and forums, he added.

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24. Edward Snowden characterized as 'serial exaggerator' in House intelligence committee report

Washington Times, Andrea Noble, 2016 09 16

Washington - A House intelligence committee report on Edward Snowden characterizes the former National Security Agency contractor not as a whistleblower but as a "serial exaggerator" whose theft of 1.5 million classified government documents has done tremendous damage to national security. A 4-page summary of the classified report released by the House committee on Thursday says the bulk of the documents taken "have nothing to do with programs impacting individual privacy interests" but rather pertain to military, defense and intelligence programs. "A review of the materials Snowden compromised makes clear that he handed over secrets that protect American troops overseas and secrets that provide vital defenses against terrorists and nation-states," the report states. "Some of Snowden's disclosures exacerbated and accelerated existing trends that diminished the IC's capabilities to collect against legitimate foreign intelligence targets, while others resulted in the loss of intelligence streams that had saved American lives." "Edward Snowden is no hero - he's a traitor who willfully betrayed his colleagues and his country. He put our servicemembers and the American people at risk after perceived slights by his superiors," said Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes. "In light of his long list of exaggerations and outright fabrications detailed in this report, no one should take him at his word."

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25. Hack the vote? Not easily

Los Angeles Times, Del Quentin Wilber, Brian Bennett, 2016 09 16

Washington - The recent Russian hack into the Democratic National Committee's computers and subsequent FBI warning that two states' elections databases had been victims of cyberattacks are raising fears that a foreign power might penetrate U.S. systems and try to alter the outcome of November's vote. Though possible, such an unprecedented foreign election day hacking would be hard to pull off, experts say. Here are some answers to common questions: How realistic is the threat that hackers could break into U.S. election systems and alter vote tallies? Not very, thanks mostly to the fact that even presidential elections are highly decentralized and often still rely on old-fashioned systems rather than cutting-edge technology. First, there are more than 8,000 separate local jurisdictions where voters cast ballots for president, and each one is largely free to use whatever methods, technology and vendors they deem appropriate, based on varying local or state rules and guidelines. There are few federal mandates on how to conduct elections, and the mechanics of voting have been left to the states. For would-be hackers, that means there's no easy, one-stop target. Secondly, about 75% of all votes this cycle will be cast on paper, said Pamela Smith, president of Verified Voting, which tracks election systems nationwide. And many results are still conveyed by telephone, fax or hand delivery.

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26. House Intelligence Committee Urges Obama Not to Grant Snowden Pardon

New York Times, Charlie Savage, 2016 09 16

Washington - Lawmakers on the House Intelligence Committee unanimously signed a letter to President Obama on Thursday asking him not to pardon Edward J. Snowden, the former intelligence contractor who leaked troves of information about National Security Agency

surveillance and data collection in 2013. "We urge you not to pardon Edward Snowden, who perpetrated the largest and most damaging public disclosure of classified information in our nation's history," the bipartisan letter said. "If Mr. Snowden returns from Russia, where he fled in 2013, the U.S. government must hold him accountable for his actions." The committee also said it had completed a 36-page report summarizing the results of its multiyear investigation into the leaks and their effect. The report was classified, but the panel released a three-page executive summary that portrayed Mr. Snowden as a "serial exaggerator and fabricator" who is "not a whistle-blower." "Snowden caused tremendous damage to national security, and the vast majority of the documents he stole have nothing to do with programs impacting individual privacy interests -- they instead pertain to military, defense and intelligence programs of great interest to America's adversaries," the report said. A pardon by the president appears to be unlikely. In late July, the administration responded to an earlier petition campaign by rejecting the idea and saying that Mr. Snowden should return to the United States to face trial.

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27. Man pleads guilty in D.C. to supporting al-Qaeda-backed group

Washington Post, Spencer S. Hsu, 2016 09 16

Washington - A dual Dutch-Turkish national pleaded guilty Thursday in federal court in Washington to providing material support to the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, a U.S.-designated terrorist group active in Afghanistan. Irfan Demirtas, also known as Nasrullah, 58, faces a maximum of 15 years in prison when he is sentenced Nov. 30. U.S. authorities agreed not to pursue additional charges in a four-count indictment dated Dec. 8, 2011. "I didn't do anything intentionally knowing they were a terrorist organization," the white-bearded Demirtas said Thursday, speaking through a translator. Demirtas remained seated at the plea because of a medical condition that his attorney said made it too painful for him to stand during the 90-minute hearing. Demirtas admitted that between January 2006 and May 2008, he provided funds to IMU leader Tahir Yuldashev and was present when he made threats against Americans, Assistant Federal Defender Mary C. Petras told District Judge Randolph D. Moss. U.S. authorities alleged that Demirtas was raising money, recruiting fighters and "fomenting terror across Europe and the Middle East," then-acting U.S. attorney for the District Vincent H. Cohen Jr. said in a statement when Demirtas was extradited to the United States in July 2015.

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28. Polygraph panic: CIA director fretted his vote for communist

CNN.com, Tal Kopan, 2016 09 16

Washington - At his first polygraph test to enter the CIA, the future director had a secret. John Brennan on Thursday recalled being asked a standard question for a top security clearance at his early CIA lie detector test: Have you ever worked with or for a group that was dedicated to overthrowing the US? "I froze," Brennan said during a panel discussion about diversity in the intelligence community at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's annual conference. "This was back in 1980, and I thought back to a previous election where I voted, and I voted for the Communist Party candidate," Brennan was responding to a question about barriers to

recruiting diverse candidates for the intelligence fields, including whether past records of activism could hurt someone applying for a clearance later in life.

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29. U.S. gives 'no free pass' to Russia, other nations on cyberespionage, Justice official warns

Washington Post, Ellen Nakashima, 2016 09 16

Washington - A senior Justice Department official this week issued a thinly-veiled warning to Russia that significant acts of cyberespionage will not be ignored. That would include the Democratic National Committee hack, which would be considered an act of political cyberespionage of the sort the United States traditionally has not publicly attributed to a culpable foreign spy agency. That set of intrusions, disclosed by the DNC in June, has been linked to the Russian government by FBI investigators, though the U.S. government has not publicly acknowledged that. Nonetheless, said Assistant Attorney General for National Security John Carlin, if Russia or any other country thinks "there's going to be a free pass, that we can't figure out what they're doing in cyber-enabled espionage, I think the message should be clear: You're wrong. You can and will be held accountable." Carlin was speaking at a conference Wednesday at the Center for Strategic and International Studies held on the 10th anniversary of the Justice Department's National Security Division. He added that although all nations have spy operations, that does not mean the U.S. government will not take action against cyber spies who are detected. "If you get caught spying," he said, "there are consequences."

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30. Cameron et Sarkozy épinglés pour l'intervention contre Kadhafi

Le Monde, Philippe Bernard, 2016 09 16

Londres - Un rapport du Parlement britannique critique la décision de Londres de s'engager en Libye, en 2011, en raison de l'"enthousiasme" de David Cameron est le "responsable final" du chaos et de la guerre civile qui ont suivi l'intervention militaire aérienne de l'OTAN de 2011 en Libye, qui avait conduit à la chute de Mouammar Kadhafi et dont les islamistes sont les principaux bénéficiaires dans le pays et dans tout le Maghreb. Le rapport cinglant de la commission des affaires étrangères du Parlement britannique, publié mercredi 14 septembre, accuse l'ancien premier ministre conservateur britannique de s'être basé sur des "postulats erronés" et "une compréhension incomplète des renseignements" et d'avoir manqué d'une "stratégie cohérente". Le document de 49 pages fait écho au rapport Chilcot, publié le 6 juillet, accablant Tony Blair pour l'engagement britannique en Irak aux côtés des Etats-Unis en 2003, qui a laissé un profond traumatisme dans l'opinion britannique. Le rapport parlementaire met en cause le processus de décision, qui a transformé une intervention censée venir en aide à des civils à Benghazi menacés par la répression du colonel Kadhafi - "une menace surestimée", estiment les députés - en une opération visant à renverser le régime libyen. Les leçons de l'Irak ont été ignorées, estiment en substance les élus. Le résultat de l'intervention des Français, Britanniques

et Américains est, selon le document, " un effondrement politique et économique, des affrontements entre milices et tribus, des crises humanitaires et migratoires, des violations des droits de l'homme à grande échelle, la dissémination des armes du régime de Kadhafi dans toute la région et l'expansion de - l'organisation - Etat islamique en Afrique du Nord ".

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31. Erdogan loyalists spread fear in Britain

London Times, Dominic Kennedy, 2016 09 16

London - A Turkish opposition newspaper in Britain has been forced to close and its journalists have gone into hiding as supporters of President Erdogan unleash a campaign of intimidation against exiles. Turks in Britain are being urged on social media to spy on each other and report suspected political opponents to the authorities in their homeland. The Facebook page Brotherhood in Islam posted the address of a nursery school with the claim that its owners were spreading support for terrorism. Turkish dissidents are living in fear that the authorities in Ankara will suspend their passports and demand that they be extradited for allegedly supporting the failed coup in July. The British edition of Turkey's leading opposition newspaper Zaman has ceased publishing and staff have removed the sign outside its offices in Highbury, north London, as a precaution against attacks.

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32. Fears over rise of Chinese CCTV

London Times, Alexi Mostrous, Billy Kember, 2016 09 16

London - China's investment in Britain came under fresh scrutiny last night after Beijing was revealed to be the country's biggest provider of surveillance equipment. Hikvision, a company controlled by the Chinese government, has sold more than a million closed-circuit television cameras and recorders to British clients who have installed them at sites including airports, government buildings, sports stadiums and the London Underground. Former MI6 officers and security ministers called for greater oversight of Chinese business after an investigation revealed that no national security assessment had been made of Hikvision's British operations. Some suggest that the cameras could be hacked from Beijing. Senior figures at GCHQ are understood to be concerned that the government lacks a policy to assess the security risk of foreign investments. Nigel Inkster, former director of operations and intelligence at MI6, said: "There are questions to be asked [on Hikvision]. It's far from evident that they have been." The disclosure comes after Theresa May yesterday approved the £18 billion Hinkley Point nuclear power plant, which will be part-financed by China. The government said yesterday that it would introduce "significant new safeguards" on future foreign investment in nuclear power and critical infrastructure.

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33. MI6 failed to check on torture claims by Lee Rigby killer

London Times, Fiona Hamilton, 2016 09 16

London - MI6 has been criticised for "serious failings" in its response to allegations that one of the killers of Lee Rigby had been tortured by Kenyan authorities. Sir Mark Waller, the intelligence services commissioner who scrutinises MI6, MI5 and GCHQ, spoke out after investigating the handling of claims by Michael Adebolajo, who killed Fusilier Rigby outside the army barracks in Woolwich, southeast London, in May 2013 with fellow extremist Michael Adebowale. After the murder it emerged that Adebolajo had been arrested in November 2010 in Kenya where he was believed to have been en route to fight with al-Shabaab, the Somali terrorist group. He later claimed that he was mistreated before being deported on suspicion of terrorism. Sir Mark found no evidence of UK involvement in Adebolajo's arrest, nor of mistreatment, but found serious failings in the way MI6 had dealt with the matter. A "crucial email" asking an officer to investigate the allegations was blocked, and Sir Mark was not satisfied that MI6 had sought and obtained assurances from the Kenyans that they did not mistreat Adebolajo.

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34. Spies to vet foreign firms before they invest in UK

London Daily Telegraph, Peter Dominiczak, 2016 09 16

London - The security services will be given a veto over foreign investment in critical infrastructure projects in the wake of the Hinkley Point nuclear plant deal, government sources have said. Spies will be consulted before foreign countries are allowed to sign major contracts with British companies, The Daily Telegraph understands. Theresa May intends to pass new laws allowing ministers to withdraw from any future projects if there are national security concerns relating to foreign investors. As well as future nuclear deals, the veto could also apply to telecoms and transport projects, it is understood.

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Australia, New Zealand • Australie, Nouvelle-Zélande

35. Malcolm Turnbull warns Hanson, Christensen demonising all Muslims is 'counter-productive'

ABC (Australia), Anna Henderson, 2016 09 16

Canberra - Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has warned One Nation and his own outspoken backbencher George Christensen that demonising all Muslims is playing into the hands of extremist groups. "Tagging all Muslims with the crimes of a few is fundamentally wrong and it's also counter-productive," Mr Turnbull told commercial radio station 3AW. "Seeking to demonise or denigrate all Muslims or seek to alienate all Muslims and suggest they're somehow not part of Australia or shouldn't be in Australia, that is exactly what the extremists and terrorists are saying to the Muslim community." One Nation leader Pauline Hanson delivered her first speech to the Senate earlier this week, . She went on to call for a ban on Muslim immigration. Mr Turnbull has rejected that position. "I was asked about her [Hanson's] views on migration and obviously everybody knows I don't agree with them," Mr Turnbull said. Mr Christensen sounded his own warning about Islam in the House of Representatives last night, . He said many immigrants in recent years did not share what he called "Australian values".

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36. Sydney man accused of terrorism says he had no intention of hurting anyone

Australian Associated Press, Karl Hoerr, 2016 09 16

Canberra - A Sydney man who admitted to preparing for an act of terrorism decided not to bomb a Shiite prayer hall because someone was inside, a court has heard. In February last year, in a few hours. But Al- Kutobi said he abandoned earlier plans for a bombing and there was no attack imminent at the time of their arrest. He admitted going to a Shiite prayer hall in South Granville along with Kiad two nights before their arrest, armed with a petrol bomb. "We wanted to throw it at the building and blow up the hall," Al-Kutobi said. He said they thought no-one would be there at the time, but a man was at the gate. "When we saw him, straight away, we changed our mind and went back," he said. Al-Kutobi denied claims that their intended target later became a police station. "Did you ever form the intention of hurting anyone?" asked defence barrister Greg Scragg. "No," Al- Kutobi said. Mr Scragg asked his client about the police intelligence that triggered the arrests. "Did you ever have an intention of departing in a few hours for a terrorist attack?"

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

37. Pakistan's Sindh province moves to block terrorism finance

Gulf News, Mohammad Ashraf, 2016 09 16

Karachi - Officials in Pakistan's Sindh province on Thursday agreed to adopt tougher steps to check the financing of militant and terrorist organisations. The measures include plans to regulate charities, to ensure they do not act as cover to raise funds for banned groups. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah presided over a meeting of a sub- committee of the Apex Committee, which was formed to oversee the implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP) to eradicate terrorism in the country. The meeting decided that banned militant outfits that operate under a new name or identity, would not be allowed to work under those pseudo names. Dozens of sectarian and Islamist militant groups were banned by the federal government in line with the global war against terrorism but many of them registered under new names. The groups would then go on to raise the funds, collect valuable hides and skins, and approach individuals as well as business and industrial concerns for donations.

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38. Pakistan may have a new nuclear site

The Hindu, Narayan Lakshman, 2016 09 16

New Delhi - The latest report of covert nuclear weapons development activities in Pakistan comes in the wake of a long series of such observations made in the recent years, mostly from commercial satellite photography. Pakistan, which is already suspected to be expanding its nuclear weapons stockpile faster than any other nation, may be rapidly constructing a

reprocessing site for a new centrifuge within the Khan Research Laboratories (KRL) in Kahuta, according to commercial satellite imagery. IHS Markit, an analyst of business-intelligence information, says the imagery, taken by Airbus Defence & Space on September 28, 2015, and then again on April 18, 2016 show the progress of the construction of a possible new uranium enrichment complex. IHS Markit notes that the area is approximately 1.2 hectares in the southwestern part of the KRL complex.

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39. US senator accuses Pakistan for being a duplicitous partner in Afghanistan

Pajhwok Afghan News, Lalit K Jha, 2016 09 16

Washington - Expressing concern over the security situation in Afghanistan, top American Senators on Thursday alleged that neighboring Pakistan continued to play a duplicitous role there. "Pakistan continues to be tremendously duplicitous partner in this. They are working against our interest there (in Afghanistan). They are supporting the Haqqani network," Senator Bob Corker, Chairman of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations said during a Congressional hearing in Afghanistan. Afghanistan continued to be important for US national interest, he said as he expressed concern over the reports on differences in the Unity Government formed in 2014. Corker in his remarks expressed concerns that the CEO position has not been confirmed by the Loyal Jirga. "I have personal relationship with and respect for President Ashraf Ghani and CEO Dr Abdullah Abdullah," he said.

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Africa • Afrique

40. 1600 Marocains dans les rangs jihadistes selon le patron du BCIJ

La Nouvelle Tribune (Maroc), Journaliste maison, 2016 09 15

Rabat, Maroc - Le directeur du Bureau Central d'Investigations Judiciaires (BCIJ), Abdelhak El Khayam, a affirmé que le Royaume a toujours été un rempart infranchissable devant les plans terroristes et que la vigilance des appareils sécuritaires marocains a avorté toutes les tentatives terroristes qui visaient le Maroc. M. El Khayam, qui a accordé une interview au quotidien égyptien « Al Watan », dans sa livraison de mercredi, a noté que la force du Royaume en matière de lutte contre le terrorisme réside dans la démarche proactive prônée par le Maroc visant à étouffer dans l'oeuf toute tentative de nature à porter atteinte à la sécurité du Royaume. Cette démarche proactive ambitionne également de faire face aux jeunes qui sont enrôlés par les organisations terroristes pour subir des entraînements ou recevoir des instructions, a-t-il ajouté. Il a noté dans ce sens que la création du BCIJ s'insère dans le plan de modernisation de l'appareil sécuritaire dans le Royaume après les attentats terroristes perpétrés au Maroc ces dernières années et vise également à contrer la menace terroriste qui guette les pays de la région, notamment le Royaume, de par sa position géographique.

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41. Nigeria Army Chief: Boko Haram Capabilities 'Virtually Eliminated'

Voice of America, James Butty, 2016 09 16

Washington - The Nigerian military has made tremendous progress against the Boko Haram terrorist group, the country's chief of army staff told VOA Daybreak Africa. Visiting our Washington studio, Lieutenant General Tukur Buratai praised the collaboration with troops from neighboring Cameroon, Chad and Niger. "It is interesting to note that the ability of the Boko Haram terrorist group to move freely as they were doing before, the ability to hold ground, the ability to take on territories or ransack large communities and towns has been virtually eliminated," he said. Boko Haram released a video this week that shows hundreds of supporters, suggesting the group is still potent. Buratai dismissed the video as propaganda. "Virtually they want to show that they are still around. To the best of our knowledge and all well-meaning Nigerians who know the happenings in the northeast, they know that those are just empty, boastful positions of the Boko Haram terrorists. They have nothing to show and indeed they are just trying to show their prowess in terms of propaganda," Buratai said.

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42. Worshippers in last Boko Haram Video photoshopped - DHQ

Punch (Nigeria), Staff report, 2016 09 15

Abuja - The Defence authorities have said that the large number of worshippers that appeared in the last video of the Boko Haram was a product of photoshop. The Acting Director, Defence Information, Brig. Gen. Rabe Abubakar, said in a statement on Thursday that the video lacked credibility and was indeed a replica of another video released by the sect in 2014. Abubakar said the DHQ would have ignored the video if not for the need to address the outburst contained in the clip, and fears of the citizenry. He said the clip was diversionary and a futile attempt by the insurgents to remain relevant and should be ignored.

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There are no stories today. / Il n'y a pas d'histoires aujourd'hui.

Asia • Asie

43. BRICS members to unite against terror groups

The Hindu, Special Correspondent, 2016 09 16

New Delhi - Underscoring the demand for an international legal order to deal with the threat of terrorism, BRICS High Representatives in charge of security, on Thursday agreed to intensify cooperation against terror groups like the IS in West Asia and North Africa region (WANA). Highlighting the growing demand for "peace building" in the violence-torn region, the meeting focused on finding a political solution to the "outstanding issues" in the WANA region that has received increased attention of the BRICS member-states in recent months. "While highlighting

the need for resolution of outstanding disputes in the WANA region through dialogue and peaceful means and in accordance with the international law and principles of the UN charter, BRICS High Representatives also agreed to pool BRICS' efforts to counter terrorism and violent extremism emanating from the region," said a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs after the meeting.

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44. Missing Bangladesh brothers resurface on Facebook with Islamic State flag in background

BDNews24, Golam Mujtaba Dhruba, 2016 09 16

Dhaka - Ibrahim Hasan Khan and Junayed Hossain Khan, who figure on the list of youths suspected to have joined militancy after fleeing home, have reappeared through a photo on Facebook, with the Islamic State flag and guns. The brothers appeared on the first list of 10 such youths released by police after the July 1 terror attack on a cafe in Dhaka's Gulshan. Security forces had said the duo and the members of their family, residents of Bashundhara in Dhaka, had been missing for around a year. The photo of the two brothers along with another person, who is yet to be identified, was posted on Ibrahim's Facebook wall on Wednesday night BdST. It was removed later. A person who knew them has confirmed bdnews24.com of their identities. Farhan Islam, who studies at Malaysia's Sarawak campus of the Swinburne University of Technology, said he had been in the same school with Ibrahim in Saudi Arabia.

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45. N.Korea ready to 'counter-attack' in face of US 'provocation'

Agence France-Presse, Agence France Presse, 2016 09 16

Seoul - North Korea is ready to "counter-attack" in the face of ongoing "provocation" from the United States, its foreign minister said Thursday amid a spike in tension caused by Pyongyang's latest nuclear test. "The Korean people have indicated that we are ready to wage a counter-attack against provocation by enemies," Foreign Minister Ri Yong-Ho said at a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement in Venezuela. The warning comes after two US supersonic bombers flew over South Korea on Tuesday in a show of force following North Korea's fifth and largest-ever nuclear test last week. Ri said the nuclear tests were needed to counter "threats" from Washington. "It was inevitable that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea would use the option of nuclear armament after having done everything to safeguard national security in view of constant threats from the United States," he said through an interpreter. He called nuclear tests part of a "legitimate" defense policy to counter US military exercises on the peninsula.

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46. Top diplomats from S. Korea, Japan to discuss N.K. nuke issue

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 09 16

Seoul - The top diplomats of South Korea and Japan will hold a meeting later this week in New York to discuss countermeasures against North Korea's recent nuclear test, Seoul's foreign ministry said Friday. The bilateral meeting between South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se and his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida will be held Sunday (local time) on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly session, the ministry said. The two diplomats will discuss the current agenda items of the U.N. Security Council, and other comprehensive and strong measures against the North, it said. Last week, the North conducted its fifth nuclear test in defiance of stepped-up warnings by the international community to halt its military provocations. The two sides are also expected to discuss the issue of forging the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA), a military intelligence sharing pact. The long protracted issue was discussed during the summit meeting between President Park Geun-hye and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Vientiane earlier this month.

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Eastern Europe • Europe de l'Est

47. Answer Russia's cyberattack

Washington Post, Editorial Board, 2016 09 16

Editorial - Less than two months ago, President Obama approved a presidential policy directive spelling out how the federal government would respond to "significant cyber incidents." In the shadowy world of cyberconflict, this is often a difficult problem: how to identify the source of an attack and respond appropriately. Mr. Obama set benchmarks. He defined a significant incident as one that is likely to result in "demonstrable harm" to the national security, economy or foreign relations of the United States, or "to the public confidence, civil liberties, or public health and safety of the American people." In recent weeks, according to private security experts and government sources, hackers associated with Russia's government have carried out high-profile intrusions intended to weaken that public confidence and disrupt the U.S. election campaign. Mr. Obama should do something about it. Mr. Obama ought to put his foot down, and soon. The cyberattacks are of a piece with a larger attempt by Russian President Vladimir Putin to subvert Western democracies and the ideals of a liberal, rule-based international order. Mr. Putin's broader campaign has included incitement of war in Ukraine, seizure of Crimea, support for right-wing groups and candidates in Europe, and using a tide of war refugees from Syria to create instability. In responding, Mr. Obama must take advantage of the strength of an open society and call out the perpetrators, telling the American people what is happening. Mr. Obama does not need to release sensitive intelligence to effectively make the point. Second, Mr. Obama should order the preparation of economic sanctions against Russian individuals under an executive order he signed that permits sanctions against people linked to malicious cyber-acts. He must put Russia on notice that such disruptive "active measures," as the KGB once called them, will not be tolerated. If Mr. Putin thinks he can get away with generating fog and doubt, the best answer is to drag him and his dirty tricks into the sunshine.

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

48. Meddling, extremism threaten world peace: Iran

Press TV, 2016 09 16

Tehran - Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has warned that interference in the domestic affairs of other countries, occupation and extremism constitute serious threats to the world peace, security and development. "It is evident that intervention, invasion and occupation as in the cases of Iraq, Syria and Palestine, leads to extremism. The tragedy of Palestine, the center of anger and desperation felt in the Muslim world, is at the heart of this crisis," Zarif stated at the foreign ministerial meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in Venezuela's Margarita Island on Thursday. He added, "In such a difficult and challenging situation, self-restraint and full commitment to international law, regulations and norms in addition to UN Charter principles are a matter of absolute necessity." Iranian President Hassan Rouhani is scheduled to attend the summit and deliver a speech on Friday.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

49. Army kills ISIS terrorists in Damascus and Aleppo, thwarts attack in Hama

Syria Times, 2016 09 16

Provinces - Army and Armed Forces units set an ambush for a terrorist group affiliated to ISIS in al-Jarajir area in Damascus Countryside. An army unit, in cooperation with supporting forces, planted an explosive device and detonated it as members of a terrorist group belonging to ISIS was passing near Abu Hudaj crossing in al-Jarajir barrens area in the western Qalamoun, which resulted in killing and injuring all members of the terrorist group, SANA reported. Other Army and Armed Forces units thwarted an attack by ISIS in the surroundings of the Air Force Academy in Aleppo's eastern countryside. A military source told SANA that army units clashed with terrorists from ISIS in the direction of Hazaza and Tal Maksour villages in the surroundings of the Air Force Academy 40 km east of Aleppo on the highway to Raqqa. The clash left 10 terrorists from ISIS dead and destroyed one of their machinegun-equipped vehicles.

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50. In leaked emails, Colin Powell says Israel has 200 nukes

Times of Israel, Judah Ari Gross, 2016 09 16

Jerusalem - Former US secretary of state and four-star general Colin Powell alleged that Israel possesses some 200 nuclear weapons, in an email apparently leaked by Russian hackers this week. Discussing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's March 2015 speech to Congress about the dangers posed by the Iranian nuclear deal, in an email he sent to US Democratic party donor Jeffrey Leeds, Powell wrote that he doubted the Iranian regime would use an atomic bomb even if it could get one, since "the boys in Tehran know Israel has 200, all targeted on Tehran, and we have thousands." The email was published by the LobeLog foreign policy website. Israel maintains a policy of so-called nuclear ambiguity, neither publicly confirming nor denying the existence of an atomic arsenal. According to a 2014 report by the Federation of American

Scientists, however, the Jewish state is believed to possess between 80 and 400 nuclear weapons, though that document's authors estimated the figure was closer to 80.

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51. Israel prepares civilians for threat of 230,000 enemy rockets

Jerusalem Post, Yaakov Lappin, 2016 09 16

Jerusalem - The IDF Home Front Command is preparing for the possibility that Hezbollah will fire thousands of missiles from Lebanon into Israel during the next war. A national war drill will be held from Sunday to Wednesday, including a nationwide air raid siren at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday. The goal of the exercise is to train civilians how to quickly enter "safe zones" in homes and workplaces, in the event of a mass rocket attack. According to assessments by the Home Front Command, in any multi-front conflict, some 95% of enemy rockets would be light-weight and have ranges less than 40 km., and 1% of all incoming projectiles would score direct hits on buildings. A mass rocket attack in a war on multiple fronts would be expected to cause mass disruption and perhaps hundreds of casualties. The Home Front Command has been working with emergency services, government ministries and local authorities to prepare for such a scenario.

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52. UN asked to stop Iranian arms smuggling to Yemen

Gulf News, Jumana Al Tamimi, 2016 09 16

Dubai - Saudi Arabia called on the UN Security Council on Thursday to put an end to Iranian weapons smuggling to the Al Houthi militia in Yemen as the clandestine shipments continue despite a UN resolution forbidding it. Saudi Arabia's representative to the UN, Abdullah Al Mouallimi, added in a letter to Security Council president Gerard Van Bohemen that the smuggling of Iranian-made weapons to Yemeni militias fighting the internationally- recognised government of Abd Rabbo Mansour Hadi is not only a violation of the Security Council resolution but also threatens the stability of Saudi Arabia, Yemen and the region as a whole. "We further urge the Security Council to take all necessary measures to demand that Iran complies with all relevant Security Council resolutions, cease and desist from any illegal actions in Yemen," Al Mouallimi added in the letter, which was carried by several regional news agencies.

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Others • Autres

53. Conférence mondiale sur les religions - Entrevoyer la fin des extrémismes

Le Devoir, Jean-François Nadeau, 2016 09 16

Montréal - L'historienne britannique Karen Armstrong se désole, tout comme d'autres conférenciers invités par la 3e Conférence mondiale sur les religions du monde. " Nous avons applaudi quand le mur de Berlin est tombé et maintenant, il faudrait applaudir parce qu'on veut

construire d'autres murs, un mur notamment entre les États-Unis et le Mexique ? " Cette grande conférence se tenait jeudi au Palais des congrès. Pour Amir Hussain, professeur de théologie à la Loyola Marymount University de Los Angeles, " les radicaux et les extrémistes ont peu de contacts avec leur communauté, et les imams ont peu d'influence sur eux ". Pour lui, l'islam est une religion comme une autre. Ses adeptes doivent être libres de participer aux activités de la cité. Ce sont 93 % des musulmans interrogés aux États-Unis après les attentats du 11 septembre 2001 qui rejetaient les attentats au nom de leur religion. " Mais les 7 % qui étaient en faveur des attentats l'étaient pour des motifs politiques ", rappelle Karen Arsmtrong. Beaucoup de jeunes se sont auto-éduqués à l'islam, notent les conférenciers. Ils confondent politique et religion. Dans la plupart des cas, ces jeunes radicaux sont très faiblement liés à la religion musulmane, affirme notamment le professeur Amir Hussain. Au nombre des participants, on comptait le philosophe Charles Taylor, l'aumônier sikh Manjit Singh, Susannah Heschel du collège Dartmouth, Phil Fontaine de l'Assemblée des Premières Nations. La conférence avait pour but de lancer une Déclaration universelle des droits de la personne par les religions du monde, dans un refus de " l'extrémisme religieux ".

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Western Europe • Europe de l'Ouest

54. British, German embassies in Turkey closed over security concerns

Hurriyet Daily News, Staff report, 2016 09 15

Ankara - The British embassy in the capital Ankara has announced it will be closed on Sept. 16 over security concerns, while Germany has also temporarily closed its embassy, all other consular offices and a school in Turkey, reportedly due to fears of a possible terror attack. "The British Embassy Ankara will be closed to the public on Friday 16 September for security reasons," the embassy said in a statement on Sept. 15, without giving further details. Like most foreign missions in Turkey, the British embassy had been closed for consular services throughout the Islamic Eid al- Adha holiday which began on Sept. 12. But it had been due to reopen on Sept. 16 with the holiday officially over.

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55. Fabien Clain aurait constitué un noyau de djihadistes toulousains en Syrie

L'Express, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 16

Damas, Syrie - Dans une enquête diffusée ce vendredi, France Inter révèle que le djihadiste français, "voix" des attentats du 13 novembre, a été repéré par les renseignements avec son frère dans le nord de la Syrie. Au sein d'une communauté toulousaine, ils joueraient le rôle de passeurs mais ne combattraient pas. Son nom apparaît dans un grand nombre de procédures terroristes. Et ses intonations ont été formellement identifiées dans plusieurs vidéos de propagande de l'organisation Etat islamique (EI), dont celle de revendication des attentats de Paris en novembre 2013. Le djihadiste toulousain et d'origine réunionnaise Fabien Clain, proche de Mohamed Merah, le tueur au scooter, semble jouer un rôle à la frontière entre le propagandiste et le commanditaire. Dans une enquête diffusée ce vendredi, France Inter donne des nouvelles du

Français de 37 ans. Citant des documents récents des services de renseignement, la radio indique qu'il a été localisé, avec son frère Jean-Michel, au nord de la Syrie il y a quelques mois. Il avait rejoint les rangs des djihadistes au printemps 2015, quittant la France en voiture, avec sa famille.

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56. Menaces d'attentats: un adolescent de 15 ans présenté à un juge antiterroriste

Le Figaro avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 16

Paris - L'adolescent de 15 ans arrêté avant-hier à Paris parce qu'il était soupçonné de vouloir mener une attaque djihadiste a été déféré ce matin pour être présenté à un juge antiterroriste en vue d'une éventuelle mise en examen, a appris l'AFP de source judiciaire. Le parquet de Paris a requis son placement en détention provisoire, a précisé cette source. Au moins deux autres adolescents de 15 ans ont été écroués ces derniers jours pour des menaces similaires, inspirées par les appels au meurtre sur les réseaux sociaux du propagandiste du groupe djihadiste Etat islamique Rachid Kassim. Celui qui a été arrêté mercredi réside dans le XXe arrondissement de Paris, où il est scolarisé au lycée. A ce stade de l'enquête, se dessine le profil d'un lycéen suivant sa scolarité normalement et qui n'était pas connu des services antiterroristes. Devant les enquêteurs, l'adolescent, né en Egypte, a reconnu avoir été en contact avec Rachid Kassim sur l'application Telegram, selon une source proche de l'enquête. L'exploitation de son téléphone a fait ressortir des éléments montrant qu'il était prêt à passer à l'acte, a ajouté la même source. Selon les enquêteurs, Rachid Kassim a inspiré, de manière plus ou moins directe, les attaques de Magnanville (Yvelines), où Larossi Abballa a tué un policier et sa compagne le 13 juin, et de Saint-Étienne-du-Rouvray (Seine-Maritime), où Adel Kermiche et Abdel Malik Petitjean ont tué un prêtre dans une église le 26 juillet.

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57. Menace terroriste "élevée" pour 97% des Français

Le Figaro, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 16

Paris - 97% des Français estiment que la menace terroriste est "élevée" ou "très élevée", indique un sondage Ifop à paraître aujourd'hui dans les quotidiens Midi Libre et La Dépêche du Midi, le premier depuis la découverte de bombes de gaz à Paris. 55% des sondés considèrent la menace terroriste "très élevée" et 42% "élevée", soit deux points de plus en à peine une semaine (95% dans une étude réalisée du 5 au 6 septembre), ajoute Ifop. "L'évaluation de la menace terroriste est extrêmement élevée, quelle que soit la sous-catégorie de population et quelle que soit la proximité politique", souligne l'institut de sondage dans un communiqué.

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58. Rachid Kassim, le gourou des enfants terroristes

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 16

Paris - Depuis début août, une dizaine de jeunes, parfois mineurs, en contact avec ce djihadiste français ont été interpellés pour avoir évoqué des projets d'attentat. Depuis l'assassinat, le

26juillet, du père Jacques Hamel - qu'il est soupçonné d'avoir piloté à distance -, Rachid Kassim est étroitement surveillé par la communauté du renseignement. Très actif sur la messagerie sécurisée Telegram, ce djihadiste français de 29ans a multiplié ces dernières semaines les appels au meurtre sur sa chaîne «publique», qui compte 317abonnés. Il a surtout directement incité certains de ses interlocuteurs à passer à l'acte dans des discussions privées. Ancien animateur dans un centre social de Roanne (Loire) - il était chargé d'emmener les enfants à la cantine -, Rachid Kassim s'est reconverti en mentor pour apprentis terroristes, transformant de jeunes Français en martyrs quand il ne les envoie pas en prison. Depuis l'attentat commis dans l'église de Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray (Seine-Maritime), une dizaine de jeunes gens, souvent mineurs, avec qui il était en contact, ont été interpellés, les services de renseignement ayant finalement trouvé un moyen d'intercepter ses échanges sur Telegram. Donneur d'ordres Ces interpellations préventives ont toutes pour origine un renseignement faisant état d'un projet d'attentat évoqué par Rachid Kassim avec une de ses recrues. Ce donneur d'ordres appelant à passer à l'action avec des moyens rudimentaires - parfois un simple couteau -, la matérialisation de l'intention terroriste est rarement étayée en perquisition.

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59. Rachid Kassim, le recruteur français de Daech

Marianne, Frédéric Ploquin, 2016 09 16

Paris - L'homme qui a manipulé le commando de femmes djihadistes de Notre-Dame, à Paris, aurait quitté définitivement la France en mai 2015. C'est le petit Français qui monte au sein de la nébuleuse Etat islamique, en pleine déconfiture sur le terrain militaire, mais toujours avide de porter des coups contre les «mécrites». Son nom, Rachid Kassim, apparaît au coeur d'une dizaine d'enquêtes sur des attentats ou des projets d'attentats. Agé de 29 ans, il maîtrise sur le bout des doigts la messagerie cryptée Telegram, son moyen d'entrer en contact et de travailler au corps les volontaires pour le djihad. Et depuis l'exécution, revendiquée par les services secrets américains, de celui que l'on surnommait le «ministre» des attentats, le Syrien Mohammed Al-Adnani, ce Franco-Algérien passe pour l'un de ses successeurs potentiels. Au point que la CIA et la NSA s'y intéressent désormais de très près. Selon Marianne, ce sont d'ailleurs les services américains qui ont recueilli de très précieuses informations qu'ils ont transmises à leurs homologues français. Le principal bagage de Rachid Kassim, c'est le métier qu'il a exercé pendant au moins deux ans à Roanne, cette ville de la Loire où il a grandi avec sa mère : animateur social. Plus précisément, spécialiste de l'accompagnement scolaire des adolescents. Les jeunes, et même les enfants, il connaît. Il les a suffisamment encadrés pour connaître leurs failles et leurs faiblesses.

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60. Renseignement: une loi équilibrée pour affronter les nouvelles menaces

Le Temps (Suisse), Rebecca Ruiz, 2016 09 16

Opinion - Le scandale des fiches est encore bien présent dans l'esprit de nombre de nos concitoyennes et concitoyens. La récolte d'informations personnelles sur près d'un million de citoyens pour lutter contre un prétendu péril rouge fait figure d'épouvantail dans la campagne sur

la loi sur le renseignement (LRens). Le Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC) inspire donc la plus grande méfiance, une méfiance compréhensible puisque la société helvétique a été sérieusement ébranlée dans son rapport à l'Etat par cette surveillance de masse qui a concerné principalement des sympathisants de la gauche. On omet cependant souvent de rappeler que ce sombre épisode de l'histoire suisse émane d'une initiative de la police fédérale de l'époque, en l'absence de toute base légale. La loi issue des travaux parlementaires suit une logique inverse et balise précisément l'activité autorisée du renseignement. Alors que la méthode du fichage et du soupçon généralisé a pu se développer dans une zone grise, la LRens interdit la constitution de fichiers de surveillance fondés uniquement sur de vagues soupçons.

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61. Shouting at Americans: A Peek Into French Signals Intelligence

Council on Foreign Relations, Alex Grigsby, 2016 09 16

Comment: Something remarkable happened a few months ago. Bernard Barbier, the former head of signals intelligence (SIGINT) between 2006 and 2014 at France's foreign intelligence agency (DGSE), gave a speech at one of France's top engineering schools in which he reflected on his career and imparted some of his wisdom to students. He also said some things that he probably shouldn't have, like confirming that France was behind the Animal Farm advanced persistent threat, commenting on the SIGINT capabilities of European allies, and reacting to the revelation that the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) had compromised the networks of the French presidency. Last week, Barbier's speech surfaced on YouTube but was quickly taken down (UPDATE: A new version of the video is up here. H/T Boing Boing). However, it was up long enough for French daily Le Monde to transcribe some of the highlights. Here they are, paraphrased and translated from the original French. 1. "I got the order from Mr. Sarkozy's successor [current President Hollande] to shout at the Americans ... it was a great moment in my professional career" Barbier recalls that he was first informed of a possible compromise at the Élysée palace in 2012, when a former colleague working IT security at the palace reached out for analysis on a piece of malware. With the help of a new metadata capability the French obtained in 2012 and Edward Snowden's revelation of the NSA's QUANTUM capability in 2013, Barbier's staff concluded that the attack on the Élysée was the work of the United States. Barbier recalls: 2. "And yes, it was a Frenchman" In 2014, Le Monde published documents from the Snowden archive revealing that Canada's SIGINT agency, the Communications Security Establishment (CSE), suspected that Paris was behind a cyber espionage campaign that began in 2009 targeting Iran's nuclear program but also targeting computers in Canada. CSE was able to attribute the campaign to the French based on some reverse engineering revealing that the malware developer used references to a French children's cartoon character, Babar the Elephant. That reference also led Kaspersky to baptise the malware Animal Farm. Barbier recalls that CSE "concluded that he [the malware author] was French. And yes, it was a Frenchman." For me, Snowden is a traitor to his country, but he has nothing to do with Julian Assange. The Americans made Snowden, who was an external contractor, a systems administrator. Those who do that job in the DGSE are bureaucrats that have between fifteen and twenty years of seniority. The possibility of having a Snowden in France is very low. Snowden showed that espionage between allies existed and that Americans compromised hardware, such as that sold by Cisco and poses a problem for technological independence. In that sense, Snowden rather helped us. (Note: Alex

Grigsby is the assistant director for the Digital and Cyberspace Policy program at the Council on Foreign Relations.)

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62. Turkey detains four over suspected plot against British, German missions

Hurriyet Daily News, Staff report, 2016 09 16

Ankara - Turkish authorities have detained four people as part of the investigation into a potential threat against British and German diplomatic missions in the country but found no links between the suspects and any terrorist groups, state-run Anadolu Agency reported on Sept. 16. The investigation was reportedly prompted by intelligence about a potential Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) threat against the missions. Britain's foreign office had earlier stated that the U.K. Embassy in Ankara had been shut on Sept. 16 for unspecified security reasons. The German Embassy said on its website that its missions were only open for limited operations after a four-day public holiday this week. (Full report).

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63. Turquie: quatre arrestations après des menaces contre des ambassades

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 16

Ankara - Trois personnes ont été arrêtées à Ankara et une autre à Istanbul, dans le cadre de l'enquête sur des menaces contre les ambassades britannique et allemande, a rapporté vendredi l'agence de presse Anadolu. L'ambassade britannique à Ankara avait annoncé jeudi qu'elle serait "fermée au public le vendredi 16 octobre pour des raisons de sécurité", sans fournir plus de précisions. De son côté, l'ambassade allemande avait indiqué que ses missions diplomatiques en Turquie allaient "offrir des services limités jusqu'à vendredi", sans étayer davantage sa décision. Selon le journal à grand tirage Bild, missions et écoles allemandes étaient fermées en Turquie en raison de craintes d'une éventuelle attaque. Les autorités turques ont ouvert une enquête après que des services de renseignement ont fait état de probable menace de l'organisation Etat islamique (EI) contre des missions diplomatiques, selon Anadolu. Toutefois, "il n'y a pas de preuves d'appartenance des suspects arrêtés à des organisations terroristes", a indiqué des responsables du ministère turc de l'Intérieur, cités par l'agence Anadolu, précisant que les arrestations ont eu lieu avant les vacances de la Fête du sacrifice (Aïd al-Adha) célébrée lundi. L'ambassadeur britannique en Turquie, Richard Moore, a précisé sur le Twitter que la décision de fermeture de l'ambassade était une "précaution". Les responsables britanniques "travaillent en étroite collaboration avec les autorités turques" qui "prennent les mesures appropriées" compte tenu de menaces, a-t-il ajouté dans son message. La Turquie a été ébranlée cette année par de nombreux attentats attribués aux jihadistes de l'EI ou revendiqués par des rebelles kurdes.

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64. Un Bisontin de 20 ans déféré devant le parquet antiterroriste de Paris

France 3 - Régions (site web), Sophie Courageot, 2016 09 16

Besançon, France - L'information est révélée ce matin pour le journal L'Est Républicain. La police soupçonne ce jeune homme de préparer un attentat à Paris. Selon le journal, le jeune homme a été arrêté la semaine dernière par les hommes du Raid. Il a été mis en examen pour chef d'association de malfaiteurs en vue de la commission d'un acte de terrorisme. L'homme a été écroué. Prénommé Raïme, le suspect était fiché "S". Il aurait prêté allégeance à Daech et cherchait selon les enquêteurs à commettre un attentat à Paris. Des perquisitions ont eu lieu fin août à son domicile dans le quartier Battant à Besançon (Doubs). D'après le quotidien, l'homme avait commencé à rassembler des éléments afin de confectionner une bombe. En Franche-Comté, un autre homme a déjà été mis en cause dans une affaire terroriste. Il s'agit du Pontissalien Yassin Sahli.

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CSIS in the News • Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Homa Hoodfar - Remuer ciel et terre

Le Devoir, Guy Taillefer, 2016 09 19

Editorial - Ottawa a remué ciel et terre pour obtenir la libération de Kevin Garratt, ce Canadien rentré jeudi dernier au pays après avoir été emprisonné pendant deux ans en Chine sous des accusations d'espionnage pour le compte du Service canadien du renseignement de

sécurité(SCRS).Il faut espérer que le gouvernement Trudeau mettra autant d'effort à obtenir celle d'Homa Hoodfar, cette anthropologue de l'Université Concordia détenue depuis maintenant plus de cent jours dans la tristement célèbre prison d'Evin, à Téhéran. Accusée de " collaborer avec un gouvernement hostile " et de " se livrer à des activités féministes ", cette dame d'origine iranienne, possédant la double nationalité canadienne et irlandaise, a été arrêtée sur ordre des Gardiens de la révolution le 6 juin dernier à Téhéran où elle se trouvait pour des raisons familiales en même temps que pour poursuivre ses recherches sur la condition de la femme dans le monde musulman dans le contexte spécifique des élections législatives qui étaient sur le point de se tenir en Iran. La dame âgée de 65 ans et à la santé fragile est, depuis, détenue en isolement.

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2. Ottawa complice de la torture de Canadiens en Syrie

Radio-Canada - Nouvelles (site web), Terence McKenna, 2016 09 19

Ottawa - De 2001 à 2004, des Canadiens ont été emprisonnés et torturés en Syrie avec la complicité des autorités canadiennes, relèvent des documents secrets obtenus par Radio-Canada. À la suite des attentats du 11 septembre 2001, le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) et de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) voulaient trouver les cellules d'Al-Qaïda au pays. Elles ont alors commencé à suspecter trois Canadiens de confession musulmane de faire partie de la nébuleuse terroriste. Lors de trois différents voyages en Syrie, Abdhullah Almalki, Ahmad Elmaati et Muayyed Nureddin seront arrêtés et torturés. Quelque 18 000 documents du SCRS et de la GRC obtenus par Radio-Canada et CBC révèlent des exemples de violation des droits de la personne et de complicité du gouvernement dans des cas de torture. C'est le cas de l'homme d'affaires Abdullah Almalki, qui sera placé sous surveillance au pays et à l'étranger sans preuve solide. Deux ans de torture Dans les années 1990, Abdullah Almalki travaillait pour une ONG canadienne en Afghanistan dirigée par un homme lié à Oussama ben Laden.

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3. The tale of two wrongfully imprisoned Canadians in China

Toronto Star, Thomas Walkom, 2016 09 19

Column: The federal government has successfully extricated one Canadian from a Chinese prison. Another remains. Amidst the euphoria surrounding Kevin Garratt's release, the fate of Huseyin Celil, a Burlington imam who used to make his living delivering pizzas in the Hamilton region, has almost been forgotten. Garratt, an evangelical Christian from British Columbia, was in jail for two years. Celil, a 47-year-old Muslim from Ontario, has been in prison for 10. Successive Conservative and Liberal governments have pressed for the release of both. Garratt's case, however, was always more likely to meet with success. First, unlike Celil, Garratt is not a dual national. Beijing does not recognize dual nationality and has consistently refused to accept Ottawa's assertion that Chinese-borne Celil, who obtained his Canadian citizenship in 2005, is indeed Canadian. For that reason, it has refused to let Canadian consular officials see Celil and has insisted, whenever the topic comes up between the two countries, that his case is none of Ottawa's business. Second, unlike Garratt, Celil has run afoul of the Chinese state before. A member of the country's Islamic Uighur minority, Celil was jailed in the mid-'90s for allegedly

undertaking illegal political activities in his home province of Xinjiang. Ottawa did apparently send Michel Coulobme, who heads the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service, to China to convince Beijing that Garratt was not a spy. It's not clear why they would have believed Canada's spymaster on this particular topic, but maybe they did. More to the point, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has made encouraging noises about opening up Canada and its resources even more to China. That's the kind of thing Beijing likes to hear. Whatever the reason, Canada's efforts worked for Garratt. Let's hope Trudeau has enough goodies up his sleeve to spring the other wrongfully imprisoned Canadian too.

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4. The Torture Files: Documents show CSIS and RCMP's role in post- 9/11 torture of 3 Canadians in Syria

CBC News, Nazim Baksh and Terence McKenna, 2016 09 19

Thousands of pages of secret files obtained by CBC reveal how Canada's police and intelligence service not only knew three Canadians were being tortured in Syrian jails in a post-Sept. 11 crackdown, but co-operated with Syrian officials in their interrogations. The files also show a Canadian ambassador helped deliver questions the RCMP and CSIS wanted put to the Canadians imprisoned in Syria, a country with a dismal human rights record. The revelations are featured in "The Torture Files," a joint investigation by The National and the fifth estate that airs this week. Abdullah Almalki, Ahmad Elmaati and Muayyed Nureddin were never arrested in Canada for suspected terror offences, but to this day there is a cloud of suspicion hanging over them. Ten years ago, they each filed \$100-million lawsuits against the government. Maher Arar, another Canadian arrested and tortured in Syria in the wake of al-Qaeda's deadly attacks on New York and Washington, received an apology and a \$10.5-million settlement from the federal government in 2007. Lawyers representing Almalki, Elmaati and Nureddin fought and eventually won a lengthy court battle with the RCMP and CSIS to gain access to thousands of heavily redacted files, amounting to hundreds of thousands of pages. They consist of internal memos, briefing notes from field agents to their superiors, inter-agency communications, emails, reports and even a memo that shows at least one senior RCMP case officer might have had serious doubts about the evidence Almalki was engaged in anything nefarious. CBC News obtained exclusive access to some 18,000 pages, which the trio's lawyers plan to use when the long-anticipated civil trials begin early next year.

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5. Canada's threats from state hackers

Globe and Mail, 2016 09 19

Editorial: Someone is trying to break into the systems that serve as the Internet's skeleton and central nervous system. The increasingly sophisticated attacks often bear the hallmarks of state sponsorship, with many experts fingering China and Russia. It's likely a matter of time before they succeed. How long will it take for hostile nations to turn their attention to the West's

intelligence documents, the electrical grid and the political system? Oh, wait: they already have. Given recent headlines have focused on either American (the Democratic National Committee, former U.S. secretary of state Colin Powell) or international targets (the World Anti-Doping Agency), it's easy to forget data protection is a serious Canadian problem as well. Canada is in the midst of a defence policy review, which may end up mostly focusing on the things we have argued about forever, like which new fighter jets to buy. But war and security threats are moving from the physical world to cyberspace. There are new dangers to be considered and planned for. The former head of the Communications Security Establishment, the electronic spy agency, recently argued in a Canadian Global Affairs Institute policy paper that the military should have the authority to go on the cyber offensive. The online world is a different place from 2010, the last time our cybersecurity policy was revamped, says John Adams. He says it would be "neglectful beyond belief" to not arm Canada adequately to safeguard the national interest - and political, economic and social institutions - in "a new kind of war."

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6. Combien de temps Omar Khadr devra-t-il encore attendre des excuses?

Le Devoir, Nathalie Drouin, 2016 09 19

Opinion - Nathalie Drouin - Présidente et fondatrice de l'association pour la défense d'Omar Khadr (pouromarkhadr.com) Omar Khadr a 30 ans aujourd'hui lundi. Combien d'années devra-t-il patienter encore avant que notre gouvernement ne lui offre enfin des excuses officielles assorties d'une compensation pour les fautes commises à son endroit et qui l'ont privé de ses droits les plus élémentaires ? Nous avons une dette collective envers ce jeune homme, un citoyen canadien à part entière que l'on a laissé croupir à Guantánamo pendant 10 ans et qui a subi des sévices, abandons et dénis de justice à répétition depuis 15 ans, à l'encontre des conventions de droit internationales dont notre pays est signataire. L'histoire d'Omar est une véritable disgrâce pour le Canada qui se targue d'être le champion des droits de la personne et, surtout, des droits des enfants. Voici un rappel des faits en 15 points : - Omar Khadr est né à Toronto, le 19 septembre 1986. À 15 ans, son père le laisse dans un camp en Afghanistan avec la promesse de revenir le chercher. Il ne l'a jamais fait. - Peu après, le camp est bombardé par l'armée américaine. Omar est le seul survivant. - Pendant l'attaque, il est atteint par deux tirs qui lui infligent de graves blessures au dos, faisant éclater son épaule demeurée partiellement paralysée. Les éclats d'obus lui font perdre l'usage d'un oeil et limitent sa vision dans l'autre.

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7. Débat du PQ Jean-François Lisée refuse de s'excuser

La Presse canadienne, Alexandre Robillard, 2016 09 19

Saguenay - Le candidat à la direction du Parti québécois Jean-François Lisée a refusé de s'excuser, dimanche, à la suite d'une attaque sur les réseaux sociaux qui a mené son adversaire Alexandre Cloutier à contacter la police. M. Lisée a reconnu qu'il avait toutefois retiré de son fil Twitter ses propos dans lesquels il montrait que les positions de M. Cloutier sur la laïcité plaisaient à un groupe dont le porte-parole est l'imam controversé Adil Charkaoui. «Je l'ai retiré par amitié pour Alexandre», a-t-il dit dans un point de presse. Les quatre candidats à la direction

du PQ étaient réunis à Saguenay, dimanche, pour un débat dont les thèmes portaient principalement sur la souveraineté. Après les échanges, au cégep de Jonquière, M. Lisée a affirmé que la journée de campagne de vendredi avait été mauvaise pour l'équipe de M. Cloutier et la sienne. «Je pense que la journée de vendredi est une journée qu'on voudrait effacer de l'histoire du Parti québécois, c'est tout ce que j'ai à dire là-dessus», a-t-il dit. M. Lisée a estimé que les torts étaient partagés dans l'escalade qui a mené au message reliant M. Cloutier à M. Charkaoui, qui est soupçonné d'avoir été associé à la radicalisation de jeunes à Montréal.

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8. Ex-bureaucrat sues CBC over boat-tax story

Globe and Mail, Daniel Leblanc, 2016 09 19

Ottawa - A former top bureaucrat is suing the CBC for \$800,000 over a story that alleged he used a "racket" to avoid paying \$105,000 in sales taxes and duties on his 47-foot sailing boat, court documents show. François Guimont, who recently retired as Canada's deputy minister of public safety, was featured in an investigative story in March that focused on luxury boats sold at Canadian marinas near the U.S. border, in the binational Lake Champlain area. The CBC's flagship French-language investigative program, called Enquête, revealed that many of the boats are officially exported to the United States, meaning no Canadian tax is imposed by the sellers. The program also alleged that American authorities don't impose taxes or duties, because they are told the boats are only in the United States on a temporary basis, to be stored in Canada for the winter. CBC journalist Marie-Maude Denis, who broke Quebec's construction scandal, referred in her story to the example of the Elysium, owned by Mr. Guimont. Asked on the television show whether he had paid sales taxes and other duties on his sailboat, Mr. Guimont answered that he "did exactly" what officials at Marina Gosselin asked him to do. He added that it would be up to the marina to explain its procedures.

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9. Got a warrant?

Globe and Mail, 2016 09 19

Editorial: Technology affects law, and law affects technology, because they both change over the years. But the fundamental principles underlying our laws and our rights remain constants, even as technology advances. Some police forces and security agencies appear to be tempted to think that new techniques and devices bring to the world something entirely new, with no connection at all to the older ways of doing law or respecting rights. Consider how some agencies have apparently been gaining access to information on smartphones, without first seeking judicial authorization. Some agencies have acquired and used devices known as "international mobile subscriber identity" catchers, or IMSI. These can discover much about the owners of the phones. Entities with access to cellphone towers can mop up huge quantities of other people's communications. And masses of data from one group can "trick" other masses of data into handing them over.

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10. Lisée won't apologize for tweet

Montreal Gazette, Philip Authier, 2016 09 19

Montreal - Parti Québécois leadership candidate Jean-François Lisée has refused to apologize for linking his main rival to controversial Islamic activist Adil Charkaoui in a tweet. Nevertheless, Lisée insisted the fact he removed the item he tweeted from the Internet is proof of his esteem for the candidate, Alexandre Cloutier. As for the ferocious feud it sparked and even threats against Cloutier from people who believed the connection to be real, Lisée said it was a day of the campaign he "would rather forget." "I am not asking for apologies, I am offering none, I am turning the page," Lisée told reporters at a news conference following an all candidate's debate - the fourth in the race - here in Quebec's nationalist heartland. Lisée balked when asked whether he went too far and twisted for his own purposes a Charkaoui Facebook comment to the effect Cloutier seems more open to newcomers than he does. "All the facts are available on the Facebook sites of each candidate," he said. "I am not going back into this issue. I want to talk about other things." The party in question, Cloutier, was not impressed.

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11. Nouvel incendie criminel à la radio haïtienne

Agence QMI, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 19

Montréal - La radio haïtienne CPAM 1610 AM a une nouvelle fois été victime d'un incendie criminel tôt dimanche. Le Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) a reçu un appel des pompiers vers 3 h 30 hier matin pour un incendie qui s'est déclaré au 3390 boulevard Crémazie, à proximité de l'intersection avec la 13e Avenue, dans l'arrondissement de Villeray- Saint-Michel-Parc-Extension. «Un objet aurait été lancé à travers la fenêtre de la porte et, sur place, on a repéré une forte odeur de produit inflammable, possiblement de l'essence», a détaillé le porte-parole du SPVM. Les dégâts semblent mineurs, car les pompiers sont rapidement intervenus. Aucun suspect ni témoin n'a été entendu et l'enquête a été transférée à la section des incendies criminels du SPVM.

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12. Tax changes, security on Commons to-do list

Ottawa Citizen, Kady O'Malley, 2016 09 19

Column: It may not provide spectators with the full parliamentary pageantry of a speech from the throne, but there's always at least a bit of that back-at-school energy in the air as the House prepares to reopen for business after the summer recess - an occasion that, for the record, should never be referred to as the start of a "new session" unless immediately preceded by either a general election or a prorogation. Here's a rundown on how the various parties are hoping to spend the 12 ½ sitting weeks between now and the Christmas break. 1. Wrapping up legislative loose ends. For a government about to round the corner on its first year in office, it's time - past time, some might argue - to start ticking some of the more contentious initiatives off the Commons to-do list. Among the items still languishing on the order paper: Broadening the Canadian Human Rights Act to cover gender identity and expression; Rolling back the previous

government's bid to force labour unions to publicly disclose detailed financial records; Formally establishing the income tax changes brought in as part of the inaugural budget; Setting up a special parliamentary committee to oversee national security operations.

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13. Tell the truth about 'stingrays'

Toronto Star, 2016 09 19

Editorial: When the warden of Warkworth Institution in Campbellford, Ont., wanted to investigate reports of contraband in his prison, he wrote a memo to Correctional Services Canada asking the agency to provide a so-called IMSI catcher. The surveillance tool, sometimes called a stingray, records data from the cellphones of all those nearby. The prisoners would be surveilled, but because the tool is indiscriminate, so, too, would guards and visitors. The warden's memo, which came to light late last year, was the first apparent public confirmation of what privacy experts had long alleged: the government is collecting data from the cellphones of Canadians without their knowledge. Since the Warkworth revelation, several other instances of stingray use have been brought to public notice in court documents and media reports. Yet Ottawa will not say how frequently these invasive tools are being employed or what rules govern their use. Meanwhile, many police forces, including the Toronto Police Service, and other government agencies continue to deny they use them at all, even in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

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14. Unpaid civil servant now overpaid after suing government, Global Affairs claims

CBC News, Ashley Burke, 2016 09 19

A contract worker in Ottawa is at the centre of a messy legal battle after becoming the first person to sue the federal government over the Phoenix payroll fiasco affecting thousands of public servants. Darrel Delisle, a former casual worker with Global Affairs Canada, filed a lawsuit for \$24,000 after he struggled to get paid for three months during the roll out of the government's new Phoenix pay system. In a statement of defence, Global Affairs admitted it did owe Delisle money but that it overpaid him since the lawsuit was filed -- and that Delisle now owes his former employer more than \$14,000. Since February, more than 80,000 workers have struggled to be properly paid -- some being paid too little, some being paid too much and some not being paid at all. According to court documents, Delisle made many attempts to get paid -- including 635 calls to the pay centre, sending emails, setting up meetings with superiors, and filing a labour complaint, which was ultimately rejected. Delisle left his government contract early, on June 24, to take another job, according to his statement of claim. On July 14, he filed his lawsuit in Ontario's small claims court, arguing he wasn't paid properly and suffered losses during the roll out of Phoenix.

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15. Authorities probe ties between blasts, devices in 2 states

Associated Press, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 19

New York - Authorities questioned several people early Monday as they worked to determine whether there was a connection between explosive devices found over the weekend in two states: an explosion in a Manhattan neighborhood, an unexploded pressure cooker device blocks away, a pipe bomb blast at a Jersey shore town and five explosive devices at a New Jersey train station. On Sunday night, FBI agents in Brooklyn stopped "a vehicle of interest" in the investigation of the Manhattan explosion, according to FBI spokeswoman Kelly Langmesser. No one has been charged with any crime, and the investigation is continuing, Langmesser said. On Sunday, a federal law enforcement official said the Chelsea bomb contained a residue of Tannerite, an explosive often used for target practice that can be picked up in many sporting goods stores. The discovery of Tannerite may be important as authorities probe whether the two New York City devices and the pipe bomb at the Jersey shore are connected.

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16. Bombs Built for Carnage Provide a Trove of Clues

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 19

New York - A bomb that injured 29 people on Saturday in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan, and another that failed to detonate, were filled with shrapnel and made with pressure cookers, flip phones and Christmas lights to set off a powerful explosive compound, law enforcement officials said on Sunday. Both bombs appeared designed to create maximum chaos and fatalities. They also provided a trove of clues. Late Sunday night, two law enforcement officials said that investigators stopped a car on the Belt Parkway near the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and took five people to an F.B.I. office in Manhattan for questioning in the bombing investigation. One of the officials said that all or most of them may have been from the same family and that they may have been on their way to the airport. The F.B.I. confirmed in a statement that agents and police detectives had stopped "a vehicle of interest in the investigation into Saturday's bombing in Manhattan and that no one has been charged with any crime." Earlier, two senior law enforcement officials said there was a "person of interest" in the bombing, but it was unclear if that person had been identified. The person had been seen on surveillance footage. Tensions in the region, already high, escalated later Sunday night when, according to a law enforcement official, pipe bombs were found near the train station in Elizabeth, N.J. The mayor, J. Christian Bollwage, confirmed that a suspicious package containing "wires and a pipe" had been found by two men in the city, and said that the F.B.I. and the New Jersey State Police had been called in to investigate after a drone found that the item could be a bomb.

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17. Device Explodes in New Jersey, 5 People Questioned in New York Bombing Investigation

NBC News, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 19

Elizabeth N.J. - A backpack that appeared to contain pipe bombs exploded early Monday as a police robot examined it near a New Jersey train station. Mayor Chris Bollwage told reporters the bomb squad robot was "cutting into the device when it exploded" in the city of Elizabeth. A spokesman for Bollwage had earlier described the blast as a controlled detonation. The explosion occurred shortly before 1 a.m. ET Monday. It was the second in New Jersey since Saturday morning and followed a bombing Saturday night in Manhattan that injured 29 people. At around 6 a.m. ET, officials familiar with the investigation confirmed to NBC News that heavily armed FBI agents spotted at a fried chicken restaurant in Elizabeth were involved in the tri-state bombs probe. Several law enforcement officials told NBC News that they are concerned that an active terrorism cell with multiple players could be at work in the New York-New Jersey area. Multiple senior law enforcement officials told NBC News that the suspicious device discovered Sunday night in Elizabeth looked similar in appearance to the one that exploded Saturday morning in Seaside Park, N.J.

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18. Explosion à New York Après la panique, l'agacement

La Presse+, Richard Hétu, 2016 09 19

New York - « C'est dommage, mais c'est plus un inconvénient qu'autre chose », s'entendent pour dire des résidents de Chelsea. Comme son grand frère situé dans Greenwich Village, le restaurant végétalien By Chloe, logé dans la 22e Rue, connaît un grand succès depuis son ouverture, en juin. Aussi était-il bondé, samedi soir, lorsqu'une bombe a explosé à un pâté de maisons de là. Et les caméras de surveillance de l'établissement ont capté sur le vif la réaction des clients. « On voit la secousse et la peur des gens au moment de l'explosion », a raconté Erik Diamond, directeur régional de la jeune chaîne de restaurants, après avoir visionné les enregistrements des caméras de surveillance. « Certains se précipitent à l'extérieur pour voir ce qui se passe. D'autres sont cloués sur place. C'était un moment de panique. Je pense que les New-Yorkais ne sont pas prêts à un autre événement comme celui d'il y a 15 ans. » M. Diamond se tenait au milieu d'une 6e Avenue fermée à la circulation lorsqu'il a tenu ces propos, hier matin. Au-delà des barricades policières, des enquêteurs locaux et fédéraux s'affairaient dans la 23e Rue, entre les 6e et 7e Avenues, autour de la poubelle déchiquetée par l'explosion qui a fait 29 blessés (tous avaient quitté l'hôpital en fin de matinée hier). Et malgré le bouclage d'une partie de Chelsea, le moment de panique capté par les caméras du restaurant By Chloe avait été remplacé par une réaction où se mêlaient chez plusieurs habitants du quartier le fatalisme et le stoïcisme. « C'est dommage, mais c'est plus un inconvénient qu'autre chose », a déclaré Debra Noll, avocate qui vit dans un immeuble situé en face de l'endroit où l'explosion est survenue. « Personne n'a été tué, c'est tout ce qui compte. » « Je ne me sens pas moins en sécurité aujourd'hui qu'hier », a ajouté cette New-Yorkaise, qui n'était pas chez elle au moment de la déflagration. « J'ai l'impression de vivre dans une ville très sûre. Parfois, de telles choses arrivent, et cette fois-ci, l'efficacité n'était pas au rendez-vous. »

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19. Family identifies attacker behind 'potential act of terrorism' in St. Cloud

Minneapolis Star Tribune, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 19

St. Cloud - In a few bloody minutes, a man rampaged through a St. Cloud shopping mall Saturday evening, stabbing nine people before being fatally shot by an off-duty police officer. The violence is being investigated as terrorism, federal authorities said. None of the nine victims, seven men and two women who ranged in age from 15 to 53, was killed in the attack. In a media briefing after midnight Sunday, St. Cloud Police Chief William Anderson said an off-duty officer from another jurisdiction confronted and shot the suspect Saturday night inside Crossroads Center mall. He said the man -- dressed in a private security uniform -- reportedly asked at least one victim whether they were Muslim before assaulting them, and referred to Allah during the attacks. "We are currently investigating this as a potential act of terrorism," said the FBI's Richard Thornton, speaking at a news conference at police headquarters early Sunday afternoon. Thornton did not link the attack to a specific terror group. Roughly 12 hours after the stabbings, a news agency said to speak for ISIL went to Twitter to claim credit for the mall violence. "The executor of the stabbing attacks in Minnesota yesterday was a soldier of the Islamic State and carried out the operation in response to the citizens of countries belonging to the crusader coalition," the posting by the AMAQ news agency read. While law enforcement has not disclosed the suspect's name, his father identified him as Dahir A. Adan, 22. Interviewed Sunday through a translator at his apartment in St. Cloud, Ahmed Adan said his son was born in Kenya but grew up in the United States. Other family members said Dahir Adan was beginning his third year as a student at St. Cloud State University. Police told Ahmed Adan about 9 p.m. Saturday that his son had died at the mall, he said. He had "no suspicion" of his son being involved in any terrorist activity, he added. Police raided the apartment on St. Germain Street on Sunday morning and seized photos and other materials, Ahmed Adan said.

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20. NY, NJ bombings: Authorities suspect possible terror cell, officials say

CNN.com, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 19

New York - The intense investigation into the weekend bomb blasts in New York and New Jersey is leading authorities to signs of a possible terror cell in those two states, law enforcement officials told CNN Monday. The ongoing investigation, which includes two bombs in New York City and devices in two cities in New Jersey, has given authorities leads on specific people who are urgently being sought. Also on Monday morning, a federal law enforcement official said BBs and ball bearings were among the pieces of metal that appeared to be packed into both pressure cooker bombs in New York. One of those devices exploded on 23rd Street, but the fact that it was partly under a metal trash container may have diminished the force of the blast. The latest developments came just hours after a backpack containing multiple bombs was found Sunday night near an Elizabeth, New Jersey, train station, according to the FBI and the city's mayor. There is no indication yet that the latest incident in Elizabeth is connected to the bombing in a New York City neighborhood Saturday night that injured 29 people and the explosion from a garbage can near a charity run in Seaside Park, New Jersey. In that incident, investigators discovered three pipe-bomb-type devices wired together. Only one exploded, and no one was injured.

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21. Palestinian proud of 'terrorist' label

Washington Post, Hazem Balousha, William Booth,, 2016 09 19

Gaza City - Fathi Hammad said that he is pleased to be named a "global terrorist" by the United States. On Friday, the State Department branded the senior Hamas leader a "specially designated global terrorist." That is a rarefied list of international enemies belonging to organizations such as al-Qaeda, Boko Haram, Hezbollah, the Taliban, the Jewish Kahane group, Algerian Salafists, the Islamic State and Hamas, among others. On Saturday, Hammad told The Washington Post: "The decision only makes me more confident about my path. The threat of killing or arrest? It doesn't freak me out, not at all. I am looking forward to it." Hammad said, "I feel proud that I managed to anger America." Then he added, "I don't know why they picked me." The United States charged that Hammad, 55, a former interior minister for the Hamas government in the Gaza Strip, coordinated terrorist cells. No evidence was presented. The designation also said that Hammad is a director of Al-Aqsa TV, "which is a primary Hamas media outlet with programs designed to recruit children to become Hamas armed fighters and suicide bombers upon reaching adulthood." Why the State Department decided to name Hammad as a global terrorist now is unclear. It is well known that Hammad founded the TV station, but it went on the air soon after Hamas, an Islamist militant group, took control of the coastal enclave in 2007.

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22. Embassies report rise in alleged hate crimes in UK since Brexit vote

The Guardian (London), Matthew Weaver, Sandra Laville, 2016 09 19

London - European embassies in Britain have logged dozens of incidents of suspected hate crime and abuse against their citizens since the vote to leave the European Union, according to figures obtained by the Guardian. The vast majority of xenophobic incidents involved citizens from eastern European countries, with more attacks against Poles than all the other nationalities put together, the survey of EU embassies in London revealed. The Polish consular service in London, Manchester and Edinburgh has logged 31 incidents of reported hate crime since 23 June, including eight attacks in the past three weeks. They include the killing of Arkadiusz Józwik in Harlow, in an apparently unprovoked attack that is being treated by police as a possible hate crime. Five 15-year-old boys and one 16-year-old boy, all from Harlow, were arrested on suspicion of murdering Józwik and bailed until 7 October pending further inquiries. A second Polish man survived the attack. The Guardian contacted the London embassies of all 27 EU member states. Of the 17 embassies that replied, almost half reported a rise in incidents of xenophobic abuse in the 12 weeks since the EU referendum. Between them, there were 60 incidents logged, including shots fired at a Lithuanian home in Lurgan, Northern Ireland, this month, an arson attack on a Romanian shop in Norwich in July and a break-in at a home in Nottingham in the immediate aftermath of the vote when a Latvian family were called "fucking immigrants" and told to leave the UK.

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23. Nato has no plan if Russia invades, warns ex-general

London Times, Deborah Haynes, 2016 09 19

London - Britain and its Nato allies have no effective plan for defending Europe from a Russian attack because of splits within the military alliance, a recently retired military chief said last night. Russia could deploy tens of thousands of troops into Nato territory within 48 hours, backed by warplanes and ships, whereas it would take Nato months to do the same, General Sir Richard Barrons said. As a result, some land and control of airspace and territorial waters could be lost before Nato's 28 member states had even agreed how to respond, the former chief of Joint Forces Command warned. The North Atlantic Council, the political decision making body of Nato, has the power to authorise the supreme allied commander Europe, Nato's top military officer, to draw up plans and training to prepare the alliance to respond to an attack. But this work had stopped after the Cold War because the threat had gone away. Sir Richard said that there was no appetite for a revival even following the invasion of Ukraine and evidence that Russia has invested in new equipment specifically designed to outmatch Nato.

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24. Intelligence agencies to be reviewed New era Security reshaping plan (Canada)

Canberra Times, David Wroe, 2016 09 18

Canberra - The Turnbull government is set to embark on a major independent review of the nation's intelligence agencies as Australia faces an unprecedented array of security challenges ranging from terrorism to the rise of China and cyber-spying. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's department has confirmed that it is putting in place arrangements for the first major intelligence review since 2011 and the third since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the US, which prompted a reshaping of intelligence efforts in Australia and among its allies. The review is expected to tackle the unprecedented need for the nation's six intelligence agencies to balance immediate security intelligence requirements to combat terrorism including "lone wolves" with longer-term considerations about geo-strategic changes flowing from the shift in power and wealth to the Indo-Pacific region. A spokeswoman for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, which is setting up the review, told Fairfax Media: "We are working through a proposal for a periodic review and the details involved. It is expected that these considerations will take at least several weeks." It will be headed by a senior retired intelligence official. Sources have raised the name of Allan Gyngell, who led the Office of National Assessments - the agency that collates intelligence into briefings for the Prime Minister and the national security committee of cabinet - from 2009 until 2013. Dr Blaxland, a senior fellow at the Australian National University's Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, said cyber security was a major organisational challenge because intelligence agencies needed to co-operate on capabilities that were usually top secret with a wide range of organisations including other government departments and critical industries. Australia's intelligence community is made up of ASIO, ONA, foreign intelligence outfit ASIS, the Defence Intelligence Organisation, the Australian Geospatial Organisation and the Australian Signals Directorate. Australia's international intelligence co-operation will also likely be scrutinised in the review. The "five-eyes" arrangement in which

Australia shares intelligence with the US, Britain, Canada and New Zealand is considered by insiders more vital than ever with each country constrained by resources amid a growing workload. Co-operation with regional democracies such as Japan and South Korea has also grown strongly in recent years.

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25. Major intelligence shake up on the way

Australian Associated Press, 2016 09 18

Sydney - The federal government will reportedly undertake a major independent review of the nation's intelligence agencies. The move has been prompted by what the Sydney Morning Herald describes as "an unprecedented array of security challenges ranging from terrorism to the rise of China and cyber-spying". Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's department has confirmed it is preparing for what will be Australia's first significant intelligence review in five years and the third since the September 11 attacks in the US, the paper says.

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26. War on terror: Australia and the West facing potent new threats via social media

Daily Telegraph (Australia), Staff Writer, 2016 09 18

Canberra - Foreign States were launching covert social media attacks against governments, including Australia, using malicious gossip and misinformation to manipulate political opinion in what former ASIO chief has claimed was a new and potent cyber threat. The warning comes as Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and US President Barack Obama prepare to meet in Washington this week for the first cyber security and cyber terrorism summit between Australia and the US. In an exclusive interview with The Daily Telegraph before leaving for the UN meeting in New York, Mr Turnbull said governments were not moving as quickly as their enemies in cyberspace. The Federal Government's former director general of security (and ASIO) David Irvine last week raised the spectre of "cyber influencing" as a new threat to governments. Now the chair of the Australian Cyber Security Research Institute, Mr Irvine said while the intelligence and security response to terrorism was well advanced, governments were playing "catch up" in dealing with cyber terrorism, espionage and sabotage.

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27. 8 Taliban militants killed in Kabul by Afghan intelligence operatives

Khaama Press, Ghanizada, 2016 09 19

Kabul - At least 8 Taliban insurgents were killed during an operation conducted by the Afghan intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS) operatives in the vicinity of Kabul province. According to local officials in Qarabagh district of Kabul, the militants were killed late on Saturday night during an operation that was launched around 11:00 pm and ended around 1:00

am local time. District administrative chief Samiullah Sharifi confirmed the report and said another suspect was arrested by NDS operatives during the operation. He said at least three commanders of the group were also among those killed during the operation. The Taliban militants have not commented regarding the report so far. This comes as the group has been attempting to scale large attacks in the capital during the past several months as part of its spring offensive to pressurize the government.

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28. Pakistan rejects India's allegations of involvement in terrorist attack in held Kashmir

Pakistan Dawn, Syed Sammer Abbas, 2016 09 19

Islamabad - Pakistan on Sunday rejected Indian allegations regarding involvement in terrorist attack on brigade headquarters in Uri area of the Indian-held Kashmir (IHK). "Pointing fingers at Pakistan has become a traditional tendency of India after each terrorist attack," Foreign Office spokesperson Nafees Zakaria told DawnNews. "In the past many Indians were involved in the terrorist acts for which India had blamed Pakistan," he asserted. Commenting on India's Home Minister Rajnath Singh's statement declaring Pakistan a terrorist state, Zakaria said "India is trying to divert world's attention from the human rights violations being committed in occupied Kashmir". "The whole world is looking at the Indian atrocities in India-held Kashmir and UN Human Rights Commissioner has also offered to send fact finding mission to Kashmir which India has rejected," the spokesperson added.

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29. US to stay neutral as Pakistan, India prepare for UN showdown (Canada).

Pakistan Dawn, Anwar Iqbal, 2016 09 19

Washington - As Pakistan prepares to highlight the current situation in India-held Kashmir at the UN General Assembly and India plans to counter it by raising the Baloch issue, the United States has made it clear that it will not back either side. "What we have said -- nothing is changed about our view that we want to see India and Pakistan work this out bilaterally," said State Department spokesman John Kirby when asked to define the US policy on Kashmir. The US was one of the co-sponsors of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 47 that calls for "a free and impartial plebiscite" in Jammu and Kashmir on the question of its accession to India or Pakistan. But since then, it has slightly changed its position and for the past several decades calls for bilateral talks between the two countries for resolving this dispute. Belgium, Canada, China, Colombia and Britain were the other sponsors of the resolution that the UN Security Council adopted at its 286th meeting on April 21, 1948.

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30. Décès de Michel Légré, principal accusé dans l'enlèvement du journaliste Guy André Kieffer (Canada)

Agence de Presse Africaine, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 18

Abidjan - Décès de Michel Légré, principal accusé dans l'enlèvement du journaliste franco-canadien Guy André Kieffer Michel Légré, ex-beau-frère de Simone Gbagbo, principal accusé, dans l'affaire de l'enlèvement du journaliste franco-canadien, est décédé dans la nuit de samedi à dimanche des suites d'une crise cardiaque, a appris APA, dimanche matin de source familiale. Michel Légré, chef de la sécurité de Laurent Gbagbo, alors leader de l'opposition ivoirienne des années 90, s'était uni avec l'une des soeurs de son épouse Simone Ehivet peu avant l'ascension de M. Gbagbo à la magistrature suprême de son pays en 2000. Le défunt est le principal accusé dans l'enlèvement du journaliste franco-canadien Guy André Kieffer, le 17 avril 2004 devant un supermarché de la capitale économique ivoirienne.

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31. Tunisia Extends State of Emergency

Asharq Al-Awsat, Al-munji al-Saaidani, 2016 09 19

Tunisia - Tunisia announced on Saturday that a state of emergency, in force since a deadly attack on the presidential guard last November, will be extended by one month. The announcement was made hours after PM Yousef al-Shahid declared the exemption of duties of several officials in Jandouba and Farnana areas following protests in the areas. The protests occurred over a week after a young man set himself on fire in front of Farnana municipality building. A statement said that after consulting the premier and head of the national assembly, President Beji Caid Essebsi decided that the measure would be extended from September 19 for a month. The law allows authorities to ban strikes and meetings that might "provoke or maintain disorder", to temporarily close theaters and bars, and to "take every measure to secure control of the press and all types of publications". The incident in Farnana ignited several movements demanding job opportunities and infrastructure maintenance.

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32. FARC Leader: Peace Deal Overwhelmingly Supported by Guerrillas

teleSUR, Staff report, 2016 09 19

Bogota - Ivan Marquez, head of the peace delegation for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, shared his optimism about the general support the deal received within the rebels' ranks Sunday, the second day of the 10th National Guerrilla Conference. "We are feeling a very strong support for all the work we've done in Havana," where the peace negotiations with the Colombian government took place, said the FARC-EP leader during the conference, which marks the group's transition into a political entity. "So far, all we've heard is a total support for the content of the final agreement," he added, denying any signs of dissidence within the rebel group.

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33. 'Cyber terrorism could be next nuclear weapon'

Korea Herald, Yoon Min-sik, 2016 09 19

Seoul - In 1945, two nuclear bombs decimated the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, ending World War II and forever changing the scope of modern warfare. Lim Jong-in, a professor at the graduate school of information security at Korea University, said he believes that cyberattacks are the next big threat to humanity. "In the 1950s, the international society reached a consensus on nuclear weapons and saw the birth of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Now, we have cyber weapons that present such threats," Lim, formerly a special advisor to President Park Geun-hye, told The Korea Herald on Friday, the day of North Korea's fifth nuclear test. While not yet perceived as critical as a nuclear program, he emphasized cyber terrorism is extremely dangerous in a society that is growing more connected. "If there is an attack on the society's critical infrastructure, it can potentially be as devastating as a nuclear weapon. The international community needs a set of discussions that will bring binding organizations to this issue, a 'cyber IAEA' if you will." Pyongyang itself, currently going rogue with its internationally-condemned nuclear program, has proven this point with repeated hacking attacks on its southern neighbor. In 2014, the Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Co. came under what is believed to be an attack from North Korean hackers. Prosecutors said last month that the information of high-ranking officials and members of research institutes on Pyongyang may have been stolen by North Korean hackers.

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34. Abu Sayyaf frees Indonesian sailors (Canada).

Manila Times, Al Jacinto and Fernan Marasigan, 2016 09 19

Manila - Abu Sayyaf bandits on Sunday freed three Indonesian tugboat crew members in Sulu, a day after they released a Norwegian captive. Indonesian sailors Teo Kopong, Lorenz Koten and Emmanuel, who were kidnapped in July in Sabah, were handed over, along with Norwegian hostage Kjartan Sekkingstad, to Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) founder Nur Misuari, who was said to have "assisted" in their release and provided shelter. The kidnappers were reportedly paid P30 million in ransom following negotiations with former Indonesian army general Kivlan Zein. No other details surrounding the negotiations were available, but the release of the hostages came after the Abu Sayyaf freed Sekkingstad for a P30-million ransom payment. Two Canadians taken hostage at the same time, John Ridsdel and Robert Hall, were later beheaded by the group after a ransom demand of about P300 million (\$6.5 million) was not met.

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35. Bangladesh looking to extradite Mujib's killer (Canada).

Times of India, 2016 09 19

Undisclosed placeline - Bangladesh and Canada, after years of failed negotiations have finally agreed to find a solution to perhaps the most crucial issue between the two countries - the extradition of Noor Chowdhury. The self-confessed killer of the nation's founder Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has been hiding in Canada. The consensus came after a meeting between Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Canadian Premier Justin Trudeau in Montreal. The statement came from Foreign Secretary Shahidul Huq who addressed reporters after the meeting saying that the two countries would work to find an solution to extradite Chowdhury from Canada. "The aim of the discussion would be to bring Noor Chowdhury to justice and execute the verdict of the Bangabandhu murder case," he said. Chowdhury, now in his 70s, is a former Bangladeshi military officer who was convicted in August, 1975 for assassinating Sheikh Mujib.

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36. Ex-hostage tells of terror as friends beheaded in Philippines (Canada).

Agence France-Presse, 2016 09 19

Indanan, Philippines - A Norwegian former hostage on Sunday described his psychological torture as he heard his friends being beheaded by militants during a year-long captivity in the southern Philippines. A heavily bearded and gaunt Kjartan Sekkingstad, who was released on Saturday by the feared Abu Sayyaf group, also said he narrowly survived military attacks against his captors, with a bullet piercing his backpack. Also released were three Indonesians held by the group, who were also turned over to envoy Jesus Dureza. Mr Sekkingstad said he endured "psychological pressure", with the Abu Sayyaf threatening several times to behead him. Two Canadian resort guests captured with him, John Ridsdel and Robert Hall, were later beheaded by the group after a ransom demand of about 300 million pesos (Dh23.8m) was not met.

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37. Freed Norwegian Hostage Tells of Abu Sayyaf's Execution Threats (Canada)

Wall Street Journal, Cris Larano, 2016 09 19

Manila - A Norwegian man freed after almost a year held by the Abu Sayyaf terror group said he and his fellow captives, two of whom were beheaded, were treated like slaves and that he was regularly threatened with execution. Kjartan Sekkingstad was one of four people seized by the extremists at a resort he ran on Samal Island in the southern Philippines. Two of his fellow captives, Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall, were decapitated this year. A Philippine woman, Marites Flor, was freed in June. "I am very happy to be alive and free," Mr. Sekkingstad told reporters following a meeting with President Rodrigo Duterte and Norwegian Embassy officials in Davao City. "It's a wonderful feeling." The two Canadians were killed after Ottawa refused to pay millions of dollars in ransom to the extremists, who have sworn allegiance to Islamic State, have earlier links to al Qaeda and have carried out bombings, assassinations and kidnappings for ransom that have often ended in hostages' deaths.

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38. Huawei Korea accused of leaking rival company's technologies

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 09 19

Seoul - Prosecutors said Monday they have indicted the local subsidiary of China's Huawei Technologies Co. and its executives on charges of leaking its competitor's technologies and trade secrets. The Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office said Huawei Korea's executive, identified only by his surname Kang, is suspected of leaking business secrets from telecoms equipment developer Ericsson-LG while working there in January 2014. The joint venture is between Sweden-based Ericsson and South Korean tech firm LG Electronics Inc. Kang is suspected of taking dozens of Ericsson-LG's business documents without permission when he transferred to the Chinese company later that year and using the information to set sales strategies for Huawei. Two other employees were also indicted over similar allegations of moving to the Chinese company from the joint venture company with business secrets.

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39. Li has packed agenda for UN assembly (Canada)

China Daily, Zhao Huanxin, 2016 09 19

New York - Premier Li Keqiang arrived in New York on Sunday afternoon to start a whirlwind of activities in the city, where he will address the annual general debate and meet with President Barack Obama and UN chief Ban Ki-moon. The premier and his wife Professor Chen Hong each received a bouquet of flowers from a representative of the Chinese UN mission as they arrived at Kennedy International Airport to kick-off an 11-day trip that will also take them to Canada and Cuba. Security in New York was tight on Sunday, as police were still searching for clues of an explosion that rocked a Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood Saturday night, injuring 29 people. A security staff person at the hotel where Li and his delegation will stay told China Daily that she believed the situation was "serious". This year marks the 45th anniversary of the restoration of China's seat at the United Nations. During his four-day stay in the city, the premier will expound on China's viewpoints on major issues regarding the international order, global governance and peace and development.

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40. Norwegian says his Philippine kidnapping was 'devastating' (Canada).

Associated Press, 2016 09 19

Indanan, Philippines - A Norwegian man freed by militants after a year of jungle captivity in the southern Philippines described the ordeal Sunday as "devastating," carrying a backpack with a bullet hole as a reminder of a near-death experience that included the beheadings of the two Canadians kidnapped with him. Kjartan Sekkingstad was freed by his Abu Sayyaf captors on Saturday to rebels from the larger Moro National Liberation Front, which has signed a peace deal with the Philippine government and helped negotiate his release. On Sunday, he was handed over to Philippine authorities, along with three Indonesian fishermen freed separately by the Abu Sayyaf. Sekkingstad was kidnapped from a yacht club he helped managed on southern Samal

Island on Sept. 21, 2015, along with Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall and Hall's Filipino girlfriend, Marites Flor, sparking a massive land and sea search by Philippine forces.

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41. P100 M paid for Norwegian? (Canada).

Philippine Star, Edith Regalado, 2016 09 19

Davao City, Philippines - Despite Malacañang's no-ransom stance, more than P100 million was apparently paid for the freedom of Norwegian hostage Kjartan Sekkingstad from the bandit group Abu Sayyaf over the weekend. Sources told The STAR yesterday that Sekkingstad's family and friends from Norway raised the ransom money. Norway Ambassador Erik Forner reportedly flew to Davao in anticipation of Sekkingstad's release. "I would like to reiterate that the government maintains the no-ransom policy," Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanar told government radio station dzRB yesterday. "Now, if a third party or the family gives ransom, we do not know." The Abu Sayyaf released Sekkingstad Saturday, about a year after the bandit group kidnapped him along with three others - Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall, who were both beheaded months ago reportedly for failure to pay a P300-million ransom demand, and Filipina Marites Flor, who was released in June.

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42. PM seeks opinion mobilization abroad for returning 1975 killers (Canada).

Bangladesh Sangbad Sangtha, 2016 09 19

Montreal - Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called upon the expatriate Bangladeshis living in Canada and the USA to mobilize public opinion about extradition of convicted killers of Bangabandhu. "How a civilised country could give shelter to a convicted killer," the prime minister wondered as she was addressing a reception accorded to her at Centre Mont-Royal here last night by expatriate Bangladesh nationals. The premier added: "I am leaving a demand before you to write letters to public representatives of those countries where you are residing and asked . . . why those countries would give shelter to the killers of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman." The prime minister said Bangladesh government asked the US and Canada that why they are nurturing and giving shelter to the killers.

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43. Stand by India in fight against terrorism, says Canada

Indo-Asian News Service, 2016 09 19

New Delhi - Canada on Monday strongly condemned the terror attack at an Army camp in Uri town in Jammu and Kashmir and said it stands with India in the fight against terrorism. In a statement, Acting High Commissioner for Canada to India Jess Dutton said that his country was appalled by these attacks. "Canada strongly condemns the terrorist attack on the Indian Army camp at Uri on September 18, which resulted in the death of 17 soldiers," Dutton said. "The Government of Canada extends condolences to the victims and their families. We are appalled

by these attacks and stand with the Government of India in the fight against terrorism," he added. Sunday's terror attack was one of the biggest targeting the Indian Army in recent years, resulting in the death of 17 soldiers and substantial damage to military property just a few kilometres from the Line of Control with Pakistan. (Full Report).

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44. Top diplomats of S. Korea, Japan to seek strong sanctions against N.K. for latest nuke test

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 09 19

Seoul - Top diplomats of South Korea and Japan have expressed "grave" concerns over North Korea's recent nuclear test and agreed to seek strong sanctions against Pyongyang to punish it for pursuing its weapons of mass destruction program, the foreign ministry here said Monday. The concerns over the North's fifth nuclear test conducted on Sept. 9 were shared by South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se and his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida during a bilateral meeting held in New York on Sunday (local time) on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly, according to the ministry. "The two ministers expressed grave concerns over the North raising tensions to an unprecedented high level with its more frequent and stronger-than-ever provocations, including two nuclear tests this year as well as various ballistic missile launches," the ministry said in a press release. It said the North's actions come despite continued warnings by the international community. They also agreed to "actively" seek comprehensive and strong sanctions against the North through close coordination and cooperation with the international community including the United States, China and Russia, it added.

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45. An underwhelming victory for Putin's party

Los Angeles Times, Mansur Mirovalev, 2016 09 19

Moscow - President Vladimir Putin's ruling party easily outdistanced its rivals in parliamentary elections Sunday, but it was a lackluster victory that suggested the Russian leader's brand may be growing stale. United Russia, the pro-Kremlin behemoth an opposition leader once dubbed the "party of crooks and thieves," won less than 45% of the vote for 450 seats in the State Duma, Russia's lower house of parliament, according to preliminary results announced by the Central Election Committee on Sunday night. No other party came close. The nationalist Liberal Democratic Party of Russia and the Communists competed for the second spot with 18% and 17% of the vote, respectively. Still, it was United Russia's lowest result in 15 years -- and came in an election with turnout of less than 40% of eligible voters. The election was a tangible blow to Putin, who founded the party at the dawn of his rule.

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46. Iran Can't Whitewash Its Record of Terror

Wall Street Journal, Saudi Arabia Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir, 2016 09 19

Op-ed - Ronald Reagan was fond of quoting John Adams, who famously said: "Facts are stubborn things." So when Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif made public pronouncements about fighting extremism, the facts show that his comments are ironic at best and little more than insincere propaganda. The fact is that Iran is the leading state-sponsor of terrorism, with government officials directly responsible for numerous terrorist attacks since 1979. These include suicide bombings of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut and the Marine barracks at Beirut International Airport; the bombing of Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia in 1996; attacks against more than a dozen embassies in Iran, including those of Britain, the U.S. and Saudi Arabia; and the assassination of diplomats around the world, to name a few examples. Nor can one get around the fact that Iran uses terrorism to advance its aggressive policies. Iran cannot talk about fighting extremism while its leaders, Quds Force and Revolutionary Guard continue to fund, train, arm and facilitate acts of terrorism. If Iran wants to demonstrate sincerity in contributing to the global war on terrorism, it could have begun by handing over al Qaeda leaders who have enjoyed sanctuary in Iran. These have included Osama bin Laden's son, Saad, and al Qaeda's chief of operations, Saif al-Adel, along with numerous other operatives guilty of attacks against Saudi Arabia, the U.S. and other targets. It is a fact that Saif al-Adel placed a call from Iran in May 2003 giving orders for the Riyadh bombings that claimed more than 30 lives, including eight Americans. Yet he still benefits from Iranian protection. Iran could also stop funding terrorist organizations, including Hezbollah, whose secretary-general recently boasted that his organization gets 100% of its funding from Iran. Iran could stop producing and distributing improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, which have killed or injured thousands of U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. And Iran could halt supplying weapons to terrorists and sectarian militias in the region who seek to replace legitimate governments with Iranian puppets.

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47. Iranian Missiles Capable of Responding All Threats

Fars News Agency, 2016 09 19

Tehran - Senior Military Advisor to the Iranian Leader Brigadier General Seyed Hessam Hashemi underlined the high precision-striking power of country's missiles, and said Tehran enjoys the capability to reciprocate any kind threat. "The enemies have always been threatening us and their threats have not decreased but increased every day and if the enemy comes to the conclusion that we have grown weak, it will certainly attack us. We can respond threats with threats when we have such a high defensive power," General Hashemi told FNA. "Today, our missile industries have advanced to the extent that we can reciprocate any kind of threat with a (similar) threat," he added. Stressing the strong enmity between the US and Iran, General Hashemi said, "In its assessments, the US has concluded that it cannot confront us." In relevant remarks in August, Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Hossein Dehqan underlined that his country sees no limit for the range of the ballistic missiles that it is developing.

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48. ISIL's Spies Fleeing Hawija for Mosul After Payroll Exposure

Fars News Agency, 2016 09 19

Tehran - ISIL's spies and informants have fled the city of Hawija in the Southwestern part of Kirkuk province after their payrolls were exposed, local sources disclosed on Saturday. The ISIL spies fled Hawija for the city of Mosul after their payrolls were compromised, the sources said, reminding that the information and intel fed by spies and informants to the ISIL has resulted in the execution of a large number of residents of Hawija city, "which has caused deep worries among these informants". The revelation comes two weeks after unknown people stole an important archive of ISIL which contained important intelligence about the terrorist group's activities in different fields. The recent advances of the Iraqi forces against the ISIL in Kirkuk province have left no choice for the ISIL terrorists and their families but to flock to Mosul in Nineveh province to find safer shelters.

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49. 54 terror suspects arrested during Haj

Saudi Gazette, Staff Report, 2016 09 19

Riyadh - The security authorities arrested 54 terror suspects between Dhul Hijjah 1 and Dhul Hijjah 9. The terror suspects included 30 Saudis, 13 Bahrainis, and the rest from seven different nationalities. One of them was a citizen of Brunei. The Brunei national is the first man from the southeast Asian country to be apprehended on charges of terrorism. The security sources did not identify the man but said he was arrested in Riyadh without any resistance. They said the accused is being investigated to verify his involvement in terror operations that took place in the Kingdom or if he had any connections with or had supported terrorist organizations in the country. Saudi officers kept eyes on every route and gathering spot. An "eye" which never closes formed the heart of the command and control center located in Mina, said Col. Saad Al-Dosari, its planning chief. More than 5,000 cameras were installed in the entire Makkah sector covering a radius of around 10 kilometers around its Grand Mosque.

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50. Australian MP: It's beyond the pale if Hamas used our money to build tunnels

Jerusalem Post, Yonah Jeremy Bob, 2016 09 19

Jerusalem - "If Australian money was spent on building [Hamas attack] tunnels, that is beyond the pale," Australian MP Michael Danby said Sunday with reference to the recent World Vision scandal at a Jerusalem Press Club and NGO Monitor-sponsored event. The Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) announced in August that Hamas had infiltrated World Vision and redirected tens of millions of dollars - 60 percent - of the organization's budget to its "military" wing. The World Vision organization, which operates in 100 countries and employs 46,000 people, fell victim to a complex Hamas takeover scheme, a senior Shin Bet source said, adding that Hamas's armed wing stole \$7.2 million a year from the budget, which was supposed to pay for food,

humanitarian assistance, and aid programs for disabled children, and channeled the funds to buy weapons, build attack tunnels and direct toward other preparations for war with Israel.

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51. JASTA serves Islamophobic organizations

Asharq Al-Awsat, Maaz al-Amri, 2016 09 19

Washington - The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) warned that JASTA bill, if approved by the Congress, will have severe consequences and will be used by lobbying organizations that promotes Islamophobia. Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA) is a measure that would allow 9/11 attack survivors and relatives of terror victims to pursue cases in federal court against foreign governments and demand compensation if such governments are proven to bear some responsibility for attacks on U.S. soil. Thus, JASTA would allow the victims and their families to sue Saudi Arabia in U.S. federal court for its alleged role in indirectly financing the attacks. Nihad Awad, executive director and founder of CAIR, told Asharq Al-Awsat that JASTA will allow the continuation of harassments against the Islamic community. He added that after this bill, terrorism will continue to be joint with Islam.

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52. Moscow says U.S. strikes threaten truce plan

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 09 19

Beirut - Moscow stepped up its war of words with Washington Sunday, saying airstrikes by a U.S.-led coalition on the Syrian army threatened the implementation of a U.S.-Russian cessation of hostilities plan for Syria and bordered on connivance with Daesh (ISIS). The diplomatic row heated up on the last day of a seven-day cessation of hostilities marred by a surge of violence as warplanes hit the strategic northern city of Aleppo for the first time since the truce came into effect. The Russian Defense Ministry said Saturday that U.S. jets had killed more than 60 Syrian soldiers in the eastern Syrian city of Deir al-Zor in four airstrikes by two F-16 and two A-10 fighter jets coming from the direction of Iraq. Syria's U.N. Ambassador Bashar Jaafari charged that U.S.-led strikes were aimed at torpedoing the cessation deal, but France's foreign minister, speaking in New York, placed the main blame for truce violations on the government of President Bashar Assad.

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53. Warning! Your 'Pokemon Go' app may be spying on you

Khaleej Times, Staff Report, 2016 09 19

Dubai - A new app based on the Pokemon Go game available on the Google Play store can seize root access rights of Android smartphones and display unsolicited ads. The app, 'Guide for Pokemon Go', has the capability of uploading the details of the device and the user, such as country, language, device model and software version, to its command server discreetly. The app then silently installs and uninstalls other apps and displays unsolicited ads to the user. According

to a report by Kaspersky Lab experts, the app has been downloaded more than 500,000 times, with at least 6,000 successful infections. Kaspersky Lab has reported the Trojan to Google and the app has been removed from Google Play. The trojan includes some interesting features that help it to bypass detection. For example, it doesn't start as soon as the victim launches the app. Instead, it waits for the user to install or uninstall another app, and then checks to see whether that app runs on a real device or on a virtual machine.

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54. Washington Suggests 72-Hour Ceasefire in Yemen as Iran Continues Arming Rebels Asharq Al-Awsat, Arafat Madabesh and Saeed al-Abyad, 2016 09 19

Aden, Jeddah - Washington has made a proposal for a 72-hour ceasefire in Yemen with a possibility of extension, during a two-day visit by a U.S. high-ranking official to Muscat. Asharq Al-Awsat learned from Yemeni and U.S. diplomatic and political sources that U.S. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Thomas Shannon paid a visit to Oman on September 8 and 9, and held talks with a delegation of rebels to discuss the points that Secretary of State John Kerry had initiated in Jeddah. A source at the U.S. Embassy in Yemen told Asharq Al-Awsat that the new points in the U.S. position was the proposal to hold a 72-hour ceasefire. A spokesperson at the U.S. Department of State told Asharq Al-Awsat: "The proposal is a tool that would provide all Yemeni parties the chance to reach a complete and permanent agreement."

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55. Des proches de Rachid Kassim entendus Le Figaro.fr, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 19

Paris - Deux hommes soupçonnés d'être liés au djihadiste français du groupe Etat islamique (EI) Rachid Kassim, arrêtés vendredi dernier, sont entendus par la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) depuis hier soir, révèle ce matin BFMTV. Les deux individus avaient été arrêtés à Dôle (Jura) et Roanne (Loire). Ils avaient été placés en garde à vue dans le cadre de l'enquête sur le départ, signalé en mai 2015, de Kassim en zone irako-syrienne. Les enquêteurs soupçonnaient que ces deux hommes ont eu, via la messagerie cryptée Telegram, des contacts avec Rachid Kassim, âgé de 29 ans et originaire de Roanne.

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56. Germany's intelligence agency illegally gathered data Irish Times, Derek Scally, 2016 09 19

Berlin - Germany's foreign intelligence agency (BND) illegally collected and stored masses of data from innocent German citizens who were unwittingly dragged into mass surveillance dragnets. A leaked, classified report by the Federal Data Protection Commission (FDPC) found that, for every BND targeted surveillance operation, the intelligence agency was sucking up and storing data of 15 citizens not part of any investigation. "These infringements of constitutional rights are conducted without any legal basis and thus harm the constitutional right of informational self-determination of [innocent] people," the FDPC report adds. Among the BND's activities, exposed by leaks by whistleblower Edward Snowden, were 18 serious breaches of German fundamental law, according to the leaked FDPC report, and 12 formal complaints.

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57. President Erdogan to call for joint global stance against terror at UN meet (Canada)
Hurriyet Daily News, Serkan Demirtas, 2016 09 19

Ankara - President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will call on world leaders to pursue a joint stance in the fight against terror without distinguishing between terror groups and to act in solidarity in addressing growing refugee problems during his meetings at the United Nations General Assembly. "Our President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will attend the 71st U.N. General Assembly meetings to be held in New York between Sept. 19 and 22," his office said in a written statement over the weekend. The Turkish delegation under Erdogan's leadership will depart to New York from Istanbul early Sept. 19. The official kick-off of the U.N. General Assembly will take place on Sept. 20 as the main theme will be "The Sustainable Development Goals: A Universal Push to Transform our World." Erdogan will attend the meeting on the occasion of the first anniversary of the launch of the sustainable development goals and the approval of the Development Agenda for 2030.

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58. Turkish Authorities Arrest 28 ISIS Fighters
Asharq Al-Awsat, Saeed Abdelrazek, 2016 09 19

Ankara - Turkish security forces arrested four people on the basis of intelligence information that stated that the terrorist organisation ISIS is planning to target the British and German embassies in Ankara. However, sources at the Turkish Ministry of Interior confirmed that it has not found conclusive evidence that the detainees have links to terrorist groups. The sources said that the information stated that ISIS is planning to carry out an act of terrorism targeting the German and British embassies during the period 13 -17 September/ This led the General Directorate of Security in Turkey to begin to monitor this issue in cooperation with the relevant agencies belonging to the two countries, and this resulted in the arrest of three people in Ankara and one in Istanbul ahead of Eid Al-Adha. The sources also said that the detainees continue to be investigated but that the results of the investigation did not provide conclusive evidence of their links to terrorist groups.

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1. Homa Hoodfar - Remuer ciel et terre

Le Devoir, Guy Taillefer, 2016 09 19

Editorial - Ottawa a remué ciel et terre pour obtenir la libération de Kevin Garratt, ce Canadien rentré jeudi dernier au pays après avoir été emprisonné pendant deux ans en Chine sous des accusations d'espionnage pour le compte du Service canadien du renseignement de

sécurité(SCRS).Il faut espérer que le gouvernement Trudeau mettra autant d'effort à obtenir celle d'Homa Hoodfar, cette anthropologue de l'Université Concordia détenue depuis maintenant plus de cent jours dans la tristement célèbre prison d'Evin, à Téhéran. Accusée de " collaborer avec un gouvernement hostile " et de " se livrer à des activités féministes ", cette dame d'origine iranienne, possédant la double nationalité canadienne et irlandaise, a été arrêtée sur ordre des Gardiens de la révolution le 6 juin dernier à Téhéran où elle se trouvait pour des raisons familiales en même temps que pour poursuivre ses recherches sur la condition de la femme dans le monde musulman dans le contexte spécifique des élections législatives qui étaient sur le point de se tenir en Iran. La dame âgée de 65 ans et à la santé fragile est, depuis, détenue en isolement.

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2. Ottawa complice de la torture de Canadiens en Syrie

Radio-Canada - Nouvelles (site web), Terence McKenna, 2016 09 19

Ottawa - De 2001 à 2004, des Canadiens ont été emprisonnés et torturés en Syrie avec la complicité des autorités canadiennes, relèvent des documents secrets obtenus par Radio-Canada. À la suite des attentats du 11 septembre 2001, le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) et de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) voulaient trouver les cellules d'Al-Qaïda au pays. Elles ont alors commencé à suspecter trois Canadiens de confession musulmane de faire partie de la nébuleuse terroriste. Lors de trois différents voyages en Syrie, Abdhullah Almalki, Ahmad Elmaati et Muayyed Nureddin seront arrêtés et torturés. Quelque 18 000 documents du SCRS et de la GRC obtenus par Radio-Canada et CBC révèlent des exemples de violation des droits de la personne et de complicité du gouvernement dans des cas de torture. C'est le cas de l'homme d'affaires Abdullah Almalki, qui sera placé sous surveillance au pays et à l'étranger sans preuve solide. Deux ans de torture Dans les années 1990, Abdullah Almalki travaillait pour une ONG canadienne en Afghanistan dirigée par un homme lié à Oussama ben Laden.

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3. The tale of two wrongfully imprisoned Canadians in China

Toronto Star, Thomas Walkom, 2016 09 19

Column: The federal government has successfully extricated one Canadian from a Chinese prison. Another remains. Amidst the euphoria surrounding Kevin Garratt's release, the fate of Huseyin Celil, a Burlington imam who used to make his living delivering pizzas in the Hamilton region, has almost been forgotten. Garratt, an evangelical Christian from British Columbia, was in jail for two years. Celil, a 47-year-old Muslim from Ontario, has been in prison for 10. Successive Conservative and Liberal governments have pressed for the release of both. Garratt's case, however, was always more likely to meet with success. First, unlike Celil, Garratt is not a dual national. Beijing does not recognize dual nationality and has consistently refused to accept Ottawa's assertion that Chinese-borne Celil, who obtained his Canadian citizenship in 2005, is indeed Canadian. For that reason, it has refused to let Canadian consular officials see Celil and has insisted, whenever the topic comes up between the two countries, that his case is none of Ottawa's business. Second, unlike Garratt, Celil has run afoul of the Chinese state before. A member of the country's Islamic Uighur minority, Celil was jailed in the mid-'90s for allegedly

undertaking illegal political activities in his home province of Xinjiang. Ottawa did apparently send Michel Couombe, who heads the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service, to China to convince Beijing that Garratt was not a spy. It's not clear why they would have believed Canada's spymaster on this particular topic, but maybe they did. More to the point, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has made encouraging noises about opening up Canada and its resources even more to China. That's the kind of thing Beijing likes to hear. Whatever the reason, Canada's efforts worked for Garratt. Let's hope Trudeau has enough goodies up his sleeve to spring the other wrongfully imprisoned Canadian too.

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4. The Torture Files: Documents show CSIS and RCMP's role in post- 9/11 torture of 3 Canadians in Syria

CBC News, Nazim Baksh and Terence McKenna, 2016 09 19

Thousands of pages of secret files obtained by CBC reveal how Canada's police and intelligence service not only knew three Canadians were being tortured in Syrian jails in a post-Sept. 11 crackdown, but co-operated with Syrian officials in their interrogations. The files also show a Canadian ambassador helped deliver questions the RCMP and CSIS wanted put to the Canadians imprisoned in Syria, a country with a dismal human rights record. The revelations are featured in "The Torture Files," a joint investigation by The National and the fifth estate that airs this week. Abdullah Almalki, Ahmad Elmaati and Muayyed Nureddin were never arrested in Canada for suspected terror offences, but to this day there is a cloud of suspicion hanging over them. Ten years ago, they each filed \$100-million lawsuits against the government. Maher Arar, another Canadian arrested and tortured in Syria in the wake of al-Qaeda's deadly attacks on New York and Washington, received an apology and a \$10.5-million settlement from the federal government in 2007. Lawyers representing Almalki, Elmaati and Nureddin fought and eventually won a lengthy court battle with the RCMP and CSIS to gain access to thousands of heavily redacted files, amounting to hundreds of thousands of pages. They consist of internal memos, briefing notes from field agents to their superiors, inter-agency communications, emails, reports and even a memo that shows at least one senior RCMP case officer might have had serious doubts about the evidence Almalki was engaged in anything nefarious. CBC News obtained exclusive access to some 18,000 pages, which the trio's lawyers plan to use when the long-anticipated civil trials begin early next year.

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5. Canada's threats from state hackers

Globe and Mail, 2016 09 19

Editorial: Someone is trying to break into the systems that serve as the Internet's skeleton and central nervous system. The increasingly sophisticated attacks often bear the hallmarks of state sponsorship, with many experts fingering China and Russia. It's likely a matter of time before they succeed. How long will it take for hostile nations to turn their attention to the West's

intelligence documents, the electrical grid and the political system? Oh, wait: they already have. Given recent headlines have focused on either American (the Democratic National Committee, former U.S. secretary of state Colin Powell) or international targets (the World Anti-Doping Agency), it's easy to forget data protection is a serious Canadian problem as well. Canada is in the midst of a defence policy review, which may end up mostly focusing on the things we have argued about forever, like which new fighter jets to buy. But war and security threats are moving from the physical world to cyberspace. There are new dangers to be considered and planned for. The former head of the Communications Security Establishment, the electronic spy agency, recently argued in a Canadian Global Affairs Institute policy paper that the military should have the authority to go on the cyber offensive. The online world is a different place from 2010, the last time our cybersecurity policy was revamped, says John Adams. He says it would be "neglectful beyond belief" to not arm Canada adequately to safeguard the national interest - and political, economic and social institutions - in "a new kind of war."

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6. Combien de temps Omar Khadr devra-t-il encore attendre des excuses?

Le Devoir, Nathalie Drouin, 2016 09 19

Opinion - Nathalie Drouin - Présidente et fondatrice de l'association pour la défense d'Omar Khadr (pouromarkhadr.com) Omar Khadr a 30 ans aujourd'hui lundi. Combien d'années devra-t-il patienter encore avant que notre gouvernement ne lui offre enfin des excuses officielles assorties d'une compensation pour les fautes commises à son endroit et qui l'ont privé de ses droits les plus élémentaires ? Nous avons une dette collective envers ce jeune homme, un citoyen canadien à part entière que l'on a laissé croupir à Guantánamo pendant 10 ans et qui a subi des sévices, abandons et dénis de justice à répétition depuis 15 ans, à l'encontre des conventions de droit internationales dont notre pays est signataire. L'histoire d'Omar est une véritable disgrâce pour le Canada qui se targue d'être le champion des droits de la personne et, surtout, des droits des enfants. Voici un rappel des faits en 15 points : - Omar Khadr est né à Toronto, le 19 septembre 1986. À 15 ans, son père le laisse dans un camp en Afghanistan avec la promesse de revenir le chercher. Il ne l'a jamais fait. - Peu après, le camp est bombardé par l'armée américaine. Omar est le seul survivant. - Pendant l'attaque, il est atteint par deux tirs qui lui infligent de graves blessures au dos, faisant éclater son épaule demeurée partiellement paralysée. Les éclats d'obus lui font perdre l'usage d'un oeil et limitent sa vision dans l'autre.

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7. Débat du PQ Jean-François Lisée refuse de s'excuser

La Presse canadienne, Alexandre Robillard, 2016 09 19

Saguenay - Le candidat à la direction du Parti québécois Jean-François Lisée a refusé de s'excuser, dimanche, à la suite d'une attaque sur les réseaux sociaux qui a mené son adversaire Alexandre Cloutier à contacter la police. M. Lisée a reconnu qu'il avait toutefois retiré de son fil Twitter ses propos dans lesquels il montrait que les positions de M. Cloutier sur la laïcité plaisaient à un groupe dont le porte-parole est l'imam controversé Adil Charkaoui. «Je l'ai retiré par amitié pour Alexandre», a-t-il dit dans un point de presse. Les quatre candidats à la direction

du PQ étaient réunis à Saguenay, dimanche, pour un débat dont les thèmes portaient principalement sur la souveraineté. Après les échanges, au cégep de Jonquière, M. Lisée a affirmé que la journée de campagne de vendredi avait été mauvaise pour l'équipe de M. Cloutier et la sienne. «Je pense que la journée de vendredi est une journée qu'on voudrait effacer de l'histoire du Parti québécois, c'est tout ce que j'ai à dire là-dessus», a-t-il dit. M. Lisée a estimé que les torts étaient partagés dans l'escalade qui a mené au message reliant M. Cloutier à M. Charkaoui, qui est soupçonné d'avoir été associé à la radicalisation de jeunes à Montréal.

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8. Ex-bureaucrat sues CBC over boat-tax story

Globe and Mail, Daniel Leblanc, 2016 09 19

Ottawa - A former top bureaucrat is suing the CBC for \$800,000 over a story that alleged he used a "racket" to avoid paying \$105,000 in sales taxes and duties on his 47-foot sailing boat, court documents show. François Guimont, who recently retired as Canada's deputy minister of public safety, was featured in an investigative story in March that focused on luxury boats sold at Canadian marinas near the U.S. border, in the binational Lake Champlain area. The CBC's flagship French-language investigative program, called Enquête, revealed that many of the boats are officially exported to the United States, meaning no Canadian tax is imposed by the sellers. The program also alleged that American authorities don't impose taxes or duties, because they are told the boats are only in the United States on a temporary basis, to be stored in Canada for the winter. CBC journalist Marie-Maude Denis, who broke Quebec's construction scandal, referred in her story to the example of the Elysium, owned by Mr. Guimont. Asked on the television show whether he had paid sales taxes and other duties on his sailboat, Mr. Guimont answered that he "did exactly" what officials at Marina Gosselin asked him to do. He added that it would be up to the marina to explain its procedures.

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9. Got a warrant?

Globe and Mail, 2016 09 19

Editorial: Technology affects law, and law affects technology, because they both change over the years. But the fundamental principles underlying our laws and our rights remain constants, even as technology advances. Some police forces and security agencies appear to be tempted to think that new techniques and devices bring to the world something entirely new, with no connection at all to the older ways of doing law or respecting rights. Consider how some agencies have apparently been gaining access to information on smartphones, without first seeking judicial authorization. Some agencies have acquired and used devices known as "international mobile subscriber identity" catchers, or IMSI. These can discover much about the owners of the phones. Entities with access to cellphone towers can mop up huge quantities of other people's communications. And masses of data from one group can "trick" other masses of data into handing them over.

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10. Lisée won't apologize for tweet

Montreal Gazette, Philip Authier, 2016 09 19

Montreal - Parti Québécois leadership candidate Jean-François Lisée has refused to apologize for linking his main rival to controversial Islamic activist Adil Charkaoui in a tweet. Nevertheless, Lisée insisted the fact he removed the item he tweeted from the Internet is proof of his esteem for the candidate, Alexandre Cloutier. As for the ferocious feud it sparked and even threats against Cloutier from people who believed the connection to be real, Lisée said it was a day of the campaign he "would rather forget." "I am not asking for apologies, I am offering none, I am turning the page," Lisée told reporters at a news conference following an all candidate's debate - the fourth in the race - here in Quebec's nationalist heartland. Lisée balked when asked whether he went too far and twisted for his own purposes a Charkaoui Facebook comment to the effect Cloutier seems more open to newcomers than he does. "All the facts are available on the Facebook sites of each candidate," he said. "I am not going back into this issue. I want to talk about other things." The party in question, Cloutier, was not impressed.

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11. Nouvel incendie criminel à la radio haïtienne

Agence QMI, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 19

Montréal - La radio haïtienne CPAM 1610 AM a une nouvelle fois été victime d'un incendie criminel tôt dimanche. Le Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) a reçu un appel des pompiers vers 3 h 30 hier matin pour un incendie qui s'est déclaré au 3390 boulevard Crémazie, à proximité de l'intersection avec la 13e Avenue, dans l'arrondissement de Villeray- Saint-Michel-Parc-Extension. «Un objet aurait été lancé à travers la fenêtre de la porte et, sur place, on a repéré une forte odeur de produit inflammable, possiblement de l'essence», a détaillé le porte-parole du SPVM. Les dégâts semblent mineurs, car les pompiers sont rapidement intervenus. Aucun suspect ni témoin n'a été entendu et l'enquête a été transférée à la section des incendies criminels du SPVM.

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12. Tax changes, security on Commons to-do list

Ottawa Citizen, Kady O'Malley, 2016 09 19

Column: It may not provide spectators with the full parliamentary pageantry of a speech from the throne, but there's always at least a bit of that back-at-school energy in the air as the House prepares to reopen for business after the summer recess - an occasion that, for the record, should never be referred to as the start of a "new session" unless immediately preceded by either a general election or a prorogation. Here's a rundown on how the various parties are hoping to spend the 12 ½ sitting weeks between now and the Christmas break. 1. Wrapping up legislative loose ends. For a government about to round the corner on its first year in office, it's time - past time, some might argue - to start ticking some of the more contentious initiatives off the Commons to-do list. Among the items still languishing on the order paper: Broadening the Canadian Human Rights Act to cover gender identity and expression; Rolling back the previous

government's bid to force labour unions to publicly disclose detailed financial records; Formally establishing the income tax changes brought in as part of the inaugural budget; Setting up a special parliamentary committee to oversee national security operations.

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13. Tell the truth about 'stingrays'

Toronto Star, 2016 09 19

Editorial: When the warden of Warkworth Institution in Campbellford, Ont., wanted to investigate reports of contraband in his prison, he wrote a memo to Correctional Services Canada asking the agency to provide a so-called IMSI catcher. The surveillance tool, sometimes called a stingray, records data from the cellphones of all those nearby. The prisoners would be surveilled, but because the tool is indiscriminate, so, too, would guards and visitors. The warden's memo, which came to light late last year, was the first apparent public confirmation of what privacy experts had long alleged: the government is collecting data from the cellphones of Canadians without their knowledge. Since the Warkworth revelation, several other instances of stingray use have been brought to public notice in court documents and media reports. Yet Ottawa will not say how frequently these invasive tools are being employed or what rules govern their use. Meanwhile, many police forces, including the Toronto Police Service, and other government agencies continue to deny they use them at all, even in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

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14. Unpaid civil servant now overpaid after suing government, Global Affairs claims

CBC News, Ashley Burke, 2016 09 19

A contract worker in Ottawa is at the centre of a messy legal battle after becoming the first person to sue the federal government over the Phoenix payroll fiasco affecting thousands of public servants. Darrel Delisle, a former casual worker with Global Affairs Canada, filed a lawsuit for \$24,000 after he struggled to get paid for three months during the roll out of the government's new Phoenix pay system. In a statement of defence, Global Affairs admitted it did owe Delisle money but that it overpaid him since the lawsuit was filed -- and that Delisle now owes his former employer more than \$14,000. Since February, more than 80,000 workers have struggled to be properly paid -- some being paid too little, some being paid too much and some not being paid at all. According to court documents, Delisle made many attempts to get paid -- including 635 calls to the pay centre, sending emails, setting up meetings with superiors, and filing a labour complaint, which was ultimately rejected. Delisle left his government contract early, on June 24, to take another job, according to his statement of claim. On July 14, he filed his lawsuit in Ontario's small claims court, arguing he wasn't paid properly and suffered losses during the roll out of Phoenix.

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15. Authorities probe ties between blasts, devices in 2 states

Associated Press, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 19

New York - Authorities questioned several people early Monday as they worked to determine whether there was a connection between explosive devices found over the weekend in two states: an explosion in a Manhattan neighborhood, an unexploded pressure cooker device blocks away, a pipe bomb blast at a Jersey shore town and five explosive devices at a New Jersey train station. On Sunday night, FBI agents in Brooklyn stopped "a vehicle of interest" in the investigation of the Manhattan explosion, according to FBI spokeswoman Kelly Langmesser. No one has been charged with any crime, and the investigation is continuing, Langmesser said. On Sunday, a federal law enforcement official said the Chelsea bomb contained a residue of Tannerite, an explosive often used for target practice that can be picked up in many sporting goods stores. The discovery of Tannerite may be important as authorities probe whether the two New York City devices and the pipe bomb at the Jersey shore are connected.

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16. Bombs Built for Carnage Provide a Trove of Clues

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 19

New York - A bomb that injured 29 people on Saturday in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan, and another that failed to detonate, were filled with shrapnel and made with pressure cookers, flip phones and Christmas lights to set off a powerful explosive compound, law enforcement officials said on Sunday. Both bombs appeared designed to create maximum chaos and fatalities. They also provided a trove of clues. Late Sunday night, two law enforcement officials said that investigators stopped a car on the Belt Parkway near the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and took five people to an F.B.I. office in Manhattan for questioning in the bombing investigation. One of the officials said that all or most of them may have been from the same family and that they may have been on their way to the airport. The F.B.I. confirmed in a statement that agents and police detectives had stopped "a vehicle of interest in the investigation into Saturday's bombing in Manhattan and that no one has been charged with any crime." Earlier, two senior law enforcement officials said there was a "person of interest" in the bombing, but it was unclear if that person had been identified. The person had been seen on surveillance footage. Tensions in the region, already high, escalated later Sunday night when, according to a law enforcement official, pipe bombs were found near the train station in Elizabeth, N.J. The mayor, J. Christian Bollwage, confirmed that a suspicious package containing "wires and a pipe" had been found by two men in the city, and said that the F.B.I. and the New Jersey State Police had been called in to investigate after a drone found that the item could be a bomb.

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17. Device Explodes in New Jersey, 5 People Questioned in New York Bombing Investigation

NBC News, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 19

Elizabeth N.J. - A backpack that appeared to contain pipe bombs exploded early Monday as a police robot examined it near a New Jersey train station. Mayor Chris Bollwage told reporters the bomb squad robot was "cutting into the device when it exploded" in the city of Elizabeth. A spokesman for Bollwage had earlier described the blast as a controlled detonation. The explosion occurred shortly before 1 a.m. ET Monday. It was the second in New Jersey since Saturday morning and followed a bombing Saturday night in Manhattan that injured 29 people. At around 6 a.m. ET, officials familiar with the investigation confirmed to NBC News that heavily armed FBI agents spotted at a fried chicken restaurant in Elizabeth were involved in the tri-state bombs probe. Several law enforcement officials told NBC News that they are concerned that an active terrorism cell with multiple players could be at work in the New York-New Jersey area. Multiple senior law enforcement officials told NBC News that the suspicious device discovered Sunday night in Elizabeth looked similar in appearance to the one that exploded Saturday morning in Seaside Park, N.J.

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18. Explosion à New York Après la panique, l'agacement

La Presse+, Richard Hétu, 2016 09 19

New York - « C'est dommage, mais c'est plus un inconvéient qu'autre chose », s'entendent pour dire des résidants de Chelsea. Comme son grand frère situé dans Greenwich Village, le restaurant végétalien By Chloe, logé dans la 22e Rue, connaît un grand succès depuis son ouverture, en juin. Aussi était-il bondé, samedi soir, lorsqu'une bombe a explosé à un pâté de maisons de là. Et les caméras de surveillance de l'établissement ont capté sur le vif la réaction des clients. « On voit la secousse et la peur des gens au moment de l'explosion », a raconté Erik Diamond, directeur régional de la jeune chaîne de restaurants, après avoir visionné les enregistrements des caméras de surveillance. « Certains se précipitent à l'extérieur pour voir ce qui se passe. D'autres sont cloués sur place. C'était un moment de panique. Je pense que les New-Yorkais ne sont pas prêts à un autre événement comme celui d'il y a 15 ans. » M. Diamond se tenait au milieu d'une 6e Avenue fermée à la circulation lorsqu'il a tenu ces propos, hier matin. Au-delà des barricades policières, des enquêteurs locaux et fédéraux s'affairaient dans la 23e Rue, entre les 6e et 7e Avenues, autour de la poubelle déchiquetée par l'explosion qui a fait 29 blessés (tous avaient quitté l'hôpital en fin de matinée hier). Et malgré le bouclage d'une partie de Chelsea, le moment de panique capté par les caméras du restaurant By Chloe avait été remplacé par une réaction où se mêlaient chez plusieurs habitants du quartier le fatalisme et le stoïcisme. « C'est dommage, mais c'est plus un inconvéient qu'autre chose », a déclaré Debra Noll, avocate qui vit dans un immeuble situé en face de l'endroit où l'explosion est survenue. « Personne n'a été tué, c'est tout ce qui compte. » « Je ne me sens pas moins en sécurité aujourd'hui qu'hier », a ajouté cette New-Yorkaise, qui n'était pas chez elle au moment de la déflagration. « J'ai l'impression de vivre dans une ville très sûre. Parfois, de telles choses arrivent, et cette fois-ci, l'efficacité n'était pas au rendez-vous. »

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19. Family identifies attacker behind 'potential act of terrorism' in St. Cloud

Minneapolis Star Tribune, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 19

St. Cloud - In a few bloody minutes, a man rampaged through a St. Cloud shopping mall Saturday evening, stabbing nine people before being fatally shot by an off-duty police officer. The violence is being investigated as terrorism, federal authorities said. None of the nine victims, seven men and two women who ranged in age from 15 to 53, was killed in the attack. In a media briefing after midnight Sunday, St. Cloud Police Chief William Anderson said an off-duty officer from another jurisdiction confronted and shot the suspect Saturday night inside Crossroads Center mall. He said the man -- dressed in a private security uniform -- reportedly asked at least one victim whether they were Muslim before assaulting them, and referred to Allah during the attacks. "We are currently investigating this as a potential act of terrorism," said the FBI's Richard Thornton, speaking at a news conference at police headquarters early Sunday afternoon. Thornton did not link the attack to a specific terror group. Roughly 12 hours after the stabbings, a news agency said to speak for ISIL went to Twitter to claim credit for the mall violence. "The executor of the stabbing attacks in Minnesota yesterday was a soldier of the Islamic State and carried out the operation in response to the citizens of countries belonging to the crusader coalition," the posting by the AMAQ news agency read. While law enforcement has not disclosed the suspect's name, his father identified him as Dahir A. Adan, 22. Interviewed Sunday through a translator at his apartment in St. Cloud, Ahmed Adan said his son was born in Kenya but grew up in the United States. Other family members said Dahir Adan was beginning his third year as a student at St. Cloud State University. Police told Ahmed Adan about 9 p.m. Saturday that his son had died at the mall, he said. He had "no suspicion" of his son being involved in any terrorist activity, he added. Police raided the apartment on St. Germain Street on Sunday morning and seized photos and other materials, Ahmed Adan said.

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20. NY, NJ bombings: Authorities suspect possible terror cell, officials say
CNN.com, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 19

New York - The intense investigation into the weekend bomb blasts in New York and New Jersey is leading authorities to signs of a possible terror cell in those two states, law enforcement officials told CNN Monday. The ongoing investigation, which includes two bombs in New York City and devices in two cities in New Jersey, has given authorities leads on specific people who are urgently being sought. Also on Monday morning, a federal law enforcement official said BBs and ball bearings were among the pieces of metal that appeared to be packed into both pressure cooker bombs in New York. One of those devices exploded on 23rd Street, but the fact that it was partly under a metal trash container may have diminished the force of the blast. The latest developments came just hours after a backpack containing multiple bombs was found Sunday night near an Elizabeth, New Jersey, train station, according to the FBI and the city's mayor. There is no indication yet that the latest incident in Elizabeth is connected to the bombing in a New York City neighborhood Saturday night that injured 29 people and the explosion from a garbage can near a charity run in Seaside Park, New Jersey. In that incident, investigators discovered three pipe-bomb-type devices wired together. Only one exploded, and no one was injured.

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21. Palestinian proud of 'terrorist' label

Washington Post, Hazem Balousha, William Booth,, 2016 09 19

Gaza City - Fathi Hammad said that he is pleased to be named a "global terrorist" by the United States. On Friday, the State Department branded the senior Hamas leader a "specially designated global terrorist." That is a rarefied list of international enemies belonging to organizations such as al-Qaeda, Boko Haram, Hezbollah, the Taliban, the Jewish Kahane group, Algerian Salafists, the Islamic State and Hamas, among others. On Saturday, Hammad told The Washington Post: "The decision only makes me more confident about my path. The threat of killing or arrest? It doesn't freak me out, not at all. I am looking forward to it." Hammad said, "I feel proud that I managed to anger America." Then he added, "I don't know why they picked me." The United States charged that Hammad, 55, a former interior minister for the Hamas government in the Gaza Strip, coordinated terrorist cells. No evidence was presented. The designation also said that Hammad is a director of Al-Aqsa TV, "which is a primary Hamas media outlet with programs designed to recruit children to become Hamas armed fighters and suicide bombers upon reaching adulthood." Why the State Department decided to name Hammad as a global terrorist now is unclear. It is well known that Hammad founded the TV station, but it went on the air soon after Hamas, an Islamist militant group, took control of the coastal enclave in 2007.

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22. Embassies report rise in alleged hate crimes in UK since Brexit vote

The Guardian (London), Matthew Weaver, Sandra Laville, 2016 09 19

London - European embassies in Britain have logged dozens of incidents of suspected hate crime and abuse against their citizens since the vote to leave the European Union, according to figures obtained by the Guardian. The vast majority of xenophobic incidents involved citizens from eastern European countries, with more attacks against Poles than all the other nationalities put together, the survey of EU embassies in London revealed. The Polish consular service in London, Manchester and Edinburgh has logged 31 incidents of reported hate crime since 23 June, including eight attacks in the past three weeks. They include the killing of Arkadiusz Józwik in Harlow, in an apparently unprovoked attack that is being treated by police as a possible hate crime. Five 15-year-old boys and one 16-year-old boy, all from Harlow, were arrested on suspicion of murdering Józwik and bailed until 7 October pending further inquiries. A second Polish man survived the attack. The Guardian contacted the London embassies of all 27 EU member states. Of the 17 embassies that replied, almost half reported a rise in incidents of xenophobic abuse in the 12 weeks since the EU referendum. Between them, there were 60 incidents logged, including shots fired at a Lithuanian home in Lurgan, Northern Ireland, this month, an arson attack on a Romanian shop in Norwich in July and a break-in at a home in Nottingham in the immediate aftermath of the vote when a Latvian family were called "fucking immigrants" and told to leave the UK.

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23. Nato has no plan if Russia invades, warns ex-general

London Times, Deborah Haynes, 2016 09 19

London - Britain and its Nato allies have no effective plan for defending Europe from a Russian attack because of splits within the military alliance, a recently retired military chief said last night. Russia could deploy tens of thousands of troops into Nato territory within 48 hours, backed by warplanes and ships, whereas it would take Nato months to do the same, General Sir Richard Barrons said. As a result, some land and control of airspace and territorial waters could be lost before Nato's 28 member states had even agreed how to respond, the former chief of Joint Forces Command warned. The North Atlantic Council, the political decision making body of Nato, has the power to authorise the supreme allied commander Europe, Nato's top military officer, to draw up plans and training to prepare the alliance to respond to an attack. But this work had stopped after the Cold War because the threat had gone away. Sir Richard said that there was no appetite for a revival even following the invasion of Ukraine and evidence that Russia has invested in new equipment specifically designed to outmatch Nato.

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24. Intelligence agencies to be reviewed New era Security reshaping plan (Canada)

Canberra Times, David Wroe, 2016 09 18

Canberra - The Turnbull government is set to embark on a major independent review of the nation's intelligence agencies as Australia faces an unprecedented array of security challenges ranging from terrorism to the rise of China and cyber-spying. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's department has confirmed that it is putting in place arrangements for the first major intelligence review since 2011 and the third since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the US, which prompted a reshaping of intelligence efforts in Australia and among its allies. The review is expected to tackle the unprecedented need for the nation's six intelligence agencies to balance immediate security intelligence requirements to combat terrorism including "lone wolves" with longer-term considerations about geo-strategic changes flowing from the shift in power and wealth to the Indo-Pacific region. A spokeswoman for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, which is setting up the review, told Fairfax Media: "We are working through a proposal for a periodic review and the details involved. It is expected that these considerations will take at least several weeks." It will be headed by a senior retired intelligence official. Sources have raised the name of Allan Gyngell, who led the Office of National Assessments - the agency that collates intelligence into briefings for the Prime Minister and the national security committee of cabinet - from 2009 until 2013. Dr Blaxland, a senior fellow at the Australian National University's Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, said cyber security was a major organisational challenge because intelligence agencies needed to co-operate on capabilities that were usually top secret with a wide range of organisations including other government departments and critical industries. Australia's intelligence community is made up of ASIO, ONA, foreign intelligence outfit ASIS, the Defence Intelligence Organisation, the Australian Geospatial Organisation and the Australian Signals Directorate. Australia's international intelligence co-operation will also likely be scrutinised in the review. The "five-eyes" arrangement in which

Australia shares intelligence with the US, Britain, Canada and New Zealand is considered by insiders more vital than ever with each country constrained by resources amid a growing workload. Co-operation with regional democracies such as Japan and South Korea has also grown strongly in recent years.

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25. Major intelligence shake up on the way

Australian Associated Press, 2016 09 18

Sydney - The federal government will reportedly undertake a major independent review of the nation's intelligence agencies. The move has been prompted by what the Sydney Morning Herald describes as "an unprecedented array of security challenges ranging from terrorism to the rise of China and cyber-spying". Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's department has confirmed it is preparing for what will be Australia's first significant intelligence review in five years and the third since the September 11 attacks in the US, the paper says.

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26. War on terror: Australia and the West facing potent new threats via social media

Daily Telegraph (Australia), Staff Writer, 2016 09 18

Canberra - Foreign States were launching covert social media attacks against governments, including Australia, using malicious gossip and misinformation to manipulate political opinion in what former ASIO chief has claimed was a new and potent cyber threat. The warning comes as Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and US President Barack Obama prepare to meet in Washington this week for the first cyber security and cyber terrorism summit between Australia and the US. In an exclusive interview with The Daily Telegraph before leaving for the UN meeting in New York, Mr Turnbull said governments were not moving as quickly as their enemies in cyberspace. The Federal Government's former director general of security (and ASIO) David Irvine last week raised the spectre of "cyber influencing" as a new threat to governments. Now the chair of the Australian Cyber Security Research Institute, Mr Irvine said while the intelligence and security response to terrorism was well advanced, governments were playing "catch up" in dealing with cyber terrorism, espionage and sabotage.

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27. 8 Taliban militants killed in Kabul by Afghan intelligence operatives

Khaama Press, Ghanizada, 2016 09 19

Kabul - At least 8 Taliban insurgents were killed during an operation conducted by the Afghan intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS) operatives in the vicinity of Kabul province. According to local officials in Qarabagh district of Kabul, the militants were killed late on Saturday night during an operation that was launched around 11:00 pm and ended around 1:00

am local time. District administrative chief Samiullah Sharifi confirmed the report and said another suspect was arrested by NDS operatives during the operation. He said at least three commanders of the group were also among those killed during the operation. The Taliban militants have not commented regarding the report so far. This comes as the group has been attempting to scale large attacks in the capital during the past several months as part of its spring offensive to pressurize the government.

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28. Pakistan rejects India's allegations of involvement in terrorist attack in held Kashmir

Pakistan Dawn, Syed Sammer Abbas, 2016 09 19

Islamabad - Pakistan on Sunday rejected Indian allegations regarding involvement in terrorist attack on brigade headquarters in Uri area of the Indian-held Kashmir (IHK). "Pointing fingers at Pakistan has become a traditional tendency of India after each terrorist attack," Foreign Office spokesperson Nafees Zakaria told DawnNews. "In the past many Indians were involved in the terrorist acts for which India had blamed Pakistan," he asserted. Commenting on India's Home Minister Rajnath Singh's statement declaring Pakistan a terrorist state, Zakaria said "India is trying to divert world's attention from the human rights violations being committed in occupied Kashmir". "The whole world is looking at the Indian atrocities in India-held Kashmir and UN Human Rights Commissioner has also offered to send fact finding mission to Kashmir which India has rejected," the spokesperson added.

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29. US to stay neutral as Pakistan, India prepare for UN showdown (Canada).

Pakistan Dawn, Anwar Iqbal, 2016 09 19

Washington - As Pakistan prepares to highlight the current situation in India-held Kashmir at the UN General Assembly and India plans to counter it by raising the Baloch issue, the United States has made it clear that it will not back either side. "What we have said -- nothing is changed about our view that we want to see India and Pakistan work this out bilaterally," said State Department spokesman John Kirby when asked to define the US policy on Kashmir. The US was one of the co-sponsors of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 47 that calls for "a free and impartial plebiscite" in Jammu and Kashmir on the question of its accession to India or Pakistan. But since then, it has slightly changed its position and for the past several decades calls for bilateral talks between the two countries for resolving this dispute. Belgium, Canada, China, Colombia and Britain were the other sponsors of the resolution that the UN Security Council adopted at its 286th meeting on April 21, 1948.

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30. Décès de Michel Légré, principal accusé dans l'enlèvement du journaliste Guy André Kieffer (Canada)

Agence de Presse Africaine, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 18

Abidjan - Décès de Michel Légré, principal accusé dans l'enlèvement du journaliste franco-canadien Guy André Kieffer Michel Légré, ex-beau-frère de Simone Gbagbo, principal accusé, dans l'affaire de l'enlèvement du journaliste franco-canadien, est décédé dans la nuit de samedi à dimanche des suites d'une crise cardiaque, a appris APA, dimanche matin de source familiale. Michel Légré, chef de la sécurité de Laurent Gbagbo, alors leader de l'opposition ivoirienne des années 90, s'était uni avec l'une des soeurs de son épouse Simone Ehivet peu avant l'ascension de M. Gbagbo à la magistrature suprême de son pays en 2000. Le défunt est le principal accusé dans l'enlèvement du journaliste franco-canadien Guy André Kieffer, le 17 avril 2004 devant un supermarché de la capitale économique ivoirienne.

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31. Tunisia Extends State of Emergency

Asharq Al-Awsat, Al-munji al-Saaidani, 2016 09 19

Tunisia - Tunisia announced on Saturday that a state of emergency, in force since a deadly attack on the presidential guard last November, will be extended by one month. The announcement was made hours after PM Yousef al-Shahid declared the exemption of duties of several officials in Jandouba and Farnana areas following protests in the areas. The protests occurred over a week after a young man set himself on fire in front of Farnana municipality building. A statement said that after consulting the premier and head of the national assembly, President Beji Caid Essebsi decided that the measure would be extended from September 19 for a month. The law allows authorities to ban strikes and meetings that might "provoke or maintain disorder", to temporarily close theaters and bars, and to "take every measure to secure control of the press and all types of publications". The incident in Farnana ignited several movements demanding job opportunities and infrastructure maintenance.

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32. FARC Leader: Peace Deal Overwhelmingly Supported by Guerrillas

teleSUR, Staff report, 2016 09 19

Bogota - Ivan Marquez, head of the peace delegation for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, shared his optimism about the general support the deal received within the rebels' ranks Sunday, the second day of the 10th National Guerrilla Conference. "We are feeling a very strong support for all the work we've done in Havana," where the peace negotiations with the Colombian government took place, said the FARC-EP leader during the conference, which marks the group's transition into a political entity. "So far, all we've heard is a total support for the content of the final agreement," he added, denying any signs of dissidence within the rebel group.

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33. 'Cyber terrorism could be next nuclear weapon'

Korea Herald, Yoon Min-sik, 2016 09 19

Seoul - In 1945, two nuclear bombs decimated the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, ending World War II and forever changing the scope of modern warfare. Lim Jong-in, a professor at the graduate school of information security at Korea University, said he believes that cyberattacks are the next big threat to humanity. "In the 1950s, the international society reached a consensus on nuclear weapons and saw the birth of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Now, we have cyber weapons that present such threats," Lim, formerly a special advisor to President Park Geun-hye, told The Korea Herald on Friday, the day of North Korea's fifth nuclear test. While not yet perceived as critical as a nuclear program, he emphasized cyber terrorism is extremely dangerous in a society that is growing more connected. "If there is an attack on the society's critical infrastructure, it can potentially be as devastating as a nuclear weapon. The international community needs a set of discussions that will bring binding organizations to this issue, a 'cyber IAEA' if you will." Pyongyang itself, currently going rogue with its internationally-condemned nuclear program, has proven this point with repeated hacking attacks on its southern neighbor. In 2014, the Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Co. came under what is believed to be an attack from North Korean hackers. Prosecutors said last month that the information of high-ranking officials and members of research institutes on Pyongyang may have been stolen by North Korean hackers.

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34. Abu Sayyaf frees Indonesian sailors (Canada).

Manila Times, Al Jacinto and Fernan Marasigan, 2016 09 19

Manila - Abu Sayyaf bandits on Sunday freed three Indonesian tugboat crew members in Sulu, a day after they released a Norwegian captive. Indonesian sailors Teo Kopong, Lorenz Koten and Emmanuel, who were kidnapped in July in Sabah, were handed over, along with Norwegian hostage Kjartan Sekkingstad, to Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) founder Nur Misuari, who was said to have "assisted" in their release and provided shelter. The kidnappers were reportedly paid P30 million in ransom following negotiations with former Indonesian army general Kivlan Zein. No other details surrounding the negotiations were available, but the release of the hostages came after the Abu Sayyaf freed Sekkingstad for a P30-million ransom payment. Two Canadians taken hostage at the same time, John Ridsdel and Robert Hall, were later beheaded by the group after a ransom demand of about P300 million (\$6.5 million) was not met.

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35. Bangladesh looking to extradite Mujib's killer (Canada).

Times of India, 2016 09 19

Undisclosed placeline - Bangladesh and Canada, after years of failed negotiations have finally agreed to find a solution to perhaps the most crucial issue between the two countries - the extradition of Noor Chowdhury. The self-confessed killer of the nation's founder Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has been hiding in Canada. The consensus came after a meeting between Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Canadian Premier Justin Trudeau in Montreal. The statement came from Foreign Secretary Shahidul Huq who addressed reporters after the meeting saying that the two countries would work to find an solution to extradite Chowdhury from Canada. "The aim of the discussion would be to bring Noor Chowdhury to justice and execute the verdict of the Bangabandhu murder case," he said. Chowdhury, now in his 70s, is a former Bangladeshi military officer who was convicted in August, 1975 for assassinating Sheikh Mujib.

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36. Ex-hostage tells of terror as friends beheaded in Philippines (Canada).

Agence France-Presse, 2016 09 19

Indanan, Philippines - A Norwegian former hostage on Sunday described his psychological torture as he heard his friends being beheaded by militants during a year-long captivity in the southern Philippines. A heavily bearded and gaunt Kjartan Sekkingstad, who was released on Saturday by the feared Abu Sayyaf group, also said he narrowly survived military attacks against his captors, with a bullet piercing his backpack. Also released were three Indonesians held by the group, who were also turned over to envoy Jesus Dureza. Mr Sekkingstad said he endured "psychological pressure", with the Abu Sayyaf threatening several times to behead him. Two Canadian resort guests captured with him, John Ridsdel and Robert Hall, were later beheaded by the group after a ransom demand of about 300 million pesos (Dh23.8m) was not met.

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37. Freed Norwegian Hostage Tells of Abu Sayyaf's Execution Threats (Canada)

Wall Street Journal, Cris Larano, 2016 09 19

Manila - A Norwegian man freed after almost a year held by the Abu Sayyaf terror group said he and his fellow captives, two of whom were beheaded, were treated like slaves and that he was regularly threatened with execution. Kjartan Sekkingstad was one of four people seized by the extremists at a resort he ran on Samal Island in the southern Philippines. Two of his fellow captives, Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall, were decapitated this year. A Philippine woman, Marites Flor, was freed in June. "I am very happy to be alive and free," Mr. Sekkingstad told reporters following a meeting with President Rodrigo Duterte and Norwegian Embassy officials in Davao City. "It's a wonderful feeling." The two Canadians were killed after Ottawa refused to pay millions of dollars in ransom to the extremists, who have sworn allegiance to Islamic State, have earlier links to al Qaeda and have carried out bombings, assassinations and kidnappings for ransom that have often ended in hostages' deaths.

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38. Huawei Korea accused of leaking rival company's technologies

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 09 19

Seoul - Prosecutors said Monday they have indicted the local subsidiary of China's Huawei Technologies Co. and its executives on charges of leaking its competitor's technologies and trade secrets. The Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office said Huawei Korea's executive, identified only by his surname Kang, is suspected of leaking business secrets from telecoms equipment developer Ericsson-LG while working there in January 2014. The joint venture is between Sweden-based Ericsson and South Korean tech firm LG Electronics Inc. Kang is suspected of taking dozens of Ericsson-LG's business documents without permission when he transferred to the Chinese company later that year and using the information to set sales strategies for Huawei. Two other employees were also indicted over similar allegations of moving to the Chinese company from the joint venture company with business secrets.

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39. Li has packed agenda for UN assembly (Canada)

China Daily, Zhao Huanxin, 2016 09 19

New York - Premier Li Keqiang arrived in New York on Sunday afternoon to start a whirlwind of activities in the city, where he will address the annual general debate and meet with President Barack Obama and UN chief Ban Ki-moon. The premier and his wife Professor Chen Hong each received a bouquet of flowers from a representative of the Chinese UN mission as they arrived at Kennedy International Airport to kick-off an 11-day trip that will also take them to Canada and Cuba. Security in New York was tight on Sunday, as police were still searching for clues of an explosion that rocked a Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood Saturday night, injuring 29 people. A security staff person at the hotel where Li and his delegation will stay told China Daily that she believed the situation was "serious". This year marks the 45th anniversary of the restoration of China's seat at the United Nations. During his four-day stay in the city, the premier will expound on China's viewpoints on major issues regarding the international order, global governance and peace and development.

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40. Norwegian says his Philippine kidnapping was 'devastating' (Canada).

Associated Press, 2016 09 19

Indanan, Philippines - A Norwegian man freed by militants after a year of jungle captivity in the southern Philippines described the ordeal Sunday as "devastating," carrying a backpack with a bullet hole as a reminder of a near-death experience that included the beheadings of the two Canadians kidnapped with him. Kjartan Sekkingstad was freed by his Abu Sayyaf captors on Saturday to rebels from the larger Moro National Liberation Front, which has signed a peace deal with the Philippine government and helped negotiate his release. On Sunday, he was handed over to Philippine authorities, along with three Indonesian fishermen freed separately by the Abu Sayyaf. Sekkingstad was kidnapped from a yacht club he helped managed on southern Samal

Island on Sept. 21, 2015, along with Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall and Hall's Filipino girlfriend, Marites Flor, sparking a massive land and sea search by Philippine forces.

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41. P100 M paid for Norwegian? (Canada).

Philippine Star, Edith Regalado, 2016 09 19

Davao City, Philippines - Despite Malacañang's no-ransom stance, more than P100 million was apparently paid for the freedom of Norwegian hostage Kjartan Sekkingstad from the bandit group Abu Sayyaf over the weekend. Sources told The STAR yesterday that Sekkingstad's family and friends from Norway raised the ransom money. Norway Ambassador Erik Forner reportedly flew to Davao in anticipation of Sekkingstad's release. "I would like to reiterate that the government maintains the no-ransom policy," Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanar told government radio station dzRB yesterday. "Now, if a third party or the family gives ransom, we do not know." The Abu Sayyaf released Sekkingstad Saturday, about a year after the bandit group kidnapped him along with three others - Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall, who were both beheaded months ago reportedly for failure to pay a P300-million ransom demand, and Filipina Marites Flor, who was released in June.

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42. PM seeks opinion mobilization abroad for returning 1975 killers (Canada).

Bangladesh Sangbad Sangtha, 2016 09 19

Montreal - Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called upon the expatriate Bangladeshis living in Canada and the USA to mobilize public opinion about extradition of convicted killers of Bangabandhu. "How a civilised country could give shelter to a convicted killer," the prime minister wondered as she was addressing a reception accorded to her at Centre Mont-Royal here last night by expatriate Bangladesh nationals. The premier added: "I am leaving a demand before you to write letters to public representatives of those countries where you are residing and asked . . . why those countries would give shelter to the killers of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman." The prime minister said Bangladesh government asked the US and Canada that why they are nurturing and giving shelter to the killers.

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43. Stand by India in fight against terrorism, says Canada

Indo-Asian News Service, 2016 09 19

New Delhi - Canada on Monday strongly condemned the terror attack at an Army camp in Uri town in Jammu and Kashmir and said it stands with India in the fight against terrorism. In a statement, Acting High Commissioner for Canada to India Jess Dutton said that his country was appalled by these attacks. "Canada strongly condemns the terrorist attack on the Indian Army camp at Uri on September 18, which resulted in the death of 17 soldiers," Dutton said. "The Government of Canada extends condolences to the victims and their families. We are appalled

by these attacks and stand with the Government of India in the fight against terrorism," he added. Sunday's terror attack was one of the biggest targeting the Indian Army in recent years, resulting in the death of 17 soldiers and substantial damage to military property just a few kilometres from the Line of Control with Pakistan. (Full Report).

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44. Top diplomats of S. Korea, Japan to seek strong sanctions against N.K. for latest nuke test

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 09 19

Seoul - Top diplomats of South Korea and Japan have expressed "grave" concerns over North Korea's recent nuclear test and agreed to seek strong sanctions against Pyongyang to punish it for pursuing its weapons of mass destruction program, the foreign ministry here said Monday. The concerns over the North's fifth nuclear test conducted on Sept. 9 were shared by South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se and his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida during a bilateral meeting held in New York on Sunday (local time) on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly, according to the ministry. "The two ministers expressed grave concerns over the North raising tensions to an unprecedented high level with its more frequent and stronger-than-ever provocations, including two nuclear tests this year as well as various ballistic missile launches," the ministry said in a press release. It said the North's actions come despite continued warnings by the international community. They also agreed to "actively" seek comprehensive and strong sanctions against the North through close coordination and cooperation with the international community including the United States, China and Russia, it added.

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45. An underwhelming victory for Putin's party

Los Angeles Times, Mansur Mirovalev, 2016 09 19

Moscow - President Vladimir Putin's ruling party easily outdistanced its rivals in parliamentary elections Sunday, but it was a lackluster victory that suggested the Russian leader's brand may be growing stale. United Russia, the pro-Kremlin behemoth an opposition leader once dubbed the "party of crooks and thieves," won less than 45% of the vote for 450 seats in the State Duma, Russia's lower house of parliament, according to preliminary results announced by the Central Election Committee on Sunday night. No other party came close. The nationalist Liberal Democratic Party of Russia and the Communists competed for the second spot with 18% and 17% of the vote, respectively. Still, it was United Russia's lowest result in 15 years -- and came in an election with turnout of less than 40% of eligible voters. The election was a tangible blow to Putin, who founded the party at the dawn of his rule.

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46. Iran Can't Whitewash Its Record of Terror

Wall Street Journal, Saudi Arabia Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir, 2016 09 19

Op-ed - Ronald Reagan was fond of quoting John Adams, who famously said: "Facts are stubborn things." So when Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif made public pronouncements about fighting extremism, the facts show that his comments are ironic at best and little more than insincere propaganda. The fact is that Iran is the leading state-sponsor of terrorism, with government officials directly responsible for numerous terrorist attacks since 1979. These include suicide bombings of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut and the Marine barracks at Beirut International Airport; the bombing of Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia in 1996; attacks against more than a dozen embassies in Iran, including those of Britain, the U.S. and Saudi Arabia; and the assassination of diplomats around the world, to name a few examples. Nor can one get around the fact that Iran uses terrorism to advance its aggressive policies. Iran cannot talk about fighting extremism while its leaders, Quds Force and Revolutionary Guard continue to fund, train, arm and facilitate acts of terrorism. If Iran wants to demonstrate sincerity in contributing to the global war on terrorism, it could have begun by handing over al Qaeda leaders who have enjoyed sanctuary in Iran. These have included Osama bin Laden's son, Saad, and al Qaeda's chief of operations, Saif al-Adel, along with numerous other operatives guilty of attacks against Saudi Arabia, the U.S. and other targets. It is a fact that Saif al-Adel placed a call from Iran in May 2003 giving orders for the Riyadh bombings that claimed more than 30 lives, including eight Americans. Yet he still benefits from Iranian protection. Iran could also stop funding terrorist organizations, including Hezbollah, whose secretary-general recently boasted that his organization gets 100% of its funding from Iran. Iran could stop producing and distributing improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, which have killed or injured thousands of U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. And Iran could halt supplying weapons to terrorists and sectarian militias in the region who seek to replace legitimate governments with Iranian puppets.

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47. Iranian Missiles Capable of Responding All Threats

Fars News Agency, 2016 09 19

Tehran - Senior Military Advisor to the Iranian Leader Brigadier General Seyed Hessam Hashemi underlined the high precision-striking power of country's missiles, and said Tehran enjoys the capability to reciprocate any kind threat. "The enemies have always been threatening us and their threats have not decreased but increased every day and if the enemy comes to the conclusion that we have grown weak, it will certainly attack us. We can respond threats with threats when we have such a high defensive power," General Hashemi told FNA. "Today, our missile industries have advanced to the extent that we can reciprocate any kind of threat with a (similar) threat," he added. Stressing the strong enmity between the US and Iran, General Hashemi said, "In its assessments, the US has concluded that it cannot confront us." In relevant remarks in August, Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Hossein Dehqan underlined that his country sees no limit for the range of the ballistic missiles that it is developing.

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48. ISIL's Spies Fleeing Hawija for Mosul After Payroll Exposure

Fars News Agency, 2016 09 19

Tehran - ISIL's spies and informants have fled the city of Hawija in the Southwestern part of Kirkuk province after their payrolls were exposed, local sources disclosed on Saturday. The ISIL spies fled Hawija for the city of Mosul after their payrolls were compromised, the sources said, reminding that the information and intel fed by spies and informants to the ISIL has resulted in the execution of a large number of residents of Hawija city, "which has caused deep worries among these informants". The revelation comes two weeks after unknown people stole an important archive of ISIL which contained important intelligence about the terrorist group's activities in different fields. The recent advances of the Iraqi forces against the ISIL in Kirkuk province have left no choice for the ISIL terrorists and their families but to flock to Mosul in Nineveh province to find safer shelters.

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49. 54 terror suspects arrested during Haj

Saudi Gazette, Staff Report, 2016 09 19

Riyadh - The security authorities arrested 54 terror suspects between Dhul Hijjah 1 and Dhul Hijjah 9. The terror suspects included 30 Saudis, 13 Bahrainis, and the rest from seven different nationalities. One of them was a citizen of Brunei. The Brunei national is the first man from the southeast Asian country to be apprehended on charges of terrorism. The security sources did not identify the man but said he was arrested in Riyadh without any resistance. They said the accused is being investigated to verify his involvement in terror operations that took place in the Kingdom or if he had any connections with or had supported terrorist organizations in the country. Saudi officers kept eyes on every route and gathering spot. An "eye" which never closes formed the heart of the command and control center located in Mina, said Col. Saad Al-Dosari, its planning chief. More than 5,000 cameras were installed in the entire Makkah sector covering a radius of around 10 kilometers around its Grand Mosque.

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50. Australian MP: It's beyond the pale if Hamas used our money to build tunnels

Jerusalem Post, Yonah Jeremy Bob, 2016 09 19

Jerusalem - "If Australian money was spent on building [Hamas attack] tunnels, that is beyond the pale," Australian MP Michael Danby said Sunday with reference to the recent World Vision scandal at a Jerusalem Press Club and NGO Monitor-sponsored event. The Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) announced in August that Hamas had infiltrated World Vision and redirected tens of millions of dollars - 60 percent - of the organization's budget to its "military" wing. The World Vision organization, which operates in 100 countries and employs 46,000 people, fell victim to a complex Hamas takeover scheme, a senior Shin Bet source said, adding that Hamas's armed wing stole \$7.2 million a year from the budget, which was supposed to pay for food,

humanitarian assistance, and aid programs for disabled children, and channeled the funds to buy weapons, build attack tunnels and direct toward other preparations for war with Israel.

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51. JASTA serves Islamophobic organizations

Asharq Al-Awsat, Maaz al-Amri, 2016 09 19

Washington - The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) warned that JASTA bill, if approved by the Congress, will have severe consequences and will be used by lobbying organizations that promotes Islamophobia. Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA) is a measure that would allow 9/11 attack survivors and relatives of terror victims to pursue cases in federal court against foreign governments and demand compensation if such governments are proven to bear some responsibility for attacks on U.S. soil. Thus, JASTA would allow the victims and their families to sue Saudi Arabia in U.S. federal court for its alleged role in indirectly financing the attacks. Nihad Awad, executive director and founder of CAIR, told Asharq Al-Awsat that JASTA will allow the continuation of harassments against the Islamic community. He added that after this bill, terrorism will continue to be joint with Islam.

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52. Moscow says U.S. strikes threaten truce plan

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 09 19

Beirut - Moscow stepped up its war of words with Washington Sunday, saying airstrikes by a U.S.-led coalition on the Syrian army threatened the implementation of a U.S.-Russian cessation of hostilities plan for Syria and bordered on connivance with Daesh (ISIS). The diplomatic row heated up on the last day of a seven-day cessation of hostilities marred by a surge of violence as warplanes hit the strategic northern city of Aleppo for the first time since the truce came into effect. The Russian Defense Ministry said Saturday that U.S. jets had killed more than 60 Syrian soldiers in the eastern Syrian city of Deir al-Zor in four airstrikes by two F-16 and two A-10 fighter jets coming from the direction of Iraq. Syria's U.N. Ambassador Bashar Jaafari charged that U.S.-led strikes were aimed at torpedoing the cessation deal, but France's foreign minister, speaking in New York, placed the main blame for truce violations on the government of President Bashar Assad.

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53. Warning! Your 'Pokemon Go' app may be spying on you

Khaleej Times, Staff Report, 2016 09 19

Dubai - A new app based on the Pokemon Go game available on the Google Play store can seize root access rights of Android smartphones and display unsolicited ads. The app, 'Guide for Pokemon Go', has the capability of uploading the details of the device and the user, such as country, language, device model and software version, to its command server discreetly. The app then silently installs and uninstalls other apps and displays unsolicited ads to the user. According

to a report by Kaspersky Lab experts, the app has been downloaded more than 500,000 times, with at least 6,000 successful infections. Kaspersky Lab has reported the Trojan to Google and the app has been removed from Google Play. The trojan includes some interesting features that help it to bypass detection. For example, it doesn't start as soon as the victim launches the app. Instead, it waits for the user to install or uninstall another app, and then checks to see whether that app runs on a real device or on a virtual machine.

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54. Washington Suggests 72-Hour Ceasefire in Yemen as Iran Continues Arming Rebels Asharq Al-Awsat, Arafat Madabesh and Saeed al-Abyad, 2016 09 19

Aden, Jeddah - Washington has made a proposal for a 72-hour ceasefire in Yemen with a possibility of extension, during a two-day visit by a U.S. high-ranking official to Muscat. Asharq Al-Awsat learned from Yemeni and U.S. diplomatic and political sources that U.S. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Thomas Shannon paid a visit to Oman on September 8 and 9, and held talks with a delegation of rebels to discuss the points that Secretary of State John Kerry had initiated in Jeddah. A source at the U.S. Embassy in Yemen told Asharq Al-Awsat that the new points in the U.S. position was the proposal to hold a 72-hour ceasefire. A spokesperson at the U.S. Department of State told Asharq Al-Awsat: "The proposal is a tool that would provide all Yemeni parties the chance to reach a complete and permanent agreement."

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55. Des proches de Rachid Kassim entendus Le Figaro.fr, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 19

Paris - Deux hommes soupçonnés d'être liés au djihadiste français du groupe Etat islamique (EI) Rachid Kassim, arrêtés vendredi dernier, sont entendus par la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) depuis hier soir, révèle ce matin BFMTV. Les deux individus avaient été arrêtés à Dôle (Jura) et Roanne (Loire). Ils avaient été placés en garde à vue dans le cadre de l'enquête sur le départ, signalé en mai 2015, de Kassim en zone irako-syrienne. Les enquêteurs soupçonnaient que ces deux hommes ont eu, via la messagerie cryptée Telegram, des contacts avec Rachid Kassim, âgé de 29 ans et originaire de Roanne.

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56. Germany's intelligence agency illegally gathered data Irish Times, Derek Scally, 2016 09 19

Berlin - Germany's foreign intelligence agency (BND) illegally collected and stored masses of data from innocent German citizens who were unwittingly dragged into mass surveillance dragnets. A leaked, classified report by the Federal Data Protection Commission (FDPC) found that, for every BND targeted surveillance operation, the intelligence agency was sucking up and storing data of 15 citizens not part of any investigation. "These infringements of constitutional rights are conducted without any legal basis and thus harm the constitutional right of informational self-determination of [innocent] people," the FDPC report adds. Among the BND's activities, exposed by leaks by whistleblower Edward Snowden, were 18 serious breaches of German fundamental law, according to the leaked FDPC report, and 12 formal complaints.

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57. President Erdogan to call for joint global stance against terror at UN meet (Canada)
Hurriyet Daily News, Serkan Demirtas, 2016 09 19

Ankara - President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will call on world leaders to pursue a joint stance in the fight against terror without distinguishing between terror groups and to act in solidarity in addressing growing refugee problems during his meetings at the United Nations General Assembly. "Our President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will attend the 71st U.N. General Assembly meetings to be held in New York between Sept. 19 and 22," his office said in a written statement over the weekend. The Turkish delegation under Erdogan's leadership will depart to New York from Istanbul early Sept. 19. The official kick-off of the U.N. General Assembly will take place on Sept. 20 as the main theme will be "The Sustainable Development Goals: A Universal Push to Transform our World." Erdogan will attend the meeting on the occasion of the first anniversary of the launch of the sustainable development goals and the approval of the Development Agenda for 2030.

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58. Turkish Authorities Arrest 28 ISIS Fighters
Asharq Al-Awsat, Saeed Abdelrazek, 2016 09 19

Ankara - Turkish security forces arrested four people on the basis of intelligence information that stated that the terrorist organisation ISIS is planning to target the British and German embassies in Ankara. However, sources at the Turkish Ministry of Interior confirmed that it has not found conclusive evidence that the detainees have links to terrorist groups. The sources said that the information stated that ISIS is planning to carry out an act of terrorism targeting the German and British embassies during the period 13 -17 September/ This led the General Directorate of Security in Turkey to begin to monitor this issue in cooperation with the relevant agencies belonging to the two countries, and this resulted in the arrest of three people in Ankara and one in Istanbul ahead of Eid Al-Adha. The sources also said that the detainees continue to be investigated but that the results of the investigation did not provide conclusive evidence of their links to terrorist groups.

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1. Canada needs to rethink hostage policy

The Hill Times, Gar Pardy, 2016 09 21

Ottawa - Last Saturday, Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad was freed by Abu Sayyaf after nearly a year of captivity in the southern Philippines. A ransom was paid but by who remains vague. Mr.

Sekkingstad was kidnapped on Sept. 21, 2015 along with Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall and Filipino Marites Flor. Ms. Flor was released earlier this year. As well, several Indonesians have been freed. Media reports differ on whether a ransom was paid. A Dutch citizen remains in captivity. He was kidnapped in 2012. Mr. Ridsdel was beheaded in April when the demanded ransom was not paid. Following a public announcement by the prime minister that no ransom would be paid, Mr. Hall was beheaded in June. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in making his statement on the non-payment of ransoms to rescue kidnapped Canadians followed the lead of other leaders. Indeed, it was reported that before making his statement the PM consulted the then-British prime minister, David Cameron. Given Mr. Cameron's recent history and reflecting his political judgment, this was the equivalent of consulting Neville Chamberlain on Europe's future in 1938. However, the actions of governments behind the scenes are just the opposite: ransoms are paid, or facilitated, or paid by others, or negotiations are prolonged, all with an aim of obtaining the release of the kidnapped victims. Justice Frank Iacobucci in a Feb. 23, 2010 supplement of his October 2008 report on the actions of Canadian officials in relation to Abdullah Almalki, Ahmad Abou-Elmaati, and Muayyed Nureddin, wrote: "Several witnesses from both CSIS and the RCMP, told the inquiry that it was not the responsibility of intelligence or law enforcement officials to be concerned about the human rights of a Canadian detainee, which were for [the foreign ministry] alone to consider. This approach, is not, in my opinion, satisfactory." It should be noted that it took almost a year a half before Justice Iacobucci received permission to publish his view on this matter. There is nothing to suggest that either CSIS or the RCMP have changed their views on this matter.

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2. Chinese agents enter Canada on tourist visas to coerce return of fugitive expats

Globe and Mail, Nathan Vanderklippe and Robert Fife, 2016 09 21

Ottawa and Beijing - China's security services have been sending undercover agents into Canada on tourist visas to strong-arm expatriates to return home, including some suspected of corruption and other criminal activities. The secret Chinese visits have raised concern among lawyers and prompted investigations by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and the RCMP, even as the Trudeau government begins negotiations for an extradition treaty with China. According to an insider briefed on China's secret-agent operation, the Chinese moved to tactics that include threats and intimidation because they were were "ticked off" at Canada for "not being willing to send people back the instant they asked" and for dragging its feet on an extradition treaty. "Nobody has been caught and nobody has been taken to court," the insider said. The revelation comes as Chinese Premier Li Keqiang arrives in Ottawa on Wednesday for talks with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. The two leaders are expected to discuss the extradition treaty between China and Canada. Formal talks on the extradition treaty were approved in Beijing on Sept. 12 between a top Communist Party official and Daniel Jean, national security adviser to Mr. Trudeau. A day later, a Chinese court ordered the deportation to Canada of jailed Canadian missionary Kevin Garratt. Toronto refugee and immigration lawyer Lorne Waldman told The Globe and Mail some of his Chinese clients in Canada have received cellphone messages from Chinese security officials threatening them and their families if they do not return home. One client suspected that people watching him "might be from the Chinese government," he said. Mr. Waldman said he has worked with at least six people sought by China as fugitives. In the past

year, two of them and the family of a third have been approached by CSIS agents who "asked them whether or not they had suffered harassment at the hands of those Chinese officials in Canada ... in relation to their return to China, or made any threats directed toward them." The most recent such meeting took place this summer when "the officers told my clients that CSIS was investigating whether or not this type of harassment is occurring," he said.

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3. A lesson in hard Chinese bargaining

Globe and Mail, Campbell Clark, 2016 09 21

Column: Quid pro quo? In one sense, it might not matter whether Justin Trudeau's government made a deal to start talks with Beijing on an extradition treaty in exchange for the release of a Canadian imprisoned on trumped-up spy charges. If it looks like a bargain was struck, it's likely to foster negative consequences, whether or not there was a real swap. And the whole case seems to offer Canada a hard lesson in hard Chinese bargaining. Kevin Garratt, a Canadian missionary who lived in China for decades before being scooped up two years ago and detained on spy allegations, was let go last week. It was just after the Prime Minister went to China, and just before the visit to Ottawa of Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, who arrives Wednesday. But other things were going on. The Prime Minister's national security adviser, Daniel Jean, was in Beijing for talks Sept. 12, and the two governments agreed to start discussions on an extradition treaty - something the Chinese have sought for years. The next day, a Chinese court convicted Mr. Garratt, gave him bail and ordered him to leave the country. The Canadian government insists there were no concessions exchanged. There are China experts, such as Brock University professor Charles Burton, who argue it smells like a quid pro quo - but there's no proof. But in this case, appearances matter. It's bad if foreign governments believe it is what it looks like - that Ottawa will make concessions to release a Canadian jailed on phony charges. It's bad if the Chinese think so, too. And it's possible they don't know for sure. Some former diplomats think it's unlikely senior Chinese officials would ever make the quid pro quo explicit.

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4. Anti-immigration group denies part in racist posters

Edmonton Journal, Claire Theobald, 2016 09 21

Edmonton - After racist posters targeting people in turbans were posted around the University of Alberta campus Monday, an anti-immigration group whose website address on the bottom of the signs has denied any involvement in the hateful campaign. "We wish to inform our supporters that we strongly condemn this flyer, and permission was not sought from our board for this to be circulated," read a statement posted on the Immigration Watch Canada website. "We strongly believe in dissecting the immigration issue with constructive arguments, supported by irrefutable facts. We do not support flyers taking on a strictly vulgar and emotionally-charged narrative." Posters that read "f--your turban" on top of the image of a man wearing a turban sparked outrage from students and administrators at the university. Campus security removed the offensive

posters. Along the bottom, the poster read "if you are so obsessed with your third-world culture, go the f--back to where you came from," above the website address for Immigration Watch Canada. According to their website, Immigration Watch Canada is an "organization of Canadians who believe that immigration has to serve the interests of its own citizens," and advocates for dramatically reducing immigration into Canada. This latest condemnation comes after the World Sikh Organization of Canada Alberta chapter vicepresident Tejinder Singh Sidhu called the posters, "a pathetic attempt at drawing the spotlight to deplorable views that have been rejected in Canada." University president David Turpin has also said University of Alberta Protective Services is working to identify the person behind the posters.

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5. A time to nurture co-operation

Globe and Mail, Li Keqiang, 2016 09 21

Op-ed: I am delighted to be coming today to Canada, the beautiful land of maples. Earlier this month, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made a visit to China, during which the two sides reached extensive common understanding on the development of China-Canada relations. My visit to Canada at a short interval of three weeks is to inaugurate the new annual dialogue between our heads of government and further promote mutual understanding and mutually beneficial co-operation between our countries to secure fresh progress for the China-Canada strategic partnership. As an ancient poem goes, distance cannot divide true friends who feel close even when thousands of miles apart. Though separated by the vast Pacific Ocean, our two peoples enjoy a deep bond of amity and goodwill. As early as the latter half of the 19th century, tens of thousands of Chinese workers came to Canada to help build the Canadian Pacific Railway, which linked the country's east and west and contributed to Canada's economic and social development. In the 1930s, Norman Bethune, a Canadian doctor, devoted himself to the Chinese people's struggle against Japanese aggression and made the ultimate sacrifice. In the 1970s, defying all odds, the older generation of Chinese and Canadian leaders made the bold and visionary decision to open the door of relations between our countries, making Canada one of the first Western countries to establish diplomatic ties with New China. All these episodes remain fresh in the memory of many Chinese and Canadians. Note: Li Keqiang is Chinese Premier.

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6. Bahrain using Canadian software to stifle dissent: report

Globe and Mail, Colin Freeze, 2016 09 21

Toronto - A new report from The Citizen Lab alleges that Canadian-made software is - once again - being used by a repressive Mideast state to keep its citizens from learning about news, religion and politics. The kingdom of Bahrain this summer starting using Web-filtering software from Netsweeper Inc. as a means of keeping a lid on dissent, the report said. It added that the Sunni-dominated monarchy is going so far as to use the software to deny Bahrain's majority Shia citizens access to basic information about their religion and religious leaders. The Citizen Lab, a group of civil-minded technological researchers at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs, last year released similar findings about Netsweeper software being used in

Yemen, where religious strife has led to ongoing civil war. It has also previously documented the Ontario company's software being used in Pakistan and Somalia. Typically Netsweeper sells its products to large firms which purchase it to keep computer viruses out of corporate networks or curb employees' access to porn and gambling sites. Selling such software so that it can be used across an entire country can be controversial, however, especially if it ends up being tweaked to police morality and dissent. The Citizen Lab alleges this is what has happened in Bahrain, an island-nation monarchy strategically located between two much larger regional rivals, Iran and Saudi Arabia, which are now stoking sectarian tensions across the Middle East.

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7. Canada's Trudeau sidesteps questions on extraditions to China

Reuters, David Ljunggren, 2016 09 21

Ottawa - Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sidestepped questions on Tuesday on the sensitive topic of possible extraditions to China, saying Canada would stick to high standards when deciding whether to return Chinese citizens. A statement posted on Trudeau's website said his national security adviser went to Beijing last week and agreed to start talks about an extradition treaty as part of a security dialogue. China, which wants the return of officials suspected of corruption who it says are hiding in Canada, has long pressed for such a treaty. Some Western countries are reluctant to sign extradition deals with China, partly out of concern about the integrity of its judicial system and treatment of prisoners. Some people convicted of corruption face the death penalty. Canada refuses to send people to countries without assurances they will not be executed. "Extradition is certainly one of the things the Chinese have indicated they want to talk about," Trudeau told a televised news conference at the United Nations. "As everyone knows, Canada has very high standards in terms of extradition treaties in accordance with our values. But we're happy to have a high-level security dialogue," he said. News of the Beijing meeting revived speculation Ottawa had made concessions to secure the return of Kevin Garratt, a Canadian citizen convicted of spying, whom China deported last week. Canadian officials insist there was no deal. Garratt's release was widely seen as a triumph for Trudeau, who visited Beijing earlier this month in a bid to seal closer economic ties. Chinese Premier Li Keqiang arrives in Canada on Wednesday for the start of a three-day trip.

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8. Canada Agrees to Treaty Talks With China on Extradition

New York Times, Dan Levin, 2016 09 21

Unidentified placeline - Canada has agreed to negotiate a bilateral extradition treaty with China, breaking with a longstanding opposition over concerns about China's lack of due process and other human rights violations, according to a joint communiqué quietly posted on the website of the Canadian prime minister's office. The announcement, which has prompted criticism by human rights advocates, came a day before Beijing deported a Canadian missionary, Kevin Garratt, who had been detained in China on espionage charges for more than two years. The government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau last week denied that it had made any concessions for Mr. Garratt's release, though the timing has led many to believe the deportation was part of a

deal that will also grant the Chinese authorities an official role in identifying Chinese nationals who entered Canada illegally. China has long wanted bilateral extradition treaties with Western nations that it claims have become havens for corrupt officials who have fled. Beijing has increased diplomatic pressure in recent years amid a series of anti-corruption campaigns led by President Xi Jinping, which critics say are more about settling political scores and bolstering public loyalty for the governing Communist Party than ending endemic graft. The United States, Britain and New Zealand have refused to negotiate such treaties, and Australia has not ratified one that it signed with China in 2007, largely over concerns including the systemic use of torture to extract confessions, show trials and the imposition of the death penalty for noncapital crimes. The agreement was signed on Sept. 12 by Daniel Jean, the Canadian national security adviser, and Wang Yongqing, secretary general of the Central Political and Legal Affairs Commission of the Chinese Communist Party. It established short-term objectives that include allowing both countries to share the ill-gotten financial assets of suspected Chinese fugitives in Canada and completing negotiations on a one-year pilot project "where Chinese experts will be invited to assist in the verification of the identity of inadmissible persons from mainland China" to prepare for their repatriation.

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9. Dual citizens' new passport requirements extended

Toronto Star, Nicholas Keung, 2016 09 21

Toronto - In the wake of a public outcry, Ottawa has extended the grace period of its new travel requirement for Canadian dual citizens. The federal government was to demand all air travellers who are citizens of Canada and another country be required to carry a Canadian passport as of Sept. 30. However, many travellers complained they were blindsided by the new measures and would not be able to acquire a Canadian passport in time for their immediate travels. On Tuesday, Immigration Minister John McCallum announced the implementation date would be postponed until Nov. 10. "In consultation with airline partners, we're taking further steps to minimize any travel disruption," he said. "We're extending the leniency period and doing another major information blitz . . . to encourage affected travellers to plan ahead and get the necessary travel documents." Currently, Canadians with dual citizenship can use the passport of the other country to enter Canada by air if they can provide proof of residency in Canada, such as a driver's licence or a Canadian citizenship card.

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10. Federal Liberals spending millions on overtime for communications staff, documents reveal

Ottawa Citizen, Jason Fekete, 2016 09 21

Ottawa - The federal government is spending millions of dollars on overtime for communications staff as it looks to get out its messaging to Canadians, with the largest tabs in the departments of Environment, Finance, Global Affairs, Defence, and the Privy Council Office. Seven staffers produce videos for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's YouTube channel at a cost of tens of thousands of dollars, according to new documents tabled in the House of

Commons. Between early November 2015 and early June 2016, the Liberal government spent nearly \$2.3 million on overtime for communication staff, according to the information tabled in response to a question from Conservative MP Larry Miller. One of the largest was for Environment and Climate Change Canada - \$235,538 - mainly because of the United Nations climate conference in Paris in December and the government's pan-Canadian climate strategy. "Communications staff have been key players in the government of Canada's efforts to engage Canadians, and stakeholders, such as youth and Indigenous people, in a discussion about how Canada should fight climate change, supporting the minister at high profile events such as the signing of the Paris climate change agreement, launch of an expert panel to conduct a review of environmental assessment processes, first ministers' meetings and a federal/provincial/territorial environment ministers' meeting," Environment Minister Catherine McKenna said in a written response.

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11. Inside Beijing's anti-corruption efforts

Globe and Mail, Craig Offman, 2016 09 21

Operation Skynet involves country persuading friendly states to extradite alleged financial criminals as part of Xi's graft crackdown Using code names such as Fox Hunt and Skynet, China has been urging its trade partners to extradite officials it believes are guilty of economic crimes. The effort is critical to the legitimacy of President Xi Jinping, who has promised to rein in the country's pervasive graft issue, but critics also suspect it is part of his broader effort to purge enemies and consolidate power. As The Globe and Mail revealed Tuesday, Canada and China are formally in discussions to complete an extradition treaty that would make Canada a signatory, joining Australia, France and other democracies. Compliance will likely have benefits: bolstering trade and furthering diplomacy. "China likes to use trade to favour countries who are being nice to them, and when they are not nice, they are punished," said Shaun Rein, founder of China Market Research Group. In that respect, he said, Ottawa is being savvy by engaging in discussions with Beijing. But many international law experts and diplomats warn that Skynet is fraught with many tripwires, beginning with China's opaque - if not brutal - legal system in which the charges originate.

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12. Justin Trudeau's Message to U.N.: 'We're Canada and We're Here to Help'

New York Times, Ian Austen, 2016 09 21

The United Nations - As Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of Canada made his first address to the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday, he spoke before not only an enthusiastic audience, but one whose agenda largely mirrored his own. Two hallmarks of Mr. Trudeau's government since it took power 10 months ago have been admitting Syrian refugees and promising action on climate change. While he raised both of those issues in his speech on Tuesday, Mr. Trudeau also used the occasion to underscore another two of his favorite themes: optimism and internationalism. "We need to focus on what brings us together, not what divides us," Mr. Trudeau said. "For Canada that means re-engaging in global affairs." Later, after

acknowledging Canada's relatively limited role on the world stage, Mr. Trudeau pledged to work with other countries on migrants, the environment and economic disparity. "We're Canadian and we're here to help," he said. Specific announcements were absent from Mr. Trudeau's speech, which was greeted with cheers and flashing cellphones. Instead, he used much of his time to challenge other politicians for, in his view, exploiting anxiety.

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13. Justin Trudeau s'adresse aux Canadiens depuis New York

Le Devoir, Hélène Buzzetti, 2016 09 21

Ottawa - «Le Canada est de retour», avait lancé en octobre 2015 un Justin Trudeau nouvellement élu premier ministre à l'attention de la planète. Pourtant, à l'occasion de son premier passage dans l'enceinte suprême de la communauté internationale mardi, le premier ministre Trudeau s'est adressé d'abord aux Canadiens. De sa tribune onusienne, il a repris ses grands thèmes électoraux, insistant sur l'importance d'élargir la classe moyenne, d'investir dans les infrastructures et de chérir la diversité, tout en réitérant le désir du Canada de se « ré-engager » dans les affaires mondiales. «Il y a exactement un an aujourd'hui, le Canada était en plein milieu d'une longue campagne électorale âprement disputée. 78 jours sur la route. Et je peux vous assurer qu'au Canada, on a assez de routes pour rouler 78 jours!» a lancé d'entrée de jeu M. Trudeau alors qu'il s'adressait à la 71e Assemblée générale de l'ONU, à New York. M. Trudeau a rappelé que, pendant cette campagne, il avait rencontré des jeunes, des aînés, des parents et des travailleurs qui éprouvaient de la difficulté à réaliser leurs rêves, à joindre les deux bouts. Il en a tiré la conclusion que «des Canadiens croient encore au progrès. Ou du moins, que le progrès est possible. Mais cet optimisme est mêlé de beaucoup d'inquiétude. » Le premier ministre a soutenu que le rôle d'un leader était de calmer ces inquiétudes, et non de les exploiter. « Pour apaiser les inquiétudes des gens, nous devons créer une croissance économique qui est largement partagée, parce qu'un monde qui est juste est un monde en paix. » Il a répété son intention d'investir dans les infrastructures pour bâtir une économie « qui fonctionne pour tout le monde, pas seulement le 1% des plus riches». Même le dossier des réfugiés a été enrobé du discours sur la classe moyenne si chère à M. Trudeau. «Voyez-vous, les réfugiés sont des gens qui ont les mêmes espoirs et les mêmes rêves que nos citoyens. [...] Et savez-vous où vit la classe moyenne de Syrie? Elle vit dans des camps de réfugiés en Turquie, au Liban et en Jordanie. Elle se déplace à travers l'Europe à la recherche d'un endroit où s'enraciner, retourner ses enfants à l'école, trouver du travail et devenir des citoyens productifs. »

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14. Liberals consider sending peacekeepers to monitor peace in Colombia

Canadian Press, Lee Berthiaume, 2016 09 21

Ottawa - The Liberal government is considering whether to send unarmed observers to help monitor Colombia's historic peace agreement. Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan's office confirmed Tuesday that Colombia is one of the options being considered as the government decides where to deploy upwards of 600 Canadian peacekeepers. Most of the other possible missions are in Africa. Sources say Canadian officials have been in contact with the UN looking for more

information about the observer mission in Colombia, including potential security hazards. The Colombian government and Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the guerrilla group widely known as FARC, agreed to a peace agreement last month, ending 50 years of fighting. Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion, who will commit \$25 million to UN- led conflict mediation, negotiation and reconstruction efforts on Wednesday, is scheduled to attend a ceremony on Sept. 26 in which the two sides will sign the deal. Colombians will then vote on the agreement in a plebiscite on Oct. 2. If all goes as expected, the United Nations will begin deploying 450 unarmed observers to around 40 locations around Colombia soon after to begin monitoring implementation of the agreement. The one-year monitoring mission would involve ensuring both sides adhere to the peace deal as FARC forces turn over their weapons and begin the process of reintegration into Colombian society.

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15. Pannes des systèmes informatiques Phénix s'éteint pendant quatre heures

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 09 21

Ottawa - Plusieurs systèmes informatiques du gouvernement fédéral, incluant le système de paye Phénix, ont connu une panne généralisée entre 6 h 30 et 10 h 45, mardi. Le versement de la paye des employés fédéraux a pu être effectué «avec succès» malgré tout, selon les autorités fédérales. Pour l'instant, il est difficile d'identifier la cause exacte de cette panne, qui a touché plusieurs systèmes du gouvernement fédéral en même temps, incluant le controversé système de paye Phénix. «Sachez que nous avons confirmé que la paye a été effectuée avec succès pour tous les employés de l'ARC (NDLR: Agence de revenu du Canada) et, par conséquent, nous ne prévoyons pas d'incidence sur la paye de demain (mercredi)», a-t-on indiqué dans cet avis aux employés fédéraux. Il a été impossible de connaître la liste de l'ensemble des systèmes qui ont pu être touchés par cette panne généralisée. Mais les autorités ont écarté la possibilité de piratage. Des travaux d'entretien des systèmes réalisés pendant la fin de semaine dernière pourraient être en cause. À la Chambre des communes, la ministre des Services publics et de l'Approvisionnement, Judy Foote, a dû répondre encore une fois aux critiques de l'opposition au sujet de Phénix, mais elle n'a pas donné de détails précis sur la panne.

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16. Phoenix shutdown won't affect payday

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 09 21

Ottawa - The four-hour shutdown of the troubled Phoenix pay system won't have an impact on whether Canada's public servants get paid on Wednesday. Public Services officials said the shutdown won't interfere with the expected payments of those public servants who are 'scheduled' to be paid. Officials at Public Services and Procurement Canada have been given regular updates on Phoenix repairs on paydays and another one is planned for Wednesday. On the last payday, two weeks ago, 293,915 people were paid. Phoenix, however, didn't pay 59 people who were previously paid and another 335 new cases of people who were not paid after they left the public service or went or returned from leave. Tuesday's outage, however, threw the spotlight on the Public Services and Procurement Canada's two most troublesome technology

projects - Phoenix and Shared Services Canada. Shared Services Canada was doing maintenance on the weekend to back up data, which resulted in a storage space problem that shut down the applications for both the pay and pension systems.

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17. Prepare for threat of quantum computing to encrypted data, Canadian conference told It World Canada, Howard Solomon, 2016 09 21

Toronto-- The race to create new cryptographic standards before super-fast quantum computers are built that can rip apart data protected by existing encryption methods isn't going fast enough, two senior Canadian officials have warned a security conference. "I think we are already behind," Scott Jones, deputy chief of IT security at the Communications Security Establishment (CSE), responsible for securing federal information systems, told the fourth annual international workshop on quantum-safe cryptography in Toronto on Monday. Quantum computing - or more accurately, computers that use quantum mechanics - is not a dream, Jones and others told the conference of business executives, crypto academics, IT companies and government officials. One prediction is there's a one in seven chance that by 2026 a quantum computer will exist that can break RSA-2048 encryption. It may take longer -- or, if there's an advance, shorter. "Quantum represents a fundamental change and challenge to encryption for all of us," Jones said, noting that encrypted transactions are the backbone of security and trust on the Internet. His comments were backed by David Sabourin, CSE's manager of cryptographic security, who said that if the 2026 prediction is right "we're in trouble." Speaking on a panel of government experts, Sabourin noted the U.S.-based National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) will close its call for proposed new and more quantum-secure public key encryption algorithms next year.

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18. Trudeau welcomes Chinese Premier Li Keqiang warmly but cautiously CBC News, Sasa Petricic, 2016 09 21

Analysis: When the official plane touches down in Ottawa today, it will mark the first visit of a Chinese leader to Canada since 2010. A lot has changed in the relationship between the two countries since then. Premier Li Keqiang arrives with more economic clout, his country a real dragon. Depending on how you measure it, China now has the biggest or the second biggest economy in the world. China's GDP has almost doubled in the past six years, despite a recent slowdown. Canada's approach to China has also evolved. In 2006, a newly elected Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Canada would not sell out human rights for the "almighty dollar," and he boycotted the opening ceremonies of the 2008 Beijing Olympics over that issue. His views changed later, but the relationship was never a warm one. PM cautious about trade talks In contrast, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has already declared that Beijing-Ottawa relations -- especially economic links -- must be "updated and re-energized." On both sides of the Pacific, his recent official visit to China has been described as the revival of a lapsed friendship. While there, both leaders -- Trudeau and Li -- said it might even make sense to discuss a free-trade agreement. They will certainly talk trade this week. "So seize the day and seize the moment," says Victor Zhikai Gao, a former official in China's foreign ministry.

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19. Who should shoulder the blame for Phoenix fiasco?

CBC News Ottawa, Staff reporter, 2016 09 21

Ottawa - While thousands of public servants await proper payment for their government jobs, IBM has already made more than \$140 million and counting on the Phoenix payroll system it was hired to design and implement. High-level government managers blame a lack of training for the glitch-riddled system, but some observers wonder how much responsibility IBM should shoulder. "One of my favourite quotes is good IT is expensive and bad IT is even more expensive," said Alex Beraskow, a management consultant with 30 years experience, both implementing and reviewing huge, multi-million dollar IT projects for the Canadian government. The company was tasked with creating a new PeopleSoft-based payroll system for the government's more than 100 departments and agencies. To date, more than 80,000 government workers have experienced months of pay problems: from underpayment to overpayment, to no payment at all. IBM says issues are with implementation. For its part, IBM Canada has stated: "The vast majority of the issues in this implementation are process and data issues, not technical system issues." Beraskow said in cases like these, the truth is usually complicated.

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20. 2 Ex-Spies and Donald Trump

New York Times, Thomas L. Friedman, 2016 09 21

Column - When it comes to assessing the presidential race, I prefer to listen to the spies. They tend to be brutally unsentimental, see through the nonsense and cut to the cold, hard bottom line. And right now, two of the world's foremost former spymasters are sending uncoded messages about what it will mean for America and the Western alliance if Donald Trump is elected president. Ladies and gentlemen, I introduce former C.I.A. Director Robert Gates and his longtime nemesis and former K.G.B. agent, President Vladimir Putin of Russia. Putin is voting Trump. Gates is not. In an essay in The Wall Street Journal, Gates, who also was defense secretary for George W. Bush and Barack Obama, criticized both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump for failing to take the threat posed by Putin's Russia seriously. But Trump, Gates added, has gone places with Putin no would-be American president should: "Mr. Trump's expressions of admiration for the man and his authoritarian regime are naïve and irresponsible." Yes, Clinton has her own credibility issues on national security, Gates explained, but "Donald Trump is in a league of his own. admire Gates for speaking out. Not enough attention has been paid to the national security implications of a Trump presidency. I'm certain you'd see U.S. military officers and government officials quitting if Trump ordered them to torture captured terrorists, go house to house to evict illegal immigrants, start trade wars with China and Mexico or ban Muslims. Trump the chaos primary candidate became the chaos presidential nominee, and you can bet he'd be a chaos president. Being unpredictable as a leader is fine, if you know where you're going and it is a tool to get you there by keeping foes off balance. But being unpredictable because you have no discipline; because you think issues like ISIS are just a manhood test; because you have

not studied the issues so anything can come out of your mouth; and because you don't realize that when we tell countries like Japan or South Korea or our NATO allies that we might not protect them from Russia or China, they will go get their own nukes and make the world even less stable -- well, that kind of unpredictability is how alliances get broken, messes get made and wars get started. That's why Putin is licking his chops.

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21. Ahmad Khan Rahami's YouTube Account Listed Jihad Videos, Complaint Says

New York Times, Christopher Mele, 2016 09 21

New York - The man who the police say planted bombs in New York and New Jersey had a YouTube account that listed his favorite videos, two of which related to jihad, according to a criminal complaint filed in Federal District Court in New York on Tuesday. The man, Ahmad Khan Rahami, had the account under the user name yaafghankid786, the complaint filed by Peter F. Licata, a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force, said. One of the videos is labeled "jihad nasheed ya shahid," a reference to a martyr's anthem, the complaint said. Another video, "best jihad nasheed," is nearly three minutes long and includes subtitles as images of battles on a desert appear. The subtitles read in part: "Our sanctuaries would not have been desecrated had the lions surrounded them. The filthiest of bandits have attacked us. So where are the swords? They have forgotten we are defiant ones who defend like lions. We are those who built our forts out of skulls."

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22. A New Terror-Alert System

The New Yorker, Benjamin Wallace-Wells, 2016 09 20

Comment - Just before 8 A.M. on Monday morning, New Yorkers got a message on their mobile phones: "WANTED: Ahmad Khan Rahami, 28-yr-old male. See media for pic. Call 9-1-1 if seen." The news came through the same emergency-alert system, with its disorienting buzz, that government agencies use to send news of a flood, and so it suggested some uncanny Pynchonian transference, in which terrorism had become as mundane and as universally affecting as the atmosphere. By eleven-thirty, the alert had made a "significant contribution," as Mayor Bill de Blasio put it at a lunchtime news conference, to the capture of Rahami, who was found sleeping in the doorway of a bar in his home town of Linden, New Jersey. The alert, de Blasio said, had an "extraordinary effect." His new police commissioner, James O'Neill, called it the "future." That text, more compressed than a tweet, did not contain much information. The wording "See media for pic" was an acknowledgement that the news was already universal, and its effect was likely to nudge commuters over to Google. That Rahami's name is Islamic likely provoked some dark imaginings about what he might be connected to, beyond First American Fried Chicken, his parents' restaurant in Elizabeth, and what his actions might represent. But the alert also suggested a new role for its recipients, as temporary auxiliary police. "Remain vigilant," de Blasio said at the news conference, even after Rahami had been captured, and then in almost the same breath the Mayor said that he'd got a call from President Obama, who had praised New Yorkers for remaining calm amid the crisis. Perhaps there is no contradiction in these sentiments, and

universal vigilance is now a feature not just of an emergency but also of more ordinary days when everyone is going about their business.

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23. Attack Suspect Carried Writings Endorsing Jihad

New York Times, Marc Santora, Adam Goldman, 2016 09 21

New York - The man who the authorities say set off powerful bombs in Manhattan and on the Jersey Shore over the weekend planned the attacks for months, conducted a dry run just days before unleashing his assault and took inspiration from "Brother Osama bin Laden" and other international terrorists, according to a criminal complaint filed in federal court on Tuesday. The man, Ahmad Khan Rahami, 28, was charged with several crimes, including use of weapons of mass destruction and bombing a place of public use, and the criminal complaint against him outlines how close the attacks came to causing death and even more destruction. The bomb in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood on Saturday night was powerful enough to vault a heavy steel Dumpster more than 120 feet through the air, according to the complaint. Windows shattered 400 feet from where the explosion went off, and pieces of the bomb were recovered 650 feet away. Among the 31 victims -- two more than first reported -- one had to have multiple ball bearings removed from her body as well as bits of metal from an ear and wood shards from her neck, the complaint says. The charges came on a day when it was revealed that Mr. Rahami's father told the authorities two years ago that he feared his son was a terrorist, prompting a review by the Federal Bureau of Investigation that did not find any basis for a fuller inquiry. The complaint says Mr. Rahami was motivated by an extremist Islamic ideology that he recorded in a notebook he had with him when he was shot and wounded by the police in Linden, N.J., on Monday morning before being then taken into custody.

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24. Cellphone Bombs: The New American Terror

The Daily Beast, David Axe, 2016 09 20

Washington - Ahmad Khan Rahami the 28-year-old suspect in the twin bombings in New York City and New Jersey that injured dozens of people this weekend, apparently used cellphones to detonate his homemade bombs. That should worry authorities. It's not hard to convert a cellphone into a remote trigger for an improvised explosive device. But it is hard--and illegal in most cases--to jam cell signals without inflicting extensive collateral damage that could be even worse than the harm a small IED might cause. "Jamming technology generally does not discriminate between desirable and undesirable communications" is how the Federal Communications Commission put it in a fact sheet (PDF). "Use of cell phone jammers poses an unacceptable risk to public safety."

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25. Minnesota Knife Attacker Had Only Infrequent, Minor Brushes With the Police

New York Times, Mitch Smith, Matt Furber, 2016 09 21

St. Cloud - Nearly eight years before Dahir Adan was shot dead by an off-duty police officer and accused of stabbing 10 people at a mall, the police stormed into his family's apartment here to break up a fight between two of his brothers. "We could hear a lot of screaming and yelling and all in a Somali language," a St. Cloud officer wrote in his 2008 report on the episode. The encounter ended with an officer tackling one brother and threatening to use a Taser, the report says, and another brother claiming he had been whipped with a belt and nearly stabbed with a fork by his sibling. When the mayhem subsided, the police asked Mr. Adan, who was just 12 at the time and apparently not involved in the fight, to help interpret for his father. But the officer wrote, "It was not a good translation, nor do I think he understood very well." That long-ago episode provides a lens on Mr. Adan's infrequent and benign encounters with law enforcement until Saturday's rampage. Chief William Blair Anderson of the St. Cloud police said that no evidence had been found linking Mr. Adan, who was 20, to terrorist groups, even after multiple searches.

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26. No Single Profile for 'Lone Wolf' Attacker

Wall Street Journal, Alan Cullison, 2016 09 21

New York - Amid the anxiety prompted by last weekend's terror attacks, security experts are vexed by a recurring question: How can latent mass murderers with no formal connection to faraway terror groups be caught before they act? Hints may surface as investigators splice together the biographies of Ahmad Khan Rahami, who sowed homemade bombs in New York City and New Jersey, and Dahir Adan, who went on a stabbing spree in a Minnesota shopping mall before he was shot dead by an off-duty police officer. But experts are concluding that for attacks committed by such sole assailants, known as "lone wolves," there is no all-encompassing explanation. "Fundamentally, the quest for a single answer for the reason for terror is pretty doomed -- it's like trying to answer the question of why there is crime," said J.M. Berger, a fellow with George Washington University's Program on Extremism.

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27. Preparing for North Korea's Inevitable Collapse

Bloomberg View, Eli Lake, 2016 09 20

Column - Let's be honest. The world would be a better place if a revolutionary tribunal in the near future sent North Korea's Kim Jong-un and his henchmen to the gallows. Kim's subjects are so malnourished that North Koreans are notably shorter than their South Korean cousins. The state's gulags are so large, you can see them from space. Survivors of those camps have testified that fellow prisoners withered away from starvation. North Korea's nukes are the Kim family's insurance policy. Since the Clinton administration, the U.S. and the international community have been willing to extend the life of the regime in exchange for (ultimately broken) promises about its reactors and enrichment facilities. And while the U.S. has also placed sanctions on North Korea at times, in the end the goal of U.S. policy has been regime preservation. Secretary of State John Kerry summed up this approach earlier this month. "We have made overture after overture to the dictator of North Korea," he said, after the regime's fifth nuclear test. "We have

made it very clear to him that we're prepared to talk about peace, about peace on the peninsula, about food assistance, about normal relationship with the world, about a nonaggression pact -- I mean a host of different ingredients -- if he will simply acknowledge he is prepared to come to the table and talk about denuclearization and his responsibilities to the world -- not to us, to the whole world." The problem with this approach is that it's a sucker's bet. If Kim "will simply acknowledge" he's ready to talk, the international community will lavish him with material support and unearned recognition. A far better use of American diplomacy is to quietly push China and South Korea to begin planning with the U.S. for the day the North Korean regime falls. It's a long shot. General Thomas acknowledged last week that there are no channels between the U.S. and China on special operations. And the U.S. has good reasons to mistrust China, an aggressive cyber adversary that is unilaterally claiming territory through militarized artificial islands. What's more, China and North Korea share an ideological attachment as two of the five remaining communist states on the planet. That said, North Korea is a time bomb for China as well as for the U.S.

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28. Snowden should not be pardoned: Top U.S. intelligence official

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 09 21

Washington - The nation's top intelligence official said Tuesday that he could never agree with a decision to pardon Edward Snowden. Snowden was an National Security Agency contract employee when he took more than a million documents and leaked them to journalists who revealed massive domestic surveillance programs begun in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. The programs collected the telephone metadata records of millions of Americans and examined emails from overseas. "I could understand what he did, if ... what he exposed was limited to domestic surveillance. ... But he exposed so much else that had absolutely nothing to do with domestic surveillance, where he has damaged our capability against foreign threats. He has taken away capabilities that were used to protect our troops in Afghanistan," Director of National Intelligence James Clapper said. "I don't think I could concur in offering him a pardon."

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29. Snowden--Ultimate Insider Threat Missed by NSA Security

Washington Free Beacon, Bill Gertz, 2016 09 20

Column - Security officials today use the politically correct term "insider threat" to describe what were once called traitors, and no one was more aggressive in pursuing them than counterintelligence types at the National Security Agency. Thus many intelligence officials saw more than a tinge of irony in NSA contractor Edward Snowden making off with 1.5 million highly classified NSA intelligence documents in May 2013 and handing them over to several anti-American journalists who seemed more interested in inflicting as much damage as possible on America's premier electronic spying and code-breaking agency than exposing alleged wrongdoing. Until Snowden, the NSA had a reputation as one of the intelligence organizations most dedicated to protecting secrets. But the case exposed gaping holes at the agency, and a

House intelligence report says gaps persist years after Snowden fled the country and holed up in Moscow.

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30. State Department adds al Qaeda front group in Syria to terror designation list

Long War Journal, Thomas Joscelyn, 2016 09 21

Washington - The State Department announced today that Jund al Aqsa, an al Qaeda front group in Syria, has been added to the US government's list of specially designated global terrorist organizations. State notes that Jund al Aqsa "primarily operates in Idlib and Hama provinces" and was responsible for the February 2014 "massacre in the village of Maan in central Hama province, killing 40 civilians." Jund al Aqsa was established in 2012 as a "subunit" of Al Nusra Front, al Qaeda's official branch in Syria, but "split" from Nusra and "now carries out operations independently." Despite operating on its own, Jund al Aqsa "is still openly aligned with" Nusra. Indeed, the jihadist organization routinely participates in battles alongside Nusra. Two Jund al Aqsa suicide bombers helped pave the way for a Nusra-led offensive in Idlib province in March 2015. In addition, a contingent of Jund al Aqsa leaders reportedly joined Nusra in February.

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31. Top CIA analyst sees likely Putin re-election bid

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 09 21

Washington - Russian President Vladimir Putin is likely to run for re-election in 2018 and may impose tougher authoritarian rule to curb unrest over the slumping economy, the CIA's top Russia analyst said on Tuesday. The rare public comments by Peter Clement, head of the CIA unit that watches Russia, shed light on how some senior U.S. intelligence officials view Putin and where he is taking his country as he prepares an expected run for a fourth presidential term in 2018. Most intelligence analysts think Putin will run again, as he indicated three years ago, said Clement. "But he's got to be thinking now, 'What happens between now and 2018?'" Clement spoke at a George Washington University conference a day after the pro-Putin United Russia party won a lower house majority in parliamentary polls seen as a likely springboard for a Putin re-election bid. The veteran Kremlin watcher said he had seen some "indicators" of where the former Soviet intelligence officer is likely taking Russia. These included a recent news report of a possible "major restructuring" of Russia's intelligence services in which the civilian domestic and foreign intelligence agencies would merge into a single organization dominated by the domestic agency, the Federal Security Service, he said. "What I see there is the potential tightening up of society," said Clement, adding that he thinks Putin "genuinely, genuinely fears instability and disorder."

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United Kingdom • Royaume-Uni

32. Fate of jailed Briton raised with Iran's president

London Times, Francis Elliott, 2016 09 21

London - In her first meeting with President Rouhani of Iran, Theresa May has demanded information on the fate of a British mother detained in his country. Mrs May raised the case of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, who has dual nationality and was arrested at Tehran airport in April while trying to return from a family holiday with her two-year-old daughter. The charity worker is reported to have been jailed for five years on a spying charge after a secret trial, but British officials say that has not been confirmed. Richard Ratcliffe, her British husband, has been lobbying for her release at the UN general assembly in New York. Ms Zaghari-Ratcliffe is one of at least six westerners with dual nationality to be detained since a deal on Iran's nuclear programme was signed in January. She is the first, however, to be sentenced. The couple's daughter, Gabriella, had her British passport confiscated and is being looked after in Iran by her grandparents. Mr Ratcliffe has been advised not to travel to Iran for fear that he could also be arrested. Ms Zaghari-Ratcliffe has told her husband that her only respite in prison is sleep, when she can dream of her daughter.

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33. Gerry Adams denies sanctioning murder of British spy Denis Donaldson

The Guardian (London), Henry McDonald, 2016 09 21

Dublin - The Sinn Féin president, Gerry Adams, has denied he sanctioned the murder of a British spy inside the IRA. Adams rejected allegations aired on BBC television on Tuesday night that he directly ordered the killing of Denis Donaldson at his remote cottage in the Irish Republic a decade ago. Donaldson worked as a British agent while operating as a senior IRA member and Sinn Féin official in the Stormont parliament. An informer named only as "Martin" told the BBC Northern Ireland Spotlight programme that Adams had ordered the Donaldson murder. In a statement released through his solicitor on Tuesday night, Adams lawyer said his client "had no involvement and had no knowledge whatsoever in Denis Donaldson's killing".

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34. MI6 chief says information revolution is 'existential threat and golden opportunity'

London Daily Telegraph, Nick Allen, 2016 09 21

Washington - The head of MI6 has said the information revolution represents both an "existential threat and a golden opportunity". In rare public comments Alex Younger, who took over as Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service in 2014, said it had fundamentally changed the operating environment for the intelligence community. He also said the actions of Edward Snowden had undermined trust between intelligence agencies and technology companies, and been "highly problematic". Mr Younger said the focus was on recruiting officers of the "highest moral literacy".

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Australia, New Zealand • Australie, Nouvelle-Zélande

35. Generation jihad threat looms

The Australian, Paul Maley, 2016 09 21

Sydney - The potential return of dozens of Australian children from Islamic State-controlled Syria and Iraq has prompted state and federal authorities to workshop how they will reintegrate a generation of battle-scarred children back into community life. With Western governments increasingly confident they have Islamic State in retreat, Australian authorities have begun war-gaming how to handle a potential influx of hardened jihadists driven out of Syria and northern Iraq. About 110 Australians are thought to be fighting in Syria and Iraq. While the threat that returning foreign fighters pose to communities has long been known, a new challenge emerging is how to deal with children who have been exposed to the violence of the Syrian war, perhaps for years on end. Security authorities believe that since the war began in 2011, dozens of Australian children have become embroiled in the conflict through the actions of their Australian parents. Some, like the children of Sydney terrorist Khaled Sharrouf, were taken into the war zone by their parents; others were born there, either to Australian women who travelled to the Middle East as jihadist brides or to Australian men who have impregnated local women, some by raping them. Sexual violence against women is commonplace in Islamic State-controlled territory. In December 2014, another Sydney terrorist, Mohamed Elomar, attempted to "sell" captured women from Iraq's Yazidi community via Twitter. "Anyone interested got 1 of 7 yehzidi slave girls for sale," Elomar wrote. "\$2500 each ... don't worry brothers she won't dissappoint (sic) you." According to witnesses who escaped from Elomar's Raqqa home, which he shared with his friend Sharrouf, Elomar was suspected of raping or threatening to rape enslaved Yazidi women. Elomar was killed last year in a drone attack in Raqqa. He had fathered a child to Sharrouf's eldest daughter.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

36. Suicide attack organizer held with a would-be bomber by Afghan intelligence

Khaama Press, 2016 09 21

Kabul - The Afghan intelligence operatives foiled a deadly suicide attack plot by arresting a suicide attack organizer along with a would-be bomber in southeastern Khost province. The National Directorate of Security (NDS) said the group was looking to target the government officials during Eid-ul-Adha. No further details were given regarding the exact time of the operation that led to the apprehension of the group but the raid was apparently carried out ahead of Eid holidays. A statement by NDS said the attack organizer has been identified as Nasratullah son of Abdullah Hangam and the would-be bomber has been identified as Ijaz-ul-Haq son of Gul Parast. The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far.

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Africa • Afrique

37. Deux Italiens et un Canadien enlevés en Libye (Canada)

Agence de Presse Africaine, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 20

Tripoli - Deux ressortissants italiens et un canadien ont été enlevés dans le sud de la Libye, rapportent des sources médiatiques concordantes à Tripoli. Selon ces sources, les deux Italiens et le Canadien travaillent pour la même société de maintenance à l'aéroport de Ghat, à la frontière algérienne. Beaucoup de sociétés italiennes travaillent en Libye et leurs employés expatriés ont souvent été victimes d'enlèvements au cours des dernières années. Rome avait annoncé la semaine dernière l'envoi imminent d'une centaine de soldats pour assurer la protection d'un hôpital militaire qu'elle compte installer à Misrata, à l'est de Tripoli.

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38. Deux Italiens et un Canadien enlevés en Libye (Canada)

All Africa, Lucien Mpama, 2016 09 20

Ghat, Libye - La piste du banditisme est privilégiée par Rome qui écarte celle du terrorisme djihadiste. Les canaux diplomatiques sont activés pour leur libération. Ils s'appellent Bruno Cacace (56 ans) et Danilo Calonego (68 ans), les deux Italiens qui ont été enlevés à Ghat, dans le sud-libyen, lundi. Avec eux, un ressortissant canadien et le chauffeur libyen qui ont été, tous les quatre, emmenés vers une destination inconnue par des hommes armés non-identifiés. Ils étaient tous employés à la réfection de la piste d'atterrissage de l'aéroport de la petite ville située à la frontière algérienne. À Rome où on a l'habitude de traiter ce genre d'affaires, y compris les précédents enlèvements d'Italiens en Libye, on a tout de suite adopté une attitude de prudence. « Nous travaillons avec le maximum de réserve, compte tenu de la délicatesse de la situation », a-t-on indiqué à la Farnesina, le ministère des Affaires étrangères. Le maire de Ghat, Qumani Saleh craint seulement que les négociations pour la libération de ces otages ne soient rendues compliquées par la situation politique en Libye.

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39. Three abducted, three freed in Libya (Canada)

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 09 21

Benghazi - Libyan authorities said Tuesday that they were searching for two Italians and a Canadian abducted at gunpoint near the Algerian border, while another official said three North Koreans kidnapped more than a year ago have been freed from Islamic State militants. Libya slid into chaos after the 2011 uprising that toppled and killed longtime dictator Moammar Gaddafi. Much of the country is ruled by a patchwork of militias, and Islamist militants also have gained a foothold. The Italians and the Canadian were abducted at gunpoint Monday on the highway between Ghat and Ubari, in the southwest desert, according to the Ghat municipal council. Global Affairs Canada spokesman Michael O'Shaughnessy said, "We are aware of the troubling yet unconfirmed report of the abduction of a Canadian citizen in Libya. We are diligently pursuing all appropriate channels." Hassan Osman Eissa of the Ghat municipal council said the

abductors are known to local authorities and have carried out carjackings and robberies in the past. He said local security forces are searching for them and raiding suspected hideouts. He said the abductors left the foreigners' Libyan driver behind after handcuffing him.

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Americas • Amériques

40. FARC's last hurrah? Guerrilla group parties --and plots political future

Miami Herald, Jim Wyss, 2016 09 21

Llanos de Yari, Colombia - In the middle of what was once a sweeping and empty savannah, Colombia's FARC guerrillas have erected a virtual city matching their political ambitions. With massive tents, batteries of bathrooms, bunk beds, jungle camps and generators, the site is meant to house almost 1,000 troops, journalists and hangers-on. The complex, thrown up over the last month, is the headquarters of the 10th Conference of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia and the site where the 52-year-old guerrilla group is expected to vote on Friday to approve a historic peace deal. But it's also a symbol of the group's muscle -- moving both machinery and the masses -- as it prepares to lay down its arms and enter politics. The site has a communications antenna (though it rarely worked), a full catering service -- selling tequila and vodka -- and even its own gas station. During the opening of the meeting over the weekend, the FARC's maximum commander, Timoleón Jiménez, addressed his troops from a stage worthy of any halftime show and said the bloodshed was ending but the struggle for the fate of the country would continue. "Contrary to what our critics say, the [FARC] is far from being an exclusively military organization ruled by the whims of ambitious commanders," he said, as massive screens broadcast his image. "If something has characterized us since our birth it is, precisely, our rigorously political nature founded on the broadest of democracies."

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41. Venezuela accuses US of spying on Non-Aligned summit

Agence France-Presse, Staff report, 2016 09 21

Caracas - Venezuela accused the United States on Tuesday of spying on a Non-Aligned Movement summit it recently hosted, saying Venezuelan fighter jets had intercepted a US surveillance plane and forced it to turn back. President Nicolas Maduro's latest beef with Washington comes after Venezuela hosted leaders from the 120-member group on the Caribbean island of Margarita last weekend, a meeting that featured numerous jabs at US foreign policy. "We know a military aircraft carried out flight patterns 130 nautical miles from Margarita island, collecting information, carrying out intelligence operations on the summit," said Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino Lopez. Foreign Minister Delcy Rodriguez said Venezuela would present a formal protest.

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Asia • Asie

42. Canada looks to expand trade ties with China prior to Li's visit

China Daily, Paul Welitzkin, 2016 09 21

New York - Before beginning his trip to China in August, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he wanted to develop deeper economic ties with Canada's second-largest trading partner and the world's second-largest economy. When he returned, Trudeau brought with him 56 deals worth more than C\$1.2 billion (US\$910.1 million) that were announced or signed. And when Trudeau meets with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on his official visit to Canada, the two countries are expected to seek a closer relationship in several areas, especially trade. Trudeau's father Pierre Trudeau was prime minister when Canada formally established relations with Beijing in 1970. Now China is Canada's second-largest single-country trading partner after the US. Observers in Canada see expanding trade in areas ranging from food and high-tech to Canadian corporate "know-how" in various fields and upscale products that will appeal to China's growing middle class. Iris Jin, senior program manager at the Asia Pacific Foundation (APF) in Canada, said Canada needs to build its "brand" in China. "Canada is strong in many fields, including good quality food and high technology. But we need to promote that brand in China," she wrote. Canadian exports to China are mainly resource based, agricultural products, oil, wood and food, said Jin. "While trying to increase our exports of these products, Canada should also be expanding exports in manufacturing and services where we have strong expertise and competitiveness," she said.

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43. China's corruption crackdown ruffles international feathers (Canada)

Globe and Mail, Affan Chowdhry, 2016 09 21

As part of China's anti-corruption drive, its authorities have actively pursued alleged white-collar criminals far beyond its borders - and the response has not always been welcome. Last summer, the Obama administration sent a stern warning to the Chinese government to stop covert activity on American soil. Chinese secret agents are reportedly entering the United States on tourist and trade visas and then proceeding to pressure expatriates to return to China and face charges, according to The New York Times. Without extradition agreements with the United States, Canada and New Zealand - top destinations for fleeing Chinese economic fugitives - a zealous Chinese government keen to show its public that it is cracking down on corruption is taking an aggressive approach. Diplomatic dust-ups have also taken place between China and Australia over the presence of Chinese secret agents. A 2007 extradition treaty has yet to be ratified by Australia. The anti-graft mission is a cornerstone of President Xi Jinping's rule. In 2013, he vowed to hunt down what he called "tigers" and "flies" - a vow to go after the country's most powerful leadership and its most minor bureaucrats. Operation Fox Hunt, launched in 2014, saw the return of 700 suspected economic fugitives, and Operation Skynet, the renamed global operation in 2015, netted 857, according to China's public-security ministry. The names, photos and charges against the 100 most-wanted were published in Chinese newspapers last year.

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44. China hints at harsher line on N Korean nukes (Canada)

China Daily, Catherine Wong and Laura Zhou, 2016 09 21

New York and Beijing - Premier Li Keqiang has told US President Barack Obama that Beijing supports closer cooperation in the UN Security Council and in enforcement efforts to halt North Korea's nuclear programme. This could be a signal Beijing will support tougher sanctions on North Korea after its fifth nuclear test, with China increasingly irked by Pyongyang's behaviour and its consequences - a decision by Seoul to deploy a US anti-missile system. North Korea announced its biggest nuclear test earlier this month, and claimed that it had mastered the ability to mount a warhead on a ballistic missile. Yesterday, North Korean leader Kim Jong-un supervised a ground test of a new rocket engine for launching satellites, the North's official KCNA news agency reported. During the meeting between Li and Obama on the sidelines of the annual UN General Assembly session in New York yesterday, "both leaders condemned North Korea's September 9 nuclear test and resolved to strengthen coordination in achieving the denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula", a White House statement said. Li also reiterated during his talk with Obama his government's opposition to the deployment of a US-developed missile shield in South Korea, and called on all parties to refrain from any activities that might escalate tensions in the region. Li is expected to give a speech in the US today to present China's stance on global governance and peace and development, before leaving for Canada and Cuba as part of a three-nation trip.

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45. Chinese Firm Suspected of Aiding North Korea

New York Times, Jane Perlez, Chris Buckley, 2016 09 21

Beijing - The police in northeastern China have announced a criminal investigation into a Chinese conglomerate that does extensive trade with North Korea, which researchers in South Korea and the United States say included materials that can be used in the production of nuclear weapons. The Public Security Department of Liaoning Province said on a government website last week that the Hongxiang conglomerate, based in Dandong, a major trading center with North Korea, was suspected of "serious economic crimes." "During their work, the Liaoning public security authorities discovered that for a long time the Dandong Hongxiang Industrial Development Company Ltd. and a relevant responsible individual engaged in suspected grave economic crimes during trading activities," the department said. The police did not specify whether the company's prominent chairwoman, Ma Xiaohong, was under investigation, nor did it say whether the company was the object of scrutiny for its North Korean business, which makes up the bulk of its trade. The action was compelled by two recent visits to Beijing by officials from the Justice Department to warn the Chinese of the illegal activities of the Dandong company, according to an American law enforcement official who asked not to be identified before a pending announcement of charges against the company by the United States.

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46. India successfully test fires long range surface-to-air missile

Press Trust of India, 2016 09 21

Balasore - In a bid to galvanize its air defence capabilities, India on Tuesday successfully test fired a new, long range surface-to-air missile jointly developed with Israel from a defence base off Odisha coast. The long range missile, a product of a joint venture between India and Israel, was test launched from a mobile launcher at the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur near here at around 10.13 hours, a DRDO official said. The trial was successful and some more rounds of test are expected to be conducted shortly, the DRDO scientist said. "Apart from the missile, the system includes a Multi Functional Surveillance and Threat Alert Radar (MF STAR) for detection, tracking and guidance of the missile," the official said, adding the missile along with MF-STAR would provide the users the capability to neutralize any aerial threats.

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47. N. Korea threatens nuclear strike against THAAD in S. Korea

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 09 21

Seoul - Apparently playing into fears held by some South Koreans, North Korea's state media said Wednesday that a new U.S. air missile defense system to be deployed in South Korea will become a primary target of the North's nuclear strikes. In a signed commentary, the North's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) claimed the plan to deploy the United States' Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system in South Korea was only part of U.S. efforts to dominate the world. "If THAAD is deployed in South Korea, it will be exposed to nuclear strikes here and there as the primary target," it said. The decision to introduce the new U.S. missile defense system here came in the wake of a nuclear test by the communist North in January, followed by a series of military provocations that included ballistic missile launches. Pyongyang again conducted a nuclear test, the fifth of its kind, earlier this month. The North Korean threat of nuclear strikes came amid a series of protest rallies by residents in Seongju, the likely site of the new missile defense system located some 300 kilometers southeast of Seoul, who have insisted the deployment of the new radar-based defense system will only make their town a target of North Korean attacks.

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48. North Korea Says It Has Tested a New Long-Range Rocket Engine

New York Times, Choe Sang-Hun, 2016 09 21

Seoul - North Korea said Tuesday that it had conducted the ground test of a new long-range rocket engine used to put a satellite into orbit, an effort long considered by Washington and the United Nations Security Council to be a cover for developing an intercontinental ballistic missile. The announcement followed the North's nuclear test on Sept. 9. The United States and its allies are calling for the Security Council to adopt a new resolution to enforce tougher sanctions to punish the North for the latest nuclear test, its fifth since 2006. In the past, such sanctions have usually prompted the North to respond with provocations, like another nuclear test or a rocket launch to place a satellite into orbit. North Korea last launched a carrier rocket in February, a month after its fourth nuclear test, to place its Kwangmyongsong, or Shining Star, satellite into orbit. (The country also launched a rudimentary satellite in 2012.) Analysts have said the North may launch another satellite in time for the Oct. 10 anniversary of the ruling

Workers' Party, using that as a signal to the outside world that it was pushing ahead with its long-range missile program despite sanctions. At home, such a launch is used to boost Kim Jong-un's leadership.

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49. Recovery of fugitives' illegal assets is focus of new initiative (Canada)

China Daily, Zhang Yan, 2016 09 21

In a new focus in the hunt for corrupt officials who have fled overseas, police will not only bring fugitives back to China to face justice, but will also emphasize recovering their ill-gotten assets, the Ministry of Public Security said. While the previous priority was collecting evidence in overseas manhunts, the recovery of assets acquired illegally in China will be a new anti-corruption initiative in the coming months, said a senior official at the ministry who requested anonymity. As part of the new initiative, public security authorities will work closely with People's Bank of China, particularly the division that cracks down on money laundering, the official said. In addition, authorities will enhance communication and conduct joint investigations with other countries on a case-by-case basis in an attempt to repatriate more corrupt officials so they can stand trial. They also will share intelligence with their counterparts in those countries to locate, freeze and recover the ill-gotten assets, he said last week. In recent years, the United States, Canada, Australia and Singapore have become popular destinations for corrupt Chinese officials, due to a lack of bilateral extradition treaties and differences in laws, the ministry has said.

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50. UK, Canada, Australia issue advisories against travel to NE, parts of J&K (Canada).

Times of India, Prabin Kalita, 2016 09 21

Guwahati - The UK, Canada and Australia have issued advisories asking their citizens to avoid visiting five northeastern states, parts of Jammu & Kashmir and the India-Pakistan border. The three countries updated their advisories on Friday mentioning Manipur, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura and Nagaland. The advisories have asked people to either cancel or reconsider their visit to the northeast citing militant attacks like shooting of 14 people in Assam's Kokrajhar last month and the killing of 18 soldiers in Manipur last year. A large number of tourists from the three countries visit the region and Assam's Kaziranga National Park, home to one-horned rhinoceros, in particular. (Full Report).

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Eastern Europe • Europe de l'Est

51. Le mystère du physicien disparu (Canada)

Le Monde, David Larousserie, 2016 09 21

Moscou - Bruno Pontecorvo, spécialiste du nucléaire passé à l'Est en 1950, était-il un espion? Un confrère mène l'enquête Septembre 1950. Un brillant physicien britannique d'origine italienne disparaît brusquement pendant ses vacances... pour réapparaître, cinq ans plus tard, en URSS. A-t-il été enlevé? Était-il un espion? Était-ce par conviction communiste? Son confrère physicien Frank Close mène l'enquête sur ce mystère qui hante le domaine depuis plus d'un demi-siècle. Il faut dire que le "disparu", Bruno Pontecorvo, mort en 1993 à l'âge de 80 ans, est une sommité. Il a marqué de son empreinte la physique nucléaire et la physique des particules. Avant-guerre, avec l'équipe d'Enrico Fermi en Italie, il montre l'intérêt des neutrons lents pour réaliser des réactions de fission et décrit la marche à suivre pour y parvenir. Exilé en France, puis aux États-Unis, il devient expert en détecteurs de toutes sortes pour identifier les processus radioactifs. Puis il se passionne pour les neutrinos et, derrière le rideau de fer, notamment, il échafaude des théories qui se révéleront justes au sujet de ces étranges particules, sans charge électrique et quasi sans masse. Drôle d'ambiance dans les labos De l'avis de plusieurs spécialistes, il aurait mérité un prix Nobel, qui lui a sans doute échappé à cause de son isolement soviétique durant la guerre froide. Son parcours d'Italie en France, puis aux États-Unis et au Canada, et enfin au Royaume-Uni et en URSS, suit de près les progrès du développement de la bombe atomique.

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

52. IRGC Commander Informs of Previous Capture of Aggressor Canadian, Australian Navies in Persian Gulf

Fars News Agency, 2016 09 21

Tehran - Lieutenant Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Navy General Alireza Tangsiri announced that his forces had detained Canadian and Australian forces before they captured the US and British marines for violating Iran's territorial waters in the Persian Gulf in the past. "The IRGC Navy has detained American and British trespassers twice and the Canadians and Australians once in the Persian Gulf," Tangsiri told reporters on the sidelines of military parades in the Southern port city of Bandar Abbas on Wednesday. He underlined that the foreign naval forces who are deployed in the Persian Gulf come to the region for the salaries they receive "but we are defending our home and territories here". The General did not reveal the date or any other detail about the capture of the Australian and Canadian forces, but his words implied that the developments had occurred before the January capture of the US marines.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

53. Dozens dead as bombs rain down on Aleppo

Now Lebanon, Albin Szakola, 2016 09 21

Beirut - Dozens of civilians have been killed in Aleppo amid an intense barrage of aerial strikes unleashed shortly after Syria's military said the US-Russia brokered cessation-of-hostilities had come to an end. Warplanes on Monday night struck targets in and around Syria's beleaguered

second city, which is split between regime and rebel forces, with activists blaming both Russia and the Bashar al-Assad government for the deadly raids. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported that at least 38 people were killed in the strikes, but cautioned that the death toll was expected to mount as dozens were wounded and a number of people were still buried under rubble. The monitoring NGO tracking developments in the war-torn country did not specify whether Russian or Syrian jets conducted the strikes, saying only that "warplanes" had hit at least six different targets around Aleppo, including a Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) aid convoy parked at one of the organizations warehouses.

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54. Egyptian sheikh found guilty on terrorism charges

Lebanon Daily Star, Youssef Diab, 2016 09 21

Beirut - The Military Tribunal has convicted an Egyptian sheikh of involvement in terrorist acts, sentencing him to five years of hard labor and stripping him of his civil rights. The court, chaired by Brig. Gen. Khalil Ibrahim, found Ahmad Dakhakhni guilty of "belonging to an armed group and for possessing and manufacturing explosive material with the aim of carrying out terrorist acts." The ruling was handed down at midnight Monday. Dakhakhni was convicted. The sheikh was indicted and charged alongside eight others in 2014. The group allegedly intended to carry out terrorist acts on Lebanese soil. He was arrested in 2013 after his sons, Abdul-Latif and Mohammad, accidentally detonated a homemade bomb in Daraya, a small mountain town in the region of Iqlim al-Kharroub in the Chouf. The explosion killed them both. Dakhakhni is accused of being involved in the case.

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55. Iran sentences Lebanese businessman to jail (Canada).

Now Lebanon, Albin Szakola, 2016 09 21

Beirut - Lebanese businessman Nizar Zakka faces a lengthy prison sentence in Tehran's notorious Evin Prison, the latest twist in the case of the information and communications technology (ICT) expert arrested last year in Iran after being officially invited to the country. On Monday evening, Zakka's legal representative in the US, where the Lebanese national holds permanent residence, revealed that his client was sentenced to 10 years in prison as well as "an outrageous monetary fine." "For months, we have asked the US government to do more on Nizar [Zakka's] behalf and, now, it appears the Iranian regime has sentenced Nizar to ten more years in Evin prison," the statement issued by Jason Poblete's law firm said. Nizar Zakka was formally indicted in July 2016 alongside Siamak Namazi, an Iranian- American businessman, as well as Homa Hoodfar and Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, who are Iranian-Canadian and Iranian-British respectively.

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56. La conversion d'un hooligan israélien à la coexistence avec les Arabes

Le Figaro, Cyrille Louis, 2016 09 21

Jérusalem - Ancien neri d'extrême droite, David Mizrahi est devenu un symbole de la tolérance dans un pays hanté par des décennies de défiance entre Juifs et Arabes. La métamorphose du supporter ultra du Beitar Jérusalem a commencé dans une usine d'emballage de dattes, où il s'est engagé en faveur des droits des employés palestiniens. Une douceur inattendue flotte dans le regard de David Mizrahi. L'ancien neri d'extrême droite qui, il y a deux ans encore, entonnait des chants haineux dans les tribunes du Beitar Jérusalem, n'a plus vraiment le profil de l'emploi. Pantalon turquoise, chemise rayée et mocassins de cuir, il raconte sa « nouvelle vie » d'une voix fébrile et chargée d'émotion. Après une décennie passée dans les rangs d'un club de supporters réputé pour son racisme antiarabe et son ultraviolence, « Dudi » en a brusquement claqué la porte à l'automne 2014. « J'ai eu une révélation », sourit-il, comme pour s'excuser de ce récit aux accents de conte de fées. Le jeune homme, décidé à racheter ses erreurs, consacre désormais l'essentiel de son temps à prêcher la tolérance et à défendre la coexistence entre Juifs et Arabes. « Je me suis débarrassé de mes préjugés », a-t-il annoncé fin août sur son compte Facebook, déchaînant soudain la curiosité des médias. Un parcours emblématique Car Dudi Mizrahi, s'il n'a que 27 ans, n'est pas tout à fait un inconnu. Le public israélien a découvert son visage mat et sa calvitie naissante un jour de décembre 2013, lorsque la deuxième chaîne de télévision a diffusé un reportage sidérant sur sa rencontre avec un joueur arabe du club de Bnei Sakhnine.

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57. Saudi Arabia has zero tolerance for all forms of terrorism

Arab News, Staff Report, 2016 09 21

Jeddah - The Kingdom takes a firm stance against all forms of terrorism whether at the local or international level. It takes significant concrete steps in the fight against the dangerous phenomenon and its devastating consequences. In addition to its leadership at conferences and meetings, Saudi Arabia was the first country to sign a treaty against international terrorism at the OIC in May of 2000. The clear efforts carried out by the Kingdom have earned it accolades, most recently two days ago at the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly. UN Secretary- General Ban Ki-moon expressed his appreciation for the Kingdom's efforts and contributions to the fight against terrorism in a statement by deputy spokesman Farhan Haq. "I emphasize the appreciation of the secretary-general for the contributions made by the Kingdom to the fight against terrorism, including its funding for the Counterterrorism Center," he said.

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58. Tougher banking laws in UAE to counter terrorist activities

Khaleej Times, Jasmine Al Kuttub, 2016 09 21

Abu Dhabi - Banking and criminal investigation experts joined on Tuesday in the Capital to call for tougher banking laws and legislations, highlighting that strict legislations will help weaken crimes and terrorist activities, particularly when it comes to money laundering and aiding finance to terror organisations. The meeting, held at the UAE - UK joint conference on financial crimes and recovery of the proceeds of crimes at the Central Bank of the UAE, looked at various issues that reveals the relationship between criminals and banking. As well as money laundering and the way banks operating in the UAE are combating terrorist finance, experts also highlighted

strategic approaches to respond to illicit financial flows, national risk assessment, effective law enforcement and coordination with foreign counterparts in financial crime investigations. Mark Sedwill, UK Permanent Secretary, highlighted that international cooperation is key when it comes to weakening terrorist finances and activities.

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59. U.N. suspends Syrian aid deliveries after 'savage' attack

Naharnet Newsdesk, 2016 09 21

Beirut - Volunteers were still dousing the fires from an overnight attack on an aid convoy that killed 20 civilians as the U.N. announced Tuesday it was suspending overland aid deliveries in Syria, jeopardizing food and medical security for millions of besieged and hard-to-reach civilians. Witnesses described the Monday attack on a Syrian Arab Red Crescent warehouse and convoy in the rebel-held town of Urum al-Kubra in Aleppo province as prolonged and intense, saying the aerial bombardment continued as rescue workers rushed to pull the wounded from the flaming wreckage and rubble. The convoy was part of a routine interagency dispatch operated by the Syrian Red Crescent, which U.N. officials said was delivering assistance to 78,000 people in Urum al-Kubra, west of Aleppo city. It was carrying food, medicines, emergency health kits, IV fluids, and other essentials supplied by the U.N. and the World Health Organization.

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60. Why the US-Russia deal on Syria failed

Gulf News, Sami Moubayed, 2016 09 21

Beirut - The US-Russian agreement on Syria ceasefire, reached ahead of the Eid Al Adha holidays on September 9, has officially collapsed. None of its confidence-building measures have been achieved, and the much-publicised "national ceasefire", which went into effect on September 12, has also been shattered with 300 alleged violations over the past eight days. Throughout Syria, violence has surged in the past 48 hours as warring factions return to the trenches -- glad to see the end of an agreement reached on their behalf by the two powers, although none of them were officially consulted. On Monday night, the Syrian Army issued an official statement announcing the end of the truce orchestrated by the US and Russia, in direct response to a coalition air strike on the city of Deir Al Zor along the Euphrates River on Saturday, which led to the killing of at least 60 government troops.

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61. " La piste de prisons réservées aux radicalisés est sans issue "

Le Monde, Jean-Baptiste Jacquin, 2016 09 21

Paris - L'un des chantiers sur lequel vous comptez avancer d'ici aux élections concerne le renseignement pénitentiaire. Qu'aurez-vous le temps de faire? Un directeur des services pénitentiaires a été nommé le 12 septembre pour préfigurer ce qui va être le Bureau du renseignement pénitentiaire. Sa mission est de bâtir la doctrine d'ici à la fin de l'année. Il doit construire l'unité centrale et va s'appuyer sur les ressources de la communauté du renseignement. La qualité des éléments produits par le renseignement pénitentiaire est déjà en hausse depuis la rentrée. Les rails sont posés. 186 personnes sont budgétairement affectées au renseignement, mais c'est la capacité d'analyse qu'il faut renforcer. Face à la menace du terrorisme islamiste, faut-il regrouper ou isoler les détenus radicalisés? Quand, il y a deux ans, le directeur de Fresnes a prosaïquement procédé à un regroupement et créé ce qui allait devenir les " unités dédiées ", c'était d'abord dans un souci d'ordre public parce qu'il craignait que la présence de détenus radicalisés faisant du prosélytisme dans des coursives provoque des troubles. Ensuite, un deuxième objectif est apparu, celui de la prévention de la radicalisation. Porter une appréciation sur la pertinence de ces expérimentations nécessite donc d'évaluer les deux aspects, et il est encore trop tôt pour porter un jugement définitif sur les moyens engagés pour enclencher une " déradicalisation ".

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62. Attentat de Nice: garde à vue prolongée pour 8 hommes

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 21

Nice - La garde à vue de huit hommes interpellés pour des vérifications dans l'enquête sur l'attentat qui a fait 86 morts à Nice le 14 juillet a été prolongée, a-t-on appris mercredi de source proche du dossier. "On est toujours en vérifications. Pour le moment on n'a pas de certitude. Les huit restent en garde à vue", a précisé cette source, en indiquant que la garde à vue pouvait durer jusqu'à vendredi après-midi mais qu'elle "pourrait se terminer plus vite pour certains". "Tous faisaient partie des relations de l'auteur des faits (abattu durant l'attentat, ndlr) et des six personnes mises en examen, écrouées en région parisienne", a-t-on rappelé de même source, sans donner de précisions sur les soupçons qui peuvent peser sur ces huit hommes. Ils sont tous Tunisiens, contrairement à ce qui avait été indiqué initialement, et l'un a la double nationalité italienne, selon la même source. Le plus jeune a 24 ans et le plus âgé 57 ans.

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63. Encrypted messaging apps need backdoors, says top Dutch spook

ars Technica (UK), Jennifer Baker, 2016 09 21

London - Backdoor access to encrypted communications has been demanded by Netherlands' spy chief Rob Bertholee--a view that differs from the government's official position. In an interview with local daily De Volkskrant at the weekend, Bertholee--head of the General Intelligence and Security Service of the Netherlands (AIVD)--said that terrorists are using encrypted chat applications such as Telegram, WhatsApp, and Signal, and argued that those services made it

extremely difficult for authorities to prevent terrorist attacks. At the beginning of the year, the Dutch government adopted a strong stance against "any restriction in the development, availability, or use of cryptography" in an official paper. It said that weakening encryption products with backdoors for law enforcement would leave systems vulnerable to criminals, terrorists, and foreign intelligence services. However, Bertholee said he wants to have access to "the communications of those who pose a threat." "Will people who value privacy over anything else continue to pursue their goal with the same enthusiasm after they have fallen victim to a terrorist attack? You should ask yourself how much security you are prepared to sacrifice for privacy," he said.

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64. German official charged with spying on Sikhs for India

Press Trust of India, 2016 09 21

Berlin - A German immigration official has been arrested and charged with espionage for an Indian secret service for allegedly spying on members of the Sikh religion, prosecutors said on Tuesday. The 58-year-old German national, identified only by the initials T.S.P., was accused of "espionage activity and violation of professional secrecy rules in 45 cases," they said in a statement. Working at an immigration office in the western town of Ostwestfalen, he accessed databases to pass on information on suspected extremist and opposition members of the religious group, said federal prosecutors. He was detained in the town in North Rhine-Westphalia state on February 17 and has been in custody since. Federal prosecutor filed their indictment on September 7 at the state security division of the Superior Court in Berlin, but only released their statement almost two weeks later. Spying for a foreign power carries up to 10 years' jail under German law. (Full Report).

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65. The aftermath of Turkey's failed coup threatens its ties with Western allies

Washington Post, Michael Birnbaum, Karen DeYoung, 2016 09 21

Istanbul - More than two months after a rump military group and its backers tried to overthrow the elected government of Turkey -- bombing the parliament, sending tanks into the streets, and only narrowly failing in an attempt to kidnap the president -- the Turkish government last week sent Washington its first evidence that an elderly cleric living in rural Pennsylvania was the mastermind of the coup attempt. If the information persuades the Justice Department, a federal court will then decide whether to accede to Turkey's demand that Fethullah Gulen, a Turkish imam who has resided under self-imposed exile in the United States for nearly two decades, be sent home to face charges. Should Justice or the court be unconvinced, or the process take too long, U.S. relations with the West's most important Muslim-majority ally are likely to be hit new lows. Already, a surge of Turkish anger about reactions of its NATO allies in Europe and the United States to the failed insurrection has challenged alliance trust and ties. Even as Turkish authorities express incredulity that President Obama has not taken action against Gulen, they have faced widespread Western condemnation for a vast purge of suspected coup plotters in the government and beyond. "Turkey has not seen the support it expected from its Western friends

and allies," Omer Celik, Turkey's European Union affairs minister, said in an interview. "They were not standing by us." Last month, in what was widely seen as an attempt to broaden Turkey's options, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan jetted to Moscow and patched up a lengthy estrangement with Russia.

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66. US should 'not harbor a terrorist like' Gülen, Erdogan says

Hurriyet Daily News, Staff report, 2016 09 20

New York - The United States should "not harbor a terrorist" like the U.S.-based Islamic preacher Fethullah Gülen, who is believed to have orchestrated the failed coup attempt of July 15, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told Reuters in an interview on Sept. 19, adding that his activities should be banned around the world. "If the U.S. is our strategic ally and our NATO partner ... then they should not let a terrorist like Gülen run his organization," Erdogan said in an interview on the sidelines of an annual gathering of world leaders at the United Nations, adding that Washington had "no excuse" for keeping Gülen. Erdogan also commented on the three-month state of emergency declared in Turkey after the failed seizure of power, saying it could be extended if necessary. "It can be extended for three months or one month or even more ... Gülen's people have infiltrated everywhere ... we will continue to identify and arrest the plotters ... extending the state of emergency will help this process," he said.

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CSIS in the News • Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Leadership race is a march to irrelevance

Globe and Mail, Yves Boivert, 2016 09 23

Comment: The Parti Québécois is very busy these days, choosing a new captain next month and reshuffling the chairs on the deck. Meanwhile, yet another study points to a fatal demographic iceberg. Generation Y - more culturally diverse, more international, less worried about language

issues - could hardly care less about the party's independence project. Such is the conclusion of the study done by political scientists Valérie-Anne Mahéo of Université de Montréal and Éric Bélanger of McGill University. The findings of their study (titled Is the Parti Québécois bound to disappear?) are in line with sociological analysis of the past 10 years. The party of René Lévesque is steadily declining as the baby boom generation wanes. In the seven general elections from 1994 to 2014, the PQ's support fell from 44 per cent to 25 per cent. Projecting current demographic and political trends, the two researchers put an expiry date on the party: 2034. They may be wrong. It could come much more quickly, judging by the current leadership race, arguably the most disastrous the party has ever known. The sudden departure of Pierre Karl Péladeau caught the PQ by surprise. For the first time in eight leadership races, no obvious candidate was in sight. From the start, the young, Cambridge-educated lawyer Alexandre Cloutier was the favourite. After having been one of the inspirers of the so-called charter of Quebec values who supported it publicly, Mr. Lisée then disavowed it and came up with a new "moderate" and subtle version. Mr. Cloutier said it was too radical. Then, in a particularly cheap shot last week, Mr. Lisée said the controversial Muslim preacher Adil Charkaoui "supported" Mr. Cloutier. (Mr. Charkaoui was once targeted by CSIS as an alQaeda sympathizer in Canada.) Mr. Cloutier was not amused, and had to receive extra police protection, under the advice of the Sûreté du Québec. Mr. Lisée then "retracted" his declaration, but refused to apologize.

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2. Maryam Monsef, Canada's first Afghan cabinet minister, says she was born in Iran

Canadian Press, Bruce Cheadle, 2016 09 23

Ottawa - A longtime refugee advocate says stories such as that of Liberal MP Maryam Monsef are not uncommon as families fleeing war and violence reconstruct their past in a new land. Monsef, widely touted as Canada's first Afghan-born cabinet minister, caused a stir in the capital Thursday when she issued a statement saying she only recently learned from her mother that she was in fact born in Iran. The 31-year-old minister of democratic institutions says she and her two sisters never held Iranian citizenship and were always considered Afghan citizens, but she was not born in Herat, Afghanistan, "as I was led to believe for my whole life." "It's fair to say I have experienced a range of emotions over the past few days as I have tried to understand this with my family," said the statement. Monsef said she's learned she was actually born 200 kilometres from the Afghan border in Mashhad, Iran, in 1984. The revelation -- initially disclosed Thursday by the Globe and Mail newspaper -- prompted NDP immigration critic Jenny Kwan to question what she called the "troubling" Liberal cabinet vetting process. But Janet Dench, the executive director of the Canadian Council for Refugees, told The Canadian Press that after years of refugee work, "I really don't understand the significance." "To me it's like, 'Oh, she was born in a different month than she thought she was.' Why is this so exciting for us all?" And the Privy Council Office, the bureaucracy supporting cabinet, said potential ministers face "a rigorous vetting process" using information from the RCMP, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the Canada Revenue Agency and a bankruptcy and solvency check. "The same process is in place for all members of cabinet in this government and has been in place for a number of years," said PCO spokesman Raymond Rivet. As Liberal minister MaryAnn Mihychuk described the process Thursday, "for me they went through even my sock drawer, so it was pretty comprehensive from my point of view." U.S. President Barack Obama, in an address to

Parliament earlier this year, made a point of noting Monsef's Afghan heritage as a sign of Canada's inclusiveness.

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3. Ottawa a autorisé l'utilisation de dispositifs d'espionnage des communications

Radio-Canada - Nouvelles (site web) avec CBC, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 23

Ottawa - Le ministère de la Sécurité publique du Canada a maintes fois autorisé l'utilisation par le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) et la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) de dispositifs pour espionner les communications des Canadiens, révèlent des documents obtenus par CBC. Ceux-ci sont lourdement caviardés et ne permettent pas d'identifier les fabricants ou les dispositifs en question. On y apprend ainsi que le ministère a approuvé des demandes de la GRC, du SCRS et du ministère de la Défense nationale pour qu'ils accordent plus d'une douzaine de licences à une société anonyme afin de posséder, fabriquer ou vendre des dispositifs « utilisés principalement pour l'interception des communications ». Les licences, d'une durée d'un et deux ans, ont été émises à partir de 2015 et, dans certains cas, s'étendent jusqu'en 2018. Elles ont été accordées en vertu de l'article 191 du Code criminel, qui interdit l'utilisation de technologie pour l'interception clandestine de communications privées, à moins que l'autorisation soit donnée par le ministère de la Sécurité publique. La GRC a refusé de divulguer la nature de ces licences. Le SCRS n'a pas voulu commenter la nouvelle.

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4. 'These people are psychopaths': accused paper terrorist

Global News, Reid Fiest, 2016 09 23

Edmonton - Allen Boisjoli is responding to news that he is Canada's first accused "paper terrorist." He denies he's a Freeman on the Land and addressed the precedent-setting charge of intimidation laid by the Edmonton Police Service Wednesday in an email to Global News. "These people are psychopaths and they have no consequences for abusing their vested authority," Boisjoli wrote. "They've been trying to label me as a Freeman so that they can detract from the very real issues I bring up." It all stems from a May 2015 traffic stop near Edmonton for speeding. Boisjoli, from Vegreville, Alta. recorded the exchange with the Peace Officer and posted it online. "Do you have a reason for speeding today?" the officer asked Boisjoli in the video. He replied that he didn't know speeding was a crime. "Well it's against the law," the officer said. "I beg to differ," Boisjoli replied. The Edmonton Police Service says the Vegreville man fought the ticket and later tried to file a \$225,000 lien against the officer. That danger is why Ron Usher of The Society of Notaries Public of B.C. has sent warnings to members not to notarize documents written by Freeman. "It's a concern. We've coached our notaries in British Columbia very carefully on this. Call 911." But Freeman say they do not preach violence. Rob Menard is the founder of the World Freeman Society and says they're only fighting for their rights.

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5. Accord de libre-échange Canada-Chine Les leaders entament les discussions

La Presse canadienne, Mike Blanchfield, 2016 09 23

Ottawa - Le premier ministre Justin Trudeau a annoncé jeudi que le Canada et la Chine avaient entamé des discussions préliminaires en vue d'un éventuel accord de libre-échange entre les deux pays. M. Trudeau a également déclaré que le Canada et la Chine en étaient venus à une entente visant à régler le conflit sur les exportations canadiennes de canola. «Nous avons décidé de commencer les discussions exploratoires en vue d'un possible accord de libre-échange entre le Canada et la Chine», a annoncé M. Trudeau à sa sortie d'une rencontre d'une heure et demie avec le premier ministre chinois, Li Keqiang, à Ottawa. Debout aux côtés du premier ministre Li, M. Trudeau a affirmé que le plein potentiel de la relation commerciale entre les deux pays était encore «inexploité», et qu'un éventuel accord de libre-échange se traduirait par la création d'emplois au Canada. Le mois dernier, lors de la visite du premier ministre canadien en Chine, son homologue Li avait annoncé que les deux pays procédaient à une «étude de faisabilité» sur un éventuel accord de libre-échange. L'ambassadeur du Canada avait aussitôt soutenu que cette annonce était prématurée à cause d'enjeux majeurs touchant les conditions de travail, l'environnement et les sociétés d'État chinoises.

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6. As countries strengthen economic ties, bilateral deal could be next step

Financial Post, Damon Van Der Linde, 2016 09 23

Ottawa - With the resolution of key trade disputes, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and China's Premier Li Keqiang signalled deepening economic ties between the two countries, opening the door to the possibility of a free-trade agreement. At a joint news conference in Ottawa on Thursday, the two leaders said they aim to double trade by 2025 and had resolved longstanding issues of access for Canadian beef and canola to China, while several companies signed commercial deals. They also announced talks aimed at an eventual free trade agreement. Both leaders also addressed the rockier issues with the relationship, including China's human rights record - it is one of a few countries that has the death penalty - and domestic opposition to a proposed extradition treaty. "I look forward to continuing the discussions on challenging issues, but also on all the opportunities that we know there are to create benefits for citizens of both our countries," Trudeau said. HSBC Canada chief economist David Watt said China has been looking to create closer ties with the West as it undergoes a massive reform process. There had been some reluctance, however, from Canada due to the challenges of adapting to the rapidly changing Chinese market. "I don't want to say this is a thaw. I would just say we're going to explore the one missing element of our relationship with China, which is potential free trade," said Watt. "It's not necessarily going to be easy. We also have some degree of uncertainty in Canada over what sort of a relationship we want to have with China." China is Canada's third largest trade partner, behind the U.S. and the EU. Economic activity between the two countries grew at a year-over-year increase of more than 10 per cent in 2015, reaching \$85.8 billion in two-way merchandise trade.

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7. Beijing-Ottawa pact helps asset recovery

Global Times, Xu Hong, 2016 09 23

Op-ed: During Chinese Premier Li Keqiang's visit to Canada, foreign ministers of both sides signed an Agreement between China and Canada on Sharing and Return of Forfeited Assets on Thursday. This is China's first special agreement on asset recovery, marking a major progress in China's international judicial cooperation. The new agreement has supplemented and specified the Treaty between China and Canada on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters in relation to locating and transferring criminal proceeds. The agreement stipulates that assets should be returned to legitimate owners if confirmed. If the source of the criminal proceeds cannot be identified, the country seizing and holding the assets shall share the assets with the other country. The proportion of the assets to be shared will vary based on the extent of the cooperation given by the other country. The new agreement can serve as a practical guidebook for legal enforcements of both countries to recover, return and share criminal proceeds. It will reinforce China and Canada's concerted actions to fight cross-border assets recovery, and mark a milestone for the Sino-Canadian cooperation in law enforcement. Note: The author is Director-General of the Department of Treaty and Law in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China.

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8. Canada: La ministre présentée comme une réfugiée afghane découvre qu'elle est née en Iran (Canada)

20 Minutes (Site web), Journaliste maison, 2016 09 23

Ottawa - Elle était présentée comme la première ministre d'origine afghane au Canada. Mais ce n'est pas tout à fait vrai. Maryam Monsef, ministre des Institutions démocratiques du gouvernement Trudeau, a avoué jeudi qu'elle était en réalité née en Iran. A l'origine de ces révélations, un article du quotidien Globe and Mail, qui dévoile le véritable lieu de naissance de la ministre. Ses parents réfugiés en Iran Celle-ci a expliqué alors que sa mère était à l'origine du malentendu pour ne lui avoir jamais dit, ni à ses deux soeurs, qu'elles étaient nées en Iran quand ses parents s'y étaient réfugiés. Maryam Monsef, 31 ans, raconte avoir interrogé sa mère après qu'un journaliste du Globe and Mail l'a contactée dans le cadre d'une enquête sur les conditions de son arrivée au Canada, en 1996. Sa mère « ne croyait pas que c'était significatif » « Mes soeurs et moi avons demandé à notre mère pourquoi elle ne nous avait jamais dit que nous étions nées en Iran », a-t-elle précisé. « Elle nous a répondu qu'elle ne croyait pas que c'était significatif. Nous étions citoyennes afghanes, et puisque nées de parents afghans, en vertu de la loi iranienne, nous ne serions pas considérées comme citoyennes iraniennes, malgré le fait que nous y soyons nées. » Maryam Monsef a expliqué qu'on lui avait laissé entendre durant toute sa vie qu'elle était née à Hérat, en Afghanistan, mais qu'elle était, en fait, née à Mashad, en Iran, à 200 km de la frontière afghane.

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9. Canada Must Correct Its Wrongs And Apologize To Three Torture Victims

The Huffington Post Canada, Monia Mazigh, 2016 09 23

Comment: While Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was at the United Nations delivering a speech to the UN delegates on how "[t]here is an appetite for Canada's approach and Canada's solutions, promoting diversity as a strength. ... Canada has a narrative the world needs -- we're happy to share," it seems that he has forgotten that at home there is another narrative that won't be easily erased from the history records: Canada's role in torture. Indeed the case of the three Canadian citizens: Abdullah Almalki, Ahmad El Maati and Muayyed Nureddin, resurfaced this week in the media bringing back again the dark side of Canadian complicity with regimes that routinely use torture and forced disappearance in their so-called "war on terror." It was already public information that these men were tortured in Syria and in Egypt. Former Supreme Court of Canada, justice Frank Iacobucci, concluded in 2012 that the three men were tortured abroad and that Canadian officials contributed indirectly to their torture. But what the CBC News revelations brought into light are new facts that are definitely even more disturbing. Instead of asking for the release of the Canadian men, Canada's ambassador to Damascus, Franco Pillarella, used his extensive connection with Syrian intelligence to provide questions about Almalki to his Syrian tormentors. Pillarella, who was never held accountable for his actions, lived in a world of denial: "He said he was aware of widespread allegations of torture in Syria, but unless a person witnessed it 'one cannot say for a certainty that this is what would happen.'" At that time, we considered this initiative to be promising, a first step in the right direction. Unfortunately, almost ten months later, this news remains dormant and nothing has been done by this government to distance itself from torture. Last but not least, we shouldn't forget the other troubling case of Omar Khadr, who turned 30 years old on Monday.

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10. Cozying up to China's dictators

National Post, 2016 09 23

Editorial: Well before he became prime minister, Justin Trudeau raised eyebrows when he revealed "a level of admiration" for China's "basic dictatorship." As Liberal leader in 2013, he told an audience his admiration stemmed from Beijing's ability to "turn their economy around on a dime and say, ' we need to go green fastest ... we need to start investing in solar.' " He suggested that then prime minister Stephen Harper "must dream about of having a dictatorship that he can do everything he wanted." Whether Harper did entertain such grandiose notions we don't know, but we can now wonder whether Trudeau's view was the flippant offhand comment it appeared to be, or something deeper and more troubling. The arrival of Chinese Premier Li Keqiang in Ottawa Wednesday brought home those concerns. Li is paying a return visit, after Trudeau spent several days meeting top officials in Beijing this month. Trudeau has portrayed the warming of relations with the communist government as an opportunity to strengthen ties and increase cooperation, as well as to promote "opportunities ... to create benefits for citizens of both of our countries." He did not outline what benefits Canada has to gain, but it is clear that China sees many ways to profit from a friendlier relationship than it has previously enjoyed. It already runs an immense trade balance, sending Canada \$ 46 billion more in goods and merchandise than it buys in return. It would like still greater access, and has been pushing for a

ree- trade agreement. It has already received assurances of Ottawa's willingness to negotiate an extradition treaty, enabling it to demand the return of Chinese citizens who have fled to Canada, despite evidence that Beijing would use that access to hunt down and threaten perceived enemies of the regime.

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11. Deux drones observés, de la drogue et des armes trouvées

La Presse+, Daniel Renaud, 2016 09 23

Montréal - C'était le jour des drones jeudi dernier au Centre de détention Rivière-des-Prairies à Montréal. Alors que deux de ces engins volants auraient été observés au-dessus des cours de la prison, les gardiens ont découvert dans un secteur abritant des membres de gangs de rue une quantité relativement importante de stupéfiants et d'inquiétants outils vraisemblablement arrivés par drone, a appris La Presse. Drogue, cellulaires et lames de scie... Après avoir reçu une information ou eu des doutes, les agents correctionnels ont effectué une fouille en soirée dans les 16 cellules d'un secteur où sont détenus majoritairement des individus d'allégeance bleue. Selon des sources, ils ont trouvé plus de 50 grammes de haschisch, une substance s'apparentant à de l'héroïne, six téléphones cellulaires, des lames de scie et un petit appareil électrique multifonctionnel. Quelques heures plus tôt, deux drones auraient été aperçus au-dessus de deux cours de l'établissement, dont un autre secteur où les prévenus sont classés « général ». On ignore toutefois si des objets ont été saisis à la suite de l'observation de ces drones. Grillages réclamés Le président du Syndicat des agents en services correctionnels du Québec, Mathieu Lavoie, n'a pas voulu confirmer les informations recueillies par La Presse. Mais il implore le gouvernement d'agir pour mettre fin aux livraisons, de plus en plus nombreuses, par drones dans les 18 prisons du Québec. « On se rend compte que les projets-pilotes ou les mesures mis en place après les évasions de Québec et de Saint-Jérôme n'ont pas fait cesser ces intrusions », lance M. Lavoie.

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12. Engineering giant in pact to develop new Candu reactors in China

Globe and Mail, Bertrand Marotte, 2016 09 23

Ottawa - SNC-Lavalin Group Inc. is closing in on its goal of becoming a major player in China's thriving nuclear-energy industry with an agreement for the development in that country of the next generation of Candu reactors. The Montreal-based global engineering giant said on Thursday it has an agreement in principle for a joint venture with state-owned atomic-power and weapons company China National Nuclear Corp. and manufacturing conglomerate Shanghai Electric Group Co. Ltd. to design, market and build the Advanced Fuel Candu Reactor (AFCR). SNC signed an initial memorandum of understanding with CNNC to pursue power generation, mining and nuclear-related environmental projects around the world more than two years ago. The joint venture to be created - the new company is expected to be registered in China by mid-2017 - is the first between a foreign company and the Chinese nuclear giant involving the development of new technology. The announcement comes amid an official four-day visit to

Canada by Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and efforts by the Liberal government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to strengthen Canada's ties with China.

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13. Entrevue avec Mohamed Fahmy Pour un gouvernement qui « se bat pour protéger ses ressortissants »

La Presse+, Laura-Julie Perreault, 2016 09 23

Montréal - Il y a un an, après 438 jours derrière les barreaux en Égypte, le journaliste canadien Mohamed Fahmy était libéré. De passage à Montréal hier pour prononcer un discours à l'Université Concordia, son alma mater, M. Fahmy a répondu aux questions de La Presse. Q Quand vous êtes sorti de prison, vous avez dit que l'ancien premier ministre canadien Stephen Harper vous avait « trahi » et « laissé tomber » et vous avez dénoncé le manque de soutien aux Canadiens qui sont détenus à l'étranger. Pensez-vous que la situation s'est améliorée depuis ? R Oui, c'est le jour et la nuit. Alors que j'étais en prison, Stephen Harper, plutôt que d'user de toute son influence pour intervenir auprès du président égyptien, a délégué ses responsabilités à ses subalternes. Les diplomates canadiens ont fait du super travail, mais ils me disaient qu'ils étaient menottés par Ottawa. On ne peut pas comparer cela à ce que le gouvernement Trudeau fait aujourd'hui. Les faits sont éloquents. Les libéraux ont récemment réussi à faire libérer le Canadien Kevin Garratt en Chine et à ramener au pays Khaled al-Qazzaz, l'ancien bras droit de l'ex-président Mohamed Morsi, avec qui j'ai été emprisonné en Égypte. Ce sont deux grands succès. C'est plus important que jamais d'avoir des gouvernements qui se battent pour protéger leurs ressortissants. À travers le monde, pas juste en Égypte, les pays créent des lois antiterroristes très vagues qui font que tous les Canadiens à l'étranger - et pas seulement les journalistes et les travailleurs humanitaires sur la ligne de front - peuvent être mis en prison et être accusés de terrorisme ou d'espionnage. C'est sans précédent. On le voit avec Homa Hoodfar [la professeure de Concordia détenue en Iran]. Et il n'y a pas de communiqué de presse ou de rhétorique vide qui puisse vous aider à ce moment-là. Vous avez besoin d'une intervention robuste de votre gouvernement et de votre famille. Q Dans le même ordre d'idées, vous défendez un projet de charte qui renforcerait la protection des ressortissants canadiens à l'étranger. Avez-vous une oreille attentive à Ottawa ?

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14. Extradition deal on Li's Ottawa agenda

South China Morning Post, Kristin Huang, 2016 09 23

Beijing - Premier Li Keqiang has arrived in Canada for a trip in which he is due to meet its leader Justin Trudeau and expected to press for an extradition treaty between the two countries. More than a quarter of China's 100 most wanted criminals are believed to live in Canada and - Beijing has been keen to expedite their handover. But Ottawa has been reluctant due to human rights concerns. Trudeau sidestepped questions on the issue ahead of Li's arrival on Wednesday, saying Canada would stick to high standards when deciding whether to return Chinese citizens. Beijing and Ottawa agreed to start discussion on a extradition treaty on September 12, one day before the release of Kevin Garratt, a Canadian charged with spying in China and held for two

years. Garratt was freed on bail and returned to Vancouver last week after Trudeau raised his case during his official visit to China earlier this month. The release was reportedly a bargaining chip to pressure Ottawa into concessions before negotiations. Christine Duhaime, a Canadian lawyer and certified financial crime specialist, expected progress on the talks, despite concerns over differences in the two judicial systems, particularly over China's use of the death penalty. "This is being initiated by China from what I understand, and both countries appear motivated to have an extradition treaty in place, in particular to address the removal from Canada of what China calls the economic fugitives ... who are in Vancouver," Duhaime said. Charging a person with money laundering would be the fastest way to extradite them, as most countries were required to accelerate such cases, she said.

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15. Feds warn of potentially crippling 'insider' cyberthreat to key sectors

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 09 23

Ottawa - Federal officials have quietly warned operators of electrical grids, transportation hubs and other key infrastructure of the cyberthreat from insiders who could unleash devastating viruses and cripple systems, internal government notes reveal. Crucial networks that Canadians rely on for everyday needs face a "substantial threat" from rogue employees out to wreak digital havoc, warn the Public Safety Canada briefing notes. "The insider threat is difficult to detect and can cause real damage." No special hacking skills are required, just a portable memory key loaded with a malicious code. As a result, it is important that organizations have the right security protocols and procedures, "for example by limiting access to systems only to those who genuinely need it." The notes, prepared earlier this year for Monik Beauregard, a senior assistant deputy minister at Public Safety Canada, were obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act. Beauregard is chairing a panel today on the global implications of the challenges to cybersecurity at an intelligence conference in Ottawa. In addition, Greta Bossenmaier, the head of Canada's electronic spy agency, the Communications Security Establishment, plans to discuss the various cyberchallenges the country faces.

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16. Go slow on extradition

Toronto Star, 2016 09 23

Editorial: Human rights experts and others are right to be alarmed that Canada has agreed to start talks towards an extradition treaty with China. Such an agreement runs the risk of making Canada complicit in the worst aspects of China's inconsistent, politicized and often brutal judicial system. At the moment, all the Trudeau government has agreed to is to begin negotiations about extradition. There's no known timetable for the talks, no guarantee they will be successful, and most of all no clear idea exactly what such an agreement might look like. With that in mind, it's encouraging that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has issued a public assurance that Canada won't lose sight of its legal values - such as opposition to coerced confessions and overly harsh punishment, especially the death penalty. "Canada has extremely high standards on extradition treaties," he said on Tuesday. "And that continues." Good to hear.

But the government's eagerness to establish what it calls "consistent" relations with China, after the "hot and cold" approach of the Harper years, is raising justifiable concern that Ottawa might go too far in accommodating Beijing on this delicate issue. There are very good reasons why countries such as Canada, the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand don't have extradition treaties with China. All these countries prize judicial independence and the rule of law, and aren't prepared to turn Chinese citizens accused of economic or political crimes over to the vagaries of that country's legal system. But the Chinese government has become much more insistent on this front. For the past two years it has been running a campaign code-named Operation Fox Hunt to track down Chinese citizens around the world that it accuses of corruption and other economic crimes.

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17. How Canada should engage China on human rights

Toronto Star, Wenran Jiang, 2016 09 23

Opinion: With Chinese Premier Li Keqiang's visit to Canada closely following Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's first official trip to China, human rights issues have once again come to command much attention on the discussion of Canada's relations with China. While raising human-rights concerns with the Chinese government is important to Canada as a vocal proponent of freedom of expression and rule of law on the global stage, we must do so in a sober evaluation of the historical context, Chinese realities and Canada's capabilities and limitations. First, we need to look at the historical progress China has made in improving human rights in all aspects. When Pierre Trudeau's government recognized the People's Republic of China in 1970, most Chinese were living in poverty, the violent Cultural Revolution was going on and the country was a totalitarian state. Today, China has lifted 700 million of its citizens out of poverty, contributing 70 per cent to the UN's global poverty elimination targets. Chinese people today enjoy unprecedented freedom in all areas, including a wide range of political and social rights. Yes, China remains a one-party state. Attempts to overthrow the government are met with an iron fist. The state controls the press and censors the media and communications. Google, Facebook and other websites are blocked. But the country also has the largest number of internet users on Earth and WeChat, the Chinese version of Twitter, Facebook and FaceTime combined, has more than 700 million users. It is impossible to exercise effective censorship over fast-growing open technologies and social media. No wonder Mr. Harper's cabinet struggled to get its China policy right for a decade. A key element in Prime Minister Trudeau's resetting of Canada-China relations is not to treat the two issues as a trade-off, or something needing a balance. For those who insist that trade with China must come with human rights conditions, they should be reminded that Canada did not reconsider NAFTA when the United States violated international law in invading other countries, conducting torture in secret CIA facilities around the world, or illegally monitoring hundreds of millions of people globally. Third, we need to accept the reality that no external forces can impose human-rights changes in China. The improvement in human rights, rule of law and democracy in China is ultimately a fight by the Chinese citizens themselves. And our efforts in this area should be limited.

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18. Justin Trudeau L'"idiot utile" de l'islamisme (Canada)

Marianne (site web), Alain Léauthier, 2016 09 23

Ottawa - A force de multiplier les gestes de soutien à la communauté musulmane de son pays, et malgré des mises en garde, le Premier ministre canadien s'est pris les pieds dans le tapis. L'anti-Trump, ou du moins son double inversé, n'est pas américain mais canadien, et même le premier des Canadiens : Justin Trudeau, 44 ans, dirige le pays depuis la victoire du Parti libéral aux élections fédérales du 4 novembre dernier. L'un dit se méfier des immigrés, et tout particulièrement des musulmans, l'autre ne passe guère une journée sans vanter leur apport à la «communauté nationale» et multiplie les visites enthousiastes dans leurs mosquées, y compris les plus radicales. Le magnat de l'immobilier veut édifier un mur pour, dit-il, protéger son pays de «l'invasion mexicaine». Son cadet de vingt-six ans promet de faire tomber toutes les barrières supposées diviser «allogènes» et «autochtones». Trump incarne pour certains le vieux monde moisi, étriqué, replié sur des nostalgies d'un autre temps, et Trudeau, à l'inverse, une modernité scintillante, la main tendue vers l'autre, la jeunesse connectée et supertolérante. Il est des Canadiens que ravit cette comparaison, a priori guère flatteuse pour le candidat républicain à la Maison-Blanche, et les autorisant, pensent-ils, à contempler avec hauteur le puissant voisin dont ils aiment tant se démarquer. Ceux-là ont les yeux de Chimène pour le «chum» (pote) Trudeau, et adorent ainsi le voir figurer en superhéros aux côtés d'Iron Man dans un comics (publié uniquement en anglais...) de Marvel, la franchise nord-américaine de BD, vêtu d'un Marcel décoré d'une énorme feuille d'érable. Les médias, eux, en redemandent, car ils ont trouvé en lui le «bon client» si recherché, showman aussi prometteur que le fut son père. La succession s'annonçait pourtant redoutable : Premier ministre libéral à deux reprises et pendant plus de quinze ans, intellectuel vibrionnant, fort en thème et en mondanités, aussi capable de tenir tête aux puissants que de traverser la Chine à vélo, ami de Castro et marié à une jet-setteuse portée sur les rockers et les acteurs, Pierre Elliott Trudeau domina longtemps de la tête et des pieds la vie politique canadienne.

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19. Lisée a « échoué » aux tests

Journal de Montréal, Geneviève Lajoie, 2016 09 23

Montréal - C'était « irresponsable » d'associer son adversaire Alexandre Cloutier à Charkaoui, estime Gilles Duceppe L'ex-chef bloquiste Gilles Duceppe estime que Jean-François Lisée n'est pas digne d'être chef du Parti québécois (PQ). Analyste politique sur la chaîne anglophone CTV, l'ancien leader souverainiste précise qu'il ne fait campagne pour aucun des candidats à la succession de Pierre Karl Péladeau. Mais selon lui, une chose est claire: Jean-François Lisée s'est disqualifié du poste de chef péquiste en associant son rival Alexandre Cloutier et l'imam Adil Charkaoui. «Il y a des qualités essentielles pour être chef, c'est d'être responsable, faire preuve de dignité et avoir un bon jugement. Alors pour moi, M. Lisée, en associant Charkaoui à Cloutier, a manqué à ces trois devoirs, il a échoué à ces trois tests-là, clairement», lance-t-il, en entrevue avec notre Bureau parlementaire.

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20. Promotion d'un groupe contre « l'islam radical » : un cadre de Saguenay rappelé à l'ordre

Radio-Canada - Nouvelles (site web), Véronique Dubé, 2016 09 22

Saguenay - Le chef aux opérations du service des incendies de la Ville de Saguenay, Éric Lemay, est l'un des cofondateurs du groupe contre « l'islam radical » La Meute. L'employé-cadre a discuté de ses convictions sur son lieu de travail auprès de ses subalternes pompiers. Son employeur, la Ville de Saguenay, l'a sommé de mettre fin à ses activités politiques dans le cadre de ses fonctions. Le groupe La Meute a également été formé par un vétéran des Forces armées canadiennes l'an dernier. Le groupe controversé, qui gagne en popularité par l'entremise d'une page Facebook confidentielle, lutte contre « l'islam radical ». Éric Lemay, alias Eric Yamel, a toujours voulu conserver son anonymat. Dans la vidéo d'une entrevue réalisée en mars 2016 sur les ondes de Radio X et publiée sur Facebook par un membre de La Meute, il explique sa vision. « On a un certain malaise avec l'immigration massive comme elle se fait présentement. Massive et rapide, sans filtration qui se fait. Les gens débarquent et ont leur passeport canadien presque automatiquement, C'est ni plus ni moins des votes achetés », dit-il. Éric Lemay avoue alors espérer recruter 100 000 membres rapidement pour que La Meute ait un rôle politique au Québec. « On n'est pas sexiste on n'est pas islamophobe on n'est pas raciste. [...] Si tu partages la même idéologie que nous, les mêmes valeurs que nous, tu es le bienvenu dans La Meute. Notre combat est en deux volets : on est contre l'islam radical et le procharia ».

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21. U.S. alleges Vancouver firm laundered money on 'transnational' scale

Vancouver Sun, Sam Cooper, 2016 09 23

Vancouver - The U.S. government has named a little-known Vancouver financial company as a "significant transnational criminal organization" that it alleges has worked for 20 years with "direct mailer" scammers to launder hundreds of millions of dollars defrauded from millions of vulnerable victims. In a news conference on Thursday, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch named PacNet, a company with offices in a building in downtown Vancouver, as a financial linchpin in global money laundering. PacNet was the payment processor - a sort of banking system middleman - that allowed global criminals to deposit cheques scammed from mostly elderly victims, Lynch alleged. "The schemes involve a complicated web of actors located across the world," she said. And in a stunning financial order that points to Vancouver's growing reputation as a hub for global money laundering, the U.S. government put PacNet on an international short list of about seven organizations that includes several of the world's most dangerous criminal cartels, including Las Zetas from Mexico and the Camorra from Italy. The U.S. government says Las Zetas, for example, is an organization involved in drug trafficking, prostitution and arms dealing, and is "the most technologically advanced, sophisticated, vicious, ruthlessly violent and dangerous cartel operating in Mexico." The executive notice, which freezes financial transactions, names 12 people, including several Metro Vancouver residents, and a number of PacNet-associated firms with links to a network of cities and countries including Vancouver, Ottawa, Italy, India, Ireland, Tokyo, Brazil, Chile, and the U.S. The notice also grounds a PacNet airline the U.S. government alleges was used to deliver bulk shipments of criminal cash in Europe. Christine Duhaime, a Vancouver lawyer who specializes in antimoney

laundering law, said she believes PacNet is the first B.C. company to make the select list of international criminal groups facing sanctions by a U.S. president's executive order. "The shocking thing is the U.S. government has linked some people in Vancouver in this list to the worst criminal gangs in history," she said.

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22. 'In-Betweeners' Are Part of a Rich Recruiting Pool for Jihadists

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 22

Washington - They were young men caught between cultures, sons of immigrant families, feeling lost or rejected -- and angry about American-led wars. Online they encountered the silver-tongued recruiters of Al Qaeda and the Islamic State, who said their first loyalty should be not to their nation but to Islam. Then they plotted sensational violence. In the weekend bombings in New York and New Jersey and stabbings at a mall in Minnesota, the accused perpetrators fit the same rough pattern as in previous attacks at the Boston Marathon in 2013; in San Bernardino, Calif., in 2015, and in Orlando, Fla., in June, as well as in the terrorist assaults in Paris and Brussels. A rich recruiting pool for Al Qaeda and the Islamic State includes what psychologists call "in-betweeners," young adults whose identities have not yet solidified. Their uncertainty makes them vulnerable, said J. Reid Meloy, a forensic psychologist and clinical professor at the University of California, San Diego. "It allows the individual to attach his identity to something that is larger and inflates his sense of himself," he said. The uncomfortable in-between status can be especially acute for those with recent immigrant roots. Living in two cultures at once is very enriching for most people but very unsettling for others, said Lorenzo Vidino, the director of the Program on Extremism at George Washington University. For some Muslim immigrants, he said, "You have a message at home that's very conservative, and a completely different message from the society around you when you're growing up."

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23. 'Keep an Eye on Him,' Ahmad Khan Rahami's Father Says He Told F.B.I.

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 22

New York - Two years ago, the father of the man accused of carrying out bombings last weekend in New York and New Jersey explicitly warned federal agents about his son's interest in terrorist organizations like Al Qaeda and his fascination with jihadist music, poetry and videos, according to the father. In an interview with The New York Times on Wednesday night, Mohammad Rahami, whose son Ahmad has been charged with using weapons of mass destruction and setting off explosions in public spaces, recounted his interactions with the Federal Bureau of Investigation after he raised concerns about his son. Mr. Rahami's contact with the authorities started in August 2014, when the local police were called to the family's home after a domestic dispute during which Ahmad stabbed his brother, according to court records. Mr. Rahami said that during the course of the investigation, the F.B.I. became involved and he told agents from the bureau everything he knew about his son's activities. "I told the F.B.I. to keep an eye on

him," he said. "They said, 'Is he a terrorist?' I said: 'I don't know. I can't guarantee you 100 percent if he is a terrorist. I don't know which groups he is in. I can't tell you.'" In the interview, he spoke about his son's admiration of Anwar al-Awlaki, once Al Qaeda's leading propagandist, who is also popular with the Islamic State's followers, and how he watched Mr. Awlaki's videos, but it was unclear if he mentioned Mr. Awlaki's name to the agents.

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24. Email Hack Details Movements of Clinton, Biden and Michelle Obama

New York Times, Michael D. Shear, Matthew Rosenberg, 2016 09 23

Washington - Hackers on Thursday posted hundreds of emails from a young Democratic operative that contained documents detailing the minute-by-minute schedules and precise movements of the vice president, the first lady and Hillary Clinton during recent campaign fundraisers and official political events. The emails included names and cellphone numbers of numerous Secret Service agents, spreadsheets with the names and Social Security numbers of campaign donors, and PowerPoint presentations showing step-by-step directions for where officials like Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. should walk when they arrived at events. The hackers who posted the emails also distributed what they claimed was a scanned image of the information page from Michelle Obama's passport, though the authenticity of the image could not be verified. The emails were stolen from the personal Gmail account of the Democratic operative, Ian Mellul. They reveal how widely White House officials, Clinton campaign operatives and Secret Service agents have exchanged detailed and sensitive information with people using personal email accounts. There is no indication that Mr. Mellul, 22, who was in effect working as a freelancer when the White House or the Clinton campaign needed help, did anything wrong, and government officials declined to talk about the use of the private account.

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25. Key lawmakers accuse Russia of campaign to disrupt U.S. election

Washington Post, Greg Miller, 2016 09 23

Washington - Two senior Democratic lawmakers with access to classified intelligence on Thursday accused Russia of "making a serious and concerted effort to influence the U.S. election," a charge that appeared aimed at putting pressure on the Obama administration to confront Moscow. The jointly issued statement from Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Adam B. Schiff -- Californians who are the ranking Democrats on the Senate and House intelligence committees, respectively -- described recent cyber penetrations of the Democratic National Committee and other U.S. political entities as intrusions that were likely directed by Russian President Vladimir Putin. "At the least, this effort is intended to sow doubt about the security of our election and may well be intended to influence the outcomes," the statement said. "We believe that orders for the Russian intelligence agencies to conduct such actions could come only from very senior levels of the Russian government." Feinstein and Schiff said they reached their conclusion "based on briefings we have received" from U.S. intelligence agencies.

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26. L'auteur de l'attentat de New York est un djihadiste

Le Monde, Stéphane Lauer, 2016 09 23

New York - Ahmad Khan Rahami se référait à des leaders d'Al-Qaida et de l'EI dans un journal retrouvé lors de son arrestation. Après avoir longuement hésité, les autorités américaines n'ont désormais plus de doute sur le caractère djihadiste des attentats de New York et du New Jersey, perpétrés samedi 17 septembre. Leur auteur, Ahmad Khan Rahami, a été mis en examen, mardi 20 septembre, de dix chefs d'inculpation, notamment usage d'armes de destruction massive et attentat à la bombe dans un lieu public. L'explosion qui a eu lieu à Chelsea, dans le sud de Manhattan, a fait trente et un blessés. Les treize pages que compte la plainte criminelle révèlent que les motivations de cet Américain de 28 ans, d'origine afghane, trouvent leur ressort dans l'idéologie islamiste. Le document fait largement référence à un journal manuscrit que le suspect portait sur lui au moment de son arrestation, lundi matin, à Linden (New Jersey). Il y fait notamment l'éloge d'Oussama Ben Laden et affirme qu'il veut mourir en martyr. " Vous - le gouvernement américain - continuez vos massacres contre les moudjahidin, que ce soit en Afghanistan, en Irak, en Syrie, en Palestine ", écrit-il. Cette rhétorique n'est pas sans rappeler celle des frères Tsarnaev, les auteurs de l'attentat du marathon de Boston en 2013, qu'ils avaient justifié en représailles aux interventions militaires américaines.

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27. Probe of leaked U.S. NSA hacking tools examines operative's 'mistake'

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 09 23

San Francisco - A U.S. investigation into a leak of hacking tools used by the National Security Agency is focusing on a theory that one of its operatives carelessly left them available on a remote computer and Russian hackers found them, four people with direct knowledge of the probe told Reuters. The tools, which enable hackers to exploit software flaws in computer and communications systems from vendors such as Cisco Systems and Fortinet Inc, were dumped onto public websites last month by a group calling itself Shadow Brokers. The public release of the tools coincided with U.S. officials saying they had concluded that Russia or its proxies were responsible for hacking political party organizations in the run-up to the Nov. 8 presidential election. On Thursday, lawmakers accused Russia of being responsible. Various explanations have been floated by officials in Washington as to how the tools were stolen. Some feared it was the work of a leaker similar to former agency contractor Edward Snowden, while others suspected the Russians might have hacked into NSA headquarters in Fort Meade, Maryland. But officials heading the FBI-led investigation now discount both of those scenarios, the people said in separate interviews.

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28. The New York bombing shows the enduring influence of long-dead terrorists

The Independent (UK), Mubaraz Ahmed, 2016 09 23

Op-ed - As the FBI continues its investigation into New York and New Jersey bombing suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami, and a picture has begun to emerge - about his background, his travels, his

past and his eventual radicalisation - some of the details are worrying. While there has been much attention placed on Rahami's trips to Afghanistan and Pakistan and his encounters with local law enforcement officials in a New Jersey restaurant, one detail the investigators have uncovered points to the extent of the global jihadi phenomenon. Investigators discovered that Rahami was inspired by the ideas of none other than Anwar al-Awlaki, a US-born leading propagandist and recruiter for al-Qaeda who was killed in a US drone strike in September 2011. Awlaki's links to numerous terrorist plots are well documented and his influence on potential jihadis from beyond the grave has also been noted. Rahami wrote in a journal he was carrying at the time of his arrest that he was looking for "guidance" and answers, and ended up becoming acquainted with Awlaki's ideas. His admission of searching for "guidance" demonstrates that it was Rahami who was seeking ideas, and that the attempt to address the gap in his knowledge was subsequently filled by extremism. Every one of us searches for answers throughout our lives. However, in the 21st century, Muslims are increasingly asking questions about Islam online rather than at the mosque or through other religious institutions. The starting point for almost all enquiries about matters of faith is the internet search engine. Five years since Awlaki was killed, the ideology he espoused continues to proliferate online. Supposedly mainstream Islamic websites - sites purporting to present genuine Islamic content - are in fact hosting lectures, videos and publications from leading jihadi ideologues. This terrifying content is hiding in plain sight on websites that may, at first glance, seem to be quite ordinary, providing free access to the Quran or Hadith. Our research found there are almost 20,000 web searches each month for Anwar al-Awlaki - a demonstration of his continued influence. Note: Mubaraz Ahmed is an analyst for the Centre on Religion and Geopolitics at the Tony Blair Faith Foundation.

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29. Yahoo hit in world's biggest data breach

Washington Post, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 23

Washington - Yahoo on Thursday reported the largest data breach in history - affecting at least 500 million user accounts - months after first detecting signs of an intrusion that the company blamed on "state-sponsored" hackers. The Web giant called on customers to change their passwords and institute other protective measures, but the largest fallout could be for Yahoo itself. The long-faltering company this summer agreed to sell its core business for \$4.8 billion to telecommunications giant Verizon in a deal now clouded by news of the massive breach. Verizon said it learned of the incident only "within the last two days." The timeline highlighted a predicament created by hacks: Companies often take months or even years to report suspicions of breaches - if they report them publicly at all - holding the information back from customers, business partners and even potential new owners of a company. "The dark cloud this casts will be very long and will likely impact the merger agreement," Jeff Kagan, a Georgia-based telecommunications industry analyst, said in an email. "We'll just have to wait and see what happens next." Yahoo learned of the incident in July, the same month it announced its deal with Verizon, a person familiar with the matter said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to freely discuss the issue.

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United Kingdom • Royaume-Uni

30. Sa Majesté recrute près d'un millier de James Bond

Le Figaro, Florentin Collomp, 2016 09 23

Londres - Le MI6 va augmenter ses effectifs de plus de 30 % d'ici à quatre ans pour s'adapter à la prolifération de la menace djihadiste en ligne. Alex Younger, le chef du MI6, en est convaincu : la lutte contre le terrorisme islamiste sera le combat de toute sa vie. Âgé de 53 ans, le patron depuis deux ans du célèbre service secret de Sa Majesté estime que le renseignement doit s'adapter à la menace protéiforme, sous peine d'être balayé par l'ennemi. Selon lui, les terroristes sont devenus des maîtres dans l'art d'exploiter les possibilités infinies d'Internet et des outils technologiques. « La révolution de l'information modifie fondamentalement l'environnement dans lequel nous opérons. Cela signifie que nous devons changer complètement nos façons de travailler », a-t-il déclaré cette semaine, lors d'une conférence organisée par la CIA à Washington. C'est pourquoi le Secret Intelligence Service, nom officiel du MI6, va recruter environ 800 nouveaux agents dans les quatre ans à venir, soit une hausse de plus de 30 % de ses effectifs. Il se taillera donc la part du lion d'un effort budgétaire annoncé par le gouvernement au lendemain des attentats de Paris en 2015. Un mouvement généralisé dans les pays occidentaux pour s'adapter à la menace islamiste croissante. Avec aujourd'hui 12 700 agents répartis dans trois agences distinctes, le Royaume-Uni dispose du plus puissant appareil en Europe, devant la France et l'Allemagne. Le MI6 emploie 2 500 personnes, le MI5, concentré sur la sécurité intérieure, 4 000, et le GCHQ (Government Communications Headquarters), l'organisme spécialisé dans la surveillance électronique, plus de 6 000 personnes. À cela s'ajoute la branche antiterroriste de la police.

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31. UK Government, Wayra and GCHQ partner to launch cybersecurity accelerator

Tech City News, Yessi Bello Perez, 2016 09 23

London - The UK government has announced that it will be partnering with tech startups to develop new technologies aimed at protecting the country from cyber attacks. According to a statement, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), Wayra UK and GCHQ - the UK's intelligence and cybersecurity agency - have come together to launch a new cybersecurity accelerator. The partnership is considered to be the first step in the development of two world-leading innovation centres as part of the Government's £1.9bn National Cyber Security Programme.

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Australia, New Zealand • Australie, Nouvelle-Zélande

32. MH370 ship 'most likely spying'

The Australian, Ean Higgins, 2016 09 23

Canberra - The Chinese government ship hailed by Transport Minister Darren Chester for searching for Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 has probably spent more time spying on Australian military activity, according to security experts. The Australian revealed earlier this month that the Chinese search and rescue vessel Dong Hai Jiu 101 has hardly performed any actual search operations in the seven months since it first came to Fremantle in February. An analysis by The Australian of weekly operational bulletins by the federal government's Joint Agency Co-ordination Centre has determined that the vessel's sonar imaging "towfish" has in fact been in the water looking for the downed aircraft for only 17 to 30 days. The ship's captain gave up trying to search altogether early last month, with the JACC reporting that the ship would "remain at anchor off Fremantle until weather conditions improve". The Dong Hai Jiu 101 is a major component of China's \$20 million contribution to the \$180m effort to find the Boeing 777, which disappeared on a scheduled flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on March 8, 2014, with 239 people on board, ending up in the southern Indian Ocean according to satellite tracking data. Mr Chester joined the Chinese consul-general in Perth, Lei Kezhong, on a visit to the ship in April, .

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33. VIC: Accused 'tinnie terrorist' stays locked up

Australian Associated Press, Staff Writer, 2016 09 23

Melbourne - A Melbourne man who allegedly played an "instrumental" role in a plot to sail from Australia to join Islamic State will remain behind bars indefinitely. Plumpton father Murat Kaya was arrested during counter-terror raids in May after five men were arrested near Cairns towing a boat as part of an alleged plan to join IS. Kaya has been in custody since May and this week applied for bail but Magistrate Belinda Wallington on Friday refused his application. The 25-year-old is charged with preparing to enter a foreign country with intent to engage in a hostile activity. Kaya did not appear in the Melbourne Magistrates' Court on Friday, but learned of the decision via video link. His wife's family, who had promised to put up a surety for his release, were present in court.

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34. Yahoo breach puts focus on Australian consumer hacking protections

ABC (Australia), Jake Sturmer, 2016 09 23

Canberra - Yahoo's confirmation of a serious breach affecting 500 million users puts the spotlight on Australia's lack of regulation forcing businesses to tell victims their information has been stolen. Yahoo's confirmation of a serious hack has put the spotlight on Australia's lack of regulation forcing businesses to tell victims their information has been stolen. The that occurred in 2014, with hackers accessing data from at least 500 million users. Yahoo believes they may have been state sponsored attacks, capturing names, email address, birth dates, and scrambled passwords, along with encrypted or unencrypted security questions and answers that could help hackers break into victims' other online accounts. In Australia, there are no laws that force companies that have been breached (or inadvertently disclosed information) to notify the affected customers. The Government has released draft laws to force notification of personal information

data breaches, known as mandatory data breach notification. The legislation is proposed to be introduced in this year's Spring sittings of Parliament, as an amendment to the Privacy Act.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

35. Army chief signs death warrants of seven 'hardcore terrorists'

Pakistan Dawn, Dawn Report, 2016 09 23

Rawalpindi - Chief Of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif on Thursday signed the death warrants of seven "hardcore terrorists", said a statement released from the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR). The statement added the individuals were involved in committing offences related to terrorism, including killing of civilians, police officials and armed forces personnel. "They were also involved in sectarian killings. Firearms and explosives were also recovered from their possession," said the ISPR statement. The ISPR statement said the convicts have admitted their offenses in the trial court. In the wake of the APS carnage, military courts were set up for trying terrorists under amendments made to the Constitution and the Army Act.

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36. Militant attacks from Afghanistan repulsed in Mohmand, Bajaur

Pakistan Dawn, Ali Akbar, 2016 09 23

Peshawar - Security forces personnel on Friday repulsed two attacks on security checkpoints in Mohmand and Bajaur agencies by suspected militants from across the Pak-Afghan border, security sources said. The militants opened fire on a security checkpoint in the Sheikh Baba area of Mohmand and on the Nawa Pass security post in Bajaur agency, sources said. Security forces repulsed both attacks by retaliating quickly. No casualties were reported on either side of the border. The claims could not be independently verified as journalists do not have access to most parts of the restive agencies. The Jamaatul Ahrar militant group claimed responsibility for the attacks. Pakistan has long accused Afghanistan of sheltering militants who conduct attacks inside its territory, a charge Afghanistan denies.

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Africa • Afrique

37. Boko Haram Rages in Nigeria, but World's Eyes Are Elsewhere

New York Times, Dionne Searcey, 2016 09 23

Maiduguri - The Boko Haram crisis still rages, but it has not managed to sustain the level of global outrage that spiked when nearly 300 schoolgirls were kidnapped in 2014 in the village of Chibok, in Borno State's south. The seven-year-old conflict has produced nonstop new and horrible chapters. Burned villages. Beheadings. Rapes of women and young girls. Military corruption and killings of innocents. Child suicide bombers. Rescued victims, even infants, who

are jailed by the military for weeks or months. And now a widespread food and malnutrition crisis. The horrors have been reported by The New York Times and other news outlets. Humanitarian assistance is on the ground, but the United Nations cannot raise even a quarter of the amount of money it says it needs to help combat the problems. Despite the continuing tragedy, the world appears to have moved on to other terrible events. Television cameras capture emergency room doctors treating bloodied Syrian children wounded in bombings, and American mothers who have lost sons in shootings by police officers.

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38. Cameroun : trois civils tués dans un attentat-suicide dans l'Extrême-Nord

Jeune Afrique, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 22

Djakana, Cameroun - Trois civils ont été tués mercredi soir dans un attentat-suicide perpétré dans une localité de l'Extrême-Nord du Cameroun, cible d'attaques récurrentes attribuées aux islamistes nigériens de Boko Haram, a appris l'AFP de sources concordantes. L'attentat s'est produit vers 20H00 (19H00 GMT) dans la localité de Djakana, faisant « quatre morts, le kamikaze compris, et des blessés dont un dans un état critique », selon une source proche des autorités régionales. Ce bilan a été confirmé à l'AFP par une source sécuritaire. Le kamikaze visait la ville de Mora, située à quelques kilomètres de Djakana, où il projetait de se faire exploser jeudi, jour de marché, a rapporté la source proche des autorités. Alors qu'il transitait dans la nuit par Djakana, « il a été repéré par un membre du comité de vigilance de Djakana qui a tenté de le neutraliser », provoquant l'explosion, a-t-elle précisé. De même source, le membre du comité de vigilance a succombé à ses blessures lors de son transfert à l'hôpital.

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39. En Afrique, Daech se heurte à al-Qaida

Le Figaro, Tanguy Berthemet, 2016 09 23

Mombasa, Kenya du Sud - En grande difficulté en Libye, l'État islamique ne parvient pas à exercer une influence déterminante sur Boko Haram au Nigeria. Son rival, al-Qaida, reste en revanche bien implanté dans le Sahel et dans la Corne de l'Afrique. Afrique Il y a dix jours, trois femmes s'infiltraient dans le commissariat central dans Mombasa, le grand port du Kenya du Sud. Les militantes parvenaient à poignarder un policier, à mettre le feu à une partie du bâtiment, avant d'être abattues. Peu après, Amaq, l'organe de communication de l'État islamique (EI), revendiquait cet attentat, assurant que les djihadistes avaient obéi à leur ordre. Ce raid, s'il reste très flou, est le premier jamais revendiqué par Daech au Kenya et l'un des premiers en Afrique subsaharienne. Dans la foulée, un groupe baptisé Jahba East Africa annonçait son affiliation au calife al-Baghdadi. Dans son communiqué, la nouvelle organisation s'en prend directement à al-Qaida et à sa filiale somalienne, al-Chebab, et se montre menaçante pour tous ceux qui ne plieraient pas. Cette offensive du mouvement irako-syrien vers l'Afrique était attendue. Menacé dans ses fiefs irako-syriens, l'EI, qui se rêve en seul et unique tenant du djihadisme mondial, cherche à étendre son emprise vers un continent où la communauté musulmane est nombreuse et bien des États sont très faibles. Mais la mouvance se heurte à sa soeur ennemie, al-Qaida, dont la présence et l'emprise africaines sont anciennes. L'attractivité de l'EI, son activisme sur les

réseaux sociaux et ses films aussi ultraviolents que léchés n'ont certes pas laissé indifférents les radicaux africains.

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40. Mauritania says dismantled jihadist cell had no IS link

Agence France-Presse, Staff report, 2016 09 23

Nouakchott - Mauritania denied Thursday that a suspected jihadist cell uncovered by the authorities had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group (IS), after its members appeared in court accused of targeting a recent Arab League summit. Government spokesman Mohamed Lemine Ould Cheikh said the group were "amateurs" and denied a formal link with IS central command during a news conference. "This group was made up of 10 amateurs who were planning activities in support of a terrorist group," Ould Cheikh said, insisting there was no IS cell in Mauritania. However a judicial source, speaking to AFP on Wednesday when the group appeared before a prosecuting magistrate, painted a different picture of what it said were 10 men "apprehended just before the Arab (League) summit which took place on July 24." They had intended to "terrify" Arab leaders by raising the IS black flag and scrawling graffiti on buildings to assert the presence of the group in the Mauritanian capital.

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41. Terrorisme : « L'Algérie n'est pas à l'abri d'un coup d'éclat »

Jeune Afrique, Farid Alilat, 2016 09 22

Alger - Pour Akram Khariief, journaliste spécialisé dans les questions de défense, le pays peut être la cible de terroristes infiltrés, mais la vigilance de l'armée rendra difficile toute attaque d'envergure. Jeune Afrique?: Combien de jihadistes algériens combattent en Libye?? Akram Khariief : Il n'y a pas de chiffres officiels, mais j'estime leur nombre à 200, répartis entre différentes factions, dont l'État islamique [EI]. Beaucoup de jihadistes d'Aqmi [Al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique] ont quitté l'Algérie pour la Libye et la Tunisie. Certains ont rejoint la brigade Oqba Ibn Nafi, d'autres ont plus tard intégré l'EI. Il y a également des combattants algériens dans la milice tripolitaine Fajr Libya, mais ils sont moins nombreux. Peuvent-ils s'infiltrer en Algérie?? Certainement, mais pas en masse ni avec des équipements lourds, donc sans grandes conséquences sur le climat sécuritaire en Algérie. En revanche, il est à craindre un coup d'éclat comme une attaque sur un site pétrolier ou une petite ville. Cela dit, la vigilance de l'armée rendra difficile toute tentative d'attaque d'envergure.

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42. Une juge dénonce les pressions du régime Kabila

Le Monde, Christophe Châtelot, 2016 09 23

Brazzaville,RDC - Chantale Ramazani Wazuri explique avoir été sommée de condamner l'opposant congolais Moïse Katumbi Si un jour Moïse Katumbi, l'ancien gouverneur de la province congolaise du Katanga, est autorisé à se présenter à la présidentielle, il le devra en

partie à une magistrate de province : Chantale Ramazani Wazuri, présidente des juges de paix de Lubumbashi-Kamalondo, dont la " mission " devait pourtant consister à signer son arrêt de mort politique. Son fait d'armes est plutôt rare pour la justice congolaise : elle a dénoncé les pressions exercées sur elle par les plus hautes autorités de l'Etat - la présidence de la République démocratique du Congo (RDC), le puissant chef de l'Agence nationale du renseignement (ANR), le ministère. " On m'a forcée à condamner Moïse Katumbi, pour lui interdire de se présenter à l'élection présidentielle. C'est terrible ", raconte timidement cette femme d'une quarantaine d'années. L'histoire, pourtant, ne commence pas si mal pour Chantale Ramazani Wazuri. Auparavant juge à Kinshasa, elle est promue, en mars, à la tête du " tribunal de paix " de Lubumbashi, avec trente-quatre juges sous sa juridiction pour des dossiers passibles de six mois à six ans de prison. A priori, ce ne sont pas les affaires du siècle.

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Americas • Amériques

43. Colombia's FARC rebels to keep leader Timochenko: commander

Agence France-Presse, Staff report, 2016 09 23

El Diamante, Colombia - Colombia's FARC rebels will keep Timoleon "Timochenko" Jimenez as their leader when they relaunch as a political party under a historic peace deal, a commander said Thursday. "There's no doubt that Timochenko will be confirmed" as head of the organization that replaces the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) under the peace process, commander Carlos Antonio Lozada told AFP. Jimenez, 57, whose real name is Rodrigo Londono, has worked to guide the FARC toward a negotiated end to the conflict since becoming their commander in chief in 2011.

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44. Venezuelan opposition split on how to respond to latest blow against recall

Fox News Latino, Staff report, 2016 09 23

Caracas - A day after Venezuela's Electoral Board practically blocked any chance of a presidential recall before the end of the year, opposition lawmakers were struggling to come to a consensus on what step to take next. Early Thursday, the coalition that unites them, the Democratic Unity Table (MUD), convened an emergency "permanent session" until a decision was made, but as hours went by the 20-plus parties involved seemed split in a hopeless deadlock. One side believes a referendum is the only viable way to stand up to the socialist government of Nicolas Maduro, which holds total control over the military and the judicial branch of power. Other segments think a vote to recall the president no longer makes sense because a 2017 referendum - and an eventual win - would allow the vice president to finish Maduro's term and remain at the helm of country until 2019. "Complex times are coming and citizens are not yet aware of the Pandora box that has just been opened," political analyst Oswaldo Ramirez told Fox News Latino.

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Asia • Asie

45. Army strengthens operational readiness along LoC, fine-tunes contingency plans

Times of India, Rajat Pandit, 2016 09 23

New Delhi - The Army continues to steadily upgrade its "operational readiness" all along the 778-km Line of Control, with redeployment of troops and some "forward movement" of ammunition and fuel dumps, even as it "refines" a variety of contingency plans in conjunction with the IAF. The Army+ has made a series of presentations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, including one in its military operation directorate with detailed maps and sand-models on Tuesday night. "There have been other top- level meetings over the last two days, including with national security adviser Ajit Doval, to discuss the operational situation along the LoC as well as the military options available to turn the heat up+ on Pakistan," said a source. Though "retributive covert or overt strikes" on terror- training camps and other targets in Pakistan are on the table, sources said they will only be undertaken with "cold calculation" with clear objectives in mind if diplomatic measures do not get desired results.

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46. China, Canada agree to strengthen economic, trade ties

Xinhua News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 09 23

Ottawa - Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said here Thursday that China and Canada have agreed to strengthen their ties in economic, trade and other fields, and to begin exploratory talks for a potential free trade agreement. Li, who is on an official visit to the North American nation, made the remarks when meeting journalists together with his Canadian counterpart Justin Trudeau. "We have reached many new consensuses in economic and trade area," said Li, adding that China is willing to import frozen beef from Canada and the two sides have reached an agreement on Canada's canola exports to China. Li also said that the two sides discussed cooperation in finance, tourism, law enforcement, as well as between their local governments. "The exchange of visits within one month showed that China- Canada relations are entering a new stage," said Li who referred to Trudeau's recent official visit to China, adding that "it's rare in the bilateral ties, and conforms to the interests of both countries as well as the expectations of the international community." Li arrived in Ottawa on Wednesday. His visit to Canada is the first by a Chinese premier in 13 years.

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47. China Working to Keep Foreign Reporters on a Short Leash, Report Says

New York Times, Ian Johnson, 2016 09 23

Beijing - China has tightened restrictions on foreign journalists since Xi Jinping became the country's leader four years ago, complicating efforts to parse Beijing's thinking at a time when its slowing economy and growing global ambitions are making it increasingly important to the world. A report released on Thursday by PEN America, a writers' group based in New York, tries to quantify how difficult it has become for journalists to get the facts out of China. Its

conclusion: The estimated 700 foreign journalists in China from 50 countries "face more restrictions now than at any other time in recent history." The report also highlighted several instances of what it said were foreign media companies compromising editorial standards to do business in China. The group surveyed more than three dozen journalists, as well as local Chinese employees of foreign outlets, experts, media groups and others to compile the 76-page report. PEN America has often addressed freedom of expression in China, usually concerning Chinese writers. Its executive director, Suzanne Nossel, said in an interview that it was also important to highlight challenges faced by foreigners trying to report on China. "Of course, we can't compare this to the pressures felt by Chinese writers," Ms. Nossel said. "But we are dependent on the critical link that foreign correspondents play. They are an important piece of the puzzle of understanding China."

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48. EU court moved to drop LTTE from terrorist list

Colombo Page, News Desk, 2016 09 23

Colombo - A top EU lawyer on Thursday argued that Sri Lanka's terrorist group Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) should be removed from the European Union's list of terrorist organizations because procedural mistakes invalidated the decision to include them in the list. The European Union imposed travel bans and asset freezes against the LTTE under 2001 rules. The group subsequently contested being kept on the terror list. The General Court of the European Union, on 16th October 2014, on procedural grounds annulled the European Council measures maintaining the LTTE on the black list but allowed measures to keep their assets frozen. The European Court of Justice said a decision by the European Council to place the LTTE on a list of terrorist organizations had been based on factual imputations derived from the press and the internet and not on acts examined and confirmed in decisions of competent authorities as required by law.

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49. Malaysia deports three foreigners with terror links

Strait Times, Shannon Teoh, 2016 09 23

Kuala Lumpur - The growing threat of terror in the region was underlined again yesterday as Malaysia revealed that it had detained one of its citizens and deported three foreigners with links to militant groups. This follows the arrest last month of three Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) operatives for plotting attacks on the country's Independence Day celebrations. In all, 240 suspected terrorists have been detained in Malaysia since late 2013. Inspector-General of Police Khalid Abu Bakar said yesterday that among those arrested by the Bukit Aman Special Branch Counter Terrorism Division was a 37-year-old Bangladeshi who owned an eatery in Kuala Lumpur. He was allegedly smuggling weapons for an international terrorist group. Interpol had placed a Red Notice - the rough equivalent of an international arrest warrant - out for him.

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50. Malaysian Guantanamo detainee may be headed home

New Strait Times, Roy Goh, 2016 09 23

New York - One of two Malaysian Guantanamo detainees may be transferred to a prison back home to be de-radicalised, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said. The US authorities believe Mohamad Bashir Lap is ready to be sent back, Zahid said, but pointed out that a mechanism needs to be sorted out by a High Level Committee chaired by him before that happens. Zahid was told of this by Ambassador Lee Wolowsky, who is the US Special Envoy for the Guantanamo Closure, in a meeting on the sidelines of the ongoing 71st United Nations General Assembly here on Wednesday. Imprisoned with another Malaysian, Mohd Farik Amin, at the detention camp since 2006, Bashir is still deemed a threat to the US according to results of an assessment made by its Department of Defence Periodic Review Board on Sept 15.

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51. NSG teams deployed in Mumbai, on standby in Delhi

Times of India, Staff Report, 2016 09 23

Mumbai/New Delhi - Teams of elite anti-terror commando force, the National Security Guard (NSG), have been deployed in three locations in Mumbai and another team has been kept ready in Delhi to be flown if required after two school children in Maharashtra's Uran claimed they saw suspicious looking men+ near a naval base. NSG teams, drawn from its Mumbai hub, have been positioned at three locations in Mumbai and another team is on alert at IGI airport in Delhi, official sources said. It is a precautionary action taken in Mumbai to cut down reaction time in case of any emergency situation, sources said. A high alert has already been sounded along the Maharashtra coast after the claim made by the school children; a search operation is being conducted by multiple agencies. Both the schoolchildren - a girl studying in tenth standard, and a boy of ninth standard - are being questioned by the police and intelligence officials.

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52. South Korea reveals it has a plan to assassinate Kim Jong Un

CNN.com, Paula Hancocks, 2016 09 23

Seoul - South Korea has elite troops on standby ready to assassinate Kim Jong Un if the country feels threatened by North Korean nuclear weapons, the country's defense minister revealed this week. Asked in parliament Wednesday if there was a special forces unit already assembled that could eliminate North Korean leader, Kim Jong Un, Han Min-koo said: "Yes, we do have such a plan. " "South Korea has a general idea and plan to use precision missile capabilities to target the enemy's facilities in major areas as well as eliminating the enemy's leadership," he added.

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53. Taiwan 'double agent' gets 18 years for spying for China

Agence France-Presse, Staff reporter, 2016 09 23

A Taiwanese court has sentenced a former intelligence officer to 18 years in prison for reportedly working as a double agent and spying for China as relations worsen with Beijing. Major Wang Tsung-wu was sentenced Thursday by Taiwan's High Court on convictions of engaging in espionage as well as violating national intelligence and security laws. The court provided no further details, citing national security restrictions. Local media reported how Wang was allegedly turned by China when he was sent there as an undercover agent for Taiwan's Military Intelligence Bureau around 20 years ago. He spied for Beijing for more than a decade, reports said. Wang was recruited by China in 1995 and leaked confidential information before he retired in 2005. He also recruited retired colonel Lin Han in 2013 to help collect intelligence, according to Hong Kong-based Apple Daily. Lin had travelled to Singapore and Malaysia to meet with Chinese intelligence and passed on information about the identities of the Taiwan bureau's officers and their missions, Taipei-based Liberty Times reported. Wang was paid around \$96,000 while Lin received about \$76,000 for the information they passed, it added. Lin received a six-year jail term for violating national intelligence law, the High Court said. Both men can appeal the ruling.

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54. Un "agent double" taïwanais condamné pour espionnage au profit de Pékin

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 23

Taipei - Un ancien officier du renseignement a été condamné à 18 ans de réclusion par la justice taïwanaise pour avoir travaillé comme agent double au profit de la Chine, selon la presse taïwanaise. Le major Wang Tsung-wu a été condamné jeudi par la Haute cour pour espionnage et violations des lois sur le renseignement et la sécurité, à un moment où les relations entre l'île et la Chine se dégradent. La Haute n'a donné aucune autre information sur cette affaire, arguant d'impératifs de sécurité nationale. D'après la presse taïwanaise, Wang aurait été recruté par la Chine lorsqu'il avait été envoyé sur le continent comme agent infiltré du Bureau taïwanais du renseignement militaire, il y a une vingtaine d'années. Il aurait espionné pour le compte de Pékin pendant plus de 10 ans, selon la même source. Un colonel à la retraite, Lin Han, a également été condamné pour violation de la loi sur le renseignement, écopant d'une sentence de six ans de prison.

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Eastern Europe • Europe de l'Est

55. Former parliament speaker to head Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service

ITAR-TASS World Service, Staf report, 2016 09 22

Moscow - Russian President Vladimir Putin has invited Sergey Naryshkin, the speaker of the outgoing State Duma (lower house of parliament) to lead the foreign intelligence service SVR. The question was discussed at Putin's meeting with Naryshkin and current SVR Director Mikhail Fradkov on Thursday. "At a meeting with Naryshkin and Fradkov Putin asked Naryshkin to lead the SVR," presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. "Putin expressed the hope the voters who voted for Naryshkin at the recent parliamentary elections would understand that he would have

to return his deputy mandate, which also means consent to send him to such a vital section of work," Peskov said. The decree to appoint Naryshkin will be signed soon, he added. Naryshkin will replace Mikhail Fradkov as the Foreign Intelligence Service chief.

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

56. Blazes at Iran petrochemical plants raise suspicions of cyberattack

Associated Press, 2016 09 23

Dubai - A series of fires at Iranian petrochemical plants and facilities have raised suspicions about hacking potentially playing a role, with authorities saying that "viruses had contaminated" equipment at several of the affected complexes. Iran officially insists the six known blazes over the span of three months weren't the result of a cyberattack. However, the government acknowledgment of supposedly protected facilities being infected points to the possibility of a concerted effort to target Iranian infrastructure in the years after the Stuxnet virus disrupted thousands of centrifuges at a uranium enrichment facility. Among the worst of the fires was a massive, days-long inferno in July at the Bou Ali Sina Petrochemical Complex in Iran's southwestern province of Khuzestan. Insurance officials later estimated the damage at some \$67 million.

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57. Iran 'firm' to increase military power after U.S.-Israel aid deal

Tehran Times, 2016 09 23

Tehran - Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces said Wednesday that Iran's defense capabilities are intended to establish security both inside and outside the country. In an annual military parade marking the anniversary of Iraq's war against Iran on September 22 1980, Major General Mohammad Hossein Bagheri said Iran's enemies fear its military power. He also described Iran as a peace-seeking country that had never started a war. Elsewhere in his remarks, the top military official said that the \$38 billion aid deal that Israel and the U.S. clinched makes Iran more determined to ramp up its military. Earlier this month, the United States and Israel signed a massive military aid deal under which the U.S. will provide Israel's military with \$38 billion during the next 10 years. The top commander added that Iran is able to respond very quickly and decisively to any threats imposed on the country by its enemies.

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58. Abou Mohamed Al-Maqdisi , un théoricien du djihad contre l'organisation Etat islamique

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 23

Rousseifh, Jordanie - Le prédicateur palestino-jordanien, figure du salafisme djihadiste et compagnon de route d'Al-Qaida, réprouve les méthodes de l'EI tout en espérant récupérer ses adeptes. Un large sourire se dessine sur le visage d'Abou Mohamed Al-Maqdisi lorsqu'il nous accueille dans son appartement familial qui surplombe Rousseifeh, une ville défavorisée dans la banlieue nord d'Amman, en Jordanie. Imposant de stature, l'homme ne fait pas ses 57 ans. Sa longue barbe éparse et quelques rides sur le front peinent à le vieillir. Le regard est franc, rieur même. Sa famille partie à l'occasion des fêtes de l'Aïd Al-kebir, c'est lui qui sert le café traditionnel à la cardamome, les gâteaux aux dattes faits par son épouse et les chocolats - «suisses» précise-t-il -, avant de se rasseoir. Son mètre quatre-vingt-dix enfoncé dans le canapé fleuri du salon, l'ordinateur toujours posé sur les genoux, il accueille les visiteurs avec un plaisir non feint. L'homme s'excuse de ne pas pouvoir poursuivre la conversation en anglais. «Les rares occasions de pratiquer étaient les visites du Comité international de la Croix-Rouge en prison», raconte-t-il. Son ton enjoué en ferait presque oublier les ambiguïtés du personnage. Des centaines de disciples Depuis qu'il a été libéré début 2015, le prédicateur palestino-jordanien vit quasiment reclus au milieu de ses livres de religion et des souvenirs rapportés par ses disciples du Yémen, d'Irak et de Tchétchénie. Quand il n'est pas en prison, où il a passé quinze des vingt-trois dernières années, il reçoit presque sans discontinuer. Son voisin et acolyte, Abou Qatada Al-Filistini, l'ancien représentant en Europe d'Oussama Ben Laden, vient lui rendre visite presque chaque jour. Les heures passent et sa pensée se déroule, acérée, souvent complexe, parfois équivoque, dans un flot ininterrompu d'anecdotes et de confidences.

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59. Army captures Daesh emir in Ain al-Hilweh

Lebanon Daily Star, Mohammed Zaatari, 2016 09 23

Sidon - The Lebanese Army captured Palestinian Imad Yassin Thursday, a suspected local Daesh (ISIS) emir and one of the most wanted terrorists in the Palestinian refugee camp of Ain al-Hilweh, and in the process thwarted a wave of imminent attacks. Yassin, who is believed to be Daesh's emir in the camp, was caught in an operation led by Special Forces. He was captured in the Tawari neighborhood, the very heart of the Islamists' stronghold. "As a result of precise monitoring and an exceptional operation, a force belonging to the intelligence directorate managed this morning ... to arrest Imad Yassin," an Army statement read. "Before being captured, Yassin, who is wanted on several arrest warrants, was in the process of carrying out several terrorist bombings against Army points, tourism facilities, commercial centers, popular gatherings, and residential areas in many Lebanese areas."

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60. Despite initial woes, new Israeli spy satellite beams back first pictures

Times of Israel, Judah Ari Gross, 2016 09 23

Jerusalem - The Ofek-11 reconnaissance satellite launched earlier this month sent its first images down to Israeli engineers on Thursday, dispelling fears that the craft, which experienced issues after launch, would not be able to function at all, the Defense Ministry said. At 5:10 p.m., engineers turned on the satellite's "payload" and downloaded the first images from the spacecraft,

according to a ministry statement. Shortly after the launch earlier this month, the team operating the satellite discovered it was "not functioning exactly the way we expected," Doron Ofer, CEO of the Israel Aerospace Industries' Space Division, said at the time. Since then "dozens of engineers have been working to stabilize the satellite and its systems," the ministry said. According to the ministry, that work paid off. "The Ofek-11 satellite will provide operational outputs," the ministry said.

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61. New Lebanese passports raise privacy questions

Now Lebanon, Alex Rowell, 2016 09 23

Beirut - A major upgrade introduced last month to the Lebanese passport has been praised by officials as a modernizing step that will bring Lebanon in line with international passport norms and enhance national security. The so-called 'biometric' passports, already in use in over 100 countries worldwide, contain an electronic chip on which biological data such as fingerprint scans are stored, making them more difficult to forge than the comparatively low-tech paper-only predecessor. At the same time, given the general weakness and corruption entrenched in the Lebanese state, the politicization of its security agencies, and the paucity of individual privacy and digital rights legislation, the program has also raised concerns among local activists that such intimately personal data could fall into unwanted hands - be they those of hackers, domestic political factions or foreign governments.

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62. Top EU court advisor: Drop Hamas from bloc's terror blacklist

Jerusalem Post, Herb Keinon, 2016 09 23

Jerusalem - The European Union appears on its way to declaring that Hamas is not a terrorist organization. An advocate-general at the European Court of Justice, whose advice is usually followed by judges, recommended on Thursday that they reject an appeal by the Council of Europe against the lower EU court's decisions in late 2014 to remove both Hamas and the Tamil Tigers of Sri Lanka from the sanctions list due to flawed procedures. Advocate-General Eleanor Sharpston said that the EU governments should independently present evidence on attacks perpetrated by the groups, and that information from outside countries such as the US was not sufficient. "The council cannot rely on facts and evidence found in press articles and information from the Internet," The Wall Street Journal quoted Sharpston as saying. Sharpston's comments reflected a December 2014 order by the European bloc's second-highest tribunal to strike Hamas and the Tamil Tigers from the EU's list of designated terrorist organizations.

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63. Why Netanyahu is smiling

Globe and Mail, Michael Bell, 2016 09 23

Comment: Despite the chaos pervasive in the Middle East, the position of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his rightwing partners has never been stronger. Iran aside, he has much reason to be satisfied. The integration of the West Bank into Israel, the key ambition of the Prime Minister's coalition, is unimpeded. Within Israel there are few real challenges to his rule. Centrists and leftists, who almost carried the day under the leadership of Ehud Barak and Ehud Olmert, have become distinct minorities. The Labour Party is a shadow of its former self; the peace camp seems on its last legs. The Palestinian Authority under Mahmoud Abbas is powerless. Some 1,000 new Israeli settlements are slated for the West Bank and the security barrier is to be expanded. There is nothing the PA, Fatah, or Hamas can do, although Palestinian radicals have the ability to disrupt the lives of Israeli citizens, as they continue to do in the so-called "intifada of the knives." Scheduled Palestinian municipal elections have been "postponed," allegedly because of Hamas/Fatah rivalry. Soundings when the campaign was in full swing suggested that voters were likely to support village and tribal candidates, focusing on local issues, rather than Palestinian nationalism whose leadership is regarded as ineffective and corrupt. Despite persistent criticism by U.S. administrations, particularly that of President Barack Obama, the Israeli-U.S. relationship has not been weakened. The situation would be more favourable for Mr. Netanyahu with Hillary Clinton. Earlier this month, an agreement was signed between the Obama administration and Israel committing the United States to delivering \$38-billion (U.S.) in military aid. This is reinforced by far-reaching intelligence and security co-operation. (Note: Michael Bell teaches at Carleton University. He has been four times a Canadian ambassador in the Middle East.)

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64. Canada Le djihad tente d'imposer sa loi aux tribunaux

Marianne (site web), Martine Gozlan, 2016 09 23

Montréal - La journaliste et essayiste Djemila Benhabib, Prix international de la laïcité, est traînée en justice par les islamistes. Un procès symbole qui s'ouvre à Montréal le 26 septembre. Les prétoires aussi sont des champs de bataille. Précédant, provoquant et prolongeant le terrorisme, une nuée d'avocailleons s'affaire depuis vingt ans, d'Orient en Occident, à traquer le moindre zeste et geste de liberté. Faut-il rappeler que, longtemps avant d'être massacrée, l'équipe de Charlie Hebdo avait été poursuivie par la Mosquée de Paris et l'Union des organisations islamiques de France ? Djemila Benhabib, qui publia naguère un salutaire *Ma vie à contre-Coran* et appelle au sursaut laïque dans *Après Charlie* (H&O éditions), n'a rien oublié. Ni nos amis assassinés, ni son pays natal, l'Algérie, laboratoire du totalitarisme islamique dans les années 90. Elle avait mis un océan entre elle et la terreur, mais la terreur nous rattrape toujours. Le 26 septembre, l'indomptable essayiste passe donc en procès au Canada, poursuivie par l'association Les Ecoles musulmanes de Montréal. Une affaire qui remonte à 2012. Djemila Benhabib avait osé, dans une interview, se dire scandalisée par des méthodes pédagogiques qu'elle a elle-même

subies, enfant, en Algérie. «J'ai dénoncé le fait qu'on fait réciter à des petits enfants des versets coraniques appelant à l'extermination des mécréants. A leur âge, on m'ordonnait de répéter des phrases entières réclamant la destruction des juifs et la lapidation des femmes adultères. Je me suis également insurgée contre le port du voile imposé à des fillettes de moins de 9 ans. L'école qui me poursuit est l'établissement islamique le plus important du Québec...» Créées en 1985 à l'instigation d'un Pakistanais qui voulait importer le «modèle» du «Pays des purs», Les Ecoles musulmanes accueillent toutes les sessions du Conseil de la charia. Cet organisme, comme son nom l'indique, vise à influencer toutes les institutions afin que le droit musulman soit pris en compte dans le droit québécois. Djemila Benhabib se bat sans relâche contre l'offensive obscurantiste, laquelle s'enfonçe pourtant, comme un coin d'acier, dans la mollesse du multiculturalisme nord-américain.

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65. Dalila Kerchouche : « Trouver la femme derrière l'armure de l'espionne »

Le Figaro, Marie-Amélie Lombard-Latune, 2016 09 23

Paris - La journaliste a rencontré les agents féminins des services secrets français. Et découvert qu'elles y jouent un rôle croissant, sur le terrain comme derrière leur ordinateur. Grand reporter à Madame Figaro, Dalila Kerchouche publie Espionnes. Doubles vies sous haute tension (Flammarion, septembre 2016). Elle a eu l'idée originale d'enquêter sur ces femmes qui cultivent le secret pour mieux percer ceux des terroristes et des délinquants de haut vol. LE FIGARO. - Vous avez interviewé une cinquantaine de femmes dans des services de renseignements aussi divers que la DGSI (Sécurité intérieure), la DGSE (Sécurité extérieure), les Douanes, etc. Quel est leur principal moteur? Dalila KERCHOUCHE. - Le patriotisme. Leur métier exige de tels sacrifices, c'est un sacerdoce ! Parmi elles, se trouvent beaucoup de filles ou petites-filles de militaires, policiers ou résistants. Cette défense des valeurs républicaines, elles l'ont chevillée au corps, doublée de l'idée d'offrir un monde meilleur à leurs enfants, au point de paraître naïves parfois. La palette des métiers qu'exercent ces femmes est très large. Certaines sont des agents sur le terrain, d'autres « espionnent » depuis leur bureau, d'autres encore mènent des interrogatoires. Lesquelles vous ont le plus marquée ? Beaucoup ! Parmi elles, Camillia, une fille des cités, Franco-Marocaine de 37 ans, une des rares arabisantes de son service au SCRT (Service central du renseignement territorial, les ex-RG). Elle infiltre les réseaux djihadistes, surveille les mosquées salafistes, évalue la dangerosité des radicaux. Des profils comme celui de Camillia, capable de se fondre dans le paysage, ne sont pas si fréquents ?

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66. Europe Legal Official Says Two Groups Should Be Pulled From Terror List

Wall Street Journal, Gabriele Steinhauser, 2016 09 23

Brussels - An adviser to the European Union's top court said Hamas and the Tamil Tigers should be taken off the EU's terror list because the bloc's governments followed the wrong procedures when including the two groups. The opinion of the European Court of Justice's advocate general isn't binding on the court's judges. However, if confirmed, it would mark a key point in a drawn-out court battle between the Palestinian and Sri Lankan groups and EU governments. Depending

on the detailed argument of the judges, EU governments might then still have an opportunity to place both Hamas and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, as the group is formally known, back on the list. In 2014, the EU's second-highest court ordered both Hamas and the Tamil Tigers to be struck off the bloc's terror list in two separate decisions.

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67. L'ancien membre du GIA, Merouane Benhamed arrêté en Suisse

Le Matin (Algérie), Journaliste maison, 2016 09 22

Vallorbe, Suisse - L'ancien membre du Groupe islamique armé (GIA) recherché depuis quinze jours par la police française a été arrêté en Suisse où il faisait une demande d'asile politique, a-t-on appris jeudi de source proche de l'enquête en France et de la police suisse. Ce ressortissant algérien de 42 ans s'était enfui du domicile où il était assigné à résidence, à Evron en Mayenne (ouest de la France). Il a été arrêté par un groupe d'intervention de la police vaudoise alors qu'il s'était présenté mercredi dans un centre d'enregistrement et de procédure à Vallorbe, dans le canton de Vaud, pour y déposer une demande d'asile, précise la police vaudoise dans un communiqué. Merouane Benahmed a été placé en détention en vue de son extradition, a-t-elle précisé. "Entendu par le ministère public central vaudois, il s'est opposé à la procédure simplifiée d'extradition. C'est donc la procédure ordinaire qui s'appliquera", a-t-elle ajouté.

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68. Les mineurs au coeur de la stratégie de Daech

Le Figaro, Christophe Cornevin, 2016 09 23

Paris - Quatre adolescents en lien avec l'État islamique viennent d'être arrêtés. Selon nos informations, près de 2 000 mineurs sont signalés radicalisés en France. Brillant élève et joueur de tennis émérite, ce lycéen venait de souffler ses 15 bougies le 9 septembre. Interpellé cinq jours après dans le XXe arrondissement de Paris par la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) appuyée par des hommes du Raid, ce cadet du djihadisme a été mis en examen pour association de malfaiteurs terroriste en vue de commettre des crimes. Apparu dans le viseur des services de renseignements à la fleur de l'âge, cet Égyptien d'origine est soupçonné d'avoir ciblé des attaques au nom de Daech, avant d'y renoncer. C'est le quatrième adolescent à tomber en une semaine dans les filets de l'antiterrorisme. Tous étaient sous l'emprise de Rachid Kassim, propagandiste virulent de Daech soupçonné de téléguider via la messagerie cryptée Telegram des attentats en France depuis la zone irako-syrienne. Le premier, un mineur de 15 ans mis en examen et écroué, projetait une attaque djihadiste en France. Arrêté à Rueil-Malmaison (Hauts-de-Seine), il avait lui aussi été repéré sur Telegram en lien avec Rachid Kassim. À la stupeur de son entourage, un apprenti djihadiste lui aussi âgé de 15 ans était à son tour appréhendé dans le XIIIe arrondissement.

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69. Sécurité Retour sur le terrorisme en France "La propagande de Daech est très efficace"

Marianne (site web), Frédéric Ploquin et Alexis Lacroix, 2016 09 23

Paris - Les revers militaires de l'EI n'entament pas, hélas !, sa capacité à recruter et à frapper sur notre sol, grâce à des modes de communication très performants. Analyse d'une menace d'extrême intensité. Marianne : Que nous apprennent les caractéristiques des tueurs de Nice et de Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray ? Ressemblent-ils aux tueurs du Bataclan et de Charlie Hebdo ? Alain Bauer : En fait, il n'y a plus de profil type. Jusqu'en 1995 et Khaled Kelkal, l'essentiel de ce qui était qualifié comme terroriste (et qui relève plus de l'expérimentation évolutive que de la science exacte) provenait d'un milieu politiquement militant utilisant la violence comme mode de revendication après avoir échoué par d'autres méthodes plus pacifiques. C'était la politique par d'autres moyens. Kelkal est d'abord un délinquant qui passe au terrorisme. Il ouvre une série dont il est un prototype et dont le suivant serait Mohamed Merah, dix-sept ans plus tard. Pendant cette période, ce qu'on croit devoir appeler Al-Qaida génère un hyperterrorisme à partir des unités de combat formées par l'Occident contre les Soviétiques en Afghanistan et qui se révoltent contre leurs créateurs après le départ des troupes russes. Depuis, le terrorisme a muté et offre une diversité de profils allant du militant en mission au malade mental utilisant les arguments à la mode pour justifier leurs actes. Si le terrorisme d'Etat est presque silencieux, on assiste à la poussée d'une multiplicité d'acteurs qui brisent tous les profils traditionnels.

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70. Sur les réseaux sociaux, Daech se fait plus discret

Le Figaro, Fanny Lauzier, 2016 09 23

Paris - La maîtrise des réseaux sociaux et des codes du divertissement permet à Daech de recruter des djihadistes de plus en plus jeunes. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram ou encore Snapchat... Depuis deux ans, l'État islamique avait pignon sur rue sur les réseaux sociaux préférés des adolescents. Des forums d'initiés, la propagande de l'organisation terroriste s'était largement déplacée, en 2014, sur les canaux de transmission habituels de la webculture. Pour recruter le plus largement possible, les partisans de Daech ont utilisé tous les codes d'Internet, étant eux-mêmes, pour beaucoup, des « digital natives ». « Ils ont autour de 25 ans et sont eux-mêmes usagers de ces réseaux », explique David Thomson, journaliste spécialiste du djihadisme. Daech s'était largement approprié les symboles de la culture Web : ici, une photo de combattant armé d'une kalachnikov câlinant un chaton, là, des selfies de soldats s'immortalisent à bord de tanks ou autour de la piscine d'un hôtel abandonné en Syrie... Mais l'âge d'or de la communication de l'EI touche peut-être à sa fin. « Depuis quelques mois, on note que Daech est de moins en moins présent sur Twitter. La phase d'euphorie est clairement passée », constate David Thomson. Depuis la promulgation de la loi Urvoas, le 3 juin dernier, les sympathisants de Daech qui vivent en France sont plus vigilants. En effet, toute consultation « habituelle » de sites Internet ou réseaux sociaux faisant l'apologie d'actes terroristes est désormais punie par la loi.

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71. Terror Threat Remains High 6 Months After Brussels Attacks

Voice of America, Marthe van der Wolf, 2016 09 22

Brussels - Six months after the attack on the Brussels airport and a metro station, survivor Pauline Graystone says she and her family are okay. "The first few days were a mix of disbelief, adrenaline, feeling hyperactive and numb. And certainly not able to concentrate on anything much. And later on, a general feeling to be determined not to let it stop us getting on with life. Still now I occasionally have a strong feeling of how lucky we were, and how others were not." Images of Graystone lying on the ground with her husband while protecting her daughter were shared around the world. She and her family were standing by a check-in desk when terrorists detonated two bombs at the Zaventem airport. A third bomb exploded later at a metro station close to European Union buildings. A Belgian parliamentary committee investigating the March attacks is expected to conclude its study by the end of 2016. A mid-term report released in August focused on emergency services and made several recommendations about improving communication lines and including terror responses to all emergency plans. Committee chairman Patrick Dewael says no lives could have been spared even if communication had been faster.

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72. Un islamiste du GIA algérien, arrêté à Vallorbe en Suisse

France 3 - Régions (site web) avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 23

Vallorbe, Suisse - "Hier (jeudi, ndlr), le ressortissant algérien Merouane Benahmed a été arrêté à Vallorbe", dans le canton de Vaud, a précisé à l'AFP un porte-parole de l'OFJ, Folco Galli. AFP L'ex-membre du Groupe islamique armé (GIA) algérien, Merouane Benahmed, recherché depuis deux semaines par la police française, a été arrêté jeudi en Suisse, a annoncé l'Office fédéral suisse de la Justice (OFJ). Cet homme de 43 ans, assigné à résidence à Evron dans l'ouest de la France, ne s'était pas présenté le 8 septembre à la gendarmerie pour l'un de ses quatre pointages quotidiens. "Aujourd'hui (jeudi, ndlr), le ressortissant algérien Merouane Benahmed a été arrêté à Vallorbe", dans le canton de Vaud, a précisé à l'AFP un porte-parole de l'OFJ, Folco Galli. "Il s'était présenté le 21 septembre au Centre d'enregistrement et de procédure de Vallorbe en Suisse pour y déposer une demande d'asile", a expliqué ensuite la police cantonale vaudoise dans un autre communiqué. Ce sont les gendarmes du groupe d'intervention de la police cantonale vaudoise qui ont procédé à son interpellation jeudi vers 15h00 (13H00GMT), précise la police. "Entendu par le ministère public central vaudois (procureur, ndlr), M. Benahmed a été placé en détention", a indiqué la police vaudoise. Il s'est opposé à la procédure simplifiée d'extradition vers la France, toujours selon la police vaudoise, donc c'est la procédure dite ordinaire qui s'appliquera. Concrètement, cela signifie que la Suisse va devoir désormais demander aux autorités françaises d'envoyer à Berne une demande formelle d'extradition, a détaillé Folco Galli.

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CSIS in the News • Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. National electronic intelligence agency executive calls for 'rational debate' on encryption

Toronto Star, Alex Boutilier, 2016 09 26

Ottawa - Canadians are being encouraged to ask more questions about the security of their electronic devices from an unlikely source: an executive at the country's electronic intelligence agency. Scott Jones, the deputy director of IT security at the Communications Security

Establishment, said Canadians need to start taking a greater interest in how their electronic devices protect personal information. "We should be asking when we go and buy the stuff we have at home, OK, tell me how it's being protected," Jones said in an interview. "If it's my cellphone, does it have encryption if I lose it? Can somebody just read the data off of it or not? We need to start asking questions like that ... We need to start helping each other, and helping citizens, helping businesses, helping the government when we're buying these products they need to be secure by default." It may surprise some to hear an employee at CSE counselling Canadians to protect their private information. The agency, which has largely operated in secret since its creation at the end of the Second World War, was thrust into the spotlight after U.S. whistleblower Edward Snowden's disclosures. CSE is part of the Five Eyes alliance, which includes security agencies in the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand. Snowden's disclosures drew back the curtain on mass surveillance programs used by those countries, including programs that scooped up their own citizens' communications. Jones' comments also come as law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and Canada are forcefully arguing for limiting citizens' ability to secure their information through encryption programs -- calling for so-called "backdoors" that would let authorities decode the data. While police and intelligence agencies argue about whether citizens should have access to strong encryption, the federal government, on the other hand, is trying to improve its own electronic defences. Known as "Part B" of CSE's mandate, cyber-defence operations require the agency to work with a host of other federal departments to try and protect government information -- including Canadians' personal information. For serious cyberattacks, the response could include the RCMP, CSIS, Public Safety, Shared Services Canada, even Global Affairs and the Privy Council Office.

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2. The CSIS spy who co-founded Heritage Front neo-Nazi group . . . and shares the story behind the stories

Toronto Star, Dale Brazao, 2016 09 26

Column: Find the fence. Follow the fence. Find the spy. That's not terribly sexy work in the world of investigative journalism, but it is, in this stranger-than-fiction episode, the truth of how, in 1995, I tracked down Grant Bristow, a government agent who had infiltrated the Canadian neo-Nazi group, the Heritage Front. Bristow was now in hiding after allegations surfaced that the CSIS mole had instigated and funded many of the criminal acts he was supposed to be monitoring. He co-founded the hate-mongering Heritage Front and allegedly drew up lists of targets for the group, encouraging its members to spy on and harass prominent Jewish leaders, all while on the government payroll. After he was outed, the government took its spy in from the cold and hid him, allegedly for his protection. Finding Bristow had become an obsession among the ultracompetitive Toronto media. Now, courtesy of a source, I had a photograph of the disgraced spy, sitting in the backyard of his new house somewhere in Canada. Beside him, by a pinkish-white stucco post, a pair of crutches to one side. If I could find that fence, I could find Bristow. I had worked on the Bristow case for months, chasing multiple, fruitless sightings. I had compiled quite a bit of information on Bristow's time inside the Heritage Front, even his visit to Libya as a guest of Moammar Gadhafi, but I had drawn a complete blank as to his current whereabouts. Then came the lucky break. A man walked into the Star newsroom carrying photographs of Bristow, his wife and son, which he claimed had been taken at their new hideout,

somewhere out west, possibly Calgary or Edmonton. CSIS had given Bristow a new identity, a new home and two brand-new cars, he said.

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3. Canada confirms citizen kidnapped in Libya, seeks more information

Reuters, Staff reporter, 2016 09 26

Toronto - Canada confirmed on Sunday it has become aware of a citizen taken hostage in Libya and is "diligently pursuing all appropriate channels to obtain more information." Libyan authorities said last week a Canadian and two Italians had been kidnapped in the country's southwestern desert, possibly by a criminal gang. The Canadian government then called the matter "unconfirmed." On Sunday, Global Affairs Canada, the country's foreign department, called the kidnapping "troubling," but declined to provide more details. "The Government of Canada will not comment or release any information which may compromise ongoing efforts to secure their release or endanger the safety of Canadian citizens," a spokeswoman said in an email. The three victims, who were working on airport projects, were abducted between the towns of Ghat and Tahala, near the border with Algeria, early last Monday, according to Ghat's mayor Gomani Mohamad Saleh. It is not immediately clear who was responsible or what the hostages' current circumstances are. Numerous criminal and armed groups are active in Libya's vast southern desert, and al Qaeda-linked Islamist militants have long had a presence across the border between Libya and Algeria. (Full report)

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4. Canada says new border accord with China will speed deportations

Reuters, Staff reporter, 2016 09 26

An agreement signed between Canada's border agency and China will result in the faster deportation of Chinese citizens deemed inadmissible by Canadian authorities, a Liberal government spokesman said on Sunday. The deal will allow Chinese officials to travel to Canada to interview Chinese citizens considered inadmissible, with the aim of verifying their identities and documents, said Scott Bardsley, press secretary to Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale. Bardsley said the verification process could otherwise take a long time and had often delayed deportations. According to Canada's immigration department, those deemed inadmissible include people with criminal records, serious health or financial issues or who have lied on their visa applications. The agreement, a one-year pilot program, was part of law enforcement accords signed during Premier Li Keqiang's Canadian visit last week. The border agency agreement, which will not be in place immediately, is similar to one China has with the European Union, and officials from both countries will revisit the matter in November, said Bardsley.

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5. Canadian among Libyan hostages

Canadian Press, Staff reporter, 2016 09 26

Ottawa has confirmed that a Canadian is among three people taken hostage in Libya earlier this week. In a statement Sunday, Global Affairs spokesman Michael O'Shaughnessy says the Canadian government is "diligently pursuing all appropriate channels to obtain more information about this troubling incident." He says the government will not comment further or release any information that may compromise efforts to secure the hostages' release or endanger the safety of Canadian citizens. The other two people taken hostage are Italians. According to The Guardian, the president of the Italian Senate's defense commission, Nicola Latorre, urged "much prudence in this phase, both because we still don't have the elements to pinpoint the precise matrix of the kidnappers and also to not negatively influence the course of events." Earlier in the week, a Libyan official said authorities were investigating the abduction of three foreigners working for a maintenance company near the border with Algeria. Hassan Osman Eissa from the Ghat municipal council told The Associated Press on Thursday that the abductors are not al-Qaida members, as some reports stated, but rather "a local group of outlaws." The three foreigners were held at gunpoint Monday along the highway linking the southwestern cities of Ghat and Ubari.

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6. Colombian-Canadian helps pave long path to peace deal

Globe and Mail, Stephanie Nolen, 2016 09 26

When Frank Pearl watches Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos and Rodrigo (Timochenko) Londono, the leader of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), sign a peace agreement Monday in Cartagena, it will be the culmination of more than seven years of work to cultivate hope over the suspicion and anger sown from half a century of war. It was Mr. Pearl, a Colombian-Canadian, who was tasked with sending the first secret messages from the government to the infamous guerrilla organization in an effort to try to start a peace process. It has consumed his life, through clandestine meetings in tiny country towns and four years of marathon negotiating sessions in Havana. With the signing, the FARC ceases to exist as an armed movement and becomes a political party. Its estimated 17,000 fighters are to collect at a handful of points in the country, turn over their weapons, and begin a process of integration and job training. The FARC will send members to guaranteed seats in Congress, while a series of special courts will decide on reparations from those found guilty of crimes against humanity, after they fully disclose to a truth commission. The FARC has pledged to end its involvement in narco-trafficking, a business it currently controls in Colombia. The government agrees in the Havana Accord to carry out an aggressive campaign of rural development and reform land distribution, to address some of the inequities that the FARC says drove it to take up arms 52 years ago.

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7. Dion's stance confusing: critics

Globe and Mail, Daniel Leblanc, 2016 09 26

Ottawa - Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion sowed confusion and showcased cracks in Liberal ranks when he angrily denied recently that negotiations are under way on an extradition treaty with China, critics say. One federal official said that Mr. Dion was simply flustered about semantics when he denied the launch of talks: "Preliminary discussions are a precursor to negotiations and those discussions have only just begun." Still, another senior Liberal added, "I'm not clear what [Mr. Dion] was trying to say." In a telephone interview with The Globe and Mail on Friday, Mr. Dion insisted there are no negotiations in the works that could see Canada return Chinese fugitives accused of economic crimes. "Your paper should check the facts. There is no negotiation. To write like pretending it is, it is wrong. Stop that please," Mr. Dion said. When asked what kinds of specific guarantees the Canadian government would demand with a formal Chinese extradition treaty, Mr. Dion again became testy. "We never extradite people to countries who have the death penalty. Your question is unfair because never the government of Canada would do such a thing. And why you are implying that is beyond me. That's my answer to your question." However, Canada has returned more than 1,400 Chinese nationals since 2009, most of whom were involved in illegal immigration. In addition, Canada has an extradition treaty with the United States, although Ottawa insists on receiving assurances that people will not face the death penalty if they are sent back to face the American justice system.

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8. DND, military get free pass for use of Ashley Madison

Ottawa Citizen, David Pugliese, 2016 09 26

Ottawa - Military personnel and Defence Department employees who may have used government computers to access the Ashley Madison infidelity dating service cannot be punished since rules allow using such equipment to "communicate" with friends - even if it involves an illicit romance, according to documents obtained by the Ottawa Citizen. Last year hackers posted personal data of users of the Ashley Madison website which offers a service for those looking to have extramarital affairs. More than 180 email addresses of Department of National Defence and Canadian Forces personnel were included, sending federal officials scrambling to figure out how to respond, show the documents obtained through the Access to Information law. But DND security and information technology staff were in a dilemma over whether they could punish those using government computers to conduct extramarital affairs. The department's rules say unauthorized use of equipment included anything bringing discredit to the DND and the military. But the same policy also had a section allowing the use of federal computers for "communicating with family, friends and other persons, for other than official use." In addition, since the Ashley Madison site did not send verification emails, the accounts might not belong to actual users of the service.

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9. Economic fugitives pressed to return to China face uncertain futures

Globe and Mail, Sunny Dhillon, 2016 09 26

Vancouver - Alex Ning remembers the feeling of despair when a man he had helped represent returned to China to face embezzlement charges. Mr. Ning, a Vancouver-area immigration

consultant, said Gao Shan "couldn't stand the pressure" after his father, brother and brother-in-law were detained by Chinese authorities for aiding and abetting. It was Mr. Ning's first case in which China sought the return of an economic fugitive. Today, Mr. Ning says he is helping about 30 others who are in the same situation as Mr. Gao. Mr. Ning said about half have been visited by Chinese authorities on Canadian soil. The other half, he said, have been pressed to return to China over the phone or online. The Globe and Mail reported last week that China's security services have been sending undercover agents into Canada on tourist visas to strong-arm expatriates to return home, including some suspected of corruption and other criminal activities. And with the Canadian government recently agreeing to negotiate an extradition treaty with China, representatives for some who have returned to the country in recent years to face criminal charges are criticizing the move - and noting there can be unpleasant surprises for those who go back.

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10. Ottawa confirme une prise d'otage en Libye

Agence QMI, Michel Bellemare, 2016 09 26

Ottawa - Un Canadien a bel et bien été enlevé près de l'Algérie Affaires mondiales Canada a confirmé hier qu'un Canadien a été enlevé en Libye en même temps que deux Italiens lundi dernier. L'information a été confirmée par Affaires mondiales Canada à l'Agence QMI dans un échange de courriels. «Nous sommes au courant qu'un citoyen canadien a été pris en otage en Libye, a indiqué la porte-parole Diana Khaddaj. Nous tentons rapidement par tous les canaux appropriés d'obtenir plus d'information concernant cet incident troublant. Le gouvernement du Canada ne commentera pas ou ne publiera pas d'information qui pourrait compromettre les efforts en cours [...].» Ni l'identité ni la province d'origine de la personne enlevée n'ont été précisées. Lundi dernier, des médias internationaux et canadiens avaient parlé de l'enlèvement près de la frontière avec l'Algérie de deux Italiens et d'un citoyen canadien qui travaillaient pour la même compagnie, soit l'italienne Contratti Internazionali Costruzioni (CON.I.COS.).

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11. Too much talking, cellphone use, during federal 'lockdown' exercise, report says

CBC News, Dean Beeby, 2016 09 26

Ottawa - A "lockdown" exercise designed to test whether federal workers know what to do if a gunman ever stormed their Ottawa office building was marred by too much talking, too many ringing cellphones and too many hiding spots that were too visible. "Employees at all levels were heard talking while they were hiding," says an internal report on the March 30, 2016, exercise. "Remind employees to stay quiet to prevent the aggressor from knowing where they are hiding." Real-life lockdown of Oct. 22, 2014 The fake "lockdown" was conducted this spring just a few blocks from Parliament Hill, where a real gunman had stormed the Centre Block and started shooting on Oct. 22, 2014. The gunman died in a shootout, after killing a soldier at the National War Memorial and injuring a House of Commons guard. The 2014 incident triggered lockdowns of dozens of downtown office buildings for most of the day, and exposed some security problems. The recent exercise, carried out on 11 floors of the C.D. Howe Building, was led by

Industry Canada, but also involved staff from the House of Commons, the auditor general, the Canadian Space Agency, Shared Services Canada, and a tribunals support agency. Eleven other departments sent observers. It was billed as the first- ever "lockdown" exercise involving ordinary office workers. Other such tests had previously involved only employees of security agencies, such as the RCMP. An April 2016 final report on the "Pilot Lockdown Exercise" was obtained by CBC News under the Access to Information Act.

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12. Wanted: A strong hand to guide the UN

Globe and Mail, Derek Burney and Fen Osler Hampson, 2016 09 26

Op-ed: Canada has been focused, of late, on its prospects for a seat on the United Nations Security Council in 2021. But a more immediate and more important UN issue is the selection of a successor to Secretary- General Ban Ki-moon, a choice that could have a great impact on the world body's relevance and performance. Competence, dynamism and decisiveness are not high among the criteria for selection, unfortunately. The candidate, who is chosen by the 15-member Security Council in a series of complicated secret ballots, will be voted on by the full 193-member General Assembly (likely in October) and take up the position in January. In view of the ingrained rigidity among the three most significant council players - the United States, China and Russia - the lowest common denominator usually prevails in the selection, leaving the institution with little real scope for boldness or reform. The track record of the UN and its various agencies has been spotty - the burgeoning refugee crisis and flawed peacekeeping efforts being the most disturbing examples of late. World leaders adopted a lofty declaration on the refugee issue last week, at the start of this year's assembly session, but it is non-binding with no specific numbers for resettlement nor for additional funding. Mr. Ban's plaintive call for a 10- per-cent annual reduction of the more than 65 million displaced people around the world fell on deaf ears. Fewer than 1 per cent of the total refugee population may be resettled this year, while the UN refugee commission struggles to manage the flood with less than 50 per cent of the necessary funding at its disposal. Note: Derek Burney was Canada's ambassador to the United States, 1989-1993. Fen Osler Hampson is Chancellor's Professor at Carleton University in Ottawa.

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13. A Style Guide for the Federal Employee

The Atlantic, Luke Hartig, 2016 09 25

Column - In 2017, shortly after the next president is inaugurated, thousands of newly appointed federal officials will struggle with the same existential question: What do I wear to my first day of work? I understand their anxiety, having languished over wardrobe during eight years of federal service and pondered the fashion choices of my male colleagues during the interminable meetings that are the hallmark of government work. It's hard to point to a solid "real world" professional competency that I learned during those years of meetings and memo writing, but one skill I developed is an uncanny ability to tell you where any man in the national security

community works based on his apparel. But first, to understand the fashion choices these professionals make, you must understand the culture--and keep in mind that not every employee falls into these stereotyped camps. (I'm also leaving a thorough assessment of female fashion to other writers more qualified.) The best-dressed men in national security are from the Treasury and Justice Departments. As more young people are drawn to public service, these two institutions compete with New York for top law- and business- school grads. Those grads, for their part, embrace public service, but make clear to their colleagues that they could be on Wall Street or at a white- shoe law firm (Note: Nobody actually wears white shoes) if they really wanted. For the young lawyer, that means nicely tailored, conservative, dark suits. The Treasury Department is more freewheeling, with flashy suits, distinctive (but never flamboyant) socks, and monk-strap shoes (literally the only place in the government where people wear monk-strap shoes). To understand the FBI's style, you need to understand that agents think of themselves as something of a cross between a detective and a spy. Suits are sharper than those worn by The Wire's McNulty but still oversized so that a pistol can be easily concealed. Haircuts are short but stylish. FBI agents also love men's hardware, such as cufflinks, tie clips, lapel pins--little flashes of bling that make the detective into an agent. The split personality of the intelligence community is on full display in its fashion. The analysts--the office guys who make sense of the fire hose of information flowing into the government--come in two forms. There are those who spend hours in windowless buildings, living on gummy bears, and Monster energy drinks, while they listen to wire taps or stare at drone footage. They dress accordingly: old khakis, short-sleeve dress shirts, scuffed loafers. And then there are the young men in a hurry, the executive briefer analysts. They walk quickly through the halls of CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia, with their carefully pressed, slightly oversized--but never offensive--Jos. A. Bank suits and shirts, ready to jump into a black car at any moment and run downtown to brief a deputy assistant undersecretary of strategic initiatives. After all, a serendipitous moment of face time for a smart (and well-dressed) young man could launch an illustrious career. Today's spy, on the other hand, is no longer the Roger Moore-type 007. He has been forged in the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan or a dusty capital in North Africa, chasing terrorists and dodging kidnappings. The modern spy sports a substantial beard, tactical pants, and wrap-around ballistic shades conducive to a last-minute embed with some mujahideen or an SUV ride through the Sahara. Or just to make clear that they are not analysts.

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14. Behind the scenes, Pentagon's top brass explores Islamic ideology's ties to terror Washington Times, Rowan Scarborough, 2016 09 26

Washington - U.S. Special Operations Command has privately pressed the staff of the nation's highest-ranking military officer to include in his upcoming National Military Strategy a discussion of the Sunni Muslim ideology underpinning the brutality of the Islamic State group and al Qaeda. Thus, behind the scenes, the Pentagon's top brass have entered a debate coursing through the presidential campaign: how to define an enemy the U.S. military has been fighting for 15 years. The National Military Strategy, authored by the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, is one of the most important guidances issued to global combatant commanders. It prioritizes threats to the nation and how to blunt them. The 2015 public version does not mention Islamic ideology. It lists terrorists under the ambiguous category of "violent extremist organizations" and

singles out al Qaeda and the Islamic State group. Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford took the chairmanship of the Joint Chiefs of Staff two months later and is now preparing his first National Military Strategy.

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15. Federal Officials Draw Al-Qaeda Links To Alleged New York Bomber

BuzzFeed News, Ali Watkins, 2016 09 26

Washington - The Department of Homeland Security has determined alleged New York City bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami was likely influenced by al-Qaeda, according to an internal law enforcement document obtained by BuzzFeed News. A seven-page packet put together by Department of Homeland Security's Office of Bombing Prevention contains a spreadsheet comparing the four attempted bombing incidents in New Jersey and New York to several issues of Inspire magazine, al-Qaeda's in-house publication that contains instructions on bomb-making. According to the document, each one of the explosive devices -- allegedly planted by Rahami in Seaside Park, New Jersey, New York City, and a train station in Elizabeth, New Jersey -- was completely different from the others. Two of the attempted bombings involved pipe bombs and two were pressure cookers. Some used modified Christmas tree lights and cell phones, while one of the pressure cooker bombs used a binary explosive -- or two different chemicals that, alone, are not dangerous, but will ignite when combined. While each of the bombs were different, though, all included elements detailed in Inspire.

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16. If You Knew Putin Like We Know Putin...

The Daily Beast, Michael Weiss, 2016 09 26

New York - Russia has come to occupy an outsize role in U.S. foreign policy and the forthcoming U.S. presidential election, and who knows more about the Bear than the Baltic States--Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania? They were devoured by the Soviet Union on the eve of World War II, liberated with the collapse of Communism, and have been threatened constantly, in ways big and small, as Russian President Vladimir Putin sets about trying to build anew a Russian Empire. So we sat down earlier this week to talk about all this with Estonian President Toomas Hendrik Ilves and Lithuanian Foreign Minister Linas Linkevicius, who kindly took a break from the United Nations General Assembly to drop by The Daily Beast offices in Manhattan. On allegations that Russian intelligence was behind the hacking of the Democratic National Committee and fears that it may try to interfere with the U.S. election as well: Ilves: We [Estonia] were attacked in 2007. It was a very sophisticated cyber attack, but it did happen and it had a profound economic impact for a very short time. There is no element of schadenfreude now that the U.S. is going through the same, but there is a thinking that runs, "OK, now maybe you get it?" You don't have to have a massive thing happen. ... You screw one election, one state, maybe one district, clearly hacked and you undermine faith in the entire election. That's all you need to do. Frankly, I am surprised by the lack of a call for a political response in Washington. Until you do call it out, there's nothing there. You have to publicly draw a line in the sand.

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17. The real danger in Trump's public response to his secret security briefings

Reuters, David Wise, 2016 09 26

Comment - Presidential nominees are not supposed to talk about the intelligence briefings they receive as part of their race for the White House. The secret information is supposed to help them fully prepare for the presidency -- not to be discussed publicly on the campaign trail. During the NBC Commander-in-Chief Forum earlier this month, Matt Lauer of the Today show asked Republican nominee Donald Trump whether anything in the briefings caused him "shock or alarm." "Yes, there was one thing that shocked me," Trump replied, "and it just seems to me that what they said -- President Obama, Hillary Clinton and [Secretary of State] John Kerry, who is another total disaster -- did exactly the opposite." Trump elaborated on the briefing sessions: "I have (sic) pretty good with the body language. And I could tell they [the briefers] were not happy. Our leaders did not follow what they were recommending." There were several immediate problems with Trump's answer. First, on the most basic level, he did not explain what he meant by "body language." Did the intelligence professionals squirm? Wiggle? Did they grimace or smirk? Raise an eyebrow? Most important, however, the briefers are intelligence analysts whose job does not include recommending anything. Note: David Wise writes frequently about intelligence. His most recent book is Tiger Trap: America's Secret Spy War with China. His other books include Spy: The Inside Story of How the FBI's Robert Hanssen Betrayed America.

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18. Wash. attack carries 5 murder counts ; FBI says it has no evidence that points to terrorism

USA Today, Steph Solis, Trevor Hughes, 2016 09 26

Seattle - The man accused of fatally shooting five people at a mall in Burlington, Wash., was held without bond Sunday and faces five counts of first-degree murder, according to jail records. The suspect, Arcan Cetin, 20, of Oak Harbor, Wash., was arrested Saturday night in Oak Harbor, about 29 miles southwest of Burlington, after a manhunt that lasted more than 20 hours. Cetin had not been formally charged in connection with the killings Friday night at Macy's inside the mall. Tips from the public helped police arrest Cetin after officials distributed photos of the suspect. The suspect, who immigrated from Turkey with his family, "is a legal, permanent resident of the United States," said Lt. Chris Cammock of the Mount Vernon Police Department. No evidence pointed to terrorism, Michael Knutson, assistant special agent in charge of the Seattle FBI, said at a news conference late Saturday. Authorities suspect Cetin was the only gunman. The motive for the shooting that killed four women and a man remained unclear.

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19. Ecuador pushes for end to Assange embassy stand-off

London Times, James Hider, 2016 09 26

Quito - Ecuador has expressed hopes that Julian Assange's four- year refuge in its London embassy may be coming to an end. Guillaume Long, the foreign minister, said he hoped that the interrogation of Mr Assange by Swedish and Ecuadorean officials next month would draw a line under the confinement of the WikiLeaks founder. "We hope that the interview can put an end to what is a pretty bad situation for Mr Assange," he said. The Australian hacker took refuge in the Ecuador embassy in 2012 to avoid extradition to Sweden on allegations of rape and sexual assault, fearing that Sweden could in turn hand him over to the US, which wants to prosecute him for one of the biggest dumps of confidential diplomatic cables in history. Under a new arrangement announced this month, two Swedish prosecutors will interview Mr Assange in the presence of an Ecuadorean official on October 17. Mr Long said that, whatever the outcome of the questioning, his country would extend its hospitality if needed, although he said that years of living inside the embassy, with no access to outside space, had taken its toll on Mr Assange, 45. "I've been to visit him on several occasions and I see a deterioration," he said. "He does not have much access to light. He has no access whatsoever to exterior space. There is no internal patio. There is no fresh air.

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20. 'Ship was searching not spying'

The Australian, Brendan Nicholson, 2016 09 26

Canberra - China has strongly denied that its ship involved in the search for the missing Malaysia Airlines jet, Flight MH370 has used its time in local waters to spy on Australia. The Australian reported last week warnings from security experts that the Dong Hai Jiu 101 had done little searching but had probably used the opportunity to spy on Australian military activity. In a letter to the editor, the spokesman for China's embassy in Canberra said the report distorted the truth. "The facts are China, Australia and various other parties place high importance on the MH370 search mission," the spokesman said. "We have all worked together in good faith and invested enormous manpower and material resources in this endeavour." The spokesman said the vessel was taking part in the search in accordance with an agreement between the Chinese and Australian governments, and under the co-ordination and command of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau. "The underwater search equipment on board is supplied by the American company Phoenix, employed by the ATSB," the spokesman said.

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21. ASX told to step up cyber defences

The Australian, Richard Gluyas, 2016 09 26

Canberra - The Australian Securities Exchange should upgrade its readiness for an extreme cyber attack, ensuring by the end of June next year that it can recover its critical clearing and

settlement operations within two hours, says the Reserve Bank. The RBA's recommendation is contained in its annual review of the ASX's clearing and settlement facilities. It came at the close of a torrid week for the ASX, which suffered an outage in its equities trading system, ASX Trade, last Monday, due to a hardware failure in the system's main database. The review was completed before the ASX's recent outage. Equities trading is a separate function to clearing and settlement, and ASX chief executive Dominic Stevens said from the outset that the breakdown did not stem from a cyber attack. Global regulators, however, are increasingly concerned about the resilience of financial market infrastructure to online threats. The RBA said it had adopted a guidance note published in late June by IOSCO (the International Organisation of Securities Commissions) and CPMI (the Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures), which recognised that it might take time to meet expectations of a full recovery of critical operations within two hours of a cyber attack. "Consistent with the guidance, the assessment recommends that ASX develop concrete plans to improve its capabilities to meet this requirement by end June 2017," the RBA review said.

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22. Aust prepares for return of IS fighters

Australian Associated Press, 2016 09 26

Canberra - Australians returning from fighting with terror groups in Syria could still be placed under terrorist control orders in cases where they can't be prosecuted, Malcolm Turnbull says. The prime minister says foreign fighters returning to Australia following the defeat of Islamic State in Syria and Iraq is a live concern and the government has made a number of changes to security legislation in anticipation. "We are resolutely remorselessly focused on keeping Australians safe and we pay very close attention to the Australians that may seek to return from the conflict zone in Syria," he told reporters in Sydney on Monday. About 110 Australians are thought to be overseas fighting with or supporting groups such as IS, with as many as 65 killed. IS is now facing defeat in Iraq and Syria within the next six months. It's expected some of those who survive will seek to return home, possibly with plans to commit terror attacks. Australian Federal Police deputy commissioner Mike Phelan, who's responsible for national security, says the AFP would prefer to prosecute those returning. "But the practical realities of that are, though, we may not be in a position to prosecute everybody that comes home due to the lack of admissible evidence," he told The Australian.

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23. Bankers mull options in wake of \$10m Ausgrid approach (Canada)

The Australian, Gretchen Friemann & Bridget Carter, 2016 09 26

Canberra - On the back of the news on Friday that IFM and Australian Super have lobbed an unsolicited approach for Ausgrid, the big question for investment bankers is whether there is another opportunity to trump the domestically-funded \$10 billion-plus offer. It is understood the advisory services of Macquarie Capital have been called on to buy the long-term lease of the NSW government's electricity distribution operation. But the question remains as to what the latest situation means for bankers who were recently in Canada to court prospective suitors for

the asset. The all- Australian offer comes as the risks surrounding Foreign Investment Review Board approval for Chinese bidders and other foreign parties are perceived to be increasingly challenging. Last year, David Irvine, a former director general of the Australian Secret Intelligence Service -- said to be highly vigilant on matters that may threaten national security -- was appointed to FIRB. In recent months, State Grid bid between \$14bn and \$16bn for Ausgrid, while Hong Kong's Cheung Kong Infrastructure bid a price north of \$12bn. But both offers were blocked by Treasurer Scott Morrison on the basis ownership by either foreign bidder would have posed a risk to national security. On Friday, the state indicated the IFM and Australian Super offer would not need FIRB approval. While IFM and Australian Super are the only two parties named on the transaction, there is scepticism the pair can pull off a \$10bn- plus transaction, prompting questions as to whether other backers are involved.

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24. Islamic State affiliates 'in Australia's backyard', ASIS spy chief Nick Warner says ABC (Australia), Colin Cosier, 2016 09 26

Canberra - Australia's foreign spy agency chief says Islamic extremism in South-East Asia, particularly in the southern Philippines, is a growing national security concern. Nick Warner, the head of the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS), is the only agency chief to have spoken publicly in its 60 years of operation. "In Australia's backyard in South- East Asia there are now ISIL affiliates -- in Indonesia , in the southern Philippines," he told a panel discussion in Washington, using another term for the Islamic State (IS) group. "This year there have been four small scale, and pretty hopeless, terrorist attacks, but the willingness is there, the ideology is there." Mr Warner warned the southern Philippines were a particular concern and said extremists looked likely to establish a fully- fledged IS branch there. "That worries me a lot. I can see that acting as a magnate for wannabe jihadists and for returnees out of the caliphate as that is destroyed," he said. Mr Warner said he had no doubt the so-called Islamic State's Middle East caliphate would fail in time. But he warned that it could then be followed by a protracted Sunni insurgency. "And even if the protracted Sunni insurgency doesn't follow, I think the ideology of Al Qaeda and ISIL has spread too far for us to be able destroy it any time soon," he said. Mr Warner was applauded for his response to a question over whether Australia trusted sharing intelligence with the US after the Edward Snowden leaks. "All I will say is I'm amazed still that there's a debate about this in the United States," he said.

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25. Russians warned on strikes, says RAF The Australian, Brendan Nicholson, 2016 09 26

Canberra - The mystery surrounding last week's attack on a Syrian government position by aircraft from four nations including Australia has deepened with a British officer's claim that the US-led coalition warned the Russians ahead of time that the strike was to take place. The coalition nations rely on the Russians as a conduit for information to their close ally, Syria's Assad government, but the vital information may not have been passed on to the troops on the ground, if they were, in fact, Syrian soldiers. London's The Sunday Times has reported that

Britain and its allies told Russia in advance about a planned airstrike which Moscow claims killed 62 Syrian soldiers and injured 100 more. Air Commodore Martin Sampson, of the Royal Air Force, told The Sunday Times Moscow raised no immediate concerns about the planned raids on what the coalition believed were members of the Islamic State terror group. Only when the bombing raid began last Sunday morning near the city of Deir el-Zor did Russian officials contact the coalition to claim that they were killing Syrian government forces, Air Commodore Sampson said. According to the Australian Defence Force, the airstrikes were halted as soon as this information was received. Asked if that meant the Russians deliberately stayed quiet because they knew such a mistake would badly damage the US-led coalition at a pivotal time during a faltering ceasefire, Air Commodore Sampson said: "That would be speculation and I would never suggest that. The Russians came to us with information. When they came to us with concrete information, we acted upon it. We went to them with our information and nothing came back immediately.

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26. Spymaster opens up on agency overhaul and Southeast Asia

The Australian, Jacob Atkins, 2016 09 26

Canberra - Australia's overseas spy agency is carrying out a major overhaul of its technology and the way it trains its agents to deal with a surge of Islamic extremism in Southeast Asia. During a rare public appearance in Washington DC last week, Australian Secret Intelligence Service director-general Nick Warner agreed with Malcolm Turnbull's recent assessment that Islamic State was on the wane in Iraq, but voiced his fear that the terror group's allure in our immediate neighbourhood could see the threat from Islamic extremism endure for years. Mr Warner said radical Islamist groups in Southeast Asia constituted a growing threat to Australia's security. "This year there have been four small-scale and pretty hopeless terrorist attacks. But the willingness is there, the ideology is there," he said. One vulnerable area was the southern Philippines, he said. "I have no doubt that in time Mosul will be liberated, in more time Raqqa will be liberated, and in time the caliphate will collapse in on itself," Mr Warner said in a panel discussion at George Washington University, alongside his counterparts from the CIA, Britain's MI6 and Afghanistan's peak intelligence service. "But I think that is likely to be replaced by a protracted Sunni insurgency unless we are all very agile and very clever. "And even if the protracted Sunni insurgency doesn't follow, I think the ideology of al-Qa'ida, the ideology of ISIL, has spread too far, too widely, for us to be able to destroy it any time soon." Islamic State already had an affiliate in the southern Philippines. "And looking at it through open sources, through social media, they seem to be ticking all the boxes to lead to a proclamation of an ISIL branch or province in the southern Philippines," Mr Warner said.

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27. Cyber World and Espionage

Hilal, Mudassar Jehangir, 2016 09 26

Undisclosed placeline - To breach the security of servers and steal the data, there exist a lot of ways. Or they (in the case of more individuals) just need to activate a virus inside our phone that you must have erroneously installed, unknowingly, because it was embedded into a free game app that you or your kid downloaded a few days ago. In this case, you will no more be the owner of your phone. I rarely believe in the claims of software and security companies because even the most secure systems are a piece of cake to crack by a smart hacker. This is why even the most secure companies on earth keep paying white hackers for improving the security bugs. A recent example is the USD 200,000 offer from Apple for finding loopholes into its products. Today, security experts believe that cyber wars are imminent, and terrorist organizations will exploit the digital realm to inflict real physical damage.

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28. Former TTP spokesman Azam Tariq reported killed in Afghanistan

Pakistan Dawn, Ali Akbar, 2016 09 26

Peshawar - The former spokesperson for the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), Azam Tariq, has been reportedly killed in Afghanistan's Paktika province in air strikes carried out by Afghan and Nato forces. Three other TTP leaders have also been reportedly killed by the joint Afghan and Nato airstrikes in the Laman area of Paktika province, said Pakistani security sources. Raess Khan, who used the nom de guerre Azam Tariq, was killed in air strikes late on Saturday. An advisor of TTP's Khan Saeed Sajna group, Zeeshan Haider Mehsud, confirmed the death of Tariq and his son while fighting Afghan security forces. The TTP advisor added that 10 other militants were killed in the fighting which erupted in Paktika province. Khan Saeed Sajna, who had broken away from the TTP along with Tariq was reported killed earlier this year in an American drone strike which targeted the group in Afghanistan.

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29. La réélection d'Ali Bongo confirmée au Gabon

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 26

Libreville, Gabon - La Cour constitutionnelle a rejeté les recours de Jean Ping, son rival à la présidentielle La Cour constitutionnelle gabonaise a validé la réélection du président Ali Bongo Ondimba, dans la nuit de vendredi 23 à samedi 24 septembre à Libreville. La Cour avait jusqu'à vendredi pour se prononcer sur le recours déposé par son rival, Jean Ping, contre le résultat de la présidentielle du 27 août, que l'opposition jugeait " frauduleux ". Les chiffres définitifs annoncés dans la nuit creusent par ailleurs, de quelques milliers de voix, la mince avance de M. Bongo sur son rival : élu avec quelque 6 000 suffrages d'écart, le président sortant se voit désormais crédité de 50,66 % des voix, contre 47,24 % pour M. Ping, soit près de 10 000 suffrages (sur 325 000 inscrits). Le 1er septembre, la proclamation de la victoire d'Ali Bongo Ondimba, pour un deuxième septennat, avait immédiatement provoqué des émeutes et des pillages à Libreville, ainsi que dans plusieurs villes de province. Réprimés sans ménagement, ces mouvements avaient

abouti à la mort de sept manifestants (un bilan sans doute sous-évalué), et à l'arrestation de plus d'un millier d'entre eux.

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30. Nigeria : « Je vais parfaitement bien », annonce Shekau, chef de Boko Haram

Jeune Afrique, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 25

Forêt de Sambisa, Nigeria - Le chef du groupe jihadiste nigérian Boko Haram, Abubakar Shekau, a diffusé dans la nuit de samedi à dimanche une nouvelle vidéo dans laquelle il dit aller parfaitement bien, fustigeant des déclarations de l'armée nigériane qui avait annoncé l'avoir grièvement blessé le mois dernier. « Vous avez dit sur les réseaux sociaux m'avoir blessé ou m'avoir tué, lance Shekau dans une vidéo d'une quarantaine de minutes, diffusée sur Youtube. Mais je suis heureux, en bonne santé et en sécurité. Je vais parfaitement bien. » Fin août, l'armée avait affirmé avoir fatalement blessé le chef de Boko Haram dans un raid aérien sur la forêt de Sambisa (nord-est), laissant planer des doutes sur son état de santé ou sa mort potentielle. Shekau, annoncé mort à de nombreuses reprises par les autorités nigérianes, apparaît en bonne santé physique sur cette nouvelle vidéo. Il montre un calendrier islamique à la fin de son apparition, pointant du doigt une date qui correspond au 25 septembre 2016. Les menaces de Shekau s'exprimant tour à tour dans les langues hausa, arabe, anglais et dans des dialectes parlés dans le nord-est du Nigeria, il profère des menaces directes contre le président Muhammadu Buhari, qui a demandé cette semaine l'aide des Nations-Unies pour négocier la libération des lycéennes nigérianes enlevées à Chibok il y a plus de deux ans.

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31. Puntland Intelligence forces seize Central Bank and Ministry of Finance

Garowe, Staff report, 2016 09 26

Garowe - Puntland Intelligence forces (PIA) have gone on strike on Sunday, seizing Central Bank and Ministry of Finance buildings in Garowe city, regional capital of Puntland, Garowe Online reports. PIA soldiers in Garowe along with Galkayo-based units have seized control of Central Bank and Ministry of Finance buildings, in protest over unpaid salaries and lack of adequate support for injured soldiers receiving medical treatment abroad. Close sources tell GO that striking PIA soldiers demanded their unpaid salaries and entitlements of over 7 months and proper assistance to soldiers who sustained injuries in the military operations against Al Shabaab militants group in Suj earlier this year. In an attempt to resolve the situation, Senior Security officers intervened and held talks with the striking soldiers to end the crisis, but their efforts ended in failure.

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32. Colombia's President Santos says Farc deal must rebuild country

BBC News, Staff report, 2016 09 26

London - Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos says peace with the Farc rebel group will boost economic growth and enable the country to rebuild its social fabric. "War is always more costly than peace," he said in an interview with the BBC. Mr Santos and Farc leader Timoleon Jimenez, known as Timochenko, will sign a historic peace deal later on Monday. But it will take a long time for Colombian society to recover from more than five decades of conflict, he said. The Farc will be relaunched as a political party as part of the deal, which is due to be put to Colombian voters in a popular vote on 2 October.

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33. Santos Sets a Trap for Colombians

Wall Street Journal, Mary Anastasia O'Grady, 2016 09 26

Column - The paradox of Obama foreign policy is that its compromises with enemies of liberty in the interest of peace are leaving the world more violent, polarized and dangerous. This is especially true in Latin America. On Oct. 2, Colombia will hold a plebiscite to ask the nation to approve or reject an Obama-backed agreement between the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), designated by the State Department as a foreign terrorist organization. The deal gives the FARC amnesty for its war crimes, which include the recruitment of thousands of child soldiers, massacres of villages, political executions, bombings and kidnappings. Under the agreement, negotiated and signed in Havana, the FARC will also get unelected seats in Congress and special welfare benefits. It will be given dozens of radio stations -- so that it can disseminate its propaganda, a privilege no other political party has. The agreement does not require the FARC to pay any financial reparations to its victims, even though the narco-terrorist kingpins have wealth estimated in the billions. Reparations will be paid by law-abiding citizens via sharp tax increases. The FARC says it will not disarm until it's good and ready to. Meanwhile it will be given weapons and training to enforce the agreement. What could possibly go wrong?

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Asia • Asie

34. 23 fidayeen attacks under NDA watch

The Hindu, Vijaita Singh, 2016 09 26

New Delhi - The terror attack at an Army camp in Kashmir's Uri district is only the latest in the long line of attacks on India's western border since the BJP led NDA government came to power. Since May 2014, there have been 23 fidayeen (suicide) attacks along the Pakistan border, most of them in Jammu and Kashmir. In the current year, 65 security personnel, including Army men, lost their lives, the highest in the past six years. Security forces gunned down 26 terrorists on suicide missions this year. In the last two years of the United Progressive Alliance rule, eight fidayeen attacks were reported. The National Investigation Agency (NIA), which has been asked to investigate the Uri terror attack, is examining the leads that point towards Pakistan, a senior official said. Though the Army had said that the attack was carried out by terrorists belonging to

the Jaish-e- Mohammad, a Pakistan-based terrorist outfit, senior NIA officials said they were yet to come to a conclusion.

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35. China probes North Korea bank suspected of nuclear link - South Korea paper

Reuters, Staff reporter, 2016 09 26

Seoul - China is investigating executives of a North Korean bank believed to finance the illicit procurement of arms and materials related to the isolated country's banned nuclear programme, South Korea's JoongAng Daily reported on Monday. China and the United States have agreed to step up cooperation in the U.N. Security Council and in law enforcement channels after North Korea's fifth nuclear test on Sept. 9, the White House said last week. While China is North Korea's sole major ally, it disapproves of its nuclear and missile programmes. The Chinese-U.S. cooperation includes targeting the finances of Liaoning Hongxiang Industrial, a Chinese conglomerate headed by a Communist Party cadre, that the Obama administration thinks has had a role in helping North Korea's nuclear programme, the Wall Street Journal reported at the time. The JoongAng Daily said Chinese authorities were investigating a top official of the Kwangson Banking Corporation at its branch in the Chinese border city of Dandong. The U.S. Treasury designated the bank in 2009 under an order that targets entities supporting North Korea's arms trafficking because of its suspected involvement in procuring "dual-use" technology with both civilian and military application.

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36. Govt. cites security threat, bans all photography in Parliament

The Hindu, B. Muralidhar Reddy, 2016 09 26

New Delhi - Citing security reasons, the Security Division of Parliament House has informed all the officers and staff posted inside the Parliament premises that photography/video shooting in the complex is prohibited. A recent circular issued by Yogesh Deshmukh, Joint Secretary (security), Parliament House, has said the Parliament complex is the 'most threatened places in India and prohibition of photography/video shooting in Parliament complex is part of the planned strategy security arrangements.' Addressed to all the officers and staff posted in the Parliament House, the circular said the technological aids like cameras, spy-cameras and smart phones pose a direct threat to security of the complex. "Protection of Parliament, the parliamentarians and other high dignitaries and its staff is one of the top priorities of the Parliament Security System", the circular said.

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37. Japan vows to watch Chinese warplane activity closely

Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 09 26

Tokyo - Japan's top government spokesman warned China on Monday against expanding its military activity to the skies over disputed East China Sea islands after eight Chinese warplanes

flew near the area over the weekend. Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said that Japan scrambled at least one fighter jet after the planes passed over the Miyako Strait on Sunday, east of the Japanese-controlled Senkaku islands, which China also claims and calls the Diaoyu. The aircraft, believed to be two fighter jets, four bombers and two reconnaissance aircraft, did not violate Japanese airspace during a long-distance roundtrip flight, Suga said, but it was the first time Chinese warplanes had flown that route. Chinese media reports said the flights were part of a routine exercise involving about 40 aircraft. Suga acknowledged that the flights might be part of an exercise, but said that Japan would respond firmly to any violation of Japanese airspace. "The government of Japan continues to watch the Chinese military's activity, which has become expansive and more active, while carrying out our surveillance activity," Suga said. "We are determined to defend our land, territorial waters and the skies."

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38. Man arrested for claiming to be IS member to get more attention online

Global Times, Staff reporter, 2016 09 26

Beijing - A man who claimed to be a member of the Islamic State (IS) jihadist group in an attempt to increase his following on social media has been detained by the police in South China's Guangdong Province, local media reported Saturday. The 25-year-old man surnamed Zhong will be detained by local police in Tangjia, Guangdong for five days for "fabricating false facts and spreading rumors online" in defiance of the Public Security Administration Punishments Law, said the Guangzhou-based news portal ycwb.com. Zhong was taken in for questioning by police after the city's department of public security on September 12 found that he had identified himself on the Tieba online forum as a member of IS, an Islamist group that has seized control of parts of Iraq and Syria and claimed responsibility for terror attacks around the world, said the report. However, the official investigation found that Zhong had been working in Zhuhai since graduating college three years ago and has no record of criminal behavior or overseas travel. Police could find no evidence he had been involved in planning terror attacks or had ever contacted IS. According to police, the post in which he claimed to be a member of IS, which garnered more than 500 views, was simply a way for him to get more attention for his micro blog. Zhong has confessed to the crimes of which he was accused, said ycwb.com.

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39. S. Korea, U.S. consulting each other at 'various' levels to deal with N.K.

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 09 26

Seoul - South Korea and the United States are closely consulting each other at "various" levels to deal with any possible situations that may arise in dealing with North Korea, Seoul's top diplomat said Monday. "Going beyond the current situation, we are having consultations at various levels with the United States to deal with other developments with regard to the North," Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se told lawmakers during a parliamentary audit. "We are updating our existing military strategies with in-depth discussions with the U.S. in a way that it can best safeguard our security in the most effective manner," he added. Yun made the remarks when asked how the government will respond if Washington pushes to take a pre-emptive attack to

resolve the current nuclear standoff. Critics say that South Korea should be prepared for a policy change in the U.S. against Pyongyang from the current one mostly focused on sanctions and pressure to stepped-up military action. They say that the government should also be ready for a possible shift toward talks with the communist country especially after a new president takes office in Washington early next year. Asked whether Seoul will keep a resumption of the talks with the North off the table, and how it will respond to the U.S. pushing for negotiations with Pyongyang, Seoul's top diplomat did not provide a direct answer but noted that all possible scenarios are under consideration.

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40. West fabricates China-Russia spy scandals

Global Times, Staff reporter, 2016 09 26

Editorial: Russian space scientist Vladimir Lapygin was sentenced earlier this month to seven years in prison on charges of state treason, according to Western media outlets. He allegedly provided aerospace technology intelligence to an Asian country, which media outlets claimed is China. According to reports, Lapygin worked for the Central Research Institute of Machine Building under the Roscosmos space agency and taught at Moscow's Bauman State Technical Institute. As top secrets were involved, coverage of this case inevitably has been tinged by speculation. Some Chinese scholars told the Global Times that the Western media is keen on reporting spy cases between China and Russia, often with exaggerated and even fake content. Certain pro-Western forces in both Chinese and Russian society are also keen on finding fault with the Sino-Russian relationship. Scholars point out that there is no reason to make a fuss even if there is espionage between the two countries, as every nation, especially major powers, has a need for intelligence. China and Russia have managed the related affairs well. Espionage is not an obstacle for the two sides to deepen their comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination.

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41. Hungary seeks suspect in Budapest bombing

Washington Post, Anthony Faiola, 2016 09 26

Budapest - Hungarian authorities staged a manhunt Sunday for the principal suspect in a bomb attack that seriously wounded two patrol officers late Saturday, with authorities saying the homemade device had been planted in an apparent attempt to target police. The incident comes as countries across Europe are on edge following a series of attacks by suspects linked to or inspired by Islamist extremists, as well as an increasing number of acts of violence carried out by the far-right. National police chief Karoly Papp, however, said investigators had not been able to determine whether Saturday's attack - near an empty storefront on a main artery in Budapest, the capital - was intended as an act of terrorism. The explosion took place several blocks from one of Budapest's main entertainment districts, which was not crowded at the time. The nature of the blast - a device armed with metal projectiles and detonated while two officers were on regular patrol - suggested an intent to strike at the city's police, Papp said. Such an attack would be

highly unusual in Hungary. "The target was not one of the injured police officers but the police force" itself, he said. "I would like to make it clear that we will find the perpetrator."

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42. Terrorism makes int'l security services cooperation 'possible, necessary' - New Russian intel chief

RT (Russia), Staff report, 2016 09 26

Moscow - Security services of various countries should coordinate their efforts despite all political differences, the newly appointed chief of the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR), Sergey Naryshkin, told Russian media in an interview. "Cooperation between the intelligence services of various countries is not only possible but necessary," Naryshkin said during the interview with Vesti, adding that he is "convinced" that security officials "can and should" cooperate in countering "specific threats and particularly terrorism" despite all political differences. Russian intelligence is ready to cooperate with the US, British and other western security services, adding that security officials "should work together particularly because they understand the level of threat as well as what needs to be done to counter it better than anyone else," he added.

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43. The Coming of the Russian Jihad

War on the Rocks, Leon Aron, 2016 09 25

Analysis - On June 28, three suicide bombers entered the Ataturk Airport in Istanbul, where they killed 45 people and injured 229. Although only one of the terrorist was from Russia (the other two were Uzbek and Kyrgyz), it is almost certain that their last words to one another were in Russian. It is estimated that between 5,000 to 7,000 Russian-speaking jihadists have made Russian the second most popular language of ISIL, after Arabic. That Russian should be the lingua franca of jihadists from the former Soviet territory is surprising. Many, perhaps most, younger Kyrgyz, Tajiks, and Uzbeks (judging by the gastarbeiters from Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan) do not know Russian well or even at all. That Russia is becoming widely-spoken is indicative of the explosive internationalization and the vastly expanded recruitment patterns of what might be called the Russian Jihad based in Russia and former Soviet Central Asia. With an estimated 2,400 of its citizens fighting with ISIL, Russia is surpassed only by Tunisia and Saudi Arabia in the number of its nationals in the extremist group's ranks. It is far ahead of the top four European suppliers of ISIL soldiers: France with 1,800 fighters, Britain and Germany with 760 each, and Belgium with 470. Russian language graffiti has been spotted in Darayya, Syria ("We will pray in your palace, Putin! Tatars and Chechens, rise up!"), and there is an Univermag grocery store in the "Russian" district of ISIL's de-facto capital of Raqqa, alongside Russian- language schools and kindergartens. Note: Leon Aron is Resident Scholar and Director of Russian Studies at the American Enterprise Institute.

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44. Iran Captures Several ISIL Terrorists Again

Fars News Agency, 2016 09 26

Tehran - Governor General of Semnan Province Mohammad Reza Khabbaz announced on Saturday that the Iranian security forces have recently captured a number of ISIL agents in his province. "Identifying and arresting these operatives of the ISIL shows the vigilance of Iran's security and intelligence forces," Khabbaz said. He reiterated that the ISIL terrorists are trying to make Iran insecure, "but the security and military forces' vigilance will not allow them to achieve their goals". The governor general of the Northern province declined to reveal the exact number of the terrorists captured in his province or the date of arrest. Last week, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) and intelligence forces captured two terrorists of Pakistani origin in the Southeastern parts of the country with two ready-to-explode bombs. The two terrorists were arrested in Kalegan district of Saravan town in Sistan and Balouchestan province in a surprise attack by the Iranian security forces.

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45. IRGC: We will Continue to Support Bahrain, Yemen, Syria

Asharq Al-Awsat, Adel al-Salmi, 2016 09 26

London - Mohsen Rezaei, a former IRGC commander, stated that Iran will not stop supporting Yemen, Bahrain and Syria. Rezaei added during an interview with U.S. newspaper Christian Science Monitor that Iran will not wage a war against Saudi Arabia unlike the propaganda war which will continue as long as Riyadh is adopting the same attitude in the region. This interview coincided with first of its kind statements made by IRGC Quds Force Commander Major General Qassem Soleimani on the ongoing political conflict in Iran, following critics demanding him to cease military intervention in Syria. Rezaei revealed Iran's motives to intervene in the Arab internal affairs, especially in Syria, Yemen, Bahrain and Iraq. In a related matter, Soleimani accused internal parties in Iran of trying to persuade the Iranians that the country is in an international isolation. Soleimani delivered his speech during a conference held on the honor of Iran casualties in the First Gulf War.

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46. Russia, Iran, Iraq, Syria Continue to Cooperate in Baghdad Intelligence Center

Fars News Agency, 2016 09 26

Tehran - Commander of the Russian Group of Intelligence Sharing Center in Baghdad rejected some media reports that the center has ended work, and said it continues to operate. "This center is successfully fulfilling its task of intelligence sharing with other countries which are member of the center," General Alexander Smolovy said. Smolovy's remarks came in reaction to allegations by some western and Arab media which claimed that the Baghdad Intelligence Sharing Center has ended operation. "There are of course certain powers who want this center to be closed down, but to no avail," he said. He, meantime, reiterated that other countries willing to join the

center are welcome. Smolovy pointed to the terrorists' use of chemical weapons against civilians in the region, and said, "The ISIL terrorists have used this weapon several times in Iraq and Syria.

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47. Alumni of Israeli Intelligence Unit Help Arab-Owned Businesses in Israel

The Media Line, Linda Gradstein, 2016 09 26

Tel Aviv - Many of the soldiers in Israel's elite intelligence unit 8200 spent their army careers eavesdropping on conversations in Arabic throughout the Middle East. Today, the alumni of this same unit are working to help Arab citizens of Israel get into the high-tech world. "Some say that 8200 is seen as the part of Israeli intelligence that fights Arabs so why should we work with them?" Nir Lempert, the Chairman of the 8200 Alumni Association told The Media Line. "It's a little bit like the NSA (National Security Agency) in the US helping Russians in the US during the Cold War." As soldiers, Lempert said, they strove to contribute to Israeli society by protecting it from outside enemies. Helping Arab Israeli entrepreneurs is another way to contribute to Israeli society, he says. "Our vision is to take the brand of 8200, with our strong technical experience, and use it to encourage Arab society," he said.

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48. Extremism Boils Over in Jordan as Writer Who Insulted Islam Is Killed

New York Times, Rana F. Sweis, Peter Baker, 2016 09 26

Amman - Some of the most extreme elements in Jordan made clear in recent weeks that Nahed Hattar should pay for a provocative cartoon he posted online depicting a bearded man in bed with two women ordering God to bring him cashews and wine. So when Mr. Hattar, 56, a prominent writer from a Christian family, showed up at a court on Sunday to face criminal charges of insulting Islam, at least one man with a gun decided a trial was not enough. As three bullets ripped through the writer in front of the courthouse, Jordan's simmering tensions boiled over. The brazen daylight killing of Mr. Hattar in front of his horrified family was not only the latest example of violence tied to cartoon renderings of Muslim figures, it was also the sort of manifestation of extremism that Jordan's government has struggled to contain in a nation that finds itself under pressure from multiple directions. While presenting itself as a stable outlier in a tumultuous region, Jordan maintains a complicated balancing act of its own, split between traditional tribes, Palestinians, a potent jihadi community and now more than 650,000 refugees from the grinding civil war in Syria. As Jordan strives to stay neutral in Syria and off the Islamic State's radar, the cartoon Mr. Hattar posted on Facebook proved just the sort of lighter fuel to feed the flames.

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49. Facebook 'blocks accounts' of Palestinian journalists

Al Jazeera, Sophia Hyatt, 2016 09 26

Gaza - Editors from two Palestinian news publications based in the occupied West Bank say their Facebook accounts were suspended last week and that no reason was provided, alleging their pages may have been censored because of a recent agreement between the US social media giant and the Israeli government aimed at tackling "incitement". Last week, four editors from the Shehab News Agency, which has more than 6.3 million likes on Facebook, and three executives from the Quds News Network, with about 5.1 million likes, reported they could not access their personal accounts. Both agencies cover daily news in the occupied Palestinian territories. Nisreen al-Khatib, a translator and journalist at the Quds News Network, told Al Jazeera that the publication believes the account suspensions were triggered by an agreement between Facebook and Israel earlier this month, in which they agreed to jointly combat what Israeli claims is "incitement" by Palestinians on social media.

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50. L'écrivain jordanien Nahed Hattar tué pour une caricature jugée offensante pour l'islam

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 26

Amman, Jordanie - La publication sur la page Facebook du journaliste chrétien, le 12 août, d'un dessin moquant la vision de Dieu et du paradis par les djihadistes de l'EI avait suscité une violente polémique dans le royaume hachémite. L'écrivain polémique jordanien Nahed Hattar a été tué par balles, dimanche 25 septembre, devant un tribunal d'Amman où il était jugé pour avoir publié une caricature considérée comme offensante envers l'islam. Le suspect, un employé du ministère de l'éducation et ancien imam de 49 ans, a été inculpé de meurtre avec préméditation, acte terroriste ayant entraîné la mort et possession illégale d'arme à feu. Lors de son interrogatoire, il a dit avoir planifié son acte seul, sans lien avec un groupe terroriste, après la publication par Nahed Hattar de la caricature. Figure controversée, Nahed Hattar, militant politique et journaliste chrétien de 56 ans, n'en était pas à sa première polémique. Emprisonné par le roi Hussein pour ses écrits critiques contre la monarchie hachémite, il avait survécu à une tentative d'assassinat en 1998. Athéiste revendiqué, pourfendeur de l'islam politique, il était aussi un fervent soutien du président syrien Bachar Al-Assad.

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51. Spies in space: The story of Israel's Ofek satellite program

Jerusalem Post, Barbara Opall-Rome, 2016 09 26

Jerusalem - If you're looking for a story that captures Israeli innovation, cunning and can-do chutzpa, think spy satellites. Look to Ofek, the Hebrew word for horizon. It's all there in Israel's military satellite program, the newest of which - Ofek 11 - is struggling to stabilize itself in space after its launch earlier last week. Inserted successfully into orbit by the country's homemade Shavit launcher, the newest and most advanced satellite is likely to soldier on in space, but with limited lifespan and ability to perform its high-resolution spy duties. White-knuckled

technicians and program managers toiling around the clock at Israel Aerospace Industries' (IAI) ground control station near Ben-Gurion Airport are still hoping for a favorable ending to the latest chapter still unfolding. But like the chapters that have gone before, Ofek 11 represents the highs and lows of a story driven by strategic need and enhanced by its share of diplomatic intrigue.

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52. Women assume more active roles in terror outfits

Arab News, Staff Report, 2016 09 26

Jeddah - The Saudi female detainee, Kholoud Al-Rukaibi, is among the first known women in the history of terrorism to have prepared an explosive belt and pushed one of her children influenced by extremist ideology to try to blow himself up in a suicide attack. This was foiled by law enforcement authorities in the Kingdom. Al-Rukaibi helped Daesh in recruiting her two sons, Hamad and Nassar Al-Mousa, and her brother Nasser Al-Rukaibi, and provided material and logistic support to the group, giving an insight into the evolution of women's role in terrorist organizations. These roles began with simple tasks involving the spread of ideology or simple management jobs and matured to include military and leadership positions. Kholoud Al-Rukaibi was arrested for being part of a terrorist network affiliated with Daesh that had planned to target religious scholars and law enforcement officers in addition to security, military and economic establishments in different locations inside the country.

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53. Deux jeunes Niçoises prévoient un attentat

La Nouvelle République des Pyrénées, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 26

Nice - Alors que l'alerte terroriste est « maximale », selon les propos du Premier ministre Manuel Valls, une mineure de 17 ans et une majeure de 19 ans ont été interpellées cette semaine et placées en détention provisoire. Les deux jeunes filles, d'origine niçoise, sont soupçonnées d'avoir voulu commettre une action jihadiste sur le territoire français, « avant d'y renoncer ». Une enquête ouverte par la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) a permis d'établir leur lien avec Rachid Kassim, propagandiste actif du groupe État islamique (EI), qui lance régulièrement des appels aux meurtres via la messagerie cryptée Telegram depuis la zone irako-syrienne. Les deux jeunes filles sont toutes les deux originaires d'un quartier de la ville proche de l'endroit où Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel, Tunisien de 31 ans radicalisé et auteur des attentats du 14 juillet dernier, avait foncé dans la foule avec un camion, faisant 86 morts et 434 blessés. D'après les premières investigations, aucunes armes n'ont été retrouvées dans leurs domiciles. L'enquête est en cours pour tenter de déterminer quelles actions elles étaient prêtes à commettre,

ensemble. Les militaires ciblés Au cours de l'enquête et de l'audition des deux jeunes filles, la mineure de 17 ans, inconnue des services de renseignement, a admis en garde à vue « en vouloir beaucoup aux militaires », une cible récurrente du groupe État islamique. Elle a été mise en examen le 17 septembre à Paris pour association de malfaiteurs terroriste criminelle et écrouée. La jeune majeure de 19 ans était en revanche connue dans le cadre de l'enquête sur la filière djihadiste niçoise organisée par Omar Diaby, considéré comme l'un des premiers recruteurs de combattants français.

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54. Espagne: 2 Marocains accusés de soutenir l'EI arrêtés

Le Figaro avec Reuters, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 26

Madrid - La police espagnole a arrêté deux Marocains accusés de soutenir le groupe djihadiste Etat islamique (EI) et peut-être aussi de projeter un attentat en Europe, a annoncé aujourd'hui le ministère espagnol de la Défense. L'un des accusés avait voulu rejoindre l'EI en Syrie et s'était rendu à la frontière turco-syrienne pour y rencontrer un membre de l'organisation djihadiste, afin de subir un entraînement avant de regagner l'Europe pour participer à un attentat, a précisé le ministère. Cet homme avait été interpellé par la police turque avant de franchir la frontière syrienne et avait été, après sa libération, expulsé vers l'Espagne où il a poursuivi ses efforts pour rejoindre les rangs de l'EI. L'autre individu arrêté est accusé d'avoir aidé le premier dans ses efforts pour gagner la zone de guerre en Syrie et de l'avoir entraîné après son retour en Espagne, a précisé le ministère de l'Intérieur.

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55. Les espions mieux équipés

Le Matin (Suisse), Journaliste maison, 2016 09 26

Berne - Le Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC) disposera d'un nouvel arsenal de mesures pour lutter contre le terrorisme. Aperçu de la loi qui devrait entrer en vigueur en septembre 2017: avec le nouveau texte sur le renseignement, les agents du SRC pourront surveiller des communications (courrier, téléphone, courriel), observer des faits dans des lieux privés, si nécessaire en installant des micros ou des caméras, ou perquisitionner secrètement des systèmes informatiques et y installer des « chevaux de Troie ». Un SRC bien encadré Toutes ces recherches seront soumises à une autorisation limitée dans le temps. Elles nécessiteront l'aval du Tribunal administratif fédéral, puis du chef du Département fédéral de la défense, qui devra consulter ses collègues de Justice et Police et des Affaires étrangères.

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56. Les Suisses approuvent la surveillance électronique par les services secrets

France 24 avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 26

Berne - Les Suisses ont largement accepté dimanche par référendum une loi autorisant le service secrets à surveiller les communications téléphoniques et les activités sur internet dans le

but de déjouer les menaces terroristes. La Suisse a répondu massivement "oui". Les électeurs suisses acceptent que les services secrets surveillent leurs communications téléphoniques et activités sur internet pour notamment déjouer les nouvelles menaces terroristes. Selon les résultats définitifs du référendum organisé dimanche 25 septembre, deux tiers (65,5%) des électeurs ont accepté cette nouvelle loi sur le renseignement, un chiffre dépassant largement les prévisions des sondages réalisés pendant la campagne (53-58 %), avec un taux de participation d'environ 43 % (habituel en Suisse). En revanche, ils sont 59,4 % à avoir dit "non" à une hausse des retraites dont le gouvernement avait souligné la charge financière très élevée qu'elle représentait. Ils ont aussi rejeté à 63,6 % une initiative populaire défendue par les Verts qui demandaient une réduction de la consommation des ressources naturelles. Seuls les habitants du canton de Genève l'ont soutenue.

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57. Swiss endorse new surveillance powers

BBC News, Staff report, 2016 09 26

London - Swiss voters have given a strong approval to a law on new surveillance powers for the intelligence agencies. The new law would allow the authorities to tap phones, snoop on email and deploy hidden cameras and bugs. It would help Switzerland catch up with other countries, supporters say. Opponents have feared it could erode civil liberties and put Swiss neutrality at risk by requiring closer co-operation with foreign intelligence agencies. Some 65.5% of voters agreed to accept the proposal. It will allow the Federal Intelligence Service and other agencies to put suspects under electronic surveillance if authorised by a court, the defence ministry and the cabinet.

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58. Terrorisme : deux interpellations

Midi Libre, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 26

Nice - Deux jeunes Niçoises radicalisées soupçonnées d'un projet d'attentat. Deux jeunes Niçoises radicalisées de 17 et 19 ans ont été interpellées récemment par la DGSI et placées en détention provisoire, soupçonnées d'avoir voulu commettre une action jihadiste, a-t-on appris dimanche de source judiciaire, confirmant une information du Parisien . Une enquête ouverte par la section antiterroriste du parquet de Paris le 9 septembre a permis d'établir qu'elles étaient en contact avec Rachid Kassim, propagandiste actif du groupe État islamique, qui lance des appels aux meurtres via la messagerie cryptée Telegram depuis la zone irako-syrienne. Interrogées par la Direction générale de la Sécurité intérieure (DGSI), « elles ont reconnu qu'elles avaient envisagé une action violente, sous l'influence de Rachid Kassim, avant d'y renoncer », selon une source proche de l'enquête. Les investigations n'ont pas permis de retrouver d'armes à leur domicile, dans le secteur de Nice. La mineure de 17 ans a admis en garde à vue « en vouloir beaucoup aux militaires », une cible récurrente du groupe État islamique. Elle a été mise en examen le 17 septembre à Paris pour 'association de malfaiteurs terroriste criminelle' et écrouée. La jeune majeure de 19 ans était en revanche connue dans le cadre de l'enquête sur la filière

jihadiste niçoise organisée par Omar Diaby, considéré comme l'un des premiers recruteurs de combattants français.

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59. Un an pour mettre en oeuvre la LRens

Le Temps (Suisse), Bernard Wuthrich, 2016 09 26

Berne - La loi sur le renseignement a été acceptée par deux votants sur trois. Le ministre de la Défense, Guy Parmelin, espère que le dispositif d'application rassurera les sceptiques. Qui restent inquiets Un oui étonnamment franc et massif Pas un seul canton n'a manqué pour soutenir la nouvelle loi fédérale sur le renseignement. Dans un contexte d'attentats sanglants en Europe, les opposants n'ont eu aucune chance, même dans des cantons antimilitaristes comme le Jura, Genève et Bâle-Ville. CE QUI VA CHANGER Moyens décuplés La nouvelle loi sur le renseignement offre des moyens de collecte d'informations étendus au Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC). Pénétration Le service pourra espionner des lieux privés et infiltrer des chevaux de Troie dans des ordinateurs en Suisse. Réseaux Il pourra aussi aspirer les informations circulant sur les réseaux câblés entre la Suisse et l'étranger. Surveillance En contrepartie, le SRC devra demander l'aval d'un juge et du Conseil fédéral pour ses infiltrations. Une autorité de surveillance devrait être constituée sous peu. Effectifs Le service devrait rapidement demander une augmentation de ses budgets et de ses effectifs (20,5 postes sont déjà prévus) pour absorber le volume d'informations créé par la nouvelle loi. « Demandez au SRC ce qu'il détient à votre sujet » OPPOSANTS SCEPTIQUES L'avocat valaisan Sébastien Fanti lance un mouvement citoyen de contrôle du Service fédéral de renseignement Préposé valaisan à la protection des données, l'avocat Sébastien Fanti, qui connaît le Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC) de l'intérieur, recommande désormais aux Suisses de demander au SRC s'ils sont fichés. « Pour savoir dans quelle ampleur la surveillance des citoyens suisses va se développer, il faut établir le statu quo ante. Pour cela, je leur demande d'écrire au SRC pour savoir s'ils étaient enregistrés avant la nouvelle loi.

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CSIS in the News • Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. CSIS has 'complied' with Bill C-51's anti-terror powers, watchdog committee says
Toronto Star Online, Tonda MacCharles, 2016 09 30

Ottawa - The civilian watchdog committee that oversees Canada's spy agency is giving a cautious thumbs-up to CSIS for its exercise of newly acquired anti-terror powers under Bill C-51, the controversial law passed last year that the Liberal government says it will amend. Pierre

Blais, chair of the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), said in an interview that CSIS appears to have used in a responsible manner its warranted and unwarranted powers of threat disruption and information-sharing. Under Bill C-51, passed by the previous Conservative government in 2015, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) was given wide-ranging ability to disrupt or reduce threats to Canada's national security, inside or outside Canada. The only limits on the new power are that CSIS must not cause death or bodily harm, obstruct justice, or violate an individual's sexual integrity. If any steps that CSIS proposes to take might violate Canadians' charter rights, the spy agency is required to go to court to seek a judicial warrant for the activity. In its 2015-16 annual report (www.sirc-csars.gc.ca), tabled Thursday in Parliament, SIRC said CSIS has put in place appropriate policies, procedures, and mandatory training to guide its agents on intervening to disrupt threats - "however this is still a work in progress." The report recommended that CSIS formalize consultation with other affected departments, such as Global Affairs, when threat reduction activity could overlap their areas or raise concerns for their operations. The watchdog examined all 24 instances to date where CSIS acted to disrupt perceived security threats, and said "all complied with the CSIS Act, ministerial direction and operational policies." It reported no judicial warrants were issued, and no applications for such warrants were refused. SIRC said CSIS itself had documented a risk of over-collecting. The report said "a governance framework was drafted two years ago, but that it had not yet been finalized." SIRC's recommendations are non-binding. Yet CSIS director Michel Coulombe issued a written statement saying CSIS is acting to strengthen its rules around such information gathering. SIRC said CSIS uses bulk data sets in many ways, cross-checking it with "information already connected to a potential threat - such as an address, phone number or citizen identification number - and using it to search for 'hits' in the data."

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2. CSIS suspends some bulk data mining programs pending new guidelines

Globe and Mail, Colin Freeze, 2016 09 30

Ottawa - Canada's domestic spy service has halted its "bulk collection" of data after criticisms were raised within government about the lawfulness of such technique. A watchdog agency's new report about the Canadian Security Intelligence Service speaks of littleknown CSIS data-mining programs, and of how some have recently been suspended because of a lack of clear rules and guidelines surrounding them. CSIS is said to have wanted to leverage big pools of data "to identify previously unknown individuals of interest by linking together types of information that have mirrored threat behaviour," according to the report. But after concerns raised in the report, "CSIS agreed to halt ingesting bulk data sets pending" new rules. These findings are from the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), the watchdog agency that tabled its annual report in Parliament on Thursday. The cryptic discussion of CSIS's "data management and exploitation activities" is intriguing on several levels. Talk of spies "ingesting" data in "bulk" has had connotations of intelligence officials indiscriminately amassing citizens' telecommunications records. Yet CSIS officers, who work to track terrorists within Canada, are generally understood to handle cases one wiretapping warrant at a time. This makes them more like conventional police detectives than the foreign-focused signals-intelligence - or "sigint" - spies who deal in volume. This week, the federal Privacy Commissioner called for Parliament to pass new laws after finding Canada's other intelligence agency had been careless with records about the logged

telecommunications of Canadians. Communications Security Establishment (CSE), a foreign-focused "sigint" agency, says that whenever it collects Canadians' telecommunications trails, it does so only "incidentally." That's because it is pursuing foreign records in enormous volumes. While CSIS and CSE have vastly different mandates, they also have adjacent headquarters. They can team up if a Federal Court judge endorses a joint operation. In 2013, the former U.S. intelligence contractor Edward Snowden leaked documents to the media about the bulk collection of American citizens' telecommunications trails.

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3. Égoprotrait avec Justin Trudeau Enquête Québécois au coeur d'une enquête antiterroriste

La Presse+, Vincent Larouche; Joël-Denis Bellavance; Gabrielle Duchaine, 2016 09 30

Ottawa - Le journaliste kidnappé blâme les autorités canadiennes Un journaliste américain kidnappé et torturé en Syrie en 2013 a été troublé hier en voyant un des suspects ciblés par la police dans son dossier prendre librement un égoprotrait avec le premier ministre Justin Trudeau. Troublé, mais pas surpris. Matthew Schrier croit depuis longtemps que les autorités canadiennes ne prennent pas assez au sérieux les crimes dont il a été victime. Surveillance des combattants à l'étranger Le ministère de la Sécurité publique soutient qu'il a les outils pour traiter des cas de Canadiens de retour au pays après avoir pris part à des activités de groupes terroristes. « Le gouvernement dispose d'un certain nombre d'outils pour faire face aux combattants à l'étranger, dont la révocation de passeports, le Programme de protection des passagers et des accusations possibles. Comme l'a souligné le directeur du SCRS [Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité], le nombre total de Canadiens à l'étranger impliqués dans des activités liées à la menace [terroriste] est d'environ 180, avec environ 60 présumés combattants qui sont retournés au Canada. Les organismes canadiens d'application de la loi effectuent le travail difficile de recueillir les preuves nécessaires pour condamner les présumés combattants à l'étranger dans un tribunal pénal canadien », a indiqué Scott Bardsley, porte-parole du ministre de la Sécurité publique Ralph Goodale.

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4. Man in Trudeau selfie linked to RCMP terror investigation

CBC.CA, Adrienne Arsenault & Nazim Baksh, 2016 09 30

Toronto - The worries about a suspect in a terror investigation seen posing for a selfie last year with the prime minister go far beyond the anxiety of how he got that close. A joint CBC News/Radio-Canada investigation has learned that the man is one of at least four Quebec men of interest to the RCMP for their alleged connection to the 2012 kidnappings of two Americans in Syria. The man in the selfie, in his mid-20s, is believed to be on a U.S. no-fly list. His home was raided by police as part of a terror investigation a few months before Dec. 18, 2015, when the selfie was taken. The man was part of a crowd of people who took turns posing with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau following a Radio-Canada interview in Montreal. Police have interviewed others in the group and seized electronics and Canadian passports held by some of them. CBC has been in contact with two of the men, who are going about their lives in Quebec.

Sources have indicated that the other two may be overseas, possibly in Syria or Turkey. CBC has repeatedly asked CSIS and the RCMP about the travels and status of the men. Both agencies have declined to provide details. The questions keep piling up about just what they may have done or may still be doing. The names of the men in the group appear repeatedly in logs from a Montreal rifle range. While the RCMP has seized some of the logs, CBC has obtained others. They show repeated entries from up to nine men, in 2012, in the months just before a few of them were thought to have left for Syria, including the man in the selfie. The men appear to all be there at the invitation of another Montreal man known to police.

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5. Un comité se dit en gros satisfait de la façon le SCRS a agi dans son mandat

La Presse canadienne, Jim Bronskill, 2016 09 29

Ottawa - Le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) a passé au crible une grande quantité de données dans l'espoir de trouver des informations valables avant qu'un organisme fédéral ne déplore l'absence de lignes directrices au sujet de leur collecte, indique un nouveau rapport. Le SCRS avait accepté de ne plus acquérir ces données avant la mise en place d'un cadre régissant ce type de recherche. Dans son rapport annuel déposé au Parlement, jeudi, le Comité de surveillance des activités de renseignement de sécurité (CSARS) écrit que l'agence avait utilisé ces fichiers afin de pouvoir identifier des personnes d'intérêt jusque-là inconnues en raccordant divers renseignements pouvant révéler «un comportement menaçant».

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6. Arms deal an act of friendship

Globe and Mail, Steven Chase & Robert Fife, 2016 09 30

Ottawa - Saudi Arabian officials say the controversial \$15-billion Canadian deal to supply Riyadh with weaponized armoured vehicles should be seen as a goodwill gesture by the Islamic kingdom to cement its friendship with Canada. They are also denying the authenticity of reports that show older Canadian-made combat vehicles taking part in the Yemeni war - a use for the machines that was not contemplated when Canada sold them to Saudi Arabia to maintain internal security. Saudi Arabia's chief envoy told The Globe and Mail that the General Dynamics LAV contract, personally approved for export by Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion in April, is an act of friendship. "This contract has been given to Canada to improve the relations and enhance the relations," Ambassador Naif Bin Bandar al. Sudairi told The Globe during a media event at the Saudi embassy in Ottawa on Wednesday evening. "So we have to see this contract from this perspective - co-operation." The Saudi declarations of goodwill come as Riyadh's relationship with the United States is under increasing scrutiny. This week, Republicans and Democrats in the House and Senate voted by large margins to override a presidential veto and allow the passage of legislation that permits families of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks to sue Saudi Arabia in U.S. courts for its alleged role in the event.

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7. Bon retour, Mme Hoodfar

La Presse+, Rima Elkouri, 2016 09 30

Chronique - Ses proches ont remué ciel et terre pour qu'elle soit libérée. Cent douze jours plus tard, leurs efforts ont porté leurs fruits. La longue saison en enfer était enfin terminée. Souriante, Homa Hoodfar a franchi les portes du terminal international de l'aéroport de Montréal avec ce regard profond qu'ont ceux qui reviennent de loin. Le regard d'une survivante enfin libre. Devant une haie de journalistes, des proches de la professeure canado-iranienne, libérée après près de quatre mois de détention en Iran, l'ont accueillie avec des fleurs et des cris de joie. Sa nièce Amanda Ghahremani ne lui lâchait pas la main. Comme si elle n'arrivait toujours pas à croire que sa tante Homa était bel et bien là à ses côtés. Libre. Souriante. Vivante. Debout. La scène magnifique donnait des frissons. Joie et soulagement se lisaient dans les étreintes et les regards embués de ses amis et de ses proches qui l'attendaient avec impatience. Ils avaient craint le pire depuis ce jour de juin où la professeure montréalaise, en voyage en Iran, avait été jetée en prison à la suite d'accusations sans fondements. Ils ont remué ciel et terre pour qu'elle soit libérée. Cent douze jours plus tard, leurs efforts ont porté leurs fruits. La longue saison en enfer était enfin terminée. Et ils avaient peine à y croire.

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8. Canadiens détenus à l'étranger Du bruit... mais pas trop

La Presse+, Alexandre Sirois, 2016 09 30

Editorial - « Le Canada a été honteusement silencieux devant la parodie de justice qui a mené à la détention de son citoyen. » La célèbre avocate Amal Clooney, femme de l'acteur vedette George Clooney, n'a pas mâché ses mots l'an dernier à l'égard du gouvernement canadien de Stephen Harper. Elle lui reprochait de ne pas s'être impliqué assez vigoureusement pour obtenir la libération de son client, le journaliste Mohamed Fahmy. Accusé d'avoir répandu des fausses nouvelles, ce reporter canado-égyptien a vécu un véritable calvaire. Il a été enfermé pendant 438 jours dans une prison égyptienne pour avoir, en fait, exercé son métier. Mohamed Fahmy fait campagne ces jours-ci avec Amnistie internationale pour qu'aucun autre citoyen canadien ne connaisse le même sort que lui. Ils veulent éviter que le Canada ne soit à nouveau trop silencieux dans le cas de certains Canadiens « victimes de violations des droits de la personne à l'étranger », alors que dans d'autres cas, Ottawa fait du bruit et se démène. On constate d'autant plus que cette discrimination existe depuis le retour au Canada - enfin ! - de la Montréalaise Homa Hoodfar. Dans son cas, le gouvernement semble avoir trimé dur pour qu'elle soit libérée. Et c'est tant mieux !

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9. Des départs suspects dès 2012

La Presse+, Gabrielle Duchaine; Vincent Larouche, 2016 09 30

Ottawa - Ils ont l'air de jouer à la guerre. Nous sommes en 2012, dans un champ de tir en banlieue de Montréal. Une demi-douzaine de garçons, à l'aube de l'âge adulte, s'entraînent au maniement des armes à feu. Le groupe ne passe pas inaperçu. Les jeunes ne sont visiblement pas des chasseurs. Ils n'ont pas d'équipement, tirant en chaussures sport dans la neige. Ils ne sont pas particulièrement habiles avec leurs armes. Entre les salves de balles, ils s'arrêtent pour prier, raconte un habitué de l'endroit, qui n'a pas souhaité parler publiquement par crainte de représailles. « Même s'ils ont un comportement qui ne cadre pas avec le groupe, ils s'en foutent. Ils aiment montrer qu'ils sont à part », raconte l'homme. Au moins un des garçons porte des gants de caoutchouc et des lunettes de ski quand il tire. Une tactique parfois utilisée par ceux qui prévoient bientôt franchir un point de contrôle dans un aéroport et qui craignent que des traces de poudre ne restent sur leurs mains ou sur leur visage. Les jeunes font partie d'une petite cellule de Québécois dont le discours et les idées islamistes extrémistes inquiètent déjà à l'époque les autorités antiterroristes. Des agents de la GRC visitent d'ailleurs régulièrement le champ de tir où ils s'entraînent. Dans quelques mois, ils seront parmi les premiers Canadiens à partir vers la Turquie apparemment avec l'intention de gagner la Syrie pour grossir les rangs des djihadistes. Des experts parlent d'eux comme de la « première vague ». Comme un service militaire « Ceux qui sont partis en 2011-2012, du Québec ou d'ailleurs, c'était juste pour prendre part au djihad, comme ceux qui sont partis faire le djihad en Afghanistan, en Bosnie, en Tchétchénie. C'était comme le service militaire : on fait ça puis on rentre à la maison », explique Hicham Tiflati, ancien employé du Centre de prévention de la radicalisation menant à la violence, aujourd'hui membre d'un groupe de recherche sur la radicalisation au féminin à l'Université McGill.

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10. Held in notorious Iranian prison for months, Montrealer Homa Hoodfar says it is 'wonderful' to be back home

Montreal Gazette, Catherine Solyom, 2016 09 30

Montreal - After 112 days in Iran's notorious Evin prison, Concordia University Professor Homa Hoodfar finally touched down in Montreal Thursday morning, welcomed by friends, family and other supporters who worked tirelessly for her release. "I want to say it's wonderful to be home," Hoodfar told reporters at Trudeau Airport. "I've had a bitter seven months, and the detention has left me weak and tired." Hoodfar thanked the Trudeau government as well as the Omani government for helping secure her release, and extending their generous hospitality since Monday to help her recover. She also thanked students and colleagues, "and especially civil society, human rights (advocates) and feminists who campaigned and mobilized for my freedom." The most difficult part of her detention was not being able to communicate with loved ones, knowing they were very worried, she said. After months of blackout, and even her lawyer being fired, she said she didn't even know what was happening when she was told to get ready at 8 a.m. Monday. "I didn't feel I would be released until I was on the jet. In Iran, nothing is complete until it is complete." Now that she's back in Montreal, she said it's wonderful to be in a secure place. Sitting in her cell in Iran, she said she thought of the beautiful Montreal summer that she was missing.

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11. Il prend un égoportrait avec Trudeau malgré des soupçons de terrorisme

Radio-Canada - Nouvelles (site web), Gaétan Pouliot avec Karine Bastien et Sonia Desmarais, 2016 09 29

Ottawa - Un jeune homme membre d'un groupe soupçonné d'actes terroristes a pu prendre un égoportrait avec le premier ministre Justin Trudeau, sans être inquiété par les gardes de sécurité. Deux mois après avoir remporté les élections, le premier ministre canadien accordait une entrevue à Radio-Canada à la Place des Arts, au centre-ville de Montréal. En plus de répondre aux questions du journaliste Patrice Roy, il discute avec le public et prend un bain de foule. C'est à ce moment qu'un jeune homme prend un égoportrait avec Justin Trudeau, qu'il publiera ensuite sur son compte Facebook. Une enquête de Radio-Canada a démontré que cet homme est lié à un groupe de Québécois qui intéressent la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) pour une histoire d'enlèvement en Syrie. Aucune accusation n'a été portée contre lui. C'est pour cela que nous avons masqué son visage sur la photo et que nous ne l'identifions pas. Nous savons cependant que sa résidence avait été perquisitionnée par les policiers dans une affaire de terrorisme quelques mois plus tôt. En 2012, le groupe de Québécois s'entraînait par ailleurs dans un centre de tir de la région de Montréal. Au moins quatre de ces hommes sont soupçonnés d'actes terroristes en lien avec l'enlèvement et l'extorsion de fonds subie par deux Américains pris en otage par le Front al-Nosra, branche syrienne de l'organisation terroriste Al- Qaïda.

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12. Military will bolster French counterterror operation

Canadian Press, Lee Bethiaume, 2016 09 30

Ottawa - As the Liberal government contemplates which United Nations peacekeeping mission to join, the Canadian military is gearing up to support a major French counterterrorism operation in northern Africa. Defence officials say planning is underway for Canada to send military transport aircraft to help France in its fight against Islamic militant groups in five countries: Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger and Chad. About 3,000 heavily armed French troops have been hunting al Qaeda-linked fighters in the region, called the Sahel, since August 2014. Code-named Operation Barkhane, the mission has also been recently tasked with supporting UN peacekeepers in Mali if required. National Defence spokesman Daniel Le Bouthillier said plans have not been finalized, but Canadian transport planes are expected to move French troops and equipment into the region. Canadian military aircraft carried nearly 40 tonnes of equipment between France and Africa with three different flights last year.

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13. Pick a side on anti-terror law

Toronto Star, 2016 09 30

Editorial: Living in the digital age and amid expanding security powers, privacy can often seem like a lost cause. But the erosion, while real, is not inevitable. It is a choice. And even as Ottawa undertakes its public consultation on security issues, it is a choice the Trudeau government seems not to want to confront publicly. That's the most striking takeaway from a new report by

privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien, which warns once again of the "unprecedented" threat to privacy posed by Canada's badly flawed anti-terror law, known as C-51, and of the Liberal government's failure to mitigate those threats or even fully acknowledge them. In particular, Therrien argues the government is falling short in its application of a part of the law that grants Ottawa new powers to share Canadians' personal information among departments. Under C-51, such sharing is allowed whenever information is deemed relevant to activity that "undermines the security of Canada." Critics, including Therrien, have said the legislation's wording is overly broad and opens the door for departments and agencies to share personal information of people suspected of no crime. Given the Trudeau government's oft-stated commitment to striking a balance between security and civil liberties, one would hope these powers would be wielded carefully. Yet Therrien's office found that while the new rules had been invoked often - 110 times over six months - only two of the 17 departments involved had conducted "privacy impact assessments," routine reports used to ensure new policies don't violate Canadians' rights.

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14. Sticking to his guns

Toronto Star, Vincent Larouche & Gabrelle Duchaine, 2016 09 30

Montreal -- A young Montreal man suspected of having gone to Syria and adhering to "extremist Islamist" ideologies was able to keep his firearms licence for years and to legally purchase semi-automatic rifles while he was the subject of a terrorism investigation by the RCMP, a La Presse investigation has found. The case of Samy Nefkha-Bahri raises numerous questions about the control of firearms in Canada and the communication between police forces. The police believe that the man went to Syria to participate in terrorist activities in 2012. Nefkha-Bahri said, rather, that he left Canada "because he was sick of the surveillance." "I was literally being recorded everywhere I went," he said in an interview. Before his departure, a judge authorized a search warrant for his parents' home as well as a wiretap on the telephone line. To obtain authorization for the search warrant, the police had to demonstrate that they had serious reasons to believe that their target was involved in terrorism. It would still take 21/ years for author2 ities to revoke his right to own weapons, in January 2015. The Montrealer has not been charged with any terrorism offences. Last year, he was charged with intimidating a Crown prosecutor assigned to a terrorism case. A publication ban prevents reporting of any details in that case. He is awaiting trial. He has attempted to contest the revocation of his firearms licence before the courts. It's a question of principle because he feels that he has been treated unjustly, according to his lawyer, Kaven Morasse. He maintains that he is non-violent, never intended to use his guns for malicious purposes and never encouraged or supported a terrorist group. Nefkha-Bahri appeared on the RCMP radar around 2012, according to several sources close to the case, who are not authorized to speak publicly. He was part of the same wave of departures that year as the young man who was photographed in December 2015 with Justin Trudeau. At the time, his speech was judged to be radical and his marked interest for firearms caught the attention of the authorities. He obtained his firearms licence without any restrictions in January 2012, at the age of 23, according to judicial documents at the Montreal courthouse viewed by La Presse.

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15. Terrorisme - Un suspect armé vaut mieux qu'une enquête avortée, selon des experts

Marie Vastel, Marie Vastel, 2016 09 30

Ottawa - Un citoyen soupçonné de terrorisme par les autorités devrait-il pouvoir conserver ses armes à feu ? L'opposition scande que non. Mais les experts précisent que le bien d'une enquête peut justifier de ne pas intervenir pour éviter d'alerter l'individu. La nouvelle en a fait sourciller plusieurs : un jeune Montréalais soupçonné d'être allé en Syrie et d'adhérer à des idéologies " extrémistes islamistes " a pu conserver son permis de possession d'armes à feu pendant deux ans et demi et même s'acheter deux nouvelles armes entre-temps, révélait La Presse jeudi. Le jeune homme ne fait pas l'objet d'accusations, mais la GRC a obtenu en 2012 un permis de perquisition et d'écoute téléphonique. Son permis d'armes à feu a été révoqué début 2015. " À partir du moment où on a une enquête qui est ouverte, on devrait pouvoir restreindre les permis d'acquisition d'armes à feu. Et selon le résultat de l'enquête, on peut le redonner par après ", a réagi le conservateur Pierre Paul-Hus. " C'est inacceptable ", a renchéri le bloquiste Luc Thériault. Acte volontaire La Gendarmerie royale n'a pas précisé quelles étaient les règles en vertu desquelles le contrôleur des armes à feu d'une province pouvait révoquer le permis de possession d'armes à feu d'un citoyen. La Loi fédérale sur les armes à feu stipule que le contrôleur peut le faire " pour toute raison valable ", notamment après une condamnation pour une infraction criminelle.

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16. Yes, please, to real metadata legislation

Globe and Mail, 2016 09 30

Editorial: Metadata is not something metaphysical. As Daniel Therrien, the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, rightly says, "We generate metadata constantly." Like an envelope, this outer shell of any electronic communication - a phone log, a time stamp, an e-mail address or an IP address - can reveal a lot. Mr. Therrien is particularly worried about the Communications Security Establishment, the Canadian member of the intelligence alliance called the Five Eyes; the other four eyes are the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand. As long ago as 2008, the Five Eyes dealt well with metadata. But then something went wrong with the CSE's "filtering technique" - that is, separating the metadata attached to the private communications of Canadians from that of the foreigners the CSE is mandated to monitor. In 2013, the CSE realized that Canadians were getting scooped up in its metadata trawling. The CSE maintains that the risk to privacy is minimal. If that is so, why did the Five Eyes design the the filtering technique in the first place? Was it really superfluous? CSE officials themselves acknowledged to the Privacy Commissioner's office that the CSE had improperly shared large amounts of metadata. This could undermine the public's confidence, and the various governments' too, that the Five Eyes will never, ever spy on each others' citizens. Mr. Therrien pointed to the work of three computer scientists at Stanford University that was published this year. They argue that people's supposedly innocuous metadata are often every bit as revealing as the types of evidence that police present when they apply for search warrants.

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17. Angered by 9/11 Victims Law, Saudis Rethink U.S. Alliance

New York Times, Ben Hubbard, 2016 09 30

Riyadh - Throughout President Obama's time in the White House, Saudi Arabia and its allies in the Persian Gulf have watched with dismay as the kingdom's decades-old alliance with the United States seemed to be slipping. Then came the overwhelming congressional support for Jasta, or the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, which will allow relatives of those killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to sue Saudi Arabia for any suspected role in the plot. That was all the proof many Saudis needed that the alliance that has underpinned the regional order for decades was fraying -- perhaps irreparably. "Jasta is a wake up call for the Saudis, that it is time to revisit the concept of the alliance with the United States," said Khalid al-Dakhil, a Saudi political sociologist and writer. Saudis responded to the passage of the bill, after both houses of Congress voted on Wednesday to override Mr. Obama's veto, with a mix of anger and disappointment, while many have already begun thinking about how their country will need to adjust.

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18. Cyber-experts: New Md. voting system is at risk

Washington Post, Josh Hicks, 2016 09 30

Washington - Cybersecurity experts are warning that Maryland's online absentee-ballot system is dangerously vulnerable to tampering and privacy invasions, both growing concerns in a year when hackers have breached the Democratic National Committee and attempted to access boards of elections in at least two states. The system allows voters who request an absentee ballot to receive the form by email and send back a printed hard copy, with their votes marked by hand or with a new online tool that allows users to mark the document with the click of a mouse or the touch of a keyboard, then print it for mail delivery. Until this year, in large part because of security concerns, the latter option was available only to people with disabilities. Critics say it is easy for impostors to use stolen credentials to request absentee ballots or for cyberthieves to hack in and retrieve data about who is requesting ballots or details of votes that were cast online. All registered voters in Maryland are allowed to request an absentee ballot, regardless of whether they will be away from their polling station on Election Day. With less than six weeks before Election Day, officials say they have taken steps to safeguard their online system, which was required as part of a 2013 law designed to increase voter participation and make voting more accessible. The board voted 4 to 1 on Sept. 14 to certify broad use of the online marking tool. "The issue of electronic- ballot delivery is resolved," Nikki Charlson, deputy administrator of the Maryland State Board of Elections, said Thursday. "The General Assembly has made its policy decision, and without a repeal of the statute, it is what it is."

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19. FBI partly blames Snowden for reduction in email, phone surveillance

Washington Times, Andrea Noble, 2016 09 30

Washington - The FBI's use of a surveillance statute to collect Americans' phone and email records has declined since details about the program were leaked by Edward Snowden in 2013, a watchdog report has found. The FBI's use of Section 215 of the Patriot Act to obtain "business records" as part of national security investigations peaked in 2012, with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court approving 212 orders seeking records, according to a report released Thursday by the Justice Department's inspector general's office. The program was publicly disclosed in June 2013 after the former National Security Agency contractor leaked information to the press. That year, the number of orders authorized by the court dropped to 179. The number of orders approved by the court has continued to decrease annually, with 142 orders approved in 2015. The program allowed authorities to collect information about clients from service providers, such as email or phone records -- including the numbers, times and durations of calls. Outcry over the program after Mr. Snowden's revelations led to reform the surveillance program. When Congress renewed the USA Freedom Act last year, it blocked bulk collection and storage of data. A deputy chief within the FBI's National Security Division partly blamed Mr. Snowden's disclosures for the decrease in use of the provision.

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20. Hackers Target Election Systems in 20 States

NBC News, Multiple reporters, 2016 09 30

New York - There have been hacking attempts on election systems in more than 20 states -- far more than had been previously acknowledged -- a senior Department of Homeland Security official told NBC News on Thursday. The "attempted intrusions" targeted online systems like registration databases, and not the actual voting or tabulation machines that will be used on Election Day and are not tied to the Internet. The DHS official described much of the activity as "people poking at the systems to see if they are vulnerable." "We are absolutely concerned," the DHS official said. "The concern is the ability to cause confusion and chaos." Meanwhile, intelligence officials tell NBC News there is now "no doubt" the Russian government is trying to influence the election. In recent days, U.S. officials tell NBC News, American spy agencies have determined that the Russian government was behind the leaks of Democratic National Committee emails to Wikileaks and others -- and that the goal was to undermine confidence in the American presidential election.

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21. How Russia Wants to Undermine the U.S. Election (Canada)

Time Magazine, Massimo Calabresi, 2016 09 29

New York - The leaders of the U.S. government, including the President and his top national-security advisers, face an unprecedented dilemma. Since the spring, U.S. intelligence and law-enforcement agencies have seen mounting evidence of an active Russian influence operation targeting the 2016 presidential election. It is very unlikely the Russians could sway the actual vote count, because our election infrastructure is decentralized and voting machines are not accessible from the Internet. But they can sow disruption and instability up to, and on, Election Day, more than a dozen senior U.S. officials tell TIME, undermining faith in the result and in

democracy itself. The question, debated at multiple meetings at the White House, is how aggressively to respond to the Russian operation. Publicly naming and shaming the Russians and describing what the intelligence community knows about their activities would help Americans understand and respond prudently to any disruptions that might take place between now and the close of the polls. Senior Justice Department officials have argued in favor of calling out the Russians, and that position has been echoed forcefully outside of government by lawmakers and former top national-security officials from both political parties. Unfortunately, it's not that simple. The President and several of his closest national-security advisers are concerned about the danger of a confrontation in the new and ungoverned world of cyberspace, and they argue that while the U.S. has powerful offensive and defensive capabilities there, an escalating confrontation carries significant risks. National Security Council officials warn that our critical infrastructure—including the electricity grid, transportation sector and energy networks—is vulnerable to first strikes; others say attacks on private companies, stock exchanges and the media could affect the economy. Senior intelligence officials even worry about Russia exposing U.S. espionage operations in retaliation. And while U.S. officials have "high confidence" that Russia is behind what they describe as a major influence operation, senior U.S. officials tell TIME, their evidence would not yet stand up in court. And so with five weeks to go, the White House is, for now, letting events unfold. (Vladimir)Putin has shown little sign of stopping, even when meddling is discovered. In April, the DNC suspected it had been hacked and called in the cyberforensics firm CrowdStrike, which was co-founded in 2011 by Alperovitch and employs a number of former government cybersecurity experts. CrowdStrike was familiar with Fancy Bear: it had previously found the group's hacks in Canada, Japan and the former Soviet republic of Georgia.

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22. Lawmakers Aim to Narrow Terror-Victims Bill

Wall Street Journal, Kristina Peterson, Carol E. Lee, 2016 09 30

Washington - Leading lawmakers said Thursday they were working on ways to mitigate possible unintended consequences of legislation letting Americans sue foreign governments over terrorist attacks, just one day after both the House and Senate soundly overrode President Barack Obama's veto of the bill. Some lawmakers expressed buyer's remorse over the legislation, which would enable victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks and their families to sue Saudi Arabia, worrying that the bill could spark reciprocal lawsuits and put Americans abroad in the legal crosshairs of foreign governments. "It appears as if there may be some unintended ramifications," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R., Ky.) told reporters Thursday. "I do think it's worth further discussing." The president vetoed the bill last Friday, arguing it did little to deter future terrorist attacks and could endanger U.S. intelligence officials and diplomats abroad by eroding sovereign immunity, the centuries-old legal doctrine that generally protects national governments, including the U.S., from being sued against their will. Mr. Obama said Wednesday night that Congress had made a "mistake" in overriding his veto for the first time in his presidency.

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23. Russia steps up trolling attacks on the West, U.S. intel report finds

Yahoo News, Michael Isikoff, 2016 09 29

New York - A new U.S. intelligence report says the Russian government is conducting a wide-ranging and "opportunistic" campaign to expand its political influence in Europe by deploying Internet "trolls and other cyber actors" to challenge pro-Western journalists and spread pro-Kremlin messages in social media forums. Yahoo News obtained a declassified summary of the report, which also describes the role of two state-owned media outlets, RT and Sputnik, in what some experts say is an increasingly aggressive "information warfare" campaign. According to the report, the outlets promote Russia's political aims with programming targeted to "activist" audiences including "far-right and far-left elements of European society." It adds that the RT channel gives "disproportionate coverage and airtime to the European Parliament's more extreme factions." The report, by the office of Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, was originally requested by congressional intelligence committees late last year. The panels also asked for a separate report on Russia's use of political assassination. Classified versions of both documents were delivered by Clapper's office to Capitol Hill in July. Michael Weiss, editor of the Interpreter, an online publication that tracks the Russian media (and that is funded by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty), said he was personally targeted by Russian trolls after he published an article exposing a frequent RT commentator on Germany as the editor of a neo-Nazi magazine. "They've been on a campaign to destroy my career," said Weiss. He's found himself attacked on social media forums as a "neocon Zionist propagandist," he said. A pro-Russian troll even dug into his wife's Facebook account to retrieve old photos, he said. Another tactic of the trolls is to inject blatantly false stories into the media, forcing public officials in Europe and the U.S. to respond, according to Weiss and other experts.

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24. Trump draws supremacists out of hiding

Los Angeles Times, Lisa Mascaró, 2016 09 30

Los Angeles - David Duke worked the Louisiana gun show like a preacher pursuing souls, cornering potential voters as they picked over firearms and ammo. The robes are gone and the rhetoric is softer than during his grand wizard days. But Duke has not shed his relentless proselytizing for the white race, even though voters have repeatedly rejected the former Ku Klux Klan leader's attempts to regain public office. Duke is undeterred. As he sees it, this is the moment. After last running for election in 1999, he's back with a long-shot bid for Louisiana's open U.S. Senate seat. And his reason for optimism is clear: Donald Trump. "I love it," said Duke, 66, tearing into a chicken garlic pizza at a nearby restaurant later. "The fact that Donald Trump's doing so well, it proves that I'm winning. I am winning." Stormfront, already one of the oldest and largest white nationalist websites, reported a 600% increase in readership since President Obama's election, and now has more than 1 in 5 threads devoted to Trump. It reportedly had to upgrade its servers recently because of the increased traffic. "Before Trump, our identity ideas, national ideas -- they had no place to go," said Richard Spencer, president of the National Policy Institute, a white nationalist think tank based in Arlington, Va.

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25. U.S. Military Is Building a \$100 Million Drone Base in Africa

The Intercept, Nick Turse, 2016 09 29

Washington - From high above, Agadez almost blends into the cocoa-colored wasteland that surrounds it. Only when you descend farther can you make out a city that curves around an airfield before fading into the desert. Once a nexus for camel caravans hauling tea and salt across the Sahara, Agadez is now a West African paradise for people smugglers and a way station for refugees and migrants intent on reaching Europe's shores by any means necessary. Africans fleeing unrest and poverty are not, however, the only foreigners making their way to this town in the center of Niger. U.S. military documents reveal new information about an American drone base under construction on the outskirts of the city. The long-planned project -- considered the most important U.S. military construction effort in Africa, according to formerly secret files obtained by The Intercept through the Freedom of Information Act -- is slated to cost \$100 million, and is just one of a number of recent American military initiatives in the impoverished nation. The base is the latest sign, experts say, of an ever-increasing emphasis on counterterrorism operations in the north and west of the continent. As the only country in the region willing to allow a U.S. base for MQ-9 Reapers -- a newer, larger, and potentially more lethal model than the venerable Predator drone -- Niger has positioned itself to be the key regional hub for U.S. military operations, with Agadez serving as the premier outpost for launching intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions against a plethora of terror groups.

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26. The danger was worth it, says IRA infiltrator

London Times, Sean O'Neill, 2016 09 30

Dublin - An FBI spy who infiltrated the Real IRA said he felt vindicated now that a £1.6 million ruling against the alleged perpetrators of the Omagh bombing has been upheld by the European Court of Human Rights. David Rupert, an American businessman who worked on behalf of the FBI, said that yesterday's ECHR decision showed that "the truth shall overcome". He was reacting to the court's rejection of an attempt by Michael McKevitt and Liam Campbell, two convicted Real IRA members, to overturn the landmark civil ruling that found them and two others responsible for the Omagh bombing that killed 29 people in August 1998. Mr Rupert, who is of Native American descent, became involved in Irish republicanism through an Irish-American girlfriend. He was then approached by the FBI to infiltrate the Real IRA in exchange for direct payments and tax write-offs. Now living on the east coast of the US, he said there was nothing wrong with receiving large amounts of money for the high-risk role he played.

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27. A terrorism expert says jihadist fighters who are off the radar are the real...

Radio New Zealand News, 2016 09 30

Wellington - A terrorism expert says jihadist fighters who are off the radar are the real risk to New Zealand. A would-be Islamic State fighter, Amin Mohamad, was arrested in 2013 while boarding a plane at Brisbane airport bound for Turkey on a trip organised by an IS recruiter. Because of time already served he will be released next year and will likely be deported to New Zealand, where he has spent most of his life. His lawyer says he poses no security threat.

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28. Roy Courts ISIS Bullet

Courier Mail, Matthew Killoran, 2016 09 30

Canberra - Former minister Wyatt Roy has come close to being killed by ISIS in Iraq and made himself a "lucrative" target for kidnappers during a trip to the country last month. His sojourn to the war-torn country - a strict no-travel zone - saw him flirting with the law and the Opposition has branded him a "cowboy" living out his "boyhood fantasies". Even his former colleagues have condemned Mr Roy's act, with Foreign Minister Julie Bishop describing it as "irresponsible". "He has placed himself at risk of physical harm and capture, and acted in defiance of Government advice," Ms Bishop said. "Mr Roy did not seek, nor did he receive, assistance from the Australian Government for his travel to Iraq. "The Government does not endorse or approve of Mr Roy's actions, and strongly urges other Australians to follow the official advice of 'do not travel to Iraq.'" Mr Roy has revealed he was caught up in a firefight between ISIS fighters and Kurdish Peshmerga forces in Iraq, while travelling near the town of Sinjar, two hours west of the prohibited area of Mosul. The 26-year-old Queenslander, ousted from Longman at the July election, said he went to the region to "visit and see for myself" but was caught up in a battle when the ISIS fighters launched an assault on Domez, near Sinjar, last Thursday. "The danger of a 50-cal bullet, or if they had bigger RPGs, or a mortar round, hitting us was pretty serious so we had to stay where we were," Mr Roy told SBS.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

29. 'Butcher of Kabul' signs pact with Afghan president and calls for peace

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 09 30

Kabul - Notorious Afghan warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar called for peace as he appeared by video to sign a deal with president Ashraf Ghani on Thursday, marking a symbolic victory in Kabul's struggle to revive talks with the Taliban. The deal paves the way for Hekmatyar, who heads the now largely dormant Hezb-i-Islami militant group but has been in hiding for years, to make a potential political comeback despite a history of war crimes. But analysts have said it represents a practical success in Afghanistan's 15-year bid to negotiate peace with militant groups, and comes as a boost for president Ashraf Ghani ahead of a development aid conference in Brussels next week. "Now is the time for the Taliban to think about whether they want to continue the war or come for peace," Mr Ghani said as he signed the deal at the presidential palace in Kabul.

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30. 3 more Afghan soldiers training in US disappear

Pajhwok Afghan News, Pajhwok Report, 2016 09 30

Kabul - Three more Afghan soldiers training in the US state of Georgia have disappeared, taking the number of missing trainees to seven. According to a US news channel, the missing trio from Georgia had come to Fort Benning and Fort Gordon. They were working with Americas under a Pentagon training programme. 11Alive said it was in touch with administration officials on an ongoing search for the missing soldiers. During the current month, seven Afghans training in the US have disappeared. Four Afghans disappeared over Labor Day weekend, two from Fort Benning near Columbus, one left a base in Virginia and another from Arkansas. The channel said two Afghan soldiers were in Missouri and a third came from Georgia's Fort Gordon. (Full Report).

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31. Grass-roots movement grows in Afghanistan

Los Angeles Times, Shashank Bengali, 2016 09 30

Kabul - Two years after assuming power, Afghanistan's flailing, U.S.-brokered unity government is facing a growing challenge from the biggest grass-roots protest movement since the fall of the Taliban in 2001. Calling themselves the Enlightening, members of the Hazara ethnic minority have mobilized several mass demonstrations against what they say is systematic discrimination by President Ashraf Ghani's government. They want more economic development and a greater share of positions in the Cabinet, ambassador corps and military. Organizers called off a protest planned for this week in Kabul and agreed to begin talks with the government, averting a possibly tense showdown as the government marks its second anniversary Thursday. With security in Kabul increasingly fragile, United Nations and civil society representatives persuaded Enlightening leaders to cancel. "Given the security challenges, we can't reach our goals only by continuing protests," said Sultan Haidari, 36, an activist in Kabul. "There are ways to achieve our demands through talks.... I think more protests will be the last option."

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32. Pakistan captures one Indian soldier at LoC, several others killed

Pakistan Dawn, Abrar Haider, 2016 09 30

Muzaffarabad - An Indian soldier has been captured by the Pakistan army, while Indian soldiers have also been killed in the episode of firing across the Line of Control, it emerged Thursday. Confusion over the capture of the soldier persists as neither Indian nor Pakistani officials are issuing any official statements on the matter, as yet. An Indian army official based in New Delhi said, "It is confirmed one soldier from 37 Rashtriya Rifles with weapons has inadvertently crossed over to the Pakistan side of the Line of Control". Avoiding connecting the capture to today's firing incident, he said such incidents of people including civilians crossing the frontier by mistake have happened in the past from both sides. Building a case in favour of India, he

added that those who strayed are returned. "Pakistan has been informed [of the soldier's crossing] through the DGMO on hotline," ANI News quoted Indian Army sources as saying.

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33. Bongo nomme un premier ministre, Ping parle de coup d'État

Le Figaro, Tanguy Berthemet, 2016 09 30

Libreville, Gabon - Continuant d'agir à la hussarde, le président gabonais Ali Bongo a annoncé mercredi la nomination d'un nouveau premier ministre, Emmanuel Isozot Ndonget. Ancien ministre des Affaires étrangères, l'homme a la réputation d'être posé, plutôt calme, et correspond donc à la volonté affichée des autorités gabonaises d'apaiser les choses. Jeudi, le nouveau premier ministre s'est contenté d'assurer qu'il formerait son gouvernement dimanche. « Le gouvernement sera important pour savoir si l'ouverture est réelle. Mais plus que tout ce sont les nominations dans le cabinet présidentiel qui compteront », insiste un diplomate. Le candidat battu, Jean Ping, silencieux depuis dimanche, a pris la parole pour repousser toute idée de dialogue avec un pouvoir issu « d'un coup d'État politico-militaire ». En panne de stratégie, l'opposition a appelé à une journée ville morte le 6 octobre.

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34. Cinq terroristes éliminés par l'ANP et leurs armes récupérées à Tazoult (Batna).

Le Matin (Algérie), Yacine K., 2016 09 29

Aurès, Algérie - Les monts des Aurès connaissent une importante opération antiterroriste actuellement. Selon un premier bilan rendu public par le ministère de la Défense cinq terroristes ont été éliminés au cours de cette opération menée par l'Armée nationale populaire. Dans un communiqué, le ministère de la Défense annonce qu'au cours d'"une opération de qualité menée par les forces de l'Armée Nationale Populaire à Djebel Oustili, commune de Tazoult, wilaya de Batna/ 5° RM, un détachement de l'ANP a abattu cinq terroristes, cet après-midi du 29 septembre 2016". Le communiqué précise par ailleurs, qu'"un fusil mitrailleur (RPK), quatre pistolets mitrailleurs de type Kalachnikov, une grande quantité de munitions" ont été récupérés. Dans le même sillage, "six casemates contenant des vivres" ont été détruites. Le détachement de l'ANP a aussi récupéré des mines de confection artisanale, des plaques photovoltaïques et divers objets. "Cette opération réussie la troisième du genre en une semaine vient confirmer davantage la ferme détermination des forces de l'ANP à pourchasser et anéantir les résidus du terrorisme là où ils se trouvent à travers le pays", ajoute le communiqué du ministère de la Défense. Il y a quatre jours deux terroristes ont été abattus dans les monts de Boghar (Médéa).

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35. Lutte contre la menace extrémiste

Le Matin (Maroc), Brahim Mokhliss, 2016 09 29

Rabat - Les pays arabes plaident à Rabat pour une meilleure coordination des stratégies sécuritaires Cette édition a été marquée par l'adoption d'une série de recommandations. L'Institut royal des études stratégiques a abrité, lundi, les travaux de la troisième édition de la conférence «coalition du savoir» qui regroupe de nombreux think tanks des pays du Conseil de coopération du Golfe, de la Jordanie, de l'Égypte et du Yémen. Les participants ont souligné la nécessité d'adopter une vision globale et concertée en matière de lutte contre l'extrémisme et le terrorisme.

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36. Farc accord is no done deal as Colombians prepare to vote

Financial Times, John Paul Rathbone, 2016 09 29

Barranquilla, Colombia - When the UK voted "Brexit", much of the world felt disbelief. Faced with the prospect of Donald Trump becoming US president, people across the globe have reacted with dread. And as more bombs fall on the besieged Syrian city of Aleppo, many have become so dulled by the horrific onslaught that they no longer know what to feel. So Colombia's peace accord this week provided a rare moment of hope. The agreement, signed by the government and the country's largest Marxist rebel group, brings down the curtain on guerrilla-inspired revolutionary movements in Latin America and runs parallel to hopes of change in communist Cuba. Moreover, if violent Colombia can end its conflict -- the western hemisphere's oldest -- that gives hope that the seemingly endless crisis in neighbouring Venezuela can also be resolved. In a world beset by division and rancour, here -- surely -- is something to feel good about. If only it was so simple. Most Colombians are deeply ambivalent about what the rest of the world so enthusiastically supports. Their feelings will be revealed this Sunday in a national referendum that will either ratify or reject the peace accord -- and the mood before the vote recalls much of the campaigning before the UK's poll on whether to leave the EU.

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37. China voices strong opposition to THAAD, vows 'necessary' action

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 09 30

Beijing - China voiced its strong objection on Friday to South Korea's push to place an advanced U.S. missile defense system on its soil, even vowing to take "necessary" action apparently in response to the Seoul government's decision on the deployment site. "China has made clear its stance on several occasions with regard to THAAD," China's foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said in a regular press briefing. "Its placement on the Korean Peninsula will not resolve security issues of relevant countries, nor will it help realize denuclearization and maintain peace and stability on the peninsula." "(Its deployment) will hurt strategic and security interests of countries and undermine the strategic balance in the region... China firmly opposes it and we will take necessary measures to maintain the strategic balance," he added. In July, South Korea announced it would place the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system by end-

2017 in the country to counter growing threats from North Korea. China has strongly opposed the plan, saying that it could hurt the country's security interests but Seoul and Washington have assured that the decision is a "self defense" measure whose only target is missiles flying from the North.

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38. India conducts 'surgical strikes' in Pakistan-held territory

The National (UAE), Samanth Subramanian, 2016 09 30

New Delhi - India said its troops crossed the Line of Control in Kashmir on Thursday to conduct what it described as "surgical strikes" on suspected terrorist bases in Pakistan-held territory, a claim Islamabad rejected. The incident marked the first time that India has publicly declared a strike across its de facto border with Pakistan, which has been in place since 1972. Lieutenant-General Ranbir Singh said India had "very specific and credible information" that "some terrorist teams had positioned themselves at launch pads" close to the Line of Control on the Pakistani side. The strikes were conducted to prevent infiltration by militants across the Line of Control into Indian-controlled Kashmir. Tensions have been brewing along the Line of Control since militants attacked an Indian army base in the Uri sector of Kashmir two weeks ago, killing 18 soldiers. India has insisted that the militants were armed and sponsored by Pakistan.

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39. Motorcycle gunmen, bombers kill and maim in far South

Bangkok Post, Waedao Harai and Abdulloh Benjakat, 2016 09 30

Narathiwat/Pattani - Two people were killed and nine others wounded - civilians, police and ranger volunteers - in attacks by gunmen and bombers in two provinces on Thursday as the unrest in the far South showed no signs of abating. In Narathiwat, 10 men travelling on five motorcycles and wearing women's head scarves opened fire on three defence volunteers resting near a pedestrian bridge outside Loporluesong School in Sungai Kolok district around 11am on Thursday. The shots were fired by pillion riders armed with AK rifles. Defence volunteer Usaman Rupae was hit and fell dead on the spot, and the two were others seriously wounded by bullets. Volunteer Surin Laesuk was hit in the left leg and Marorsuedee Talulae in the right shoulder, said Pol col Chanawut Khudsai, duty chief investigator at Munor police station in Sungai Kolok district. Police and soldiers sent the scene rushed the two wounded defence volunteers to a nearby hospital.

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40. Park calls S. Korea-U.S. alliance most effective means to rein in N.K. 'fanaticism'

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 09 30

Seoul - South Korean President Park Geun-hye on Friday called her country's alliance with the United States the most effective means to rein in North Korea's "fanaticism," urging the allies' robust readiness to counter Pyongyang's escalating military threats. During a luncheon with

senior officials of the U.S. Forces Korea (USFK), Park also portrayed the defiant state's threats as a "dagger to our throats," reiterating the urgency of the growing security challenge from the recalcitrant regime. The North has recently been heightening cross-border tensions with its bellicose rhetoric and provocations, including its fifth and most powerful nuclear test on Sept. 9 and recent ground test of a new rocket engine thought to be designed for an intercontinental ballistic missile. "The most effective means to curb North Korea's fanaticism is the combined defense posture based on the South Korea-U.S. alliance," she said during the luncheon that brought together some 30 attendees, including USFK commander Gen. Vincent K. Brooks. "North Korea's threat is like a dagger to our throats, a serious threat that will one day cause great harm to our peoples if not dealt with urgently," she added, pointing out that the international response to the North's provocations should be "completely different" from that of the past.

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41. Philippine army struggles to read Duterte's signal on US

Gulf News, Gilbert P. Felongco, 2016 09 30

Manila - The Philippines' Defence Department has said it will await definitive orders from President Rodrigo Duterte on whether the country would hold joint military exercises solely with US troops. This came amid apparent mixed signals coming from Duterte, and the presidential palace, concerning the joint force readiness drills, which had been going on for more than a decade-and-a-half between the two allies. During a meeting with Filipinos in Vietnam, Duterte said the upcoming joint drills between Filipino soldiers and American troops -- the Philippines Amphibious Landing Exercise (PHIBLEX 33) -- "will be the last." "You are scheduled to hold war games again, which China does not want. I will serve notice to you now that this will be the last military exercise. Jointly, Philippines, the US, the last one," Duterte said on Wednesday.

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42. S. Korea announces new site for U.S. anti-missile system

Kyodo News, Staff reporter, 2016 09 30

Seoul - South Korea on Friday announced a new site for deployment of an advanced U.S. missile defense system, nixing an earlier announced location in the face of local opposition. Under the new plan, the anti-missile battery, known as the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, will be deployed at the site of a golf course at Mt. Talma in Seongju County. The Defense Ministry said it informed officials of Seongju County and political parties earlier in the day that Lotte Skyhill Country Club is the most optimal site. In July, the United States and South Korea announced their decision to deploy the system at the Seongsan anti-aircraft missile base in the same county to better cope with North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile threats. That announcement immediately sparked strong protests from locals there who said the location was too close to residential areas and raised concerns about health risks from electromagnetic waves emitted by the system's radar. According to Yonhap News Agency, the golf course location could cause problems for the adjacent city of Gimcheon, since the radar would be pointing in the direction of the nearby city. Gimcheon residents have already threatened a "full-scale protest" if the golf course is selected.

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43. It's No Cold War, but Putin Relishes His Role as Disrupter

New York Times, David E. Sanger, 2016 09 30

Washington - Escalating airstrikes in Syria. Sophisticated cyberattacks, apparently intended to influence the American election. New evidence of complicity in shooting down a civilian airliner. The behavior of Russia in the last few weeks has echoes of some of the uglier moments of the Cold War, an era of proxy battles that ended in 1991 with the collapse of the Soviet Union. President Obama, fresh from a meeting with President Vladimir V. Putin this month, wondered aloud whether the Russian leader was content living with a "constant, low-grade conflict." His reference was to Ukraine, but he could have been addressing any of the arenas where Mr. Putin has reveled in his new role as the great disrupter of American plans around the globe. "It seems to me we have Mr. Putin's answer," said Richard Haass, the president of the Council on Foreign Relations and the author of a coming book, "A World in Disarray." "He's answered in the affirmative. Low-grade conflict is his thing. And the question is how directly or indirectly we introduce costs." None of these conflicts have, in fact, cost Mr. Putin very much. Cyberpower in particular is tailor-made for a country in Russia's circumstances -- a declining economy with the gross domestic product of Italy. It is dirt cheap, hard to trace to a specific aggressor and perfect for sowing confusion, which may be the limits of Mr. Putin's goals. The bigger question confronting American intelligence officials, though, is whether the Russian president has a grander scheme at work. So far, their conclusion is probably not. Mr. Putin's moves, they argue in background conversations, are largely tactical, intended to bolster his international image at a moment he has plenty of troubles back home.

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44. SBU chief, director of NATO Office of Security sign classified information treaty

Interfax (Ukraine), Staff report, 2016 09 29

Kyiv - An international treaty - Administrative Arrangements on Protection of Classified Information - between the Ukrainian government and NATO was signed as part of a visit of a NATO delegation headed by Director of the NATO Office of Security Todd Brown. The press center of Ukrainian Security Service (SBU) reported on Wednesday that SBU Head Vasyl Hrytsak signed the document on behalf of the Ukrainian government. The tool is aimed at specifying the procedure for mutual protection of the classified information set in the general agreement on security between Ukraine and NATO (1995) and bringing the national mechanisms in line with the NATO standards. "Signing of the agreement is another step forward to deeper cooperation between Ukraine and NATO," Hrytsak said at the signing ceremony.

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45. Intelligence minister: Threats posed by terrorists under control

Islamic Republic News Agency, 2016 09 30

Tehran - Threats by the enemies against the Islamic Republic are under control, Minister of Intelligence Mahmoud Alavi said on Thursday. Iran has intelligence dominance over terrorists and the enemies have so far failed to conduct even a single successful terrorist operation inside the country, Alavi said during a meeting with the judiciary officials. He also said that nobody has the right to pressure judges and judiciary officials for issuing decrees against the regulations. Referring to protection of people's privacy and the importance of civil rights, Alavi said nobody should be permitted to sabotage the privacy of people. The official also warned that everybody should maintain vigilance against the infiltrations by the enemies. (Full Report).

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46. Iranian spymasters 'running covert war' in Syria

Jerusalem Post, Staff Report, 2016 09 30

Jerusalem - Iranian spymasters are commanding a large-scale clandestine war from Damascus in order to support Syrian President Bashar Assad, The Daily Mail reported Thursday. The National Council of Resistance (NCRI) of Iran has claimed that Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has spent billions to bolster its ally Assad in the last five years, including running operations from a five-floor building dubbed the "Glasshouse" near the airport in the country's capital. The NCRI claims that the Iranian headquarters play a vital role alongside Russia in supporting Assad's regime. The Iranian HQ holds intelligence, counter intelligence operations and has millions of dollars that are flown from Tehran, according to NCRI claims. The documents could not be verified independently but were describes as "credible" by "intelligence experts," making the claim that Iran is in control of the largest fighting force in Syria.

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47. The Int'l Coalition Aircrafts Carry Out 11 Strikes In Iraq Targeting Daesh Sites (Canada).

National Iraqi News Agency, 2016 09 30

Baghdad - A statement of the Joint Task Force of the international coalition said that "the international coalition aircraft carried out 11 strikes in Iraq, near Qaim, Kazak, Mosul, Qayyarah, Ramadi, and Sultan Abdullah, resulted in the destruction of a workshop for booby-trapping vehicles to Daesh and tactical units, and various types of cannons, and excavator. " The statement said, "the strikes, which have been implemented, is part of the steel determination process aims to destroy Daesh and remove the threat posed by it in Iraq, and Syria, and the international community as a whole. The statement noted, "destroying targets in Syria and Iraq limits the ability of the organization to carry out terrorist acts," pointing out that "the countries that participated in strikes against Daesh in Iraq are: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, the Kingdom of Jordan, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States ". (Full Report).

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48. How Shimon Peres Faced Down the Generals and Pacifists to Build Israel's Nuclear Program

Haaretz, Anshel Pfeffer, 2016 09 30

Jerusalem - The Israel Atomic Energy Commission is not an organization known for its public relations skills. However, on Wednesday morning, a few hours after the announcement of Shimon Peres' death, it issued a rare statement. "Shimon Peres' activity has been part of the IAEC's activity since its foundation," it said. "Peres made a significant contribution to the Nuclear Research Center in the Negev and to the foundation of Israel's nuclear policy as a major pillar in ensuring Israel's national security." These few bland sentences hold in them the foundation of Israel's "unclear" nuclear deterrent. It is impossible to exaggerate the role Peres played in every facet of Israel's nuclear development. Veteran journalist Dan Margalit, who in his book "I Saw Them" revealed the details of Peres' involvement, said in a radio interview this week that when no geologists would sign off on the plans for the nuclear reactor near Dimona, Peres signed as the "geologist." Peres rarely spoke of his role in public.

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49. Israel, world leaders pay final honors to founding father Shimon Peres

Times of Israel, Sara Miller, 2016 09 30

Jerusalem - Former president Shimon Peres, the last of Israel's founding fathers, was laid to rest Friday morning at Mount Herzl cemetery in Jerusalem with military honors, at a ceremony attended by US President Barack Obama, Britain's Prince Charles, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and leaders from around the world. As dignitaries from Israel and abroad filed into the cemetery before the arrival of Peres's coffin, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shook hands and spoke briefly with Abbas, their first meeting in several years. Netanyahu, who was seated alongside Obama during the ceremony, spoke next, praising "the special connection between us that never broke," despite political disagreements and rivalries. The funeral got underway Friday morning with intense security, and "unprecedented" precautions were put in place to secure so many dignitaries and heads of state.

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50. Judge charges five over terror links

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 09 30

Beirut - Military Investigative Judge Fadi Sawwan Thursday issued four indictments, charging five Lebanese, Syrians, and Palestinian nationals with alleged links to militant groups, the state-run National News Agency reported. According to the NNA, the first indictment charged Hossam Eid of Lebanon with belonging to Daesh (ISIS) with the intention of carrying out attacks in the vicinity of Arsal on the northeastern border with Syria. The second charge was leveled

against an unnamed Syrian national, also accused of belonging to Daesh. Additionally, a Syrian and a Lebanese were jointly charged with planning to carry out attacks in Beit Jin in southern Syria, near the Lebanese border, under the auspices of an unnamed group. Finally, the fifth suspect, a Palestinian named Khaled al-Khatib, was accused of belonging to the militant group Jabhat Fatah al-Sham - formerly known as the Nusra Front - with the intention of conducting terrorist attacks.

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51. Les djihadistes syriens de Fatah al-Cham déchirés par les tensions entre combattants locaux et étrangers

Le Figaro, Georges Malbrunot, 2016 09 30

Alep, Syrie - Début septembre, le chef militaire du mouvement djihadiste Fatah al-Cham était tué lors d'un raid aérien américain dans le village de Kafr Naha près d'Alep dans le nord de la Syrie. Abou Omar Saraqeb assistait à une réunion des leaders de l'ex-Front al-Nosra, la branche syrienne d'al-Qaida, qui a rompu cet été avec la maison mère en Afghanistan. Coïncidence étrange : le numéro un de Fatah al-Cham, Abou Mohammed al- Joulani, était absent du conclave. Saraqeb a probablement été vendu par une taupe. Membre fondateur d'al-Nosra, après avoir combattu les troupes américaines en Irak à partir de 2003, Saraqeb incarnait « les internationalistes » au sein du mouvement, les vieux briscards du djihad, partisans d'une « guerre globale » contre l'Occident. Deux hommes se disputent aujourd'hui sa succession : Abou Hussein al-Ordoni et Abou Mouslem al-Chami. Tous les deux sont syriens. Mais le second, donné favori, est un défenseur de la « syrianisation » du mouvement djihadiste, contrairement à Saraqeb. Depuis son soi-disant détachement d'al-Qaida, des tensions secouent Fatah al-Cham, alimentées par des divergences entre les Syriens et les combattants étrangers - 30 % environ de ses 15 000 membres, dont de nombreux Jordaniens et Saoudiens. Les locaux estiment qu'en « renationalisant » leur guerre contre Bachar el-Assad, ils s'attireront plus facilement les faveurs des pays du Golfe, voire de l'Occident qui refuse de retirer Fatah al-Cham de sa liste noire des organisations terroristes.

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52. Tensions Between US and Russia Growing over Syria

The Media Line, Linda Gradstein, 2016 09 30

Tel Aviv - The battle for Aleppo has sparked a sharp exchange between Russian and American officials, as the city itself faces a growing humanitarian crisis. State Department spokesman John Kirby, asked what the implications of a collapse in ties between the US and Russia in Syria would be, answered that "extremists and extremists groups will continue to exploit the vacuums that are there...which will include, no question, attacks against Russian interests, perhaps even Russian cities, and Russia will continue to send troops home in body bags." Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov reacted sharply, saying they show the US is backing terrorists in Syria. "His words are the most frank confession by the US side so far that the whole "opposition" ostensibly fighting a civil war in Syria is a US-controlled international terrorist alliance," he said in a statement.

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53. Why IT spending is top priority for organisations?

Gulf News, Naushad K. Cherrayil, 2016 09 30

Dubai - With a wide array of new cyber threats constantly pushing IT organisations, it is no wonder that IT security is the top spending priority for most organisations worldwide. IT security spending is only a small part of the total IT budget, but it has been steadily growing and will continue to do so. Statistics show that the average share of IT budgets has been growing every year. According to Ponemon Institute, it was 7.5 per cent of their overall IT budgets in 2005 and 10 per cent in last year. In Europe, Middle East and Africa, it is between 8 and 12 per cent of the IT budget on security. Many high-profile companies have been subject to hacker attacks recently and they probably won't be the last. "Organisations are struggling to keep up against cyber threats as cyberattacks are growing in complexity," said Alain Kallas, Middle East managing principal for security and risk consulting at Dell Technologies subsidiary SecureWorks, a provider of intelligence-driven information security solutions.

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54. Attentat de Nice: "Quotidien" réfute les versions des autorités

L'Express, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 30

Nice - L'émission Quotidien, dont l'un des journalistes a pu consulter un procès-verbal de la sous-direction anti-terroriste, met en lumière des incohérences dans les versions officielles données par les autorités. Course folle du camion, intervention des policiers, échange de tirs... Que s'est-il passé le soir du 14 juillet à Nice? Deux mois et demi après l'attentat sanglant sur la promenade des Anglais, de nouvelles révélations viendraient contredire les versions avancées par les autorités après l'attaque. C'est l'émission Quotidien qui, jeudi soir, a mis en lumière ces nouveaux éléments par la voix de Azzeddine Ahmed-Chaouch. Sur le plateau, le journaliste explique avoir pu consulter le procès-verbal établi par la sous-direction anti-terroriste de la police judiciaire. Ce document clé de l'enquête, qui s'appuie sur les images de vidéosurveillance, décrit le déroulé des événements minute par minute. "Le camion terroriste cale" La première divergence pointée du doigt concerne les conditions d'arrêt du camion et la neutralisation de son conducteur Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel. "Le dispositif de protection a permis à la police nationale d'intercepter le camion et de mettre un terme à sa course meurtrière", assurait le ministre de l'intérieur Bernard Cazeneuve quelques jours après le drame. Faux, rétorque le journaliste de Quotidien en s'appuyant sur le fameux document. "A 22 heures 35 minutes et 46 secondes, constatons que le camion terroriste cale. Il ne repartira plus. 43 secondes plus tard, les policiers se trouvent derrière le camion. La fusillade dure 1 minute et 15 secondes", indique le rapport.

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55. Contre-ingérence économique, le lent réveil de la Suisse

Le Temps (Suisse), Alexis Pfefferlé, 2016 09 30

Opinion - L'année 2016 avait tout pour se parer des atours de l'annus horribilis: piratage de RUAG, explosion des « arnaques au président » visant les PME ou encore départ en série de fleurons de l'économie suisse en des mains étrangères, acquisitions certes légales mais critiquées tant au niveau économique que stratégique. Des efforts politiques épars, conjugués aux hasards malicieux du calendrier, sont pourtant en passe de faire de l'année 2016 une année charnière en matière de sécurité des entreprises et de contre-ingérence économique. Dans les colonnes du Temps, le 4 septembre dernier, Me Shelby du Pasquier détaillait les nouveaux articles 322 octies et novies du Code pénal qui, depuis le 1er juillet 2016, punissent la corruption privée d'une peine maximale de 3 ans de prison ou d'une peine pécuniaire. Réaction à la gigantesque affaire de corruption au sein de la FIFA, ces nouvelles dispositions sont également un nouveau rempart bienvenu contre l'ingérence économique visant les sociétés suisses. En effet, jusqu'alors, l'acquisition induite d'informations de l'entreprise par des tiers corrupteurs pouvait éventuellement trouver une réponse pénale aux termes de l'art. 273 CP (service de renseignement économique) ou par le biais de la loi sur la concurrence déloyale (art. 4a et 23 LCD). Or, dans les deux cas, ce sont des dispositions difficiles à exploiter et pour lesquelles le nombre de condamnations est ridiculement faible. Avec ces nouvelles dispositions, la frêle ligne de démarcation entre infraction pénale et renseignement économique légal se fait plus marquée, de sorte que la saisine des autorités judiciaires s'en trouve facilitée. Cette entrée en vigueur fait également écho à l'entrée en vigueur, un an auparavant, des modifications législatives émanant de l'initiative parlementaire « Réprimer durement la vente de données bancaires », elle aussi produite des scandales successifs de vols de données bancaires. Visant en premier lieu à décourager les Etats étrangers et les lanceurs d'alerte en puissance, ces dispositions ont également eu un impact positif sur les tentatives d'acquiescer illégalement des données bancaires à des fins commerciales, pour le compte de clients suisses ou étrangers. Enfin, la nouvelle loi sur le renseignement, acceptée en référendum le 25 septembre dernier, comprend également comme objectif la protection de la place industrielle, économique et financière suisse (art. 3 let. c LRens). Visant pour l'instant restrictivement les infrastructures critiques, la loi sur le renseignement pourrait néanmoins permettre de sauvegarder d'autres intérêts nationaux importants, sur mandat exprès du Conseil fédéral.

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56. Crash du MH17 : la Russie clairement désignée

Le Monde, Jean-Pierre Stroobants, 2016 09 30

La Haye - L'enquête affirme que le missile provenait de Russie et a été tiré depuis un territoire tenu par les prorusses Le missile Buk, qui a abattu le Boeing 777 de la Malaysia Airlines, le 17 juillet 2014, au-dessus du territoire ukrainien, causant la mort des 298 passagers et membres d'équipage, avait été acheminé de Russie, a affirmé, mercredi 28 septembre, le parquet néerlandais. Ce dernier présentait les premiers résultats officiels de l'enquête judiciaire menée par les Pays-Bas et par quatre autres pays (la Malaisie, l'Australie, l'Ukraine et la Belgique) sur le

crash du vol MH17 reliant Amsterdam à Kuala Lumpur. Les enquêteurs disent avoir identifié, à ce stade, une centaine de personnes ayant participé activement à la tragédie. Ils n'ont toutefois dévoilé que deux noms. L'un des responsables policiers a indiqué que la suite des investigations - qui devraient se poursuivre jusqu'en 2018 au moins - visera désormais à déterminer les responsabilités, afin que des poursuites puissent être engagées.

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57. Le PNR à la belge fait grogner le rail européen

Le Soir (Belgique), Alain Jennotte, 2016 09 30

Bruxelles - Transports Les opérateurs européens contre un fichier d'enregistrement des voyageurs Le « passenger name record » belge incluant les trains internationaux devrait être évoqué en Commission Terrorisme à la mi-octobre. La Deutsche Bahn menacerait de supprimer des ICE vers la Belgique si ce texte est adopté. L'une des mesures prévues par le fédéral dans son programme de lutte contre le terrorisme est la création d'un registre des passagers, pour confronter leurs noms à ceux qui se trouvent dans différentes bases de données de personnes recherchées. Mais la particularité du projet belge est qu'il ne se limite pas aux seuls vols aériens, comme aux Etats-Unis. Le ministre de l'Intérieur, Jan Jambon (N-VA) souhaite l'étendre aux trois autres modes de transports internationaux qui arrivent en Belgique : les bus, les bateaux et les trains. Cette perspective fait réagir viscéralement les opérateurs ferroviaires européens. Dans un courrier adressé au Premier ministre, Charles Michel, ainsi qu'au ministre de l'Intérieur et au ministre des Transports, François Bellot (MR), la communauté européenne des opérateurs du rail (CER) manifeste ses préoccupations. Ce courrier, dont Le Soir a pu prendre connaissance, précise que la sécurité doit être une indiscutable priorité. Mais le lobby des opérateurs du rail ajoute tout aussitôt que le transport par train a des spécificités qui le rendent peu compatible avec le principe même d'un PNR.

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58. Lutte contre Daech: les Rafale du Charles-de-Gaulle interviennent à Mossoul

L'Express, Journaliste maison, 2016 09 30

Mossoul - Les premières opérations aériennes du porte-avions français Charles-de-Gaulle ont démarré ce vendredi. Des Rafales ont décollé pour bombarder Mossoul, l'un des fiefs du groupe terroriste de l'Etat islamique. Les premières opérations aériennes du porte-avions Charles-de-Gaulle, qui navigue aux larges des côtes chypriotes, ont démarré ce vendredi, aux alentours de 6h du matin, heure française. Des avions de combat ont décollé -huit avions de chasse Rafale- dans le cadre de l'opération Chammal assure BFMTV. Reprendre Mossoul La cible: la ville irakienne de Mossoul, considérée comme l'un des fiefs du groupe terroriste de l'Etat islamique. D'après RTL, l'objectif est de reprendre la ville tombée aux mains des djihadistes.

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59. Members of a European Terror Cell Are Arrested in an International Security Operation

Asharq Al-Awsat, Abdullah Mustafa, 2016 09 30

Brussels - Authorities in Spain, Germany and Belgium arrested five people suspected of belonging to a propaganda cell affiliated to ISIS yesterday in a security operation carried out by international police. At the same time, it was announced in Brussels yesterday that Belgian prosecutors have started investigations into dangers that the Belgian army may be exposed to and that are described as "serious". This comes after an ISIS leader published a number of photos of Belgian soldiers and their names via the Telegram message application in a letter that he said is addressed to "the brothers in Belgium". Belgian media said that the actions of the leader seem like an invitation to carry out terrorist attacks on Belgian soldiers and that security and judicial authorities are dealing with these threats very seriously. The threats are related to Rashid Qasim Al-Faransi who is an ISIS leader and whose name has recently been appearing frequently after the discovery of terrorist plots in France and Belgium.

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1. Espionage bill will allow PM to muzzle watchdog, report says

Globe and Mail, Colin Freeze, 2016 10 06

Toronto - Canada's new spy-accountability legislation will create a parliamentary watchdog that prime ministers can keep on a short leash, or even muzzle, a report on the bill by the Library of Parliament says. The Liberal government has said the national-security legislation will create an

independent committee of MPs that will have regular briefings from government spy agencies on their activities. However, a report on Bill C-22 suggests the national security and intelligence committee of parliamentarians could end up "in effect, accountable to the Prime Minister alone." The report, done by the nonpartisan Library of Parliament and released this week, is a synopsis of the bill for parliamentarians. Such reports are among the information services the staff of the library provide to MPs and senators. The Library of Parliament's report points out that the bill would allow prime ministers and cabinet to shape, block or censor the committee's work. This hits a decidedly different tone from an essay published this week by Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale, who said Bill C-22 creates a committee that "will set its own agenda and report when it sees fit." Every democracy has to determine how far legislators should be able to go to act as a check on government spies, who typically work under secret orders from presidents and prime ministers. Canada gives its elected politicians less information about and fewer review powers over the security agencies than most governments do. And, unlike its closest allies, Canada has not cleared any parliamentarians to hear state secrets. Under C-22, that would change. The prime minister would pick nine lawmakers, mostly MPs but up to two senators, who would receive regular briefings on the activities of national security agencies such as the RCMP, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and the Communications Security Establishment. How much the committee members would be able to access state secrets is in question because the legislation would allow cabinet ministers to block reviews of some spy programs and thwart the committee's bids to see sensitive documents.

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2. Members of dormant national security roundtable seeking answers

CBC News, Alison Crawford, 2016 10 06

A group of Canadians who advise the federal government on national security issues are in the dark about the future of a 16-member roundtable they were appointed to. Members of the Cross-Cultural Roundtable on Security are supposed to meet in-camera at least twice a year, yet the group hasn't met since October 2014. The roundtable was set up in 2005 to act as a sounding board for cabinet ministers and other high-ranking federal executives on how security matters and government policies affect different ethnic communities. Over the years, it has covered topics such as countering violent extremism, migration and cyber-security. Tories turfed anti-radicalization specialist, but can't prove they investigated him Federal study disputes claim diaspora communities breed extremists Federal security officials meet local Somali-Canadians "I feel I'm in limbo," said Farzana Hassan, a newspaper columnist and past-president of the Canadian Muslim Congress who was appointed to the roundtable in June 2015. "It seemed like a very good fit and I jumped on the idea and I accepted the appointment, but I have not heard anything," she told CBC News. This past spring, Hassan and several other members contacted by CBC received a letter informing them that the government is re-thinking the roundtable's activities and composition. Myrna Lashley, a psychologist, was appointed to the roundtable in 2005 and has been the group's chairperson since 2007. But after receiving the letter in March, Lashley suspects her involvement has come to an end. "Effectively when you get that letter, you have been told 'thank you,'" Lashley said. In the meantime, Lashley is concerned the federal government is not communicating as effectively on national security issues with Canada's ethnically diverse communities, such as Syrian refugees. In the past, Lashley says the group met

with and advised ministers of public safety and justice as well as senior executives from the RCMP, CSIS and Canada Border Services Agency on all sorts of issues that could or would affect an array of cultural groups. "We could give them an idea of how different communities might react to something so that they could formulate it in a way that would be acceptable to all Canadians," said Lashley.

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3. Security watchdog legislation passes first stage in Commons, opposed by Conservative party

The Hill Times, Tim Naumetz, 2016 10 06

Ottawa - Contentious government legislation crafted to deliver on a Liberal election promise to establish parliamentary oversight over federal intelligence and security agencies passed its first hurdle in the Commons Tuesday. MPs voted 200-81 to send the bill to the Commons Public Safety and National Security Committee for in-depth witness evidence and possible amendments. Coincidentally, the committee only half an hour later held its first meeting under a new study titled Canada's National Security Framework- -but a spokesperson for Government House Leader Bardish Chagger told The Hill Times the security framework review was unrelated to the committee's task on the proposed oversight legislation. It appears, a spokesperson for Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said, that the committee will be tasked with an overall review of Canada's national security agencies at the same time it conducts witness hearings on the security oversight bill. The first hour of the committee meeting was in private, and the final hour featured evidence from Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien, who focused a recent report to Parliament on threats to personal privacy under sweeping new security laws passed by the previous Conservative government, and also questioned the new Liberal government's emphasis on problems facing security agencies rather than privacy concerns under the Conservative government's Bill C-51 anti-terrorism legislation. Despite NDP criticism of government control over the committee appointments, and the leeway for cabinet ministers to prevent access to information, human rights lawyer Paul Champ, a vocal critic of the secrecy and vast powers of CSIS to collect information on private citizens, said he believes the committee may offer new avenues to monitor the intelligence agency. Mr. Champ noted the committee would have authority, if allowed, to oversee current activities of security agencies and branches, unlike civilian review agencies. "Here is the big thing about accountability with CSIS, and why frankly, whatever form it takes, I'm glad that there will be a parliamentary committee on this: because CSIS defines its own legal authority, and they are constantly coming up with new legal interpretations that are all secret and internal, where they are trying to constantly push the boundaries of the CSIS Act and their legal authority."

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4. Beijing puppets on canadian soil

National Post, Terry Glavin, 2016 10 06

Column: China has got into the thuggish business of throwing its weight around in Canada. As a Canadian journalist working in Canada, Yuli Hu didn't expect the sort of indignity she was forced to endure last weekend, after travelling from Toronto to Montreal to cover the triennial proceedings of the International Civil Aviation Organization, the agency representing 191 UN member states that sets worldwide airline safety standards. Hu had already registered with the ICAO and had been advised to pick up her media accreditation at the organization's Montreal headquarters. But when she arrived, she was pulled aside and told she had to leave because her media credentials were issued by Taiwan's stateowned Central News Agency. "I told them I was Canadian. I brought my passport, as was required," Hu told me. "I don't think it was right for them to reject me." Neither does the Committee to Protect Journalists, and neither does Reporters Without Borders, two prominent international press freedom organizations that have protested the ICAO's conduct. There was not a peep of protest out of the Liberal government in Ottawa, though. In just one of its many recent forays into the thuggish business of throwing its weight around in Canada - the firings and the chill in Canada's Chinese-language media, the intimidation of ethnic Chinese community leaders across the country, the lavish investment in propaganda initiatives - Beijing had insisted that no Taiwanese organization should be permitted to attend the Montreal conference, which wraps up Friday.

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5. Biopsy to investigate Pitre's stalled stem-cell transplant

Ottawa Citizen, Andrew Duffy, 2016 10 06

Ottawa - Jonathan Pitre has been scheduled for a bone marrow biopsy Thursday so that doctors can better understand the state of his stem-cell transplant, which has yet to produce the desired results. Pitre will have bone marrow drawn from the back of his hip in an operation similar to the one that his mother, Tina Boileau, went through one month ago when she donated the stem cells that were infused into her son's bloodstream. Pitre began to produce white blood cells 10 days ago - a promising sign that the transplant was beginning to work. But since then, his levels have not increased. Doctors at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital are now trying to understand why, and whether a second transplant will be necessary. From their clinical trial experience, doctors know that most epidermolysis bullosa patients produce white blood cells two to four weeks after a stem-cell transplant. Sometimes, however, it takes longer for donor cells to become established so it's still possible that they'll engraft in Pitre's bone marrow. Stem cells in the marrow produce most of the body's blood cells. Pitre, 16, suffers from severe epidermolysis bullosa (EB), an incurable, blistering skin disease that complicates every part of his life.

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6. Call for rules on armed drones highlights Canadian debate over such weapons

Canadian Press, Lee Berthiaume, 2016 10 06

Ottawa - Canada has joined dozens of other countries in calling for clearer rules around the sale and use of armed drones, even as the government debates whether the military should acquire such weapons. The U.S. State Department on Wednesday released a joint declaration, signed by

Canada and 44 other countries, laying out five general principles on the export and use of armed unmanned aerial vehicles, or UAVs. They include emphasizing the importance of international law, compliance with existing arms-control laws and transparency about the use of drones. The declaration is expected to be a starting point for establishing clear and definitive rules and standards to govern what is an increasingly common weapon used by militaries around the world. "Our participation in this initiative complements Canada's membership in all four of the export-control regimes and our overall efforts in the legitimate trade in military goods," Global Affairs Canada spokeswoman Jessica Seguin said in a statement. Yet while Canada has added its name to the declaration, it remains unclear if it will actually buy armed drones. This is despite more than a decade of research and calls for such weapons from senior military commanders.

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7. China tries to block visits of Canadian diplomats to Tibet, says Dion

Canadian Press, Mike Blanchfield, 2016 10 06

Ottawa - China has for years tried to block Canadian diplomats from Tibet, banning some of them from visiting aid projects once funded by Canadian taxpayers, says Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion. While China has never denied a request by a high-level diplomat to visit Tibet, Dion says, it has put up roadblocks, including delays in approving travel requests and shadowing Canadians while there. Dion describes the problems in a written response to questions from New Democrat MP Randall Garrison that was recently tabled in the House of Commons. The minister's frank assessment comes as the Liberal government moves to expand trade with China, following Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's first visit to China and a return visit by its premier late this summer. The Montreal-based Canada Tibet Committee suggested the travel restrictions are part of China's ongoing efforts to mask human rights abuses in the region, which it has controlled since the 1950s, when its invading forces drove out Tibet's spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama. "It was refreshingly honest," Garrison said of Dion's unvarnished response. "We have known all along that China was frustrating Canadian access to Tibet, and it was good to see the government admit that."

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8. Détention - Homa Hoodfar a été victime de torture psychologique en Iran

Le Devoir, Philippe Orfali avec Geneviève Tremblay, 2016 10 06

Montréal - Homa Hoodfar avait beau être terrorisée dans sa cellule de la prison d'Evin, elle savait qu'elle pourrait, tout au long de sa détention, se raccrocher à une lueur d'espoir : ses geôliers ne feraient pas d'elle une seconde Zahra Khazemi, cette photojournaliste irano-canadienne torturée et violée avant d'être assassinée, dans la même geôle, il y a maintenant 13 ans. " Ils me disaient qu'ils renverraient ma dépouille au Canada. [...] J'étais prête mentalement à passer quelques années en prison, ou, comme ils disaient, peut-être 15 ans ", a relaté la professeure à la retraite de l'Université Concordia, relâchée le 26 septembre dernier après 112 jours de captivité. L'anthropologue était incarcérée dans la section des prisonniers d'opinion, la même que celle où a été détenue Mme Khazemi. On l'a notamment accusée de collaborer avec des gouvernements ennemis. " Ils étaient très intimidants, ils voulaient me faire pleurer. Comme je ne pleurais pas,

ils sont allés dans mon iPad. Ils ont fait jouer la musique qui a joué aux obsèques de mon mari. Et là, j'ai pleuré ", a-t-elle expliqué sur les ondes de Radio-Canada et de CBC, mercredi.

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9. Encore plus de 43 000 cas à régler

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 10 06

Ottawa - Le 31 octobre est toujours la date fixée pour résoudre les cas en arriéré du système de paye Phénix. Alors que le 31 octobre, la date fixée pour régler les cas en arriéré approche à grands pas, plus de la moitié des dossiers de 82000 fonctionnaires fédéraux ne sont toujours pas résolus à la suite des problèmes liés au système de paye Phénix. Sur les 81977 employés fédéraux qui se trouvaient sur cette liste au début du décompte cet été, 38228 ont été réglés. Il reste donc près de 43749 dossiers, soit 53 %, qui doivent passer dans les mains des agents de rémunération. «Nous réalisons des progrès constants. Nous croyons toujours être en mesure d'atteindre l'objectif, soit de régler la liste des cas en arriéré d'ici le 31 octobre», a indiqué mardi Marie Lemay, sous-ministre de Services publics et de Approvisionnement Canada (SPAC). Un total de 46 autres employés n'ont pas été payés cette semaine, mais devraient l'être d'ici la prochaine paye, alors que 173 autres cas liés à de divers congés et des pensions ont été signalés. Dans ces cas, ils ne devraient pas être réglés avant six semaines. Jusqu'à maintenant, on ne connaît pas le nombre total de fonctionnaires qui ont demandé une avance salariale à leur ministère. Cette avance peut aller jusqu'à 60 % du salaire brut. Un peu moins de 300 fonctionnaires ont toutefois fait une demande au moyen du site internet de SPAC.

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10. Iranian interrogators 'threatened to send my dead body back to Canada': Homa Hoodfar

CBC News, Susan Ormiston, 2016 10 06

Montreal - Montreal's Homa Hoodfar says members of Iran's Revolutionary Guard psychologically tortured her during dozens of interrogations over the course of 112 brutal days in Tehran's notorious Evin prison. They threatened "they would send my dead body back to Canada," the retired Concordia University professor told CBC News in her first interview since her release on Sept. 26. "I was prepared I might face a few years in prison, or as they said 15 years, maybe I would never be released," she said in a lengthy interview in her second-floor apartment in Montreal. She says the interrogators tried to break her spirit. The worst part, she said, was when they played music from the funeral of her husband, who died in December 2014. They had found the music on Hoodfar's iPad. "One of the techniques they have is to make you cry," she said. "I didn't, so they played the music that was played when my husband's body was removed from here (their Montreal apartment). "That was the most difficult moment I had with them." After 112 days in prison, Hoodfar, 65, was released last Monday and flown to Muscat, Oman. Canada had secured Oman's diplomatic help a week earlier, on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York. Iran's state prosecutor had accused the anthropologist of "dabbling in feminism," but she says that's not a crime so the authorities came up with charges that she collaborated with a hostile government against national security, without any evidence.

She believes she was taken as a pawn in the internal political struggle between the elected government led by President Hassan Rouhani and the country's more conservative, anti-West forces, including the judiciary and the Revolutionary Guard, whose agents first interrogated her.

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11. Liberals urged to press Iran on executions of prisoners during Iran-Iraq war

Canadian Press, Mike Blanchfield, 2016 10 06

Ottawa - A group of Iranian Canadians is calling on the government to add a tough new element to its annual United Nations resolution on Iran's dubious human rights record - an international call for a war crimes investigation. The group, which calls itself Canadian Friends for a Democratic Iran, will make the request later today at press conference on Parliament Hill. The group will present what it says is new evidence that shows complicity in a mass killing of Iraqi prisoners by senior Iranian government officials in 1988 at the end of the Iran-Iraq war. An audio recording from the era surfaced in August that implicates high-level members of the current Iranian regime, including the country's current justice minister, said Shahram Golestaneh, the group's director. Canada has taken the lead each year since 2003 in sponsoring a resolution at the UN condemning Iran's human rights record. That was the year that Iranian-born Canadian photojournalist Zahra Kazemi was tortured and killed in a Tehran prison after she was arrested for photographing a demonstration. Now, Golestaneh's group wants the government to up the ante by asking the UN to launch an investigation into the event as part of that annual resolution. Shahin Gobadi, a Paris-based dissident with the National Council of Resistance of Iran, acknowledged that any such call would likely fall on deaf ears in Tehran and be turned away by the country's leaders.

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12. Phoenix troubles won't be fixed by deadline

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 10 06

Ottawa - The senior bureaucrat overseeing the federal government's botched payroll system confirmed Wednesday that not all pay problems affecting Canada's public servants will be resolved by the promised Oct. 31 deadline. Marie Lemay, Public Services' deputy minister, insisted the government is on track to clear the backlog of 82,000 cases created by the Phoenix pay system that were sent by 46 federal departments for processing to the pay centre in Miramichi, N.B., by officials' self-imposed Oct. 31 deadline. "We're really on target," she told reporters during a briefing Wednesday. "The next month is a big month, but we believe we are on target. ... We believe we will clear the backlog for the 31st." But the deadline only applies to the 46 departments that were sending their payroll processing to Miramichi, which covers about 191,000 employees and has 550 compensation advisers. Lemay was unable to say what happens to employees facing Phoenix fowlups who work for 55 other departments that manage their own compensation and don't use Miramichi. Employees in those departments have also faced Phoenix glitches since the first rollout that have left them underpaid, overpaid or not paid at all. And it's unclear how many of these cases are outstanding or when their pay problems will be fixed. Debi Daviau, president of the Professional Institute of the Public Service, questions whether the Oct.

31 deadline will be met. She said the department is "playing with numbers." She said most public servants had the impression that all problems would be resolved by Oct. 31 and not just those from 46 departments received before the end of June.

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13. RCMP settling hundreds of sexual harassment complaints in costly deal

Globe and Mail, Daniel Leblanc, 2016 10 06

Ottawa - The RCMP is set to announce a major settlement of hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment at a cost of more than \$10- million, sources said. Senior federal officials said that RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson hopes that the settlement, as well as a public statement on Thursday, will "turn the page" on the dark chapter in the history of the national police force. Commissioner Paulson took over in 2011 as the RCMP was struggling to deal with hundreds of cases of sexual harassment involving female Mounties who complained of abuse at the hands of colleagues and superiors. In 2013, he said the force suffered from "cultural dysfunction." He will appear alongside Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale and Employment Minister MaryAnn Mihychuk in Ottawa on Thursday to provide the "update on harassment related litigation." Also in attendance will be former Mounties Janet Merlo and Linda Gillis Davidson. Ms. Merlo, who as an officer was based in Nanaimo, B.C., filed a lawsuit on behalf of other complainants, saying she suffered bullying and harassment throughout her career of nearly 20 years.

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14. RCMP to settle suits: Sources

National Post, Douglas Quan, 2016 10 06

The RCMP commissioner is expected to issue an apology on Thursday as part of a historic settlement reached with the plaintiffs in two proposed class-action lawsuits alleging systemic gender-based harassment and discrimination within the force, sources say. Any female member who experienced harassment or discrimination will be eligible to apply for damages. Amounts will depend on the injuries, a source said. The potential number of Mounties who could be eligible is in the thousands and compensation could potentially reach as much as \$100 million. As part of the settlement, the force will announce new details of how it plans to change its workplace culture. Despite efforts over the years to implement respectful workplace initiatives, ongoing "harassment litigation" has continued to dog the RCMP. Reaching a settlement is a significant event, said Angela Workman-Stark, a former RCMP chief superintendent who played a key role in helping the force address harassment and bullying. "For the women, it's a resolution for them. I think it's an acknowledgment of the issues they brought forward. I think it's great for the organization to move forward and take responsibility. Resolution and recognition is an important piece," said Workman-Stark, who left the force earlier this year. Thursday's announcement will take place at 11 a.m. ET in Ottawa. Bob Paulson, the commissioner, and Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale will be joined by the lead plaintiffs in the proposed class-action lawsuits, Janet Merlo and Linda Gillis Davidson.

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15. Saeed Malekpour's story matters too

Toronto Sun, 2016 10 06

Editorial: Actions speak louder than words. And in the case of Saeed Malekpour, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's words are being put to the test. Tuesday was the eighth anniversary of the Canadian permanent resident and Iranian national's arrest in Iran on dubious charges. The web developer came to Canada in 2004 and worked in Richmond Hill, Ontario. He returned to Iran in 2008 to see his ill father and it was then that he was arrested. According to Amnesty International, which is lobbying for his release, Malekpour was originally sentenced to death on charges including "acting against national security by spreading propaganda against the system"; and "insulting and desecrating Islam." He is now sentenced to life in prison on charges of "insulting and desecrating Islam". The charges reportedly relate to his work on writing computer coding that was in turn used by a pornography website, with which Malekpour denies having any involvement. While the Canadian government hasn't so far been successful in securing Malekpour's release, that didn't stop it from speaking up in the past when he was faced with the death penalty.

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16. The Canadian Government's Plan to Sell New Spying Powers to Citizens

Motherboard, Jordan Pearson, 2016 10 06

Canada's government is taking a forum for citizens to sound off about its spying powers and flipping it into an opportunity to sell Canadians on new and overbroad police capabilities, according to a new watchdog report. In September, Trudeau's Liberals made good on a promise to open a public consultation on national security and released two documents, a green paper and a background document, explaining the issues at stake to Canadians at a time when the government is ramping up its efforts to thwart domestic terrorists. These included hot topics such as the difficulties police face when dealing with encrypted devices and issues surrounding data retention. However, according to the watchdog report, the government's framing of the issues is selling Canadians on a police power that has been shot down again and again by the courts and the public: warrantless access to subscriber information from telecom companies. "Successive federal governments have sought to legislatively enshrine a state power to access subscriber identification data from telecommunications companies," Citizen Lab researcher Christopher Parsons and Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic staff lawyer Tamir Israel write in their report. "Such legislative initiatives would have facilitated access to such data on an indiscriminate basis and without any judicial authorization or control."

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17. U of C anti-Muslim posters not a hate crime, city police say

Calgary Herald, Eva Ferguson, 2016 10 06

Calgary - Anti-Muslim posters put up at the University of Calgary this week do not contain the language required to pursue a criminal charge under hate propaganda legislation, police say. Students and staff at U of C were enraged Tuesday after 40 posters were discovered on campus,

filled with obscenities and directives to Muslims to keep Shariah law, genital mutilations and beheadings in their "7th century" homeland. University president Elizabeth Cannon stressed that campus security would be working with police to check surveillance camera footage and examine the possibility of criminal charges. But according to Sgt. Eric Levesque, hate crimes co-ordinator with the Calgary Police Service, the Crown will not be receiving a recommendation to pursue haterelated charges. "It is very offensive, that's true, but if you remove the bad words, the message itself does not contravene Canada's hate speech laws." Levesque explained that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees freedom of opinion, thought and expression, while reasonable restrictions have been placed on that freedom within the hate propaganda sections of the Criminal Code. However, the criteria for charges under Sections 318 and 319 of the Criminal Code are very stringent and the threshold very high, Levesque added.

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18. Woman accused of hate crime

Toronto Sun, Terry Davidson, 2016 10 06

Toronto - Shocking Facebook video out of Hamilton details a white woman attacking a black taxi driver outside his cab and calling him a "n---- -." Officers with Hamilton Police's hate crimes unit have made an arrest and a 33-yearold woman now faces an assault charge. Witness Mubarik Gyenne- Bayere took to Facebook to post the video, which shows the woman in the back of the stopped cab in downtown Hamilton Monday. The video opens with the woman frantically reaching over the front seat of the cab in an attempt to get at the driver. "Hey, you're she yells before getting out and slamming the door. The driver also gets out as the woman walks around the front of the cab to the driver's side. "I'll knock you the f---out, eh!" she yells before striking out at him several times, causing him to stagger backward. At one point, she appears to hit him with her handbag. Det. Paul Corrigan said the woman was "unruly" from the moment the 40-year-old cabbie picked her up, spilling her orange juice inside the car and, in the end, refusing to pay for her ride.

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19. Contractor Faces Second Big Spy Scandal

Wall Street Journal, Doug Cameron, Damian Paletta, 2016 10 06

New York - With new charges that one of its contractors mishandled government secrets, Booz Allen Hamilton Holding Corp. is facing its second major personnel scandal in three years. The Justice Department on Wednesday charged Harold Thomas Martin, a Maryland resident, with stealing top-secret documents and unlawfully taking government property. Mr. Martin, a contractor for the National Security Agency, was employed by Booz Allen, according to people familiar with the situation, the same firm that employed Edward Snowden. The NSA is one of the government's most secretive agencies, dealing in espionage and military programs. Two major breaches in three years is a giant setback for the agency, which is still trying to regain trust with the public and businesses about the scope of its operations. But even after Mr. Snowden fled

the U.S. with details of secret programs, the NSA and other federal agencies remained reliant on Booz Allen and other contractors to participate in secretive programs. "It's fair to say we rely on contractors for very sensitive work, and they can work side by side with government employees," said Rajesh De, chairman of the cybersecurity practice at law firm Mayer Brown and a former general counsel at the NSA. "A lay person oftentimes couldn't even tell the difference."

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20. Half of Chinese Favorable Toward U.S., but Many See a Threat, a Survey Finds

New York Times, Edward Wong, 2016 10 06

Beijing - With tensions between the United States and China on the rise over issues such as the South China Sea and cyberespionage, one might think the citizens of the two nations have an increasingly hostile view of the other. Yet, Chinese have a more favorable view of the United States than they did a year ago, according to the results of a global survey released by the Pew Research Center on Wednesday. They hold that perspective even as many cite the United States as a major threat to China, Pew said. The report also said that although three-quarters of Chinese say their country is playing a larger role in the world than it did a decade ago, most want their government to focus on domestic issues rather than helping other nations. And more than three-quarters say their way of life needs to be protected from foreign influence -- a 13 percentage-point increase from 2002.

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21. N.S.A. Contractor Arrested in Possible New Theft of Secrets

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 10 05

Washington - The F.B.I. secretly arrested a National Security Agency contractor in recent weeks and is investigating whether he stole and disclosed highly classified computer code developed to hack into the networks of foreign governments, according to several senior law enforcement and intelligence officials. The theft raises the embarrassing prospect that for the second time in three years, an insider has managed to steal highly damaging secret information from the N.S.A. In 2013, Edward J. Snowden, who was also a contractor for the agency, took a vast trove of documents that were later passed to journalists, exposing N.S.A. surveillance programs in the United States and abroad. The contractor was identified as Harold T. Martin III, 51, of Glen Burnie, Md., according to a criminal complaint filed in late August. He was charged with theft of government property, and unauthorized removal or retention of classified documents. During an F.B.I. raid of his house, agents seized documents and digital information stored on electronic devices. A large percentage of the materials found in his house and car contained highly classified information. At the time, F.B.I. agents interviewed Mr. Martin, and he initially denied having taken the documents and digital files. The agency later said he had stated that he knew he was not authorized to have the materials. According to the complaint, he told the agency that "he knew what he had done was wrong and that he should not have done it because he knew it was unauthorized." In a brief statement issued on Wednesday, lawyers for Mr. Martin said: "We have not seen any evidence. But what we know is that Hal Martin loves his family and his country."

There is no evidence that he intended to betray his country." Mr. Martin is suspected of taking the highly classified computer code developed by the agency to break into computer systems of adversaries like Russia, China, Iran and North Korea. Two officials said that some of the information the contractor is suspected of taking was dated. (An administration) official said that at the moment it did not look like an espionage case, but added the caveat that it is a continuing investigation.

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22. NSA contractor charged with stealing top secret data

Washington Post, Multiple reporters, 2016 10 06

Boston - A federal contractor suspected in the leak of powerful National Security Agency hacking tools has been arrested and charged with stealing classified information from the U.S. government, according to court records and U.S. officials familiar with the case. Harold Thomas Martin III, 51, who did technology work for Booz Allen Hamilton, was charged with theft of government property and unauthorized removal and retention of classified materials, authorities said. According to two U.S. officials familiar with the case, he is suspected of "hoarding" classified materials going back as far as a decade in his house and car, and the recent leak of the hacking tools tipped investigators to what he was doing. Martin was arrested in August after investigators raided his home in Glen Burnie, Md., and found documents and digital information stored on various devices that contained highly classified information, authorities said. The breadth of the harm Martin is alleged to have caused -- and what might have motivated it, if proven -- was not immediately clear, although officials said some of the documents he took home "could be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to the national security of the United States." Investigators are probing whether Martin, who had top secret clearance, was responsible for an apparent leak that led to a cache of NSA hacking tools appearing online in August, according to the officials familiar with the case, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing. The FBI and NSA are trying to figure out what drove Martin. The FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit is working on a psychological assessment, officials said. "This definitely is different" from other leak cases, one U.S. official said. "That's why it's taking us awhile to figure it out."

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23. NSA has lost some terrorists because of encryption, its top lawyer says

CNBC, Harriet Taylor, 2016 10 05

Cambridge - The NSA has lost some terrorists because of their adoption of strong encryption, but the agency is supportive of the use of the technology, its top lawyer said Wednesday. Glenn Gerstell, general counsel of the National Security Agency, made the comments at the Cambridge Cyber Summit at MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts. "We are big supporters of encryption," said Gerstell. "Encryption is more of a law enforcement issue." He said the NSA sees ISIS terrorists using end-to-end encryption, and that has prevented the agency from finding out the key information about those bad actors.

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24. NSA Thief Worked With Elite Hacker Squad

The Daily Beast, Multiple reporters, 2016 10 06

Washington - The retired Navy officer arrested for allegedly removing highly classified information from the National Security Agency worked with the organization's elite computer hackers, who specialize in using computer code to penetrate the systems of foreign nations, according to a former colleague and the man's online resume. Harold Thomas Martin, III, who goes by Hal, was also enrolled in a PhD program at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. The university has a partnership with the NSA, in which the agency helps develop curriculum for the school and agency employees can take classes there. Martin worked with NSA's Tailored Access Operations unit, sources with knowledge of his background told The Daily Beast. In his LinkedIn resume, Martin says he worked as a "cyber engineering advisor" supporting "various cyber related initiatives" in the Defense Department and intelligence community. Allen was employed by NSA contractor Booz Allen Hamilton. Former intelligence officials, who said they aren't familiar with Martin's case, suggested he may have brought the material home to use as research for his PhD studies. "It's conceivable given what he was working on that he might have used the [classified] material for research," a former official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

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25. Obama Admin Hiding Secret Hostage Docs Signed With Iranian Intel Officials

Washington Free Beacon, Adam Kredo, 2016 10 06

Washington - Key documents relating to the Obama administration's secret negotiations with Iran, including a \$1.7 billion cash payment, are being stored at a highly secure site on Capitol Hill, preventing the public and many in Congress from accessing them, according to multiple sources who described the situation to the Washington Free Beacon. The documents are not technically classified but are being kept in a "secure reading space" where the majority of congressional officials cannot access them. Those cleared are forced to relinquish their cellular devices and are barred from taking notes, undermining the ability of staffers to brief their lawmakers on the contents, according to the sources. Sources further disclosed that joint U.S.-Iranian signatures across the three documents add up to a package deal between Washington and Iran's Intelligence Ministry, the country's internal spy agency. Sources familiar with a closed-door January briefing by senior Obama administration officials told the Free Beacon they were informed the United States negotiated with "the Iranian intelligence apparatus."

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26. Revealed: The FBI's Secret Methods for Recruiting Informants at the Border

The Intercept, Cora Currier, 2016 10 06

Washington - Think about arriving at the airport from a foreign country. You are tired from a long flight, anxious about your baggage, and thinking about meeting your family in the arrivals

area. You may not have seen them in years. Perhaps it is your first time in the United States. Perhaps you do not speak English well. Perhaps you plan to ask for asylum. Perhaps you are coming from a country where interactions with people in uniform generally involve bribery, intimidation, or worse. The FBI and U.S. Customs and Border Protection work closely together to turn these vulnerabilities into opportunities for gathering intelligence, according to government documents obtained by The Intercept. CBP assists the FBI in its efforts to target travelers entering the country as potential informants, feeding the bureau passenger lists and pulling people aside for lengthy interrogations in order to gather intelligence from them on the FBI's behalf, the documents show. In one briefing, CBP bills itself as the "GO TO agency in the Law Enforcement world when it comes to identifying individuals of either source or lead potential." When the FBI wants to find informants that fit a certain profile -- say, men of Pakistani origin between the ages of 18 and 35 -- it has at its fingertips a wealth of data from government agencies like CBP. The FBI gives CBP a list of countries of origin to watch out for among passengers, sometimes specifying other characteristics, such as travel history or age. It also briefs CPB officers on its intelligence requirements. The CBP sifts through its data to provide the bureau with a list of incoming travelers of potential interest. The FBI can then ask CBP to flag people for extra screening, questioning, and follow-up visits. According to the documents, the FBI uses the border questioning as a pretext to approach people it wants to turn informant and inserts itself into the immigration process by instructing agents on how to offer an "immigration relief dangle."

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27. The Aspen Institute's Walter Isaacson Interviews Admiral Michael S. Rogers from the Cambridge Cyber Summit Today

CNBC website, Walter Isaacson, 2016 10 05

WALTER ISAACSON: Thank you. Thank you very much, Michael, for being with us today. The latest of these is Yahoo, in which supposedly a lot was just read because they were ordered to do so. I just got a statement from them, an email, saying, no, no it wasn't really that way. We did not open up all of the emails. It was a much narrower complying with orders. Talk to us about the type of things you need to do and have industry cooperate with you, why that's legal and where you think we have to draw the line. ADMIRAL ROGERS: So clearly we have a legal framework in this nation that enables the government under specific -- for specific reasons, under specific conditions, to make a case before a judge in which we're able to show a judge we have reason to believe that there is threat here to the United States associated with specific individuals and a judge grants, simplistically, authority for a specific purpose for a specific period of time to access data. And the court order is then given to the private sector to execute. This is done -- phone records, bank records, this is a long-standing mechanism in our nation for how does the government access information using a lawful mechanism to do that. Cyber and intelligence, in this aspect, is no different then. WALTER ISAACSON: Let me make sure I heard you correctly. That means you couldn't get one that would just blanket look at all emails. ADMIRAL ROGERS: No. I was going to say, that would be illegal. We don't do that, and no court would ever grant us the authority to do that. We have to make a specific case. And what the court grants is specific authority for a specific period of time for a specific purpose. It's not a blanket, A, just

everything. WALTER ISAACSON: So we shouldn't believe the stories that we read?
ADMIRAL ROGERS: I've read this real quickly and I thought, well, this is a little speculative.

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28. Top CIA officers to face questions about brutal interrogations in civil suit

Washington Post, Greg Miller, 2016 10 06

Washington - Two former high-ranking CIA officials will be compelled to answer questions under oath about the agency's brutal interrogations of terrorism suspects, a federal judge ruled Tuesday as part of a lawsuit brought against former CIA contractors by the American Civil Liberties Union. The ruling would require Jose Rodriguez, who was the head of the CIA's Counterterrorism Center after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, and John Rizzo, the agency's former acting general counsel, to submit to depositions about a program that used methods widely condemned as torture. "This ruling is a critical step towards accountability, and it charts a way forward for torture victims to get their day in court," ACLU attorney Dror Ladin said in a statement released by the organization after the ruling in federal court in Spokane, Wash. The ACLU is representing three former CIA detainees in a suit against agency contract psychologists, James E. Mitchell and John B. "Bruce" Jessen, who were among the main architects of a program that subjected al-Qaeda suspects to waterboarding, sleep deprivation and other coercive measures.

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29. US envoy to join efforts to save Colombia peace

Agence France-Presse, Staff report, 2016 10 06

Washington - The United States' special envoy for the Colombian peace process is heading to Havana to help salvage a deal to end the country's civil war after voters rejected it. US Secretary of State John Kerry called President Juan Manuel Santos on Wednesday to reaffirm US support for Colombia's four-year-old peace process. During the call, he said special envoy Bernie Aronson is en route to Cuba, where Colombian negotiators are meeting with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). "The secretary voiced his support for President Santos' call for unity of effort in an inclusive dialogue as the next step towards achieving a just and lasting peace," State Department spokesman John Kirby said.

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30. Yahoo Said to Have Aided U.S. Email Surveillance by Adapting Spam Filter

New York Times, Charlie Savage, Nicole Perlroth, 2016 10 06

Washington - A system intended to scan emails for child pornography and spam helped Yahoo satisfy a secret court order requiring it to search for messages containing a computer "signature" tied to the communications of a state-sponsored terrorist organization, several people familiar with the matter said on Wednesday. Two government officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity said the Justice Department obtained an individualized order from a judge of the

Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court last year. Yahoo was barred from disclosing the matter. To comply, Yahoo customized an existing scanning system for all incoming email traffic, which also looks for malware, according to one of the officials and to a third person familiar with Yahoo's response, who also spoke on the condition of anonymity. With some modifications, the system stored and made available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation a copy of any messages it found that contained the digital signature. The collection is no longer taking place, those two people said. The order was unusual because it involved the systematic scanning of all Yahoo users' emails rather than individual accounts; several other tech companies said they had not encountered such a demand.

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31. Islamic militant groups' recruits likely to be well educated, study finds

The Guardian (London), Jason Burke, 2016 10 05

London - Recruits to Islamic militant groups are likely to be well educated and relatively wealthy, with those aspiring to be suicide bombers among the best off, a study by the World Bank has found. The research, based on internal records from the Islamic State group, will reinforce the growing conclusion among specialists that there is no obvious link between poverty or educational levels and radicalisation. The data, leaked by a disaffected former member of Isis in March, includes basic information on 3,803 foreign recruits from all over the Islamic world and Europe who joined the organisation between early 2013 and late 2014, when the flow of volunteers to the organisation reached a peak. Those arriving in Isis-controlled territory were vetted and interviewed. Data on country of residence, citizenship, marital status, skills, educational status, previous extremist experience and knowledge of Islamic law was recorded. The World Bank study found that 69% of recruits reported at least a secondary level education while "15% left school before high school and less than 2% are illiterate".

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32. Judge questions excessive cost of stopping jihadists

London Times, Fiona Hamilton, 2016 10 06

London - A senior judge yesterday highlighted the "extraordinary level" of state intervention that stopped a teenage boy travelling abroad because of fears that he wanted to fight in Syria. Mr Justice Hayden said that huge resources had been deployed in the case and revealed that he had questioned whether such activity was proportionate. He told the High Court that he was often asked why so much "time, money and effort" was spent in preventing young extremists from joining terror groups in the Middle East and "why not just let them go?" The judge said: "And I myself have wondered whether that was proportionate. But at the end of the day ... they have saved a human life." The judge banned the teenager from travelling abroad last year after a hearing in the family division of the High Court, in which police and social workers raised concerns about him heading to Syria. The teenager, who has joint Libyan and British nationality and cannot be named, was made a ward of court which prevents him leaving England and Wales.

He had an uncle who was held at Guantanamo Bay and three of his brothers had travelled to fight for the group then known as the Nusra Front in Syria. Two died in their teens and a third was wounded.

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33. Resurgent al-Qaeda plots deadly attacks against UK and Europe

London Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 10 06

London - A resurgent al-Qaeda is plotting attacks against Britain with renewed vigour as Islamic State comes under pressure, sources said last night. Sir Michael Fallon, the defence secretary, also told The Times that the terrorist network posed a "very direct threat" to the UK and Europe. Britain is keenly aware of the growing threat posed by al-Qaeda and its affiliates, particularly as Isis faces defeat in Iraq and Syria, a Whitehall source said. "Al-Qaeda has been quietly rebuilding itself," the source said. "They watched Isis become the big kid on the block. Al-Qaeda is biding its time. It will still be there when Isis is done." Sir Michael said that one of the reasons Britain was keeping several hundred troops in Afghanistan was because of al-Qaeda, which has been setting up camps in the south of the country, where British forces were once based. "Al-Qaeda is still alive and kicking in Afghanistan, in Syria, in Yemen and elsewhere," he said. "It has not been finally defeated and we are very conscious of that . . . It is a very direct threat to the UK. Not just the [defence] ministry but the security agencies are very much aware of that."

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34. Australia 10th in terrorist activity as nations experience 650pc increase in deaths

The Australian, Joe Kelly, 2016 10 06

Sydney - Terror-related deaths increased by 650 per cent in OECD nations between 2014 and last year in a more difficult and complex security environment aggravated by the rise of Islamic State, with Australia recording the 10th-highest level of national terrorist activity. New research shows an increase in terrorism-related fatalities in the OECD, from 77 deaths in 2014 to 577 deaths last year -- and another 482 deaths in the first seven months of this year -- with the results to be examined today in Canberra by a global terrorism risk insurance conference. The research commissioned by the Australian Reinsurance Pool Corporation reveals there have been more terrorist incidents on Australian soil in 2014-15 than in all the previous 15 years. Conducted by the Institute for Economics and Peace, the analysis shows that more than half the terrorism-related deaths in the OECD since 2014 have been linked with Islamic State and that, last year, 21 of the 34 member nations experienced at least one terrorist attack. Nine other OECD members experienced their highest levels of terrorism since 2000. IEP research fellow Murray Ackman said the "sheer volume of attacks" suggested terrorism was now a "much greater threat to - political stability in OECD countries". The security situation had become more complex.

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35. NSW terror suspect to make bail bid

Australian Associated Press, Miranda Forster, 2016 10 06

Sydney - A Sydney terror suspect hopes to be released from custody on bail after avoiding a long jail sentence for refusing to co-operate with the NSW Crime Commission. Alo-Bridget Namoa faced a two-year maximum jail term for failing to answer 31 questions relating to a suspected terror plot at a crime commission examination in February. The 19-year-old was given an eight-month overall sentence, with a four-month non-parole period, in Sydney's Central Local Court on Thursday after Magistrate Beverley Schurr found her offences weren't in "the top range of seriousness". Namoa has been behind bars since February 23 when she was arrested on separate charges of possessing a hunting knife and instructions for making a bomb detonator - both allegedly in connection with assisting her husband Sameh Bayda to commit a terrorist act. Her lawyer Sophie Toomey said the teenager will "absolutely" fight those allegations, and will now be able to apply for bail next week as a result of Thursday's outcome. "She was very, very happy with that sentence," Ms Toomey told reporters outside court. "She has a massive fight ahead of her but this is one step towards the right outcome." Namoa, who is of Tongan heritage, appeared in court by video link from prison and wore a headscarf covering her hair and neck.

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36. Spark seeks details on US email scans

New Zealand Herald, Nicholas Jones, 2016 10 06

Wellington - Kiwi telco Spark is seeking clarification from Yahoo as to whether any of its customers had email searched at the behest of United States intelligence agencies. According to an investigation by Reuters, Yahoo last year used a software program to search its customers' incoming email for specific information provided by US intelligence agencies. That happened after the Yahoo complied with a classified US government demand, it was reported. Spark is seeking more information, including whether Spark's Xtra Mail customers could have been affected. Yahoo hosts more than 800,000 accounts on behalf of Spark. "At this time we are still seeking clarification from Yahoo if any Spark Xtra email customers are involved," a spokeswoman told the Herald. Privacy Commissioner John Edwards said Spark was right to be making its own inquiries. "I would be concerned if these kinds of arrangements were occurring without a clear legal authority. But we haven't seen enough in the Reuters report to know the basis of it." Edwards said there was a big difference between an intelligence agency asking a provider to scan all email accounts, and seeking access to a particular communication when there were legitimate law enforcement reasons to do so.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

37. 44 Afghan trainees go missing in US in 22 months

Pajhwok Afghan News, Pajhwok Report, 2016 10 06

Kabul - Dozens of Afghan security personnel coming to the United States for military training have gone missing since the start of 2015, a Pentagon official was quoted as saying on Thursday. Speaking to Reuters, Defense Department spokesman Adam Stump said the whereabouts of 44 Afghan soldiers remained unknown. Eight of the Afghan trainees have disappeared from military bases since the start of the current month. The frequency of the trainees going missing has caused concerns among US officials. US military authorities are looking at ways of strengthening screening procedures for the training program. To minimize chances of an individual Afghan willingly absconding from training. One unnamed defense official told Reuters there was no evidence that any of those who had absconded had committed crimes or posed a threat to the United States.

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38. Bin Laden's son seeks to revive the family's line in global terror

London Times, Hugh Tomlinson, 2016 10 06

London - In May this year, a recording of a little-known voice was released online, warning that "Jerusalem is a bride and our blood is her dowry". The young man speaking was Hamza bin Laden, son of al-Qaeda's founder Osama bin Laden, and the statement confirmed his family's re-emergence at the forefront of jihadism. Hamza's raised profile underscores al-Qaeda's resurgence as it returns to Afghanistan and bids to regain its former stature. Now believed to be 25, he has released three more statements over the summer to confirm his growing status. He has called for attacks on the US, Britain, France and Israel and vowed to avenge his father's death. Like his father, he demands the overthrow of the Saudi monarchy. In June, he lashed out at Isis with a call for unity among jihadists in Syria, stressing that the conflict could provide a platform for attacks on Israel. Rahimullah Yusufzai, a Peshawar-based journalist and jihadism expert said: "Al-Qaeda is sending a message that it is in for the long haul and will still be around when Isis has disappeared, that it can unite where Isis divides." (Full report).

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39. Key Taliban figure, uprising commander killed in Faryab

Pajhwok Afghan News, Qutbuddin Kohi, 2016 10 06

Maimana - A key Taliban member and an uprising commander have been killed in separate security incidents in northern Baghlan and Faryab provinces, officials said on Wednesday. The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said the Taliban stormed several security posts in Niazullah, Shahr-i-Kohna and Tapa-i-Afghan areas of Baghlan-i-Markazi district late on Tuesday. A statement from MoI said a key Taliban commander identified as Salam Uzbek and 15 other militants were killed and 25 more wounded in a counterattack from security forces. Salam Uzbek was one of important members of the insurgent movement in Baghlan, leading attacks in the province, the ministry added. On the other hand, an uprising group commander, also a tribal elder, was shot dead by Taliban in the Dawlatabad district of Faryab province.

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40. We will continue to support Afghan security forces : NATO chief

Pajhwok Afghan News, Javed Hamim Kakar, 2016 10 06

Kabul - NATO on Wednesday assured Afghan security forces of continued support, acknowledging the war-hit country was still faced with threat and challenges. Ahead of the Brussels Conference, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said the alliance had been in Afghanistan for many years, together with the European Union and international community. Efforts of the international community to promote development and NATO's endeavor to strengthen Afghanistan's security went hand in hand, he told reporters in the Belgian capital. "Without security there can be no lasting development, and without development there can be no lasting security," the secretary-general remarked. The alliance would have around 13,000 troops in Afghanistan besides continuing to fund the Afghan army and security forces to 2020, the official added.

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Africa • Afrique

41. 23 personnes tuées par les ex-miliciens Ninjas au Congo en une semaine

Pan African News Agency, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 05

Brazzaville, RD Congo - Au total, 23 personnes ont été tuées entre le 23 et le 30 septembre dans le département du Pool par les ex-miliciens Ninjas du Frederick Bitsamou, alias Pasteur Ntumi, a annoncé, mercredi à Brazzaville, le ministre congolais de la Justice et des Droits humains, Pierre Mabiala, lors d'une mise au point relative à la situation humanitaire dans le département du Pool, au Sud du pays. "Six militaires, quatre gendarmes, deux policiers et 11 civils ont été tués par les ex-miliciens Ninjas, qui sont très actifs dans le département du Pool depuis qu'ils ont quitté Brazzaville après les attaques du 4 avril dernier qui avaient fait officiellement 17 morts dans les quartiers sud de la capitale congolaise", a déploré Mabiala. Depuis lors, a-t-il ajouté, repliés dans les forêts du Pool pour y trouver refuges, Ntumi et ses miliciens se livrent aux actes de "violence et de terrorisme" contre les populations civiles, les positions de la force publique, les symboles de l'Etat et les biens privés... ect.

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42. Deux responsables de l'opposition islamiste tués

L'Expression (Algérie), Journaliste maison, 2016 10 05

Le Caire - Le ministère de l'Intérieur égyptien a annoncé hier la mort de deux responsables des Frères musulmans lors d'un «échange de tirs» avec la police, précisant que l'un d'eux était recherché pour son implication dans l'assassinat du procureur général en 2015. Le mouvement, dont est issu l'ex-président islamiste Mohamed Morsi destitué en 2013 par l'armée, nie avoir recours à la violence, mais a été classé «organisation terroriste» par les autorités, qui mènent une répression implacable contre ses partisans. Mohamed Kamal et Yasser Chehata ont été tués «dans un échange de tir» lors d'une opération de police tard lundi visant «leur repaire», dans le sud-est du Caire, a annoncé le ministère de l'Intérieur dans un communiqué. «Lors de l'assaut

donné par les forces de sécurité, ces dernières ont été visées par des tirs, les obligeant à riposter», selon le communiqué. M.Kamal est présenté comme «le fondateur et dirigeant de la branche armée» des Frères musulmans et comme la tête pensante du groupe. Selon le ministère de l'Intérieur, il était notamment recherché pour son implication présumée dans l'assassinat du procureur général Hicham Barakat en juin 2015 et pour une tentative d'assassinat contre l'ex-mufti d'Égypte Ali Gomaa en août 2016.

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43. Niger : l'Allemagne va construire une base militaire en appui à la Minusma au Mali Jeune Afrique, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 05

Niamey, Niger - L'Allemagne va construire au Niger une base militaire en appui à la Mission militaire onusienne qui combat les jihadistes au Mali voisin, a annoncé mercredi l'ambassadeur d'Allemagne à Niamey. Angela Merkel se rendra à Niamey le 10 octobre. « Avec l'établissement d'une base militaire allemande pour le transport aérien à Niamey, en appui à la mission de la Minusma au Mali auquel le Niger a militairement participé de manière significative dès le début, un nouveau chapitre de notre coopération est ouvert » avec le Niger, a déclaré mercredi 5 octobre l'ambassadeur Bernd von Münchow-Pohl. Angela Merkel à Niamey le 10 octobre L'Allemagne, a-t-il dit, « est prête à s'engager davantage dans la région du Sahel » et « à assumer encore plus de responsabilité ». « Le Niger est à cet effet pour nous un partenaire central » et « un pays-clé dans la lutte contre le terrorisme et la migration illégale », en provenance d'Afrique de l'Ouest.

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44. Terrorists wanted Buhari to pay 5bn for Chibok girls' release but he refused Pulse (Nigeria), Jola Sotubo, 2016 10 06

Abuja - Terrorist group, Boko Haram previously demanded 5 billion (about N1,706,850,000,000) from the Nigerian government in exchange for the freedom of the abducted Chibok girls. The group also wanted the government to release some of its jailed members as part of negotiations for the girls' release. These details are contained in the recently launched book, "Muhammadu Buhari: The challenges of leadership in Nigeria". The book was written by Professor John Paden, a Professor of International Studies who has a deep knowledge of Nigeria.

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Americas • Amériques

45. Thousands of Colombians march to salvage peace deal Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 10 06

Bogota - Thousands carrying candles and waving white flags and handkerchiefs marched through the capital Wednesday demanding Colombia's political establishment and leftist rebels not give up on a peace deal narrowly rejected by voters. The "March for Peace" was organized on social media by student groups and social movements that were on the losing end in Sunday's

national referendum. Many walked silently, while some carried pictures of loved ones among the 220,000 killed during the half-century conflict involving the military, leftist rebels and right-wing militias. "Peace can't be delayed forever," said one demonstrator, Carlos Charry, a 37-year-old sociologist. "It's time everyone understands that we can't keep repeating the same mistakes of the past 52 years." The march came as President Juan Manuel Santos embarked on talks with the opposition to try to save the accord with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. Earlier in the day Santos met with his predecessor as president, Alvaro Uribe, who led opposition to the deal with the FARC. They talked privately for several hours, announcing only they agreed to form a commission that will begin meeting Thursday to evaluate ways to improve the accord.

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46. Bangladesh court clears student of restaurant terror attack involvement (Canada).

Hindustan Times, 2016 10 06

Dhaka - A Bangladeshi court on Wednesday freed a Canadian university student of all charges of involvement in a terror attack on a restaurant in July that left 20 hostages dead. Dhaka's Metropolitan Magistrate Nur Nabi passed the order after counter-terrorism investigator Humayun Kabir appealed for clearing Tahmid Hasib Khan, 22. The ruling ends a formal investigation against the undergraduate student of the University of Toronto. Khan was arrested in August and has been held for interrogation since then even as his family claimed he was innocent and just a victim of the situation. Abdullah Abu, a public prosecutor, said Khan was cleared of suspicion that he was involved in the July 1 siege of the Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka's Gulshan diplomatic zone. Seventeen foreigners including an Indian student were among the killed.

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47. Bangladeshi student cleared over deadly cafe attack (Canada).

Agence France Presse, 2016 10 06

Dhaka - A Bangladeshi court Wednesday formally exonerated a student at a Canadian university of involvement in a deadly cafe siege, two months after he was arrested and charged over the carnage. Security forces named Tahmid Hasib Khan as a suspect in the weeks following the siege at the upmarket Dhaka cafe in July when Islamist militants killed 22 mostly foreign hostages. Khan's family vehemently protested his innocence, saying he was in the cafe as a customer and was not connected to the five gunmen who hacked and shot to death the hostages in an attack claimed by ISIS. The court formally cleared the 22-year-old Wednesday, three days after he was released on bail when police dropped the charges, Dhaka Metropolitan court public prosecutor Abdullah Abu said. "He (Khan) was exempted as police had not found any evidence against him," Abu told AFP.

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48. Bangladesh Siege Is Recalled in a Militant's Words (Canada)

New York Times, Ellen Barry, Maher Sattar, 2016 10 06

New Delhi - An Islamic State publication offered a detailed account of the bloody July 1 siege of a restaurant in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, including the use of religious tests to distinguish Muslims from non-Muslims, who would then be killed. The article, which appeared this week and also threatened further attacks in the country, bears the byline of Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury, a militant who was killed with two associates in a police raid in late August. Mr. Chowdhury, a Canadian citizen, had been identified by some analysts as the coordinator of the Islamic State's activities in South Asia but had never been named by the group. It is unusual for the Islamic State to publish the real names of its fighters, said Amarnath Amarasingam, a fellow at George Washington University's Program on Extremism. Mr. Amarasingam said the Islamic State has been eager to "take ownership" of the Dhaka attack, which came at a time of military setbacks in its core territory in the Middle East. "It is a long piece, with a lot of information to go through, so I cannot speak clearly now on things like authenticity," said Sanwar Hossain, additional deputy commissioner of the counterterrorism unit in the Dhaka Metropolitan police. He said that the police also knew Mr. Chowdhury by the kuniya, or nom de guerre, cited in the magazine. "We have known for a while that this is how Tamim Chowdhury was referred to," he said.

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49. Charges of Tahmid's suspected involvement in Gulshan attack dismissed (Canada).

BDNews24, Court Correspondent, 2016 10 06

Dhaka - A Dhaka court has cleared Tahmid Hasib Khan of all charges related to the Gulshan cafe attack by Islamist militants, two days after he was granted bail. Tahmid, a Gulshan cafe attack 'hostage', was arrested as a suspect in a case started under Section 54 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, allowing police to arrest suspects without warrants. Former North South University teacher Hasanat Rezaul Karim was also arrested with Tahmid in the same case. Some of the photos of the attack disseminated on social media show Tahmid carrying a gun in company with Hasanat and Rohan Ibn Imtiaz, one of the attackers killed in the commando operation. The family said Tahmid, pursuing studies at a university in Canada, had returned to Bangladesh the day before the attack and had gone to the eatery to meet his friends. Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury, the suspected cafe attack mastermind killed in a raid in Narayanganj later, was also from Canada.

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50. N.K. elites' defections point to signs of cracks in regime: Seoul official

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 10 06

Seoul - A series of high-profile defections by members of the North Korean elite are signs of cracks in the country, but it is too early to say if it could spur the collapse of the regime, a Seoul official said Thursday. This year, more ranking North Korean officials including Thae Yong-ho, a former minister at Pyongyang's embassy in London, defected to South Korea, which some

experts view as a sign of instability in the regime of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. An official at Seoul's unification ministry said the trend has yet to be seen as a potential sign that the oppressive regime will implode, but the move is an indication of cracks in the North's leadership. "We see that defections by North Korean elites are clear signs of cracks in the North Korean regime. But it remains to be seen if it could work as a trigger for the regime's collapse," the official said, asking not to be named. He said that regime change is not the goal of South Korea's inter-Korean policy, adding that the government will adhere to President Park Geun-hye's signature policy of building mutual trust for reunification.

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51. PM vows to bolster anti-terrorism capabilities

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 10 06

Seoul - Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn said Thursday the country will focus its efforts to improve its anti-terrorism capabilities amid rising threats from extremist groups around the globe. "International terrorists' groups, including the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), have been conducting indiscriminate attacks on various locations like stadiums and streets to claim more lives," Hwang said. "Following North Korea's fifth nuclear test and missile provocations, there are also possibilities for Pyongyang to conduct an attack amid the grave security conditions," the prime minister added. Hwang stressed the general public must stay alert and cooperate with the government to better cope with terrorists' provocations.

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52. Snowden biopic to illuminate situation of asylum seekers (Canada)

South China Morning Post, Raquel Carvalho, 2016 10 06

Beijing - Oliver Stone's Snowden film, which opens in Hong Kong cinemas today, has raised some concerns about the public exposure that those who sheltered the former US intelligence contractor in Hong Kong in 2013 are facing. "I haven't seen the portrayal ... but am aware of some of the reports of the persons sheltering Mr Snowden," human rights lawyer Mark Daly said. "I think in very general terms it may shed some light on the situation of refugees in Hong Kong but the 'light' may not be welcomed by all," he noted. Daly said that "usually, genuine asylum seekers would not wish to reveal their identities as this could expose them, or their families, to danger if returned to their countries of origin". But he noted: "The issues are complex and perhaps raise further questions and concerns." It emerged last month that Edward Snowden, a former National Security Agency contractor who leaked classified documents detailing the extent of electronic spying by the United States and other governments, took shelter in asylum seekers' homes during his stay in Hong Kong in June 2013. Their identities, including names and photos, appeared in the news over the past weeks. Justice Centre advocacy officer Victoria Wisniewski Otero said although it is hard to predict the impact on the families who sheltered Snowden, the film might highlight the broader situation. Robert Tibbo, one of the lawyers who assisted Snowden in Hong Kong, said there was no option but to reveal the identities of those who sheltered the former US intelligence contractor. "There are exactly eight refugees identified in the media and who are portrayed in the film ... There was no choice about the fact that they

existed and sheltered Snowden as it is in the film," he said. Revealing their identities before the film's release also provided an opportunity for them "to have control over their story". According to the Canadian barrister, "the identification of the three refugee families ... will certainly provide greater protection to them".

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53. Tahmid to face charges of hiding info (Canada).

Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha, 2016 10 06

Dhaka - Police are set to press new charges of hiding information about the barbaric Gulshan cafe attack against Canadian university student Tahmid Hasib Khan as the court cleared the way today. The court also cleared Tahmid and former North South University teacher Hasanat Rezaul Karim of all charges under section 54 of the CrPC. Dhaka metropolitan magistrate Md Nur Nabi passed the order. Another Dhaka court on October 2 has granted bail to Tahmid in the sensational Gulshan cafe attack case. Tahmid, who were seen holding gun and walking along with the terrorists in a couple of pictures taken by a man from a flat adjacent to the bakery, were arrested on August 4. A total of 22 persons were killed by the terrorists in the July 1 attack on an upscale cafe in capital's Gulshan area. Five terrorists were also killed in the Operation Thunderbolt by the army commandos. A cafe worker too lost his life coming between the exchanges of fire. (Full Report).

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

54. 35 dual nationals banned from serving in government

Tehran Times, 2016 10 06

Tehran - Iran has barred 35 dual nationals, out of a 79 total, from serving in an official capacity presumably for security concerns, an MP quoted Intelligence Minister Mahmoud Alavi as having said, IRIB news agency reported on October 5. "Out of a total of 79 cases looked into, 39 were proved to have dual nationalities or a U.S. Green Card, and dismissed for official posts," Alavi had told members of the Majlis National Security and Foreign Policy Committee, according to Hossein Naqavi Hosseini, the committee spokesman. In August, Iran's Judiciary confirmed the arrest of a "spy" involved in the nuclear negotiations with world powers later on identified as Abdolrasoul Dorri Esfahani, a senior accountant involved in banking-related aspects of the nuclear talks. Dual nationalities grew into a major security debate raised by conservatives in Iran in the past two or three years. The conservatives say dual nationality is one of the major canals for foreigners to infiltrate the Islamic Republic.

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55. Iran Calls for Boosting Security Cooperation with Russia

Fars News Agency, 2016 10 06

Tehran - Iranian Ambassador to Moscow Mehdi Sanayee underlined that Tehran and Moscow need to expand their mutual cooperation in police and security fields. "Iran and Russia should boost their relation in the security arena as terrorism and extremism are two factors hindering stability and security and major threats to Iran, Russia and other regional countries," Sanayee said on Wednesday, addressing a ceremony marking Iran's National Police Week in Moscow. The Iranian envoy underlined that Iran's police plays major role in fighting insurgency both in the country and in the region. "Iran's police is one of the strongest and the most effective ones in the region to prevent transferring narcotics to Europe," he added. Sanayee said that the secretaries of security councils of Iran and Russia had fruitful and extended negotiations on the regional security.

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56. Assad, le maître du chaos

Le Monde, Benjamin Barthe, 2016 10 06

Daraya, Syrie - L'intervention russe en Syrie, lancée le 30 septembre 2015, a sauvé le régime Assad. A la tête d'un Etat affaibli, le dictateur sait profiter des faiblesses de ses alliés et de ses adversaires Pour la fête de l'Aïd-el-Kébir, lundi 12 septembre, qui correspondait au lendemain de son 51e anniversaire, Bachar Al-Assad s'est offert un cadeau très personnel : une parade devant les caméras, dans les rues désertes de Daraya. Deux semaines plus tôt, cette banlieue de Damas, haut lieu du soulèvement contre le régime syrien, avait fini par baisser les armes, après quatre années de siège et de bombardement. Sa population avait été évacuée vers des zones sous contrôle gouvernemental, tandis que les combattants étaient transférés par bus vers Idlib, une autre place forte de la rébellion, 300 kilomètres plus au nord. Accompagné d'une vingtaine de fidèles, le président syrien a donc arpenté d'un pas vif les rues de cette ville fantôme, réduite à l'état de squelette par les barils d'explosifs et les bombes incendiaires. Sur fond de musique dramatisante, mais avec le ton faussement candide qu'il affectionne en interview, M. Assad, en costume gris clair et col de chemise ouvert, a réitéré son leitmotiv : " Nous sommes déterminés à reconquérir chaque pouce de la Syrie des mains des terroristes. "

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57. Gaza's women flotilla 'challenging Israel's blockade' (Canada).

Al Jazeera, Staff Report, 2016 10 06

Undisclosed placeline - Wendy Goldsmith, a Canadian member on board the all-female flotilla currently making its way to the besieged Gaza Strip, provided the below update to Al Jazeera's Laura Burdon Manley. I am on board the Zaytouna, but not as a crew member. I was expecting to be crew on the Amal II for the first two legs from Barcelona to Ajaccio and from Ajaccio to Messina, but ultimately the Amal II suffered engine trouble and could not sail. My role is as an

organiser and the flotilla is expected to reach Gaza early on Wednesday October 5. We all hope that we will break the blockade and celebrate on the shores of Gaza, but in reality, we know that our ships will probably be intercepted by Israeli forces and we will be illegally detained. The 13 women participating on this leg of the journey hail from a variety of countries: Norway, Sweden, Australia, Egypt, Tunisia, Malaysia, Israel, the United States and Canada.

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58. GCC ministers discuss uniform anti-terror law

Arab News, Rashid Hassan, 2016 10 06

Riyadh - Justice ministers from the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) on Wednesday stressed the need to strengthen cooperation within the bloc after Minister of Justice Walid Al-Samaani called for closing ranks in the wake of dangers posed by a regional power. The ministers were here to attend the 28th ministerial meeting of the GCC justice ministers which was presided over by Al-Samaani. "Our region is going through a time that needs a unified vision in order to face challenges surrounding us, and we need to stand together to confront them," said Al-Samaani in his address. A GCC official later said the ministers discussed a number of issues related to further enhancing legal and judicial cooperation among member states. The issues that topped the agenda of the meeting included the extradition of accused and convicts between the GCC states, preparation of rules to combat trafficking, and a uniform law to combat terrorism in member states.

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59. Le Hezbollah lie la situation au Liban aux crises régionales

L'Orient Le Jour, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 06

Beyrouth - Les discours prononcés hier par des responsables du Hezbollah ont été axés sur l'impossibilité de dissocier le Liban des guerres régionales « menées contre le fondamentalisme ». Rien n'a été dit en revanche sur la présidentielle libanaise, ni même sur la nécessité de relancer le dialogue national, auquel avait pourtant appelé dernièrement le Hezbollah. « Le Liban est au coeur d'une grande crise qui s'identifie à la crise dans la région. Toutes les crises sont corollaires, et la partie qui les gère est une : les États-Unis », a estimé hier le vice-secrétaire général du Hezbollah, cheikh Naïm Kassem, lors d'une veillée de Achoura dans le quartier de Hay el-Sellom. Pour lui, « les agressions américaines contre nos pays » obéiraient à deux objectifs : « Le premier est de rassurer Israël et d'en garantir la sécurité dans la région, le second est de mettre la main sur les ressources pétrolières, monétaires et humaines dans nos pays. » Le numéro deux du Hezbollah a ensuite repris l'accusation traditionnelle du parti contre l'Arabie saoudite, d'être « un petit instrument au service du projet américain ».

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60. STL witness details role as Rafik Hariri bodyguard

Lebanon Daily Star, Ned Whalley, 2016 10 06

Beirut - A man who had served as a bodyguard for former former premier Rafik Hariri testified at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon Wednesday, recalling his role escorting the statesman. PRH 101 held a leadership position on Hariri's security detail, and worked for the former PM until his assassination on Valentine's Day 2005. Hired in 1982 by Hariri's personal head of security Yahya al Arab, also known as Abu Tareq, he became part of the close protection detail in 1991. "He was like a shadow on Mr. Hariri the prime minister," the witness said of Abu Tareq. "He never used to take any holiday. He was always on duty. He was totally loyal to the Hariri family." On the day of the bombing, Abu Tareq was in the car behind Hariri's, which took the brunt of the blast. Investigators say he was killed instantly. In 2008, PRH 101 provided U.N. investigators with the names, phone numbers, and respective positions of Hariri's three-team, 24-member security detail.

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61. « Fiches S » : Maurey veut une loi

Le Progrès de Fécamp, S. Siret, 2016 10 06

Evreux, France - Hervé Maurey dépose une proposition de loi afin les maires puissent connaître l'identité des fichés S de leur commune. Pas question pour les maires d'avoir connaissance du nom des fichés S vivant dans leur commune. Plusieurs d'entre eux, à l'image de Guy Lefrand , le maire LR d' Evreux , ont pourtant réclamé cette possibilité. En vain. A une autre échelle, le président du département de la Seine-Maritime , Pascal Martin , verrait lui aussi d'un bon oeil le fait de pouvoir connaître l'identité d'éventuels fichés S parmi les 5 500 agents de la collectivité qu'il dirige. Relayée par le sénateur UDI de l'Eure, Hervé Maurey , cette demande n'a pour l'instant obtenu qu'une fin de non-recevoir de la part du gouvernement. Le ministre des Collectivités territoriales, Jean-Michel Baylet , a rappelé la semaine dernière la réglementation existante et évoquer la mise en place d'un groupe de travail avec les élus locaux, ainsi que « l'envoi d'une circulaire au préfet » pour justifier le refus d'accéder à cette demande pourtant « légitime »,selon le sénateur eurois. « Strictement encadré et limité » Pas satisfait de la réponse du ministre, qu'il juge « inadaptée aux préoccupations des élus locaux » , Hervé Maurey avait annoncé qu'il engagerait une initiative parlementaire. C'est chose faite. L'ancien maire de Bernay a déposé une proposition de loi « visant à permettre aux maires de connaître l'identité des personnes fichées S résidant dans leur commune ». « Tous les auteurs d'attentats terroristes commis en France depuis 2015, outre leur profil radicalisé et leur affiliation à l'idéologie islamiste, avaient un point commun : ils faisaient l'objet d'une surveillance au titre du fichier des personnes recherchées, dans la sous-catégorie S » , constate l'élus eurois.

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62. 2 Brussels Officers Are Stabbed and a Suspect Is Shot

New York Times, Milan Schreuer, Alissa J. Rubin, 2016 10 06

Brussels - A man wounded two police officers with a knife in Brussels around noon on Wednesday in what the authorities called "a potential terrorist attack." The two officers were attacked on the Boulevard Lambert in the Schaerbeek district, just north of the city center. A third police officer, who came to their aid, was also injured. None of the three had life-threatening injuries. The man suspected of carrying out the assault was shot in the leg. He was identified only as Hicham D., 43, a Belgian citizen. "The provisional results of the investigation indicate that it would be a potential terrorist attack," Eric Van der Sijpt, a spokesman for the federal prosecutor's office, said in a statement. "The investigating judge specializing in terrorism cases will decide later" about the suspect's "further detention." Mr. Van der Sijpt said that Hicham D. was a former soldier and member of the Belgian Armed Forces, but did not say whether he had been cited before in terrorism investigations.

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63. Ancien militaire et ex-boxeur professionnel: voici l'homme qui a attaqué trois policiers à Bruxelles

Dernière Heure (Belgique), Gilbert Dupont, 2016 10 06

Bruxelles - La mère d'Hicham Diop, l'homme qui a attaqué trois policiers: "Radicalisé, mon fils ? Il laisse ça aux autres" Ancien militaire, père de six enfants, ex-boxeur professionnel : voici l'homme qui a attaqué les policiers. L'homme de 43 ans qui a porté des coups de couteau hier matin à deux policiers de la zone Nord est Hicham Diop, belge, marié, père de famille nombreuse, ancien boxeur professionnel et ancien militaire à l'armée belge où il avait reçu la formation spécifique de soldat éclaireur voltigeur. En outre, à l'âge de 6 ans, Hicham avait été pris en otage, avec sa mère et un de ses frères, par un forcené. L'homme, un meurtrier sorti de l'asile, avait été abattu par la police. À l'époque, notre confrère Raoul Dewael écrivait dans la Dernière Heure: "Aucun membre de la famille Diop n'a été blessé. Mais il faudra plusieurs jours pour qu'ils se remettent de leurs émotions". Pour Hicham, 37 années n'ont sans doute pas suffi! Aujourd'hui, Diop habite avenue de la Reine à Schaerbeek. En 2011, il a été victime d'un accident grave qui peut également avoir joué un rôle : alors qu'il ramenait ses enfants de l'école, il a été renversé devant chez lui et grièvement blessé par une Audi A8 blindée de la police fédérale qui escortait un transport prioritaire. À sa grande fureur, l'affaire fut classée sans suite par le parquet de Bruxelles. Hicham Diop en a-t-il conçu une rage qui explique sans le justifier l'attentat commis hier contre les policiers ? La question est posée. Qui est Hicham Diop ? Nous rencontrons ses voisins et sa mère. Les voisins décrivent un "homme très gentil, serviable, poli", qui "disait bien bonjour" et qu'on voyait, le matin, "déposer les enfants à l'école dans la Renault Scenic familiale", et, le soir, les "ramener après les cours". Une famille ordinaire. Appréciée. L'homme fréquente la salle de musculation du quartier, souvent accompagné d'un ami qui "lui ressemble comme deux gouttes d'eau qu'on les croirait frères. [...] Hicham, c'est celui des deux qui a toujours une casquette". C'est à l'interpellation du second que nous avons assisté vers 17 h près du domicile de Hicham à Schaerbeek : la police veut vérifier si cet ami inséparable n'a pas eu un rôle actif dans l'attaque des policiers. Était-il au courant ? Quant à Hicham Diop, né en Belgique le 26 avril 1973, il a perdu son père en début d'année, des suites "d'une longue

maladie". Il est marié à une infirmière. Le couple, qui a six enfants, a connu l'épreuve douloureuse d'en perdre un.

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64. Belgian police stabbed in suspected terrorist attack

London Times, Bruno Waterfield, 2016 10 06

Brussels - Two police officers were stabbed in Brussels yesterday in an incident described by prosecutors as "a potential terrorist attack". The suspect, named only as Hicham D, 43, attacked the two officers after they stopped him for a check in the Schaerbeek district of the Belgian capital. One officer was stabbed in the neck and another in the stomach, but neither are in a critical condition. The attacker fled before running into another police patrol which overpowered him, shooting him in the leg. During the struggle the suspect bit the nose of a third police officer. "The provisional results of the investigation indicate that it would be a potential terrorist attack," the federal prosecutor said in a statement. Witnesses claimed that the attacker did not say anything to indicate a terrorist motive. According to reports, the suspect is a former soldier linked to previous terrorist investigations and with alleged links to fighters in Syria.

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65. German intelligence faces new cover-up claims in neo-Nazi case

Daily Sabah, Staff report, 2016 10 06

Istanbul - Germany's intelligence services are once again subject to allegations of a cover-up with regards to the neo-Nazi National Socialist Underground (NSU) gang that is implicated in the racist murders of Turks in the country. Lawyers for the family of Mehmet Kubasik, killed by the NSU in 2006, filed a criminal complaint against Lothar Lingen, a senior official in the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BFV), Germany's domestic intelligence agency. Lingen, who was in charge of the BFV's division monitoring the far-right scene, is accused of destroying documents that could have shed light on the NSU's murders. Speaking to Anadolu Agency after filing the complaint against Lingen, Carsten Ilius, lawyer for the family of Kubasik, said new revelations on the case added to suspicions that the BFV destroyed paperwork that might be related to the NSU in 2011. Ilius said documents concerned seven informants in the far-right scene, and they were destroyed in November 2011, right after authorities found out that the gang was responsible for the murders. He said Lingen's statements during the legal process concerning the NSU showed intelligence officials were concerned about facing an inquiry if it was revealed that the BFV did not act though it knew about the neo-Nazi gang thanks to its informants in the far-right scene. Ilius said Lingen's 2014 testimony to prosecutors only came to light after an inquiry by a parliamentary committee investigating the potential cover-up and negligence in the case.

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66. Hicham D., un radicalisé issu des rangs de l'armée

Le Soir (Belgique), Louis Colart avec F. De. et P.V., 2016 10 06

Bruxelles - Deux agents de police à Schaerbeek ont été blessés. L'enquête a été confiée au parquet fédéral, qui soupçonne un acte terroriste. Le suspect avait montré des signes de radicalisation avant de quitter l'armée belge en 2009. Acte d'un ex-militaire dépressif en quête de vengeance ou attentat terroriste ? L'auteur de l'agression au couteau sur deux policiers à Schaerbeek ce mercredi a été identifié comme Hicham D., né le 26 avril 1973, de nationalité belge. Sans donner plus de précisions, le porte-parole de l'instance fédérale ajoute que « les résultats provisoires de l'enquête montrent qu'il s'agirait d'un possible attentat terroriste. Le juge d'instruction, spécialisé en matière de terrorisme, décidera ultérieurement de son maintien en détention éventuel ». Des sources proches de l'enquête ont indiqué que le suspect avait été renversé et blessé grièvement en 2011 par un véhicule blindé de la police fédérale. Autre coup dur, le suspect aurait récemment perdu un enfant. Enfin, l'assaillant n'a pas émis de revendication au moment du passage à l'acte. Autant d'informations qui pourraient faire pencher l'enquête vers le geste désespéré d'un homme voulant se venger contre la société. Toutes ces informations n'ont pas été confirmées de source officielle. Une seule chose sûre mercredi soir : une perquisition a été effectuée au domicile du suspect, qui n'a mené à la découverte d'aucune arme ni explosif. Pourtant, le dossier a bien été transmis au parquet fédéral. Pourquoi soupçonner un acte terroriste ? Tout d'abord parce que Hicham D. serait connu de la justice, son nom se retrouverait dans plusieurs anciens dossiers de terrorisme. Il aurait également eu des contacts avec des combattants partis en Syrie, en particulier avec Bassam Ayachi, ont découvert nos confrères du Standaard .

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67. La Suisse plus restrictive

Le Temps (Suisse), Sylvia Revello, 2016 10 06

Berne - Expert en droit des médias et des nouvelles technologies, Nicolas Capt analyse l'affaire Yahoo! du point de vue juridique suisse Peut- on envisager un accord similaire à celui de Yahoo! entre les autorités et des fournisseurs suisses? Au-delà du caractère illégal, cette situation me paraît peu probable. Les prérogatives étatiques sont très différentes en Suisse. Dans l'exemple américain, on est face à une surveillance à grande échelle, une sorte de fishing expedition qui ratisse large en espérant obtenir des résultats. Le cadre helvétique est bien plus restrictif, y compris avec la nouvelle loi sur le renseignement, qui pose de nombreux garde-fous. De la part des autorités pénales comme du Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC), l'observation des données privées reste limitée et surtout ciblée. La vraie différence réside dans une certaine opacité de la surveillance du SRC qui officie, par principe, hors de toute procédure pénale. La NSA avait-elle vraiment besoin que Yahoo! lui fournisse ses données, connaissant sa puissance de frappe? Il n'est pas absolument certain que la NSA soit capable de procéder seule à une surveillance aussi large. Politiquement parlant, je relève que le scandale est moindre en négociant un accord préalable avec la société plutôt qu'en opérant une attaque informatique contre une entreprise, qui plus est américaine.

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68. Les métiers les plus sensibles face au risque de radicalisation

Le Figaro, Anne-Laure Frémont avec Caroline Piquet, 2016 10 06

Paris - Alors qu'Air France a démenti les affirmations du Canard Enchaîné selon lesquelles l'entreprise ferait face à une multiplication des sabotages sur ses appareils, voici un point sur les secteurs les plus exposés aux risques de radicalisation. L'un des kamikazes du Bataclan avait travaillé à la RATP, la régie des transports parisiens. L'attentat de Saint- Quentin-Fallavier, en Isère, lors duquel un homme a décapité son patron et foncé sur une usine, s'est produit sur un site classé Seveso. Un mois après les attentats du 13 novembre, le PDG d'Aéroports de Paris annonçait qu'une quinzaine de salariés travaillant à Roissy et Orly s'étaient vus retirer leur accréditation pour «comportements inquiétants»... Il y a environ 20.000 fichés S en France; des personnes potentiellement menaçantes pour la «sûreté de l'État», parfois soupçonnées de lien avec la mouvance terroriste. Voici les secteurs les plus sensibles.

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69. Policiers agressés : le spectre du terrorisme

Le Soir (Belgique), Journaliste maison, 2016 10 06

Bruxelles - L'auteur de l'attaque au couteau avait montré des signes de radicalisation avant de quitter l'armée en 2009. Un homme a agressé au couteau deux policiers, ce mercredi matin à Schaerbeek, le long du boulevard Lambert. L'agresseur, identifié comme Hicham D. (43 ans), n'a émis aucune revendication au moment du passage à l'acte. L'enquête a malgré tout été confiée au parquet fédéral, qui soupçonne « un possible attentat terroriste ». Hicham D. était entré en 2006 ou 2007 dans les rangs de l'armée belge. Il y aurait montré des signes de radicalisation et aurait été considéré comme déserteur en 2009. Son nom se retrouverait dans plusieurs anciens dossiers de terrorisme. Il aurait également eu des contacts avec des combattants partis en Syrie. Plusieurs services fédéraux auraient été informés du profil radicalisé de l'agresseur, mais n'en auraient pas fait part à la police zonale dans le cadre des plates-formes d'échange d'informations.

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70. Yahoo investigated by Irish watchdog over email 'scanner'

London Daily Telegraph, Cara McGoogan, 2016 10 06

Dublin - Yahoo is under investigation in Europe over claims that it monitored millions of emails at the request of the US government. The Irish privacy watchdog said it would examine whether Yahoo had broken EU data protection law as a "matter of considerable concern". It had been reported Yahoo had built a tool to scan every email sent or received for certain phrases that could signal criminal activity on behalf of the National Security Agency and FBI. "Arising from media reports, the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner is making enquiries into this matter," said the Dublin-based watchdog. As Yahoo's European headquarters is based in Ireland, the Irish office is responsible for determining whether it complies with laws across the EU. Yahoo last night called reports of its surveillance "misleading". A spokesman said: "The mail scanning described in the article does not exist on our systems. We narrowly interpret every government request for user data to minimise disclosure." (Full report).

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1. Garratt makes first public appearance since release

Globe and Mail, Michelle Zilio, 2016 10 07

Ottawa - Kevin Garratt, the Canadian missionary held for two years in China on suspicion of spying, spoke publicly for the first time Thursday since his high-profile release, detailing the brutal prison conditions he and his wife dealt with during their ordeal. Reading from a hand-

written statement in the House of Commons foyer, Mr. Garratt said the "horrendous" 775-day ordeal for him, his wife and their family passed by in long minutes. Mr. Garratt and his wife, Julia, were initially detained in August, 2014, after living and working as missionaries in China for 30 years. "Julia and I were suddenly taken to a remote compound and held in isolation separately for six months, unjustly interrogated as suspects, accused of espionage and stealing state secrets," Mr. Garratt said, with his wife by his side. After spending six months confined to one room with the lights on 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Ms. Garratt was released on bail in February, 2015, without identification and multiple communications restrictions. Mr. Garratt's situation worsened. Mr. Garratt said his only contact with the outside world during his two years in prison was a 30-minute supervised, monthly visit with a consular worker. His wife experienced the same restrictions during her time in prison. He was suddenly released last month after a massive effort by the Canadian government, its embassy in Beijing and two prime ministers. Canadian Security Intelligence Service Director Michel Coulombe became involved, as well. According to sources, Mr. Coulombe met with Minister of State Security Geng Huichang to explain that Mr. Garratt, a Pentecostal pastor, did not work for CSIS. Mr. Garratt's release came one day after Ottawa agreed to bilateral extradition-treaty talks with China, a long-time demand of the Asian giant. Despite the timing, the government insists Canada made no concessions for Mr. Garratt's return.

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Canada

2. 'They didn't break me'

Montreal Gazette, Karen Seidman, 2016 10 07

Montreal - Homa Hoodfar's Iranian captors never succeeded in breaking her spirit -- not when they confined her to a tiny cell without a bathroom, not when they interrogated her for hours on end, not when she endured countless sleepless nights in a brightly lit cell with no pillow. Not through 112 days in Iran's notorious Evin prison, which others, including Montreal photojournalist Zahra Kazemi, had not escaped alive. Not even when they told the 65-year-old Concordia University academic they would keep her locked up for 15 years, until she died, and then ship her home to Montreal in a casket. "They discovered they couldn't intimidate me," Hoodfar said in an interview. If anything, her defiance may have broken her captors. It certainly frustrated them, with interrogations often degenerating into shouting matches as they tried to cajole her into admitting she was an activist and not merely an academic doing research in Iran. "I told them I'm 65, death can happen at any time," she said with a steely glint in her eyes. "I said I've lived my life, I've achieved a lot, I have no children, my husband has passed, my mother has passed, my (siblings) will adjust to living without me. If I am to spend the rest of my life in Evin prison, in the company of intellectuals, it's fine." Dressed in a cheery red jacket and enjoying a summery breeze on the Concordia campus Thursday as she met with a succession of journalists, Hoodfar seemed relaxed as she recounted her ordeal in a country she will never again visit. She was fortunate that after many public and gruesome deaths at Evin prison, including Kazemi's rape and torture in 2003, she believes tactics now involve mainly psychological torture and intimidation. But there is no denying that prison was an often unbearable hardship which required incredible resilience to endure. She faced implacable and hostile interrogators dozens of

times. One tactic she employed was to count her blessings, reminding herself often that 20 years ago her imprisonment would have been much harsher.

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3. Bangladesh court clears Toronto student of allegations in terror attack

Vice News Canada, Tamara Khandaker, 2016 10 07

Toronto - The Islamic State has for the first time identified Canadian citizen Tamim Chowdhury as its former head of military and covert operations in Bangladesh -- using his real name in print, in an unusual move -- six weeks after he died in a hail of bullets during a shootout with Bangladeshi police. Chowdhury, a relative unknown until this year, gained worldwide notoriety in July as the alleged mastermind of a terrorist attack on a popular Dhaka cafe that left 22 people, mostly foreigners, dead. ISIS immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but until Tuesday the extremist group had never acknowledged any association with Chowdhury. "I think it's the first time that ISIS has ever used anyone's real name in an official publication," said Amarnath Amarasingam, a fellow at the Center for Cyber and Homeland Security at George Washington University who has written extensively on extremism. Chowdhury was killed in August in one of a series of raids on suspected militant dens in Bangladesh, which has seen dozens of deadly attacks on atheists, secular writers, and religious minorities in the last two years. The latest issue of Rumiya magazine, a newer publication hawked by the militants, includes a fresh account of the Dhaka attack, under Chowdhury's byline. The author profiles each of the six attackers who died in the clash and describes the bloodshed as "just a glimpse, and what is yet to come by the permission of Allah will be worse and far more bitter."

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4. Canadian troops more active on front line, commanders say

Toronto Star, Bruce Campion-Smith, 2016 10 07

Toronto - Canadian troops are more active on the front line in Iraq and have engaged in sporadic gunfights with Daesh as local security forces step up offensive operations to reclaim territory from the insurgents, commanders say. Brig.-Gen. Peter Dawe, the deputy commanding officer of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command, said the deployment of additional troops - due to a Liberal pledge to boost the ground mission - has expanded the Canadian presence "at the forward line with the Kurds in a significant manner." But that has also raised the dangers for Canadians as they spend less time in the classroom and more time in the field in their advise and assist role, overseeing the "execution of operations" by peshmerga troops. "We are more engaged on the line - there should be no doubt about that - and by extension, the risk has increased to our troops simply by virtue of time spent at the line and the work we're doing right now in a more dynamic and fluid environment," Dawe told a briefing Thursday. A sign of that is the fact that Canadian troops have engaged in gunfire with Daesh fighters in recent months to defend themselves, Kurdish forces and protect what he called "non-combatants," Dawe said.

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5. Des hélicoptères de Valcartier en appui aux alliés kurdes

La Presse+, Vincent Larouche, 2016 10 07

Ottawa - Alors qu'une grande offensive se prépare pour libérer la ville irakienne de Mossoul du groupe État islamique, des hélicoptères militaires de la base de Valcartier viennent d'être déployés dans la région en appui aux troupes canadiennes et à leurs alliés kurdes, qui font face à un danger accru sur le terrain récemment. C'est ce qu'a expliqué le commandement canadien lors d'une mise à jour sur la mission en Irak, jeudi midi, à Ottawa. Trois hélicoptères Griffon de Valcartier sont déjà arrivés dans la région d'Erbil, au Kurdistan irakien, où les forces spéciales canadiennes poursuivent leur mission d'entraînement et d'assistance aux forces kurdes locales dans leur combat contre l'État islamique (EI). Un quatrième aéronef doit être déployé sous peu. Environ 60 militaires accompagnent les hélicoptères. Ils remplacent un escadron de Griffon ontarien qui était sur place depuis le mois de mai. Sur le terrain, l'objectif demeure toujours de laisser le combat aux troupes kurdes, a répété le commandement canadien. Mais il est arrivé à plusieurs reprises récemment que les soldats canadiens ouvrent le feu pour riposter lorsque des djihadistes les attaquent, attaquent leurs partenaires locaux ou ciblent des civils irakiens sous leurs yeux.

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6. Easily spooked?

Globe and Mail, 2016 10 07

Editorial: Ralph Goodale, the Minister of Public Safety, has optimistically declared that the new national security and intelligence committee of Parliament "will set its own agenda and report when it sees fit." Well, maybe. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and presumably his successors, will appoint all nine members of the committee. An incisive report by the Library of Parliament has pointed out quite a few limits of the committee members' powers under Bill C-22, which will set the rules for the committee. The committee is modelled on Britain's, with seven MPs and two senators. In the United States, things are very different. Because of the constitutional separation of powers, the Senate intelligence committee is not subordinate to the executive branch of government. The Library of Parliament points out that C-22 doesn't grant the broader powers that the British Parliament has enacted for its intelligence committee in the Justice and Security Act in 2013, after some years of satisfactory experience. But that's precisely why we should be patient, even if the Trudeau government has some steely authoritarianism underneath its ostensibly sunny ways. Any new parliamentary committee needs to learn to walk before it runs. As yet, we have no idea who Mr. Trudeau will appoint to this certainly new and supposedly independent committee.

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7. Frontière Canada - États-Unis Des touristes armés jusqu'aux dents

Le Droit, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 07

Saint-Jean, Nouveau-Brunswick - Des retraités américains, généralement en provenance du sud des États-Unis, sont nombreux à tenter de traverser la frontière canadienne, au Nouveau-

Brunswick, avec des armes à feu, selon des procureurs fédéraux. Depuis le mois de juin, des incidents du genre se seraient produits au moins une fois par semaine. Cette semaine, le procureur fédéral Peter Thorn a raconté en Cour provinciale, mercredi, que l'histoire s'était répétée deux fois plutôt qu'une, lundi. Robert Ted Yarberry, de l'Arkansas, et David Thomas Falvey, de la Floride, sont arrivés à la frontière, séparément, à quelques heures d'intervalle. Les deux hommes dans la mi-soixantaine étaient des touristes voyageant avec leur femme. Ils ont tous deux dit aux agents frontaliers qu'ils ne transportaient pas d'armes prohibées. M. Yarberry, un enseignant et inspecteur d'habitations à la retraite, a dit à l'agent frontalier qu'il avait laissé son arme à son hôtel de Calais, dans le Maine, pour aller passer une journée au Nouveau- Brunswick. Une fouille de son véhicule a cependant permis aux agents de trouver un pistolet Glock dans un étui, sous son siège.

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8. Harcèlement sexuel La GRC s'excuse et versera jusqu'à 100 millions aux victimes

La Presse+ avec La Presse canadienne, Joël-Denis Bellavance, 2016 10 07

Ottawa - Le commissaire de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), Bob Paulson, souhaite tourner la page sur un chapitre noir de l'histoire de son organisation en présentant des excuses formelles aux centaines de femmes qui affirment avoir été victimes de harcèlement sexuel, d'intimidation et de discrimination au cours de leur carrière au sein de la GRC. M. Paulson a présenté ses excuses aux victimes hier à Ottawa et a du même souffle confirmé qu'une entente majeure à l'amiable a été conclue entre la GRC et les avocats des plaignantes qui ont intenté un recours collectif pour obtenir réparation et mettre fin au climat malsain au sein de la GRC. En tout, quelque 500 victimes ont joint leur voix à celle de Janet Merlo et de Linda Gillis Davidson, deux ex-membres de la GRC, qui ont chacune intenté un recours collectif il y a quatre ans. Ces femmes, et toutes les autres agentes ou employées de la GRC qui auraient été victimes de harcèlement, auront droit à une compensation qui pourrait atteindre 220 000 \$, selon la gravité des événements. En tout, la GRC estime à 100 millions la somme qui pourrait être versée aux différentes victimes.

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9. In search of the triggers to radicalization

Globe & Mail, Sheema Khan, 2016 10 07

Comment: Is there any way to pinpoint which factors lead to radicalization of Muslims, or to predict which countries will produce foreign fighters joining groups such as the Islamic State? These are the types of questions researchers such as Chris Meserole and Will McCants of the Brookings Institution have been studying. The two, who first discussed their research in a Foreign Affairs essay last March, have used powerful computational methods to pinpoint factors that strongly correlate with the radicalization of Muslims. They sifted through large amounts of data related to foreign fighters in Syria and socioeconomic parameters, and found that four of the five countries that have the highest foreign-fighter index score - Tunisia, Jordan, Lebanon, Belgium and France - are francophone (i.e., they have, or have had, French as a national language). The researchers also found that the lingua franca is the biggest factor that correlates

with radicalization - almost twice as much as youth unemployment and urbanization. At first glance, it seems absurd that French is tied to extremism. However, they postulated that the French language is a proxy for French political culture, commonly known as laïcité, which imposes strict limits on the public expressions of faith.

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10. Opinion: Canada respects Muslims, but Islamophobes incite hatred

Saudi Gazette, Mohammed Azhar Ali Khan, 2016 10 07

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau continues reaching out to Canadians, stressing that Canada's strength stems from its diversity and its treating people with respect, equality and inclusion. At least this is his goal, especially with regard to marginalized people, such as the Aboriginals. Trudeau visited the Ottawa Muslim Association mosque at Eid-al-Adha and lauded the contribution of Muslims to Canada. Muslims of Canada originate from all parts of the world and are different in culture, languages, ethnicity, education and professions. They are united by their faith and love for Canada. Trudeau has visited mosques in several cities. His cabinet includes a Muslim woman who came to Canada as a child refugee from Afghanistan. Former prime minister Jean Chretien also visited the Ottawa mosque while former prime minister Stephen Harper avoided Sunni and Shia mosques while patronizing Ahmadi mosques and functions.

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11. RCMP boss admits his force 'failed' women

Toronto Star, Tonda MacCharles, 2016 10 07

Toronto - The RCMP will settle two massive class-action harassment lawsuits for up to 1,000 female Mounties with a \$100-million fund and new promises to change a workplace it now admits was toxic for them. The landmark move comes with a historic admission: The RCMP is a workplace marked by systemic gender-based discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment. It is the first settlement of a systemic workplace harassment claim in Canada, according to the two law firms that negotiated the deal. Janet Merlo, 53, one of the lead plaintiffs, called it "a turning point. I have total faith this is the beginning of a new era. Hopefully a better era." RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson personally made an emotional apology, his voice cracking, to Merlo and Linda Davidson, the two who filed the class actions, and to the hundreds of women he said they "courageously" represented. "To all the women who have been impacted by the force's failure to have protected your experience at work, and on behalf of every leader, supervisor or manager, every commissioner: I stand humbly before you today and solemnly offer our sincere apology," Paulson said. "You came to the RCMP wanting to personally contribute to your community and we failed you. We hurt you. For that, I am truly sorry." The lawsuits, filed separately in British Columbia and Ontario, had not yet been certified and were bogged down after four years of legal wrangling. The logjam was broken last spring when the RCMP asked a former Supreme Court of Canada judge, Michel Bastarache, to advise it on its litigation, Bastarache told the Star.

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12. Several Chinese companies willing to export carfentanil: AP investigation

Associated Press, Erika Kinetz & Desmond Butler, 2016 10 07

Washington - For a few thousand dollars, Chinese companies offer to export a powerful chemical that has been killing unsuspecting drug users and is so lethal that it presents a potential terrorism threat, an Associated Press investigation has found. The AP identified 12 Chinese businesses that said they would export the chemical -- a synthetic opioid known as carfentanil -- to the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Belgium and Australia for as little as \$2,750 US a kilogram, no questions asked. Carfentanil is the latest scourge in an epidemic of opioid abuse that has killed tens of thousands of people in the United States alone. Dealers have been cutting carfentanil and its weaker cousin, fentanyl, into heroin and other illicit drugs to boost profit margins. Despite the dangers, carfentanil is not a controlled substance in China, where it is manufactured legally and sold openly online. The U.S. government is pressing China to blacklist carfentanil, but Beijing has yet to act, leaving a substance whose lethal qualities have been compared with nerve gas to flow into foreign markets unabated "We can supply carfentanil, for sure," a saleswoman from Jilin Tely Import and Export Co. wrote in broken English in a September email. "And it's one of our hot sales product." China's Ministry of Public Security declined multiple requests for comment from the AP.

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13. Someone Has Started a KKK Recruitment Drive in BC

Vice News Canada, Rachel Browne, 2016 10 07

Vancouver - Flyers promoting the Ku Klux Klan found outside dozens of homes in Abbotsford, Mission, and Chilliwack, British Columbia this week are stoking fears about a rise in white supremacy. The flyers, some of which were dropped off in clear plastic bags containing white rice, declare: "Loyal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan! Yes! White Lives Do Matter!" and "We Must Secure the Existence of Our People & A Future for White Children." They also state a phone number for a "Klan Hotline" with a North Carolina area code and a URL to the KKK recruiting website. According to Global News, it's believed the flyers are being tossed out of a car window in the middle of the night, a recruiting tactic referred to as "Knight Riding" long used by chapters in the US. This week, police in Albany, Georgia reported that similar "recruiting bags" containing a poster and white rice were found at a number of homes. It follows a string of similar deliveries this month in neighbourhoods across the US -- from California to Pennsylvania. Authorities have not been able to determine whether it's part of a concerted national effort. Over the last year, KKK groups across the US have multiplied, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center's report on hate groups. The KKK took root in Canada around the 1920s, especially in Ontario, BC, and Alberta, but the movement had trouble recruiting members and dissolved quickly over the next decade. Other groups and political parties with white supremacist goals would later emerge across the country such as the Heritage Front and World Church of the Creator.

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14. Système de paye Phénix Difficile d'avoir l'heure juste, déplore l'AFPC

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 10 07

Ottawa - Les chiffres rendus publics jusqu'à maintenant par le ministère des Services publics et de l'Approvisionnement ne permettent pas de connaître l'ampleur des problèmes qui restent à régler avec le système de paye Phénix, déplore l'Alliance de la fonction publique du Canada (AFPC). Mercredi, le ministère a confirmé qu'il reste encore plus de la moitié des 82000 dossiers de fonctionnaires à régler et maintient toujours son objectif de traiter les cas toujours en arriéré d'ici le 31 octobre prochain. «C'est clair que le ministère tente de rassurer les gens en faisant ces mises à jour et en donnant des chiffres. Nous demeurons toujours sceptiques car on ne donne pas les détails sur les cas qui ont été résolus et sur le travail à faire. C'est quoi l'ampleur du travail qui doit être fait pour régler les problèmes de Phénix? On ne le dit pas. Ils ne sortent pas toute l'information», a commenté Larry Rousseau, vice-président exécutif de l'AFPC, région de la capitale nationale. Les 82000 cas mentionnés par le ministère représentent le nombre de cas qui se trouvaient sur la liste des arriérés à la fin juin. Mais il est encore difficile de savoir combien de cas problèmes se sont ajoutés depuis juillet.

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15. 3 Arrested in Alleged Bid to Export US Technology to Russia

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 10 07

Washington - A U.S. citizen and two Russian nationals were arrested Thursday on charges relating to the alleged illegal export of sensitive military technology from the United States to Russia, the Justice Department said. The department said Alexey Barysheff of Brooklyn, New York, a naturalized U.S. citizen, was arrested for illegally exporting controlled technology. Russian nationals Dmitrii Aleksandrovich Karpenko and Alexey Krutilin were simultaneously arrested on charges of conspiring with Barysheff, it said. All three were scheduled to appear in court Thursday afternoon. In its complaint, the government alleged the defendants had engaged in a conspiracy to obtain microelectronics from manufacturers and suppliers in the United States and export them to Russia while evading government controls on high-tech exports. The United States restricts the export of items it believes could significantly contribute to the military potential and weapons proliferation of other nations and undermine U.S. national security.

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16. Accused Contractor Was on Hacking Team

Wall Street Journal, Damian Paletta, Scott Calvert, 2016 10 07

Washington - Harold "Hal" Martin, the former National Security Agency contractor charged this week with stealing government secrets, spent parts of the past decade on a government hacking team, sought funding for research into post-traumatic stress disorder, and tried to rally internet users to wage digital warfare against computer "commandos." Investigators are still trying to determine why Mr. Martin, a former employee of consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton who

worked on projects at the NSA and the Pentagon, took classified documents containing computer-spying tools to his home in Glen Burnie, Md. But as the probe continues, more details of his background are coming into focus. A former academic mentor of Mr. Martin described him as focused, and burdened by a sense that his insights weren't appreciated. Roy Rada, a professor of information systems at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County until he retired in January, said he served as a mentor to Mr. Martin several years ago, and the two worked together for a few months. Mr. Rada, in an email to The Wall Street Journal and two other news organizations, said Mr. Martin, now 51 years old, was "highly motivated" and had served in the Navy in wars in the Middle East. In his government work, Mr. Martin was assigned to a unit that looked for holes in the U.S. intelligence apparatus using a process called "red-teaming," said Rep. C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger (D., Md.) in an interview. Mr. Martin passed at least one polygraph test, Mr. Ruppersberger added.

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17. Arrest of NSA contractor highlights growing concern over insider threats

Washington Post, Christian Davenport, 2016 10 07

Washington - The arrest of a National Security Agency contractor charged with stealing highly classified material is the latest example of a trend that officials say can be every bit as dangerous as an outside hacker: the insider threat. The federal government has been increasingly concerned about the ability of its own employees and contractors to use their positions to walk away with troves of sensitive information. And it has tried to implement new safeguards to not only better secure important data but also monitor the people with access to it. Fears over insider threats intensified after the breach by former Army Pfc. Chelsea Manning and Edward Snowden, an NSA contractor working for Booz Allen Hamilton. But with the revelation that Harold Thomas Martin III was arrested in August and charged with theft of government property and unauthorized removal and retention of classified materials, there will be even greater scrutiny of how the nation protects its secrets, officials said. The allegations against Martin, 51, of Glen Burnie, Md., suggest "that our counterintelligence abilities are still inadequate," said Steven Aftergood, the director of the Project on Government Secrecy for the Federation of American Scientists, "and that the kinds of precautions that would be necessary to prevent removal of highly classified material are not in place. ... It simply should not be possible to remove information from a classified system without supervision by somebody else. And evidently that kind of supervision was lacking here."

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18. Barely half of illegal border crossers caught

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 10 07

San Diego - Immigration authorities caught just over half of the people who illegally entered the U.S. from Mexico last year, according to a report commissioned by the Department of Homeland Security that offers one of the most detailed assessments of border security ever compiled. The report found that 54 percent of people who entered illegally between border crossings got caught in the 2015 fiscal year. That's much lower than the 81 percent success rate that Homeland

Security cited publicly using a different counting method. The 98-page report was completed in May, and Homeland Security officials have declined to release it, despite urging from some members of Congress. The Associated Press obtained a copy from a government official involved in border issues who acted on condition of anonymity because the department has not made the report public.

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19. NSA Director Denies Mass Scanning of Yahoo Emails

Boston Herald, Jordan Graham, 2016 10 07

Boston - Top U.S. intelligence officials denied a blockbuster Reuters report claiming Yahoo built special software to scan emails to hundreds of millions of accounts, while a subsequent New York Times report claims the snooping was limited to suspected members of a terrorist organization. "That would be illegal. We don't do that, and no court would ever grant us the authority to do that. We have to make a specific case. And what the court grants is specific authority for a specific period of time for a specific purpose," said Adm. Michael Rogers, director of the National Security Agency, speaking at the Cyber Security Summit at Massachusetts Institute of Technology Oct. 5. "We have a legal framework in this nation that enables the government ... for specific reasons, under specific conditions, to make a case before a judge in which we're able to show a judge we have reason to believe that there is threat here to the United States associated with specific individuals and a judge grants, simplistically, authority for a specific purpose for a specific period of time to access data." On Tuesday, Reuters reported Yahoo had built custom software for the U.S. government that scanned incoming emails to millions of accounts. "I've read this real quickly and I thought, well, this is a little speculative," Rogers said. In a statement, Yahoo called the story "misleading."

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20. Officer Is Cleared in the Death of a Mall Attacker in Minnesota

New York Times, Mitch Smith, 2016 10 07

St. Cloud - Dahir Adan, the man accused of stabbing 10 people at a Minnesota mall last month, slashed an electronics store employee and later advanced toward an off-duty police officer even after sustaining gunshot wounds, security footage released on Thursday showed. The release of the videos came as prosecutors cleared the police officer, Jason Falconer, of wrongdoing in the Sept. 17 encounter, and as family members and federal investigators continued to puzzle over whether Mr. Adan had been motivated to act by Islamic extremists. The authorities said Mr. Adan, 20, a Somali refugee who came to the United States as a child, mentioned Allah during the attack at a mall in St. Cloud and asked several victims if they were Muslim before stabbing them. St. Cloud is about 60 miles northwest of Minneapolis. The Islamic State, known as ISIS or ISIL, claimed responsibility for the attack, but even after police searched Mr. Adan's computers and other property, it remained unclear whether he had ties to any terrorist groups. "The totality of Dahir Adan's behavior and the actions suggest he may have been radicalized, either with the influence of others or on his own," said Richard T. Thornton, the special agent in charge of the F.B.I. office in Minneapolis. Mr. Thornton said that Mr. Adan had recently grown more

interested in Islam, began reading the Quran and discussed religion with some relatives. In the months before the attack,

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21. Prisons secrètes de la CIA

La Presse+, Marc Thibodeau, 2016 10 07

Non identifié - Coups de bâton, fausse chaise électrique et simulations de noyade Le troublant témoignage d'ex-détenus révèle des techniques de torture inédites Des témoignages recueillis récemment par Human Rights Watch auprès de deux Tunisiens qui ont été parmi les premiers détenus des geôles secrètes de la CIA révèlent l'utilisation de techniques de torture inédites. Un nouveau rapport de l'organisation indique qu'ils ont été frappés longuement avec des bâtons, menacés avec une chaise électrique improvisée et soumis à des « formes variées » de techniques utilisant l'eau qui vont au-delà de celles ayant été rapportées par le passé. Ils affirment également avoir été suspendus pendant des semaines par les poignets dans une position qui les obligeaient à se tenir debout dans le noir, vêtus uniquement d'une couche improvisée qui n'était changée qu'occasionnellement. La divulgation fin 2014 du sommaire du rapport du Sénat américain sur le programme de la CIA, qui avait suscité une vague d'indignation, évoquait des séances de suspension de 48 heures. « On a toujours pensé que la situation réelle dans les prisons secrètes devait être encore plus grave que celle qui était décrite dans le sommaire », indique une juriste responsable des questions de sécurité nationale à Human Rights Watch, Laura Pitter, qui s'est rendue en Tunisie l'été dernier pour rencontrer les deux anciens détenus.

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22. Republican Chairman of Wall Street Committee Held Fundraiser With Official From 'Domestic Terrorist' Group

Bloomberg News, Joshua Green, 2016 10 06

New York - Republican Representative Scott Garrett of New Jersey, a seven-term incumbent locked in a close re-election race, headlined an Oct. 1 breakfast organized by an official for an antigovernment group that New Jersey's Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness considers a "domestic terrorist threat." At the breakfast, Garrett hailed the official, Edward Durfee, as an "unsung hero." Durfee is regional coordinator for New Jersey Oath Keepers, a group state officials list as "militia extremists [who] pose a moderate threat to New Jersey." Durfee also co-founded the American Bedrock Foundation, which co-sponsored and collected payments for the Garrett breakfast. "The American Bedrock Foundation is basically the fundraising arm for the Oath Keepers and other pro-Constitution groups," Durfee said in an interview with Bloomberg Businessweek. "That's what our purpose is." Garrett didn't respond to interview requests. In a statement, his campaign manager, Sarah Neibart, said, "Congressman Garrett has no affiliation--personal or political--with any of the organizations mentioned. Any suggestion otherwise is absurd." Durfee also co-founded the breakfast's other sponsor, Bergen County New Jersey for Liberty, a group formed in 2007 to support Ron Paul. Some members of Bergen County New Jersey for Liberty believe the federal government was complicit in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Durfee won't go that far, but says he's skeptical of the government's

investigation: "I'm not fully settled with that, with the story that was put out, personally." The group's Meet Up page features pictures of members at a 2010 press conference for Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth, an organization that disputes the findings of the federal government's investigation into the causes the Sept. 11 attacks.

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23. White House official: Cyberthreats continue to multiply

FCW. com, Sean D. Carberry, 2016 10 07

Washington - A senior White House official said cyberthreats are figuring more prominently in President Barack Obama's daily briefing on intelligence and national security concerns. "What I have found in the three-and-a-half years I have been in this position is that cyberthreats have consumed a greater and greater portion of the piece of the briefing that I do," said Lisa Monaco, assistant to the president for homeland security and counterterrorism. Speaking at the Washington Post Cybersecurity Summit, Monaco said that almost on a daily basis now, she has to brief the president on some variety of cyberthreat. "I've been struck by the breadth of the threats that we're facing, certainly against the U.S. government, against the private sector," she said. Monaco added that cyberthreats are coming from an increasing range of actors --countries such as Russia, China, Iran and North Korea; criminal entities; and individual hackers.

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24. Muslim preacher 'who advocated beheadings allowed to lecture in UK'

The Independent (UK), Siobhan Fenton, 2016 10 07

London - A US-based Muslim preacher who allegedly advocated killing gay people is giving a lecture series in London after being allowed to enter the UK. The Home Office has been urged to retract the visa of Hamza Sodagar who is giving the lectures between 3 October and 12 October. Mr Sodagar appeared in an online video recorded in 2010 in which he details ways in which gay people can be "punished" for their sexuality, including being beheaded or thrown off a cliff. Footage shows him apparently telling an audience: "If there's homosexual men, the punishment is one of five things. One, the easiest one maybe, is cut their head off, that's the easiest. The second is, burn them to death. Third, throw them off a cliff. Fourth, tear down the wall on them so they die. Fifth, a combination of the above. "We have a hadith on that. Now, whether someone's going to accept that, that's up to the jurists to read that and understand. There's definitely some of those apply... maybe the combination [fifth option]. These are things which are there." LGBT rights activist Peter Tatchell called on the Home Office to revoke Mr Sodagar's visa. He said: "In a free society, Hamza Sodagar has a right to believe that homosexuality is sinful but not to preach about ways to kill lesbians and gay men. Many people with far less extreme views, who have never advocated violence, have been banned from entering the UK. Calling for death to LGBT people crosses a red line. The Home Office was wrong to grant him a visa and should now revoke it. The cleric should be ordered out of the country."

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25. Muslims see Prevent programme as spying scheme, watchdog admits

The Independent (UK), Joseph Watts, 2016 10 07

London - The UK's terror law watchdog has said Muslim communities see the Government's anti-extremism strategy as a "spying programme" and called for it to be overhauled. David Anderson QC claimed many people believe the programme targeted the "practice of Islam" as opposed to the spread of radical beliefs. He urged ministers to conduct an independent review of the scheme, which is designed to help officials spot individuals who are becoming radicalised. Mr Anderson said: "There is a strong feeling in Muslim communities that I visit, that Prevent is, if not a spying programme, at least a programme that is targeted on them. In some cases, it is even felt it is targeted not just at Islamist terrorism or extremism, but at the practise of Islam. People who pray or who wear the veil, for example, are sometimes felt to be under suspicion." He added: "Now, I'm sure those fears are exaggerated, and they are certainly not what the programme is supposed to be about, but the fact is that they are very real. So it is frustrating for me to see a programme whose ideals are so obviously good, falling down on the delivery to the point where it is not trusted in the community where it principally applies." As well as calling for the independent review, which he said should report back to Parliament and the public on the scheme's inner workings, Mr Anderson said there should be more transparency, a better system for judging the scheme's success and a far greater level of contact between the Government and Muslim communities. Speaking to BBC radio, he said: "It is extraordinary to me that there is no dialogue, for example, between the Government and the Muslim council of Britain." Security minister Ben Wallace said that while the Prevent programme is "difficult and challenging work" it is making a positive difference.

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26. 'Top-Down' Grid A Gift For Savvy Cyber Attacks

The Australian, Roger Bradbury, 2016 10 07

Commentary: The shutdown of South Australia last week is a near- perfect example of the impact of a cyberattack. A one-day shutdown led to hundreds of millions of dollars in losses to the economy, disruptions to citizens' lives and an unravelling of political, social and economic certainties. Sure, South Australia has peculiarities that made it particularly susceptible to such an event. But the shutdown nevertheless shows in high relief the vulnerability of today's interconnected systems of critical infrastructure. What we saw last week was not just a loss of the electricity network but also the shutdown of the other infrastructure networks: telecommunications, water, sewerage, transport, financial services, the internet and so on. Advanced Western societies have spent the past 30 years refining and interconnecting their critical infrastructure, improving their efficiency but also increasing their vulnerability. We've reached the point where the interconnections are more or less complete, so every critical infrastructure -- energy, water, finance, transport or cyber -- is dependent, to a high degree, on every other. This interdependency means disruptions in one infrastructure quickly spread to all other

interconnected systems. And because these infrastructures -- with the exceptions of cyber and transport -- are organised in a top-down hierarchy, it means if the disruptions can spread up to the top of the tree, they can then spread down to the rest of the network. This is what happened in South Australia. Excessively hierarchical networks in key infrastructures enabled -- one may say encouraged -- the collapse of each of those networks. (Note: Roger Bradbury is a professor in the Australian National University's National Security College.)

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27. Alo-Bridget Namoa jailed for refusing to answer questions

ABC (Australia), 2016 10 07

Canberra - A Sydney woman charged with terror offences is sentenced to a minimum four months' jail for refusing to answer questions at a Crime Commission hearing into terrorism allegations. A Sydney woman has been sentenced to a minimum of four months' jail for refusing to answer questions at a Crime Commission hearing into terrorism allegations. Alo- Bridget Namoa, 19, and her husband Sameh Bayda have separately been charged with terrorism offences. Today a Sydney court heard Namoa was brought before the commission in February, but provided no response to 31 questions. She has received a total jail sentence of eight months with a minimum non-parole period of four months. Magistrate Beverely Schurr said she took into account Namoa's age, mental illness and the fact she had no prior convictions into account when determining her sentence.

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28. Anti-terror plan for domestic thugs

The Australian, Amos Aikman, 2016 10 07

Canberra - The Northern Territory's top cop wants to deploy "counter-terrorism-like" tactics against violent and alcoholic thugs who repeatedly bash their families, warning that recidivists pose a danger to society at large and tougher measures are needed to control them. While no details have been announced, The Australian understands the proposals would see police apply to courts for "prohibition orders" targeting the nastiest offenders when they leave jail. A person subject to such an order would have to report to police regularly and keep away from certain individuals and areas -- similar to the rules applied to some sex criminals -- and could be sent to prison for up to a further five years if they did not comply. Consideration is also being given to seeking wider legislative reform that would allow police to apply for a prohibitive order against a person not convicted of any crimes, where there is evidence doing so would significantly improve community safety. That person would have to have already been placed on a domestic violence register for a court to agree. NT Commissioner of Police Reece Kershaw said while existing domestic violence orders and other tools were helping to identify offenders, they were not stopping the worst violence. About 1840 DVOs are issued on average each year in the Territory, but there are about 2400 breaches. More than 60 per cent of people with a DVO breach it more than once, and about 20 per cent breach it more than four times.

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29. Brothers still operating network, despite suspension after raids

The Australian, Rick Morton, 2016 10 07

Canberra - Sydney brothers Mohammad and Ibrahim Omar, whose childcare empire has been suspended amid a police investigation into whether Islamic State was funded with taxpayer money, are still operating a network of training organisations around Australia. The Australian can reveal that the brothers, whose companies received about \$27 million in federal money for childcare, are listed as directors of vocational training outfits, at least one of which has been registered by the federal government. The Omar family daycare business was suspended by the NSW regulator in August and its ability to process federal childcare benefits ceased on August 9, the day the Australian Federal Police raided some of its employees and arrested two men on fraud-related charges. Hussain Dandachi, 26, was charged with dishonestly obtaining money from the commonwealth, causing loss to the commonwealth and falsifying timesheets and other information. Another childcare educator, aged 22, who was involved with Sydney charity Dar al Quran wa Sunnah when it was accused by Lebanese authorities this year of funnelling money to Islamic State, was also charged in the raid with dishonestly obtaining federal money.

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30. Report withheld on MH370 'spy ship'

The Australian, Ean Higgins, 2016 10 07

Canberra - Australian government officials have refused to release a document revealing how many days a Chinese government vessel suspected of spying has spent on its official mission looking for Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370. The deputy secretary of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, Judith Zielke, knocked back the Freedom of Information request from The Australian this week on the grounds that to release the document "would cause harm to the Australian government's relationship with other governments". Ms Zielke said she had decided to use the exemption under the FOI Act relating to "documents affecting national security, defence or international relations". As revealed by The Australian last month, security experts believe the Chinese government vessel Dong Hai Jiu 101, which arrived in Fremantle in February officially to join the search for MH370, is mostly probably spending its time gathering intelligence on Australian military activity in what they describe as "target rich" Western Australia. The Perth area is home to the navy's submarine base and Special Air Service regiment, while farther north lie top-secret naval communications and electronic spying joint facilities operated with the US and Britain.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

31. 88 Taliban fighters killed in Nawa airstrike: ANA

Pajhwok Afghan News, Zainullah Stanikzai, 2016 10 07

Lashkargah - Nearly 90 Taliban militants, including four notorious commanders, have been killed and several others wounded in southern Helmand province, an official claimed on

Thursday. Capt. Ahmad Shakil, the Maiwand Corps spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Afghan National Army (ANA) conducted an airstrike in Bolan and Sar Gudar localities on the outskirts of Nawa district. At least 88 militants were killed and dozens injured in the raid, he said, without further details of the overnight operation. Meanwhile, Taliban spokesman Qari Yousaf Ahmadi -- without commenting on the airstrike -- claimed inflicting casualties on security personnel in Marja and Nada Ali districts of the volatile province. (Full Report).

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32. Pakistan Supporting Daesh, Taliban Fighters In Afghanistan: Ex- Fighters

TOLO News, Ziar Yaad, 2016 10 07

Kabul - A number of former Daesh and Taliban fighters who have recently joined the peace process in Nangarhar said the groups are supported by Pakistan and the members receive military training in the neighboring country. They claimed that Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) is involved with the Taliban and Daesh militants, that they equip them and then send them to fight against security forces in Afghanistan. Khalid, a former Daesh fighter, who joined the insurgent group in Haska Mina district in Nangarhar, said he received military training in Pakistan and was told to fight security forces in Afghanistan. "They are no methods they haven't used to kill people. They have experienced all ways of killing. What they do is against Islam," he said. Shergul, a former Taliban commander who has joined the peace process said the Taliban militants are being rounded up and equipped in Pakistan.

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33. Status of 32 Afghan cadets missing in US determined (Canada).

Pajhwok Afghan News, Pajhwok Report, 2016 10 07

Kabul - Thirty of the Afghan military trainees, deserting their training in the United States, have determined their status, a Pentagon spokesman said on Thursday. Peter Cook told a news briefing of the more than 40 cadets, who have been missing in the US over the last two years or so, 32 were accounted for. In a transcript on the Defense Department website, Cook said every effort was being made to determine where the missing individuals were going and what the reasons were. "In some cases they've gone home. In some cases there have been efforts -- as I understand it -- to go to Canada. Some have sought to legally remain in the United States," he added. There is a formal process of notifying the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Immigration Enforcement and the Afghan government of the disappearing trainees.

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34. Strategy prepared to tackle jihadi organisations

The International News, 2016 10 07

Islamabad - Pakistan's political and military leadership has devised a three-point strategy to tackle the jihadi organisations in the country, sources informed Geo News on Thursday. The first point aims at completely disarming these organisations and sending a clear message to their

financiers to stop funding them. The second point involves providing a way for large organisations to be incorporated into the political mainstream. The third and final point of the strategy is to find ways for the promotion of moral and welfare activities of these organisations. According to sources, a one-point strategy will be formulated to deal with banned organisations which function by changing their names. The banned organisations will not be allowed to function by changing their names.

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Africa • Afrique

35. Boumerdès : un dangereux terroriste abattu par l'ANP, l'opération se poursuit

Le Matin (Algérie), Sofiane Ayache, 2016 10 06

Tamanrasset, Algérie - Un important arsenal découvert à Tamanrasset dimanche dernier. Les unités de l'ANP mènent actuellement une opération antiterroriste dans la commune de Baghlia, annonce le ministère de la Défense. Les unités de l'Armée nationale sont en plein "opération de fouille et de ratissage près de la commune de Baghlia, dans la wilaya de Boumerdès. Premier bilan : le terroriste H. Djamel a été mis hors d'état de nuire, dans l'après-midi de jeudi 6 octobre. Qualifié de dangereux terroriste recherché, H. Djamel a rejoint les groupes terroristes en 1994. Selon le site d'informations spécialisé menadefense, le terroriste s'appelle Djamel Hennab. C'est un ancien bras droit de Abdelmalek Droukdel chef d'AQMI. Djamel Hennab était le chargé du recrutement pour l'organisation terroriste Aqmi. Le MDN précise pour sa part qu'un pistolet automatique et une quantité de munitions ont été récupérés lors de cette opération qui est toujours en cours. Les terroristes de Batna identifiés Le ministère de la Défense dans un autre communiqué publié jeudi que quatre des cinq terroristes éliminés par l'ANP à Djebel Oustili, dans la wilaya de Batna, le 29 septembre ont été identifiés. Il s'agit de B. Messaoud dit "Errous", Z. Mohamed dit "Timou", N. Seifedine dit "Abou Doujana" et S. Haroun.

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36. Isis and al-Qaida turf wars in Africa may push fragile states to breaking point

The Guardian (London), Jason Burke, 2016 10 06

Analysis - It is a war within a war, fought across thousands of miles of desert, scrub and forest, from the Atlantic seaboard to the Indian Ocean coastline. It pits the Islamic State (Isis), the Iraq and Syria-based group that has expanded deep into Africa since surging to international attention in 2014, against al-Qaida, the veteran extremist group, which has maintained a significant presence in much of the continent in recent years. Both groups and their affiliates are also fighting an array of armies and counter-terrorist agencies: French soldiers, US special forces, British military trainers, as well as the local armies of a dozen states. Last week, it was revealed the US was building a \$50m base for drones in Niger, which is at the very centre of the conflict zone. But at the same time, the extremist groups are fighting each other. Such internecine struggles between militant groups may seem esoteric to casual observers. But the eventual result will have an enormous impact on the security of dozens of often fragile states in Africa and, more broadly, on the future of Islamic militancy.

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37. Le roi, l'islam et les islamistes

Le Figaro, Thierry Oberlé, 2016 10 07

Rabat - Au Maroc, le roi Mohammed VI doit composer depuis cinq ans avec le gouvernement islamiste du PJD, qui a des chances de remporter de nouveau les élections de vendredi. Il doit aussi surveiller les extrémistes salafistes et les djihadistes revenus du Levant. Cet exercice d'équilibrisme a permis d'éviter un « printemps marocain », mais reste le plus grand défi de son règne. Pour son peuple, il est le « prince des croyants ». Un titre également revendiqué depuis 2014 par Abou Bakr al-Baghdadi, le chef de l'État islamique dont des émules d'origine marocaine ont participé aux attentats de Paris. Descendant du prophète Mahomet, l'Amir el-mouminine se veut le rempart d'un islam tolérant empreint des préceptes de sagesse du soufisme face à la montée de l'islamisme. Mais en son royaume, il doit composer depuis cinq ans avec un premier ministre, Abdelillah Benkirane, leader non dénué de charisme d'un parti monarchiste influencé par les Frères musulmans, le Parti justice et développement (PJD). Il doit aussi, via ses conseillers et sa police, surveiller comme le lait sur le feu les extrémistes salafistes, qu'ils soient djihadistes repentis en quête de respectabilité ou membres de réseaux terroristes de Daech, sans oublier les dizaines de milliers de militants et de sympathisants islamistes radicaux du mouvement Justice et Bienfaisance.

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38. Niger : un camp de réfugiés maliens cible d'une attaque armée dans l'Ouest du pays

Jeune Afrique, Mathieu Olivier, 2016 10 06

Tazalit, Niger - Un camp de réfugiés a été attaqué jeudi au Niger, à Tazalit, à 180 kilomètres de la frontière avec le Mali, par une quarantaine d'assaillants, selon une source au ministère de l'Intérieur. Une information confirmée par le Haut commissariat aux réfugiés. Le camp de réfugiés maliens de Tazalit, dans la région de Tasara, à 180 kilomètres de la frontière malienne, a été attaqué jeudi 6 octobre à 14 h 22, heure locale, selon nos informations. L'assaut a été confirmé par le Haut commissariat aux réfugiés qui dispose de personnel sur place. Une quarantaine d'assaillants, vraisemblablement d'Al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique, ont pris d'assaut l'installation sécurisée par des gardes, des gendarmes et des militaires nigériens. Ceux-ci ont été pris par surprise alors qu'ils déjeunaient. Une source au ministère de l'Intérieur fait état d'un bilan provisoire d'une vingtaine de morts parmi les forces de sécurisation du site. Un seul réfugié aurait été blessé et une ambulance brûlée. La colonne jihadiste, composée de treize véhicules et d'une moto a pris la fuite vers le Nord-Ouest et vers le Mali, en emportant trois autres véhicules.

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39. Niger - Au moins 22 soldats morts lors d'une attaque contre un camp de réfugiés

Reuters, Boureima Balima, Benoît Van Overstraeten, 2016 10 07

Niamey - Au moins 22 soldats ont été tués au Niger jeudi dans l'attaque d'un camp de réfugiés maliens par un groupe non identifié, a déclaré le Premier ministre de ce pays d'Afrique de l'Ouest

Brigi Rafini. L'attaque a pris pour cible un camp du village de Tassalit, dans la région de Tahoua, à quelque 525 kilomètres au nord-est de la capitale, Niamey. "Nous avons été informés d'une attaque sur le camp de Tassalit. Pour l'instant, on nous a dit qu'il y avait 22 morts mais ce n'est pas le bilan définitif. Il pourrait s'alourdir", a déclaré Brigi Rafini sur la télévision publique Télé Sahel. Le Premier ministre n'a rien dit au sujet de la possible identité des assaillants ni si des civils avaient été tués ou blessés. Les habitants du camp sont des Maliens qui ont pris la fuite vers le Niger après que des militants islamistes, dont certains sont liés à Al Qaïda, ont conquis le nord du désert malien en 2012. L'intervention militaire de la France dans le cadre de l'opération Serval a repoussé les islamistes début 2013 mais malgré le déploiement des casques bleus de la Minusma, la violence va croissant ces derniers temps. Le mois dernier, le président malien Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta a mis en garde contre la résurgence des groupes islamistes affiliés à Al Qaïda et à l'Etat islamique (EI) dans son pays, profitant des difficultés d'application de l'accord de paix de l'an dernier.

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40. Tunisie: 2.000 prisonniers condamnés pour des affaires liées au terrorisme

Pan African News Agency, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 06

Tunis, Tunisie - Au total, 2.000 prisonniers condamnés pour des affaires liées au terrorisme sont recensés dans les prisons tunisiennes, ont indiqué des statistiques publiées par un rapport de l'Observatoire euro-méditerranéen pour les droits de l'homme. La présence de ces prisonniers dans ces prisons fait craindre l'élargissement de la radicalisation à l'intérieur des maisons d'arrêt du fait des contacts entre les prisonniers de droit commun et les condamnés pour des affaires liées au terrorisme, déplore le rapport. Le rapport souligne en outre que les prisons tunisiennes sont surpeuplées et marquées par la cohabitation entre les prisonniers de droits communs et ceux condamnés pour des affaires liées au terrorisme.

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Americas • Amériques

41. Colombian President Santos wins Nobel Peace Prize

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 10 07

Oslo - Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos won the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for his efforts to end a 52-year-old war with Marxist rebels, a surprise choice after Colombians voted against the accord in a referendum. The Norwegian Nobel Committee said Santos had brought one of the longest civil wars in modern history significantly closer to a peaceful solution but there was still a real danger the peace process could come to a halt. "The award should also be seen as a tribute to the Colombian people," committee leader Kaci Kullmann Five said. Voters did not say "No" to peace but to the agreement, she said. The award pointedly excluded FARC guerrilla leader Rodrigo Londono, better known by his nom de guerre Timochenko, who signed the accord with Santos. Santos has promised to revive the peace plan even though Colombians narrowly rejected it in the referendum on Sunday. Many voters believed it was too lenient on the FARC guerrillas.

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42. Colombie : sauver la paix Tout ça pour ça !

La Presse+, Alexandre Sirois, 2016 10 07

Editorial - Quatre ans de négociations, un accord de paix historique de 297 pages avec six points principaux en litige enfin réglés... Tout ça vient d'être rejeté par une majorité d'électeurs colombiens. Ils ont, dimanche, dit non à l'entente de paix avec la guérilla marxiste des FARC (les Forces armées révolutionnaires de Colombie). L'objectif, rappelons-le, était d'enfin résoudre un conflit de 52 ans qui a fait quelque 260 000 morts, 45 000 disparus et 6,9 millions de déplacés. Un bilan si tragique qu'on a beau le coucher sur papier, on a tout de même du mal à en prendre la mesure. L'espoir et l'enthousiasme par rapport à cet accord étaient, avec raison, palpables à l'intérieur comme à l'extérieur de ce pays d'Amérique du Sud - Ottawa avait même annoncé l'octroi de 57 millions de dollars « pour l'après-conflit ». Que s'est-il donc passé pour que ces rêves de paix soient douchés en moins de 24 heures ? Les opposants à l'accord, avec à leur tête l'ancien président Alvaro Uribe, le décriaient car ils estimaient qu'un « Oui » était un vote pour l'impunité.

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43. ATS looks for terror clues on social media

Daily News and Analysis, Ritesh Shah, 2016 10 07

Ahmedabad - If you are active on social media, don't be in a hurry to post likes or follow any content that has anything remotely to do with terrorism, atrocities, riots, extremist propaganda, and other such topics. For, along with physical spaces, the Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad has increased its surveillance in cyber space too. All major social networking sites, including Facebook, WhatsApp and Twitter, are under observation. Following the Uri attack and the surgical strikes by the Indian Army, the ATS has been keeping track of content being posted on the sites. Whenever someone posts a like or follows content related to terrorism or extremist propaganda, the person comes on the radar of ATS. The person's movements are monitored. In Gujarat, maximum likes to sensitive, or potentially volatile, content are posted from Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Bharuch, Navsari and Valsad.

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44. Bangladesh's valiant campaign (Canada).

The Pioneer, 2016 10 07

New Delhi - Sheikh Hasina and her Government have been battling jihadis within and outside the political system. The Prime Minister's determination to stamp out extremism has been hailed by world leaders, including India Ever since the massacre of 22 people, 17 of them non-Muslim foreigners, at the Gulshan cafe by home-grown Islamic terrorists of Jamaat- ul-Mujahideen, Bangladesh (JMB), Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Government have made significant

headway in their fight against terror by eliminating the Canadian-born mastermind Tamim Chowdhury and six of his trusted lieutenants responsible for the most heinous crime committed in the name of jihad in Bangladesh's history. In four successive raids, her security forces swooped on the secret hideouts of the jihadis, killing six of them and arresting seven, including three females. This was a serious blow to the JMB terror group's plan to execute more Gulshan-like-mayhem.

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45. Chinese 'wary' about larger global role

South China Morning Post, Nectar Gan, 2016 10 07

Beijing - Most Chinese people recognise the country's growing prominence on the world stage, but have also become more wary of "foreign influence" and potential military conflict over territorial disputes, a survey has found. In the poll published on Wednesday by the US-based Pew Research Centre, three-quarters of respondents in China said they believed the nation was playing a more important role in the world than it was 10 years ago. Only 10 per cent thought otherwise. Over the past decade, China has surpassed Japan to become the world's second-largest economy. It has also become increasingly assertive in foreign affairs and is challenging the geopolitical balance of power in the region. But the country's growing economic might and rising aspirations have also caused some unease among its own people. "Such self-confidence about China's international stature coexists with some degree of anxiety and a general tendency to look inward more than outward," the Pew report said. Though they expressed satisfaction with the nation's presence on the world stage, more than half of the respondents believed the country should focus on its own problems. Only 22 per cent believed China should help other nations.

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46. India kills 'three militants in foiled army base attack'

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 10 07

Srinagar - Indian soldiers on Thursday killed three suspected militants who tried to attack an army base in India-controlled Kashmir, officers said, the latest in a wave of attacks that has raised tensions with neighbouring Pakistan. It came as Pakistan's powerful army chief lashed out at India, warning that any act of aggression from New Delhi would not go unpunished. The suspected militants, who were heavily armed and wearing army fatigues, attempted to break through the perimeter of the Indian army base in Kupwara district before dawn but were repelled by soldiers in exchanges of fire, the officers said. "On being challenged, these three terrorists opened indiscriminatory fire on our sentry posts and also onto our living shelters where our jawans (soldiers) were resting," said Colonel Rajiv Saharan, the commanding officer of a counter insurgency unit at Kupwara. "Three Pakistani terrorists were eliminated."

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47. Japan on alert amid speculation of N. Korea activity Mon.

Kyodo News, Staff reporter, 2016 10 07

Tokyo - Japan is taking precautions amid concerns North Korea may carry out a further nuclear test or ballistic missile launch Monday to coincide with a significant national anniversary, Japan's top government spokesman said Friday. "The government holds grave concerns, and is expending every effort on information gathering, vigilance and surveillance in coordination with the United States and South Korea," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a press conference. According to South Korean media reports Friday, South Korean and U.S. intelligence agencies have detected increased signs of activity at a missile test site on North Korea's west coast, indicating a long-range missile launch may be imminent. Oct. 10 marks the 71st anniversary of the founding of the country's ruling Workers' Party of Korea. "We can't rule out the possibility of North Korea turning to further provocative behavior with the aim of boosting its national prestige," Defense Minister Tomomi Inada said the same day. North Korea carried out its fifth nuclear test on Sept. 9, and has repeatedly launched ballistic missiles, including in the direction of Japan, in defiance of U.N. Security Council resolutions banning both activities.

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48. Myanmar prepared for anti-terrorism attack: official

Xinhua News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 10 07

Nay Pyi Taw - Myanmar is prepared for possible anti-terrorism attack in the country, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Soe told the parliament, official media reported Friday. The readiness includes surveillance of suspected terrorists and specially-trained anti-terrorist combatants. Collaborating with local, regional and international organizations in fight against terrorism, Aung Soe said the government has been working to respond speedily to destructive elements by carrying tasks which include organizing operation missions, deploying specially-trained anti-terrorism combat groups in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay, and guarding of dignitaries under a special security program. Besides, exchange and collection of terrorist attack information and linking with INTERPOL, ASEANAPOL, neighboring countries and allied organizations and other sources are to be carried out. Moreover, establishing an administration center for national-level emergency cases at Nay Pyi Taw, equipped with advanced technology for use on the central, state and regional levels are also to be conducted.

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49. N. Korea shows increased activity at nuclear test site: 38 North

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 10 07

Washington - North Korea is showing increased activity at its nuclear test site in what could be part of preparations for a new test, a U.S. website monitoring the North said Thursday, amid concern the regime could undertake provocations to mark a key anniversary next week. Commercial satellite imagery taken on Oct. 1 of the Punggye-ri underground test site in the country's northeast "indicates continuing activity at all three tunnel complexes that could be used to conduct a nuclear test," the website 38 North said. Activity at the North Portal, where the communist nation conducted its fifth nuclear test last month, could be for a number of purposes "including collecting post-test data, sealing the portal or preparing for another test," the report

said. Satellite imagery shows a large vehicle, possibly a truck, near the portal's entrance, while a large canopy in its parking lot, which has been present for the past two months, remains in place, the report said. No signs of new excavation were seen, but there appear to be boxes or material around the side of the main building, it said. Increased activity was spotted at the South Portal where excavation stopped in 2012, the report said.

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50. Nuclear-powered sub review necessary for national security: JCS chief

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 10 07

Seoul - Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Lee Sun-jin said Friday it is necessary for South Korea to review the possible development of its own nuclear-powered submarines, citing the rising provocations from Pyongyang. "It is necessary to review (building nuclear-powered submarines) along with considerations of military utility, technological capabilities, funds and trends in neighboring countries," Lee said during the regular audit held at the National Assembly. A nuclear-powered submarine can stay submerged and hidden as long as it has fuel and supplies for the crew, making it harder to track compared to conventional diesel-electric subs that usually have to surface to operate a diesel engine to recharge battery banks. Such vessels can be assigned to patrol around North Korean submarine bases without being detected and then trail boats armed with submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs). If the need arises, the submarines can sink North Korean adversaries before they can launch their missiles.

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51. Police holding on to Dhaka cafe 'hostage' Tahmid's passport to stop him from leaving country (Canada).

BDNews24, Liton Haider, 2016 10 07

Dhaka - Police say they have kept the passport of Gulshan cafe 'hostage' Tahmid Hasib Khan to make sure he stays in Bangladesh even though a Dhaka court has cleared him of all charges related to the July 1 attack by Islamist militants. Tahmid was arrested on Aug 3 as a suspect in a case initiated under Section 54 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, allowing police to arrest suspects without warrants, over the attack. On Wednesday, a Dhaka metropolitan magistrate's court cleared him of the charges in the case. But he still remains a suspect as he is accused in an anti-terrorism case filed by police. Tahmid, who is a student at a Canadian university, was released from jail on Sunday after he secured bail. The police counter-terrorism unit chief, Md Monirul Islam, on Thursday told bdnews24.com that the law enforcers had kept Tahmid's passport "so he won't be able to leave the country even if he wants to."

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52. Satellite images show activity at North Korea nuclear test site - report

Reuters, Staff reporter, 2016 10 07

Seoul - An increase in activity at North Korea's nuclear test site could signal preparations for a new test or a collection of data from its last one, a U.S.-based monitoring group said on Friday, citing satellite images. The 38 North group, run by Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, said there was activity at all three tunnel complexes at the Punggye-ri nuclear test site involving a large vehicle and personnel. "One possible reason for this activity is to collect data on the Sept. 9 test although other purposes cannot be ruled out, such as sealing the portal or other preparations related to a new test," the group said, referring to the last nuclear test. The North is believed to be ready for another nuclear test at any time and there has been speculation it could mark the Oct. 10 anniversary of the founding of its Workers' Party with another underground detonation. North Korea conducted its first nuclear test in 2006 and has since then defied U.N. sanctions and rejected international talks to press ahead with the development of the weapons and missiles to carry them, which it says it needs for its defence.

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53. T.N. terror suspect was shopping for explosives in Sivakasi: NIA

The Hindu, Special Correspondent, 2016 10 07

New Delhi - A Tamil Nadu resident who was under the watch of security agencies for a year after he returned from Mosul, Iraq where he fought in the war zone for the Islamic State, has been arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) for allegedly conspiring to collect chemical explosives from cracker manufacturers in Tamil Nadu and carry out terror activities in the country. The accused identified as Subahani Haja Moideen (31), a resident of Tirunelveli in Tamil Nadu, was arrested by the NIA on Wednesday in connection with a case related to activities of the banned Islamic State in India. Unlike Maharashtra resident Areeb Majeed, who fled from Syria after he was injured during an attack and was subsequently arrested during his return to India, security agencies did not immediately put Moideen under arrest and decided to keep him under watch instead. The accused was radicalised and recruited in the IS through social media platforms.

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54. Russian forces say kill six militants, including IS fighter

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 10 07

Moscow - Russian security forces on Friday killed six militants in the republic of Ingushetia, including one fighter from Islamic State who had been planning terrorist attacks, the National Anti-Terrorist Committee (NAK) said. Special forces of the FSB security police laid siege to a private house in Ingushetia's capital Nazran, NAK said in a statement. The FSB officers persuaded them to free a child kept in the house, after which the rebels opened fire. Four militants were killed in the shoot-out. Another two rebels were killed in a special operation conducted in a rural area outside Nazran, NAK said. Those killed included a local resident who had fought in Syria and had returned to Ingushetia to resume "terrorist activity in the republic", NAK said, calling the man "an Islamic State emissary".

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55. Russia tries old U.S. tactic as Cold War heats up in Syria

Toronto Star, Thomas Walkom, 2016 10 07

Column: The new Cold War is much like the old one. It purports to be about ideology. It is really about national self-interest. In the West, the old Cold War was portrayed as a battle between Communist dictatorship and capitalist freedom. Given that Russia has now embraced capitalism, those categories are no longer quite so neat. As a result, the new Cold War is a little vaguer. It is portrayed as a battle between thuggery and the rule of law - brutality versus niceness. In this scenario, the U.S. and its allies are said to be the nice ones. Russia, personified in its president, Vladimir Putin, is said to represent brutality. The conflict between these two adversaries manifests itself in Ukraine and the Baltic states. But the new Cold War is particularly hot in Syria, where the U.S. and Russia support different sides in the five-year-old civil war. In latter days, Russia and the Syrian government that it supports have come under severe criticism for bombing civilians in rebel-held areas of Aleppo, Syria's largest city. The bombing appears to be aimed at destroying hospitals and other civilian infrastructure. But brutality against civilians, sometimes called total war, is not a new tactic. Students of the American Civil War will recall Gen. William T. Sherman's march to the sea through Georgia in 1864, during which his Union army burned crops, slaughtered livestock and laid waste to the Confederate countryside.

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56. Russie : «Depuis l'assassinat d'Anna Politkovskaïa, la situation a empiré»

Le Figaro, Julien Licourt, 2016 10 07

Non identifié - Interview - Il y a 10 ans, le 7 octobre 2006, la journaliste d'investigation était abattue alors qu'elle rentrait chez elle, à Moscou. La russologue Hélène Blanc* fait le point sur l'évolution des libertés politiques et d'expression en Russie. LE FIGARO. - Dix ans après, y a-t-il encore un espoir que la lumière soit faite sur le meurtre d'Anna Politkovskaïa? HÉLÈNE BLANC. - Dans cette affaire, seuls les lampistes ont été jugés. Les commanditaires du meurtre n'ont jamais été retrouvés. Les articles d'Anna Politkovskaïa gênaient beaucoup de monde, que ce soit lorsqu'elle enquêtait sur la Tchétchénie, sur la corruption ou sur diverses affaires liées au Kremlin. Par exemple lorsqu'elle a expliqué comment le pouvoir truquait les élections, au moment du dépouillement, en faisant chanter les présidents de bureau de vote. Ou encore lorsqu'elle a publié un article sur le meneur des preneurs d'otage du théâtre de la Doubrovka, qu'elle a retrouvé après enquête, peu après, comme collaborateur au Kremlin. Avec ce genre d'articles, elle se mettait en danger. On ne sait toujours pas qui a donné l'ordre de l'exécuter. Je remarque tout de même que le commando qui l'a abattue était composé, notamment, de Tchétchènes. Connaissant la personnalité du président de la Tchétchénie, Ramzan Kadirov, dictateur dont le père a été assassiné et qui vit depuis dans l'idée de vengeance, connaissant également ses liens avec Moscou, il n'est pas impossible qu'il ait voulu faire un «cadeau» à Poutine, le jour de son anniversaire, le 7 octobre. Kadirov peut également avoir voulu montrer au Kremlin qu'il était capable de faire encore mieux que l'armée russe. Depuis l'assassinat de la journaliste, les choses ont-elles changé en Russie? Oui, les choses ont changé. En pire.

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57. Iran denies US claim over Houthi missile

Press TV, 2016 10 07

Tehran - The Iranian Foreign Ministry's spokesman has denied claims made by a US official that a missile used by Yemen's Houthi Ansarullah fighters to destroy an Emirati military vessel was made by Iran. Bahram Qassem added on Tuesday that the US should take a look at its own heavy dossier concerning the supply of arms and weapons to those attacking civilians in Yemen instead of projecting the blame on others. Qassem noted that the accusation has been made as US planes and weapons have been used and are still being used to kill thousands of Yemeni women and children, and destroy hospitals and schools in Yemen. On Saturday, Yemeni forces targeted and destroyed the Emirati military vessel in a rocket attack near the Red Sea port city of Mokha. Yemen has been under Saudi military strikes since late March 2015. The war was launched in a bid to reinstate Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi, who has stepped down as president but is now seeking to grab power by force.

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58. Saudi war game draws sharp rebuke from IRGC

Tehran Times, 2016 10 07

Tehran - The Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps Navy issued an announcement on Wednesday vowing prompt response to any movement by the Saudi military and other fleets near the Iranian territorial waters in the Persian Gulf. The announcement comes right on the heels a drill, starting on Tuesday, by the Royal Saudi Navy Forces in the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and the Sea of Oman. "The Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps Navy and Iran's Navy are in full preparation to provide stable security in the Persian Gulf and Strait of Hormuz, and will take prompt and proper counteraction to every movement, attempt, and action aimed at destabilizing the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and the Sea of Oman," read part of the announcement. Over the past five years, Iran and Saudi Arabia, two Middle East archrivals, have been at loggerheads over a list of regional issues, including the backing opposing sides in the Syrian crisis.

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59. Army, Palestinians intensify coordination

Lebanon Daily Star, Mohammed Zaatari, 2016 10 07

Sidon - Communication between the Lebanese and Palestinian security forces has intensified following information that the Lebanese Army might be targeted, security sources said Thursday. The Army is still taking precautionary measures around the Palestinian refugee camps of Ain al-Hilweh and Mieh Mieh in Sidon. The heightened security came after the Lebanese Army

obtained information that an extremist group in one of the camps could be working to recruit someone to carry out a terrorist act against one of its checkpoints at the entrance of Ain al-Hilweh or Mieh Mieh. Security coordination between the Lebanese and the Palestinians has increased in order to determine the validity of the information, security sources explained. They added that follow-up showed that some of the information was only speculation. But the validity of the rest has yet to be clarified. Sources explained that until its legitimacy can be checked, they must take it seriously and consider the threat to be real.

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60. Gazan jihadists issue ultimatum, threaten to escalate violence if demands not met

Jerusalem Post, Yaakov Lappin, Zack Pyzer, 2016 10 07

Jerusalem - A projectile fired from the Gaza Strip struck an open area in the Eshkol region on Thursday, triggering warning sirens and sending residents running for cover. The mortar shell did not cause injuries or damage, the IDF said. Palestinian media said the IDF returned fire into Gaza, possibly using tank shells, though this was not confirmed by press time. Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman said: "We do not seek adventures and no one is pushing for an escalation with Hamas in the Gaza Strip, but we are determined to protect the security of the citizens of the State of Israel and there will be no compromise on this point. "Every incident of fire from the Gaza Strip at the sovereign territory of the State of Israel will be met with a powerful response. Hamas controls Gaza with a strong hand, and when it wants to achieve or to prevent something, it knows how to do so. So they should try harder [to stop] the small groups among them [that reject the truce with Israel]," he said.

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61. Hezbollah's drug trail

Jerusalem Post, Yossi Melman, 2016 10 07

Jerusalem - The Shin Bet and Israel Police's thwarting of Hezbollah's plan to carry out terrorist attacks in the North, including in Haifa, was just another manifestation of the ongoing clandestine war between Israel and the Lebanese Shi'ite organization. It's a war whose trademark is not to leave behind fingerprints. Six people, mostly from one family in the Alawite village of Ghajar on the Golan Heights, were arrested on suspicion of severe security offenses. The village is divided between Israel and Lebanon and is considered by Israeli authorities as a hub for drug smuggling and terrorist activity. In the past, some of its residents were arrested and sentenced to long prison terms for both types of offenses. The unholy world combining drug smuggling, intelligence operations and terrorist plots is neither new nor surprising. The CIA, Britain's MI6, French intelligence and other security agencies around the world have used drug dealers as agents or covers for their operations.

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62. Israel charges 7 alleged Hezbollah members

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 10 07

Beirut - Israeli Police charged on Thursday seven alleged Hezbollah members in the occupied border village of Ghajar for allegedly plotting to carry out attacks in Haifa, Israel's third largest city. Israeli media said that the suspects were arrested in September after a joint investigation between the Israeli Intelligence, police and army. Israeli authorities were alerted on July 30 when security agencies discovered explosives in the northern Israeli town of Metula, along the border with Lebanon. The discovery prompted Israeli security agencies to raid several residences in Ghajar over suspicions that they were linked with Hezbollah, Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said in a video that was circulated online. According to investigators, the group initially intended to target Haifa. It then sought to target a bus stop at a junction near the northern city of Turan, where soldiers gather on Sunday mornings en route to their army bases.

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63. The horrors of aleppo

National Post, Samer Attar, 2016 10 07

OpEd: Aleppo is a resilient city, rich in history, older than New York, Paris and London. It is not a city of terrorists. It is a city full of ordinary people living everyday lives, people who want to put food on the table, send their kids to school and keep their families safe, just as anyone else in the world would want for their family. But its streets are literally flowing with blood. How can the world sit idle as the Syrian government, aided by Russia and Iran, brutalizes the people of Aleppo? I saw this carnage for myself when I volunteered in an Aleppo field hospital in July. I was the last American to leave before Syrian government forces encircled and besieged the city. On my first day, I saw a young mother newly paralyzed when a barrel bomb landed on her home. Her family pulled her from the rubble and brought her to the hospital. They were covered in blood and dust. As a last-ditch effort, Aleppo's only neurosurgeon attempted to open her spinal canal to relieve pressure on her spinal cord, but it didn't work. She would never walk again. Next to her was another young mother on life support. A barrel bomb struck her home as well, killing her son and daughter. She had been pregnant, and the blast also killed her fetus. Her husband was working at his shop across the street. When he ran home after the first bombing, a helicopter dropped a second bomb that sent shrapnel into his head. Both father and mother survived, left only with scars and dead children. On it went. The next two weeks were darker and more brutal. I saw human bodies dismembered, burned, crushed, ripped open, cut in half. By my last day I was doing one surgery an hour. Then a driver risked his life to transport a few of us out on the Castello Road, the last supply route into Aleppo.(Note: Samer Attar, a surgeon with Northwestern Medicine in Chicago, is a volunteer with the Syrian American Medical Society and the Aleppo City Medical Council.)

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64. With reprisal campaign, Israel looks to put 'strategic' dent in Hamas

Times of Israel, Judah Ari Gross, 2016 10 07

Jerusalem - A major Israeli bombing campaign in the Gaza Strip Wednesday targeted strategic Hamas positions seen as important to the group's operations, a military official said, while maintaining that Israel would continue to strike the ruling terror group in response to rocket

attacks carried out by other groups in the Palestinian enclave. The strikes, which comprised some two dozen bombings according to some reports, came after a missile fired from Gaza slammed into a street in the Israeli town of Sderot, causing damage and sending three people to the hospital to be treated for anxiety. There were no reports of Palestinian casualties in the Israeli raids. A fringe Salafist group took responsibility for the rocket attack. The army would not specify on record which Hamas sites were hit in the retaliatory strikes. In a statement, the Israel Defense Forces would only say its aircraft targeted "a number of terror installations belonging to the Hamas terror group."

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There are no stories today. / Il n'y a pas d'histoires aujourd'hui.

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65. Air Radicalisation

Journal de Montréal, Lise Ravary, 2016 10 07

Opinion - Il n'y a pas d'emploi plus désirable pour un terroriste en devenir que manutentionnaire pour un transporteur aérien. Ces employés ont accès aux appareils, à l'intérieur comme à l'extérieur, aux pistes, au carburant et même aux repas des passagers et de l'équipage. Le journal français *Le Canard enchaîné*, qui mène des enquêtes aussi audacieuses que béton, révélait récemment la présence de «barbus» parmi le personnel au sol d'air France à Roissy. On aurait trouvé des tags Allah Akhbar sur les trappes de kérosène. Une vidéo des consignes de sécurité aurait été piratée pour n'être disponible qu'en arabe. Sur un vol vers Tel-aviv, quelqu'un aurait remplacé le nom Israël sur la carte électronique par Gaza ou Palestine, selon les versions. VERSIONS DIFFÉRENTES Air France nie, bien entendu, mais admet qu'un employé, un converti, soupçonné d'avoir trafiqué le moteur de relais entre les réacteurs et le poste de pilotage, a fui vers le Yémen. Deux amis auraient trafiqué les toboggans d'évacuation. La meilleure? Un agent de piste aurait refusé de guider un avion parce qu'il était piloté par une femme. Une légende urbaine, rétorque Air France. Ce n'est pourtant pas le genre du Canard. Pourtant, ne peuvent pénétrer dans les zones sensibles que les employés qui ont un badge de sécurité, attribué seulement après une enquête approfondie. Mais ce n'est pas parce qu'on n'a pas d'antécédents judiciaires qu'on n'est pas en train de se bidouiller un avenir de terroriste.

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66. Ex-Isis fighter jailed for nearly 7 years by Düsseldorf court

The Local (Germany), Staff report, 2016 10 06

Berlin - Two German courts Thursday jailed an Isis group jihadist and handed prison terms to four men for backing another Islamist militant group in Syria. In one trial, a German-Turkish citizen named only as Kerim Marc B. received a jail term of six years and nine months for swearing allegiance to Isis chief Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and joining the group in combat. The 23-

year-old from the western city of Düsseldorf had assumed the nom de guerre Abu Zulfikar and fought in a unit of predominantly Bosnian militants in 2013-14 before he was arrested in Turkey in 2015, the court heard. In another trial, four men were sentenced for supporting a Syrian rebel group the court labelled a "foreign terrorist organisation", the hardline Islamist Ahrar al-Sham.

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67. Germany Convicts 3 Lebanese of Supporting Syria Hardline Group

Naharnet Newsdesk, 2016 10 07

Beirut - A German court on Thursday convicted four men who procured tens of thousands of euros worth of supplies for the ultraconservative Ahrar al-Sham group in Syria of supporting a terrorist organization. Lebanese citizen Kassem El-R., 33, was sentenced to 3 and a half years in prison by the Stuttgart state court. Hassan A.S., 30, also Lebanese, 32-year-old German-Lebanese dual citizen Ali F., and 50-year old German Nuran B. received suspended sentences. Their last names weren't given in accordance with German privacy rules. In 2013 and 2014, they provided the group with 7,500 boots and 6,000 jackets and other goods worth 130,000 euros, procured through B.'s army-surplus company in Amstetten and in a delivery organized by El-R. - who also provided five ambulances.

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68. Lutte contre le terrorisme : l'état des lieux de Georges Fenech

La Dépêche du Midi, Romain Gruffaz, 2016 10 07

Aveyron, France - Georges Fenech, député Les Républicains du Rhône, a été invité par son homologue aveyronnais Yves Censi à animer, hier soir, une conférence à propos des moyens mis en oeuvre par l'État pour lutter contre le terrorisme. « Il faut aller au contact des gens, les rencontrer et répondre à leurs questions », a souligné l'ancien juge d'instruction, qui a présidé la commission d'enquête sur les attentats de Paris, à l'issue de laquelle un rapport pointant les erreurs commises, et contenant quarante propositions pour tenter d'y remédier, a été rendu. « La réorganisation du renseignement a été l'un des points centraux, a-t-il expliqué. Le problème est que l'on n'a pas tiré toutes les conséquences de ce qui a été présenté, par les responsables de la DGSI et de la DGSE eux-mêmes, comme "un échec de leurs services". En ce qui nous concerne, nous sommes pour la création d'une agence nationale antiterroriste, sur le modèle du National Counterterrorism Center américain, dont la coordination se ferait au niveau du chef de l'État et non pas du ministre de l'Intérieur, qui n'a pas autorité sur ses homologues. Il faut également accroître la coopération à l'échelle européenne, même si cela nécessite de céder un peu de sa souveraineté. On n'en est qu'aux balbutiements, bien que l'on sente qu'il y a eu une prise de conscience depuis le 13 novembre. Un autre aspect a concerné l'intervention de nos forces d'élite lors de ces attentats d'un genre que l'on ne connaissait pas, avec un terrorisme qui a changé de face. Pourquoi ne répondent-elles pas à un seul commandement unifié ? Il faut mettre en place une nouvelle doctrine, mais également faire des efforts en matière de prévention.

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69. Métro, gares, aéroports : les signalements de colis suspects en forte hausse

FranceTv Info (site web), Journaliste maison, 2016 10 07

Paris - Depuis le début de l'état d'urgence, les alertes sont partout plus fréquentes, et les démineurs sans cesse sollicités. Les Français sont plus vigilants depuis la mise en place de l'état d'urgence : le nombre de signalements de colis suspects a fortement augmenté ces derniers mois. La RATP indique à franceinfo qu'elle a enregistré en moyenne sept alertes pour des bagages abandonnés chaque jour en juin 2016. Selon la direction de la régie des transports parisiens, cela représente une augmentation de 60 % du nombre de signalements par rapport à juin 2015. "Le nombre de colis suspects a été multiplié par deux après les attentats de janvier 2015 et a quadruplé après ceux du 13 novembre", explique la RATP. Un tiers de ces alertes concernent des colis suspects sur la ligne A du RER. 20 % de hausse des signalements à la SNCF Un constat similaire est dressé par la SNCF, qui évoque "une hausse significative des signalements de colis suspects depuis le début de l'état d'urgence [en novembre 2015], de l'ordre de 20 %". Du côté des aéroports de Paris, on dénombre 1 850 bagages abandonnés à Roissy en 2015 et 354 à Orly. Soit un total de 2 200 colis suspects, contre 1 600 en moyenne les années précédentes, précise à franceinfo la direction générale de la Sécurité civile, dont dépendent les équipes de déminage. Cette augmentation de 37 % s'explique par "une vigilance accrue des passagers". "Depuis les attentats de 2015, plus personne n'ignore un colis ou un bagage laissé seul", souligne la Direction générale de la sécurité civile (DGSC). La plupart de ces signalements sont toutefois de fausses alertes. Les démineurs n'ont fait exploser que dix colis sur les 2 200 considérés comme suspects en 2015, selon les chiffres de la sécurité civile.

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70. Presse: le 'Maroc' remplacé par 'Califat' sur une carte d'un avion d'Air France

Le Mag (Maroc), Adam Sfali, 2016 10 06

Paris - Dans un avion d'Air France quelqu'un a joué avec les cartes de trajectoires de vol, vus par les passagers sur les écrans de l'avion. Selon le site du journal britannique The Telegraph, citant des sources des services secrets français, dans le cadre d'une série de tentatives de sabotages qu'aurait subit la compagnie Air France, des membres du personnel du transport aérien français, présumés radicalisés auraient bidouillé les cartes de trajectoires de vol sur un avion en s'attaquant à deux pays, le Maroc et Israël. Ainsi, sur une carte affichée sur les écrans de l'avion, les passagers pouvaient lire un nom bizarre collé sur la carte du Maroc : " Califat" probablement en référence au prétendu califat autoproclamé par les terroristes de daech en Irak. Sur une autre carte, le nom d'Israël a été effacé et remplacé par Gaza. Selon les mêmes sources, Air France serait victime d'une série de tentatives d'attentats dont les coupables ne seraient d'autres que des membres de son personnel navigant et au sol.

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71. Salah Abdeslam a pu parler à un autre détenu: "Personne ici ne me fera parler, je suis protégé par Allah"

La Libre Belgique, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 07

Bruxelles - Des complices des attentats de Paris et Bruxelles visaient l'aéroport d'Amsterdam Convoqué devant le juge pour un interrogatoire, Salah Abdeslam a (encore) refusé de parler En isolement, le seul survivant des commandos des attentats de Paris a discuté avec un autre détenus de la prison de Fleury-Mérogis. Placé en isolement et surveillé 24 heures sur 24, Salah Abdeslam n'a en théorie aucun contact avec les autres détenus. Mais visiblement le dispositif a connu une faille selon BFM TV. Selon nos confrères français, un surveillant de la prison de Fleury-Mérogis a signalé que Salah Abdeslam avait discuté avec autre détenu il y a trois semaines. Les deux prisonniers ont communiqué au travers des portes de leur cellule. Le surveillant a écouté la discussion. Salah Abdeslam a confié à l'autre prisonnier qu'il ne parlerait jamais. "Personne ici ne me fera parler, je suis protégé par Allah. Moi, je ne parle pas, j'agis." Le djihadiste a également demandé des nouvelles des surveillants de la prison d'Osny agressés dans l'aile dédiés aux radicalisés.

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72. Terrorisme "respectable" pour Zemmour : le parquet de Paris saisi

L'Obs, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 07

Paris - "Je respecte des gens prêts à mourir pour ce en quoi ils croient", a affirmé le polémiste. Une apologie du terrorisme pour des familles de victimes du 13 novembre. Après les propos d'Eric Zemmour, qui a dit "respecter les djihadistes prêts à mourir pour ce en quoi ils croient", des familles de victimes du 13 novembre ont saisi le parquet de Paris par le biais de leur avocate et de l'association SOS Racisme pour apologie du terrorisme. Dans une interview donnée au mensuel "Causeur" en kiosque jeudi, l'écrivain réfute la qualification "d'esprits faibles" des terroristes de Daech que donne le journaliste qui l'interroge, ont relevé "L'Express" et le site Les Crises. "Quelle condescendance ! Moi, je prends l'islam au sérieux, je ne le méprise pas !", poursuit-il, avant de lâcher : "Et je respecte des gens prêts à mourir pour ce en quoi ils croient." Quand le journaliste de "Causeur" lui demande s'il respecte "des gens qui roulent en camion sur des enfants", faisant ainsi référence à l'attentat de Nice, l'ancien journaliste précise : "Pardon de vous chagriner, mais l'Histoire c'est ainsi, des innocents meurent parce qu'ils sont dans le mauvais camp, ou au mauvais endroit au mauvais moment. Et oui, quand les gens agissent parce qu'ils pensent que leurs morts le leur demandent, il y a quelque chose de respectable".

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73. Turquie: une suspecte liée au PKK arrêtée après l'attentat contre un poste de police

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 07

Istanbul - Les autorités turques ont arrêté une membre du Parti des travailleurs du Kurdistan (PKK) soupçonnée d'être responsable de l'attentat qui a fait dix blessés jeudi près d'un poste de police à Istanbul, rapporte vendredi la presse. La femme, qui était en possession d'un faux passeport, a été arrêtée avec deux autres personnes dans la province d'Aksaray dans le centre de la Turquie, selon l'agence gouvernementale Anadolu. Au total six suspects ont été arrêtés depuis jeudi dans le cadre de l'enquête, selon les médias. Dix personnes, tous des civils selon les autorités, ont été blessées dans l'explosion d'un motorcycle piégé jeudi dans le quartier de Yenibosna, dans la partie européenne d'Istanbul non loin de l'aéroport international Atatürk.

L'attaque n'a pas été revendiquée. Le PKK, considéré comme une organisation terroriste par Ankara, Washington et l'Union européenne, est engagé depuis 1984 dans une guerre contre l'Etat turc qui a fait plus de 40.000 morts. Après une trêve de deux ans, les combats entre les insurgés et l'armée turque dans le sud- est de la Turquie à majorité kurde ont repris en 2015.

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1. 'Follow us,' spy agency tweet urges

Ottawa Citizen, Jon Willing, 2016 10 11

Ottawa - Canada's spy agency developed a new external communications plan and kicked around ideas for its first tweet before stepping out of the cyber-shadows, on Twitter, in July. Internal documents obtained by the Citizen through access to information legislation show how the

Canadian Security Intelligence Service spitballed some options for the agency's first tweet, on July 13, before settling on, "Yes, we're on Twitter. Now it's your turn to follow us." It notched more than 1,000 retweets and 1,400 likes. The agency had four options for cheeky tweets ready to roll, according to a Twitter game plan. The three that were left on the cutting room floor were: So, we're on Twitter. #WhatWe-DoWednesday may be a challenge for us. (redacted) Yes (redacted) (redacted) we're (redacted) on (redacted) (redacted) Twitter. #LearningCurve || In honour of Twitter launching 10 years ago this month, we suddenly decided to join. #LateTo-TheParty There was some talk in emails about potentially crowdsourcing recommendations for the first tweet from all CSIS staff. One staffer served up 13 suggestions, including "Terrorists shaken, spies stirred." Names of CSIS staff are redacted in the documents. As reconnaissance, staff checked out the first tweets by the Communications Security Establishment, Central Intelligence Agency in the United States and Government Communications Headquarters in the United Kingdom. The agency higher-ups approved a list of the initial 16 Twitter accounts to follow, which included the Federal Bureau of Investigation, CIA, Canadian Border Services Agency, RCMP and Privy Council clerk Michael Wernick, plus other national and international agencies. CSIS started thinking about exposing more of itself to the public earlier this year. A 16-page social media strategy dated April 2016 set the foundation for the agency's baby steps into the cyber-spotlight. As one might expect, CSIS noted that establishing "complex passwords" was key for its social media accounts. While posting stuff in error was identified as a risk, the social media strategy recommends "multiple sets of eyes" reviewing any content before it goes live. As well, the agency says it will need a "comprehensive exit strategy," with a heads-up to the clerk of the Privy Council, if it decides to close a social media account.

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2. Criminals target Canada to launder money

Toronto Star, Angelo Persichilli, 2016 10 11

Opinion: Canada "faces an important domestic and foreign money laundering threat" from criminal organizations that launder billions of dollars in this country. The stiff warning comes from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), which also sounds an alarm about the threat against "major financial institutions and some unscrupulous real estate lawyers" targeted by criminals involved in laundering money. Canadian authorities should not ignore this warning, which comes from an organization set up by the G7 countries in 1989 to promote policies aimed at protecting the global financial system against money laundering and terrorist financing. Although Canada has devoted a lot of energy to fighting terrorist financing, FATF cautions that not enough has been done to prevent the infiltration of criminals into our country, even though the latter poses bigger economic and social threats than the former. In particular, the organization warns, "the major six financial institutions are the main channels targeted by criminals" and "it is suspected that criminally inclined real estate professionals, notably real estate lawyers, are used to facilitate money laundering." Coincidentally, members of the Italian anti-Mafia Parliamentary Commission were in Ottawa recently where they met with Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale, RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson and officials of the justice department. Not much is known about the meetings, but the powerful Calabrian criminal organization known as 'Ndrangheta has strong connections in Canada and Italian authorities are trying to get more co-operation to fight money laundering. According to FATF, quoting estimates from the Canadian

Security Intelligence Service and the RCMP, the total proceeds of crimes in Canada vary between 3 per cent and 5 per cent of our GDP, or about \$62 billion (CSIS estimates in 2007). There are no details about terrorist funding because of national security concerns. (Note: Angelo Persichilli is a journalist who served as director of communications in the Prime Minister's Office in 2011-12.)

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3. CSIS, Bill C-51 and Canada's growing metadata collection mess

CBC.CA, Steven Zhou, 2016 10 11

Opinion: Much has been made over whether the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, Canada's spy agency, should be armed with broader powers to "disrupt" what it perceives as terrorist plots. A report tabled this month by the Security Intelligence Review Committee, which watches over CSIS's work, notes that while the spy agency hasn't abused its new powers of disruption, its bulk data collection program needs to be scaled back. It's easy to think of CSIS and other spy agencies as shadowy organizations that carry out James Bond-like "missions" involving cool gadgets and high-tech weaponry, but the Snowden leaks, among other revelations, have shown the public that metadata collection (online communications, phone logs and other electronic exchanges that can be intercepted in enormous amounts) now constitutes the state's primary instrument of control. Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien recently called upon legislators (the Liberals in particular) to amend certain aspects of Canada's national security laws in order to address the issue of metadata collection. In particular, Therrien referred to the Communications Security Establishment, which seems to get a lot less public scrutiny than CSIS. The CSE is responsible for collecting massive volumes of foreign communications through "signals-intelligence," (or "sigint"), but also tends to drag up large amounts of Canadian metadata as well, which it isn't supposed to be doing. This is also a point that Jean-Pierre Plouffe, the commissioner who provides oversight for the work the CSE does, has consistently made. Plouffe tabled his annual report earlier in the year and revealed that the CSE illegally and inadvertently shared a large amount of metadata with Canada's "Five Eyes" intelligence allies: the U.K., U.S., New Zealand and Australia. Given the amount of work and data collection that CSIS and the CSE both do, it's hard to see how each agency's mandate should be expanded without a corresponding expansion of the powers of watchdogs who monitor their work. Under Stephen Harper, the Security Intelligence Review Committee wasn't even fully staffed, and for all their promises to reform Canada's national security apparatus, Justin Trudeau's Liberals still haven't released any details about how they want to do that. (Note: Steven Zhou is a Toronto writer who has experience in human rights advocacy. He has worked for Human Rights Watch, OXFAM Canada and other NGOs.)

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4. Admit it, Canada, our troops are fighting and in danger in Iraq

Toronto Star, Thomas Walkom, 2016 10 11

Column: It has always been a myth that Canada's soldiers in Iraq don't do combat. Now the myth is even harder to sustain. On Thursday, a senior general acknowledged that, over the past few months, Canadian special forces operating in northern Iraq have become increasingly involved in front-line skirmishes against Daesh fighters. "The mission has changed," said Brig.-Gen. Peter Dawe. "We are more engaged on the line ... the risk has increased." There are roughly 200 Canadian special forces troops operating in Iraq. Ostensibly, their role is to train Kurdish troops. In military bureaucratese, this is known as an "advise and assist" mission, as opposed to an "advise, assist and accompany" mission - which is what Canadian soldiers did when they were supporting local troops during the Afghan War. Both the current Liberal government and the Conservative one it replaced have gone to great lengths to assure Canadians that Iraq is not another Afghanistan. So these semantic debates over the definition of the word "combat" have taken on great political meaning. The Conservatives used to say shooting in self-defence was not real combat. Under the Liberals, the military brass is engaging in similar linguistic contortions to avoid the dreaded word.

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5. Anonymat imposé pour une réunion sur la radicalisation

Journal de Québec, Taïeb Moalla, 2016 10 11

Québec - Québec refuse de dévoiler les noms des participants Invoquant des enjeux de sécurité, le gouvernement du Québec refuse de dévoiler les noms des participants à une conférence de L'UNESCO sur la radicalisation des jeunes. Cet événement se déroulera au Centre des congrès de Québec du 30 octobre au 1er novembre. «À l'heure actuelle, compte tenu de la sensibilité des sujets abordés dans le cadre de la conférence et pour des questions de sécurité, nous ne pouvons pas dévoiler la liste des participants», a répondu Pascal Ouellet, responsable des relations avec les médias au sein du ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie (MRIF).

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6. Canada's foreign affairs minister met North Korean counterpart in rare exchange

CBC.CA, Nahlah Ayed, 2016 10 11

Ottawa - Weeks before Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's quiet "pull-aside" at the UN laid the groundwork for a Canadian's release from an Iranian prison, Canada's foreign affairs minister was trying his own hand at corridor diplomacy -- with his North Korean counterpart. The subject of the brief meeting between Stéphane Dion and North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Su- Yong -- the highest-level known contact between the two countries in years - - was another Canadian imprisoned abroad. Toronto-area pastor Hyeon Soo Lim was convicted last December in Pyongyang of plotting to overthrow the North Korean government using religious activity and is serving a life sentence in a hard labour prison camp. A family spokesperson has said Canadian officials who last visited him found his health had deteriorated. There is no evidence that the previously undisclosed encounter between Dion and Ri on the margins of a multinational gathering back in July has made the slightest difference in Lim's case. But given the delicate relations between the two countries -- and between North Korea and most of the world -- the encounter is still extraordinary. CBC News learned it happened in Laos during a gathering of the

Association of Southeast Asian Nations -- or ASEAN -- which Canada, as a partner, attended. Global Affairs Canada has largely avoided making public any details of any interventions on Lim's behalf, with officials citing the case's best interests.

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7. Eyes in sky hit operational turbulence

Ottawa Citizen, David Pugliese, 2016 10 11

Ottawa - Canada's much-vaunted surveillance planes operating over Iraq were so limited in the information they could collect and share with allies, Canadian military personnel planning CF-18 attacks had to rely on the U.S. for data, according to documents obtained by the Ottawa Citizen. The briefing, produced last year on lessons learned from operations in Iraq in 2014, also pointed out efforts to set up ball hockey facilities and a Tim Hortons for personnel at a base in Kuwait should take a back seat to getting key components of the mission in place. Canada initially contributed special forces, Aurora surveillance aircraft, a refuelling plane and CF-18 fighter jets to the international coalition battling Islamic extremists. The Liberal government withdrew the jets, but expanded the number of special forces and kept the refuelling planes and Auroras on scene. Canadian officers have claimed from the beginning of the mission the upgraded CP-140 Auroras are among the most advanced surveillance aircraft in the world. But the "lessons learned" document, obtained through the Access to Information law, tells a different story. "The CP140 deployed without the organic capability to share their data with coalition partners," it notes. In addition, the software needed to process some CP-140 surveillance data was not available and the aircrews needed "greater experience operating over land." The Aurora is primarily a maritime surveillance plane, but the upgrades allow it to collect data on ground targets.

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8. Feds ban new embassies along Sussex Drive after RCMP flags security concerns

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 10 11

Ottawa - The federal government is forbidding the construction of new embassies on Ottawa's Sussex Drive following a stark RCMP assessment of the potential for "violent events" in the high-profile neighbourhood. Countries with diplomatic missions already located on the well-known boulevard include the United States, France, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and South Africa. It is also home to Rideau Hall, where the Governor General lives, as well as the prime minister's residence at 24 Sussex. Justin Trudeau and his family are living in a house on the Rideau Hall grounds while federal officials consider badly needed renovations to the traditional address of Canada's leader. Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion was advised of the ban on new embassies in January by Daniel Jean, then his deputy minister, records released under the Access to Information Act show. Jean has since been named national security adviser to the prime minister. "A recently concluded RCMP security assessment advises against any additional foreign embassies being located along Sussex Drive," says Jean's memo to Dion, obtained by The Canadian Press. "As a result, the department will no longer be approving requests by diplomatic missions to acquire land in the affected zone." Canada requires foreign states to

obtain its consent before buying property for use as diplomatic chancery offices or official residences.

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9. Government ramps up Facebook advertising

Ottawa Citizen, Jason Fekete, 2016 10 11

Ottawa - Rapidly changing how it communicates with Canadians, the federal government is on pace to spend more on Facebook ads in the Liberals' first year in office than it did between 2006 and 2014 combined. The Liberal government spent at least \$3.8 million on Facebook ads between November 2015 and June 2016 targeting Canadians and foreigners of various age groups and demographics, and is on pace to spend well over \$6 million during Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's first year in office, according to documents tabled in the House of Commons. The data from dozens of departments, agencies and Crown Corporations was tabled in response to a question from Conservative MP Martin Shields. By comparison, the federal government spent \$5.8 million on Facebook ads between April 2006 and early June 2014, according to a federal government response to a similar question two years ago. As well, the spending on Facebook ads during the Liberal tenure doesn't include that from CBC/Radio-Canada, which was one of the biggest spenders detailed in the last response. The government declined to release the information this time around, saying it's "competitive information." Government of Canada annual advertising reports show the rapidly changing trend that sees federal departments and agencies looking to contact Canadians more through the Internet. In the 2011-12 fiscal year, just over 10 per cent of federal government media placements purchased through its agency of record were on the Internet (including search and display ads, and paid social media ads). That number more than doubled to over 25 per cent of media placements by 2014-15. (Data for the 2015-16 fiscal year won't be released until January).

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10. Homa Hoodfar: I was a pawn in struggle between Iran's two competing states (Canada)

The Guardian (London), Ashifa Kassam, 2016 10 10

Toronto - Long after the interrogations at Iran's notorious Evin prison had ceased for the day, Homa Hoodfar's work would begin. While her cellmates slept, the 65-year-old would lie on the floor, and - using the end of her toothbrush as a makeshift pen - slowly scratch her observations on to the stone walls. Some days she wrote down her thoughts on the dozens of brutal interrogations she had been subjected to. Other days she scrawled snippets from conversations with other prisoners. The Canadian-Iranian professor of social anthropology was arrested in June after nearly three months of interrogations by the Iranian intelligence service. After 112 days in prison, she arrived in Montreal last week - freed on what Iran called "humanitarian grounds" - after Canada enlisted the help of Oman. The research recast the 30 interrogations she was put through while imprisoned. As she sat facing a wall or a one-way mirror while her interrogators screamed and yelled at her, Hoodfar analysed their choice of words. When they hurled threats at

her - "They were telling me, 'You'll get 15 years here and we'll send your dead body back to Canada'" - she contemplated the power dynamics at play.

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11. Kagame allegations reopen genocide probe

Globe and Mail, Geoffrey York and Judi Rever, 2016 10 11

A confidential 12-page statement by a former close aide of Rwandan President Paul Kagame has sparked the reopening of a formal investigation into one of the greatest mysteries of the 20th century: the assassination that triggered the Rwandan genocide. The document, obtained by The Globe and Mail, accuses Mr. Kagame of direct involvement in the 1994 missile attack that killed former president Juvénal Habyarimana, leading to the genocide in which an estimated 800,000 people died. The sworn statement has been submitted to French investigating magistrates, who have decided to reopen their probe. The decision has provoked fury from Mr. Kagame, who told military and judicial officials on Monday that he is ready for a "showdown" with France, including a freeze in diplomatic relations, if the investigation continues. More than two decades after the assassination, nobody has settled the question of who fired two surface-to-air missiles into the Dassault Falcon 50 private jet that carried Mr. Habyarimana and Burundi president Cyprien Ntaryamira, along with seven other officials and a three-man French crew, as their jet approached Kigali's airport on the night of April 6, 1994, after peace negotiations in Tanzania. Immediately after the assassination, Hutu extremists began slaughtering Hutu moderates and Tutsis in the violence that became known as the Rwandan genocide. Various inquiries have reached different conclusions on whether the assassination was carried out by Hutu extremists or the Tutsi rebel army, led by Mr. Kagame. Canadian general Roméo Dallaire was the commander of a small United Nations peacekeeping force in Rwanda at the time of the genocide. The United Nations force, which also included about a dozen Canadian troops, was credited with saving thousands of lives during the genocide by securing a few places of shelter.

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12. Khaled Al-Qazzaz is back in Canada after spending three years as a political detainee, including 11 months in solitary

Toronto Star, Olivia Ward, 2016 10 11

Toronto - When the Arab Spring came to Egypt in 2011, Khaled Al-Qazzaz was full of hope for the country's future. Instead, he and his wife, Sarah Attia, were caught up in a three-year nightmare that left them and their four young children struggling to recover from emotional scars - and Al-Qazzaz from serious physical injuries that may require years of rehabilitation. A Canadian permanent resident and University of Toronto engineering graduate, he was arrested while serving as an aide to Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi, who was ousted in a military-backed coup in July 2013. Now back home in Mississauga, 37-year-old Al-Qazzaz recounted the ordeal that continued even after his release without charge in January 2015. "The hardest parts were when I was separated from my children, not being able to make them feel safe," he said. "And never knowing what was going to happen in the future. I was totally cut off from the outside world." Al-Qazzaz and Attia, a Canadian who was born in North York, met during

graduate studies at U of T. Both deeply involved in human rights and social justice issues, they fell in love and married in 2004. On the eve of Egypt's 2011 Tahrir Square revolution they were in Cairo, helping Khaled's ailing father run a chain of private schools. Sarah became a school principal and ran volunteer programs in orphanages and homes for the elderly. "So many new opportunities opened up," Al-Qazzaz said. "What we taught in the schools had more meaning. And with our experiences across cultures, we could bridge the gap between Egyptians and people in other countries." When the first free elections were called in 2012, Al-Qazzaz was excited by the prospect of a new era of democracy and respect for human rights in Egypt.

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13. PIPSC past president, executive mired in harassment allegations

Ottawa Citizen, Don Butler, 2016 10 11

Ottawa - A recent tribunal decision has lifted the veil on bitter conflict and allegations of harassment involving a past president of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada and current members of the union's executive. The Aug. 30 decision by the Public Service Labour Relations and Employment Board dismissed a complaint against PIPSC by Gary Corbett, who led the 57,000-member union from 2009 until his defeat by current president Debi Daviau in 2013. But in concluding that Corbett failed to present sufficient evidence to substantiate his complaint, the board laid bare poisonous relationships at the union's most senior levels. PIPSC declined to comment on the board's decision. Corbett, now 57, was still president in 2013 when Shannon Bittman, one of the union's vicepresidents, filed a harassment complaint against him. According to the board's decision, Corbett believed that Bittman's complaint "was meant to embarrass him" and was part of a "campaign of terror" waged against him to ensure that Daviau was elected president. In response, Corbett filed a cross complaint against Bittman. A few days after the December 2013 election that unseated him, Corbett received a call from Don Burns, another member of the union's executive, the decision recounts. Burns advised Corbett of a second harassment complaint against him by another union vice-president, Shirley Friesen, who, like Bittman, had strongly supported Daviau's candidacy for president. At the board hearing, Corbett testified that Burns told him if he withdrew his complaint against Bittman, the Bittman and Friesen complaints against him would be withdrawn as well.

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14. Pitre considers second attempt after stem-cell transplant fails

Ottawa Citizen, Andrew Duffy, 2016 10 11

Ottawa: Jonathan Pitre learned late Monday that his stem cell transplant had failed, which means he must now decide whether to face a second treatment and the resulting hardship. Pitre's mother, Tina Boileau, learned the bad news while her son slept Monday afternoon. She broke it to him late in the day during the bath routine that has often been home to their most difficult conversations. They will now have to decide whether to pursue a second stem cell transplant after what has been the most trying month of Pitre's life. "I have to get Jon on board to do this again," said an emotional Boileau. A Grade 11 student from Russell, Pitre suffers from an incurable, blistering skin disease, epidermolysis bullosa (EB), that complicates every part of his

life. Many of those with EB die from an aggressive form of skin cancer in their 20s. Pitre travelled to Minneapolis in August for the stem cell transplant, the only treatment that holds the potential to significantly improve his physical condition and make his disease more manageable. But complications from the treatment, including infection and rejection, can be life-threatening. Pitre underwent the transplant on Sept. 8, and in recent days his white blood cell count had been climbing steadily, raising hope that donor stem cells had started to grow in his bone marrow and produce new blood cells capable of ameliorating his severe skin disease. But a critical question remained unanswered: were the white blood cells in his system the product of the new stem cells or his old ones? The test results came back Monday afternoon, Thanksgiving Day. They were a crashing disappointment.

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15. The mysterious Ottawa property at the centre of an international terror lawsuit

Metro News Ottawa, Haley Ritchie, 2016 10 11

Ottawa - Passers-by or vandals curious about the seemingly abandoned property at 2 Robinson Avenue in Sandy Hill might assume it has stood empty for four years because of an ordinary reason, such as developer delays or trouble selling it. Instead, the warehouse-like property in Sandy Hill is in legal limbo - the focus of a complex international court case that ties the building to foreign espionage and 1983 bombings in Beirut. Now the white-brick building stands quiet. From time to time, different-coloured cars occupy the overgrown asphalt driveway, but the lights never seem to be on inside. A break in the fence behind the building encourages graffiti tagging. While the building has been quiet, the international legal battle for its control has not. Since 2012, the state of Iran has been struggling to resist the Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act, introduced by the Harper government, in Canadian courts. The act allows victims of violence to seek legal damages from states that fund government-designated terrorist groups. The majority of the plaintiffs involved in the lawsuit, many of whom have lost family to bombings abroad, were awarded large sums in the U.S. The Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act allows them to continue claiming those sums in Canada. The large Sandy Hill property is estimated to be worth close to \$3 million, and it's one of the non-diplomatic assets the U.S. victims are seeking. The case has been ongoing for four years, complicated by the lack of diplomatic ties between Iran and Canada. In the latest decision made this past summer, Justice Glenn Hayney ruled in favour of the victims of Hamas and Hezbollah.

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16. Could the U.S. election be hacked? ; At national level, no, but experts say it wouldn't take much to sow discord

USA Today, Elizabeth Weise, 2016 10 11

Washington - The impact of Russian hacking on the upcoming presidential election was a topic in Sunday night's debate, raising the question: Is the U.S. election hackable? Experts say at the national level, no. But there could be individual incidents that undermine faith in the system.

There's almost no danger the U.S. presidential election could be affected by hackers. It's simply too decentralized and for the most part too offline to be threatened, according to the head of the FBI and several security experts. "National elections are conducted at the local level by local officials on equipment that they obtained locally," so there's no single point of vulnerability to tampering here, said Pamela Smith, president of Verified Voting, a non-partisan, non-profit organization that advocates for elections accuracy. In testimony before the House Judiciary Committee last month, FBI Director James Comey said that while concern has been rightly focused on the integrity of state voter registration systems, the actual voting process remains "very hard to hack into because it is so clunky and dispersed. It is Mary and Fred putting a machine under the basketball hoop at the gym. These things are not connected to the Internet." Nevertheless, Comey said federal authorities have been counseling state officials to secure their systems, especially voter registration databases, as hackers have continued to "scan" the systems for vulnerabilities.

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17. FBI Hacked Computers in Australia as Part of Global Child Porn Sting

Motherboard (Vice Magazine), Joseph Cox, 2016 10 10

New York - In early 2015, the FBI hacked thousands of computers across the world, based on a single, arguably illegal, warrant. Now, Motherboard has learned that as part of the same operation, the FBI also hacked computers in Australia, highlighting how law enforcement agencies are increasingly using malware to remotely search computers outside of their jurisdiction. The case, codenamed Operation Pacifier, revolves around the FBI's investigation into one of the largest ever dark web child pornography sites, called Playpen. When the FBI seized the site in 2015, instead of shutting it down, the agency briefly ran Playpen from a government server in order to deploy a network investigative technique (NIT)--the agency's term for a piece of malware--in an attempt to identify its visitors. The agency's malware used a Tor Browser exploit, and then grabbed a suspected Playpen user's IP address, MAC address, and other technical information. As well as obtaining over 1,000 US IP addresses, and distributing much of this information throughout the FBI and to other US-based law enforcement agencies, the FBI also gave details on suspects overseas to foreign agencies. The Australian Federal Police (AFP) was one of those agencies. During the processing of a Freedom of Information request filed by Motherboard, the AFP said it held a wealth of data on Operation Pacifier, including a large PROMIS case file. PROMIS is the case management tool AFP officers use to catalogue investigations and store intelligence.

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18. Hezbollah-linked group laundered drug money through Miami banks

Miami Herald, David Ovalle, 2016 10 11

Miami - Three men suspected of laundering cocaine money for the Colombian cartel have been busted after agents say they illegally moved \$500,000 into Miami banks through a series of complicated financial transactions stretching from Australia to Europe. That's not uncommon in Miami, but the trio's background is: They are suspected associates of the Middle Eastern terror

group Hezbollah. The main player is Mohammad Ahmad Ammar, 31, who was living in Medellín, Colombia. He was quietly booked into a Miami-Dade jail last week to face state felony money laundering charges in a case that underscores increased law-enforcement scrutiny on the role of Middle Eastern terror groups who use financial networks in Latin America to earn untold millions off drug profits. Along with Ammar, two other Hezbollah associates are facing charges in the same case. One of them is in custody in Paris, while the other is on the lam, possibly in Lebanon or Nigeria.

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19. In Russian Hacks of Democrats, a Ghost of the Soviet Past

Newsweek, Jeff Stein, 2016 10 10

Column - Felix Dzerzhinsky must be chortling in his Red Square tomb. Nearly a century ago the first head of the Soviet secret police perfected the art of "disinformation," the clever crafting of false information to sow confusion among the Kremlin's enemies. His heirs have brazenly remounted the technique in an all-out attack on the American political system. It's not been subtle. "We stand for organized terror," Dzerzhinsky famously wrote. "This should be frankly admitted. Terror is an absolute necessity during times of revolution." When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, Muscovites fed up with decades of repression tore down Dzerzhinsky's monstrous statue in Lubyanka Square, site of the KGB's infamous interrogation tombs, but he's making a comeback in the hearts of the Kremlin. In 2005, a smaller bust of the secret police chief, who died in 1927, was restored in the courtyard of the Moscow police headquarters. Last year, city election officials greenlighted a referendum to restore "Iron Felix," as the 40-foot high hulk was known. Vladimir Putin seems to be a fan-and not shy about it. The Kremlin left its fingerprint on the hack of the Democratic Party's data vaults, investigators say. The person or team of hackers known as Guccifer 2.0 left behind a signature in Cyrillic, "Felix Dzerzhinsky." "If these are indeed the Russians," Nina Khrushcheva, the great-granddaughter of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev tells Newsweek, "it only suggests that they either want to be caught and laugh at those who think they caught them." It's possible someone else posing as a Russian wants Putin to be blamed for the hack attacks, says Khrushcheva-always a possibility in the murky Internet underworld. But that's not likely, according to the Obama administration, which last week pointed a finger directly at the Kremlin.

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20. Md. imam who backs ISIS is at heart of terrorism probe

Washington Post, Justin Jouvenal, 2016 10 10

Washington - Suleiman Anwar Bengharsa once told a court during a custody dispute that he worried his ex-wife's new husband was too close to Islamic radicals under FBI investigation and she might raise their child in an "extremist environment." A little over a decade later, the Maryland man became the thing he once feared. The onetime Commerce Department trade analyst had remade himself into something rare in the United States: a radical imam publicly supporting the Islamic State, also known as ISIS. Bengharsa celebrated ISIS killings and immolations on Facebook and issued a blistering fatwa against feminism through a sharia law

center he started in Montgomery County, not far from the nation's capital. He criticized fellow Muslims who assisted authorities in terrorism investigations. The stunning transformation culminated last month when FBI search warrants mistakenly unsealed in a Michigan terrorism case alleged that Bengharsa, 59, provided money to Detroit resident Sebastian Gregerson, who authorities say used it in 2015 to buy weapons. "There is reason to believe Bengharsa and Gregerson are engaged in discussions and preparations for some violent attack on behalf of [ISIS]," an FBI agent concluded in the warrants, first reported by the Detroit News.

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21. Pentagon Considers Launching Limited Military Action against Assad

Asharq Al-Awsat, Heba El Koudsy, 2016 10 11

Washington - The Pentagon is considering carrying out limited attacks in Syria that don't drag U.S. President Barack Obama to an embarrassing situation, along with several U.S. security bodies holding meetings since weeks to figure out a solution to the rising crisis in Aleppo amid potential U.S. attacks against the Syrian regime. Officials in the Pentagon and the White House told Asharq al-Awsat newspaper that these airstrikes will not be disclosed and the U.S. won't claim them publicly. Some analysts expressed concerns over the mounting tension between Russia and the U.S. as this might drift the Syrian war and spur a military conflict. However, the Pentagon source seems certain that a U.S. decisive military step can be taken without any risk or real danger. Furthermore, Secretary of State John Kerry on Friday called for a war crimes investigation with the Russian and the Syrian regime, given their continuous attacks on Syrian civilians.

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22. Spy fraud

Vice Magazine, Jason Leopold, 2016 10 09

New York - When contractors and employees who work for America's most powerful intelligence agencies get bored at work, they sometimes kill time by viewing pornography on their classified government computers, browsing online dating services, engaging in "sex chats" with minors, and playing games on Facebook. And they charge U.S. taxpayers millions of dollars for it. Between 2013 and 2015, the Intelligence Community's Inspector General, the watchdog entity overseeing 16 federal intelligence agencies, investigated dozens of instances of employee misconduct and crimes based on referrals it received from intelligence agencies. Many of them centered on widespread contracting fraud involving individuals who worked on highly classified intelligence programs for the NSA, the CIA, and the Office of Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) on behalf of well-known contractors such as IBM, Booz Allen Hamilton, Boeing, and General Dynamics. That's according to hundreds of pages of top-secret internal watchdog reports that were declassified and released to VICE News in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit. Experts said this type of misconduct is problematic on multiple levels and can pose a threat to national security. Scott Amey, the general counsel of good government group the Project on Government Oversight, which tracks waste and fraud by government contractors, reviewed the reports for VICE News. "The contractors are primarily to blame, but these records

show that intel agencies don't have a handle on the situation, and no one seems to enforce contract requirements," Amey said. He likened the waste uncovered in the reports to an infamous instance of defense contractor excess uncovered during the Reagan administration. "We have stated that time-card fraud is the next \$436 hammer, and these records prove that."

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23. Apple Watches banned from Cabinet after ministers warned devices could be vulnerable to hacking

London Daily Telegraph, Peter Dominiczak, 2016 10 09

London - Ministers have been barred from wearing Apple Watches during Cabinet meetings amid concerns that they could be hacked by Russian spies, The Telegraph has learned. Under David Cameron, several cabinet ministers wore the smart watches, including Michael Gove, the former Justice Secretary. However, under Theresa May ministers have been barred from wearing them amid concerns that they could be used by hackers as listening devices. Mobile phones have already been barred from the Cabinet because of similar concerns. One source said: "The Russians are trying to hack everything."

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24. Hard left are sabotaging anti-extremism plans

London Times, Rachel Sylvester, 2016 10 11

Column - It appeared to be a shocking case of heavy-handed state intervention with an Islamophobic twist. A ten-year-old Muslim boy was visited by police at home after writing that he lived in a "terrorist house" when, according to his family, he meant that he lived in a "terraced house" and was just bad at spelling. The story was widely reported as an example of how the government's counterextremism Prevent strategy was out of control, pitting teachers against pupils and turning communities against each other. Except it wasn't quite as simple as that. The police had in fact made a quite valid response to a series of concerning comments by the boy -- which included a statement that he hated it when his uncle beat him. Prevent was not involved. The terrorist threat is now being exploited, by both left and right, for ideological reasons that have nothing to do with security. On the hard left, there is a concerted attempt to undermine Prevent, which puts a legal duty on teachers and universities to report suspected extremist behaviour to the police. The Stop the War Coalition and the Socialist Workers Party are among its strongest critics, along with the Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, who has called for the programme to be replaced with a "community-led" initiative.

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25. Muslim extremist jailed for raising £3,000 for ISIS-linked terror group 'QUITS job as a Sainsbury's delivery driver after failing to disclose conviction'

Daily Mail (UK), Emma Glanfield, 2016 10 10

London - An extremist jailed for raising thousands of pounds to help an ISIS-linked terror group train jihadis with AK-47s has left his job as a Sainsbury's delivery driver hours after his previous conviction was revealed. Father-of-three Mohammed Shabir Ali, 29, of Tower Hamlets, east London, was jailed for three years in 2012 after raising £3,000 for al-Shabaab training camps in Somalia. Since being freed from jail, he landed himself a job working as a home delivery driver for Sainsbury's - working out of a depot in east London and dropping off online food orders to customers' homes while unsupervised. It is believed he did not disclose his previous conviction when applying for the job. According to Sainsbury's policy, anyone with a previous conviction must declare it on their application form, and if a terrorism-related offence was disclosed that would end the application process instantly. Sainsbury's said it does not comment on individual employees but confirmed Shabir no longer worked for the company and it is understood he quit the firm.

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26. Police use snooping devices on phones

London Times, Fiona Hamilton, 2016 10 11

London - A string of police forces have secretly purchased surveillance technology that enables large amounts of phone data to be collected from passers-by, it has emerged. At least seven forces in England and Wales are now thought to be using IMSI Catchers that can collect and identify call and message data from mobile phones within a given area. They mimic mobile-phone towers and act as a "dummy", sending out signals that trick devices into automatically trying to connect to them. Police find the Catchers useful to track suspects and uncover their phone activity, but they can capture information from other mobiles within a radius of up to five miles. It is believed that there is no automatic deletion of the gathered material from police systems, meaning that forces could be harvesting information about tens of thousands of members of the public.

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27. Australians want tougher terror measures

Australian Associated Press, Staff Writer, 2016 10 11

Canberra - A majority of Australians want the government to do more to prevent terrorist attacks on home soil and are happy to give up some personal freedoms to help the cause, new research shows. But many are concerned that Muslims are being singled out for increased surveillance and monitoring. The Australian National University poll found 71 per cent were worried about the rise of Islamist extremism in Australia while nearly as many felt Muslims shouldn't be subject to additional scrutiny based on their religion. "People are obviously concerned whether it's the faith of Islam that gives rise to these things," co-author Katja Theodorakis told reporters on Monday. "That's something that warrants further study because that could have political ramifications and divisions - and it's not good for social cohesion in a multicultural society." Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, speaking on racism in parliament on Monday, said Islamist

terrorists had succeeded in raising levels of anxiety about Muslim immigration. Those concerns are real and should not be dismissed.

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28. Security fears keep watch out of cabinet

Sydney Morning Herald, David Wroe, 2016 10 11

Canberra - Malcolm Turnbull may be famed for his love of technology, which has even extended to checking his Apple Watch in the chamber of the House of Representatives. But the Prime Minister is obliged to take it off before cabinet meetings, a government spokesman has confirmed, adhering to a long-standing policy that no communication devices may be taken into the sensitive room. There are rising concern about the threat of device hacking by foreign intelligence agencies or political "hacktivists", with British government ministers reportedly issued an edict not to wear Apple Watches to cabinet meetings because of fears they could be penetrated by Russian spies. "It has long been standard practice, on both sides of politics, that no electronic transmitting devices, including Apple Watches, be allowed in the cabinet room," a spokesman for Cabinet Secretary Arthur Sinodinos said. Visitors to agencies such as ASIO or the Australian Signals Directorate are asked to store any electronic devices in lockers in the foyer out of fear they could be used as listening devices or to insert viruses into the buildings' systems.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

29. Army, agencies to lead war on terror, agree civil, military leaders

The International News, Muhammad Saleh Zaafir, 2016 10 11

Islamabad - The civil and military leadership on Monday reaffirmed that the army and intelligence agencies will continue to play a leading role in the fight against terrorism, which was proceeding smoothly and without discrimination whatsoever with complete consensus of all the stakeholders. The reaffirmation came during a high echelon security meeting held here with Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif in the chair. Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) Gen Raheel Sharif and Director General Inter-Services Intelligence (DG ISI) Lt Gen Rizwan Akhtar were among those who attended the meeting. Matters pertaining to national and regional security came under discussion. The meeting expressed concern over the publication of a fabricated news story in daily Dawn (last week) pertaining to security issues purportedly discussed in a meeting of the National Security Committee (NSC).

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30. Pak using terror as state policy: Experts

The Pioneer, Rakesh K Singh, 2016 10 11

New Delhi - Soon after the surgical strikes conducted by the Indian special forces inside PoK against the terror launch pads, Pakistan is back to the decades-long tactics of using terror as an

instrument of state policy by directing terror affiliates like the AQIS, LeT, and JeM to step up jihadi action in the region, according to security experts. The Al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), an affiliate of the Pakistan Army-ISI combine, has released an online appeal asking Muslims in the subcontinent to join jihad and target the countries that supported India in isolating Pakistan over Uri attack in particular and cross-border terror in general. The Pakistani agencies have already directed the Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) to target vital installations in the Indian hinterland.

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31. Spymaster Stanikzai calls for shifting military tactics

Pajhwok Afghan News, Khwaja Basir Ahmad Fitri, 2016 10 11

Kabul - The spymaster on Monday said Afghanistan has been a victim of war over foreign interests and due to its strategic location, asking the security forces to change their tactics. National Directorate of Security (NDS) chief Masoom Stanikzai called for a tactical shift while briefing the Wolesi Jirga, lower house of parliament, on the current security situation. Defence Minister Lt. Col. Abdullah Khan Habibi and Interior Minister Taj Mohammad Jahid also informed lawmakers on steps being taken to stabilize the security environment. "The current war here is not a war of Afghans; outsiders are interfering and supporting militants in Afghanistan," Stanikzai alleged, saying the conflict was driven by the interests of foreign countries. "Afghanistan is a victim of its strategic location; we should change our tactics," Stanikzai believed, stressing the need for unity. He asked the people to support their security forces.

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Africa • Afrique

32. Behind the Razor Wire, Boko Haram Families

New York Times, Dionne Searcey, 2016 10 11

Maiduguri - Beyond the tall, concrete walls of a fortified compound, the authorities are holding a special group of detainees: the wives and children of Boko Haram commanders. Guards stand ready at the gate. Curled razor wire lines the walls. Civilian militia members with AK-47s hanging from their shoulders meander about. The 56 women and children held inside have been there for months, after being swept up by the Nigerian military during raids on Boko Haram strongholds. The state governor, who is operating the detention center, considers them all Boko Haram supporters. "We can't just release them into society," Gov. Kashim Shettima said of the women and girls in the compound. "There's been so much brainwashing."

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33. Papers Reveal Harsh Rule of ISIS in Libya --- Documents left by militants driven from coastal city detail group's brutal reign

Wall Street Journal, Maria Abi-Habib, 2016 10 11

Sirte - The first page of Abu Bakr's notebook contains Arabic translations of basic English words. It ends with a safety guide for handling explosives: "Be careful." "Don't be afraid." "Keep the triggers away from children." As Islamic State tightened its grip on this Mediterranean city last year, closing schools and restricting social life, it trained hundreds of recruits, many of them foreigners, in the Arabic language, Islam and warfare to help extend its self-declared caliphate to Europe's doorstep, according to documents recently discovered in the group's offices here. Islamic State militants on Monday were under threat of losing the only neighborhood they still control in Sirte, the group's last major bastion in Libya and the largest city Islamic State has ever held outside Iraq and Syria. The notebook of the fighter who took the name Abu Bakr was reviewed by The Wall Street Journal along with some 150 other documents left behind by militants who fled or were killed or captured in battle as Libyan militias backed by U.S. airstrikes moved in recent months to reclaim the city. With the Libyan government's battle for Sirte all but won, the extremists' hopes to extend the caliphate to within 350 miles of Europe have dimmed. Still, the document trove makes clear that Islamic State's nation-building ambitions succeeded, however fleetingly, in Libya as they fell short with the group's other affiliates from Nigeria to Yemen, said Aymenn Jawad al-Tamimi, a researcher at the Middle East Forum, a U.S.-based think tank that focuses on radical groups.

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Americas • Amériques

34. Colombian president pledges to donate Nobel funds to country's conflict victims

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 10 10

Bogota - President Juan Manuel Santos has said he will donate almost \$1m in Nobel peace prize money to the victims of Colombia's half-century conflict. Santos made the announcement Sunday during a visit with his family and top government officials to an impoverished town in western Colombia where dozens of people were killed while sheltering in a church during an intense battle between leftist rebels and far-right militias. He promised the residents of Bojayá that he would not give up on securing peace with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Farc) despite voters' rejection of a deal with the guerrillas in a referendum a week ago. More than 96% of residents of Bojaya voted for the peace deal. "You symbolize the suffering of the victims of 52 years of war and are at the center of the solution to this conflict," a visibly moved Santos told the crowd. "The victims have taught me that the capacity to forgive can overcome hatred and rancor."

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35. Colombia Revives Stalled Peace Talks With ELN Rebels

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 10 11

Bogota - Colombia's government and rebels from the National Liberation Army have agreed to revive a stalled peace effort, providing a boost to President Juan Manuel Santos as he tries to recover from voters' shocking rejection of a deal with the much-larger FARC guerrilla group. The rebels and government officials said Monday that formal peace talks would begin Oct. 27 in

Ecuador. In a brief statement from Venezuela, whose socialist government is co-sponsoring the peace process, the guerrilla group known as the ELN committed itself to freeing two captives it has been holding for months before the talks begin. Additional unspecified humanitarian actions on both sides would also take place. In March, the ELN and government announced that they would start formal peace negotiations. But the effort never got off the ground after the government demanded the ELN renounce kidnapping and free a prominent politician who turned himself over to the rebels in order to secure his brother's release. Earlier Monday, the group handed over to the International Red Cross a rice farmer, Nelson Alarcon, it had held captive for months. It was the third person freed by the group in an area near Colombia's border with Venezuela in the past two weeks.

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36. Report Finds Loose Laws on Data and Surveillance In Latin America

The Intercept, Cora Currier, 2016 10 10

Washington - The laws in many Latin American countries haven't kept pace with the increasing power of surveillance technology, creating the potential for serious abuses, according to a new report from a privacy watchdog. Despite recent revelations of widespread use of spyware capable of infiltrating phones and computers by many governments in the region-- including in some instances, against political opposition and journalists-- not a single Latin American country surveyed in the report has specific laws on the use of such invasive technology. Many countries, including Brazil, Colombia, Chile and Mexico, require companies to log detailed data on their customers and give law enforcement access to the information on demand. Colombia has a ban on encryption, and El Salvador requires communications providers to decrypt traffic at the government's demand. The report, written by researchers for the San Francisco-based Electronic Frontier Foundation, looked at surveillance laws in 12 countries in Central and South America. It opens with a stark reminder of what is at stake: A history of the collaboration among military dictatorships in Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Bolivia, Uruguay and Brazil in the 1970s and 80s known as "Operation Condor." Files discovered later documented torture, disappearances, imprisonment and executions, enabled through a regime of informants and surveillance. Many intelligence agencies in the region were formed under these military dictatorships, and even after transitioning to democratic rule, most Latin American countries maintained strong executive branch powers "without well-placed controls or public oversight mechanisms." Given the power vested in many presidents in the region, the report says, "intelligence agencies in Latin America have been powerful tools in presidential politics, specially used to spy on dissident groups, opposition politicians or independent journalists."

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37. 11 Militants of JMB Killed in Three Raids in Bangladesh (Canada).

Hindustan Times, 2016 10 11

Dhaka - Bangladeshi security officials on Saturday killed 11 suspected militants of the banned Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) in three separate raids as the country reinforced its counter-terrorism efforts. Home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said the operations were carried out at Gazipur near the national capital, and in Tangail district. Acting on a tip-off, teams of the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) and police's counter-terrorism unit took part in the raids. Kamal said the suspects were members of the outlawed JMB, blamed by the government for attacks across the country. Security officials recovered an AK-47, bullets, bomb-making materials and meat cleavers from a spot in Gazipur. "Akash", a new leader of the splinter group "Neo JMB" was among those killed in the raid at Patartek, Khan said. Officials said Akash became the leader of the Neo JMB after Tamim Chowdhury, a Bangladeshi-origin Canadian, was killed with two accomplices in a similar raid at Narayanganj district in August.

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38. Allied navies conduct strike exercise against N.K. nuke facilities

Yonhap English News, 2016 10 11

Seoul - The navies of South Korea and the United States have conducted long-range strike exercises against North Korea's nuclear facilities during an ongoing joint drill as the communist regime escalates its saber-rattling, Seoul's military said Tuesday. In the six-day joint naval maneuvers that will run through Saturday, the allies have applied the concept of "Korea Massive Punishment & Retaliation" (KMPR) to improve striking capabilities of ship-to-ground missiles on top of the usual anti-ship and anti-air exercises, a defense ministry official told Yonhap News Agency. The KMPR operational concept is aimed at decimating parts of Pyongyang, and envisions launching pre-emptive bombing attacks on North Korean leader Kim Jong-un and the country's military leadership if signs of imminent use of nuclear weapons are detected, ministry officials said. "The 'Invincible Spirit' exercise has put a bigger focus on striking North Korea's key nuclear and missile facilities. The change comes after the North's fifth nuclear test last month," the official said.

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39. Breakthrough with arrest of militants (Canada).

New Straits Times, Noel Tarrazona, 2016 10 11

Manila - The recent arrest of one of the leaders of the Abu Sayyaf group involved in the kidnapping of 21 European tourists in Pulau Sipadan, Sabah, in 2000 will be a key victory for the Philippine government, particularly in deterring future kidnappings. Abdul Latip Talanghati, who has a US\$110,000 (RM440,000) reward on his head, was arrested along with his companion, Albashrie Talanghati, in St Barbara district of Zamboanga City. The Abu Sayyaf sub-leader, who has been hiding for 16 years, had evaded military operations in Basilan and Sulu. Found in their possession were a 450g high-explosive bomb, detonating cord and time fuse. The Abu Sayyaf started as a religious youth group in the early 1990s, but later transformed into a bandit movement involved in pirating, kidnapping and extortion. It is one of the most notorious terrorist groups in Southeast Asia, victimising citizens from Taiwan, Japan, Germany, Canada, the United States, Australia, Malaysia and Indonesia.

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40. China says anti-terrorism cooperation should follow int'l law

Xinhua News Agency, 2016 10 11

Beijing - China on Monday said international anti-terrorism cooperation should follow international law and basic norms and principles of international relations. "No domestic law shall be above international law," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang said at a daily press briefing in response to a question concerning the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA) recently passed by the U.S. Congress. China maintains that international anti-terrorism cooperation should allow the United Nations the leading role, accord with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and follow international law and basic norms of international relations, including the doctrine of sovereignty equality, he said.

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41. Laskar-e-Toiba men recruiting youth from city for terror outfits

Times of India, Mahesh Buddi, 2016 10 11

Hyderabad - Absconding Laskar-e-Toiba (LeT) operatives from the city have turned recruiters for banned outfits and started enlisting youth from across the country for carrying out terror attacks. Though online recruitment through propaganda videos of ISIS has been under the scanner of intelligence agencies, the National Investigation Agency's (NIA) recently concluded probe into a pan Indian terror module, busted in January last, has revealed that the banned terror outfit has operatives in the city. On September 16, the NIA special court in Bangalore had sentenced 13 LeT operatives, including BCom student from the city, Obaidur Ur Rehman, to five-years of imprisonment for conspiring to kill right-wing politicians, journalists and police personnel from Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Hubli and Nanded. The fouryear investigation by NIA's Hyderabad unit revealed that six of them, currently residing in Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, were instrumental in hatching the conspiracy.

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42. S. Korea reviewing stronger unilateral sanctions on N. Korea: foreign ministry

Yonhap English News, Shin Hyon-hee, 2016 10 11

Seoul - A government-wide review is underway in South Korea to adopt a tougher set of unilateral sanctions on North Korea in reaction to the regime's recent nuclear test, the foreign ministry said Tuesday. "(South Korea) is carrying out a broad review of adopting additional independent sanctions," Cho June-hyuck, spokesman at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said in a regular briefing. "At the pan-government level, (Seoul) is seeking more detailed and effective sanctions measures." Currently, the U.S., Japan and the European Union are in close cooperation with Seoul over the issue, the spokesman said, adding that "They will be announced publicly as soon as they are fixed." The content of the new sanctions remains unknown, although Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se has repeatedly questioned the legitimacy of North Korea's United Nations membership on the international stage, alluding to punitive action over the issue.

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43. Seoul, Washington to discuss stronger alliance amid growing N.K. threats

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 10 11

Seoul - Foreign and defense ministers of South Korea and the United States will mainly discuss pending security issues on the Korean Peninsula at a regular consultation meeting in Washington next week. In the "two-plus-two" meeting with their U.S. counterparts -- Secretary of State John Kerry and Defense Secretary Ashton Carter -- Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se and Defense Minister Han Min-koo plan to discuss a wide range of bilateral, regional and global issues, including North Korea's increasing nuclear and missile threats, the defense and foreign ministries said in a joint statement. "The ministers will ensure the two countries' ironclad alliance against provocations by the North and come up with a Joint Statement after the group meetings," the statement said. As North Korea has escalated its saber-rattling by conducting five nuclear detonations in the past decade and test-firing a series of ballistic missiles, the policymakers are expected to talk about stronger sanctions on the communist regime and an extended deterrence at the gathering slated for Oct. 19 (Washington time), it said. Washington's extended deterrence refers to the U.S.' stated commitment to mobilize all military assets, both nuclear and conventional, to defend its allies in crisis. At stake is how to flesh it out to make sure that it actually works in contingencies, security experts said.

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44. Xiangshan Forum to tackle security, anti-terror issues

Global Times (China), Bai Tiantian, 2016 10 11

Beijing - Protecting Asia-Pacific security, improving global governance and fighting terrorism are expected to top the agenda at this year's Xiangshan Forum, which begins in Beijing on Tuesday. Admiral Sun Jianguo, Deputy Chief of the Joint Staff Department of China's Central Military Commission, said on Monday at a welcome banquet that despite the number of topics at the forum each year, pursuing peace and the progress of civilization have been a consistent objective of the forum. Sun said the seventh forum, with the theme "Build a New Type of International Relations through Security Dialogue and Cooperation," will tackle topics such as Asia-Pacific security, global governance and anti-terrorism. Over 400 people, including delegations from 59 countries, six international organizations, renowned politicians and experts attended the welcome banquet. Zulkifeli Mohd Zin, the Defense Force chief of the Malaysian Armed Forces HQ, gave a keynote speech on Monday, where he called the rise of global terrorism, especially Daesh, also known as the Islamic State, one of the greatest challenges facing many countries, as his own country, Malaysia, was not immune from such attacks. "Daesh's capability to launch attacks around the world has altered the nature of international relations," said Zulkifeli, urging closer global counter-terrorism collaboration from both official and non-official sectors.

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45. Court in Crimea extends arrest of two Ukrainians on allegations of sabotage activities

Interfax, Staff report, 2016 10 11

Simferopol - Simferopol's Kyivsky District Court extended the arrest of Yevhen Panov and Andriy Zakhtei, whom Russian Federal Security Service accuses of preparing sabotage activities at strategically important facilities in Crimea, until December 10, 2016, a source in law enforcement structures told reporters on Oct. 10. "The court extended the period of custody for two months," the source said. The decision was made recently. The same court selected a measure of restriction in the form of two months' imprisonment for Panov and Zakhtei earlier, in mid-August. The Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) said in August that terrorist attacks plotted by Ukrainian intelligence had been averted in Crimea. It was reported that the Russian special services, with assistance from other defense agencies, had prevented several attempts by groups of saboteurs and terrorists to break into Crimea from Ukrainian territory in the early hours of August 7 and 8, during which a Russian serviceman and an FSB officer were killed.

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46. Ukraine says catches Russian military intelligence spy red-handed

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 10 10

Kiev - Ukraine's State Security Service (SBU) said on Sunday it had caught red-handed a Ukrainian working as a spy for Russia's military intelligence agency, just days after a Ukrainian journalist was arrested on espionage charges in Russia. The unnamed suspect had come to SBU's attention after he offered a senior Ukrainian military official Russian citizenship and money in exchange for top secret documents on Ukraine's military capabilities and work with foreign partners, it said. "He was caught by SBU officers red-handed while receiving a flash drive containing misinformation that he believed to be secret documents of a military nature," a SBU statement said. There was no immediate comment from Russian authorities. On Monday, Russia's FSB security service said it arrested a Ukrainian intelligence officer for gathering secret information on Russian defence and security bodies, a move that prompted Ukraine to warn its citizens against travelling to Russia.

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47. Warming Relations in Person, Putin and Erdogan Revive Pipeline Deal

New York Times, Neil MacFarquhar, 2016 10 11

Moscow - Amid increasingly tense relations with the United States over Syria, President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia took advantage of a routine meeting in Istanbul on Monday to advance the Kremlin's reconciliation with Turkey, including an agreement to revive a suspended natural-gas pipeline project. The new pipeline, known as the Turkish Stream, would run under the Black Sea to Turkey and then the Greek border, allowing Russian gas to reach Western markets without using Russia's existing export pipelines through Eastern Europe. The pipeline would make it much easier for Russia to cut off gas supplies to neighboring countries like Ukraine without disrupting sales to countries farther west like Italy or Austria. Russia has been trying for years to establish such an export route. Mr. Putin's appearance at an international

energy conference was his first visit to Turkey since a crisis in relations between the countries after Turkey's downing of a Russian fighter jet along the border with Syria in November 2015, in which a Russian pilot was killed. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey, nominally an ally of the United States in Syria, patched things up with a letter of apology and a trip to St. Petersburg in August. Anna V. Glazova, the head of the Asia and Middle East Center at the Russian Institute of Strategic Studies, noted that Mr. Putin could easily have sent a minister to the Istanbul summit meeting. "This means that he wanted to discuss regional problems with Erdogan face to face," Ms. Glazova said. "This becomes especially important in the context of Russia's current tensions with the U.S."

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48. IRGC Aerospace Commander Stresses US, Israel's Direct Role in Saudi Airstrikes on Sana'a

Fars News Agency, 2016 10 11

Tehran - Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh underlined that Washington and Tel Aviv are directly responsible for Saudi Arabia's recent massacre of over 700 Yemeni people in Sana'a. "Evidence shows that the crime has been conducted under the operational control of the US and Israel," General Hajizadeh said on Monday. He underlined that the continued presence of spy aircraft such as RQ4, MQ1 and MQ9 as well as presence of AWACS and fuel-supply airplanes and large number of fighter jets like F15, F16 and F22 with large-scale air logistic backup all indicate the US's involvement in direct operations against the oppressed Yemeni nation. General Hajizadeh said, "The war targets are identified, command-and-control planning which is quite different from Saudi Arabia's capacities as well as technical and operational capabilities all display that actions are directed and implemented by the US army."

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49. IRGC busts terror group backed by US, Israel in western Iran

Press TV, 2016 10 11

Tehran - Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) forces have dismantled a terrorist group, backed by the United States and the Israeli regime, in the country's west near the border with Iraq, killing all of its members. Commander of IRGC's Ground Force Brigadier General Mohammad Pakpour said the terrorists were arrested in the border areas of the western Iranian province of Kermanshah on Tuesday as they were trying to infiltrate into the country to spread insecurity and conduct acts of terror and sabotage. He said the Iranian intelligence and security forces tracked down the 12-member terrorist group and killed all of them during heavy clashes, adding that three IRGC forces were wounded in the clashes. Pakpour stated that the Iranian security forces also confiscated a large amount of weapons and ammunition from the terrorists.

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50. Jerusalem shooting attack serves Hamas goal of igniting West Bank

Jerusalem Post, Yaakov Lappin, 2016 10 11

Jerusalem - Despite the considerable efforts made by security forces in recent weeks to prevent a surge of Palestinian terrorism during the High Holy Days, an east Jerusalem gunman succeeded in obtaining an automatic firearm and going on a murderous shooting spree in the capital, gunning down a woman and a policeman before being killed in return fire. The terrorist took advantage of the ease of movement east Jerusalem residents, who hold Israeli residency, have, as well as the disturbing ease with which firearms can be bought in east Jerusalem. The latest jihadist rampage on Jerusalem's streets will serve Hamas's goal of igniting a wave of violence among Palestinians in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. The Aksa Mosque compound plays a key role in this recruitment and call to violence. Hamas seeks to start a new intifada and use it to burn Israel - and the Palestinian Authority, which it wishes to topple and replace.

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51. Shin Bet foils Hamas suicide bus bombing in Jerusalem

Times of Israel, Judah Ari Gross, 2016 10 11

Jerusalem - An East Jerusalem man was indicted Tuesday for planning to carry out a suicide bombing on a bus in the capital, officials said. On September 9, the Shin Bet security service arrested alleged Hamas operative Muhammad Fuaz Ibrahim Julani, a resident of the Shuafat refugee camp, a few days before he planned to carry out his attack, the agency said. Over the past few months, Julani, 22, had been planning to carry out a terror attack on behalf of Hamas, the Shin Bet said. In September, he told an accomplice he planned to carry out the suicide bombing as "this is the way of God," according to the indictment. The Hamas terror group's operatives in the Gaza Strip had been in contact with Julani through the internet in order to plan the bombing and had also encouraged him to recruit other people to carry out attacks, according to the indictment filed against him Tuesday in the Jerusalem District Court.

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52. Syrian extremist group pledges allegiance to Al Qaeda-linked militants

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 10 11

Beirut - An extremist group embroiled in infighting with one of the largest Syrian rebel groups yesterday pledged allegiance to Al Qaeda-linked militants in Syria. The move threatens to deepen divisions in the already disparate insurgency. The extremist group Jund Al Aqsa has been battling the powerful Ahrar Al Sham group in northern Syria for days, after Al Sham accused it of ambushing its leaders. The infighting killed several Ahrar Al Sham members and stalled an offensive led by Jund Al Aqsa against government troops in Hama province. Scores of Syrian rebel factions rallied behind Ahrar Al Sham, accusing Jund Al Aqsa of espousing extremist ideologies and seeking to dominate other rebel groups. Rebel factions accused Jund Al Aqsa of serving ISIL, who are at odds with all Syrian insurgents including the Al Qaeda-linked Jabhat

Fatah Al Sham. Fatah Al Sham yesterday said Jund Al Aqsa would join its ranks "to stop the bloodshed".

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53. 13 novembre : la police belge aurait raté 13 occasions d'arrêter les terroristes

La Tribune (France) avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 11

Bruxelles - Selon des extraits d'un rapport de la "police des polices" belge, publiés samedi dans un journal flamand, la police belge aurait raté pas moins de 13 occasions d'arrêter les tueurs des attentats du 13 novembre, à Paris. C'est l'histoire d'un spectaculaire ratage de la part de la police belge. Selon un rapport confidentiel émanant de la "police des polices" belge, dont des extraits ont été publiés ce samedi par le journal flamand DeTidj, les autorités auraient manqué pas moins de treize occasions de démasquer les auteurs des attentats de Paris du 13 novembre. Avant, donc, qu'ils passent à l'acte. Six occasions ratées par manque de personnel Selon le journal, qui cite le rapport, la police belge était en possession d'écoutes téléphoniques liant des personnes soupçonnées de terrorisme avec Salah Abdeslam, le seul membre encore vivant du commando, dès février 2015. Mais la police, en manque de personnel disponible, n'avait pas donné suite. Sur ces treize occasions manquées, six sont dues à des manques de personnel, souligne le rapport. La police belge avait également ignoré une requête des autorités espagnoles concernant le frère aîné de Salah Abdeslam, Brahim Abdeslam, après qu'il se fut rendu dans la péninsule ibérique en mars 2015. Huit mois après ce voyage, Brahim Abdeslam s'était fait exploser dans un café parisien le soir du massacre. La réponse belge n'est parvenue qu'après les attentats.

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54. Affaire Squarcini: le directeur de la DGSI Patrick Calvar bientôt réentendu?

L'Express, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 10

Paris - D'après Marianne, l'actuel patron de la DGSI risquerait d'être poursuivi pour "complicité de compromission du secret défense" dans le cadre de l'enquête qui vise son prédécesseur Bernard Squarcini. L'affaire Squarcini serait "une bombe à retardement", pas tant pour Nicolas Sarkozy que pour Patrick Calvar, l'actuel directeur de la DGSI, selon les informations de Marianne. Ce dernier, qui a déjà été entendu comme simple témoin dans la plus grande discrétion le 29 septembre, serait sous la "menace de poursuites pour complicité de compromission du secret défense", écrit l'hebdomadaire ce lundi matin.

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55. Dordogne Vigilance sur la radicalisation

Sud Ouest, Hervé Chassain, 2016 10 11

Périgueux, France - Prévention Le phénomène touche des jeunes embrigadés par Daesh pour partir en Syrie ou en Irak La Dordogne n'est pas à l'écart du monde et le phénomène de radicalisation islamiste a été repéré chez 46 personnes (lire ci-dessous). Il touche beaucoup les jeunes via Internet, que des groupes comme Daesh cherchent à recruter comme chair à canon. De bonnes raisons pour la préfète Anne-Gaëlle Beaudoin-Clerc d'organiser, hier à Périgueux, un séminaire sur ce sujet. " La radicalisation est l'une des composantes du terrorisme et nous devons défendre nos valeurs de liberté, d'égalité, de fraternité et de laïcité. " Dans l'après-midi, près de 300 personnes des services de l'État, du département et du monde associatif ont suivi à l'école de police l'exposé d'un expert de l'agence Bouzar. Suleyman Valsan a présenté des éléments très concrets issus du suivi de 809 jeunes par l'agence créée par l'anthropologue Dounia Bouzar. Dans la soirée, une séance était réservée aux maires de Dordogne.

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56. Essonne : Valls et Cazeneuve apportent leur soutien aux policiers agressés

Le Figaro avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 10

Essonne, France - Le premier ministre et le ministre de l'Intérieur étaient lundi matin en visite dans les commissariats de l'Essonne pour soutenir les policiers après l'attaque aux cocktails Molotov de quatre d'entre eux samedi, à Viry-Châtillon. Le policier le plus gravement blessé se trouve maintenant dans un «état stationnaire». Deux jours après l'attaque de quatre policiers à Viry-Châtillon (Essonne), le premier ministre, Manuel Valls, et le ministre de l'Intérieur, Bernard Cazeneuve, se sont rendus lundi matin à Savigny-sur-Orge pour rencontrer des policiers dans les quatre commissariats du département touchés par l'événement (Viry-Châtillon, Athis-Mons, Juvisy et Evry). Un déplacement organisé pour «apporter un message de soutien», a déclaré le chef du gouvernement. Après un entretien à huis clos avec les policiers, Manuel Valls a fait savoir sa «détermination à combattre le crime, cette violence à l'état sauvage». «Ces individus ont voulu tuer vos collègues, je vous l'atteste», a-t-il lancé, avant d'évoquer des «individus qui agissent depuis longtemps malheureusement dans ces quartiers et dans ces villes». Ils seront «appréhendés» et jugés «sévèrement», a-t-il assuré, dénonçant des actes «d'une sauvagerie et d'une violence insupportables».

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57. Faut-il limiter la loi sur le renseignement ?

La Provence, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 11

Paris - La loi sur le renseignement permet-elle de surveiller toutes les communications sans fil "sans cadre contraignant" au nom de la sécurité? C'est ce qu'affirment trois associations, qui attaquent aujourd'hui au Conseil constitutionnel un article de la loi votée en juin 2015. Cette loi avait été adoptée six mois après les attentats djihadistes contre l'hebdomadaire satirique Charlie Hebdo et contre le magasin Hyper Cacher. Ce n'est pas la première fois que la Quadrature du Net, le fournisseur d'accès French Data et la Fédération des fournisseurs d'accès à internet

(FFDN) dénoncent des "définitions tellement vagues de la défense des intérêts nationaux que tout peut y correspondre". Le Conseil constitutionnel a déjà validé à deux reprises cet été des dispositions contestées, portant sur la surveillance des données de connexion des usagers d'internet (loi de programmation militaire) ainsi que la majeure partie de la loi renseignement, dont le volet sur les "interceptions administratives". Les "sages" de la rue Montpensier vont cette fois examiner une question prioritaire de constitutionnalité (QPC), transmise en juillet par le Conseil d'État, portant sur "la surveillance des transmissions par voie hertzienne". "Nous attaquons un texte qui était passé inaperçu parce qu'il s'agit d'un article qui existe depuis 25 ans mais qui a changé de numéro, devenant dans la loi renseignement l'article L.811-5 du code de la sécurité intérieure", a expliqué Félix Tréguer de la Quadrature du Net.

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58. German spy chief says Syrian suspect targeted Berlin airports

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 10 11

Berlin - The head of Germany's domestic intelligence agency (BfV) said a Syrian suspect arrested on Monday was building a bomb and probably planned to attack one of the airports in Berlin. Hans-Georg Maassen told public broadcaster ARD that intelligence leads had suggested in early September that militant group Islamic State (IS) was planning an attack on Germany's transport infrastructure. Spies managed to track down and identify the suspect in the eastern state of Saxony last Thursday and started a round-the-clock observation, Maassen said. "We found out that he then bought hot glue in a discount shop on the following day. And then we immediately put all measures into place to start a raid because we assumed this can basically be the last missing chemical for him to build a bomb." Maassen told ARD that initial intelligence information pointed to an attack on trains in Germany but it later became clear that he planned to strike a Berlin airport. Jaber Albakr, 22, arrived in Germany in February last year during a migrant influx into the country and was granted temporary asylum four months later. Officials said he had not previously aroused suspicion.

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59. L'Allemagne a échappé de peu à un attentat de grande ampleur

Le Soir (Belgique), Christophe Bourdoiseau, 2016 10 11

Berlin - Le jeune Syrien arrêté hier était en contact avec l'Etat islamique Une fois de plus, l'Allemagne a échappé à un attentat islamiste. Mais cette fois, il ne s'agissait pas d'une attaque à la hache comme cet été mais d'une action de grande envergure comme à Paris ou à Bruxelles. Après l'arrestation hier à Leipzig du Syrien de 22 ans en cavale depuis samedi, la police a confirmé que Jaber al-Bakr était en contact avec l'Etat islamique (EI) et qu'il préparait un attentat de grande ampleur. La police a retrouvé dans un appartement de Chemnitz, où il se trouvait la semaine dernière, 1,5 kg de TATP, une substance plus puissante que le TNT, prisée par les djihadistes de l'EI et ayant servi à confectionner les bombes de Paris et de Bruxelles. L'attentat était dans une phase de préparation avancée. « L'explosif devait probablement être introduit dans une ceinture d'explosif dissimulée dans une veste qui était pratiquement prête à l'emploi », a expliqué Jörg Michaelis, le chef de la police judiciaire de Saxe. « Ces préparatifs nous rappellent

ceux qui ont conduit aux attentats de Paris et de Bruxelles » , a ajouté Thomas de Maizière, le ministre fédéral de l'Intérieur (CDU). Néanmoins, les cibles visées par le terroriste présumé ne sont toujours pas connues des enquêteurs. « Nous n'avons encore aucun élément », a précisé le parquet fédéral qui s'est saisi de l'enquête. Plusieurs médias allemands ont parlé d'un aéroport berlinois.

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60. Pourquoi l'affaire Squarcini inquiète la DGSI (et le sommet de l'Etat)

Marianne2 (site web), Frédéric Ploquin, 2016 10 10

Paris - L'enquête que mènent deux juges d'instruction parisiens, Serge Tournaire et Aude Buresi, autour de Bernard Squarcini est une bombe à retardement. Notamment pour son successeur, Patrick Calvar.- Sipa « Pourquoi les fonctionnaires de la DGSI continuent-ils à vous appeler 'chef' » ? demande un enquêteur de la police des polices à Bernard Squarcini, placé en garde-à-vue pour 48 heures, le 28 septembre dernier. « Ils m'ont toujours appelé chef », réplique l'ancien espion préféré de Nicolas Sarkozy, désormais à la tête de la société privée de conseil en sécurité Kyrnos (le nom que les Grecs anciens donnaient à la Corse). L'enquête que mènent deux juges d'instruction parisiens, Serge Tournaire et Aude Buresi, autour de Bernard Squarcini est une bombe à retardement. Ce n'est pas tant l'ancien président de la République qu'elle fait trembler, mais les actuels dirigeants de la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI), fer de lance de la lutte contre le terrorisme. A commencer par son patron, Patrick Calvar, un homme qui a toujours pris soin de ne s'affilier à aucune écurie politique.

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1. Crime organisé Aspirant Hells Angel et employé du Port de Montréal

La Presse+, Daniel Renaud, 2016 10 19

Montréal - Un motard en voie de devenir membre en règle des Hells Angels est au nombre des 800 débardeurs du Port de Montréal, a appris La Presse. Roger Bishop fils, 46 ans, est sorti de l'anonymat la semaine dernière lorsqu'il a échangé quelques mots avec un journaliste venu

couvrir une perquisition policière dans un centre de conditionnement physique du chemin de Chambly, à Longueuil. « En général, les personnes qui doivent avoir accès aux zones réglementées d'un port désigné au Canada doivent obtenir une habilitation de sécurité qui repose sur un programme rigoureux de vérification des antécédents par le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS), par la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) et, au besoin, par Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada », a réagi Daniel Savoie, de Transports Canada.

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2. We Need A Human Rights-Based Approach To National Security

Huffington Post Canada, Alex Neve, 2016 10 19

Op-ed: Human rights or security? In Canada and around the world the debate rages on; but it is an utterly false debate. We must, finally and firmly, reject the assumption and assertion that more of one necessarily leads to less of the other. There is no security without human rights. A few years ago I was in West Africa with an Amnesty International research team looking into a range of human rights violations associated with counter-terrorism laws and operations in Mauritania. The sister of an army officer who had "disappeared" while in prison summed up perfectly the absurdity of the notion that there is any sort of rights and security trade-off. As she told me, "if they truly want us to feel more secure, they should start by stopping violating our rights." This week the federal government's review of Canada's national security framework has begun in earnest. The House of Commons' Public Safety Committee is holding hearings in five cities from coast to coast. Ministers Goodale and Wilson-Raybould are holding a roundtable in Ottawa with civil society groups. Members of Parliament are conducting town-halls in their ridings. And Canadians in all corners of the country are being encouraged to take part in online consultations. Amnesty International has been researching, reporting and campaigning on the grim human rights toll of unjust national security practices around the world, including in Canada, for decades. We have highlighted that without security, human rights remain precarious. First, say that we mean it. Canada should unapologetically and unequivocally recognize regard for human rights as a foundational pillar to our national security framework. It is not an afterthought. It is where security begins. Second, show that we mean it. It is time to embed effective human rights safeguards in our national security framework. That means explicit reference to national and international human rights provisions in laws such as the CSIS Act. It means incorporating binding obligations to prohibit discrimination, ban torture, ensure fair trials and protect privacy across the full range of Canada's national security laws. Intelligence sharing with foreign agencies can never be allowed to benefit from or contribute to torture in other lands. Terrorism-related offences in Canadian law must robustly protect protest and free expression rights. The new threat reduction powers given to CSIS cannot in any way involve human rights violations and no judge should ever be asked to condone or authorize the contrary. Note: Alex Neve, Secretary General, Amnesty International Canada

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3. A national security report card

Ottawa Citizen, Wesley Wark, 2016 10 19

Op-ed: The Liberal government, in its first year in power, has enjoyed the benefit of a highly advantageous environment for national security policy-making: a majority in Parliament; ineffective political opposition; no terrorist attacks; a public whose attention is largely elsewhere. The pressure has been off and the government has been able to pursue its agenda at a measured pace. There was one close call, when Aaron Driver, placed under a terrorism peace bond, came very close to slipping the attention of the authorities and conducting some kind of attack using home-made IEDs. A dramatic shootout in August in front of his residence in Strathroy, Ont., ended in his death and the foiling of a plot. There was some fast intelligence and law enforcement work in this outcome, but also a good deal of luck. But even the best of political environments comes with its own challenges. No pressure doesn't mean a government is off the national security hook. The Liberal government has some big election and mandate promises to live up to. Among the promises was a new role for Parliament in scrutinizing intelligence and security matters. The Liberals promised this when still the third party in Parliament and it became one of their main rejoinders to Harper-style national security policy-making. Once in office, the Liberals made an early misstep in appointing a chair to the promised committee well before Parliament had any sight of the legislation to establish such a thing. But the legislation, Bill C-22, to create a National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians, was eventually introduced and is now going through committee hearings, presumably to emerge as law by early 2017. Note: Wesley Wark is a Visiting Professor in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa. He recently gave invited testimony to the Commons Committee on Public Safety on the National Security Green Paper.

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4. Blank passports found in theft ring bust

Winnipeg Free Press, Carol Sanders, 2016 10 19

Winnipeg - Black-market buyers could include human traffickers, terrorists A major investigation by Winnipeg police that recovered hundreds of thousands of dollars in stolen property has raised national security concerns after blank passports were among the items officers found. Tuesday, police announced Project Heavy Metal identified 20 suspects, including nine arrested in Manitoba, who are facing 140 charges related to a theft ring that operated across Western Canada. Calgary and Edmonton police, as well as the RCMP, helped with the investigation, which recovered more than \$300,000 worth of goods stolen during break-ins and other thefts. Two RCMP uniforms and police equipment were recovered after a search warrant was executed at a Calgary home in September, Insp. Barry Kostchuk said. Vehicles, camper trailers, snow blowers, lawn-care equipment, new tires, tools, key-cutting machines and electronics were recovered. The most alarming items discovered may be the blank passports and birth certificates. Winnipeg police weren't ready to comment Tuesday about the blank identity documents -- how many were found or if they were taken from government offices or are fakes, such as bogus Canadian passports sold online for less than \$200. The theft of genuine blank Canadian passports has opened doors in the past for criminals such as human traffickers and raises concerns about dangerous people being allowed into the country.

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5. Businesses must buck surveillance: Snowden

National Post, Claire Brownell, 2016 10 19

Toronto - Resisting government mass surveillance isn't just the right thing to do - it's good for business, whistleblower Edward Snowden told a Toronto cybersecurity conference Tuesday. Speaking via video link to the annual Canadian industry event SecTor, Snowden brought up the recent revelation that Yahoo Inc. had agreed to scan customers' emails for U.S. intelligence. Shortly after, Verizon Communications Inc. asked for a US\$1 billion discount on its US\$4.8 billion agreement to buy the company, according to a report in the New York Post. "If you collaborate with the government in this regard, far beyond what the law requires, it can actually have a significant, substantial consequence for your valuation," Snowden said. "Yahoo, which is a very powerful, very rich organization, cooperated beyond what was legally required. And it damaged its brand." In 2013, the former government contractor leaked classified documents from the U.S. National Security Agency to journalists. The documents revealed the NSA and the so-called Five Eyes Intelligence Alliance, a group of countries including Canada and the U.S., cooperated to monitor global private communications. Snowden's revelations caused global controversy. Some consider him a traitor who put national security at risk, while others consider him a hero for disclosing a previously secret program and allowing the public to debate its merits. The Snowden leak also revealed government agencies implementing surveillance programs often demand businesses help them. Some businesses, such as Yahoo, agree, while others put up a fight.

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6. Chinese billionaires take interest in Canadian clean technology

CBC News, Katie Simpson, 2016 10 19

Canadian clean technology companies could be the next major investment for China's business elite. But cyber-security experts and the opposition are warning that the keen interest from Chinese investors must be treated carefully. "For us at the moment, natural resources is not the top priority," said Wang Chaoyong, the chairman and CEO of ChinaEquity, one of the country's most successful independent venture capital firms. "We are more interested in investing in environment technology, clean tech [and] innovative sectors such as creative industries," Wang said in an interview with CBC News. The investment mogul is part of a delegation from the elite China Entrepreneur Club, which is touring Canada to get a closer look at potential investments. The group, which is often called China's club for billionaires, met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Tuesday. "Canadian product, brand and innovative design are very popular in China, so we see the synergy between the Canadian product and the Chinese market," Wang said. As the federal government tries to strengthen ties with China, it is also downplaying concerns about investment and security. "There's a well-established Canadian process for dealing with these issues under the Investment Canada Act with all of the appropriate safeguards in place," said Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale. "Canada's a country that welcomes foreign direct investment. Obviously, it needs to be a net benefit to Canada and all the security requirements need to be met. The procedure is there already in the law to deal with that," he added. The

opposition is warning the government to move slowly and to vet foreign investors carefully, for all sectors. "We should ... do a little due diligence on the history of these individuals, how their billions were acquired, their relationships with state-owned industries in China," said Conservative foreign affairs critic Peter Kent. "Canada is open for business, and should be open for business. But I think we have to be very careful about who is doing the buying and how that purchase will look down the road in terms of the Canadian economy and Canadian security interests."

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7. Les coups de fouet contre Raïf Badawi reprendraient sous peu en Arabie saoudite

La Presse canadienne, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 19

Ottawa - La Fondation Raïf-Badawi pour la liberté sonne l'alarme, affirmant que le blogueur saoudien, dont la femme et les enfants sont réfugiés au Québec, subira sous peu de nouveaux coups de fouet, cette fois à l'intérieur de la prison où il est détenu en Arabie saoudite. L'organisme se fie à la même source qui avait prévenu que les 50 premiers coups de fouet auraient lieu le 9 janvier 2015, en public, devant la mosquée de Djeddah. La flagellation a eu lieu ce jour-là, mais les autres séances ont été annulées, car l'état de santé de Raïf Badawi avait été jugé trop fragile. La directrice générale de la fondation, Évelyne Abitbol, estime que la source devrait être fiable puisqu'elle l'a été la dernière fois. Selon elle, si elle n'est pas fiable et que la flagellation n'a pas lieu, ce sera parfait. " Pendant plusieurs mois, bien sûr, les séances de flagellation étaient reportées pour des raisons de santé, et nous n'avions jamais eu d'information [selon laquelle] il aurait été flagellé à nouveau. Et, cette fois-ci, nous avons eu cette information-là. Est-ce qu'elle est valable ou pas ? Nous ne savons pas. " " Mais si jamais ça arrivait et qu'on n'en avait pas parlé, on s'en serait voulu ", a-t-elle expliqué en entrevue. La section québécoise d'Amnistie internationale dit essayer, de son côté, de vérifier de façon indépendante l'information au sujet de la flagellation. La porte-parole de l'organisation, Anne Sainte-Marie, a indiqué qu'une équipe était sur le terrain en Arabie saoudite et effectuait des vérifications. Raïf Badawi est emprisonné depuis juin 2012 pour ses écrits critiquant les dirigeants religieux de l'Arabie saoudite. Il a été condamné à 1000 coups de fouet et à une peine de 10 ans d'emprisonnement. La Fondation Raïf-Badawi pour la liberté demande au gouvernement saoudien que cesse ce traitement, qu'elle qualifie d'indigne et d'inhumain, et que sa citoyenneté saoudienne soit révoquée afin qu'il puisse retrouver sa femme, Ensaf Haidar, et leurs trois enfants, qui vivent à Sherbrooke, au Québec. Le 5 octobre, à Ottawa, Mme Haidar a demandé au premier ministre, Justin Trudeau, d'intervenir personnellement auprès des autorités saoudiennes pour que son mari soit libéré. Cependant, l'Arabie saoudite ne reconnaît pas le gouvernement du Canada comme un interlocuteur dans ce dossier, puisque M. Badawi n'est pas citoyen canadien.

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8. Les Montréalais appelés à se prononcer sur C-51

Métro (Montréal), Jeff Yates, 2016 10 19

Montréal - La consultation publique du gouvernement fédéral sur la controversée Loi antiterroriste du Canada, anciennement connue sous le nom de projet de loi C-51, débarquera à

Montréal demain soir. Lancée début septembre, cette série de consultations publiques ayant lieu partout au pays a pour but d'informer le gouvernement du premier ministre Justin Trudeau, alors qu'il s'appête à modifier ses politiques en matière de sécurité nationale. Au coeur du débat se trouve la Loi antiterroriste de l'administration de l'ancien premier ministre Stephen Harper, considérée par plusieurs critiques comme une loi omnibus dont certaines dispositions pourraient comporter une atteinte aux droits humains et à la vie privée. En 2015, le commissaire à la vie privée du Canada, Daniel Therrien, avait écrit que «le projet de loi C-51 permettrait aux services de renseignement de recueillir, d'analyser et, potentiellement, de conserver pour toujours l'information personnelle de tous les Canadiens». Il avait ajouté que le projet de loi «allait trop loin», selon lui. Lors des élections de 2015, M. Trudeau avait promis d'abroger «les dispositions problématiques» de la loi. Il s'était notamment engagé à mettre en place des mesures plus efficaces de surveillance des services de renseignement canadiens. Selon David Christopher, de l'organisme Open Media, qui milite pour le respect de la vie privée sur le web, la première consultation à Vancouver lundi a attiré plusieurs participants, et la vaste majorité d'entre eux ont utilisé leur temps de parole pour montrer aux élus leurs inquiétudes quant à la Loi antiterroriste

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9. Liberals under fire for clampdown on Iraq mission details

Canadian Press, Lee Berthiaume, 2016 10 19

Ottawa - The Liberal government is under fire for a lack of transparency around Canada's mission in Iraq, which entered a critical stage this week with the attack on Mosul. Conservative defence critic James Bezan honed in on the issue during a news conference on Parliament Hill on Tuesday, saying that the military held more briefings and provided more information while the Tories were in power. National Defence provided 12 technical briefings on what Canadian troops were doing in the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant during the first year of the mission, which coincided with the Conservative government's last year in office. Those updates included specific details, such as the number of troops on the ground in northern Iraq as well as how many times those soldiers had called in airstrikes and engaged in firefights with ISIL forces. The military also at one point provided an unprecedented walk-through on a so-called friendly fire incident involving Kurdish peshmerga fighters in March 2015 that killed Sgt. Andrew Doiron and injured three other Canadian soldiers. Yet briefings largely dried up during the mission's second year, which is when the Liberals were in office. The most recent, held two weeks ago, was only the third since the Liberals were elected last October on a promise of greater transparency.

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10. Screening at Canadian airports should be faster, smarter, safer

Montreal Gazette, Colin Kenny, 2016 10 19

Op-ed: If you've flown anywhere in Canada recently, you will have noticed that wait times are getting worse. Since 2013, the length of screening times has deteriorated so badly that the Canadian Airport Council referred to security screening services as a being in a state of crisis. Not only are we waiting more, we are paying more. And getting less service. According to the

World Economic Forum, Canadians pay some of the highest air travel prices in the world. One part is a fee for the so-called Air Traveller's Security Charge (ATSC). The Air Traveller's Security Charge was introduced after 9/11 by the Chrétien government to fund air transport security and the newly minted Canadian Air Transport Security Authority. Instead of improving security, it has turned into a major cash grab by the Finance Department. Since 2011, the budget of CATSA has declined even though ATSC revenue has steadily increased. From 2010 to 2013, \$260 million was siphoned away from airport screening into the Consolidated Revenue Fund. While it's annoying to wait in long lines, more important is the security risk these lines pose. A new wave of terrorist attacks on airports in Moscow, Brussels and Istanbul have all occurred between the sidewalk and the security inspection line. Note: Senator Colin Kenny is former chair of the Senate Committee on National Security and Defence.

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11. Snowden says Trudeau afraid to kill anti-terrorism bill

It World Canada, Howard Solomon, 2016 10 19

Toronto - Whistleblower. Hero. Traitor. Patriot. These words and more have been used to describe former cybersecurity contractor Edward Snowden, who in 2013 copied and distributed thousand of documents to reporters and whose stories of Western intelligence agencies -- including Canada's Communications Security Establishment (CSEC) -- shook the world. This morning Snowden told the the annual SecTor cyber security conference in Toronto that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau want to amend the controversial Bill C-51 anti-terrorism law and not repeal it because he "is afraid of being attacked for being soft on terrorism." Speaking by video from Russia, where he fled to avoid prosecution by U.S. authorities, Snowden said the legislation, needs three fixes: First, a judicial body should have oversight over federal intelligence agencies that has the power to prosecute authorities that have broken the law. Second, because intelligence agencies are trading personal information of citizens "like baseball cards" citizens should be told if the data sharing hasn't led to an arrest for criminal activity. And finally, what Snowden called the criminalization of speech through vague definitions of terrorism should be taken out of C -51. A lot of what police call terrorism is the activity of what he called "common criminals" or those who are trying to make a political point but don't constitute a "super criminal threat." He also said that governments are "lazy" for demanding software vendors put backdoors into their systems that can be accessed by law enforcement or intelligence agencies with a warrant. Any backdoor can also be access by a government like China, he said. Since his revelations legislators and intelligence agencies in a number of Western countries -- including Canada have been sensitive to explain what kind of personal information they've been collecting and why, although a number insist they have lawful authority and the need to confront terrorists. While the new Liberal government has issued a consulting paper on new legislation to change the controversial Bill C-51, critics complain the discussion paper frames the debate in terms that give little doubt the government is leaning towards the police. For example, it repeats Canadian police claims that "without specific legislation designed to permit access, law enforcement and national security agencies have had difficulty getting timely and effective access to BSI (basic subscriber information)" since the Supreme Court said they need a search warrant. There are also complaints the proposed intelligence oversight mechanism isn't independent or very powerful.

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12. The simple truth is we are at war

National Post, Michael Den Tandt, 2016 10 19

Column: As the pivotal battle of the war with the Islamic State group begins, Canada is deeply implicated, with about 600 soldiers deployed in four countries, more than a quarter of those in ground combat. You wouldn't know it though, unless you dug around. There is no stream of independent dispatches from embedded reporters, as was the rule during the 2002-14 Afghan campaign, because there is no embed program. And the Defence Department has been exceptionally stingy with information. Operational security is a handy excuse. It doesn't justify the level of secrecy. There will be quibbling, as is customary whenever Canada fields soldiers carrying loaded firearms, about whether the troops advising and assisting Kurdish forces in northern Iraq are in combat. It may be in the Liberal government's political interest to assert that, although Canadians have exchanged fire with the enemy - we don't know how often, that's a secret - these have been defensive actions only. The truth is much simpler, as it has been since the Conservative government launched the mission in 2014: Canada is at war. That's what it means to provide intelligence, targeting for airstrikes, refuelling, aerial surveillance and leadership on the ground, at the front.

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13. Toronto man detained after flying drone in Cuban square

Toronto Star, Alicja Siekierska, 2016 10 19

Toronto - As Chris Hughes lay in the dark two-by-two-metre cell, with no electricity, a small hole in the wall for a window and just a hole in the ground for a toilet, he wondered if his wife Grace and three young children knew he was still alive. "Nobody knew I was there," he said. "I had disappeared. I thought, my family must think I'm dead." On Sept. 30, a few days before the Canadian man found himself in a Cuban detention centre, Hughes had flown a drone above the Plaza de la Revolucion in Havana. A photographer with a media business in Toronto, Hughes said he had been travelling through the Americas, previously going to Panama and Colombia. He had brought a drone with him, which he used to shoot photos and videos. He said he did not have any issues using it the drone in other countries, and no problems bringing it in through Cuban customs on Sept. 28. But two days later, the drone proved to be a significant problem. Hughes said he and a Cuban friend and tour guide were questioned by police about the drone at the Plaza de la Revolucion, a historic square home to the Cuban administration. The pair was taken to a police station, where Hughes said they were interrogated for around 12 hours. He said he was brought to his rental apartment to pick up his clothes, and then brought to a detention centre, where he would remain for nearly two weeks -- but never charged. Hughes said he was held at what appeared to be an immigration detention centre and was again interviewed by Cuban authorities. Based on the questions, he believes Cuban authorities thought he was a spy.

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14. Why it's worth it for Canada to talk to the Russian bear

Globe and Mail, Michael Byers, 2016 10 19

Op-ed: I once met a bear while hiking in the Rocky Mountains. A big bear, who squinted at me and sniffed the air. When I backed away, he followed me, muscles rippling beneath a grizzled hump. With no trees to climb, I began to talk. "Good morning, Mr. Bear," I said, and asked about his health. I commented on the weather, told him of my plans and, after a minute of idle chatter, he shrugged and wandered off the path. I was reminded of this encounter when, last month, Foreign Minister Stéphane Dion announced a shift in foreign policy. From now on, Canada will seek to actively co-operate with Russia in the Arctic. Mr. Dion (<http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=1131189>) justified the change on the basis that, together, Canada and Russia control 75 per cent of the Arctic: "Co-operation with Russia on the full range of Arctic issues is simply in our best interests. ... The North is not a place for military confrontation or buildup." The new policy will likely achieve its stated goal, because the Arctic is a remote, difficult, dangerous and expensive place in which to operate. Russia, battered by low oil prices and sanctions, knows that it cannot afford to militarize the region. Note: Michael Byers holds the Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law at the University of British Columbia.

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15. America's election is giving the world some serious anxiety

Washington Post, David Ignatius, 2016 10 19

Column - Making predictions three weeks before the U.S. election is risky, but the likeliest bet right now is that the center will hold in American politics and Hillary Clinton will be elected president. That's important for lots of reasons, the biggest of which is that it could begin to stabilize a very unsettled world. To many analysts, Vladimir Putin's Russia has seemed on the march while the United States and its allies are in retreat. The danger of U.S.-Russian conflict was described by Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, a former senior CIA officer, in a recent article. "As a life-long observer of Russia, I have never been as concerned as I am now on the state of Russian-American relations," he wrote. "A dangerous zero sum game pattern has emerged as US and Russia make moves and countermoves that mimic practice during the Cold War." Aggressive Russian actions in Ukraine, Syria and cyberspace have led some analysts to review Cold War texts such as Herman Kahn's classic "On Escalation," which describes a psychology of "escalation dominance" where adversaries take action in the expectation that they will prevail. Some experts argue that Russia is tempted by the perception that the United States has lost its superiority in conventional weapons and its will to use them. But there's more stability in the current U.S.-Russian confrontations than some might think. First, diplomatic conversation between the two countries is nearly continuous. It's easy to make fun of Secretary of State John F. Kerry's tireless (and seemingly fruitless) negotiations with his Russian counterpart, Sergei Lavrov. But these meetings reduce the possibility of accidental conflict. So does the almost daily contact between the U.S. and Russian militaries to "deconflict" potential confrontations over Syria.

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16. Ex-CIA chief: Russian hackers trying to 'mess with our heads'

CNN.com, Nicole Gaouette, 2016 10 19

Washington - A former head of the CIA said Tuesday that Russian hacking of US political groups is intended to "mess with our heads" and shake confidence in the American electoral system -- rather than influence the outcome on Election Day. Retired Gen. Michael Hayden said that he doesn't believe Russian President Vladimir Putin is trying to sway the election in favor of Republican nominee Donald Trump, but using the hacked information to disrupt the electoral process. "This is too much of a carom shot for Putin to think he knows where that ball's going to end," Hayden said, speaking at the Heritage Foundation in Washington. "I think they're doing this to mess with our heads, to erode confidence in our political process."

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17. Ex-F.B.I. Official Acknowledges Role in a New Clinton Email Controversy

New York Times, Eric Lichtblau, Steven Lee Myers, 2016 10 19

Washington - A former F.B.I. official at the center of the latest controversy over Hillary Clinton's private emails acknowledged on Tuesday that an offer to swap favors with a State Department counterpart on an email classification issue had originated with him -- until he realized the deal involved Mrs. Clinton and the 2012 attack in Benghazi, Libya. "When I found that out, all bets were off; it wasn't even negotiable," the former F.B.I. official, Brian McCauley, said in a telephone interview. Republicans have seized on the episode to accuse the State Department of trying to protect Mrs. Clinton, but Mr. McCauley's account could undercut those attempts because he said he, not the State Department, had suggested the "quid pro quo." Mr. McCauley recounted in the interview that Patrick F. Kennedy, a senior State Department official, called him in spring 2015 looking for help in getting the F.B.I. to agree not to classify the disputed email. Mr. McCauley said he had agreed to try to help him if Mr. Kennedy would help him get the State Department to restore two spots that the F.B.I. had lost recently in the Baghdad embassy. "I'm the one that threw that out there," Mr. McCauley said of the offer. He said that he was concerned the two vacant posts posed a security risk at the embassy, and that the offer was typical of how federal agencies "help each other and work with each other."

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18. Fear of an imminent terrorist attack runs deep around the world

Washington Post, Carol Morello, 2016 10 19

Washington - Fear of an imminent terrorist attack is one of the top concerns of people across the globe, with most expecting extremist groups will acquire weapons of mass destruction, according to a new poll conducted in eight countries. The survey, commissioned by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), showed that many people think their governments are not doing enough to combat violent extremism. And a majority in every country polled, including the United States, overwhelmingly approved all 21 options presented to them -- among them,

requiring identification cards for citizens and visitors; rigorous screening of immigrants; bans on incendiary religious speech; and monitoring of phone calls, emails and social media. Although most respondents consider the problem of violent extremism "solvable," the poll underscored the challenges governments face as they confront radicalism at home and abroad. "It shows there is so much fear and anxiety about terrorism and the reach of terrorism groups, people are willing to try just about anything, even give up constitutional protections on free speech, and identity cards, though it's not even clear what that would do," said Shannon Green, head of the CSIS Commission on Countering Violent Extremism. The survey involved about 1,000 respondents in each of eight countries -- the United States, France, Britain, Turkey, Egypt, China, India and Indonesia. An effort was made to balance the responses demographically by age and gender, although in Egypt, four men answered for every woman. It was conducted online, so in some countries the respondents tended to be affluent, urban and better educated. In virtually every country, at least 3 in 4 said they expect a terrorist attack to occur within the next year. China was the outlier, with barely half thinking an imminent attack is likely. The French were the most concerned, with 94 percent calling it very or somewhat likely. In the United States, 89 percent said it was probably coming.

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19. Tehran Hands Two Iranian-Americans 10-Year Prison Sentences (Canada)

Wall Street Journal, Multiple reporters, 2016 10 19

Tehran - Iran handed down 10-year sentences to an Iranian-American businessman and his father on allegations they cooperated with what it called a hostile U.S. government, the Iranian judiciary's official news agency said. The sentences for petroleum executive Siamak Namazi, 45, and his 80-year-old father Baquer, a former Unicef official and governor of the western Iranian province of Khuzestan, are the latest sign of a pushback by Iran's hard-line establishment against warming relations between Iran and longtime enemies in the West. In announcing their sentences on Tuesday, the judiciary's Mizan news agency didn't elaborate on the nature of the Namazis' alleged cooperation with the U.S. Babak Namazi, Siamak's brother, called the verdict "beyond comprehension," and said each man had been afforded just one several-hour court session. He decried recent articles in Iranian media depicting them as infiltrators, and voiced concern about Baquer Namazi's heart condition and other ailments. "At his age and in his condition it is highly doubtful that my father will survive any time in prison let alone a 10-year unjust prison sentence," he said. Homa Hoodfar, an Iranian-Canadian professor, was arrested in June and released in September on humanitarian grounds as her health declined. Ms. Hoodfar returned to Canada via Oman.

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20. Trump supporters are talking about civil war. Could a loss provide the spark?

Washington Post, Dana Milbank, 2016 10 19

Column from Colorado Springs - We are three weeks from the election, and very close to the edge. Retiree Gerald Miller, a volunteer at Donald Trump's rally here, is confident his man will win on Nov. 8 -- unless there's foul play. Miller, wearing an NRA pin and a tea party cap over

his long hair, shares Trump's concern that the election may be "rigged" by the Clinton campaign. "It is enough to skew the election. They can swing it either way," he said, particularly because Hillary Clinton may have "the FBI working for her" in committing the fraud. So what happens if Clinton is declared the winner? "Donald Trump is going to holler fraud if he doesn't win," figured Miller, who is white and says he has PTSD from "racial violence" he suffered in the military. "I think we're on the verge of a civil war, a racial war. This could be the spark that sets it off." I fear Miller may be right. I spent a couple of hours before the rally in this indoor show ring talking to many Trump supporters and found them in states of denial and fury. I didn't find one who expects Trump to lose. To varying degrees, most agreed with Trump that the election process is rigged. And some predicted ominous things if Trump loses -- if not violence, a mass rejection of the legitimacy of the democratic process.

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21. U.S. expects Islamic State to wield chemical weapons in Mosul fight

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 10 19

Washington - The United States expects Islamic State to use crude chemical weapons as it tries to repel an Iraqi-led offensive on the city of Mosul, U.S. officials say, although adding that the group's technical ability to develop such weapons is highly limited. U.S. forces have begun to regularly collect shell fragments to test for possible chemical agents, given Islamic State's use of mustard agent in the months before Monday's launch of the Mosul offensive, one official said. In a previously undisclosed incident, U.S. forces confirmed the presence of a sulfur mustard agent on Islamic State munition fragments on Oct. 5, a second official said. The Islamic State had targeted local forces, not U.S. or coalition troops. "Given ISIL's reprehensible behavior and flagrant disregard for international standards and norms, this event is not surprising," the second official told Reuters, speaking on condition of anonymity, and using an acronym for Islamic State. U.S. officials do not believe Islamic State has been successful so far at developing chemical weapons with particularly lethal effects, meaning that conventional weapons are still the most dangerous threat for advancing Iraqi and Kurdish forces - and any foreign advisers who get close enough.

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22. Brit conman is on the run after 'posing as an MI6 agent and Swiss banker to con beautiful divorcee out of £850k'

The Sun (UK), Ellie Cambridge, 2016 10 19

London - A BRITISH conman, who was jail for fraud as a schoolboy, is alleged to have tricked a divorcee into giving him £850,000. He is said to have posed as an MI6 agent and Swiss banker to fool her into handing over the cash. Mark Acklom seduced Carolyn Woods, 55, over the course of a year and allegedly promised to marry the mum-of-two.

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23. Keeping Britain safe: how GCHQ's new cyber security agency will protect us from hackers

Wired (UK), Matthew Reynolds, 2016 10 18

London - The Doughnut - GCHQ's vast, Cheltenham-based nerve centre - is a building straight from the pages of a spy novel. Its imposing circular walls are surrounded by fences topped with razor wire and multiple vehicle checkpoints. Visitors are seldom allowed inside the building which, Edward Snowden's NSA leaks, is the centre of government mass surveillance in the UK. The intelligence agency's latest spin-off, the National Cyber Security Centre, couldn't look more different. Occupying two floors of a commercial office block in Victoria, London, the NCSC is shedding its parent agency's secretive persona in favour of a more collaborative approach. There's even going to be a Shake Shack on the ground floor. "NCSC as an organisation is going to be open by default," says Ian Levy, the NCSC's technical director. The fledgling agency only opened its doors on October 3, but it's already started its task of keeping the public and the UK's critical national infrastructure safe from cyberattacks launched by states, organised crime gangs and lone-wolf hackers. For Levy, partnerships with the UK's cyber security community will be key to keeping the country safe online. To this end, 20 per cent of the new building has already been set aside for collaborative working. "We don't know what that means yet, but we know that you won't have to have a top secret security clearance to sit there," he says. "You coming to see me in the NCSC will be about as much of a ballache as me coming to see you."

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24. Labour peers under fire for backing expansion of surveillance powers

The Guardian (London), Alan Travis, 2016 10 19

London - Privacy campaigners have expressed anger over a vote by 64 Labour peers to back an expansion of state surveillance powers, within hours of a ruling by top judges that the spying agencies unlawfully scooped up personal confidential information on a massive scale for more than a decade. The Labour peers voted with the government to ensure that major new powers are handed to the security services to get access to records tracking every citizen's web use for the past 12 months. The Liberal Democrat attempt to delete the powers to order the collection and storage of the new internet connection records from the investigatory powers bill in the House of Lords was voted down by 75 to 292. It was notable that neither the former Labour home secretary Lord Blunkett nor the new shadow attorney general, and former Liberty director, Lady Chakrabarti, took part in the vote. The 64 Labour peers who voted with the government included frontbench spokespersons, Lady Hayter and Lord Rosser and the party's chief whip, Lord Bassam. The vote came just hours after the ruling by the investigatory powers tribunal, the only court to hear complaints against MI5, MI6 and GCHQ, that the security services had until 2015 secretly and illegally collected huge volumes of confidential data of millions of British citizens without adequate or safeguards.

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25. UK's Prevent counter-radicalisation policy 'badly flawed'

The Guardian (London), Ian Cobain, 2016 10 19

London - The British government's key counter-radicalisation policy is badly flawed, potentially counterproductive and risks trampling on the basic rights of young Muslims, a new study has concluded. Following a nine-month examination of the programme known as Prevent, the Open Society Justice Initiative has recommended a major government rethink, particularly on its use in the education and health systems. The US-based NGO studied 17 cases in which individuals had apparently fallen foul of the Prevent programme, or had been referred to a sister programme, called Channel, both of which are intended to prevent individuals from being drawn into terrorism. They included instances in which information was apparently gathered from Muslim primary school children without their parents' consent; Prevent being used to bypass disciplinary processes during the attempted dismissal of a school dinner lady; a 17-year-old referred to the police by his college authorities because he had become more religious; and the cancellation of university conferences on Islamophobia. It is the second time in three months that Prevent has faced criticisms following a major study. In July, another NGO, Rights Watch UK, concluded that the programme stifles free speech.

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26. Australian terrorist hands in his notice

The Australian, Mark Schliebs, 2016 10 19

Sydney - The highest-ranking terrorist Australia has produced is now a jihadi without a group, "resigning" to "pursue a number of projects independently". In a corporate-sounding statement released on his official Twitter and Facebook accounts, it is claimed former Sydney man Mostafa Mahamed, better known as Abu Sulayman, resigned from the al-Qa'ida-backed Syrian group Jabhat Fateh al-Sham this month. The "resignation" follows his group claiming to have severed ties to al-Qa'ida in July, and being heavily targeted by Russian and Syrian bombardments in the ravaged city of Aleppo. Mahamed, who al-Qa'ida once sent to negotiate a truce with Islamic State head Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, is also on a US kill list. He resigns at a time jihadist rival Islamic State is suffering big battleground defeats in northern Syria, and Iraqi and Kurdish forces push to retake Mosul. Despite being declared a "specially designated global terrorist" by the US State Department, Mahamed claims to have focused on sharia law and education -- of which he holds a masters -- during his three years in Syria. "On October 1st, 2016, and after much consideration, I officially resigned from Jabhat Fateh al-Sham," the statement released yesterday reads.

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27. Fight for Mosul 'will be terrible'

The Australian, Brendan Nicholson, 2016 10 19

Sydney - The fight to recapture the Iraqi city of Mosul will be "a terrible battle", in which Islamic State is likely to use civilians trapped there as human shields, Malcolm Turnbull has told parliament. After speaking by telephone with his Iraqi counterpart, Haider Al-Abadi, the Prime Minister said taking back Mosul and destroying the Islamic State "caliphate" was a military

imperative but it would not be the end of the conflict. Mr Turnbull said Australia would give an additional \$10 million to support Mosul's estimated one million civilians as they were freed. That is on top of \$60m in such aid provided since 2014 and it would include emergency food, medical assistance, temporary shelter and support to women and girls for reproductive health. Mr Turnbull said defeating Daesh, as Islamic State is known in the Middle East, was critical for Iraq, for the region and for Australia. "Daesh is losing on the battlefield," he said. "Its territory is shrinking, its resources are deteriorating, its numbers are substantially reduced." The terror group's myth of invincibility, part of its recruiting platform, had been shattered but there was more to be done.

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28. Indon, Aust brace for Mosul returnees

Australian Associated Press, Lisa Martin, 2016 10 19

Canberra - As the battle for Islamic State's last-remaining stronghold in Iraq heats up, Australia and Indonesia are jointly grappling with the potential consequences of foreign fighters returning from Mosul. Foreign Minister Julie Bishop will discuss counter-terrorism co-operation with her Indonesian counterpart in Bali next week. "It's exceedingly important at present because with the Mosul offensive in Iraq it is likely that foreign terrorist fighters from our region will seek to escape Iraq and come back to Indonesia and Australia," she told reporters in Canberra on Wednesday. Australia is part of a broader coalition supporting Iraqi security forces to reclaim their second largest city which fell to IS in 2014. According to Australia's domestic spy agency there 190 people here actively supporting groups such as IS through recruiting and fundraising efforts. An estimated 110 Australians are still fighting with terrorist groups in Syria and Iraq. Indonesian authorities estimate more than 500 nationals have joined IS in the Middle East. Ms Bishop will also be keen to help boost momentum for free-trade deal negotiations during talks with Retno Marsudi, saying economic ties would be a key focus.

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29. Kids of Aussies exposed to extremism: ASIO

Australian Associated Press, Roje Adaimy, 2016 10 19

Canberra - Up to 70 children of Australians have been exposed to extremist groups in the battlefields of Syria or Iraq, the country's security chief has revealed. Duncan Lewis, director-general of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, said these children either travelled to the conflict zones with their Australian parents or were born there. He told a Senate committee late on Tuesday night that ASIO is investigating around 190 people in Australia who are actively supporting groups like IS through recruiting, fundraising or wanting to join themselves. That includes about 40 Australians who have returned from Syria or Iraq. "The long-term impact of the returnees will be a security issue for this country's intelligence and law enforcement agencies for many years to come," he said. Mr Lewis confirmed up to 68 Australians are believed to have been killed in the conflicts - 11 of them since May. Around 110 people are still fighting or engaged with terrorist groups in Syria and Iraq. "As ISIL's territory continues to contract, it's expected that many of those Australians who are supporting ISIL in Syria and Iraq will be killed

or captured," he said, using another acronym for Islamic State. Mr Lewis warned that action will be taken against anyone who returns to Australia after committing a terrorist attack for the sake of national security. To date, ASIO has recommended the cancellation or refusal of over 190 passports of Australians linked to extremist groups.

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30. Radical right-wing groups a threat: ASIO

Australian Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 10 19

Melbourne - Reclaim Australia says it has never condoned violence but national intelligence bosses say radical anti-Islamic groups are a growing threat to Australia's security. ASIO director-general Duncan Lewis said Reclaim Australia, in particular, was of interest to intelligence agencies. Authorities charged a member of the right-wing group under federal terror laws for the first time in August for allegedly collecting or making documents to prepare for terrorist acts. Mr Lewis said Reclaim Australia has "offered violence" in the past and expects they will continue to when they confront pro-Islamic groups. "To the extent that there is a possibility of violence, or there is indeed violence being offered, that is of interest to us. That is business for ASIO," he told a Senate committee late on Tuesday night. "It is a real problem and it is something that we're very, very acutely aware of and I have people working that particular issue." But Reclaim Australia said it does not condone violence. "Reclaim has never condoned violence and we never will. Reclaim has worked closely with police at past events to ensure public safety," a statement provided to AAP said. Asked by Greens Senator Nick McKim whether the threat from such groups was growing, Mr Lewis said it had - primarily over the last 18 months.

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31. Canadian diplomat meets Shahbaz

Pakistan Dawn, Staff Reporter, 2016 10 19

Lahore - High Commissioner of Canada Perry John Calderwood called on Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif and Minority Affairs Minister Tahir Khalil Sindhu on Tuesday. Mr Sharif sought exchange of trade delegations to promote relations between the two countries in trade, economic, education, health and energy sectors. He also apprised the envoy of the steps his government has taken in education, transport and health sectors and the measures taken to prevent child labour. The chief minister said Canadian investors could benefit from the investment opportunities available in Punjab. Mr Sindhu informed Mr Calderwood about the steps taken to eradicate terrorism and extremism, and to promote interfaith harmony and tolerance at the grassroots level in the province.

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32. No secret talks with Afghan govt in Doha: Taliban

Pajhwok Afghan News, Javed Hamim Kakar, 2016 10 19

Kabul - Having stepped up attacks in recent weeks, the Taliban on Wednesday denied resuming clandestine peace negotiations with Afghan government representatives in Qatar. A day earlier, a British newspaper reported Mullah Abdul Manan Akhund, brother of Mullah Omar, was among participants of secret the meetings held in September and October. The two rounds of talks are the first known negotiations to have taken place since a Pakistan-brokered process entirely broke down following the death in a US drone strike of Omar's successor, Mullah Akhtar Mansoor. Mohammad Yaqoob, Mullah Omar's son, may join the Doha group. Pakistan, which brokered peace talks last year, stayed away from the meetings, a Quetta Shura leader told the Guardian. One senior US diplomat also participated in the meetings in Qatar, where the Taliban have been active on the diplomatic front over the years. The US embassy in Kabul refused commenting on the renewed peace push.

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33. Algerian Extremist Captures Two Italians, Canadian in Southern Libya

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 10 19

Algeria - Two Italians and a Canadian have been kidnapped near the Libyan-Algerian border by an Algerian extremist, according to resources. The resources added that head of tribes in the southern region on the Libyan- Algerian border have been conducting negotiations with the kidnapper so that they can release the Italians and the Canadian safe and sound. The Italian Il Giornale newspaper disclosed Monday that the two abducted Italian nationals in Libya's Ghat are held by an Algerian extremist, Abdullah Balkehil. Belkehil asked for 4 million euros as a ransom to release the two technicians who work for the Libyan branch of Italian firm Contratti internazionali Costruzioni SpA managing maintenance in Libya. The Italian newspaper confirmed that according to Algerian intelligence, the two Italians are still in southern Libya on the borders with Algeria along with the Canadian national, who was kidnapped with them as well.

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34. Chibok leader: 100-plus girls unwilling to leave Boko Haram

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 10 18

Abuja - Nigeria's government is negotiating the release of another 83 of the Chibok schoolgirls taken in a mass abduction two-and-a-half years ago, but more than 100 others appear unwilling to leave their Boko Haram Islamic extremist captors, a community leader said Tuesday. The unwilling girls may have been radicalized by Boko Haram or are ashamed to return home because they were forced to marry extremists and have babies, chairman Pogu Bitrus of the Chibok Development Association told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. Bitrus said the 21 Chibok girls freed last week in the first negotiated release between Nigeria's government and Boko Haram should be educated abroad, because they will probably face stigma in Nigeria. The girls and their parents were reunited Sunday and are expected to meet with Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari on Tuesday or Wednesday, Bitrus said. Buhari flew to Germany

on an official visit the day of the girls' release. Buhari said Monday that his government is prepared to talk with Boko Haram as long as the extremists agree to involve organizations like the International Committee of the Red Cross, which was an intermediary in last week's release.

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35. Did Nigeria Trade Jihadis for the Missing Chibok Girls?

The Daily Beast, Philip Obaji Jr, 2016 10 19

Lagos - For two and a half years, their parents, their fellow citizens and people around the world have been demanding, pleading, begging the terrorists of Boko Haram to "bring back our girls." Indeed, soon after more than 200 young women were kidnapped in the northeastern Nigerian town of Chibok in April 2014, the campaign to win their freedom went viral. Even the first lady of the United States, Michelle Obama, held up the famous hashtag on Twitter: #BringBackOurGirls. But it is only now, after long negotiations--indeed, what some officials are calling "confidence building"- between Nigeria's government and a faction of the terror organization, that we have seen a few of the victims released, and of those 21 girls, as many as 18 reportedly are now mothers. Various media are reporting that the released girls were exchanged for four Boko Haram prisoners in the northeastern town of Banki, close to the border with Cameroon. Nigeria's information minister, Lai Mohammed, denied any such trade was made. "This is not a swap, it is a release [of the hostage women], the product of painstaking negotiations and trust on both sides," Mohammed said. "As soon as the necessary confidence was built on both sides, the parties agreed on the date and the location of the release of the 21 girls."

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36. L'établissement abrite des "terroristes" Niger : attaque repoussée d'une prison

Liberté (Algérie), Journaliste maison, 2016 10 18

Niamey - Une attaque visant la prison de Koutoukalé, à 50 km au nord-ouest de Niamey, où sont détenus des "terroristes" a été repoussée, a assuré hier le ministre nigérien de l'Intérieur, Mohamed Bazoum, sur les réseaux sociaux. La prison civile de Koutoukalé a été attaquée à 4h ce matin par des hommes armés. "Mais l'ennemi a été repoussé laissant derrière lui des morts portant des ceintures explosives", selon le ministre. "Des terroristes lourdement armés ont encore attaqué cette prison de haute sécurité. Ils n'ont pas pu s'approcher de la prison en raison de la fusillade qui a éclaté avec les militaires qui la gardent", a indiqué une source sécuritaire. La prison de haute sécurité de Koutoukalé est considérée comme la plus sûre du pays. C'est là que les autorités gardent les détenus les plus dangereux et notamment les éléments des groupes terroristes activant dans la région, notamment Boko Haram. Le 30 octobre 2014, un groupe armé avait attaqué la prison de Ouallam, à 100 km au nord de Niamey, et libéré plusieurs détenus. En juin 2013, la prison civile de Niamey avait été attaquée par un "commando armé", tuant au moins deux gardes pénitentiaires et blessant trois autres.

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37. Niger : où en est l'enquête concernant l'attaque contre le camp de réfugiés de Tazalit ?
Jeune Afrique, Mathieu Olivier, 2016 10 18

Tazalit, Niger - L'enquête progresse après l'attaque qui a fait 22 morts - des gendarmes, des militaires et des gardes - dans le camp de Tazalit le 6 octobre dernier en début d'après-midi. Les autorités pointent du doigt des éléments maliens mais aussi des complicités du côté des réfugiés. Les dernières informations recueillies suggèrent que les éléments ayant pris d'assaut le camp le 6 octobre dernier appartiendraient à des communautés proches des groupes armés de la région de Kidal, notamment la Gatia, selon une source locale. La quarantaine d'assaillants serait partie d'une base située à Ilamawan, à 60 kilomètres à l'ouest de la ville de Midal, dans la région de Tahoua, au Niger. Selon un survivant, les assaillants avaient également des complices parmi les réfugiés, tous originaires des environs de Menaka, au Mali. Une figure du camp, un certain Aghali Ringo, fait d'ailleurs partie des suspects, selon une source sécuritaire. Celui-ci était surnommé, au sein de la communauté, « le président des réfugiés ». Il serait actuellement caché dans les environs de la commune de Sehene, dans la région de Menaka.

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38. Un groupe terroriste de 62 personnes démantelé
All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 18

Tunis - ... Il planifiait un attentat contre une personnalité politique et un siège de souveraineté Les brigades de lutte antiterroriste sont parvenues à dévoiler un groupe terroriste qui aurait projeté un attentat contre une personnalité politique importante, occupant une haute responsabilité au sein de l'Etat, a annoncé, dimanche, le porte-parole officiel du Tribunal de première instance de Tunis et du Pôle judiciaire de lutte antiterroriste, Sofiene Selliti. Le même groupe terroriste aurait également planifié un attentat contre un siège de souveraineté et plusieurs cadres sécuritaires, a ajouté la même source, faisant état de plusieurs arrestations parmi les éléments de ce groupe. Selon le porte-parole, les éléments terroristes ont été arrêtés il y a deux semaines. Leur identité n'étant révélée que maintenant en raison de la poursuite de l'enquête menée à cet effet. Des informations véhiculées, ce dimanche, font état d'arrestation d'un groupe terroriste qui planifiait un attentat contre le ministre de l'intérieur.

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39. Ecuador Cuts Assange's Link to the Internet
New York Times, Steven Erlanger, David E. Sanger, 2016 10 19

London - Ecuador said Tuesday that it had cut off Julian Assange's access to the internet in his exile in the country's London embassy, making clear that it feared being sucked into an effort to "interfere in electoral processes" in the United States by the activities of the WikiLeaks founder. Ecuador said that it was not evicting Mr. Assange from its embassy, where he sought asylum four years ago. It said that its "temporary restriction" of internet services to Mr. Assange "does not prevent the WikiLeaks organization from carrying out its journalistic activities." But it was

clearly intended to keep the embassy from being the control center for that leaking operation. "The government of Ecuador respects the principle of nonintervention in the affairs of other countries," it said in a statement, "and it does not interfere in the electoral processes in support of any candidate in particular." Ecuador's action, experts inside and outside the United States government say, is not likely to slow the flow of leaked emails. Those emails are routed through servers around the globe, and if the United States wanted to shut them down covertly, that presumably would have happened years ago. In fact, American officials have said, turning off the flow of WikiLeaks data is a legally complicated issue, especially if American citizens or American-based firms are involved. The Obama administration, they say, does not want to be accused of suppressing unwelcome speech -- in the manner of the Russians and the Chinese.

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40. Russia Returns Militarily to Latin America, Worries Washington's Allies

Asharq Al-Awsat, Mohammed Fahmi, 2016 10 19

Havana - The latest announcement by Russia on concluding a deal with Nicaragua, selling them 50 T-72 tanks, has raised concerns among some regional countries such as Costa Rica and Honduras. The two countries considered this step "unnecessary" as it could change the regional military balance. Minister of Foreign Affairs Manuel Gonzalez said Costa Rica is concerned that a reported delivery of Russian tanks to its neighbor Nicaragua could militarize Central America. For its part, Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that it appreciates Latin America's peaceful environment, confirming that arming Nicaragua does not intend to cause regional imbalance. Moreover, official sources stressed that publishing this kind of news prior to the presidential elections in the country aims at serving the opposition, which strongly opposes re-electing the current president. The Foreign Minister said the region needed more investment in healthcare, technology and infrastructure, rather than in military hardware.

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41. 44 held in Baramulla; LeT issued warning to SHO

Times of India, M Saleem Pandit, 2016 10 19

Srinagar - Pakistan-based terror group Laskar-e-Taiba has issued a warning to the Baramulla SHO for facilitating an operation on Monday in which at least 44 have been arrested for terror-related activities. It was a multi-agency crackdown in the old town of Baramulla in north Kashmir on Monday. After 700-odd houses were searched, security agencies seized petrol bombs, Chinese and Pakistani flags, LeT and Jaish letterpads, illegal mobile phones and other seditious material, defence spokesperson Manish Kumar said. The crackdown was part of a joint operation by the Army, the BSF, the CRPF and police in 10 localities, including Qazi Hamam, Ganai Hamam, Taweed Gunj and Jamia, considered safe havens for terrorists. A large number of suspected hideouts were also busted during the search operation, Col Manish added.

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42. Allegations surrounding ex-opposition chief seem true: spy chief

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 10 19

Seoul - Lee Byung-ho, the head of the National Intelligence Service (NIS), said Wednesday he believes the memoir written by an ex- foreign minister that is fueling fresh controversy related to Moon Jae-in, former head of the main opposition Minjoo Party of Korea, is based on facts. Moon has been accused by the ruling bloc of allegedly playing a part in contacting Pyongyang and getting feedback that was reflected in Seoul's decision-making process as revealed in the book. Lee said he can "neither confirm nor deny" that there is evidence that backs up the claims made in the book. "It is not the right time to speak on the matter, considering the case's impact on national security," the NIS head was quoted as saying by lawmakers during the parliamentary audit which took place at its headquarters.

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43. Bangladesh says attack investigation yielding results (Canada).

Associated Press, 2016 10 19

New Delhi - In the three months since a band of youths tortured and killed 20 hostages in a Dhaka restaurant, Bangladeshi intelligence officials say they're rooting out radicals and restoring security to the streets. Police raids that have killed about 40 suspected Islamist militants; hundreds of suspects detained in police dragnets; and new information on how the attack was financed by local sympathizers. There have also been no reported extremist attacks since shortly after the restaurant killings. The government continued to deny any IS role even after an August raid killed three suspected militants, including a Canadian man of Bangladeshi origin identified on an Islamic State website as the extremist Sunni group's representative in Bangladesh. Authorities deny the man, Tamim Chowdhury, had any IS link, and instead say he was a leader within the banned militant group Jumatul Mujahedeen Bangladesh, or JMB.

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44. Money men behind Bangladesh cafe attack "identified" (Canada).

Reuters, 2016 10 19

Dhaka - Bangladesh police said on Tuesday they had identified three people as the main providers of finance for an attack on a cafe in which 22 people were killed, mostly foreigners. The July attack in Dhaka's diplomatic quarter was claimed by the jihadist group Islamic State and was one of the most brazen in Bangladesh, hit by a spate of killings of liberals and members of religious minorities in the past year. Police identified one of the three as a doctor who left Bangladesh for Syria, who provided 8 million taka (\$100,000) to a faction of Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), known as New JMB, counter-terrorism police chief Monirul Islam said. Police have killed more than three dozen suspected militants in shootouts since the cafe attack, including its presumed mastermind, Bangladesh-born Canadian citizen Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury.

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45. N. Korea biggest challenge to missile non-proliferation: Seoul

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 10 19

Seoul - North Korea's advancing ballistic missile programs pose the biggest challenge to the international regime for controlling the proliferation of missile technology, a high-ranking South Korean official said Wednesday. "Today, North Korea's ballistic missile program is undoubtedly the biggest challenge" facing the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), Vice Foreign Minister Lim Sung-nam said in his opening remarks at the 30th MTCR general meeting held in the southern port city of Busan. The MTCR is a multilateral regime for controlling the export of high-end missile technology for which South Korea is the chair country this year. "While MTCR partners have been striving to prevent the proliferation of missile technology, North Korea, as both a procurer and proliferator, challenged the international community by disregarding all norms and warnings," Lim stressed. This year alone Pyongyang fired off 23 rounds of ballistic missiles with significant ranges, the vice minister pointed out. "The city of Busan is already within the range of (the North's) Scud missiles." The country's longer-range missiles can now target the capitals of some MTCR members, Lim pointed out, adding that "This is why we must address this issue squarely bearing in mind the gravity and urgency of the matter."

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46. Philippines' Duterte warms up to China

Globe and Mail, Nathan Vanderklippe, 2016 10 19

Beijing - Southeast Asian country has become a coveted spot on the chessboard between Washington and Beijing - and the U.S. may be losing The outspoken President of the Philippines declared himself "happy that China is leading the way in Asia" as he prepared to land in Beijing on a four-day visit, the latest sign that one of the closest U.S. allies in Asia is staging a dramatic turn away from Washington. The Philippines wants "to be a part of the greater plans of China about Asia, particularly Southeast Asia," Rodrigo Duterte said in an interview with China's state-run Xinhua News, released on the eve of his visit. He wants to secure for his country the kind of economic largesse China bestows upon impoverished African countries - "the railways and everything," he said. "There are things which China can do to help us economically." Mr. Duterte, who has used coarse language to disparage U.S. President Barack Obama, landed in Beijing to a hero's welcome. He has exercised "pluck and pragmatism," Xinhua said in a glowing commentary Tuesday that promised "a Beijing-Manila détente will be richly rewarding." It was the latest signal that the Philippines has become the most coveted spot on the chessboard between China and the United States - and that, for now, Beijing seems to be winning.

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47. Czech police arrest Russian man in connection with US hacking attacks

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 10 19

Prague - Czech police have detained a Russian man wanted in connection with hacking attacks on targets in the United States, the police said, without giving further details. The arrest was carried out in cooperation with the US Federal Bureau of Investigation, Czech police said on their website on Tuesday (Oct 18) evening. Interpol had issued a so-called Red Notice for the man, seeking his arrest, they added. The Russian citizen was detained at a Prague hotel. Police said he collapsed and was hospitalised. Czech courts will decide whether he will be extradited, the police said. A police spokesman declined to give further details on the arrest. It was not immediately clear what hacking attacks the Russian citizen was wanted for.

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48. Moscow says still no evidence from US proving alleged Russian hacker attacks

ITAR-TASS World Service, Staff report, 2016 10 18

Moscow - Moscow has received no evidence from the United States proving Russia's alleged hacker attacks on US institutions, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Tuesday. "There have been no proof, do data, no passwords, no hyperlinks. Nothing," she said. Washington's inability to provide any proof can only mean that such allegations target domestic audience and are part of the presidential campaign, she said, adding that attempts at reducing the presidential campaign to accusations against Russia are inglorious for a great power. "It is a global disgrace," she said.

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49. As territory shrinks, IS group looks for new money sources

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 10 19

Washington - As the Islamic State group sees its territory shrink to half its original size and its dreams of a caliphate evaporate, the extremist fighters are losing access to the sources of revenue that once gave them their power, prompting them to turn to extortion, kidnapping or foreign donations like their predecessors, the militant group al-Qaida. The Islamic State group had a unique ability to capitalize on the natural resources of its territory in Iraq and Syria and swiftly implement a system of taxation and governance that allowed it to rule an area that once was the size of Switzerland. As the battle gets underway to retake Mosul, the group's largest stronghold in Iraq, the Islamic State group is being denied access to revenue sources such as oil and gas and cash reserves that once amounted to more than \$1 billion in 2014, said Daniel Glaser, the Treasury Department's assistant secretary for terrorist financing. With those resources slipping away, the Islamic State group is expected to revert to "traditional methods we see al-Qaida using - whether it's deep-pocket donors, whether it's charities, whether it's NGOs, whether it's criminal activity," Glaser said in a recent discussion at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

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50. Explosives, booby traps slow down Mosul offensive

Al Jazeera, 2016 10 19

Baghdad - Tens of thousands of allied forces continued their advance on Mosul on Tuesday, but their offensive to retake ISIL's last major stronghold in Iraq was slowed down by explosives and booby traps they encountered along the way. With the decisive battle in its second day, Iraqi commanders said that progress was being made as their forces pushed from two main fronts against ISIL, also known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or ISIS. The commanders said the operation was going as planned, despite resistance from ISIL fighters who were hitting back with suicide car bomb attacks. "Many villages have already been liberated," said Sabah al-Numan, the spokesman of the elite counter-terrorism service. Al Jazeera's Hoda Abdel-Hamid, reporting from Khazir near the frontline, said the armed forces' advance on Tuesday was "not as formidable" as the previous day, when several villages were secured.

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51. If you think Isis is finished, think again

London Times, Roger Boyes, 2016 10 19

Column - Don't expect Stalingrad 2.0. The epic 1943 Russian offensive on the Volga River turned the tide against Hitler -- but a victory over Islamic State in Mosul is unlikely to carry similar historic clout in the war against terror. Rather, the fast-approaching showdown on the Tigris could go horribly wrong, discrediting the supposedly reformed Iraqi army and accelerating a new, even more vicious phase in the evolution of Isis as the world's most high-profile terrorist outfit. Thrashing Isis in Mosul would of course be a prize worth winning. It would dent the group's standing among angry young Muslims, reduce its cash flow, take away its last major urban bastion in Iraq. If the Iraqi army really do win, it will help erase the memory of the shameful mass desertion in 2014. Some of the weapons they left behind are now being used against them. If this were a staff college exercise against a notional, conventional enemy there would be no doubt about the outcome. Calculations on paper, however, understate the resilience of Isis. The jihadist army survived and thrived without controlling swathes of territory. When it realised that it could overrun a third of the country it picked up its swagger and an international brand. Now its commanders have come to realise that it lost some of its rapid mobility and its capacity to surprise by setting up static garrison communities. Its numbers have swollen over the past few years as it created a pseudo-state, but its costs have risen and its revenues have dropped. The former Baathist officers who play such a vital role in formulating Isis strategy will be counselling patience on its leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. If Isis frees itself from administering terrain it will have thousands more men available for hit-and-run operations in Iraq, for the contest in eastern Syria, and for exporting killers to Muslim as well as Christian countries. The caliphate that was once represented by Isis control of Mosul should once again be a spiritual construct, an inspiration for jihadists rather than a place to rent a two-bedroom flat and a sex slave.

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52. L'offensive anti-Daech freinée par les bombes humaines

Le Figaro, Thierry Oberlé, 2016 10 19

Mossoul - À Mossoul, face à la supériorité des forces irakiennes, les djihadistes utilisent en masse l'action kamikaze et les tunnels pour échapper aux pilonnages de l'aviation. Bataille de Mossoul Elle est son arme fatale. En Irak, ses combattants n'ont de cesse d'en user. Elle a encore servi dans la bataille du front du Khazir qui a permis lundi aux forces kurdes de progresser de 11 kilomètres et d'être à désormais 18 kilomètres du centre de Mossoul. L'action kamikaze a contribué à asseoir la puissance de l'État islamique. Elle aide aujourd'hui surtout à retarder les échéances. Sur le front du Khazir, l'engagement était, il est vrai, inégal : une cinquantaine de membres de Daech contre un millier d'hommes appuyés par l'aviation de la coalition internationale. Après six heures d'affrontements sporadiques, les combats ont pris fin pour le bataillon de pechmegas du général Zerar Abdullah Kader lorsque l'ultime carré ennemi a surgi d'un tunnel devant le dernier village à conquérir. Ils étaient une vingtaine. Quelques djihadistes avaient réussi à fuir les bourgades des environs et à rejoindre à moto ou en voiture leurs coreligionnaires toujours en vie. Ils voulaient participer au bouquet final du feu d'artifice kamikaze. Sept d'entre eux ont fait sauter leur ceinture d'explosifs en courant vers les Kurdes. Les autres ont été abattus dans les échanges de tirs.

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53. 6 terror defendants sentenced to a total of 74 years in prison

Arab News, Staff Report, 2016 10 19

Riyadh - The Specialized Criminal Court in Riyadh on Tuesday issued verdicts against six convicts in security cases, giving them a total of 74 years in prison. The perpetrators were found guilty of, among other charges, kidnapping security officers, planning to assassinate a Saudi prince during his visit to the Grand Mosque in Makkah, and embracing the takfist ideology. The court convicted the first defendant of believing that the Saudi regime is an apostate one, not pledging allegiance to the authorities, and preparing to travel to Afghanistan to join Al-Qaeda militant group. He was also found guilty of manufacturing explosives, and training and providing others with electronic files on manufacturing explosives. Charges also included plotting to blow up a residential complex for foreigners in Riyadh. The first defendant was also convicted of planning to kidnap a police officer in order to swap him with some prisoners convicted on security charges.

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54. Army arrests ISIS 'emir' plotting attacks across Lebanon

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 10 19

Beirut - The army announced Tuesday the arrest of a suspected ISIS "emir" accused of plotting to target popular tourist locations, economic centers and a major television channel in regions across Lebanon. An army statement said Imad Yassin admitted during interrogations to drawing

a detailed plan to target locations that included the oil refinery in Zahrani and a power generation station in Jiyeh, both south of the capital. KFC and Casino du Liban in Jounieh, north of Beirut, and the historic "Monday Market" that dates back to the 19th century in the southern town of Nabatieh were also on the list of targets. In addition, the suspect had intentions to target Al Jadeed TV station in Beirut, as well as plotting to assassinate prominent, but unnamed, political figures, the statement added. The statement alleged Yassin also confessed to the murder of four people, taking part in the killing of four others, and executing five blasts in the Ain al- Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp in southern Lebanon.

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55. Hamas vows to 'surprise world' in prisoner swap talks

Times of Israel, Dov Lieber, 2016 10 19

Jerusalem - The spokesperson for Hamas's military wing said Tuesday his group "is saving" something that "will surprise the world" during any possible future prisoner exchange with Israel. Abu Obeida, the spokesperson for Hamas's Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, vowed that Israel would "pay a compulsory price" for the freedom of two Israeli citizens being held in Gaza as well as the remains of two soldiers presumed killed in fighting in 2014. "The world and our prisoners will be surprised when the right time comes to fully reveal the facts that the resistance is saving for the sake of the freedom of our prisoners," he said in a televised statement. Hamas is currently holding the remains of soldiers Oron Shaul and Hadar Goldin, who were killed in the 2014 Gaza war, as well as 29-year-old Avraham Mengistu and Juma Ibrahim Abu Anima. During the speech, Abu Obeidah accused Israel of "spreading lies and misleading its public" as well as "evading the payment for a new deal."

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56. Losing Territory, ISIS Keeps Sights on Longer Fight

New York Times, Anne Barnard, 2016 10 19

Beirut - Islamic State leaders had long promised their followers an apocalyptic battle -- foretold, some believe, by the Prophet Muhammad -- in an otherwise nondescript village they controlled in northern Syria. But the warriors of the self-declared caliphate lost the village, Dabiq, in just a few hours over the weekend as Syrian rebels, backed by Turkey, closed in. To soften the symbolic blow, the Islamic State switched rhetorical gears, declaring that the real Dabiq battle would come some other time. The about-face was part of a larger repositioning as the Islamic State loses ground, not only in Syria but also in Iraq, where forces backed by the United States began a drive on Monday to oust the group from the sprawling and strategically vital city of Mosul. On the defensive in both countries, the group has been making preparations for retrenchment and survival. Hundreds of Islamic State fighters and their families have fled to the group's de facto capital, the northern Syrian city of Raqqa, in recent days, according to several residents of that city who asked not to be named to avoid reprisals. They said that the arrivals had come from Mosul, as well as from areas around Dabiq in the Syrian province of Aleppo, and that they were waiting for the Islamic State authorities to find them housing. The group, also known as ISIS or ISIL, has also been laying the ideological groundwork to maintain its appeal in

straitened circumstances. As it suffered on the battlefield in recent months, the group began signaling that a drastic contraction or even a failure of its territorial proto-state would not spell defeat.

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57. Russia halts Aleppo strikes ahead of brief truce

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 10 19

Moscow - Russian and Syrian air forces stopped bombing Aleppo on Tuesday ahead of a temporary truce, a move the Kremlin said showed "goodwill" as it faces mounting criticism for backing a brutal regime offensive. It came one day after Russia announced there would be an eight-hour "humanitarian pause" -- from 8am to 4pm on Thursday -- in the battered city. "Strikes in the Aleppo region by the Russian and Syrian air forces are stopping today starting at 10am," Russian defence minister Sergei Shoigu said on Tuesday. "This guarantees the security of civilians' exit through six corridors and prepares the evacuation of the sick and injured from eastern Aleppo," he said, adding that it would also guarantee safe passage for armed rebels to leave eastern Aleppo. The decision was welcomed by the United Nations and the European Union which said the ceasefire needed to be longer to allow the delivery of aid.

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58. Yemen Houthis steal tax money to fund war

The National (UAE), Mohammed Al Qalisi, 2016 10 19

Aden - Houthi rebels are pocketing the tax money collected in the provinces they control to fund their war against the government. Civil servants throughout Yemen have not received their September salaries from the central bank and the Houthis have resorted to asking for donations from impoverished residents. The Yemeni government moved the central bank from Houthi-held Sanaa to Aden - which is under government control - late last month, claiming the rebels had been draining the reserves. Bandar Al Shihari, an employee in the administration of Ibb University, says his monthly salary of 50,000 Yemeni riyals (Dh734) is barely enough to support the five members of his family. But like all other employees at the university, he has yet to receive last month's wages.

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59. "La Belgique doit craindre d'autres attentats djihadistes"

La Libre Belgique, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 19

Bruxelles - La Belgique n'est pas à l'abri de nouveaux attentats, a prévenu mercredi l'ancien "patron" de la Sûreté de l'Etat, Alain Wynants, qui s'est étonné que Bruxelles, "cible idéale", n'ait pas été touchée plus tôt par le terrorisme d'inspiration djihadiste, d'autant que les gouvernements successifs n'ont, selon lui, jamais accordé beaucoup d'attention à ce service. "A l'avenir, nous allons devoir vivre avec l'idée que des attentats sont possibles, que des attentats se produiront", a-t-il affirmé devant la commission d'enquête parlementaire de la Chambre sur les attentats du 22 mars contre l'aéroport de Bruxelles-National et de la station de métro Maelbeek.

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60. Ankara: un homme soupçonné de préparer un attentat tué

Le Figaro avec Reuters, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 19

Ankara - La police turque a abattu un membre présumé de l'organisation Etat islamique (EI) soupçonné de préparer un attentat suicide à Ankara, rapporte aujourd'hui l'agence de presse Anadolu. Il a été tué lors de l'intervention d'une unité d'élite de la police antiterroriste en pleine nuit dans un immeuble des faubourgs de la capitale. L'agence Anadolu précise qu'il a ouvert le feu sur les policiers qui lui avaient ordonné de se rendre. Des explosifs ont été découverts dans l'appartement. Le suspect était né en 1992 et était inscrit sur les registres de l'état-civil à Diyarbakir, dans le sud-est de la Turquie. Les autorités de la capitale turque ont interdit les rassemblements publics jusqu'à la fin du mois de novembre à la suite de renseignements faisant état de projets d'attentats islamistes dans la ville.

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61. Belgique: le coup de filet antiterroriste visait l'entourage d'une figure de l'Etat islamique

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 19

Bruxelles - Le coup de filet antiterroriste opéré mardi dans le nord de la Belgique visait principalement l'entourage de Hicham Chaïb, une figure de l'organisation Etat islamique (EI), qui était apparu en mars dans une vidéo revendiquant les attentats de Bruxelles, rapportent mercredi plusieurs journaux belges. Quatre personnes ont été inculpées de participation aux activités d'un groupe terroriste après une série de 15 perquisitions et arrestations mardi dans plusieurs villes du nord de la Belgique, dont Anvers, Gand et Deinze, selon le parquet fédéral belge. Parmi les quatre personnes figure Zouhair Chaïb, 29 ans, petit frère de Hicham (35 ans), interpellé à Gand, où il vit, rapporte le quotidien flamand De Standaard, précisant que "la plupart" de 15 arrestations ont concerné "des membres de la famille de Hicham Chaïb", qui compte onze enfants au total. Un troisième frère Chaïb, Mohamed Amin, s'est plaint sur sa page Facebook que le domicile de sa mère, à Deurne, dans la banlieue d'Anvers (nord), ait aussi été perquisitionné, souligne De Standaard. Celle-ci a été emmenée pour audition avant d'être relâchée. Parmi les quatre inculpés, on trouve aussi Soufiane A., qui a combattu dans les rangs de l'EI en Syrie, d'après De Standaard et La Libre Belgique. Ce dernier avait rejoint l'EI en Syrie en avril 2013, mais, gravement blessé dans des combats dans la région d'Alep, était rentré en 2014 en Belgique, et a été interpellé mardi chez lui à Deinze, à proximité de Gand (ouest).

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62. Comment les attentats de Paris ont été financés

La Tribune (France), Grégoire Normand, 2016 10 19

Paris - Le budget pour commettre les attentats de Paris et sa région en janvier et novembre 2015 est estimé respectivement à 26.000 euros et 82.000 euros. Le centre d'analyse du terrorisme vient de publier une étude sur les méthodes utilisées par les terroristes pour financer leurs attaques. Les auteurs des attentats de 2015 à Paris et Saint-Denis - qui ont fait 147 victimes - n'ont pas eu besoin d'un budget considérable au regard de l'impact au niveau économique (lien : <http://www.latribune.fr/economie/france/attentats-quel-impact-pour-l-economie-522968.html>), sociétal ou politique de ces attaques. Les auteurs de l'étude soulignent (lien : <http://cat-int.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Financement-des-Attentats-2015.pdf>) d'ailleurs qu'il a suffi de "quelques dizaines de milliers d'euros [...] pour acheter les armes, fabriquer les explosifs, louer les appartements conspiratifs et les véhicules." >> Lire aussi : Attentats : quel impact pour l'économie ? (lien : <http://www.latribune.fr/economie/france/attentats-quel-impact-pour-l-economie-522968.html>) Les différents postes de dépenses Le centre d'analyse du terrorisme présidé par Jean-Charles Brisard a décomposé le budget des cellules terroristes en six postes de dépenses (l'armement, les logements conspiratifs, les véhicules, la téléphonie, les faux-papiers et les déplacements). - Pour les attentats de janvier 2015 : les évaluations proposées par les chercheurs mettent en avant le poids des armes dans le budget (plus de 80%) avec plus de 21.000 euros d'armement en tout. L'arsenal d'Amédée Coulibaly, auteur de l'attaque de l'hyper cacher, a été estimé à 10.000 euros et celui des frères Kouachi, auteurs de l'attaque contre Charlie Hebdo à 9.400 euros. Le reste comprend des équipements comme des talkies-walkies, des gilets pare-balles.

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63. Europe should prepare for fresh wave of Isil jihadists fleeing Mosul as Iraqi army moves in, warns EU

London Daily Telegraph, Josie Ensor, 2016 10 18

Erbil, Iraq - Europe must prepare for a fresh influx of Islamic State jihadists fleeing Mosul as the army moves in on their last Iraqi stronghold, the EU's security commissioner has warned. "The retaking of the IS's northern Iraq territory, Mosul, may lead to the return to Europe of violent IS fighters," Julian King said. "This is a very serious threat and we must be prepared to face it." Some 2,500 EU nationals are currently fighting alongside Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (Isil), he added, and that if even a handful return it would pose a "serious threat that we must prepare ourselves for."

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64. Intelligence agency warns of ISIL attacks in five Turkish provinces

Hurriyet Daily News, Staff report, 2016 10 18

Ankara - The National Intelligence Agency (MIT) has issued warnings against imminent attacks by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in five Turkish provinces. MIT sent a warning to all 81 provinces of Turkey, saying jihadists could launch attacks in Istanbul, the southeastern province of Gaziantep, Ankara, the southern province of Antalya and the western province of Izmir. According to the MIT report, public transport is among ISIL militants' targets, daily Cumhuriyet reported on Oct. 18. The warning dated Oct. 12 and coded "urgent" said the aforementioned five provinces were among the high-risk areas. In the report, the intelligence agency warned the militants could perpetrate an attack on the Eurasia Tunnel, a roadway tunnel that will connect Istanbul's European and Asian sides that is scheduled to open in December. Metros, buses, bridges, airports, bus terminals and sea transport were listed among the ISIL targets in the notice.

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65. La justice annule l'interdiction de sortie du territoire d'une jeune salafiste

Le Figaro, Agnès Leclair, 2016 10 19

Paris - Le tribunal administratif de Paris a jugé mardi que le ministère de l'Intérieur avait commis une « erreur d'appréciation » en visant une jeune Rémoise de 19 ans adhérant à la mouvance la plus rigoriste de l'islam. Justice Le difficile distinguo entre salafiste et candidat au djihad arrive devant les tribunaux. Une jeune salafiste de 19 ans a obtenu mardi l'annulation de son interdiction de sortie du territoire. Le tribunal administratif de Paris a donné raison à cette Rémoise convertie que le ministère de l'Intérieur soupçonnait d' « une inclination en faveur du djihad » et de « vellétés de départ vers la Syrie » . Une « erreur d'appréciation » , a jugé le tribunal. Cette jeune fille « exerce une pratique religieuse rigoureuse » , elle « entretient des liens avec la mouvance salafiste » , souligne la décision. Mais ces faits « ne suffisent pas, par eux-mêmes, à justifier de son adhésion et de sa proximité avec le terrorisme islamiste » . Pour justifier cette mesure de police administrative, le ministre de l'Intérieur s'est fondé sur deux « notes blanches » des services de renseignement. Ces dernières pointent que Chloé (pseudonyme qu'elle a choisi) avait fait l'objet d'une signalisation par sa mère, auprès de la plate-forme du Centre national de prévention de la radicalisation en septembre 2015, en raison de sa conversion à l'islam et de sa radicalisation progressive. « Opposée à la violence » Le mois suivant, passeport et téléphone en poche, munie de deux valises de vêtements, la jeune fille - à l'époque mineure - avait fugué. La police l'avait retrouvée en compagnie de salafistes. Gantée, recouverte par un jilbab, un grand voile qui ne laisse apparaître que le centre du visage, Chloé se revendique salafiste, la mouvance la plus rigoriste de l'islam. Mais elle assure rejeter Daech et vouloir partir pour l'Arabie saoudite en vue de s'inscrire à l'université islamique.

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66. Le "radicalisé" qui a blessé deux policiers à l'aéroport souffre de troubles mentaux

Nice-Matin, Gui. B., 2016 10 19

Nice - Dimanche dernier, dans le hall du terminal 1 de l'aéroport de Nice-Côte d'Azur, il s'était fait remarquer en insultant, en agressant, puis beaucoup plus grave, en menaçant de mort plusieurs policiers. Leur seul tort: ils étaient intervenus, à la demande des employés du comptoir

Avia Partner, pour calmer un individu qui tenait des propos incohérents tout en se montrant particulièrement agressif. Hier, Rocco M., 32 ans, est apparu, sous bonne escorte, dans le box des prévenus du tribunal présidait par David Hill. Outre les menaces proférées à l'adresse des policiers, il avait également tenu des propos faisant l'apologie du terrorisme. Et par les temps qui courent, autant dire qu'ils ont été plus que pris au sérieux. Rocco s'est présenté à la justice torse nu sous son blouson ouvert. Les mains dans les poches de son bermuda. Le visage émacié et le regard quelque peu "halluciné". Ce résidant de Bendejun a été entendu sur les faits qui n'ont pas manqué de susciter l'émoi dans les salles d'embarquement. Et que le président Hill reprend dans la lecture des incidents: "Je vais tous vous péter la gueule!" "Vous allez entendre parler de moi!" "Je vais mettre une bombe" "Ça va être la guerre!" "On va venir avec les soldats pour égorger vos femmes et vos enfants..."

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67. Terrorisme : 4 inculpations

Le Soir, Journalisme maison, 2016 10 19

Anvers, Belgique - Quatre personnes ont été inculpées pour participation aux activités d'un groupe terroriste après 15 perquisitions menées mardi matin dans plusieurs villes du nord de la Belgique (Gand, Deinze, Anvers), a annoncé le parquet fédéral. Parmi les inculpés, certains sont « suspectés d'avoir voulu recruter des personnes pour qu'elles se rendent en Syrie en vue d'y rejoindre l'Etat islamique », souligne le parquet.

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68. Turkish police kill suspected ISIL suicide bomber

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 10 19

Ankara - Turkish police shot dead early on Oct. 19 a suspected Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militant who was believed to be planning a suicide bomb attack in the capital Ankara. A counter terror squad had tracked the suspect to the ninth floor of a building on the outskirts of Ankara, where he was killed in a gunfight at around 3 a.m. after opening fire in response to a police call to surrender. Police found explosive materials at the scene and Gov. Ercan Topaca told reporters there were suspicions that the suspect planned to target public ceremonies in the capital. It said the man was registered in the southeastern province of Diyarbakir and was born in 1992. (Full report).

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1. Parry Sound-Muskoka MP Clement public safety critic for official opposition

Huntsville Forester, Paige Phillips, 2016 10 20

Muskoka - Parry Sound Muskoka MP Tony Clement will focus his attention on matters of national security in the new shadow cabinet. On Monday, Oct. 17, Clement announced his appointment as the public safety critic for the official opposition. This comes almost a week after

the local MP's announcement that he was bowing out of the Conservative leadership race, citing an unwillingness to "expose my family to any further financial risk at this time." Clement said the position encompasses public safety and emergency preparedness policies. "I'll be dealing with issues like terrorism, cyber security, any natural or other disasters to befall the country and the policies surrounding all those things," said Clement. He further said the role would involve the RCMP and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and their respective activities on the home front. "I think that these are issues that Parry Sounders and Muskokans care about. They care about feeling secure in their own country, they care about the safety and security of themselves and their neighbours, they want to make sure that the federal government is able to respond to any kind of natural or other disaster," said Clement. "Safety and security issues are very important. If the government gets those wrongs that's a really big problem."

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Canada

2. Authorities working to determine source of seized blank passports

Winnipeg Free Press, Carol Sanders, 2016 10 20

Winnipeg - Police and federal officials are trying to determine the source of blank Canadian passports uncovered by Project Heavy Metal, a Winnipeg police investigation into a theft ring operating in Western Canada. On Tuesday, Winnipeg police announced they had identified 20 suspects, including nine arrested in Manitoba, who are facing 140 theft-related charges. Calgary and Edmonton police, as well as the RCMP, helped with the investigation, which recovered more than \$300,000 worth of goods stolen in break-ins and other thefts. A search warrant executed at a Calgary home in September uncovered two RCMP uniforms, police equipment and a number of blank passports and identity documents, but few details were available. On Wednesday, Winnipeg police said 11 bogus birth certificates and two driver's licences -- all fake, Alberta-issued ones -- were found. Officials haven't yet confirmed whether or not the six blank passports recovered are real or fake. "The passports are part of the ongoing investigation," Winnipeg police spokesman Const. Rob Carver said. Calgary police are working with the federal government on the background and the source of the passports, he said.

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3. Coderre comes under fire for recent Iran visit

Montreal Gazette, René Bruemmer, 2016 10 20

Montréal - Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre on Wednesday defended his early October voyage to Iran, saying his meeting with the mayor of Tehran and other numerous official voyages abroad serve as a form of "urban diplomacy" that help to open a channel of dialogue between nations while also bolstering Montreal's economy. "When we meet cities or in countries it does not mean we support everything - to the contrary," Coderre said. "But there is the fact of having a first contact, the fact of having channels of communication that allows us to be in the forefront and send messages, and to have a strategy to grow and improve the planet by working on specific cases. ... We must stop thinking that the empty chair will fix everything." Members of Montreal's

Iranian community expressed outrage that Coderre made a trip to meet with Tehran's mayor Baqer Qalibaf and signed an agreement with Tehran in his role as president of Metropolis, an association of global cities. Canada has labelled Iran's regime as a state supporter of terrorism, severing diplomatic ties with the country and closing its embassy in Tehran in 2012. This summer, however, Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister said official talks had begun about resuming ties. While the City of Montreal failed to mention Coderre's trip, the visit garnered headlines in Iran and was then picked up by local media.

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4. Government falling behind in clearing Phoenix payroll backlog by Oct. 31 deadline

CBC News, Chloé Fedio, 2016 10 20

Ottawa - The federal government all but confirmed it will not meet its self-imposed Oct. 31 deadline to deal with a backlog of Phoenix payroll issues despite doubling down on the promise just two weeks ago. Marie Lemay, the deputy minister in charge of the file, said the government is "tracking a bit behind," with 30,000 out of more than 80,000 cases still unresolved with less than two weeks to the deadline. Lemay said the "bulk" will be cleared in time but that some of the most complex cases -- those requiring "time-consuming, manual calculations" -- might not. "We're still driving for the 31st. We're going to give it our best shot," she said during a Wednesday afternoon update on the payroll mess. "We continue to make progress but we still have much work to do." When the Phoenix payroll system was introduced across the country, employees began reporting problems. The government acknowledged in July that more than 80,000 public servants had reported trouble with their pay, with the majority being underpaid. Others were overpaid or not paid at all. Some cases "date back several years" and require more research, said Lemay.

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5. Government payroll woes likely not fixed by Oct. 31

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 10 20

Ottawa - Public Services and Procurement Canada will likely miss its promised Oct. 31 deadline to clear the backlog of pay problems caused by the federal government's bungled Phoenix payroll system, says the department's top bureaucrat. Deputy Minister Marie Lemay confirmed Wednesday the department will have problems meeting the target because the remaining cases are older and more complicated than the front end of the pile and require more manual inputting and updating of information than originally expected. She said the department is "driving" to clear the backlog but is braced for about 15,000 cases to remain after the deadline. As of Wednesday, the department had resolved the pay problems of about 62 per cent of the people caught in the backlog, which began with 82,000 cases. "We are still driving for the 31st," Lemay said. "We're going to give it our best shot but ... the transactions in there are complex ones, so what we see that might happen is we might be left on the 31st with a number of transactions of the same nature, very complex." The pay centre in Miramichi, N.B., already had a backlog of 40,000 cases when the government decided to go live with the first Phoenix rollout in February. Lemay was unable to say how many of the remaining cases came from that pre-Phoenix backlog.

The Oct. 31 deadline was the date Public Services had hoped to start the transition to what it calls a "steady state," with the bugs worked out and Phoenix running smoothly.

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6. Jonathan Pitre to be discharged from Minneapolis hospital Wednesday

Ottawa Citizen, Andrew Duffy, 2016 10 19

Ottawa - Jonathan Pitre is being discharged from the hospital Wednesday to continue his recovery while he awaits a second stem cell transplant. Pitre, 16, will move into an apartment in downtown Minneapolis with his mother, Tina Boileau, who has stayed around-the-clock in her son's hospital room since late August. The discharge plan came together quickly as Pitre's white blood cell count - a key indicator of a functioning immune system - climbed into the low end of the normal range. It is still the subject of significant fluctuations, however, since doctors have stopped infusing him with medication that promotes the growth of white blood cells. A fever that has persisted for several weeks is under control. "Discharge is confirmed," Boileau said in a message late Tuesday. Boileau has decided to stay in Minneapolis while her son awaits a second stem cell transplant to reduce any possibility of a medical setback. The next transplant is scheduled for March 2017. Pitre's risk of infection remains high since his immune system has not fully recovered and his body has vast open sores - the product of his severe, blistering skin disease, epidermolysis bullosa (EB). It means that, even after moving out of hospital, he will have to limit his exposure to people and all sources of infection. He'll likely wear a breathing mask in public. He'll also have to return to the hospital every day to receive medications and to have his recovery monitored.

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7. L'ASFC veut identifier un détenu

Journal de Québec, Journal de Québec, 2016 10 20

Toronto - L'agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC) demande l'aide du public pour identifier un homme détenu dans la grande région de Toronto qui refuse de dire son nom. L'individu se trouve en détention puisqu'il a été «jugé interdit de territoire» au pays. «L'enquête de L'ASFC révèle que l'individu est arrivé au Canada le 2 août 1969 à Montréal, à bord du train numéro 9 du chemin de fer de la fonction de Napierville, en provenance de la ville de New York.

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8. L'objectif du 31 octobre ne sera pas atteint

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 10 20

Ottawa - Encore plus de 31000 cas à régler en lien avec Phénix Même si les équipes travaillent sans relâche, l'objectif du 31 octobre que s'était fixé le gouvernement fédéral pour résoudre les cas problèmes de paye de 82000 fonctionnaires fédéraux liés au système Phénix ne sera pas atteint, selon toute vraisemblance. «Si on se fie au rythme où vont les choses, il pourrait en rester encore 15000, peut-être 10000 cas à régler à cette date. Nous allons quand même tout faire pour

y arriver», a indiqué la sous- ministre des Services publics et de l'Approvisionnement, Marie Lemay, lors de sa dernière mise à jour dans le dossier Phénix, mercredi. La sous- ministre a admis que le travail pour régler plusieurs dossiers était plus complexe que prévu, et qu'il faudra sans doute «deux à quatre semaines» de plus pour venir à bout de la tâche. «Les agents de rémunération travaillent les soirs, les fins de semaines et pendant les congés», a indiqué Mme Lemay. Les 50 millions \$ pour corriger les problèmes restent encore dans la mire malgré tout. Ainsi, plus de 12824 autres dossiers ont été réglés au cours des deux dernières semaines, ce qui porte leur nombre à 51000, ou près de 62 % des 82000 cas qui étaient en arriéré à Miramichi, à la fin juin. Il reste donc près de 31000 autres cas à régler.

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9. Public servant wins new probe into discrimination complaint

Ottawa Citizen, Don Butler, 2016 10 20

A Federal Court judge has ordered the Canadian Human Rights Commission to restart its investigation into a discrimination complaint from a public servant diagnosed with Asperger syndrome. Robert Dupuis, who has worked at Statistics Canada since 1990, filed the complaint with the commission in 2011, alleging that his employer had discriminated against him on the basis of his disability. The commission spent 15 months investigating the complaint before dismissing it in October 2015. Its decision noted that Statistics Canada had implemented accommodation measures recommended by Health Canada and had tried to accommodate Dupuis for several years before demoting him. The commission also found that Statistics Canada had made a reasonable offer of settlement to Dupuis during a failed attempt at conciliation. Dupuis sought judicial review by the Federal Court of the commission's decision to dismiss his complaint, alleging that it had treated him unfairly in the investigation process.

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10. Snowden: 'Politics of fear' keep Trudeau from repealing Canada anti-terror law

The Guardian (London), Ashifa Kassam, 2016 10 20

Toronto - Edward Snowden has waded into the simmering debate over Canada's controversial anti-terror law, saying that Justin Trudeau was reluctant to repeal the law out of a fear of appearing soft on terror. Speaking to an audience in Toronto on Tuesday, Snowden pointed to a campaign promise by the Canadian prime minister to amend the sweeping legislation, which gives security forces heightened powers to apprehend suspected terrorists and disrupt their activities. "But he's been in office a little while now and we haven't seen that actually come to pass," said Snowden, appearing at the SecTor cybersecurity conference via videolink from Russia. Bill C-51 was introduced in early 2015 by the country's then Conservative government, spawning protests across the country as it became law. Hundreds of thousands of Canadians, including legal scholars, civil liberties groups and pundits from across the political spectrum, spoke out against the law and its perceived attempt to supplant the country's democracy with a creeping police state. Trudeau vowed to amend the "problematic elements" of the law, rather than simply repeal the legislation, noted Snowden. "Because he's afraid of being politically

attacked on the basis of being soft on terrorism, regardless of whether or not this law actually helps prevent any terrorist attacks," he said. "This is just the way the politics of fear work."

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11. Visite à Téhéran Coderre défend son rôle de diplomate urbain

La Presse+, Pierre-André Normandin, 2016 10 20

Montréal - Le rôle des grandes villes ne se limite plus à entretenir les rues et à ramasser les ordures, mais aussi à jouer un rôle diplomatique sur la scène internationale, selon le maire Denis Coderre. Critiqué à la suite d'un récent voyage à Téhéran, en Iran, le premier magistrat de Montréal s'est défendu en disant profiter de ses déplacements pour « passer des messages », sans préciser les messages qu'il avait passés ni à qui il l'avait fait. « Chaque fois que je me promène, que ce soit à Téhéran [en Iran], à Beyrouth [au Liban] ou à Jérusalem [en Israël] au mois de novembre, autant sur le plan du développement économique, du développement social que du développement durable, on passe des messages. Si on veut faire partie de ceux qui vont faire partie de la solution, on n'a pas à jouer la chaise vide non plus », a-t-il dit hier matin. Il a tenu à assurer que sa présence dans certains pays au ban de la communauté internationale ne devait pas être interprétée comme un appui à ces régimes. « Quand on fait des voyages, on rencontre des villes, ça ne veut pas dire qu'on appuie tout, au contraire. Mais le fait d'avoir une première relation, d'avoir des canaux de communication, ça nous permet de passer des messages et d'avoir une stratégie d'accompagnement pour permettre de grandir et d'améliorer le sort de la planète. »

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12. 'Islamic State' Turning Into a Guerrilla Army, Top General Warns

The Daily Beast, Nancy A. Youssef, 2016 10 20

Washington - The capital of the self-proclaimed Islamic State in Iraq is now under assault. But ISIS isn't going anywhere. Instead, the the terror group is beginning to rebrand itself from a "caliphate" to an insurgency, a top U.S. general fighting ISIS said Wednesday. It's much more than a change of name, or even a shift in tactics. It could well mean that there will be no "lasting defeat" of ISIS, even if it loses control of Iraq's second-largest city, despite Secretary of Defense Ash Carter's claim of such a victory just four days ago, when the Iraqi campaign for Mosul began. After two years of either training local forces to fight ISIS or hitting the terror group with airstrikes, U.S. officials believe it still could evolve into the kind of threat that has plagued Iraq since shortly after the 2003 U.S. invasion. An ISIS insurgency could use its foreign fighters to threaten not only Iraq but the West as well. And it likely would fall to nascent Iraqi fighters, who just two years ago ditched their weapons and uniforms in Mosul, to repel ISIS and launch a counterinsurgency. During a briefing with reporters, Army Maj. Gen. Gary Volesky, the commander of U.S.-led coalition ground forces in Iraq, said troops are seeing three- to five-man mortar teams launching intermittent small-arms fire in cities once controlled by ISIS, such as Fallujah and Ramadi. "It's not this organized insurgency that people think of," Volesky said. But "we are seeing these indications... That's what we are preparing the Iraqis for."

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13. Hackers Evolve to Serve the Kremlin

Wall Street Journal, Multiple reporters, 2016 10 20

Moscow - With the hacking of Hillary Clinton's campaign and the Democratic National Committee, U.S. officials say Russia has unleashed a strengthened cyberwarfare weapon to sow uncertainty about the U.S. democratic process. In doing so, Russia has transformed state-sponsored hackers known as Fancy Bear and Cozy Bear from internet spies to political tools with the power to target the country's adversaries, U.S. officials and cybersecurity experts say. The attacks are the harder side of parallel campaigns in the Kremlin's English-language media, which broadcast negative news about Western institutions and alliances and focus on issues that demonstrate or stoke instability in the West, such as Brexit. Moscow seeks particularly to weaken the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which has expanded its defense against Russia. "The underlying philosophy of a lot of these attacks is about establishing information as a weapon," said Alexander Klimburg, a cyber expert at the Hague Center for Strategic Studies. "Hacking for them is literally about controlling information." President Vladimir Putin denies Russian involvement in the hacking, but in a way that telegraphs glee about the potential chaos being sown in the U.S. democratic process.

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14. Man in terrorist case gets 30 years

Los Angeles Times, Cindy Carcamo, 2016 10 20

Los Angeles - The judge was not sure whether Mahanad Badawi had been actively recruiting for Islamic State. The 24-year-old Anaheim man had been convicted by a federal jury in June of conspiring to help the terrorist group in Iraq and Syria. Badawi had used his debit card to purchase a one-way ticket so that a friend, Nader Elhuzayel, could board a plane to the Middle East to join Islamic State. On Wednesday, U.S. District Judge David O. Carter asked to listen to audiotapes of Badawi in which he seemed to be trying to entice other men from a local mosque. After listening to the recordings, and a five-minute recess, Carter said he was convinced. "I believe you're radicalized. I believe you're a recruiter and I believe you're dangerous," the judge told Badawi, who did not appear to betray emotion. The judge sentenced Badawi to 30 years in prison -- the same sentence Elhuzayel got after being found guilty of the same charge. After the sentencing, Badawi's mother, Samia Suliman, was embraced by family members and friends as she sobbed.

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15. Media vulnerable to Election Night cyber attack

Politico, Darren Samuelsohn, Hadas Gold, 2016 10 19

Washington - Despite spending hundreds of millions of dollars on security upgrades, U.S. media organizations have failed to properly protect their newsrooms from cyberattacks on their websites, communications systems and even editing platforms -- opening themselves up to the

possibility of a chaos-creating hack around Election Day. In just the past month, BuzzFeed has been vandalized, and both Newsweek and a leading cybersecurity blog were knocked offline after publishing articles that hackers apparently didn't appreciate. Federal law enforcement is investigating multiple attacks on news organizations, and journalists moderating the presidential debates say they've even gotten briefings from the FBI on proper cyber hygiene, prompting them to go back to paper and pens for prep work. "We do a lot of printing out," said Michele Remillard, an executive producer at C-SPAN, the network home to the backup moderator for all the debates. Journalists are seen as especially vulnerable soft targets for hackers. Their computers contain the kinds of notes, story ideas and high-powered contact lists coveted by foreign intelligence services. They also work in an environment that makes them ripe for attack, thanks to professional demands like the need for a constant online presence and inboxes that pop with emails from sources whom they don't always know and which frequently contain the kinds of suspicious links and attachments that can expose their wider newsroom networks. Senior U.S. officials, current and former lawmakers and cybersecurity pros told POLITICO the threat against the media is real -- and they fret the consequences. Specifically, the security community is worried The Associated Press' army of reporters could get hacked and the wire service -- the newsroom that produces the results data on which the entire media world relies -- inadvertently starts releasing manipulated election tallies or that cybercriminals penetrate CNN's internal networks and change Wolf Blitzer's teleprompter.

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16. NSA: Hackers find an easy path to U.S. systems

FCW.com, Sean D. Carberry, 2016 10 20

Washington - For all the concern about zero-day exploits, a senior NSA official said that the high-profile hacks of U.S. networks in the last two years show there are far easier ways for cybercriminals to infiltrate government systems. Speaking at the American Enterprise Institute on Oct. 18, Curtis Dukes, deputy national manager for national security systems at the NSA, said that none of the high-profile government hacks the NSA responded to -- Office of Personnel and Management, the White House, State Department, Department of Defense -- used zero-day exploits. "Basically the adversary took advantage of poorly secured, poorly patched systems," said Dukes. "Once they had that initial foothold they the elevated privileges and then moved to mission objective," which ranged from stealing data to (in the case of the Sony hack) destroying it. "We talk a lot about zero days, we talk about Shadow Brokers, things of that nature, but so far we haven't actually changed the equation for the adversary," said Dukes. "They still can easily attack us [and] achieve mission objective -- I want to actually raise the cost."

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17. Politics keeps the U.S. from securing private-sector networks, says former CIA chief Robert Gates

Computerworld, Patrick Thibodeau, 2016 10 19

Orlando - A person who had access to the nation's deepest secrets, Robert Gates, the former CIA chief and U.S. Secretary of Defense from 2006 to 2011, is lot more open in retirement. Gates had

the crowd at the Gartner Symposium/ITxpo laughing over his observations about IT and applauding at some of the things he believes in. Gates divided cyber threats into four areas. There is the collection of data for national security purposes, something the U.S. has been doing since the Civil War when it tapped into telegraph lines. The second threat is acquiring information for economic advantage. There are two dozens countries that do this, said Gates. "Until the Chinese really got busy at it, the best in the world probably were the French." But Gates said the U.S. and U.K. do not engage in this type of economic spying. "We do not collect information to advantage our domestic companies," he said. The third area is simple cyber crime, and fourth is cyber as a defensive weapon: Disabling networks, denial of service and other attacks.

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18. Trove of Stolen Data Is Said to Include Top-Secret U.S. Hacking Tools

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 10 20

Washington - Investigators pursuing what they believe to be the largest case of mishandling classified documents in United States history have found that the huge trove of stolen documents in the possession of a National Security Agency contractor included top-secret N.S.A. hacking tools that two months ago were offered for sale on the internet. They have been hunting for electronic clues that could link those cybertools -- computer code posted online for auction by an anonymous group calling itself the Shadow Brokers -- to the home computers of the contractor, Harold T. Martin III, who was arrested in late August on charges of theft of government property and mishandling of classified information. But so far, the investigators have been frustrated in their attempt to prove that Mr. Martin deliberately leaked or sold the hacking tools to the Shadow Brokers or, alternatively, that someone hacked into his computer or otherwise took them without his knowledge. While they have found some forensic clues that he might be the source, the evidence is not conclusive, according to a dozen officials who have been involved in or have been briefed on the investigation. In interviews, officials described how the Martin case has deeply shaken the secret world of intelligence, from the N.S.A.'s sprawling campus at Fort Meade, Md., to the White House. They expressed astonishment that Mr. Martin managed to take home such a vast collection of classified material over at least 16 years, undetected by security officers at his workplaces, including the N.S.A., the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and Pentagon offices. And they are deeply concerned that some of the mountain of material may, by whatever route, have reached hackers or hostile intelligence services.

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19. U.S. Urged Ecuador to Act Against WikiLeaks Leader Assange

NBC News, Multiple reporters, 2016 10 20

Washington - Quiet pressure from the U.S. government played a role in Ecuador's decision to block WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange from using the internet at Ecuador's London embassy, U.S. officials told NBC News. "It was a bit of an eviction notice," said a senior intelligence official. Ecuador's government said Tuesday it had partly restricted internet access for Assange, the founder of anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks, who has lived in the South American country's

London embassy for more than four years. A source familiar with the situation says the Ecuadoran government has been frustrated with Assange and his presence at the embassy in London for months and has been considering how best to proceed. The action came after U.S. officials conveyed their conclusion that Assange is a willing participant in a Russian intelligence operation to undermine the U.S. presidential election, NBC News has learned. U.S. intelligence officials believe Assange knows he is getting the information from Russian intelligence, though they do not believe he is involved in helping plan the hacking, officials told NBC. "The general view is he is a willing participant in the Russian scheme but not an active plotter in it. They just realized they could use him," said a senior intelligence official.

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20. US, UK Cybersecurity Officials: Destructive Hacks Are Coming

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 10 20

London - The world should brace itself for more physically destructive hacks, two senior cybersecurity officials said Wednesday, warning that a more dangerous era of hacking was already upon us. Paul Chichester, the director of operations at Britain's new National Cyber Security Center, told an event hosted by British defense think tank RUSI that electronic intrusions were on their way to becoming more "destructive, disruptive and coercive." "That will be our future," he told a crowd of officers, academics and industry experts gathered for a two-day symposium in central London. Chichester was seconded by Air Force Lt. Gen. James K. McLaughlin, deputy commander at U.S. Cyber Command, who told attendees that infrastructure-wrecking attacks were being seen "right now in the environment." Neither official went into specifics about what they'd seen or why they felt the threat was intensifying, although McLaughlin invoked a cyberattack in Ukraine which knocked out three separate power distribution companies last year. The Dec. 23 incident, believed to have been pulled off by a team of hackers using stolen passwords, left 225,000 people without electricity, according to a U.S. Department of Homeland Security bulletin published two months later.

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21. Yahoo calls for greater transparency from intelligence services

Financial Times, Hannah Kuchler, 2016 10 20

San Francisco - Yahoo is demanding US intelligence services reveal how they monitor online services, after a report said the internet company secretly scanned customer emails. In a letter to James Clapper, the US director of national intelligence, Yahoo said citizens in a democracy require more information to understand and debate how the US uses legal authorities to obtain private data. Yahoo said it found itself unable to respond in detail to the accusations in a Reuters article earlier this month, which claimed that the company had secretly built custom software to scan users' incoming emails for specific information requested by US intelligence officials. Ron Bell, Yahoo's general counsel, urged the director to confirm whether an order "as described in these media reports" was issued and, if so, declassify the order in whole or in part. He wrote that he wanted the office to make a "sufficiently detailed public and contextual comment to clarify the alleged facts and circumstances".

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22. British jihadi urges other Muslims to join him and wage what he claims is a 'five-star' jihad in Syria

The Sun (UK), Jake Ryan, 2016 10 20

London - A BRIT jihadist has urged other Muslims to join him and wage what he claims is a "five-star" jihad in Syria. The call came in an article penned in English under the name Abu Salman Al-Britani which was published online on Tuesday. Al-Britani revealed that he expected to be dead within three months of arriving in Syria but was surprised at what he encountered. He said: "I thought I was coming to live in the mountains and starvation would be widespread. "I would participate in a couple of battles, and 2 or 3 months after (my arrival) I would be killed and be made Shaheed [martyred]..." He added: "Even though we may face certain hardships in Al-Sham, the Jihad in Syria is far more comfortable compared to what we hear of the Jihad in other lands."

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23. Ireland to follow UK in setting up national cyber security centre

Computer Weekly (UK), Warwick Ashford, 2016 10 19

Dublin - Ireland plans to set up a national cyber security centre, according to Denis Naughten, the country's communications minister. The news comes less than a month after the UK's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) officially opened for business, combining all the government's cyber security agencies under one roof. "I will bring a memorandum to cabinet next week to establish a national cyber security centre that will focus on securing government networks," Naughten told the (ISC)2 EMEA Congress 2016 in Dublin. The centre will also cover the security of critical national infrastructure as well as assist industry and individuals to protect their digital assets. "The centre will build on the existing computer security incident response team that has been in place in my department since 2011, providing incident response services to government departments and core state agencies," said Naughten.

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24. Muslim Council of Britain to set up alternative counter-terror scheme

The Guardian (London), Vikram Dodd, 2016 10 20

London - British Muslims are planning to set up their own programme to stop people becoming terrorists in a direct challenge to the government's controversial Prevent scheme, the Guardian has learned. The plans are being masterminded by the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB), representing 500 charities, schools and mosques, which plans to start the Muslim-run counter-radicalisation scheme next year. "In reflecting the wishes of a cross-section of British Muslim society, our affiliates have directed the MCB to explore a grassroots-led response to the challenge of terrorism. Real challenges exists, as we see with Muslim families broken up as a

number of children, mothers and fathers leave to travel to Syria," the MCB said in a statement. The Home Office's Prevent scheme is run by the police and security officials. The new initiative, run by a network of community groups across Britain, could cause concern as it could take people away from the official programme. The number of referrals to Prevent reached a record 8,000 in the year to April 2016.

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25. UK spies infiltrated Isis leadership, ex-jihadis claim

The Independent (UK), Kim Sengupta, 2016 10 20

Urfa, Turkey - "They are afraid of a lot of things now. They are afraid of the bombing, they are afraid of the attack that's coming and they are also really afraid of the foreign spies who are among them". This was Rashid's description of what was going on inside Isis. And the Western intelligence agency that has infiltrated Isis the most, claimed the Belgian jihadi, was the British. Rachid is one of the thousands of foreign fighters who had gone to join Syria's jihad, graduating in extremism among rebel groups to two years serving with Isis. But disillusioned, he says, with the Islamists and fearing what lay ahead, he has fled across the border to Turkey. Rachid, a mechanic before he took up the gun in the name of Islam, was part of a small but steady flow of fighters leaving Isis as it faces an assault on Mosul, its last stronghold in Iraq and waited for the coming offensive against Raqqa, the capital of its "caliphate" in Syria. The contact with Rachid came through an intermediary in Turkey after I wrote an article in The Independent last month about thousands of jihadis from who, with Isis facing defeat, will be seeking to return. The picture painted by him was of an "Islamic State" where the sense of omnipotence that came during the astonishingly quick advance through Syria and Iraq has been replaced by foreboding, divisions and desertions. And with it has come rising paranoia and violent retribution being exacted on those deemed to be traitors. Rachid, who had trimmed his beard and burned the clothes and documents he had in Syria, was anxious to leave Urfa, the city where we met, as soon as possible. It has, despite being in Turkey, become a haven for Islamist extremists, including those from Isis.

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26. Aussie kidnapped in Yemen

The Australian, Paul Maley, 2016 10 20

Sydney - An Australian living in Yemen was kidnapped at the weekend, raising concerns he may have fallen into the hands of Islamist militants. The unnamed man was kidnapped near the capital, Sanaa, in an area believed to be under the control of Houthi rebels, a Shia insurgency that has taken control of tracts of the country. It is not clear who is holding the man, or why he was taken. Sources contacted by The Australian said while there was concern the man may have fallen into the hands of a terrorist group, it was just as likely his kidnapping was part of a criminal enterprise. Yemen is the home to several rebel and extremist groups, the most notorious of which is al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula.

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27. Ex-spy chief warns of net threats

Sydney Morning Herald, Deborah Snow and David Wroe, 2016 10 20

Sydney - The task of being an intelligence chief has become tougher with the rise of cyber threats and terrorism, according to the former head of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, David Irvine, who says he would like to see a "much stronger" national cyber industry. Speaking during a rare interview in Canberra, Mr Irvine said "when you put cyber on top of [terrorism], it takes a bit of time off your sleep at night. The two issues have grown exponentially within a couple of decades and while the nature of the threats is the same, the vector has changed. And cyber is a new and very potent vector." Mr Irvine, who led Australia's overseas spy agency ASIS before he headed up ASIO, said he'd been "horrified" at the revelations of Edward Snowden, the subcontractor to the National Security Agency who exposed vast top- secret US government programs for monitoring global communications. "People say, well nobody lost their lives as a result of Snowden, but how do you know that? You run through your mind all the possible consequences of having your capabilities, which are there to defend the country, exposed ..."

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28. Followers told to pray for terror case teens

The Australian, Jennine Khalik and Paul Maley, 2016 10 20

Sydney - An online campaign spreading messages of support for Australians convicted of terrorism has called on followers to pray for two teens charged with planning an attack in Sydney. Brothers Behind Bars, which is largely co-ordinated on Facebook, says it raises money to fund legal work for Australians accused, or convicted, of terror-related offences, and provides food packages for their families. Two 16-year-old boys were charged last week with knowingly being members of Islamic State. Police alleged the pair, arrested following a dramatic chase in the southwest Sydney suburb of Bankstown, bought bayonet hunting knives in preparation for a terrorist attack. "Please keep the brothers in your du'a (prayers)," the campaign, which also runs a channel on the encrypted messaging app Telegram, said. The #BrothersBehindBars drive is spearheaded by the former director of Sydney's controversial al-Risalah Islamic Centre, Wissam Haddad, and self- proclaimed Muslim cleric Junaid Thorne.

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29. Rapid-fire guns pose terror risk

Adelaide Advertiser, Peter Jean, 2016 10 20

Adelaide - Rapid-fire shotguns could fall into the hands of would- be terrorists if import restrictions are relaxed, former prime minister Tony Abbott has warned. Federal and state police ministers will meet tomorrow to discuss whether the ban on seven-round Adler lever-action shotguns should continue. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has promised to keep the ban in place but some Coalition MPs have joined Liberal Democrat David Leyonhjelm in calling for it

to be lifted. Abbott Government ministers promised Senator Leyonhjelm in 2015 that a one-year "sunset clause" would be placed on the regulation banning the Adler shotguns in exchange for the senator supporting a migration law. But Mr Abbott said there was "no way on God's Earth" he would have allowed the ban to be lifted while he was prime minister. "With a heightened terror threat there is just no way that any serious Coalition government ... should be allowing rapid-fire weapons on a very large scale into our country," he said. "If you allow (them) under relatively loose conditions you obviously raise the danger that people who want to do us harm will get access to them." (Full report)

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30. 2 Americans killed, 3 injured in Kabul gun attack

Pajhwok Afghan News, Pajhwok Report, 2016 10 20

Kabul - Two Americans were killed and another three were wounded when a gunman in Afghan military uniform opened fire at a base in Kabul, the NATO-led coalition said on Wednesday. One US service member and one US civilian were killed and one US service member and two US civilians sustained wounds in the latest green-on-blue attack, the alliance said in a statement. The wounded were in stable condition. "Anytime we lose a member of our team, it is deeply painful" said General John W. Nicholson, Commander of US Forces-Afghanistan and Resolute Support. "Our sympathies go out to the families, loved ones, and the units of those involved in this incident. To those who continue to target Coalition forces, ANDSF, and Afghan civilians, RS and USFOR-A will continue to pursue our Train, Advise, and Assist mission to help our partners create a better Afghanistan."

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31. Indian, Afghan spy agencies preparing militant groups to sabotage CPEC: IB

The Express Tribune, Riazul Haq, 2016 10 20

Islamabad - A top civilian intelligence agency has revealed before a parliamentary panel that Indian and Afghan spy agencies are preparing certain militant groups to damage the multibillion-dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project. "The East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM) and the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU) are some of the potential threats to CPEC, as the former is directed towards China which is a prime stakeholder in the project," Intelligence Bureau (IB) Deputy Director General Ali Ahmed Sabir told the Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat on Tuesday. This is the first time that a state agency has publicly talked about the nexus of India's Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) and Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security (NDS) to sabotage CPEC. Senator Talha Mehmood was chairing the Senate panel meeting, which was briefed by IB officials on their role on provision of security to CPEC projects in Gwadar and Gilgit-Baltistan.

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Africa • Afrique

32. 78 présumés terroristes tués en Egypte, selon une source sécuritaire

Pan African News Agency, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 19

Le Caire - Au total, 78 présumés terroristes ont été tués au nord du Sinaï au cours des cinq derniers jours, dont des éléments qui ont participé à une embuscade à "Zaghdan", dans la péninsule, a annoncé mardi une source sécuritaire égyptienne. Les présumés terroristes ont été tués au cours d'une opération militaire appuyée par des avions F16 et des hélicoptères d'attaque Apache, a précisé la même source. Parmi les personnes tuées, figurent aussi deux Libyens, deux Palestiniens et d'autres nationalités arabes et étrangères, qui se sont infiltrées dans la péninsule depuis les frontières Ouest et Est de l'Egypte, pour rejoindre les groupes armés au Sinaï, a ajouté la source. Les populations du Sinaï ont pris part à l'élimination des présumés terroristes en fournissant aux services de sécurité des informations précises sur leurs lieux de refuge, a affirmé la source.

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33. Françafrique : les petits secrets de François Hollande

Jeune Afrique, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 19

Paris - Dans « Un Président ne devrait pas dire ça... », publié chez Stock, François Hollande fait quelques confidences sur l'Afrique. L'Afrique espère la fin de la "Françafrique" avec l'arrivée de Hollande Le 10 mai 2012, quatre jours après sa victoire à la présidentielle, il reçoit un appel du président tunisien, Moncef Marzouki, qui lui lâche?: « Tous les Tunisiens ont voté pour vous. Votre prédécesseur m'avait invité à Paris, je n'étais pas très enthousiaste. » Autre confidence, quelques mois plus tard, à propos de la Françafrique du temps de Sarkozy?: « Balkany [Patrick Balkany, député-maire de Levallois et proche de l'ex-Président] est allé dans tous les voyages [de Sarkozy] en Afrique. Il y a quand même quelque chose. Ce n'est pas simplement pour parler de Levallois?! Nous [les socialistes], on est impeccables. Pas de diplomatie parallèle, pas d'intermédiaires. » L'intervention au Mali et les musulman de France Le chef de l'État français relate aussi un tête-à-tête étonnant avec le Russe Vladimir Poutine en février 2013, un mois après l'engagement militaire de la France au Mali. Poutine?: « Vous intervenez au Mali à la demande d'un État pour lutter contre les terroristes, eh bien, vous devriez avoir la même position en Syrie et être conscients que l'opposition, ce sont des terroristes. »

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34. L'Algérie plaide en faveur d'une convention internationale globale pour éradiquer le terrorisme

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 19

Tachkent, Uzbekistan - L'Algérie a plaidé, par la voix du secrétaire général du ministère des Affaires étrangères, Hassane Rabei, mercredi à Tachkent, en faveur de l'adoption d'une convention internationale "globale" afin d'éradiquer le terrorisme. Intervenant à l'occasion de la 43ème session du Conseil des ministres des Affaires étrangères de l'Organisation de la

Coopération islamique (OCI), dont les travaux ont débuté mardi dans la capitale ouzbek, M. Rabehi a insisté sur "l'importance d'adopter des mécanismes de lutte efficaces, à savoir une convention internationale globale ainsi que la mise en oeuvre des instruments déjà existants, notamment la convention de l'OCI sur le terrorisme et la stratégie internationale des Nations unies en la matière". Soulevant le danger que continue de représenter le terrorisme, il a appelé la communauté internationale à "conjuguer ses efforts en vue d'éradiquer à jamais ce fléau". Dans le même cadre, l'intervenant a mis en garde contre l'escalade du phénomène de l'islamophobie, invitant, à cet égard, l'OCI à "poursuivre ses efforts, en coordination avec la communauté internationale, pour définir et mettre en place les moyens politiques, juridiques et médiatiques à même de juguler ce fléau évoluant à contre-courant de l'esprit du dialogue des civilisations et du rapprochement entre les peuples", a-t-il relevé.

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35. Maroc et Espagne, « mano en la mano » contre le terrorisme

La Nouvelle Tribune (Maroc), Journaliste maison, 2016 10 19

Rabat, Maroc - L'Espagne se félicite du leadership du Maroc en matière de lutte contre le terrorisme, a affirmé, mardi à Rabat, le secrétaire d'État espagnol aux Affaires étrangères, Ignacio Ybanez Rubio. « La coopération entre le Maroc et l'Espagne dans le domaine de l'immigration clandestine et de la lutte antiterroriste est excellente. Nous nous félicitons du leadership du Maroc en matière de lutte contre le terrorisme », a indiqué M. Ybanez Rubio dans une déclaration à la presse au terme d'un entretien avec la ministre déléguée auprès du ministre des Affaires étrangères et de la coopération, Mbarka Bouaida. « Cette rencontre a été l'occasion de passer en revue les relations bilatérales exemplaires », a souligné le responsable espagnol, saluant « la coopération excellente » entre Madrid et Rabat dans tous les domaines.

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36. Morocco's Jihadist Paradox, Unraveled

Stratfor, Staff report, 2016 10 20

Analysis - When tourists are involved, authorities in Morocco have seemed hesitant to describe attacks as acts of terrorism. On Oct. 5, for instance, Moroccan authorities were reluctant to label a knife attack in Casablanca as an act of terrorism, noting instead that the perpetrator, who injured three Dutch tourists and a police officer, was mentally disturbed. Similarly, authorities attributed a November 2015 knife attack on German tourists in Fez to the two assailants' drug use. But, as we've seen in past attacks, an attacker's mental health issues or criminal activities do not preclude support for extremist groups. That Moroccan authorities would try to downplay any ideological motive in attacks on tourists is not surprising. Tourism there is an important industry, attracting some 10 million visitors each year. The country's leaders, aware of the devastating effects that jihadist attacks have had on tourism in Tunisia and Egypt, doubtless want to avoid casting the same pall over their own country. Despite their worries, however, Morocco faces a much lesser jihadist threat than do its neighbors in North Africa.

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37. Microsoft to show code in Brazil to calm fears about spy 'back doors'

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 10 20

Brasilia - Microsoft Corp, still stung by accusations that it installed "back doors" for the U.S. government to access customers' communications, opened a center in Brazil on Wednesday where officials will be able to inspect its programming code, in an attempt to allay suspicions in the region that its software programs are vulnerable to spying. Behind reinforced walls and with strict security settings, the world's biggest software company showed off its fourth 'Transparency Center' in Brasilia, where experts from Latin American and Caribbean governments will be able to view the source code of its products. The effort to build trust follows heightened suspicions in the region after former U.S. National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden leaked documents in 2013 that showed the agency was capturing massive amounts of data from emails handled by major U.S. technology companies, including Microsoft. The leak, in addition to another Snowden disclosure that the United States had been spying on communications including those of former Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff, prompted Brazil and other governments around the world to reconsider how much they could trust U.S. technology companies not to install back doors at the request of U.S. intelligence agencies. At the new site, visited on Wednesday by officials including the speaker of Brazil's Congress, no electronics will be allowed into the secure viewing room.

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38. 'Attacks' test coordination of security agencies

Straits Times, Tiffany Fumiko Tay, Danson Cheong, 2016 10 20

Singapore - Under cover of darkness, the "terrorists" sneaked into Singapore on speedboats on Monday night and launched multiple attacks. Armed with rifles, grenades and explosive vests, they hit the Marina Country Club in Punggol first before fanning out across the island. They later struck almost simultaneously at shopping malls in Tampines and Bishan, killing civilians at will. These attacks set the scene for the simulated terror incident faced by security agencies over the last two days, in the largest counter-terrorism exercise held here so far. Led by the police, the 18-hour islandwide operation that began on Monday morning involved almost 2,500 officers from the Home Team, 660 Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) soldiers and about 60 community volunteers. The officers responded to attack scenarios at six different locations.

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39. Allies explore US strategic assets' constant stay on peninsula

Korea Herald, Shin Hyon-hee, 2016 10 20

Seoul - Seoul and Washington on Thursday explored ways to permanently station US strategic assets such as a nuclear bomber and top-notch warplane on the peninsula as part of efforts to

boost their deterrence and better respond to North Korea's evolving threats. The annual Security Consultative Meeting between South Korean Defense Minister Han Min-koo and US Defense Secretary Ash Carter came one day after their joint meeting involving Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se and Secretary of State John Kerry. After the "two-plus-two" talks, they unveiled plans to launch a vice-ministerial consultative body tasked with studying how to improve the execution of the US' extended deterrence. From left: South Korean Defense Minister Han Min-koo, South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se, Secretary of State John Kerry and Defense Secretary Ash Carter are seen before a meeting at the State Department in Washington, Wednesday. (AP-Yonhap)The consecutive sessions appear to be intended to defuse growing anxiety over the US' security safeguard here following the communist state's fourth and fifth atomic experiments this year.

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40. Foreign ministry issues strong condemnation of N.K. missile launch

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 10 20

Seoul - South Korea's foreign ministry issued a strong condemnation of North Korea's latest missile launch on Thursday, which it said would only worsen the communist regime's isolation from the international community. The U.S. Strategic Command said North Korea fired off what is presumed to be a mid-range Musudan missile from the northwestern city of Kusong. The latest missile test-launch came less than a week after the regime unsuccessfully tested another Musudan missile on Oct. 15. The latest ballistic missile launch "is a clear violation of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions, regardless of whether it succeeded or not," the ministry said in a statement. "The government strongly condemns the launch, given that it poses grave threats to the peace and security of the entire international community." The Thursday launch came in defiance of warnings issued by the UNSC's press statement that was adopted right after the previous test-firing, the foreign ministry said. It added, "the latest provocation highlights North Korea's manic obsession with nuclear and missile development."

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41. IS man held was raising a sleeper cell?

Times of India, Neeraj Chauhan, 2016 10 20

New Delhi - Islamic State "operative" Subahani Haja Moideen's account that he was allowed to leave IS-held territory due to a knee injury that ruled him out of active fighting is likely to be closely scrutinised by the National Investigation Agency that is looking at the possibility of his being tasked with setting up a "sleeper cell". The NIA is considering the "sleeper cell" theory as Moideen had lain dormant for a year since his return and was detected only when he began to plan attacks on RSS members and some judges of the Kochi high court. While not outright rejecting the injury account, NIA investigators are looking to examine his links and plans thoroughly. The 31-year-old Kerala native, who was in touch with an IS handler based in Sweden, was arrested by NIA earlier this month after he had formed a Kerala module. He told interrogators earlier that he received a knee injury in Mosul, after which he desired to return to India.

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42. N.K. vows to launch satellites, hints at possible long-range rocket test

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 10 20

Seoul - North Korea said Thursday it will continue to launch satellites into space despite South Korea's condemnation, which analysts said points toward Pyongyang testing a long-range rocket soon. North Korean satellites will continue going up even as South Korea condemns Pyongyang's move, an unidentified spokesman at North Korea's bureau on space development was quoted as saying by the country's media. "We will march toward the goal of conquering space by firing off more satellites in accordance with our five-year space development program," the spokesman said. The report came amid growing speculation that North Korea is likely to launch a long-range rocket in the not-too-distant future after its last launch in February. Pyongyang has claimed it has the right to develop its space program by putting satellites into orbit, but Seoul and Washington have viewed Pyongyang's move as a disguised test for its ballistic missile technology. Tensions are running high on the Korean Peninsula after Pyongyang conducted its fifth and most powerful nuclear test on Sept. 9, eight months after it detonated its fourth nuke.

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43. PM for stronger cyber security

Dhaka Tribune, 2016 10 20

Dhaka - Stressing the need for increasing capability of cyber security, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said that steps will be taken so that none can commit crimes by using digital facilities. "Some problems linked to security have been created with digitisation, and for this, our capability of cyber security will have to be enhanced ... we will have to stay alert so that security of the financial sector and secret issues is not hampered in any way," the premier said while addressing the inauguration of the "Digital World 2016" at the International Convention City Bashundhara in Dhaka yesterday. She added that necessary manpower would be created alongside procuring equipment to check cyber crimes. The prime minister also mentioned the role of her ICT Affairs Adviser and son Sajeeb Wazed Joy in building Digital Bangladesh. "He is the main architect of implementation of the Digital Bangladesh," she added.

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44. Security - Govt says city bombing plot proof 'solid'

Bangkok Post, 2016 10 20

Bangkok - Security authorities have solid evidence to prove the five people detained previously on suspicion of being involved in a bomb plot in Bangkok were linked to the foiled attack plan, the government said yesterday. Citing results of a preliminary investigation, Deputy Prime Minister Prawit Wongsuwon said the five were poised to assemble pipe bombs for use in attacks to be carried out in Bangkok and its suburbs. "We would not have taken action [against these suspects] if we didn't have solid evidence [to prove their involvement in the bomb plot]," he said,

adding the public should not panic as security forces and intelligence officials are doing their duty. The five suspects were among 14 people detained in several raids on suspicion of being part of the car bomb attack plot, said Thawip Netniyom, secretary-general of the National Security Council yesterday. Nine have since been released but the others are still in military custody.

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45. 4 nations back path to reviving Ukraine peace plan

Washington Post, Stephanie Kirchner, 2016 10 20

Berlin - The leaders of Germany, Russia, France and Ukraine on Wednesday agreed on a road map designed to revive the halting peace plan for eastern Ukraine at a highly anticipated meeting in Berlin. The agreement included the withdrawal of troops in four additional areas in the conflicted Donbass region and an expansion of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) monitoring mission, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said at a joint news conference with French President François Hollande early Thursday morning. The foreign ministers of the four countries are to discuss the road map in more detail in November, Merkel said. Little progress has been made in the implementation of the truce in eastern Ukraine since the German chancellor, the French president, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and Russian President Vladimir Putin met a year ago in the same format. According to the OSCE, the cease-fire in eastern Ukraine is violated almost on a daily basis.

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46. As New Talks Begin, an Update on the War in Ukraine

New York Times, Andrew E. Kramer, 2016 10 20

Kiev - With soldiers dying daily in Ukraine, the site of the only active war in Europe, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany hosted a meeting on Wednesday to see whether President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia was willing to cut a deal to end the conflict while he also faces pressure from the West over Moscow's role in Syria. Mr. Putin and Ms. Merkel met with President François Hollande of France and President Petro O. Poroshenko of Ukraine to talk about the fighting as the Ukraine crisis returns to the diplomatic agenda and the leaders try to restart a cease-fire. Separately, Mr. Putin, who is often in the eye of the storm on international crises, met with Ms. Merkel and Mr. Hollande to discuss the civil war in Syria, where the Russian Air Force is backing the government. At a news conference late Wednesday, Ms. Merkel said that, as predicted, "no miracles were achieved." But, she added, the value of meeting face to face was clear and that "it is urgently necessary" that high-level meetings continue as the foreign ministers of all four countries work on a new "road map" to resolve the conflict. From her comments after the meetings and those by Mr. Hollande and Mr. Poroshenko, it seemed that the road map amounted a new timetable for putting into effect the agreement reached in Minsk, Belarus, in 2015 but never fully observed.

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47. Czechs Arrest Man Wanted by the F.B.I. for Hacking

New York Times, Rick Lyman, Hana de Goeij, 2016 10 20

Prague - A man identified as a Russian hacker suspected of pursuing targets in the United States has been arrested in the Czech Republic, the police announced Tuesday evening. The suspect was captured in a raid at a hotel in central Prague on Oct. 5, about 12 hours after the authorities heard that he was in the country, where he drove around in a luxury car with his girlfriend, according to the police. The man did not resist arrest, but he had medical problems and was briefly hospitalized, the police said in a statement. David Schön, a police spokesman, said on Wednesday that the arrest of the man, whose name has not been released, was not announced immediately "for tactical reasons." The Russian Embassy in Prague called for the man to be released. Jakub Janda, who studies the Russian government and is a deputy director of the European Values Think-Tank in Prague, said that the arrest served as confirmation that "the Czech Republic is so far considered a safe base for Russian intelligence and influence activities focused on Western targets." He added, "Prague is unofficially considered to be a springboard for some Kremlin activities inside Europe, also using huge Russian diplomatic presence of approximately 140 staff." Mr. Janda also said that the arrest showed that "Western governments are waking up and finally considering hostile Russian intelligence and disinformation operations to be an open and urgent threat, even at the level of the U.S. administration."

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48. Dragan accuser spied for Croatia

The Australian, Jacquelin Magnay and Ivica Profaca, 2016 10 20

Split, Croatia - An international war crimes trial against Australian citizen and Serbian paramilitary commander Dragan Vasiljkovic exploded into an angry war of words as one of his main accusers was revealed to have been working for Croatian intelligence, raising questions about the use of his testimony. In a second setback, a key prosecution witness, a Serbian cook named Pero Dragisic, was one of three who failed to turn up to give evidence yesterday. But the testimony that ignited controversy was that of Velibor Bracic, 48, who told the international court sitting in Split that he was kicked in the head while on the ground by Mr Vasiljkovic shortly after being captured on June 16, 1991. Mr Vasiljkovic, better known as Captain Dragan in the Balkans and as Daniel Snedden in Australia, became agitated as he cross-examined Mr Bracic, telling the judge that he had waited 11 years for this moment. During the cross-examination Mr Bracic admitted: "I did some work for our (Croatian) intelligence." Mr Bracic refused to directly answer whether at the time of his arrest he was working as a spy. He said he had been caught on the Bosnia and Croatia border, north of Knin, while undertaking reconnaissance as a reserve in the Croatian police force.

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49. Tajikistan starts anti-terror drills with China

Agence France-Presse, Staff reporter, 2016 10 20

Beijing - Tajikistan began joint anti-terror drills with China on Thursday close near the border with Afghanistan as part of Beijing's drive to boost security in the region. Tajikistan's defence ministry told AFP that the exercises on Tajik territory would last until October 24 and involve at least 10,000 troops as well as military vehicles and helicopters. Tajik authorities said last month that China would be building infrastructure to increase security on the 1,300-kilometre (800-mile) border between Tajikistan and Afghanistan, which is a haven for drug traffickers. China and Tajikistan entered into an anti-terror alliance with Pakistan and Afghanistan earlier this year. Security issues in former Soviet Central Asia, a region that borders China's restive Xinjiang province, were once the exclusive preserve of Russia.

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50. Fight for Mosul rages as Iraqi forces push on

Al Jazeera, 2016 10 20

Baghdad - Battles intensify around Iraq's second-largest city with the town of Hamdaniya targeted for ISIL's expulsion. Three days into the assault on Mosul, Iraqi and Kurdish forces are steadily recovering outlying territory before the big push into the city itself, expected to be the biggest battle since the 2003 US-led invasion. Units from Iraq's elite counter-terrorism service, which has done the heavy lifting in most recent operations against ISIL, were poised to flush its fighters out of the town of Hamdaniya, officers said on Wednesday. "We are surrounding Hamdaniya now," Lieutenant-General Riyadh Tawfiq, commander of Iraq's ground forces, told AFP news agency. "There are some pockets [of resistance], some clashes. They send car bombs - but it will not help them." Explosives and booby traps laid down by Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant slowed down the offensive. The Iraqi army said it destroyed five cars driven by ISIL suicide bombers during the advance.

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51. Irak : des chefs djihadistes ont fui Mossoul

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 20

Mossoul, Irak - De nouveaux assauts devraient avoir lieu dans la journée de jeudi, mais l'organisation Etat islamique retient des civils, malgré la fuite de certaines figures djihadistes. Les forces irakiennes s'appêtent à lancer, jeudi 20 octobre, plusieurs assauts autour de Mossoul, le dernier bastion du groupe Etat islamique (EI) en Irak, que des chefs djihadistes ont déjà quitté, selon un général américain. Depuis lundi, les forces fédérales et kurdes irakiennes ont fait de rapides progrès, se rapprochant depuis plusieurs directions de la deuxième ville d'Irak. Elles sont appuyées par la coalition internationale dirigée par Washington qui, outre son aviation, a des militaires sur le terrain pour les conseiller. Avant d'atteindre les abords directs de la ville, où 3000 à 4000 combattants seraient retranchés, les forces gouvernementales doivent d'abord s'emparer de territoires contrôlés par l'EI tout autour de la cité. Cette bataille sera «difficile», a prévenu le président américain, Barack Obama. Des dizaines de villages repris à 15 km au sud-est de Mossoul, les forces fédérales sont entrées mardi dans plusieurs quartiers de la ville

chrétienne de Qaraqosh, suscitant des manifestations de joie parmi les chrétiens de la région réfugiés à Erbil, capitale de la région autonome du Kurdistan irakien. Des officiers du contre-terrorisme irakien ont affirmé que leurs forces étaient en passe de chasser les djihadistes de cette ville.

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52. Tehran court sentences Iranian-Americans for 'spying' (Canada).

Al Jazeera, 2016 10 20

Tehran - An Iranian court has sentenced an Iranian-American businessman and his elderly father to 10 years in prison on charges of cooperating with the US, Iranian media reported on Tuesday. Iran's Fars News Agency reported that the pair was among a group of six who were "sentenced for spying in Iran". Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) in October 2015 detained Siamak Namazi, a businessman in his mid-40s with dual US-Iranian citizenship, while he was visiting family in Tehran. The IRGC in February arrested his 80-year-old father, Baquer Namazi, a former Iranian provincial governor and former UNICEF official who also has dual citizenship. Tehran prosecutor Abbas Jafari Dolatabadi, quoted by Fars, confirmed their sentences. Security officials have arrested dozens of artists, journalists and businessmen, including Iranians holding joint American, European or Canadian citizenship, as part of a crackdown on "western infiltration".

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53. Tehran shrugs off U.S. statement on persons convicted of espionage charges

Tehran Times, 2016 10 20

Tehran - The Iranian Foreign Ministry on Wednesday shrugged off remarks by a U.S. official in regard to jail sentences against six persons in Iran on espionage charges, saying Iran does not value such "interfering" remarks. On Tuesday, Tehran's prosecutor announced that Siamak Namazi, an Iranian-American businessman, Baqer Namazi, his father, and four others have each been given 10 years in prison for espionage. Mark C. Toner, a deputy U.S. State Department spokesman, expressed concerns over the arrested U.S. citizens. "We join recent calls by international organizations and UN human rights experts for the immediate release of all U.S. citizens unjustly detained in Iran, including Siamak and Baquer Namazi, so that they can return to their families," Toner said. Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qassemi said linking rulings against "the culprits and foreign spies" is an example of "useless effort to influence the international cooperation with the Islamic Republic of Iran."

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

54. Al Houthis accept Yemen truce 'to avoid defeat'

Gulf News, Saeed Al Batati, 2016 10 20

Al Mukalla - Heavy fighting rocked Yemen hours before a UN- brokered ceasefire was due to begin on Wednesday, as warring parties have come under mounting pressure to end a conflict that has raged for more than two years. Iran-backed Al Houthis have announced that they would adhere to a new truce aimed at paving the way for a new push by the UN envoy to Yemen to revive peace talks and put an end to the protracted conflict between the rebels and forces loyal to president Abd Rabbo Mansour Hadi. Unlike attempts at truces when the rebel movement used delaying tactics, Al Houthis responded positively, but also demanded a halt to air strikes as a precondition for halting fighting or joining an expected new round of peace talks. Analysts in Yemen say recent major developments on battlefields across Yemen could explain Al Houthis' U-turn over the truce.

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55. FSA fighter denies terror ties in court

Lebanon Daily Star, Youssef Diab, 2016 10 20

Beirut - A high-ranking fighter from the Syrian opposition stood before the Military Court Wednesday and recalled how he had been kidnapped by Hezbollah. Osama al-Ousaly, from Yabroud, appeared before court chair Brig. Gen. Hussein Abdullah. He is charged with "forming an armed group and manufacturing bombs, artillery shells, explosive materials, explosive devices and car bombs that were sent from Arsal to Yabroud." Ousaly, who led the Free Syrian Army's "Qalamoun Shuhadaa (Martyrs)," said he didn't belong to any terrorist group and that his mission was limited to fighting the Syrian Army in Yabroud. He fled to Arsal after Yabroud fell to the Syrian Army and Hezbollah in 2014. He said that arms dealer Ammar Khalouf used to provide them with weapons and SUVs, while George Hiswani used to provide the money. He said Jabhat Fatah al-Sham and "Ousoud al-Sunnah," which belongs to Daesh (ISIS), were responsible for the bombing operations that used to occur in Lebanon and in Syria.

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56. Lebanon arrests 8 planning suicide attacks

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 10 20

Beirut - General Security announced Thursday the arrest of eight terror suspects, who were allegedly preparing a series of suicide attacks across Lebanon. In a statement, General Security said it had busted a cell made up of eight Syrian nationals identified by the initials M.N., Kh.N., H.Kh., A.W., M.N., M.Sh., A.N., and R.N. It said they belonged to terror organization and were in contact with extremist groups. The suspects confessed to being ordered to rent an apartment "to receive and accommodate a group of suicide attackers" and prepare explosive devices and belts, the statement added. They were allegedly planning to carry out attacks against cafes and restaurants in touristic areas, as well as United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon patrols along the border with Israel. The statement said authorities had referred the eight men to the Judiciary, adding that security forces are continuing efforts to apprehend other militants linked to these attacks. (Full Report).

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57. Shin Bet: Arab-Israeli couple arrested for joining Islamic State in Iraq

Jerusalem Post, Yaakov Lappin, 2016 10 20

Jerusalem - Security forces have arrested an Arab-Israeli couple accused of joining the terrorist group Islamic State in Iraq, the Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) announced Thursday. The couple, Wisam and Sabrin Zabeidat from the northern city of Sakhnin, were arrested at Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion Airport on September 22 following their return from Iraq with their three children. According to a statement released by the Shin Bet, the couple had traveled to Turkey for a family event with their three children, aged eight, six and three. From there, they made contact with another Arab-Israeli who had joined ISIS in 2013 and then helped the Zabeidats cross the border into Syria. The family was recruited by ISIS near the Syria-Turkey border and their Israeli passports were confiscated, according to the Shin Bet release. At one point, Wisam Zabeidat was separated from his family and sent to Iraq for further training and ideological indoctrination.

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58. South Korea mulls leasing Israeli spy satellite

Jerusalem Post, Yossi Melman, 2016 10 20

Jerusalem - South Korea is considering leasing an Israeli spy satellite, according to South Korean news agency Yonhap. According to the report, South Korea is interested in becoming independent in space, rather than being dependent on American spy satellites. The possibility of leasing an Israeli spy satellite is being considered as tensions have risen on the Korean peninsula due to North Korea's accelerated development of missiles and its threats to use nuclear weapons. The development also suggests that South Korea does not completely trust that the US will provide the defense it has promised in the event of a military conflict. The United States and South Korea have a defense pact. The possible leasing of a spy satellite is part of South Korea's effort to upgrade its military capabilities. This desire has also seen South Korea mull the purchase of German air-to-air missiles with which to arm its American F-15 fighter jets.

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Western Europe • Europe de l'Ouest

59. De la Légion étrangère à Daech : l'inquiétant parcours d'un ex- militaire français

Le Point, Baudouin Eschapasse, 2016 10 20

Non identifié - Les services secrets américains affirment avoir identifié l'ex-légionnaire comme étant la "tête pensante" des attentats de Paris et de Bruxelles. Il se fait appeler Abou Souleymane al-Faransi. Et c'est sous ce nom de guerre qui fait référence à ses origines françaises qu'il était jusque-là connu. De son vrai nom, Abdelilah Himich, ce Franco-Marocain de 26 ans serait l'un

des planificateurs des attentats organisés, par Daech, ces derniers mois en Europe. C'est, du moins, la conviction des services secrets américains, partagée par un certain nombre d'acteurs du contre-terrorisme français. Son nom apparaît régulièrement sur divers documents interceptés par les agences de renseignements de plusieurs pays occidentaux, aux côtés d'un autre « stratège » de l'État islamique : Abou Ahmad. Des conversations de ce dernier avec des protagonistes des attaques djihadistes perpétrées à Bruxelles le 22 mars attestent de la dangerosité de ces individus. Plusieurs sources s'étonnent d'ailleurs des conversations en français des deux hommes "ce qui remet en cause la nationalité d'Abou Ahmad qui maîtrise visiblement très bien l'argot des quartiers". Bras droit d'Abou Mohammed al-Adnani, tué par un drone américain pendant l'été et que les instigatrices de l'attentat raté de Notre-Dame de Paris voulaient venger, Abou Ahmad était, jusque là, présenté comme un Syrien.

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60. Far-right 'Reich' proponent wounds police in shootout

Deutsche Welle, Staff report, 2016 10 19

Berlin - Four police officers were wounded when a member of a far-right group opened fire as officials served a warrant. The man was slightly wounded himself and taken into custody. The Bavarian interior minister Joachim Herrman said on Wednesday that authorities needed to take the danger presented more seriously in light of Wednesday's attack. He said they should examine the extent to which Reichsbürger members were owners of weapons. A press release from the police department of Middle Franconia on Wednesday detailed a shooting that left four officers wounded and one member of a far-right movement in custody. One officer's injuries are life-threatening, although he remains stable after being operated. Police say the suspect belongs to the "Reichsbürger" movement, which translates as "Citizens of the Reich." Members deny the existence of the current Federal Republic of Germany, established after World War II, and maintain that the German empire (or 'Reich') continues to exist as it stood in 1937. Berlin's state intelligence service described the movement in a recent report as "an extremely diverse range of small groups and individuals who believe in an ideological mixture of conspiracy theories, anti-Semitic and anti-democratic views, and who have been behaving increasingly aggressively for some time."

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61. How Islamic State Weaponized the Chat App to Direct Attacks on the West

Wall Street Journal, Stacy Meichtry, Sam Schechner, 2016 10 20

Paris - A predawn attack on a French policeman's home, the killing of a priest during Mass and a car bomb planted near Notre Dame Cathedral in recent months were plots that appeared isolated until investigators discovered a common thread. Their authors had all allegedly been in contact with a man whom authorities identify as 29-year-old Rachid Kassim. From somewhere in Islamic State-held territory in Iraq or Syria, authorities say, the French national had used the encrypted Telegram chat app and other social-media tools to contact people back home--mainly French teenagers who are believed to have little or no previous connection to the terror group or each other--and instruct them on how to mount attacks. Investigators across Europe are alarmed

by the rise of militants such as Mr. Kassim, who they suspect have developed a way to "remote control" attacks from far away. That is blurring the lines between assaults carried out by militants trained in Islamic State territory and those by so-called lone wolves who authorities assumed were acting without the direction or support of terror groups. "What worries us is a new type of attacker who only appears to be acting alone," said Hans-Georg Maassen, head of Germany's domestic intelligence. "Such assailants are being steered virtually from abroad via instant messaging."

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62. Policeman dies after shooting by far-right gunman

The Local (Germany), Staf report, 2016 10 20

Berlin - During a police raid in Georgensgmünd, Bavaria on Wednesday morning, a member of a right-wing extremist movement immediately opened fire and injured four police officers, one of whom has since died due to his injuries, police said on Thursday morning. Police had originally reported the officer's death on Wednesday evening, only to send out a second press release later in the evening stating that he had not died. A second officer sustained a bullet wound to the arm, while two more were injured by shattering glass. The shooter himself - who was wearing a protective vest - was lightly injured in the raid and arrested by police. The 49-year-old shooter is reportedly part of a "Reichsbürger" movement - people who do not recognize the Federal Republic of Germany as a legitimate state, and who tend to believe the true borders of Germany are those that existed prior to the Second World War.

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63. Syrie: Hollande et Merkel n'excluent pas des sanctions contre la Russie

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 20

Berlin - Le président français et la chancelière allemande n'ont pas exclu dans la nuit de mercredi à jeudi des sanctions à l'égard de la Russie en raison des bombardements contre les civils sur la ville d'Alep en Syrie, à l'issue d'entretiens avec Vladimir Poutine. "Tout ce qui peut être de l'ordre de la menace peut être utile", a déclaré à la presse à ce sujet François Hollande, tandis qu'Angela Merkel a jugé à ses côtés "qu'on ne peut pas se priver de cette option" à la veille d'un sommet de l'Union européenne qui va largement aborder la question des relations avec la Russie. Les deux dirigeants sortaient d'une longue rencontre avec le président russe à Berlin consacrée à l'Ukraine et à la Syrie, les deux grands conflits sur lesquels Russes et Occidentaux s'opposent. Le président français est allé jusqu'à qualifier de "crimes de guerre" les frappes russo-syriennes sur les quartiers de l'est d'Alep, tandis que Mme Merkel en dénonçait le caractère "inhumain". Elle a parlé d'une conversation "claire et dure" avec M. Poutine. "Ce qui se passe à Alep est un crime de guerre, la première des exigences c'est la cessation des bombardements par le régime et ses soutiens" russes, a dit M. Hollande.

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64. Turkey takes on a new anti-terror strategy, Erdogan says

Daily Sabah, Staff report, 2016 10 19

Ankara - President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Wednesday that Turkey has employed new understanding when it comes to counterterror operations, stressing that the government will take necessary steps to eliminate all terror threats before terror groups take action. Addressing village headmen at the Bestepe Presidential Complex in Ankara, the president said that Turkey will no longer follow what he called the "wrong security approach," saying that "From now on, we will not wait for troubles to come knocking on our doors." Underlining that Turkey has been through difficult times both politically and economically, the president said that the Turkish people have suffered for many years due to internal conflicts which he referred to as "brothers killing brothers." "We have lost thousands of our people due to brothers fighting each other. We do not want to pay a price anymore. I am announcing this today; from now on, Turkey has left its wrong understanding of security behind." Erdogan highlighted that Ankara's new counterterrorism approach will tackle the problem at its source rather than dealing with the consequences of the terror threat.

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65. Turkish Police Kill ISIS Suicide Bomber in Ankara

Asharq Al-Awsat, Saeed Abdelrazek, 2016 10 20

Ankara - Turkish police killed on Wednesday a member of ISIS terrorist organization who had planned a suicide bomb attack near Turkey's old parliament building and the mausoleum of Mustafa Kamal Ataturk, the founder of the Turkish Republic, in Ankara. The Turkish authorities announced on Wednesday that security forces succeeded in eliminating 24-year old Ahmet Balik from the southeastern province of Diyarbakir while attempting to capture him. Photos published by local media outlets showed the terrorist scouting the mausoleum of Ataturk and the former parliament building. The Interior Ministry said Balik is a member of ISIS who had planned suicide bomb attacks in the country. On Oct. 29, Turkey celebrates the anniversary of the establishment of the Turkish Republic. Thousands of Turks are expected to flock to the mausoleum of Ataturk on that day, while high-ranking Turkish officials are expected to attend ceremonies in the former parliament building.

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66. Zaventem : le pre-screening lève le camp

Le Soir, Ludivine Ponciau, 2016 10 20

Zaventem, Belgique - Terrorisme Le dispositif est remplacé par le contrôle de policiers formés au profilage Les tentes destinées au contrôle des voyageurs depuis les attentats vont être démantelées. Un nouveau dispositif de sécurité combinant technologie et contrôle humain sera bientôt mis en place à l'aéroport. Dernière trace des attentats du 22 mars (hormis la stèle commémorative qui a pris place à l'intérieur du bâtiment), les tentes plantées devant le hall des départs et destinées au pre-screening des passagers de l'aéroport de Zaventem vont prochainement disparaître. Ce qui ne signifie pas que les mesures de sécurité vont être allégées.

Mercredi, Jan Jambon et Arnaud Feist, CEO de Brussels Airport, ont en effet dévoilé le nouveau dispositif de surveillance renforcée qui sera prochainement mis en place à l'extérieur du bâtiment et, à l'intérieur, jusqu'au check-in. La sécurité étant assurée par le SPF Mobilité au-delà de cette zone. « Nous allons passer de mesures de sécurité très visibles à quelque chose de moins visible mais avec un niveau de sécurité rehaussé », a commenté le ministre de l'Intérieur. « Après les attentats, nous avons opté pour des mesures de sécurité visibles avec le déploiement des dizaines de policiers et de militaires. Nous savions que cette capacité n'était pas tenable à terme. » « Ces derniers mois , a-t-il poursuivi, plusieurs mesures de sécurité ont été testées. Aujourd'hui, le nouveau concept se décline en différentes couches : la collecte d'informations, la détection des risques et l'intervention. Chacune de ces couches intégrera le contrôle humain et de l'usage de la technologie. »

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1. La Ligue des droits et libertés demande à Ottawa d'abroger la Loi antiterroriste

Radio-Canada - Nouvelles (site web), René Saint-Louis, 2016 10 21

Montréal - Environ 70 personnes ont participé jeudi aux audiences publiques sur la sécurité nationale, à Montréal, qui ont donné lieu à l'expression de plusieurs inquiétudes sur les moyens employés par le gouvernement canadien pour lutter contre le terrorisme et la radicalisation. On

est préoccupé, entre autres, par toutes les nouvelles dispositions introduites par la loi qui permettent à 17 agences gouvernementales de partager tous les renseignements que le gouvernement détient sur les citoyens. Les nouveaux pouvoirs accordés au Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) de poser des gestes illégaux sont aussi inquiétants. Ça rappelle les années 60 et 70, où la GRC a volé les listes de membres du Parti québécois par effraction, brûlé des granges et commis toutes sortes de gestes illégaux.

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2. National security framework needs major overhaul

Toronto Star, Faisal Kutty, 2016 10 21

OpEd Over the next few weeks, rights groups, lawyers, activists, experts and concerned individuals will all weigh in on how to achieve a National Security framework upholding both security and rights. The problems with the existing framework are too many to canvass here, but there are a few things that must be done. First, CSIS must stop its practices of: showing up at homes and workplaces unannounced at odd hours; speaking with employers (who are ordered not to disclose this fact); offering incentives for "information"; intimidating newcomers; questioning people about specific institutions; inquiring about one's religiosity; and discouraging people from legal counsel. The situation is so dire that rights groups have had to distribute thousands of "know your rights" guides and organize workshops across the country on dealing with security agencies. Most don't have the courage to stand up, as anti-war activist Ken Stone did. "The visit was not warranted under the mandate of CSIS," says Stone. "It caused anxiety for me and my family." Stone was allegedly flagged for his trip to Iran and a 2012 Hamilton Spectator op-ed he wrote, titled "Harper is wrong in demonizing Iran." Like the hundreds of others (who our law firm is aware of), Stone felt agents showing up at his house unannounced was an attempt at intimidation. Stone raised funds, in part through crowdfunding, and complained to the Security Intelligence Review Committee (he is awaiting for decision from his 2015 hearing). Most Canadians would be aghast at some of the innocuous actions that trigger such visits. (Note: Faisal Kutty is counsel to KSM Law, an associate professor at Valparaiso University Law School in Indiana and an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School. @faisalkutty.)

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3. Pillay: We still don't have the right balance between security and civil rights

Ottawa Citizen, Sukanya Pillay, 2016 10 21

Column: The Liberals campaigned on a promise to fix the "problematic" aspects of Bill C-51 - which passed into law as the Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015 last year - but have yet to close the deal. As the Oct. 22 two-year anniversary of the tragic shooting of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo looms, concerns regarding the act, and accountability, remain. The government's recently released Green Paper, "Our Security, Our Rights," forms the basis for public consultations on Canada's national security framework but does not assuage concerns about the anti-terrorism act. Bill C-22 was also introduced this year to create a parliamentary committee to review national security activities and intelligence in order to fill the Canada's current gap of no parliamentary oversight

of national security. But it doesn't go far enough. As such, the potential for rights and accountability failures, and errors, persists and Canada is not safer. The anti-terrorism act included new and secret powers for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and rampant information-sharing among 17 agencies and more than 100 departments. These and other concerns about the act are exacerbated by accountability failures. The Canadian Civil Liberties Association and others brought a constitutional challenge of the act in July 2015, but the case is on hold pending the government's next steps. CCLA, however, continues to be concerned about national security accountability gaps. For example, under Bill C-51, CSIS has new and novel powers but there are no new commensurate accountability structures. The act introduced new CSIS warrants which can be obtained in secret, without adversarial process, and which compromise judicial independence. And, unlike traditional warrants which ensure compliance with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, these warrants pre-authorize violations. Although the government has said CSIS will comply with the Charter, the Green Paper does not indicate how this will be done, and does not commit to amending the CSIS warrant provisions. Given CSIS officials' errors relating to the cases of Maher Arar, Omar Khadr and the Air India bombing, properly resourced and empowered accountability structures for CSIS - and the Canadian Security Establishment (CSE), Canada's electronic spy agency - are vital. Accountability mechanisms, currently siloed, must be integrated to properly review integrated activity among Canada's national security agencies. (Note: Sukanya Pillay is Executive Director and General Counsel of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.)

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4. 400 experts à la conférence sur la radicalisation

Le Soleil, Valérie Gaudreau, 2016 10 21

Québec - Impact des nouvelles technologies dans les discours haineux, rôle des villes contre la radicalisation ou encore des témoignages de familles de jeunes radicalisés : on en a appris davantage jeudi sur le contenu d'une grande conférence de l'UNESCO à Québec du 30 octobre au 1er novembre. La tenue dans la capitale de la conférence «Internet et la radicalisation des jeunes : prévenir, agir et vivre ensemble» avait déjà été annoncée en mai par la ministre québécoise des Relations internationales, Christine St-Pierre. Mais jeudi, le dévoilement de la programmation a permis d'apprendre que 400 experts et représentants de 70 pays convergeront vers Québec la semaine prochaine. La directrice générale de l'UNESCO, Irina Bokova, sera présente. On entendra aussi le lieutenant général à la retraite Roméo Dallaire et Jehangir Khanm, directeur de l'équipe spéciale de lutte contre le terrorisme des Nations Unies, en plus de divers experts, universitaires et représentants du secteur privé. Le responsable de la liberté d'expression et des relations internationales chez Google, Ross LaJeunesse, participera notamment à un atelier.

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5. Airport delays costing economy, critics say

Toronto Star, Bruce Campion-Smith, 2016 10 21

Ottawa - Officials at Pearson International Airport are pressing Ottawa to cough up more funding to ease backlogs at security and customs checkpoints that have left thousands of air travellers fuming. The problem even has the attention of the prime minister's office after Gerald Butts, the principal secretary to Justin Trudeau, took to social media to express his frustration at recent lineups. "Friday of Thanksgiving weekend and half the security lines are closed at Pearson. #fail," Butts said on Twitter on Oct. 7. But the long lines at peak times are testing more than the patience of passengers - they mean delays, even missed flights that give Canada's busiest airport a black eye and ultimately cost the economy. "I can't tell you how many times I've been on flights with international travellers who have talked about that. They'll try it once but it's just so painful that they are going to find other routings," said Jan De Silva, president and chief executive officer of the Toronto Region Board of Trade. She notes that Pearson, the country's biggest international hub, is a huge contributor to the economy and warns that this is at risk. "It's really not on par with what one would anticipate an international hub airport would have," De Silva said in an interview Thursday.

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6. Canadians on the edge of battle

Ottawa Sun, David Krayden, 2016 10 21

Opinion: As anyone who has even a cursory understanding of the fundamentals of modern warfare can comprehend, an assault on a well-defended, heavily fortified position always means the severe risk of heavy casualties. When facing fanatical resistance like ISIL is bound to offer, it can result in a bloody battle indeed. The First World War had the astronomical levels of men killed in battle because it was a ceaseless exercise in rotating frontal assaults against a deeply entrenched opposition. But the Battle of Mosul was not inevitable. If U.S. President Barack Obama had not created a power vacuum and an unimpeded road for Islamist extremists to travel when he pulled American forces out of Iraq, we would not be experiencing a shudder in anticipation of the coming struggle to wrest this desert enclave of evil from ISIL barbarians. The Canadian Armed Forces are there too, in what Prime Minister Justin Trudeau terms, in his steadfast refusal to accurately articulate Liberal defence policy, a non-combat support. Of course the difference between offering support to combat forces and becoming one with those combat forces is like a cool oasis in the desert that the hot sun and the whistling bullets of war can quickly consume. Canada clearly has not immersed itself in a war zone in the naive assumption that it is only there to watch - not even in Trudeau's world. I don't know exactly how close to the action our CAF personnel have ventured thus far in the conflict, but it is highly unlikely that Canada will stand on the sidelines with our hands in the pockets while Iraqi forces and our American allies are cut down by ISIL fire.

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7. China lauds coming 'golden era' of trade

Globe and Mail, Brian Milner, 2016 10 21

Ottawa - Chinese business leaders are confident that China and Canada are embarking on a "golden era" between the countries that will boost trade "exponentially," says Ma Weihua,

president of the China Entrepreneur Club. But "this golden era cannot be achieved only through words," Mr. Ma told a lunch meeting of the Canada China Business Council in Toronto Thursday. Agreements reached by Ottawa and Beijing "must be materialized by entrepreneurs of the two countries." Mr. Ma, an economist and former star banker, is one of a dozen wealthy members of the CEC crossing Canada in an eightday trip to talk up trade and investment opportunities with this country's political and business elite. It's no coincidence that the we're-eager-to-do-business junket by what has been dubbed China's billionaires club comes amid warming bilateral relations in the wake of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's first visit to China in August and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang's trip to Canada last month. The 50-member CEC took a similar approach in earlier visits to the United States, Britain, Germany, Australia and other markets, relying on face-to-face meetings, in hopes of allaying concerns and building trust. In the past decade, Chinese-Canadian collaboration was largely restricted to big players in natural resources, an area dominated in China by state-owned enterprises.

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8. Defending liberal democracy

Kingston Whig-Standard, Geoffrey Johnston, 2016 10 21

Column: Canadians are truly privileged to live in a stable liberal democratic country. We enjoy rights and freedoms that people in other parts of the world can only dream of but dare not push for out of fear of being killed. However, there are dark forces determined to destroy liberal democracy and kill Canadians. Thankfully, the people of this country can count on the brave women and men of the Canadian Armed Forces to defend democracy. And that makes our military personnel targets for cowardly terrorist attacks. In September 2014, the Islamic State issued an edict that urged sympathizers in Canada to kill their fellow citizens, using weapons of opportunity, including guns and cars. Weeks later, two Canadian extremists independently carried out so-called lone wolf attacks on Canadian soil, targeting uniformed soldiers. As we mark the second anniversary of the horrific terrorist attacks that took the lives of two brave Canadian soldiers, it seems appropriate to focus on the threat that terrorism poses to liberal democracy. In a compelling chapter about the Islamic State, also known as ISIS, ISIL or Daesh, Welsh chronicles the rise of the terrorist force in the summer of 2014. The jihadists captured large swaths of territory in Iraq and Syria, launching a reign of terror and religiously motivated mass murder targeting Assyrian Christians and other ancient ethnic and religious minorities. "The systemic and brutal violence perpetrated by Islamic State against the Yezidi, along with other minorities in Iraq and Syria, is a far cry from the progressive picture of the Middle East painted by so many commentators in the winter of 2011, during the early stage of the so-called Arab Spring," states Welsh. "The radical ideology espoused by Islamic State today not only incites religious violence but also adopts the language of millenarianism that is reminiscent of earlier religious prophecies about the end of the world," writes Welsh. In other words, the Islamic State calls Muslims to join "an apocalyptic battle" between Christian armies and jihadists.

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9. Dion leads UN effort to ramp up pressure on Russia, Syria over Aleppo

Canadian Press, 2016 10 21

Ottawa - Canada and Russia traded barbs at the United Nations on Thursday as Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion led calls for an end to the bloody conflict in Syria. The exchange came during a special session of the UN General Assembly, organized by Canada and supported by more than 70 countries, in which Canada hoped to ratchet up pressure on Russia and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to end the five-year-old war. Dion blasted the Security Council's failure to end the conflict before turning his sights towards Russia and Assad. The two have a responsibility to protect civilians, he warned, before calling them "belligerents" to the conflict. Dion called for an immediate end to airstrikes in the city of Aleppo, where Russian and Syrian government forces have conducted an unprecedented number of airstrikes in recent weeks. And he brushed aside a "pause" in the bombing instituted by Russia earlier this week. "A short humanitarian pause, announced unilaterally, without notice and without clear parameters, does not allow the necessary aid," said Dion. About 250,000 people are trapped in rebel-held parts of the city, which aid convoys have not been able to reach since July. UN officials reported that water and food supplies are running dangerously low and half of those caught in the crossfire are children. But Vitaly Churkin, Russia's ambassador to the UN, showed no signs of backing down. Instead, he repeated past assertions that Russian and Syrian forces were fighting terrorist groups, some of which have been trained and equipped by the U.S. Churkin went on to note that Dion had made no mention of either the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant or other terrorist groups, and he appeared to question if Canada was committed to fighting such elements.

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10. Four men on trial for trafficking 492 Lankans to Canada

Daily Mirror (LK), 2016 10 21

Colombo - Six years after the vessel-MV Sun Sea-with nearly 500 Sri Lankan Tamils aboard arrived off the coast of British Columbia (BC), four men who were charged with human-smuggling saw their trial open Wednesday in BC Supreme Court in Vancouver, Canada. According to Vancouver Sun, Lesly Emmanuel, Kunarobinson Christhurajah, Nadarajah Mahendran and Thampeernayagam Rajaratnam have pleaded not guilty to the offence under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. In his opening statement, Crown counsel Peter LaPrairie told a 12-member jury that the migrants were charged a fee, generally a \$5,000 down payment, to be on the boat, with an additional \$25,000 owing when they arrived in Canada, for a total of \$30,000. "A Sri Lankan national who wishes to enter Canada must have a valid passport and a visa issued by the Canadian government to come to Canada," said LaPrairie. "None of the 492 persons aboard the MV Sun Sea had the required travel documents."

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11. L'autre radicalisation

Le Devoir, Cathy Wong, 2016 10 21

Chronique - Djihadisme, islam radical, salafisme... Notre fixation collective sur ces formes de radicalisation nous amène-t-elle à en négliger d'autres tout aussi inquiétantes ? À minimiser des actions violentes inspirées par la xénophobie ou des idéologies d'extrême droite ? Elles sont pourtant une réalité, ici comme ailleurs. Il y a une semaine, dans l'État du Kansas, la police a arrêté trois hommes affiliés au groupe " Les Croisés " qui préparaient un attentat à la bombe visant un immeuble où logent plusieurs migrants somaliens de religion musulmane. Le but de l'acte aurait été de " réveiller " les Américains contre le " danger musulman ". La violence verbale dont ils faisaient preuve pour décrire les musulmans donne froid dans le dos. Le lendemain, en Allemagne, des milliers de personnes du groupe PEGIDA (Patriotes européens contre l'islamisation de l'Occident) brandissaient des banderoles sur lesquelles on pouvait lire " Réfugiés pas bienvenus ". Au même moment, des manifestations s'organisaient dans plusieurs villes françaises pour s'opposer à l'ouverture des centres d'accueil dédiés aux réfugiés de Calais. Mais ce serait une grave erreur. Samedi dernier à Québec, regroupés devant l'Assemblée nationale, une centaine de manifestants provenant de trois groupes, dont PEGIDA Québec, vociféraient leur aversion de " l'islam, assassin ". Pendant ce temps, la police albertaine enquêtait sur la distribution, dans un quartier résidentiel d'Edmonton, d'affiches sur lesquelles était écrit le mot-clic #BanIslam.

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12. Montréalais kidnappé Début du procès d'un jeune réfugié syrien

Agence QMI, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 21

Stuttgart, Allemagne - Un réfugié syrien de 25 ans a été accusé de crime de guerre et d'aide au terrorisme en Allemagne, relativement à l'enlèvement en Syrie en 2013 de Carl Campeau, un avocat montréalais. M. Campeau était en Syrie à cette époque en tant que conseiller juridique pour les Nations unies. Il avait été enlevé par un groupe terroriste dans la région de Damas en février 2013. Il avait réussi à s'échapper huit mois plus tard. Le réfugié syrien arrêté dans cette affaire, un homme de 25 ans dont seul le prénom a été publié en vertu de la loi allemande, a été arrêté il y a plusieurs mois dans un appartement de Stuttgart. Son procès a commencé hier. Selon la poursuite, Suliman A.S., qui est arrivé en Allemagne en 2014, est un ancien membre du groupe Front alNosra, un groupe djihadiste en Syrie.

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13. Opinion: Canadian Palestinians showcase culture and resilience

Saudi Gazette, Mohammed Azhar Ali Khan, 2016 10 21

It was a heart-warming sight for Palestinians and for those who believe in justice and human rights for all people - the flags of Canada and of Palestine were hoisted at Marion Dewar Park, just outside the Ottawa City Hall, to cheers and clapping. It was the third annual Palestinian festival of Ottawa which is designed to highlight the rich culture of the Palestinian people. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sent a message of greetings, praising Palestinian Canadians' contributions to the multicultural mosaic of Canada. Canadian policy toward the Middle East might be puzzling and perhaps contradictory in that it favors a peaceful two-nation settlement but opposes any reasonable action that is designed to end the 49-year-old occupation by Israel of the

West Bank and Gaza and building illegal settlements on occupied Palestinian land. Mohammed Azhar Ali Khan is a retired Canadian journalist, civil servant and refugee judge.

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14. Policing gaps on Oct. 22, 2014, have been fixed

Ottawa Citizen, Vern White, 2016 10 21

Opinion: Saturday Oct. 22 will mark the two-year anniversary of the lone-wolf attack on a soldier at the National War Memorial and on Parliament Hill. Michael Zehaf-Bibeau shot and killed Cpl. Nathan Cirillo at the memorial, then continued to Parliament Hill in his vehicle, abandoning it near the East Block and proceeding on foot onto the grounds before commandeering another vehicle to take him to the front of the Centre Block. The area from Wellington to the front of the Centre Block is approximately the distance of a couple of city blocks, and was at that time patrolled by RCMP officers, with Senate and parliamentary security staffmanning the doors of the buildings. After wrestling with and wounding a security officer at the door, Zehaf-Bibeau proceeded down the centre hall of the building with his rifle, engaging in a firefight with police and security guards who were in pursuit. He was fatally shot multiple times by officers from the parliamentary security detail, RCMP and the Sergeant-at-Arms. These events had a profound impact on Canadians. The impact was made greater by the fact the gunman was able to get within 40 metres of the prime minister, cabinet members and parliamentarians who were meeting in various locations adjacent to the Hall of Honour. Let's look at the actions of the various agencies responsible for safety and security of Parliament that day. In my opinion, they performed exactly as they had been prepared to. And that was the problem. The RCMP at that time provided security that focused on vehicles entering the parliamentary precinct, with some limited foot or vehicle patrols. The two security agencies tasked with patrolling the buildings were engaged and managed separately from each other and the RCMP, operating under a segregated command, with limited weaponry and a problematic communication structure. The staffworking in each of the three groups was well-trained, often ill-equipped (communications and firearms) but very dedicated. The problem with the security management on that day had more to do with the segregating of tasks and a lack of clear structure. (Note: Ontario Sen. Vern White is a former Ottawa police chief and Durham region chief. He also spent more than 20 years with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.)

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15. Tighter security could be coming to Parliament Hill: RCMP

Global News, Mike Le Couteur, 2016 10 21

Ottawa - Parliament Hill security may be beefed up two years after the attack that claimed the life of Corporal Nathan Cirillo. Two years after Michael Zehaf-Bibeau stormed Centre block, the head of Parliamentary Protective Services (PPS) says he's open to putting measures in place to better screen people who want to access the front lawn of Parliament Hill. Currently, people can enter the grounds unhindered, but that may not be the case forever. In the 16 months since he was appointed the head of the new merged security force several measures have been put in place to prevent another attack on Parliament hill. Communications have been harmonized so

that all levels of security can actually speak to each other, guards have been given hand guns and RCMP officers are now more visible and more heavily armed on the grounds. C8 carbine rifles are now in the hands of Mounties as they patrol Parliament Hill. The directive follows the report into the shooting deaths of four RCMP officers in Mayerthorpe, Alberta. The report found the officers were not equipped with an appropriate weapon to face someone with a semi-automatic rifle. Seeing officers with high powered rifles can be jarring to some, but Duheme says it's just something people need to get used to. That visual deterrent is part of the changes implemented by the PPS. Other factors being considered include preventing ministers' cars from parking in front of East and West block buildings, a direct response to the events of Oct. 22, 2014. Despite increased security on the Hill, some still don't think it's enough. Former Ottawa police chief Senator Vern White is confident things are more secure, but he worries Parliament remains vulnerable to a more coordinated attack like at the office of Charlie Hebdo in Paris last year. White believes a terrorist group could get as far the front doors of Parliament where they would have the upper hand against PPS guards: "They'd enter into a firefight with people here who are not carrying carbines, they're carrying handguns."

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16. Case of Former N.S.A. Contractor Escalates as Espionage Act Charges Loom

New York Times, Scott Shane, 2016 10 21

Baltimore - A former intelligence contractor stole the equivalent of 500 million pages of government documents over two decades of work at seven companies, including top-secret plans for an operation against a hostile country, prosecutors said in papers filed in Federal District Court here on Thursday. The prosecutors also said that the former contractor, Harold T. Martin III, who worked for the National Security Agency and other military and intelligence agencies, kept an "arsenal" of 10 firearms at home in Maryland, including an assault-style rifle and a loaded handgun that he kept illegally in his car. Mr. Martin was initially charged with theft of government property and mishandling of classified information, violations carrying a maximum sentence of 11 years. But the new filing said prosecutors planned to charge him with violating the Espionage Act and committing other felonies, crimes that could put him in prison for decades if he is convicted. He is scheduled to appear at a hearing in federal court on Friday afternoon for arguments about whether he will remain in detention. The government's filing deepens the mystery surrounding Mr. Martin's grand-scale compilation over decades of a home library of top-secret material, some of which F.B.I. agents found lying in the open in his car and home office. The new details in the government's filing paint a darker picture, offering hints -- though no proof -- that he might have taken the material to give it to others, conceivably even to a foreign nation. Prosecutors said he had communicated with others in foreign languages, including Russian, and downloaded information about the Russian language. "He presents tremendous value to any foreign power that may wish to shelter him within or outside the United States," they wrote. Calling the evidence against Mr. Martin "overwhelming" and his thefts "breathtaking," the prosecutors said his "crimes reflect a willingness to routinely betray the trust of the nation." Given that history, they said, he would pose a "grave danger" if released and could not be trusted to show up at a future trial.

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17. Did Hillary Clinton reveal classified intel at debate?

CNN.com, Jamie Crawford, 2016 10 21

Washington - The Twittersverse was aflame in the hours after Wednesday night's debate with questions about whether or not Hillary Clinton divulged classified information about the country's nuclear arsenal. "There's about four minutes between the order being given and the people responsible for launching nuclear weapons to do so," Clinton said, explaining the quick decision-making required of a commander in chief and questioning Donald Trump's fitness for the job. "And that's why 10 people who have had that awesome responsibility have come out and, in an unprecedented way, said they would not trust Donald Trump with the nuclear codes or to have his finger on the nuclear button," she continued. But questions soon began to emerge about whether Clinton was too specific in her description of nuclear launch times and had perhaps revealed something she learned in a classified setting. A Clinton campaign aide said the information didn't come from a classified briefing, pointing to multiple instances when similar information has been disclosed in public or through open source material.

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18. How Russia Pulled Off the Biggest Election Hack in U.S. History

Esquire, Thomas Rid, 2016 10 21

New York - On an April afternoon earlier this year, Russian president Vladimir Putin headlined a gathering of some four hundred journalists, bloggers, and media executives in St. Petersburg. Dressed in a sleek navy suit, Putin looked relaxed, even comfortable, as he took questions. About an hour into the forum, a young blogger in a navy zip sweater took the microphone and asked Putin what he thought of the "so-called Panama Papers." When Putin heard the blogger's question, his face lit up with a familiar smirk. He nodded slowly and confidently before reciting a litany of humiliations that the United States had inflicted on Russia. Putin reminded his audience about the sidelining of Russia during the 1998 war in Kosovo and what he saw as American meddling in Ukraine more recently. Returning to the Panama Papers, Putin cited WikiLeaks to insist that "officials and state agencies in the United States are behind all this." The Americans' aim, he said, was to weaken Russia from within: "to spread distrust for the ruling authorities and the bodies of power within society." Though a narrow interpretation of Putin's accusation was defensible--as WikiLeaks had pointed out, one of the members of the Panama Papers consortium had received financial support from USAID, a federal agency--his swaggering assurance about America's activities has a more plausible explanation: Putin's own government had been preparing a vast, covert, and unprecedented campaign of political sabotage against the United States and its allies for more than a year. The Russian campaign burst into public view only this past June, when The Washington Post reported that "Russian government hackers" had penetrated the servers of the Democratic National Committee. The hackers, hiding behind ominous aliases like Guccifer 2.0 and DC Leaks, claimed their first victim in July, in the person of Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the DNC chair, whose private emails were published by WikiLeaks in the days leading up to the Democratic convention. By August, the hackers had learned to use the language of Americans frustrated with Washington to create doubt about the

integrity of the electoral system: "As you see the U. S. presidential elections are becoming a farce," they wrote from Russia. The attacks against political organizations and individuals absorbed much of the media's attention this year. But in many ways, the DNC hack was merely a prelude to what many security researchers see as a still more audacious feat: the hacking of America's most secretive intelligence agency, the NSA.

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19. NSA Can Access More Phone Data Than Ever

ABC News, Lee Ferran, 2016 10 20

Washington - One of the reforms designed to rein in the surveillance authorities of the National Security Agency has perhaps inadvertently solved a technical problem for the spy outfit and granted it potential access to much more data than before, a former top official told ABC News. Before the signing of the USA Freedom Act in June 2015, one of the NSA's most controversial programs was the mass collection of telephonic metadata from millions of Americans -- the information about calls, including the telephone numbers involved, the time and the duration but not the calls' content -- under a broad interpretation of the Patriot Act's Section 215. From this large "haystack," as officials have called it, NSA analysts could get approval to run queries on specific numbers purportedly linked to international terrorism investigations. The problem for the NSA was that the haystack was only about 30 percent as big as it should've been; the NSA database was missing a lot of data. As The Washington Post reported in 2014, the agency was not getting information from all wireless carriers and it also couldn't handle the deluge of data that was coming in. On the technical side, Chris Inglis, who served as the NSA's deputy director until January 2014, recently told ABC News that when major telecommunications companies previously handed over customer records, the NSA "just didn't ingest all of it." "[NSA officials] were trying to make sure they were doing it exactly right," he said, meaning making sure that the data was being pulled in according to existing privacy policies. The metadata also came in various forms from the different companies, so the NSA had to reformat much of it before loading it into a searchable database. Both hurdles meant that the NSA couldn't keep up, and of all the metadata the agency wanted to be available for specific searches internally, only about a third of it actually was.

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20. Private Security Group Says Russia Was Behind Hack of Clinton Campaign Chairman

New York Times, Nicole Perlroth, Michael D. Shear, 2016 10 21

San Francisco - At the start of 2014, President Obama assigned his trusted counselor, John D. Podesta, to lead a review of the digital revolution, its potential and its perils. When Mr. Podesta presented his findings five months later, he called the internet's onslaught of big data "a historic driver of progress." But two short years later, as chairman of Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign, Mr. Podesta would also become one of the internet's most notable victims. On Thursday, private security researchers (at Dell SecureWorks) said they had concluded that Mr. Podesta was hacked by Russia's foreign intelligence service, the GRU, after it tricked him into clicking on a fake Google login page last March, inadvertently handing over his digital

credentials. For months, the hackers mined Mr. Podesta's inbox for his most sensitive and potentially embarrassing correspondence, much of which has been posted on the WikiLeaks website. Additions to the collection on Thursday included three short email exchanges between Mr. Podesta and Mr. Obama himself in the days leading up to his election in 2008. Mr. Podesta's emails were first published by WikiLeaks earlier this month. The release came just days after James R. Clapper Jr., the director of national intelligence, and the Department of Homeland Security publicly blamed Russian officials for cyberattacks on the Democratic National Committee, in what they described as an effort to influence the American presidential election. To date, no government officials have offered evidence that the same Russian hackers behind the D.N.C. cyberattacks were also behind the hack of Mr. Podesta's emails, but an investigation by the private security researchers determined that they were the same.

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21. Trump treats foreign policy like a game of 'Survivor'

Washington Post, David Ignatius, 2016 10 21

Column - Reality TV is about winning. It doesn't matter how you manage to be a "survivor," so long as you stay on the island. That's the sensibility that Donald Trump, the ultimate reality-television star, brings to foreign policy. In Trump's world, winners don't have to worry about alliances, nuclear proliferation or human rights -- if they come out on top. Trump's comments during Wednesday night's debate in Las Vegas conveyed a values-free approach to foreign policy that would make Machiavelli blush. A generous characterization would be that he voiced an extreme "realism" that focused entirely on U.S. interests. A harsher assessment is that Trump's amoral approach would alienate long-standing allies and potentially endanger U.S. security. Trump's disdain for traditional foreign-policy positions was clear in his positive comments about Russian President Vladimir Putin. Even after U.S. intelligence agencies accused Russia of hacking American political parties to destabilize the election, Trump still had good things to say about the Kremlin leader. The big news Wednesday night was Trump's refusal to promise he would accept the election result if he loses. But why should that be a surprise? People who've done business with Trump say he's famous for holding back his final payment to contractors and negotiating for a better deal, or stiffing them altogether.

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22. U.S. Ads Aim to Dispel Terrorism's Lure

Wall Street Journal, Felicia Schwartz, 2016 10 21

Washington - The Obama administration, which has struggled for years to combat the social-media lure of Islamic State, is experimenting with new ways to put its online antiextremism messages in front of would-be terrorist fighters overseas. The revamped effort uses targeted ads on Facebook linked to videos to reach the young men and women who have given digital hints that they could be thinking of traveling to Syria or Iraq to join extremist movements. The campaign -- being run by the Global Engagement Center, a multiagency initiative housed at the State Department -- is seen by U.S. officials as one of the most promising new initiatives aimed at dissuading would-be fighters. But many officials acknowledge that such efforts are tricky

since the target audience can be suspicious of the U.S. government's involvement and that their effectiveness is impossible to know. "This isn't easy work," said Michael Lumpkin, who earlier this year left his post as assistant secretary of defense for special operations to run the Global Engagement Center. But early results have been encouraging. The center spent \$15,000 on a pilot four-week Facebook ad campaign that targeted 13-to-34-year-old unmarried men and women in Morocco, Tunisia and Saudi Arabia who expressed an interest in Iraq, Syria or Islamic State-related topics, as indicated by their Facebook activity. Facebook didn't individually identify the people.

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23. US firms could make Ireland terrorist target, says CIA head

Irish Times, Colin Gleeson, 2016 10 21

Dublin - The director of the CIA has suggested the Republic may be a target for Islamic terrorism due to the prevalence of US multinationals there. John Brennan, who succeeded David Petraeus as the head of the United States intelligence agency in 2013, said it was important for Irish authorities to be "vigilant" of the threats posed. "I don't think any country should feel immune from the reach of these terrorist organizations," he said in an interview with Irish-American website Irish Central. "Ireland first of all is an open and welcoming country, and also there are also a lot of Americans there and American businesses. "I was in Ireland last August and I met with the Irish intelligence heads and talked to them about the importance of sharing information. If there is anything that looks or seems a bit off putting, those pieces of the puzzle need to be put together," he said.

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24. Wife of American Held in Yemen Speaks Out

New York Times, Adam Goldman, 2016 10 21

Washington - The wife of an American man secretly detained in Yemen for more than a year said in a Facebook posting that her husband was being held "unjustly" by one of the country's security agencies and expressed disappointment that the United States government has been unable to free him. Jihan Mohamed said her husband, Wallead Yusuf Pitts Luqman, was abducted in April 2015. This is the first time that Mr. Luqman has been publicly identified as being held by the Houthis, a Shiite rebel group, in Yemen. The family had stayed silent for fear that public discussion of his kidnapping could endanger his life. Ms. Mohamed said late Thursday on Facebook that her husband was arrested while trying to leave Yemen. The family was on a bus headed for Saudi Arabia when he was taken. Ms. Mohamed, who is living in Minnesota, said Mr. Luqman was held by the Houthi political security organization in Yemen, one of the nation's two security agencies.

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25. Can governments really keep us safe from terrorism without invading our privacy?

Wired (UK), Ruby Lott-Lavigna, 2016 10 20

London - GCHQ has many negative connotations attached to it - including illegally collecting data from the UK public - but David Omand, former head of GCHQ and now professor at Kings, is hoping for a change in the way governments deal with our private information. Referring to new legislation that is currently going through parliament - the 'Investigatory Powers Law' - he explained how regulation is being implemented to create transparency in the way the UK government deals with cybersecurity. "What is going on, as we speak, is a phase change in the relationship between the secret state and parliament," explained Omand. "One way of looking at this is that the secret activity of the state is now being fully bought under the modern rule of law." So where does the line stand with mining data for security reasons? Is there a balance to be reached between privacy and security? According to Omand, "2017 is the year of reconciliation, in which we recognise as a mature democracy, it is possible to have sufficient security and sufficient privacy." "The key to that is rule of law. Courts have to have comprehensible, black letter law."

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26. GCHQ using cyber attacks on Isil to aid battle to take Mosul

London Daily Telegraph, Ben Farmer, 2016 10 21

London - GCHQ is using cyber warfare for the first time against Isil militants as part of the campaign to retake Mosul, the Defence Secretary has said. The cyber attacks are understood to have targeted the communications of Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant to disrupt co-ordination in the Iraqi city. Sir Michael Fallon told a conference organised by the Royal United Services Institute, a think tank on cyber warfare: "We are conducting military operations against Daesh [Isil] as part of the international coalition, and I can confirm that we are using offensive cyber for the first time in this campaign." He said £265 million is being pumped into "rooting out cyber vulnerabilities" in military and wider cyber- systems. (Full report).

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27. Muslim anti-terror scheme 'risks worsening divisions'

London Times, John Simpson, 2016 10 21

London - A scheme to fight extremism that has been proposed by an organisation with links to a hardline Islamist group threatens to undermine the government's own strategy, critics have said. The Muslim Council of Britain, an umbrella group linked to 500 charities, mosques and schools, has confirmed plans to launch "a grassroots-led response to the challenge of terrorism". The MCB, which was linked to the Muslim Brotherhood by a government report published last December, will run the scheme in isolation from existing support networks for those believed vulnerable to radicalisation, including the Home Office's Prevent initiative. Prevent is an engagement strategy aimed at stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Its critics said that the MCB was adding its voice to a growing anti-Prevent lobby and would further damage its status. David Anderson, QC, the official reviewer of terrorism legislation, raised

concerns that Prevent was being perceived as a "spying programme". Some critics have speculated that the MCB panels would be unaccountable and untrained, while others questioned the legitimacy of the organisation to speak for British Muslims. Haras Rafiq, chief executive of the Quilliam Foundation, a counterextremism think tank, said: "The danger is that a group, one that does not truly represent anyone but their affiliates, is going to add to the misconception that Prevent is a spying project that is in some way hostile to Muslims, rather than trying to keep us all safe." Leading article, page 31 Prevent at work 3,955 referrals in 2015 1,681 referrals in 2014 9 years how long scheme has been active 0number of terror attacks in that time

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28. Australia joins the fight for Mosul (Canada)

Australian Associated Press, Max Blenkin, 2016 10 21

Canberra - Iraq has seen its share of bloody battles but the long-planned offensive to retake Mosul, the country's second biggest city, is fated to be brutal above all. Islamic State forces are expected to fight to the bitter end, exploiting the city's long-suffering civilian population by using them as human shields, routinely resorting to suicide tactics, riddling streets with improvised explosive devices and maybe even using chemical weapons. Entrenched IS fighters will prompt the obliteration of entire city blocks by bomb and artillery. Civilians who survive this fighting will flee in large numbers, prompting a humanitarian crisis likely to exceed preparations made by the Iraqi government and international aid agencies. The battle could continue for months and Australia will play a part. From high overhead, precision laser and GPS-guided bombs from six RAAF F/A-18 Hornets will destroy IS fighting positions in shattering explosions. A RAAF KC-30A airborne tanker will refuel Australian and other coalition aircraft while a RAAF E-7A Wedgetail will manage the air space in a process termed deconfliction. It could certainly get crowded - aircraft from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Jordan, the Netherlands, UK and US have all conducted airstrikes inside Iraq.

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29. NATO Providing Air Support to Afghan Forces During Special Operations

TOLO News, Abdul Wali Arian, 2016 10 21

Kabul - NATO's Resolute Support Mission (RS) has said that the U.S forces have participated in more than 20 percent of special operations in Afghanistan, noting that NATO conducted at least 220 air strikes on insurgents' hideouts and safe havens during the current year. Talking on the impact of foreign air power in the battles, the Afghan Ministry of Defense (MoD) has said that air cooperation by the US forces to their Afghan counterparts has foiled numerous plots by insurgents to takeover some areas across the country. War against terrorism, backing, advising and training the Afghan security forces are the main duties of U.S forces in Afghanistan within the framework of NATO Resolute Support Mission (RS) in Afghanistan. "The targeted attacks

which are carried out with special concentration in- fact eliminate Taliban's power pole and their strength," said Sediq Sediqqi, spokesman for the MoI.

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30. New operation against Taliban launched in Helmand

Pajhwok Afghan News, Zainullal Stanikzai, 2016 10 21

Lashkargah - A new major operation has been launched against insurgents in southern Helmand province, a military official said on Thursday. Maj. Gen. Wali Mohammad Ahmadzai, the 215 Maiwand Military Corps commander in Helmand, and Bost Zone police commander Brig. Gen. Mohammad Hakim Angar made the announcement at a press conference here. Gen. Ahmadzai said the operation codenamed "Qahr-i-Maiwand" was launched last night from Shnah village of Nad Ali district and 15 militants were captured alive. He said the security forces also confiscated arms, ammunition, a vehicle and two motorcycles from the detained militants. He said the spy service special unit, commando forces and police 444 unit had also conducted raids in Lashkargah's Godar, Muhajiro and 601 road areas, killing three militants. The military official said the insurgents could no longer make advance and they would be driven from areas they had captured gradually.

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31. Pakistan neither wants, nor engaged in arms race in S. Asia

Pakistan Dawn, 2016 10 21

New York - In a veiled reference to India, Pakistan voiced concern over the growing transfer of conventional armaments in volatile regions, saying it has every potential of fuelling instability and jeopardising the delicate regional balance. "South Asia is a sensitive region where one state's military spending grossly and vastly outshadows all others," Ambassador Tehmina Janjua, the permanent representative of Pakistan to the United Nations in Geneva, told the United Nations General Assembly's Disarmament and International Security Committee on Thursday. "We remain concerned over the growing transfers of conventional armaments especially in volatile regions that are inconsistent with the imperatives of maintaining peace, security and stability," she said in a thematic debate on conventional weapons. "The policy of dual standards towards South Asia, based on narrow strategic, political and commercial considerations, must be eschewed," the Pakistani envoy said.

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32. Hammamet : Arrestation de 7 présumés terroristes

Kapitalis (Tunisie), Journaliste maison, 2016 10 20

Hammamet, Tunisie - La police a arrêté, à Hammamet, 7 terroristes présumés qui s'apprêtaient à perpétrer des attaques dans des «endroits sensibles» en Tunisie. Une source sécuritaire a indiqué

à Kapitalis que les forces spéciales de lutte contre le terrorisme ont arrêté ces éléments, originaires de différentes régions du pays, qui planifiaient des attaques dans différents «endroits sensibles», qu'elle a préféré ne pas divulguer. Les 7 éléments ont avoué qu'ils cherchaient à se procurer armes de pointe et des explosifs spécifiques nécessaires à ces attaques qui seront menées par des «loups solitaires».

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33. Les ressortissants français en Tunisie sont-ils menacés ?

Espace Manager (Tunisie), Journaliste maison, 2016 10 20

Paris - Les ressortissants français en Tunisie sont-ils menacés ? Craignent-ils un quelconque acte terroriste ? On comprend parfaitement que la France soit « nerveuse » notamment après deux attaques terroristes à Paris en novembre 2015 et à Nice en juillet 2016 qui ont coûté la vie à plusieurs innocents, mais on ne comprend pas cette phobie qui s'empare des autorités françaises pour interpréter la prorogation de l'état d'urgence en Tunisie comme une éventuelle menace pour ses ressortissants. Le ministère français des affaires étrangères vient, en effet, de publier dans la soirée de mercredi 19 octobre, un communiqué appelant les ressortissants français de passage ou résident en Tunisie, à faire preuve d'une vigilance renforcée.

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34. Mali. Une infirmière tuée dans une attaque contre un véhicule de santé

Ouest-France, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 21

Gossi, Mali - Une infirmière malienne a été tuée lors de l'attaque d'un véhicule appartenant à un centre de santé dans le nord du pays. Hadjata Diallo « a été tuée par un groupe d'hommes armés ayant tiré sur le véhicule d'un centre de santé » à bord duquel elle circulait, a déclaré Mohamed Diallo, un parent de la défunte, imputant l'attaque à des « terroristes », sans plus de précision. « Il y a de quoi être inquiet, parce que jusque-là, ils s'attaquaient aux militaires. Les civils étaient seulement dépouillés. Maintenant, ils sont tués », a ajouté Mohamed Diallo. Un élu municipal de la localité de Gossi (nord) a confirmé la « mort par balle », de l'infirmière, dans la nuit de mardi à mercredi, exprimant également son « inquiétude ». Un enseignant tué « Hadjata Diallo était infirmière dans la localité de Dimamou, située entre Hombori et Gossi. Elle faisait une tournée médicale dans la région quand des terroristes ont attaqué le véhicule. Elle a été tuée sur le coup », a précisé la même source. Une source hospitalière dans la région de Gao a confirmé la mort de l'infirmière, soulignant qu'elle aidait les femmes enceintes à accoucher.

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35. Some opposition changes to Colombia peace deal 'inviabile'- president

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 10 21

Bogota - Several modifications to a peace deal with Colombia's FARC rebels suggested by the country's opposition are "inviabile," President Juan Manuel Santos said on Thursday, adding he remains committed to salvaging the accord. The government will take some opposition suggestions for changes to the accord with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, to guerrilla leaders, Santos said in a televised address. The government has been meeting with representatives of the right wing opposition and others who campaigned against the deal in hopes the rebels will accept changes to the accord. The peace deal was rejected in a surprise plebiscite result this month, shortly before Santos was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end the country's 52-year war. Many opposition proposals were "reasonable" Santos said on Thursday, but others are "totally inviable". The deadline for meetings with those against the accord has now passed, he said.

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36. Venezuela's Maduro recall referendum drive suspended

BBC News, Staff report, 2016 10 21

London - Venezuela's electoral council has suspended the opposition's campaign to hold a recall referendum against President Nicolas Maduro. The council said that courts in several states had reported fraud in the campaign's preliminary petition. The opposition, which planned to secure the required signatures for the vote next week, condemned the move, saying it would escalate the crisis. Eight opposition heads have reportedly been barred from leaving the country.

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37. Bombmaker jailed 10 years for Jakarta terrorist attack

Straits Times, Wahyudi Soeriaatmadja, Francis Chan, 2016 10 21

Jakarta - Indonesian bombmaker Dodi Suridi, 23, was sentenced to 10 years in jail by a district court yesterday, for helping to make the explosives used during a terrorist attack in Jakarta in January. A second suspect, Ali Hamka, 47, was jailed for four years, after he was found guilty of trying to acquire firearms for the same strike. The two men are the first among a group of at least 17 suspects to be convicted for the brazen attack on the Indonesian capital, which the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) had claimed responsibility for. The Jan 14 attack was mounted by the "Jakarta Four" of Sunakim alias Afif, Muhammad Ali, Dian Juni Kurniadi and Ahmad Muhazin, who were armed with pistols, home-made bombs and grenades. Neither Dodi nor Ali Hamka was at the scene of the siege, which left eight people, including the four perpetrators, dead.

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38. Densus 88 probes possible terror networks behind police attacker

Jakarta Post, News Desk, 2016 10 21

Jakarta - The National Police's counterterrorism squad Densus 88 is investigating possible terrorist links behind the suspect in an attack against police officers in Tangerang on Thursday morning. "We believe that he has links with a terrorist group. His action could be considered as a terror act," National Police spokesman Insp. Gen. Boy Rafli Anwar said in Jakarta on Thursday, as reported by tribunnews.com. The 22-year-old man allegedly attacked three police officers, including Tangerang City police subprecinct chief Comr. Effendi. Police reportedly shot SA in his legs as he tried to escape after the attack. The three officers were treated at a nearby hospital, while SA received treatment at the police hospital in Kramatjati, East Jakarta. Police seized a knife and a dagger from the suspect, a jobless man living in the Sepatan subdistrict of Tangerang. They also seized two possible explosive devices from the roadside near the attacked police post.

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39. India: 3.2 million debit cards 'hacked', data breach alarms customers

Indo-Asian News Service, 2016 10 21

Mumbai - Prompting pre-Diwali panic among customers, an estimated 3.2 million debit cards of various banks are believed to have been "hacked" following a suspected security breach. Investigations have begun into the causes behind the security risks. Several banks, including the State Bank Of India (SBI), have already started blocking their customers' debit cards and re-issuing fresh ones free of cost. An estimated three million debit cards issued by various public or private banks are said to be affected by a potential data breach. Debit or credit cards are prone to security issues when unauthorised parties gain access to the confidential data embedded on them, even as they are being swiped in an automatic teller machine (ATM). In the current scenario, the SBI alone has blocked more than 600,000 debit cards while assuring that the malware-related security breach was reportedly detected in the non-SBI ATM network.

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40. Mer de Chine: Chinois et Philippines d'accord pour le dialogue

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 21

Pékin - Chinois et Philippines se sont engagés vendredi à privilégier le dialogue pour régler leur différend sur la souveraineté de la mer de Chine méridionale, au dernier jour de la visite à Pékin du président Rodrigo Duterte. Celui-ci opère un revirement spectaculaire de la diplomatie de son pays, qui l'éloigne des Etats-Unis au profit de la Chine. Dans un communiqué commun, les deux pays ont "réaffirmé qu'il est important de maintenir et promouvoir la paix et la stabilité ainsi que la liberté de navigation et de survol de la mer de Chine méridionale, et de régler leurs différends territorial et juridique par des voies pacifiques, sans recourir à la menace ni à la force, par des consultations amicales et la négociation". Le communiqué évoque la mise en place d'un "mécanisme de consultation bilatéral" qui se réunirait "régulièrement" pour discuter du différend maritime. Les deux pays vont en outre accroître la coopération entre leurs garde-côtes. Le document n'évoque pas le verdict de la cour internationale d'arbitrage qui a rejeté en juillet, sur saisie de Manille, les prétentions chinoises en mer de Chine méridionale, où plusieurs autres riverains (Vietnam, Brunei, Malaisie, Taïwan) se disputent le contrôle d'îles et d'îlots.

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41. S. Korea, U.S. to consider deploying U.S. strategic assets to deter N. Korea

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 10 21

Washington/Seoul - South Korea and the United States will consider deploying U.S. strategic military assets to the South permanently on a rotational basis to strengthen the U.S. "extended deterrence" protection of the Asian ally from nuclear and missile threats from North Korea, Seoul's defense chief said Thursday. South Korean Defense Minister Han Min-koo made the remark after talks with U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter. Deployment of strategic assets, such as B-2 stealth bombers, would significantly back up repeated pledges by the U.S. to mobilize all military capabilities, including nuclear weapons, to defend the South. "We discussed a lot of options, including permanently deploying U.S. strategic assets on a rotational basis," Han said during a joint news conference with Carter at the Pentagon. "We'll conduct a review (of options) going forward, including those ones." Permanently deploying U.S. strategic assets on a rotational basis means keeping at least one such asset either in, over or off in South Korea at any given time. Such deployment would not only reassure South Koreans of the U.S. defense commitment, but serve as a strong warning and deterrent to North Korea leader Kim Jong-un. The U.S. has temporarily sent strategic assets, such as nuclear-capable B-52 and B-1B bombers, F-22 stealth fighter jets and nuclear-powered, cruise-missile submarines, to South Korea in a show of force in the wake of the North's two nuclear tests and a series of missile launches, but perceptions have grown among South Koreans that such one-off missions are not enough.

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42. Xi demands strong army, solid troops

Xinhua News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 10 21

Beijing - Chinese President Xi Jinping has urged building a solid national defense and strong armed forces that are commensurate with the country's international status, national security and development interests. Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC), made the remarks at a gathering on Friday to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the victory of the Long March. He noted that the Party's absolute leadership over the armed forces is the fundamental guarantee for the army's victory. "To build a strong country requires efforts to build a strong army, and only with a strong army can the country's security be guaranteed," Xi said. He called for efforts to foster a new generation of Chinese servicemen who are "soldiers with soul, high caliber, gut and virtue," and to build rock-solid troops with "iron-like belief, conviction, discipline and commitment." "The Long March is the glory of the people's army, and the honorable people's army must always carry forward the great spirit and fine tradition of the Red Army in the Long March," Xi said.

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43. Digital Trail Betrays Identity Of Russian 'Hacker' Detained In Prague

Radio Free Europe, Dmitry Treshchanin, Nick Shchetko, 2016 10 20

Prague - An investigation by RFE/RL's Current Time TV has determined that the Russian national accused by American officials of hacking U.S. targets and arrested earlier this month in the Czech capital is 29-year-old Moscow resident Yevgeny Nikulin. Czech authorities this week said the suspect was detained in downtown Prague on October 5 in response to an Interpol warrant requested by the United States and now faces a Czech extradition hearing. Czech police and local media have identified him only as "Yevgeniy N," and the Russian and U.S. governments revealed only that he was a Russian citizen. Current Time's investigation uncovered Nikulin's Instagram account under the handle "i.tak.soidet," displaying a taste for luxury cars and jewelry and a digital trail that led through Belarus and Poland to the Czech Republic in the weeks before the Prague arrest. It is unclear exactly what role Nikulin is suspected of playing in the alleged U.S. website hacks or even which websites were involved. A spokesperson from the U.S. Embassy in Prague confirmed that a Russian had been detained who was "suspected of hacking U.S. targets."

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44. Wheels within wheels

The Economist, Staff report, 2016 10 20

London - MYSTERY, MIRACLE AND authority are three powers alone able to hold the conscience of people captive, explains Fyodor Dostoyevsky's Grand Inquisitor in "The Brothers Karamazov". Mr Putin has mastered all three. Yet none of these is as important as secrecy, the main tool of a good spy. Nobody really knows what goes on behind the Kremlin's thick walls, or inside Mr Putin's head. But several things are becoming clearer. Mr Putin's rule is turning increasingly personal; a generational shift is taking place within his entourage; and the FSB, the successor organisation to the KGB, is emerging as the main mechanism for exercising power, often at the expense of all other security services, including the police. Mr Putin had always relied heavily on his former KGB colleagues, but after the annexation of Crimea the expansion of the FSB gained new momentum and greater public legitimacy. It now openly wields political and economic power. Mr Putin has recently appointed three members of his security detail and one former KGB officer as regional governors. After Stalin's death in 1953, the KGB was a "combat division" of the Communist Party, tightly controlled by its central committee, which did not want to see a repeat of Stalin's purges. When the party collapsed in 1991 the KGB lost its lustre, but the new rulers never dismantled it. Though the party could not survive without ideology, the KGB could. Today the FSB is personally overseen by Mr Putin. "There is no political control over the FSB. It is a self-contained and closed system," says Andrei Soldatov, an expert on Russia's security services. Behind the scenes, the FSB controls the Investigative Committee, the Russian equivalent of America's FBI. The prosecutor's office, in effect, has no independent oversight of the FSB and the courts take their cue from it.

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45. Active protection system for battle tanks unveiled

Tehran Times, 2016 10 21

Tehran - Iran announced on Wednesday it had successfully deployed a modern homegrown active protection system (APS) on its Zulfiqar tanks, making them less vulnerable to battlefield threats. "The system can be mounted on armored personnel carriers and tanks. We have deployed it on Zulfiqar tanks and tested it successfully," Tasnim quoted Aaboutalebi, one of the experts working on the project, as saying on Wednesday. APSs detect threats from high-explosive anti-tank warheads such as those carried by the rocket-propelled grenade, enabling the tank and its crew to defeat such attacks and precisely engage the firing squad. "We have utilized a Doppler radar in designing the system and test-fields have been successful," Aaboutalebi added. Also, APS uses a firewall to survive incoming threats, he said.

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46. Iraq: Explosions, gunfire rock Kirkuk

Al Jazeera, 2016 10 21

Baghdad - ISIL fighters have attacked multiple targets in and around the oil-rich city of Kirkuk, in a major assault that appeared aimed at diverting Iraqi and Kurdish forces from a massive push against Mosul, the armed group's last major stronghold in Iraq. The coordinated attacks began early on Friday when fighters armed with assault rifles and explosives attacked a power station and government buildings, including the police headquarters. ISIL, also known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL, quickly claimed responsibility for the attacks in online statements. In one of the incidents, at least three suicide bombers were killed as security forces foiled an attack on a former police complex in central Kirkuk. Outside Kirkuk, at least 10 employees, including three Iranian nationals, were killed when gunmen stormed a power plant and then blew themselves up, according to authorities.

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47. Les Kurdes bouclent le nord de Mossoul

Le Figaro, Thierry Oberlé, 2016 10 21

Mossoul - Les pechmergas ne doivent pas entrer dans la ville irakienne mais verrouiller plusieurs de ses accès. Proche-Orient Mossoul apparaît à l'horizon dans la brume de l'aube. Des hauteurs de la plaine de Ninive, le général Aziz Waousi scrute l'horizon. « Il est où, Mustapha ? » , interroge le corpulent commandant pechmerga, à la tête de sanglier et aux lunettes noires vissées sur le front de sa casquette. « Il est passé où, le colonel Mustapha ? » , répète-t-il. L'officier doit ouvrir la marche de l'offensive contre Bachiqqa, comme il le fait régulièrement depuis le début de l'opération de reconquête des territoires occupés par l'État islamique en 2014 après la prise de Mossoul. « Ce ne sera pas facile, les zones minées sont immenses » , prévient le général. Mais ce matin est un jour particulier. Cette bataille devrait marquer la fin de l'avancée kurde dans le territoire irakien. « Nous allons verrouiller la porte nord de Mossoul de la même manière que nous fermons l'Est. Daech sera encerclé et nous passerons alors la main aux Irakiens pour finir le

travail » , explique le général Djamal Omar, le patron des Zeravani, les unités de sécurité intérieure et extérieure des pechmergas. Les pechmergas craignent une attaque au gaz chimique

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48. Mosul scenarios: Where can Baghdadi run to?

Al Arabiya, Huda al-Saleh, 2016 10 21

Baghdad - After the battle to restore Mosul started on Monday, questions and speculations surfaced regarding the whereabouts of ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, who made his first appearance in Mosul when the organization took over the city in 2014. A photograph of him emerged in September when he was stepping out of his caches with three of his companions, amid the heavy bombing in the city of Mosul. Will Baghdadi stay in Mosul along with his fighters, or is he considering the possibility of escaping with other leaders of ISIS, leaving his belligerent behind fighting the joint Iraqi-American forces along with the Popular Mobilization Forces? Al Arabiya.net attempted to decipher the possible escape routes Baghdadi might take based on maps, political accounts as well as areas controlled by ISIS in the Syrian and Iraqi borders.

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49. Simulated Enemy Combat Drone Intercepted, Destroyed by Air Force Fighter Jets during Drills

Fars News Agency, 2016 10 21

Tehran - The Iranian Air Force's fighter jets intercepted and destroyed a combat drone and fired laser-guided bombs on simulated enemy targets on the last day of the massive wargames underway in the Central parts of the country. On the third and last day of Fadaeeyan-e Harim-e Velayat-6 wargames underway in the Central province of Isfahan, four F4 fighter jets were refueled by the 747 aerial refueling tanker over Anarak region on Wednesday. Also, a Mig 29 fighter intercepted and blew up a home-made Karrar combat drone by firing an air-to-air missile. The Air Force's Phantom fighter jets also pounded simulated enemy targets using home-made Qassed smart bombs. They also fired Nasr missiles and 2,000-pound laser-guided CCG bombs and destroyed the specified targets in the drills region.

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50. 11 Hezbollah Fighters Killed in Aleppo in One Month

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 10 21

Beirut - The so-called Hezbollah party endured more losses in the past few weeks as fighting intensified in the province of Aleppo in Syria. There has been information that 11 Hezbollah members, including Hatem Hamadeh, a high-ranking commander in the party, were killed in Aleppo alone this month. Hamadeh was also known in the military circle under the name of

"Hajj Ala'a." The party held his funeral mid this week. Abu Ala'a was killed when an explosive device targeted him and his bodyguards while they were present in the area of "1070 Apartment District" of southwestern Aleppo. Lebanon Debate news website said Hamadeh was leading the Military 125 Unit in [Hezbollah], and that he is known as one of the best commanders in the military field. The website said Abu Ala'a is considered the party's second military commander in the Aleppo front. The so-called Hezbollah sends thousands of its members to Syria to fight alongside Bashar Assad's forces.

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51. Clashes undermine Yemen's fragile ceasefire

The National (UAE), Mohammed Al Qalisi, 2016 10 21

Aden - Scattered clashes between rebels and pro-government forces undermined a fragile ceasefire in Yemen on Thursday as global pressure intensified for a lasting truce in a country where millions are homeless and hungry. The ceasefire for an initial period of three days, took effect at one minute to midnight on Wednesday under a United Nations plan which aims to allow sorely needed aid to reach suffering civilians. But only one side appeared to silence their guns. Missiles fired from Yemen across the border into the southern Saudi Arabian province of Jazan wounded a number of civilians, the Saudi-owned TV news channel Al Arabiya reported on Thursday, quoting the Saudi civil defence unit. It was not immediately clear when the attack happened, but Yemen's Houthi movement said on Thursday it had launched attacks on military targets in Saudi Arabia over the last two days.

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52. Lebanese authorities crack terror network

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 10 21

Beirut - A network of Syrians planning terror attacks across Lebanon have been arrested, General Security announced Thursday. Also Thursday, Military Investigative Judge Fadi Sawan issued arrest warrants against four defendants over a plot to bomb recent Ashoura commemorations. The eight-member network was arrested "for belonging to a terrorist organization and for communicating with fundamentalist militants," the security services said in a statement. The network was allegedly seeking to destabilize security in Lebanon. The arrests came following investigations as part of General Security preventive security measures through the monitoring of the activities of sleeper cells and terrorist groups, the statement added. General Security didn't specify when exactly the arrests took place. "As a result of investigations with [the suspects], they admitted to what was attributed to them," General Security said.

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53. Mossad man 'met with Morsi on eve of his becoming Egypt president'

Times of Israel, Sue Surkes, 2016 10 21

Jerusalem - A representative of Israel's Mossad espionage agency met secretly with the Muslim Brotherhood's Mohammed Morsi the day before he took office as Egyptian president in 2012, an Egyptian journalist revealed. According to Army Radio, the Egyptian journalist obtained a copy of the account of the get-together written in Hebrew by the Mossad operative. The spook said that the meeting was facilitated and attended by representatives of the US administration. Morsi reportedly told the Israeli that he had no intention of severing ties with the Jewish state and that he did not see the country with which Cairo signed a 1979 peace agreement as an enemy. The journalist, Walid Majdi, did not reveal how he obtained the document. In an April 2013 interview with Al-Jazeera, Morsi stressed Egypt's commitment to the peace accords signed with Israel as an expression of "the free will of the Egyptians," but added that true peace couldn't exist as long as Palestinians were denied their rights.

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54. PA intel grills Palestinians who visited settler leader's sukkah

Times of Israel, Sue Surkes, 2016 10 21

Jerusalem - Three Palestinians who accepted an invitation to the sukkah of the head of a West Bank settlement were summoned by Palestinian Authority intelligence on Thursday to explain why they had visited "murderers of babies." The three, from two nearby Palestinian villages, were hosted by Oded Revivi, the mayor of Efrat, a settlement located 12 kilometers (7.5 miles) south of Jerusalem. It is a Jewish tradition to host friends and associates in the temporary structure during Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles), to recall the booths supposedly erected in the desert by the Children of Israel during the Exodus from Egypt. Also at the gathering were senior figures in settlement authorities and the Israeli security services - - among them the head of the IDF Central Command Nitzan Alon, as well as members of the police and Civil Administration (the Israeli government's representative body in the West Bank).

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55. Terror attack on wedding hall in south foiled -- security agency

Times of Israel, Stuart Winer, 2016 10 21

Jerusalem - A group of four Palestinians, including one who was granted temporary Israeli residency on humanitarian grounds, planned to carry out a terror attack at a wedding hall where one worked and also kidnap an IDF soldier to be used for leverage in negotiations with Israel, Israeli security officials said Thursday. The plans were thwarted by a joint Shin Bet security service and Israel Police investigation, details of which were permitted for publication on Thursday as southern state prosecutors filed indictments against the men at the Beersheba District Court. According to the Shin Bet, the four planned to carry out an attack on an event hall in southern Israel, as well as kidnapping and killing an IDF soldier to use his remains as a bargaining chip. The release did not detail what type of attack was planned on the hall or where it was located. According to media reports, the intended target was the Narnia event hall in Beersheba.

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56. U.S. slaps fresh sanctions against alleged Hezbollah associates

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 10 21

Beirut - The U.S. Treasury Department and Saudi authorities Thursday announced fresh sanctions against alleged Lebanese members and financial backers of Hezbollah in the latest international crackdown against the group. The U.S. State Department announced that the U.S.-based assets of Lebanese national Haytham Ali Tabatabai, also known as Abu Ali al-Tabatabai, had been frozen under U.S. counterterrorism laws. U.S. authorities believe Tabatabai commands Hezbollah special forces on the ground in Syria, the State Department said in a statement. Others targeted include Lebanese nationals Muhammad al-Mukhtar Kallas, Hasan Jamal-al-Din, Yosef Ayad and Muhammad Ghaleb Hamdar. The sanctions also prevent U.S. citizens from doing business with these individuals. Baabda-based Global Cleaners SARL was also accused of financing the group. The Treasury Department said it is owned or controlled by Adham Tabaja and had sanitation contracts in Baghdad.

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57. Yemen Government Expects Houthis to Procrastinate on Truce

Asharq Al-Awsat, Arafat Madabish and Abdul Hadi Habtoor, 2016 10 21

Aden, Riyadh - A new ceasefire announced by the U.N. for 72 hours went into effect in Yemen just before midnight Wednesday but remains a test for both warring parties, particularly with rebels' record in breaching all previous truces. The command of the Arab Coalition forces to support the legitimacy in Yemen said in a statement issued Wednesday that a three-day ceasefire has kicked off in Yemen in response to a request made by Yemeni President Abed Rabbuh Mansour Hadi in a letter addressed to Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz. In his letter, Hadi informed the King that international and regional efforts exerted between the U.N., Hadi and the coalition have led to an agreement on a ceasefire for 72 hours. Hadi said the most important part of this agreement is the adherence of the Houthis and their allies to the ceasefire to allow humanitarian aid to enter areas under siege, especially in the city of Taiz.

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58. Agent(e) s de terrain

Le Figaro Magazine, Rémi Kauffer, 2016 10 21

Paris - Deux livres donnent une idée concrète du travail de terrain des agent(e) s de renseignement. Surtout remarqué par les médias pour une polémique concernant les circonstances de la libération de sept otages français au Mali, Jean-Marc Gadoullet, ancien

officier du service action de la DGSE, s'étend aussi sur certaines opérations du début des années 2000 au Congo, au Kosovo ou au Tchad. Bien qu'en exagérant la portée - aucun agent n'a jamais « sauvé le monde » à lui seul -, il offre un témoignage vécu sur l'activité pratique du SA. Plus large est la visée de Dalila Kerchouche. Grand reporter à Madame Figaro, elle a recueilli les confidences d'un vaste panel d'agentes de renseignement allant des services secrets proprement dits ou aux organismes spécialisés de la police, de la douane ou du ministère des Finances. Baptisées en bloc « espionnes », terme parfois un peu abusif dans leur cas, ces femmes révèlent le grand écart entre le métier d'enquêteur et la vie de famille. Elles dévoilent les rapports contrastés avec les collègues masculins, mais se montrent moins prolixes sur leurs missions, évoquées dans les grandes lignes seulement ou au travers d'anecdotes « décalées » avec soin.

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59. Deux Français membres de "Daech" condamnés à six et dix ans de prison

La Relève (Maroc), Journaliste maison, 2016 10 20

Paris - Deux français membres du groupe terroriste Daech, partis en 2014 en Syrie pour faire le jihad, ont été condamnés mardi à six et dix ans de prison par la Cour d'appel de Paris, a-t-on indiqué de source judiciaire. La cour a ainsi confirmé le jugement rendu en janvier dernier par le tribunal correctionnel de Paris contre les deux prévenus âgés respectivement de 28 et 22 ans, en l'assortissant dans les deux cas d'une période de sûreté des deux tiers et d'une inscription au fichier national automatisé des auteurs d'infractions terroristes. Les deux hommes sont partis en Syrie au début de l'année 2014. L'un d'eux n'est pas rentré en France et a prêté allégeance au groupe terroriste Daech. Il a travaillé dans la "police" de l'organisation et a participé au recrutement de jihadistes étrangers, selon des sources proches de l'enquête.

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60. Foreign intel agencies behind Gülenists: former minister

Hurriyet Daily News, Staff report, 2016 10 20

Ankara - A former police chief and interior minister, Mehmet Agar, has told a parliamentary commission investigating the July 15 coup attempt that all illegal organizations, like the Gülenist network, have had links with foreign intelligence services. "Every secret organization in Turkey has foreign links. Usually, those links involve foreign intelligence services," Mehmet Agar told the commission on Oct. 20. Agar did not detail which foreign services were behind the Gülenist network blamed for the July coup attempt. Attending the commission, Agar indicated that while struggling against illegal organizations, mistakes could cause sympathizers to become militants. "When operating a struggle against such organizations, the main purpose should be to cancel this organization out, and to develop necessary measures to inhibit their re-emergence," he said. "Sympathizers should be given an opportunity to be rehabilitated and to return. If there are problems in investigations about them, they will become militants."

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61. Germany reforms its main intelligence service

Deutsche Welle, Staff report, 2016 10 21

Berlin - Germany's lower house of parliament, the Bundestag, has passed a comprehensive reform of the country's main intelligence service, the BND. The new legislation strengthens government monitoring of intelligence activities while explicitly allowing the BND to carry out certain types of surveillance activities. The reform comes in the wake of the 2013 revelations by American whistleblower Edward Snowden that a number of national intelligence services, including the BND, had spied on behalf of the US National Security Agency (NSA) and that the NSA had spied on its allies. That prompted the formation of a German parliamentary committee to draft intelligence agency reforms. The new legislation subjects the BND to monitoring by an "independent panel" of two judges and a federal prosecutor and a "permanent commissioner" from the Interior Ministry. It stipulates that surveillance of international communications networks must be authorized by the Chancellor's Office rather than by the BND itself and explicitly prohibits economic and industrial espionage. The new laws also provide for better protection for whistleblowers within intelligence services and subjects the BND to annual public hearings instead of private ones, as has been the case. The reform permits the BND to cooperate with foreign intelligence services like the NSA if it serves specific purposes, including fighting terrorism, supporting the German military on foreign missions or collecting information concerning the safety of Germans abroad.

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62. Guerre des mines : Londres et Paris vont développer des drones

Le Figaro, Véronique Guillemard, 2016 10 21

Paris - Laurent Collet-Billon, délégué général à l'armement, et Harriett Baldwin, son homologue britannique, ont donné ce jeudi le coup d'envoi du projet de lutte contre les mines. Initié en 2010, le programme Counter Measures (MMCM) prévoit de doter les deux pays de nouvelles capacités stratégiques de lutte contre les mines sous-marines, d'ici à 2021. Après avoir réalisé des études de faisabilité qui ont permis de valider le projet, le consortium franco-britannique emmené par le français Thales va construire deux démonstrateurs technologiques de drones de surface et sous-marins. Cela, pour un budget de 150 millions d'euros, financés à 50-50 par Paris et Londres. Les drones doivent être livrés aux deux Marines en 2019. « Ce projet innovant renforce davantage les relations de défense franco-britanniques », a déclaré Harriett Baldwin. Malgré le Brexit, les deux puissances militaires et nucléaires européennes restent plus que jamais partenaires dans la défense.

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63. Isis sees European terror attacks as new priority after Iraq and Syria setbacks

The Independent (UK), Kim Sengupta, 2016 10 21

Urfa, Turkey - Senior Isis leaders have been forced to accept that they will lose their caliphate in Syria and Iraq and see terrorist attacks in the West as the way forward for jihad, according to foreign fighters who are abandoning the Islamist group as it faces an onslaught in Mosul and an

impending attack on Raqqa. The killings of some of their best commanders, divisions and fear of treachery have contributed to Isis steadily losing territory, according to two Belgian Muslims who recently deserted and fled to Turkey. At the same time, destruction of munitions has led to the group depending more and more on light weapons, suicide bomb cars and IEDs (improvised explosive devices) to try and stem the offensives being launched against it. "When Daesh [Isis] went into Iraq and took the armour and Humvees from the Iraqi army, it was a big success because it allowed them to move forward very fast. But once the bombing started by the Americans a lot of these armoured cars and Humvees just got smashed; moving around in them just made you a big target," said Rachid, 27, who used to work as a mechanic in Belgium before his journey to Syria. "Now the Daesh leaders talk about ribat, which means defending territory, not going forward, so it is a different kind of warfare. Daesh have [surface-to-air] missiles, sure. They have even built their own but how many planes have they brought down? Very few, it is not so easy with modern planes," he continued. "They still have very good bombmakers and suicide cars are very good because they are effective and really make the enemy afraid. But when the Americans and the Russians started their air strikes these cars were getting blown up before they got to the enemy, so not so effective now and also numbers of people volunteering to be suicide bombers has fallen. "But you can get people prepared to be suicide bombers in Europe and they can cause much more damage. So, the leaders of Daesh are saying that is where the struggle should take place. A lot of the brothers now feel Mosul cannot be held, Raqqa cannot be held. So, the fight is moving to Europe".

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64. Les actes antimusulmans en baisse en 2016

Le Figaro avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 21

Paris - Les actes antimusulmans ont baissé sur les neuf premiers mois de l'année 2016 (-53,9%) par rapport à la même période en 2015, marquée par le contexte des attentats contre Charlie Hebdo et l'Hyper Cacher de Vincennes, a annoncé hier l'Observatoire national contre l'islamophobie. Quelque 149 actes antimusulmans ont été enregistrés entre janvier et septembre 2016, contre 323 en 2015, selon l'Observatoire. Cette composante du Conseil français du culte musulman (CFCM) recoupe ses chiffres avec les plaintes et mains courantes remontées au ministère de l'Intérieur. Il en ressort une liste d'actes antimusulmans ventilés en actions (agression contre des personnes ou des lieux de culte...) et menaces (propos et lettres d'injures notamment). "Cyber-haine" Entre janvier et septembre 2016, 52 actions antimusulmanes ont été enregistrées, contre 96 pour la même période en 2015 (-45,8 %). Quelque 97 menaces ont également été recensées, contre 227 en 2015 (-57,3%). "En revanche, l'islamophobie, via la cyber-haine reste en forte progression depuis l'attentat du 14 juillet à Nice", souligne l'Observatoire.

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65. Teen Girl Stands Trial in Germany on Terror Charges

Asharq Al-Awsat, Majid al-Khateeb, 2016 10 21

Berlin - A teenage German girl of Moroccan origin went on trial in Germany Thursday for "attempted murder, grievous bodily harm and support for a foreign terrorist organization." Safia S., 16, was in the dock in the northern city of Celle, with the court due to decide whether the proceedings would take place behind closed doors because she is a minor. The German-Moroccan national risks 10 years in prison for stabbing a police officer, an assault allegedly "ordered" by ISIS but which was not claimed by the jihadist group. Prosecutors said the teenager, who is believed to have been radicalized as a young girl, had sought to catch the attention of police officers by following them around at the main train station in the northern city of Hanover. As the officers called her over for an identity check, Safia S. stabbed one of them in the neck with a long vegetable knife before being overpowered by another officer.

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1. Curbs Needed on Sweeping Powers to Spy on Canadians

The Tyee, Micheal Vonn, 2016 10 27

Analysis: The Security of Canada Information Sharing Act -- also known as "the Information Sharing Act" -- was enacted as part of Bill C-51. It gives expanded powers to federal government agencies to collect and share Canadians' personal information, ostensibly for the purposes of

"national security," but not in the way that term is usually used. The federal Privacy Commissioner's office describes the surveillance capacity given to government agencies under the Act as "unprecedented." The Information Sharing Act gives listed federal bodies (said to represent more than 100 agencies) the ability to disclose Canadians' personal information to other government institutions that have mandates or responsibilities that are relevant to the detection, identification, analysis, prevention, investigation or disruption of "activities that undermine the security of Canada." This term -- "activities that undermine the security of Canada"-- is a special concept that is entirely new to Canadian law. It is so broad that, according to the act, it goes far beyond public safety and includes aspects of ordinary public life ranging from "the administration of justice" to Canada's financial and economic stability. The act does not require individualized suspicion as a basis for information sharing amongst government agencies. There is no impediment in the Act to having entire databases shared with CSIS or the RCMP. The standard for "sharing" is very, very low. No compelling reason for the legislation has ever been given. In their recent response to the government's Green Paper, professors Kent Roach and Craig Forcese cite a CSIS briefing note from 2014 that set out some concerns about a lack of clarity with respect to sharing information for national security purposes. The briefing note did not call for a wholesale re-visioning of information sharing to address this concern, but rather suggested that "With appropriate direction and framework in place, significant improvements are possible to encourage information sharing for national security purposes, on the basis of existing legislative authorities." The intelligence alliance called the Five Eyes (comprised of agencies from the U.S., U.K., Australia, New Zealand and Canada) is having rather a bad time of it with respect to findings that it is conducting illegal surveillance on a massive scale. Our good friends at Privacy International just achieved a landmark ruling in the U.K. The Investigatory Powers Tribunal ruled that British security agencies have secretly and unlawfully collected massive volumes of personal data in breach of Article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights and that this unlawful activity has been going on for years and years. (Note: Micheal Vonn is the policy director of the BC Civil Liberties Association.)

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2. Monsef said she wanted to keep Iran trip 'hush hush'

Calgary Sun, Candice Malcolm, 2016 10 27

Column: Despite finally being open about it Tuesday, Democratic Institutions Minister Maryam Monsef wanted to keep her recent trip to Iran and Afghanistan "hush hush," according to an interview she did after returning to Canada in 2014. In a YouTube interview with Mike Judson, dated Dec. 6, 2014, Judson said "you had just done a visit back to Afghanistan, and it was kind of hush hush." "Yeah," replied Monsef. "Do you still want that visit to remain hush hush?" asked Judson. "Sort of," replied Monsef. "Not because of safety," she said, although she didn't explain why she wanted the trip to remain "hush hush." Monsef said she was in Iran and planned to cross into Afghanistan by car. When they arrived at the border, however, the situation seemed unsafe. "So we just did a U (turn)," said Monsef. "I got my passport stamped and got the visa stuff looked after, and just got back into the car and drove back." Instead, according to Monsef, she spent the next "two months or so" in Iran, from December 2013 until early 2014, staying with relatives and working with Afghan refugees in Iran. When Monsef was appointed into Trudeau's cabinet in late 2015, she was vetted by the RCMP and CSIS. One of the requirements for security clearance

is to disclose all foreign travel within a ten-year period. Did Monsef disclose her trips to Iran and Afghanistan? Was the Prime Minister's Office aware of Monsef's extensive travel history in the region, in 2010, 2013 and 2014? Did they know about her Afghan passport? Or was the whole thing kept "hush hush"?

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3. Bring heroes home

Toronto Sun, Joe Warmington, 2016 10 27

Column: It upset me very much to hear our brave interpreters were attacked while peacefully demonstrating in front of the Canadian Embassy in Afghanistan on Wednesday. Who were those gun-toting thugs in Kabul who punched out and threatened our hero Afghan interpreters? Did the Canadian Embassy do anything to help? I have sent these questions to both Global Affairs Canada and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Needless to say, the rally did not go well. "While we were holding the folded banners and walking towards a park, we were stopped by armed strangers," interpreter Alex tells me. "They asked us 'what were you guys doing in front of the Canada Embassy' and 'what do the texts mean on the banners that you guys are carrying?' " Freedom of speech or protest isn't exactly free in Afghanistan. "We avoided saying a single word and kept going," explains Alex. "They started engaging us and insulting us, they were saying, 'you the interpreters are the infidels' slaves.' " That's when the beatings started. "They started fighting," said Alex. "One of us got injured so we took him to a hospital. We said it was just a personal hostility. We didn't disclose our rally even in hospital." This all happened after a one-day delay of the rally due to security concerns. "We were confused about the strangers who engaged us," said Alex. "I mean, who were those armed guys? We really couldn't recognize those strangers."

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4. Canada orders anthrax vaccine

National Post, Tom Blackwell, 2016 10 27

Ottawa - Recalling a largely forgotten terrorist threat, the Public Health Agency of Canada has ordered up to 28,000 doses of anthrax vaccine, saying the bacteria remains "one of the most dangerous and lethal" possible biological weapons. The agency issued a sole-source tender recently for 15,000 to 28,000 shots of BioThrax from the Michigan company Emergent Bio-Solutions, to be delivered over five years. But the federal department refuses to say how the vaccine would be used or who would receive it in the event of an attack. Meanwhile, the stockpile is a small fraction per capita of what the American government has ordered recently, suggesting relatively few Canadians would have access to it. A former federal cabinet minister who dealt with what turned out to be anthrax false alarms while Toronto's police chief says buying the vaccine makes sense, regardless of how likely Canada is to be targeted. "The one thing I've always been concerned about in all my years in public safety, be it as police chief or (Ontario) commissioner of emergency management, is that the things you don't know are the

things you fear the most," said Julian Fantino, now a board member of the Mackenzie Institute security think-tank. Its potential use as a weapon, however, means it's still a publichealth threat, said Rebecca Gilman, a Public Health Agency spokeswoman. "It is among the most dangerous and lethal agents available for a bioterror attack, with extraordinarily high mortality rates if people exposed to anthrax are not treated quickly," she said in an emailed statement. The tender indicates the vaccine could be used both as a preventive measure and "prophylactically" after someone had been exposed to anthrax, which kills 80 per cent of those who breath in the spores. However, Gilman said she was unable to comment on who would potentially receive it or under what circumstances, as those details are kept under wraps for "national security reasons." "This information could end up in the hands of those who could use it to inform their plans to harm Canadians through an act of terrorism," she said.

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5. Conservatives accuse Liberals of concealing extent of Iraq mission

iPolitics.ca, Janice Dickson, 2016 10 27

Ottawa - Conservative Interim Leader Rona Ambrose alleged today that the Liberals are no longer briefing the media on Canada's role in its anti-ISIS mission in Iraq. Ambrose said Trudeau "is not being transparent with Canadians about our role in these combat operations. He called it a training mission, but we have learned through social media that our troops on the front lines and engaging the enemy. This is serious." In question period today, she accused the Liberals' of changing the communications policy to eliminate technical briefings for media "for political reasons." Prime Minister Justin Trudeau replied by insisting his government remains open and transparent about the mission -- "but we will not compromise their safety for a communications exercise here at home." While the Canadian Forces and Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan continue to update the media on Canada's mission in Iraq, media were told earlier this month that the Canadian Forces will no longer disclose details when Canadian troops come under fire from ISIS militants while advising and assisting Kurdish fighters on the front lines in Iraq. McKay said that the government will assess the needs of the coalition, but right now the mission is focused on Iraq. McKay did not answer an additional question from Paul-Hus about whether an extended mission in Syria would be put to a vote in Parliament.

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6. Ivre, un homme saccage une mosquée à Sept-Îles

Journal de Montréal, Jean St-Pierre, 2016 10 27

Sept-Iles - La communauté musulmane bouleversée La trop forte consommation d'alcool d'un individu de 38 ans expliquerait le saccage de la mosquée de Sept-Îles. Selon la Sûreté du Québec, il ne s'agit pas d'un crime haineux. Les dommages, évalués à 5000 \$, ont forcé les responsables à repousser l'inauguration du centre culturel musulman qui devait ouvrir dans une semaine Un homme de 38 ans s'est rendu par lui-même à la police au lendemain d'une introduction par effraction et du saccage de la nouvelle mosquée de Sept-Îles. L'homme prétend avoir consommé de la boisson forte dans un bar tout près du bâtiment saccagé. Il a affirmé aux enquêteurs qu'il a choisi la maison au hasard. La mosquée est le troisième voisin du bar. Le centre culturel

musulman a été saccagé dans la nuit de lundi à mardi. Les dommages sont évalués à environ 5000 \$. La petite mosquée devait ouvrir dans une semaine.

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7. La CPI est-elle menacée ?

La Presse+, Jean-Thomas Léveillé, 2016 10 27

Québec - Après le Burundi et l'Afrique du Sud, plus tôt ce mois-ci, la Gambie est devenue hier le troisième pays à signifier son intention de se retirer de la Cour pénale internationale. Ces trois pays, tous dans le collimateur des défenseurs des droits de la personne, affirment que la Cour s'acharne sur les Africains. Son existence est-elle menacée ? Tout indique que le Burundi deviendra le premier pays du monde à se retirer de la Cour pénale internationale (CPI), qu'il accuse d'être à la solde des grandes puissances. Le président burundais Pierre Nkurunziza a promulgué la semaine dernière la loi adoptée par l'Assemblée nationale et le Sénat portant sur le retrait de Bujumbura du Statut de Rome, qui a donné naissance à la CPI en 1998. Il ne manque plus que la notification officielle au secrétaire général des Nations unies. L'annonce de ce retrait survient après que la CPI a entamé le printemps dernier un examen préliminaire « sur des actes de meurtre, d'emprisonnement, de torture, de viol et d'autres formes de violences sexuelles ainsi que sur des cas de disparitions forcées survenus au Burundi depuis avril 2015 », lorsque la candidature du président Pierre Nkurunziza à un troisième mandat a été annoncée. « C'est le propre des gouvernements autoritaires de se retirer des systèmes, surtout internationaux, qui les critiquent. » -- Fannie Lafontaine, titulaire de la Chaire de recherche du Canada sur la justice internationale pénale et les droits fondamentaux de l'Université Laval

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8. La rédemption d'un ancien suprémaciste blanc

Le Devoir, Isabelle Porter, 2016 10 27

Québec - « On devient comme des missiles », raconte en entrevue un jeune homme radicalisé par des néonazis. Après dix ans d'activité au sein de groupes suprémacistes blancs, Daniel Gallant cherche aujourd'hui à tenir les jeunes à distance des néonazis. À quelques jours de sa participation à la conférence de l'UNESCO « Internet et la radicalisation des jeunes: prévenir, agir et vivre ensemble », il nous parle de son nouveau combat pour le dialogue. « Les maganés de la vie, les gens comme moi, on était considérés comme des missiles. On nous remplissait de carburant et on nous regardait littéralement exploser », raconte-t-il lors d'un entretien téléphonique depuis la Colombie-Britannique. Né dans une famille complètement dysfonctionnelle, Daniel Gallant était une bombe à retardement à 19 ans quand un groupe suprémaciste blanc l'a recruté. « En ciblant les sionistes, ça me donnait des gens à blâmer pour tout ce que je haïssais dans ce monde, comme avoir été battu par mon beau-père, avoir été élevé par six putains de beaux-pères... Toute cette merde, je pouvais la mettre sur le dos des juifs », raconte-t-il dans une vidéo de l'organisme Extreme Dialogue. « Pour prouver mon allégeance au groupe, j'avais décidé d'agresser une personne par jour.

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9. Le Canada prêt à accueillir les yézidis persécutés en Irak

La Croix, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 27

Ottawa - Le Parlement canadien a adopté à l'unanimité, mardi, une motion prévoyant l'accueil d'ici à quatre mois des réfugiés yézidis fuyant les persécutions - qualifiées de « génocide » par Ottawa - du groupe État islamique dans le nord de l'Irak actuellement déchiré par d'intenses combats.

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10. Man surrenders to Quebec police after Muslim centre vandalized

Associated Press, Sidhartha Banerjee, 2016 10 27

Ottawa - Alcohol, not hate, fuelled a break-in and extensive vandalism at a Muslim centre in a remote part of Quebec, say provincial police. "It's the first business he (the accused) saw after he left the bar," said Sgt. Jean Tremblay, adding police believe the suspect was very inebriated. Authorities spoke with the 38-year-old suspect and said they don't believe the vandalism in Sept-Iles, which occurred at around 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, was a hate crime. The man turned himself in that afternoon after the incident at the centre, which was expected to open in the coming weeks. Nizar Aouini, a member of the local Muslim community, said he felt moved by the support he has received from people in the town, which is about 900 kilometres northeast of Montreal on the province's upper north shore. Photos posted by Aouini on Facebook showed plants strewn around the floor of the centre, a destroyed bookshelf and a toppled computer screen. The centre's director, Ben Rouine, says the centre was set to open in a few weeks.

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11. Our national security needs a global perspective

Globe and Mail, Kent Roach, Stephen Toope & Carmen Cheung, 2016 10 27

Analysis: This fall, the federal government is asking Canadians for their views on national security policy. It is an important opportunity for all of us to engage in a national discussion on what our government should do - and not do - to keep us safe. Thinking about national security policy requires a global perspective. There are lessons to be learned from strategies and experiments in other countries. International organizations also influence how national governments respond to transnational security threats. The interplay between the local and the global is most obvious when the threat to national security comes from transnational terrorism. Terrorist organizations based in other countries may be able to influence Canadians to commit acts of terror at home or to join struggles abroad. Violence in Syria, Afghanistan and Somalia affects how Canadian policy makers respond to domestic threats. One example of the need for global and comparative perspective is with strategies to "prevent radicalization to violence." Building on a 2014 Security Council resolution, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has issued a plan of action to prevent violent extremism. It recognizes the importance of human rights, the rule of law, economic opportunities and empowering youth and women in preventing violent extremism. It also calls for the creation of national strategies. Canada has been slow in moving toward such a strategy, though the government has recently committed \$35-million over

five years to establish an Office of the Community Outreach and Counter-radicalization Coordinator. This initiative provides an opportunity to learn from international experience. (Note: Kent Roach is a professor of law at the University of Toronto; Stephen Toope is director of the Munk School of Global Affairs; Carmen Cheung is a professor of global practice at the Munk School of Global Affairs.)

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12. Racism in policing is about outcomes, not intentions

Toronto Star, Desmond Cole, 2016 10 27

Opinion: A two-year study of police traffic stops in Ottawa has revealed - to no one's surprise - that cops in the nation's capital disproportionately pull over Middle Eastern and black drivers. Since police across Canada are being exposed for similar practices, their hollow excuses about a few bad apples are becoming less effective. Instead, our police increasingly argue that prejudiced police behaviour is well-intentioned, and therefore cannot be labelled as racist. Ottawa police chief Charles Bordeleau is using this strategy to shield his officers from accountability. Bordeleau has explained the targeting of Middle Eastern and black drivers by saying, "residents want us to be visible and active in areas with high crime or social disorder issues and to respond to violent crimes, shootings and gang activity." Someone should tell the chief that "racism" refers to systemic, unfair outcomes for racialized people - whatever police may believe about good intentions and colour-blindness, they are still abusing us. If a colleague at the Star steps on my foot every time he passes me in the hallway, it hurts. It doesn't matter if my colleague insists he never sees me standing there, or argues that he has to pass my desk to reach his own. What matters is that my toes are broken. Bordeleau is asking Middle Eastern and black residents not only to accept the damage of racist profiling, but to forgive the officers who repeatedly trample their Charter rights, particularly the right to drive Ottawa's streets without being pulled over for the non-offense of being in a "high crime or social disorder" zone. (Note: Desmond Cole is a Toronto-based journalist)

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13. RCMP crafts strategy for returning terrorists

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 10 27

Ottawa - Foreseeing a possible "flood of foreign fighters" from Syria, the RCMP has circulated a strategy that involves trying to understand the returning fighters' intentions and working with communities. The plan calls for monitoring the social media activity of the returnees, placing them on the no-fly list and asking Passport Canada to revoke their travel documents and flag their future passport applications. The RCMP has also compiled a list of indicators to ascertain the "future posture" of returning fighters that includes whether they are employed, married, "raising funds linked to a little-known charity" or "proselytizing." The "range of responses" for dealing with returnees who have received terrorist training abroad or taken part in foreign conflicts is outlined in a report obtained by the National Post under the Access to Information Act. "Amongst other things, the force must also determine whether they are radicalized and intent on committing crimes, including terrorist acts," said the report, Foreign Fighters:

Preventing the Security Threat in Canada and Abroad. The document, which the RCMP provided to federal officials who drafted the 2016 Public Report on the Terrorist Threat to Canada, was released amid concerns about fleeing combatants after Iraqi and Kurdish forces attacked Mosul.

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14. RCMP launches new "terrorism awareness guide"

Montreal Gazette, Catherine Solyom, 2016 10 27

Montreal - With a level of detail unheard of from law enforcement, the RCMP's new "Terrorism and Violent Extremism Awareness Guide (www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca)" tackles everything from how to see whether your kids are becoming radicalized online, to how to check for signs of explosive testing: look for dead plants and unusual corrosion in the sink. Destined for parents, teachers, colleagues and friends of people at risk of becoming radicalized to violence, the guide includes a whole section on "indicators" of radicalization for police use as well, whether it's of the right-wing, left-wing or Islamist variety. Among things to look out for: Suspicious use of the Internet. The guide asks: "Does my child have several accounts on social media and does he/she use different identities in a specific network?" Signs he or she may be planning to travel to a conflict area: Accessing information on obtaining multiple passports, selling personal belongings. Signs he or she may be planning terrorist activities: Attempting to access restricted areas; acquiring weapons training, using drones, paintball. The guide was conceived as a training tool for police on the front line not necessarily up to date on anti-terrorism research and practice, explained RCMP Quebec Superintendent Martine Fontaine. But they soon realized the police could not prevent terrorism alone. There is no profile to look out for, but rather a "cluster" of changes, it says. Some are obvious, like an "overconsumption of violent propaganda" on the Internet. Others, like a change in appearance and dress style, are less obvious, and on their own may not mean anything. There is also a section devoted to left-wing extremists, like Anonymous, the "hacktivist" group that has disrupted websites in defence of a number of causes. This is not the first time the RCMP has tried to share its knowledge or enlist the help of the wider community. The United Against Terrorism handbook included a whole chapter written by the RCMP on understanding radicalization. But the RCMP withdrew its support for the document, developed with the Islamic Social Services Association and the National Council of Canadian Muslims the day after its launch in September 2014, because of the "adversarial tone" of the other chapters, which included a section on rights and responsibilities of Canadian Muslims.

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15. Sécurité nationale La lutte à l'EI en Irak pourrait avoir un impact au Canada, prévient la GRC

La Presse+, Vincent Larouche, 2016 10 27

Montréal - L'intensification des combats contre le groupe armé État islamique dans la région de Mossoul, en Irak, pourrait avoir un impact au Canada en mobilisant certains partisans du groupe, prévient la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC). Celle-ci demande aux citoyens de demeurer « vigilants », tout en se gardant d'« être paranoïaques ». « La ville va être libérée, des gens fuient, et ils vont aller quelque part. Sans être paranoïaques, on doit être conscients de cette menace »,

souligne la surintendante Martine Fontaine, responsable de la prévention au Québec pour le corps policier fédéral. « Il n'y a plus de frontières : tout ce qui se passe à l'international a un impact partout. Avec internet, [toute la liberté] de mouvement des gens, les voyages, on doit être à l'affût de ce qui se passe à l'étranger, car on a des gens vulnérables qui sont influencés par la propagande. Ça demeure une préoccupation de tous les pays que les gens qui ont combattu avec Daech [le groupe armé État islamique] reviennent ou aillent continuer à combattre ailleurs », dit-elle. Alors que le terrorisme demeure la « principale menace au Canada en matière de sécurité nationale », la GRC dit compter sur l'aide du public afin d'ouvrir l'oeil.

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16. Time for Tories to stop pandering to fear, hate

Toronto Star, Bob Hepburn, 2016 10 27

Column: First, it was Kellie Leitch with her plan for screening of potential immigrants for "anti-Canadian values." Now comes Steven Blaney with his proposals to test all citizenship applicants to preserve "Canadian identity" and to ban federal employees from wearing niqab face coverings at work. "It is critical that we make sure that new Canadians fully endorse the Canadian principles that are the foundations of our society," Blaney, a Quebec MP, said this week as he formally entered the federal Conservative leadership race. Leitch and Blaney are among a dozen or so possible candidates seeking the leadership, but their outspoken comments on immigration and Canadian "values," "principles" and "identity" have gained them far more news coverage than any of their competitors. Cynical politics on their part, or do they reflect a growing trend in Canada? Clearly, these two federal MPs are eagerly stirring the cesspool of fear, anger and hatred that has played a huge role in the populist anti-immigrant movement behind Donald Trump in the U.S. and the rise of right-wing politicians in Europe. In Canada, Leitch and Blaney are trying to tap into the deep discontent of some sectors of Canadian society, expressing a populist paranoid view of immigration, refugees and mainstream politics. At a glance, such an approach seems out of step with how Canadians really feel about immigration and values. That's because Canadians are becoming more immigrant-friendly - not less - than ever before, according to a new national poll.

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17. « Nous vivons l'âge d'or de la surveillance »

Tribune de Genève, Olivier Bot, 2016 10 27

Moscou - Dans un entretien virtuel, le lanceur d'alerte Edward Snowden estime que le droit à la vie privée est toujours menacé par l'Etat « Les sociétés les plus connectées ont plus à craindre de la surveillance globale que d'un pays comme la Corée du Nord. » Depuis la Russie, où il a obtenu l'asile jusqu'en 2017, le lanceur d'alerte Edward Snowden a participé mardi à une discussion virtuelle programmée par le Global Editors Network et le quotidien allemand Süddeutsche Zeitung, dans le cadre d'un atelier sur les nouvelles formes de journalisme d'enquête. Celui qui révéla le programme « Prism » de surveillance électronique mondiale

s'inquiète toujours des atteintes à la vie privée et à la liberté des citoyens grâce à l'interconnexion des données. « La NSA est à l'intersection de nombreuses sources de données, téléphone, Internet, e-mail. Cela devient terrifiant. Nous vivons l'âge d'or de la surveillance », lance l'ex-consultant technique de la NSA et de la CIA entre 2007 et 2009 à Genève.

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18. Al Qaeda's ruthless pragmatism makes it more dangerous than Islamic State

Reuters, Colin P. Clarke, Barak Mendelsohn, 2016 10 27

Comment - Policymakers and terrorism scholars are debating whether al Qaeda or Islamic State is the more dangerous threat to the United States and the West. After the various bombings and attacks across the West, many experts insist Islamic State is the more serious problem. That is a mistake. Al Qaeda presents the gravest long-term problem to the West. Al Qaeda's ruthlessly pragmatic approach has placed it in a far better position to achieve its strategic objectives. It has proved more effective in taking advantage of U.S. policy in the Middle East, primarily in Syria, to legitimize itself as an armed force and, increasingly, as a viable political player. The al Qaeda-linked Jabhat al-Nusra, since rebranded Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, or JFS, is quietly morphing into a mainstream option in the broader panoply of rebel groups operating in Syria, even as Islamic State's caliphate continues to shrink and the United States and Russia spar over mistaken targets. If Jabhat Fateh al-Sham successfully embeds within the Syrian opposition, it could prolong the conflict in Syria. Even more worrisome, with a concerted political and military strategy, it could attain the long-term success that Hezbollah has achieved in neighboring Lebanon. With a highly capable, well-trained and well-armed franchise group on the periphery of Europe, al Qaeda would be even more dangerous than Islamic State. Note: Colin P. Clarke is a political scientist at the nonprofit, nonpartisan RAND Corporation. Barak Mendelsohn is an associate professor at Haverford College and author of "The al-Qaeda Franchise: The Expansion of Al-Qaeda and Its Consequences."

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19. American Arrested in Tunisia for Terrorism Says He's the Islamic Messiah

The Daily Beast, Katie Zavadski, 2016 10 27

New York - One of two Michigan brothers arrested in Tunisia this week on suspicion of terror says he is the Islamic messiah foretold to bring about Judgment Day, according to social media posts discovered by The Daily Beast. NBC News identified one of the brothers as Patrick Alan Lawwill, 31, based on a passport shown to them by Tunisian officials Wednesday morning. Public records show Patrick has one brother who matches the age of the other suspect arrested in Tunisia, 32-year-old Nathan Wells Lawwill. Nathan posts on Facebook under a pseudonym where he says he is a convert to Islam who does not speak much Arabic and recently married in Tunisia. The day before his arrest, Nathan wrote he is a divine being. "I am two in one. Mahdi to Muslims and Messiah to the Jews," he wrote. "Christians hate me because they know Jesus when they see him. But not Jesus when I am hidden in plain sight. Did you not read all the parable and see the signs when I was still yet with you and now too?"

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20. How the Kremlin Handles Hacks: Deny, Deny, Deny

Bloomberg View, Leonid Bershidsky, 2016 10 26

Column - The U.S. presidential election has made "Russian hackers" a powerful brand. There is, however, another that surpasses it: Ukrainian hackers. And the story of their most recent hack contains valuable lessons for U.S. politicians, particularly Hillary Clinton and the Democrats. A Ukrainian hacker collective calling itself CyberHunta -- a mocking reference to Russian propaganda outlets' moniker for the Kiev government, the junta -- claimed on Oct. 23 to have broken into an electronic mailbox that belongs to Vladislav Surkov, President Vladimir Putin's adviser for dealing with former Soviet breakaway regions. The purported hacked e-mails supposedly contain sensitive information, including, for example, a lengthy plan of "urgent measures for the destabilization of the situation in Ukraine." Unlike Clinton's allies after their e-mails were published, the Kremlin immediately denied the authenticity of the leaked communications. Putin's press secretary, Dmitri Peskov, told reporters that Surkov didn't use e-mail, so those who claim to have broken into his mailbox "must have had to sweat quite a lot" to forge messages. Peskov's denials have been refuted. The Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab explained that the hackers' proof -- a large Microsoft Outlook data file -- contained header information for 2,237 messages, which would have required an impossible amount of sweat to forge. Besides, like any normal mailbox -- that of Clinton aide John Podesta, for example -- prm_surkova@gov.ru received plenty of routine and spam messages. They were all in the Ukrainian data dump, and they were consistent with those other Moscow recipients got at the same time. The denial, however, precluded journalists from asking the Kremlin about the stolen e-mails again, and it cast just enough doubt on the Ukrainian feat to make the story a little less newsworthy. The Democrats could have said the WikiLeaks e-mails were forged or doctored -- and no one could have proved otherwise.

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21. Pentagon Says Airstrikes Targeted Qaeda Leaders

New York Times, Helene Cooper, 2016 10 27

Washington - The United States military carried out airstrikes on Sunday in eastern Afghanistan aimed at two of Al Qaeda's most senior leaders operating in the country, an attack described as one of the most significant in Afghanistan in several years, the Pentagon announced on Wednesday. An official statement said the Defense Department continued to assess whether the two men, Faruq al-Qatani and Bilal al-Utubi, were killed in the airstrikes. Peter Cook, the Pentagon press secretary, said on Wednesday night that "their demise would represent a significant blow to the terrorist group's presence in Afghanistan." He said the attacks came after an extensive period of surveillance over remote areas of Kunar Province. Mr. Qatani was described as Al Qaeda's emir for northeastern Afghanistan, assigned by the terrorist group's leadership to re-establish havens for operations throughout the country. Mr. Cook called him a "senior planner for attacks against the United States," with a long history of directing strikes against American and NATO forces.

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22. Philippines emerge as 'jihad of choice' after Obama phases out counterterrorism operation

Washington Times, Guy Taylor, 2016 10 27

Washington - Support for the Islamic State has deepened cooperation among several extremist groups in Southeast Asia, which soon could focus on a decades-old insurgency in the Philippines as their "jihad of choice" while the terrorist group is beaten back half a world away in Syria and Iraq. Those findings, highlighted in a report this week by an Indonesia-based think tank, are likely to vex the Obama administration, which moved two years ago to phase out what had been for more than a decade a robust U.S. Special Forces counterterrorism operation in the southern Philippines. The report by the Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict stresses how the Middle East-based leaders of the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS and ISIL, are expanding operations into Southeast Asia and view the Philippines as an annex. "The Philippines is important because as far as the ISIS leadership is concerned, it is the extension of the caliphate in the region," says the report, noting that the terrorist group has not declared a province but has increased ties with the formerly al Qaeda-aligned Abu Sayyaf in the nation's restive southwest. "Over the last two years, ISIS has provided a new basis for cooperation among extremists in the region," Sidney Jones, director of the Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict, said in a statement on releasing the report Tuesday. "That cooperation could take on a new importance as ISIS losses in the Middle East increase and the incentive to undertake violence elsewhere rises."

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23. Putin's chaos strategy is coming back to bite him in the ass

Foreign Policy, Mark Galeotti, 2016 10 27

Comment - Back in March, when the U.S. elections still seemed far away -- back before anyone had heard the name Fancy Bear and before everyone knew John Podesta's risotto secrets -- I was in Moscow talking to a Russian who had previously worked in the Kremlin. Over the course of a wide-ranging conversation, it became clear that we agreed on one key characteristic of Vladimir Putin. He called it the "Putin Paradox" and defined it thus: The Russian president's tactical instincts for how to seize an opportunity are so brilliant, and yet the strategic outcomes are almost invariably disastrous. Seven months later, the saga of Russian meddling in America's presidential election has managed to illustrate the "Putin Paradox" perfectly. There can be little serious debate at this point that Moscow is indeed meddling. Despite Donald Trump's skepticism, the U.S. intelligence community has collectively blamed Russia for the hack of Hillary Clinton's campaign emails, which were released by the website WikiLeaks, and the hack of the Democratic National Committee. In addition to this more hands-on interference, Russia's foreign-language state media, notably the RT television network and Sputnik press agency, consistently push a partisan, anti-Clinton line and spread claims of election rigging and other shenanigans. (This is tame, by the way, in comparison with the over-the-top rhetoric of Russian TV host and propagandist Dmitry Kiselyov, who claimed the U.S. establishment might kill Trump rather than let him become president -- but such bombast is intended for domestic consumption and not to influence the U.S. vote.) There are also concerns, still unproven, that

Russians could hack electronic voting systems on Election Day. And yet, for all this effort, what has been achieved? There have been some successes -- but they seem likely to come at a very high cost. The success of Russia's intervention must be measured relative to its goals. Although a Trump victory seems increasingly unlikely, there's little reason to think that's what the Kremlin ever really wanted. The Republican nominee may seem like something of a fellow traveler now - - it was noticeable that even during the third debate he batted away opportunities to distance himself from Putin -- but he would be an unpredictable president. Putin has gotten used to operating as the wildest man on the geopolitical stage; a Trump presidency might severely cramp his style and his strategic calculations.

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24. Refugees Felt at Home, Until White Militia Came

New York Times, Jack Healy, 2016 10 27

Garden City, Kansas - The newest pioneers in western Kansas arrive from Somalia and Myanmar, Mexico and Sudan: thousands of immigrants and refugees chasing work in the cattle yards and packing plants where pay starts at \$16 an hour and little English is needed to saw through meat and bone. Even as Donald J. Trump and other politicians talk about deporting immigrants, blocking refugees and building border walls, many in this conservative corner of Kansas have come to embrace their growing diversity. Pho is a lunchtime staple downtown. The old Kwik Shop on Spruce Street became a Buddhist prayer space. Students in the local schools speak 35 languages. But then came a plot to attack all of that. This month, federal prosecutors announced that three white members of a militia from western Kansas had been accused of planning to bomb the apartments and makeshift mosque where Somali residents of Garden City live and pray. The three men called themselves "the Crusaders," prosecutors said. They called their targets "cockroaches." "I don't know why these people hate," Abdulkadir Mohamed, 68, a community leader in Garden City, said one recent afternoon. "We are not terrorists." Hate crimes in the United States against Muslims and people perceived as Arab have reached the highest level since just after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, new data shows. Researchers say the increase is a backlash against terrorist attacks in places like Paris and San Bernardino, Calif., and the result of anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim language by politicians.

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25. Report: Chinese Spies Stole Pentagon Secrets

Washington Free Beacon, Bill Gertz, 2016 10 27

Washington - Chinese spies repeatedly infiltrated U.S. national security agencies, including official email accounts, and stole U.S. secrets on Pentagon war plans for a future conflict with China, according to a forthcoming congressional commission report. "The United States faces a large and growing threat to its national security from Chinese intelligence collection operations," states the late draft report of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. "Among the most serious threats are China's efforts at cyber and human infiltration of U.S. national security entities." Chinese intelligence activities have "risen significantly" in the past 15 years and are conducted through several spy services, including the Ministry of State Security

(MSS), the People's Liberation Army (PLA), and Communist Party military organizations such as the PLA General Political Department and the Party's United Front Work Department. A copy of the draft annual report for 2016 was obtained by the Washington Free Beacon. The final report will be released Nov. 16. The report identified repeated infiltrations by Chinese spies of U.S. national security entities, including the FBI and the U.S. Pacific Command.

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26. The U.S. Cyber War With Russia Will Wait for President Hillary Clinton

The Daily Beast, Shane Harris, Nancy A. Youssef, 2016 10 27

Washington - After U.S. intelligence agencies and the Homeland Security Department publicly blamed Russia for a campaign of cyber espionage designed to interfere with the presidential election, the Obama administration promised a response "to protect [the country's] interests at a time and place of our choosing." But that response seems unlikely to come before Election Day. The question of how to retaliate for Russia's unprecedented meddling in the U.S. political system has been the subject of meetings among national security officials, but as of now those plans are still being worked out, according to four officials knowledgeable about the deliberations. Rather, the administration is likely to work in concert with the president-elect to fashion a response, one official said, like the others speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive internal deliberations. It would, after all, fall to that new commander-in-chief to deal with the repercussions or retaliating against Russia.

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27. Tunisia Holds 2 From U.S. on Suspicion of Terror Ties

New York Times, Carlotta Gall, 2016 10 27

Jendouba, Tunisia - Two Americans were detained in this small town in northwestern Tunisia, suspected of involvement with a terrorist organization, police officials said on Wednesday. The men were arrested on Tuesday and then transferred to the country's main counterterrorism center in Tunis, the capital, the police said. They were released and driven away in a United States Embassy car on Wednesday, police officials said. The United States Embassy in Tunis said it could not comment on the case and referred questions to the State Department in Washington. A State Department spokesman, John Kirby, said in an email statement that the agency was aware of reports that American citizens had been arrested on suspicion of terrorist activities, but he declined any additional comment. The men are brothers, Nathan Wells Lawwliss, 32, and Patrick Alan Lawwliss, 31, according to both the police and a man who rented them an apartment. The police in this small, hardscrabble town have been dealing with terrorist suspects for several years. Islamist fighters operate in the low scrubby mountains that rise behind the town and occasionally they ambush police officers or lure youths to join them. But the police were scratching their heads over the latest arrivals: two Americans from Michigan with long beards and unkempt hair, who rented an apartment and said they were enrolling in the local university. The men, who had arrived in town on Sunday, were interviewed at the police station on Monday, when the police also obtained a warrant to search their apartment. By Tuesday morning they were under arrest and taken to Tunis. The elder brother possessed photos of Osama bin Laden, as

well as numerous photos of women in full Islamic niqab, police officials said. He also displayed the black flag of the Islamic State on his Facebook page. He also had been messaging with someone in Syria on Facebook and expressed his desire to be in the front line of jihad to protect his younger brother, according to a police investigator. The message was dated Oct. 19, he said.

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28. Armed officers to travel on Tube amid terror threat

London Times, Fiona Hamilton, 2016 10 27

London - Armed police officers are set to travel regularly on trains on the London Underground for the first time as the capital faces a heightened terrorism threat. British Transport Police (BTP) announced plans yesterday for its armed response officers to use trains to "get from A to B" rather than travelling by road. The force believes that the move will help to reassure the public but is also thought to be more convenient because of London's congested roads. A spokeswoman for BTP said that the plan had been hatched before last week's terrorism scare in Greenwich, southeast London. A 19-year-old man, arrested after a suspect device was found on a Jubilee Line train, remained in custody last night and was being questioned by counterterrorism detectives. The plan could cause a row with City Hall, however, because Sadiq Khan, London's mayor, is yet to sign it off.

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29. Britain to send hundreds more troops close to Russia border in largest deployment since Cold War

London Daily Telegraph, Multiple reporters, 2016 10 26

London - Britain will send hundreds more troops close to Russia's border, the Government has said, as the Prime Minister also called for "pressure" on Moscow over the Syria crisis. Around 800 soldiers along with tanks, armoured vehicles and drones will now head to Estonia in the spring in a Nato effort to reassure the Baltic states over Russian aggression. The boosted mission, up from 500 announced earlier this year, will be Britain's largest long-term deployment to one of Russia's neighbours since the end of the Cold War. Defence sources said the six-month deployment to Tapa army base, around 100 miles from the border, was the start of a persistent UK presence in the country.

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30. Climate change wars are coming, says top general

The Independent (UK), Ian Johnston, 2016 10 27

London - Climate change is threatening to force millions of people to become refugees and spark major wars that could "completely destabilise" the world, a leading general has warned. And countries which attempted to deal with the coming crisis by resorting to "narrow nationalistic

instincts" - for example, by building walls to keep out refugees - will only make the problem worse, according to Major General Munir Muniruzzaman, chairman of the Global Military Advisory Council On Climate Change (GMACCC). He added that, while countries had talked a lot about the problems posed by global warming and how to address them, there did not seem to be "much action" on the ground. The GMACCC was set up in 2009 to investigate the security implications of climate change and its members include serving and retired military officers from around the world, such as the UK's Rear Admiral Neil Morisetti and Brigadier General Stephen Cheney, a former US Marine. Speaking ahead of the United Nations climate summit in Marrakesh next month, General Muniruzzaman said it was time to make good on the promises made at last year's historic meeting in Paris with global warming already contributing to flooding and droughts, threatening financial security and affecting people's health. "In our analysis, we are seeing the risk is now becoming all-pervasive from climate change in the sense that it is touching multiple sectors ... many of the sectors are being gravely challenged," he said. "In some areas of the world, some of the issues we are touching on are becoming so severe they hold tremendous conflict potential."

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31. EU security intelligence critical to fighting terror, says senior police officer

The Independent (UK), Ashley Cowburn, 2016 10 27

London - Access to information in Europe-wide security databases, including the European Arrest Warrant, is "mission critical" in fighting terrorism, one of Britain's most senior policewomen has said. Helen Ball, the deputy assistant commissioner at the Metropolitan Police, also indicated that citizens in Europe would be at a greater threat from terrorism if Britain failed to work with its allies on the continent after Brexit. Ms Ball, who has been with the police force for over two decades, also ranked the European Arrest Warrant as ten out of ten in combating international terrorism. When asked by the Lords' EU Home Affairs sub-committee about the importance of the European Arrest Warrant (EAW) on a scale of 1-10, Ms Ball replied: "At the moment we have very low usage of the European Arrest Warrant and there are very good reasons for that and as I look to the future I suspect we will have greater use of it. "So if I must answer your number question, I'd probably say on low usage at the moment about an eight... and if I'm looking to the future I think it's a 10. We must not be in a position where a terrorist can think, 'okay, there is a safe haven where it's going to take a very long time to be extradited and come to meet justice.'" She added if the European Arrest warrant was not to go forward, she would expect a replacement to bring "justice swiftly". In 2015 alone European countries made almost 13,000 arrest requests for individuals in the UK using the warrant, including 320 on alleged terror related offences, 433 for murder and manslaughter and 191 for rape. In the same year the UK used the EAW to make 228 requests for arrest from other EU countries, including four on terror charges, 19 for murder and manslaughter and 20 for rape. Speaking to peers on the committee, she added: "I think the way that terrorists are currently operating and the way I see them operating in the future that means we have an enormous amount to lose from diminishing our ability to work with European police forces and to share our intelligence with them. We are all safer because we can work together across Europe and share information with each other - that genuinely is helping to keep citizens of Europe safe."

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32. Former NSA deputy director opens up about Snowden, Trump and mass surveillance

International Business Times (UK), James Murdock, 2016 10 26

London - John C. Inglis, a 28-year veteran of the National Security Agency (NSA) and deputy director between 2006 and 2014, served across multiple presidencies and held a slew of key roles yet one single name appears to haunt his tenure: Edward Snowden. To the former deputy head, Snowden is not a whistleblower and may indeed be an unwitting pawn of the Kremlin. Sitting calmly in the British Museum, London, Inglis exclusively told IBTimes UK how the agency was "stunned" by the leak now commonly known as the 'NSA files'. "Stunned in two ways," he said. "One, that someone would be audacious enough to release that amount of information, and two that it so misrepresented what the NSA was really doing. When it was all said and done there was a certain anger that came with that. "We were engaged in a dialogue that we were not totally prepared for," he admitted, before adding that staff couldn't "suffer the indulgence" of carrying on being angry. "We had to remind ourselves that we had a higher purpose - to defend the nation and allies of that nation," he said. Yet Inglis firmly believes that history will remember the NSA in a good light. "I think NSA is in the right place and I think history will judge that it was in the right place," he said, before conceding that "it will also judge that it wasn't transparent enough about what it was doing."

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33. Six people are subject to Tpims, Home Office reveals

The Guardian (London), Alan Travis, 2016 10 26

London - Six extremists or terror suspects are now subject to official counter-terror orders that include being relocated from their home towns or cities, the Home Office has revealed. The confirmation that there are six orders covering terror prevention and investigation measures (Tpims) in force marks a revival in their use after three years in which no more than one or two individuals have been subject to the orders. The Tpim regime, which replaced counter-terror control orders, can include a range of measures including enforced curfews of up to 10 hours, tagging, requiring a person to live up to 200 miles from their current address and restrictions on overseas travel. They last for up to two years and are the toughest tool the security services can use against people they believe to be involved in terrorism but who cannot be prosecuted or deported. The Home Office said five of the six current Tpim suspects are British. The orders were thought to have largely fallen into disuse since December 2013 when eight Tpims were in force. Their revival coincides with the return to Britain of jihadi fighters from Syria.

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34. WikiLeaks 'sowing the seeds of its own destruction' says former NSA chief

International Business Times (UK), James Murdock, 2016 10 26

London - A former deputy director of the US National Security Agency (NSA), John C Inglis, believes that WikiLeaks - the whistleblowing platform led by Julian Assange - has become

"internally confused" in recent years and that "natural forces" may soon wipe it out. "WikiLeaks might be in fact be sowing the seeds of its own destruction," Inglis told IBTimes UK in an exclusive interview on 25 October, indicating the organisation has overstepped a boundary by leaking material which has the potential to influence the upcoming US presidential election. The US government has namechecked Assange's organisation as being complicit in a Russian-led plot to influence the elections and - allegedly after a close word from US Secretary of State John Kerry - the government of Ecuador, which is hosting Assange under political asylum, was forced to step in. "My sense is that when Ecuador shuts down the internet access of Julian Assange - they say we are no longer comfortable with what you do - it might be that WikiLeaks has lost its way," Inglis said. "Not that I agreed with what it was doing in the first place. "I think that from a distance, over time, they have become somewhat internally confused and I'm not sure we need to kick that house over. Maybe in the fullness of time, natural forces will cause it to deteriorate and not be as interesting or as influential as it once was."

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35. Islamic State hits Pakistan

The Australian, 2016 10 27

Editorial: Islamic State's central role in the massacre of 61 recruits at a Pakistani police training academy is a grim reminder that the threat posed by the evil forces of the bogus caliphate remains undiminished -- and may even be intensifying -- as they lose significant ground in the crucial battle for Mosul. After meeting in Paris with counterparts from 12 coalition countries, including our Defence Minister Marise Payne, US Defence Secretary Ash Carter has warned advances against Islamic State in Iraq and Syria could lead to the jihadists launching more attacks elsewhere. The brazen onslaught against the academy is clearly what he envisaged. Islamic State is now seeking to become a major terrorist force across Pakistan and Afghanistan in competition with the Taliban, linking with the deadly local Sunni terror group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, long associated with al-Qa'ida. Pakistani intelligence authorities say the three suicide attackers who launched their assault in Quetta were directed by Islamic State commanders across the border with Afghanistan. There, it is estimated, they now have at least 1000 fighters in Nangarhar province, many from Central Asia. The US commander in Afghanistan, General John Nicholson, has warned they are seeking to establish a new caliphate, known as the Khorasan caliphate. Islamic State has claimed responsibility for recent attacks in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh. As well, there are signs of significantly stepped up activity elsewhere in our region, especially in Indonesia and The Philippines, where the antics of the country's President Rodrigo Duterte are undercutting the actions of US forces fighting Abu Sayyaf terrorists linked to Islamic State. With the screws tightening on the jihadists it is imperative measures are intensified to prevent foreign fighters fleeing the battlefield and seeking to go on the attack elsewhere. There are fears the battle for Mosul and reverses for Islamic State elsewhere will lead to a major new wave of refugees seeking to flee through Turkey to Europe, giving the cover jihadists have used previously to infiltrate militants to launch deadly attacks in France. French President Francois Hollande has been in the forefront of warning about the threat this poses to all countries.

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36. Terrorist kids set to return

Courier Mail, James Dowling, 2016 10 27

Canberra - Canberra is preparing for the return of the traumatised and indoctrinated children of Australian terrorists as ISIS loses control in Syria and Iraq. As Iraqi military encircles ISIS's stronghold in Mosul and Kurdish forces push towards its Syrian capital Raqqa, the Australian Government is preparing for the collapse of the terrorist group and some of the 110 Australians fighting there to come home. But it is not just the fear of well-trained fighters returning, but what happens to their children and families who were not involved in fighting. Justice Minister Michael Keenan said these children had been exposed to "ideological indoctrination and highly traumatic experiences". "We must be ready with strategies to protect the safety of our communities and the welfare of children," he said. Mr Keenan said the Australian Federal Police had a taskforce that would manage those suspected of being foreign fighters once they tried to come back. The Government's information on Australian fighters is often based on foreign intelligence information and is not always admissible to Australian courts. But he also signalled that these alleged fighters may not be pursued on terrorism charges but other criminal matters.

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37. US rules terrorist mastermind Hambali to stay put in Gitmo

The Australian, Amanda Hodge, 2016 10 27

Sydney - One of Southeast Asia's most notorious militants and a mastermind of the 2002 Bali bombing, Hambali, will remain behind bars in Guantanamo Bay after US officials rejected his appeal for release, ruling he still posed a "significant threat to the security of the United States". The Indonesian-born terrorist who rose through the ranks of militant movements to become al-Qa'ida's top representative in the region and the operational commander for Indonesian terror outfit Jemaah Islamiah, appeared before the Guantanamo Prison Periodic Review Board in August to seek his release after a decade in detention. The board ruled Hambali, whose real name is Riduan Isamuddin, had a "lengthy history as a jihadist" and had "played a significant role in major terrorist attacks and plotting". Indonesian Security Affairs Minister Wiranto said yesterday the decision to keep Hambali behind bars was one for the US to make but Indonesia believed that terrorists could not be released unless they "understand that terrorism is not the right way, that terrorism is evil". "We are intolerant towards those terrorists who do not understand the need to go back to normal thinking," General Wiranto said in Jakarta after meeting Foreign Minister Julie Bishop to discuss the potential return of foreign terrorist fighters from Iraq and Syria. Indonesia was constantly monitoring the movement of home-grown militants, with the help of Australian intelligence agencies, and trying to minimise their influence on the largely moderate Islamic Indonesian community, he added.

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38. Afghan intelligence foil attack on Indian consulate in Nangarhar

Khaama Press, Ghanizada, 2016 10 27

Kabul - The Afghan intelligence operatives foiled an attack plot by the anti-government armed militant groups on the Indian Consulate in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. The National Directorate of Security (NDS) said two suspects identified as Nasrullah son of Hazrat Bilal and Obaidullah famous as Shina son of Torrkhan were arrested in connection to the attack plot. NDS further added that the detained individuals were looking to use 5 kg of water gel, 15 kg of potassium chloride, 9 hand grenades, 1 Improvised Explosive Device, 6 electronic capsules, 2 remote controls, 1 GPS set, 1 communication device, 1 binacolare, 1 sniper, 1 Dshk heavy machine gun, 2 meters of explosives strip, and some other equipment and Afghan army uniform to conduct the attack. The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far.

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39. Afghan militants massacre 30 civilians

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 10 27

Kabul - Militants with suspected links to ISIL abducted and killed around 30 civilians, including children, in central Afghanistan on Wednesday, raising concerns about the group's expanding presence beyond its eastern stronghold. The massacre occurred late on Tuesday north of Firoz Koh, the capital of Ghor province, with the local government calling it a revenge attack after an ISIL commander was killed. ISIL, which controls territory across Syria and Iraq and is making steady inroads in Afghanistan, has so far not officially claimed responsibility for the attack. "Our security forces with the help of locals conducted an operation and killed a Daesh commander yesterday. Daesh fighters in return abducted around 30 villagers, mostly shepherds," Ghor governor Nasir Khazeh said. "Their dead bodies were found by local people this morning."

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40. India set to expel Pakistan embassy staffer for 'espionage'

Pakistan Dawn, Syed Sammer Abbas, 2016 10 27

Islamabad - India will expel a Pakistani high commission staff member for "espionage activities", a foreign ministry official said Thursday, as local media reported that New Delhi police had detained him. The Indian foreign secretary summoned Pakistani ambassador to India Abdul Basit to inform him that a Pakistan High Commission staffer has been declared persona non grata for espionage activities, Spokesperson of Indian Ministry of External Affairs Vikas Swarup said in a tweet. Delhi police crime commissioner Ravindra Yadav said the official had been detained on Wednesday with defence and other documents in his possession. The documents included information on deployment of India's border security forces, Yadav told a press conference. A Pakistani diplomatic source said the visa official, named as Mehmood Akhtar, had been given 48 hours to leave the country. Akhtar was released in about three hours on intervention by our High Commission, the Foreign Office said.

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41. Pak forces kill five Indian soldiers in tit-for-tat response at LoC

The International News, 2016 10 27

Karachi - Pakistan's armed forces have targeted outposts of Indian army along the Line of Control and the Working Boundary, killing at least five enemy soldiers, sources said on Wednesday. "Pakistani forces gave befitting response to unprovoked Indian fire along the LoC. Five Indian soldiers are confirmed dead," said the sources. The sources said four Indian posts were destroyed on Tuesday in Pakistani shelling at the Bhimbar Sector. Earlier in the day, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said two civilians were killed and eight others injured as Indian forces resorted to unprovoked fire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Chaprar Sector. Tensions between the two countries have been strained since July, when Indian forces killed a young Kashmiri fighter, prompting mass protests in Indian-administered Kashmir. The resulting crackdown by security forces has seen at least 80 Kashmiri protesters killed.

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42. RAW, NDS patronising terror groups in Afghanistan, national security adviser tells US envoy

Pakistan Dawn, Sanaullah Khan, 2016 10 27

Islamabad - Pakistan on Wednesday conveyed to the United States that India's Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) and Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security (NDS) are patronising terrorists groups to attack soft targets in the country. National Security Adviser Lt Gen (retd) Nasser Khan Janjua conveyed the message to US ambassador David Hale in a meeting today, said the statement released by the office of the NSA. The meeting was held to discuss the terrorist attack on Police Training College Quetta, counter-terrorism operations and cross-border attacks. Janjua also emphasised on the need to break the nexus between terrorists groups operation under the supervision of NDS and RAW. Pakistan has asked for US assistance to tackle the situation. The NSA informed the ambassador that the terrorists who attacked the police training college were constantly in contact with their leadership and handlers in Afghanistan.

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43. US forces target senior Al Qaeda leaders in Kunar

Pajhwok Afghan News, Lalit K Jha, 2016 10 27

Washington - US forces carried out precision strikes in eastern Kunar Province this week, targeting Al-Qaeda's most senior leaders in Afghanistan, the Pentagon said. Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook said: "We are still assessing the results of the strikes, but their demise would represent a significant blow to the terrorist group's presence in Afghanistan." The Al-Qaeda leaders were identified as Faruq al-Qatani and Bilal al-Utubi. Al-Qatani served as Al-Qaeda's emir for northeastern Afghanistan, assigned by the group's leadership to re-establish safe havens there. He was a senior planner of attacks against the United States, with a long history of directing deadly attacks against American troops and coalition allies, Cook said. Likewise, al-

Utabi is assessed to have been involved in efforts to re-establish a safe haven in Afghanistan from which to threaten the West, and in efforts to recruit and train foreign fighters.

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44. 'I'm Scared These Men Will Kill Everyone': ISIS Takes a Somalia Town

New York Times, Jeffrey Gettleman, 2016 10 27

Nairobi - The black flag of the Islamic State went up over an old, crumbling coastal town in Somalia at dawn on Wednesday, the latest sign of a sharpening duel between Somalia's top two militant groups. According to officials and residents, dozens of masked men carrying heavy machine guns, assault rifles and the Islamic State flag marched into Qandala, an ancient trading post on the Gulf of Aden. There was no resistance, the witnesses said. The Islamic State fighters simply walked down the main road into Qandala, a town known in Somalia for its old white castle on the sea. Residents stood back, staring with a mix of awe and fear. Even the fishermen who usually ply the warm waters of the gulf did not go to sea on Wednesday, banned by the militants. "I'm scared that these men will kill everyone -- civilians, soldiers, officials," Jama Mohamed Khuurshe, the town's commissioner, said at a news conference. For months, the Shabab, Somalia's leading Islamist militants, have been trying to beat back an insurgency within an insurgency. The Shabab have terrorized Somalia for years, hacking off hands of suspected thieves and detonating enormous suicide car bombs that kill scores in its relentless effort to bring fundamentalist Shariah law to Somalia. Shabab fighters seem to resent the new Islamic State upstarts, who in the past few months have been opening their own training camps and militant cells in remote towns across Somalia.

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45. 1750 réfugiés au Soudan réinstallés cette année au Canada par l'OIM (Canada)

Pan African News Agency, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 26

Khartoum, Soudan - 1750 réfugiés vivant au Soudan ont été réinstallés cette année au Canada avec l'appui de la Mission de l'Organisation internationale pour les migrations (OIM) au Soudan. Ces 1750 réfugiés représentent 50 pour cent du quota de 3500 réfugiés, en provenance du Soudan que le Canada s'est engagé à accueillir dans le cadre de son programme Réfugiés, Citoyenneté et Immigration Canada, au cours de l'exercice financier prenant fin le 31 mars 2017, indique un communiqué de l'OIM reçu mercredi par la PANA. Selon l'OIM, le Canada fait partie des cinq pays qui ont accepté de participer au programme de réinstallation du Haut Commissariat des Nations unies pour les réfugiés (UNHCR), dans le cadre de l'effort international pour trouver des solutions durables pour les réfugiés au Soudan par leur réinstallation dans un pays tiers. Plus de 98 pour cent des réfugiés réinstallés du Soudan vers le Canada sont Erythréens, les autres étant des Ethiopiens.

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46. Islamic State-aligned group takes Somali town, say officials

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 10 26

Mogadishu - A group loyal to Islamic State seized the small port town of Qandala in Somalia's semi-autonomous Puntland region on Wednesday, the first town it has taken since emerging a year ago, officials said. The group, which refers to itself simply as Islamic State, is a rival to the larger al Shabaab force, which is linked to Islamic State's rival al Qaeda and once controlled much of Somalia. "Our soldiers were few and so could not fight longer," district commissioner Jamac Mohamed Khuurshe said. African peacekeepers are not deployed in Puntland, which lies at the eastern tip of the Horn of Africa. Soldiers and many residents fled and the militants cut off Qandala's communications, Khuurshe said. The Puntland Islamist group first announced its alignment to Islamic State a year ago in a statement on YouTube. The group is led by Abdiqadir Mumin, a former al Shabaab commander, a sign that some al Shabaab fighters see al Qaeda as a spent force and have been inspired by Islamic State's campaign in Iraq and Syria.

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47. Major, captain, others held for leaking information to Boko Haram

Punch (Nigeria), Fidelis Soriwei, 2016 10 27

Abuja - The Nigerian Army is holding two officers - a major and a captain - in connection with alleged sabotage of the ongoing counter- terrorism operations in the North-East. A military source said on Wednesday that the Army authorities were intensifying efforts to rid the service of saboteurs in the ongoing counter-terrorism operations. It was gathered that the Army commenced a painstaking but discreet investigations into the activities of some of its personnel following the Boko Haram attack on troops' location in Gashigar, on October 22, 2016. The Acting Director, Army Public Relations, Col. Sani Usman, had said in a statement on Saturday that 13 soldiers were wounded during a surprise Boko Haram attack on troops at Gashigar in the north of Borno State.

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48. Matam - Terrorisme et développement au menu de la visite de l'ambassadeur américain

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 26

Matam, Sénégal - L'ambassadeur des Etats-Unis au Sénégal, en visite dans la région de Matam ce mardi, a évoqué l'appui de son pays dans la lutte contre le terrorisme, la formation des femmes et des enseignants. "Je me suis rendu sur la frontière entre le Sénégal et la Mauritanie, particulièrement dans la partie de la région de Matam pour voir l'état des lieux et les moyens à renforcer pour aider le Sénégal à lutter contre le terrorisme", a dit James Zumwalt lors d'une conférence de presse. Le gouvernement américain "compte aider le Sénégal à renforcer sa lutte contre le terrorisme", selon le diplomate, annonçant une formation des gendarmes et des policiers afin qu'ils "puissent mieux sécuriser la frontière".

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49. Six nouveaux otages étrangers libérés de Daech à Syrte

Pan African News Agency, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 26

Tripoli, Libye - Six étrangers otages de l'organisation Daech (Etat islamique) dans les zones de combats dans la ville de Syrte à 450 km à l'est de Tripoli ont été libéré par les forces de l'opération militaire du gouvernement d'union en Libye, a indiqué une source hospitalière. "Les étrangers sont un médecin indien et cinq infirmières de nationalité philippine qui travaillaient auparavant à l'hôpital de Syrte et pour un autre service de santé, enlevés il y a des mois par des éléments de Daech qui les ont forcés à travailler avec l'organisation pour soigner leurs combattants", a-t-on précisé.

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Americas • Amériques

50. Venezuelans Take to Streets to Oppose President Nicolás Maduro

New York Times, Anna Vanessa Herrero, Elizabeth Malkin, 2016 10 27

Caracas - Hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans dressed in white and chanting "This government will fall!" poured onto the streets of Caracas and other cities on Wednesday to demand a referendum to oust President Nicolás Maduro. Opposition leaders, addressing protesters massed along the capital's broad main highway, promised to increase the pressure on Mr. Maduro's left-wing government with a 12-hour general strike on Friday. "This government has lost the most important thing, and that is what we have today: the people," said Henrique Capriles, a two-time presidential candidate and leader of the Primera Justicia Party. "Gentlemen of the government, we are giving you a deadline." Thousands of demonstrators rallied in many other Venezuelan cities. In Mérida, 73 people were injured during a clash between protesters and the police, Mérida's mayor, Carlos García, said. Armed groups created to protect the government were also involved in the fighting. A police officer was shot and killed during a protest in the state of Miranda, the interior minister, Néstor Reverol, said Wednesday night.

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51. Authorities strengthen efforts to recover stolen assets overseas (Canada)

China Daily, Zhang Yan, 2016 10 27

Beijing - The government is stepping up efforts to recover billions of yuan in assets illegally transferred overseas by corrupt officials via money laundering platforms and underground banks. Statistics provided by the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, the nation's top anti-graft watchdog, show that from 2014 to July, the police confiscated illicit assets sent overseas worth 7.62 billion yuan (\$1.14 billion). Last month, during Premier Li Keqiang's official visit to Canada, the two countries signed a bilateral agreement to share illegally transferred assets, a move that is being seen as a milestone in China's program to recover misappropriated funds and assets. Similar agreements are now under negotiation with the United States, Australia and

France. "Such agreements provide a legal framework for the countries involved to share the proceeds of stolen assets with China, once they are able to confirm that the money was transferred illegally by corrupt individuals or criminal organizations," said Hong Daode, a professor of criminal law at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing. Chain of evidence According to the Ministry of Public Security, a lack of bilateral extradition treaties and differences in national legal systems have seen the US, Canada, Australia and Singapore become popular destinations for corrupt officials in recent years. You Xiaowen, deputy director of the ministry's economic crimes investigation department, said the Chinese police face practical difficulties in repatriating fugitives and recovering funds: "It's the result of a lack of signed extradition treaties, political differences and complex legal procedures."

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52. Bangladesh asks Canada for effective mechanism to deport Bangabandhu killer Noor
BDNews24, Senior Correspondent, 2016 10 27

Dhaka - Bangladesh has urged Canada to devise an 'effective mechanism' to move forward with the deportation of the killer of its independence architect. Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali made the proposal at a bilateral meeting with his Canadian counterpart Stephane Dion at Ottawa on Tuesday, his ministry said. They discussed the possible deportation of Noor Chowdhury, the self-confessed and convicted killer of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members in 1975. Noor is evading the gallows by living in Canada since 1996. As a follow-up to the meeting held between the two prime ministers in Montreal last month, the foreign ministers discussed the question of bringing Noor to justice. The Canadian foreign minister said they would "take up the matter with relevant departments of Canadian government and revert," the Bangladesh foreign ministry said.

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53. Canada sent fugitives back to China
China Daily, Staff reporter, 2016 10 27

Beijing - Canada, a popular destination for corrupt Chinese to flee, has been returning dozens of Chinese nationals annually, according to the National Post. The country has returned 24 Chinese nationals to China this year, and the previous Conservative government sent back more than 330, the newspaper reported on Sunday, citing data from Canada Border Services Agency data. In 2015, the numbers reached a 10-year high of 43, and the lowest number of returned fugitives over the last 10 years was 18, in 2010, the Post said. The statistics do not say what crimes people were accused of, according to the Post. More than a quarter of China's 100 most wanted graft suspects are believed to live in Canada, but the two countries do not have a formal extradition treaty. "The return of inadmissible persons is a normal part of the bilateral relationship with any country. Nothing has changed with this policy since the change in government in 2015," Nicholas Dorion of the Canada Border Services Agency told the National Post. A working group of Chinese and Canadian officials has been meeting regularly on common law-enforcement issues, including the return of Chinese fugitives to China, since 1999. China has vowed to pursue a search beyond its borders for corrupt officials and business executives, and their assets.

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54. Cyber technology as potent terror tool in jihadi hands

The Pioneer, 2016 10 27

New Delhi - From its very inception in July 2014, the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS)/Daesh utilised cyberspace for propaganda and recruitment in a manner that was both innovative and extremely hard to counter. There is an active digital jihadi group within the IS which has designed effective Android Apps, and used the comparatively secure end-to-end encrypted instant messaging app Telegram, (and to a lesser degree, WhatsApp) for propaganda, weapons procurement, and to direct and publicise lone wolf/wolf pack attacks. As entry into its communication networks is difficult, prevention and countering of such terrorist acts is one of the most challenging tasks confronting intelligence and law enforcement agencies. The cyberjihadis (several groups such as the Cyber Caliphate, and three United Cyber Command have been identified) have proved their expertise on the dark web and have set up several websites for recruitment and tutorials on weapons-making, which can be entered only on invitation.

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55. Indonesia sees more lone-wolf terror attacks

Straits Times, Francis Chan, 2016 10 27

Jakarta - Indonesia has been hit by a spate of ISIS-inspired attacks mounted by different domestic militant groups since the start of the year. But the worrying trend is of more lone-wolf terrorists striking random targets in the name of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) militant group, said police chief Tito Karnavian. Speaking to reporters after a meeting at the Presidential Palace yesterday, General Tito said that while the "old network" of terrorist groups remains the larger threat, "lone wolf" cases are on the rise. "They are being recruited through social media and trained online, including being taught how to make bombs... and then they go on their missions alone," he added. The four-star police general did not give details of the lone-wolf cases he was referring to, but there were at least three such incidents in recent months. ISIS has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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56. Pakistan High Commission staffer told to leave India for spying

Times of India, Staff Report, 2016 10 27

New Delhi - A Pakistan High Commission official has been asked to leave the country as he was involved in spying, Delhi police said. The Pakistani official was questioned+ by Delhi police last night. Delhi police also arrested two Indian nationals on charges of alleged espionage and for allegedly giving information to Pakistan's ISI spy agency, a police officer said here on Thursday. "They (all three) were carrying out the activities for the last one and a half years, but we were keeping an eye on them for the last six months," said a senior police officer. Mehmood Akhtar, the official in the Pakistan High Commission, was briefly detained and let off because he had

diplomatic immunity, the officer said. He was arrested from near the Delhi Zoo, where he was allegedly purchasing "sensitive" documents from an Indian national. Akhtar has been working with the Pakistan High Commission in India for the past three years.

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57. S. Korea, U.S., Japan discuss tighter sanctions on N. Korea

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 10 27

Seoul - Senior diplomats from South Korea, the United States and Japan on Thursday discussed slapping joint sanctions on North Korea over its latest nuclear test and working together to respond to Pyongyang's military provocations going forward. In the meeting held in Tokyo earlier in the day, South Korean Vice Foreign Minister Lim Sung-nam also agreed with his U.S. and Japanese counterparts Tony Blinken and Shinsuke Sugiyama, respectively, to work for the pushing of a powerful United Nations Security Council resolution over North Korea's fifth nuclear test in September. The trilateral meeting reportedly also delved into adopting independent sanctions by the three countries against North Korea. "The three countries shared the perception that North Korea's evolving nuclear and missile programs pose direct threats to South Korea, the U.S. and Japan, and agreed to increase efforts to force North Korea to denuclearize through closely coordinated sanctions and pressures," South Korea's foreign ministry spokesman Cho June-hyuck said in a regular briefing.

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

58. DM: Iran's Defense Capacities Ten Folded

Fars News Agency, 2016 10 27

Tehran - Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Hossein Dehqan announced that the capacities and capabilities of the country's defense industries have undergone a major boost in recent years. "We have successfully updated and modernized the industries, turned the defense industries into an extended network at national levels and increased the capacity of the industrial sectors ten times larger," General Dehqan said, addressing a forum in Tehran on Tuesday. He also underscored the importance of interactions with different world states in the field of defense, and said, "By activating our defense diplomacy, we have managed to take wide strides in this arena and today we have good defense cooperation with different countries." Tehran launched an arms development program during the 1980-88 Iraqi imposed war on Iran to compensate for a US weapons embargo. Since 1992, Iran has produced its own tanks, armored personnel carriers, missiles and fighter planes.

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59. Iran unveils long-range, radar-evading drone

Press TV, 2016 10 27

Tehran - Iran has unveiled a new light-weight, long-range stealth unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) capable of flying at a maximum altitude of 10,000 feet. The drone was put on show on Wednesday at an expo showcasing the latest achievements by the Iranian Aviation & Space Industries Association. Hamed Sa'eedi, an official with the association, said that, with a total weight of less than 20 kilograms and a flight time of over 15 hours, the drone can conduct such non-military missions as those for mapping, filming and image-collecting. He said that Iran plans to export the drone to different countries. Earlier this month, Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) unveiled a new attack drone, the Saegheh (Thunderbolt), by reverse-engineering a US Central Intelligence Agency RQ-170 Sentinel drone that had been captured in December 2011. In recent years, Iran has made major breakthroughs in its defense sector and attained self-sufficiency in producing important military equipment and systems.

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60. Iraqi priests resurrect cross in Christian town nearly recaptured from ISIL

The National (UAE), Florian Neuhof, 2016 10 27

Qaraqosh - Iraqi army Humvees roar through the arid plains of Nineveh province, kicking up immense clouds of dust as they follow the dirt track that winds its way to the front. Among the rugged war machines is a white SUV, which seems in a particular hurry to reach its destination. In the car sit two priests, dressed all in black and wearing clerical collars, and a few men clad in army fatigues, clutching old Kalashnikovs. They are on their way to Qaraqosh, Iraq's largest Christian town, where the Iraqi army is fighting to expel the last ISIL fighters. Qaraqosh fell to ISIL in August 2014, shortly after the insurgents shocked the world by taking control of nearby Mosul. With the operation to liberate Mosul and end ISIL's reign in Iraq well under way, the areas surrounding the northern city are slowly being reclaimed by the army and the Kurdish Peshmerga.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

61. Hezbollah pounds ISIS militants near Ras Baalbek

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 10 27

Beirut - Hezbollah fighters Wednesday targeted ISIS militants along Lebanon's northeastern border with Syria, Al-Manar reported. The Hezbollah-run news channel said on its news feed that the group's fighters inflicted casualties after it targeted a group of ISIS militants in Qurnat al-Kaf in the outskirts of Ras Baalbek. No further details were given on the number of casualties. ISIS has foothold on the outskirts of Ras Baalbek, while Jabhat Fatah al-Sham - formerly known as the Al-Qaeda-linked Nusra Front - has a strong presence around the nearby town of Aarsal. The Lebanese Army and Hezbollah target the militants on a nearly daily basis to keep them at bay. (Full Report).

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62. New UNESCO Resolution Ignores Judaism's Connection to Temple Mount

The Media Line, Linda Gradstein, 2016 10 27

Jerusalem - The UN's World Heritage Committee (UNESCO) adopted a second resolution on Jerusalem, again ignoring Judaism's connection to the Temple Mount. Although some Israeli officials, including Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's office, said there had been some improvement in the language, the new resolution continues to ignore the Jewish relation to the Temple Mount, where Jews believe the First and Second Temples were built and destroyed. Ironically, the new resolution came the same day that the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) displayed a rare papyrus dating to the First Temple Period - about 2700 years ago - which has the oldest known mention of Jerusalem in Hebrew. A spokesman for the IAA said the papyrus was believed to have been plundered from a cave in the Judean desert and is one of only three Hebrew scrolls from that period. Lebanon and Tunisia submitted the resolution on behalf of Jordan and the Palestinians, who are not among the 21 member states of UNESCO.

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63. Saudi forces foil another Houthi attack near Jazan

Arab News, Hani Hazaimh, 2016 10 27

Jeddah - The Yemeni government on Wednesday reiterated it did not receive any peace plan from the United Nations' Yemen envoy or any other party. It stressed it will reject any settlement that is not based on "UN Resolution 2216 and the GCC initiative, and if it does not take into consideration the outcome of the national dialogue," Yemeni government spokesperson Rajeh Badi told Arab News on Wednesday. The UN envoy Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed handed an outline for a peace plan to Houthi rebels in control of the capital, which includes divesting President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, their rival, of his authority and stipulates the withdrawal of militias from major cities, a Houthi-affiliated politician told AP. According to a politician who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak publicly on the issue, the peace plan also includes transferring the powers of the internationally recognized president to a new prime minister and a vice president.

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64. Secret Files Expose KGB Spies in Israel's Top Political and Military Echelon

Haaretz, Ofer Aderet, 2016 10 27

Jerusalem - The KGB, Russia's espionage organization, recruited and ran spies among Israel's Knesset members, senior army officers and intelligence community, as well as lower-level workers on classified projects, according to an investigation by journalist Ronen Bergman. The first part of his investigation will be published by Yedioth Ahronoth on Friday. The report is based on secret KGB documents copied over decades by an archivist at the spy organization, Vasili Mitrokhin, from the 1960s to the 1980s. He defected to Britain in 1992 and gave the documents to British intelligence. Some were published in books and the press over decades,

triggering an international uproar as KGB agents operating in the United States, Britain and other countries were outed by name. Mitrokhin died in Britain in 2004. Half a year ago, the British espionage agency MI6 agreed to the publication of additional parts of the archive Mitrokhin left behind, in which Bergman found material on KGB activity in Israel.

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65. Syria regime bombs Turkey-backed rebels for first time

Now Lebanon, Albin Szakola, 2016 10 27

Beirut - The Syrian regime has bombed Turkish-backed rebels in the northern Aleppo countryside for the first time since Ankara launched Operation Euphrates Shield in late August. A coordinating body for Free Syrian Army-affiliated factions fighting both ISIS and Kurdish-led troops in the region announced late Tuesday that Syrian aircraft targeted a village seized recently by Euphrates Shield rebels. "Syrian regime helicopters dropped barrel bombs on our positions in Tel Jeijan, killing three FSA fighters and injuring one other," the Hawar Kilis operation room, named after a north Aleppo village, said in its statement. Meanwhile, the Turkish military said that a helicopter "assessed to belong to regime forces" struck rebels southeast of Dabiq, in what appears to be the same incident. According to Ankara, two fighters were killed in the attack, while five others were injured.

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Western Europe • Europe de l'Ouest

66. Ankara Calls for the UN to Strengthen International Solidarity in the Fight Against Terrorism

Asharq Al-Awsat, Saeed Abdelrazek, 2016 10 27

Ankara - Ankara urged the United Nations to play a more effective role in strengthening international solidarity in the fight against terrorism. The Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan expressed hopes that the international organisation will play a leading part in strengthening international cooperation and solidarity in order to fight terrorism on the 71st anniversary of its founding. In a statement released by the presidential office on Monday, Erdogan said: "As a country that has been fighting against different terrorist organisations for a long time, we hope that the UN takes a leading role in the fight against terrorism." He continued by saying that UN member states must show solidarity with regards to fighting all terrorist organisations such as ISIS, the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), its Syrian arm the Democratic Union Party and the Gulen movement which Turkish authorities accuse of planning the failed coup attempt which took place in mid-July.

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67. Daech : Un recruteur français de jihadistes incarcéré en Turquie

La Nouvelle Tribune (Maroc), Ayoub Bouazzaoui, 2016 10 26

Ankara, Turquie - Sur la liste noire de l'ONU des jihadistes les plus dangereux, le Français Kevin Guiavarch, soupçonné d'être un recruteur très actif du groupe EI, a quitté la Syrie pour rejoindre la Turquie où il est incarcéré. Deux de ses quatre femmes, parties avec lui, viennent d'être transférées en France et mises en examen. Kevin Guiavarch, 23 ans, avait rejoint la Syrie fin 2012, d'abord dans les rangs du Front Al-Nosra, la branche syrienne d'Al-Qaïda, avant d'intégrer l'organisation Etat Islamique (EI). Outre ses activités de recruteur, il est aussi soupçonné d'avoir été directement impliqué aussi dans le financement de l'organisation. Le jeune homme, qui dit être « repenté », avait écrit aux autorités françaises disant qu'il voulait rentrer en France, puis avait traversé en juin la frontière turco-syrienne avec ses quatre compagnes françaises et leurs six enfants avant d'être interpellé en Turquie où il est écroué dans l'attente d'un procès.

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68. Disparition d'un militant basque en 1980 : un témoin clé entendu par la justice

Sud Ouest (site web), Px. D., 2016 10 27

Landes, France - Le corps de Jose Miguel Etxeberria, "Naparra", pourrait avoir été enterré dans les Landes Le juge de l'Audiencia Nacional, Ismael Moreno, a entendu, mercredi, Iñaki Errazkin, rédacteur en chef du journal en ligne « El Hurón », dans le cadre d'une enquête sur la disparition d'un militant basque, Jose Miguel Etxeberria, « Naparra », en juin 1980. Services secrets espagnols Ce dernier a recueilli le témoignage d'un ancien agent des services secrets espagnols, établi en Amérique latine. Celui qui raconte avoir autrefois été lié « au terrorisme d'État », a remis au journaliste un croquis de l'endroit où aurait pu être enterré « Naparra ». Un dessin représentant une chênaie située au nord de Mont-de-Marsan, dans les Landes. Demande de fouilles En 1980, l'enlèvement du militant des Commandos autonomes anticapitalistes - un groupe armé dissident d'ETA, actif dans les années 80 - avait été revendiqué par le groupe parapoliticien du Bataillon basque espagnol (le BVE). Tout comme sa mort, quelque temps plus tard. Mais son corps n'a jamais été retrouvé. Iñaki Errazkin a pu indiquer au juge l'identité de son informateur.

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69. Four Ku Klux Klan units are currently operating in Germany

International Business Times, Staff report, 2016 10 27

Berlin - Four Ku Klux Klan units are currently operating in Germany, local media reports said Tuesday, citing a parliamentary inquiry. The KKK although marginal has a significant influence on the country's far-right groups. The white supremacist group characterized by its anti-immigration and anti-Semitic ideologies has been active in Germany since the early 1920s. The four clandestine units have a "very small number of members" according to the response to the government inquiry filed by the Left Party. KKK members in the country reportedly burn crosses, display swastika flags and sing "anti-constitutional songs." "The low membership numbers cannot discount the danger that emanates from such organizations," Left Party

politician Monika Renner told the Sueddeutsche Zeitung newspaper. According to the Deutsche Welle broadcasting service, the U.S.-born group is suspected of committing at least 68 crimes in Germany since 2001. At least two police officers previously belonged to one of the four units called the 'European White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,' according to the report.

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70. Germany Investigating with 13 Chechens for Financing Terrorism

Asharq Al-Awsat, Majid al-Khateeb, 2016 10 27

Cologne - German police on Tuesday conducted numerous raids across five federal states and stormed an accommodation facility for refugees and 12 homes around the country that were believed to house people suspected of financing terrorism. Police searched residences in the eastern states of Thuringia and Saxony as well as in Bavaria, the western state of North Rhine-Westphalia and in Hamburg, police in Thuringia said in a statement. Local media say a white powder was found in one of the flats, but police say they have found no evidence of a concrete threat of attack. The raids, involving 400 police officers, were part of an investigation which began last year into a 28-year-old Russian of Chechen origin who is suspected of "preparing an act of violence against the state." The police have been investigating a 28-year-old Russian citizen of Chechen origin since the second half of 2015 who was suspected of preparing "a serious act of violent subversion," the statement said.

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71. L'antiterrorisme belge

Le Soir, Ludivine Ponciau, 2016 10 27

Bruxelles - Un rapport d'experts évalue l'efficacité des mesures antiterroristes. La Belgique a sous-estimé l'intérêt de la lutte contre le financement du terrorisme. Au-delà des sommes en jeu, ces données financières auraient pu faire avancer bien des enquêtes. Près d'un an après les attentats de Paris, l'Institut Egmont publie une évaluation des mesures préventives et répressives prises en matière de lutte contre le terrorisme depuis les attentats de Charlie Hebdo par sept experts issus du monde académique. Un rapport assez sévère pour le gouvernement Michel et dont Le Soir a pu prendre connaissance. L'un des volets du rapport pointe l'inertie dont a fait preuve la Belgique en matière de lutte contre le financement du terrorisme alors que « la quête de l'argent est vitale pour les terroristes », souligne France Lemeunier, coauteure du rapport. La consultante en contre-terrorisme et analyste à l'Ocam ajoute que le terrorisme a atteint « une dimension financière sans précédent » et cite le cas « Zerkani », le « Papa Noël » des djihadistes qui poussait les jeunes radicalisés à commettre des larcins pour soutenir les combattants et financer les voyages vers la Syrie et qui, selon elle, est la parfaite illustration de cette dimension financière. « Les terroristes ont besoin d'argent pour mener des attaques, mais ils ont aussi besoin de ressources plus larges pour couvrir les frais d'organisation comme la propagande, le recrutement, les voyages, les formations, les salaires... », relève le rapport.

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72. Mise en examen de deux femmes d'un djihadiste .

Le Progrès (Lyon), Journaliste maison, 2016 10 27

Paris - Kevin Guiavarch, 23 ans, l'un des djihadistes les plus dangereux du monde, est incarcéré en Turquie après s'être « repenti ». Deux de ses quatre femmes ont été transférées en France, où elles sont soupçonnées d'association de malfaiteurs en relation avec une entreprise terroriste . Quel a été leur rôle exact au sein de Daech en Syrie ? Deux des quatre femmes de Kevin Guiavarch, l'un des djihadistes les plus dangereux du monde, ont été transférées en France et mises en examen à Paris vendredi dernier pour association de malfaiteurs en relation avec une entreprise terroriste. Âgées de 26 et 34 ans, les deux femmes ont été expulsées la semaine dernière de Turquie, où est incarcéré le djihadiste français de 23 ans, qui a quitté la Syrie et proclame désormais être un repent. La plus âgée des deux femmes était partie de France en même temps que Guiavarch en 2012, pour se rendre en Syrie, où elle a eu avec lui deux enfants âgés de 10 mois et trois ans. Elle a été placée en détention provisoire. La seconde femme, qui avait rejoint le djihadiste en 2014 et a eu un enfant de lui, a été laissée libre sous contrôle judiciaire.

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73. Syrian Teen Scouted Attack Sites for IS in Berlin

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 10 27

Berlin - German prosecutors say a 19-year-old Syrian migrant scouted out potential sites in Berlin for an attack by the Islamic State group. Federal prosecutors say the teenager, identified only as Shaas al-M. in keeping with German privacy rules, also recruited at least one person to fight in Syria. They allege he offered to act as a middle-man for IS members carrying out an attack in Germany and signaled his willingness to participate in an attack. Prosecutors said in a statement Thursday that al- M. joined IS in his Syrian home village in mid-2013. He underwent military training and performed guard duties for the group before leaving for Germany in mid-2015. The suspect was arrested March 22 and charged last week with membership of a foreign terrorist organization and breaking arms control laws. (Full report).

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74. Un recruteur français de Daesh incarcéré

Sud Ouest, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 27

Paris - Le jeune homme d'origine bretonne a quitté la Syrie avec ses quatre femmes et leurs six enfants, avant d'être écroué en Turquie. Deux de ses compagnes sont mises en examen. Il se présente comme un « repenti ». Kevin Guiavarch, 23 ans, avait écrit aux autorités françaises en disant qu'il voulait rentrer en France, puis il avait traversé, en juin, la frontière turco-syrienne avec ses quatre compagnes françaises et leurs six enfants avant d'être interpellé en Turquie, dans l'attente d'un procès. Le jeune homme, d'origine bretonne, avait rejoint les rangs du Front al-Nosra (la branche syrienne d'al-Qaida) en Syrie fin 2012, avant d'intégrer Daesh. Soupçonné d'avoir été un recruteur très actif du groupe terroriste, il pourrait également être directement impliqué dans son financement. Deux de ses femmes, âgées de 26 et de 34 ans, ont été mises en

examen vendredi à Paris pour « association de malfaiteurs en relation avec une entreprise terroriste ».

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Canada

1. Canada, US Top Border Officials Meet to Discuss Security
Sputnik, Staff report, 2016 10 28

Washington - Top Canadian and US security officials met in Ottawa to discuss information sharing to protect the join border while promoting trade, Canadian Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Ralph Goodale said in a news release. US Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson and Goodale claimed the US-Canadian border has achieved significant progress on a wide range of initiatives to facilitate trade and travel. "We talked about progress on...initiatives such as Entry/Exit and information sharing for the purposes of national security," Goodale said in the release on Thursday. "These programs help to ensure the vital flow of legitimate travel and trade across the border, while protecting our national security and privacy."

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2. EQAO test glitch traced to cyber attack

Postmedia News, Deborah Van Brank, 2016 10 28

Ottawa - The massive failure of last Thursday's online literacy test for Grade 10 students in Ontario has been traced to an intentional cyber attack. The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) on Monday called the technical issues "an intentional, malicious and sustained Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack -- a type of cyber attack." It says a large volume of traffic from IP addresses around the globe was targeted at the network hosts of the test, with the intent of blocking school boards' and schools' and students' use of the server. EQAO said it is looking at ways of ensuring there is no repeat. A day after the EQAO testing, a similar DDOS attack took place aimed at several other servers and websites around the world and temporarily knocked out several sites, including Twitter. Quick facts about the EQAO Grade 10 literacy test: 900 Ontario high schools participated - or tried to -- in the Oct. 20 online test March, 2017, test would be mandatory for those who didn't write the October one) but most schools and school boards did so. about 8 a.m. Thursday the traffic to the EQAO's server wasn't coming from schools or school boards. Instead, traffic volume overwhelmingly came from outside the system, which blocked legitimate users from logging in.

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3. Fraude bancaire aux États-Unis Un stratagème « audacieux et effronté »

La Presse+, Vincent Larouche, 2016 10 28

Ottawa - Un groupe formé majoritairement d'étudiants québécois aurait contourné la sécurité renforcée du secteur financier canadien et de ses cartes à puces en clonant des centaines de cartes d'ici pour ensuite organiser des retraits d'argent frauduleux aux États-Unis, dans les guichets automatiques qui utilisent encore la bonne vieille bande magnétique de nos anciennes cartes, révèle une enquête du département de la Sécurité intérieure des États-Unis.

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4. Houda-Pepin s'attaque au projet de loi sur la neutralité

Journal de Québec, Régys Caron, 2016 10 28

Québec - La burqa et le tchador sont pour elle des symboles de l'asservissement de la femme Le projet de loi sur les accommodements religieux permettrait le port de vêtements tels le tchador, le niqab et la burqa par les employés de l'État, dénonce l'ex-députée libérale Fatima Houda-Pepin. L'ex-députée libérale Fatima Houda-Pepin (photo) réfute l'argument de la ministre de la Justice, Stéphanie Vallée, qui invoque le droit à la liberté de religion pour refuser d'interdire le port de certains vêtements controversés. «Dans l'article 9 alinéa trois, il y a un accommodement qui permet le port de la burqa et du niqab, a soutenu l'ex- députée de La Pinière alors qu'elle comparaisait en commission parlementaire pour livrer ses commentaires au sujet du projet de loi 62. Le premier paragraphe de l'article 9 autorise le port du tchador», a-t-elle ajouté. Parce qu'ils sont antérieurs à la naissance de l'islam, ces vêtements ne sont pas des symboles religieux, mais des signes de l'asservissement de la femme, s'est insurgée Mme Houda-Pepin avant de rappeler que l'égalité homme-femme est un héritage de la Révolution tranquille.

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5. Joly a du pain sur la planche

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 10 28

Ottawa - En attendant l'arrivée d'un nouveau plan d'action sur les langues officielles, en avril 2018, la ministre du Patrimoine canadien Mélanie Joly a du pain sur la planche pour convaincre les députés du comité des langues officielles - incluant ceux de son propre parti - qu'elle est «la» ministre responsable du dossier. Pendant plus d'une heure, la ministre Joly a eu à défendre ses collègues du cabinet dans les dossiers touchant le Bureau de la traduction et de l'immigration francophone, vantant au passage l'«approche transversale» qui existe au sein de l'équipe ministérielle pour les langues officielles. Dans le dossier du Bureau de la traduction, le député néo-démocrate François Choquette a demandé à la ministre Joly si elle était d'accord avec les recommandations contenues dans le rapport unanime du comité, ou plutôt avec sa collègue Judy Foote qui a opté pour le statu quo. «Je travaille avec la ministre Foote afin que l'expertise au sein du Bureau de la traduction soit renforcée, tout en élargissant les services et en profitant des technologies. La ministre Foote est très compétente et la question des langues officielles fait partie de ses priorités», a assuré la ministre Joly, sans plus de précision sur le rapport du comité sur le Bureau de la traduction.

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6. La radicalisation violente : ce n'est pas une affaire de religion!

Le Soleil, Brahim Benyoucef, 2016 10 28

Opinion - La question de la radicalisation violente refait surface. «Radicalisation, religion, immigration et terrorisme» est le sujet d'une récente étude menée auprès de 2000 étudiants du collégial à travers le Québec, par un groupe de recherche sous la direction de Cécile Rousseau. L'étude vient déconstruire certains mythes et aider à mieux comprendre le phénomène. Autour du niveau d'accord avec le fait d'utiliser des armes pour lutter contre l'injustice s'articule la question principale. La radicalisation violente n'est pas le propre d'une culture, d'une communauté ou d'une religion, révèle l'étude. L'étude révèle que les croyants sont moins favorables aux idées radicales violentes. L'étude révèle aussi que les immigrants de première génération sont moins

favorables aux idées radicales violentes, que ceux issus de la deuxième génération et des originaires du Québec. L'âge de la vingtaine est l'âge explosif, et les garçons sont plus à risque selon l'étude. Il faut souligner cependant que l'étude concerne les étudiants du collégial seulement.

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7. Le Front national du Québec prend forme

La Presse+, Martin Croteau, 2016 10 28

Québec - Déclarer l'indépendance du Québec, mettre fin aux accommodements raisonnables, détruire les mosquées : telles sont les propositions du Front national du Québec, un parti politique naissant qui pourrait présenter des candidats dès les élections de 2018. Militant politique de longue date, Daniel Boucher a réservé ce nom auprès du Directeur général des élections il y a deux semaines. Bien qu'il qualifie lui-même le FNQ d'« embryonnaire », il a bon espoir de présenter un candidat dans chacune des 125 circonscriptions du Québec au prochain scrutin. D'ici là, il se donne deux ans pour faire connaître ses idées. « Nous avons perdu deux référendums à cause du vote ethnique et de l'argent, disait Jacques Parizeau, et il avait parfaitement raison. Avec le Front national du Québec [FNQ] au pouvoir, le Canada n'aura pas l'occasion de nous faire perdre un autre référendum. » -- Extrait du site web du Front national du Québec En entrevue, ce résident de Québec ne fait aucun secret de la filiation idéologique entre son parti et celui de Marine Le Pen en France. C'est d'ailleurs sa rencontre avec la leader d'extrême droite, lors de sa visite au Québec en mars, qui l'a convaincu de lancer une formation politique. « C'est une personne que j'ai trouvée vraiment inspirante, a indiqué M. Boucher. Je me suis plus attardé à son programme de parti. C'est à partir de ce moment-là que je me suis intéressé à ce qui se passait en France. » Interdire l'islam S'il est élu, le FNQ s'engage à détruire les mosquées et à interdire l'islam au Québec. Selon M. Boucher, cette religion ne fait pas « bon mélange » avec la société occidentale. « Une mosquée, ce n'est pas juste un lieu de culte, a-t-il dit. C'est un lieu de recrutement, un lieu de propagande. Les imams font des discours incendiaires sur nous, les infidèles. » « Les mosquées seront détruites et l'Islam sera interdit dans le Pays du Québec. Car croire que l'Islam est compatible avec notre culture est comme croire que si vous nourrissez un alligator avec de la salade, qu'il finira par devenir végétarien. » -- Extrait du site web du Front national du Québec Il ne souhaite pas pour autant expulser tous les musulmans du Québec, seulement ceux qui refuseront de « s'intégrer » à leur société d'accueil.

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8. Liberty moves north (Canada)

The Economist, Editorial Board, 2016 10 29

Editorial - Irredeemably dull by reputation, less brash and bellicose than America, Canada has long seemed to outsiders to be a citadel of decency, tolerance and good sense. Many of Canada's virtues spring from its history and geography and are not readily exportable (see Briefing). It is easier to be relaxed about immigration when your only land border is protected by a wall the size of the United States. Appreciation for the benefits of trade comes more easily to countries next door to big markets. British Brexiteers might justifiably claim that they voted for exactly what

Canada already has: control of immigration and the freedom to negotiate trade deals with any country willing to reciprocate. Despite such luck, Canada suffers from some of the stresses that feed populism in other rich countries. It has experienced a decline of manufacturing jobs, stagnant incomes for most of its citizens and rising inequality. It, too, frets about a shrinking middle class. Canadians worry about Islamist terrorism, though the country has so far been spared a big attack. Some right-of-centre politicians, playing on fears that one will happen, indulge in Trumpian rhetoric. Yet Canada does not seem tempted to shut itself off from the world. What can other Western countries learn from its example? First, Canada not only welcomes newcomers but works hard to integrate them. The second lesson is the value of knowing when fiscal austerity does more harm than good. Canada is far from perfect. It remains a poorer, less productive and less innovative economy than America's. While championing freer international trade, Canada has yet to eliminate obstacles to trade among its provinces. For many liberals, Canada's emphasis on "peace, order and good government", enshrined in its constitution, is inadequate without an infusion of American individualism. But for now the world owes Canada gratitude for reminding it of what many people are in danger of forgetting: that tolerance and openness are wellsprings of security and prosperity, not threats to them.

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9. Media and rights groups win right to intervene in Vice-RCMP fight

Canadian Press, 2016 10 28

Toronto - Media and rights groups on Thursday won the right to intervene in a news outlet's appeal of an order that one of its reporters turn over his materials to the RCMP. The ruling by Ontario's chief justice over objections of the government comes in a case that pits journalistic rights against those of police investigating potential criminal offences. In making his decision, Justice George Strathy rejected Crown arguments that the groups were trying to reinterpret already well-settled law, or introduce evidence not already before the court. The case involves an order that reporter Ben Makuch and Vice Media hand over background materials related to interviews he did with a Canadian man, Farah Shirdon, whom the RCMP accuses of terrorism-related offences. Police have argued the material is crucial to their ongoing investigation. The three separate groups now allowed to intervene in Vice's appeal -- to be heard in February -- comprise an eight-member media coalition that includes the CBC and APTN, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association.

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10. Missions must go beyond military might, Dallaire says

Toronto Star, Peter Goffin, 2016 10 28

Analysis: Retired lieutenant-general Roméo Dallaire is welcoming Canada's military commitment to peacekeeping missions in Africa. "They should have never left," said Dallaire, who was commander of UN forces in Rwanda in 1994 when more than 800,000 people, most of them members the Tutsi ethnic minority, were murdered by ethnic Hutu extremists. "The idea to start earning our spurs again in Africa, in a deliberate fashion to build capacity, to me, is probably one of the wisest decisions," he said. The Liberal government has pledged up to 600

troops and \$450 million to UN peacekeeping missions, likely in Mali, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo or the Central African Republic. Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan has said Canadian forces will use force on these missions if necessary. Dallaire, who served as a Liberal senator from 2005 to 2014, said Canada has an important role to play in bringing peace to foreign countries, but that it will require far more than blunt military might. "There's no such thing as simply bringing in a military solution to any conflict anymore. That's over," Dallaire said.

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11. Monsef travelled to Iran on religious pilgrimage

Toronto Sun, Candice Malcolm, 2016 10 28

Column: Democratic Institutions Minister Maryam Monsef travelled to Iran using a religious pilgrimage visa and an Afghan passport. Nearly two weeks after questions were first put to Monsef about her extensive travel to Afghanistan and Iran in 2010, 2013 and 2014, her office has finally released a detailed statement, exclusive to the Sun. "Minister Monsef travelled to Iran in each case on her Afghan passport, which she obtained at the Afghan Consulate in Toronto," wrote John O'Leary, Monsef's Director of Communications. Iran is one of the most closed and secretive countries in the world. It is very difficult for private citizens from Canada to visit Iran. "In each case, she travelled to Iran on a pilgrimage visa, a common visa many Muslims use to visit holy sites in Iran." Iran issues special pilgrimage visas for Shi'ite Muslims wishing to visit the Imam Reza shrine in Mashhad. This shrine is considered one of the holiest sites for Shi'ite Muslims. "On her trips, she visited the Imam Reza shrine holy sites as well as her family members," O'Leary continued.

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12. Opinion: Time to put Russia-Canada tensions in the deep freeze

Al Jazeera, Antonia Zerbisias, 2016 10 28

The world's most dangerous zone lies not in the Middle East, nor in Crimea, nor in the South China Sea. The real hot spot is the Arctic. That's where global warming may lead to global warring, between Russia, the United States and Canada. The fight would be a contest for control of shipping lanes emerging out of the melting ice, lanes that could cut the distance between the Atlantic and the Pacific by days. It would also be a battle for the exploitation of the 13 per cent of the world's oil reserves and 30 per cent of its natural gas believed to be beneath the seabed. This new Cold War is what Canada's most pessimistic pundits predict while touting Canada's "Arctic sovereignty" and detailing Russia's investments of billions of dollars in northern military and missile bases, nuclear ice-breakers and fighter jets. As if Canada could even begin to compete with all that, not to mention with the US's might and materiel.

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13. Ottawa Suspecté de soutenir l'EI, un homme de nouveau arrêté

Agence QMI, Joël Lemay, 2016 10 28

Ottawa - Tevis Gonyou-McLean, un homme de 24 ans arrêté en août dernier pour avoir prétendument apporté son concours à l'organisation État islamique, a été interpellé de nouveau mardi pour bris de conditions, a rapporté le «National Post» jeudi. Arrêté le 12 août, Gonyou-McLean a été remis en liberté avec une série de 27 conditions à respecter, dont ne pas entrer en contact avec des membres de l'EI, ne pas participer à des activités terroristes et ne pas posséder d'arme. Selon l'avocat du suspect, les quatre chefs de bris d'accusation déposés contre son client n'auraient rien à voir avec ces conditions. «Ce que je peux vous dire, c'est que ce sont toutes des infractions mineures», a indiqué Biagio Bel Graco, en faisant vaguement allusion à des omissions de se rapporter à la police. Selon la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), Tevis Gonyou-McLean aurait eu l'intention de quitter le pays pour aller rejoindre l'EI ou, encore, de commettre un acte terroriste. La GRC a aussi indiqué qu'il avait déjà proféré des menaces de mort.

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14. Peer pressure, identity crises drew young women to jihad

Toronto Star, Allan Woods, 2016 10 28

Toronto - What draws young Muslim women to an extremist strain of Islam and a life dodging bombs and bullets in Syria or Iraq? A new report into the realm of female Islamic radicalization in Quebec has found it is a matter of adolescent socialization and the fraught search for an identity as much as a matter of faith. The study is based on a dozen interviews conducted with those who tried to leave, who thought about leaving, or with family of those who have fled. It tells of teenage girls in Montreal wearing the niqab - a full face covering - to attract male suitors; of the pressure to show religious piety on social media; and of a "virtual sorority" of radicalized females around the globe helping to plan a foreign - and illegal - voyage. Prepared for Quebec's Conseil du Statut de la Femme by Montreal's Centre for the Prevention of Radicalization, the report comes after a wave of young Quebecers left or tried to leave the country to join jihadist groups in 2015. Overall, the report said, between three and seven females from Quebec are believed to have left the country for Syria or Iraq since 2013. Nationally, the researchers estimated that 10 females have gone abroad. Of the young women interviewed, all performed well in school and were raised in comfortable, middle-class households. But many complained of feeling caught between the demands and expectations of their immigrant families and those of francophone Quebec society. "Some of them forged an 'identity shell' that resulted in an eventual rupture with the outside world, including their family, their friends and the rest of society," the report said. Interventions and criticisms of this identity only pushed them further along their path. One young woman recounted her mother scolding her for wearing "terrorist clothing." Another spoke of the argument that ensued when her mother learned of her secret conversion to Islam. Among females convinced that life in Syria or Iraq would be better than in Canada, there were still reservations, based on reports of temporary marriages intended to fulfil the sexual needs of fighters. "They seemed to be preoccupied by certain real risks, like being forced into a marriage if they didn't arrive as a couple in the territory occupied by jihadist groups in Syria, or even suffering sexual assault if they were not accompanied by a man," the report said.

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15. Police re-arrest Ottawa man in ISIL-linked peace bond case

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 10 28

Toronto - An Ottawa man arrested on a terrorism peace bond in August over his alleged support for ISIL has been charged with breaching his bail conditions, court officials said Thursday. Tevis Gonyou-McLean, 24, was out on bail awaiting the outcome of his peace bond case when he was re-arrested Tuesday and charged with four counts of breach of recognizance. Handout Tevis Gonyou-McLean, 24, an Ottawa resident arrested in August on a terrorism peace bond. Among the conditions of his release were that he not leave Ottawa, have no contact or communication with several suspected local members of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant network, and not possess weapons. But his lawyer said the alleged breaches that resulted in the new charges were unrelated to those conditions. "I can tell you this, they're all minor breaches," Biagio Del Greco said. The lawyer added he was awaiting details, but the charges concerned Gonyou-McLean's reporting and residence requirements. None stemmed from allegations he was "involved in any terrorist act." Police also filed a new charge of mischief against the man: he allegedly damaged an ankle bracelet after his arrest. He is back in custody and a bail hearing was scheduled for Monday. Although Gonyou-McLean was arrested Aug. 12, the case only came to public attention last month when VICE News reported the convert and pizza shop worker was Canada's latest terrorism peace bond case.

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16. Radicalisation : le lien de confiance ébranlé?

Radio-Canada.ca, Louis-Philippe Ouimet, 2016 10 28

Montréal - Le Centre de prévention de la radicalisation menant à la violence (CPRMV) de Montréal est souvent cité en exemple ailleurs dans le monde. Le secrétaire général de l'ONU, Ban Ki-moon, a même déjà dit être inspiré par celui-ci. Mais voilà que Radio-Canada a recueilli le témoignage d'anciens employés qui affirment que le directeur du centre les a incités à contrevenir à leur code de déontologie, en partageant des renseignements confidentiels obtenus auprès de personnes supposément radicalisées. Il s'agit d'informations troublantes à une semaine du sommet de l'UNESCO, qui réunira à Québec 250 experts en radicalisation, dont le directeur du CPRMV. La mission du CPRMV de Montréal est bien visible sur son site Internet. Le centre écrit, entre autres, qu'il peut « offrir un soutien et un accompagnement psychosocial aux individus en situation de radicalisation ou en voie de se radicaliser, d'une part, de même qu'à leurs proches, aux enseignants, aux intervenants du milieu ou à tout citoyen concerné et, d'autre part, à tout individu victime de discours ou de gestes haineux. » Toujours sur le site Internet, on peut lire ceci dans la section intitulée Approche : « Le CPRMV demeure donc un organisme autonome d'un point de vue stratégique et opérationnel, ce qui assure la confidentialité et le caractère anonyme de sa plateforme d'écoute et d'accompagnement, accessible à tous. » Des intervenants critiquent le centre Le psychologue Jacques Caron a travaillé pendant près d'un mois lors des débuts du CPRMV de Montréal. Sa vision du centre diffère de celle qui est affichée sur le site Internet de celui-ci. À cette étape-là [au début des activités du CPRMV], très clairement, on était un centre de délation beaucoup plus, on était un centre de répression beaucoup plus qu'un centre de prévention. Maintenant, avec le temps, je ne sais pas comment ça a évolué.

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17. Radicalisation des jeunes femmes Loin de l'image de la petite étourdie

Le Soleil, Baptiste Ricard-Châtelain, 2016 10 28

Québec - Des agents de radicalisation sont à l'oeuvre au Québec et réussissent à embrigader de jeunes femmes dans un islam radical fantaisiste, révèle une recherche déposée jeudi à l'Assemblée nationale. Mais très peu d'entre elles aboutissent au Moyen-Orient. Le phénomène est limité, tempère Herman Debarice-Okomba, directeur du Centre de prévention de la radicalisation menant à la violence. En Syrie, les services de renseignement ont dénombré entre 25 et 30 Québécois. Il ne faut pas être alarmiste. Aussi, parmi les quelque 550 Occidentales recensées dans les zones de conflit en Syrie et en Irak, entre 3 et 7 Québécoises ont été identifiées, ajoute Olivier Lamalice, chercheur au Conseil du statut de la femme. N'empêche, M. Lamalice et son collègue Benjamin Ducol, responsable de la recherche au Centre de prévention de la radicalisation, ont croisé une douzaine de jeunes femmes endoctrinées pour cette enquête. Ils n'ont mis que quelques semaines pour retrouver ces Québécoises. Et celles-ci leur ont parlé d'autres amies qui avaient flirté avec les mêmes idéaux. Parmi l'échantillon, certaines ont été arrêtées le jour du grand envol, à l'aéroport. C'est d'ailleurs à la suite du départ de Québécois vers la Syrie et l'Irak qu'on a voulu creuser les motivations de celles qui rêvent de s'y établir.

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18. Radicalized women in Quebec well educated, from middle-class families, says report

CBC.CA, Ryan Hicks, 2016 10 28

Ottawa - For the first time, the provincial government has a picture of how young Quebec women become radicalized. The Quebec Council on the Status of Women presented the report Thursday afternoon at the National Assembly. It debunks some myths about radicalized women. The report is based on interviews with five radicalized women, and their friends and family. Researchers found the women are active participants, rather than being passive, naive or dependent on men. They started to become radicalized in their late teens - from the ages of 17 to 19. They came from middle class families, were successful in their studies and well-educated. The report also looked at the factors that can lead to radicalization, including a traumatic life experience, confusion over identity, and a search for meaning in one's life. Women told researchers they feel caught between two worlds: they felt too Québécoise for their country of origin, but too foreign living in Quebec.

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19. Religion not a factor in violent radicalization of women: report

Globe and Mail, Raquel Fletcher, 2016 10 28

Ottawa - A new report reveals surprising reasons young women and girls get involved with radical terrorist groups overseas. The Status of Women report was released in Quebec City Thursday afternoon. The province hopes the report will help prevent vulnerable women from joining violent jihadist movements in Iraq and Syria. "They're not really women who are prone

to violence at all. They're very successful at school, that was one of the elements of surprise," Immigration Minister Kathleen Weil said. There is no specific profile for a woman who might join a terrorist organization overseas. Researchers interviewed 12 people at a prevention centre in Montreal. The women they interviewed were between 17 and 19 years old. They found a family's economic situation didn't play a role. Neither did ethnicity. "They don't come from very religious families," Weil said. "They are themselves Muslim but they're not particularly religious." A McGill University research group released a study with similar findings earlier this week involving 2,000 CEGEP students. That report showed that religion actually protects young people from violent radicalization. The RCMP's new Terrorism and Violent Extremism Awareness Guide also underscores there is no single profile of someone who is radicalized.

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20. Une rare fenêtre sur les Québécoises radicalisées

La Presse+, Gabrielle Duchaine; Denis Lessard, 2016 10 28

Montréal - À la fois femmes et djihadistes. Pourquoi des Québécoises décident-elles de tout abandonner et de partir en Syrie rejoindre des groupes djihadistes aux yeux de qui elles n'ont pratiquement pas de droits ? Une étude dévoilée hier par le Centre de prévention de la radicalisation menant à la violence et le Conseil du statut de la femme ouvre une rare fenêtre sur ce qui se passe vraiment dans la tête des adolescentes radicalisées. Combien sont parties ? Entre trois et sept Québécoises auraient rejoint la Syrie depuis 2013, selon l'estimation des experts. À l'échelle internationale, on estime que les femmes représenteraient environ de 10 à 15 % du total des ressortissants occidentaux ayant rejoint la Syrie. Les chiffres pour le Québec ne tiennent pas compte des femmes qui ont tenté de quitter le pays et qui ont été stoppées en chemin ou qui ont changé d'idée avant de partir. Le rapport de les dénombre pas. « En raison de la dimension clandestine du phénomène, il demeure difficile d'indiquer très précisément le nombre de Québécoises ayant rejoint la Syrie ou tentées de le faire depuis le début du conflit sur place », lit-on. Selon les informations récoltées par La Presse au fil de nos enquêtes, au moins quatre jeunes femmes ont été interceptées avant leur départ, dont Sabrina Djermane, cette ex-élève du cégep Maisonneuve qui attend son procès à Montréal.

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21. '60 Minutes' Interviews Minnesota Man Linked To ISIS

WCCO TV (Minneapolis), Esme Murphy, 2016 10 28

Minneapolis - A Minnesota terrorist, who recruited friends to fight for ISIS, says online videos made him feel special. Abdirizak Warsame, 21, recently sat down to speak with CBS Evening News anchor and "60 Minutes" correspondent Scott Pelley. In the exclusive interview -- set to air this Sunday -- the young Eagan man opened up about his motivations, and what he still thinks about every day. It's very rare for someone in federal custody, much less a convicted terrorist, to do an on-camera interview. Warsame told Scott Pelley he became radicalized by watching YouTube videos of the infamous American-born cleric, Anwar al-Awlaki. "He explained how

Islam was, you know, like my calling," Warsame told Pelley. "It was almost like he was talking to you. And, like, it made you feel like you were special, and like you're the chosen one."

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22. Booz Allen hires former FBI director to conduct security review

Washington Post, Christian Davenport, 2016 10 28

Washington - Booz Allen Hamilton said Thursday that it has hired Robert Mueller, a former FBI director, to conduct a review of the firm's security processes after one of its employees was charged with stealing huge amounts of classified data from the National Security Agency. "We take the trust clients place in us seriously and are proud to support our country's important national security missions," Craig Veith, Booz Allen's vice president for external relations, said in a statement. "We are committed to doing our part to detect potential insider threats, which are complex and constantly evolving." In a complaint that was unsealed this month, Harold T. Martin was charged in what is alleged to be one of the largest thefts of classified material in U.S. history. Martin's arrest follows the leaks of Edward Snowden, who also worked for Booz Allen while on contract to the NSA and walked away with troves of sensitive information. Prosecutors have said that Martin took at least 50 terabytes of digital data, or as much as 500 million pages of information. He also had six boxes of files, many of which were left open in his house or car, prosecutors said. Also on Thursday, in documents urging that Martin remain jailed, prosecutors alleged that they found the names of U.S. intelligence officers in the materials they recovered from Martin, which posed a particular threat to the safety of those operating undercover abroad. They said Martin's communications were being monitored -- except those with his lawyers -- and they remained concerned about the damage he could do if he was able to reveal any of the information he took.

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23. Bundy Brothers Acquitted in Takeover of Oregon Wildlife Refuge

New York Times, Courtney Sherwood, Kirk Johnson, 2016 10 28

Portland - Armed antigovernment protesters led by Ammon and Ryan Bundy were acquitted Thursday of federal conspiracy and weapons charges stemming from the takeover of a federally owned wildlife sanctuary in Oregon last winter. The surprise acquittals of all seven defendants in Federal District Court was a blow to government prosecutors, who had argued that the Bundys and five of their followers used force and threats of violence to occupy the reserve. But the jury appeared swayed by the defendants' contention that they were protesting government overreach and posed no threat to the public. In a sign of the tension that ran through the trial, Ammon Bundy's lawyer, Marcus R. Mumford, frustrated that the Bundys were not being released, was restrained by four United States marshals after an outburst. "I knew that what my husband was doing was right, but I was nervous because the judge was controlling the narrative," said Ryan Bundy's wife, Angela Bundy, 39, in a telephone interview from the family ranch in Bunkerville, Nev. "But they saw the truth. I am just so grateful they saw it." Mr. Mumford said acquitting Mr. Bundy would be a victory for all Americans. "They're deceiving you," Mr. Mumford said,

gesturing to the prosecutors. "It's the government that picks and chooses the rules it's going to comply with." In a statement, Oregon's governor, Kate Brown, said she was disappointed.

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24. CIA to share 11 million declassified documents through agency's website

Washington Times, Andrew Blake, 2016 10 27

Washington - The CIA this week said it will make more than 11 million declassified documents searchable on the agency's website. The sizable collection of previously privileged documents currently resides on a database called the CIA Records Search Tool, or CREST, and for years has only been accessible by using computers at the National Archives and Records Administration in College Park, Md. Ryan Trapani, a spokesman for the intelligence agency, told the Federal of American Scientists on Tuesday that CREST documents will soon be uploaded to the CIA's official website, CIA.gov. "When loaded on the website they will be full-text searchable and have the same features currently available on the CREST system at NARA," he said. "This will dramatically increase the ability of the public to access these documents, which currently are available only by going to NARA in person," CIA spokesman Jonathan Lieu told The Hill on Thursday. The CIA hasn't said when the move will occur, but Mr. Trapani told FAS "we are moving out on the plan to make the transition," FAS reported.

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25. Congress: Cuba to Share Critical U.S. Intel With Iranian Spies

Washington Free Beacon, Adam Kredo, 2016 10 27

Washington - Obama administration efforts to bolster the sharing of critical intelligence data with Cuba is likely to benefit Iran, which has been quietly bolstering its foothold in the country with the communist government's approval, according to conversations with members of Congress and other sources familiar with the matter. A little noticed Obama administration directive on Cuba, released Oct. 14, instructed the U.S. director of national intelligence to assist and cooperate with Cuba's intelligence services. The directive has raised red flags on Capitol Hill, where some lawmakers are concerned that Cuba will pass along critical U.S. intelligence to the Iranians, who have made moves in recent years to extend their influence in the communist country and other Latin American countries hostile to the United States. The Obama administration's move to share intelligence with Cuba is likely to be celebrated by Iran, according to congressional sources tracking the matter. "President Obama's instruction to DNI Clapper last week to look for ways to cooperate with Cuba on intelligence issues poses an unconscionable threat to the security of the American people," Victoria Coates, national security adviser for Sen. Ted Cruz (R., Texas), told the Free Beacon.

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26. Dakota Access Pipeline: More Than 100 Arrested as Protesters Ousted From Camp

NBC News, Daniella Silva, 2016 10 28

New York - Authorities used pepper spray and fired bean bags at activists demonstrating against a controversial North Dakota oil pipeline as the standoff there reached a new peak Thursday, according to officials. Armed soldiers and police in riot gear removed the demonstrators using trucks, military Humvees, and buses Thursday afternoon, according to The Associated Press. Two helicopters and an airplane scanned the operation from the air. At least 141 protesters were arrested as of midnight Thursday (1 a.m. ET) after law enforcement slowly closed in and tensions escalated, the Morton County Sheriff's Department said in a statement. Seven protesters used "sleeping dragon" devices, which typically involve PVC or other pipe, to attach themselves to items, and fires were set on a highway and improvised fire bombs were thrown at law enforcement, the Morton County Sheriff's Department said in a statement. One woman allegedly fired three shots from a revolver at police, an emergency services official said. No one was hit.

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27. Ex-National Guard member admits plotting attack to help Islamic State

Washington Post, Jasper Scherer, 2016 10 28

Washington - In the spring of this year, Mohamed Bailor Jalloh said he often thought about carrying out an attack to support the Islamic State. The Northern Virginia man drew inspiration from Nidal Hasan, the Army major who killed 13 people at Fort Hood, Tex., in 2009. But Jalloh, a former member of the Virginia National Guard, also questioned whether he could "ensure his heart would be strong and not fail him" during an attack, court records show. If he could not take part in an operation, he suggested, he could help by providing money or weapons. Jalloh, 27, pleaded guilty Thursday in federal court in Virginia to attempting to provide support to the terrorist group. Court records show that the case came together largely because one person Jalloh was communicating with was an FBI source. Jalloh, who was born in Sierra Leone, lived in Loudoun County and was a U.S. citizen. His family has declined to comment, and neighbors said they kept to themselves. Authorities have said Jalloh had a job at the time of his arrest in July but did not say where. Jalloh is set to be sentenced in January and faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

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28. How Snowden Smartened Up Our Spying

Newsweek, Jack Goldsmith, 2016 10 28

Column - At the dawn of the Snowden revelations, many wondered whether the U.S. intelligence community would be destroyed. Some hoped that it would. But the opposite has happened: Despite undoubted intelligence losses, new collection barriers and diplomatic embarrassments, the community has emerged as a stronger organization despite, indeed because of, Snowden. Snowden forced the intelligence community out of its suboptimal and unsustainable obsession with secrecy. "Before the unauthorized disclosures, we were always conservative about discussing specifics of our collection programs, based on the truism that the more adversaries know about what we're doing, the more they can avoid our surveillance," Director of National Intelligence James Clapper said in 2013. Post-Snowden, the intelligence community operates on the principle that secrecy is not an absolute value, but one that needs to be traded off for other

values, including domestic legitimacy. Snowden made it realize that, in the words of former NSA Director Michael Hayden, "although the public cannot be briefed on everything, there has to be enough out there so that the majority of the population believe what they are doing is acceptable." Forced transparency meant that the intelligence community had to justify itself before the American people for the first time ever--about what it did in the domestic arena and abroad, about the legality of and accountability for its actions and about its importance to U.S. national security. Note: Jack Goldsmith is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and the Henry L. Shattuck professor of law at Harvard University. From 2003 to 2004, he served as the assistant attorney general, Office of Legal Counsel. From 2002 to 2003, he served as the special counsel to the general counsel of the Department of Defense.

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29. Putin denies hacking claims; Allegations that Russia is meddling in U.S. election are 'utter nonsense,' he says.

Los Angeles Times, Mansur Mirovalev, 2016 10 28

Moscow - Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday vehemently rejected claims that Moscow is tampering with the U.S. presidential election, and said it was "utter nonsense" that the Kremlin favors Republican Donald Trump. At the same time, Putin had kind words for Trump, saying that "he chose his method of getting through to voters' hearts." This month, the White House accused the Kremlin of masterminding cyberattacks on the Democratic National Committee and leaking stolen emails. Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton has called Trump a puppet of Putin's. The Kremlin has denied the accusations, and Putin called them a ploy to divert public attention from issues such as gun violence or the United States' growing debt. Presidential hopefuls "apparently have nothing to say, so it's much simpler to distract people with presumed Russian hackers, spies and agents of influence and so on," he said in televised remarks at a gathering in the Black Sea city of Sochi.

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30. States unprepared for Election Day cyber attack

Politico, Daniel Samuelsohn, 2016 10 28

Washington - State election officials around the country are woefully unprepared for a cyber disruption around Election Day. While states have spent years thinking about and planning for other types of crisis that can mess with voting -- from hurricanes to power blackouts and terrorist attacks -- they've been slow and ill staffed to develop contingency plans responsive to a hack attack that would adequately protect their systems in time for the 2016 presidential election. "They're waking up to it, but they largely don't know what questions to ask," said Jeremy Epstein, a senior computer scientist at the nonprofit research center SRI International and an expert on voting mechanics. A dozen battleground state officials surveyed by POLITICO insist the voting systems themselves are safe, as nearly all parts of the balloting process take place in a secure, offline environment. But they also repeatedly acknowledged there are limits to what they can control, and they recognize they face legitimate challenges from cyber intrusions to the

myriad adjacent parts that go into an election, including online registration records and publicizing vote tallies.

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31. The NSA deputy chief on Edward Snowden's true motivations

Washington Post Magazine, Joe Heim, 2016 10 30

Interview - Richard Ledgett Jr., 58, has worked at the National Security Agency since 1988. He and his wife live in Maryland and have three children. Washington Post: If (Edward) Snowden were sitting across from you, what would you say? Richard Ledgett: I'd ask him, Why did you do what you did? The narrative that he's told publicly about this actually doesn't track if you parse the timelines. He says he was motivated by Jim Clapper's remarks to Senator Wyden and the revelation that those remarks weren't accurate. If you look at the timeline, Snowden was actually stealing material and in contact with reporters eight months before that, so that doesn't track. Q: So even if the timeline doesn't scan, do you question his motivation? A: I do. I know a lot about this. I probably spent more time than anybody but our chief investigator on the actual investigation on this. I know a lot that I still can't talk about because it's sensitive investigational stuff. And if he does ever come back to the United States it will be part of the government's case against him. The things that I can say, I think a lot of what was in the House Intelligence Committee's report where they talk about him actually being mad about being disciplined -- I think that actually tracks more with motivation. Q: Do you think history will ultimately decide what Snowden did helped the country? A: That's a really hard one. I think if you weigh the benefit and the harm, the balance comes out pretty far on the harm side. That doesn't mean that there was absolutely no good to what he did. And I think that's an important nuance. It's heavily weighted towards harm. The little bit of good is forcing a conversation that we probably should have had earlier. And for me that was a lesson learned. That we should have talked about the particular authority, the Patriot Act authority, earlier in the process. Q: Should he go to jail? A: On balance I think he should go to jail. Assuming that he gets a trial and is convicted, which I think the case is very strong. I would vote for conviction. I think I would be disqualified from the jury.

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32. Student remanded over ball-bearing bomb on Underground

London Times, Fiona Hamilton, 2016 10 27

London - An explosive device found on the London Underground was viable and contained ball bearings, it emerged today. The detail came at the first court appearance of the teenager accused of sparking the security alert last week at North Greenwich station, southeast London. Damon Smith, spoke only to confirm his name and address when he stood before senior district judge Emma Arbuthnot at Westminster magistrates' court. Mr Smith, originally from Devon, smiled and waved to his mother in the public gallery during proceedings. He twice gave her a thumbs up. The 19-year-old entered no plea to a charge of unlawfully and maliciously making or

possessing an unspecified explosive substance with intent to endanger life or cause serious injury to property. However, Simon Eastwood, defending, indicated that his client, who has a form of autism, would plead not guilty on the ground that it was a prank. Judge Arbuthnot rejected an application for bail by the London Metropolitan University student and he was remanded in custody to appear at the Old Bailey on November 17.

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33. Tube bomb 'would have gone off except for malfunction'

London Daily Telegraph, Ben Farmer, Lydia Willgress, 2016 10 27

London - A suspect device that sparked a terrorism alert after it was found on a Tube train was a working homemade bomb loaded with ball bearings and would have gone off except for a malfunction, it has been disclosed. The "viable improvised explosive device" found in an abandoned rucksack contained a timer, batteries and grey powder and the ball bearings would have maximised injuries to people. A 19-year-old man on Thursday appeared in court charged with explosives offences after the find on a Jubilee Line train. Damon Smith of Abbeyfield Road in Southwark, south-east London was alleged to have possessed or made an explosive device "with intent by means thereof to endanger life or cause serious injury to property". The charge followed the discovery of the suspicious item on the train at North Greenwich Underground Station on October 20.

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34. India-New Zealand can be partners in security, stability: Prez

Press TV News (India), 2016 10 28

New Delhi - President Pranab Mukherjee has said India and New Zealand can become partners for promoting security, stability and prosperity in their regions and beyond, as he welcomed visiting Kiwi Prime Minister John Key. Key called on the President at Rashtrapati Bhavan yesterday. Mukherjee, while welcoming the PM and his delegation, said India values its relationship with his country and the sustained momentum of high level contacts reaffirms the growing strength and dynamism of bilateral engagement between India and New Zealand. The President, a Rashtrapati Bhavan spokesperson said, said India and New Zealand share a unique bond based on shared values and synergies, being two multicultural, vibrant democracies that believe in and respect the rule of law. "New Zealand can be a key partner in India's quest for food security. Bilateral trade in goods and services has nearly doubled in the last eight years. Currently, total trade in goods and services in 2015 amounted to USD 1.45 billion. "India and New Zealand can be partners in promoting security, stability and prosperity in the region and beyond. The two countries can work together in areas such as maritime security and ensuring freedom of navigation and in countering terrorism," he said.

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35. Pakistan to expel Indian diplomat in tit-for-tat move

Pakistan Dawn, Syed Sammer Abbas, 2016 10 28

Islamabad - The Foreign Secretary on Thursday summoned the Indian High Commissioner today and conveyed the decision of the Government of Pakistan to declare Surjeet Singh, an official of the Indian High Commission, as persona non grata, said a statement released by the Foreign Office. The statement added that the Foreign Secretary expressed deep concern over the activities of the Indian official that were in violation of the Vienna Convention and established diplomatic norms. "The Indian High Commission has been asked to make urgent necessary arrangements for Surjeet Singh and his family to leave Pakistan by October 29, 2016." Earlier today, India decided to expel a Pakistani high commission staff member for "espionage activities", a foreign ministry official said, as local media reported that New Delhi police had detained him. The documents included information on deployment of India's border security forces, Yadav told a press conference.

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36. Boko Haram Attacks Signal Resilience of ISIS and Its Branches

New York Times, Dionne Searcey, Eric Schmitt, 2016 10 27

Diffa, Niger - Defeating Boko Haram was a flagship campaign promise of President Muhammadu Buhari of Nigeria, the former general who took office a year and a half ago. Since then, the Nigerian military, aided by neighboring countries -- along with training from the United States, Britain and France -- has made huge advances. Mr. Buhari has claimed for months that Boko Haram has been defeated, and this month he revealed in the release of 21 of the nearly 300 girls kidnapped from a school by Boko Haram more than two years ago. Yet a troubling new series of attacks in Nigeria and the neighboring country of Niger, including one that killed dozens of soldiers, highlights how Boko Haram is far from eliminated. With the rainy season ending and roads becoming passable again, officials are bracing for more ambushes like the one at the river crossing. Boko Haram has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State, and Western intelligence officials believe the recent strikes were carried out by a group that splintered off with the Islamic State's blessing to focus on Western and strategic military targets. Now, the group is unleashing the kinds of military attacks that had been on the wane in past months, restoring a deadly urgency to the conflict just as it seemed the militants were finally losing traction. The splinter group has stated its intent to focus its attacks "away from local Sunni civilians and towards military and Western targets," said Cmdr. William J. Marks, a spokesman for the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington.

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37. De nouvelles stratégies dans la guerre contre Boko Haram au Cameroun

Agence de Presse Africaine, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 27

Yaoundé, Cameroun - Les responsables sécuritaires ainsi que les administrations sectorielles du Cameroun ont mis en place de nouvelles stratégies en vue de mieux conduire la guerre qu'ils mènent contre la secte terroriste nigériane Boko Haram, a-t-on appris jeudi de sources sécuritaires. Ces nouvelles stratégies ont été arrêtées au terme d'une réunion convoquée par le gouverneur la région l'Extrême-nord Midjiyawa Bakari. Ont pris part à la rencontre, les responsables des forces de défense et de sécurité, notamment le général de brigade Bouba Dobekréo, commandant le premier secteur de la Force multinationale mixte (FMM) et le général de brigade Jacob Kodji, commandant la région militaire interarmées N°4. Au regard de la porosité des frontières et avec l'avènement de la saison sèche, le Cameroun redoute l'intensification des incursions des terroristes dans son territoire.

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38. Deux personnes en relation avec les groupes présumés terroristes arrêtées en Tunisie

Pan African News Agency, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 27

Tunis, Tunisie - Des unités de la sécurité tunisienne de la zone de Tajerouine, au nord-ouest de la Tunisie, ont arrêté, dans la nuit de mercredi à jeudi, deux personnes soupçonnées d'entretenir des relations avec des groupes terroristes, a annoncé une source sécuritaire. Les premières informations laissent penser que le premier, un trafiquant, est membre d'un courant extrémiste, a précisé la source, indiquant que les forces de l'ordre ont trouvé à son domicile 25.000 balles de calibre 5/5. Chez le second, la police a trouvé des tenues militaires volées, a encore indiqué la même source.

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39. Egypt: Life Sentences Against Brotherhood Leader and 36 Others Upheld

Asharq Al-Awsat, Mohamed Abdu Hassanein, 2016 10 28

Cairo - Egypt's Appeals Court, the highest judicial authority in Egypt, yesterday upheld the life sentences that were given to the spiritual leader of the now outlawed Muslim Brotherhood Mohammed Badie and 36 others after their appeals were rejected. The verdict issued by the Appeals Court is final and may not be challenged. Badie has been charged with a number of different crimes and has also been sentenced to death but this sentence is not final. The Shubra Al-Khaimah Criminal Court sentenced Badie and other leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood including Safwat Higazi, Mohamed Beltagy, Osama Yassin (the former Minister of Youth), Bassem Ouda (the former Minister of Supply and Interior Trade) and others to life in prison in July 2014. Ten of the accused in the case were sentenced to death in absentia.

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40. Jeunes djihadistes : pris dans la toile de l'araignée

Journal du Mali, Olivier Dubois, 2016 10 27

Bamako - Au Mali, la pauvreté, le chômage, la corruption, l'insécurité, et l'absence de l'État dans certaines portions du territoire, exacerbe le désenchantement et les frustrations des populations,

constituant un terrain propice pour les groupes djihadistes, qui ciblent en majeure partie les jeunes. L'extrémisme violent prôné par ces groupes, s'efface devant des raisons, souvent financières, qui poussent ces jeunes à s'enrôler. « Je les ai rejoint pour faire vivre ma famille ». « Comme l'État n'est pas là, chacun se protège comme il peut ». « J'ai rejoint le MUJAO car j'ai vraiment aimé leur manière de convaincre les gens, leur justice et leur droiture ». Ces témoignages sont ceux de jeunes combattants, logisticiens, informateurs, chauffeurs, des anonymes, qui ont répondu à l'appel des ces groupes extrémistes violents pour tenter de changer leur quotidien, protéger ou nourrir leur famille, et dans une moindre mesure, par conviction religieuse. On les nomme communément djihadistes, et au sein des katibas, ils sont des moudjahidines qui servent les objectifs des groupes extrémistes.

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41. Les deux Américains soupçonnés de terrorisme libérés

African Manager (Tunisie), Journaliste maison, 2016 10 27

Tunis - La brigade nationale des recherches dans les crimes terroristes d'El Gorjani a décidé de maintenir en liberté les deux individus de nationalité américaine, suspectés de terrorisme, avec poursuite des enquêtes menées à leur encontre. Cette décision a été prise en coordination avec le ministère public et le Pôle judiciaire de lutte contre le terrorisme, a déclaré à l'agence TAP le porte-parole du Tribunal de première instance de Tunis et du Pôle judiciaire, Sofien Selliti. Le ministère public de Jendouba, territorialement compétent, avait décidé, mardi, de transférer le dossier à la brigade nationale des recherches dans les crimes terroristes d'El Gorjani, contrairement à ce qui a été relayé au sujet de leur arrestation puis leur relaxation, explique le porte-parole.

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42. U.S. Embassy in Nairobi to Remain Closed Today

Daily Nation (Kenya), Staff report, 2016 10 28

Nairobi - The United States embassy, including its consular section, will remain closed today following the shooting incident outside the embassy on Thursday. According to a statement posted on the embassy's website on Thursday night, the consular will be back to business on October 31. However, emergency services for US citizens will be available, it said. A man was shot dead yesterday outside the embassy after he stabbed a General Service Unit (GSU) officer with a knife.

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43. Colombia delays peace talks with ELN rebels until captive freed

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 10 28

Bogota - Colombia is delaying peace talks with Marxist ELN rebels until they free a politician held captive for six months, President Juan Manuel Santos said on Thursday, as he struggles to salvage a peace deal with FARC guerrillas that was rejected in a plebiscite. The National Liberation Army (ELN), the nation's second-biggest insurgent group, must release Odin Sanchez to the International Committee of the Red Cross before talks can begin in Ecuador, Santos said, reiterating a condition he set months ago. The opening ceremony had been scheduled to take place in Ecuador's capital at 6 p.m. EDT (2200 GMT) but it was canceled at the last minute. The government said the talks could still go forward as early as Friday or Saturday if the rebels free Sanchez, however. The 2,000-strong ELN, considered a terrorist group by the United States and European Union, has kidnapped hundreds of people during its 52-year insurgency to raise war funds and use hostages as bargaining chips with the government.

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Asia • Asie

44. Abu Sayyaf received \$7.3M in ransom from kidnappings: Philippine government (Canada)

Associated Press, Jim Gomez, 2016 10 28

Manila - Abu Sayyaf pocketed at least 353 million pesos (\$7.3 million) from ransom kidnappings in the first six months of the year and have turned to abductions of foreign tugboat crewmen as military offensives restricted the militants' mobility, a confidential Philippine government report said. The joint military and police threat assessment report seen by The Associated Press on Thursday said the offensives have reduced the number of Abu Sayyaf fighters slightly, although the group remains capable of launching terrorist attacks. Government offensives have reduced the number of militants to 481 in the first half of the year from 506 in the same period last year but they managed to carry out 32 bombings in that time - a 68 per cent increase - in attempts to distract the military assaults, the report said. They wield at least 438 firearms and managed to conduct a number of terrorist trainings despite constant military assaults. President Rodrigo Duterte, who took office in June, has ordered troops to destroy Abu Sayyaf, known for its brutality, and he has ruled out the possibility of any peace talks with them. He has pursued talks with two other larger Muslim insurgent groups. Of the estimated 353 million pesos in ransom received by the Abu Sayyaf from January to June, the bulk was paid in exchange for the releases of 14 Indonesian and 4 Malaysian crewmen who had been held at Abu Sayyaf jungle bases in Sulu province, the report said. The militants got 20 million pesos (\$413,000) in ransom for freeing Marites Flor, a Filipino woman who was kidnapped last year with two Canadians and a Norwegian from a yacht-berthing resort on southern Samal island. The militants beheaded the two Canadians after ransom deadlines lapsed. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau urged governments not to pay ransom to discourage similar abductions. The Norwegian hostage, Kjartan Sekkingstad, was freed last month after a year of horrific jungle captivity when he was constantly threatened with beheading.

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45. Espionage case: Pak official held, expelled for spying; ties take another hit

Times of India, Staff Report, 2016 10 28

New Delhi - The already dim prospects of any improvement in India- Pakistan relations were dealt another blow on Thursday with Delhi Police busting an espionage ring whose 'kingpin' is a Pakistan high commission official. The government declared Mehmood Akhtar persona non grata after he was nabbed buying classified documents from two men from Rajasthan at the Delhi zoo. Indian officials found that Akhtar enjoyed immunity even though he wasn't a diplomatic passport holder. Besides Maulana Ramzan Khan and Subhash Jangid who were nabbed from the zoo, Akhtar was in touch with Shoaib from Rajasthan. An FIR under Sections 3 and 5 of the Official Secrets Act has been registered against the accused, joint commissioner (crime) Ravindra Yadav said. A hunt for at least 10 people, including defence personnel who allegedly leaked the documents, is on. Late in the evening, Pakistan retaliated by declaring a staffer in the Indian high commission in Islamabad, Surjit Singh, persona non grata.

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46. Islamic preacher, grocer were easy prey

The Hindu, Shiv Sunny, 2016 10 28

New Delhi - The Indian "spies" in the alleged espionage case arrested on Wednesday were paid meagre amounts for their efforts to collect defence-related information for their Pakistani handlers, investigators suggested. "The amount varied between Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 50,000 per month. Each time, the spies would bring in a thick stack of documents, some of them useful, others not," said Ravindra Yadav, Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime). Mahmood Akhtar, the Pakistan High Commission staffer who is accused of being an ISI agent, allegedly asked his contacts in Rajasthan and Gujarat to target men who were struggling for money. One such "spy," Maulana Ramzan Khan is a teacher at a mosque in Rajasthan's Nagaur district. Also an "Islamic preacher," Khan served as the caretaker of the mosque as well as taught around 40-50 children. "He was being paid Rs. 2,000 for taking care of the mosque and Rs. 3,000 for his role as a teacher. That made him an easy target," said a senior police officer.

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47. Kim Jong-un orders full probe into Musudan missiles launches

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 10 28

Seoul - North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has ordered a special investigation team to conduct a full-fledged probe into the causes of the failure of recent intermediate-range missiles launches, a North Korean defectors group claimed Friday. "Kim has instructed the special investigation team to implement a probe into the national defense sector starting on Nov. 1 to make the causes for the launch failures clear," said Kim Heung-kwang, a North Korean defector and executive director of Seoul-based dissidents' group North Korea Intellectuals Solidarity, in a press conference. Kim attributed the investigation to the North Korean leader's belief that spies from the United States and South Korea had been implicated in a series of Musudan missile failures. It is speculated that North Korean authorities believe South Korea and the U.S. have done

something detrimental to the missile parts, including the integrated circuit chips, that are imported from foreign countries, according to Kim.

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48. Party Leaders in China Elevate the President's Status

New York Times, Chris Buckley, 2016 10 28

Beijing - President Xi Jinping of China received a potent boost to his status on Thursday, when a Communist Party meeting elevated him to "core" leader, putting him in the same revered ranks as Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping. Mr. Xi's newest title, carrying echoes of those political strongmen, reinforces his power to shape the new leadership of the party. It is also a warning that officials should fall in line, though some privately fear he has amassed too much control and has eroded traditions of collective leadership, built up to prevent a return to the arbitrary abuses of Mao's final decades. Since he became general secretary of the party in 2012, the leadership "with Comrade Xi Jinping as its core has acted on its words and led by example," said a communiqué from the four-day assembly of the Central Committee. "For a country and for a party, a leading core is vitally important," said the document, which was solemnly read on Chinese state television news. "It seems that this plenum really was a victory for Xi," Joseph Fewsmith, a professor at Boston University who studies Chinese leadership politics, said by email. "What exactly that means in terms of personnel changes is hard to say, but it seems that Xi will get what he wants."

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49. In Russia's cyberscene: Kremlin desires, private hackers, and patriotism

Christian Science Monitor, Fred Weir, 2016 10 27

Moscow - While much is known about US cyber-war and -espionage capabilities thanks to the massive data leaks of former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, Russia's capacity for such is much more obscure. But the experience of Alexander Vyarya, which came to light virtually without notice last year, may offer a few telling glimpses of it. Mr. Vyarya, a young Russian programmer, was a team member at Qrator, a leading Russian cybersecurity company that specializes in mitigating the effects of distributed denial-of-service [DDoS] attacks. According to his account, given to the independent Russian online news service Medusa, the company was approached by an intermediary from Russia's Ministry of Communications looking for a specialist to help with a particular problem. Vyarya was "loaned" on an unofficial basis to Rostek, the Russian state technology conglomerate, in early 2015, and sent to an office in Sofia, Bulgaria. There, he was asked to help develop software not to block, but to amplify DDoS attacks. He did - and he was appalled when the program was "tried out" before his eyes on targets like Ukraine's Defense Ministry and the liberal Russian magazine Slon, he later told Medusa. By his account, he told his contact "I am not a hacker," and subsequently fled to Finland. Vyarya's experience - other than the young programmer's attack of conscience and relating his story to the press - is not unusual on Russia's cyberscene, says Andrei Soldatov, one

of the country's foremost cybersecurity experts and co-author of *The Red Web*, a history of the Russian internet - and the security services' efforts to control it - that will be released in Russian next week.

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50. Les hommes neufs de Vladimir Poutine

Le Monde, Isabelle Mandraud, 2016 10 28

Moscou - En vue de l'élection présidentielle de 2018, le président russe se débarrasse de sa vieille garde, pour placer une équipe plus jeune qui « ne tutoie pas le chef ». Un renouvellement qui accentue la personnalisation du régime. La garde prétorienne de Vladimir Poutine a changé. En l'espace de quelques semaines, plusieurs proches du chef de l'Etat russe ont été écartés et remplacés par d'autres collaborateurs, plus jeunes, souvent peu connus, comme Anton Vaïno, 44 ans, promu chef de l'administration présidentielle; Sergueï Kirienko, 54 ans, chargé de la politique intérieure; ou Viatcheslav Volodine, 52 ans, nommé président de la Douma, la chambre basse du Parlement. Tous partagent un point commun qui les différencie de leurs aînés, «ils ne tutoient pas le président», ainsi que le souligne le politologue Andreï Kolesnikov, mais ils ont, surtout, une mission bien précise devant eux: préparer l'élection présidentielle de 2018. L'été, au Kremlin, est souvent une période propice au ménage. Le 12 août, l'un des personnages les plus influents du pays, Sergueï Ivanov, 63 ans, qui régnait depuis décembre 2011 sur l'administration présidentielle, a été débarqué tout comme, un an auparavant, à la même période, Vladimir Jakouline, 68 ans, le puissant patron des chemins de fer russes pendant dix ans. Ces deux proches de Vladimir Poutine étaient issus du même sérail que le président, le KGB, et faisaient partie d'une génération parvenue en même temps au pouvoir.

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51. Russia Flexes Military Muscle in New Way (Canada)

Wall Street Journal, Julian E.. Barnes, 2016 10 28

Brussels - Recent high-profile Russian military deployments are designed to showcase new Russian capabilities and a willingness to operate in many areas simultaneously, U.S. and alliance officials said. The Russian flotilla that is steaming toward Syria, led by the aircraft carrier Admiral Kuznetsov, is unlikely to have a decisive effect on that conflict, according to U.S. officials. Russian naval capabilities haven't been modernized as much as the country's air force or ground units, and the air power the Kuznetsov can bring is limited, the officials said. Still, the deployment has received international attention. Russia has stirred up tensions within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with Spain initially granting Russia permission to refuel some ships only to have the request withdrawn as pressure mounted on Madrid. NATO has been building up its own forces in the Baltic and Black Sea regions, with allies pledging new contributions this week in Brussels, including British and German tanks headed to the Baltic states. Canada will send 450 soldiers and light armored vehicles, wheeled military transports similar to American Strykers. Canadian Defense Minister Harjit Sajjan said NATO's four battle groups bound for the Baltic states were clearly defensive. He added that the alliance has been transparent about its operations, announcing them months in advance. "That's what true

deterrence is, to be able to show what we have, so there is no misconception, no fear that is created out of what you are doing," Mr. Sajjan said.

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52. Ukrainian Hackers Release Emails Tying Russia to Uprising

New York Times, Andrew E. Kramer, 2016 10 28

Moscow - A group of Ukrainian hackers has released what it says are the emails of a senior Kremlin official that show a direct Russian role in creating and directing the rebel uprising in eastern Ukraine in 2014. The group claimed to have hacked the account of Vladislav Y. Surkov, for years President Vladimir V. Putin's chief domestic political adviser and now the top official overseeing Russia's Ukraine policy. The group released what it says are thousands of letters to and from Mr. Surkov's office email account, adding a fat dossier to this year's vast spill of emails around the world and showing high-level Kremlin meddling in Ukraine. While the authenticity of the documents has yet to be fully established, several of the people who corresponded with Mr. Surkov confirmed that the messages of theirs released by the hackers were the ones they sent. In a telephone interview, Yevgeny A. Chichvarin, a Russian entrepreneur living in exile in London, confirmed the authenticity of his emails to Mr. Surkov's aides. "Yes, this is my original text," he said. The Atlantic Council, a Washington think tank, analyzed the emails and determined they were genuine, based partly on the routing information.

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53. Daech prépare la « mère des bat ailles » à Mossoul

Le Figaro, Alain Barluet, 2016 10 28

Mossoul - Les djihadistes s'accrocheront jusqu'au bout à la « capitale » irakienne de leur califat, où ils s'abritent derrière la population civile. À Mossoul, Daech se prépare à livrer la « mère des batailles » . Pas question, a priori, pour les forces de l'État islamique (EI) de céder le terrain dans sa « capitale » irakienne, la ville où Abou Bakr al-Baghdadi a proclamé en 2014 le « califat » au Levant. Encerclés dans leur sanctuaire - sauf sur le flanc ouest - par l'avancée des forces irakiennes, kurdes et des milices chiites, les combattants djihadistes seraient de 3 000 à 5 000 ainsi qu'un à deux autres milliers dispersés en périphérie pour retarder l'assaut attendu des forces adverses. Parmi ces djihadistes, des centaines de combattants étrangers, dont « environ 250 Français », indique-t-on à la Défense. Selon Washington, 900 djihadistes ont déjà été tués dans la bataille autour de Mossoul. Du côté de la coalition anti-Daech, qui était réunie à Paris cette semaine, toutes les hypothèses ont été envisagées, de la fuite des djihadistes au Fort Chabrol sanglant. Les perspectives se sont précisées ces jours derniers : des mouvements de combattants djihadistes, « plusieurs centaines », dit-on, ont été signalés en direction de Mossoul, et non l'inverse.

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54. Takfirism a plot to divert attention from Israel

Press TV, 2016 10 28

Tehran - A senior Iranian official has warned that the global arrogance has been sowing discord among Muslim nations to divert attention from Israel's crimes. "Hegemonic powers are making attempts to create divisions in the Muslim world to distract the public opinion from the main enemy that is the Zionist regime," Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council Ali Shamkhani said Thursday. The official met high-ranking clerics in the holy city of Qom to brief them on Iran's measures to guarantee security in the face of Takfiri terrorism on its doorsteps. "Thanks to the valuable guidelines of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei Iran has managed to maintain security in and beyond its borders," Shamkhani said during a meeting with Ayatollah Nasser Makarem-Shirazi. Daesh and other Takfiri groups are inspired by Wahhabism which is widely preached in the Saudi kingdom and tolerated by its rulers.

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55. Up to 900 ISIL fighters killed in Mosul battle, US says

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 10 28

Erbil - Up to 900 ISIL fighters have been killed in the offensive to retake Mosul, the United States said on Thursday, as camps around the city filled with fleeing civilians. Iraqis who fled their homes expressed joy at escaping ISIL's brutal rule as they were given shelter and assistance, in some cases reuniting with relatives they had not seen in more than two years. With air and ground support from the US-led anti-ISIL coalition, Iraqi government forces allied with Kurdish peshmerga fighters have taken a string of towns and villages from the extremists in a cautious but steady advance. General Joseph Votel, who heads the US military's Central Command, said the offensive was inflicting a heavy toll on the extremists. "Just in the operations over the last week and a half associated with Mosul, we estimate they've probably killed about 800-900 Islamic State fighters," Gen Votel said.

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56. Airstrike Kills 35 Civilians in Syria

The Media Line, Linda Gradstein, 2016 10 28

Jerusalem - The children in the village of Haas in Idlib province had just put their backpacks on and gathered at the door of the school, when an aircraft dropped a bomb that exploded, killing at least 22 children and six teachers, according to the UN Children's Organization, UNICEF. "This is one of the deadliest attacks on schools since the war in Syria began five years ago," Juliette Toumah, the regional chief for communications in the Middle East for UNICEF told The Media Line. "It was a horrific attack that happened during school hours." UNICEF director Anthony Lake said if the attack was deliberate it could constitute a "war crime." Lake said the school compound was "repeatedly attacked," adding that it may be the deadliest attack on a school since

the war began more than five years ago. A photograph circulated on social media showed a child's arm, seared off above the elbow, still clutching the strap of a dusty black rucksack.

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57. Houthi ballistic missile shot down near Makkah

Arab News, Staff Report, 2016 10 28

Jeddah - Saudi ground defenses intercepted late on Thursday a ballistic missile launched by Houthi militias targeting the holy city of Makkah. The Arab coalition said in a statement that the missile was downed 65 km from Makkah, adding that the coalition jet fighters attacked the rocket launchers in Saada and destroyed them. Meanwhile, Yemeni Prime Minister Ahmed Obeid bin Daghr on Thursday said Iran has trained thousands of Houthi fighters in Iran and Beirut, paving the way for the rebel militias' aggression. "The war in Yemen did not start on March 26, 2015. It, in fact, started when Houthis raised the guns against their political rivals and against the state with clear support from Iran, which trained around 6,000 Houthis in Iran or in Beirut under military experts," Bin Daghr said following a meeting with French Ambassador to Yemen Christian Tisti. Naval officials were able to determine the destination of the boats by analyzing GPS settings and interviewing the crew.

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58. ISIS, Qaeda exploiting Yemen chaos to infiltrate Saudi Arabia

Al Arabiya, Ehtesham Shahid, 2016 10 28

Undisclosed placeline - Terror organizations al-Qaeda and ISIS are exploiting the state of chaos in Yemen and use the country as a base to infiltrate Saudi Arabia, authors of a famous book on the subject have said. Thomas Small and Jonathan Hacker - co-authors of Path of Blood: The Story of Al Qaeda's War on the House of Saud - told Al Arabiya English that ISIS is changing as a result of the campaigns against them while al-Qaeda has been taking advantage of a lesser spotlight on them. "Losing ground in Syria and Iraq, they are expanding into areas further and further afield from the Middle East," Thomas Small said. "Though the two groups argue over strategy and leadership, and because ISIS is now seen as the more barbaric of the two, al-Qaeda has managed to position itself, oddly enough, as a more "moderate" face of global jihadism," he said. According to Jonathan Hacker, both al-Qaeda and ISIS are exploiting the chaos in Yemen and use the country as a base to infiltrate Saudi Arabia.

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59. Revolutionary Leader Syyed al-Houthi calls to complete formation of government

Yemen News Agency, 2016 10 28

Sana'a - Revolutionary Leader Abdulmalik al-Houthi called to complete the formation of the government, stressing on the importance to the action and serious move to reinforce combat fronts, as well the collection of resources to support the Central Bank of Yemen. The call came in a speech to the nation on Wednesday night to commemorate the anniversary of the martyrdom

of Imam Zaid bin Ali peace be upon him. "Our path and our choice is that the steadfastness loyalty and trust to Allah who he is the one will grant us victory," the leader said. The leader, Sayyed al-Houthi, said: "the Saudi regime's aggression on Yemen is part of subversion movement under the umbrella of the United States, which serves Israel." The leader stressed on the Saudi threat, which he said the Saudis use the money to intervene in other countries' affairs to penetrate those countries, and then destroy their tranquility and stability.

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60. Shin Bet thwarts suspected Jerusalem terror plot by Arab-Israeli man

Jerusalem Post, Yaakov Lappin, 2016 10 28

Jerusalem - Israeli security forces have arrested an Arab-Israeli resident of east Jerusalem on suspicion of plotting a terrorist attack in the capital, the Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) announced Thursday. The suspect, 25-year-old Mahmoud Mussa Abbasi, was arrested some three weeks ago. On Thursday, he was indicted in a Jerusalem court on various charges, including conspiracy to commit a terrorist attack in Jerusalem. Interrogations revealed that in recent months, Abbasi had planned a shooting attack targeting security forces and civilians in east Jerusalem, according to the Shin Bet. The suspect had also allegedly tried to purchase weapons for such an attack. In addition, the Shin Bet investigations found that Abbasi has supported Hamas and was involved in several prior attacks in which Molotov cocktails and stones were hurled at Israeli security forces.

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61. The KGB's long history of running agents in Israel

Jerusalem Post, Yossi Melman, 2016 10 28

Jerusalem - Researchers, historians, Shin Bet counter-espionage operatives and even the broader public did not need Israeli daily newspaper Yediot Aharonot's exposé this week about Israeli Soviet spies in order to know that Soviet intelligence tried and succeeded in penetrating into the heart of Israel's diplomatic-security-intelligence establishment. The depth of the penetration by the Soviet Union's KGB and GRU (military intelligence), or of the intelligence services of communist satellite states, has been testified to by a long line of agents who were convicted in Israel from the 1950s through to the 1990s. It is a long and impressive list of "moles," quality agents that penetrated every important department in Israel. These are the serious and important spies that caused the most damage to the Israeli defense and intelligence establishment. It is very likely that there were those who penetrated, spied and were never caught. The Soviet intelligence method was "quantity that becomes quality."

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62. Espagne : Arrestation d'un Marocain qui participait à la propagande de Daech

Aujourd'hui le Maroc, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 27

Calahorra, Espagne - La Garde civile a arrêté mercredi à Calahorra dans la région de La Rioja (Nord de l'Espagne) un ressortissant marocain pour apologie et endoctrinement au terrorisme, indique le ministère espagnol de l'intérieur. L'arrestation en décembre dernier pour terrorisme du dénommé Salim Aghmir a placé dans la ligne de mire des enquêteurs l'individu appréhendé mercredi qui «participait directement à des activités d'apologie et de diffusion de la propagande terroriste de Daech», précise la même source dans un communiqué. Le mis en cause, répondant aux initiales A.B., «augmentait de manière évidente les mesures de sécurité qu'il prenait aussi bien lors de ses déplacements en ville que dans ses activités sur Internet», dans le but de ne pas éveiller les soupçons.

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63. European judges rule against German neo-Nazi NPD in discrimination case

Deutsche Welle, Staff report, 2016 10 27

Berlin - The European Court of Human Rights has dismissed the claims of the National Democratic Party of Germany. The right-wing extremist party had claimed to be the victim of discrimination in Germany. The judges in Strasbourg ruled against Germany's National Democratic Party (NPD) on Thursday, deciding its claims were unwarranted because of the sufficient legal options available to it in Germany. The NPD had gone before the European Court of Human Rights to argue that its rights were being curtailed and it was being stigmatized due to its right-wing views. The party stated that its members were being barred from the civil service, were prevented from opening bank accounts and were not able to participate in elections. It also argued that there weren't enough ways to fight said discrimination legally. The court, however, rejected the NPD's claims as "patently unfounded," countering the far-right party's argument by insisting there were indeed enough legal methods in Germany at its disposal.

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64. July 15 mastermind Gülen sheltered in US desperately searching for a new safe haven (Canada)

Daily Sabah, Staff report, 2016 10 28

Istanbul - Justice Minister Bekir Bozdag said Thursday in a press conference that Turkish intelligence has obtained information indicating that Fetullah Gülen, who is in search for a new suitable place to take shelter from the possibility of extradition from the United States, may try to escape to Norway, Belgium, Brazil or Canada. Bozdag held a meeting with his U.S. counterpart Attorney General Loretta Lynch on Wednesday regarding the provisional arrest of U.S.-based fugitive Gülen. During the meeting, Turkey presented the U.S. additional evidence and documents on its request for the extradition of Gülenist Terror Group (FETÖ) leader Gülen, who is accused of leading the failed July 15 coup attempt that killed 241 people and left 2,194 others

wounded. A press meeting was organized at the Turkish Embassy in Washington, D.C. regarding the details of the Bozdag-Lynch meeting. Responding to a question about whether any progress was made on the subject of Gülen's provisional arrest demand, Bozdag said the U.S. judiciary will make the decision regarding the issue and asserted that Turkey presented "more than enough" evidence for the demand. Bozdag said, "These are additional evidences to the file that we transmitted to U.S. authorities about Gülen's actions prior to the failed July 15 coup attempt. The file regarding the coup attempt has already been prepared in Turkey." "What we request is a provisional arrest warrant, and we presented new evidences concerning the demand," Bozdag added. The justice minister underscored the need for the U.S. to handle the situation with sensitivity, taking into consideration that Gülen, with the worry of a possible extradition, has already began to search for other countries to take shelter in. "Turkish intelligence has strong information that points to Gülen's pursuit of Belgium, Brazil or Canada as suitable places to shelter," Bozdag said.

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65. Le député néerlandais Geert Wilders devant la justice pour incitation à la haine

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 28

La Haye - Le très attendu procès du député néerlandais anti-islam Geert Wilders s'ouvre lundi devant un tribunal sous haute sécurité, où l'homme politique controversé devra répondre de discrimination et d'incitation à la haine alors que le pays se prépare à ses prochaines élections législatives, prévues pour mars. Tous les regards seront tournés vers ce tribunal situé à proximité de l'aéroport d'Amsterdam-Schiphol, curieux de l'impact du procès sur les chances électorales de ce politicien d'extrême-droite, qui divise dans un pays se targuant pourtant de sa tolérance multiculturelle. Le procès, qui devrait se clôturer le 25 novembre, porte sur des propos tenus lors d'une soirée après les élections municipales de mars 2014 à La Haye. Le député à la chevelure peroxydée avait alors demandé à ses militants s'ils voulaient "plus ou moins de Marocains dans [leur] ville et aux Pays-Bas". Face à une foule scandant "Moins! Moins! Moins!", l'homme politique a répondu dans un sourire: "nous allons nous en charger."

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66. Le Front national, un dilemme pour les médias français

La Presse+, Marc Thibodeau, 2016 10 28

Non identifié - Le Front national, sous la gouverne de Marine Le Pen, tente depuis plusieurs années de « dédramatiser » son image en vue d'élargir sa base politique et d'accéder un jour au pouvoir. Son approche pose un dilemme pour les médias du pays, qui s'interrogent sur la ligne de conduite à suivre dans leur couverture à l'approche du prochain scrutin présidentiel, comme en témoigne une récente prise de position du Monde à ce sujet. Quelle est l'approche préconisée par Le Monde ? Dans un numéro spécial paru au début de la semaine dans laquelle le discours du Front national est passé au crible, le directeur du quotidien français, Jérôme Fenoglio, indique qu'il ne publiera dans ses pages aucune tribune émanant des ténors de la formation. Le principe, appliqué depuis de nombreuses années, est réitéré avec force et reflète la volonté des dirigeants du journal de ne pas donner au parti un « signe supplémentaire de son institutionnalisation » à

l'approche d'un scrutin présidentiel dans lequel la candidate d'extrême droite a d'excellentes chances de figurer au second tour. Comment le journal abordera-t-il le Front national ? M. Fenoglio note que le quotidien n'entend pas minimiser « ou passer sous silence » la « parole lepéniste » et traitera son parti avec la même rigueur que les autres par des portraits, des enquêtes ou des reportages, tout en s'abstenant d'offrir une tribune libre à ses dirigeants.

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67. NATO Committed to Sustaining anti-ISIS Coalition's Momentum (Canada).

Asharq Al-Awsat, Abdullah Mustafa, 2016 10 28

Brussels - The fight against ISIS is a main topic on the agenda of discussions of NATO defense ministers who are holding a two-day meeting in Brussels. Alliance head Jens Stoltenberg said Wednesday that NATO will contribute its support for the U.S.-led coalition battling ISIS in Syria and Iraq through sophisticated surveillance planes. NATO leaders agreed in July to commit the AWACS planes after Washington had pressed hard for the alliance to make a concrete gesture to help the fight against ISIS. "NATO itself is now offering direct support with our AWACS surveillance aircraft," Stoltenberg told a press briefing in Brussels, announcing that the first flight took place on October 20. Britain, Canada, Germany and the United States agreed in July to lead the battalions of some 1,000 troops each, with the other 24 NATO allies expected to provide different components -- transport, communications and medical units.

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1. L'affaire d'espionnage du chroniqueur Patrick Lagacé décortiquée

Radio-Canada (Nouvelles) (site web), Journaliste maison, 2016 10 31

Montréal - La communauté journalistique ainsi que plusieurs experts s'inquiètent à la suite des révélations selon lesquelles le journaliste de La Presse Patrick Lagacé a été espionné par les policiers. Qu'est-ce que la police cherchait à savoir? Quels moyens ont été employés? La

protection des sources journalistiques est-elle en danger? En mai, on apprenait que deux journalistes, vraisemblablement Joël-Denis Bellavance et Gilles Toupin de La Presse, ont bel et bien été espionnés en 2007 par des agents de la GRC. Pendant neuf jours, en août 2007, des enquêteurs ont exercé, sans autorisation de leurs supérieurs, une surveillance physique sur les deux journalistes afin de trouver la personne qui leur divulguait des renseignements. Cette surveillance s'effectuait au moment où les journalistes couvraient l'enquête de la GRC et du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) sur Adil Charkaoui.

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2. 'Indefensible,' La Presse reporter says of police tracking his phone

Montreal Gazette, Karen Seidman and Paul Cherry, 2016 11 01

Montreal - Montreal police strongly defended a highly controversial decision to spy on a La Presse columnist by tracking his cellphone calls and texts and monitoring his whereabouts as part of a necessary internal police investigation - while the journalist involved called what they did "indefensible." "Lives were not at stake, this was not a question of national security," La Presse columnist Patrick Lagacé said in an interview Monday. "The leaks made them look bad, that's why they decided to go after me in the way they did." Opposition politicians are also condemning Montreal police for spying on Lagacé, though Mayor Denis Coderre stood by police chief Philippe Pichet on Monday, noting that a mayor should not intervene in police operations, but did say he was troubled by the news. For several months this year, police were monitoring Lagacé's iPhone to determine the identity of his sources, La Presse reported. This was confirmed to Lagacé last Thursday by Montreal police. At least 24 surveillance warrants were granted by courts in 2016, at the request of the Montreal police department's special investigations section, which probes crime within the police force. The warrants allowed police to track the telephone numbers of incoming and outgoing calls on Lagacé's phone, and to monitor the phone's location, although Pichet denied at a hastily convened press conference Monday that the GPS on his phone was monitored. Lagacé said he is sure many judges around the world have been asked by police departments to grant similar warrants, but refused because it was too "vulgar" to spy on a reporter. "It was incredibly aggressive," he said, questioning the judgment of the judge involved.

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3. Affaire Patrick Lagacé Les patrons des médias québécois s'indignent

TVA Nouvelles avec l'Agence QMI, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 01

Montréal - Un texte dénonçant l'espionnage électronique par la police de Montréal dont a été la cible le chroniqueur Patrick Lagacé a été publié dans les principaux médias du Québec ce matin. Il porte la signature de 10 dirigeants de grandes salles de rédaction qui, dans un geste rarement vu, ont tenu à exprimer d'une seule voix leur indignation face aux cas récents d'intrusion injustifiée des autorités policières dans le travail des journalistes. Le vice-président TVA Nouvelles-Agence QMI, Serge Fortin fait partie des signataires. Voici donc le texte : Liberté de presse et protection des sources journalistiques: Les élus doivent passer aux actes Nous,

dirigeants des principales salles de rédaction de Montréal, tenons à exprimer notre indignation et notre inquiétude face à l'espionnage électronique du journaliste Patrick Lagacé par la police de Montréal. Il est inacceptable que des enquêteurs aient pu obtenir accès aux données téléphoniques et à la géolocalisation d'un journaliste sans autre motif que d'identifier des sources journalistiques à l'intérieur du corps de police. Ce n'est pas le seul cas d'intrusion injustifiée des autorités policières dans le travail des journalistes. En juin, le premier ministre Justin Trudeau avait qualifié d'«inacceptable» la filature par la GRC des journalistes Joël-Denis Bellavance et Gilles Toupin, de La Presse. Puis en septembre, l'Assemblée nationale a adopté à l'unanimité une motion pour «rappeler l'importance du principe de protection des sources journalistiques» après que la Sûreté du Québec ait perquisitionné l'ordinateur du journaliste Michaël Nguyen, du Journal de Montréal. Dans les trois cas, les élus ont soit dénoncé l'intervention policière, soit s'en sont dits fortement préoccupés. Des actions concrètes sont nécessaires pour protéger les sources journalistiques.

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4. A grotesque attack on a free press

Globe and Mail, 2016 11 01

Editorial: Smartphones are a pocket miracle, carrying as they do a secondby-second chronicle of our correspondence, conversations, images and movements. State access to them should be granted with caution, and rarely. Which brings us to the Montreal Police Service. Earlier this year, the force sought and obtained at least 24 warrants to monitor the metadata of the iPhone belonging to Patrick Lagacé, a prominent columnist for La Presse newspaper. Every byte of it. For five months. Even Mr. Lagacé's whereabouts were monitored through the phone's GPS system. Mr. Lagacé was not the target of any investigation. He is not suspected of anything nefarious. He didn't unwittingly find himself at the centre of a race against time to thwart terrorists. What he did do was his job. He has written a number of stories that have embarrassed the Montreal police. At one point, he was in contact with a detective who was under investigation by the police department's internal affairs branch. That was enough for Justice of the Peace Josée De Carufel to sign off on what can only be described as an intolerable intrusion into Mr. Lagacé's life.

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5. Assault on freedom of the press

Montreal Gazette, 2016 11 01

Editorial: For the second time in two months, a journalist reporting on matters related to the justice system has found his own rights egregiously compromised. These affronts to freedom of the press are deeply troubling. Starting last January, Montreal police spied on La Presse columnist Patrick Lagacé through his cellphone, obtaining his call records and tracking his movements, as part of what police said was an internal probe of antigang squad officers later charged with fabricating evidence. This is an outrageous violation of Lagacé's privacy and an attack on his role as a journalist in a democratic society. He was never a target of the probe nor suspected of any wrongdoing. And he was never even given an opportunity to safeguard his

contacts from police scrutiny. In September, Journal de Montréal reporter Michaël Nguyen had his computer seized by the Sûreté du Québec after reporting on two judges under investigation by the Conseil de la magistrature. Nguyen's computer was put under seal, allowing Le Journal to fight the seizure. Nguyen was targeted because he had obtained information on disciplinary proceedings that had not been made public, including a video of a judge haranguing courthouse security guards. But La Presse later revealed that the supposedly secure confidential documents Nguyen was accused of stealing were readily available on the Conseil de la magistrature website.

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6. Chiefs call on PM to condemn pipeline

Toronto Star, Tanya Talaga, 2016 11 01

Toronto - First Nations chiefs are testing Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's commitment to his relationship with indigenous people by asking him to speak out against a Canadian company's ties to the Dakota Access pipeline. The International Treaty Alliance of 85 First Nations and Tribes said on Monday that it is time for Trudeau to make a statement "condemning the role that Canadian company Enbridge Inc. has played in the severe violations of the rights of the indigenous people and their allies at Standing Rock." In the last several days, more than 140 people have been arrested in increasingly violent confrontations at the site of the construction of the \$4-billion pipeline. Activists, who say they are protectors of the land and not protesters, charge constructing a pipeline threatens the traditional sacred lands and water supply of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota. The pipeline would travel under the Missouri River. In response, thousands of indigenous people have camped out in Standing Rock on the shore of the Cannonball River. Demonstrators have faced a heavy police and U.S. National Guard presence. They say they have been hit with rubber bullets, faced police dogs and experienced rough treatment while being arrested. The Dakota Access pipeline would carry crude oil from the Bakken field to a refinery in Illinois.

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7. De l'importance des enquêtes journalistiques

La Presse, Isabelle Hachey, 2016 11 01

Montréal - Elles ont fait naître un mouvement pacifiste, dévoilé des escroqueries érigées en système et fait tomber un président. De tout temps, les enquêtes journalistiques ont été essentielles à la démocratie. Tour d'horizon de quelques-unes des plus marquantes au Canada, en France et aux États-Unis. Le Watergate Ce n'était au départ qu'un cambriolage dans l'immeuble du Watergate, où se trouvaient les locaux du Parti démocrate à Washington. Les journalistes Bob Woodward et Carl Bernstein, du Washington Post, ont reçu l'aide du plus célèbre des informateurs - Deep Throat - pour établir un lien entre les cambrioleurs et la Maison-Blanche, impliquée dans cette affaire d'espionnage politique. Le scandale a mené à la démission du président Richard Nixon en 1974. Deep Throat - l'agent du FBI Mark Felt - n'a révélé son identité que 31 ans plus tard, en 2005. Christian Leblanc, avocat spécialisé en droit des médias chez Fasken Martineau, souligne que les États-Unis font d'ailleurs figure de modèle en la matière, la majorité des États ayant légiféré pour protéger les sources journalistiques. Le

scandale des commandites Au Canada, le journaliste du Globe and Mail Daniel Leblanc s'est basé sur les informations fournies par « MaChouette » pour faire éclater le scandale des commandites. Son enquête a révélé que les fonds publics destinés à faire la promotion du fédéralisme avaient été détournés par des amis du gouvernement en place. Par la suite, Daniel Leblanc a risqué la prison en refusant de dévoiler l'identité de MaChouette. En 2010, la Cour suprême a jugé qu'on avait fait erreur en exigeant du journaliste qu'il trahisse sa source. « Selon la Cour suprême, il faut faire une pondération entre la divulgation de la source et ce que l'on tente de prouver, dit Me Leblanc. L'intérêt public, en terme de liberté d'expression, pèse lourd dans cette mise en balance. »

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8. Faire notre travail

La Presse+, Patrick Lagacé, 2016 11 01

Chronique - Tout a commencé par un texto de l'éditeur adjoint de La Presse, Éric Trottier. « Faut que je te parle, jeune homme. » C'était jeudi en fin d'après-midi, je venais de finir une répétition pour l'enregistrement de Deux hommes en or, l'émission que je coanime à Télé-Québec. Je rappelle donc Éric. Sur le bruit de fond caractéristique des conférences téléphoniques, il m'annonce qu'il est avec Patrick Bourbeau, l'avocat de La Presse. Me Bourbeau m'explique les détails de l'affaire. Les quatre policiers arrêtés en juillet... Mon nom qui apparaît sur le radar des enquêteurs... Une demande faite à un juge... Un de nos procureurs qui parle à celui de la Couronne... Et... Et mon téléphone, espionné pour ses métadonnées pendant six mois. Pendant six mois, la police de Montréal a pu avoir accès à tous les numéros qui entraient dans mon téléphone, à tous ceux que je composais. Pour des appels ou pour des textos. Si vous m'avez appelé entre le 13 janvier et le 7 juillet, si je vous ai appelé, si nous avons échangé des textos : la police de Montréal le sait.

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9. Feds decide to hold steady on immigration levels, for now

Toronto Star, Paul Wells, 2016 11 01

Toronto - What's this! A difference of opinion? Among Trudeau Liberals? Governments are usually so intent on describing their choices as though they were handed down on stone tablets that it is refreshing to see one admit, even by accident, that some of these questions are hard. Enter John McCallum, the minister of immigration, who has decided after long consideration that Canada's immigration levels are - well, pretty good, actually. This flies in the face of advice McCallum's colleague, Finance Minister Bill Morneau, has only just received from some of Morneau's favourite smart people, the Advisory Council on Economic Growth. Led by globe-trotting consultant Dominic Barton, the panel's interim report suggests a 50-per-cent increase in immigration over five years - led by a doubling in economic-class immigrants over the same period. This is not merely a matter of national pride or a vague sense that the more people who can call themselves Canadian the better, Barton argues. It's a necessary remedy to the slow aging of Canada's population and the difficulty Canadian firms have attracting "senior and specialized talent." Boosting immigration is part of Barton's plan to give every Canadian family a \$15,000

pay raise by 2030. On Monday, McCallum said he'll hold total immigration levels steady next year, and boost economic immigration just a touch. Did he just cancel part of Barton's raise? A great big hint to McCallum's motives came when he tabled a summary report on Canada-wide consultations into immigration.

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10. Feds fail to meet deadline to clear Phoenix backlog

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 11 01

Ottawa - Public Services and Procurement Canada missed its promised Halloween deadline to clear the backlog of pay problems caused by the Phoenix pay system, as the cases of 22,000 public servants remain unresolved, the department's top bureaucrat says. Deputy minister Marie Lemay said Monday the department couldn't meet its self-imposed Oct. 31 target because the remaining cases are older and more complicated than the front end of the pile and will require more work than expected. Lemay said she was disappointed but that the department did everything it could. She said "nobody can say there is something else we could have tried. ... We cleared 75 per cent of the backlog." Lemay said the next step is to develop a new plan that will take the department to a "steady state," when all the bugs are ironed out and pay transactions are being processed smoothly, on time and accurately. As of Monday, the department had resolved the pay issues of more than three-quarters of the 82,000 people who had been caught in the backlog as of the end of June. The queue of cases sitting at the Miramichi, N.B. pay centre to be processed is said to be growing, but the department resists calling those cases a backlog.

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11. Hope for 'Liberal mandate' sways PSAC to reopen talks with Treasury Board

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 11 01

Ottawa - The largest federal union says it has decided to return to the bargaining table this week with the federal government's promise of a "revised mandate" that could revive stalled contract talks. Robyn Benson, president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada, said Treasury Board negotiators signalled the government may be willing to move on key issues, including the contentious issue of replacing the existing sick leave regime. Benson says the Liberals' seeming change of heart came after the union launched an advertising campaign two weeks ago calling on the prime minister "to make good on his word." At that time, Benson threatened to pull out of deadlocked contract negotiations. "We are open to going back to the table, but they need to come with a Liberal mandate and my understanding is they have a new mandate and we are quite prepared to see this new mandate and whether it is enough or not. I hope it is worth our while," Benson said. Benson said PSAC is the first union to get a look at what that new mandate has to offer. PSAC, however, picked up its campaign against Trudeau this week. The union expanded its advertising campaign, which began in Ottawa, Gatineau, Toronto and Halifax, to radio and newspapers across the country.

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12. Jury hears details of Tamil migrants' ocean journey

Globe and Mail, Sunny Dhillon, 2016 11 01

Vancouver - A Tamil man whose uncle died during their voyage to Canada on a migrant vessel six years ago has told a human-smuggling trial his relative was extremely ill in the days leading up to his death. The MV Sun Sea docked in British Columbia in August, 2010, carrying 492 Sri Lankan Tamils - 380 men, 63 women and 49 children. The ship was the second Tamil migrant vessel to arrive in this province in less than a year and made international headlines. Kunarobinson Christurajah, Lesly Emmanuel, Nadarajah Mahendran and Thampeernayagam Rajaratnam have each been charged under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act with organizing the trip. Their jury trial began two weeks ago in Vancouver. The MV Sun Sea departed with 493 persons on board, but one passenger died during the five-week voyage. Ragu Gnanasountharanayakam testified in B.C. Supreme Court on Monday and told the jury the deceased was his uncle. He said his uncle had been vomiting every time he ate. Mr. Gnanasountharanayakam said about two or three days before his uncle died, he began vomiting blood. He said his uncle was given some kind of medication, but it did not appear to help. Mr. Gnanasountharanayakam said he was sleeping next to his uncle when he died. He said he was allowed to go into the crew's area of the ship and call his parents to tell them what had happened.

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13. L'AFPC interpelle le premier ministre Trudeau Passer «de la parole aux actes»

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 11 01

Ottawa - Plusieurs centaines de fonctionnaires fédéraux sont descendus dans la rue lundi midi pour montrer leur mécontentement devant le bureau du premier ministre Justin Trudeau, réclamant qu'il passe «de la parole aux actes». En ce 31 octobre, jour de l'Halloween et à la veille de la reprise des négociations en vue du renouvellement de la convention collective, plusieurs syndiqués de l'Alliance de la fonction publique du Canada (AFPC) étaient costumés pour cette bruyante manifestation, appuyés par des collègues représentant d'autres organisations syndicales. Ensemble, ils voulaient rappeler au gouvernement Trudeau qu'ils sont toujours en quête d'un nouveau contrat de travail alors que les discussions ont été amorcées il y a déjà plus de deux ans.

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14. La Presse says Montreal police tracked journalist's iPhone for months

Canadian Press, Morgan Lowrie, 2016 11 01

Montreal - A Montreal journalist whose iPhone was monitored by police for months says he was outraged to discover he'd been "spied on" as part of what he calls an effort to identify his sources. "I was living in the fiction that police officers wouldn't dare do that, and in the fiction that judges were protecting journalists _ and hence the public _ against this type of police intrusion," La Presse columnist Patrick Lagace said in an interview Monday. "Clearly, I was naive." The French-language newspaper said it learned at least 24 surveillance warrants were issued for Lagace's phone this year at the request of the police's special investigations unit. That section is responsible for looking into crime within the police force. Three of those warrants reportedly

authorized police to get the phone numbers for all Lagace's incoming and outgoing texts and calls, while another allowed them to track the phone's location via its GPS chip. The surveillance was ordered as part of an internal probe into allegations police anti-gang investigators fabricated evidence. Five police officers were arrested this summer and two were charged as a result. Lagace said police told him they obtained the court-authorized warrants because they believed the target of one of their investigations was feeding him information. But he said the story in question was actually first reported on by a competitor, leading him to believe the investigation was actually a thinly veiled attempt to learn the identity of his sources within the police department.

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15. La radicalisation à visage découvert

Le Soleil, Baptiste Ricard-Châtelain, 2016 11 01

Québec - Invités par l'UNESCO, ils sont quelques centaines à avoir choisi de passer deux ou trois jours au Centre des congrès de Québec pour discuter de la radicalisation des jeunes, surtout celle qui envoie des ados en Syrie. Ils évaluent notamment le rôle d'Internet dans le processus. Beaucoup d'interventions pour initiés, de survols. À travers, des humains : jeunes radicalisés de Montréal, militant repentini de l'extrême droite de Québec, mère d'un soldat tué en France... Morceaux choisis. > Le nationalisme blanc décomplexé à Québec «Je suis là pour m'excuser.» Devant nous, un grand baraqué. Rempli de remords. La Fédération des Québécois de souche, c'est lui. Ou plutôt, c'était lui, quand il cultivait le nationalisme blanc, vraiment blanc. «Je suis le fondateur, le seul et unique. C'est parti de ma tête.» Et elle était rasée, cette tête, à l'époque skinhead. Lui, c'est Maxime Fiset, de Québec, aujourd'hui étudiant universitaire... qui a déjà pensé faire sauter une bombe comme celle du marathon de Boston. Il a aussi été modérateur pour un site Web très raciste. Lundi, il est sorti de l'ombre pour dire qu'il a tout balancé. La radicalisation violente, «c'est plus proche de nous qu'on pense», prévient-il. Il était rendu à un tel point que les policiers l'ont arrêté pour propagande haineuse. Il a alors été expulsé de l'école où il apprenait l'électricité. Et privé d'Internet. Isolé, il s'est enfoncé encore plus en côtoyant seulement ses semblables.

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16. Law enforcement, with approval of magistrates, harass media sources

Montreal Gazette, Catherine Solyom, 2016 11 01

Montreal - Canadians may be used to hearing about police tapping journalists' phones in China, or tailing them down the street in Turkey. But in Montreal, Canada? Unfortunately, say organizations like Canadian Journalists for Free Expression, it is happening a lot more than we think. "It's something we've been suspecting for a long time - that when this kind of power is in the hands of the police they will abuse it," said Tom Henheffer, executive director of CJFE. "I used to be cautious about drawing parallels with Canada and dictatorships like Turkey, China, Russia or Egypt. But the difference has started to erode, especially when it comes to privacy rights." For Henheffer, the revelation that Montreal police had been spying on La Presse columnist Patrick Lagacé for six months is just the latest in a worrisome pattern. In Lagacé's

case, the police obtained warrants to monitor his cellphone - to see who was calling or texting him, and who he called or texted - and even to pinpoint his location at any given moment through the GPS on his phone. But this year alone, there were also several other troublesome revelations: The Sûreté du Québec seized Journal de Montréal reporter Michael Nguyen's computer in September after he reported on a Quebec judge's questionable behaviour after a Christmas party. And in May it was revealed that La Presse reporters in Ottawa, Joël-Denis Bellavance and Gilles Toupin, were followed for nine days in 2007 by the RCMP, as the force tried to find out how they obtained classified documents. In all three cases, police, with the approval of magistrates, targeted journalists to hunt down their sources and try to stop leaks to the press - leaks that made them look bad.

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17. Liberals in denial about Monsef story

Toronto Sun, Candice Malcolm, 2016 11 01

Column: A file within the federal government has been opened to investigate Democratic Institutions Minister Maryam Monsef for citizenship fraud. And the Liberal government seems to be in denial about it. The Sun exclusively reported that a file was opened to investigate Monsef, who claims she only recently learned she was born in Iran, not Afghanistan. A number of complaints were received through a tip line created by Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) and the Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), leading to an investigation. It remains unknown whether Monsef's proper birthplace information was included on her original refugee and citizenship application. While the Immigration department refused to comment on the investigation, claiming privacy laws prevented them from discussing details, Monsef's office issued a statement. "Minister Monsef is not aware of any actions by IRCC," wrote Monsef's Director of Communications, John O'Leary, in an exclusive email sent to the Sun. "It's standard practice for IRCC to contact an applicant when they are reviewing a file," wrote O'Leary. "That has not happened." When asked to verify how and why it is "standard practice" to inform someone of an investigation into their file, O'Leary simply repeated his line. "It's standard practice." Informing a person of an investigation, however, is not the standard practice.

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18. Lutte contre la radicalisation La SQ met sur pied un grand centre de « cybersurveillance »

La Presse+, Vincent Larouche, 2016 11 01

Québec - De plus en plus appelée à faire la police sur le web autant que dans les rues, la Sûreté du Québec (SQ) est en train de regrouper ses meilleurs spécialistes pour créer un grand centre de « vigie et cybersurveillance » qui traquera toute forme de crime sur les réseaux sociaux et l'internet en général. Le directeur général de la SQ, Martin Prud'homme, a confirmé la création de cette équipe spéciale à La Presse, hier, lors de la conférence parrainée conjointement par l'UNESCO et le gouvernement québécois, à Québec, et ayant pour thème « Internet et la radicalisation des jeunes ». Une vingtaine de policiers travailleront sous peu dans cette unité

centralisée sous les ordres du capitaine Jean Lafrenière. Et les budgets seront au rendez-vous, promet le patron du corps policier. Même si les logiciels, les équipements et la formation coûtent cher dans ce domaine. « C'est un des sujets de discussion à la conférence aujourd'hui : on se doit d'être au bon niveau dans l'ensemble des domaines. On veut regrouper nos équipes et augmenter leurs ressources humaines et matérielles. C'est vraiment une priorité », a affirmé M. Prud'homme. Ces patrouilleurs du Net devront être à l'affût d'un ensemble de crimes, pas seulement de ce qu'on appelait autrefois la cybercriminalité. « Aujourd'hui, on peut avoir de l'extorsion sur internet, des agressions sexuelles, de la pornographie juvénile ou de la radicalisation. » -- Martin Prud'homme, directeur général de la Sûreté du Québec

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19. Montreal Cops Have Tracked a Journalist's Cellphone for the Past Year

Vice News, Justin Ling, 2016 11 01

Montreal police, investigating the possibility of crooked cops on the force, obtained warrants to surveil a journalist's iPhone, and even obtained permission to use his GPS chip to track his whereabouts at all time. But the federal minister of public safety, Ralph Goodale, stopped short of discouraging police forces from going to the courts to obtain judicial orders against journalists. Asked directly by NDP Member of Parliament Matthew Dubé on Monday about whether he'll issue a directive to create more formal rules around how police deal with journalists, Goodale would only say that "we take the freedom of the press in this country very, very seriously." Dubé raised the question after on Monday after Montreal newspaper La Presse published details on surveillances warrants, at least 24 in total, obtained to surveil journalist Patrick Lagacé. The MP also referenced another case, where federal police are working to obtain chat records from a VICE journalist's cell phone, as evidence that action needs to be taken. Lagacé, who works at La Presse, had been in contact with Faycal Djelidi, a Montreal police officer under investigation for a number of crimes, including perjury and obstruction of justice. When Lagacé's number popped up on Djelidi's phone, the Montreal police obtained the initial surveillance warrants for the journalist's device.

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20. Protection des sources - Dériver inadmissibles

Le Devoir, Brian Myles, 2016 11 01

Editorial - L'espionnage du chroniqueur Patrick Lagacé est une dérive de trop au sein du Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM), qui a intégré la chasse aux sources dans son modus operandi. Ce n'est pas d'hier que les journalistes se méfient du SPVM. L'organisation, déjà animée d'une volonté de " contrôler le message ", a poussé d'un cran ses activités de surveillance dans la foulée de l'affaire Davidson. Des enquêteurs du SPVM et de la Sûreté du Québec (SQ) ont redoublé d'ardeur pour trouver les auteurs de la fuite sur Davidson, un policier qui aurait tenté de vendre au crime organisé la liste des informateurs du SPVM avant de s'enlever la vie, en 2012. Sans le travail des journalistes d'enquête, l'affaire Davidson aurait connu un enterrement de première classe, et personne n'aurait entendu parler de ce véritable scandale qui a terni l'image et la réputation du SPVM. Même les journalistes les plus paranoïaques de la profession n'auraient

jamais pu imaginer que le SPVM irait aussi loin que l'espionnage des conversations téléphoniques et des déplacements. C'est pourtant ce qui vient d'arriver à Patrick Lagacé, chroniqueur à La Presse, dans une nouvelle affaire sombre pour le SPVM. Depuis le début de l'année, au moins 24 mandats de surveillance sur son portable ont été accordés à la section des Enquêtes spécialisées du SPVM. Les enquêteurs pouvaient même activer la puce GPS de son iPhone à distance.

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21. Radicalization research chair to be created in Quebec

Montreal Gazette, Caroline Plante, 2016 11 01

Montreal - Ben vividly remembers the stinging insult when he went trick-or-treating on Halloween not too long ago. A man passing out candy called him a "dirty Arab." The 19-year-old recounted the story on Monday in an interview with the Montreal Gazette before he took the stage at an international conference on radicalization. Ben, not his real name, is one of several Montrealers who became radicalized, but were stopped by authorities before leaving the country. They're sharing their stories at the conference in an effort to prevent other teenagers from taking the same path. While Quebec doesn't lead the pack when it comes to racism and Islamophobia, Ben says some of it exists here. "When I'm with my mother, on the bus, we're stared at because she wears the veil. "There is a certain malaise since the Charter of Quebec Values, and because more attacks are happening in the Western world, Paris, Brussels, here in Canada too, it just makes matters worse for Muslims. Jihadist leaders tell young disillusioned Muslims "you can't live in the Western world, they don't want you, you can't be both Muslim and Canadian," he said. The insults and denigration, the fact that they often go unpunished, the feeling of rejection, the need to feel useful, is often what leads educated Muslim teenagers to rebel and seek solutions abroad, Ben later told the conference, his body hidden and his voice altered. But it's in a comic book - sponsored by Montreal's Centre for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence (CPRLV) - where Ben and the other Montreal youth opened up about their feelings to an author-illustrator.

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22. Selon le professeur David Morin Pas de filière djihadiste à l'UdeS

La Tribune, Isabelle Pion, 2016 11 01

Sherbrooke - Malgré les dernières révélations sur un ex-étudiant de l'Université de Sherbrooke qui serait un présumé djihadiste, «on ne peut pas encore parler de filière de radicalisation islamiste» à l'UdeS, estime le professeur David Morin de l'UdeS, codirecteur de l'Observatoire sur la radicalisation et l'extrémisme violent (OSR). M. Morin deviendra le cotitulaire d'une nouvelle Chaire de recherche en prévention de la radicalisation et de l'extrémisme violent, dont la création a été annoncée lundi à la Conférence Québec-Unesco intitulée «Internet et la radicalisation des jeunes : prévenir et agir ensemble». Le Toronto Star révélait qu'un autre ancien étudiant de l'UdeS, Assane Kamara, fait face à une série de chefs d'accusation de terrorisme au Sénégal parce qu'il aurait tenté de joindre les rangs de l'État islamique (EI). Son nom s'ajoute à celui de trois Sherbrookoïses qui ont fait les manchettes, Zakria Habibi, Samir Halilovic et Youssef

Sakhir, qui auraient fui le Canada pour rejoindre la Syrie. En 2015, Chiheb Esseghaier, un ex-étudiant de l'UdeS qui a été membre de l'Association musulmane de l'UdeS (AMUS), a reçu une peine de prison à vie après avoir comploté dans le but de faire dérailler un train de passagers de VIA Rail entre Toronto et New York.

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23. Terror suspect freed from custody

Ottawa Citizen, Joe Lofaro, 2016 11 01

Ottawa - An Ottawa terror suspect has been released from custody after he was charged with breaching some of his bail conditions while awaiting the outcome of his case. The RCMP arrested Tevis Gonyou-McLean in August on a terrorism peace bond for his alleged support of ISIL and was later granted bail on several conditions that included wearing a GPS monitoring device on his ankle and a ban on possessing any terrorist logos. On Oct. 25, the 24-yearold was arrested again after police allege he failed to report to the John Howard Society's bail supervisory program and reside at his pre-approved address, and that he damaged his ankle bracelet, thereby allegedly committing mischief. But his Ottawa lawyer, Biagio Del Greco, said the breaches were the result of a "miscommunication" and said the damage to the bracelet occurred while his client was in police custody and was unintentional. None of the breaches was related to alleged terrorist activity. Last summer, the RCMP sought a terrorism peace bond against the Ottawa man after they alleged he uttered a threat to cause death or bodily harm to "unspecified persons." Police feared Gonyou-McLean might attempt to leave Canada to join a terrorist group, participate in the activity of a terrorist group, and commit an offence for a terrorist group. His case first came to light in a Vice News report about a man who worked at an Ottawa pizza shop came to the attention of the RCMP's national security unit. Del Greco confirmed on Monday that Gonyou-McLean no longer works at the pizzeria.

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24. A Veteran Spy Has Given the FBI Information Alleging a Russian Operation to Cultivate Donald Trump

Mother Jones, David Corn, 2016 11 01

San Francisco - On Friday, FBI Director James Comey set off a political blast when he informed congressional leaders that the bureau had stumbled across emails that might be pertinent to its completed inquiry into Hillary Clinton's handling of emails when she was secretary of state. The Clinton campaign and others criticized Comey for intervening in a presidential campaign by breaking with Justice Department tradition and revealing information about an investigation--information that was vague and perhaps ultimately irrelevant--so close to Election Day. On Sunday, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid upped the ante. He sent Comey a fiery letter saying the FBI chief may have broken the law and pointed to a potentially greater controversy: "In my communications with you and other top officials in the national security community, it has become clear that you possess explosive information about close ties and coordination between

Donald Trump, his top advisors, and the Russian government...The public has a right to know this information." A former senior intelligence officer for a Western country who specialized in Russian counterintelligence tells Mother Jones that in recent months he provided the bureau with memos, based on his recent interactions with Russian sources, contending the Russian government has for years tried to co-opt and assist Trump--and that the FBI requested more information from him. Does this mean the FBI is investigating whether Russian intelligence has attempted to develop a secret relationship with Trump or cultivate him as an asset? Was the former intelligence officer and his material deemed credible or not? An FBI spokeswoman says, "Normally, we don't talk about whether we are investigating anything." But a senior US government official not involved in this case but familiar with the former spy tells Mother Jones that he has been a credible source with a proven record of providing reliable, sensitive, and important information to the US government. In June, the former Western intelligence officer--who spent almost two decades on Russian intelligence matters and who now works with a US firm that gathers information on Russia for corporate clients--was assigned the task of researching Trump's dealings in Russia and elsewhere, according to the former spy and his associates in this American firm. This was for an opposition research project originally financed by a Republican client critical of the celebrity mogul. (Before the former spy was retained, the project's financing switched to a client allied with Democrats.) "It started off as a fairly general inquiry," says the former spook, who asks not to be identified. But when he dug into Trump, he notes, he came across troubling information indicating connections between Trump and the Russian government. According to his sources, he says, "there was an established exchange of information between the Trump campaign and the Kremlin of mutual benefit."

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25. Comey faces a firestorm of criticism over renewed Clinton email probe

Washington Post, Multiple reporters, 2016 11 01

Washington - The Justice Department moved Monday to quell the outrage and frenetic speculation surrounding FBI Director James B. Comey's disclosure last week that the bureau has resumed its investigation of Hillary Clinton's private email server after discovering a new trove of emails. The department signaled that it now wants the politically charged investigation to follow standard procedures, including a strict limit on official comments about the probe and the provision of updates to Congress through routine channels. But after Comey's highly unusual disclosure last week rocked the final days of the presidential campaign, it may prove impossible for Justice to lower the temperature and regain control over how the investigation is conducted and depicted to the public. On Monday, criticism of Comey continued to mount, notably from prominent former law enforcement officials. Democrats and Republicans alike on Capitol Hill amplified their demands that Comey and Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch provide a more detailed account of the investigation into the emails, which were found on a computer belonging to former congressman Anthony Weiner (D- N.Y.) earlier this fall.

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26. F.B.I. Begins Analysis of Clinton Aide's Emails

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 11 01

Washington - The F.B.I. on Monday began loading a trove of emails belonging to a top aide to Hillary Clinton into a special computer program that would allow bureau analysts to determine whether they contain classified information, law enforcement officials said. The software should allow them to learn relatively quickly how many emails are copies of messages they have already read as part of the investigation into the use of Mrs. Clinton's private server. The F.B.I. completed that investigation in July and, along with prosecutors, decided not to bring any charges against Mrs. Clinton or her aides. Whether investigators will be able to complete their review by Election Day is unclear. They have been under intense pressure from officials in both parties to do so since Friday, when the F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, revealed the existence of the emails in an explosive letter to Congress. Robert E. Anderson Jr., a former senior F.B.I. executive, said it could take less than a day for the program to identify duplicates. He said that the program would organize the duplicates in a special folder and that F.B.I. agents and analysts would then check each of them to make sure it was indeed a copy. Should the F.B.I. find emails that it had never seen before containing potentially classified material, copies would have to be sent to other government agencies to determine their classification -- an elaborate and lengthy process.

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27. FBI's Comey opposed naming Russians, citing election timing: Source
CNBC, Eamon Javers, 2016 11 01

Washington - FBI Director James Comey argued privately that it was too close to Election Day for the United States government to name Russia as meddling in the U.S. election and ultimately ensured that the FBI's name was not on the document that the U.S. government put out, a former bureau official tells CNBC. The official said some government insiders are perplexed as to why Comey would have election timing concerns with the Russian disclosure but not with the Huma Abedin email discovery disclosure he made Friday. In the end, the Department of Homeland Security and The Office of the Director of National Intelligence issued the statement on Oct. 7, saying: "The U.S. intelligence community is confident that the Russian Government directed the recent compromises of emails from U.S. persons and institutions, including from U.S. political organizations. ... These thefts and disclosures are intended to interfere with the U.S. election process."

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28. Hackers reveal apparent targets of NSA cyber espionage
The Hill, Joe Uchill, 2016 10 31

Washington - The hacker or hackers who stole National Security Agency-built cyber tools have dumped new files in what appears to be yet another change of plans in monetizing the heist. The new files provide some insight into the targets of the NSA-affiliated hacking team called The Equation Group. Those targets include government servers in China and universities in Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. This is the second dump of files that came from the group The ShadowBrokers, who in August released sample files containing previously unknown hacking techniques used to circumvent popular security hardware. The August files also contained a

tracking code used by the NSA that matched previously unreleased Edward Snowden documents, appearing to confirm the breach's provenance. In August, the group offered the complete cache of documents for auction. Not seeing the bidding totals they wanted, the group changed to a crowdfunding approach, saying it would release all files publicly if enough people donated money to a bitcoin address. "Ok peoples theshadowbrokers is promising you a trick or treating, here it is," the group wrote in a message accompanying the latest files. It labeled the folder containing the breached documents "trickortreat" and password protected it with the login "payus."

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29. Investigating Donald Trump, F.B.I. Sees No Clear Link to Russia

New York Times, Eric Lichtblau, Steven Lee Myers, 2016 11 01

Washington - For much of the summer, the F.B.I. pursued a widening investigation into a Russian role in the American presidential campaign. Agents scrutinized advisers close to Donald J. Trump, looked for financial connections with Russian financial figures, searched for those involved in hacking the computers of Democrats, and even chased a lead -- which they ultimately came to doubt -- about a possible secret channel of email communication from the Trump Organization to a Russian bank. Law enforcement officials say that none of the investigations so far have found any conclusive or direct link between Mr. Trump and the Russian government. And even the hacking into Democratic emails, F.B.I. and intelligence officials now believe, was aimed at disrupting the presidential election rather than electing Mr. Trump. Hillary Clinton's supporters, angry over what they regard as a lack of scrutiny of Mr. Trump by law enforcement officials, pushed for these investigations. In recent days they have also demanded that James B. Comey, the director of the F.B.I., discuss them publicly, as he did last week when he announced that a new batch of emails possibly connected to Mrs. Clinton had been discovered. Supporters of Mrs. Clinton have argued that Mr. Trump's evident affinity for Russia's president, Vladimir V. Putin -- Mr. Trump has called him a great leader and echoed his policies toward NATO, Ukraine and the war in Syria -- and the hacks of leading Democrats like John D. Podesta, the chairman of the Clinton campaign, are clear indications that Russia has taken sides in the presidential race and that voters should know what the F.B.I. has found. Continue reading the main story Related Coverage 3 U.S. States Turn Down Russian Requests to Monitor Elections OCT. 21, 2016 Donald Trump Says He Might Meet With Putin Before Inauguration OCT. 17, 2016 The F.B.I.'s inquiries into Russia's possible role continue, as does the investigation into the emails involving Mrs. Clinton's top aide, Huma Abedin, on a computer she shared with her estranged husband, Anthony D. Weiner. Mrs. Clinton's supporters argue that voters have as much right to know what the F.B.I. has found in Mr. Trump's case, even if the findings are not yet conclusive.

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30. South African Spy Company Used by Gadaffi Touts its NSA-Like Capabilities

The Intercept, Jenna McLaughlin, 2016 10 31

Washington - The South African company best known for selling Muammar Gaddafi's regime spy equipment used to monitor millions of Libyans' international phone calls is now claiming it can intercept communications on a scale that rivals a government spy agency, according to a company brochure obtained by The Intercept. In a 2016 pamphlet produced by VAShTech SA Pty Ltd., the company outlines its current capabilities for governments, militaries, and law enforcement agencies around the world, claiming it can conduct "passive detection" of communications transmitted from satellites, fix-and-mobile phones, and fiber optic cable. The company is offering multiple tools to vacuum up communications from around the globe undetected, or what the company calls "communication intelligence extraction solutions" -- a capability not unlike the U.S. National Security Agency's PRISM program. The new brochure "shows the company has continued its established route of selling very powerful surveillance technology focusing on international gateways," says Matthew Rice, an advocacy officer at Privacy International, a U.K based nonprofit. "They're commercializing some of the most intrusive capabilities and selling them on for profit, including to authoritarian regimes. Some of these companies, such as VasTech and Hacking Team, are even funded in part by public money."

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31. When the FBI Has a Phone It Can't Crack, It Calls These Israeli Hackers

The Intercept, Kim Zetter, 2016 10 31

Washington - Earlier this year, at the height of a very public battle between the FBI and Apple over whether the computer maker would help decrypt a mass murderer's locked iPhone, it appeared that a little-known, 17-year-old Israeli firm named Cellebrite Mobile Synchronization might finally get its moment in the spotlight. After weeks of insisting that only Apple could help the feds unlock the phone of San Bernardino killer Syed Rizwan Farook, the Justice Department suddenly revealed that a third party had provided a way to get into the device. Speculation swirled around the identity of that party until an Israeli newspaper reported it was Cellebrite. It turns out the company was not the third party that helped the FBI. A Cellebrite representative said as much during a panel discussion at a high-tech crimes conference in Minnesota this past April, according to a conference attendee who spoke with The Intercept. And sources who spoke with the Washington Post earlier this year also ruled out Cellebrite's involvement, though Yossi Carmil, one of Cellebrite's CEOs, declined to comment on the matter when asked by The Intercept. But the attention around the false report obscured a bigger, more interesting truth: Cellebrite's researchers have become, over the last decade, the FBI's go-to hackers for mobile forensics. Many other federal agencies also rely on the company's expertise to get into mobile devices. Cellebrite has contracts with the FBI going back to 2009, according to federal procurement records, but also with the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Secret Service, and DHS's Customs and Border Protection. U.S. state and local law enforcement agencies use Cellebrite's researchers and tools as well, as does the U.S. military, to extract data from phones seized from suspected terrorists and others in battle zones.

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32. 'There will be terrorist attacks in Britain,' says MI5 chief

The Guardian (London), Paul Johnson, Ewen MacAskill, 2016 11 01

London - Sitting in the office of the president of the Royal Society, where he has just been the surprise guest speaker at its annual diversity conference, (MI5 director Andrew)Parker, who has made speeches and appeared once on the BBC Today programme, has a worldview that centres on three areas of threat. The first is Islamic-inspired terror, which he calls enduring and generational. "International terrorism in its latest shape, based on twisted ideology, brings terror to our streets and most of the developed world, including North America, Australia and Turkey," he says. "Currently, the flavour of it is Daesh, or Isil [Islamic State], and we still have the al-Qaida brand. This is something we have to understand: it's here to stay. It is an enduring threat and it's at least a generational challenge for us to deal with." He says the number of terror plots thwarted in the past three years stands at 12. "That sort of tempo of terrorist plot and attempts is concerning and it's enduring. Attacks in this country are higher than I have experienced in the rest of my career - and I've been working at MI5 for 33 years. The reality is that because of the investment in services like mine, the UK has got good defences. My expectation is that we will find and stop most attempts at terrorism in this country." He lets the word "most" sink in before adding: "There will be terrorist attacks in this country. The threat level is severe and that means likely."

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33. Jihadis planning Paris-style gun attacks on British streets, police say

The Guardian (London), Vikram Dodd, 2016 10 31

London - Terrorists wanted to get firearms to launch gun attacks on Britain's streets in five extremist plots foiled in the last two years, police have revealed, as they admitted that 800 legally owned guns had gone missing. In a rare joint appeal, the National Crime Agency and Scotland Yard's counter-terrorism command urged the public to report fears about lax gun security among legal owners as well as criminals handling firearms. The intensified activity comes as British law enforcement, security and intelligence services try to prevent a marauding terrorist gun attack, such as the one that struck Paris in November 2015, happening in the UK. They fear terrorists getting guns from criminals and are concerned by an apparent upsurge in guns on the streets in London and some other big urban areas. Assistant commissioner Mark Rowley, who is in charge of counter-terrorism for the police, said: "We know that firearms can enter the criminal market through a variety of means, including thefts from legitimate holders or dealers. Law enforcement, together with security and intelligence services, are working tirelessly to locate these weapons, confront the terrorist threat and keep the public safe."

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34. L'espionnage britannique met en garde contre une Russie "agressive"

Le Figaro avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 01

Londres - Le chef du service de renseignement britannique MI5, Andrew Parker, met en garde, dans une interview au Guardian contre les méthodes "de plus en plus agressives" de la Russie et

son recours aux cyber- technologies pour s'opposer à l'Occident. Moscou, a-t-il expliqué, "s'appuie sur toute sa gamme d'organes étatiques et toute sa puissance pour faire avancer sa politique étrangère de façon de plus en plus agressive, et cela comprend la propagande, l'espionnage, la subversion et les cyber-attaques". "La Russie est à l'oeuvre dans toute l'Europe et au Royaume-Uni. La tâche du MI5 est de lui barrer la route", a-t-il poursuivi. Ces déclarations surviennent une dizaine de jours après qu'une flotte navale russe de huit navires, en route pour les côtes syriennes, a fait l'objet de surveillance en mer du Nord de la part d'une frégate britannique.

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35. MI5 head: 'increasingly aggressive' Russia a growing threat to UK

The Guardian (London), Ewen MacAskill, Paul Johnson, 2016 11 01

London - Russia poses an increasing threat to the stability of the UK and is using all the sophisticated tools at its disposal to achieve its aims, the director general of MI5 has told the Guardian. In the first newspaper interview given by an incumbent MI5 chief in the service's 107-year history, Andrew Parker said that at a time when much of the focus was on Islamic extremism, covert action from other countries was a growing danger. Most prominent was Russia. "It is using its whole range of state organs and powers to push its foreign policy abroad in increasingly aggressive ways - involving propaganda, espionage, subversion and cyber-attacks. Russia is at work across Europe and in the UK today. It is MI5's job to get in the way of that." Parker said Russia still had plenty of intelligence officers on the ground in the UK, but what was different now from the days of the cold war was the advent of cyberwarfare. Russian targets include military secrets, industrial projects, economic information and government and foreign policy. The spy chief also: . Said that 12 jihadi terror plots had been foiled by the security services in the past three years. . Identified the size of the homegrown problem: there are about 3,000 "violent Islamic extremists in the UK, mostly British". . Said that budget increases would see MI5 expand from 4,000 to 5,000 officers over the next five years. . Rejected criticism that the investigatory powers bill, due before parliament this week, was going too far in enabling intrusive surveillance, arguing that it correctly balances privacy and security. . Dismissed claims that Brexit would affect cooperation with European intelligence services. . Said his aim was to equalise the gender balance in MI5 and recruit many more operatives from ethnic minority backgrounds.

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36. Philip Hammond to spend extra £1.9bn fighting cyber-attacks

The Guardian (London), Anushka Asthana, Jessica Elgot, 2016 11 01

London - Outdated computer systems are allowing malicious hackers to target everyone from companies at board level to individuals in their living rooms, according to the chancellor, who is promising to strike back against cyber-attacks. Philip Hammond will use a speech on Tuesday to unveil a £1.9bn package designed to boost Britain's defences against a growing online threat, which he will say is invading personal privacy and putting national security at risk. Speaking before the launch, Hammond said Britain must "keep up with the scale and pace of the threats we

face" and insisted that the new funding will "allow us to take even greater steps to defend ourselves in cyberspace and to strike back when we are attacked". The money - which almost doubles the amount set out for a similar strategy in 2011 - will be used to improve automated defences to safeguard citizens and businesses, support the cybersecurity industry and deter attacks from criminals and "hostile actors". Tim Berners-Lee, the founder of the world wide web, speaking on Radio 4's Today programme on Tuesday said: "Clearly we have seen the internet can be attacked and the United Kingdom needs to have strong, but responsible and accountable police forces and GCHQ has to have the tools to defend us and defend the open internet.

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37. UK security service 'has foiled 12 terror plots since 2013'

ITV News, Staff report, 2016 10 31

London - Britain's security services have foiled 12 attempted terrorist attacks on UK soil since June 2013, the head of MI5 has said. The internal security service's director general Andrew Parker announced the figure in a talk to the Royal Society's fourth annual diversity conference. He said that terrorism - particularly from so-called Islamic State - posed the most visible security threat to Britain today. Speaking after the event, he warned that security forces would not be able to stop every planned terror attack. "ISIL is an enduring threat, here to stay, and is at least a generational challenge. MI5 and the intelligence agencies have good defences because of the investment made in our capabilities. We will find and stop most attempts to attack us, but not all."

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38. 'Patriot' accused of planning bomb attacks, court told

The Age, Adam Cooper, 2016 11 01

Melbourne - A man accused of planning deadly bombing attacks on left-wing targets ordered an ingredient for use in explosive devices and was compiling a right-wing version of The Anarchist Cookbook, according to court documents. Phillip Michael Galea, 31, was arrested by counter-terrorism police in August and charged with two terrorism offences. On Monday, he appeared via video link before Melbourne Magistrates Court, which was told he was now being kept at the Thomas Embling psychiatric hospital. According to documents released by the court, Galea this year told associates from right-wing and anti-Islam groups of plans he devised to bomb left-wing targets. On April 1, the papers say, he met with an associate and detailed plans to "attack two locations, both being premises aligned with the political left wing". The locations are not named in a prosecution summary released by the court. "Galea outlined his intentions were to cause as much devastation to these locations as possible in a team co-ordinated attack, using smoke bombs and improvised explosive devices," the summary says.

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39. 70 killed as airstrike target Taliban gathering in abandoned Afghan army base

Khaama Press, 2016 11 01

Kabul - At least 70 Taliban insurgents were allegedly killed in an airstrike targeting the gathering of the group's fighters in an abandoned army base in southern Uruzgan province. Provincial governor's spokesman Dost Mohammad Nayab confirmed the airstrike took place late on Sunday afternoon in Chora district. He said at least 80 Taliban insurgents were also wounded as they were busy destroying the abandoned army base in the area. According to the local officials, the Taliban insurgents captured the army base two days ago following a coordinated attack and some security personnel surrendered to Taliban insurgents following the attack. In the meantime, the Taliban insurgents are claiming that the group's fighters did not suffer any casualties in the airstrike and some 30 civilians were killed in the attack. However, the local officials reject the Taliban claims as baseless and said all those killed or wounded in the attack were insurgents.

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40. Afghan Government Lost 2 Percent of Territory This Summer

Washington Free Beacon, Morgan Chalfant, 2016 10 31

Washington - The Afghan government lost control of 2 percent of its territory this summer, as Taliban insurgents have continued to launch attacks in an ongoing conflict that top officials describe as a "stalemate." The Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction released its quarterly report to Congress over the weekend, naming the Taliban insurgency as the "most immediate challenge" to ongoing U.S. efforts to rebuild the war-torn country. The report, citing figures from U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, states that the Afghan government controlled or influenced approximately 63.4 percent of Afghanistan's districts as of August 28, over two percent less than the 65.6 percent it controlled three months earlier. The Taliban wields the most substantial power in Helmand province, where 21 percent of districts are either controlled or influenced by insurgents. The Afghan government controls 258 of the country's 407 districts, while insurgents hold 33 districts and 116 districts are contested.

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41. Within Taliban, Former Chief Negotiator Emerges as a Voice for Peace Talks

New York Times, Mujib Mashal, 2016 11 01

Kabul - The Taliban's internal debate over whether and how to negotiate with the Afghan government is playing out in the open, even as there have been renewed attempts to restart talks. Breaking with nearly 15 years of public silence, Sayed Muhammad Tayeb Agha, who until recently was the Taliban's chief negotiator and head of their political commission, issued a letter about peace talks to the insurgency's supreme leader over the summer and discussed reconciliation efforts in an interview with The New York Times in recent days, his first on the record with a Western publication in years. In the letter, a copy of which was obtained by The Times and appeared in the Afghan news media, Mr. Agha supported the idea of talks, and said

the insurgency should be urgently trying to position itself as an Afghan political movement independent from the influence of Pakistani intelligence officials who have sheltered, and at times manipulated, the Taliban since 2001. Mr. Agha led efforts to open the Taliban's political office in Qatar in 2011, and he was instrumental in negotiations that led to the release of the last known American prisoner of war held by the Taliban, Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, in exchange for the release of five Taliban detainees from the American prison camp at Guantánamo Bay. But he became disgruntled over the internal power struggle that broke out in 2015 after the death of the movement's founder, Mullah Muhammad Omar, for whom he was a trusted aide. He remains in exile abroad. Within the Taliban, discussions of whether or how to take up negotiations have proved divisive. Some of the group's most senior field commanders openly bridled at the possibility in 2015, when a meeting in Pakistan seemed to signal that talks might progress. Now, however, with the insurgents seizing so much territory in Afghanistan and badly bloodying the security forces, some officials believe the Taliban might be more amenable to coming to the table.

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Africa • Afrique

42. Islamic State recognizes oath of allegiance from jihadists in Mali

Long War Journal, Thomas Joscelyn, Caleb Weiss, 2016 11 01

Washington - The Islamic State's Amaq News Agency has officially recognized an oath of allegiance sworn on behalf of a group of jihadists operating in Mali and neighboring countries. Abu Walid al Sahrawi first swore bay'ah (an oath of allegiance) to the so-called caliphate more than seventeen months ago, but Abu Bakr al Baghdadi's enterprise did not advertise it until yesterday. Amaq released a short statement acknowledging Sahrawi's oath, as well as a video of him reading his pledge. Sahrawi's organization is commonly known as the Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS). Sahrawi previously served as the spokesman for the Movement for Oneness and Jihad in West Africa (MUJAO). In that role, Sahrawi was allied with Mokhtar Belmokhtar, who was originally a commander in al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM). Disagreements with AQIM's leadership led Belmokhtar to establish his own force in 2012. MUJAO merged with Belmokhtar and his men in 2013 to form Al Murabitoon. But two years later, in May 2015, Sahrawi and a cadre of fighters broke away to establish a branch of the Islamic State in Mali.

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43. Les ratés de l'intervention française

Horizons (Algérie), L.C., 2016 10 31

Bangui, Centrafrique - Le ministre français de la Défense, Jean- Yves Le Drian, s'est rendu hier à Bangui, pour signifier officiellement la fin de l'opération militaire française Sangaris lancée en décembre 2013. Mais rassure le Premier ministre français Manuel Valls, la France ne va pas abandonner la Centrafrique. Sur les 2.500 soldats déployés, près de 350 hommes et des drones en soutien à la Minusca resteront sur place. Trois ans après l'intervention française, la paix n'est pas

encore revenue. Loin s'en faut. De nouvelles violences ont précédé et accompagné la fin de Sangaris engluée, par ailleurs, dans des scandales de viols sur mineurs et des « violences volontaires » suscitant une enquête judiciaire et parlementaire. Jeudi et vendredi, au moins 25 personnes, dont six gendarmes, ont été tuées lors d'affrontements à Bambari (centre) et ses environs, selon la mission onusienne, Minusca.

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44. Nigeria to investigate alleged rapes by police and troops

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 10 31

Abuja - Nigeria's president has ordered an investigation into allegations by a rights group of rapes by soldiers and police of women and girls fleeing the Islamist militant group Boko Haram. Human Rights Watch said in a statement published on Monday that 43 cases of "sexual abuse, including rape and exploitation", had been documented by its researchers in July. A police spokesman flatly rejected the report. The women and girls were housed at seven camps in Maiduguri, the capital of Borno state, for people displaced by Boko Haram's seven-year-old insurgency, the rights group said. The rights group said it was also told of abuse carried out by camp leaders employed by authorities and members of local militias set up to help the military fight the insurgents. Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari was "worried and shocked" by the allegations, his spokesman Garba Shehu said in a statement on Monday.

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45. Vers un renforcement de la coopération militaire entre les Etats- Unis et le Niger

Pan African News Agency, Journaliste maison, 2016 10 31

Niamey, Niger - Le général Thomas Waldhuser, Commandant de AFRICOM, le Commandement des Etats-Unis pour l'Afrique, a loué, lundi, le partenariat entre les Etats-Unis et le Niger en matière de sécurité, «un partenariat très fort que nous nous devons de continuer et de renforcer à l'avenir». Au sortir d'une audience avec le chef de l'Etat nigérien, le général Thomas Waldhuser qui effectue une visite au Niger, a déclaré à la presse s'être entretenu avec le président Issoufou Mahamadou de la situation sécuritaire, notamment les problèmes liés au terrorisme et à l'insécurité dans les pays frontaliers du Niger. Il a tenu à «remercier le chef de l'Etat pour sa collaboration et son engagement dans la résolution des problèmes d'insécurité dans la sous-région».

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Americas • Amériques

46. Venezuela gov't, opposition agree to maintain talks to ease standoff

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 10 31

Caracas - Government and opposition leaders in Venezuela agreed on Monday to continue a Vatican-backed dialogue following initial talks meant to ease an escalating political standoff

taking place against the backdrop of a worsening economic crisis. The two sides, which over the years have repeatedly held talks that generated few concrete results, will meet again on Nov. 11, according to the opposition Democratic Unity coalition. "We are here to defend the Venezuelan people, to defend the people's right to escape this crisis through peaceful means," the coalition said after the meeting, which stretched from late Sunday into dawn on Monday. The meeting included an envoy from the Vatican, which helped bring the two sides to the table, as well as three former heads of state. A papal envoy said the Pope is closely following the situation and hopes the process will proceed peacefully.

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Asia • Asie

47. À Pékin, plus d'état de grâce pour Xi Jinping

Le Figaro, Jean-Luc Domenach, 2016 11 01

Opinion - Malgré l'étendue de son pouvoir, le dirigeant chinois se heurte aux mêmes difficultés que Deng Xiaoping dans les années 1980, argumente le sinologue*. Suivant les rumeurs savamment orchestrées à Pékin, Xi Jinping, qui achèvera en 2017 un premier quinquennat à la tête du Parti communiste chinois, va probablement demander au Comité central de son parti de lui faire confiance pour cinq années supplémentaires. Mais il n'est plus le même que lors de l'automne 2012. Le climat politique a changé en Chine. Hier, le ton était à l'optimisme et à la confiance. Aujourd'hui, il est à la punition non seulement des ennemis classiques du régime, mais encore de personnalités jusqu'alors jugées hors d'atteinte. Le nombre de cadres supérieurs menacés ou purgés ne cesse d'augmenter. Et les départements de la Propagande de l'État chinois s'énervent contre les commentaires de la presse internationale la mieux informée.

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48. Cyber law aimed at foreign hackers

South China Morning Post, Viola Zhou, 2016 11 01

Beijing - Beijing has proposed a revised internet law to punish foreigners who hack Chinese websites as it steps up its campaign against cyberattacks it blames on the West. Although it was hard for governments to identify those behind cybercrimes, the move paved the way for China to take legal action against other states, analysts said. The proposed cybersecurity law changes would let the government freeze assets of foreign individuals or groups if they damaged China's key information infrastructure, Xinhua reported. Police would apply "other necessary punishment" to those outside the country who attacked, intruded, disrupted or harmed Chinese websites, according to the revised draft quoted in the report. The draft had been sent to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress for approval, Xinhua said. China claims to be a victim of global cybercrimes, reporting growing numbers of attacks from overseas every year. Last year, authorities found more than 64,000 "control points" that had been controlling Chinese websites with malware from abroad, a 52 per cent rise from 2014, according to a government website.

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49. S.Korean prosecutors arrest woman at centre of political crisis

Reuters, Ju-min Park, 2016 11 01

Seoul - The woman at the centre of a scandal that has plunged the South Korean presidency into crisis was held for a second day on Tuesday after being detained overnight to answer allegations of exerting inappropriate influence in state affairs. Prosecutors have said they are investigating whether Choi Soon-sil used her friendship with President Park Geun-hye to gain access to classified documents that enabled her to influence government matters and benefited personally through non-profit foundations. The growing scandal has sparked public anger and sent Park's approval rating to a record low, with thousands of protestors gathered in Seoul on Saturday night calling for her to step down. Park accepted the resignations of eight of her top aides over the weekend. Choi, 60, arrived at the prosecutor's office on Tuesday morning in handcuffs and a surgical mask and wearing a dark coat, escorted by correctional officers. A prosecution official and her lawyer said she had been detained late on Monday. Although Choi was being questioned at another location, a man used a heavy construction excavator to smash the front entrance of the Supreme Prosecutors' Office building in Seoul, injuring a security guard, in an apparent act of protest against Choi. He was arrested by police.

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50. S. Korea orders foreign missions to allay overseas concerns on growing scandal

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 01

Seoul - South Korea has ordered its foreign missions to allay overseas concerns over an influence-peddling scandal involving President Park Geun-hye's longtime confidante, the foreign ministry said Tuesday. News reports have alleged Choi Soon-sil, a 60-year-old woman whose late father had long been a mentor for Park, illegally gained access to and edited Park's official speeches and even government documents. The scandal, which has roiled South Korea for over a week, also involves suspicions that Choi used her close personal relationship with Park to create two nonprofit foundations funded with corporate money and used them to make money. She is also suspected of having planted her acquaintances in government positions. "An order message was sent to all the diplomatic offices overseas yesterday under the name of the Foreign Minister (Yun Byung-se)," Cho June-hyuck, foreign ministry spokesman, said in a regular briefing. The message ordered the foreign missions to "actively inform (host countries) of the normal running of the government's key policies so as to prevent any unnecessary spread of concern over our diplomatic and security posture and the country's overall economic situation," the spokesman said.

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51. Seoul, Tokyo hold talks on intelligence-sharing pact

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 01

Seoul - South Korea and Japan held working-level talks in Tokyo Tuesday to reach an understanding on an intelligence-sharing pact that could allow the neighbors to better cope with North Korea's evolving nuclear and missile threats, the defense ministry said. "The two sides resumed talks based on the terms they tentatively agreed to in 2012 and discussed a wide range of issues such as future meeting schedules and agendas," the Ministry of National Defense said in a statement. The next gathering will be decided through consultations with Japan, it said. Last week, the two neighbors agreed to reopen talks on a bilateral General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA), with the goal of concluding the pact by the end of the year. The U.S. welcomed the decision, saying the potential deal between its two Asian allies would bolster cooperation amid growing threats posed by Pyongyang. The communist regime has escalated saber-rattling with its nuclear and missile development programs. It conducted two nuclear tests and launched a series of missiles this year.

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52. U.S. floating radar carried out surveillance mission near Korean Peninsula

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 01

Seoul - A U.S. floating radar station has returned to its home port of Hawaii after carrying out a surveillance mission near the Korean Peninsula with its advanced sensors, a South Korean military official said Tuesday. "The U.S. sea-based X-Band (SBX) radar was sent to an undisclosed location off the Korean Peninsula for a one-month deployment after departing Hawaii in late September. It sailed back to its home port in late October," the official told Yonhap News Agency. He didn't provide details about the mission and the vessel's route, citing the sensitivity of the matter. The SBX radar is aimed at detecting and tracking long-range ballistic missiles and rockets over the high seas. The data collected can be used to assess the capabilities and performance of a missile and help defend against the threat down the line. According to many military officials, the North's long-range intercontinental missiles could theoretically hit parts of the U.S. mainland. The SBX which displaces some 50,000 tons has a 116 meter by 85 meter radar system installed on its deck and has the capability to detect missile fired off upwards to 2,000 kilometers away.

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Eastern Europe • Europe de l'Est

53. Putin's Top Security Advisor Lays Out Vision of Global Security in 5 Easy Steps

Sputnik, Staff report, 2016 11 01

Moscow - The Security Council is charged with working out the president's decisions on national security affairs. In this light, Sputnik asked Secretary Patrushev to lay out his views regarding the security situation in the world today, and the regions which he sees as the most problematic. "The situation in the world is not becoming any easier," the official admitted. "There is a growing competition for global influence and the use of global resources." At the same time, Patrushev added, "the excessive ambitions of some countries is provoking new challenges and security threats in a variety of regions around the world, and creates serious obstacles to the

creation of bilateral and multilateral efforts aimed at resolving crisis situations." Asked to list the main threats to Russia's security, Patrushev cited first and foremost the continued buildup of NATO's military capabilities, "along with efforts to endow this organization with global functions." Threats to Russia include "the spread of [NATO] military infrastructure on Russia's borders, the deployment of new types of weapons, and the creation of a [US] global missile defense system." Other threats Moscow takes seriously include the "unprecedented threat" of global terrorism, represented first and foremost by the Daesh (ISIL/ISIS) terrorist group.

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54. Putin says Russia is successfully countering terrorism, extremism

ITAR-TASS World Service, Staff report, 2016 10 31

Astrakhan - Russian President Vladimir Putin has stated that Russia is successfully confronting terrorism and extremism, but urged to remain vigilant to prevent such threats. "Russia is successfully countering global threats. These are extremism and terrorism," he told a meeting of the Council for Interethnic Relations. Putin pointed to the need to pay close attention to preventing extremism and interethnic tensions. "The more so since there are growing trends in today's world to erode traditional values, while interethnic and interreligious discord and animosities are being fomented," he said, adding that "of course, we must and will counter these destructive trends."

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

55. Iraqi Special Forces take up position on Mosul's edge

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 11 01

Bazwaya, Iraq - Iraqi special forces advanced on Mosul from the east on Monday, taking heavy fire but seizing the last ISIL-held village before the city's eastern limits. Armoured vehicles, including Abrams tanks, drew mortar and small arms fire as they moved on the village of Bazwaya in the dawn assault, while allied artillery and airstrikes hit ISIL positions. By evening the fighting had stopped and the units took up positions near Mosul's eastern border and some 8km from the city centre. Three suicide car bombers tried to stop the advance during the day before the army took control of the town but the troops destroyed them, said Brigadier General Haider Fadhil. The army said another unit, its ninth division, had moved up toward Mosul and was now approximately 5km from its eastern outskirts, the neighbourhood of Gogjali.

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56. Russian Experts Designing New N. Reactors for Iran

Fars News Agency, 2016 11 01

Tehran - Moscow's Ambassador to Tehran Levan Jagarian announced that preliminary works are underway to build new nuclear power plants for Iran, adding that the Russian experts have

started designing the reactors. "Initial steps are taken and Russian experts have come to Iran, and the reactors are being designed," Jagarian said in an interview on Monday. He said that executive works will start to build the new power plants in Iran within the next year, adding, "The Russians have acted upon their undertakings and there is no problem in this regard." The first stone of the second nuclear reactor of Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant was laid early September, marking the start of the launch of the Iran-Russia Bushehr 2 project. Head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization (AEOI) Ali Akbar Salehi estimated that each reactor frees up about 11 million barrels of oil per year. Bushehr is Iran's first nuclear power plant.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

57. 7 jailed for setting up Hezbollah branch in UAE (Canada).

Khaleej Times, Mustafa Al Zarooni, 2016 11 01

Abu Dhabi - The State Security Circuit of the Federal Supreme Court on Monday handed out varying jail terms to seven people for setting up a UAE cell of the banned Hezbollah group. Three defendants were sentenced to life in jail, two got 15-year jail terms and two others were sentenced to 10 years in prison. The court chaired by Judge Falah Al Hajiri also sentenced leader of Egypt's banned Muslim Brotherhood group Esam Al Din Al Erian to five years in jail, in absentia. In another case, the court ordered an Emirati girl and two Emirati youths to serve jail terms ranging from five to seven years for joining and funding terrorist groups, while clearing a fourth Emirati suspect of the charges against him. In the first case, the court handed down life sentences to Emirati suspect H.A.S.H and Lebanese suspects A.H.A.A; and A.H.M. The court also ordered Egyptian woman suspect F.A.H.A.A., who holds a Canadian citizenship, and Emirati suspect M.S.S.K. to ten years each in jail.

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58. King, Canada's Governor General discuss ties, Mideast issues

Jordan News Agency, 2016 11 01

Amman - His Majesty King Abdullah II, on Monday, held talks with Canada's Governor General, David Johnston, on ways to cement ties between Jordan and Canada and a number of Middle East issues. The King hailed the relationship between the two countries as historic and deep-rooted, saying Johnston's visit was important to learn firsthand about the challenges facing the region and "help us overcome the difficulties facing us". His Majesty also said Jordan was grateful for Canadian support, adding that world countries should follow Canada's steps and welcome refugees. The talks dealt with prospects for forging closer cooperation in areas of mining, energy, transport and tourism. The two leaders also discussed the Syrian refugee crisis and its impact on host countries. They also tackled the fight against terrorism which threatens international security and stability.

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59. Lebanon Elects Hezbollah Ally as President

Wall Street Journal, Maria Abi-Habib, Noam Raydan, 2016 11 01

Beirut - Lebanon's parliament ended more than two years of political deadlock in the country, electing as president a former army general who is the main Christian ally of the Shiite militant group Hezbollah. Michel Aoun, 81 years old, won 83 out of the 127 votes cast on Monday, restoring the most powerful political office held by a Christian in the Middle East as the sect faces persecution across the region but enjoys rare security and power-sharing in Lebanon. Under longstanding political agreements, a Maronite Christian is always president while the prime minister is a Sunni Muslim and the parliament speaker is a Shiite Muslim. "Lebanon, which is walking among land mines, still hasn't been touched by the flames surrounding it in the region, and we will prevent any spark from reaching it," the new president told lawmakers. Saudi Arabia and Hezbollah ally Iran have jockeyed for influence over Lebanon since 2005, when Syria's 29-year occupation ended. For years, the Saudi monarchy and its Sunni Lebanese allies opposed the idea of Mr. Aoun as president. But as Riyadh became mired in protracted wars in Yemen and Syria, Saudi officials quietly acknowledged that Lebanon was no longer a priority, leading the way for Mr. Aoun's ascent. Anti-Iran pundits in the U.S. framed the political agreement that ensured Mr. Aoun's election as a win for Tehran and Hezbollah. But his Christian supporters said his ascent to the presidency was simply the will of most members of his minority sect, who see good relations with Hezbollah as necessary for stability but seek the group's eventual disarmament.

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60. Seven jailed for sharing classified information about UAE with Hizbollah (Canada).

The National (UAE), Naser Al Remeithi, 2016 11 01

Abu Dhabi - Two Lebanese Hizbollah operatives and an Emirati were sentenced to life in prison by the Federal Supreme Court for passing on classified information about the UAE to the militant group. They were on trial with four others for handing over state secrets, including sensitive information about political, security and economic institutions. Two other defendants, a 54-year-old Canadian/Egyptian woman who worked as a geology sketcher at an oil company, and an Emirati employee of the Abu Dhabi Traffic and Licensing Department, were sentenced to 10 years in prison. The Canadian/Egyptian was found guilty of supplying energy related information to Hizbollah, while the Emirati was convicted of handing over a list of vehicle registrations. A 49-year-old Iraqi and a 47-year-old Lebanese Hizbollah member were sentenced to 15 years in prison each. The Iraqi was found guilty of passing on to Hizbollah sensitive information from the Ministry of Interior.

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Western Europe • Europe de l'Ouest

61. Alleged mastermind behind attack that 'almost broke the internet' goes on trial

Agence France-Presse, Staff report, 2016 11 01

Dordrecht, The Netherlands - A Dutchman accused of launching an unprecedented cyberattack that reportedly "almost broke the internet" in 2013 goes on trial on Tuesday. Sven Olaf Kamphuis, 39, denounced the case against him, and told the AD daily newspaper in a Skype interview that he would not appear in court in the southern Dutch city of Dordrecht. He will be represented by his lawyers. He is accused of being behind a massive distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack in March 2013 on Geneva and London-based volunteer group Spamhaus, court spokeswoman Lily Derksen said. Spamhaus publishes spam blacklists used by networks to filter out unwanted email. It blamed Dutch web-hosting service Cyberbunker for the attack, one of the largest in the history of the internet at the time. At the time, Kamphuis was said to be a spokesman for Cyberbunker.

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62. His Vitriol Unchecked, Dutch Politician Skips His Own Trial for Hate Speech

New York Times, Nina Siegal, 2016 11 01

Amsterdam - The Dutch government's prosecution of a far-right lawmaker for hate speech was upstaged by his continued racial vitriol on Monday before the trial could get underway. The lawmaker, Geert Wilders, whose tirades against Islam, immigration and the European Union have made him one of the most divisive figures in Dutch politics, refused to attend the trial. Instead, he issued a series of inflammatory posts on Twitter, saying the Netherlands has a "huge problem with Moroccans" -- an echo of the denunciations he made in 2014 that are at the center of the hate-speech charges. The trial has exposed deep fissures in Dutch society, which is known for its religious tolerance but has a more troubled recent past: More than three-quarters of Dutch Jews were deported and killed during the Nazi occupation in World War II. The Netherlands was one of the six founding states of what became the European Union, but skepticism toward the bloc has been rising. In April, Dutch voters rejected a trade and cooperation agreement between the European Union and Ukraine, and after the British referendum on June 23 to leave the bloc, Mr. Wilders proposed that the Dutch hold a referendum on withdrawing as well. Mr. Wilders, 53, is charged with offending members of a group based on their race, and hate speech and discrimination. If convicted he could be sentenced to up to two years in prison, though people found guilty of such offenses are more commonly fined or required to do community service.

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63. L'armée de l'air française a tiré plus de 1.600 bombes et missiles contre Daesh

20 Minutes, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 01

Paris - « Un rythme et une intensité de frappes inédits ». L'armée de l'air française a tiré plus de 1.600 bombes et missiles contre Daesh en Irak et Syrie depuis septembre 2014, a annoncé son chef d'état-major à l'Assemblée nationale. Douze avions de chasse français opèrent depuis la Jordanie et les Emirats arabes unis dans le cadre de la coalition internationale anti-Daesh dirigée par les Etats-Unis. Assortiment de Rafale et Mirage 2000 jusqu'à cet été, il s'agit désormais

exclusivement de Rafale. Ces frappes françaises correspondent à environ 5 % des frappes de la coalition. La France a puisé des munitions dans les stocks de pays alliés dès 2015

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CSIS in the News • Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Goodale ducks question about journalists under surveillance

iPolitics.ca, Staff reporter, 2016 11 02

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale won't say how many Canadian journalists might be under police surveillance. In question period today, NDP leader Tom Mulcair raised the case of

Montreal journalist Patrick Lagacé -- who learned recently that police had been monitoring his phone calls and location through GPS in his cellphone as part of an internal police probe. At least 24 warrants were issued on Lagacé's phone. "It's disgusting', as one of my colleagues said," Mulcair told the Commons, also citing the case of La Presse journalist Joel-Denis Bellavance, who has been tailed by police. Mounties followed Bellavance for nine days in 2007 in an attempt to track down a leak of classified documents. "Can the minister of public safety tell us whether other journalists are being spied upon either by the police, the RCMP or CSIS?" Mulcair asked Goodale. Goodale skirted the question, saying only that the issue is "entirely in the jurisdiction of Quebec, and this morning the premier of Quebec has made a very import pronouncement in that regard. "We all, I'm sure, in this House believe profoundly in the freedom of the press. It is a value that is enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms." He said police forces need to be "assiduous" in following the Supreme Court judgement which laid out rules to be followed in respect to press freedom.

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2. How Montreal police may have been able to spy on a journalist

CBC News, Staff reporter, 2016 11 02

The Quebec government says it wants to make it more difficult to obtain a search warrant that would target a journalist, raising the bar to a higher level - on par with lawyers and judges. The move, announced by Premier Philippe Couillard, comes after it came to light that La Presse journalist Patrick Lagacé was being spied on by Montreal police. Through 24 issued surveillance warrants, the SPVM was able to obtain the identities of the people he spoke and texted with as well as to track his whereabouts via his iPhone's GPS. But how were the Montreal police able to obtain that in the first place? Cyberbullying law to blame? It will only be known on Nov. 24 how the Montreal police obtained the warrants from a justice of the peace. That's the date the warrants will be unsealed. Though some have pointed to the contentious anti-terrorism legislation, Bill C-51, as a catalyst for more invasive police tactics in Canada, Christopher Parsons, managing director of the Telecom Transparency Project at Citizen Lab, says a bill originally passed to curb cyberbullying may be to blame. Bill C-13 amended the Criminal Code to allow police to, among other things, track an object, person, or transmission of data if the authorities have the suspicion or belief that doing so could assist an investigation. Parsons says Couillard's promise to better protect journalists from surveillance would be "relatively novel," but there are still unanswered questions as to what those protections are. However, the fact that Montreal police chose to spy on Lagacé in the first place may point to "the cultures that have been built up within policing or security services," Parsons said. Even CSIS, he said, "tends to place the monitoring of journalists alongside monitoring of academics or monitoring certain government officials, so they're fairly protected." "The very fact that they were using these very, very invasive tools to monitor where the journalist was going and whom they were speaking with struck me as fairly extraordinary."

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3. Le gouvernement Trudeau ne précise pas si des journalistes sont surveillés

La Presse+, Vincent Brousseau-Pouliot, 2016 11 01

Ottawa - Le gouvernement Trudeau «croit profondément à la liberté de presse», mais il ne précise pas si des journalistes font actuellement l'objet d'une surveillance des corps policiers fédéraux. Dans la foulée de l'affaire Patrick Lagacé, le chef du Nouveau Parti démocratique Thomas Mulcair demande des comptes au gouvernement Trudeau à savoir si des journalistes «font actuellement l'objet d'une surveillance» des corps policiers fédéraux. «Quand on a appris que la GRC a fait de la filature dans le cas du journaliste Joël-Denis Bellavance [en 2007 et en 2008], le premier ministre [Justin Trudeau] a refusé de mener une enquête. Le ministre de la Sécurité publique peut-il nous dire clairement si d'autres journalistes font actuellement l'objet d'une surveillance de la GRC et du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS)?», a demandé le chef du NPD Thomas Mulcair cet après-midi à la Chambre des communes.

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4. Ottawa falls short of real oversight for C-51 powers

The Province (Vancouver), Murray Rankin, 2016 11 02

Op-ed: Last year, former prime minister Stephen Harper's Bill C-51 brought in controversial new security powers, despite the opposition of hundreds of thousands of Canadians and the advice of legal scholars and civil liberties organizations. Resisting calls from the NDP and others to repeal the law, the Liberal government has kept C-51 on the books. Under the legislation, the sharing of personal information between government agencies was expanded, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service was given unprecedented powers to disrupt terrorist plots and a range of perceived security threats, the right of police to preventively arrest people was expanded, and urging others to commit terrorism became a criminal offence. Now, Parliament is debating a proposal to plug a long-standing gap in our security architecture: Canada today stands alone among our closest allies in lacking independent, elected oversight of security and intelligence agencies. Unfortunately, the government's plan falls short of giving Canadians a real watchdog for their rights and safety. Bill C-22 would create a committee without the powers, the independence and the public trust needed to get the job done. The prime minister and cabinet would appoint its members, hand-pick its head, control the information it receives, block investigations into certain areas, and revise its reports without notifying Parliament and the public. Note: NDP House Leader Murray Rankin has served as legal counsel to the Security Intelligence Review Committee and as a Special Advocate in classified immigration proceedings.

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5. Rapport sur les pratiques de surveillance Des cas controversés ici et ailleurs

La Presse+, Marc Thibodeau, 2016 11 02

Montréal - Les pratiques de surveillance des États préoccupent depuis des années les organisations de défense des droits de l'homme. Alors que le Service de police de la Ville de Montréal se retrouve sur la sellette pour avoir espionné un journaliste, un nouveau rapport diffusé par l'International Network of Civil Liberties Organizations (INCLO) dresse un préoccupant état des lieux en matière de surveillance en évoquant des cas survenus dans une dizaine de pays, dont le Canada. En 2009, le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité

(SCRS) a demandé l'autorisation à un juge de la cour fédérale de travailler avec le Centre de sécurité des télécommunications (CSTC) pour surveiller deux Canadiens jugés suspects lors de leurs déplacements à l'étranger. Le CSTC n'est normalement pas autorisé à cibler ainsi des Canadiens, mais l'autorisation a été accordée.

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6. «Formation obligatoire» en ligne d'une heure sur Phénix 61 % des gestionnaires ont pris le temps

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 11 02

Ottawa - Malgré tous les problèmes rencontrés avec le système de paie Phénix, à peine 61 % des gestionnaires du ministère des Services publics et de l'Approvisionnement du Canada (SPAC) ont suivi la «formation obligatoire» d'une heure offerte en ligne par l'École de la fonction publique du Canada pour se familiariser avec ce nouvel outil de travail. Chez les employés, le taux de participation est plus élevé, à 73 %, selon des données obtenues mardi par LeDroit. Pour expliquer les ratés du système Phénix, les dirigeants de SPAC ont mentionné jusqu'à maintenant que la formation des employés dans l'ensemble des ministères utilisant le système Phénix n'avait pas été suffisante pour permettre de se familiariser avec le nouvel outil, écartant jusqu'à maintenant toute responsabilité du fournisseur IBM et du système PeopleSoft. Au 21 octobre dernier, seulement 52 % des cadres avaient pris une heure de leur temps pour suivre la formation, comparativement à 62 % chez les employés. Devant la faible participation, le ministère y annonçait d'ailleurs le report de la date butoir pour participer.

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7. A Canadian parallel to FBI versus Clinton

Ottawa Citizen, Andrew Cohen, 2016 11 02

Op-ed: In the last fortnight of the presidential election of 1960, the race between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon was very close. Kennedy won the televised debates, but had not closed the deal. Kennedy learned that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., had been arrested on a technicality - a traffic charge - and was in jail. On Oct. 26, Kennedy called King's wife, Coretta, to show his sympathy and offer his help. His brother, Robert F. Kennedy, made a call of concern to the judge. Surprisingly, King was released. African-Americans voted for Kennedy overwhelmingly. They may have been the difference in a race that Kennedy won by some 118,000 votes. The point: when elections are close, anything can tip the balance. Four days after the FBI revelation that it is reinvestigating Hillary Clinton's emails, polls show no clear impact, though the announcement has changed the tone of this race. The conversation is about her, not Donald Trump, and that is bad for her. When he is under scrutiny - his refusal to pay income taxes, his treatment of women, his views on Russia, minorities and nuclear arms - he loses. Now he has a stick and he is beating her, with glee. It isn't over. If you doubt how an unseen hand can reverse a race, ask these Canadians: Ralph Goodale, Paul Martin, Stephen Harper. Note: Andrew

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8. Affaire Patrick Lagacé Police et médias : les liaisons dangereuses

La Presse+, Jean-Claude Hébert*, 2016 11 02

Opinion - Sous réserve qu'elle soit consciente et volontaire, l'utilisation publique par un journaliste de renseignements policiers susceptibles d'entraver, de détourner ou de contrecarrer le cours de la justice engage sa propre responsabilité criminelle. Par contre, au mépris de son devoir de confidentialité, un policier peut servir l'intérêt public en enfilant le costume de source journalistique. Sur ce terrain miné, la collaboration entre un journaliste et un policier risque de perdre son innocence. En obtenant des ordonnances judiciaires autorisant l'espionnage d'un journaliste, des enquêteurs mettent à risque la proximité harmonieuse du tandem policier-média. Sans surprise, face à cette tromperie, les médias ressentent un haut-le-cœur. Selon la Cour suprême (affaire Globe and Mail, 2010), la mise au jour d'importantes nouvelles pour le public incite les sources désireuses de révéler ces informations à violer des obligations juridiques de nature civile. Un journaliste n'est pas tenu d'agir comme conseiller juridique auprès d'une source. Si un journal obtient légalement des renseignements véridiques sur une question d'intérêt public, l'État ne peut en interdire la communication en l'absence d'un intérêt public supérieur.

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9. Ahmadiyya Muslims find freedom in Canada

Globe and Mail, Sherrill Sutherland, 2016 11 02

For the past month, the leader of the world's Ahmadiyya Muslim community has been visiting Canada and Canadian leaders such as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the Britain-based leader, who is considered the caliph of the sect, recently sat down with The Globe and Mail's Sherrill Sutherland. He discussed how his religious community is flourishing in Canada, even as it faces persecution elsewhere in the world. Can you describe the climate of oppression that the Ahmadiyya Muslims are facing in Pakistan? The mainstream Muslims believe that the person who was foretold by the Prophet of Islam to reform the Muslims and the whole world at large has not come. And we believe that that person has come and the title of that man, according to the prophecy of the Prophet of Islam, is of Prophet and Reformer. So this is the major cause of conflict and disturbance. And because of that, they enacted a law in 1974 declaring Ahmadiyyas as not Muslims for the purpose of law and constitution. Later on, in 1984, this law was further reinforced, that Ahmadiyyas cannot claim themselves to be Muslim. They cannot profess and practise as Muslims do. They cannot even name their children as Muslims are given the names. If you do it, you will be imprisoned for three years. Why did the government take this position of proposing a law that would effectively ban the Ahmadiyya people? Government should not interfere in the matter of religion; that is the secular and democratic government. But in the name of democracy, all is being done.

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10. Canada marches into mission with 'eyes wide open,' Sajjan says

Toronto Star, Bruce Campion-Smith, 2016 11 02

Ottawa - Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan is headed to Mali and Senegal on a fact-finding mission next week as the federal government makes plans to deploy a military mission to Africa. Sajjan's five-day visit comes after an August trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, all against the backdrop of the Liberal pledge to commit troops to an African mission. "We need to go into this eyes wide open, making sure that ... we look at the complexities of how (peace) operations have been done in the past and what we need to do," Sajjan told reporters in Ottawa. Sajjan offered no timeline of when a decision on the deployment could be made. "I have not set a deadline," he said. "I want to make sure that we have all the right information, so that we can have a comprehensive plan, a whole-of-government approach to peace operations that are going to bring added value to the United Nations and how they operate now," Sajjan said. As with his previous trip, officials in Sajjan's office cautioned that his itinerary should not be taken as a signal of where the Canadian force may wind up. "He'd like to get a better sense of the situation in West Africa," Jordan Owens told the Star. "Don't read too much into the location." Still, Mali - home to one of the deadliest peace missions in Africa - has emerged as one of the possible locations.

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11. Curbing online extremism 'like trying to block wind'

Montreal Gazette, Caroline Plante, 2016 11 02

Montreal - Pulling hate material from the Internet will never be enough to curb the phenomenon of violent extremism, the head of free expression and international relations at Google told a conference on radicalization Tuesday. "What we've seen over the past couple of years is a realization that simply taking the content down doesn't work because one website goes down, two or three more are up the very next day," Ross LaJeunesse said. "Simply taking down the content doesn't address the feeling and the hatred which caused the speech in the first place. You need to engage the speakers who are promoting radicalization and hate online." He acknowledged that Google, the U.S.-based company that runs a search engine and the video-sharing service YouTube, has a role to play and argued the company is taking that responsibility very seriously. "We have started doing various programs, where, much like a regular advertising campaign, when someone searches for a key word that we think indicates they're looking for radical content, we then show them an advertising campaign about content that counters that speech," LaJeunesse said. Also, "we don't allow violent images on YouTube, we don't allow pornography, we've always built YouTube to be a community where everyone is going to feel comfortable participating and speaking and watching content that they like."

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12. Cybersecurity talent shortage on the radar of government, business

CBC News, Julie Ireton, 2016 11 02

An international shortage of cybersecurity talent is expected to grow over the next few years, according to the Information and Communications Technology Council. The council's vice-president of talent innovation, Sandra Saric, said there's an expected need for more than 1.5 million people to work in cybersecurity globally by 2020. Solving the talent shortage was one of the challenges emphasized by government and private industry executives at a cybersecurity forum at the GTEC conference in Ottawa on Tuesday. It's an annual technology event that brings together business and government. "Getting more people to take science, technology, engineering and mathematics courses and degree programs, and also training them to be cybersecurity savvy is probably the first challenge," said Scott Jones, assistant deputy minister responsible for the information technology security program with Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC). Saric said there's a need for computer scientists, analysts, investigators and psychologists, as well as communications and marketing professionals. "We connect with the Ottawa police who have a cybercrime unit, they're having difficulty finding people. I've spoken to the RCMP who are also struggling ... it's across the board," she said. Saric said the Information and Communications Technology Council, a Canadian non-profit, is working on developing talented students before they have even graduated high school. The council has created cybersecurity competitions at high schools across the country to get students to develop these unique skills. "It's about youth, regardless of what career they enter, cybersecurity is a critical component of their learning and the knowledge they need," said Saric, who presented at the cybersecurity forum.

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13. Enquête publique et projet de loi réclamés à Ottawa

La Presse+, Vincent Brousseau-Pouliot, 2016 11 02

Ottawa -- La pression s'accroît sur le gouvernement Trudeau à la suite de l'affaire Patrick Lagacé. Le NPD veut une enquête publique. Le sénateur indépendant André Pratte et le Bloc québécois entendent tous deux déposer un projet de loi sur la protection des sources journalistiques si le gouvernement n'en propose pas un, a appris La Presse. Et le commissaire à la protection de la vie privée du Canada souhaite aussi des lois plus claires en matière de protection des sources journalistiques. Le gouvernement Trudeau estime « prématurée » la question d'une intervention législative, mais le ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique Ralph Goodale a annoncé hier qu'il « examinera » la directive ministérielle de 2003 demandant aux forces policières de porter une « attention spéciale » au statut des médias dans le cadre d'enquêtes sur la sécurité nationale. Le cabinet du ministre Goodale n'était pas en mesure d'indiquer hier si cet « examen » comprendrait des consultations publiques. « Le ministre examine la directive ministérielle [...] afin de s'assurer que les plus grands soins sont pris lorsque des enquêtes criminelles et du journalisme se recoupent et que la valeur canadienne fondamentale de la liberté de presse est protégée », a indiqué Scott Bardsley, attaché de presse du ministre Goodale, qui se dit « toujours ouvert à recevoir des représentations » sur le sujet.

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14. Lutte contre la radicalisation - De jeunes internautes montent au front

Le Devoir, Isabelle Porter, 2016 11 02

Québec - "Non à la haine" combat les extrémistes en engageant le dialogue en ligne et dans les écoles Pour contrer les extrémistes violents sur le Web, il faut faire en sorte que des jeunes leur répliquent sur le Web, estiment de nombreux participants à la Conférence de l'UNESCO sur Internet et la radicalisation. Charlotte De Mesmaeke, 24 ans, et Amal Hamich, 30 ans, font partie de la délégation belge de " Non à la haine ". " Non à la haine " est une campagne européenne lancée en 2013 pour lutter contre tous les discours haineux en ligne et hors ligne. Après avoir dressé un portrait de la radicalisation lundi, la Conférence de l'UNESCO tournait mardi les projecteurs vers les solutions, ou du moins des pistes de solutions, pour endiguer le phénomène. " On essaie d'engager un dialogue, de poser des questions, explique Charlotte. Parfois, on fait des signalements massifs de pages et il y a aussi toute une partie d'écoute des victimes qui se font harceler. " Amal porte le voile ; Charlotte pas. Elles s'insurgent contre la haine de l'Occident, l'islamophobie et toutes les formes d'intolérance. Dans leurs temps libres, ces deux " activistes " donnent des formations dans les écoles. " On ne met pas de barrière avec les jeunes. On crée un espace sans jugement, précise Amal. Même s'il y a un discours raciste, ce n'est pas grave dans le cadre de la discussion parce que l'objectif, c'est de savoir d'où vient ce discours et ce qui pousse la personne à penser de cette manière. "

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15. New national security committee could study RCMP surveillance of reporters: Goodale iPolitics.ca, Amanda Connolly, 2016 11 02

Ottawa - Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale suggested Tuesday that if reports emerged of RCMP keeping tabs on journalists for reasons linked to national security, the government's planned new national security committee could look into them. Along with Government House Leader Bardish Chagger, Goodale took questions from members of the House of Commons public safety committee Tuesday evening. The questions largely focused on critics' concerns about the government's ability to appoint the chair of the all-party committee, ministers' ability to veto requests for information, and the prime minister's authority to review the committee's reports and ask for redactions. However, controversial recent reports of police surveillance of La Presse journalist Patrick Lagacé's iPhone also came up. Goodale pointing out that Lagacé's case falls under Quebec's political jurisdiction, but if similar cases should come to light involving the Mounties and national security, the new committee could investigate them. "There may well be concerns about that from members of this future committee ... and it may well be that the committee would say we need to look at that," Goodale said. "First and foremost, the committee needs to decide what's important." During a pre-committee scrum with reporters, Goodale was asked about the Lagacé case and why he would not say if RCMP have made similar requests for warrants to conduct surveillance on journalists. RCMP also refused to disclose that information when asked to report the number of times the force has sought a warrant to conduct surveillance on journalists over the past year. "For security reasons, we cannot provide operation details of this nature," a force spokesperson said. "Cases of RCMP investigations relating to reporters are extremely rare, and when such cases occur, these are conducted under close monitoring parameters guided by ministerial directives. We recognize the importance of the freedom and independence of the press, and we respect it." The issue of disclosure by national security agencies -- including the RCMP -- to the new committee dominated questions Tuesday evening. C-22 allows for the committee to request information from any government agency working on

national security -- a much broader mandate than similar committees in ally countries like the United Kingdom or Australia have.

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16. Police spying on press deemed an 'overreach'

Montreal Gazette, Linda Gyulai, 2016 11 02

Montreal - International journalist organizations are condemning the Montreal police department's spying on a La Presse journalist through his cellphone as a violation of freedom of the press and as an "extraordinary example of overreach" by the authorities. They're also calling it a reminder to journalists to use data encryption and other means to protect their communications with their sources. "This seems like an outrageous breach of precedent and a threat to media freedom in Quebec," Peter Bale, president of the Global Editors Network, said from Washington, D.C., on Tuesday when he learned of the Montreal police surveillance of columnist Patrick Lagacé's phone as part of what the police claim was part of an internal probe of Montreal anti-gang squad officers later charged with fabricating evidence. Bale offered the same reaction to an incident involving the Sûreté du Québec's seizure of Journal de Montréal reporter Michaël Nguyen's computer in September after he reported on two judges who are under investigation by a provincial body that oversees the conduct of judges. "These cases seem like an extraordinary example of overreach by the Quebec police and Montreal police," Bale said, adding that both cases are fundamentally about protection of journalists' sources. The Committee to Protect Journalists, based in New York, also condemned the surveillance of journalists in Quebec.

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17. Quebec tightens rules for monitoring of journalists

Montreal Gazette, Philip Authier, 2016 11 02

Montreal - With the premier saying journalistic freedom is a fundamental right, the provincial government is tightening the rules that allow police to obtain warrants to conduct surveillance of reporters. And in a sign of how seriously Quebec considers the situation, Public Security Minister Martin Coiteux has ordered inspections of Quebec's main police forces including Montreal's and the Sûreté du Québec to verify their investigation practices. "Concerned is too weak a word," Premier Philippe Couillard said Tuesday at a hastily called news conference. "For me what is happening is serious. It's not something that can be treated lightly. "We are faced with a major issue for a democratic society. I want to reassure the population and the media that I support them in their work, in the protection of journalistic sources. "People have died in the name of freedom of the press. It is a fundamental freedom." But despite calls from the opposition that the government either fire or suspend Montreal's police chief, Philippe Pichet, the government tread carefully, with Coiteux noting people have rights but refusing to affirm his confidence. Pichet's future is also chiefly the responsibility of Montreal and its executive committee, Coiteux said. "We are not going to indulge in a public lynching operation," Coiteux said standing with Couillard. Later, Pichet told reporters in Montreal in his mind he still has the legitimacy to stay on the job despite the revelation of police spying on reporters including La

Presse columnist Patrick Lagacé. The news has rocked the province and made international headlines.

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18. Russia's friend in Ottawa

National Post, 2016 11 02

Editorial: Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion's official schedule has been very crowded of late. On Friday he was in Paris for a conference on "peacekeeping in francophone environments." Global Affairs Canada - the new name given his ministry - was pleased to reveal that, with France, Senegal and Bangladesh, Canada had duly reaffirmed its commitment to peacekeeping. As soon as that was over, Dion was off to Brussels to join Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on his belated journey to sign a trade deal with the European Union, which was finally approved after some feverish lastminute diplomacy. The signing prompted a flurry of tweets as Dion proudly attended the "historic" moment. Unfortunately, another important event somehow slipped past unremarked. In a transparent rebuke to its military activities in Syria, Russia was kicked off the UN Human Rights Council. Russia was beaten out by Hungary and Croatia, falling short by just two votes. The bluntness of the snub was evident in the fact that Cuba, China, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela - all bearing extended records of human rights abuses - remain on the council. Canada was among the 193 General Assembly members with a vote. Traditionally, countries don't reveal how they cast their ballot, to avoid any awkwardness within the UN's polite diplomatic salons. In this instance, however, Dion was urged by former Liberal justice minister and human rights advocate Irwin Cotler to defy tradition and make Canada's position public. It would, agreed Liberal MP Michael Levitt, shine "a light on the hypocrisy" of the council. "We need to have a strong voice in making sure that Russia and Syria are called out on these actions," he said.

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19. Snowden to speak at McGill

Montreal Gazette, Staff reporter, 2016 11 02

Montreal - The timing couldn't be better. With many Quebecers in an uproar over police spying on La Presse reporter Patrick Lagacé, McGill University on Wednesday will welcome whistleblower Edward Snowden, who is wanted in the United States for giving classified material on U.S. surveillance programs to journalists. Speaking via video link, Snowden, a former government contractor at the U.S. National Security Agency, will discuss surveillance in Canada. The free public lecture is being organized by Media@McGill, an interdisciplinary hub focused on the study of contemporary media. It will take place on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Leacock Building, 855 Sherbrooke St. W. Seats will be first come, first served, with a lineup starting at 5:30 p.m. Snowden's leaks revealed how the U.S. and other countries monitor global private communications. He is now living in exile in Russia to avoid prosecution in the U.S. Last month, Snowden criticized Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for not repealing Canada's anti-terror law. On Monday, Snowden tweeted about the Lagacé surveillance, quoting a Montreal Gazette story and warning journalists that police are spying on them to identify sources.

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20. Tracking of journalist highlights need for guidance to courts: privacy czar

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 11 02

Ottawa - Police surveillance of a Montreal journalist's smartphone suggests a need for clearer federal guidance to the courts, Canada's privacy czar says. Parliament has a role to play in instructing the courts on when to grant police a warrant to obtain sensitive data, privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien told a House of Commons committee on Tuesday. "This is a very worrisome issue," Therrien said under questioning at a meeting of the Commons information, ethics and privacy committee, which is conducting a review of the federal Privacy Act. Montreal-based La Presse newspaper said this week it had learned at least 24 surveillance warrants were issued for columnist Patrick Lagace's iPhone this year at the request of city's police service. The surveillance flowed from an internal probe into allegations police anti-gang investigators fabricated evidence. Three warrants reportedly authorized police to get the phone numbers for all Lagace's incoming and outgoing texts and calls, while another allowed them to track the phone's location via its GPS chip. "It's one thing to say that the courts are involved," Therrien said. "That's a good start. But this case leads me to believe that that's not adequate in itself. It may be useful to give the court tools so that they're better able to exercise their power." Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said Tuesday the Supreme Court of Canada had already explicitly laid out the test that must be satisfied when police investigations intersect with media freedoms.

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21. Clinton Emails Could Help ex-NSA Contractor Who Took Terabytes Home, Attorneys Say

US News and World Report, Steven Nelson, 2016 11 01

Washington - In the four years Hillary Clinton sent and received State Department correspondence using a private and insecure email system, Harold T. Martin III allegedly stockpiled classified information inside his Maryland home and an unlocked shed. Martin faces charges for alleged theft of government documents and mishandling classified information that carry up to 11 years in prison, and he's been behind bars since his August arrest, with prosecutors saying they intend to file more serious Espionage Act charges, often used by the Obama administration to go after leakers and whistleblowers. Though prosecutors have not alleged the now-fired Booz Allen Hamilton contractor -- who worked for the National Security Agency six years before a transfer to the Pentagon last year -- is a spy or that he shared the information or allowed it to be accessed by a third party, they do allege he could be responsible for one of the largest security violations ever and knowingly mishandled classified records working various jobs over two decades. Defense attorneys for prominent whistleblowers, accused leakers and careless clearance-holders say that unless more damning evidence emerges they could see Martin making a successful plea for leniency by pointing to the Justice Department's decision this summer not to prosecute Clinton. "The Clinton case and the Martin [case] do have different

facts. However, it is problematic that the severity of punishment in these cases has been based not on the facts of each case, but whether or not the accused is powerful and politically connected," says Jesselyn Radack, an attorney who has represented whistleblowers Edward Snowden, Thomas Drake and John Kiriakou. "The defense could seek leniency given the conclusion in the Clinton email case that extreme carelessness was not enough for charges," she says.

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22. Evan McMullin Says He Was Aware Of CIA Torture Program, Cites "Gray Areas" BuzzFeed News, Ali Watkins, 2016 11 02

Washington - Evan McMullin, the former CIA officer running for president, told BuzzFeed News Tuesday that he was aware of -- but never participated in -- the agency's controversial torture program and would not wholly rule out the future use of tactics like waterboarding. "I was aware of it by virtue of where I was," McMullin said. "I was serving in a place that was the kind of place where people entered that program from that place, but I never participated in it, I never went to a black site, never met with a detainee." McMullin said he opposes the use of torture, but also declined to clearly qualify what he considered torture, and whether CIA tactics like waterboarding crossed the line. "I don't believe in taking it easy on terrorists when they're incarcerated. But I also don't support the use of torture. There are gray areas," he said. "I believe that waterboarding is in a gray area. I don't think we need to use it." "There's a scale, a range of actions that can be taken and it's useful to recognize that it is a range," he said.

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23. F.B.I. Disclosure Is Policy Shift Since Summer New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 11 02

Washington - The F.B.I. and Justice Department faced a hard decision in two investigations this past summer that had the potential to rock the presidential election. The first case involved Donald J. Trump's campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and secretive business dealings in Ukraine. The second focused on Hillary Clinton's relationships with donors to her family foundation. At the urging of the Justice Department, the F.B.I. agreed not to issue subpoenas or take other steps that would make the cases public so close to the election, according to federal law enforcement officials. Against this backdrop, the decision of the F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, to send a letter to Congress last week about a renewed inquiry concerning Mrs. Clinton's emails is not just a departure from longstanding policy; it has plunged the F.B.I. and the Justice Department directly into the election, precisely what Justice officials were trying to avoid. Since Mr. Comey's revelation, the F.B.I. has hurried to analyze a cache of emails belonging to one of Mrs. Clinton's aides, Huma Abedin. It is increasingly unlikely that the review will be complete by Election Day, F.B.I. officials said, although they said there was a chance they could offer updates before Nov. 8. The mood at the F.B.I. is dark, and nobody is willing to predict what the coming days will bring, particularly if agents and analysts do not complete their review of Ms. Abedin's emails by Election Day. Officials said it would take something extraordinary to change

the conclusion that nobody should be charged. But the absence of information has allowed festering speculation that the emails must be significant.

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24. FBI faces high bar in Clinton case; Legal scholars say charges are unlikely, partly because of Comey's past remarks.

Los Angeles Times, Del Quentin Wilber, 2016 11 02

Washington - Even if FBI agents discover classified information on a newly seized laptop, Hillary Clinton is unlikely to face criminal charges, according to legal experts and former federal prosecutors. That's largely because the Justice Department and FBI Director James B. Comey have already declined to prosecute based on a legal conclusion that there was no evidence that Clinton and her aides intended to violate laws governing the handling of classified information, a key element of such a criminal offense. To change the calculus, the FBI would have to find correspondence that clearly demonstrates Clinton or her aides knowingly broke the law, exchanged materials they knew to be classified or attempted to interfere with the investigation by withholding or destroying evidence, according to former federal prosecutors and legal scholars. "Such an email itself would have to be one of those things you would be saying, 'I can't believe you wrote that down,' " said Roscoe Howard Jr., a former federal prosecutor and U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia during the George W. Bush administration. "I would be shocked if they found such a thing." The chances of the bureau missing such evidence after what Comey had described as a comprehensive inquiry would be slight, former prosecutors said.

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25. Huma Abedin handled classified data on computer shared with Anthony Weiner

Washington Times, Ben Wolfgang, Andrea Noble, 2016 11 02

Washington - Emails released by the State Department over the past 18 months show that Huma Abedin frequently handled classified information -- suggesting a major reason why the FBI has been eager to get a full look at the personal computer she shared with her now-estranged husband. That computer has become the center of a major political flap in the final week before Election Day. Ms. Abedin's boss, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, is trying to fend off concerns that there is a smoking gun still to be found among her top personal aide's messages. But the track record indicates a reason for concern: Of the messages Mrs. Clinton turned over to the State Department, nearly 5,000 were sent to, or received from, Ms. Abedin. More than 180 of those contain information now determined to be "confidential," and one message is deemed to contain "secret" information. In the "secret" message, Ms. Abedin forwards to Mrs. Clinton information about a 2009 ballistic missile test by North Korea. "It is frankly remarkable that the FBI and Justice Department are only now investigating Abedin's connection to Clinton's mishandling of classified information," said Tom Fitton, president of the watchdog group Judicial Watch, which has sued to try to get to the bottom of the Clinton-Abedin connection at the State Department.

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26. In the Nevada desert, Bundy family warns of another standoff

Washington Post, Kevin Sullivan, Juliet Eilpern, 2016 11 02

Bunkerville, Nevada - Less than a week after being acquitted at a trial over last winter's armed occupation of an Oregon federal wildlife refuge, Nevada rancher Ryan Bundy said another protest action will be justified if President Obama goes ahead with plans to create a huge national monument abutting the Bundy family's ranch here. "Absolutely! That's the best thing in the world for [people] to do," Bundy said Monday in a telephone interview from an Oregon jail, where he is being held pending a February trial related to a separate armed standoff in 2014 with federal agents at his family's ranch. "Read the Declaration of Independence," he said. "It says right there that if the government becomes abusive, it's our right and our duty to abolish that government. If the government won't restrain itself, whatever happens is their own fault." The suggestion of a potential uprising underscores the extent to which two competing political movements -- defiance of federal authority, and Obama's determination to permanently protect vast federal lands -- could collide next in this arid patch of land 110 miles northeast of Las Vegas. Federal officials were alarmed by the jury's decision to acquit Bundy, his brother Ammon and five others who staged a 41-day occupation early this year at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in remote eastern Oregon.

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27. Russia is organising a cyber-coup in America

London Daily Telegraph, Con Coughlin, 2016 11 02

Column - If the old Cold War marked the high-water mark for the old fashioned military coup, then the new one that Russian President Vladimir Putin seems determined to launch against the West will be fought with a higher level of sophistication. No one in Washington seems in any doubt that Moscow has been behind the release of thousands of Hillary Clinton's personal emails that are seriously undermining her attempt to win the presidential election for the Democrats. As with Edward Snowden, the whistleblower who exposed sensitive details concerning America's intelligencegathering operations, the Clinton revelations have been made through Julian Assange's WikiLeaks website. This has resulted in the unlikely scenario where Donald Trump, the maverick Republican contender, is now publicly heaping praise on a website that prides itself on its Leftwing, anti-establishment credentials. Does Mr Assange really want to go down in history as the man who put Donald Trump in the White House? The more troubling point, though, is the direct impact Russia's skillfully managed cyber-offensive on the American political system could have on next week's poll. Mrs Clinton has made it clear on the campaign trail that, if she wins, she will take a more robust approach towards Moscow than we have seen from the White House during Barack Obama's presidency. Denying Mrs Clinton victory, then, is very much in Russia's interests, particularly if it results in a victory for Mr Trump, who has yet to provide a satisfactory explanation about the close links between his own advisers and the Russian government. Irrespective of who wins next week's contest, though, the real concern is that the precedent has been set whereby a hostile government can seek to change the political landscape of a rival nation without having to fire a shot in anger.

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28. CPS decision in Abdel Hakim Belhaj rendition case faces legal challenge

The Guardian (London), Owen Bowcott, 2016 11 02

London - The decision by the director of public prosecutions not to charge a former MI6 official for the 2004 abduction and rendition of a Libyan dissident, Abdel Hakim Belhaj, is to be challenged in court. Lawyers for the human rights organisation Reprieve, which represents Belhaj and his family, have lodged a judicial review claim with the high court in London alleging that Alison Saunders "erred in law" in declining to prosecute Sir Mark Allen, who was previously head of counter-terrorism at MI6. The 23-page claim and its appendix of secret documents - which record joint CIA-MI6 plans to extract Belhaj from Malaysia and forcibly remove him to the torture cells of Muammar Gaddafi's regime - are the latest twist in a protracted legal saga. Reprieve alleges that Allen "did not obtain any proper or adequate political approval" for the rendition, which was arranged with the then Libyan intelligence chief, Moussa Koussa.

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29. Cyberforce seeks 50 elite brains

London Times, Mark Bridge, 2016 11 02

London - Workers with no background in technology will be recruited to an "elite" force to defend the nation against cyberattacks through a ten-week bootcamp. As part of a £1.9 billion National Cyber Security Programme announced yesterday, the government will launch the free training course in London next year to turn people looking for a career change into codebreakers. In a move reminiscent of the War Office's use of a Telegraph cryptic crossword to recruit for Bletchley Park in 1942, the government will use psychometric tests to identify 50 brilliant brains. Once selected, they will complete exercises including dealing with a nationwide cyberattack. They will also study the mindset of hackers. The government said that, if successful, the GCHQ-certified scheme would later be introduced nationwide. According to the SANS Institute, the private company running the bootcamp, it will cram two years' worth of training into the ten-week schedule.

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30. MI5 has been caught on the back foot once again

London Times, Sean O'Neill, 2016 11 02

Column - Russia, the head of MI5 warned yesterday, is using the "whole range of state organs and powers to push its foreign policy in increasingly aggressive ways". A decade after the state-sponsored murder of the anti-Putin dissident Alexander Litvinenko in London, Andrew Parker used the first newspaper interview given by a serving MI5 director-general to deliver this statement of the blindingly obvious. Perhaps it would have been better if Mr Parker had admitted that the Security Service has been largely barking up the wrong tree for the past ten years and underestimated the threat from Putin's regime. Over that period, MI5 has put pretty much all of its resources into spying on Islamists. That, of course, was a threat it also discovered late. One

problem is that MI5 is perpetually led by insiders who have spent their entire career inside the organisation. Such people have a tendency to focus on the future of the institutions they love and engage in a constant quest for more staff, money and powers. This instinct for self-preservation has left MI5 behind the curve far too often. So perhaps we should be a bit concerned that it recently removed all references to the threat posed by China from its official website.

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31. Russian hackers have launched repeated cyber attacks on UK government intranet, senior source says

Metro.co.uk, Toby Meyjes, 2016 11 01

London - Russian hackers have launched sustained cyber attacks on the UK government intranet, a senior source has revealed, amid growing tensions between the countries. The hackers have tried repeatedly to access the government's intranet, the source told metro.co.uk, as well as disrupt the gov.uk web addresses its various departments use. It is understood that the attacks have targeted all government departments rather than one in particular and the threat posed by Russian cyber attacks is one of the biggest the UK government faces. It comes on the same day the director general of MI5 Andrew Parker said the Kremlin was becoming 'increasingly aggressive' in its approach to its foreign policy, including cyber attacks.

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32. UK must build cyber-attack capability, chancellor says

The Guardian (London), Jessica Elgot, 2016 11 01

London - The UK must strike back at hostile states in cyberspace and be capable of mounting sophisticated cyber-attacks of its own in place of military strikes, the chancellor has said. Philip Hammond said that unless the UK could match the cyber-attack abilities of foreign rogue states, the alternatives would only be to ignore digital attacks on Britain's infrastructure or use military force. Launching the government's £1.9bn national cybersecurity strategy, Hammond said the UK had to develop "fully functioning cyber-attack capability". He said: "If we do not have the ability to respond in cyberspace to an attack that takes down our power networks, leaving us in darkness, or our air traffic control, leaving us in darkness, we would be left with the impossible choice of turning the other cheek and ignoring the devastating consequences or resorting to a military response." Hammond said the world's next great conflict was likely to at least begin in cyberspace, before guns were loaded.

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33. Why is MI5 making such a fuss about Russia?

The Guardian (London), Mary Dejevsky, 2016 11 01

Column - If I had cornflakes for breakfast (which I don't), I would have choked on them, reading Andrew Parker's view of the threat posed by Russia, not just to the world at large - that is a commonplace of the "new cold war" discourse - but to the stability of the UK. With the majority

vote for Brexit against the strong preference of Scotland and Northern Ireland for remain, we have shown ourselves quite capable of inflicting potentially fatal harm to our national stability all by ourselves. Why would we need Russia to do it for us? That was a knee-jerk reaction to the main thrust of the MI5 chief's first national newspaper interview in the agency's history. But a second, more substantial, response chased behind it in the form of a rather basic, and recurrent, question. Why is the UK establishment in general, and UK intelligence in particular, so fixated on a supposed threat from Russia? Here are a few ideas. The first is that blaming Russia carries little cost. Russia is not China. Investment is not a big consideration. For all sorts of reasons, political relations have long been dire. Applying the same virulent rhetoric to terrorism conducted in the name of Islam, on the other hand, risks fomenting social and cultural strife here at home. A second reason, now as in the past, is that blaming Russia aligns us comfortably with the US, where stalwarts in Congress and at the Pentagon have never emerged from their old thinking about the threat. The Russia card has been played to exhaustion during this presidential campaign, to the point where it could swing the election - and I don't mean in Donald Trump's favour. A third factor is the consensus about a strong and malevolent Russia that still rules the "expert" community, and will probably do so for a few years yet - helped along by the hatchet-faced Putin. There are younger specialists who take a rather different view, but they are drowned out by the ingrained clichés.

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34. Australia terrorist links to cartels

The Australian, Mark Schliebs, 2016 11 02

Sydney - Hezbollah and its associates have been using Australia to launder money for international drug cartels, with at least one locally based contact now helping security agencies to bring them down. A year after Australian authorities helped bust a major international money-laundering organisation allegedly headed by Pakistan's Altaf Khanani, Hezbollah associates in Colombia, West Africa and Europe are accused of moving \$500,000 out of Australia in 2014. So far, only Mohammad Ahmad Ammar has been taken to the US for prosecution following the sting operation involving agents and informants for the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission. Mr Ammar last week pleaded not guilty to eight charges in a Florida court, six relating to money laundering and two counts of unlawfully using a communication device. An alleged accomplice and fellow Hezbollah associate, Hassan Mohsen Mansour, is under house arrest in France while the US seeks to extradite him for - unrelated money-laundering charges. Mr Mansour allegedly asked an unidentified Australia-based contact to help launder the money -- not knowing that person had become an ACIC informer. ACIC declined to comment yesterday.

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35. Government agencies the new 'honey pots' for cyber spies

The Australian Financial Review, Fleur Anderson, 2016 11 02

Canberra - More than 40 per cent of Australia's government agencies have inadequate awareness of cyber security risks and could become the new "honey pots" of state-sponsored online espionage and cybercrime, a new investigation by private-sector cyber security experts has found. The Australian National University's National Security College found smaller government agencies and medium-sized business were the weakest link in Australia's cyber security defences because they are not vigilant enough about "low-level" threats like malware and denial of service attacks. Lead researcher Dr Tim Legrand, working in partnership with Macquarie Telecom Group, found it was very likely many attacks were not being reported to the federal government's Computer Emergency Response Team. This is despite a \$230 million cyber security strategy introduced by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in April. "This means authorities may lack the accurate and comprehensive information needed to appropriately prioritise national cyber defence initiatives," the research paper said. The security of government computer systems is in doubt after the Bureau of Meteorology was hacked last year by a foreign power, which installed malicious software to steal documents and compromise other government networks, and the botched 2016 Census which was "attacked" but not hacked by traffic from Singapore.

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36. US in mix for asylum resettlement (Canada)

The Australian, Paul Maley, 2016 11 02

Sydney - Refugees on Manus Island and Nauru will be offered permanent homes in a handful of third countries, which could include the US and Canada, as part of a multilateral resettlement deal the Turnbull government hopes to announce by the end of the year. The Australian understands the government is closing in on a deal that will enable it to dramatically downsize the processing centres on Manus and Nauru by offering permanent resettlement to most of about 1800 recognised refugees on Manus and Nauru. Details of the arrangements are being tightly held for fear of repeating the mistakes of the Gillard era, when similar arrangements with East Timor and Malaysia were prematurely disclosed, complicating negotiations. However, sources told The Australian the government was in the final stages of negotiations and several countries would likely be involved. Some are understood to be in the northern hemisphere, suggesting the US or Canada may be in the frame. In September, the Turnbull government pledged to take refugees from Central America housed in refugee camps in Costa Rica, prompting speculation a refugee swap with the US was in the offing. On Saturday, Malcolm Turnbull revealed the government planned to introduce legislation to permanently bar refugees processed on Nauru and Manus from obtaining any kind of Australian visa unless they first gained the explicit permission of the immigration minister. The proposal was savaged by refugee advocates, the Greens and parts of the Labor Party, but the Prime Minister defended it on the grounds it sent a necessary signal to people-smugglers and their clients. "They must know that the door to Australia is closed to those who seek to come here by boat with a people-smuggler," he said. "It is closed." Government sources say the legislation, which will be introduced during the next sitting of parliament, has two main purposes. It allows Australia to finalise resettlement deals with third countries while at the same time closing alternate routes to Australia -- for instance by emigrating from New Zealand.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

37. 47 militants killed in Kunar clashes, says governor

Pajhwok Afghan News, Pajhwok Report, 2016 11 02

Asadabad - Local officials on Tuesday said dozens of militants suffered casualties during clashes with security forces in two days in different districts of eastern Kunar province. Some civilians and Afghan forces also suffered casualties during the clashes triggered by Taliban attacks on the provincial capital, Asadabad, and Sarkan, Manogi, Watapur and Dangam districts, the governor said. Wahidullah Kalimzai told Pajhwok Afghan News the attacks had been repulsed and the situation was currently under control. He said 47 militants including a commander were killed and 12 others wounded in Afghan forces' retaliatory attacks. Three Afghan soldiers were also killed and seven others injured. Kalimzai said 18 civilians were injured after the Taliban attacked Asadabad and the four districts. The injured civilians were currently under treatment.

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38. New leak shows Pakistani ISPs may have been hacked by the NSA

The Express Tribune, Tech Desk, 2016 11 02

Islamabad - A group called the Shadow Brokers has released a new cache of data purporting to be taken from the NSA in a Medium post titled "Trick or Treat" -- revealing hundreds of IP addresses apparently compromised by the NSA as part of its operations. Interestingly, the majority of the nodes are located overseas, including compromises in China, Russia, India, or Pakistan, presumably to make it difficult for targets to attribute any attack launched through the network. At least four Pakistani Internet Service Providers (ISPs) are also part of the leaked list. As with any anonymous leak of stolen data, it's possible the information was fabricated or altered in transit, although previous Shadow Brokers publications have proven to be genuine. The Medium post is also signed with PGP, thus verifying that it was written by the same source as previous Shadow Brokers drops.

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39. Nov 2 sit-in: Qadri decides against joining dharna (Canada).

The Express Tribune, 2016 11 02

Lahore - Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) Chairman Dr Tahirul Qadri will not join the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's sit-in scheduled for November 2 in Islamabad. According to PAT leaders, there was a possibility that Qadri could show up at the sit-in at the eleventh hour but now PAT Secretary General Khuram Nawaz Gandapur has been asked to lead party workers' delegation. "We have asked our party organisations from Jhelum to Rawalpindi to attend the sit-in while people from far-flung areas have not been invited as we do not have accommodation facilities for them," PAT Information Secretary Noorullah Siddiqi said. Speaking at a meeting of PAT Executive Council on Monday, Gandapur confirmed that he would lead his party activists at the dharna. Last month, Qadri claimed he will monitor PTI's 'lockdown' plan of Islamabad from

Canada. PAT officials told The Express Tribune that Qadri has asked his party members to adopt a neutral stance and refrain from making statements that either support or confront PTI.

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Africa • Afrique

40. Al Qaida au Maghreb islamique diffuse une vidéo de son otage roumain

Le Matin (Algérie), Iulian Ghergut, 2016 11 01

Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso - Iulian Ghergut, un Roumain enlevé au Burkina Faso il y a plus d'un an et otage du groupe du jihadiste algérien Mokhtar Belmokhtar, est apparu dans une vidéo récente, rapportent mardi SITE, centre américain de surveillance des sites jihadistes, et l'agence mauritanienne Al-Akhbar. La diffusion de cette vidéo lundi intervient au lendemain de la publication par le groupe Etat islamique (EI), via son agence de propagande, Amaq, de l'acte d'allégeance d'Adnan Abou Walid Sahraoui, chef d'une dissidence du groupe de Belmokhtar, Al-Mourabitoune, et qui avait affirmé en mai 2015 détenir l'otage roumain. Le fait que cette vidéo émane d'Al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique (Aqmi), auquel Belmokhtar s'est rallié en novembre 2015, atteste que l'otage se trouve bien entre les mains du groupe de Mokhtar Belmokhtar, a indiqué à l'AFP le directeur de l'agence Al-Akhbar, El-Heiba Ould Cheikh Sidaty, connue pour recevoir et diffuser régulièrement des communiqués des groupes jihadistes du Sahel.

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41. Le groupe Etat islamique officialise sa présence au Sahel

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 01

Bamako, Mali - Le mouvement terroriste basé en Syrie a diffusé le serment prêté par un chef jihadiste basé dans le nord du Mali, et actif dans la bande sahélo-saharienne. Son nom : Abou Walid el-Sahraoui. Abou Walid el-Sahraoui avait déjà prêté allégeance au groupe Etat islamique. Mais cette fois, c'est le mouvement jihadiste lui-même qui diffuse le message, via son agence officielle Amaq. Ce qui a valeur de reconnaissance. Pour la première fois, le groupe Etat islamique confirme donc son implantation au Sahel. Abou Walid el-Sahraoui est un ancien cadre du Mujao, groupe islamiste qui avait participé à l'occupation du nord du Mali en 2012. Après l'opération française Serval, qui chasse les jihadistes en 2013, el-Sahraoui rejoint les rangs d'al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique, sous le commandement de Mokhtar Belmokhtar. En mai dernier, il s'en démarque finalement et prète allégeance au groupe Etat islamique, une première fois. En septembre, il revendique au nom de l'EI, l'attaque d'un poste de douanes, au Burkina. Puis une seconde attaque, il y a deux semaines au Niger, contre la prison de Koutoukalé où sont emprisonnés de nombreux combattants islamistes.

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42. Vidéo d'un otage roumain du groupe de Belmokhtar, Ansar Dine dément toute trêve au Mali

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 02

Nouakchott - Un Roumain enlevé au Burkina Faso il y a plus d'un an et otage du groupe du jihadiste algérien Mokhtar Belmokhtar est apparu dans une vidéo récente, tandis qu'un autre groupe jihadiste, Ansar Dine, a catégoriquement nié mardi avoir consenti à une "trêve" au Mali. Ces informations ont été rendues publiques mardi concurremment par l'agence mauritanienne Al-Akhbar, connue pour recevoir et diffuser régulièrement des communiqués des groupes jihadistes du Sahel, et SITE, centre américain de surveillance des sites jihadistes. Réagissant à la déclaration lundi de l'imam Mahmoud Dicko, président du Haut conseil islamique du Mali (HCIM), disant avoir reçu fin septembre une lettre dans laquelle le chef d'Ansar Dine, Iyad Ag Ghaly, aurait annoncé "un cessez-le-feu unilatéral dans tout le Mali", le groupe exprime "son étonnement et sa grande surprise". Dans un communiqué reproduit par Al-Akhbar et SITE, il exclut "toute trêve ou cessez-le-feu avec le gouvernement apostat et collaborateur de Bamako" et se dit déterminé à poursuivre le jihad contre les "Croisés et leurs alliés".

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43. Venezuela opposition scraps Maduro trial but presses demands

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 11 02

Caracas - Venezuela freed four activists and the opposition postponed a symbolic trial in congress of President Nicolas Maduro on Tuesday even as it warned it would quit Vatican-backed talks in a matter of days if tough conditions were not met. Maduro met with opposition leaders on Sunday for the start of talks to ease a political standoff between the ruling Socialist Party and the opposition-led parliament during a spiraling economic crisis. As well as suspending its parliamentary proceedings against Maduro, the opposition also agreed to postpone a march planned for Thursday to the presidential palace that the government had described as part of a coup plot. But it demanded that the government release around 100 jailed opposition activists and bring forward the next presidential election - conditions that are likely to meet with significant resistance from government leaders.

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44. Venezuela stops Post journalist, other correspondents from entering country (Canada)

Washington Post, Staff report, 2016 11 02

Washington - Venezuelan authorities stopped a Washington Post reporter at the Caracas airport late Monday night and denied him entry, in the latest case of blocking a foreign correspondent from covering the mounting political and economic turmoil in the South American country. Immigration officials told Joshua Partlow, 38, a dual U.S.-Canadian national, that he lacked a required work visa. Partlow and many other foreign correspondents with non-U.S. passports had routinely visited Venezuela in the past without work visas. Carlos Lauria, program director for the Americas at the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, said Venezuela adopted a regulation in 2004 requiring visiting correspondents to apply in advance for authorization from the Communications Ministry. But that has rarely been enforced in recent years. "They are enforcing this selectively now, I think, because they don't want coverage of the protests," Lauria

said in a telephone interview. He said journalists from Spain, Peru and other countries have also been turned back at the Caracas airport in the past few weeks because they lacked authorization. The committee's own representative was also denied entry to the country in late August, with officials saying he lacked press credentials from Venezuela. Partlow, based in Mexico City, had entered Venezuela three times over the past year using his Canadian passport to cover developments in the country. On Monday night, he was instructed to stay in the Caracas airport and board the next flight to Miami, which left Tuesday morning.

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45. Briton's family 'ostracised' since Bangladesh attack (Canada).

Agence France Presse, 2016 11 02

Dhaka - The wife of a British Bangladeshi man arrested over the South Asian country's deadliest attack says her husband is innocent and unaware that his father has died while he's been in prison. Sharmina Parveen told AFP her family had also been "ostracised" since Hasnat Karim, 48, was named a suspect in the Dhaka cafe attack which left 20 hostages dead four months ago. Eighteen foreigners died. Military commandos brought an end to the siege the next morning, killing all five attackers and freeing more than a dozen Bangladeshi hostages including Sharmina's family. Bangladesh authorities have blamed a local Islamist extremist group for the cafe attack, rejecting claims by the Islamic State organisation that it was behind the carnage. Since the deadly assault, security forces have killed at least 40 Islamist militants including a Bangladeshi-origin Canadian who police described as the mastermind of the attack.

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46. Canada's 2017 immigration plan to benefit Indians

Hindustan Times, 2016 11 02

Toronto - The Canadian government has forecast its intake of newcomers to the country in 2017 will remain at the levels seen this year, but prospective migrants from countries such as India may have reason for cheer as targets for categories under which they are admitted have been raised. Canada's minister of immigration, refugees and citizenship John McCallum announced the 2017 immigration plan, the first of the Justin Trudeau government, after nationwide consultations. The government expects to welcome 300,000 new immigrants into Canada next year, the same figure as 2016. However, a drop in the intake of refugees means the quotas for the economic and family reunification classes will be enhanced. In 2016, the target for the economic class - the category most used by Indian immigrants - was at 160,600. This has now been upped to 172,500. The family reunification class has been increased by 4,000 to 84,000. Leading immigration lawyer Ravi Jain, of Toronto-based Green and Spiegel LLP, said: "This new target will benefit Indians as there will be more room to bring in Indian immigrants through both the family class and the economic stream. "I have already seen a decrease in processing time for my Indian clients who are sponsoring spouses and I expect that parental sponsorships will be processed faster as well."

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47. Dawn report suggests bigger spy ring, names 4 diplomats

The Hindu, Kallol Bhattacharjee, 2016 11 02

New Delhi - The diplomatic battle between neighbours heated up on Tuesday after a media report from Pakistan said Islamabad was considering withdrawal of four of its diplomats from India. The report suggesting that the diplomats were allegedly engaged in espionage in India drew a strong response from Pakistani diplomatic sources, who dismissed the charges as baseless. Government sources termed the episode an "internal" matter of Pakistan. Citing sources in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Islamabad, the Karachi-based Dawn reported that Mehmood Akhtar, the diplomat who was expelled by India on October 29 for spying, had named the four officials in a recorded statement in Delhi. The report said Akhtar alleged that a paper that he signed under pressure from the interrogators in Delhi contained the names of the first secretaries Khadim Hussein, Mudassir Cheema and Shahid Iqbal and commercial counsellor Syed Farrukh Habib.

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48. Intelligence agencies advise extra security for Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu

Times of India, Bharti Jain, 2016 11 02

New Delhi - Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu has been advised by central intelligence agencies to remain in secure locations and travel with additional security in the wake of CPI (Maoist) threatening to target him in a "revenge attack" against the recent killing of 30 cadres on the Andhra Pradesh-Odisha border. "As the Andhra Pradesh chief minister was specifically named in the threat issued by the Maoists, we have alerted his personal security staff and asked them to take extra precautions," a top intelligence functionary told TOI. Naidu's beefed-up security detail will involve proper sanitisation of venues of his meetings. Naidu is a Z-plus protectee. He had earlier escaped an assassination attempt by the Maoists in 2003. The convoy of Naidu, then chief minister, was targeted in a Claymore mine blast as he was on his way to the Tirupati temple. He, however, escaped with minor injuries.

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49. Report: N. Korea preparing to launch another Musudan missile in 3 days

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 02

Seoul/Washington - North Korea is getting ready to launch yet another Musudan intermediate-range ballistic missile in the next three days, a U.S. news report said Tuesday. Fox Business News cited two unidentified U.S. officials "with knowledge of this assessment" as saying that the North is preparing to conduct a launch "in the next 24 to 72 hours." It said the potential launch would be the ninth test of the Musudan missile this year. The Department of Defense declined to confirm the report. South Korea's military authorities confirmed the report, saying activities of a Musudan missile-carrying transport erector launcher (TEL) have recently been spotted in North

Korea. "We cannot disclose the possible launch site but our analysis is that the North can launch a Musudan at any time. The military is on high alert to counter any provocative acts by the North," a defense official said, adding there was no pre-notice issued by Pyongyang to warn planes and ships that may be in the path of the missile.

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50. Reshuffle reflects Park's refusal to quit

Korea Herald, Bae Hyun-jung, 2016 11 02

Analysis: The surprise appointment of a new prime minister was largely taken as two-way strategy by President Park Geun-hye -- apparently yielding to the political parties' call for a stronger Cabinet, but also implying that she will not completely step back from power. The hurried and arbitrary manner of the announcement, which triggered complaints from political circles, also led to speculation that the presidential office attempted to deflect the attention away from the additional revelations concerning the Choi Soon-sil scandal. Cheong Wa Dae on Wednesday tapped Kim Byong-joon, public administration professor at Kookmin University and former policymaker for the late liberal President Roh Moo-hyun, as the new prime minister to replace Hwang Kyo-ahn. "Kim may be seen as a 'responsible prime minister' who will have a reinforced range of authority and take charge of the nation's internal affairs," said a Blue House official. "He will largely act independently (from the presidential office) and take an active role in further reshuffling the Cabinet." The fact that the president exerted power in naming the new top official indicates that Park decided to reinforce the prime ministerial authority under the current administrative system, shunning the idea of constituting a new "neutral Cabinet."

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51. Security measures relaxed in Philippines

Gulf News, Gilbert P. Felongco, 2016 11 02

Manila - National Police Director-General Rolando dela Rosa has ordered fixed checkpoints across the Philippines dismantled, following a directive from President Rodrigo Duterte. "We will remove the checkpoints immediately," Dela Rosa said in reports. However, the national police chief said authorities would keep in place "mobile checkpoints." The order comes nearly two months after Duterte placed the whole country under a state of emergency, following the devastating bombing in Davao City last September 2 that killed 14 people and injured 70 others at a night market. According to Dela Rosa, checkpoints would only be employed if there is "A1" information that suspects would be passing through a certain area. Last Saturday, Duterte, in a speech on Cotabato City, said checkpoints cause an unnecessary convenience to people, especially commuters. When a checkpoint is in place in a certain location, all commuters and vehicles passing through are carefully inspected.

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52. Top U.S., Chinese diplomats hold talks in New York

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 02

Washington - U.S. National Security Adviser Susan Rice and Secretary of State John Kerry held talks with Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi in New York on Tuesday, the White House said, as the two countries have been struggling in negotiations on a new package of sanctions on North Korea. The two sides "reviewed progress in bringing about a more durable, stable, and productive bilateral relationship. To this end, they committed to manage differences constructively and to expand practical cooperation on regional and global challenges," National Security Council spokesman Ned Price said in a statement without elaborating. The meeting came as the two countries have been struggling to narrow differences in negotiations to put together a new package of U.N. Security Council sanctions aimed at punishing the North for its September nuclear test. The main point of contention in the negotiations is the U.S. demand for banning all of North Korea's exports of coal, a key source of hard currency for the communist regime, including exports for "livelihood purposes." The latest U.N. sanctions, adopted in March in response to the North's fourth nuclear test in January, ban the North's exports of coal, but those sanctions are not applied in case of exports for "livelihood purposes."

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53. U.S. intelligence officials negative about S. Korea's nuclear armament, but say it's up to Seoul: lawmakers

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 02

Washington - U.S. intelligence officials reacted negatively to calls in South Korea for the country's own nuclear armament, but said it is ultimately up to the country whether to pursue the option or not, according to South Korean lawmakers Tuesday. Reps. Won Yoo-chul of the ruling Saenuri Party and Lee In-young of the Minjoo Party made the remark, saying they met with officials of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI). "They said it's basically an issue that South Korea should make a decision on, but questioned whether it would be effective," Lee told South Korean reporters. The North's fifth nuclear test in September has given rise to greater calls in South Korea for the country's own nuclear armament, with not only lawmakers of the conservative ruling Saenuri Party, but also members of liberal opposition parties making the pro-nuclear weapons case. The government of President Park Geun-hye has rejected such an idea as running against the principle of a Korean Peninsula free of nuclear weapons. Officials also say it would have negative effects on efforts to end the North's nuclear programs. U.S. officials have also expressed staunch opposition to the idea.

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54. Kremlin says British spy chief's claims of Russian threat 'unfounded'

Agence France-Presse, Staff report, 2016 11 01

Moscow - The Kremlin on Tuesday dismissed as baseless claims by a British intelligence agency chief that Russia is acting in "increasingly aggressive ways" and using new technologies against the West. The head of Britain's MI5 intelligence agency Andrew Parker, on Monday said Russia

is "using its whole range of state organs and powers to push its foreign policy abroad in increasingly aggressive ways -- involving propaganda, espionage, subversion and cyber-attacks." Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters Tuesday that Russia "could not agree" with Parker's claims. "We have repeatedly commented on cyber-attacks: as long as someone does not provide evidence, any statements -- be they by the head of MI5, the president of the United States and other decision-makers -- we will consider unfounded and baseless," Peskov said. "We cannot take any of these unfounded allegations into account."

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55. Lawyer tells who tipped FSB on Sushchenko

UNIAN Information Agency (Ukraine), Staff report, 2016 11 02

Kyiv - Mark Feygin, the Russian lawyer of a Ukrainian journalist Roman Sushchenko whom Russia accuses of "espionage", has said that it was a "family friend" who had tipped the Russian Federal Security Service which led to Sushchenko's arrest in Moscow September 30, TV Channel 5 reports. He [Roman Sushchenko] visited his brother in Moscow several times. He contacted a family friend. A family friend simply had him locked up. That's it," said the lawyer. As UNIAN reported earlier, the Federal Security Service September 30 detained in Moscow a correspondent of Ukrinform Roman Sushchenko, labeling him a "Ukrainian intelligence officer" who allegedly "deliberately collected information on the activities of the Russian armed forces and the national guard." A court in Moscow has ruled to arrest the journalist until November 30.

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

56. Iran court issues verdict for suspects in Saudi embassy attack

Reuters, 2016 11 02

Beirut - Iran's judiciary has issued verdicts for 20 people accused of storming Saudi diplomatic missions in January and will announce them in the near future, an official was quoted as saying by the judiciary news agency on Tuesday. Saudi Arabia cut diplomatic relations with its rival Iran after protesters stormed the kingdom's embassy in Tehran and consulate in Mashhad in response to Riyadh's execution of a prominent Saudi Shiite cleric. The Iranian government condemned the assault and President Hassan Rouhani, keen to improve Tehran's long-strained relations with its neighbours and the West, asked the judiciary to punish the protesters and prevent further attacks. The Mizan news agency quoted a judge as saying that the verdicts for 20 defendants had been issued and "will be announced soon." He did not give the names of the 20 and did not say whether they had been convicted or not.

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57. Isis leader 'hiding in Mosul' as Iraqi forces enter city ahead of final battle

The Independent (UK), Patrick Cockburn, 2016 11 02

Irbil - The Iraqi Army has entered Mosul for the first time in over two years at the start of a battle which is likely to end in a decisive defeat for Isis. The significance of the fight for Mosul will be all the greater for Isis because its self-declared caliph, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, is believed to be still inside the city, a senior Kurdish official has told The Independent. Fuad Hussein, chief of staff to Kurdish President Massoud Barzani, said in an exclusive interview that his government had information from multiple sources that "Baghdadi is there and, if he is killed, it will mean the collapse of the whole [Isis] system." Isis would have to choose a new caliph in the middle of a battle, but no successor would have the authority and prestige of Baghdadi, the leader who surprised the world by establishing the caliphate after capturing Mosul in June 2014. Baghdadi has kept himself concealed for the last eight or nine months according to Mr Hussein, who added that the caliph had become very dependent on Isis commanders from Mosul and Tal Afar, a city just to the west of Mosul. Other senior and better known figures in Isis, particularly those from Syria and other countries, have been killed since their initial triumphs in the summer of 2014 when they took over much of northern Iraq and eastern Syria. The presence of Baghdadi in Mosul may complicate and prolong the battle for Mosul as his surviving adherents fight to the death to defend him. Mr Hussein said that "it is obvious that they will lose, but not how long this will take to happen." He said that Kurdish Peshmerga forces had been impressed by the extraordinary number of tunnels that Isis had dug in order to provide hiding places in the villages around Mosul.

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58. Mideast partition plot meant to ensure Israel's security

Press TV, 2016 11 02

Tehran - A senior adviser to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has warned of plots hatched by the US and its regional allies to divide the Middle East countries, saying such a move aims to safeguard the Israeli regime's security. "The Americans and some of their regional allies are trying to sow discord and break up the region and want to partition and weaken big, strong and ancient countries in the region in order to [ensure] Israel's security and meet their own excessive demands," Ali Akbar Velayati, the Leader's top adviser on international affairs, said in a meeting with Mala Bakhtiar, chief of Executive Body of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), in Tehran on Tuesday. Velayati added that plotters and reactionary countries in the region seek to sow discord among Muslim nations; however, regional people would certainly be the final victors.

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59. Assad in Person: Confident, Friendly, No Regrets

New York Times, Anne Barnard, 2016 11 02

Damascus - The guns were silent atop Mount Qasioun and the lights on its slopes twinkled over Damascus as President Bashar al-Assad of Syria welcomed a group of Western visitors into his French-Ottoman palace on Monday night, presenting himself as a man firmly in control of his

country. He radiated confidence and friendliness as he ushered a group of British and American journalists and policy analysts into an elegant wood-paneled sitting room where he claimed that the social fabric of Syria was stitched together "much better than before" a chaotic civil war began more than five years ago. It was as if half his citizens had not been driven from their homes and nearly half a million had not been killed in the bloody fighting for which he rejected any personal responsibility, blaming instead the United States and Islamist militants. "I'm just a headline -- the bad president, the bad guy, who is killing the good guys," Mr. Assad said. "You know this narrative. The real reason is toppling the government. This government doesn't fit the criteria of the United States." Waxing philosophical, he spoke of every Syrian's right to be "a full citizen, in every meaning of this word," and likened intolerant versions of religion to a computer operating system that needed to be updated. He promised that a new era of openness and dialogue was underway in Syria and said that he was thinking ahead about how to modernize Syrians' mentality after a war that he believed his forces were assured of winning. Mr. Assad ruled out political changes until then and declared that he planned to remain president at least until his third seven-year term ends in 2021.

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60. Canada wades into troubled Middle East waters

Jerusalem Post, Tovah Lazaroff, 2016 11 02

Jerusalem - Canada on Tuesday added its name to the list of countries who want to help break the frozen peace process between Israelis and Palestinians. "We want to be doing everything we can to create conditions where the direct parties involved, the Palestinian Authority, Israelis can find a way to the peace table," said Canada's Governor-General David Johnston. He spoke with The Jerusalem Post at a hotel lounge at the David Citadel Hotel in Jerusalem, just hours after arriving in Israel from Jordan. Ultimately it is the Israelis and the Palestinians who have come to a negotiated solution, said Johnston adding that other parties like Canada can encourage that, but can't substitute for it. The state visit, marks the first time that a Canadian Governor General, a post akin to the Israeli presidency, has visited the region and Israel, which has very strong ties with Canada. Johnston began his week long trip on October 29th and will remain in Israel and the Palestinian territories until November 5.

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61. Prison terms for citizens involved in terror, criminal acts

Arab News, Mohammed Al-Sulami, 2016 11 02

Jeddah - The Specialized Criminal Court in Riyadh issued four separate sentences on Tuesday, giving varying prison terms to four citizens for involvement in criminal activities and support for terrorist groups. Two citizens received 10 years each for having traveled to Iran, where they met with a criminal wanted for carrying out terrorist acts in the Eastern Province and got weapon training. The criminal, currently detained, had instructed the two Saudis to undergo military training in an effort to later act to destabilize the security of the Kingdom. The two defendants also traveled to Iraq, at the behest of the said criminal, and joined training camps where they learned how to assemble machine guns and pistols. They then returned to the Kingdom, where

they were apprehended. The court sentence starts from the date of arrest; after being released, the two will be forbidden from traveling abroad for another 10 years.

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62. Senior intelligence official: There's a basis for a deal with the Palestinians

Jerusalem Post, Herb Keinon, 2016 11 02

Jerusalem - A senior Israeli military intelligence officer said that Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas is a legitimate peace partner, and that he has "consistently kept the peace and quiet," according to channel 10. Speaking to MKs and ministers recently, Brig.- Gen. Dror Shalom said "I know some of you might not like to hear this, but since 2004, there is a leader, Abu-Mazen (Abbas), who has generated quiet and opposed terrorism." He added that "there is a basis for a solution to the conflict." Shalom added that "it is true that we are not the world's problem, but we are an easy target." In early September, there was talk of a Russian- arranged meeting between Abbas and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, either in Moscow or in Luxembourg. "We'll see, either one - or any other place," Netanyahu had said, reiterating that Israel is "always ready for direct negotiations without preconditions." However, the meeting did not come to fruition.

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63. Syria Intelligence Chief: Aleppo Conflict will End in 10 Days if West Stops Supporting Militants

Fars News Agency, 2016 11 02

Tehran - Syrian Air Force Intelligence Directorate head said that violence in the war-torn Syrian city of Aleppo could be ended within 10 days if the United States and the European Union end their practice of applying double standards to Syria and supporting militants in the country. "It is solely US and European double standards, which are the reason behind terrorist activity in Aleppo. If they stop financing the militants for 10 days in a row, the Aleppo problem will be resolved and the militants will take their weapons and depart to join their friends in Turkey," Said Syrian Air Force Intelligence Directorate head Jamil Hassan, RIA Novosti reported. The intelligence officer, who is also a close aide to Syrian President Bashar Assad, stressed that international politics should not determine the course of the battle for Aleppo and that the United States continued to back terrorists at the highest diplomatic levels.

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64. A Paris, l'espionnage russe sous les coupoles

Le Temps (Suisse), Richard Werly, 2016 11 02

Paris - Il y a ceux qui balaient publiquement les accusations. Candidat à la primaire présidentielle de la droite, premier ministre lors du lancement officiel du projet de cathédrale orthodoxe et du centre culturel russe à l'automne 2007 et défenseur virulent d'un axe stratégique Paris- Moscou, François Fillon en fait partie. « Accuser d'emblée la Russie de vouloir transformer ce centre culturel orthodoxe au coeur de Paris en station d'écoute, c'est nourrir des fantasmes inutiles et dommageables », argumentait-il à Genève, en mai, à la veille d'un séminaire sur la Russie organisé au château de Coppet. Et il y a ceux qui, depuis l'inauguration du site parisien le 19 octobre, et sur fond de malaise profond avec Moscou au sujet de la guerre en Syrie et en Ukraine, refusent cette omerta politique: « On parle d'un site russe doté de l'immunité diplomatique, situé à quelques centaines de mètres du Quai d'Orsay et de l'Elysée, interroge un ancien diplomate basé en Asie centrale. Poser la question de son utilisation, et des risques qu'il peut présenter, est la moindre des choses. »

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65. Crackdown on the press brings protest in Turkey

Los Angeles Times, Umar Farooq, 2016 11 02

Istanbul - Hundreds of demonstrators camped overnight in protest at the Istanbul headquarters of Turkey's oldest secular newspaper after its editor and a dozen staffers were detained by police in what many see as a widening crackdown on government critics. Istanbul prosecutors said the journalists at the Cumhuriyet newspaper were being investigated for supporting groups the government has designated as terrorist organizations: followers of Fethullah Gulen, a self-exiled cleric whom the government blames for a July 15 coup attempt, and the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, which has waged a decades-long insurgency. Prosecutors took issue with the paper's portrayal of the investigation that followed the failed coup -- which so far has resulted in the arrests of 37,000 and the dismissal of 110,000 state workers -- as a "purge." The newspaper is one of the few remaining opposition news outlets in Turkey. "Instead of moves to strengthen democracy, we are faced with a counter-coup," said Kemal Kilicdaroglu, the head of the opposition Republican People's Party, or CHP, which has historical ties with the newspaper. "We are faced with a situation where the coup has been used as an opportunity to silence society's intellectuals and mount pressure on media," he told reporters while visiting Cumhuriyet's offices in Ankara, Turkey's capital.

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66. La curiosité malsaine d'un jeune majeur pour des sites islamistes

Le Progrès, Michel Girod, 2016 11 02

Saint-Priest, France - À 19 ans, il reconnaît avoir été séduit par les thèses terroristes en consultant pendant des mois le site crypté Telegram. C'est un rapport d'une quarantaine de pages que les enquêteurs ont rédigé dans la foulée de l'arrestation au domicile de ses parents, cité Berliet, à Saint-Priest, du jeune Nadir. Douze mois de prison dont six avec sursis Quarante pages

au fil desquelles est détaillée l'impressionnante liste de consultation de sites et de téléchargements d'images et de vidéos effectués via Telegram, le site d'échanges crypté et les chaînes ultra- confidentielles "siaoumati" ou encore "le sabre lumineux", outil de propagande de Rachid Kassim, le recruteur de Roanne en Syrie. C'est à la suite de renseignements que le garçon, titulaire d'un CAP de commerce, employé chez McDonald's à Bron et éducateur sportif de l'entente de Saint- Priest, a été identifié. Le 27 octobre, à la suite d'une perquisition administrative du préfet, Nadir a été placé en garde à vue et longuement interrogé sur cette collection de photos de martyrs, d'appel au Djihad mais aussi de fiches techniques sur la fabrication d'explosifs, la manière de commettre seul un attentat ou encore des portraits de militaires belges condamnés par Daesh.

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67. Pourquoi un tel fichier ? Que contient-il ? Qui peut le consulter ? Quelle conservation ? La Dépêche du Midi, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 02

Paris - Le fichier des « Titres électroniques sécurisés » (TES) vise à remplacer deux fichiers existants : le Fichier national de gestion (FNG) relatif aux cartes nationales d'identité et celui du système TES lié à la délivrance des passeports. Le nouveau fichier qui a été créé par le décret n° 2016-1 460 du 28 octobre 2016 collectera toutefois davantage de données que les deux fichiers qu'il remplacera (lire ci-contre). L'un des objectifs affichés par le gouvernement est de lutter contre la fraude et ce dernier assure qu'il n'y aura pas d'identification administrative, mais une authentification automatisée et élargie. Les données pourront être consultées par les agents chargés de réaliser les documents mais aussi par une très impressionnante liste de personnes, « pour les besoins exclusifs de leurs missions. ». Ainsi les agents des services de la police nationale et les militaires des unités de la gendarmerie nationale chargés des missions de prévention et de répression des atteintes aux intérêts fondamentaux de la Nation et des actes de terrorisme, individuellement désignés et dûment habilités auront accès au fichier. Idem pour les agents des services spécialisés du renseignement. Idem pour les agents de la direction centrale de la police judiciaire, individuellement désignés et dûment habilités (à l'exclusion de l'image numérisée des empreintes digitales). Les données pourront être par ailleurs partagées par le système de sécurité de Schengen et par Interpol.

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68. Tabloid: Supo suspects Russia of buying up Finnish property for military personnel Yle (Finland), Staff report, 2016 11 02

Helsinki - Finnish Security and Intelligence Police Supo has speculated that Russia could use property it has purchased in Finland as accommodation for its military, according to the tabloid Iltalehti. In a report to presented to Parliament in September on threats facing Finland, Supo noted that a foreign power could make use of property purchased without any commercial or conventional real estate value. Supo speculated in the report that such real estate could be used for preparations to wield influence in a crisis situation. In practice, as a landowner, a foreign state could shut down road access or provide accommodation for troops, the agency said in the report. According to Iltalehti, in the context of the report, it was clear that Supo was specifically

referring to real estate deals struck in Finland by Russia. Supo declined to comment on the matter when reached by Yle.

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1. Ils ont dit...

La Presse+, Philippe Teiscera-Lessard; Louis-Samuel Perron; Martin Croteau; Vincent Brousseau-Pouliot, 2016 11 03

Québec - L'espionnage de journalistes par la Sûreté du Québec et le Service de police de la Ville de Montréal a soulevé une vague d'indignation et d'inquiétudes parmi les journalistes visés et au

sein du monde politique. « Je couvre la politique depuis près de 40 ans, souvent sur des dossiers délicats. On se dit toujours que c'est possible d'être épié par les policiers, mais on est convaincu qu'ils n'oseraient pas aller jusque-là. Bien, il semble qu'on se soit trompé. » Denis Lessard, chef du bureau parlementaire de La Presse à Québec Amir Khadir, député de Québec solidaire « La réponse de la SQ de dévoiler [ces informations] démontre que le public a besoin d'être rassuré. Ce sont des questions auxquelles [la GRC et le SCRS] doivent répondre. On continue de demander une enquête publique qui nous permettrait de constater les faits : est-ce une pratique répandue ou arbitraire ? » Matthew Dubé, porte-parole du NPD en matière de sécurité publique « Comme n'importe qui, je vois que si la SQ et le SVPM le font, je ne tomberais pas en bas de ma chaise [si les corps policiers fédéraux le font aussi]. Le ministre Goodale doit demander des comptes aux services policiers sous sa juridiction et rendre des comptes en Chambre aussi. »

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2. LGBTQ Canadians Sue Government for Decades-Long Witch Hunt

Vice News, Steven Goetz, 2016 11 03

In a Canadian military interrogation room in 1990, strapped to a polygraph machine and sensing unseen observers behind a two-way mirror, 21-year-old Canadian sailor Todd Ross finally broke down in tears and said out loud what he'd been unable to say even to himself: He was gay. The military gave Ross an ultimatum: accept an honourable discharge or perform "general duties"--grunt work--for the rest of his career.? He left feeling too ashamed to tell friends and family and worried the military police would turn its sights on his colleagues if he spoke out. He felt "he had somehow betrayed his country," entered a deep depression and considered suicide.? But Ross survived, and has now filed a \$600 million class action lawsuit against the federal government in an Ontario courtroom, which is still awaiting certification. A second lawsuit has been filed in Quebec. Both are seeking compensation and an apology for the victims of a decades-long witch hunt to purge gays and lesbians from the Canadian military and public service.? The Trudeau government has said it intends to apologize to LGBTQ Canadians for past discrimination, but has offered no details beyond that. "The victims are not happy with the lack of an explanation why the government wasn't moving on this except that it isn't as important as other things on their agenda," Douglas Elliott, a gay rights activist and lawyer in the case, told VICE News. "That's not good enough."? The campaign to identify and purge gays and lesbians from the military and public service emerged out of the paranoia of the Cold War starting in the 1950s, according to files obtained by researchers in the past two decades.? According to government records, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) spent decades following World War II investigating, surveilling, and questioning suspected gay and lesbian public servants, including members of the military, about their sexual orientation. At one point, the RCMP amassed a list of 9,000 people deemed suspect and subject to investigation.? The Canadian government would often employ a device that would measure sweat and sexual reaction to certain words, phrases, and images--dubbed internally as the 'fruit machine'--to vet suspected LGBTQ government employees. The project was created through a government grant at the Carleton University Psychology Department.

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3. Liberté de presse - La SQ a espionné six journalistes

Le Devoir, Philippe Orfali, 2016 11 03

Québec - Le ministre de la Sécurité publique ordonne une enquête administrative En lieu et place de l'"affaire Lagacé", il faudra désormais traiter du scandale de la surveillance des journalistes : la Sûreté du Québec a confirmé mercredi qu'elle avait, tout comme la police de Montréal, traqué des reporters au cours des dernières années dans le cadre d'une enquête, suscitant une nouvelle vague d'inquiétudes et de dénonciations dans l'univers des médias. Fait inquiétant, ni la Gendarmerie royale du Canada ni le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) n'ont voulu préciser si des journalistes avaient déjà été, ou se trouvent actuellement sous écoute électronique.

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4. National security green paper is a whitewash

Toronto Star, Azeezah Kanji, 2016 11 03

Op-ed: To guide the much-lauded and keenly anticipated public consultation on national security - billed as an unprecedented opportunity for Canadians to shape national security law and policy - the government has published a national security green paper entitled "Our Security, Our Rights." The configuration of the title reflects the general orientation of the document: security first, rights second. While the green paper's self-proclaimed purpose is "to prompt discussion and debate about Canada's national security framework," it seems far more concerned with manufacturing consent for Bill C-51's dramatic - and likely unconstitutional - expansion of security powers, than with enabling a well-informed public consultation. The federal privacy commissioner has observed that the "tone of the Government's discussion ... focuses heavily on challenges for law enforcement and national security agencies," as opposed to "democratic rights and privacy." According to the BC Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA), the green paper "reads like it was drafted by a public relations firm tasked with selling the current state of extraordinary, unaccountable powers." (And in response, the BCCLA has produced a "Different Shade of Green Paper," elucidating several problematic aspects of the Canadian national security framework that the government "forgot to mention.") The government's green paper and associated "background document" are a montage of tendentious elements. The vague intimations of danger ("Many Canadians have travelled to Syria and Iraq to join Daesh," "More people are radicalizing to violence" - with absolutely zero data or other supporting evidence cited regarding the existence or size of the threat). The fear-inducing hypothetical scenarios ("Ms. G is keen to travel overseas to join a terrorist group ... She then wants to return to Canada and train others to become terrorists," "The police conduct an urgent investigation into a group of ten people based on an anonymous tip ... Some members of the group are apparently planning to bomb an unknown public gathering that week"). And the leading questions ("Given the nature of the threats facing Canada, what scope should CSIS have to reduce those threats?"). There is much about the prospective perils of "terrorism," but nothing about the actual abuses of "counterterrorism": the many disturbing instances of people denied their security and their rights because Canadian agencies wrongly tarred them as "terrorist threats." The pages of the green paper and background document are full of hypothesized "terrorist" menaces, but the real-life victims of Canadian

national security are glaringly absent. Note: Azeezah Kanji is a legal analyst and writer based in Toronto.

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5. National security review must acknowledge Canadian government's shortcomings

CBC News, Steven Zhou, 2016 11 03

Op-ed: The Liberal Party is conducting a national security review process to figure out how to fulfil its election-time promise of amending the "problematic" parts of Bill C-51, now the Anti-Terrorism Act. The government has published a 21-page "Green Paper," along with a 73-page backgrounder, to pose questions to the Canadian public on the parameters of what reforms should take place. But the Green Paper's rhetoric and the national consultation itself go beyond just the topic of Bill C-51. It goes on to pose more general and philosophical questions of what kind of society Canadians want to live in and how the citizens of this country want to prioritize what are apparently the competing rights of security and freedom. Unfortunately, though the Green Paper admirably addresses the important issues of Canada's national review structure (or lack thereof), as well as the secretive relationship between intelligence-gathering and the due process of law, its overarching outlook doesn't include a strong civil liberties perspective. It is evident from reading the discussion paper that its primary purpose, along with the national consultation itself, is a way for the current government to entrench a certain security mindset that omits the specific (and well-documented) concerns that have arisen in civil society in the post-9/11 era. In other words, the consultation process and the Green Paper seem to have more or less ignored the robust criticisms regarding Canada's national security apparatus by civil society organizations, preferring instead to source (or "consult") public opinion as if Canadians haven't been voicing their concerns all this time. For instance, numerous civil society organizations, such as Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (CJFE) and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) have sounded the alarm on how Canadian agencies have collected metadata over the years. Individuals within government such as Daniel Therrien, the Harper-appointed Privacy Commissioner, along with Jean-Marie Plouffe, the former Commissioner of the Communications Security Establishment (CSE), have voiced similar concerns as to how current collection of "signals intelligence," which includes metadata, continues to jeopardize the privacy of Canadian citizens. And yet, despite these voices, the Green Paper doesn't include any mention of the CSE, Canada's main agency for the collection of signals intel. Note: Steven Zhou is a Toronto writer who has experience in human rights advocacy. He has worked for Human Rights Watch, OXFAM Canada and other NGOs.

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6. Surveillance de journalistes : mutisme à la GRC et au SCRS

La Presse+, Vincent Brousseau-Pouliot, 2016 11 02

Ottawa - Alors que la SQ et la Ville de Montréal ont confirmé avoir mis des journalistes sous surveillance, la GRC et le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS), les deux corps policiers fédéraux, ne veulent pas confirmer s'ils ont déjà adopté de telles pratiques, et le cas échéant à quelle fréquence. La GRC précise seulement que «les cas où des enquêtes de la GRC

concernant des journalistes ont eu lieu sont extrêmement rares». Le commissaire de la GRC Bob Paulson a dit mercredi «ne pas être au courant que nous avons des enquêtes actives ou de la surveillance à l'égard de journalistes», mais la GRC n'a pas voulu confirmer si des journalistes ont été surveillés dans le cadre de ses enquêtes. Un cas de filature avait été rendu public il y a un an, celui du journaliste de La Presse Joël-Denis Bellavance qui a été pris en filature en 2007. Tout en précisant «reconnaître» et «respecter [...] l'importance de la liberté et de l'indépendance de la presse», la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) a indiqué ne pas pouvoir commenter «l'existence d'enquêtes en cours» ou «discuter des détails opérationnels» d'enquêtes passées. La GRC n'a pas précisé à La Presse si elle effectuait, comme l'a fait la Sûreté du Québec cette semaine, un examen de ses enquêtes pour déterminer si des journalistes ont été mis sous surveillance. La SQ a dévoilé aujourd'hui que six journalistes au Québec, dont Alain Gravel (Radio-Canada), Marie-Maude Denis (Radio-Canada), Isabelle Richer (Radio-Canada), Denis Lessard (La Presse) et Éric Thibault (Journal de Montréal).

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7. 6 reporters spied on by Quebec provincial police

CBC News, Sabrina Marandola, 2016 11 03

Montreal - Quebec provincial police confirm that six members of the press were spied on in 2013 as part of a police investigation that was launched on the same day that a labour union boss filed a complaint. Three Radio-Canada journalists said they found out today, via unnamed sources, that the Sûreté du Québec was tracking their portable phones. This comes just days after a Montreal newspaper columnist said he was similarly tracked by that city's police force. Marie-Maude Denis and Isabelle Richer, the current hosts of the investigative program *Enquête*, as well as the show's former host Alain Gravel, said this afternoon that provincial police were tracking their incoming and outgoing calls and texts. "I've just learned that my incoming and outgoing calls have been spied on by the Sûreté du Québec in 2013," Denis tweeted in French. "My turn to get a confirmation that I was targeted by court mandates to obtain a log of my calls by the SQ," Gravel said. Journal de Montreal crime reporter Eric Thibault was also under surveillance, as was La Presse's National Assembly bureau chief Denis Lessard. Another journalist, whose name hasn't been released, was also monitored. Arsenaault's name came up a number of times at the Charbonneau Commission when, in 2013, the province's anti-corruption inquiry turned its attention to unions. The then-president of Quebec's Federation of Labour (FTQ) came under fire after witnesses testified that Arsenaault was aware of alleged links between some union leaders and organized crime but did nothing about it. He had also been involved in a legal battle with the commission over wiretaps of his phone conversations, gathered by police in an investigation unrelated to the anti-corruption inquiry. Arsenaault sent a letter of complaint to the SQ after news that he was the subject of a police investigation was being made public. "Michel Arsenaault was under scrutiny at the time. He was upset, so he complained to the SQ, which forced police to do an inquiry ... So they decided to ask for this warrant to spy on our cellular phone," Richer said.

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8. After Phoenix and Shared Services problems, government seeks feedback on digital future

CBC News, Staff reporter, 2016 11 03

Ottawa - The federal government continues to receive advice on how it should improve its digital future as it works to fix problem-plagued projects including the Phoenix payroll system and Shared Services Canada. In a so-called, "intimate, armchair discussion" at the annual GTEC conference in Ottawa on Wednesday, parliamentary secretary for Public Services and Procurement Canada, Leona Alleslev opened up about the pitfalls experienced in the development of Shared Services Canada, or SSC. The department that's drawn criticism from other departments, including the RCMP, Statistics Canada and the Auditor General. Alleslev acknowledged the project has been ambitious with aggressive timelines and its attempt to save money. 'A bit too much all at once' "It may have been a bit too much all at once." said Alleslev. "Many people come up to me and say, SSC, enterprise-wide solution, consolidation, wasn't a good idea. Do you really think this is where we need to be going? And I'd say, absolutely, yes." Shared Services was created to streamline information technology across the government by combining more than 100 different email systems into one, reducing the number of data centres from 600 to about 20 and make the systems more secure and reliable.

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9. Bienvenue dans le Club

La Presse+, Patrick Lagacé, 2016 11 03

Chronique - Alain (Gravel) ! Éric (Thibault) ! Denis (Lessard) ! Marie-Maude (Denis) ! Isabelle (Richer) ! Enchanté, moi, c'est Affaire. Comme dans Affaire Lagacé. Je me suis trouvé un nouveau prénom, cette semaine. Bienvenue, donc. Oui, bienvenue dans le Club des Journalistes espionnés ! Le local ne paie pas de mine, comme vous le voyez, mais c'est chaleureux ! Il y a de la bière dans le frigo (achetez-en de temps en temps), le mot de passe du WiFi est sur le routeur et le divan est un peu miteux, mais au moins on a le câble : RDI, LCN, TVA Sports, RDS, Canal Vie... Pour le téléphone, avant de faire un interurbain, faites le 9 et... C'est une blague, je n'ai pas fait installer le téléphone. On ne sait jamais, hein ? Blague à part, je suis content de vous recevoir. Je me sentais un peu seul, ici... *** Je l'ai dit toute la semaine : je suis sûr que je ne suis pas le seul à avoir été espionné par la police. Je pensais surtout au Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM), dont les réponses au sujet de l'espionnage d'autres journalistes ont été on ne peut plus évasives... Et là, hier, paf, on a su le résultat des vérifications internes faites par la Sûreté du Québec (SQ) dans la foulée des révélations de La Presse : en 2013, six journalistes ont fait l'objet de mesures que Nixon à son plus parano n'aurait pas reniées. Six. Et pas les moindres : le chef de bureau de La Presse à Québec, les deux têtes d'affiche de l'émission Enquête de l'époque, un journaliste d'enquête du JdeM, une star du journalisme judiciaire radio-canadien. Juste ça !

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10. From words to action

Montreal Gazette, 2016 11 03

Editorial: The bombshell that Montreal police spied on La Presse columnist Patrick Lagacé through his cellphone has prompted political leaders at all levels to speak out in defence of a free press. Their words must be matched by action. To his credit, Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard moved swiftly to shore up protections for the media to conduct their essential work. Almost immediately, the bar will be set higher for police seeking search warrants against journalists, who will be accorded a status similar to that of lawyers, judges and MNAs. Couillard struck a working group with representatives of the judiciary, policing and the media to make recommendations to fortify the work of journalists, a crucial pillar of a democratic society. Among issues the group should consider is what specialized training should be required for the justices of the peace who sign off on the warrants like the ones concerning Lagacé, to ensure that they are aware of journalists' Supreme Court of Canada-recognized right to keep sources confidential. The group should also advocate better whistleblower protection, as recommended by the Charbonneau Commission, given that the Lagacé case highlights the vulnerability of sources.

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11. Groups call for transparency, details on Yazidi resettlement plans

Toronto Star, Nicholas Keung, 2016 11 03

Toronto - More than a week after Ottawa announced it would bring in Yazidi refugees within four months, the community and its supporters are still waiting for details of Canada's resettlement plan. "After a long period of silence, we were happy to see the Canadian government taking action. But they are keeping us in the dark," said Majed El Shafie, founder of Toronto's One Free World International, which has 300 aid workers in Iraq and Syria assisting Yazidi refugees. "The government needs to be open and honest about how many they are bringing in, what the process is (for) choosing the refugees and how they are going to resettle them." El Shafie, who came to Canada as a refugee from Egypt in 2002, was among 11 community groups and leaders who held a news conference Wednesday calling on the government to provide concrete targets and a timeline of its plan. "I hope our Canadian government does not make the same mistakes where the real victims are ignored and others benefit instead due to political interests," said Mirza Ismail, founder and chairperson of Yazidi Human Rights International. Last week, Immigration Minister John McCallum made a surprise announcement on Yazidi resettlement by supporting a Conservative motion in Parliament. The Yazidis are a religious minority from northern Iraq and have been targeted by Daesh (also known as ISIS and ISIL) militants, with rape, torture and murder. There are tens of thousands of Yazidis displaced as a result of Daesh persecution in Iraq and Syria.

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12. Journalistes espionnés : une « menace à notre démocratie », dit Edward Snowden

Radio-Canada (Nouvelles -web), d'Olivier Arbour-Masse, 2016 11 03

Montréal - « Une attaque radicale à la liberté de presse » et « une menace à notre modèle traditionnel de démocratie ». Voilà ce qu'Edward Snowden pense de « l'affaire Lagacé » et des six autres cas de journalistes espionnés par des corps de police québécois. Le célèbre lanceur

d'alerte avait déjà commenté à deux reprises sur Twitter le dossier de l'heure dans l'actualité québécoise. Il a eu l'occasion d'étayer sa pensée mercredi soir, dans une vidéoconférence organisée à l'Université McGill, à Montréal. Des centaines d'étudiants ont fait la file pendant des heures afin de pouvoir entendre l'homme qui a permis de dévoiler les programmes de surveillance à grande échelle de la National Security Agency (NSA) aux États-Unis. Sa conférence ne pouvait se tenir à un moment plus opportun. Quelques heures avant qu'il prenne la parole devant un amphithéâtre bondé, on apprenait que la Sûreté du Québec a épié en 2013 les appels de six journalistes, dont Marie-Maude Denis, Isabelle Richer et Alain Gravel de Radio-Canada. En début de semaine, le Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) s'est retrouvé sous les projecteurs pour avoir colligé les relevés d'appels et les métadonnées du journaliste de La Presse Patrick Lagacé. Oh, Canada... <https://t.co/D6kUPPDJ27>
pic.twitter.com/KpmvbVYw8d -- Edward Snowden (@Snowden) 2 novembre 2016 Snowden estime que le chef du SPVM Philippe Pichet doit démissionner pour « restaurer la confiance (du public) et rétablir les bases de l'imputabilité ». M. Pichet, qui bénéficie toujours de l'appui du maire Denis Coderre, défend ses enquêteurs en affirmant qu'ils ont agi selon les lois en demandant et en obtenant l'autorisation d'espionner Patrick Lagacé auprès de la juge de paix Josée de Carufel. Or, le problème se situe précisément au niveau de la loi, selon Edward Snowden. Peut-on reconnaître ou à tout le moins débattre raisonnablement d'une nouvelle idée qui peut paraître un brin radicale? La loi commence à échouer dans sa mission de garantir nos droits. Edward Snowden « On ignore toujours selon quelle loi cette autorisation [de surveiller les journalistes] a été donnée », remarque-t-il. « Le gouvernement peut s'introduire dans nos vies privées sans presque rencontrer d'entrave alors que nous, les citoyens, ne savons presque rien sur sa façon d'opérer », poursuit-il, depuis la Russie où il est réfugié pour échapper aux accusations de trahison qui pèsent contre lui aux États-Unis. Le Canada et C-51 critiqués Snowden est catégorique : impossible de se fier aux dirigeants des agences de renseignement pour respecter les lois protégeant la vie privée.

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13. Journalistes surveillés par la SQ : des zones d'ombre demeurent

Radio-Canada - Nouvelles web, Mélanie Meloche-Holubowski, 2016 11 03

Montréal - En décidant de surveiller en 2013 le registre des appels de six journalistes, dont trois de Radio-Canada, la Sûreté du Québec (SQ) a voulu faire la lumière sur une affaire qui remonte à une dizaine d'années. Retour sur un dossier aux ramifications multiples, qui n'a pas encore livré tous ses secrets. L'histoire commence avec l'Opération diligence menée par la SQ à la fin des années 2000 au sujet de l'infiltration de l'économie légale par le crime organisé. La SQ entreprend une enquête au printemps 2007 après la plainte d'un entrepreneur en maçonnerie, qui affirmait que les Hells Angels tentaient d'infiltrer son entreprise. L'enquête visait notamment à établir les liens entre la mafia, les motards et la Fédération des travailleurs du Québec (FTQ). Puis, en septembre 2013, certains médias apprennent que Michel Arseneault, alors président de la FTQ et président du conseil d'administration du Fonds de solidarité de FTQ, a fait l'objet de surveillance électronique et de filature de la SQ, entre septembre 2008 et septembre 2009. La fuite des transcriptions de cette surveillance électronique dans les médias arrive au moment où la commission Charbonneau se penche sur les milliers de conversations interceptées par la police au cours de l'Opération diligence.

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14. Kolkata-born becomes Canada's first Sikh Senator

Indo-Asian News Service, 2016 11 03

Toronto - Kolkata born former Scotiabank's Vice Chairman Sarabjit Singh Marwah has become the first Sikh to be appointed to the Canadian Senate. Toronto-based Marwah, who retired from Scotiabank in 2014, was among six people from Ontario who were appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Trudeau lauded Marwah for his efforts for showcasing the "rich diversity of Sikh and South Asian art and culture". Marwah is one of the founders of the Sikh Foundation of Canada that promotes culture and art among the diaspora community. Marwah, who was born in Kolkata in 1952, did his his schooling from St Xavier's School. He is an alumnus of Delhi's St Stephen's College and the Delhi School of Economics, and holds an MBA degree from the University of California - Los Angeles, US. Marwah joins two other Sikhs -- Defence Minister Harjeet Sajjan and Science Minister Navdeep Bains -- in the Canadian Parliament.

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15. L'ordre politique

La Presse+, Yves Boisvert, 2016 11 03

Chronique - Cette histoire illustre à merveille toute la trop grande proximité entre notre police « nationale » et le gouvernement du Québec, quel que soit le parti au pouvoir. Il y avait quelque chose de grotesque à entendre Stéphane Bergeron, hier, jurer qu'il n'avait pas « autorisé l'espionnage de journalistes ». Évidemment qu'il n'a pas autorisé ça. Il a cependant passé une commande politique au grand patron de la Sûreté du Québec. Et il a créé les conditions pour ce dérapage. Ce matin de septembre 2013, M. Bergeron, ministre de la Sécurité publique du gouvernement Marois, reçoit une lettre du président de la FTQ, Michel Arsenault. Arsenault est furieux : les médias révèlent depuis un certain temps qu'il a été la cible d'une enquête criminelle de la Sûreté du Québec de 2007 à 2009 sur l'infiltration du crime organisé dans la construction ; ils révèlent aussi que la SQ a avisé le gouvernement Charest de cette enquête « sensible » ; et un membre du gouvernement libéral a averti Arsenault qu'il faisait l'objet d'une enquête. L'enquête a avorté. (Tout ceci sera confirmé en novembre 2013 à la commission Charbonneau.) Ce jour de septembre 2013, donc, Michel Arsenault est furieux que des détails de cette enquête aient été divulgués dans les médias. Au lieu de se plaindre à la SQ, il écrit au ministre Bergeron. Hier, M. Bergeron a affirmé qu'il n'était pas vraiment intéressé par « les états d'âme » de M. Arsenault. Ce qui l'intriguait, c'était plutôt la fuite de l'enquête au gouvernement libéral.

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16. La SQ a aussi espionné des journalistes

Le Soleil, Simon Boivin, 2016 11 03

Québec - Le scandale s'étend. La Sûreté du Québec (SQ) reconnaît avoir aussi espionné six journalistes et réclame une enquête sur elle-même. Le ministre de Sécurité publique de l'époque,

le péquiste Stéphane Bergeron, jure n'en avoir rien su. Il ne s'agit plus uniquement d'un corps de police municipale. En 2013, la SQ a obtenu des autorisations judiciaires pour connaître l'identité de tous ceux qui ont discuté avec une demi-douzaine de journalistes. Parmi eux, les piliers de l'émission Enquête qui ont mis au jour les scandales dans l'industrie de la construction, Marie-Maude Denis et Alain Gravel, de même que la journaliste spécialisée en affaires juridiques à Radio-Canada, Isabelle Richer. Les registres des appels entrants et sortants des journalistes Éric Thibault, du Journal de Montréal, et de Denis Lessard, de La Presse, ont aussi été accessibles aux policiers. Sans verser dans l'écoute électronique, ils pouvaient néanmoins identifier leurs interlocuteurs. Les journalistes étaient surveillés pour des «allégations criminelles de divulgations illégales de contenus obtenus dans le cadre d'une écoute électronique». L'actuel directeur général de la SQ, Martin Prud'homme, a lui-même demandé à ce qu'un tiers indépendant se penche sur l'investigation déclenchée par son prédécesseur, Mario Laprise. Le ministère de la Sécurité publique mènera une enquête administrative, a assuré le ministre Martin Coiteux, mercredi, en début de soirée.

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17. Les Canadiens mal protégés contre la surveillance abusive, selon Snowden

La Presse+, Marc Thibodeau, 2016 11 03

Montréal - Le lanceur d'alerte américain prenait part à une vidéoconférence organisée par l'Université McGill, hier Les Canadiens sont très mal protégés contre les pratiques de surveillance abusives, estime Edward Snowden, qui s'alarme des possibilités ouvertes aux services de renseignements d'ici et d'ailleurs par les nouvelles technologies de communication. L'ex-sous-traitant de la National Security Agency (NSA), qui participait hier à une vidéoconférence organisée par l'Université McGill, a souligné que le système de régulation des services de renseignement canadiens était probablement le plus « déficient en Occident ». Il a déploré à ce titre que le gouvernement libéral de Justin Trudeau tarde à réviser la Loi antiterroriste, dite loi C-51, qui confère des pouvoirs accrus à ces mêmes services. Nombre d'analystes, a-t-il relevé, pensent que la loi en question est trop mal formulée pour être modifiée et devrait tout bonnement être retirée. M. Snowden estime qu'il n'est tout simplement pas possible, ici ou ailleurs, de faire confiance aux autorités pour utiliser de manière responsable les technologies de surveillance existantes.

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18. Montréal: des journalistes sur écoute

Le Figaro avec Reuters, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 03

Montréal - Les téléphones mobiles de six journalistes québécois ont été surveillés en 2013, a rapporté mercredi Radio-Canada, deux jours après que le journal La Presse a révélé que l'un de ses chroniqueurs vedettes avait été espionné par la police de Montréal. Selon la radio, la Sûreté du Québec (SQ), la police provinciale, a obtenu des mandats lui permettant d'obtenir le registre des appels entrants et sortants des six journalistes mais n'a pas enregistré leurs conversations. Guy Lapointe, porte-parole de la SQ, a expliqué mercredi soir à la radio 98,5 Montréal que la police avait cherché à déterminer l'origine de fuites ayant permis la divulgation dans la presse du

contenu d'écoutes téléphoniques. Selon la presse canadienne ces fuites concernaient une affaire de fabrication de preuves par des policiers.

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19. More Quebec journalists confirmed as targets of police surveillance

Globe and Mail, Ingrid Peritz, 2016 11 03

Montreal - A controversy over police surveillance of the press in Quebec deepened Wednesday with revelations that six journalists, including some of the province's top investigative reporters, had their cellphones surreptitiously monitored by provincial law enforcement as far back as 2013. The disclosures made by several media outlets and confirmed by the provincial Sûreté du Québec suggest that covert police surveillance of Quebec journalists dates further back and is more widespread than previously known. La Presse revealed this week that one of its journalists, columnist Patrick Lagacé, had his iPhone data tracked by Montreal police for months this year after they obtained search warrants. On Wednesday, Quebec provincial police said it had also obtained court warrants to monitor the log of incoming and outgoing cellphone calls of six journalists. The raft of disclosures has fuelled a growing sense of alarm over state surveillance of the press. On Wednesday evening, Quebec Public Security Minister Martin Coiteux told reporters his department would lead an administrative probe into the 2013 surveillance case at the Sûreté du Québec. It had been requested by its current director-general, Martin Prud'homme. The force was under the leadership of another chief, Mario Laprise, in 2013. "According to the information I have, this would be the only case in the last 20 years affecting journalists targeted by a Sûreté du Québec investigation," Mr. Coiteux said in Quebec City. Still, news that more journalists were being spied on through their cellphones left several in the media industry shaken and led the executive director of news and current affairs at Radio-Canada, Michel Cormier, to refer to the situation as an "unprecedented crisis." The five that have been identified are affiliated with Radio-Canada, La Presse and Le Journal de Montréal. "What floors me is that this is no longer the culture of the Montreal police service," Isabelle Richer said on Radio-Canada, where she is a journalist. "It's also the Sûreté du Québec. So it's a generalized hunt for sources." On Twitter, she called the news "surrealistic."

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20. New probe ordered in surveillance scandal

Montreal Gazette, Philip Authier and Jason Magder, 2016 11 03

Montreal - The police spying crisis has gone from bad to worse, with Public Security Minister Martin Coiteux ordering an administrative investigation into the practises of the Sûreté du Québec dating back to 2013. Coiteux made the announcement within hours of the provincial police force revealing it had tracked the calls and movements of six journalists that year after news reports based on leaks revealed Michel Arseneault, then president of Quebec's largest labour federation, had his phone tapped. The controversy began Monday after Montreal media outlet La Presse reported that police had tracked columnist Patrick Lagacé's cellphone to find out if he was being leaked information from police officers. The new investigation - to be captained by officials in the Public Security department - is over and above internal investigations Coiteux has

already ordered into the work of the province's police forces in the wake of the Lagacé scandal. Coiteux said that to his knowledge, it is the first time in 20 years such a case has emerged involving the provincial police. This specific one, however, took on a political dimension because the man at the centre of it and now in the hot seat is Stéphane Bergeron, who was the Public Security minister at the time, in 2013 in the Parti Québécois government of Pauline Marois. The surveillance of the six reporters was part of an internal probe ordered by then-SQ director Mario Laprise to find out which officers had leaked information to journalists about the investigation into Arsenault, who was being probed as part of an investigation into organized crime infiltrating the construction industry. Arsenault wrote to complain about the leaks to Bergeron, and Laprise ordered the investigation soon afterward. "What happened then was pretty unusual," Coiteux said. "A letter arrived in his (Bergeron's) office in the morning and by the evening an investigation was launched. And now we learned that under that investigation, journalists were targeted. "It's curious, to say the least. I was surprised and I was shocked and this is why we acted promptly and swiftly." Meeting reporters earlier, Bergeron, today the PQ's critic for Public Security, appeared as perplexed as everyone about the chain of events leading to the tracking of journalists under his watch.

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21. Ottawa examine le dossier du blogueur Raïf Badawi

Journal de Montréal, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 03

Ottawa - Le gouvernement Trudeau abordera directement, aujourd'hui, le dossier de Raïf Badawi, avec un dignitaire saoudien en visite à Ottawa. M. Badawi est un blogueur emprisonné depuis 2012 en Arabie saoudite. Son épouse est réfugiée au Québec avec ses trois enfants Le ministre des Affaires étrangères, Stéphane Dion, compte soulever la question à l'occasion d'une rencontre avec le président de la commission des droits de l'Homme de l'Arabie saoudite. À cette occasion, M. Dion va «rappeler qu'un Saoudien a droit à la même dignité qu'un Canadien», a-t-il soutenu hier en entrevue dans son bureau du Parlement.

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22. Outil contre la radicalisation - Bédé chartrophobe

Le Devoir, Antoine Robitaille, 2016 11 03

Editorial - On croyait le premier ministre passionné par les essais philosophiques. Il a plutôt fait mardi l'éloge du neuvième art pour désamorcer la radicalisation. " J'aime beaucoup cet outil ", a-t-il déclaré, enthousiaste, en présentant Radicalishow, bédé conçue par le Centre de prévention de la radicalisation menant à la violence. " C'est la première fois que je lance une bande dessinée ", s'est-il amusé. Bien sûr, on n'oserait plus -- avec raison -- décrire la bédé comme un art mineur, un sous-genre de la littérature. Art Spiegelman pourrait bien, dans les prochaines années, être nobélisé. La noblesse de cet art n'est pas en cause ici. Mais ce livret de quelque 20 pages ayant reçu la sanction du premier ministre a de quoi susciter plusieurs malaises. Même quand il se veut cool et métaphorique comme Radicalishow, tout art " édifiant " (ici employé dans son sens péjoratif) est grossièrement didactique, moralisateur, infantilisant ; ses " messages " ressortent de manière involontairement comique. On ne fait pas de bonne bédé avec de bons sentiments.

Conçu à partir de témoignages de sept jeunes déradicalisés, l'ouvrage s'avère en fait un réquisitoire gratuit contre la charte des valeurs du gouvernement Marois ; et peut-être en partie, aussi, contre le projet de loi 62 sur la " neutralité religieuse " (terme visé dans la bédé) de l'actuel gouvernement. Autrement dit, les législations cherchant à affirmer la neutralité ou la laïcité de l'État sont désignées comme les seuls déclencheurs de la radicalisation!

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23. PM pressed for inquiry into Afghan prisoners

Ottawa Citizen, David Pugliese, 2016 11 03

Ottawa - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is being asked to reconsider his government's decision not to hold an inquiry into the treatment of Afghan detainees even as the International Criminal Court prepares to conduct its own investigation. In June, the government rejected an e-petition calling for a judicial inquiry into how the Canadian military treated prisoners in Afghanistan. Last month, Craig Scott, a law professor and former NDP MP who initiated the petition, asked Trudeau to reconsider the decision. Human rights activists, diplomats, and current and former parliamentarians, including former prime minister Joe Clark, have also written an open letter to the prime minister, demanding a full investigation of the military's transfer of prisoners to Afghan officials during the war. "There has been no response from the prime minister at all to any of these requests," Scott said Tuesday. "It's clear his government wants to do everything it can do to bury this issue." Canada's activities could be put in the spotlight if the ICC goes ahead with its probe into how U.S. troops, Afghan soldiers and the Taliban acted on the battlefield. Foreign Policy magazine, a U.S.-based publication, reported Tuesday the court is preparing to investigate allegations of crimes against humanity and war crimes in Afghanistan. Scott said the ICC could ask for evidence from Canadian sources and well as examining what Canadian officials knew about any abuse or torture. Trudeau's office had no comment, but the issue of the treatment of Afghan detainees has been dogging the military since 2009.

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24. Saudi, Canadian meeting draws criticism

Globe and Mail, Steven Chase, 2016 11 03

Ottawa - The Saudi Arabian flag flew on Parliament Hill on Wednesday as Canadian public officials met with a state-backed human-rights commission from the Mideast country, a controversial body that publicly supported the Islamic kingdom's mass executions in January, 2016. Human-rights advocates say they fear that treating the Saudi Arabian Human Rights Commission as a serious watchdog plays into the Riyadh government's efforts to bolster its reputation at a time when it is accused of violating international humanitarian law with aerial bombing in Yemen, locking up dissidents and discriminating against women and religious minorities. Canada's relationship with Saudi Arabia has come under intense scrutiny in the past 18 months over a \$15-billion deal to sell weaponized armoured vehicles to the kingdom, which has an abysmal human-rights record. The country's chief envoy to Canada earlier this year called the contract a goodwill gesture to cement friendship between Riyadh and Ottawa. On Jan. 2, 2016, mass executions in Saudi Arabia - the largest in decades - killed 47, including Sheik Nimr

al-Nimr, a dissident cleric critical of the House of Saud. Governments around the world, including Canada's, condemned the actions. The Saudi Human Rights Commission was quick to affirm the executions. In a statement issued by the state-controlled Saudi Press Agency, it said the verdicts "enforce justice, fulfill ... legitimate and legal requirements, and protect the society and its security and stability."

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25. Sen. Andre Pratte wants stronger protection for reporters, sources

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 11 03

Ottawa - Independent senator and former journalist Andre Pratte wants the Liberal government to look seriously at beefing up protection for reporters and their sources. Pratte says if the government shows no interest, he'll pursue the idea himself. It is "quite worrisome" that Montreal police obtained warrants to monitor one of his former colleagues, La Presse columnist Patrick Lagace, Pratte said Wednesday in an interview. "I think it is time to look at this again." The newspaper said this week it had learned at least 24 surveillance warrants were issued for Lagace's iPhone this year in connection with an internal probe into allegations police anti-gang investigators fabricated evidence. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says the Supreme Court of Canada has already explicitly laid out the test that must be satisfied when police investigations intersect with media freedoms. In two key 2010 rulings, the high court did not create blanket constitutional protection for journalists, saying they are a "heterogeneous and ill-defined group of writers and speakers." Instead, the court spelled out a four-point test that allows judges to weigh competing public interests on a case-by-case basis. The Lagace case shows something more is needed, said Pratte, former lead editorial writer at La Presse. "I don't think we can simply say, 'The Supreme Court has issued those criteria, and they're good enough.' Well, obviously, they were not good enough to protect Mr. Lagace and his sources for a period of five months." Despite his apparent reluctance to revisit the existing regime, Goodale left the door open a crack.

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26. Snowden: Spying by police 'radical attack on free press'

Montreal Gazette, Karen Seidman, 2016 11 03

Montreal - To some, whistleblower Edward Snowden is a traitor. To others, he's a hero. Whichever way you see him, Snowden - a former CIA employee and contractor for the National Security Agency (NSA) who is responsible for the largest national security breach in U.S. history - is a pivotal figure in any debate pertaining to the issue of government surveillance. He is one of the most wanted fugitives in the world after leaking thousands of classified NSA documents to a few journalists in 2013. His disclosures revealed, among other things, that U.S. telecommunications companies were providing the NSA with virtually all their customers' phone records and that the NSA has a tool to search nearly everything a user does on the Internet. So Snowden's talk at McGill University Wednesday night, as the city is in an uproar over police spying on La Presse reporter Patrick Lagacé and possibly much more widespread spying as well, was timely and promised to ignite an already fierce debate on authorities overstepping their bounds and cyber spying on their own citizens. Students lined up across the length of the campus

to see him and McGill officials had to scramble to set up overflow rooms. When Snowden's giant image finally showed up on the screen, almost 90 minutes late, he was greeted with thunderous applause.

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27. Snowden secoue le meilleur des mondes

Le Devoir (site web), Sarah R. Champagne, 2016 11 03

Moscou - Le moment n'aurait pu être mieux choisi pour entendre le plaidoyer d'Edward Snowden. La mise en garde du plus célèbre lanceur d'alerte du XXI^e siècle résonne particulièrement fort au milieu de cette semaine où l'espionnage de plusieurs journalistes ne laisse plus de doutes. Il est apparu sur écran géant en direct de Moscou, par une vidéoconférence à l'Université McGill. Le tonnerre d'applaudissements calmé, il affirme peu après : « Nous sommes tous surveillés, ce n'est pas de la science-fiction et ça arrive maintenant. » Prenant pour exemple les récents événements locaux, il s'inquiète de « cette attaque radicale de la liberté de presse, qui représente une menace au modèle traditionnel de notre démocratie ». Ces scandales constituent en fait de nouveaux épisodes des dérives des appareils de renseignement, peu importe l'échelle. Plus important encore, le rythme des avancées technologiques de la surveillance organisée « a dépassé le contrôle démocratique », insiste Snowden. Le temps où une grande équipe et des moyens extrêmement coûteux étaient nécessaires pour espionner une seule personne est loin derrière. « Cette dynamique s'est inversée complètement », dit-il, dans un contexte où une seule personne, loin de ses cibles, peut en traquer un nombre extraordinairement grand avec des précisions inimaginables. » Ce changement fondamental et dangereux pour le droit à la vie privée est sa motivation première à sonner l'alarme.

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28. Why the Maryam Monsef case matters

Toronto Sun, Candice Malcolm, 2016 11 03

Column: Maryam Monsef was born in Iran, not Afghanistan as she once claimed. Most Canadians have now heard about this story, and most fall into two broad categories. Either they are sympathetic to Monsef's story, believe she is the victim of a tragic childhood in war-torn Afghanistan, and consider her birthplace controversy another iteration of the hardships of being a refugee. Or, they are skeptical of Monsef's story, concerned about the legal implications for a person whose citizenship application is likely to have contained false information, eager for the law to be applied equally and worried about how a person can reach a top position of power in the government without basic facts about their life coming out. I fall into the latter category. I don't believe Monsef is being forthright about her past. Her changing story, her time spent in Iran as an adult and her unwillingness to answer questions has led to major credibility issues in my mind. And because I'm skeptical, I've been asking a lot of questions. I've written more than a dozen articles - news reports and opinion pieces - uncovering facts and sharing my analysis about this evolving controversy. While we at the Sun have been following this story closely, some other journalists have decided to ignore it. Because these journalists appear to fall into the

first category - sympathetic with Monsef and not skeptical - they seem to have decided facts are somehow irrelevant.

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29. 'I'm not a terrorist,' Minnesota ISIL case defendant tells judge in a letter

Minneapolis Star Tribune, Stephen Montemayor, 2016 11 03

Minneapolis - In a letter to the federal judge who will sentence him later this month, one of nine Twin Cities men convicted of trying to support ISIL denounced the terror group he once sought to join as "cowards" and called himself a victim of the group's "intense mental warfare." "Your Honor, I am against terrorism and I'm not a terrorist," Hanad Musse wrote Judge Michael Davis in a letter signed from an Elk River jail last month. Musse was the first of the defendants to plead guilty last year to federal charges that they conspired to leave the United States and join ISIL in the Middle East. His letter to Davis was attached to a brief filed Wednesday by his attorney requesting a 6-year prison sentence in the case. Sentencing arguments from defense attorneys and prosecutors in the case are due Thursday, and Davis will sentence all nine men during hearings Nov. 14-16. Musse and five other defendants who pleaded guilty face maximum sentences of 15 years in prison. Three others convicted by a federal jury of charges including conspiracy to murder outside the United States face possible maximum life sentences.

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30. Election Cyberattacks: Pro-Russia Hackers Have Been Accused in Past

NBC News, Gabe Joselow, 2016 11 03

London - While Americans are just coming to terms with the prospect of political cyberattacks tied to Russia -- it isn't the first time Kremlin-linked hackers have been accused of trying to influence voters in other countries. A torrent of stolen emails released by WikiLeaks -- most damaging to the Democrats and Hillary Clinton -- have marked the 2016 race in what U.S. intelligence officials say is an unprecedented attempt to by Vladimir Putin's government to undermine trust in the U.S. election process. Russia has been accused of this before, notably when hackers attempted to hijack an election in neighboring Ukraine in 2014. A few days before the vote, a sophisticated cyberattack shut down Ukraine's Central Election Commission's computer systems by disrupting the internal network. A pro- Russian hacktivist group called CyberBerkut claimed responsibility for the attack. CEC administrators were able to restore the system in time for the vote, but on election day the website was compromised again when a photo was posted falsely showing a far-right candidate had won the vote. Russian state television went on to broadcast an image allegedly taken from the site to report what turned out to be a false story.

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31. John Brennan's attempt to lead the CIA into the age of cyberwar

Reuters, David Rhode, 2016 11 02

Washington - When America goes to the polls on Nov. 8, according to current and former U.S. intelligence officials, it will likely experience the culmination of a new form of information war. A months-long campaign backed by the Russian government to undermine the credibility of the U.S. presidential election - through hacking, cyber attacks and disinformation campaigns - is likely to peak on voting day, the officials said. Russian officials deny any such effort. But current and former U.S. officials warn that hackers could post fictional evidence online of widespread voter fraud, slow the Internet to a crawl through cyber attacks and release a final tranche of hacked emails, including some that could be doctored. "Don't underestimate what they can do or will do. We have to be prepared," said Leon Panetta, who served as CIA director and defense secretary in President Barack Obama's first term. "In some ways, they are succeeding at disrupting our process. Until they pay a price, they will keep doing it." John Brennan, the current CIA director, declined to comment on the Russian efforts. But he said Russian intelligence operatives have a long history of marrying traditional espionage with advances in technology. More broadly, Brennan said, the digital age creates enormous opportunities for espionage. But it also creates vulnerabilities.

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32. Microsoft to block Windows flaw used by Russian hackers

USA Today, Brett Molina, 2016 11 03

Washington - Microsoft says it will release a patch next week to address vulnerabilities in its Windows operating system exploited by a group reportedly tied to the Russian government and linked to the theft of emails from the Democratic National Committee. The group, called Strontium by Microsoft but Fancy Bear or APT 28 by other security researchers, has been tied to Russian state-sponsored hacking. U.S. intelligence agencies have said Russian groups were behind attempts to interfere with this year's U.S. presidential election. Strontium has targeted "government agencies, diplomatic institutions, and military organizations, as well as affiliated private sector organizations such as defense contractors and public policy research institutes," Microsoft's executive vice president of Windows and devices group Terry Myerson said in a blog post Wednesday. Myerson did not directly link Strontium to Russia, only that it has been used "to target a specific set of customers." But according to CrowdStrike, an Irvine, Calif.-based computer security firm that published a detailed analysis of the attack on the DNC intrusion in June, Strontium is simply another name for the group CrowdStrike called Fancy Bear, a Russian intelligence-affiliated adversary.

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33. Obama Faults F.B.I. on Emails, Citing 'Incomplete Information'

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 11 03

Chapel Hill - President Obama threw the power of the White House behind Hillary Clinton on Wednesday. He faulted how the F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, handled new emails related to

the investigation into Mrs. Clinton's private server, and then shouted out to college students here in a pivotal battleground state that it was crucial that they vote because the "fate of the world is teetering." Mr. Obama's comments about Mr. Comey, broadcast early in the day as recent polls showed a tightening race, were striking for a president who has insisted he does not comment on F.B.I. investigations. But Mr. Obama appeared to be doing exactly that in implicitly criticizing Mr. Comey's decision to send a vague letter last week to Congress -- and by extension, the public -- informing lawmakers about a discovery of new emails related to Mrs. Clinton's use of a private server as secretary of state. "We don't operate on incomplete information," Mr. Obama said in an interview with NowThis News. "We don't operate on leaks. We operate based on concrete decisions that are made." Without mentioning Mr. Comey by name -- although it was clear whom he meant -- Mr. Obama suggested that the F.B.I. had violated investigative guidelines and trafficked in innuendo by alerting Congress last week. Mr. Obama's remarks, which followed searing criticism of the F.B.I. director from both parties, make it harder for Mr. Comey to defuse the worst crisis of his tenure at the bureau.

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34. Senior FBI officials were told of new emails in early October but wanted more information before renewing Clinton probe

Washington Post, Sari Horwitz, Ellen Nakashima, 2016 11 03

Washington - Senior FBI officials were informed about the discovery of new emails potentially relevant to the investigation of Hillary Clinton's private email server at least two weeks before Director James B. Comey notified Congress, according to federal officials familiar with the investigation. The officials said that Comey was told that there were new emails before he received a formal briefing last Thursday, although the precise timing is unclear. The information goes beyond the details provided in the letter that Comey sent to lawmakers last week declaring that he was restarting the inquiry into whether Clinton mishandled classified material during her tenure as secretary of state. He wrote in the Friday letter that "the investigative team briefed me yesterday" about the additional emails. The people familiar with the investigation said that senior officials had been informed weeks earlier that a computer belonging to former congressman Anthony Weiner (D-N.Y.) contained emails potentially pertinent to the Clinton investigation. Clinton's top aide, Huma Abedin, shared the computer with her husband, from whom she is now separated. Comey did not notify Congress as soon as he learned about the emails because officials wanted additional information before proceeding, the officials said. An FBI spokesman declined to comment.

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35. The politics of espionage in the Obama-Brennan era

Reuters, David Rhode, 2016 11 03

Washington - Supporters hail CIA director John Brennan as a devoted public servant with a strong moral core and a tenacious work ethic. He has increased the recruitment of minority intelligence officers and promoted women to senior posts. He wears a lanyard around his neck every day that celebrates LGBT diversity at the CIA. But some former covert operatives say

Brennan is too cautious and political. Liberals accuse Brennan of protecting the CIA instead of forcing it to become more accountable to Congress. In particular, they blame Brennan for convincing President Barack Obama to oppose the release of the full 6,000-page U.S. Senate report detailing torture by the CIA during the presidency of George W. Bush. In private hearings, they said, Brennan bristled at questions from senators regarding the report. After CIA officials searched the computer of a Senate staffer investigating torture, an outraged Sen. Dianne Feinstein accused Brennan's CIA of provoking a "constitutional crisis" by thwarting Congress' ability to perform its mandated right to oversee the executive-branch agency. Two other Democratic Senators called for Brennan's resignation. Obama and White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough aggressively defended Brennan, who eventually apologized to Feinstein. "The exhaustive 6,000-page Senate Intelligence Committee report fully documented the program," Feinstein told Reuters, "but the CIA under John's leadership has had difficulty confronting this dark chapter and learning from its mistakes." Leon Panetta, who served as President Obama's first CIA director, said he understood Brennan's desire to protect CIA officers who carried out interrogation methods deemed legal at the time by the Bush administration. But he said it was important to also be open with Congress and the public.

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36. Though Useful in War, Drones May Be Too Costly for Duty Along U.S. Borders (Canada)

New York Times, Ron Nixon, 2016 11 03

Grand Forks, North Dakota - Cameras on drones stare down at the Canadian border from as high as 28,000 feet, scanning vast stretches of mountains, rivers and forests for potential terrorists and drug smugglers. The drones are intended to compensate for the Department of Homeland Security's lack of personnel and other surveillance equipment to adequately patrol the longest international border in the world. Equipped with high-tech cameras and radar, and capable of staying in the air much longer than planes flown by humans, the drones fill a critical gap in border security, officials with Homeland Security say. While the bulk of the department's drones are flown on the more troubled American border with Mexico, the ones here are used to surveil remote parts of the 5,500-mile border with Canada that are too risky for ground access or normal aircraft. The use of drones has been criticized by government auditors as costing too much -- about \$60 million a year -- and producing too little, less than 2 percent of all apprehensions and drug arrests by the Border Patrol. In addition, privacy activists say that the government may be taking video of people who are not engaged in criminal activity. Data from Homeland Security shows drones assisted in 2,100 apprehensions last year, an increase from 1,400 in 2012, but a small fraction of the roughly 300,000 apprehensions of people trying to enter the United States illegally.

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37. Turmoil in the FBI

CNN.com, Multiple reporters, 2016 11 03

Washington - Among the casualties of the 2016 presidential campaign is the mystique of the FBI. Behind the scenes over the past 15 months, infighting among some agents and officials has exposed some parts of the storied bureau to be buffeted by some of the same bitter divisions as the rest of American society. This account is based on interviews with more than a dozen officials close to the matter who spoke anonymously because they've been ordered not to speak to the news media. Tensions have built in particular over the handling of matters related to Hillary Clinton. Some of the sharpest divides have emerged between some agents in the FBI's New York field office, the bureau's largest and highest-profile, and officials at FBI headquarters in Washington and at the Justice Department. Some rank-and-file agents interpreted cautious steps taken by the Justice Department and FBI headquarters as being done for political reasons or to protect a powerful political figure. At headquarters, some have viewed the actions and complaints of some agents in the field as driven by the common desire of investigators to get a big case or, perhaps worst, because of partisan views.

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38. Why Light Bulbs May Be the Next Hacker Target (Canada)

New York Times, John Markoff, 2016 11 03

San Francisco - The so-called Internet of Things, its proponents argue, offers many benefits: energy efficiency, technology so convenient it can anticipate what you want, even reduced congestion on the roads. Now here's the bad news: Putting a bunch of wirelessly connected devices in one area could prove irresistible to hackers. And it could allow them to spread malicious code through the air, like a flu virus on an airplane. Researchers report in a paper to be made public on Thursday that they have uncovered a flaw in a wireless technology that is often included in smart home devices like lights, switches, locks, thermostats and many of the components of the much-ballyhooed "smart home" of the future. The researchers focused on the Philips Hue smart light bulb and found that the wireless flaw could allow hackers to take control of the light bulbs, according to researchers at the Weizmann Institute of Science near Tel Aviv and Dalhousie University in Halifax, Canada. That may not sound like a big deal. But imagine thousands or even hundreds of thousands of internet-connected devices in close proximity. Malware created by hackers could be spread like a pathogen among the devices by compromising just one of them.

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39. Assange: WikiLeaks did not receive Clinton emails from Russian govt

RT (Russia), Staff report, 2016 11 03

London - In an exclusive interview with John Pilger to be broadcast by RT on Saturday, whistleblower Julian Assange categorically denied that the troves of US Democratic Party and Clinton work and staff emails released this year have come from the Russian government. "The Clinton camp has been able to project a neo-McCarthyist hysteria that Russia is responsible for everything. Hillary Clinton has stated multiple times, falsely, that 17 US intelligence agencies

had assessed that Russia was the source of our publications. That's false - we can say that the Russian government is not the source," Assange told the veteran Australian broadcaster as part of a 25-minute John Pilger Special. Assange, who gave the interview in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, where he has been for four years, also accused the US presidential candidate of being a pawn of behind-the-scenes interests, and voiced doubts about her physical fitness to take charge of the White House. "Hillary Clinton is just one person. I actually feel quite sorry for Hillary Clinton as a person, because I see someone who is eaten alive by their ambitions, tormented literally to the point where they become sick - for example faint - as a result of going on, and going with their ambitions. But she represents a whole network of people, and a whole network of relationships with particular states."

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40. Setback for Theresa May as high court says MPs must approve Brexit

The Guardian (London), Owen Bowcott, 2016 11 03

London - Parliament alone has the power to trigger Brexit by notifying Brussels of the UK's intention to leave the European Union, the high court has ruled. The judgment, delivered by the lord chief justice, Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, is likely to slow the pace of Britain's departure from the EU and is a huge setback for Theresa May, who had insisted the government alone would decide when to trigger the process. The lord chief justice said that "the most fundamental rule of the UK constitution is that parliament is sovereign". A government spokesman said that ministers would appeal to the supreme court against the decision. The hearing will take place early next month.

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41. Alleged IS man 'kept under radar': court

Australian Associated Press, Rebekah Ison, 2016 11 03

Sydney - A Sydney man accused of trying to send thousands of dollars to support Islamic State was sophisticated in using others to do things for him to "keep beneath the radar", a court has heard. Ali Al- Talebi, 27, was in contact with an Australian fighter in Syria and had religious chants downloaded from the jihadist militant group, the prosecution says. He allegedly helped recruit a younger Muslim man to send \$6000 to Pakistan. The money was allegedly to be used for sending fighters to Syria, in 2014. The crown also says he tried to have more than \$9000 in US bank notes sent to a man in Turkey, who had been nominated by Australian IS member Mohammad Ali Baryalei. It says the money was handed over in the presence of a group of men at the Parramatta mosque carpark before being taken by the young man to western Sydney money exchanges. The transfer attempts were made over three consecutive days in August, it alleges. Al- Talebi has been charged with two counts of attempting to give resources to a terrorist organisation and one count of knowingly making funds available to a terrorist organisation after raids in 2014.

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42. Anti-terror campaigner among police best

Sydney Morning Herald, Rachel Olding, 2016 11 03

Sydney - Think outside the square. That's the message Caroline O'Hare is bringing to every police officer in NSW in the fight against terrorism. The police officer of 35 years, who has spent half her career in counter-terrorism, has spearheaded a new, mandatory training program equipping front-line officers to look for signs of radicalisation while attending routine jobs. It may be spotting something unusual when arresting a drug dealer. It may be asking extra questions at a domestic violence call. By July, all 16,000 police officers will have received the I-Rad training as the threat of terrorism continues to grow. "We're teaching them to really be aware of what is going on, to look for the extraordinary in the ordinary, because they're ... in the community every day," said Detective Chief Inspector O'Hare. Ms O'Hare, a Counter Terrorism and Special Tactics Command leader, is one of 23 police officers, unsworn employees and police volunteers nominated for the Police Officer of the Year awards, to be held in Sydney on Friday night.

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43. Arrested Sydney man had links to members of foreign fighter network, counter-terrorism police say

ABC (Australia), Jessica Kidd, 2016 11 03

Canberra - Counter-terrorism police allege one of two people arrested in Sydney raids this morning had links to a member of foreign fighter network. A Sydney man accused of travelling to Syria to fight alongside Al-Qaeda affiliate Jabhat al-Nusra has alleged links to two other men who are also under the watch of counter terrorism police. State and federal police from the Joint Counter Terrorism Team have arrested Mehmet Biber, 24, and a 17-year old boy on suspicion of breaching foreign fighter laws. Biber was arrested at Birrong this morning over allegations he travelled to Syria to fight alongside Jabhat al-Nusra in July 2013. Counter terrorism police will allege he travelled to the conflict zone with the help of Islamic State supporter Hamdi Al Qudsi. Al Qudsi was sentenced to a minimum of six years in prison for his role helping seven young Australian men travel to fight with extremist jihadi groups in Syria, including the forerunners of Islamic State. The national manager of counter-terrorism for the Australian Federal Police, Neil Gaughan, said the 17-year old boy arrested this morning attempted to travel to the region to fight for IS in January 2015.

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44. Australian police arrest two linked to Syria militants

Reuters, Staff reporter, 2016 11 03

Sydney - Australian police on Thursday arrested a man believed to have fought with Syrian militants and a youth who was stopped at the border allegedly planning to join Islamic State in Syria. The pair were detained in early morning raids in Sydney, underscoring Australia's tough

stance on dealing with so called "foreign fighters" heading overseas to join in conflicts in countries including Syria and Iraq. Australia has imposed some of the harshest penalties in the world on foreign fighters returning home as the country leads a push for the United Nations to adopt international standards to curb the threat they pose. "It is very unfortunate that even though ISIS is losing significant ground over there that we still have people, particularly young people, that are attracted to the ideology and are still attempting to leave the country," Neil Gaughan, national manager of counter-terrorism for the Australian Federal Police, told reporters. The 24-year-old man and the 17-year-old youth were both charged with breaching Australia's foreign incursion laws, which prohibit travel to foreign countries with the intention of engaging in hostile activity. Those found guilty face up to 25 years imprisonment.

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45. Cabinet warned of cyber threats

The Australian Financial Review, Fleur Anderson, 2016 11 03

Canberra - Cabinet ministers have been told to improve the cyber security of their departments after it was found inadequate safeguards risked government agencies becoming the "honey pots" of secret information in cyber espionage. Dan Tehan, the minister assisting Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull on cyber security, will tell his senior colleagues they need to appoint top bureaucrats to be responsible for cyber security after a study by the Australian National University's National Security College found smaller government agencies and medium-sized business were the weakest link, or "honey pots", in Australia's cybersecurity defences because they are not vigilant enough about "low-level" threats like malware and denial of service attacks. This is despite a \$230 million cyber security strategy introduced by Mr Turnbull in April. "This report clearly shows that, when it comes to government agencies, we've still got more work to do," Mr Tehan told The Australian Financial Review. "As a result of it I will be writing to all cabinet ministers, stressing to them the importance of cybersecurity, ensure that their departments and agencies are regularly updated on cyber issues and also ensuring that someone at the senior executive level has direct responsibility for cyber security."

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46. New Zealand, Australia cooperate on Asia-Pacific cyber security

Xinhua News Agency, John Macdonald, 2016 11 03

Wellington - New Zealand and Australia have begun working together on initiatives to strengthen trans-Tasman cyber security, New Zealand Communications Minister Amy Adams said Thursday. Adams said she had recently held talks in Sydney with Australian Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Cyber Security Dan Tehan, and they had agreed to work together on a range of initiatives that would benefit both countries. Areas of interest included boosting cyber skills, building the cyber capability of small and medium-sized businesses, and cooperating on joint awareness-raising campaigns. The initiatives would bolster the government's approach to cyber security issues, and further align Australia and New Zealand's public-private awareness initiatives and workforce readiness to reduce the cyber threat in the Asia-Pacific region. "Australia and New Zealand enjoy a productive relationship on cyber issues.

Working together means we can better respond to challenges and be prepared to deal with serious cyber security threats that could affect both our nations," Adams said in a statement. "Many New Zealand businesses operate in Australia and vice versa, and our citizens travel regularly between the two countries. We're committed to cooperating at a practical level to help our communities be safe online and ensure they're making the most of the digital economy," she said.

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47. The Government won't confirm whether there's been one or two terrorist threats

Radio New Zealand News, Staff reporter, 2016 11 03

Wellington - The Government won't confirm whether there's been one or two terrorist threats in New Zealand. In her annual report, the Inspector-General of Security and Intelligence confirms the SIS responded to a suspected terrorist act in the second half of last year. They got an urgent authorisation to carry out surveillance without a warrant. At the same time, the Prime Minister's department has released the National Security System handbook which says there was a domestic terrorist threat but it gives no further details. Chris Finlayson, the minister responsible for the SIS, will not confirm whether this threat is the same as the one SIS responded to last year. (full report)

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48. The Inspector-General of Security and Intelligence has reviewed an urgent authorisation for warrantless surveillance and has found no "material concerns".

Radio New Zealand News, 2016 11 03

The Inspector-General of Security and Intelligence has reviewed an urgent authorisation for warrantless surveillance and has found no "material concerns". The SIS used the first ever authorisation to respond to a suspected terrorist act in the second half of last year, to carry out surveillance without a warrant for up to 24 hours. In her annual report, the Inspector General, Cheryl Gwyn, says there were no major problems with the authorisation. She also says the Government Communications Security Bureau has 'self-reported' four completed investigations and seven other possible incidents of non-compliance. Ms Gwyn says none require immediate, urgent action, but all will be followed up. (Full report)

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49. The Prime Minister is dismissing calls to make it harder for the GCSB and SIS to access personal information held by other organisations.

Radio New Zealand News, Staff reporter, 2016 11 03

Wellington - The Prime Minister is dismissing calls to make it harder for the GCSB and SIS to access personal information held by other organisations. New legislation requires them to abide by Privacy Act principles, but not have a warrant, when seeking or accessing information from government departments and private companies. The telecommunications company Spark and

the Privacy Commissioner have told MPs the bill should have stronger safeguards, including a warrant for sensitive information. John Key says there are bigger privacy concerns than the spy agencies. (Full report)

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50. The telecommunications company Spark wants the GCSB and SIS to have to have a warrant before they come asking for customers' personal information.

Radio New Zealand News, 2016 11 03

Wellington - The telecommunications company Spark wants the GCSB and SIS to have to have a warrant before they come asking for customers' personal information. New legislation for the two agencies requires them to abide by Privacy Act principles when seeking or accessing information from government departments and private companies. But it does not require a warrant. Spark and the Privacy Commissioner say there should be stronger safeguards. John Wesley-Smith, from Spark, told MPs the bill leaves it up to the company to make calls on national security. (Full report)

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51. 31 people killed & wounded in Faryab offensive

Pajhwok Afghan News, Qutbuddin Kohi, Gul Mohammad Tanha, 2016 11 03

Maimana - Thirty-one people, mostly militants, have been killed and wounded during an ongoing operation in Khwajah Sabzposh district of northern Faryab province, local officials said on Wednesday. Governor Sayed Anwar Sadat told Pajhwok Afghan News the operation "Zafar 19" had been launched to retake some localities Taliban captured two weeks back and to reopen the Maimana-Jawzjan highway. He added Bimaghali and Trukman-Qashalak localities of the Khwajah Sabzposh district and four check-posts along the Khwajah Sabzposh-Sheerin Tagab highway were retaken during the operation. At least eight Taliban militants were killed and 10 others wounded in the operation, he said. However, provincial police spokesman, Abdul Karim Yourash, said 13 militants had been killed and nine others injured during the operation so far.

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52. 4 terror launch pads spotted along Pakistan border

Times of India, Rohan Dua, 2016 11 03

Jammu - The Army's military intelligence (MI) in Jammu and Kashmir has spotted at least four terror launch pads of Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) across the international border (IB). The launch pads are less than five kilometres from border outposts in the Samba region, where heavy shelling by Pakistan's troops killed six people on Tuesday. Sources said that, according to an MI report, the launch pads had been spotted at Masroor Bada Bhai, Sukhmal, Chapral and Looni. One of them is located just opposite the BSF BOP (border outpost) at Paharpur in Kathua's

Hiranagar sector. According to the report, heavily armed men dressed in camouflage had been seen getting dropped at Pakistan's Nur-ul-Islam BOP via Masroor Bada Bhai. It added that, after the Army's surgical strikes on September 29, terror commanders had changed their location from Pakistan occupied Kashmir (POK) to the territory across the international border in the Jammu region.

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Africa • Afrique

53. 14 nouvelles frappes aériennes américaines contre Daech à Syrte

Pan African News Agency, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 02

Tripoli, Libye - Au total, 14 frappes aériennes contre des sites et des engins de l'organisation Daech à Syrte ciblée ont été menées par des avions de chasse américains en appui des forces armées du gouvernement d'union nationale en Libye, a annoncé le commandement des forces américaines en Afrique (AFRICOM). Dans un communiqué publié, mardi, sur son site Web, AFRICOM a indiqué avoir détruit 28 positions des éléments de l'organisation Daech, en plus d'une voiture piégée, un centre pour le stockage d'armes et deux centres de commandements dans le cadre de 14 frappes aériennes, lundi 31 octobre. Le communiqué a souligné que le nombre total de frappes est passé à 367 depuis le début de l'opération coup «Foudre Odessa» le premier août. AFRICOM a renouvelé son engagement à coopérer avec les partenaires internationaux pour soutenir le gouvernement de réconciliation nationale afin de rétablir la stabilité et la sécurité dans le pays.

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54. Jihadisme : l'Afrique en passe de perdre la bataille contre la radicalisation des jeunes ? (Canada)

Jeune Afrique, Barthélémy Gaillard, 2016 11 02

Québec, Canada - Pour Bakary Sambe, directeur de l'Observatoire des radicalismes et des conflits religieux en Afrique, une chose est sûre : « On n'a jamais vaincu une idéologie avec un code pénal ou une kalachnikov. » Jeune Afrique s'est entretenue avec lui en marge d'une conférence sur la lutte contre la radicalisation des jeunes sur internet, qui se tenait à Québec (Canada) en début de semaine. Jeune Afrique : En 2016, l'Afrique de l'Ouest, qu'on croyait relativement à l'abri de la menace jihadiste, a payé un lourd tribut... Bakary Sambe : [Il coupe] On fait comme si la région venait de découvrir ce que tout le monde appelle la « radicalisation », alors que ce phénomène est le fruit d'un processus remontant aux années 70 ! C'est à ce moment que cette bataille a commencé, pas maintenant comme on l'entend souvent. Et nous sommes en passe de la perdre pour l'instant. Pourquoi datez-vous les débuts de la radicalisation en Afrique aux années 70 ? À l'époque, la sécheresse a durement frappé les États de la bande sahélienne qui ont alors reçu le soutien financier des pétromonarchies. Ces dernières ont donné pour la construction de mosquées, pour les activités de nombreuses ONG religieuses. Puis dans les années 80/90, après la sécheresse, ce sont les politiques d'ajustement structurel menées par la Banque Mondiale et le FMI qui ont contribué à déstructurer les politiques sociales, de santé et

d'éducation. Nos Etats se sont retrouvés à genoux. Quelles en ont été les conséquences ? C'est là véritablement que sont apparues les ONG religieuses, qui ont finalement remplacé les États auprès de certaines couches de population, et ce toutes confessions confondues. On a tendance à parler des associations islamistes en premier lieu, mais il ne faut pas oublier les structures pentecôtistes par exemple. Toujours est-il qu'au message des États s'est substitué un message religieux, qui plus est en contradiction avec celui délivré par l'Islam local. On a alors commencé à assister à un choc des systèmes religieux : l'Islam d'obéissance soufie enraciné en Afrique s'est retrouvé confronté au wahabbisme salafiste. Les États africains n'ont pas intégré la dimension sécuritaire du phénomène.

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55. Morocco Rocked by Protests and Arrests

The Media Line, Albert Nachmani, 2016 11 03

Tel Aviv - The death of a Moroccan fish vendor crushed in a garbage truck has sparked mass protests throughout the country, spurring King Mohammed VI to order a thorough investigation which has led to the arrest of 11 people, according to Moroccan officials. Mouhcine Fikri, 31, was killed last Friday night in the northern city of Al Hoceima while trying to salvage a large quantity of swordfish confiscated by local police. Graphic video of Fikri jumping into the back of a garbage truck and being crushed to death circulated on social media, led to thousands attending Fikri's funeral and triggered widespread protests in Rabat, Casablanca, Fes and smaller cities. In a statement made to Moroccan news site le360.ma on Tuesday, Mohamed Aqwir, Al Hoceima's public prosecutor, said that a preliminary investigation had established that there was no order to kill or harm Fikri.

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56. Washington va continuer à doter le Cameroun d'équipements militaires

Agence de Presse Africaine, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 02

Yaoundé, Cameroun - Le chef de l'Etat camerounais, Paul Biya, a reçu mercredi en audience le nouveau commandant du centre d'opérations militaires américaines en Afrique, le général Thomas D. Waldhausser. Au terme de ce tête-à-tête de près d'une heure, l'officier a déclaré que les sujets évoqués avaient trait à la coopération bilatérale, particulièrement dans les domaines de la lutte contre le terrorisme et de la promotion de la paix. Thomas D. Waldhausser a ainsi indiqué que la coopération militaire entre Yaoundé et Washington allait «se diversifier et se renforcer», son pays s'étant d'ores et déjà engagé à poursuivre l'offre de formation aux forces de défense camerounaises et à doter l'armée de ce pays d'équipements militaires, une contribution qualifiée de salutaire et significative dans la lutte contre la secte islamiste Boko Haram. Ces appuis, a-t-il précisé, s'inscrivent également dans le cadre de la coopération pour la sécurité en République centrafricaine et autour du Lac Tchad mais également de la lutte contre l'insécurité maritime dans le Golfe de Guinée.

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57. Big Indian espionage network in Pakistan exposed

The International News, Farooq Aqdas & Mariana Baabar, 2016 11 03

Islamabad - A big Indian espionage network in Pakistan has been exposed as five more Indian diplomats have been found involved in terrorism. The network of spies was discovered in the light of investigation of arrested RAW agent Kulbhushan Yadav. Islamabad is expected to announce at any time that two Indian 'diplomats' are persona non grata and expel them for carrying out subversive activities inside Pakistan. While there is still no official comment on these latest expulsions, The News has learnt that the Foreign Office is seized with the matter and is constantly in touch with its High Commissioner Abdul Basit based in New Delhi. Wednesday saw reports being leaked to the media that Rajesh Kumar Agnihotri has been identified as the RAW station chief, while Balbir Singh has been identified as an officer of the Indian Intelligence Bureau (IB). In an unusual step, photographs of the two Indians were flashed by television channels.

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58. China, Australia sign MOU on anti-money laundering information sharing

Xinhua News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 03

Beijing - China and Australia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on sharing information on money laundering, terrorist financing and other crimes, said the Chinese Foreign Ministry on Thursday. The MOU was signed on Tuesday in Beijing between Chinese Anti-Money Laundering Monitoring and Analysis Center (CAMLMAC) and Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Center, said Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying at a routine press briefing. The MOU will enable cooperation between the two countries on the collection, analysis and exchange of crime-related financial information. This is the 41st cooperation agreement CAMLMAC signed with counterparts overseas, Hua said. The MOU was signed during Australian Justice Minister Michael Keenan's China visit.(Full report)

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59. China carfentanil trade thrives as seizures top 400 in US (Canada)

Associated Press, Raphael Satter and Erika Kinetz, 2016 11 03

Shanghai - Seizures of the deadly chemical carfentanil have exploded across the United States, with more than 400 cases documented in eight states since July, The Associated Press has found. Fueled by a thriving trade out of China, the weapons-grade chemical is suspected in hundreds of drug overdoses in North America. An AP investigation last month showed how easily carfentanil can be purchased online from China. Of the 12 companies that initially offered to export

carfentanil, just three have stopped. Nine continue to offer carfentanil for sale, no questions asked, and the AP identified four additional companies willing to sell the drug. Asked for comment, most denied making the offers. Jilin Tely Import and Export Co. initially claimed in an email that carfentanil was one of its "hot sales product." After being named in AP's story, the company's website vanished and it denied ever producing carfentanil. Carfentanil is a controlled substance in the U.S., where it can be used legally to immobilize large animals like elephants. But it is not controlled in China, the top source of fentanyl-related compounds that end up in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. "It's a loophole that needs to be closed because even small quantities can have a terrible lethal effect," said Andrew Weber, a former U.S. assistant secretary of defense for nuclear, chemical and biological defense programs. "Terrorists could acquire it commercially as we have seen drug dealers doing." Some 5,000 times stronger than heroin, carfentanil is so toxic that an amount smaller than a poppy seed can kill a person. It was researched for years as a chemical weapon and used by Russian forces to incapacitate Chechen separatists in 2002.

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60. Espionage racket: Pakistan pulls out six embassy officials from India

Times of India, Indrani Bagchi, 2016 11 03

New Delhi - Pakistan on Wednesday pulled out six employees posted at its high commission in New Delhi, days after India declared one Pakistani official persona non-grata for espionage activities. The six high commission officials returned to Pakistan via the Wagah border. These six officials were reportedly named by expelled Pakistani high commission staffer+ Mehmood Akhtar during his interrogation. Pakistani high commission staffer Mehmood Akhtar was last week expelled from India after being declared 'persona non- grata'. Mehmood Akhtar is believed to have revealed that he was part of a bigger espionage ring operating from the mission. Sources said that ISI officer Mehmood Akhtar had admitted as much during questioning after he was detained by the Delhi Police crime branch. They claimed that apart from the four high commission officials he specifically mentioned, Mehmood said that there were at least 10 others tasked with sourcing information from Indians.

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61. Pakistan may expel two Indian diplomats in Islamabad for spying

The Express Tribune, Kamran Yousaf, 2016 11 03

Islamabad - Two Indian diplomats in Islamabad have been caught spying for India's premier spy agency, Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), and may be expelled, sources told The Express Tribune on Wednesday. According to sources, Rajesh Kumar Agnihotri has been identified as RAW station chief, while Balbir Singh has been identified as an officer of the Indian Intelligence Bureau (IB). Both officers were working at the Indian High Commission office in Islamabad. A source said both Agnihotri and Balbir were involved in terrorist activities in the country. "Recently expelled Indian diplomat Surjeet Singh was also a part of Balbir's network," the source added. "Balbir Singh was helping the Indian IB operatives to carry out subversive activities in

Pakistan," the source further said. In New Delhi, Vikas Swarup, the spokesman for India's Ministry of External Affairs, told Reuters the ministry was "aware" of the media reports.

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62. S. Korean Army conducts combined arms drill to counter N.K. threats

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 03

Seoul - The South Korean Army said Thursday it is conducting a combined arms drill by mobilizing state-of-the-art K-2 Black Panther tanks in a bid to beef up its combat readiness against North Korea's threats. An infantry division is carrying out the exercise, which kicked off Monday and will run until Friday at the Seungjin training ground, located in Pocheon, north of Seoul, with about 70 tracked vehicles, including 20 K-2 tanks, and aircraft, it said. It marked the first time that the military conducted a battalion-level air-land drill since the K-2 tanks were deployed with front-line troops, it said. K-2, the South Korean military's latest main battle tank (MBT), has been produced since 2013 with more than 200 having been deployed so far. During the drill, K-2 battle tanks, K-21 mechanized infantry fighting vehicles and aircraft broke through mock anti-tank defense lines held by imaginary North Korean troops, the military said.

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63. Spy chief to take up advisory role on Hong Kong

South China Morning Post, Li Jing, 2016 11 03

Beijing - The country's security chief is expected to stand down soon after being appointed to a senior role on an advisory panel for Hong Kong and Taiwan affairs. Geng Huichang, the minister of state security, was on Tuesday named deputy director of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) national committee's panel on Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and Overseas Chinese affairs, state-run Xinhua reported yesterday. The CPPCC is the country's top political advisory body. The advisory role for Geng, who has reached the mandatory retirement age of 65, was announced alongside new appointments for two other top officials. Cai Fuchao, former head of the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television, was named deputy director of the CPPCC committee for education, science, culture and health; and Liu Peng, former director of the State General Administration of Sports, was named deputy director of the CPPCC foreign affairs committee. Cai and Liu officially retired in recent weeks, according to mainland media reports. Geng's retirement has yet to be made official. Geng's new role is expected to pave the way for Chen Wenqing, the Ministry of State Security's Communist Party committee head, to take up the job as minister.

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64. Hackers leak Putin plan to carve up Ukraine

London Times, Maxim Tucker, 2016 11 03

Kyiv - Leaked Kremlin emails reveal how Russian operatives botched an attempt last year to foment an uprising in Kharkiv, the second largest city in Ukraine. The emails, obtained by The Times, were apparently hacked from the inbox of Maria Vinogradova, an adviser to Vladislav Surkov, President Putin's point man on Ukraine. The civilian intelligence analysis group Inform Napalm said that it had traced the adviser to an office in central Moscow used by the FSB spy agency. Three of the Ukrainian hackers involved in the leak met The Times on condition of anonymity, carrying concealed weapons but rejecting suggestions that the hack had been carried out with the help of Ukrainian or US intelligence services. Last month NBC News reported that the CIA had vowed to retaliate against Russia for a series of intrusions targeting American political institutions. The inbox that they shared contains 423 emails between government officials and separatist leaders between 2014 and 2016. Highlights include a proposal from a rebel leader to split Ukraine into three parts under a federalised system, plans to replace unruly separatist officials who were then killed or arrested, and draft Ukrainian laws to be submitted by a pro-Russian party. The presidential office was also sent emails asking for approval of a screenplay and a poem about the war in eastern Ukraine. The email trove includes two maps sent in January this year by Denis Pushilin, a rebel leader who reports regularly to Mr Surkov, and suggests that Ukraine could be carved into three parts: an eastern third known as "New Russia", a central region, including Kiev, to be known as "Lesser Russia" and a smaller western area to take the historic name "Galicia".

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65. Inside The Ukrainian 'Hactivist' Network Cyberbattling The Kremlin

Radio Free Europe, Christopher Miller, 2016 11 03

Kyiv - Dressed in a black sweater and equally nondescript turtleneck, with wisps of raven hair corkscrewing from under a black baseball cap, the lanky Ukrainian introduces himself in accented English as "Sean." Sean Townsend is his chosen pseudonym on Facebook, complemented by images of the notorious Guy Fawkes mask of hacker group Anonymous and the Ukrainian coat of arms. Before Sean, he was "Ross Hatefield," until the world's leading social network banned that account for impersonation. In hacker circles, he is better known as RUH8 -- pronounced "roo-hate" to express his aversion to all things Russian. He provided details of the cyberwar that has been raging -- parallel to the shooting war between Ukraine and Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine over the past 30 months -- between the respective sides' patriotic hackers using digital subterfuge. RUH8 is part of a Ukrainian "hactivist" collective that includes four hacker groups: CyberHunta, Falcons Flame, Trinity, and RUH8. When working together, they call themselves the Ukrainian Cyber Alliance. Their declared enemy is the Kremlin, and their avowed mission is to expose its meddling in Ukraine and ultimately to destroy Russian President Vladimir Putin's regime. They regard a hacker group called CyberBerkut -- which international cybersecurity experts have blamed for digital attacks on Ukrainian ministries and its presidential election in 2014 -- as their Russian counterpart. They also believe CyberBerkut is an alias for Fancy Bear, a hacker group with suspected ties to the Russian state that is thought to have worked with another Russian group, Cozy Bear, to disrupt the upcoming U.S. presidential election.

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66. Le logo des renseignements ukrainiens a de quoi déplaire à Moscou

La Tribune (France), Jean-Christophe Catalon, 2016 11 03

Berlin - Ce blason multiplie les symboles anti-russes et entretient la rivalité entre les deux pays, alors qu'aucune porte de sortie n'a été trouvée lors du dernier sommet, à Berlin, le 19 octobre. Les relations entre l'Ukraine et la Russie ne sont pas près de se réchauffer. La semaine passée, le président Petro Porochenko a présenté le nouveau chef de la direction des renseignements du ministère de la Défense (GUR-MOU), Vasyl Burba. Si l'événement a fait parler de lui, c'est moins pour la nomination que pour le logo des services de renseignements, affiché en grand derrière le chef de l'État. « Ukraine military intelligence emblem is owl driving sword into Russia. Owls hunt bats, symbol of Russia military intelligence @Kateryna_Kruk pic.twitter.com/qHA2LJrNBm - Tweet du 30/10/2016 de Alec Luhn (@ASLuhn) » (lien : <https://twitter.com/ASLuhn/status/792786486429151233>) Déjà visible dans une vidéo de 2015 du ministère, ce blason multiplie les symboles anti-russes : - La Russie est coloriée et menacée par un glaive. De la CIA américaine à la DGSE française, en passant par le GRU russe, tous affichent un symbole international neutre. - Le hibou : le choix du volatile n'est pas anodin. Le blason du GRU russe arbore une chauve-souris, animal dont l'un des prédateurs naturels est... le hibou. - La devise : "sapiens dominabitur astris", locution latine signifiant "le sage dominera les astres", une pique envers celle de son homologue russe : "au-dessus de nous - que des étoiles". [Image : <http://static.latribune.fr/612899/logo- renseignements-ukrainiens.png>] (Crédits : capture d'écran Youtube (lien : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxlclWU-ph4>)/ministère de la Défense de l'Ukraine) [Image : <http://static.latribune.fr/612968/reenseignements- russe.jpg>] La chauve-souris, emblème des services de renseignements russes (GRU). (Crédits : Reuters/Itar Tass) Réactions à Moscou À Moscou, le message n'est pas passé inaperçu. Plusieurs officiels ont exprimé leur mécontentement rapporte Ukraine Today (lien : <http://uatoday.tv/politics/moscow-is-outraged-by-a-new-logo-of-ukraine-s-defense-intelligence-795969.html>).

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67. Moscow office of Amnesty International closed by Russian authorities

The Independent (UK), Ben Kentish, 2016 11 03

London - The Moscow office of Amnesty International has been sealed off by Russian authorities. An Amnesty spokesperson told The Independent staff had arrived at work to find the office doors sealed, the locks removed, the electricity cut off and the alarm system de-activated. Attached to the door was a notice apparently from Moscow city authorities, from whom Amnesty rent the building, saying no one could enter the office without being accompanied by a Russian official. The premises was "property of a city of the Russian Federation", the note said. The Moscow city government said the group was behind on the rent, but Amnesty said it had documents to prove it was up to date with payments. In a statement, the Moscow city property department said it had sent written warnings to Amnesty that it was in arrears. "This complaint was ignored by the unscrupulous tenant," the statement said. The department said it voided Amnesty's lease on the grounds that the tenant was violating the terms of the rental agreement. "In this connection, the premises were closed and sealed off," the statement said. John Dalhuisen, Amnesty International's Europe Director, said in a statement: "This bizarre claim is simply not true. Amnesty International received no advance notice about this and we have documents

proving our rent for the property has been paid up to and including October." Amnesty says it had no warning of the closure and is still unsure why the office was sealed. Its staff in Moscow are understood to be working to try to resolve the issue as quickly as possible. It is understood there have been no arrests and the charity does not at this stage believe the office has been searched by authorities.

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68. Ayatollah Khamenei Dismisses Talks with "Liar, Disloyal, Cheater" US

Fars News Agency, 2016 11 03

Tehran - Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei rejected certain remarks that negotiations and compromise with Washington would resolve problems, and said the "liar, disloyal and cheater" US is itself a crisis-hit country. "Negotiations with the US will not resolve our problems, because firstly, they are liar, disloyal and cheater and stab in the back, and secondly, the US, itself, is crisis-stricken and how can a crisis-hit country resolve another country's problems," Ayatollah Khamenei said in Tehran on Wednesday, addressing a large gathering of Iranian school students and teachers on the occasion of Students Day in Iran. Stressing that international assessment centers and even the Americans, themselves, have admitted the political, economic, international and moral crises in the US, he said that Washington whose debts have approached its GDP cannot settle the problems in Iran and it is merely after looting Iran's wealth and resources to rescue itself from the crisis.

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69. ISIL leader Baghdadi confident of Mosul battle victory

Al Jazeera, 2016 11 03

Baghdad - ISIL leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi has expressed confidence in victory, in his first message after US-backed Iraqi forces started an offensive to take back Mosul, the last major city under control of his group in Iraq. He also called on Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) fighters to invade Turkey. "This raging battle and total war, and the great jihad that the state of Islam is fighting today only increases our firm belief, God willing, and our conviction that all this is a prelude to victory," he said in an audio recording released online by supporters on Thursday. Al Jazeera could not verify the authenticity of the 31-minute-long recording. Sherifa Zuhur, a visiting scholar at the University of California, Berkeley, told Al Jazeera that with this recording Baghdadi is sending a message to supporters of ISIL, also known as ISIS, to fight to the death. Zuhur said the latest recording was made within the last 10 days.

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70. Les forces irakiennes sont entrées dans Mossoul

Le Monde, Hélène Sallon, 2016 11 03

Mossoul - La Division d'or, unité d'élite antiterroriste, a pris sans trop de difficultés le quartier de Gogjali. Mais les djihadistes de l'EI se sont repliés vers le centre de la deuxième ville irakienne. A l'extérieur, les éléments se déchaînent. Un vent de sable ocre balaie Gogjali, le premier quartier à l'entrée est de Mossoul, tout juste libéré des combattants de l'organisation Etat islamique (EI), en milieu d'après-midi, mardi 1er novembre. Il gomme les contours des habitations, déjà écrasées sous une chape de poussière d'un gris laiteux. L'air est saturé de particules. Des pneus finissent de brûler dans les rues. Des champignons de fumée s'élèvent sous les tirs d'artillerie et les frappes de la coalition internationale. La poussière vole au passage des Humvee blindés noirs. La Division d'or, les forces antiterroristes irakiennes (ICTF), s'offre un dernier engagement avant la tombée de la nuit. Elle vient -titiller les combattants djihadistes sur la route principale qui relie Erbil au centre-ville de Mossoul, face au cimetière Al-Karama. Un véhicule piégé l'accueille dans un fracas de débris, qui endommage un tank et un bulldozer. La réplique est immédiate. Les -mitrailleurs et artilleurs d'élite se déchaînent contre les djihadistes, qui les harcèlent depuis l'ouest. Une offensive de neuf heures. Assis à même le sol dans une petite maison située près de l'immeuble de la radio-télévision locale - Al-Mawsil -, le major Salam - Jassim Hussein, de la première division des ICTF, orchestre la manoeuvre. Une carte GPS ouverte sur sa tablette électronique, il transmet les coordonnées des positions djihadistes aux artilleurs et aux avions.

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71. Tehran ex-prosecutor given 135 lashes for corruption (Canada).

Agence France Presse, 2016 11 03

Tehran - Tehran's notorious former chief prosecutor Saeed Mortazavi, whose role in curbing dissent has been condemned by human rights groups for years, has been sentenced to 135 lashes on charges related to a corruption trial, Iranian media reported Wednesday. Mortazavi was convicted of "seizing and wasting public funds" while head of the Social Security Organization, an Iranian NGO that provides insurance for the elderly, unemployed and others, in 2012 and 2013, according to state TV's website. The sentence marked a dramatic reversal of fortune for a man who once personified the heavy hand of the Islamic Republic's hard-line judiciary. In 2010, Human Rights Watch described Mortazavi as a "serial human rights abuser." Zahra Kazemi, an Iranian-Canadian photo journalist, died in Tehran's notorious Evin prison in 2003 in the midst of this crackdown on critical media. The Canadian government said Kazemi was tortured to death and accused Mortazavi of direct involvement.

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72. Bahrain pledges to help capture wanted terrorists

Arab News, Mohammed Al-Sulami, 2016 11 03

Jeddah - Bahrain's Interior Ministry said it coordinates and collaborates with Saudi Arabia in efforts to capture perpetrators of a major terrorist operation in Qatif, which include a Bahraini citizen. The director-general of the Bahraini General Directorate of Criminal Investigation said

that following existing leads, the department found that the wanted man was born in Syria to a Bahraini father and a Saudi mother who used to spend most of his time in Saudi Arabia. The accused and two of his brothers were involved in the Qatif riots and took part in several terrorist acts during which one brother was killed in an exchange of fire with the Saudi police. In another act of terrorism, Sudanese Abdul Azim Al-Tahir was involved, with other terrorists, in an attempt to bomb Al-Jawhara Stadium during the Saudi-UAE match that took place last month, an act announced by the Interior Ministry on Sunday.

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73. Canadian governor-general confirms commitment to two-state solution

Jerusalem Post, Greer Fay Cashman, 2016 11 03

Jerusalem - Canadian Governor-General David Johnston, who arrived in Israel on Tuesday with his wife, Sharon, told President Reuven Rivlin that he would like to "reaffirm Canada's commitment to work with Israelis, Palestinians and other partners to uphold the prospects of a two-state solution and achieve a just and lasting peace." Johnston is primarily in Israel to receive an honorary doctorate from the Technion for his contributions to the Canada- Israel innovation relationship. This is his fourth visit to Israel but his first in his current role. He is also the first Canadian governor-general to come to Israel, and planted an olive tree as a symbol of peace in the Grove of Nations. Prior to his arrival in Israel, Johnston spent several days in Jordan, and is also expected to tour the West Bank. Rivlin emphasized the significance of Johnston's visit, seeing it as part of the growing cooperation between the two countries in areas of trade, academia, culture, technology, medicine and more.

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74. Israel Vulnerable to Cyberattacks on Civilian Sector, Top-secret Report Says

Haaretz, Barak Ravid, 2016 11 03

Jerusalem - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has made the establishment of a national system for protecting Israel from cyberattacks a priority and a point of pride, but the state's main oversight agency warns that critical infrastructure is unprepared to withstand the substantial threat they face from hackers. On Tuesday, State Comptroller Joseph Shapira issued a report warning that Israel is not geared up to defend against cyberattacks on civilian computer networks. The 63-page report is top-secret and has not been made public, but Shapira's office released an unclassified six-page executive summary of the document. A reading of the summary suggests that many of the details of the report were classified in order to avoid disclosing the extent of Israel's vulnerability to cyberattack. Shapira focuses his criticism on the slow pace with which the National Cyber Bureau and the new National Cyber Security Authority on one hand, and the Shin Bet security service on the other, are dividing their responsibilities.

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75. Palestinians trying to 'politicize' Interpol

Times of Israel, Raoul Wootliff, 2016 11 03

Jerusalem - Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan criticized an attempt by the Palestinian Authority to join the international police force Interpol, saying the move would politicize the body and damage its integrity. Speaking with Russian police officers during an official visit to Moscow, Erdan, whose ministry is responsible for the police service, said that the move was part of Palestinian efforts to impose unilateral decisions on Israel via international bodies. "Interpol is an important professional organization tasked with helping its members fight crime and ensure public safety," Erdan said. "It cannot be turned into a political body driven by extraneous considerations, as the Palestinians are trying to do." The Palestinians want their request to join Interpol to come to a vote during the organization's annual general assembly next week, but Jerusalem is working to prevent the vote, fearing that they would leak sensitive information to Palestinian terror groups, Israeli officials said.

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76. Sparks fly over purpose of cell evidence at STL

Lebanon Daily Star, Victoria Yan, 2016 11 03

Beirut - Sparks flew over cellular network evidence at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon Tuesday as proceedings resumed following a weeklong suspension. Throughout the day's curtailed hearing, prosecution counselor Fabia Wong organized and presented cellular evidence collected by the prosecution and witnesses from prior hearings. "What the prosecution alleges was that the 'green network' [of cellular phones] was a coordination network to exchange information of all the conspiracy and coordinates acts done to further the conspiracy," Wong said. Cellular data has been critical to the prosecution's case. Several groups of cellular networks - codified by color - have been used to expose various elements of the alleged conspiracy that led to the 2005 assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. Nineteen people were killed and another 200 wounded in the attack. The center of activity of these networks pointed to Haret Hreik, a southern suburb of Beirut known to be a Hezbollah stronghold.

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77. Three Saudis Sentenced to Jail for Plotting in Iran to Destabilize Saudi Security

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 11 03

Riyadh - The Specialized Criminal Court issued sentences against three Saudis who were involved in different cases, giving them varying prison terms. The cases included the involvement of one of them in a deal with wanted criminals, who he met in Iran, to destabilize security in Saudi Arabia. The second one received training in Iraq and supported ISIS while the third showed support for Houthi militias and questioned religious principles and the validity of the hadiths of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and his companions. Two citizens received 10 years each for having traveled to Iran, where they met with a criminal, wanted for carrying out terrorist acts in the Eastern Province. The criminal, currently detained, had instructed the two Saudis to undergo military training in an effort to later act to destabilize the security of the Kingdom.

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78. Daesh terrorist leader Baghdadi urges followers to attack Turkey

Daily Sabah, Staff report, 2016 11 03

Istanbul - The Daesh terrorist group's leader Abu Bakr al- Baghdadi, who is currently believed to be in Mosul, called on his supporters to take the battle to Turkey and carry out attacks in the country. Baghdadi's call, which was released in a voice recording on Thursday, is the first message he issued after Iraqi forces backed by the U.S. launched an offensive in Mosul to take the city back from the terrorists. In the 31- minute-long recording, Baghdadi expressed confidence that Daesh will be victorious in Mosul, and told his followers to invade Turkey. "Unleash the fire of your anger on Turkish troops in Syria" the terrorist leader said and added: "Turkey today entered your range of action and the aim of your struggle ... invade it and turn its safety into fear." Baghdadi claimed that Turkey is cooperating with Atheists, therefore deserves to be attacked and targeted.

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79. Fichier des Français : les oublis et les erreurs de Cazeneuve et Urvoas

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 03

Paris - Les ministres de l'intérieur et de la justice ont défendu, mercredi, la création d'un fichier rassemblant les détenteurs d'un titre d'identité. Au prix d'arrangements avec la réalité. Le ministre de l'intérieur, Bernard Cazeneuve, et le ministre de la justice, Jean-Jacques Urvoas, sont tous les deux montés au créneau, mercredi 2 novembre, pour défendre la création par décret, dimanche 30 octobre, d'un fichier unique rassemblant les données personnelles et biométriques de tous les détenteurs d'une carte d'identité ou d'un passeport. La création de cette base de données - «Titres électroniques sécurisés» (TES) - qui pourrait, à terme, réunir toute la population française, inquiète. Elle interroge aussi puisqu'elle était prévue dans une loi proposée par la droite et adoptée en 2012. Un texte censuré en partie par le Conseil constitutionnel à la suite de saisines par les groupes socialistes à l'Assemblée nationale - dont M. Urvoas - et au Sénat. Pour défendre le choix du gouvernement, les arguments de MM. Cazeneuve et Urvoas naviguent donc en eau trouble, entre amnésie et mauvaise foi.

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80. Former spy chiefs call for EU-US intelligence hub (Canada)

EU Observer, Andrew Rettman, 2016 11 03

Bratislava - Europe and the US need an "intelligence hub" to fight terrorism, with French and German ideas on EU military integration unlikely to bear fruit, Germany's former spy chief has said. The counter-terrorism hub, to be based in The Hague, would start out like the Schengen

zone, the EU's passport-free travel area. It would involve a core group of trusted states such as Canada, France, Germany, Switzerland, the UK, and the US. Their intelligence services would form "operational task forces" and, as with Schengen's IT security system, would have access to each other's data. They would also create a "centre of excellence" to reform other EU states' services, which could join down the line. "I was one of the fathers of the Schengen agreement in the 1990s. That was established outside EU structures and only later integrated in the EU system and I think we can do the same", Augustus Henning, the former head of Germany's BND intelligence services, told EUobserver in an interview.

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81. Les confidences qui scellent un divorce

Valeurs Actuelles, Catherine Nay, 2016 11 03

Paris - Les socialistes ont rompu avec le président mais, persuadé de sa supériorité, celui-ci veut se représenter. La droite se tient sur ses gardes. Le divorce semble consommé entre François Hollande et le loyal Manuel Valls qui ne décolère pas depuis la parution du livre confessions Un président ne devrait pas dire ça... Oui, il a été heurté par son incontinence verbale pas digne d'un homme d'État. Oui, il y a des choses dont il n'aurait jamais dû parler, comme la révélation d'au moins quatre homicides ciblés de terroristes, ordonnés par l'Élysée et réalisés par la DGSE. Ou encore ce récit de l'échec de l'intervention d'un commando de la DGSE, en Somalie, le 11 janvier 2013, pour libérer l'un des leurs, Denis Alex, détenu par un groupe salafiste. François Hollande avait donné le feu vert. L'opération a foiré. Pourquoi ? Le commando agissait lors d'une nuit sans lune. Il n'a pas vu un garde qui dormait à l'extérieur. Il a été neutralisé mais le bruit de la détonation a donné l'alerte. Résultat : Denis Alex a été assassiné par les ravisseurs au moment de l'assaut, ainsi que deux membres du service action. « Y a-t-il eu une erreur imputable au service ? », interrogent les journalistes. Réponse de François Hollande : « Il ne me viendrait évidemment pas à l'idée de leur dire : "Vous auriez dû contourner le garde, le liquider à l'arme blanche..." » Il n'empêche, s'il le dit, c'est qu'il le pense. Le président viole l'obligation sacrée du secret. Manuel Valls avance que les militants socialistes et les élus éprouvent comme une forme de « honte ». Pour oser employer ce mot, c'est qu'il est concerné lui-même. Oui, le livre a changé sa relation avec le président.

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82. Les petites combines d'un maître espion

L'Obs, Violette Lazard avec Caroline Michel, 2016 11 03

Paris - Le dessous des cartes L'enquête sur l'ex-patron du renseignement révèle que Bernard Squarcini n'a jamais coupé les ponts avec son ancienne maison, tout en travaillant pour LVMH. Juste avant d'être présenté aux juges, Bernard Squarcini a tenté de s'expliquer. « Je suis parti contraint et forcé, a déclaré l'ex-patron de la DCRI (le renseignement intérieur, devenu la DGSI en 2014). J'ai changé d'activité, mais j'ai gardé un état d'esprit identique à celui qui m'accompagnait en ma qualité de haut fonctionnaire. » Une défense bien maladroite. Mis en examen fin septembre notamment pour « compromission » et « trafic d'influence », le « Squale » est justement soupçonné d'avoir continué, après son départ, en février 2013, à se comporter

comme un chef du renseignement au mépris de la loi. Les juges cherchent à comprendre quels intérêts a défendu l'ancien espion. Ceux de l'Etat, comme il le prétend? Ceux de ses amis Claude Guéant et Alexandre Djouhri, avec lesquels il n'a jamais rompu les liens ? Ceux de sa société d'intelligence économique, Kyrnos Conseil, dont le premier client est Bernard Arnault, patron de LVMH ? Pour parvenir à ses fins, Squarcini est allé jusqu'à solliciter, à de multiples reprises, Patrick Calvar, son remplaçant à la tête du renseignement intérieur. L'enquête révèle ainsi que, en juin 2013, le « Squale » demande un coup de main à son successeur pour régulariser les séjours de deux femmes russes et de leurs enfants sur le territoire français. Du temps de sa splendeur, Squarcini était déjà intervenu cinq fois en leur faveur. Entendu comme témoin (une situation inédite), Patrick Calvar reconnaît avoir accepté de faire la démarche, mais à titre exceptionnel. Qui sont ces deux Russes, résidant à Nice ? Des proches d'Alexandre Djouhri, un homme d'affaires lié aux plus gros contrats de la République, et qui se trouve aujourd'hui au centre d'une enquête sur le supposé financement libyen de la campagne de Sarkozy en 2007. Pourquoi protéger ces deux femmes, membres de la belle-famille de Djouhri ? « Affaire réservée », a opposé Bernard Squarcini aux questions des policiers, comme s'il était toujours chargé de protéger un mystérieux intérêt de l'Etat. Dans le bureau du « Squale », les enquêteurs ont également découvert un dossier au nom d'Andreï Skoch, oligarque russe classé 18e fortune du pays.

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83. Quatre mosquées soupçonnées de radicalisation ont été fermées en région parisienne
Atlantico (site web), Journaliste maison, 2016 11 03

Paris - Le ministère de l'Intérieur a annoncé que ces établissements étaient soupçonnés de promouvoir une idéologie radicale. Elles sont soupçonnées de promouvoir l'islamisme radical. Ce mercredi, quatre mosquées de région parisienne ont été fermées par les autorités. Dans un communiqué, le ministère de l'Intérieur précise que leur fermeture a été décidée sur "le fondement des dispositions de l'article 8 de la loi sur l'état d'urgence permettant la fermeture des lieux de culte au sein desquels sont tenus des propos constituant une provocation à la haine ou à la violence ou une provocation à la commission d'actes de terrorisme ou faisant l'apologie de tels actes". Parmi ces établissements, figurent la mosquée Al- Islah de Villiers-sur-Marne, dans le Val-de-Marne. Fin août, une perquisition avait permis de découvrir qu'elle abritait une école coranique clandestine. Cette école était connue des services de renseignement pour avoir été fréquentée par plusieurs personnes condamnées pour leur participation présumée à une filière djihadiste à destination de la Syrie. La mosquée Al Rawda, située à Stains, en Seine-Saint-Denis, a également été fermée. Accueillant 500 et 600 personnes pour la prière du vendredi, l'établissement "compte parmi ses anciens fidèles de très nombreux individus djihadistes", selon l'arrêté. Même sanction pour un lieu de culte baptisé Masjid Al Fath, à Clichy-sous-Bois.

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84. Second perpetrator of July 15 coup attempt identified as Kemal Batmaz
Daily Sabah, Staff report, 2016 11 03

Istanbul - The chief prosecutor's office in the capital of Ankara who is investigating the July 15 coup plot announced yesterday that there was another member of the Gülenist terror cult (FETÖ) at a military base where the coup was commanded from, and he was captured shortly after the coup attempt. The suspect, identified as Kemal Batmaz, former manager of a Gülen-linked company, is accused of planning and conducting the coup with Adil Öksüz, a theology lecturer and Gülen's point man for the army, who remains at large. Batmaz, whose presence at the Akinci air base in Ankara on the coup night was not disclosed before, is seen walking freely around the base and conversing with officers who joined the coup in security camera footage released by Turkish media outlets yesterday. More footage shows Batmaz accompanying Adil Öksüz at Atatürk Airport in Istanbul as the two returned from the United States two days before the putsch attempt. Prosecutors say Öksüz and Batmaz flew to the United States, where FETÖ leader Fetullah Gülen resides, on Jul. 11, confirming the allegations that Öksüz went to the Pennsylvania retreat of Gülen to get his approval for the coup. Security camera footage also shows some military officers give a military salute to Batmaz as he passes by them at the base. Batmaz was in custody at Sincan prison where coup plotters are held when the prosecutors discovered his links to Öksüz. He was interrogated again but rejected the allegations of involvement in the coup.

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1. Canada's spies aren't above Canada's laws

Globe and Mail, Editorial Board, 2016 11 07

Editorial - Justice Simon Noël of the Federal Court of Canada's severe decision on the Canadian Security Intelligence Service may be 137 pages long - but it gets at the basics of what it means to live in a liberal, rule-of-law society. The Federal Court's recent decision, replete with blacked-out

passages, is about "associated data." CSIS is intended to prevent threats to Canada, and it collects information to do so. It turns out that for years, CSIS failed to keep its supervising Federal Court judges up to date on all that it was gathering and warehousing - but CSIS wanted to be absolved anyway. The decision of the Federal Court shows how aghast the judges were when the true situation emerged at last. It's fair to say the court felt betrayed. The court's job was to keep CSIS's actions within the law. But CSIS didn't fully reveal to the court what it was up to - and some of it turns out to have been outside the law. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale is right to say the government will not appeal the judgment. It remains to be seen how CSIS will get rid of its huge information dump.

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2. Canada confiscates spooks' data nets after illegal trawling dragged up too much metadata

The Register (UK), Richard Chirgwin, 2016 11 07

London - Canada's Federal Court has rapped the Canadian Security Intelligence Service's (CSIS) knuckles for retaining too much citizen metadata. Its judgement (in a secret case, with relevant names redacted) was handed down in October and published last Thursday. Justice Simon Noel was more than peeved that the CSIS gathered data under warrants, but didn't inform the court of the data collection program - and did so for as long as 10 years. The judgement outlines that the CSIS interpreted its mandate as giving it the right to suck everything it collected into its "Operational Data Analysis Center" (ODAC). When it created the ODAC (in April 2006), it told its minister, then Conservative MP Stockwell Day - but it failed to tell the courts. Essentially, the spooks used warrants to collect legitimate information - and to go on fishing expeditions, gathering "associated data" the court didn't know about.

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3. CSIS claims it has been transparent with ministers about data collection

Globe and Mail, Colin Freeze, 2016 11 07

Ottawa - Facing fallout from judges complaining of being kept in the dark over some of its activities, Canada's domestic spy agency says its officials always keep CSIS's political masters and watchdogs aware of what it is doing. In a rare public statement, the director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service says that his predecessors briefed ministers several times over the past decade about the kinds of data collection done within what CSIS calls its "Operational Data Analysis Centre." "The creation of ODAC ... was presented to the Minister of Public Safety in July, 2006, explaining the requirement for advanced analytics and the ability of ODAC to retain data, including metadata, for extended periods of time," Michel Coulombe said in a statement released Sunday. "The minister was also briefed on the program in March, 2010." His remarks come days after the Federal Court released a scathing ruling faulting CSIS for unlawful data retention and not being forthright with judges. CSIS's current minister, Ralph Goodale, has also since complained of lax record keeping by the spy agency. Most Canadians had never heard of the ODAC intelligence facility until last week. While much remains murky, it appears to be a

repository of all kinds of data that federal intelligence analysts can study in attempts to predict, or better understand, security threats.

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4. MPs question PM's power over upcoming National Security Committee

Hill Times, Rachel Aiello, 2016 11 07

Ottawa - The government's bill proposing the establishment of a new National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians needs to be amended to give its members more access to information and lessen the prime minister's ability to interfere, Parliamentarians heard last week. The proposed committee under Bill C-22 is mandated to review activities carried out by any department that relates to national security or intelligence and report annually on its reviews and findings. Unlike other parliamentary committees, this one would report directly to the prime minister, members would require a security clearance, and all meetings would be held in private. In addition, the chair--who the PMO announced in January to be Liberal MP David McGuinty (Ottawa South, Ont.)--would receive a \$42,000 "additional annual allowance" and the up to eight members will be paid an extra \$11,900, which is the going rate for chairs of House of Commons committees. As it's drafted, the new committee would have less teeth than other federal security expert bodies, have a narrower scope of access to information, and the prime minister would be able to veto studies or redact the committee's reports at his discretion if there's something judged to be potentially jeopardizing national security. During the first two days dedicated to Bill C-22 at the House Public Safety and National Security Committee, members heard from Public Safety and National Security Minister Ralph Goodale (Regina-Wascana, Sask.), Government House Leader Bardish Chagger (Waterloo, Ont.); their top advisers; the heads of Canada's security agencies, the RCMP, CSIS, CBSA, and CSE; and top experts and past watchdogs.

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5. On guard

National Post, Morton Doran, 2016 11 07

Letter to the Editor - Re: Secret CSIS Unit Illegally Kept Data, Court Rules; Inquiry To Probe Spying On, both, Nov. 4. Canada, a police state? The overreach of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and the largest police forces in Quebec are sobering reminders of the axiom that eternal vigilance is required to protect democracy from being overtaken by the likes of the Stasi of former East Germany. It couldn't happen here, you say? Don't be so sure. Morton Doran Fairmont, B.C. (Full letter)

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6. Security forces must be held accountable

Vancouver Sun, Daryl Wakeham, 2016 11 07

Letter to the Editor - Given the director of CSIS's recent display of contempt for Canada's Parliament, if not for our Constitution, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale has no other option than to demand Michel Coulombe's resignation. It will send a strong message to all of our security forces from CSIS, CSEC, the RCMP and the Quebec police, on both the municipal and provincial levels, to respect our laws. The 1982 McDonald Commission found the RCMP Security Service, PROFUNC, had a history of bending and breaking the law, violating rights, and essentially waging clandestine wars against its self-labelled "enemies." It was the McDonald Commission which recommended the foundation of our civilian intelligence service -- CSIS. To continue to give Coulombe unsupervised and non-accountable power is an incredible risk to our democracy. Canada does not need its own J. Edgar Hoover, the former director of the FBI infamous for spying on citizens and later using this information as psychological warfare and blackmail. After accepting Coulombe's resignation, the Trudeau government must create a multiparty parliamentary oversight committee, then enact the strongest whistleblower protection legislation for all police and security forces. It will send a message to all who purport to be protecting Canada while breaking its laws. Failure to do so will further the inculcation of a secret police agency mindset, beholden to no one but its non-elected directors. Daryl Wakeham, Vancouver (Full letter).

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7. Coderre soutient Pichet

La Presse+, Katia Gagnon, 2016 11 07

Montréal - En pleine tourmente dans l'affaire d'espionnage de journalistes, le maire de Montréal, Denis Coderre, réitère sa confiance à l'endroit du chef du SPVM, Philippe Pichet. « On a un directeur de police qui a dit ce qu'il a dit et je n'ai aucune raison de douter de lui. Si le processus de vérification des faits nous amène ailleurs, on va prendre les décisions qui s'imposent. Mais au même titre que je vais me battre pour la liberté de presse, je vais me battre bec et ongles pour qu'on respecte le principe de la société de droit », a déclaré M. Coderre, hier, lors d'un point de presse en marge d'un colloque organisé par sa formation politique. Le maire est donc finalement sorti du mutisme qu'il observait sur cette délicate affaire d'espionnage depuis que La Presse a révélé, samedi, que le SPVM avait non seulement espionné les appels entrants et sortants d'au moins deux journalistes, dont le chroniqueur Patrick Lagacé, mais également obtenu un mandat d'écoute électronique pour M. Lagacé et le journaliste Vincent Larouche.

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8. Denis Coderre se défend à Tout le monde en parle

Journal de Montréal, Hugo Duchaine, 2016 11 07

Montréal - Pressé de questions des quatre journalistes autour de lui, le maire Denis Coderre s'est défendu d'intervenir auprès de la police de Montréal lorsque des sources policières coulent des informations dans les médias, hier, sur le plateau de Tout le monde en parle. «Non», a-t-il finalement répondu, interrogé à savoir si son bureau appelle le Service de police de la Ville de

Montréal (SPVM) après une fuite. Il y a une semaine, La Presse révélait que le SPVM avait espionné les communications du chroniqueur Patrick Lagacé dans le cadre d'une enquête interne visant un policier. Le Journal a ensuite révélé que trois journalistes, dont le reporter du Bureau d'enquête Félix Séguin, avaient été la cible de procédures du SPVM pour identifier leurs sources. « PAS À MA CONNAISSANCE » Le maire de Montréal a toutefois répondu le même «pas à ma connaissance», que répétait le chef Pichet lundi dernier, lorsque Patrick Lagacé lui a demandé si lui ou son bureau avait appelé le SPVM pour se plaindre de la fuite d'un rapport mettant le maire dans l'embarras.

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9. La police politique made in Montréal

La Presse+, Patrick Lagacé, 2016 11 07

Chronique - Il y a trop de proximité entre le maire Coderre et « sa » police. Le bien public commande d'ériger un mur plus haut entre le SPVM et le bureau de notre maire hyperactif et contrôlant. Le Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) m'avait donc déjà espionné en décembre 2014, dans une affaire distincte de celle de 2016, révélée la semaine dernière par La Presse. Et cette fois, l'histoire implique Denis Coderre. Elle commence le 20 mars 2012, coin LaSalle et Desmarchais, dans l'arrondissement de Verdun. Il est 10 h du matin. Une policière remarque un Jeep Cherokee 2011 dont l'immatriculation n'a pas été payée. Elle l'intercepte. Au volant, le député libéral fédéral de Bourassa, Denis Coderre. La policière lui colle une contravention de 444 \$. Jusqu'ici, rien à signaler. Celui qui allait devenir maire de Montréal fin 2013 a oublié de « payer ses plaques », sans doute comme des dizaines d'autres Québécois ce jour-là. Le constat porte le numéro 786 218 204. Deux ans et demi plus tard, une rumeur court dans les rangs de la police de Montréal. Ce constat d'infraction, le maire Coderre ne l'aurait jamais payé. Pourquoi cette rumeur ? Parce que dans le système informatique du SPVM qui consigne les constats d'infraction, le dossier 786 218 204 se voit assigner un code que bien des policiers ne comprennent pas : « INEXISTANT ».

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10. Police surveillance scandal: Montreal mayor stands by police chief

Montreal Gazette, Andy Riga, 2016 11 07

Montreal - Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre has rebuffed calls for police chief Philippe Pichet to step aside, but has asked for an "administrative review" of how police handled surveillance of La Presse reporters. That's on top of a review by Montreal city council's public- security commission and an investigation by a provincial public inquiry, which will also look at a separate case involving Sûreté du Québec spying on six other reporters. Last week, La Presse disclosed that Montreal police obtained 24 warrants to monitor the cell-phone logs of its journalist Patrick Lagacé. On Saturday, the newspaper revealed police had also obtained warrants to listen to Lagacé's calls and to those of colleague Vincent Larouche. The new revelation appears to contradict Pichet's assertions about the extent of the surveillance. Opposition parties and Montreal's police union say Pichet should at a minimum leave his post temporarily while the actions of his department are investigated. However, Coderre said he won't

ask him to stand down, adding that he will not take part in a "public lynching" of Pichet or interfere with police work or the justice system.

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11. Skepticism about peace bonds after arrest of alleged ISIL supporter for second time in two weeks

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 11 07

Toronto - An alleged ISIL supporter has been arrested in Ottawa for the second time in less than two weeks for violating the conditions of his release, raising new questions about terrorism peace bonds. Police picked up Tevis Gonyou-McLean, 24, on Saturday morning -- just five days after a judge had freed him from custody following his arrest for multiple previous breaches of his release conditions. "He was arrested, I believe, yesterday morning on breaches," his lawyer Biagio Del Greco said in an interview Sunday. He said there were two alleged breaches this time, one of them for a curfew violation. The 24-year-old was required to observe a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew and wear an electronic GPS ankle bracelet. He appeared in court over the weekend and the matter was adjourned to Tuesday.

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12. Surveillance de journalistes - Coderre lance une enquête administrative sur le SPVM

Le Devoir, Philippe Orfali; Annabelle Caillou, 2016 11 07

Montréal - Refusant toujours de suspendre son chef de police dans la foulée du scandale d'espionnage de journalistes, le maire de Montréal a annoncé dimanche l'ouverture d'une "enquête administrative" sur les actes du Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM). Dans un geste inhabituel, Denis Coderre a confié à l'inspecteur général de Montréal, Denis Gallant, le mandat d'examiner les gestes du chef de police Philippe Pichet en lien avec l'espionnage de journalistes, dont Patrick Lagacé, de La Presse. Le maire a toutefois insisté pour dire que ce mandat avait été confié "à titre personnel à Me Denis Gallant", qui l'"a accepté de façon pro bono". Son rapport devra être remis au plus tard le 31 janvier 2017. D'ici là, pas question de suspendre Philippe Pichet comme le lui demande l'opposition officielle à l'hôtel de ville, et le chef du Parti québécois, Jean-François Lisée. "On ne peut pas commencer une analyse de la situation sans avoir les faits", a expliqué M. Coderre dans une mêlée de presse, en demandant "aux gens d'être patients".

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13. They're watching

National Post, Editorial Board, 2016 11 07

Editorial - Canadians can't help but be disappointed and disturbed by the revelation that Montreal police received multiple warrants to spy on at least seven journalists in an effort to uncover their sources. As whistleblower Edward Snowden wrote on Twitter in response: "Are you a journalist? The police spying on you specifically to identify your sources isn't a hypothetical." Unsettling as

it is to learn that Montreal police surreptitiously tracked the smartphone of La Presse columnist Patrick Lagacé (with the help of no fewer than 24 separate warrants since January), equally jarring is the fact we will never know how many whistleblowers and tipsters this will prevent from speaking anonymously to investigative journalists in the future, enabling secrets to remain hidden, wrongdoing to remain unrevealed and offering cover to powerful interests engaged in corrupt or wrongful activities. There's a reason journalists have risked going to prison rather than give up their anonymous sources: confidentiality is necessary to ferret out the uncomfortable facts that could strengthen society and achieve justice - but could carry painful repercussions for any insider brave enough to reveal them. Perhaps the Montreal force's surveillance of Lagacé, and at least six other journalists, could have been excused, or at least understood, if it had been undertaken in extraordinary circumstances - for example, to stop an imminent terrorist attack or otherwise protect the public's immediate security. But it wasn't. Instead, it seems to have been motivated by a desire among police management to figure out which of the force's officers were talking to journalists and leaking information - something management apparently couldn't accomplish on its own, though it exerted considerable pressure, allegedly including threats to try to keep its force quiet.

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14. Cyber SWAT teams gird for ballot trouble

USA Today, Elizabeth Weise, Kevin Johnson, 2016 11 07

Washington - Law enforcement officials, government workers and cyber-security professionals are preparing to swoop in, track and hopefully block anyone attempting a cyberattack aimed at destabilizing the U.S. presidential election. The possibility is slight, with risks lessened by the fractured, pre-digital nature of the national voting apparatus. Still, fears that hackers -- perhaps from Russia -- could instill doubts about the voting process via attacks on the Internet infrastructure have put the cyber- security community on guard. In a way, they are girding for war, but the fronts are multiple and decentralized. Although many are keeping low profiles, we know about some. The Department of Homeland Security has been conducting cyber audits of state and local election systems since August, responding to requests from 46 states and 32 local election officials. Indiana is setting up an election cyber war room. In Washington, D.C., and on the ground in 26 states, the non- partisan Election Protection coalition will staff hotlines for voters and have an election geek squad ready for questions from jurisdictions.

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15. Even if Trump Loses, His Candidacy Has Emboldened Extremist Supporters

New York Times, Jonathan Mahler, Julie Turkewitz, 2016 11 07

New York - Ten years ago, Jim Gilchrist was waging a lonely battle. His organization, the Minuteman Project, which sent volunteers, often armed, to patrol America's southern border, was widely considered a fringe vigilante group with alarmist views about the dangers posed by Mexican immigrants. Today, Mr. Gilchrist feels vindicated. "I never thought I'd see the day

where illegal immigration was included in a presidential candidate's top three issues," Mr. Gilchrist, a supporter of Donald J. Trump, said. "For me personally, my mission has been accomplished." While Mr. Trump seems likely to lose the election, many of his most extreme supporters say they believe that they have already won. Whether the subject is immigration, military intervention, the news media or federal government corruption -- and even the entire democratic process -- their views, long thought to be well outside the political mainstream, have been given a voice inside it. And that voice belongs to the presidential nominee of a major political party. "Trump has shown that our message is healthy, normal and organic -- and millions of Americans agree with us," said Matthew M. Heimbach, a co-founder of the Traditionalist Youth Network, a white nationalist group that claims to support the interests of working-class whites. It also advocates the separation of the races.

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16. F.B.I. Says Review Clears Clinton in Email Inquiry

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 11 07

Washington - The F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, told Congress on Sunday that he had seen no evidence in a recently discovered trove of emails to change his conclusion that Hillary Clinton should face no charges over her handling of classified information. Mr. Comey's announcement, just two days before the election, was an effort to clear the cloud of suspicion he had publicly placed over her presidential campaign late last month when he alerted Congress that the F.B.I. would examine the emails. "Based on our review, we have not changed our conclusions that we expressed in July with respect to Secretary Clinton," Mr. Comey wrote in a letter to the leaders of several congressional committees. He said agents had reviewed all communications to and from Mrs. Clinton in the new trove from when she was secretary of state. The letter was a dramatic final twist in a tumultuous nine days for both Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Comey, who drew widespread criticism for announcing that the F.B.I. had discovered new emails that might be relevant to its investigation of Mrs. Clinton, which ended in July with no charges. That criticism of Mr. Comey from both parties is likely to persist after the election. While the new letter was clear as it related to Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Comey's message was otherwise vague. He did not say that agents had completed their review of the emails, or that they were abandoning the matter in regard to her aides. But federal law enforcement officials said that they considered the review of emails related to Mrs. Clinton's server complete, and that Mr. Comey's letter was intended to convey that. One senior law enforcement official said that as recently as Friday, it was not clear whether the review would be completed by Election Day. But after days of working in shifts around the clock, teams of counterintelligence agents and technology specialists at the bureau's headquarters in Washington finished their examination of the thousands of emails. Officials had decided to make their decision public as soon as they had reached it, to avoid any suggestion that they were suppressing information.

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17. For FBI, email investigation yields little but criticism

Washington Post, Multiple reporters, 2016 11 07

Washington - From the moment they secured a warrant, dozens of FBI agents worked night and day to analyze a trove of messages that they thought might help advance their probe of Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server, according to a senior law enforcement official. The pressure was intense. FBI Director James B. Comey had told legislators in late October - less than two weeks before the election - that the bureau's work had resumed, igniting a firestorm of criticism that his revelation had affected the election. The agents' work, at first, seemed endless. They had to use special software to sift through some 650,000 emails. But on Sunday, just two days before the election, Comey announced that the team had news to share. After reviewing "all of the communications that were to or from Hillary Clinton while she was Secretary of State," he wrote, investigators had "not changed our conclusions." The messages, U.S. officials familiar with the case said, were personal or duplicative of those found earlier in the investigation. Republicans said the announcement was vague and that they had unanswered questions about how investigators concluded that Clinton should face no charges in the first place. Democrats, meanwhile, said they remained concerned that Comey had told legislators so close to Election Day that the email investigation was resuming, though they were heartened to see the matter ostensibly put to rest.

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18. The coming clash with China

Washington Post, Josh Rogin, 2016 11 07

Column from Beijing - If Hillary Clinton is elected, her national security team plans to urgently address the growing North Korean nuclear and missile threat. That would surely raise tensions on the Korean peninsula - and it could also lead to an early and acrimonious confrontation between a Clinton administration and the Chinese government of Xi Jinping. Xi is staunchly opposed to Clinton's plan to drastically increase sanctions on the regime of Kim Jong Un. At the Munich Security Conference Core Group meeting here last week, Chinese officials and experts delivered a clear and unequivocal message to the visiting Westerners: China will not take any steps against Pyongyang that might increase the chance of a confrontation with the North Korean regime or encourage regime change on China's border. Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Zhang Yesui said that although China might endorse a limited U.N. Security Council resolution in response to North Korea's recent provocations, there's no Chinese appetite for further pressure. The Chinese rationale is simple: Beijing values stability on the Korean peninsula more than it fears the growing prospect that North Korea will succeed in its goal of becoming a full-fledged nuclear power capable of striking the West. "China will never allow war or chaos on the peninsula, and if that occurs that will help no one," Zhang said. "We need to bring the issue back to the track of dialogue and consultation." In Washington, there's bipartisan consensus that returning to the negotiating table without significantly more leverage against the Kim regime would be a futile and perhaps even dangerous misstep. At best, it would only repeat a failed pattern of bribing the North Korean government into a short-term pause in its mischief.

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19. Under the Din of the Presidential Race Lies a Once and Future Threat: Cyberwarfare

New York Times, David E. Sanger, 2016 11 07

Manchester, N.H. - The 2016 presidential race will be remembered for many ugly moments, but the most lasting historical marker may be one that neither voters nor American intelligence agencies saw coming: It is the first time that a foreign power has unleashed cyberweapons to disrupt, or perhaps influence, a United States election. And there is a foreboding sense that, in elections to come, there is no turning back. The steady drumbeat of allegations of Russian troublemaking -- leaks from stolen emails and probes of election-system defenses -- has continued through the campaign's last days. These intrusions, current and former administration officials agree, will embolden other American adversaries, which have been given a vivid demonstration that, when used with some subtlety, their growing digital arsenals can be particularly damaging in the frenzy of a democratic election. "Most of the biggest stories of this election cycle have had a cybercomponent to them -- or the use of information warfare techniques that the Russians, in particular, honed over decades," said David Rothkopf, the chief executive and editor of Foreign Policy, who has written two histories of the National Security Council. "From stolen emails, to WikiLeaks, to the hacking of the N.S.A.'s tools, and even the debate about how much of this the Russians are responsible for, it's dominated in a way that we haven't seen in any prior election."

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20. Call for Prevent-style strategy to stop children engaging in cybercrime

The Guardian (London), Vikram Dodd, 2016 11 07

London - Britain's cybercrime tsar will formally ask the government to set up a programme based on the controversial Prevent strategy to stop children as young as 12 becoming involved in sophisticated computer offences, the Guardian has learned. Dr Jamie Saunders said training was needed to help spot teenagers at risk as many young internet users experiment with hacking or other cyber offences without realising that what they are doing is a crime. Saunders, the director of the national cyber crime unit at the National Crime Agency (NCA), said he was proposing the scheme, known internally as Cyber Prevent, to ministers. It is modelled in part on Prevent, the official counter-radicalisation programme that has been dogged by controversy. But instead of trying to divert aspirant jihadis away from terrorism, Cyber Prevent would aim to deter computer-literate youngsters from carrying out distributed denial of service attacks (DDoS) and other cybercrimes, such as hacking private details.

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21. UK's Muslim Brotherhood policy 'undermined by ties with Saudi Arabia'

The Guardian (London), Robert Booth, 2016 11 07

London - The government has allowed confidence in Britain's policy towards the Muslim Brotherhood to be undermined by the impression it is being influenced by the Islamist group's enemies in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf, MPs have warned. The UK's impartiality towards the group that ruled in Egypt from 2012 to 2013 - but has been designated as a terrorist organisation by Saudi Arabia and the UAE - is now in question because of the way it handled an official

review of the organisation, members of the foreign affairs select committee said in a report published on Monday. The appointment of Sir John Jenkins, who was the British ambassador to Saudi Arabia until 2015, to lead the review "created the impression that a foreign state, when it was an interested party, had a private window into the conduct of a UK government inquiry", they said. Crispin Blunt MP, chair of the committee, said any repeat of the failings would undermine Britain's credibility in engaging with political Islamist groups that have performed well in elections across the Middle East and north Africa. The MPs also cited concerns that the UK's image abroad had been damaged by the government's failure to mention the violent persecution of the Brotherhood in the review's conclusions published last November. David Cameron had said parts of the group "have an ambiguous relationship with violent extremism".

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Australia, New Zealand • Australie, Nouvelle-Zélande

22. Islamist a narcissist and attention-seeker: MP

The Australian, Paul Maley, 2016 11 07

Canberra - Junaid Thorne, the radical Islamic preacher who police believe has become the spiritual godfather to a group of extremists at the centre of a major terrorism probe, is an arrogant "narcissist" who set up shop in Sydney after being run out of town by Perth's Muslim community. Counter-terrorism expert and federal Labor MP for the Perth seat of Cowan Anne Aly has lashed out at Thorne who, along with his elder brother Shadyn, she came to know when the pair lived in Perth. Dr Aly said the Aboriginal, self-styled Islamic preacher, who is now at the centre of Sydney's largest terrorism investigation, was an attention-seeking narcissist who cared little for the young men in his orbit, many of whom were either dead or in prison. "My take on Thorne is he is a narcissist, he is an attention-seeker," Dr Aly told The Australian. "He doesn't give a damn about the young people who he calls his brothers. He puts them in dangerous situations he wouldn't put himself in." In recent months, Thorne's reputation as a spiritual hard man to Sydney's small pool of Muslim radicals has deepened, thanks to a spell in Goulburn's SuperMax prison and Thorne's own youth, which was spent worshipping in the mosques of Saudi Arabia. Police believe Thorne has seized the mantle once carried by Hamdi Alqudsi, a Sydney extremist recently jailed for six years for terrorist recruitment. Along with Wissam Haddad, another Sydney radical well known to police and ASIO, Thorne has been delivering - Friday sermons to a small group of Muslims in Sydney's west.

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23. US terror warning for Philippines region popular with Australian tourists (Canada)

Sydney Morning Herald, Lindsay Murdoch, 2016 11 07

Bangkok: Terrorist groups are planning kidnappings on central Philippines islands popular with Australian tourists, including parts of the business and tourism hub of Cebu, the United States has warned. The warning - repeated by the Australia government on its smartraveller.gov.au website - comes only days after a report that South-east Asia is facing a growing risk of extremist violence, especially from the southern Philippines, where a handful of militant Islamist

groups have sworn allegiance to Islamic State. The US warned foreigners to avoid the southern regions of Cebu, one of the nation's most popular tourist sites because of its idyllic beaches, spectacular diving and whale watching. "The US embassy alerts US citizens that terrorist groups are planning to conduct kidnappings in areas frequented by foreigners on the southern portion of Cebu island," the advisory said. The embassy identified Dalaguete and Santander on Cebu and nearby Sumilon island, a short boat ride from the tourist hot-spots of Bohol and Dumaguete. The warning indicates that the notorious kidnapping-for-ransom group Abu Sayyaf is roaming more widely from its bases in the islands of Jolo and Basilan. It comes after a surge of kidnappings in the southern Philippines which included the first attack on a cargo ship, despite Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte's stepped-up military offensive against the militants. Formed with the backing of al-Qaeda in the 1990s, Abu Sayyaf has reaped millions of dollars from kidnappings for ransom, targeting Westerners, Filipinos and Malaysians. Formed with the backing of al-Qaeda in the 1990s, Abu Sayyaf has reaped millions of dollars from kidnappings for ransom, targeting Westerners, Filipinos and Malaysians. The group beheaded two Canadian hostages earlier this year.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

24. Taliban to be eliminated in a month, regional intelligence fueling war: MoD

Khaama Press, 2016 11 07

Kabul - The Ministry of Defense of Afghanistan (MoD) has said the elimination of the Taliban group fighters will not take more than a month but the regional intelligence fueling the Afghan war by supporting the anti-government armed militants. MoD spokesman Gen. Dawlat Waziri told reporters in Kabul that the ongoing war and violence in the country is an intelligence war, insisting that the Taliban resistance would not last more than a month if the group would wage insurgency alone. He did not elaborate further regarding any specific regional intelligence agency but the Afghan officials have long been criticizing Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence for supporting the Afghan militants. The Afghan officials are saying that the leadership group of the Taliban and other militant groups including the Haqqani terrorist network are based in Pakistan and are openly convening gatherings besides planning and coordinating attacks in Afghanistan.

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Africa • Afrique

25. « Au Togo, Manuel Valls à contre-histoire »

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 07

Paris - Le socialiste et ancien ministre Kofi Yamgnane fustige la complaisance du chef du gouvernement envers le régime du président Gnassingbé. Le premier ministre français vient d'effectuer, à la fin du mois d'octobre, une tournée africaine pour, comme disent certains journaux, «prendre de la hauteur et se présidentialiser». Sa première escale fut Lomé, capitale du

Togo où, tel un président, il a passé en revue des troupes assassines du pays. Il y a prononcé un discours mémorable aux yeux du pouvoir du président Faure Gnassingbé qui, probablement, n'en demandait pas tant. «Le Togo change, il change dans le bon sens. La France croit au Togo et la France veut une relation plus forte avec le Togo», a-t-il déclaré. Ou encore: «Votre pays change, il avance, il progresse», «Il y a un Togo moderne, en renouveau», «Comment ne pas déjà ressentir les vibrations et les transformations?», «Comment ne pas voir qu'une Afrique nouvelle se dessine et se prépare ici?», « M.le Président, vous faites avancer ce pays avec patience, avec détermination», «Vous avez eu à coeur, et c'est comme ça que l'on reconnaît les grands dirigeants, de favoriser la réconciliation des Togolais entre eux et avec leur peuple [sic] » ... N'en jetez plus! Il rendait ainsi hommage au pouvoir en place pour, à ses yeux, les progrès accomplis par le Togo en matière de démocratie et de bonne gouvernance, son action diplomatique et sa détermination à lutter contre le terrorisme, entre autres propos laudatifs à l'endroit de son hôte.

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26. L'Afrique va-t-elle quitter la Cour pénale internationale ?

Le Figaro, Tanguy Berthemet, 2016 11 07

Chronique - Trois États africains menacent de se retirer de la Cour pénale internationale (CPI) plongeant l'instance dans la crise. Justice Depuis sa naissance en 2002, la Cour, qui siège à La Haye, n'avait jamais été aussi menacée. Pourquoi cette crise s'est-elle ouverte ? Elle est née de la décision, d'abord du Burundi, puis de l'Afrique du Sud et enfin de la Gambie de quitter la CPI, ce qu'aucun pays signataire du traité de Rome n'avait jamais fait. Il faut néanmoins différencier les trois cas. Le choix du Burundi, petit pays en pleine crise politique depuis un an et dont le président, Pierre Nkurunziza, est menacé d'une enquête, n'est pas surprenant. Celui de la Gambie, État isolé sous le joug du dictateur Yahya Jammeh, ne l'est pas plus. Il en va tout autrement de l'Afrique du Sud, puissance économique et démocratique majeure de l'Afrique. Richard Dicker, de Human Rights Watch, ne s'y trompe pas, accusant Pretoria de « trahison envers les victimes » . « La sortie de l'Afrique du Sud serait un coup très dur pour la justice internationale », souligne Florent Geel, de la Fédération internationale des droits de l'homme (FIDH), espérant que le vote nécessaire du Parlement pourrait forcer le gouvernement à surseoir à sa décision. Pretoria justifie son départ, en affirmant que ses obligations envers la CPI entrent en contradiction avec certaines dispositions constitutionnelles, notamment celle sur l'immunité diplomatique des chefs d'État. Ce coup de sang tire son origine dans la polémique qui avait marqué la visite du président soudanais Omar el-Béchar à Johannesburg en 2015, à l'occasion d'un sommet de l'Union africaine (UA). Le leader soudanais étant visé depuis 2008 par un mandat d'arrêt pour crime de guerre et génocide, la CPI avait enjoint l'Afrique du Sud de l'arrêter.

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27. Two Kidnapped Italians, One Canadian Freed in Libya...Flown to Italy

Asharq al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 11 07

Tripoli- Two Italian workers and a Canadian taken hostage in Ghat southwestern Libya on September 19 have been freed overnight and were flown to Italy, the Italian foreign ministry said

in a statement on Saturday. The three - Danilo Calonego, Bruno Cacace and Frank Poccia - were working on airport projects in Libya's southwestern desert where they got kidnapped by an armed group that blocked the vehicle in which they were travelling, the ministry added; stating that they were technicians employed by construction group Conicos. "The three were released in the early hours of Saturday and were handed over to Italian authorities," said Hassan Ottman, a spokesman for the municipal council in the Libyan town of Ghat. Italian media reports said the men would be speaking with prosecutors before being reunited with their families. This is not the first of its kind incident since numerous criminal and armed groups are active in Libya's vast southern desert where several Italian companies exist.

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Asia • Asie

28. Australia warns citizens of terror, crime in PH

Manila Bulletin, Charissa Luci, 2016 11 07

Manila - The Australian government has advised its nationals to exercise "high degree of caution" when travelling to the Philippines "due to the high threat of a terrorist attack and the high level of crime." The Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) followed the United States' lead in warning its citizens against traveling to the Philippines. "We advise you to exercise a high degree of caution in the Philippines due to the high threat of a terrorist attack and the high level of crime. Pay close attention to your personal security at all times," it said in its latest travel advice dated November 4. "Monitor the media and other sources about possible new security risks. Seek specific advice for the locations you intend to visit," the DFAT said. The DFAT warned Australians of "an ongoing threat of terrorist attacks and violent crime" in the Philippines, including in Manila, other major cities and many rural areas.

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29. Bangladesh arrests 'mentor' of Japanese farmer's assassins (Canada).

Agence France Presse, 2016 11 07

Dhaka - Bangladesh police said they arrested early Sunday a veteran Islamist extremist who had "mentored" the assassins of a Japanese farmer shot dead last year. Rangpur district police chief Mizanur Rahman said Belal Hossain, described as the recruiter and mentor of the killers of Kunio Hoshi, was detained along with three of his followers during an operation in the northern district. "Hossain was an absconding militant and a senior member of the JMB who mentored and trained up Kunio's killers," Rahman said. He was referring to the homegrown Jamayetul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), an extremist group which has been banned for over a decade. Since a deadly attack in July on a Dhaka cafe in which gunmen killed 22 people -- mostly

foreigners -- security forces have shot dead at least 40 Islamist militants. Among those killed was a Canadian of Bangladeshi origin described by police as the mastermind of the cafe attack.

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30. Beijing Tightens Its Control Over Internet With New Law

Wall Street Journal, Josh Chin, Eva Dou, 2016 11 07

Beijing - China's government approved a broad new cybersecurity law aimed at further tightening and centralizing state control over the internet, including the role foreign companies play in Chinese cyberspace. The law, passed by the standing committee of China's legislature and issued publicly on Monday, tasks agencies and enterprises with improving their ability to defend against network intrusions while demanding security reviews for equipment and data in strategic sectors. The law includes provisions such as a requirement that internet operators provide unspecified "technical assistance" to authorities in cases involving national security. It also requires security checks for equipment used for critical infrastructure, which is defined as including information services, energy, transportation, finance and other important sectors. During the drafting, the law was criticized by some foreign business groups and technology experts as a blueprint for further walling off China's already isolated internet.

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31. China adopts cyber security law in face of overseas opposition

Reuters, Sue-Lin Wong and Michael Martina, 2016 11 07

Beijing - China adopted a controversial cyber security law on Monday to counter what Beijing says are growing threats such as hacking and terrorism, but the law triggered concerns among foreign business and rights groups. The legislation, passed by China's largely rubber-stamp parliament and set to take effect in June 2017, is an "objective need" of China as a major internet power, a parliament official said. Overseas critics of the law say it threatens to shut foreign technology companies out of various sectors deemed "critical", and includes contentious requirements for security reviews and for data to be stored on servers in China. Rights advocates also say the law will enhance restrictions on China's Internet, already subject to the world's most sophisticated online censorship mechanism, known outside China as the Great Firewall. Yang Heqing, an official on the National People's Congress standing committee, said the Internet was already deeply linked to China's national security and development. "China is an internet power, and as one of the countries that faces the greatest internet security risks, urgently needs to establish and perfect network security legal systems," he told reporters at the close of a bimonthly legislative meeting. More than 40 global business groups petitioned Chinese Premier Li Keqiang in August, urging Beijing to amend what they said were controversial sections of the law. Chinese officials have said it would not interfere with foreign business interests.

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32. China adopts law on cybersecurity

Xinhua News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 07

Beijing - China's top legislature on Monday adopted a Cybersecurity Law to safeguard sovereignty on cyber space, national security and the rights of citizens. The government will take measures to "monitor, defend and handle cybersecurity risks and threats originating from within the country or overseas sources, protecting key information infrastructure from attack, intrusion, disturbance and damage," the law reads. Efforts will also be made to punish criminal activities online and safeguard the order and security of cyberspace. Individual users and organizations are not allowed to jeopardize security on the Internet or use it to "damage national security, honor and interests," according to the provisions. Online activities that are attempts to overthrow the socialist system, split the nation, undermine national unity, advocate terrorism and extremism are all prohibited, according to the provisions, which also forbade activities including inciting ethnic hatred, discrimination and spreading violence and obscene information online.

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33. China appoints new ministers of state security, finance

Xinhua News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 07

Beijing - China's top legislature on Monday appointed three new ministers for state security, civil affairs, and finance. Chen Wenqing was appointed minister of state security, replacing Geng Huichang, and Xiao Jie replaced Lou Jiwei as minister of finance. The country's previous supervision minister, Huang Shuxian was appointed minister of civil affairs, replacing Li Liguo. (Full report)

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34. In unprecedented act, China bars 2 HK lawmakers from office

Associated Press, Kelvin Chan and Gerry Shih, 2016 11 07

Beijing - China's top legislature on Monday effectively barred two democratically elected separatist lawmakers from taking office in Hong Kong, an intervention into a local political dispute that's likely to spark further turmoil in the southern Chinese city. The National People's Congress Standing Committee in Beijing issued a ruling on a section of Hong Kong's mini-constitution covering oaths taken by officials that meant two newly elected pro-independence lawmakers, who displayed anti-China sentiment during their swearing-in last month, would be disqualified. The move is likely to trigger protests in Hong Kong, where thousands of people took to Hong Kong streets Sunday after Beijing signaled it was planning to intervene. They demanded that China's central government stay out of the political dispute, saying the move would undermine the city's considerable autonomy and independent judiciary by bypassing its top court, where the case is currently being heard. Police used pepper spray and batons against some demonstrators trying to reach Beijing's liaison office after the rally ended. Four people were arrested and two officers were injured, police said. The dispute centers on two newly elected pro-independence lawmakers, Sixtus Leung, 30, and Yau Wai-ching, 25, who altered their oaths to insert a disparaging Japanese expression for China. Displaying a flag reading "Hong Kong is not China," they vowed to defend the "Hong Kong nation." Their oaths were ruled invalid, but subsequent attempts have resulted in mayhem in the legislature's weekly sessions.

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35. Military on high alert against N.K. threats around U.S. election

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 07

Seoul - South Korea's military said Monday it will stay on high alert as North Korea may fire an intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM) around the U.S. presidential election scheduled for Tuesday (local time). Military officials said Pyongyang may want to send a strong message to the new U.S. president that it will not give up its nuclear and missile development programs despite international condemnations and sanctions. "We are closely watching every move by the North Korean military at its Punggye-ri nuclear test site and other possible missile-launching sites. The military is fully prepared to respond to any provocative acts by the North," an official from Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) told reporters in a briefing. Both the South Korean military and the U.S. forces stationed on the Korean Peninsula said they are utilizing all available resources to keep close tabs on the movement of missiles. The Musudan or BM-35 missile is an IRBM with an estimated range of some 3,500 kilometers, which is enough to allow it to target the U.S. Pacific territory of Guam. The island is home to many strategic assets that can support South Korean and U.S. forces in the event of a conflict breaking out on the peninsula.

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36. Security tightened in Bali ahead of Interpol meeting

Jakarta Post, Haeril Halim, 2016 11 07

Nusa Dua, Bali - The National Police have deployed 3,800 personnel to secure the resort island of Bali ahead of the 85th Interpol General Assembly, attended by police chiefs and representatives from 167 countries, slated to kick off on Monday. The four-day meeting is expected to spark controversy from hard-line groups, particularly with the expected arrival of a delegation from Israel in Bali on Sunday. The National Police said they were aware of a number of threats and had prepared accordingly for the second-biggest event after the UN General Assembly, including from Islamic State (IS) related groups in Indonesia. "The Bali Police have been instructed to anticipate terror threats from IS-related groups or followers of Santoso," said Bali Police operational division head Adj. Sr. Comr. Wayan Sri on Sunday in Bali, referring to an Indonesian terrorist who was shot dead in Palu, Central Sulawesi, in July. Santoso's followers are believed to be hiding in the jungles of Palu.

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Eastern Europe • Europe de l'Est

37. Alleged sponsors of terrorists arrested in Russia - FSB

RAPSI (Russia), Staff report, 2016 11 07

Moscow - The Federal Security Service (FSB) arrested a criminal group allegedly financing international terrorism, the FSB Directorate in the Volgograd region announced on Monday. According to the statement, the gang called "October Jamaat" is involved in financial backing of

various terrorist organizations including those operating in Syria. A criminal case has been opened over facilitating a terrorist activity. Searches have been conducted at premises of three suspects; computers, communications tools, bank cards, payment documents, funds transfer checks and weapons have been seized, the statement reads. (Full report).

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38. With Interpol's Help, Russia Pursues Its Domestic Enemies Abroad

New York Times, Andrew Higgins, 2016 11 07

Vilnius - Determined to punish domestic opponents who flee abroad, as well as non-Russians whose lives and finances it wants to disrupt, Moscow has developed an elaborate and well-funded strategy in recent years of using -- critics say abusing -- foreign courts and law enforcement systems to go after its enemies. Some countries, including Russia, "work really hard to get Interpol alerts" against political enemies, said Jago Russell, the chief executive of Fair Trials International, a human rights group in London, because "this helps give credibility to their own prosecution and undermines the reputation of the accused." "It is also potentially a good threat to use against people still in the country: 'You may be able to leave, but don't assume you will be safe,'" he added. The efforts have often fallen flat in the end, but have succeeded in tying up their targets in legal knots for months and years.

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

39. From Aleppo to Baghdad, war weary keep close eye on US presidential race

The National (UAE), Josh Wood, Zouhir Al Shimale, Mohammed Al Qalisi, Florian Neuhof, 2016 11 07

Beirut, Aleppo, Aden, Baghdad - From Baghdad to Mosul, Aleppo to Raqqa, the people caught up in the region's raging conflicts are likely to have more to worry about than who wins the US election. Yet whether it is Barack Obama's inaction over Syria, or George W Bush's decision to invade Iraq, recent history has shown that the foreign policy decisions taken in the White House are keenly felt in the Middle East. The complex wars in Iraq, Syria and Yemen all involve the United States. Regardless of who wins the election, the US will continue to have a role to play in these conflicts and an influence on their outcomes. The National spoke with the people most affected by these conflicts about what they hope will come next. "The US election has brought us hell here," said Hamad Al Issa, a resident of rebel- held eastern Aleppo. "Obama does not want to proceed with any step so he can keep his presidential record clean of wars and intervention. He doesn't care about human rights or rivers of blood here."

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40. Iraqi Army Withdraws Tactically in Mosul

Asharq al-Awsat, Hamza Mustafa, 2016 11 07

Baghdad - The Iraqi Army resumed fighting in Mosul left coast after a temporary withdrawal, as described by a military Iraqi leader to Asharq al-Awsat. The source, who preferred to remain anonymous, said that this is a "tactical withdrawal that is imposed by the conditions at sometimes, conditions of the battle that has entered a decisive phase in the meantime." Iraqi forces withdrew from several towns which were earlier seized as well as other towns due to ISIS fighting back and to avoid loss of souls, revealed the source. "It is true that this delays the outcome of the battle, however it protects our military forces because we are keen to prevent blood-shedding... ISIS is calling us for this battle which represents a suicide to the organization but to us it is a battle of liberation and should be conducted based on correct military bases," added the source. The source said that there is no need to make free sacrifices just because the enemy is willing to send more suicide attackers.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

41. American held in Yemen freed, evacuated to Oman

Gulf News, Staff Report, 2016 11 07

Muscat - An American citizen held in Yemen was released on Sunday and evacuated from rebel-controlled Sanaa to Muscat along with Yemenis wounded in the country's conflict, the sultanate's foreign ministry said. The unidentified man was transported onboard an Omani military aircraft after his release was secured "following a request by the US government (to Oman) to continue helping in (releasing) its citizens held in Yemen", the ministry said in a statement carried by the state news agency ONA. It said he was set free following "coordination with concerned parties in Sanaa," in an apparent reference to Iran-backed Shiite Huthi rebels. Last month, Muscat secured the release of two other Americans who were held in Sanaa. There have been dozens of kidnappings of foreigners in Yemen over the years, most of them by members of the country's heavily armed tribes seeking concessions from the authorities.

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42. Iran Owns up to Arming Coup Militias in Yemen

Asharq al-Awsat, Jordan Dakamseh and Badr al-Qahtani, 2016 11 07

London - New York- Fars News Agency, a "semi-official" news agency of the Government of Iran, reported Houthis fighters bombarding national army positions with Iran-manufactured rocket artillery, despite Iran top officials refuting accusations on directly interfering in Yemen's civil conflict. Iran's incumbent Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif had denied any claims on his country arming the Houthi-led coup in Yemen. Many precedents have revealed the extent of Iranian involvement in Yemen. The Saudi-led Arab coalition had exposed numerous warehouses stockpiling Iran- made arms in Yemen, in addition to intercepting frequent weapons shipments sent to coup militiamen. Washington announced last week that at least four Iranian arms shipments were apprehended en route to Yemen. The confiscated cargo reportedly included state-of-the-art arms. On the other hand, the U.N. Special Envoy to Yemen Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed arrived to Sanaa on Thursday to resume talks with the insurgency delegates.

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43. Saudi Arabia, China to boost cooperation in fighting terror

Arab News, Rashid Hassan, 2016 11 07

Riyadh - Saudi Arabia and China agreed to step up cooperation on various key issues including security and counter-terrorism during talks held in Riyadh Sunday. Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Naif and Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, received a delegation led by Chinese President Xi Jinping's special envoy Meng Jianzhu. The two sides also reached agreement to deepen the cordial ties between Saudi Arabia and China. The talks in Riyadh follow the signing of 15 preliminary agreements between Saudi Arabia and China in August -- touching on a wide range of fields from energy to housing -- during the visit of the deputy crown prince. Meng and his delegation arrived here Saturday night. The visit fits in with a broad reforms drive to reduce the Kingdom's reliance on oil exports and showcases Saudi Arabia as a dynamic nation with promising opportunities for global investors.

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44. Syrie : les forces kurdes lancent la bataille de Raqqa

Le Figaro, Georges Malbrunot, 2016 11 07

Raqqa, Syrie - Trente mille hommes aidés par Washington vont d'abord chercher à isoler la « capitale » syrienne de Daech. Moscou est silencieux. Moyen-Orient Soutenus par les États-Unis, trente mille combattants arabo-kurdes ont lancé dimanche la bataille de Raqqa, la « capitale » de Daech en Syrie. L'offensive, baptisée « Colère de l'Euphrate », a officiellement démarré samedi soir, depuis la ville d'Aïn Issa, à une cinquantaine de kilomètres au sud de Raqqa. « La grande bataille pour la libération de Raqqa et de sa province a commencé », annonçait lors d'une conférence de presse Jihan Cheikh Ahmad, une porte-parole des Forces démocratiques syriennes (FDS), une coalition composée de troupes kurdes et arabes. Peu après, des dizaines de combattants armés se dirigeaient à bord de véhicules vers le front. Selon les FDS, l'offensive sur Raqqa se déroulera en deux étapes : « Libérer d'abord la province de Raqqa pour isoler la ville, puis contrôler celle-ci. » Raqqa et Mossoul sont les deux dernières grandes villes toujours contrôlées par l'État islamique. De nombreux djihadistes étrangers - dont 300 Français environ - seraient terrés à Raqqa parmi la population civile.

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45. Yemen minister rules out any settlement that rewards Al Houthis

Gulf News, Saeed Al Batati, 2016 11 07

Al Mukalla - The Yemeni government has demanded a new peace plan for ending the conflict in the country after rejecting the latest proposal that suggests the internationally-recognised president, Abd Rabbo Mansour Hadi, turn over his powers to a new vice-president and assume a figurehead role. Foreign minister Abdul Malik Al Mekhlafi, on Sunday, shrugged off media reports that Hadi's government asked the United Nations (UN) envoy to revamp some terms of

the plan. "Any settlement that reinforces the coup or reward the putschist militias will not be successful," Al Mekhlafi said in a statement carried by the state-run Saba news agency. He was referencing when Iran-backed Al Houthi militants grabbed power in late 2014, placing Hadi under house arrest, in the capital, Sana'a. Hadi later managed to escape and moved the government's base to Aden, in the country's south.

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There are no stories today. / Il n'y a pas d'histoires aujourd'hui.

Western Europe • Europe de l'Ouest

46. « Les émirats ont arrosé la France »

Tribune de Genève, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 07

Paris - Fruit d'une longue enquête, « Nos très chers émirats » explore les dessous de la lune de miel entre Paris et les pays du Golfe. Après avoir cosigné il y a deux ans *Les chemins de Damas*, Georges Malbrunot et Christian Chesnot jettent un nouveau pavé dans la mare avec *Nos très chers émirats*(1). Un ouvrage explosif qui lève un coin du voile sur les pratiques peu glorieuses d'une partie de la classe politique et l'aveuglement de la diplomatie française. En cherchant à démêler le vrai du faux à propos du financement du terrorisme par les monarchies du Golfe, les deux journalistes remettent en perspective les enjeux qui sous-tendent le soutien de la France aux rebelles syriens. En démarrant votre enquête, vous attendiez-vous à découvrir que les élites françaises étaient à ce point corrompues? Nous savions que le Qatar et l'Arabie saoudite arrosaient la France, les Etats-Unis et la Grande-Bretagne. C'était un secret de Polichinelle. Ce n'était d'ailleurs pas le sujet du livre. Ce que nous voulions explorer au départ, ce sont les liens des monarchies du Golfe avec le financement du terrorisme et le prosélytisme religieux. Quand nous avons découvert que certains hommes politiques avaient profité du « Qatar-bashing » entre 2012 et 2013 pour monnayer leur soutien à l'émirat, nous sommes restés pantois.

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47. Attentats du 13 novembre, une si longue enquête

La Croix, Pascal Charrier, 2016 11 07

Paris - Si les enquêteurs ont beaucoup avancé sur le dossier des attaques qui ont frappé Paris et Saint-Denis il y a un an, il reste encore des zones d'ombre, s'agissant notamment de l'identité du commanditaire. Le dossier est énorme, avec de multiples ramifications. Un an après les attentats du 13 novembre 2015, qui ont fait 130 morts et plus de 400 blessés à Paris et à Saint-Denis (Seine-Saint-Denis), policiers et magistrats continuent de l'alimenter. Cette enquête éminemment internationale - ce qui l'a parfois freinée - avance des deux côtés de la frontière, en France et en Belgique. Les auteurs directs du carnage ont été rapidement identifiés. Neuf sont morts, dont Abdelhamid A., présenté rapidement comme l'un des cerveaux de l'opération. Ce Belge a été tué le 18 novembre lors de l'assaut visant l'appartement de Saint-Denis où il s'était caché. Avec deux

autres assaillants, il faisait partie du trio ayant tiré sur des terrasses parisiennes. Les deux autres commandos, composés également de trois hommes chacun, avaient visé le Bataclan et le Stade de France. Un seul des terroristes du 13 novembre est vivant: Salah A., un Français installé en Belgique, qui a été arrêté à Bruxelles en mars et transféré en France fin avril. Il a participé à la préparation des attaques et convoyé des kamikazes vers le Stade de France.

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48. German Islamists sign up for weapons training

London Times, Allan Hall, 2016 11 07

Berlin - At least 20 Isis sympathisers have been discovered in the ranks of the German army after signing up to acquire detailed knowledge of weapons and explosives. German recruiters have also received a number of requests from potential soldiers asking whether they can join on short-term commissions to undergo extensive training in firearms and equipment. The details were disclosed by intelligence officials of the Bundeswehr. Ursula von der Leyen, the defence minister, is poised to introduce legislation allowing the military counterespionage service (MAD) to carry out security checks on every prospective recruit. German law allows for vetting only after people have joined up. The discovery of Islamists in the army at a time when citizens are nervous about a terrorist attack means the law is expected to pass before the end of the year. Authorities revealed that a number of individuals had been contacting recruiters in recent months "inquiring about whether they could sign up for a few months to undergo intensive weapons and equipment training".

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49. Germany fears UK may quit spy programme because of Brexit

The Guardian (London), Phillip Oltermann, 2016 11 07

Berlin - Germany fears Britain may pull out of a key intelligence-sharing programme in May next year, a move that it says would create a "moment of weakness" in the fight against terrorism and jeopardise security across the EU. As the continent remains on alert for terrorist attacks, Berlin is understood to view intelligence as Britain's primary contribution to European collaboration, and fears it could use future cooperation as a bargaining chip in Brexit negotiations. According to documents seen by the Guardian, Germany is already lobbying the British government to renew its role in Europe's law enforcement agency, Europol, before its current collaboration runs out on 1 May 2017. In a response to a parliamentary question submitted by Germany's Left party, Angela Merkel's government confirmed that it believed the European commission should encourage the UK to remain in Europol. Doing so was in Britain's interest, the document produced by the German interior ministry said, because "collaborating and sharing information via Europol can help the UK prevent and fight terrorism and serious crime".

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50. La Belgique, "pépinière" de jihadistes

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 07

Bruxelles - La Belgique, d'où ont été organisés les attentats du 13 novembre 2015, a acquis la réputation mondiale d'être une "pépinière" de jihadistes. Dans le volet belge de l'enquête, 19 personnes ont été inculpées depuis un an, soupçonnées d'avoir été mêlées à des degrés divers aux tueries de Paris. Proportionnellement à sa population (11 millions d'habitants), la Belgique est un des pays d'Europe qui fournit le plus de combattants à l'organisation Etat islamique (EI): 465 Belges sont actuellement en Syrie, en sont revenus ou ont tenté de la rejoindre, selon les derniers chiffres officiels. - Une longue histoire de radicalisation - La Belgique est apparue comme une base arrière des radicaux islamistes dès le milieu des années 1990, lorsque le Groupe islamique armé (GIA) algérien a menacé le royaume de représailles après le démantèlement d'une de ses cellules à Bruxelles. Après les attentats du 11 septembre 2001 aux Etats-Unis, les autorités belges ont découvert que les assassins tunisiens du légendaire commandant Massoud, le "Lion du Panshir", chef de la résistance anti-talibans en Afghanistan, disposaient de faux passeports belges et de soutiens logistiques en Belgique.

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51. Le chef présumé d'ETA arrêté en France

Le Monde, Sandrine Morel, 2016 11 07

Ascain, France - Le fugitif Mikel Irastorza, 41 ans, a été arrêté à Ascain, dans les Pyrénées, lors d'une opération conjointe entre la DGSI et la garde civile espagnole. Il ne reste plus grand-chose du groupe séparatiste basque ETA. Une quinzaine de membres actifs, tout au plus, selon la police espagnole. La majorité se trouverait en France. En fuite. C'était le cas du numéro un présumé d'ETA, Mikel Irastorza. L'homme de 41ans a été arrêté dans la nuit du vendredi 4 au samedi 5 novembre à Ascain (Pyrénées-Atlantiques), lors d'une opération menée conjointement par la garde civile espagnole et la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI). Deux personnes, un homme de nationalité espagnole et une femme française qui hébergeaient M.Irastorza, ont aussi été arrêtées lors de l'opération. Selon la police espagnole, ce coup de filet est «un coup dur contre les structures d'ETA car il suppose la perte du chef de l'organisation terroriste et l'élimination de la structure chargée de la gestion de l'arsenal d'armes et explosifs». «ETA est totalement à terre», confirme-t-on côté français.

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52. Turkey Steps-up Security Measures after Baghdadi's Threats

Asharq al-Awsat, Said Abdul Razzak, 2016 11 07

Ankara - Turkish security forces raised the state of alertness across the country following Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi's recorded message stating an attack on Turkey, Thursday, especially in cities where ISIS militants are mainly centered. Gaziantep governorate, south Turkey, has witnessed security alert by police after the publishing of the voice record as police forces spread all over the city when they received notices that terrorist operations will be carried out by ISIS militants in the city. Security forces also warned citizens from gathering in public areas. Police forces established security barriers on the borders of Gaziantep Security Directorate; they cut off the roads before the directorate so that people and vehicles could not pass by and they took extensive security measures in all security centers in case of any terrorist attack. In a recorded message,

Thursday, al-Baghdadi urged all his followers to wage all-out war and take the fighting into Turkey.

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1. Best practices make Canada's top employers stand out

Globe and Mail, Diane Jermyn, 2016 11 09

The latest best practices from the winners of Canada's Top Employers for 2017 are worth a second look. While these industry leaders already excel in making their organizations a place

where people love to come to work through a wide variety of innovative initiatives, many have gone further in transforming their physical space to further engage workers. In many cases, employee feedback was key in planning the design of their newest spaces, such as at Samsung Canada. As a result, the company's LEED certified head office features plenty of flexible and open work space that invites employee collaboration, dedicated idea rooms and casual breakout areas, as well as a technology showroom featuring current and future technology. While the selection process to choose the winners of Canada's Top Employers continually evolves to include new questions that reflect changes in the workplace, the underlying methodology has not significantly changed since the project began in 2000. The competition remains a catalogue of best practices. To select the winners, the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers compare each organization's policies to others in their industry and region to see whether they're a leader. Each employer's application is judged by rigorous criteria in eight key areas: 1) physical workplace; 2) work atmosphere and social; 3) health, financial and family benefits; 4) vacation and time off; 5) employee communications; 6) performance management; 7) training and skills development; and 8) community involvement. Canada's Top 100 Employers is an annual national competition. Any employer with its head office or principal place of business in Canada may apply regardless of size, whether private or public sector. Canadian Security Intelligence Service, Ottawa. National security; 3,299 employees. Introduced a four-day work week option, allowing employees to work four days each week for up to three months annually, with salary adjusted accordingly.

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2. Coderre renonce à l'enquête de Denis Gallant

La Presse+, Tommy Chouinard; Tristan Péloquin, 2016 11 09

Montréal - Le maire de Montréal a annoncé sa décision après avoir reçu l'assurance du ministre Martin Coiteux que la commission d'enquête créée par Québec se penchera sur la surveillance de journalistes par le SPVM. Critiqué de toutes parts pour avoir confié à Me Denis Gallant le mandat de faire une enquête administrative au sujet de la surveillance des journalistes, Denis Coderre se ravise. Le député péquiste Pascal Bérubé demande au gouvernement Couillard de préciser le mandat de la commission parlementaire sur la surveillance policière des journalistes afin d'inclure la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) et le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) au nombre des corps policiers qui témoigneront. « Le ministre n'a jamais voulu intégrer la GRC et le SCRS, on trouve ça suspect. Pour que la démarche réussisse, il faut que tous les joueurs soient inclus.

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3. Inquiry on police spying has many questions to answer

Sarnia Observer, Allison Hanes, 2016 11 09

Editorial: Quebecers are on the verge of another potentially explosive public inquiry, this one sparked by revelations about police spying on journalists. The need for a full inquiry became rapidly apparent as the snooping scandal that broke last week widened, from Montreal police tracking one columnist for months, to the Sûreté du Québec peering into five years' worth of phone records belonging to six top investigative journalists. To its credit, the Couillard

government, which first had announced more limited measures, was quick to see the broader need. Many questions require answers. Among them: How many journalists were tracked, and by whom? On what grounds did judges and justices of the peace sign off on the warrants police used to obtain the reporters' call records? The Supreme Court recognizes that journalists should be able to keep their sources confidential, save in exceptional circumstances. So far, however, this seems to have been about plugging leaks within police departments, not any urgent matter of national security. How exactly did police use these phone records, many obtained during a period when investigative reporters were breaking stories about corruption, influencepeddling and political financing that eventually prompted the Charbonneau Commission? The Parti Québécois public security critic, Stéphane Bergeron, stepped aside after it emerged he had called the then-chief of the SQ, when Bergeron himself was public security minister, and asked him about leaks to journalists. Afterward, police pried into the call records of several journalists. Bergeron vehemently denies any suggestion that he was even aware of such moves, much less authorized them. This inquiry will occur in a context where state surveillance is a matter of national and global concern. There are new revelations about CSIS being less than candid with judges about what it was doing with all the data it wanted permission to collect in Canada. And the matter blew up during a week when American fugitive whistleblower Edward Snowden spoke via video link at McGill University about the implications of electronic spying.

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4. Mieux protéger les journalistes que les citoyens?

Journal de Montréal, Pierrot Péladeau, 2016 11 08

Blogue - Le film 'La vie des autres' se déroule en Allemagne de l'Est à l'époque où, volontairement ou sous la contrainte, un citoyen sur sept espionnait ses voisins pour la Stasi (Ministère de la Sécurité d'État) Est-ce souhaitable à l'égard de la surveillance policière des communications ? Ou même possible ? Coup d'oeil sur la réalité matérielle des choses. Révéler qu'on a surveillé pendant cinq ans les télécommunications de Denis Lessard revient à déclarer qu'on a surveillé les actions de toute la classe politique québécoise La réalité à laquelle nous sommes confrontés m'apparaît d'ailleurs beaucoup mieux représentée par les hésitations manifestes des gouvernement Trudeau, Gendarmerie royale (GRC) et Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) à nous offrir quelque garantie concrète sur ce même sujet. Trois, comment d'autant plus alors que notre propre Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications canadien (CST) participe à des opérations de surveillance de masse de la NSA ?

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5. Overnight Security Guards Keep Finding Classified or 'Protected' Documents Around Parliament

Vice Canada, Rachel Brown, 2016 11 09

A number of federal departments, including Canada's spy agency, have been careless with classified or secure government documents. Since the Liberals took office last November, there's been more than 10,000 incidents in which such documents were mishandled or improperly

stored, according to a 93-page report tabled last week in the House of Commons in response to a question from Conservative MP Gord Brown. The Conservatives have been quick to condemn the government, but it's not clear how many similar incidents occurred when they were in power. The report, first cited by the CBC, provides few details about what the documents are or how exactly were mishandled. It's not clear whether any of the incidents compromised security or privacy. Public Services and Procurement Canada and Global Affairs are the worst offenders, reporting a combined 5,624 instances where employees didn't abide by the security protocols for the documents. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) reported 659 such instances, 12 of which "required further investigation." And the Communications Security Establishment, Canada's foreign intelligence agency, reported 491 incidents, although the agency notes that none of the documents ever left Parliament. Officials at the Canada Border Services Agency reported 77 incidents where protected documents were mishandled. A number of cabinet ministries also confessed to mishandling documents, including 11 such incidents reported by the office of Democratic Reform Minister Maryam Monsef. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale's office--which is responsible for national security--reported six instances of document carelessness. The department overall reported more than 270 incidents, many of which seem to have been discovered during the night shift by parliamentary security officials, including "where cabinets were found unlocked by security during evening patrols."

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6. Canada PM congratulates Trump, wants to work on trade, security

Reuters, David Ljunggren, 2016 11 09

Ottawa - Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Wednesday congratulated Donald Trump on winning the U.S. presidency and stressed the close friendship and ties between the two nations. Trudeau said in a statement that he looked forward to working very closely with Trump and his administration on trade, investment, international peace and security. (Full report)

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7. Coderre annule l'enquête sur la police de Montréal

Journal de Montréal, Marie-Christine Trottier, 2016 11 09

Montréal - L'enquête sur les écoutes de journalistes sera faite par Québec Denis Coderre recule et annule l'enquête administrative qu'il voulait mener sur l'espionnage des journalistes par le SPVM. Le maire Denis Coderre est sous les projecteurs depuis plusieurs jours à propos des mandats du SPVM. Selon le maire, il est désormais «peu utile» de confier une enquête administrative sur le SPVM à Denis Gallant puisqu'il a obtenu «l'assurance» que la commission d'enquête publique annoncée par Québec, la semaine dernière, couvrira les activités du SPVM. Pourtant, le gouvernement Couillard annonçait le 1er novembre qu'un comité d'experts allait se pencher sur les méthodes d'enquêtes du SPVM, de la Sûreté du Québec et du SPVQ. Deux jours plus tard, Québec a octroyé à ce comité d'experts les pouvoirs nécessaires pour la tenue d'une commission d'enquête sur ces mêmes corps policiers. Denis Coderre a ensuite annoncé qu'il allait

confier à son tour une enquête administrative ad hoc à Denis Gallant, qui occupe actuellement le poste d'inspecteur général à la Ville de Montréal. «Il risque d'être contreproductif que plusieurs enquêtes soient menées de front sur le sujet», indique le maire.

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8. Coderre cancels inquiry into police surveillance

Montreal Gazette, René Bruemmer, 2016 11 09

Montreal - Two days after he announced Montreal inspector general Denis Gallant would hold an ad hoc "administrative review" into the police surveillance scandal enveloping the police force and city hall, Mayor Denis Coderre said Tuesday Gallant's investigation is no longer necessary and has been cancelled. Given that a provincial inquiry called by Premier Philippe Couillard last week is already looking into the Montreal police force's surveillance of La Presse journalists, including one who had been investigating a \$444 ticket issued to Coderre, as well as the Sûreté du Québec's monitoring of reporters in a separate case, Gallant's inquiry is no longer necessary, the mayor said in a statement. Coderre said he obtained the assurance Tuesday morning of Quebec Public Security Minister Martin Coiteux that the provincial inquiry will investigate the Montreal police's surveillance techniques. Having another inquiry, Coderre said, risks becoming "counter-productive." Montreal city council's public security commission is also investigating the matter.

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9. Convention collective des fonctionnaires fédéraux Les négociations se prolongent

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 11 09

Ottawa - Après maintenant plus d'une semaine, les négociations en vue du renouvellement de la convention collective de plus de 100000 fonctionnaires fédéraux se poursuivent toujours entre l'Alliance de la fonction publique du Canada (AFPC) et le gouvernement fédéral. L'AFPC a confirmé en fin d'après-midi mardi que les négociations «se prolongent» après maintenant plus d'une semaine de pourparlers. «L'AFPC continue de négocier avec le Conseil du Trésor pour les groupes PA, SV, EB, FB et TC. Nos équipes sont restées tard à la table de négociation et ont prolongé la durée des négociations. Notre objectif demeure le même : obtenir un contrat juste qui témoigne du respect du gouvernement envers les services essentiels que les fonctionnaires fédéraux offrent aux Canadiens», a indiqué le syndicat par voie de communiqué. En matinée mardi, l'AFPC disait poursuivre les discussions avec un «optimisme prudent», sans donner plus de détails.

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10. Élections Américaines Un voisin à surveiller

Le Devoir, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 09

Ottawa - Le Canada devra composer avec les changements à la Maison-Blanche Justin Trudeau a pris soin, depuis des mois, de ne jamais s'immiscer dans la campagne électorale américaine en

refusant de commenter les candidatures et prises de position d'Hillary Clinton et de Donald Trump. Bien que tous deux aient tenu des discours diamétralement opposés sur le spectre politique, chacun laissait présager des défis pour le premier ministre canadien. Commerce Bien qu'Hillary Clinton ait elle aussi tenu un discours protectionniste au fil de la campagne américaine, elle ne menace pas pour autant la survie de l'Accord de libre-échange nord-américain que veut renier Donald Trump -- quoiqu'elle ait évoqué l'idée de le renégocier. Mme Clinton a cependant critiqué le Partenariat transpacifique qu'envisagent de signer les États-Unis avec, entre autres, le Canada, l'Australie, la Nouvelle-Zélande, le Japon, le Chili, le Pérou et le Mexique.

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11. Hausse des cas de financement d'activités terroristes au Canada

Journal de Québec, Diane Tremblay, 2016 11 09

Québec - La lutte contre le blanchiment d'argent et le financement des activités terroristes tend à s'intensifier au Canada, selon un document du CANAFE qui révèle une hausse de 17% du nombre de cas. En 2015-2016, le Centre d'analyse des opérations et déclarations financières du Canada (CANAFE) a reçu 1618 rapports de ses partenaires tels que les corps policiers et les institutions financières par rapport à 1380 l'année précédente. **CONSTANTE PROGRESSION** Le nombre de cas portés à l'attention de cet organisme chargé de protéger l'intégrité du système financier en prenant des mesures pour détecter et décourager le blanchiment d'argent et le financement d'activités terroristes est en constante progression depuis cinq ans. «C'est beaucoup plus large que la mafia et les groupes criminels. La nouvelle tendance, c'est le financement des activités terroristes. Même si les actes n'ont pas lieu au Canada, il y a des ressortissants partout au pays. Il faut que les institutions financières accompagnent le régime pour aider les corps policiers à identifier ces personnes-là», a fait part Éric Lachapelle, chef de conformité responsable de la lutte au blanchiment d'argent pour le Mouvement Desjardins. L'an dernier, 483 échanges relativement au financement d'activités terroristes et à des menaces pour la sécurité du Canada ont été transmis au CANAFE dont les représentants sont à Québec aujourd'hui pour participer à une activité de l'association of Certified Anti-money Laundering Specialists.

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12. Hometown rallies behind ailing teen in 'Butterfly Mile'

Ottawa Citizen, Andrew Duffy, 2016 11 09

Ottawa - Jonathan Pitre's supporters will "walk him home" from Minnesota in an act of solidarity and symbolism at a fundraising event Nov. 19. The event, which will be held in Russell, about 40 km southeast of Ottawa, was inspired by a Facebook post by Pitre's mother, Tina Boileau, in response to a flood of questions from well-wishers about how they could help the family. Boileau suggested that people walk, run or wheel a mile, and post a picture of something beautiful or inspiring from their journeys. She called it the Butterfly Mile Challenge and invited participants to also make a donation to DEBRA Canada, a charity that assists people with epidermolysis bullosa (EB). Pitre suffers from a severe form of EB and is in Minneapolis in an attempt to change the course of his skin disease with a stem cell transplant. Pitre's hometown of Russell has taken the Butterfly Mile Challenge to heart. Community leaders have organized an

event at the Russell Fairgrounds on Nov. 19 that will bring people together from across Ottawa to walk for Jonathan. More than 325 people have already registered for the Butterfly Mile. Organizers are hoping to sign up enough walkers to collectively cover the distance that it would take for Pitre to return home: about 2,414 kilometres.

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13. Liberals propose pay raise, 'employee wellness plan' in PSAC talks

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 11 09

Ottawa - The federal government has returned to the bargaining table with its largest union with an offer of a pay raise and a proposal to defuse the politically fraught sick leave reforms with an "employee wellness" plan that would be discussed separately from ongoing contract talks. The Public Service Alliance of Canada and Treasury Board negotiators are locked in an extended bargaining session, duking it out over two big issues common to all 18 federal unions: wages and sick leave. The government's proposed 2.25-per-cent raise over three years is the first move on wages in months. PSAC is the largest union, representing more than 90,000 public servants at five bargaining tables, and has been the most intractable on changes to the existing sick leave regime. A deal with PSAC could set the pattern for other unions. The talks opened last week with a "revised" Liberal proposal to take its sick leave reforms off the table to be dealt with in a separate and independent process. Treasury Board President Scott Brison has said he wants to "modernize" sick leave. Until now, the Liberals have stuck with the previous Conservative government's plan to replace the existing regime, which gives public servants 15 days of sick leave a year. Unused leave can be banked and used later. All the unions signed a solidarity pact when this round of bargaining began more than two years ago, refusing any concessions on sick leave.

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14. Quebec's thin line between politics and privacy

Globe and Mail, Yves Boisvert, 2016 11 09

Column: It has been open season on journalists' sources in Quebec, it seems. And if this was not troubling enough, we learned Monday that a warrant was obtained to check the phone record of La Presse columnist Patrick Lagacé after a complaint by the Mayor of Montreal. So on top of police overreach and legal officials not stopping them, there was political pressure to catch sources. Of course, Mayor Denis Coderre never ordered officials to spy on journalists. He just called the police chief to ask, probably in a very calm tone, how the heck do journalists find out about my tickets? Let's recap. In 2014, a rumour circulated in the Montreal police force that Mr. Coderre, the new Mayor, managed to clear himself of a \$444 ticket for an unpaid licence plate. A police source sent a computerized copy of the ticket to Mr. Lagacé. On it was a special code. The source suspected that code meant the ticket was cancelled in some way. The journalist checked. False story. The ticket was paid. Nothing was written. But Mr. Coderre was not amused to find out his data had been sent to the press. What do you do when you become a victim of alleged police indiscretion? You call the police chief.

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15. Trump and Canada: All the ways northern neighbour could feel election aftershock

Canadian Press, Alexander Panetta, 2016 11 09

Washington - Donald Trump's ground-shaking election win sent shockwaves around the world, jolting markets and stunning political leaders around the globe. America's neighbours could feel the effects more than most. Here are some ways Canada could be affected by a Trump win: - Climate policy: Trump promises to pull the U.S. from international climate agreements. He says he'll shred President Barack Obama's greenhouse-gas policies, and gut the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Canada has numerous climate projects with the U.S. -Trade: Trump has repeatedly demanded a renegotiation of NAFTA - or he says he'll cancel it. That may cause jitters to the north, given that Canada sends three-quarters of its exports south. -Keystone XL: Trump has said several times he favours construction of the Keystone XL pipeline from Alberta. A campaign document suggested he'd invite TransCanada Corp. to reapply. If he's serious about proceeding, it could be a bit of welcome news for the Canadian government. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had supported the pipeline, and now faces political dilemmas at home related to new pipelines.

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16. Un guide de sensibilisation au terrorisme et à l'extrémisme violent

L'Eclaireur-Progrès (Saint-Georges), Journaliste maison, 2016 11 09

Québec - La Gendarmerie royale du Canada au Québec a publié le «Guide de sensibilisation au terrorisme et à l'extrémisme violent». Celui-ci s'adresse autant aux premiers intervenants qu'aux parents, collègues et amis des personnes à risque. Il permet aux lecteurs de mieux comprendre et reconnaître le phénomène en évolution de la radicalisation menant à la violence. Il fournit aussi les coordonnées de certains organismes locaux (gouvernementaux et non gouvernementaux) pour obtenir de l'aide ou pour signaler un comportement suspect.

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17. Can Donald Trump be a good President?

Foreign Policy, Peter Feaver, Will Inboden, 2016 11 09

Comment - Donald Trump shocked the pundit class, the media, Washington, D.C., the United States, the world, and yours truly tonight. We were wrong about Trump's electoral prospects, thinking he had little to no chance to win. Is it possible we were wrong about Trump's governing prospects? For the sake of our nation and the world, we hope so. He is now our president. He does not have our unwavering support, but because he is now our president-elect, he has our initial support. We want him to succeed as president because if he succeeds, America succeeds. We continue to believe that he will have to change in some fundamental ways to be effective as president of all Americans. He will need to put the nation's interest ahead of his own. He will

have to study policies more, and polls less. He will have to assemble a capable cabinet and senior national security team. He will have to listen to people who disagree with him to figure out what he can learn from them rather than merely figure out how to attack them. We close with two final thoughts on foreign policy and national security. First, President Trump must immediately start campaigning to win the trust and respect of a constituency he completely ignored until now: foreign leaders and foreign publics. They do not have a vote in our election, but our election results matter to their lives. Most were greatly concerned about what a Trump presidency would mean and they will have a great incentive to hedge against the United States, protecting themselves from their worst-case fears of what Trump might do. He would be wise to reach out to our allies to reassure them and speak calmly but forcefully to our adversaries to deter them. It's time to throw out the campaign slogans disparaging our allies. Second, Trump must beef up his foreign policy and national security team. Some of the best people on the Republican side of the aisle are #NeverTrumpers, like us, and so are ruled out of consideration. But fortunately for the country, some very fine professionals kept their powder dry and so are available to serve. We hope the Trump inner circle will reward competence and experience, and not just enthusiastic loyalty. And we hope our friends will heed the call.

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18. Donald Trump's Victory Promises to Upend the International Order

New York Times, Peter Baker, 2016 11 09

Jerusalem - Donald J. Trump's stunning election victory on Tuesday night rippled way beyond the nation's boundaries, upending an international order that prevailed for decades and raising profound questions about America's place in the world. For the first time since before World War II, Americans chose a president who promised to reverse the internationalism practiced by predecessors of both parties and to build walls both physical and metaphorical. Mr. Trump's win foreshadowed an America more focused on its own affairs while leaving the world to take care of itself. Global markets fell after Tuesday's election and many around the world scrambled to figure out what it might mean in parochial terms. For Mexico, it seemed to presage a new era of confrontation with its northern neighbor. For Europe and Asia, it could rewrite the rules of modern alliances, trade deals, and foreign aid. For the Middle East, it foreshadowed a possible alignment with Russia and fresh conflict with Iran. Continue reading the main story "All bets are off," said Agustín Barrios Gómez, a former congressman in Mexico and president of the Mexico Image Foundation, an organization dedicated to promoting its reputation abroad. Crispin Blunt, chairman of the foreign affairs committee in Britain's House of Commons, said, "We are plunged into uncertainty and the unknown." One of the few places where Mr. Trump's victory was greeted enthusiastically was Russia, where state-controlled television has been feasting on the circuslike elements of the American election. "Trump's presidency will make the U.S. sink into a full-blown crisis, including an economic one," said Vladimir Frolov, a Russian columnist and international affairs analyst. "The U.S. will be occupied with its own issues and will not bother Putin with questions." "As a consequence," he added, "Moscow will have a window of opportunity in geopolitical terms. For instance, it can claim control over the former Soviet Union and a part of the Middle East. What is there not to like?"

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19. Donald Trump Is Elected President in Stunning Repudiation of the Establishment

New York Times, Matt Flegenheimer, Michael Barbaro, 2016 11 09

New York - Donald John Trump was elected the 45th president of the United States on Tuesday in a stunning culmination of an explosive, populist and polarizing campaign that took relentless aim at the institutions and long-held ideals of American democracy. The surprise outcome, defying late polls that showed Hillary Clinton with a modest but persistent edge, threatened convulsions throughout the country and the world, where skeptics had watched with alarm as Mr. Trump's unvarnished overtures to disillusioned voters took hold. The triumph for Mr. Trump, 70, a real estate developer- turned-reality television star with no government experience, was a powerful rejection of the establishment forces that had assembled against him, from the world of business to government, and the consensus they had forged on everything from trade to immigration. The results amounted to a repudiation, not only of Mrs. Clinton, but of President Obama, whose legacy is suddenly imperiled. And it was a decisive demonstration of power by a largely overlooked coalition of mostly blue-collar white and working-class voters who felt that the promise of the United States had slipped their grasp amid decades of globalization and multiculturalism. "The forgotten men and women of our country will be forgotten no longer," Mr. Trump told supporters around 3 a.m. on Wednesday at a rally in New York City, just after Mrs. Clinton called to concede. In a departure from a blistering campaign in which he repeatedly stoked division, Mr. Trump sought to do something he had conspicuously avoided as a candidate: Appeal for unity. "Now it's time for America to bind the wounds of division," he said. "It is time for us to come together as one united people. It's time." That, he added, "is so important to me."

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20. In Trump, NATO Faces a Challenge

Wall Street Journal, Julian E. Barnes, 2016 11 09

Brussels - The North Atlantic Treaty Organization faces one of the biggest challenges since the end of the Cold War with the election of Donald Trump, a persistent critic of the alliance. The president-elect has questioned whether the U.S. should be committed to the defense of countries that fail to spend enough on their militaries. He has suggested a softer stance against Russia and urged NATO and its 29 member states to focus more on fighting terrorism. On Wednesday, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg congratulated Mr. Trump on his election victory but delivered a stern reminder of America's obligations to its allies. "NATO's security guarantee is a treaty commitment," said Mr. Stoltenberg, who criticized Mr. Trump's comments during the campaign. "All allies have made a solemn commitment to defend each other. This is something absolutely unconditioned." While Mr. Trump has repeatedly called on NATO to focus more on counterterrorism, he has also praised the alliance for creating a post in the organization aimed at improving intelligence-sharing among allies. Douglas Lute, the U.S. ambassador to NATO, pointed to the appointment of a new assistant secretary- general for intelligence as an example of how the alliance is taking a more aggressive role in the terrorism fight. "He has been critical of NATO's role in counterterrorism, but most recently he has noted that NATO has taken steps...in particular in appointing a top-tier official centered on intelligence," Mr. Lute said.

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21. Julian Assange Releases More Emails and Defends WikiLeaks' Mission

New York Times, Steve Eder, 2016 11 09

New York - Julian Assange operates from the Ecuadorean Embassy in London, where his internet connection was recently cut off. But that has not stopped him from being one of the most significant and unusual players in the 2016 election campaign in the United States. His WikiLeaks platform has released tens of thousands of hacked emails from inside Hillary Clinton's campaign and the Democratic National Committee, making Mr. Assange a reviled figure among supporters of the Democratic nominee and a hero to backers of Donald J. Trump. On Tuesday morning, Mr. Assange weighed in one last time as Americans headed to the polls, releasing a statement that offered an explanation for making the leaks public, an assertion of impartiality and a defense of the WikiLeaks mission. "The real victor is the U.S. public, which is better informed as a result of our work," Mr. Assange wrote, adding that his organization publishes information as quickly as possible and "as fast as the public can absorb it." "This is not due to a personal desire to influence the outcome of the election," he said.

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22. President-Elect Donald Trump Faces Foreign-Policy Quandaries

Wall Street Journal, Carol E. Lee, Felicia Schwartz, 2016 11 09

Washington - President-elect Donald Trump is set to inherit one of the most complicated, high-stakes foreign-policy portfolios in a generation, stepping into a tense world as a little-known leader whose positions on key issues are largely undefined. Mr. Trump has suggested in speeches, interviews and statements on the campaign trail that he would reorient U.S. policy in potentially significant ways, questioning U.S. support to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and other historic alliances, upending trade deals and drawing closer to Russian President Vladimir Putin. On other issues, he has pledged to revamp the U.S. strategy against Islamic State. Mr. Trump has given few details of his likely approach, but he said he would ramp up military action against the terror group. He has suggested the U.S. join forces with Russia to confront Islamic State, which isn't a member of the more than 60-member coalition against the extremist group. Current White House officials see North Korea as the most significant and high-stakes challenge facing Mr. Obama's successor. Many of them privately believe the next president should order a comprehensive review of North Korea policy that puts all options, including military ones, on the table. Pyongyang has conducted four of its five nuclear tests during Mr. Obama's administration, most recently in September, along with tests of missiles and other weapons over the past decade. Mr. Trump hasn't discussed the threat of North Korea's nuclear program in any detail other than to say that he thinks that the U.S. deployments to the Korean peninsula haven't done much to counter it.

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23. The 2016 Election Puts CIA Oversight in Play

Newsweek, Jeff Stein, 2016 11 08

Washington - The elections may well have a big effect on Senate oversight of the CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies. The committee's current Republican chairman, North Carolina Senator Richard Burr (has retained) his Senate seat. Burr supports aggressive use of CIA drone strikes to kill suspected terrorists, which Hillary Clinton has also backed, but his efforts to suppress the intelligence panel's report on CIA torture made him anathema to liberal Democrats. On the House side, five-term California Republican Representative Devin Nunes, a Trump supporter, is expected to glide to re-election and retain his chairmanship of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. As for (John) Brennan's future in a Trump administration, the CIA chief all but took himself out of contention when he gave a speech in July saying he would not order the torture of suspected terrorists or target their families, as the Republican candidate has vowed.

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24. U.S. allies look on anxiously, far-right exults as Trump wins presidency

Washington Post, Simon Denyer, 2016 11 09

Beijing - Anxiety and disbelief mounted among U.S. allies, but Europe's far right exulted Wednesday, as Donald Trump won a shock victory in the U.S. presidential race. Concerns were sharp in Brussels, the headquarters of NATO and the European Union, where Trump had been universally opposed, as well as in key Asian strategic allies such as Japan and South Korea. But China's state media chortled at how the elections revealed the decline of American democracy. Nowhere was the result felt more keenly than in Mexico, as the peso crumbled on a night of lightning bolts and thunder in the country's capital. "It feels like our nightmare is here," tweeted Jorge Guajardo, who was Mexico's ambassador to China from 2007 to 2013. In Europe, there was never any secret about the continent's overwhelming preference before the vote. Among major U.S. allies across the Atlantic, leaders spoke openly of their contempt for Trump and their fear of the consequences should he be elected. Senior U.S. diplomats moved quickly to assure European partners that nothing would change. But many staffers were clearly shocked at the results. "There is a lot of continuity here no matter who wins later this morning," U.S. Ambassador to NATO Douglas Lute told a mostly European crowd of diplomats and politicians watching the results come in. "NATO has always been a bipartisan venture for the United States."

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25. US official: Security controls 'working' despite NSA theft

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 11 09

Washington - The top U.S. counterintelligence official announced that secret government data is vulnerable to thieves, such as the National Security Agency insider accused of working undetected for more than 20 years to steal a large trove of classified material, even as he defended the security controls put in place after the Edward Snowden theft. "I believe the reforms are working very well. I think we've done an amazing job in the intelligence community and across the government in executing our reforms," said Bill Evanina, the chief counterintelligence and security adviser to the national intelligence director. "However, I will say

that if someone wakes up tomorrow and they make a decision that they're going to steal data from the government, they will be successful at it." Evanina told The Associated Press in a recent interview that no matter how good security controls are, they will never catch every insider or hacker -- and they must be continually improved because of technological advances. His extensive comments followed the August arrest of former NSA contractor Harold Thomas Martin III, 51, of Glen Burnie, Maryland. Martin remains in custody after a judge deemed him to be a flight risk.

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26. Brazilians suspected as GCHQ investigates Tesco cyberattack

London Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 11 09

London - The cyberattack on 40,000 Tesco Bank accounts "looks unprecedented", the chief City watchdog said yesterday, as it emerged that GCHQ is helping to investigate the crime. Reports from victims pointed to Brazil as the origin of the biggest hack to strike a British bank, but the country's authorities have not yet been contacted by their British counterparts. Tesco said that it had been hit by "a systematic, sophisticated attack" with 20,000 customers having an estimated £17 million drained from their accounts. The bank has frozen all online transactions and many customers have had their debit cards blocked. Andrew Bailey, chief executive of the Financial Conduct Authority, told MPs that he was worried about weaknesses in banks' IT systems. He said: "The heart of the concern is what is the root cause of this and what does it tell us about broader threats." The National Cyber Security Centre, a new part of GCHQ that tackles online crime, confirmed that it was providing "on-site assistance" to Tesco. It is working alongside the National Crime Agency to investigate. Several customers said that fraudulent transactions were made in Rio de Janeiro.

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27. GCHQ to investigate Tesco bank hack

London Daily Telegraph, Ben Martin, 2016 11 09

London - TESCO has enlisted the help of GCHQ, the spy agency, to assist its investigation of what is the most serious cyber attack launched against a British bank. The supermarket chain contacted the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), a new part of GCHQ that tackles crime online, after it learned of the theft at the weekend at Tesco Bank, in which money was taken from about 20,000 current accounts. The NCSC has been providing "on-site assistance" to the company. It is working alongside the National Crime Agency to investigate the attack. Tesco Bank confirmed on Monday that it had detected "online criminal activity" in 40,000 current accounts and that money was taken from half of them. Chris Philp, an MP on the Commons Treasury select committee, has suggested the theft could have been "state-sponsored".

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28. Don't believe anything you hear, Canberra was no nest of spies

The Australian Financial Review, Brian Toohey, 2016 11 09

Column: John Blaxland's enthusiastic sales pitch for his new book suggests Canberra residents must have found it hard not to trip over Russian spies doing battle with Australian spy catchers in the 1970s and '80s. Blaxland, co-author of the latest volume of the official history of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation told The Canberra Times last week, "It was on for young and old" in shops, restaurants, cafes and bars in Manuka, Kingston, Deakin, Yarralumla, Red Hill and parks near the Soviet and Chinese embassies. Blaxland said Russian spies were waiting for "a pre- arranged contact to turn up to drop something off or have a 'brush-past' [jargon for quick handover]". But not everyone is convinced it occurred, not least because it is not in the official history itself, *The Secret Cold War*. When asked to confirm that the Russian spies met their Australian contacts in shops, cafes etc in each of the locations Blaxland named, a spokesman for ASIO referred this column to the official history - a book it knows doesn't confirm these details. On the contrary, it says ASIO hadn't managed to detect a KGB officer meeting an agent. This might explain the gently sceptical comment from a former senior defence official, Patrick Gourley, who told this column, "Millers of Manuka was a hotbed for the spy trade. Valeri Ivanov once did brisk business there attired in an attractive pale lemon organza twin set". Perhaps some readers were reassured by Blaxland's claim in *The Canberra Times* that every line in the book "was scrutinised but ultimately approved by ASIO's top brass". It's not nearly as clear-cut.

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29. Senate passes controversial terror laws

Australian Associated Press, Belinda Merhab, 2016 11 09

Canberra - Controversial counter-terror laws allowing control orders to be imposed on minors as young as 14 have cleared the Senate with the support of Labor. The legislation passed on Wednesday morning, despite opposition from the Greens and Liberal Democrat David Leyonhjelm. The Senate agreed to amendments that require a court to appoint a lawyer to act for minors under 18 if they don't already have one in proceedings relating to a control order. (Full report)

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30. Canadian Embassy denies visas to Pak taekwondo athletes over lack of funds

Pakistan Dawn, Dawn Report, 2016 11 09

Islamabad - Pakistan's two promising taekwondo athletes will not be able to chip in the WTF Junior World Taekwondo Championship as they have been denied visas by the Canadian Embassy, which stated that they have insufficient funds to travel to Canada and feature in the

event. "We had fulfilled all the prerequisites including the invitations, registration of athletes, getting their licences from World Taekwondo Federation and booking of hotel along with reservation of tickets. All these were required by Canadian Federation. But it is very embarrassing that we've been denied visas," Lt Col (ret'd) Waseem Ahmed, President Pakistan Taekwondo Federation, told APP on Tuesday. The event is scheduled to take place at Burnaby, Canada from November 14-20. Waseem said that Pakistan Sports Board through Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination had to furnish no objection certificates (NOCs), which had been applied by the federation well in time on September 28.

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31. CTD gets powers to monitor fourth schedulers

Pakistan Dawn, Dawn Report, 2016 11 09

Lahore - The Punjab home department issued a notification on Tuesday giving powers to the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of police to keep an eye on the suspects placed under the Fourth Schedule. As per the notification, the CTD will look into all the matters pertaining to the Fourth Schedule of the Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA). There are some 1,600 terror suspects on the list of the Fourth Schedule in Punjab. The Fourth Schedule lists contain names of all known suspects belonging to banned militant or sectarian organisations, who by their disposition could pose a threat to public peace and security. Such suspects have to submit an affidavit to the government, pledging they would no more be associated with any banned organisation in future or engage in any criminal activity. Earlier, Punjab government, on the recommendation of law enforcement agencies, planned to install electronic surveillance chips on the ankles of the fourth schedulers in the province to monitor their movement.

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32. Taliban oppose scholars summit in Jeddah

Pajhwok Afghan News, Javed Hamim Kakar, 2016 11 09

Kabul - The Taliban have expressed their opposition to a proposed international conference of Islamic scholars in Saudi Arabia about Afghanistan. The Afghan government has been requesting the Saudi government over the past several years to hold a conference of Islamic scholars to discuss the situation of Afghanistan. The Saudi government agreed to the proposal during a formal trip to the kingdom by Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah. The conference is expected to be held in Jeddah city where religious scholars from several Islamic countries will participate in the near future. However, the Taliban opposed the ulema international conference to discuss Afghanistan issues. A statement from a Taliban spokesman, Qari Yousuf Ahmadi received by Pajhwok Afghan News said Islamic scholars were responsible to address major issues Islamic countries faced.

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33. Three of eight Indian diplomats accused of spying leave Pakistan

Gulf News, Mohsin Ali, 2016 11 09

Islamabad - Pakistani officials say three of eight Indian diplomats accused by Islamabad of spying have left the country for New Delhi. A security official and a government official insisted the three were part of an alleged network of spies. The two officials said the three Indians left Pakistan on Tuesday and another five "undercover agents" will also leave Islamabad soon. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to talk to the media. Pakistan has withdrawn six diplomats from its embassy in New Delhi after their names were released to Indian media. Islamabad reciprocated by revealing names of eight Indian diplomats, claiming they were spies. Pakistan-Indian tensions subsequently flared, amid friction over unrest in the contested Kashmir region, which both claim in its entirety.

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Africa • Afrique

34. Agadez, centre de recueil des renseignements pour une lutte efficace contre le terrorisme

All Africa, Noël Ndong, 2016 11 08

Agadez, Niger - La ville d'Agadez dans le Sahel au Niger a été choisie par l'armée américaine pour accueillir une nouvelle base de drones. Agadez est l'un des principaux centres de transit sur la route de l'Europe pour les migrants ouest-africains. Les Etats-Unis ont décidé d'y installer des Reaper MQ-9, des drones armés pour la surveillance de toute la région, le nord du Niger, le Mali et la Libye où l'Etat islamique profite du chaos pour s'installer. C'est la base qui aura nécessité le plus important investissement du pentagone en Afrique. Le coût est de 100 millions de dollars. Cette installation s'est faite avec l'accord des autorités nigériennes. Le pays est au coeur des turbulences qui touchent les pays de la bande sahélienne, le Mali, l'Algérie, le Tchad, le Nigeria, la Libye ; des incursions de Boko Haram et des djihadistes. La construction de base de drones répond aussi à un besoin de Paris qui mène l'opération Barkhane -3000 hommes, des hélicoptères et avions de chasses - contre les groupes djihadistes qui tentent de recréer des sanctuaires terroristes sur un territoire de plus de 5 millions km2. Un effectif et un équipement dérisoire et moins sophistiqué par rapport à l'étendue de la superficie.

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35. La stratégie nationale tunisienne de lutte contre l'extrémisme et le terrorisme : Un acte fondateur

Leaders (Tunisie), Journaliste maison, 2016 11 08

Tunis - En signant lundi matin la stratégie nationale tunisienne de lutte contre l'extrémisme et le terrorisme le président Béji Caïd Essebsi entérine un document fondateur adopté en conseil de Sécurité nationale à l'issue de longues consultations élargies à la société civile. Si peu de détails ont été fournis quant au contenu de cette stratégie, l'Amiral (r) Kamel Akrouf, premier Conseiller auprès du président de la République a indiqué qu'elle repose sur quatre piliers à savoir la prévention, la protection, la poursuite et la riposte.

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36. Le Canada fait la promotion de la paix et de la stabilité à l'occasion d'une visite au Nigéria (Canada)

African Press Organization, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 08

Abuja, Nigéria - Il s'agit de la première visite du ministre Dion en Afrique subsaharienne. Le ministre des Affaires étrangères, l'honorable Stéphane Dion, a visité aujourd'hui Abuja, au Nigéria, pour renforcer les relations entre le Canada et le Nigéria, le pays le plus peuplé de l'Afrique et l'économie la plus importante de ce continent. Le ministre Dion a souligné l'importance de la paix et de la stabilité lors de ses rencontres avec le vice-président du Nigéria, M. Oluyemi Osinbajo, et le ministre des Affaires étrangères du Nigéria, M. Geoffrey Onyeama, et il a discuté de l'importance des droits de la personne avec des membres de la société civile. Le ministre Dion a coprésidé, avec le ministre Onyeama, la réunion de la Commission binationale Canada-Nigéria, où il a été question des enjeux régionaux et mondiaux auxquels fait face l'Afrique, notamment la sécurité et la lutte contre le terrorisme, le développement et la gouvernance, l'immigration ainsi que le commerce et les investissements. Le Canada est intervenu activement en réponse aux besoins humanitaires actuels au nord-est du Nigéria et a versé 8 millions de dollars à la Croix-Rouge, à d'autres organisations non gouvernementales (ONG) partenaires et à des organismes de l'ONU pour pallier les besoins urgents des populations touchées par le conflit depuis le début de l'année.

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37. Les djihadistes font peser une menace constante sur le Mali

Le Monde, Cyril Bensimon, 2016 11 09

Bamako, Mali - Quatre ans après le début de l'intervention militaire française, le nord et le centre du pays demeurent le théâtre d'attaques régulières. Pas un jour ou presque sans attaque au Mali. Forces gouvernementales et populations civiles, rebelles touareg et arabes de l'Azawad - la partie septentrionale du pays qu'ils revendiquent -, casques bleus de la Mission des Nations unies au Mali (Minusma) et soldats français de l'opération " Barkhane " sont les cibles quasi quotidiennes de la guérilla menée par les groupes djihadistes toujours implantés au Mali. Dimanche 6 novembre au matin, un soldat de la paix togolais et deux civils maliens ont été tués à une quarantaine de kilomètres de Douentza, dans le centre du pays. Une embuscade qui renforce le statut de la Minusma de mission la plus périlleuse pour les militaires qui la servent. Dans la nuit précédente, une base de l'armée malienne avait été prise d'assaut dans la région de Tombouctou, confirmant que, en dépit des formations de l'Union européenne, les militaires déployés par Bamako s'avèrent le plus souvent incapables de résister aux combattants islamistes. A peine vingt-quatre heures plus tôt, un sous-officier de l'opération " Barkhane " avait succombé à ses blessures après que son véhicule eut sauté sur une mine dans les environs de Kidal. Une mort qui porte à dix-huit le nombre de soldats français tués au Mali depuis janvier 2013 et le déclenchement de l'opération " Serval ".

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38. Dhaka attack: Mastermind's identity confirmed by DNA match (Canada).

Bangladesh Daily Star, Staff Correspondent, 2016 11 09

Dhaka - Gulshan café attack mastermind Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury's identity has been confirmed through a DNA match with family members. A DNA sample from Tamim's body matched that of his father Shafi Ahmed Chowdhury and a sibling staying in Canada, said Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (Media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) yesterday. The DMP's counter terrorism unit had sent the samples to their Canadian counterpart and the results were sent to Dhaka recently. Identified first through a photograph taken earlier, Tamim was shot dead with his two accomplices in a police raid in Narayanganj on August 27. Investigators say he accompanied the five Gulshan attackers from their Bashundhara residence and left bidding them farewell just before the 12-hour siege began around 8:40pm on July 1.

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39. India trying to fix hacked websites of seven of its embassies

Press Trust of India, 2016 11 09

New Delhi - Indian officials were trying on Tuesday to restore the websites of seven Indian embassies in Europe and Africa that were hacked and had data dumped online. The security of the websites of Indian embassies in Italy, Switzerland, South Africa, Libya, Malawi, Mali and Romania was breached by hackers who identified themselves to the media as Kaputsky and Kasimierz L. "We are aware of the problem and are trying to fix it," External Affairs Ministry spokesman Vikas Swarup told reporters. Attempts were being made to track the IP addresses of the hackers, who posted online the names, email addresses, phone numbers and passport numbers of some embassy staff members. Several Indian websites have come under attack this year. Last month, Pakistan-based hackers targeted more than 7,000 Indian websites after India launched a series of attacks on terror camps in Pakistan.

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40. It was Tamim indeed, says DNA report (Canada).

The New Nation, Staff Reporter, 2016 11 09

Dhaka - Identity of dead neo-JMB leader Tamim Chowdhury has been confirmed through DNA tests, police said on Tuesday. "We received the DNA report on Tuesday and it confirmed the identity of Tamim," Masudur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner (Media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) said yesterday. Tamim, the mastermind behind the Holey Artisan Bakery attack, was killed on August 27 as law enforcement agencies raided his den in Paikpara area in Narayanganj. The police official said they had collected samples from the body and sent those to Canada for matching and examining. "DNA samples from Tamim body were examined in Canada it matched with the samples taken from the bodies of his father Shafi Ahmed Chowdhury

and sister living there," Masudur Rahman said. The test sample was sent to Canada for verification, he said. "Earlier, Tamim was identified with his photograph."

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41. S. Korea, Japan make progress in talks on military intel pact

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 09

Seoul - South Korea and Japan made progress Wednesday in negotiations on a bilateral pact to share military intelligence on North Korea, Seoul officials said. "The two sides have thoroughly reviewed the wording of the pact and found a consensus on major terms," the Ministry of National Defense said in a statement after a second round of working-level talks at the ministry's headquarters in Seoul. They will continue to consult to arrange the next meeting, the ministry said, expressing hopes that they would finalize the pact's wording soon. Expectations have been growing that it won't take long before they conclude the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA), since they resumed negotiations in Tokyo last week after a botched attempt four years ago in the face of public opposition in Seoul. In 2012 the two nations initialed the pact, but Seoul suspended its signing due to strong opposition from opposition parties and civic groups. They claimed the deal was arranged too hastily and behind the scenes. Seoul and Tokyo, which are still in historical rows, are seeking to conclude the pact by the end of this year in a move that they say is aimed at countering North Korea's growing nuclear and missile threats.

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42. Second day of Interpol conference addresses war against terrorism, cyber crime

Jakarta Post, News Desk, 2016 11 09

Jakarta - Country delegations and experts have highlighted the importance of a stronger international partnership to combat terrorism and cyber crime on the second day of the 85th Interpol General Assembly in Nusa Dua, Bali. National Police spokesperson Sr. Comr. Martinus Sitompul said that in Tuesday's sessions, the delegations discussed efforts to fight against terrorism and cyber crime. "We discussed Interpol strategies to combat terrorists and cyber crime perpetrators," he said as quoted by kompas.com at the Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center. Martinus said several other topics related to global threats were also discussed, including organized crime, such as drug smuggling and money laundering, and other transnational problems. The 2016-2020 Interpol presidential election plan was also discussed in the meeting.

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43. Three Indian 'undercover agents' leave Pakistan

The Express Tribune, Kamran Yousaf, 2016 11 09

Islamabad - India on Tuesday withdrew three staff members of the Indian High Commission in Islamabad who were accused of being involved in subversive activities in Pakistan. "Three of the eight officials have returned to India today," a diplomatic source told The Express Tribune. "A

decision regarding the remaining five officials is yet to be taken," the source added. Pakistan may expel two Indian diplomats in Islamabad for spying. Last week, Pakistan busted a network of Indian spies 'working under diplomatic cover'. Official documents seen by The Express Tribune revealed that at least eight staffers of the Indian High Commission in Islamabad had been identified as serving officers of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) and India's Intelligence Bureau (IB). The latest spat started after Indian police last week detained a staff member of Pakistan's High Commission in New Delhi for questioning over espionage charges.

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44. "A new life will begin": Russian lawmakers' reaction to US election results

ITAR-TASS World Service, Staff report, 2016 11 09

Moscow - Russian State Duma Speaker Vyacheslav Volodin would like to hope that a more constructive US-Russian dialog will be possible when the newly-elected American president takes office. According to early election returns, Trump received more than 270 votes in the Electoral College, which guarantees his ultimate election victory. His triumph came as a surprise, because pre-election polls had predicted Clinton's comfortable victory with 4% advantage. "Current Russian-US relations cannot be called friendly. One would like to hope that a more constructive dialog between the two countries will be possible when the new president takes office," Volodin told parliamentary reporters. "The Russian parliament will welcome and support any steps along these lines." The leader of the A Just Russia party in the State Duma, Sergei Mironov, hopes that Donald Trump's presidency will turn a new page in Russian-US relations. "Let's wait till the final returns. Donald Trump will take office in January. A new life will begin. I do hope that it will be a new page in relations between Russia and the United States," Mironov told the media.

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45. Putin Congratulates Trump on Victory in US Presidential Election - Kremlin

Sputnik, Staff report, 2016 11 09

Russia - According to Kremlin, President Putin sent a telegram to Donald Trump, congratulating him on his victory in the US presidential election and wishing him success in taking on the serious task of being head of state. "In a telegram, Putin expressed hope toward joint work to lift Russian-US relations from the state of crisis, as well as to address the pressing issues of the international agenda and the search for effective responses to global security challenges," the Kremlin said. In the telegram, Putin expressed hope that the crisis in US-Russia relations will be overcome through joint work. Putin also said he hopes that dialogue between Moscow and Washington, taking into account positions of both countries, meets the interests of the US and Russia. (Full report).

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46. Intelligence Minister: Iran Most Secure Country in Middle East Despite Massive Terrorist Attempts

Fars News Agency, 2016 11 09

Tehran - Iranian Intelligence Minister Seyed Mahmoud Alavi underlined that despite all attempts made by various terrorist groups, Iran is the most secure country in the region due to its powerful defensive and military forces. "The security index in Iran shows improvement on a daily basis," Alavi said. He reiterated that security in most of the countries is deteriorating, but it is improving day by day in Iran. The Iranian intelligence minister said that Iran owes its stable security conditions to the efforts made by the country's intelligence forces who nip any plot in the bud and carefully watch any suspicious move right from the beginning. Alavi reiterated that the enemy is doing its best to make Iran an insecure country, and said they are even training terrorists to produce explosives from several chemical substances to explode them in different places across Iran. Iran enjoys a highly powerful and integrated air defense system equipped with the state-of-the-art technology.

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47. Iran's security index rising on daily basis: Intelligence minister

Press TV, 2016 11 09

Tehran - Iran's Intelligence Minister Mahmoud Alavi says the country's security index is increasing on a daily basis, while most parts of the world are witnessing a downward trend in the same field. "The level of security governing our country is, as in the words of Leader of the Islamic Revolution [Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei], unparalleled," Alavi said on Monday. "The increase in our country's security index comes as we are witnessing the deaths of people in countries here and there, which shows how the security index is low in most countries of the world," the Iranian intelligence minister said. Alavi attributed the advantage to the smart efforts by the country's undercover intelligence agents, "who would detect any suspicious activity and nip every plot in the bud," and to diligence by and cooperation among all police, security, military forces, and political directorships and other influential sectors.

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48. Iran's Zarif Meets Lebanon's Saad Hariri to Discuss Cooperation against Terrorism, Extremism, Israel

Fars News Agency, 2016 11 09

Tehran - Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif voiced Tehran's readiness to cooperate with the new Lebanese government to confront extremism, terrorism and Israel. "The threats endangering us include the Zionist regime of Israel and extremism," Zarif told reporters after meeting Lebanese Prime Minister-designate Saad Hariri in Beirut on Tuesday. He noted that Iran is ready to cooperate with the Lebanese government, people and political parties to confront these dangers. Zarif said that at his meeting with Hariri, the two sides discussed the

latest developments in the Middle East, particularly relations between Tehran and Beirut after the election of Michel Aoun as the new Lebanese president. The two sides also urged regional actors to bridge the gaps on the political settlement of the existing crises in the region, the top Iranian diplomat said.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

49. A Mossoul, la résistance acharnée de l'EI

Le Monde, Hélène Sallon, 2016 11 09

Mossoul - Snipers, mortiers et voitures piégées ralentissent fortement l'avancée des forces antiterroristes irakiennes Au bout d'une ruelle étroite bordée de villas, en lisière sud du quartier Saddam, dans le nord-est de Mossoul, lundi 7 novembre, le tank Abrams s'engage seul sur la droite. La colonne de blindés Humvee noirs de la Division d'or se met en stand-by. Une trentaine de mètres en avant, des combattants de l'organisation Etat islamique (EI) se terrent derrière les blocs de béton et les carcasses de camions dont ils ont barré la rue. Armés de mitrailleuses et de lance-grenades RPG 9, ils visent les forces antiterroristes irakiennes (ICTF). Deux rues plus loin, leurs snipers sont en embuscade. Le char engage les cibles à six reprises mais le sifflement des balles continue de se faire entendre. Une famille profite d'une rare accalmie pour fuir, avec quelques vêtements entassés à la hâte dans un panier à linge. Un tir de RPG s'écrase sur une maison voisine. Une frappe aérienne est ordonnée à la coalition internationale. Près d'une heure s'est écoulée, le champ est libre. Au quatrième jour de leur offensive dans ce quartier résidentiel, les hommes de la division d'élite progressent encore dans un mouchoir de poche. Les offensives éclair des premiers jours, dans les faubourgs est de la deuxième ville d'Irak, sont un vieux souvenir. Dans ce tissu urbain truffé de djihadistes, leur avancée est lente.

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50. Hezbollah: Syria conflict depends on new US president

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 11 09

Beirut - Hezbollah Deputy Secretary-General Naim Qassem said Tuesday that the new U.S. administration will determine how long the war in Syria continues, adding that his party "sees no way to back out of Aleppo and Syria" before "victory." "Despite all sacrifices made, we will continue to fight in Syria," Qassem said in an interview published by Hezbollah's Al-Ahed news site. "We are determined to oust the takfiri scheme." The Hezbollah official accused the U.S. of founding ISIS to counter his party's military efforts, and of backing the group until it had become a threat to the country. Turning to Aleppo, Qassem said the siege on rebel fighters in the city was an indication that Hezbollah and the Syrian government were on the path to victory, adding that partitioning in Syria would not be a viable solution to the conflict. He defended his party's involvement in the neighboring country, saying that the assistance to the "brethren in Syria began because the conflict is that of the [Arab] nation."

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51. ISIS suspects arrested for terror plot against Israeli soccer team in Albania

Jerusalem Post, Allon Sinai, 2016 11 09

Jerusalem - Israel's 2018 World Cup qualifier against Albania this weekend was relocated on Tuesday after four suspects were arrested in connection with planning a terror attack against the blue-and-white national team. According to reports in Albania, four people with links to ISIS were seized following a tip from the Mossad that they were preparing an attack on the Israel squad. Israel's Counter-Terrorism Bureau confirmed that there was a plot to harm the national team and urged Israeli fans not to travel to the match. As a result, the Albanian Football Association asked FIFA to move Saturday's match from the stadium in Shkoder to Elbasan, which is closer to the country's capital Tirana and is believed to be easier to secure. Israel's players were also told in advance that they wouldn't be able to return to their teams in Europe directly from Albania as is accustomed following international matches.

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52. L'organisation terroriste met en scène sa bataille

Le Monde, Madjid Zerrouky, 2016 11 09

Mossoul - " Martyrs en or contre Division d'or. " Cette formule d'un djihadiste pourrait -résumer la guerre médiatique que mène l'organisation Etat islamique (EI) dans son compte rendu de la bataille de Mossoul. L'EI a fait des très médiatisées forces antiterroristes irakiennes et de leurs blindés à la couleur noire caractéristique l'acteur principal de la guerre que l'organisation djihadiste donne à voir sur ses canaux de propagande, en contrepoint de la couverture médiatique occidentale. Au début de la progression des forces gouvernementales dans les faubourgs de Mossoul, la propagande de l'EI s'était employée sans surprise à contrebalancer leurs premiers succès. Selon elle, les assaillants étaient rejetés et les villages repris. A Mossoul, la vie suivait son cours normal, les -habitants étant présentés comme " indifférents " à la guerre. L'entrée de forces irakiennes dans des quartiers de la ville et la volonté affichée par Abou Bakr Al-Baghdadi, le chef de l'EI, de défendre Mossoul jusqu'au bout a changé la donne.

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53. Saudi Arabia Launches Program to Limit Internet Usage, Enhance Information Security Level

Asharq Al-Awsat, Fahd Baqmi, 2016 11 09

Jeddah - The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology has announced a project to limit the internet consumption in the country and to enhance the level of information security. The ministry also announced operating a new extension for internet. Experts in the Information Technology told Asharq al-Awsat that this step aims at raising awareness towards the dangers of information security, coordinating efforts in the field of cyber security and increasing confidence in cyber dealings. Security Advisor Professor Yusuf al-Rumaih said that this procedure is to protect the social and economic system of the country from insecure hacking especially amidst the internet criminal organizations exploitation to reach for individuals in target such as

teenagers and the youths. The number of spam messages sent daily on the social network websites is estimated as more than 100,000. They basically encourage chaos and jihad.

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54. Yemen: Legitimate Government calls for Radical Changes to U.N. Peace Initiative

Asharq Al-Awsat, Abdul Hadi Habtoor, 2016 11 09

Aden - Yemeni President's Advisor, Abdulaziz Al-Meflahi, said that the Yemeni legitimate government has asked U.N. Special Envoy Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed to make radical changes to his peace proposal, adding that any solution to the Yemeni crisis should be based on U.N. Security Council Resolution 2216, the Gulf Initiative and the outcome of national dialogue. In exclusive remarks to Asharq al-Awsat newspaper on Monday, Al-Meflahi said he considers the U.N. envoy's proposal to be "ideas that reflect to a great extent the initiative launched by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry." Ould Cheikh Ahmed headed to Riyadh on Monday, where he said he will meet with representatives from Yemen's legitimate government to discuss his recent peace proposal.

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Others • Autres

55. China says "no grace period" for foreign NGOs under tough new law

Reuters, Staff reporter, 2016 11 09

Beijing - There will be no "grace period" for the implementation of new regulations limiting the activities of foreign non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in China that are slated to come into effect in 2017, according to the Ministry of Public Security. Western governments have lambasted the foreign NGO law passed in April, saying it treats the groups as a criminal threat and would effectively force many out of the country. "China is a country with the rule of law - no law has a 'transition period' or 'grace period' after it takes effect," a representative from the Ministry of Public Security's Foreign NGO Management Bureau told consular officials from 11 countries at a briefing in Shanghai on Tuesday. Foreign NGOs would have to partner with a Chinese organisation and would be banned from working in different geographical regions from their Chinese counterparts, the representative said, according to a statement on the ministry's website. Chinese officials defend the foreign NGO law, saying it would only be used to punish a handful of law-breaking NGOs.

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Western Europe • Europe de l'Ouest

56. « Nous détectons plusieurs cyberattaques par mois »

Tribune de Genève, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 09

Berne, Suisse - Le chef de la division informatique du Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC) dévoile les coulisses de la traque aux pirates informatiques C'est lui qui repousse les cyberattaques pour le Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC). Et qui, depuis que la Suisse a voté oui à la nouvelle Loi sur le renseignement, peut aussi contre-attaquer. Nous rencontrons le chef de la division informatique du SRC au siège du Service de renseignement, dans la banlieue de Berne. C'est la première fois qu'il accorde une interview - sous couvert d'anonymat. Après avoir déposé carte d'identité et téléphone portable à l'entrée, nous pouvons commencer l'interview. Notre interlocuteur est un homme avenant d'à peine plus de 40 ans, qui ne correspond ni au cliché de l'agent ni à celui du génie de l'informatique. Auparavant dans le secteur privé, l'homme travaille « depuis longtemps » pour le SRC. Sous l'oeil vigilant de la responsable de la communication, le chef de la division informatique répond sans ambages - mais s'arrête immédiatement lorsqu'il est question de détails opérationnels.

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57. Attentats de Paris: un an après, un réseau en partie démantelé, un organisateur identifié

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 09

Paris - Un an après les attentats de Paris qui ont fait 130 morts, le réseau derrière ces attaques revendiquées par le groupe Etat islamique (EI) a été en grande partie démantelé, des suspects ont été incarcérés en France et en Belgique et un organisateur identifié. - Neuf assaillants, tous morts - Les attentats sur des terrasses parisiennes, la salle de concert du Bataclan et le Stade de France, en banlieue parisienne, ont été perpétrés par neuf hommes répartis en trois commandos partis de Belgique, auxquels il faut ajouter Salah Abdeslam, dont le rôle au soir du 13 novembre reste énigmatique. Le commando dit des "terrasses" (39 morts) comprenait trois hommes. Deux d'entre eux, dont le Belge Abdelhamid Abaaoud, 28 ans, une figure jihadiste francophone en Syrie considéré comme le coordinateur de l'opération, ont été tués par la police cinq jours plus tard en banlieue parisienne. Le troisième, le Français Brahim Abdeslam, frère de Salah, s'est fait exploser seul dans un restaurant. Le commando du "Stade de France" (un mort) comprenait un Français résidant en Belgique et deux Irakiens, venus de Syrie dans le flux de réfugiés, tous morts en kamikazes près du stade, où se jouait un match de foot.

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58. Ces données sensibles seront accessibles à des milliers d'agents

La Croix, Marie Boëton, 2016 11 09

Paris - Faut-il avoir peur du mégafichier de données personnelles? Marc Rees Spécialiste du droit des nouvelles technologies et rédacteur en chef de NextImpact La création du fichier TES pose de vraies questions de fond. Si personne ne conteste le souhait du gouvernement de mieux détecter les documents contrefaits, sa façon de procéder a interpellé. Créer par simple décret, au coeur de la Toussaint, une base de données aussi intrusive ne pouvait que choquer. Une loi s'impose afin que soient débattus au grand jour les tenants et aboutissants d'un tel projet. Car disposer d'un mégafichier de ce genre n'est pas sans risque. Il centralisera en effet les données personnelles de l'ensemble de la population, des données aussi sensibles que les empreintes

digitales, la numérisation du visage, le lien de filiation, l'adresse, etc. Agrégées au sein d'une seule et même base, ces données seront accessibles à des milliers d'agents (au sein de la police, de la gendarmerie, des préfectures, des services de renseignement, etc.) Il suffira d'un seul fonctionnaire mal intentionné pour rendre possible une utilisation malveillante de ces informations. Certes, ce risque existe d'ores et déjà concernant les passeports, puisque les informations qu'ils contiennent sont agrégées au sein d'une seule et même base. Mais cela ne concerne que les quinze millions de Français détenteurs d'un tel titre. Le fichier TES concernera, lui, près de 60 millions de Français. On change bel et bien d'échelle.

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59. Germany rejects Turkey's assertion that Berlin backs militant groups

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 11 09

Berlin - German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier on Tuesday rejected an accusation by his Turkish counterpart that Germany backs the Kurdish militant group PKK, saying such organisations were banned in Germany. Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu accused Berlin on Tuesday of allowing the PKK and far-leftist DHKP-C, both of which have carried out armed attacks in Turkey, to operate on German soil with impunity. "The PKK and other extremist parties are banned as terrorist groups here. They are criminally prosecuted," Steinmeier said. "That is why I cannot understand the comments made about Germany today in Turkey. Repeating the claims does not make them right." Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said last week that Germany had become "an important haven for terrorists" such as the PKK and DHKP-C, and would be "judged by history" for failing to extradite supporters of a U.S.-based cleric blamed by Ankara for the failed July 15 military coup.

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60. Terrorisme: Interpol dénonce le manque de partages de données biométriques entre Etats

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 09

Lyon - Le secrétaire général d'Interpol Jürgen Stock a dénoncé mercredi l'insuffisant partage entre Etats de données biométriques susceptibles de permettre d'identifier plus efficacement les terroristes. L'organisation de coopération policière estime qu'"environ 15.000 combattants se trouvent dans les zones de conflit et qu'un nombre indéterminé d'entre eux pourrait rentrer dans leur pays d'origine pour (...) s'engager dans des opérations clandestines". L'assemblée générale d'Interpol, qui était réunie à Bali (Indonésie), a souligné "l'urgence à traiter cette menace", écrite dans un communiqué. "Bien que le partage d'information via Interpol ait permis aux organisations nationales de maintien de l'ordre d'empêcher des terroristes et des candidats terroristes de voyager, le manque de données biométriques reste un maillon faible", déclare M. Stock, cité dans un communiqué de l'organisation. "Ne pas fournir aux agents en première ligne les informations dont ils ont absolument besoin pour identifier les terroristes de retour de zones de conflit, c'est leur bander les yeux, les obliger à faire leur travail avec une main attachée derrière leur dos", estime-t-il. Le patron d'Interpol souligne que les informations biométriques

destinées à l'identification, telles que les empreintes digitales et l'ADN, sont "cruciales" dans le contexte actuel.

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61. Un Belgo-Marocain soupçonné d'avoir coordonné les attentats de Paris et Bruxelles

Jeune Afrique, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 08

Paris - Oussama Atar, alias Abou Ahmad, serait le cerveau présumé des attaques meurtrières dans les deux capitales européennes depuis la Syrie. Pour le moment, il est le seul coordinateur à avoir été identifié par les enquêteurs. Un jihadiste belgo-marocain, Oussama Atar, est considéré par les enquêteurs comme l'un des coordinateurs depuis la Syrie des attentats de Paris et Bruxelles, a-t-on appris, mardi 8 novembre, de sources proches de l'enquête

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62. Une Suisse accusée de propagande islamiste

Le Temps, Céline Zünd, 2016 11 09

Berlin - Après l'intervention sur un plateau TV de Nora Illi, vêtue d'une burqa, la presse allemande se déchire pour savoir s'il est légitime d'inviter une représentante de l'islam fondamentaliste à une heure de grande écoute. L'irruption sur le petit écran allemand de Nora Illi, la représentante féminine du Conseil central islamique suisse (CCIS) de Nicolas Blancho, qui ne se sépare jamais de son niqab en public, n'en finit pas de susciter des vagues d'indignation en Allemagne. L'ancienne punk zurichoise convertie à l'islam à l'âge de 18 ans était dimanche soir l'invitée de la chaîne ARD dans l'émission d'Anne Will, devant quelque 5 millions de téléspectateurs, sur le thème de la radicalisation des jeunes. Sur le plateau, il y avait aussi un homme dont la fille est partie en Syrie, un psychologue, l'imam d'une mosquée et un politicien de la CDU, le parti de la chancelière Angela Merkel. La guerre, « examen de longue durée » Avant même que l'émission ne soit diffusée, le Ministère public de la Confédération avait fait part à la chaîne allemande de son « irritation » face à la plateforme ainsi offerte à un groupe dont un membre fait l'objet d'une procédure pour violation présumée de la loi interdisant les groupes Etat islamique et Al-Qaida, a appris le Bild.

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63. Un juge rend son verdict

L'Express, Pascal Ceaux, 2016 11 09

Paris - Contre l'islamisme radical et les risques d'attentat, les efforts engagés sont-ils à la hauteur de la menace? Michel Debaq, un magistrat spécialisé classé à gauche, recense de nombreuses insuffisances... Je pense qu'on peut faire beaucoup mieux. » Michel « Debaq n'a pas d'hésitation sur le diagnostic. Ancien chef de la section antiterroriste du parquet de Paris (2001-2004), ce magistrat de 62 ans n'a jamais perdu de vue le combat à mener contre les islamistes radicaux. Conseiller diplomatique (2012-2013) de la garde des Sceaux Christiane Taubira, il a eu un temps son mot à dire. Faute d'être entendu, il a démissionné. Les attentats de Paris et de Nice sont

ensuite passés par là, traumatisme national. Les Français ont changé. Et, pendant ce temps, la justice a, selon lui, fait du surplace. En dépit de ses affinités avec le pouvoir actuel, celui qui occupe aujourd'hui la fonction d'avocat général à la Cour de cassation multiplie les critiques envers l'organisation de la lutte antiterroriste. « Nous ne constatons pas le sursaut exigé par la gravité de la menace », assène-t-il. Une chancellerie faible, un ministère de l'Intérieur fort. Depuis leur retour au pouvoir, en 2012, les socialistes n'ont pas inversé cette tendance, née sous les gouvernements précédents. « La justice ne sait plus faire prévaloir ses orientations, déplore Michel Debacq. L'échange d'informations opérationnelles avec les enquêteurs tend à disparaître. Une tendance s'est affirmée d'écarter l'autorité judiciaire du traitement préventif de l'action terroriste. » « Grosso modo, précise-t-il, jusqu'en 2005, pour anticiper l'action terroriste les responsables policiers discutaient stratégie et tactique avec les magistrats. Cette époque est, hélas, révolue. » Et de rappeler ses fructueuses conversations avec le directeur de la section T, spécialisée dans le terrorisme, de l'ex-Direction de la surveillance du territoire (DST).

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64. Un organisateur des attentats de Paris identifié

Le Monde, Soren Seelow, 2016 11 09

Paris - Les enquêteurs pensent que l'alias " Abou Ahmad " cache Oussama Atar, un Belge de 32 ans, vétéran du djihad Abou Ahmad. Ce nom de guerre plane depuis plusieurs mois sur les attentats de Paris et de Bruxelles. Derrière cette kunya (surnom musulman) se cache le seul donneur d'ordre établi en Syrie à avoir laissé des traces de son implication dans la vague d'attaques qui a endeuillé les deux capitales. Le seul que les enquêteurs pensent avoir identifié. Selon les informations du Monde , les services de lutte antiterroriste belges sont parvenus à la conclusion que ce mystérieux donneur d'ordres s'appelle Oussama Ahmad Atar, un djihadiste belge de 32 ans. Son identité a récemment été recoupée par les enquêteurs français : Oussama Atar a été désigné comme étant Abou Ahmad, sur une planche comprenant plusieurs photographies, par l'un des terroristes qu'il avait envoyés en Europe. Oussama Atar avait déjà été évoqué en août par la presse belge comme un possible " cerveau " des attentats de Bruxelles, sans que son rôle opérationnel soit détaillé. Un certain consensus existe aujourd'hui au sein de la communauté du renseignement sur son implication dans les attaques qui ont frappé les deux capitales.

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CSIS in the News • Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Surveillance: Mulcair veut que Goodale et Wilson-Raybould s'expliquent

La Presse canadienne, Pierre Saint-Arnaud, 2016 11 09

Ottawa - Le chef néo-démocrate, Thomas Mulcair, demande aux ministres de la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale, et de la Justice, Jody Wilson-Raybould, de rendre des comptes devant le Comité permanent de la sécurité publique sur la surveillance des citoyens et des journalistes.

De passage à Montréal, mercredi, M. Mulcair a exigé que les deux ministres s'expliquent sur la tentative du ministère de la Justice d'empêcher que ne soit rendue publique l'information voulant que le Service canadien de renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) ait illégalement recueilli et conservé des données personnelles de citoyens canadiens pendant une décennie. «Comment se fait-il que le ministère de la Justice se soit battu en Cour très récemment à Ottawa pour empêcher qu'on dise la vérité aux Canadiens sur le fait que le SCRS a maintenu et gardé pendant des années, complètement illégalement, un ensemble de renseignements sur des particuliers au Canada, sur des citoyens canadiens?», a demandé M. Mulcair.

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2. Want to move to Canada? Well, their spy agency is involved in mass surveillance too International Business Times (UK), Mary-Ann Russon, 2016 11 09

London - The US is not the only country to have grave problems relating to government mass surveillance - the Federal Court of Canada recently ruled that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS)'s practice of collecting and retaining data on citizens for over a decade is unlawful. US citizens who voted for Hillary Clinton in the US presidential elections have been taking to Twitter to announce that they intend to move to Canada in the wake of business entrepreneur Donald Trump's victory, but it might be worth noting that although Canada has Justin Trudeau as prime minister, it doesn't mean the country doesn't have some similar problems. Intriguingly, the Canadian federal court found that the judiciary had no idea that bulk surveillance was being carried out at all, despite the fact that judges are required to sign off on warrants and intelligence programmes. Although the spy agency's actions of collecting the data and not informing the courts that the programme even existed are deemed to be illegal by the federal court, recent changes to legislation now mean that the CSIS is entitled to now continue collecting all that data on citizens, and it doesn't even need a warrant signed by a judge anymore. And even better, the CSIS is currently facing no repercussions at all for its actions, and although it has agreed to stop analysing the data it has collected, it is still continuing to collect other data from other federal departments.

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Canada

3. Anxiety, and Jokes, North of Border After U.S. Vote New York Times, Ian Austen, Dan Levin, 2016 11 10

Ottawa - The move-to-Canada memes started spreading in earnest shortly after Donald J. Trump looked increasingly likely to win Florida: "Election Night Starter Kit," read a post on Instagram, above photos of United States passports and an Air Canada plane. Another post depicted a machine-gun-toting man riding a moose, with the words "Canadian Border Patrol Watching for Illegal Americans." The comedians may have been on to something. Later on Tuesday night, the website of Canada's immigration department crashed. Social media quickly filled with speculation that it had been overloaded by Americans looking for a new country to call home. "It definitely makes me happy to live under the Trudeau government," said Cordell Jacks, 36, an

international development worker in Vancouver, British Columbia, referring to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Mr. Jacks added that he wanted to see his country become a leader in championing human rights and battling climate change. "Canada's going to be in a higher position to take on global issues that America's going to put to the side," he said. Since becoming prime minister a year ago with a promise of "sunny ways," Mr. Trudeau has enjoyed an unusually close relationship with President Obama. Now the Canadian government must plan for a future where the differences between Mr. Trudeau and Mr. Trump will probably go far beyond style.

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4. Trump win puts pressure on Ottawa to boost NATO spending

Globe and Mail, Steven Chase, 2016 11 10

Ottawa - Donald Trump's ascension to the White House is expected to play havoc with Canadian defence policy, putting heavy pressure on the Trudeau government to increase Canada's modest military spending. The presidency of Mr. Trump, who has repeatedly professed admiration for Russian President Vladimir Putin, casts doubt on the future of the NATO military alliance, which has been a bedrock of Western foreign policy for close to 70 years. As a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Canada has committed, on paper at least, to boosting military spending to 2 per cent of annual economic output. Right now, however, Ottawa spends about 1 per cent of this country's Gross Domestic Product on defence. U.S. leaders have tried to nudge Canada to do more for decades. Even President Barack Obama tried, diplomatically, during his speech to the Canadian Parliament in June, where he said NATO would be "more secure when every ... member, including Canada, contributes its full share to our common security." Mr. Trump is not expected to be so gentle. During the U.S. election campaign, he suggested pulling out of NATO, or failing to come to the aid of member states not paying their full dues. "It's possible that we're going to have to let NATO go," he said in April. "When we're paying and nobody else is really paying, a couple of other countries are but nobody else is really paying, you feel like the jerk." Fen Hampson, distinguished fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation, said it would be wrong to assume that Mr. Trump was merely playing to the cameras and will revert to more standard policies on allies' military spending or on NATO.

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5. Comey faces complicated path under Trump administration

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 11 10

Washington - FBI Director James Comey faces a complicated path under a Donald Trump administration. Does he try to serve out the remaining seven years of his term under a president who has publicly questioned the FBI's integrity? Or does he stay on as a safeguard against executive power and a guide for a novice president on complex national security matters? The term of the FBI director is set at 10 years as an affirmation of the bureau's political independence, and some other chiefs including Robert Mueller, Comey's predecessor, have

served presidents of both parties. But Comey would be in the delicate position of working with a president who lobbed occasional criticisms from the campaign trail against the nation's premier law enforcement agency. Though attention had centered on whether Comey could have co-existed with a Hillary Clinton presidency, given the FBI's investigation into her email practices and his own public statements about the probe, that question applies at least equally to a Trump administration. FBI officials did not respond to a message about Comey's plans, but James McJunkin, a former FBI assistant director, said he doubted Comey was fazed by Trump's campaign trail statements. He said Comey knew when was appointed in 2013 by President Barack Obama that his 10-year term would carry over at least two presidential administrations that might differ sharply. "I can't imagine he would think this is anything more than politics as usual," McJunkin said. "I think politicians say whatever they think they can in order to seize the moment, and I think that once Trump settles into office, he'll realize the value of the independence that Comey displayed."

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6. Could President Trump Really Turn the NSA Into a Personal Spy Machine?

Motherboard (VICE), Staff report, 2016 11 09

New York - It's the nightmare scenario that many worried about: the US elects a president who uses the country's nearly omnipotent surveillance powers for his or her own gain. Edward Snowden has described the NSA's spying capabilities as the "architecture of oppression," with the fear being that it could be deployed by a malicious commander in chief. But what could President Trump, a man who has incited hate speech against minorities and threatened to jail his political rivals, actually do with the NSA? Could he turn the NSA into his own personal spying army? "No. By and large it's not going to happen, if for no other reason than there's too many institutional safeguards that are setup," Bradley P. Moss, a national security attorney who represents intelligence community employees, told Motherboard in a phone call. If Trump did try to use the NSA for his own personal or financial gain, there would be a mass of resignations and whistleblowers coming forward, Moss said. Trump would not be able to authorize surveillance on, say, Hillary Clinton by himself, Moss said: at minimum, the order would have to go through a court (whether that particular court is essentially a rubber stamp is another issue, though). And on top of the legality of such an operation, there are the layers of lawyers and other institutions that handle such things. "There's the internal bureaucracy that's designed to try to limit some of the more egregious or crazy ideas that might come from a political appointee," Moss said. "You couldn't just willy-nilly start spying on any particular American citizen you wanted," he added. Foreign targets don't have the same sort of protections, however.

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7. For Russia and Putin, a Surprise Gift From America

New York Times, Neil MacFarquhar, 2016 11 10

Moscow - The victory of Donald J. Trump declared early on Wednesday was an unexpected bonus for the Kremlin, which had used the long, tortured United States election campaign to prove the global reach of its disruptive disinformation operations and to cast doubt on the entire

Western democratic process. In some ways the result was less important to President Vladimir V. Putin than the fact that Moscow could exploit the campaign as evidence that the West was in chaotic decline. Mr. Putin coolly congratulated Mr. Trump on his victory on Wednesday, expressing hope that the two could work together in a "constructive dialogue" to solve international crises, including the issue of security, according to the official Kremlin website. Still, there was no mistaking the enthusiasm with which the Kremlin viewed Mr. Trump's ascension. His lack of foreign policy experience, questioning of NATO, open admiration for the Russian leader and seeming acceptance of Russia's annexation of Crimea all seemed to play into the Kremlin's hands. Prominent analysts gloated about the opportunity this presented for Russia to extend its global influence and, possibly, shed economic sanctions imposed by the United States and Europe over Crimea and Ukraine. "Undoubtedly, they are drinking champagne, and for two reasons: one is political, the other psychological," said Gleb O. Pavlovsky, a political consultant who once worked for the Kremlin.

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8. Gen. Michael Hayden: Trump Won on Anger and May Act on Beliefs

Newsmax (US), Sandy Fitzgerald, 2016 11 09

Washington - Donald Trump became the president-elect by "showing anger and being accusatory," and unless he has a meaningful conversation with the "fact-based" world's people, former CIA and National Security Agency Director Michael Hayden fears the worst. "I fear he will act on the other set of beliefs, and that is going to be very bad for America and the world," Hayden, who was among a group of security experts opposing Trump's campaign, told CBS News anchor Charlie Rose on the "CBS This Morning" program early Wednesday. Trump won by "not being all that fact-based and scapegoating real and imagined enemies," said Hayden, and "none of that fits into the intelligence picture. That is very alien to the way intelligence comes at an issue." Hayden also commented on Russian President Vladimir Putin's congratulatory letter to Trump, and said he agrees that it would be good to have good relations with Moscow. However, he also thinks Trump, after he takes office, should make conditions on Russia to stop some of its worldwide actions. "I've yet to see word, in terms of what Russian behavior has to look like before we enter into this more meaningful dialogue," said Hayden. "I'd like to get there too, but it can't be cost-free for the Kremlin."

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9. Intelligence community is already feeling a sense of dread about Trump

Washington Post, Greg Miller, 2016 11 09

Washington - A palpable sense of dread settled on the intelligence community on Wednesday as Hillary Clinton, the candidate many expected to win, conceded the race to a GOP upstart who has dismissed U.S. spy agencies' views on Russia and Syria, and even threatened to order the CIA to resume the use of interrogation methods condemned as torture.

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10. Islamist extremists celebrate Trump's election win

Washington Post, Ishaan Tharoor, 2016 11 09

Washington - Donald Trump's presidential election victory has already been cheered by Russian President Vladimir Putin, a constellation of right-wing European populists, a former Ku Klux Klan leader and a Middle Eastern strongman. But there's another curious constituency that seems to be happy about the new American president-elect. Shortly after Trump was declared the victor, a number of prominent Salafist ideologues linked to jihadist outfits in the Middle East took to social media to cheer the prospect of a Trump presidency. The remarks signaled the militants' apparent belief that the victory of a candidate like Trump, who has suggested potentially unconstitutional blocks on Muslim immigration and advocated torture, undermines the United States' moral standing in the world. Social-media sites associated with both the Islamic State and al-Qaeda also hailed Trump's success as the beginning of "dark times" for the United States, marked by domestic unrest and new foreign military campaigns would sap the strength of the American superpower. "Rejoice with support from Allah, and find glad tidings in the imminent demise of America at the hands of Trump," said the Islamic State-affiliated al-Minbar Jihadi Media network, one of several jihadi forums to post commentaries on the results of the U.S. election.

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11. People in tech are freaking out about Donald Trump being given control of the NSA

Business Insider (US), Sam Shead, 2016 11 09

New York - Last month, Wired published a story with the headline "Imagine if Donald Trump controlled the NSA." Now there's no need to imagine. Security consultant Dan Tentler wrote on Twitter: "Trump will control the NSA. Think about that for a second. What the f*** did you people do?" Former CIA analyst Patrick Eddington questioned what the NSA will do under Trump given that it warranted mass surveillance under former president George Bush. Frederike Kaltheuner, who works in policy at campaign group Privacy International, wrote on Twitter: "The NSA will now be run by a Trump government. This is why we should never give a carte blanche to powerful institutions."

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12. Scared About Trump Wielding FBI And NSA Cyber Power? You Should Be

Forbes, Thomas Fox-Brewster, 2016 11 09

New York - Americans are understandably anxious about the idea of Donald Trump wantonly wielding "The Cyber" to quiet his enemies, following his election to president today. But whatever the future for non-white citizens, women, the climate and the free press in Trump's America, the surveillance state of the U.S. will not immediately expand as a result of his ascent to power, at least from the perspective of the most powerful of the 17 intelligence agencies. That's according to former National Security Agency staffers, including former deputy director Chris Inglis, who told FORBES prior to the election the NSA wouldn't cave to excessive demands of any president: it's first duty, he said, was to uphold the Constitution, not obey crazy

demands. "Given an unlawful order... it must say 'no.'" Dave Aitel, a former NSA computer scientist, said it was unlikely the NSA would see any change in the near future. "There's no reason to panic yet... It's much less a concern with the NSA than the Department of Justice," he said, pointing to Trump's vocal support on the feds' attempts to force tech companies like Apple into breaking their own security measures to get data on suspects.

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13. Team Trump Struggling to Fill National Security Jobs

The Daily Beast, Kimberly Dozier, Shane Harris, 2016 11 10

Washington - President-elect Trump is scrambling to line up senior officials to run the government's sprawling intelligence and homeland security bureaucracy. Team Trump is struggling to fill numerous key slots or even attract many candidates because hundreds have either sworn they'd never work in a Trump administration or have directly turned down requests to join, multiple current and former U.S. officials with direct knowledge of the transition efforts told The Daily Beast. Team Trump didn't expect to win until the campaign's internal polling a month before the election signaled a possible victory. That's when senior Trump officials went into overdrive, trying to build a bench of experienced national security candidates with top secret clearances willing to work for a Trump presidency--and they met resistance across the landscape of experienced GOP national security professionals. One person who met last month with Trump's national security and homeland security transition team leader said that she confessed that many candidates had flatly rejected attempts to recruit them, believing that Trump was unfit to hold the office of commander in chief. "She said that it was going to be very difficult to fill positions in that space because everybody that had experience was a never-Trumper," this person said, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations.

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14. Trump's torture support could mean the end of GCHQ-NSA relationship

The Register (UK), Alexander J. Martin, 2016 11 09

Column - If comments made on the campaign trail by Donald Trump were sincere, then today's British government will need to do some serious soul-searching very soon. Trump, who was today announced as the president- elect of the United States of America, has been controversially outspoken while seeking to be nominated as the Republican Party's presidential candidate, and while campaigning to be elected as President. Many of his outbursts had been criticized for their deemed sincerity - and vulgarity - but it is particularly his defense of torture (despite his nation's ratification of the United Nations Convention Against Torture, and the constitutional prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment) that could provoke problems between the UK and US. The constitution may ostensibly be amended, and a UN convention might be derogated from, but a US decision to legalize torture would very probably prohibit the greater part of the intelligence-sharing aspects of the UK and US's special relationship - a relationship that already is substantively about the collaboration between GCHQ and the NSA (US National Security Agency).

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15. Trump will soon be working with an FBI director he attacked

Washington Post, Sari Horwitz, Ellen Nakashima, 2016 11 10

Washington - Donald Trump will enter the White House with an awkward relationship with the FBI director after attacking the bureau over its handling of the investigation into former secretary of state Hillary Clinton's private email server. Comey, who is in the third year of a 10-year term, is unlikely to go anywhere. Unlike the attorney general, the FBI director does not change with the administration. And officials close to Comey say he has no plans to leave, despite the political turmoil around the bureau since his surprise announcement last month on the Clinton investigation. Comey's handling of the Clinton matter drew withering criticism from current and former Justice Department officials, including former attorney general Eric H. Holder Jr. Nearly 100 former senior law enforcement officials from both parties censured Comey for sending his letter, which they said amounted to influencing the election in violation of long-standing Justice Department policy. James O. Pasco, the executive director of the National Fraternal Order of Police, which endorsed Trump, said that Comey needs to avoid such controversial actions if he is to succeed in a relationship with the president-elect. "The thing about Comey is that he set himself up as a man who reports to no one," Pasco said. "Because he reports to no one, he feels empowered to just act with his own voice. I think it's important for any public servant to be responsive to the people that the public has elected to represent them. And I think if he does that, he'll probably be okay."

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16. U.S spy agencies to begin top secret Trump briefings within days

Reuters, Mark Hosenball, 2016 11 10

Washington - U.S. intelligence agencies will soon begin giving President-elect Donald Trump the same top secret national security briefings they give President Barack Obama, current and former intelligence officials said Wednesday. The briefings by veteran career intelligence analysts, which will begin in the next few days, will include some of the government's most closely-guarded secrets, including details of undercover espionage operations and classified intelligence collection methods, including the National Security Agency's controversial eavesdropping operations, the officials said. The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), which will be in charge of Trump's briefings, had no immediate comment. "I'm certain the intelligence agencies will approach these briefings with absolute professionalism," said John McLaughlin, a former Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency who participated in presidential briefings. "Once the American people have chosen a president he or she is entitled to complete support from intelligence, and intelligence agencies have to assume that a president-elect will be equally professional," McLaughlin said.

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17. What a Trump Presidency Means for Cybersecurity, Net Neutrality and Internet Freedom

Newsweek, Anthony Cuthbertson, 2016 11 10

New York - Donald Trump has promised to immediately make cybersecurity a top priority, citing concerns about cyberattacks from the likes of China and North Korea. His written policies on cybersecurity are summed up in four bullet points that lack any concrete detail, but include the promise to develop cyber weapons. It states: "Develop the offensive cyber capabilities we need to deter attacks by both state and non-state actors and, if necessary, to respond appropriately." According to Uri Rivner, head of cyber strategy at biometrics firm BioCatch, Trump will take such threats seriously and combating them will be high on the future administration's agenda. "Cyber threats to both critical infrastructure and financial systems are just the sort of clear and present danger that requires decisive action--the likes of which the president elect has been advocating," Rivner tells Newsweek. "This in turn may lead to more aggressive cyber security policies, faster response to cyber attack campaigns, and greater investment in cyber security defenses." It remains unclear how clued up Trump is on the actual issues and specific threats facing his administration. On the occasion that he has vocalized his thoughts on cybersecurity, there is little to suggest a clear or informed perspective.

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18. Will Donald Trump Go Rogue in the War on Terror?

Bloomberg View, Eli Lake, 2016 11 10

Column - When Donald Trump takes the oath of office in January, he will assume extraordinary powers used by the last two presidents to wage a global war on terrorism. For the next president's critics, this is a recipe for rule-of-law disaster. After all, Trump proposed a ban on all Muslims entering the country after last year's rampage in San Bernardino, California. He has pledged, with profane enthusiasm, to bomb the Islamic State out of existence. Trump has at times said he would bring back torture for detainees, and that he would create a national database for all American Muslims. Such promises led the American Civil Liberties Union in July to conclude in a paper that Trump represented "a one man Constitutional Crisis." How can someone who wants to bring back waterboarding and ban Muslims be trusted with the expansive power to wage a war without end? The answer may be that Trump has no interest in waging it in the first place. Despite his bluster, he has also signaled distaste for foreign engagements. A Trump campaign slogan was "America First," which he told the New York Times in July meant "we are going to take care of this country first before we worry about everybody else in the world." Then there is the fact that Trump has said so many outrageous things that at least some in his party don't think he means them. Representative Devin Nunes, the chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, told me Wednesday that "it's ridiculous to think Trump would bring back torture." Nunes said Trump said such outbursts can be chalked up to the fact that he was a first-time politician.

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19. Will Top Cyber Talent Join the Trump Team? Jury's Out

Nextgov.com, Joseph Marks, 2016 11 10

Washington - Will cybersecurity experts who shunned President-elect Donald Trump's campaign sign on to secure government and private sector networks during the Trump presidency? The answer's far from clear. Some former officials and cyber experts sounded an optimistic tone Wednesday, saying duty to country would outweigh partisan divisions or hostility to Trump's particularly divisive style in technology and national security sectors. Others were less sanguine. "Given the overall shortage of experts in the cybersecurity workforce and the pay available in the private sector, it is always going to be hard filling top administration jobs with qualified candidates," said Ian Wallace, co-director of the New America think tank's Cybersecurity Initiative. "Add to that the fact that some qualified candidates may not want to serve in a Trump administration, and we can expect that it will take a while to fill some of the government's top cybersecurity jobs," Wallace added.

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20. Yahoo Employees Knew in 2014 About State-Sponsored Hacker Attack

New York Times, Vinu Goel, 2016 11 10

San Francisco - Yahoo employees knew in 2014 that a hacker backed by a foreign government had broken into its network, the company said in a securities filing on Wednesday. But Yahoo did not say whether the attack that year -- which led to the theft of data like names, birth dates and encrypted passwords for more than 500 million accounts -- was disclosed to senior management at the time. The timeline of who knew what about the attack and when has become central to the company's plan to sell its internet operations to Verizon Communications for \$4.8 billion. Yahoo first publicly disclosed the security breach on Sept. 22 this year, about two months after it struck the deal with Verizon. The company said it discovered the hacking, the largest known data breach affecting a private company, while investigating a hacker's claim in July to have obtained certain Yahoo user data. The breach was not disclosed to Verizon during negotiations, and last month Verizon executives said that it might have materially diminished the value of Yahoo -- and could cause Verizon to reopen the deal, which is expected to close early next year.

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21. Tories now see bold leader who embodies the spirit of Brexit

London Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 11 10

London - Britain will "extract advantage" from a Trump presidency, Conservative MPs and cabinet ministers said yesterday, pointing to his team's strong support for the country and Brexit. Theresa May said that Donald Trump was a fit person for the presidency and that the countries would remain "strong and close partners". Her congratulations were notably warmer than those of other European leaders. Government sources said she believed that it was better to be "an

influential ally than an uninfluential critic" of Mr Trump after she had resisted attempts to draw her into the campaign. Mrs May turned down a request from Hillary Clinton's team to meet her in New York in September. She had also rejected an offer of a meeting with Donald Trump while she was attending the UN general assembly and believed that it was best to keep her distance from both camps, said insiders. Instead, Sir Kim Darroch, Britain's ambassador to Washington, was given the job of building strong contacts with senior Republicans in Congress and cultivating key members of Mr Trump's likely administration including John Bolton, a former ambassador to the UN.

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22. ASIC employee faces Sydney court

Australian Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 11 10

Sydney - An employee of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission has faced court charged under anti-money laundering and counter terrorism financing laws. Mahmoud Daher, 40, is alleged to have accessed restricted data contrary to the Criminal Code Act and made a false document contrary to the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Act. He appeared in Sydney's Downing Centre Local Court on Thursday and was bailed to reappear on December 20. ASIC suspended Mr Daher without pay after he was arrested last month. It said there was no evidence that the alleged offences involved any of the commission's regulatory operations or enforcement activities. (Full report)

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23. Govt appoints new cyber affairs ambassador

Australian Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 11 10

Canberra - Australia has appointed its first-ever ambassador for cyber affairs. Dr Tobias Feakin will fill the inaugural position from January as part of the federal government's \$230 million cyber security strategy. The academic, who has been the director of national security programs at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute since 2012, will work with other countries to strengthen the region's response to cybercrime and advocate against state censorship of the internet. (Full report)

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24. New Zealand needs a cultural shift to keep data safe

Scoop.co.nz, Staff reporter, 2016 11 10

Wellington - New Zealanders need to better understand the risks of prioritising user features over security when it comes to the many internet- connected devices we use, says a Massey University cybersecurity expert. Dr Andrew Colarik, a senior lecturer with the Centre for Defence and Security Studies, discussed the many ways in which our personal, company and

national security information can be extracted and used against us at the Massey University Future NZ Forum on Cyberscurity, held this morning. Dr Colarik warned that New Zealand hasn't invested heavily enough in infrastructure to make the country resilient against denial-of-service attacks, or to keep data safe. The problem, he says, is the infrastructure we have built is scaled for New Zealand's population, but that same infrastructure connects us to the rest of the world. "Everything we do in this country is now so dependent on the free flow of information and the connections that we maintain. Any disruption to that will have huge, cascading effects," he says.

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25. The spy agencies watchdog is calling for the proposed warrants regime in new spy legislation to be tightened.

Radio New Zealand News, Staff reporter, 2016 11 10

Wellington - The spy agencies watchdog is calling for the proposed warrants regime in new spy legislation to be tightened. MPs are considering a new law for the GCSB and the SIS setting up a common warranting and compliance regime. The Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security, Cheryl Gwyn, says some of the new provisions are too broad, lack safeguards, or weaken conditions in the current law. She told a select committee this morning she supports more ministerial policy statements on what agencies can do without warrants. (Full report)

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26. Espionage charges: Five Indian diplomats leave Pakistan today

The Express Tribune, 2016 11 10

Islamabad - Five diplomats at Indian High Commission, who were declared persona non grata will leave Pakistan today (Thursday). Sources said the three Indian diplomats will leave Pakistan via Wagah Border while two will return their home country via Dubai. Balbir Singh (posted as first secretary, press and culture) and Jayabalan Senthil (assistant, personnel welfare office) are present at Islamabad airport to take flight EK-615 for Dubai, sources said. Amerdeep Singh Bhatti (Attache Visa), Rajesh Kumar Agnihotri (Commercial Counsellor RAW's station chief) and Dharmendra Sodhi are expected to leave via Wagah Border. Last week, the Foreign Office confirmed eight staffers of Indian High Commission in Islamabad as operatives of Indian intelligence agencies and said the same were found involved in coordinating terrorist activities including handling of factions of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

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27. Pakistan won't be able to copy new notes: Intelligence agencies

Times of India, Neeraj Chauhan, 2016 11 10

New Delhi - Intelligence agencies vetted the new denominations of Rs 2,000 and Rs 500 notes asserting that its security features will be next to impossible to replicate for Pakistan and organised criminal networks for some time to come. A top government official without going into the details, told TOI that external intelligence agency Research and Analysis Wing, Intelligence Bureau and the DRI examined the features on the notes being secretly printed for the past six months. The official refused to reveal the number of security features on the notes but said they were difficult to forge. The intelligence community had earlier informed the government and RBI that Pakistan had a dedicated mint in Peshawar where only fake Indian currency notes, mostly in Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 denomination, were being printed. In a report to government and RBI, intelligence agencies had claimed a few years ago that Pakistan machinery had achieved "zero-error counterfeit capability" in printing fake Indian notes.

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28. Boko Haram: Nigeria Police train local hunters on intelligence gathering

Premium Times (Nigeria), Iro Dan Fulani, 2016 11 10

Abuja - In continuing efforts to rid the north-east of Boko Haram insurgents and bolster security in the region, the Nigerian Police have conducted a five-day basic intelligence gathering programme for 251 members of vigilante groups from Adamawa and Taraba states. The vigilante groups, made up of local hunters, have been assisting Nigerian troops in the fight against Boko Haram. During the training programme, Wednesday, at Mobile Police 14 base in Yola, Adamawa, the state commander of the vigilantes, Murtala Aliyu, said the training would boost the capacity of members by providing them with necessary techniques to operate more effectively in supporting the police and other security agencies against the insurgency. Mr. Aliyu also said that the training would help members conform to standards in their operations.

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29. Donald Trump Could Pull U.S. From Nigeria's Boko Haram Fight, Warns Wole Soyinka

Newsweek, Conor Gaffey, 2016 11 09

New York - The victory of Donald Trump in the U.S. presidential race could jeopardize U.S. support in Nigeria's fight against Boko Haram, according to Nigerian Nobel Prize winner Wole Soyinka. In an exclusive interview, Soyinka tells Newsweek that Trump's "bunker mentality" could see the U.S. withdraw support for counter-terrorism operations in West Africa. The Nigerian author and playwright also says that he will not destroy his U.S. residency permit just yet, despite a pre-election pledge to "cut" his green card, which is afforded to immigrants granted permanent residence in the country. Under the administration of Barack Obama, the U.S. has provided financial support and military training to West African countries fighting Boko Haram. The U.S. provided \$71 million worth of equipment, logistics and training to five countries-- Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, Niger, and Benin--that together formed a joint task force in 2015 to fight the militants, according to a February fact sheet from the U.S. State Department. "One

should expect that level of collaboration to diminish. Trump's mentality is one of, 'What are we doing there? What business do we have over there?'" says Soyinka, speaking to Newsweek from New York. "I foresee Trump dismissing that kind of expectation offhand and closing in, shrinking, becoming smaller in terms of [the U.S.'s] presence in other parts of the world," he says.

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30. Le blanchiment de capitaux et le financement du terrorisme au centre d'un atelier à Niamey

Pan African News Agency, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 09

Niamey, Niger - Un atelier de formation du groupe de travail chargé de l'évaluation nationale des risques de blanchiment de capitaux et de financement du terrorisme pour le Niger s'est ouvert mercredi à Niamey. Organisée par la Cellule nationale de traitement des informations financières (CENTIF-Niger), en collaboration avec le Groupe intergouvernemental d'action contre le blanchiment d'argent en Afrique de l'Ouest (GIABA) et la Banque mondiale, cette session de formation regroupe une centaine de personnes multidisciplinaires, issues de structures étatiques et privées, notamment le secteur financier. Durant trois jours, les participants seront familiarisés avec la notion d'évaluation du risque en matière blanchiment de capitaux et du financement du terrorisme BC/FT.

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31. Mauritanie : Nouakchott appelé à relancer la coopération sécuritaire

El Moudjahid, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 09

Nouakchott, Mauritanie - Les experts sécuritaires des pays du G5 du Sahel ont appelé, mardi soir à Nouakchott, à la relance du système de coopération dans le domaine sécuritaire entre les pays de cette région et à l'élaboration d'une stratégie globale qui prenne en compte les défis transfrontaliers. Les experts sécuritaires des pays du G5 du Sahel ont appelé, mardi soir à Nouakchott, à la relance du système de coopération dans le domaine sécuritaire entre les pays de cette région et à l'élaboration d'une stratégie globale qui prenne en compte les défis transfrontaliers. Les experts des pays du G5 du Sahel (Mauritanie, Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso et Tchad) ont indiqué, lors d'une réunion tenue mardi au Tchad, que les défis sécuritaires auxquels la région est confrontée «impliquent la relance du système de coopération sécuritaire entre les pays du Sahel», soulignant les répercussions dangereuses de l'insécurité dans cette région sur le plan international. Un système de coopération sécuritaire a été développé par le G5 depuis sa création à Nouakchott en mai 2014, lors de la première réunion des ministres de l'Intérieur de ces pays, avec l'aide technique de l'Office des Nations unies contre la drogue et le crime (ONUDC), a précisé un expert auprès du secrétariat permanent du G5 du Sahel, précisant que ce système avait été ratifié par le sommet du G5 en novembre 2015 à N'djamena au Tchad.

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32. 'Demonetisation to hit terror financing hard'

The Hindu, Vijaita Singh, Dinakar Peri, 2016 11 10

New Delhi - The government has said one of the reasons to demonetise currency notes of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000 was to curb the circulation of fake currency notes, but there seems to be no definite account of the amount of such notes in circulation. As per a study done by the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata in 2015, the only concrete work done on the subject, at any given point of time Rs. 400 crore worth of fake currency notes were in circulation in the economy. This is merely 0.025 percent of the total budget outlay of Rs. 19.7 lakh crore as announced this fiscal. Different agencies have their own estimates based on the recoveries made by them. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), in 2015, various law enforcement agencies seized 1,78,022 pieces of fake Rs 1,000 currency notes. This means Rs 17 crore fake notes which were in circulation could be calculated as they could be seized. Similarly in 2015, as many as 2,99,524 pieces of Rs. 500 fake notes were seized by the agencies.

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33. Chinese official named head of Interpol, drawing criticism

Associated Press, Christopher Bodeen, 2016 11 10

Beijing - A top Chinese police official was elected president of Interpol on Thursday, setting off alarm bells among rights advocates over abuses and a lack of transparency within China's legal system, as well as the potential misuse of the police organization to attack Beijing's political opponents. Vice Public Security Minister Meng Hongwei was named as the first Chinese to hold the post at the organization's general assembly on the Indonesian island of Bali, Interpol announced in a press release. The Lyon, France-based International Criminal Police Organization has 190 member nations and has the power to issue "red notices." It's the closest instrument to an international arrest warrant in use today. Interpol circulates those notices to member countries listing people who are wanted for extradition. While Interpol's charter officially bars it from undertaking "any intervention or activities of a political, military, religious or racial character," critics say some governments, primarily Russia and Iran, have abused the system to harass and detain opponents of their regimes. Interpol says it has a special vetting process to prevent that from happening.

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34. Chinese vice public security minister elected as Interpol president

Kyodo News, Staff reporter, 2016 11 10

Jakarta - China's Deputy Minister of Public Security, Meng Hongwei, was elected to be the next president of the International Criminal Police Organization on Thursday. Announcing the appointment via Twitter, the world policing body, better known as Interpol, also said Alexander

Prokopchuk, the head of the organization's bureau in Russia, had been elected to be its vice president. Interpol has been holding a four-day general assembly in Indonesia, at which it has been focusing on stronger inter-border cooperation in a bid to combat terrorism and the rise of the Islamic State militant group. Meng, who replaces Mireille Ballestrazzi of France, also holds the posts of director of China's Maritime Police Bureau and deputy director of its State Oceanic Administration. He will be the first Chinese person to serve in the role of president of secretary general in the organization's history. China's state-run Xinhua News Agency said that, during his speech at the general assembly, Meng said he would promote more effective police cooperation across the globe, and better support capacity-building efforts in member states. (Full report)

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35. Duterte off to KL today; Abu Sayyaf tops agenda (Canada).

Philippine Daily Inquirer, 2016 11 10

Manila - President Rodrigo Duterte flies to Kuala Lumpur today (Wednesday) with several issues at hand, including the Abu Sayyaf menace that has affected not only the Philippines, but neighboring Malaysia and Indonesia as well. Dozens of Malaysians and Indonesians have fallen victim to kidnappings and sea piracy blamed on the Abu Sayyaf in recent years. Mr. Duterte is expected to push for a joint action against the Abu Sayyaf when he meets with Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak. He had earlier agreed with Indonesian President Joko Widodo that a more concerted effort was needed to crush the group, which currently holds several foreign hostages. Solution The president has said it was important for the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia to come together in finding a solution to the Abu Sayyaf problem. The group has also beheaded two Canadian captives earlier this year. The ragtag band of self-styled Islamists has recently pledged allegiance to the Daesh or Islamic State.

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36. New Interpol head is Chinese former deputy head of paramilitary police force

The Guardian (London), Benjamin Haas, 2016 11 10

Hong Kong - A Chinese security official has been elected head of the global police organization Interpol, sparking fears the move may be used to track down dissidents as well as alleged fugitives who have fled abroad. Meng Hongwei, vice minister for public security since 2004 and the first Chinese to hold the post, will serve as president for four years after he was elected at an Interpol meeting in Indonesia, the agency announced on Twitter. "This is extraordinarily worrying given China's longstanding practice of trying to use Interpol to arrest dissidents and refugees abroad," Nicholas Bequelin, east Asia director at Amnesty International, said on Twitter. "The Chinese police have a terrible human rights record, including the endemic practice of coercing 'confessions' and the widespread use of torture," Bequelin said separately in an interview. "Unlike most law enforcement agencies around the world, the Chinese police have - in addition to the classic law and order mandate - a political mandate to protect the power of the Communist party."

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37. U.S. President-elect Donald Trump reaffirms Washington's security commitment to S. Korea

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 10

Seoul - U.S. President-elect Donald Trump on Thursday reaffirmed Washington's security commitment to South Korea during his telephone conversation with South Korean President Park Geun-hye, an official source said. During the talks that lasted some 10 minutes, Trump was quoted as saying that the United States will maintain a "firm, strong" defense posture to defend its Asian ally South Korea. The talks took place at around 10:00 a.m. (Korea time). Trump added that Washington will work together with Seoul "until the end" for the security of the United States and South Korea, according to the official. In response, Park congratulated him on his electoral win, stressing that South Korea and the U.S. have built trust based on the alliance while weathering a series of challenges together over the past six decades. She also pointed out that the alliance has served as a "cornerstone" of peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific. "I expect that (we) can strengthen and develop the alliance down the road for the shared interests in various areas," she was quoted as saying during the phone talks. Trump, in turn, said that he agreed with Park's remarks "100 percent." The South Korean leader, then, pointed to North Korea's nuclear issue as the "greatest threat" facing the two nations.

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38. Des "saboteurs" ukrainiens arrêtés en Crimée

Le Figaro avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 10

Kiev - Les services spéciaux russes (FSB) ont annoncé aujourd'hui l'arrestation d'un groupe de "saboteurs-terroristes" envoyés selon eux par Kiev dans la péninsule annexée de Crimée pour y attaquer des sites militaires et des bâtiments administratifs. "Les services de sécurité ont arrêté à Sébastopol les membres d'un groupe de saboteurs-terroristes envoyés par le principal service de renseignement du ministère de la Défense ukrainien", a annoncé le FSB dans un communiqué. Selon ce dernier, le groupe, arrêté hier, "prévoyait de commettre des actes de sabotage sur des cibles comme des infrastructures politiques et militaires" et avait en sa possession "des engins explosifs puissants, des armes, des munitions" et des moyens de communication. Le ministère ukrainien de la Défense a démenti ces accusations, dénonçant dans un communiqué publié sur son site internet "une autre imposture" visant à discréditer l'Ukraine et à dissimuler les "actes répressifs" commis par la Russie contre les habitants de Crimée critiques à l'égard de Moscou.

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39. It's Putin's World Now

The Daily Beast, Michael Weiss, 2016 11 10

Column - If, as the poet says, America is not the world, then the world is surely owed an apology for the lack of attention paid to what ought to have been, and are, a series of alarming developments throughout Europe and the Middle East. Perhaps appropriately, all have involved

or implicated a revanchist authoritarian power for which the incoming commander in chief has repeatedly professed his admiration and which, after having done all it could to facilitate an upset American electoral outcome--"maybe we helped a bit with WikiLeaks," as pro-Kremlin political analyst Sergei Markov put it Wednesday morning--offers its hearty congratulations on his victory. Meanwhile, Russia's alleged "wet work" and maneuvering outside the United States in the last two weeks has been even more impressive. In Montenegro, a tiny and relatively young Balkan nation sandwiched between Bosnia and Albania, a cabal of Russian nationalists has been accused of trying to assassinate the prime minister, Milo Djukanovic, following a campaign of election interference. U.S. officials say the abortive putsch bear all the hallmarks of a Kremlin project of subversion, including the funneling of money to a pro-Moscow opposition party, biased news organizations, and key "influencers." Serbia was also a target of what appears to have been an assassination attempt or coordinated act of anti-state violence. According to Serbia's Interior Ministry, an impressive cache of weaponry--grenades, ammunition, sniper rifles, and a bazooka--was later uncovered in the woods close to Vacic's family home, outside Belgrade. As Interior Minister Nebojsa Stefanovic put it, "It is very disturbing that [the hidden weapons] were located on this turning, where the Prime Minister's vehicle must slow down to minimal speed... That is an ideal distance, of only 50 meters, for such weapons to be used." Might the murder of a second head of a European government have been in the offing? And if so, who were the culprits and their sponsors? Of particular concern to is that one alleged participants in the Montenegrin plot is Bratislav Dikic, a former Serbian special forces commander, who was sacked for criminal and "terrorist" activity. Another conspirator has been identified as Aleksandar Sindjelic, a well-known Serbian fascist who is one of the top 300 "terrorists" being sought by the Ukrainian government for his participation in Russia's dirty war in the regions of Donetsk and Lugansk--a war thetas overseen by Russian intelligence officers, paratroopers and special forces.

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Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 10

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41. Russia says it has detained Ukrainian saboteurs in Crimea

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 11 10

Moscow - Russia's Federal Security Service said on Thursday it had detained a group of Ukrainian saboteurs who it accused of planning to attack military sites and infrastructure in Crimea, but Kiev dismissed the story as false. The Federal Security Service, or FSB, said it had confiscated explosive devices and weapons from the group, which it said was made up of intelligence agents from the Ukrainian Defence Ministry. The Interfax news agency cited a person familiar with the matter as saying that the FSB had detained three Ukrainian military personnel who had been plotting to attack power plants and water purification facilities in Crimea. Ukraine said the FSB story was false. "Nobody has detained Ukrainian military personnel," Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for the National Security and Defence Council, told Reuters. "This is yet another frame-up by the Russian security forces."

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42. Iran's missile power acts as deterrence force

Islamic Republic News Agency, 2016 11 10

Tehran - Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Hossein Baqeri underlined that Iran's missile power prevents the enemies from even thinking of attacking the country. 'Given the guidelines of Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei our missile strength has reached a point that does not even allow the enemies to think of attacking the country,' General Baqeri said, addressing a ceremony in Tehran on Thursday. Noting that the Russians have been seeking Iran's assistance in building the long-range drones with such a precision-striking power, he said, 'Of course, the Americans and the Zionists might be in possession of such drones.' In relevant remarks in late September, Major General Baqeri underlined the country's high capabilities in building different military equipment, and said the Iran-made long-range drones are now carrying out missions against terrorists in Iraq and Syria.

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43. L'Iran s'inquiète, l'Arabie et l'Égypte attendent et le régime de Damas se félicite

Le Figaro, Goerges Malbrunot, 2016 11 10

Téhéran, Iran - Inquiétude en Iran. Attentisme prudent en Arabie saoudite et satisfaction non dissimulée à Damas. L'élection de Donald Trump a suscité des réactions contrastées chez les dirigeants du Moyen-Orient. Réagissant rapidement à la victoire du candidat qui voulait « déchirer » l'accord nucléaire conclu en 2015 entre la communauté internationale et l'Iran, Javad Zarif, le chef de la diplomatie de Téhéran, a déclaré que « le plus important » était « que le futur président respecte les accords, les engagements pris à un niveau multilatéral ». À huit mois du scrutin présidentiel iranien, le succès de Trump renforce les ultraconservateurs, persuadés que le « grand Satan » américain ne respectera pas cet accord nucléaire défendu par leur adversaire, le président de la République, Hassan Rohani. Ce dernier estime, de son côté, que M. Trump ne

pourra pas revenir sur cet arrangement historique, car il a été « entériné » par l'ONU. En Arabie saoudite, la victoire de Trump ne constitue pas une réelle surprise. Les cercles dirigeants ne l'excluaient pas. « Nous pouvons travailler avec Trump », confiait récemment au Figaro un haut responsable saoudien, rappelant que le prince Walid Ben Talal avait investi ces dernières années dans l'empire Trump. Déçu par Barak Obama et sa politique de réconciliation avec l'Iran, le roi Salman a souhaité à M. Trump « le succès dans (sa) mission pour réaliser la sécurité et la stabilité du Moyen-Orient et dans le monde ». Leaders des monarchies du Golfe, « les dirigeants saoudiens vont observer Trump », analyse un diplomate familial de Riyad. S'ils voient que les États-Unis se réinvestissent dans la région pour contrer l'Iran, ils le suivront. Mais dans le cas contraire, si les Saoudiens voient que la bride est lâchée à la Russie, comme ils sont pragmatiques, ils finiront par se retourner vers Moscou ».

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44. La très efficace stratégie de décapitation des cadres de l'État islamique

Le Figaro, Georges Malbrunot, 2016 11 10

Mossoul - Pour préparer l'offensive militaire contre Mossoul, la coalition internationale a éliminé de nombreux dirigeants intermédiaires de Daech. Coupant les liens entre la direction et la base djihadiste, cette stratégie risque de favoriser la dispersion des combattants étrangers et leurs retours vers leurs pays d'origine. Les uns après les autres, les têtes sont tombées. En l'espace d'un mois, dix-huit cadres de Daech ont été tués, selon l'ONG « Raqqa est assassinée en silence ». Entre le 20 août et le 21 septembre, une cascade d'éliminations ciblées a préparé l'offensive militaire contre Mossoul, lancée fin octobre 2016 par les forces de sécurité irakiennes et leurs alliés de la coalition internationale. Grâce à des renseignements humains ou des écoutes téléphoniques, ces liquidations ont visé des cadres intermédiaires de Daech. Ces maillons indispensables à la transmission des consignes entre une direction, de plus en plus isolée pour des raisons de sécurité, et la cohorte des djihadistes locaux ou étrangers, en première ligne dans la défense de Mossoul, la « capitale » du califat autoproclamé en juin 2014 par Abou Bakr al-Baghdadi.

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45. 30 Al Qaida militants killed by coalition-backed Yemeni troops in Hadramout

Gulf News, Saeed Al Batati, 2016 11 10

Al Mukalla - Thirty Al Qaida operatives were killed in heavy clashes with Yemeni government troops in a remote village in the province of Hadramout, the highest number of casualties in a single day for Al Qaida since April, a senior army commander said on Wednesday. Major-General Faraj Salmeen Al Bahasni, the commander of Al Mukalla-based 2nd Military Region said in a statement that soldiers, backed by air cover from the Saudi-led coalition, raided an Al Qaida hideout on a farm in Al Maseni, a remote region west of the city of Mukalla, Hadramout's capital, killing 30 and capturing a number of them. Al Bahasni's statement was carried by the region's official Facebook page. Al Bahasni said four of his soldiers were killed and 12 injured in

the 24-hour battle. "This is the third consecutive successful [raid against Al Qaida] carried by [the] Hadramout Elite Forces," the statement said. Al Qaida had held the territories for more than a year.

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46. Bahraini High Court of Appeal Approves Verdicts against 9 Terrorists

Asharq Al-Awsat, Obaid Al-Suhaymi, 2016 11 10

Manama - Bahraini High Court of Appeal approved the verdict issued by the High Criminal Court to imprison seven out of the 14 convicts in the case of terrorism. The court also reduced the sentence of five other convicts to 15 years in prison. In addition, the court approved the ruling in the case of the thirteenth and fourteenth convicts which included one- year imprisonment and deportation from Bahrain. Deputy Prosecutor of Terror Crime Prosecution, Khalid al-Tameemi, said the High Court of Appeal ruled in the case of attempted murder, illegal possession and use of explosives to undermine people lives and assets, deliberate arson and acts of sabotage for terrorist purposes. The list of charges against 14 convicts also included forgery, rioting, illegal gathering, possession and use of combustible devices. The court ruled by accepting the appeal in form regarding seven suspects.

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47. Hamas urges Trump to re-evaluate US policy that 'favors Israel'

Jerusalem Post, Staff Report, 2016 11 10

Jerusalem - Hamas on Wednesday urged US president-elect Donald Trump to "bring justice to the Palestinians." Speaking to reporters in Gaza, the Islamist group spokesman, Sami Abu Zuhri, said: "The Palestinian people is not very much concerned about the changes in American policies towards the Palestinian cause because such a policy is constant and is based on bias in favor of the Israeli occupation. However, we urge the American President to re-evaluate this policy and to work on bringing justice to the Palestinians." Trump has told Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last month that if elected, the United States would recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, marking a potential dramatic shift in US policy. While Israel calls Jerusalem its capital, only few other countries accept that. Most nations maintain embassies in Tel Aviv. Palestinians want east Jerusalem, captured by Israel in a 1967 war, as capital of the state they aim to establish alongside Israel in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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48. Trump a 'wild card' for the Middle East

The National (UAE), Josh Wood, 2016 11 10

Beirut - In the hours after divisive Republican Donald Trump was declared the winner in the US presidential election, congratulations flooded in from America's friends and foes in the Middle East. Some countries in the region hope to reboot tattered relationships, others are trying to continue long-standing partnerships or keep dialogue open despite mutual hostility. Mr Trump

has promised to overhaul Washington's foreign policy, but his proposals for the Middle East have so far been at best vague and at worst contradictory. For countries in the region, Mr Trump is a wild card whose direction will affect the most serious issues they face. During his campaign, Mr Trump continually exaggerated the strength and ability of ISIL even though the group was suffering significant losses in Iraq and Syria. The US was "not winning" the war against ISIL and the operation to retake Mosul was a "disaster", he proclaimed. He frequently said ISIL controlled much of Libya's oil when they do not.

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49. Engin explosif de faible puissance contre l'ambassade de France à Athènes

Reuters, Renee Maltezou et Angeliki Koutantou; Henri-Pierre André, 2016 11 10

Athènes - Un engin explosif de faible puissance a été lancé tôt jeudi matin contre l'ambassade de France à Athènes, faisant un blessé léger, a-t-on appris de source policière. Selon un policier, il s'agissait vraisemblablement d'une grenade. Le bâtiment n'a pas été endommagé et l'agent de sécurité touché n'est que légèrement blessé, a-t-il ajouté. Des traces sont visibles à l'extérieur de l'ambassade, sur le trottoir. D'après les images de vidéosurveillance, le projectile a été lancé par des inconnus circulant à moto. L'attaque n'a pas été revendiquée. L'ambassade de France se trouve à proximité de la place Syntagma, en face du Parlement, dans l'un des secteurs les plus sécurisés de la capitale grecque. Le ministère des Finances, également proche du Parlement, a été évacué jeudi matin à la suite d'une alerte à la bombe. La police a déterminé qu'il s'agit d'un canular.

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50. Face aux risques de radicalisation, les villes misent sur la prévention

L'Humanité, Ixchel Delaporte, 2016 11 10

Montreuil, France - Formation des personnels, partenariat avec des associations, renforcement des liens avec la police... Depuis les attentats, de nombreuses municipalités multiplient les initiatives afin de mieux détecter les risques. Une expertise locale pas assez mise en valeur. Que peuvent les villes, à l'échelon local, face à la radicalisation ? C'est la question que de nombreux élus se posent depuis les attentats contre le journal Charlie Hebdo le 7 janvier 2015, suivis par ceux du Bataclan, le 13 novembre 2015. Certaines villes ont réagi très tôt, comme Montreuil, en Seine-Saint-Denis, directement touchée par la mort de Tignous, dessinateur de Charlie Hebdo, et par la mort d'enseignants montreuillois tués au Bataclan. Après les nombreuses cérémonies d'hommage, la première décision de la mairie a été d'ajouter le « R » de radicalisation à la charte de prévention et de lutte contre la délinquance. « Dans un deuxième temps, nous avons monté une exposition à partir de dessins des collégiens sur la liberté d'expression, qui a permis de

sensibiliser nos jeunes », explique Philippe Lamarche, adjoint (PCF) aux finances et à la tranquillité publique à la mairie de Montreuil.

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51. Five Men Arrested on Suspicion of Recruiting For ISIS in Germany

Asharq Al-Awsat, Majid al-Khateeb, 2016 11 10

Berlin - Germany's Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere considers the arrest of five militants on charges of supporting a terrorist organisation in Germany as "an important success against extremist supporters of ISIS in Germany". He also described the raids as good news and said that the arrests indicate that Germany's security forces are "active, determined and vigilant". The Minister's comment came after police carried out raids in the western state of North Rhine-Westphalia and the northern state of Lower Saxony. Police arrested Ahmad Abdulaziz Abdullah A (Abu Walaa) and four of his accomplices: a Turkish national called Hasan C, a German-Serb called Boban S, a German national Mahmoud O and a Cameroonian named Ahmed FY. The Interior Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia Ralf Jaeger said that the arrest of the extremist preacher Abu Walaa and his accomplices was 'an important blow to the extremist network that aims to recruit young people for ISIS in Germany'.

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52. German cabinet approves cyber security strategy

Deutsche Welle, Staff report, 2016 11 09

Berlin - The German cabinet on Wednesday adopted a new cyber security strategy to counter a rising number of threats targeting government institutions, critical infrastructure, businesses and citizens. The strategy calls for the creation of a mobile Quick Reaction Force housed within the Federal Office for Information Security (BSI), as well as similar teams within the federal police and domestic intelligence agency that are able to respond to cyber threats against government institutions and critical infrastructure. Germany's Cyber Defense Center will fall under the authority of the Interior Ministry, which will seek to foster inter-agency coordination and cooperation. The new strategy also calls for greater cooperation and information sharing between the public and private sectors on cyber threats, a policy that is in line with United States' cyber defense strategy. The government wants to build up awareness and support for businesses and expects them to take active measures to protect against cyber threats. Of particular focus is protecting critical infrastructure, including energy and water supplies, healthcare systems, digital routing systems and transportation.

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53. Gülenists sabotaged reconciliation process with the PKK, former Turkish intelligence official says

Daily Sabah, Staff report, 2016 11 09

Istanbul - Former National Intelligence Organization (MIT) official Emre Taner said Wednesday that the government's 2009 talks with the PKK terrorist organization had aimed for reconciliation and put a halt to 40 years of bloodshed, but the whole peace process was sabotaged by foreign powers and the Gülenist terror cult (FETÖ). In a meeting with the Turkish Parliament's commission investigating the July 15 Gülenist coup attempt, he said that the talks with the terrorist group was not "treason" but only an effort to stop PKK terrorists. "We started the Oslo talks to prevent foreign powers from using the PKK as a tool. Many of them are in affiliation with the terrorist group," he said. "Gülenists were disturbed about it as the terror problem was being solved by Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government," he added. Not mentioning directly a specific group or intelligence organization that leaked the audiotape of the talks, he said: "Those who did not want the peace process to succeed leaked the tape," pointing to the prime suspect, the Gülenist terror cult.

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54. L'ambassade de France à Athènes visée par une grenade

L'Obs avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 10

Athènes - La police privilégie la piste d'un acte commis par la mouvance extrémiste anarchiste locale. Deux inconnus circulant à moto ont jeté jeudi matin une grenade devant l'ambassade de France à Athènes, blessant légèrement un policier en faction, a indiqué une source policière. La brigade anti-terroriste s'est saisie de l'enquête sur cet attentat, qui s'est produit peu avant 5 heures locale (2 heures à Paris), sur une des grandes avenues centrales d'Athènes, en face du Parlement, a ajouté la même source. La policier, qui se trouvait devant la guérite gardant le portail principal de l'ambassade, a été hospitalisé pour des premiers soins mais n'est que très légèrement blessé aux jambes. L'explosion de la grenade n'a causé que des dégâts mineurs au portail. Le pâté de maisons a été bouclé par la police. Mouvance anarchiste La police privilégie dans l'immédiat la piste d'un acte commis par la mouvance extrémiste anarchiste locale, qui revendique régulièrement des attaques sans victimes contre des cibles diplomatiques, économiques ou politiques, selon la même source. Les représentations françaises en Grèce sont sporadiquement visées par des actions revendiquées par ou imputées à des groupes extrémistes anarchistes. En octobre, cette nébuleuse avait annoncé une série d'actions pour réclamer la libération de Georges Ibrahim Abdallah, un Libanais qui purge depuis 1987 une peine de détention à perpétuité en France pour actes terroristes.

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55. Le retour des enfants-soldats de l'EI redouté par les services antiterroristes

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 10

Paris - Ils ont appris à tirer à la kalachnikov, à poser des bombes et ont assisté, voire participé, à des exactions d'une rare violence: les enfants endoctrinés par le groupe jihadiste Etat islamique (EI) poseront, à leur retour en Europe, un inextricable problème de sécurité. Alors que l'EI recule sur le terrain, le retour des jihadistes d'Irak et de Syrie doit être "la principale préoccupation" en matière de sécurité des "cinq, des dix prochaines années", a martelé lundi le Premier ministre Manuel Valls. Et les services antiterroristes redoutent que ces mineurs - enrôlés de force ou avec

la bénédiction de leurs parents jihadistes - deviennent de "véritables bombes à retardement", selon les mots du procureur de Paris François Molins. "Depuis plusieurs mois, la propagande de l'EI accentue ses efforts en faveur du recrutement d'enfants combattants en publiant sur internet des vidéos mettant en scène de très jeunes soldats combattants", estime le renseignement intérieur français dans une note récente. En mettant en avant ses "lionceaux du califat", l'organisation jihadiste veut montrer sa capacité "à accueillir et à former, aussi bien religieusement que militairement, la progéniture" de ses membres mais aussi "envoyer un message aux pays occidentaux" pour démontrer sa "pérennité".

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56. Quand Hollande se renseigne sur le Renseignement

Le Point, A.Z., 2016 11 10

Levallois-Perret, France - Le 2 novembre, François Hollande s'est rendu discrètement, en fin d'après-midi, à Levallois-Perret, au siège de la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI). Une visite non mentionnée sur l'agenda présidentiel. Patrick Calvar, le patron du renseignement intérieur, a rendu compte au chef de l'Etat des opérations secrètes en cours - avec le président, on n'est jamais sûr qu'elles le restent longtemps... Calvar lui a également exposé les défauts du système de lutte antiterroriste à l'échelon de l'Union européenne. Dans le but de lutter contre le terrorisme, l'accord Swift 2 donne en effet aux autorités américaines l'accès aux données bancaires stockées sur le réseau Swift, qui gère les transactions financières internationales de près de 200 pays... mais pas à la France.

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57. Surveillance Demain, tous fichés ?

L'Obs, Andréa Fradin, 2016 11 10

Paris - Créé par un discret décret en plein pont de la Toussaint, le fichier officiel TES, qui doit rassembler les données biométriques de 60 millions de Français, continue de faire polémique. Décryptage Ce sera un gigantesque filet, « à la maille le plus fine possible, c'est-à-dire à l'échelle de l'individu ». Cette description du fichier TES (« titres électroniques sécurisés ») est assumée par un commandant de police, mais cet outil « place la France dans un débat à la "Minority Report" », concède-t-il. Le film décrit un pays qui, en 2054, a éradiqué le meurtre en se dotant du système de prévention-détection-de la population, une idée que redoutent les défenseurs des libertés publiques, jusque dans les rangs du gouvernement, obligeant Bernard Cazeneuve à accepter finalement l'organisation d'un débat parlementaire sur le sujet, est bel et bien lancé. COMMENT CE FICHER EST-IL NÉ ? Le décret du ministère de l'Intérieur, publié en catimini un dimanche de Toussaint, à tel point que la secrétaire d'Etat chargée du Numérique, Axelle Lemaire, n'était pas au courant, est présenté comme un toilettage administratif, le volet d'une réforme dont l'Etat a le secret: le PPNG (plan préfectures nouvelle génération) vise à basculer la base des données collectées lors de la création et du renouvellement des cartes d'identité dans celle créée pour les passeports.

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58. US should extradite Gülen, Trump's top adviser says

Daily Sabah, Staff report, 2016 11 10

Istanbul - Turkey should be a top priority in U.S. foreign policy, a top adviser to President-elect Donald Trump said Wednesday in an article that slammed Barack Obama for failing to understand Ankara's geopolitical position. "We must begin with understanding that Turkey is vital to U.S. interests," retired Gen. Michael Flynn wrote for the Hill newspaper. He also called Turkey "a source of stability in the region". Flynn was a key national security adviser to Trump during his presidential campaign and is expected by many to be appointed to a Cabinet position, possibly as defense secretary. Noting the extradition request by Turkey of Gülenist Terror Group (FETÖ) leader, Fetullah Gülen, as one of the key points of contention between Washington and Ankara, Flynn suggested the U.S. handover Gülen. The former chair of the Defense Intelligence Agency suggested that although Gülen presents himself as a moderate Islamic scholar, he is a radical who "has publicly boasted about his 'soldiers' waiting for his orders to do whatever he directs them to do."

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1. Canadian values matter now more than ever

Toronto Sun, Anthony Furey, 2016 11 15

Column: Over the weekend we learned about two unfortunate incidents involving Conservative leadership candidates that underscore why Canadian values matter now more than ever. Deepak Obhrai, an Alberta MP, received a flurry of racist emails telling him to leave the country and go

back to where he came from. Obhrai came here in 1977 from Tanzania - likely before some of his less than inclusive correspondents were even born. Before he was a politician, Obhrai worked as an accountant and business owner. He's been a valuable contributor to our society for decades. If anyone feels uncomfortable living in the same country as Obhrai, they should get the hell out of here, not him. Meanwhile, provincial police were called after what appeared to be an attempted break-in at Ontario MP Kellie Leitch's home. I have family in the area Leitch lives in and I know there's been a recent string of garage break-ins right around there, so make of this what you will. But this happened, according to her campaign, shortly after someone publicly offered to reveal Leitch's address to anyone upset with her. Leitch advocates screening prospective immigrants for anti-Canadian values. Obhrai, along with other candidates, does not agree with that policy. It's a topic that riles people up. Leitch stirred the pot further by likening her plan to Donald Trump's "extreme vetting" of Muslim immigrants. You can understand why both candidates might be subject to attacks online and worse. People want to silence them. So where do we go from here? Leitch has started an important conversation. Those observers calling her all the names in the book need to consider two things: First, a Forum Research poll showed a clear majority of Canadians like the idea. This includes 87% of Conservative supporters, 59% of NDPers and 57% of Liberals. Canadians support her. No wonder she's not backing down. Second, take a look at Leitch's definition of Canadian values. Here's what she told the media in September: "Screening potential immigrants for anti-Canadian values that include intolerance towards other religions, cultures and sexual orientations, violent and/or misogynist behaviour and/or a lack of acceptance of our Canadian tradition of personal and economic freedoms is a policy proposal that I feel very strongly about." Who's against this? What's wrong with developing our screening methods with this inclusive philosophy in mind? Bizarrely, some MPs and pundits have said this can't even be done. That's nonsense and they know it. CSIS has already acknowledged Syrian refugee applications that raised a "red flag" were put aside. And we can define red flags however we please.

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2. Police, Power and Privacy

Toronto Star and CBC News, Staff reporters, 2016 11 15

Ottawa - The RCMP has provided unprecedented access to the Toronto Star and the CBC in an effort to make its case that antiquated laws and diminished police powers in the digital age are allowing suspected terrorists, drug gangs and child abusers to operate beyond the law. Journalists from the two media outlets have reviewed the details of 10 high-priority cases after clearing RCMP security checks for access to "top-secret" information. In each case, investigators were stonewalled by legal and technical obstacles in accessing digital evidence, the Mounties say. Most of the suspects remain at large. These cases stand at the centre of an emerging national debate. Police argue they are on the losing side of a digital divide, while on the other side are tech-savvy criminals who are shielded by impenetrable encryption, telecommunication companies and technology manufacturers. Privacy advocates argue that police have never before had such powers of surveillance and that they have failed to provide evidence that the public's safety is in jeopardy. The audience is Canadians who are alarmed to learn that some criminals are increasingly beyond the reach of the law. They are equally alarmed by the recent Federal Court ruling that denounced the national spy agency, CSIS, for illegally gathering the private

information of Canadians, and by news that Quebec police forces intercepted and tracked the cellphones of as many as 10 journalists to discover their sources. "We need a public debate," said RCMP Chief Supt. Harold O'Connell, the force's director general of national security investigations. "We can influence, we can tell you what we think the lay of the land is, and then you, as Canadians and legislators, decide where you want us to be."

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3. Alleged suicide bomber hid behind digital encryption

Toronto Star, Robert Cribb, 2016 11 15

Ottawa - One of the most dramatic Canadian national security cases in recent memory - ending with the shooting of a bomb-carrying terrorism suspect on his way to a shopping mall - was obstructed for more than a year by unbreakable encryption, RCMP officials revealed in a detailed briefing to the Toronto Star and the CBC. Investigators had had suspicions of terrorist activity by 24-year-old Daesh supporter Aaron Driver since December 2014. But they couldn't gather enough evidence. "Hindsight would say that he was obviously farther along in preparing," said Jeff Adam, the RCMP's director general in charge of technical investigations services. In the end, it was the last-minute tip of an "imminent" threat from the FBI - it had spotted Driver's martyrdom video - that foiled what might have been a mass killing. The tip came as Driver was preparing homemade explosives for a suicide bombing mission later that day. Police shot and killed Driver outside his home in Strathroy, Ont., in August, just as he entered a cab to head to a shopping area in downtown London, Ont. Contrary to what was reported at the time, the explosive device Driver carried was deadly. Full detonation in a public place would have caused "death and grievous bodily harm," Adam said. An analysis of the bomb, obtained by the Star and CBC, shows that anyone within 2.1 metres (about seven feet) of the detonation would have faced death or serious injury, not including the impact of shrapnel "fragmentation."

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4. B.C. man accused of terrorism wouldn't mourn killing of soldier: trial hears

Canadian Press, Geordon Omand, 2016 11 15

Vancouver - A British Columbia man accused of posting extremist Muslim propaganda online told police officers he doesn't see a problem with his comments inspiring someone to shoot a Canadian soldier, a court has heard. Othman Hamdan, of Fort St. John, pleaded not guilty in B.C. Supreme Court on Monday to four terrorism-related offences, including encouraging the commission of murder, assault and mischief, all for terrorist purposes. He also pleaded not guilty to inducing and instructing someone to carry out a terrorist act, whether directly or indirectly. The court also heard arguments about whether statements Hamdan made to RCMP officers outside his apartment in November 2014 and during two subsequent interviews should be admitted as evidence. "There's nothing wrong with asking someone to stand up against an oppressor," Hamdan, 35, is heard telling two police officers in an audio recordings played in court. "Somebody who reads this, if he stands up against an oppressor, it's an honourable (act).

It's nothing to be ashamed about," he added, referring to posts he made on the Facebook page registered under his pseudonym, Adam Khalifa. Hamdan confirms that he created the website as he spoke to the officers inside a Tim Hortons restaurant on April 1, 2015. He can be heard disparaging former prime minister Stephen Harper for providing aid to the Kurdistan Workers' Party, a militant group based in Turkey and Iraq that advocates for Kurdish independence. Hamdan described it as a terrorist organization. "I don't see me shooting any Canadian soldiers, but I don't see any problem with somebody fighting back against an oppressor," Hamdan told the officers. "Whether it's Canadian, Chinese, Indian _ it doesn't matter. An oppressor is an oppressor."

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5. Brandon teen to be sentenced for supporting ISIS online

CBC News Manitoba, Staff reporter, 2016 11 15

Winnipeg - A Brandon, Man., boy who was arrested last year for using social media to express support for the Islamic militant group ISIS will be sentenced Tuesday. The boy, who was 16 when he was arrested last November, entered a guilty plea in a Winnipeg courtroom in September to counselling the commission of an indictable offence at the direction of, or in association with, a terrorist group. The teenager, who can't be identified because he is a youth, will be sentenced as a youth. He has been held in custody since his arrest. While no details on what led to the arrest have been given in court, police seized a number of items from the teen's western Manitoba home last year, including a computer that was being looked at "closely," officials said at the time. The teenager will be sentenced by a judge in Brandon, a city of about 50,000 people located 200 kilometres west of Winnipeg. Arrested a few months after Aaron Driver The Brandon boy's arrest came only a few months after Aaron Driver's June 2015 arrest in Winnipeg for communicating with what RCMP called well-known ISIS supporters in the U.K. and the U.S.

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6. Inside RCMP's file room

Toronto Star, Robert Cribb, 2016 11 15

Ottawa - The RCMP shared details of 10 ongoing "high-priority" investigations with the Toronto Star and CBC News to begin a public debate on expanding police capabilities while investigating crimes involving digital and online evidence. This coincides with a federal review of Canada's Anti-Terrorism Act (Bill C-51) and a public consultation on the government's Green Paper on National Security, which includes proposals to enhance police digital capabilities. To allow access to the investigations, the RCMP conducted security screening and granted top-secret clearances to Robert Cribb of the Toronto Star and Dave Seglins of CBC News. The RCMP provided summaries and interviews on the cases but withheld names, locations and key details that could compromise ongoing investigations, prosecutions and secretive police techniques. Case 3: 'Too much information' tests RCMP capacity RCMP intercepted cell and residential communications of a "high- risk traveller" in Eastern Canada suspected of planning to join a terrorist group overseas. The Internet/phone provider lacked interception capabilities, so police

spent considerable resources to install their own equipment, but were eventually swamped by 21 million data points (web searches, images, videos, texts). Much of the data was encrypted and unintelligible. The case remains under investigation. Case 6: Terrorist group communications prove elusive RCMP are investigating a group of individuals suspected of participating in a terrorist organization and plotting to travel overseas. Police attempted a court-ordered interception of their devices but found the communications were encrypted. As a result, police had to design technical solutions which meant they needed an extension of the court order, and this has delayed the process. The communications among the suspected terrorists have not been obtained. The case is still under investigation.

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7. Les forces spéciales canadiennes face à Mad Max

La Presse+, Vincent Larouche, 2016 11 15

Mont Zardak, Kurdistan irakien - Si leur mission consiste principalement à épauler et former les forces kurdes qui combattent l'EI en Irak, les soldats canadiens font tout de même face à des attaques qu'on dirait directement sorties d'un film hollywoodien. Les 4 x 4 blindés débouchent au sommet de la montagne dans un nuage de poussière. Des soldats canadiens lourdement armés, bardés de gadgets technologiques, en sortent et s'avancent vers un rempart d'où ils embrassent l'horizon. L'endroit leur est familier : c'est ici qu'ils ont fait face pendant des mois aux djihadistes du groupe État islamique (EI), dont les tactiques meurtrières leur semblaient parfois sorties d'un film post-apocalyptique. La Presse a accompagné hier les forces d'opérations spéciales canadiennes dans le nord de l'Irak, où elles offrent depuis 2014 assistance et entraînement aux combattants kurdes locaux qui luttent contre l'EI. Les soldats d'élite canadiens, dont plusieurs cachent leur visage et leur nom pour des motifs de sécurité, n'avaient jamais accordé un accès aussi poussé aux médias depuis le début de leur mission. Jusqu'à il y a environ un mois, le mont Zardak marquait la ligne de front. « Quand je suis arrivé ici, on voyait les drapeaux de Daech [acronyme arabe de l'EI] dans les villages ici en bas », explique le lieutenant-colonel Steven Hunter, du Régiment d'opérations spéciales du Canada.

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8. Man shot by police was former Falun Gong activist

Vancouver Sun, John Colebourn, 2016 11 15

Vancouver - A man shot and killed by Vancouver police last week was detained in China in 2002 for his involvement in a Tiananmen Square demonstration in Beijing. Daniel Peter Rintoul, 38, has been identified by the B.C. Coroners Service as the person fatally shot at an East Vancouver Canadian Tire store on Thursday. Rintoul was arrested in China after trying to unfurl a banner for the spiritual practice of Falun Gong. Rintoul repeatedly yelled "Falun Gong Hoa" (Falun Gong is good) as he was shoved into a police van. He was allegedly beaten, detained for 20 hours and sent home to Alberta. He has been living in Vancouver for the last few years. Relatives in Calgary acknowledged that Rintoul was the wellknown Falun Gong activist. The Calgary woman at the family home said she was working on writing a media statement. She said she expected Rintoul's name to be released to the public Tuesday, and was caught offguard when

it was revealed a day early. "I've been getting phone calls like crazy," she said. "I just don't know what to say. All I can say is, 'No comment.'" Falun Gong, also known as Falun Dafa, is a spiritual practice based on truthfulness, compassion and forbearance and involves slowmoving exercise and meditation. It has been outlawed in China since 1999, where thousands of practitioners - who are considered a cult by the Chinese government - have been detained or forced into labour camps.

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9. Top secret RCMP files reveal digital roadblocks in terrorism, major crime cases

CBC News and Toronto Star, Staff reporters, 2016 11 15

Ottawa - Suspected child predators, drug traffickers and extremists allegedly planning attacks or to join ISIS are escaping the eyes of the law due to increasingly impenetrable encryption and other digital roadblocks, according to top secret RCMP files reviewed by a CBC News/Toronto Star investigation. The Mounties provided access to the files in a bid to demonstrate how investigations of tech-savvy suspects are increasingly "going dark" because crucial evidence is beyond their reach. The rare look inside active investigations comes amidst a thorny debate and public consultation on Canada's Anti-Terrorism Act (C-51), which includes proposals to significantly expand police powers. Four ideas floated in the federal government's green paper on national security would enhance investigative capabilities, including the power to compel suspects to unlock their encrypted computers and cellphones and a law to require telecommunication and internet service providers to install interception and data-retention equipment in their networks. But privacy and civil liberties advocates are fiercely opposed to such measures and demand police provide more evidence to justify their request for new powers. RCMP Chief Supt. Jeff Adam admits law enforcement hasn't done a great job explaining the investigative challenges of the digital world to the public. "So far, [the debate] appears to be driven very much from one side, which is those that would like more privacy and more anonymity," he said. "What we need is an awareness of Canadians and lawmakers that our capabilities as they existed in the past, and the expectations of our ability to deliver on those, has changed significantly where we have less capability but potentially the same expectations." To bolster its case, the RCMP granted one CBC reporter and one Toronto Star reporter access to 10 "high priority" investigations. The two journalists underwent RCMP screening to obtain top secret security clearance. They were then provided details and summaries of the 10 cases, though police withheld names, locations and other details to protect the investigations and potential court cases. In one case, police say they obtained warrants to conduct surveillance on a group of people in Eastern Canada suspected in a terrorism conspiracy. They discovered the main suspect's phone was connecting to multiple cellular networks, none of which was technically equipped to intercept the suspect's text messages and internet traffic.

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10. Trudeau's Cuba trip to focus on trade ties, human rights

Toronto Star, Tonda MacCharles, 2016 11 15

Ottawa - At a state dinner in Havana, the red carpet will be out to welcome Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his wife Sophie Grégoire Trudeau to Cuba Tuesday. Trudeau goes to Havana 40 years after his father became the first leader of a NATO country to visit post-revolutionary Cuba. But the Liberal government is not playing up the return of a Trudeau son to Cuban shores as a renewal of personal ties forged in 1976 between his father Pierre Elliot Trudeau and the Castro administration. Instead Canadian government officials are casting Trudeau the son's trip as diplomatic mission to reinforce trade links, to continue Ottawa's "respectful engagement" with Cuba and to deliver a human rights message. Two government officials who briefed reporters on a for-background-only basis acknowledged "clearly the name of Trudeau is known in Cuba, clearly this is a significant factor" but said the significance of the Trudeau family's history there "is more for the Cubans," said one. "This is first and foremost an opportunity for the government of Canada to exchange with Cuba," he said. They said Trudeau's message on the ground will include a display of support for civil society groups in Havana who defend human rights, for "peaceful pluralism, respect for diversity and in particular, the rights of women and girls and LGBTQ" people. They didn't utter the word democracy, saying "Whether it's specific to election and multiparty elections, I think he'll talk about the importance of strong governance and structures." But many Cuban observers say Trudeau's trip comes at an important political moment with the election of Donald Trump to the White House. Trump has sent mixed signals on Cuba.

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11. Trudeau affirms commitment to NATO, Latvia mission following Trump victory

Canadian Press, Lee Berthiaume, 2016 11 15

Ottawa - Canada is pressing ahead with plans to deploy hundreds of troops as part of a NATO effort to deter Russian aggression in eastern Europe amid concerns about the military alliance's future under Donald Trump. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Monday affirmed Canada's commitment to lead one of four NATO forces in eastern Europe, which will see 450 Canadian troops deploy to Latvia starting next year. Trudeau said he is "very proud" that Canada is taking a leadership role "as we support the Baltic states and defend the eastern European border against Russia." His comments came as NATO members scrambled to understand how the Trump administration plans to deal with and support the 67-year-old military alliance. During the presidential election campaign, Trump repeatedly called NATO obsolete and warned the U.S. would not automatically come to the defence of a member that was attacked. The real-estate mogul and reality- television star also praised Russian President Vladimir Putin, despite a clampdown on human rights and democracy in Russia and its actions in Ukraine and Syria. Now that Trump has been elected president, many NATO members have been wringing their hands over what might happen if Russia decided to flex its muscles in eastern Europe in the same way it did in Ukraine.

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12. Trump effect moving north, experts warn

Montreal Gazette, Catherine Solyom, 2016 11 15

Montreal - There was a time when Daniel Gallant would get up in the morning looking for his first fight. "I decided to show my dedication to the movement by committing an assault every day for a year," said the former white supremacist, listing off his weapons of choice: his fists, a beer stein, a car door, billy clubs, a hockey stick. Now Gallant, 41, who has turned the Swastika tattoo on his stomach into a raven, is trying to prevent others from following in his steelted boot steps down the same violent path. His job just got tougher with the election of Donald Trump, he says. David Duke, the former "imperial wizard" of the Ku Klux Klan who was running for the senate in Louisiana, was among the first to congratulate Trump on his election night victory, claiming some of the credit for his campaign. Duke himself lost, but hours later, the KKK marched on the streets of North Carolina. They are planning a "victory parade" Dec. 3. If anyone thought Trump, now elected, would distance himself from his more extreme backers, they will have to think again: Trump just named his campaign chief Steve Bannon - the founder of the alt-right website Breitbart, and widely seen as racist, misogynist and anti-Semitic - as his chief strategist and "senior counsellor." Then came Front National Leader Marine Le Pen, up for election in France next year, proclaiming with Trump's election a "new world order."

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13. 'Knife fight' as Trump builds an unconventional national security cabinet

CNN.com, Multiple reporters, 2016 11 15

Washington - Donald Trump's transition is being marked by sharp internal disagreements over key cabinet appointments and direction, both for internal West Wing positions and key national security posts, sources involved in the transition team tell CNN. One source with knowledge of the transition described it as a "knife fight." The divisions are being played out as Trump considers key appointments in the national security and diplomatic sectors, including secretary of state, with mainstream conservatives supporting John Bolton against Rudy Giuliani, who is seen as a loyalist to Trump. On other key national security appointments, there is more agreement. Sen. Jeff Sessions is now the leading contender for attorney general, and is in the mix for secretary of defense as well, say multiple sources with knowledge of the transition. Retired Lt. General Ron Burgess, former director of the DIA, is a leading contender for director of national intelligence. Retired General Michael Flynn is leading candidate for national security adviser. Pete Hoekstra, a long-serving former congressman from Michigan who chaired the House Intelligence Committee from 2004-2007 is thought to be in the running for the same role or director of the CIA.

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14. Attacks on Muslim Americans Fuel Increase in Hate Crime, F.B.I. Says

New York Times, Eric Lichtblau, 2016 11 15

Washington - The F.B.I. reported Monday that attacks against American Muslims surged last year, driving an overall increase in hate crime against all groups. The data, which is the most comprehensive look at hate crime nationwide, expanded on previous findings by researchers and

outside monitors, who have noted an alarming rise in some types of crimes tied to the vitriol of this year's presidential campaign and the aftermath of terrorist attacks at home and abroad since 2015. That trend appears to have spiked in just the last week, with civil rights groups and news organizations reporting dozens of verbal or physical assaults on minorities and others that appear to have been fueled by divisions over the election. In its report on Monday, the F.B.I. cataloged a total of 5,818 hate crimes in 2015 -- a rise of about 6 percent over the previous year -- including assaults, bombings, threats, and property destruction against minorities, women, gays and others. Attacks against Muslim Americans saw the biggest surge. There were 257 reports of assaults, attacks on mosques and other hate crimes against Muslims last year, a jump of about 67 percent over 2014. It was the highest total since 2001, when more than 480 attacks occurred in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

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15. CIA, NSA ordered to reveal to judge whether they were involved in Occupy Philly surveillance

Philadelphia Inquirer, Jeremy Roebuck, 2016 11 15

Philadelphia - A federal judge has ordered the CIA and the National Security Agency to disclose to him whether they were involved in spying on Occupy Philadelphia protesters during their monthlong demonstration at what is now Dilworth Park five years ago. Responding to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit filed by a lawyer for the demonstrators, U.S. District Judge Berle M. Schiller gave the agencies until early next year to submit a list of any records detailing the agencies' potential surveillance activities, along with a justification of why those documents should be withheld from public disclosure. Schiller said he would rely upon that list to determine whether to release such documents or whether he would need to examine such records in person before making his decision.

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16. Govt Reads Riot Act to Defence, Intelligence Agencies On National Security

This Day, Staff report, 2016 11 15

Abuja - The federal government has charged the defence, security and intelligence agencies to either come up with novel, actionable and effective strategies on sustainable solution to the burgeoning security challenges in the country or be sanctioned. The Minister of Defence, Brig-Gen. Muhammad Mansur Dan-Ali (rtd), gave the riot act yesterday while declaring open the 2016 Defence Advisers/Attaches (DAs) Annual Conference tagged: "Harnessing the Potentials of Defence Attache System for improved National Security in Nigeria", at the Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA) Headquarters, Abuja. To this end, Dan-Ali warned the DAs and concerned authorities that the federal government would no longer tolerate any form of shoddiness and lack of creativity in handling of national security matters. He called for innovation, noting that "given the complexity and uncertainty of today's security environment, our defence architecture and thought process would have to significantly to provide sustainable military and political outcomes.

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17. How Trump Can Gut Obama's National Security Policies on Day One

NBC News, Ken Dilanian, 2016 11 15

New York - President Obama made aggressive use of the CIA and Special Operations Forces to hunt and kill al Qaeda, ISIS and other terror groups. But he also imposed a set of rules designed to regulate the conduct of U.S operatives -- banning torture, for example, and minimizing the risk of civilian casualties in drone strikes. President-elect Trump, who campaigned against those rules, would be able to undo most of those rules in his first hour in office. In fact, if he chooses to do so, Trump can quickly reshape large swaths of American national security policy, much of which is governed by executive orders and presidential policy guidance that can be overridden by the president's signature. That includes U.S. sanctions on Russia, and its recent rapprochement with Cuba. "The range of unilateral presidential authority is astonishingly broad," said Steven Aftergood, who directs the project on government secrecy at the Federation of American Scientists. "If you look at the presidential policy directives issued by Obama, they cover topics as diverse as biological weapons, nuclear weapons policy, intelligence surveillance policy, cyber operations, maritime security, arms-transfer policy, and on and on. And because it is based on presidential authority, it can also be revised and reshaped by a new president." "Although the more visible executive orders on national security involved closing Guantanamo and ending torture," said Stephen Vladeck, a national security expert at the University of Texas School of Law, "the far more significant internal constraints adopted by the Obama administration involved targeted killing and surveillance -- two contexts in which the government embraced limits on its authority that were far more significant than those imposed by Congress or the Constitution, especially as applied to non-citizens overseas." In 2014, in the wake of the Edward Snowden leaks, Obama issued a policy document tightening the rules on surveillance.

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18. Secret Backdoor in Some U.S. Phones Sent Data to China, Analysts Say

New York Times, Matt Apuzzo, Michael S. Schmidt, 2016 11 15

Washington - For about \$50, you can get a smartphone with a high- definition display, fast data service and, according to security contractors, a secret feature: a backdoor that sends all your text messages to China every 72 hours. Security contractors recently discovered preinstalled software in some Android phones that monitors where users go, whom they talk to and what they write in text messages. The American authorities say it is not clear whether this represents secretive data mining for advertising purposes or a Chinese government effort to collect intelligence. International customers and users of disposable or prepaid phones are the people most affected by the software. But the scope is unclear. The Chinese company that wrote the software, Shanghai Adups Technology Company, says its code runs on more than 700 million phones, cars and other smart devices. One American phone manufacturer, BLU Products, said that 120,000 of its phones had been affected and that it had updated the software to eliminate the feature. Kryptowire, the security firm that discovered the vulnerability, said the Adups software transmitted the full contents of text messages, contact lists, call logs, location information and

other data to a Chinese server. The code comes preinstalled on phones and the surveillance is not disclosed to users, said Tom Karygiannis, a vice president of Kryptowire, which is based in Fairfax, Va. "Even if you wanted to, you wouldn't have known about it," he said.

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19. Snowden warns of increase in U.S. domestic spying after Trump victory

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 11 15

Buenos Aires - Donald Trump's election as U.S. president raises concern that Washington may increase the intrusiveness of domestic intelligence gathering, former U.S. spy agency contractor Edward Snowden said on Monday, warning that democratic checks and balances were losing ground to authoritarianism. Snowden lives in Moscow under an asylum deal after he leaked classified information in 2013 that triggered an international furor over the reach of U.S. spy operations. He spoke at a teleconference hosted by Buenos Aires University's law school. "We are starting to substitute open government for sheer authoritarianism, a government based not upon the principle of informed consent granted by people who understand its activities but rather a trust in personalities, a trust in claims, a trust in the hope that they will do the right thing," Snowden said. Washington pledged not to engage in indiscriminate espionage following Snowden's 2013 disclosures. But Snowden questioned if that policy could be modified by new officials "who have a very different set of values and can govern in the dark."

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20. The terrifying prospect of an Attorney General Giuliani

Washington Post, Radley Balko, 2016 11 15

Comment - Among the names being tossed around for Donald Trump's attorney general is Rudy Giuliani, a politician that the journalist Jimmy Breslin once called "a small man in search of a balcony." Of course, Giuliani's name isn't a surprise. The former New York mayor -- who once said that "freedom is about the willingness of every single human being to cede to lawful authority a great deal of discretion about what you do" -- has been a Trump adviser and surrogate for months. He's actively lobbying for the Justice Department post, but he has also been mentioned as a possibility to head up the Department of Homeland Security. It seems likely that Trump's election is the end of criminal-justice reform at the federal level. Given his campaign rhetoric, and Trump's endorsement by nearly every law enforcement agency in the country, I doubt we'll see any more damning reports on police abuse from the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. But Giuliani at Justice is an especially troubling proposition. This is a man whose career has been marked by prosecutorial excesses, knee-jerk defenses of abusive cops and an affinity for using the power of his political offices to get vengeance on his enemies. Note: Radley Balko blogs about criminal justice, the drug war and civil liberties for The Washington Post. He is the author of the book "Rise of the Warrior Cop: The Militarization of America's Police Forces."

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21. Trump's most important new partner: The intelligence community

Washington Post, Michael Hayden, 2016 11 14

Op-ed - I don't envy the president-elect's intelligence briefers. Candidate Donald Trump stormed through the election as a primal force of dystopia, anger and accusation. More often than not, there was little effort to back up accusations with fact. Many of them were, in fact, not true. With that record, a fair question is: What role will facts and fact-bearers play in the Trump administration. What happens when he is told that Syrian refugees are already extremely vetted? Or when his intel briefer dishes up that the Russians really aren't targeting the Islamic State? What controls - - new data or preexisting mythology? For many authoritarian populists (think the leaders of Turkey, Venezuela and Russia), it's the latter. The intelligence community sometimes makes mistakes, but it strives to create a fact-based, inductive view of the world. From as much data as it can acquire, it works to create general conclusions. Not surprisingly, there are often tensions with policy makers who tend to be deductive, trying to apply their vision to specific situations. For its part, the intelligence community needs to understand how the president-elect learns and how contrarian ideas are best served up to him. Not an easy task. And the intelligence community needs to stand its ground, even, or especially, when it is irritating the client in chief. Simply writing down an unwelcome assessment or saying it once is not enough.

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22. Trump Backer Pushes for New CIA 'Enhanced Interrogation'

The Daily Beast, Kimberly Dozier, 2016 11 14

Column - The former senior CIA officer who championed waterboarding hopes President-elect Donald Trump will bring harsh interrogation methods--and bring the CIA back into the business of interrogating terrorist suspects. "We have to be able to capture terrorists. We have to be able to interrogate them. We don't do that anymore," said Jose Rodriguez, who led the CIA's clandestine service during the Bush administration. A Trump supporter, Rodriguez said he didn't want to lead the CIA, though he has been named as a possible pick. But he does want to bring back some form of now-illegal interrogation measures, like waterboarding, sleep deprivation, and other so-called "enhanced interrogation methods" approved by the Bush White House to question terrorist suspects in the wake of the al-Qaeda attacks of 9/11. "Enhanced interrogation techniques are well known to the enemy and we would have to come up with something else," he told The Daily Beast, though he declined to describe what that might entail. He also wants the Trump administration to block current cases against CIA employees who carried out the program. Trump said during the presidential campaign he would bring back waterboarding "and much worse."

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23. Trump team seeks top-secret security clearances for Trump's children

CBS News, Julianna Goldman, 2016 11 15

New York - President-elect Donald Trump is potentially seeking top secret security clearances for his children, sources tell CBS News. The Trump team has asked the White House to explore

the possibility of getting his children the top secret security clearances. Logistically, the children would need to be designated by the current White House as national security advisers to their father to receive top secret clearances. However, once Mr. Trump becomes president, he would be able to put in the request himself. His children would need to fill out the security questionnaire (SF-86) and go through the requisite background checks. While nepotism rules prevent the president-elect from hiring his kids to work in the White House, they do not need to be government officials to receive top secret security clearances.

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24. U.S. on alert for new nuclear or missile tests by N. Korea

USA Today, Kirk Spitzer, 2016 11 15

Washington - Among the pressing issues facing President-elect Donald Trump when he takes office on Inauguration Day will be North Korea's rogue nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs -- and a crisis might not wait that long. U.S. forces and allies in Japan and South Korea are on alert for a new missile launch after recent satellite imagery that showed what appeared to be potential preparations at North Korea's Sohae launch facility. North Korea has carried out two nuclear weapons tests and dozens of missile tests and launches this year in defiance of United Nations sanctions. Although not all the missile tests have been successful, the North has made significant advances in developing nuclear weapons and the technology needed to mount them to long-range missiles. South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said last week it was closely monitoring moves by the North Korean military at its Punggye-ri nuclear test site and other possible missile-launching sites and is prepared to respond to any provocative acts, South Korea's Yonhap News Agency reported. North Korea's leaders have often timed weapons tests or other provocative actions to key dates and events at home or overseas as a way of drawing attention to its demands.

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25. Amber Rudd orders Lauri Love extradition to US on hacking charges

Press Association, Staff report, 2016 11 14

London - The home secretary, Amber Rudd, has signed an order for the extradition of a British man to the US, where his lawyers believe he could face up to 99 years in prison if convicted of computer hacking charges. Lauri Love is accused of stealing large amounts of data from US government agencies such as the Federal Reserve, the army, the Department of Defence, Nasa and the FBI in a spate of online attacks in 2012 and 2013. The 31-year-old activist, who has Asperger's syndrome, lost his legal challenge to avoid extradition in September, and on Monday the Home Office said the necessary order allowing his removal had been signed after Rudd "carefully considered all relevant matters". The Home Office said Love "has been charged with various computer hacking offences which included targeting US military and federal government agencies". He has 14 days to appeal against the order and is expected to do so. Love, who also

has depression and eczema, had argued that his health means a jail term in the US could drive him towards a mental breakdown or suicide.

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26. Assange agrees to take DNA test over rape allegations

London Times, John Simpson, 2016 11 15

London - Julian Assange has agreed to take a DNA test over an allegation that he raped a woman in her sleep, after he was questioned at the Ecuadorean embassy in London yesterday. Mr Assange, 45, who founded the whistleblower website WikiLeaks, has taken refuge at the embassy since losing an extradition battle in 2012. There has been a four-year stalemate over his demand to be interviewed there. The Swedish authorities wanted to question him in Stockholm, where two women lodged complaints of rape and sexual assault against him in 2010. The five-year statute of limitations for one of the women's claims has now passed. Mr Assange insists that his sexual encounters with the women were consensual. He has argued throughout that he faces onward extradition to the US, where he believes that he could be jailed for sedition and espionage after WikiLeaks released thousands of US military and diplomatic secrets.

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27. Donald Trump's new chief strategist Steve Bannon 'will call Nigel Farage before Theresa May'

London Daily Telegraph, Christopher Hope, Peter Dominiczak, 2016 11 15

London - Donald Trump will consult Nigel Farage about any policy proposals which will affect Britain before he contacts Theresa May, according to the Ukip leader's aides. Steve Bannon, Mr Trump's chief strategist, will "run ideas" past the Ukip leader before discussing them with the British Prime Minister, claims Arron Banks, the millionaire Ukip donor. Mr Banks and Mr Farage met with Mr Bannon and Mr Trump for talks in New York on Saturday. The news came as ministers vowed to defy Mrs May by holding talks with Mr Farage about his meetings with the president-elect in New York at the weekend. Downing Street has reacted angrily to a Cabinet backlash over Mrs May's decision to dismiss Mr Farage's offer to "mend fences" with the Trump camp, after disobliging comments by ministers and No 10 aides during the US presidential election campaign.

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28. UK accused of withholding evidence over Russian whistleblower's death

The Guardian (London), Luke Harding, 2016 11 15

London - The government is refusing to release "super-sensitive" evidence from Britain's spy agencies which could shed light on the mysterious death of a Russian whistleblower, the high court has heard, fuelling perceptions of a cover-up. The home secretary, Amber Rudd, has made an application preventing the disclosure of intelligence files concerning Alexander Perepilichnyy, who collapsed and died in November 2012 outside his luxury home in

Weybridge, Surrey, after he had been out jogging. He was 44. Surrey police have said there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding his death. However, a pre-inquest hearing heard that traces of a rare and deadly plant poison, Gelsemium elegans, were discovered in his stomach and that the poison has been used in the past by Russian and Chinese assassins. On Monday, the case spilled over into the high court. The judge, Mr Justice Cranston, held two sessions: one open to the public and the other secret. The home secretary had filed a public interest immunity (PII) certificate, arguing that disclosure of possible evidence from MI5 and MI6 might damage national security. In the months before his death, Perepilichnyy received a number of death threats.

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29. UK opts in to new Europol intelligence-sharing programme

Financial Times, Helen Warrell, 2016 11 14

London - The UK will opt in to a new intelligence-sharing programme with EU law enforcement agency Europol, in an effort to boost cross-border action against terrorism and cyber crime ahead of Brexit. Brandon Lewis, policing minister, said on Monday that while it was still "too early to speculate" on whether security co-operation would continue after Britain leaves the EU, the government had decided to join the updated Europol framework in the short term. It is UK's first significant opt-in decision since the June referendum. Britain's collaboration in Europol was due to expire in May 2017 because the last government initially rejected the new programme, fearing it would reduce the operational independence of UK policing and increase the obligation to share intelligence data. Ministers have now secured concessions that do not extend the agency's powers over member states. Historically, Europol has been able to gather and disseminate intelligence, but its officers have no executive powers such as the right to make arrests. Following the terrorist attacks in Paris last year, some European interior ministers have called for more power for the agency. Charles Michel, Belgium's prime minister, even suggested the EU should set up a "European CIA". The new agreement falls far short of this, giving a "clear mandate" only to the EU's internet referrals unit, which tackles online terrorist propaganda, and allowing Europol to initiate investigations together with member states.

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30. Strict bail conditions, including \$250k bond, for 22yo Sydney man charged with terrorism-related offences

ABC (Australia), Stephanie Dalzell and Jackson Vernon, 2016 11 15

Sydney - A 22-year-old Sydney man arrested over alleged terrorism-related offences has been granted bail with strict conditions that include a \$250,000 bond. Muhammad Abdul Karim Musleh was arrested by the Joint Counter Terrorism Team at a property in Wattle Grove, in Sydney's south-west, on Tuesday. Authorities allege he travelled to the Syrian conflict zone in 2013, and played an active role in supporting others to travel to the region. His defence counsel, Greg Scragg, told Parramatta Local Court Musleh's parents had offered a bail bond of \$250,000.

Mr Scragg said Musleh's mother, who is a government interpreter, and his father, an accountant for Transport NSW, would take out a second mortgage on their home in order to meet the payment. "My client understands if he was to breach bail conditions he puts at risk his mother's money and his family home," she said. "It has been explained to him in clear terms." The Crown prosecutor told the court bail was not opposed, as long any flight risk was mitigated by a set of stringent conditions.

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31. Case Looms for Possible U.S. War Crimes in Afghanistan

New York Times, Somini Sengupta, Marlise Simons, 2016 11 15

New York - The prosecutor of the International Criminal Court said Monday that she had a "reasonable basis to believe" that American soldiers committed war crimes in Afghanistan, including torture. The international prosecutor has been considering whether to begin a full-fledged investigation into potential war crimes in Afghanistan for years. In Monday's announcement, the prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, signaled that a full investigation was likely. Still, the prosecutor did not announce a final decision on an investigation, which would have to be approved by judges, and it is unlikely that the United States will cooperate. The United States is not a party to the court, which was established to prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. But Afghanistan is a member of the court, so allegations of crimes committed in its territory, no matter the nationality of the perpetrators, are widely considered to be fair game. David Bosco, an Indiana University professor who follows the court, said the language of the report suggested that Ms. Bensouda was ready to seek its permission to proceed to an investigation in "a matter of days or weeks."

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32. Ghani wants Haibatullah's name added to UN sanctions' list

Pajhwok Afghan News, Azizullah Hamdard, 2016 11 15

Kabul - President Ashraf Ghani on Monday asked the United Nations Security Council to include names of all terrorists, including the current Taliban supreme leader, Mullah Haibatullah, in its sanctions list. A statement from the Presidential Palace said the president told a UN's sanctions delegation that the world's body should consider terrorism a long-term threat. The president stressed continued war on terrorism and said: "We want all terrorists and the current Taliban leader Mullah Haibatullah's names to be added to the UNSC list." The president asked the UN delegation to establish a coordinated mechanism for further discussing the issue "We want a long lasting peace in Afghanistan and for this reason we are ready with an obvious strategy." Ghani said the war in Afghanistan was not internal but had different dimensions.

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33. Unprovoked Indian firing at LoC could lead to 'strategic miscalculation'

The International News, Mariana Baabar, 2016 11 15

Islamabad - The civil and military leadership on Monday strongly deplored the continuous ceasefire violations by the Indian forces which on Sunday night saw seven Pakistani soldiers killed in Thub near the Bhimber area, with Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif directing his soldiers at the Line of Control (LoC) to 'effectively' respond to India's unprovoked firing across the border, promising that his army would continue to respond effectively and leave no stone unturned to defend the motherland. Pakistan impressed upon India that these continuous violations could lead to "a strategic miscalculation". As Raheel Sharif honoured his dead soldiers by attending their funeral ceremony in Jhelum, he also attended a briefing on the latest situation, including the continuous unprovoked ceasefire by India. The foreign secretary deplored the increasing Indian ceasefire violations at the LoC and the Working Boundary, especially in the last two months.

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34. US may be guilty of war crimes in Afghanistan: ICC

Pajhwok Afghan News, S. Mudassir Ali Shah, 2016 11 15

Kabul - US military and US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) personnel may be guilty of committing war crimes during the interrogation of detainees in Afghanistan, says the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague. ICC Chief Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda said in a report on Monday there was "reasonable basis to believe that, in the course of interrogating these detainees ... members of the US armed forces and CIA resorted to techniques amounting to the commission of the war crimes of torture, cruel treatment ... and rape." Unveiling the results of a preliminary inquiry into the US actions in Afghanistan, the prosecutor said the court would decide soon whether to conduct a full-scale investigation. "These alleged crimes were not the abuses of a few isolated individuals."

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35. Egypt's Mohamed Morsi has death sentence overturned

Al Jazeera, 2016 11 15

Cairo - Egypt's court of cassation has overturned a death sentence against the country's deposed president Mohamed Morsi and ordered a retrial, according to reports. The country's first democratically elected president, Morsi was overthrown by a military coup in July 2013 after having served just one year of a four-year term. The organisation to which he belonged, the Muslim Brotherhood, has since been outlawed. A government crackdown on the movement, as well as other groups, has resulted in tens of thousands of arrests and mass trials. Morsi was tried in an Egyptian court on several charges, including one of escaping prison during the 2011 uprising against then-president Hosni Mubarak. He was also accused of sharing state secrets with

foreign powers, including Qatar. His defence argued that he was merely engaging all foreign entities within the limits that any head of state would.

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36. Nigeria's Biafra Separatists See Hope in Trump

Voice of America, Chika Odua, 2016 11 14

Abuja - The head of the Biafra separatist movement in Nigeria has written an open letter to U.S. President-elect Donald Trump. The movement hopes Trump, who backed British voters' decision to leave the European Union, will also support a push for Biafra to win independence. The letter, sent by a Nigerian activist named Nnamdi Kanu, contains a forceful appeal to the U.S. president-elect. It says Trump's victory placed upon him a "historic and moral burden ... to liberate the enslaved nations in Africa," which it says are trapped in artificial boundaries designed to reinforce colonial domination. Kanu currently sits in a prison in the Nigerian capital, Abuja, charged with treason for supporting a movement calling for territories in southeastern Nigeria to break away and form a country called Biafra. Biafra tried to break away once before -- in a three-year war starting in 1967 that left at least 1 million people dead, mostly from starvation.

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37. Terrorisme: ouverture à Grand-Bassam de la 8^e réunion des chefs des services de renseignement

Agence de Presse Africaine, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 14

Grand-Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire - Terrorisme: ouverture à Grand-Bassam de la 8^e réunion des chefs des services de renseignement des pays Sahélo-sahariens La huitième réunion des chefs des services de renseignement des pays Sahélo-sahariens s'est ouverte, lundi, à Grand-Bassam, ville balnéaire ivoirienne située à quelque 20 km au Sud d'Abidjan et ayant subi une attaque terroriste en mars dernier, a constaté APA sur place. L'ouverture s'est déroulée en présence du ministre ivoirien de l'intégration africaine et des Ivoiriens de l'extérieur Ally Coulibaly et de l'ancien président du Burundi, Pierre Buyoya, chef de la Mission africaine pour le Mali et le Sahel (Misahel). Cette rencontre, la huitième du genre, s'inscrit dans le cadre du processus de Nouakchott mis en marche en mars 2013. Selon le Commissaire Paix et sécurité de l'Union Africaine, Chergui Smaïl, elle permettra de passer en revue la situation sécuritaire de la région, à faire l'état de la mise en oeuvre du processus de Nouakchott et à faire un point des activités de l'Unité et de liaison de l'UA.

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38. Au Venezuela, les radicaux pèsent sur les négociations

Le Monde, Paulo A. Paranagua, 2016 11 15

Caracas, Vénézuéla - Pouvoir et opposition poursuivront le dialogue le 6 décembre La deuxième réunion du dialogue entre le gouvernement chaviste et l'opposition de centre gauche s'est achevée, samedi 12 novembre, après deux jours de discussions à huis clos à Caracas. La principale conclusion annoncée est la poursuite des tractations. " Nous nous engageons solennellement à ce que nos divergences politiques trouvent une réponse uniquement dans le strict cadre constitutionnel, démocratique, pacifique et électoral " ,préciseune déclaration conjointe. Toutefois, ni le référendum révocatoire prévu par la Constitution pour écourter le mandat du président Nicolas Maduro ni des élections anticipées ne figurent parmi les points d'accord de cette deuxième session de négociations. " Une issue électorale? Une issue pour aller où?(...) Que personne ne s'obnubile avec des processus électoraux qui ne sont pas dans la Constitution " , a souligné dimanche M. Maduro. Un membre de la coalition d'opposition, la Table de l'unité démocratique (MUD), Carlos Ocariz, a évoqué la libération de prisonniers politiques, sans en préciser ni le nombre ni la date. Selon -Alfredo Romero, animateur du -Forum pénal vénézuélien, une soixantaine d'entre eux sont détenus depuis plus de deux ans sans jugement et devraient donc être immédiatement libérés, ce que les autorités refusent. Le quotidien El Nacional s'interroge à ce sujet sur le rôle du général Gustavo Gonzalez Lopez, chef de la police politique, le Service de renseignement bolivarien (Sebin), qui emprisonne des opposants sans ordre émanant d'une autorité judiciaire.

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39. Venezuela's Nicolas Maduro rules out early election

BBC News, Staff report, 2016 11 15

Caracas - Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has ruled out holding early elections amid calls from opposition groups for him to step down. Speaking on his television programme, Mr Maduro said "nobody should get obsessed with electoral processes that are not in the constitution". His comment comes a day after the government and opposition groups agreed on a road map to resolve Venezuela's political and economic crisis. Mr Maduro's term ends in early 2019.

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40. Azhar sanctions: Uri out of India's proposal to U.N.

The Hindu, Vijaita Singh, Suhasini Haidar, 2016 11 15

New Delhi - India has decided to drop any reference to the Uri attack from its proposal to be placed before a United Nations sanctions committee to designate Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) chief Masood Azhar as an international terrorist, a senior government official told The Hindu. China had put a technical hold on this proposal in April this year, which was extended on October 1. Within hours of the attack on the Uri Army camp on September 18, where 18 soldiers were killed, the Director-General of Military Operations Lt. General Ranbir Singh told a press conference in Delhi that the attack was carried out by two terrorists belonging to the JeM. The investigations were then handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), which is yet to conclude its probe. Intelligence officials, however, have said the modus operandi of the Uri

attack had tell tale signs that it was carried out by Lashkar-e-Taiba, another Pakistan-based terrorist outfit.

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41. Cybersecurity Law aims to 'protect people's interests'

China Daily, Cao Yin, 2016 11 15

Beijing - Cybersecurity and related issues have been hot topics among internet and judicial experts since China's first Cybersecurity Law was adopted earlier this month. The law and its related topics, including how to put coordination of government departments into practice and how to review products and services before they are made available on the internet, will also be heated topics of discussion at the World Internet Conference, experts said. Li Yuxiao, secretary-general of the Cybersecurity Association of China, said that he will go to Wuzhen, Zhejiang province, to participate in the third WIC, which runs from Wednesday to Friday, adding that one of his focuses will be legal issues. "It's good to see that our nation has finally drawn up and adopted its first Cybersecurity Law," Li said. "It's the guide when we draft some other cybersecurity-related rules, and I think its adoption has brought more confidence to internet and judicial professionals," he said. "I'd like to share the law with foreign guests and listen to their opinions at the conference." The law, with 79 articles, was approved by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China's top legislature, on Nov 7, and will be effective on June 1, 2017.

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42. India, Israel to intensify defence, anti-terror cooperation

Press Trust of India, 2016 11 15

New Delhi - Reflecting their growing proximity, India and Israel on Tuesday decided to further "broad-base" their already close defence partnership and intensify cooperation in combating radicalisation and extremism, while calling upon global community to act tough against terror networks and States harbouring them. The two countries also agreed to deepen their cooperation in a variety of areas including trade and investment, agriculture, water resources and cyber crime during extensive talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Israeli President Reuven Rivlin, who is on his first visit to India. Giving gist of his talks with the Israeli leader, Modi, in a media statement, said people of both countries were constantly threatened by forces of terrorism and extremism and both sides agreed to intensify cooperation in combating them effectively, particularly having "practical and specific" engagement such as in the cyber domain.

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43. New agencies to aid anti-graft fight

China Daily, Du Juan, 2016 11 15

Beijing - China's capital city will integrate all anti-corruption resources to strengthen intra-Party supervision in a more effective way, Beijing Party chief Guo Jinlong said on Sunday. He made

the statement during the first meeting of Beijing's work group on a pilot program to form a supervision committee. Last week, the CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection said new supervision committees will be formed in Beijing, and Shanxi and Zhejiang provinces, aimed at better combating corruption, adding that the program might be expanded nationwide. The committees will be independent from local government to prevent interference, while members of the committees will be elected by local legislators and headed by the provincial Party chief, according to a China Daily interview with an insider who declined to be named. Guo said that Beijing has already conducted substantial research into the program according to the requirements of the central government. "The plan for the new committees is being drafted," Guo said, adding the new committee will begin operations in January. The CCDI said the committees will ensure full coverage of all government officials and public servants involved.

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44. Opposition cries foul over Korea-Japan military pact

Korea Herald, Staff reporter, 2016 11 15

Seoul - Opposition parties Tuesday set in motion a campaign to oust Defense Minister Han Min-koo over a controversial military pact with Japan that was tentatively signed by the two sides late Monday. Making good on their pledge, the three groups -- the Democratic Party of Korea, People's Party and Justice Party -- decided to submit a parliamentary motion to recommend the minister's dismissal on Nov. 30 and put it to vote at a plenary session slated for Dec. 2. Its passage is likely, since the opposition bloc controls more than a majority of seats in Parliament. A provisional deal was reached in Tokyo on Monday evening on the General Security of Military Information Agreement, which aims to enhance cooperation in coping with North Korea's growing nuclear and missile threats. It does not require parliamentary ratification. A previous effort to sign the deal was derailed in 2012 in the face of strong public disapproval in Seoul. The opposition parties have threatened to unseat the defense minister if he pushes through the deal this time, without public consensus.

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45. S. Korea to put intel-sharing pact with Japan up for Cabinet approval

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 15

Seoul - South Korea will put the military intelligence-sharing pact it reached with Japan up for final Cabinet approval this week, the foreign ministry said Tuesday, as Seoul is moving to finalize the controversial deal despite local objections. South Korea and Japan tentatively signed the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA) on Monday, which would allow the South to share its sensitive military intelligence on North Korea with Japan. The Ministry of Government Legislation has checked the deal and "upon the completion of screening, the deal may get introduced to the next vice ministerial meeting on Thursday," ministry spokesman Cho June-hyuck said in a press briefing. Approval at the vice ministerial session will allow it to be forwarded to a Cabinet meeting, the spokesman said. The next Cabinet meeting after Thursday is set for Nov. 22. It is the Asian neighbors' second attempt to forge a military pact in the face of mounting threats from North Korea's nuclear and missile programs.

Four years ago, the countries came close to reaching the deal, but it fell apart amid a public outcry over the military deal involving the former colonizer.

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46. Trump and Xi Jinping, China's Leader, Hold Cordial First Phone Call

New York Times, Javier C. Hernandez, 2016 11 15

Beijing - Donald J. Trump has called China a "currency manipulator," threatened to impose stiff tariffs on Chinese imports and accused the country of inventing the idea of climate change to hurt American businesses. But in his first telephone conversation with President Xi Jinping of China, Mr. Trump, now the president-elect, appeared to set aside those critiques expressed on the campaign trail, vowing that the two nations would have "one of the strongest relationships," according to a statement released by Mr. Trump's transition office, Reuters reported. Mr. Xi, in turn, told Mr. Trump that "facts have shown that cooperation is the only correct choice" for the United States and China, according to Xinhua, the Chinese state news agency. In the phone call, which took place on Monday Beijing time, the two men agreed to maintain close communications and to meet at an early date. Despite the optimistic tone, analysts believe the relationship between Mr. Trump and Mr. Xi could grow tense if Mr. Trump follows through on his campaign promises, including a vow to impose a 45 percent tax on Chinese imports. Already, foreign policy experts in China appear to be nervous about the prospect of a trade war.

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47. FSB detains five members of IS-affiliated group suspected of plotting terror attacks

ITAR-TASS World Service, Staff report, 2016 11 15

Moscow - Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) has arrested five members of a criminal group affiliated with the Islamic State (IS, terror group outlawed in Russia), suspected of plotting terror attacks in the Republic of Ingushetia and Moscow, the FSB press service told TASS. "Russia's Federal Security Service has thwarted the activities of a criminal group established to carry out terror and extremist attacks in the Republic of Ingushetia and Moscow. The group is affiliated with the Islamic State international terrorist organization," the press service said. Five firearms, two homemade explosive devices containing around 10 kilograms of TNT equivalent each, homemade electric detonators, some components of explosive devices and various types of ammunition have been seized from the suspected terrorists. A criminal case has been opened against the arrested persons for participating in the activities of a terror group outlawed in Russia.

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48. Putin and Trump Talk on Phone and Agree to Improve Ties, Kremlin Says

New York Times, Neil MacFarquhar, 2016 11 15

Moscow - President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia and President-elect Donald J. Trump spoke by telephone for the first time on Monday, agreeing to review what both consider the poor state of relations between the two countries, according to a statement from the Kremlin. The two agreed "on the absolutely unsatisfactory state of bilateral relations," said the statement, and they both endorsed the idea of undertaking joint efforts "to normalize relations and pursue constructive cooperation on the broadest possible range of issues." The issues discussed included trade and economic ties as well as combating terrorism. Mr. Putin was one of the first world leaders to congratulate Mr. Trump last Wednesday, sending him a telegram about an hour after he had emerged the victor, but the two men have not met nor had they spoken previously. Mr. Putin repeated the congratulations over the phone. The Russian president said he hoped that Moscow could build a "collaborative dialogue" with Washington on the bases of "equality, mutual respect and noninterference in the other's internal affairs," the release said. The two men also discussed Syria in the context of "the need to work together in the struggle against the No. 1 common enemy -- international terrorism and extremism," the statement said.

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49. À Mossoul, l'âpre percée des forces spéciales irakiennes

Le Figaro, Adrien Jaulmes, 2016 11 15

Mossoul, Iraq - Un mois après le début de l'offensive contre Daech, les combats sont loin d'être terminés. Ils se sont d'abord livrés dans les villages de la plaine de Ninive, fortifiés par l'État islamique, avant d'atteindre la périphérie de Mossoul. Les forces irakiennes sont désormais à trois kilomètres du Tigre, le grand fleuve qui traverse la ville du nord vers le sud. Le long de la route numéro 2, large avenue qui traverse en ligne droite les faubourgs de Mossoul en direction du centre-ville, beaucoup des bâtiments ont été écrasés par des bombes comme avec un marteau géant. Aucun être vivant n'est visible et les rues ressemblent à celles d'une ville fantôme, alignement interminable de commerces et d'entrepôts, de maisons d'habitation et d'immeubles bas. De temps en temps, des obus d'artillerie traversent le ciel avec un bruissement métallique avant d'aller exploser un peu plus loin. Parfois, un camion militaire irakien recouvert de plaques de blindage fonce en direction des combats, chargé de soldats ou de cartons de ravitaillement, ou bien une ambulance revient toutes sirènes hurlantes de la bataille.

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50. Iran, China sign defense cooperation deal

Tehran Times, 2016 11 15

Tehran - The defense ministers of Iran and China signed on Monday an agreement to shore up defense cooperation, a show of unity in a war-torn Middle East. "The upgrading of relations and long-term defense-military cooperation with China is one of the main priorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran's defense diplomacy..." Iranian Defense Minister Hossein Dehqan said at a meeting with visiting Chinese counterpart General Chang Wanquan. Wenquan arrived in Tehran on Sunday for a three-day visit. "We assess the visit of the Chinese defense minister in

line with this (Iran's defense diplomacy," Brigadier General Dehqan added. The agreement envisions, inter alia, counterterrorism efforts and exchange of experiences in personnel training between the two militaries. No more details were available. Closer military cooperation between Iran and China is advantageous to regional and international peace, the Iranian commander stressed.

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51. Iraq's battle-hardened Golden Division seek their greatest victory in Mosul

The National (UAE), Florian Neuhof, 2016 11 15

Mosul - Darkness has fallen as Col Muntabar Al Samari gets out of his black Humvee in a residential street in the abandoned Christian town of Bartella. His heavy frame is set against the night sky as he pauses on the porch of the house that has served as a base for his unit of elite fighters since they set themselves up in the town for the push into nearby Mosul. He looks tired; a day's fighting behind him. For several days, the Iraqi Special Operations Forces that the colonel and his men are part of have been in intense combat. The campaign to liberate Mosul has been under way since October 17, and on November 4 armoured vehicles from the force breached the extremist's outer defences and entered the city. Around 4,000 of the elite troops are now positioned in the eastern outskirts of Mosul, while the 1st Infantry Division and the 9th Armoured Division of the Iraqi army is fighting on the south-eastern fringes.

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52. Abu Dhabi security conference sets focus to cyber threats

The National (UAE), Caline Malek, 2016 11 15

Abu Dhabi - How to stay ahead of online threats and combat them will be at the heart of discussions at a cybersecurity conference that kicks off in the capital on Tuesday. Defining a new security roadmap, the current state of electronic security, advanced threat detection and risk management are some of the topics that will be discussed by more than 1,000 security experts and officials at the two-day RSA conference. The predominant concern for the UAE is the transition to smart cities. "The UAE has experienced a growth of digitalisation, smart cities and smart government," said Scott Manson, cybersecurity leader for the Middle East and Turkey at Cisco. "We're seeing through this innovation age a lot more need for more security and a huge amount of cybertechnology." He said if the UAE continued to grow and benefit from digitalisation, the way forward would be to continue to oversecure its intellectual property and key data.

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53. FSA is a terrorist group

Lebanon Daily Star, Youssef Diab, 2016 11 15

Beirut - During a Military Tribunal case Monday, the public prosecutor labeled the Free Syrian Army a terrorist organization. "We hear about this organization all the time ... someone belonging to the FSA. For us they are no different from Daesh [ISIS] and the Nusra Front; they are just a bunch of terrorists that spread corruption," Public Prosecutor Judge Fadi Okayki told the court. "Wherever they go, destruction follows. Any armed organization that bears arms is a terrorist organization, no matter what their name." The trial centers on Fajer Faraj, who was arrested as he attempted to leave Lebanon for Turkey on his way to Germany. He denied belonging to a terrorist organization or fighting the Army in the Lebanese border town of Arsal. "After the battle I moved to Wadi Hmeid where I enlisted with the FSA, as did most of the men of my village," Faraj told the court. "But when they moved to Deraa [in Syria] I refused and left."

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54. Houthi Militias Cannot Suppress Civilian Protests with Brutality

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 11 15

Aden - Yemeni Prime Minister Ahmed Obeid Bin Dagher said that the sudden disappearance of liquid cash from both Sanaa and Hodeidah Central Bank branches, in addition to the registered deficiency in the bank's ability discharge the payroll of employees is a reason for great concern. Citizens are directly affected by the delayed salaries. More so, civilian life has been rendered to absolute torment and difficulty by the Iran-backed militias who wreaked havoc over Yemen. Hundreds took to the streets of Yemen's capital Sanaa and the southern port city of Aden on Sunday to protest a liquidity crunch that has prevented authorities from paying salaries for the past three months. Security forces loyal to the anti- government Houthi rebels dispersed dozens of protesters in Sanaa. They also maintained a heavier-than-usual presence throughout the capital in anticipation of renewed protests.

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55. Terrorisme « Pour Daech, les vidéos d'exécution font office de purge politico-religieuse »

L'Humanité, Ixchel Delaporte, 2016 11 15

Paris - La chercheuse Alexandra Herfroy-Mischler a décrypté le contenu d'une soixantaine de vidéos de décapitation, tournées au Pakistan, en Afghanistan et en Syrie. Un travail inédit qui questionne la stratégie de communication de Daech en direction des populations locales. Et interroge également le rôle des médias occidentaux dans cette « dynamique de l'horreur et de la peur ». Chercheuse associée au CNRS, au Centre de recherche français de Jérusalem (CRFJ), Alexandra Herfroy-Mischler travaille également pour le Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace, à l'Université hébraïque de Jérusalem. Vous avez travaillé sur 62 vidéos de décapitation, immolation et exécution produites par Daech entre août 2014 et juin 2015. Quel était votre objectif ? Alexandra Herfroy-Mischler On voulait rassembler ces vidéos pour en connaître leur contenu précis, comment elles avaient été fabriquées, avec quels moyens, quelles durées, dans quelles langues et surtout décrypter attentivement chaque message. Les vidéos n'ont pas une unité de temps. Elles peuvent aller de cinq à vingt-trois minutes. Nous avons aussi

constaté que leur production est exponentielle. Nous avons eu une première surprise : la plupart des vidéos (24 sur 62) sont produites par des entités locales et non pas par les trois agences de presse officielles de Daech, Al-Hayat, Al-I'tisam et Al-Furqan. Fabriquées localement, elles sont ensuite rattachées à Daech. Sur ces 24 vidéos locales, prises sur le vif, seulement 16 % possèdent des micros, avec un niveau technologique peu avancé. L'autre aspect, c'est que 45 des 62 vidéos sont produites en arabe sans sous-titre. La certitude que ces vidéos faisaient partie d'une stratégie de propagande internationale a été complètement mise en cause par ces résultats inattendus.

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56. What can be done about Europe's listless pursuit of Hezbollah terrorists? (Canada).

Jerusalem Post, Benjamin Weinthal, 2016 11 15

Jerusalem - After murdering five Israelis and their Bulgarian bus driver in 2012, two Hezbollah operatives who were put on trial in absentia on Thursday at a Sofia court remain secure in Lebanon. The lethargy surrounding the efforts to capture the two mirrors the glacial-like pace of the trial. Procedural difficulties in serving legal notification to all of the Israeli victims, including 32 wounded in the terrorist attack in Burgas, caused a second postponement until December 12. "Iran and Hezbollah were behind the Burgas bombing, just as they were responsible for the atrocities in Argentina. The former head of Bulgaria's counter-terrorism unit and the US government believe both suspects - Lebanese-Canadian Hassan el-Hajj Hassan and Lebanese-Australian Meliad Farah - are in Lebanon. In a sign of waning enthusiasm, there has been no significant action to compel the Lebanese government to extradite the Hezbollah operatives.

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57. What challenges will the CIA face under Trump?

Jerusalem Post, Yonah Jeremy Bob, 2016 11 15

Jerusalem - The biggest immediate challenge and strategic intelligence shift by the CIA and the American special operations forces under President-elect Donald Trump is likely to be in Syria and Iraq. Obama administration officials from the Pentagon have been battling the CIA and the State Department for some time to focus the US fighting as exclusively as possible on Islamic State and not against the Assad regime or other Syrian terrorist groups. Currently, on top of air strikes, at least a few hundred CIA and special forces personnel are advising and providing arms to the Syrian rebels to fight both ISIS and Syrian President Bashar Assad, who ruled the united country until the 2011 civil war broke out and still seeks to regain control of the country. All of that may change on January 20 when Trump takes his seat at the Resolute desk. It has been the job of the CIA to vet which Syrian rebel groups get US arms and advisers and which do not because of links to al-Qaida and other terrorist tendencies.

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There are no stories today. / Il n'y a pas d'histoires aujourd'hui.

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58. « Les mettre tous en prison, c'est une solution temporaire »

Le Soir, Philippe de Boeck, 2016 11 15

Bruxelles - Pour Vincent Seron, chaque pays confronté au phénomène des « returnees » a sa méthode ou en improvise une. La Belgique a une politique et des lois en la matière avec un principe qui est l'incarcération de tout « returnee ». On peut le comprendre à certains égards puisque le facteur de risque est très élevé. En laisser passer un à travers les mailles du filet peut avoir des conséquences dramatiques. L'expérience montre que les « returnees » sont particulièrement dangereux, notamment dans les attentats commis en Europe. En les mettant en prison, on les neutralise temporairement. Mais on sait aussi que la prison est un vecteur de radicalisation. Des gens qui ne l'étaient pas le sont devenus en prison, tels les frères Kouachi, par exemple. Une étude du King's College de Londres vient de démontrer que 17 % des individus suivis se sont radicalisés derrière les barreaux. En Belgique, on incarcère ces détenus dans des sections spécialisées pour assurer une meilleure prise en charge ; mais aussi pour éviter qu'ils contaminent les autres. Certains pays ont pris la voie inverse, à savoir qu'ils tablent sur la contamination positive en les mélangeant dans la société.

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59. Attack on Dutch elections possible warns counter-terror boss

NL Times, Taylor Moore, 2016 11 14

The Hague - With European citizens becoming more polarized when it comes to integration, Islam and asylum, the Netherlands must prepare for a possible attack during the parliamentary elections in March, cautions Dick Schoof, the National Coordinator for Counterterrorism and Security. Radicalized loners, both ultra nationalists and religious fanatics, could be particularly dangerous, he told radio station BNR. He added that the ISIS propaganda machine is relentlessly targeting "vulnerable, impressionable people who are not on the radar screens of security authorities." These online messages are calling on disillusioned people to carry out attacks on behalf of the militant group. But the primary danger is from the alleged jihadists who return to the Netherlands from Iraq and Syria. It is one reason why the Dutch threat level is at its second-highest level. There are European arrest warrants out for about 190 Dutch people who fought in the Syrian Civil War, and whose whereabouts are not known. There were 270 known Dutch people who went to join the uprising there, of which 44 were killed, and roughly 40 returned. With ISIS losing ground, Schoof warns that more may be headed back to the Netherlands.

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60. Enquête Squarcini, ex-chef de la DCRI, aurait mis ses réseaux au service de LVMH

L'Humanité, P. Du., 2016 11 15

Paris - On en sait un peu plus sur les activités troubles de Bernard Squarcini, chef du renseignement intérieur (DCRI) jusqu'en mai 2012. Mis en examen le 4 novembre pour « violation du secret de l'enquête », « trafic d'influence » et « compromission du secret-défense »,

ce proche de Nicolas Sarkozy est soupçonné d'avoir utilisé ses contacts au sein de la justice et de la police pour servir des intérêts privés, au sein de l'officine Kyros. De nouvelles informations, publiées hier par Mediapart, montrent comment il a contribué à l'espionnage, pour le compte de LVMH, des héritiers de la famille Hermès après avoir sollicité un magistrat encore en poste dans le but d'obtenir des informations sur une procédure opposant les deux groupes du luxe. Bernard Squarcini aurait aussi fait appel à un agent de la DGSI pour glaner des informations sur un opposant kazakh.

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61. German Constitutional Court rules out access to NSA's 'selectors' list

Deutsche Welle, Staff report, 2016 11 15

Berlin - The Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe on Tuesday delivered a verdict, saying the government in Berlin did not need to transfer its secret list of spy targets to the commission investigating the US' spy agency NSA's activities in Germany. The government's need to keep certain data confidential outweighed the NSA commission's desire for more details on the issue in this case, judges said in an October decision that was made public on Tuesday. The verdict also said that releasing the "selectors" list without approval from the United States could endanger the functioning of intelligence agencies and jeopardize Germany's effectiveness in matters of national security. Green party politician Konstantin von Notz, who is on the parliamentary committee investigating NSA issues, expressed disappointment at Tuesday's verdict. "Large portions of the illegal BND practices conducted over years will remain in the dark," he said in Berlin, adding that because of the way the systems worked, further scandals and rights violations were "pre-programmed."

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62. Police make raids against suspected 'IS' supporters across 10 states in Germany

Deutsche Welle, Staff report, 2016 11 15

Berlin - A string of raids were carried out across Germany early on Tuesday morning against suspected "Islamic State" (IS) sympathizers. According to news agency DPA, the raids took place in more than 200 homes and offices across 10 federal states. Authorities carried out searches targeting individuals belonging to the "True Religion" Salafist group ("Die wahre Religion"), who have stirred up controversy for passing out a particularly fundamentalist translation of the Koran. Some 65 raids were carried out in the state of Hesse, 15 of them in the city of Frankfurt alone. Every one of the searches took place in Berlin or the former West. Salafism promotes a very strict interpretation of Islamic scripture and the use of Sharia law to impose order. The "True Religion" Salafists targeted in Tuesday's raid have become infamous in Germany in recent years for disseminating copies of the Koran emblazoned with the slogan "Read It!" before they were banned from doing so in pedestrian zones by Interior Minister Thomas de Maizière.

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63. Quand Israël tentait d'espionner la sécurité intérieure

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 11 15

Paris - En 2011-2012, le Mossad a essayé de faire acheter au renseignement intérieur et à la direction de la police des moyens techniques piégés. Les affaires d'espionnage entre les Etats ne se règlent quasi jamais au grand jour. L'évocation dans une procédure judiciaire visant Bernard Squarcini, ex-patron de la sécurité intérieure, d'une tentative d'espionnage de la Direction générale de la police nationale (DGPN) et de la Direction centrale du renseignement intérieur (DCRI) par le Mossad, les services secrets israéliens, est une première. Soupçonné de plusieurs faits, dont certains relevant du trafic d'influence, l'ancien chef de la DCRI, de 2008 à 2012, a en effet révélé, fin septembre, l'existence d'une opération du Mossad contre des intérêts français, après avoir été sommé de s'expliquer sur le placement sur écoute d'un policier en 2011. Suspecté d'avoir pu détourner les moyens de la DCRI pour régler des comptes personnels, M. Squarcini s'est défendu en dévoilant l'enquête de contre-espionnage ciblant les services secrets israéliens dans laquelle ce fonctionnaire a été écouté.

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64. Vaste opération de la police allemande contre un groupe salafiste

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 15

Berlin - La police allemande a annoncé avoir mené mardi matin une vaste série de perquisitions en 200 endroits différents contre un mouvement salafiste soupçonné d'avoir incité 140 personnes à rejoindre les rangs du groupe Etat islamique (EI). Les opérations ont été menées par plusieurs centaines de policiers dans dix Etats régionaux du pays au petit matin et ont visé quelque 190 appartements et bureaux. Le groupe visé, baptisé "La vraie religion" et comptant plusieurs centaines de membres, a été interdit. C'est la deuxième fois seulement depuis 2001, que les autorités allemandes prennent une telle décision: à l'époque, un groupuscule appelé "L'Etat du califat", agissant depuis Cologne, avait lui aussi été interdit en raison de son idéologie extrémiste. Le mouvement visé mardi était dans le collimateur des autorités allemandes en raison d'opérations controversées de distribution de corans dans des zones piétonnières de plusieurs villes, associées au recrutement de volontaires pour le "jihad".

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**1. ISIS, ISIL or something else? Declassified documents reveal struggle over what to call
terrorists**

National Post Online, Stewart Bell, 2016 11 16

Toronto--When a federal bureaucrat circulated a map depicting "the Islamic State's regional spread," an email soon followed from the Foreign Affairs Department saying the document had to be changed. "We do not recognize the group as 'The Islamic State' and it is important it not be suggested that we do," read the email, which proposed amending the wording to " 'the global ambitions of ISIL' or something similar." Declassified documents released under the Access to Information Act show how Canadian officials struggled with language as they drafted a key report on terrorism in the age of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Planning for the latest annual Public Report on the Terrorist Threat to Canada began in April 2015, during the final months of the Conservative government. But the process dragged on for so long it was not released until August 2016. An RCMP analyst said the report failed to recognize the "wide-ranging nature" of the terrorist threat, particularly the danger posed by " 'lower-risk' activities such as the perpetuation of violent ideologies, recruiters, facilitators and fundraising." Michel Coulombe, director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, was concerned about the report's reference to the roughly 180 Canadians overseas taking part in terrorist activities - including about 100 in Syria and Iraq.

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2. Mounties lobbying for more power

Toronto Star and CBC News, Robert Cribb and CBC staff, 2016 11 16

Ottawa - The RCMP is lobbying Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for more powers - including access to digital information without warrants - to investigate suspects who are hiding behind uncrackable encryption on their digital devices, a Toronto Star/CBC investigation has found. "I can safely say that there's criminal activity going on every day that's facilitated by technology that we aren't acting on," RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson told the Toronto Star and CBC in an exclusive interview. "We're losing our ability, if we haven't lost it entirely, to bring the traditional investigative response to technologically facilitated crime because of the misunderstanding, in my view, of the privacy threat." The RCMP has reached a point, Paulson said, that Canadians should "think about where you go with that complaint because I don't know that we can help you." "And that's a terrible thing for a person who's in charge of a police force to say when citizens, when companies, when corporate Canada, or indeed when the government comes to us and says, 'Hey, we've been victimized on the Internet.'" An RCMP briefing document sent June 23 to Trudeau's national security adviser compares Canadian law enforcement's digital investigative capabilities with four western countries - and Canada stands alone. The country lacks police powers in six categories, including legal remedies for cracking encryption, intercepting communications and accessing suspects' identities. The other countries - Australia, the U.K., the U.S. and New Zealand - are, with Canada, members of the Five Eyes intelligence alliance. "When we come up against impediments to getting evidence ... that's demoralizing," Paulson said. Any powers handed to police come with the risk of abuse, said Christopher Parsons, a technology and privacy researcher at the Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto. "The solution is not to say, 'It's very hard for police, just trust us and let us sign off on our own warrants,'" he said. "We know that police will over-exercise that power." In recent weeks, two cases of law enforcement overreaching their powers made scandalous headlines. Two weeks ago, a Federal Court judge denounced the Canadian Security Intelligence Service's monitoring and retention of information on thousands of Canadians' and, in Quebec, police

forces admitted to intercepting and tracking cellphones belonging to at least 10 journalists. "I can't sit here and say that it's going to be a perfect," Paulson said. But when abuses occur, those responsible are held accountable, he said. "Canadians can be persuaded that there is a reasonable, reliable administrative oversight mechanism, that it can be seen externally."

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3. Protéger les sources, à la source

Le Devoir, Denis Ferland, 2016 11 16

Chronique - Le gouvernement fédéral profite pour l'instant du fait que les projecteurs sont braqués sur les patrons politiques des deux corps policiers impliqués dans le scandale de la surveillance des journalistes au Québec pour se tenir sur les lignes de côté. C'est que la réponse du gouvernement libéral nous laisse jusqu'à maintenant sur notre appétit. Bien sûr, M. Trudeau parle de faits "troublants" et de son "ouverture" à apporter des correctifs au besoin. Le ministre responsable de la GRC et du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS), Ralph Goodale, trouve ça "inquiétant" et il rassure en disant que ses services ne se sont pas livrés à de telles pratiques, ce que les patrons des agences ont réitéré. Il considère que le cas Lagacé relève des compétences québécoises, ce qui n'est qu'en partie exact. Oublié par M. Goodale, l'épisode de la surveillance de deux autres journalistes de La Presse par la GRC dans l'affaire Charkaoui nous laisse croire qu'aucun corps policier n'est à l'abri d'un dérapage.

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4. The government isn't out of the nation's bedrooms - yet

Ottawa Citizen, Bruce Hicks, 2016 11 16

Op-ed: On Dec. 21, 1967, a young Liberal "star" justice minister named Pierre Trudeau famously told the media that "there's no place for the state in the bedrooms of the nation." He was defending changes he wanted to make to the Criminal Code through an omnibus bill which, among other things, would remove the absolute ban on homosexual sex acts between men in Canada. At the time this was referred to as Parliament "decriminalizing homosexuality," but that wasn't entirely correct. "Gross indecency," which made any and all homosexual acts illegal (including just two men kissing), wouldn't apply if it took place in private between two (and only two) people over the age of 21. "Buggery" was renamed "anal intercourse" and applied to both gay men and now heterosexual couples (to protect it from a court challenge) with similar restrictions. It is noteworthy that there had never been restrictions on heterosexual sex acts in Canada. There was a statutory rape provision to protect female children under the age of 14. And there were various indecent and later sexual assault rules enacted, but those have nothing to do with consensual sex. With Parliament having just made homosexuality, per se, legal, some Canadian government agencies took it upon themselves to find other ways to restore its illegality. The rationale for the military openly defying changes Parliament had made for the civilian population was that only heterosexual men were "manly" enough to contribute to combat roles, and their very presence would undermine a unit's morale. There were more, disgustingly homophobic, arguments advanced, but they don't bear repeating here. But civilians in the public service were not free from discrimination. Canada's counter-intelligence service, first housed

within the RCMP and then within the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), became obsessed with weeding out homosexuals from the entire public service. Note: Dr. Bruce Hicks is a visiting fellow and adjunct professor at York University and is a former director of Egale Canada.

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5. 'I don't know that we can help you': RCMP boss 'consumed' with 'inability' to investigate in digital world

CBC News and Toronto Star, Dave Seglins, Robert Cribb and Chelsea Gomez, 2016 11 16

Ottawa - The RCMP is lobbying the Prime Minister's Office for new powers to bypass digital roadblocks in cases where national security threats and other "high priority" suspects hide online and operate anonymously beyond the reach of police. "I can safely say that there's criminal activity going on every day that's facilitated by technology that we aren't acting on," RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson told CBC News and the Toronto Star in an exclusive interview. The problem is a major focus for Paulson, and one that only gets more urgent as technology advances and suspects find new ways to cover their digital tracks. "Because of our inability -- and the future inability -- to protect Canadians, both from garden variety criminality and from the national security threat, I see that as really significant," Paulson said. "I'm consumed with trying to make sure that we're able to mitigate the threat." But privacy advocates and civil liberties groups remain unconvinced that effort requires expanded investigative powers for police. On June 23, the RCMP sent Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's national security adviser a briefing note that says Canada lacks strategies and laws to address the technological limitations of police investigations. The RCMP argues the U.S., Australia, the U.K. and New Zealand -- members of our Five Eyes intelligence alliance -- do much more than Canada to help their police forces deal with high-tech obstacles like encryption, and interception and storage of digital information. "It's a challenge," Paulson said. "I think we're lagging." The RCMP briefing note closely mirrors four policy ideas floated in the federal government's green paper on national security, which is open for public consultation. The RCMP and other police leaders say aside from requests for basic subscriber information, these additional powers would be used only in targeted investigations and would require a warrant from a judge.

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6. 'Want him to be safe:' Wife says Turkish-Canadian imam Davud Hanci in solitary

Canadian Press, Lauren Krugel, 2016 11 16

Calgary - The wife of a Calgary imam says he is being held in solitary confinement in Turkey and worrying about his well-being has been torturous. Davud Hanci, who has Canadian and Turkish citizenship, was arrested in July shortly after a failed coup attempt. Rumeysa Hanci says she has not been able to speak to her husband since he was allowed a phone call shortly after he was detained. "I just want him to be safe there and to come home as soon as possible," she said from Toronto, where she is staying with family. "I love him so much and I miss him so much."

She said Canadian government officials have not been able to see him. Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion raised consular cases, including Hanci's situation, on a phone call last week with his Turkish counterpart, said spokeswoman Chantal Gagnon. Freedom of the press and recent terrorist attacks were also discussed. Another Turkish Canadian, Ilhan Erdem, was arrested at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport following the attempted coup.

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7. Bell Canada hacker sentenced to nearly four years in US prison

Ottawa Citizen, Andrew Seymour, 2016 11 16

Ottawa - An American man who hacked login and password combinations for thousands of Bell Canada customers and then posted the information online has been sentenced to nearly four years in a U.S. prison. The 45-month sentence handed down in a Chicago courtroom this month to the 22-year-old Tennessee man is in stark contrast to the one received by a 15-year-old Canadian teen who avoided jail after helping to perpetrate that cyber attack and several others on U.S. businesses, universities and government departments between October 2012 and April 2014. The pair were members of a hacking collective calling themselves NullCrew. The two boasted online that they hacked into the personal information as a "public service" to expose how easily personal information that should have been protected could be accessed. The 22-year-old's identity cannot be published as a result of a publication ban placed on the Canadian teen's court case. Canadian prosecutors said million of files were exfiltrated during the Bell Canada hack and 300,000 of them contained client information. The U.S. hacker posted about 12,700 logins and passwords and Tweeted a link to the data. It was only after the Feb. 1, 2014, hack that the RCMP learned from the FBI that an investigation had been underway for more than a year and that the suspects had long since been identified.

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8. Dans le quartier Glebe à Ottawa Une croix gammée sur la porte d'une rabbin

Le Droit, Louis-Denis Ebacher, 2016 11 16

Ottawa - Une croix gammée peinte sur la porte de la résidence d'une femme rabbin d'Ottawa soulève l'indignation dans la classe politique et la population. La victime, Anna Maranta, affirme que ce graffiti de swastika est une conséquence de l'élection de Donald Trump à la présidence des États-Unis. «C'est ce qui a été déclenché par le président américain élu, et ceux qui le soutiennent», a écrit la rabbin Maranta sur sa page Facebook, en accompagnant son commentaire de la photo du symbole antisémite peint en rouge sur sa porte. Sur cette même porte, la femme avait précédemment accolé un message souhaitant la bienvenue aux visiteurs. Elle tient son lieu de culte à cette adresse de la rue Powell, dans le quartier Glebe. «L'incident est arrivé quelque part entre 23 h, lundi et 2 h 45, (dans la nuit de lundi à mardi), écrit Mme Maranta. Je me suis réveillée vers 2 h 30 et j'ai aperçu un reflet provenant de la vitre de ma porte.» La femme indique sur son profil Facebook qu'elle a tout de suite su qu'il s'agissait d'une croix gammée, symbole prisé des nazis et néonazis. En plus de la croix gammée, le mot «kike» a aussi été écrit sur la porte. Il s'agit d'une insulte ethnique, d'une expression péjorative envers les juifs. Vives réactions Le maire et le chef de la police d'Ottawa ont vivement dénoncé cet acte, mardi.

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9. Defiant PS union chief in a battle for her job

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 11 16

She's caught in a firestorm of controversy, infighting and perceived betrayal of Shakespearean proportions but will not step down. Emmanuelle Tremblay faces a looming vote on her leadership of the Canadian Association of Professional Employees after an internal probe that has left the union in tatters and even prompted calls for a police investigation into cyberbullying. On Wednesday, she will chair what is widely expected to be a fiery and rancorous annual general meeting. Then, next month, the 13,000 members of CAPE will have to decide whether Tremblay's transgressions warrant her removal from office. They've been given a stack of confidential documents, obtained by the Citizen, that includes an independent investigator's report, which lays bare his findings into allegations levelled against Tremblay in a petition last February. The union has hired the global firm PricewaterhouseCoopers to hold the electronic vote, which will be conducted over several weeks. Tremblay returned to work this week as union president after serving a five-week suspension. She quickly fired off a letter to members that she was back and "hit the ground running." "This unfortunate turn of events has certainly been a teaching moment for a new leader like me, but I assure you that I have dusted myself off," she wrote. "I want nothing more but to turn the page on this incident so I can completely focus my attention on what matters: our members' interests."

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10. ISIL supporter's bomb could have killed, injured

National Post, 2016 11 16

The homemade bomb that ISIL supporter Aaron Driver partially detonated in the back seat of a cab in Strathroy, Ont., last August could have killed or severely injured anyone within 2.1 metres, according to a report. Investigators completed a forensic audit on the device and found 139 steel ball bearings (.38 calibre), which they say could have killed or injured many more people outside the blast zone. "The analysis tells us that if it had gone off, for example, on a city bus, there would've been death and grievous injuries," the RCMP's Jeff Adam told the CBC. Driver, 24, pictured, detonated the bomb as police approached his taxi. It only partially exploded. The taxi driver escaped serious injury by diving out of the car moments before. Driver was shot dead by police. (Full report)

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11. Les soldats canadiens tirent les premiers

Le Devoir, Marie Vastel, 2016 11 16

Ottawa - Les soldats canadiens n'ont pas seulement dégainé leurs armes pour répliquer à l'ennemi en Irak. Ils ont également tiré lorsqu'ils anticipaient l'approche d'une menace. Rien de neuf à ce droit de se défendre, martèle le chef d'état-major de la Défense. Mais l'opposition accuse le gouvernement d'avoir dupé les Canadiens en niant que ses soldats participent à une mission de

combat. L'armée canadienne avait déjà reconnu, dès janvier 2015, que ses troupes avaient échangé des coups de feu avec l'ennemi en Irak par « légitime défense ». Le mois dernier, la Défense admettait que la mission avait évolué et que ce genre d'incident devenait « un peu plus la norme ». Mais voilà que l'armée a confié à un journaliste de la CBC, accueilli sur le terrain par la Défense, que ses forces spéciales ont parfois été les premières à tirer, et ce, pour défendre tant leurs propres troupes ou les troupes locales que pour protéger des civils. Convoqué en comité parlementaire mardi, le chef d'état-major de la Défense a corroboré. « Je peux vous confirmer sans équivoque que l'utilisation de la force par nos soldats dans le cadre de cette opération, l'utilisation de force armée, de force létale, a seulement été utilisée de façon défensive afin de s'assurer que nos partenaires ne soient pas victimes d'une attaque », a affirmé le général Jonathan Vance.

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12. Manitoba teen apologizes for promoting terrorism on social media

Canadian Press, Staff reporter, 2016 11 16

Brandon, Man. - A Manitoba teenager who promoted terrorist activity online and urged people to "strike from within" apologized in court Tuesday and said he had not thought about the possible outcomes of his actions. "I regret what I've done ... I was struggling with my identity," the 17-year-old, who cannot be identified because of his age, told his sentencing hearing in a Brandon court. "I didn't think ahead (about) my actions." The teen pleaded guilty earlier this year to counselling the commission of an indictable offence for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with a terrorist group. He has been in custody since his arrest a year ago. The hearing was the first time details about the case were made public. Crown attorney Ian Mahon said police were contacted by a CBC reporter about a Twitter account belonging to someone who was preparing to head overseas to fight for the Islamic State. The teen initially denied being behind the account, but later admitted to it, Mahon said. The teen had urged people to join him in a migration overseas he referred to as Hijrah.

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13. Muslim activist lashes out after new death threat

Montreal Gazette, Catherine Solyom, 2016 11 16

Montreal - The head of AMAL-Quebec - the Association of Muslims and Arabs for a Secular Quebec - has received death threats again, this time from an online commenter calling for him to be executed by a firing squad. It's the third time Haroun Bouazzi has filed a complaint with Montreal police in the last year, increasingly concerned for his own safety after Internet users on separate occasions have called for him to be hanged, whipped to death, set afire and shot between the eyes. "Police so far have never found a way to file criminal charges, even though threatening to put a bullet between someone's eyes is actually criminal," Bouazzi said Tuesday. "And these are not anonymous users. The police had their names five minutes later." Bouazzi, who recently changed his life insurance policy and began using an alarm system in his home after one anti-Islam website published his home address, doesn't believe the police have been taking his, or other people's complaints about hate crimes seriously. After he filed a complaint

nine months ago, Bouazzi said police took nine days before they began investigating. By then the IP address of the user was no longer available, he was told. They couldn't press charges.

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14. Ottawa woman wakes to find anti-Semitic graffiti spray-painted on her home

CBC News, Staff reporter, 2016 11 16

Ottawa - An Ottawa woman who runs a Jewish prayer centre says she was "stunned" to wake up in the middle of the night and discover someone had spray-painted a swastika and an anti-Semitic slur on the front door of her Glebe home. It happened sometime between 11 p.m. Monday and 2:45 a.m. ET Tuesday, Anna Maranta told CBC News. "I went to bed a little later than usual and woke up in the middle of the night, around 2:30, and as I was walking back to my room coming down the hall I saw a reflection on my front door, which is a glass window door, that kind of startled me," said Maranta, who describes herself as a rabbi. "I knew right away it was a swastika." The word "k--e" was spray-painted above it. "I came and took a look at it and was just stunned that this had happened," Maranta said. "I immediately took a photo and then contacted some of my friends just to get some feedback and support." Maranta takes care of children during the day in her home, and said she quickly covered the hateful message with newspaper. The graffiti has since been removed. She also filed a report with Ottawa police online. Maranta said she's often been engaged in social activism, but that "this is the first time I've ever had a really personal attack. It just feels very, very different.

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15. Peacekeeper powers to be strengthened, general says

Toronto Star, Bruce Campion-Smith, 2016 11 16

Ottawa - Canada has learned the lessons of Rwanda and troops deployed on the coming peace mission to Africa will go armed with robust rules of engagement to defend themselves and those around them, Gen. Jonathan Vance says. The top general said Canada has much to offer a peace mission, with skilled soldiers to train local troops, military muscle to deter violence and help foster stability, and an imperative to look after vulnerable populations. With a potential risky deployment in the offing, Vance faced questions Tuesday about Canadian troops working under the umbrella of the United Nations and whether they would have the ability to ensure their own safety. "We've learned a lot since Rwanda. I will make certain that the troops have the rules of engagement they need to be able to defend themselves and those who they work with," Vance, the chief of defence staff, said in an appearance before the Commons defence committee. "They'll have the rules of engagement they need ... to be able to effectively contribute to that mission to the extent that we decide as a country to contribute," he said. Retired lieutenant-general Roméo Dallaire headed the UN mission in Rwanda during the 1994 genocide. With an ill-equipped force, he appealed to the UN for additional assistance and reinforcements in a bid to stop the frenzy of killings, but was turned down.

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16. Ratés du système de paye Phénix Ottawa ignore combien il doit à ses employés

La Presse+ avec La Presse canadienne, Joël-Denis Bellavance; William Leclerc, 2016 11 16

Ottawa - Le gouvernement fédéral est incapable de chiffrer le montant total des salaires qui n'ont toujours pas été versés aux fonctionnaires fédéraux en raison des problèmes liés au système de paye Phénix. Alors que la ministre responsable de Services publics et Approvisionnement Canada, Judy Foote, avait promis de régler ce problème « totalement inacceptable » pour le gouvernement Trudeau avant le 31 octobre, il reste toujours 22 000 dossiers en arriéré qui n'ont pas encore été réglés. Et l'on refuse maintenant de fixer un autre échéancier, de crainte d'être incapable de le respecter. Résultat : des milliers de fonctionnaires pourraient avoir de la difficulté à remplir leur déclaration de revenus pour l'année d'imposition 2016 si les problèmes liés à ce nouveau programme ne sont pas réglés au début de la nouvelle année. Les problèmes liés au système de paye Phénix ont d'ailleurs contraint certains ministères à utiliser le fonds d'urgence mis à leur disposition pour payer des employés au cours des derniers mois, a appris La Presse. En tout, près de 19 millions de dollars de ces fonds d'urgence ont été utilisés à cette fin jusqu'ici.

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17. Spy agency kept court in the dark about data

Toronto Star, Alex Boutilier, 2016 11 16

Ottawa - Canada's electronic spies were asked to brief the Federal Court on their intelligence-gathering activities, the Star has learned. But the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) declined to meet with federal judges earlier this year, saying an ongoing constitutional challenge prevented them from doing so. The request came from the same judge that found CSE's partner agency, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), illegally kept information on innocent people for almost a decade. In a strongly worded ruling released this month, Justice Simon Noël found CSIS kept the court in the dark about a program to retain and analyze data about innocent people between 2006 and 2016. The ruling gave an unprecedented look at CSIS's Operational Data Analysis Centre, which for years had been storing data about "non-threat" individuals. While the information was intercepted legally, the court ruled it was illegal for CSIS to keep and analyze it indefinitely. The ruling came out of a briefing on the program by Noël for judges who approve CSIS warrants. In documents obtained by the Star, CSE chief Greta Bossenmaier was told that Noël requested a general educational briefing from her agency around the same time. But because of a constitutional challenge launched by the B.C. Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA) against CSE's intelligence activities, currently before the court, the agency declined Noël's invitation. "A briefing to the Federal Court could have reasonably led to the perception from the public and the BCCLA that CSE may be attempting to influence the (court's) judgment or opinion as it related to this ongoing case," Lauri Sullivan, a spokesperson for the agency, said an email to the Star. "It is important to note that CSE has provided briefings to Federal Court designated judges in the past, and would consider doing so again in the future (provided any conflict concerns are addressed as they relate to the ongoing BCCLA case)."

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18. The RCMP Is Using the Media to 'Create Moral Panic' About Encryption

Motherboard, Jordan Pearson, 2016 11 16

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has turned to two of the country's top media outlets to make their case for new surveillance capabilities in what critics say is a PR play orchestrated to sow public worry about privacy-boosting technology. Police in Canada have long pushed for broadened surveillance powers that would force people to unlock their phones, for example, or force telecommunication companies to provide real-time access to subscriber information. No such laws currently exist, but to show why the police believe they need them to do their jobs, the country's federal force worked with two of Canada's most respected media entities. The RCMP gave the CBC's David Seglins and the Toronto Star's Robert Cribb security clearance to review the details of 10 "high priority" investigations--some of which are ongoing--that show how the police is running into investigative roadblocks on everything from locked devices to encrypted chat rooms to long waits for information. The Toronto Star's headline describes the documents as "top-secret RCMP files." The information sharing was stage-managed, however. Instead of handing over case files directly to the journalists, the federal police provided vetted "detailed written case summaries," according to a statement from Seglins and Cribb. These summaries "[formed] the basis of our reporting," they said. The journalists were given additional information on background, and allowed to ask questions, according to the statement, but "many details were withheld." The stories extensively quote RCMP officials, but also include comment from privacy experts who are critical of the police agency's approach.

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19. Thicker Canada-US border unlikely under Trump, ex-security czar predicts

Canadian Press, Colin Perkel, 2016 11 16

Toronto - The Canada-U.S. border is unlikely to see any thickening under president-elect Donald Trump despite the Republican's protectionist campaign rhetoric, former American security czar Tom Ridge said Tuesday. While Trump's views on Mexican migrants and Syrian refugees appeared to be sharply at odds with Canada's approach, Ridge said Canada needs to take a deep breath and wait to see what actually emerges from a Trump administration. Ridge, appointed as first Homeland Security secretary in the aftermath of the 9-11 attacks on the United States, was fiercely critical of the campaigning Trump, denouncing his "bumper-sticker approach" to policy and a bombastic tone that "reflects the traits of a bully." Now that the campaign is over, Ridge said he hoped Trump would "substantially alter his approach" to borders. "There's always a difference between the political rhetoric and actually the governing posture that he takes," Ridge told The Canadian Press in an interview. "There'll be strong and countervailing influences on some of these issues within the legislative branch as well." But one Canadian diplomat, Doug George, consul general to Detroit, wasn't so sure the road ahead will be smooth.

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20. Top general says Canada shot first at IS

Globe and Mail, Michelle Zilio, 2016 11 16

The country's top soldier says that Canadian troops have shot first at Islamic State forces in Iraq, reopening the question of whether the military is engaged in a combat mission against the terror group. While government and military officials have said Canadian Forces are allowed to fire in defence in Iraq, General Jonathan Vance, chief of the defence staff, made it clear Tuesday that troops have fired first at the Islamic State. However, he said this does not mean the mission is turning from a "train, advise and assist" role into a combat one. "The use of force by our soldiers on this operation ... has only been used in a defensive mode to ensure that our partners were not subject to an attack that they couldn't deal with," Gen. Vance told the House of Commons defence committee. "If you are suggesting that our forces have been manoeuvring so as to provide offensive fire, thereby taking the fight to the enemy, then you are wrong." Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Gen. Vance insisted Canadian troops have always been allowed to fire first in the fight against the Islamic State - something he says he has made clear throughout the mission. "I've said this publicly. We do not have to be shot at first to defend ourselves," Gen. Vance said. "I don't think that any Canadian that's listening out there would think that we need to be shot first before we can take defensive actions."

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21. Troops could face extreme risk in Mali

Globe and Mail, Geoffrey York, 2016 11 16

Johannesburg - Confirmed weapons stockpiles in Mali, Libya could explain Ottawa's hesitance to announce peacekeeping plans in Africa. Canadian troops could face a terrifying arsenal of rebel-held weapons, from rockets and artillery to shoulder-fired missiles and anti-tank mines, if they are deployed as expected in a peacekeeping operation in the West African country of Mali. A report released on Wednesday shows that the terrorist and separatist groups have obtained a wide range of heavy weaponry from government stockpiles in both Mali and Libya, as well as other unknown sources. The report, published by British-based Conflict Armament Research, also traces the weapons used by the Islamist radicals who killed six Canadians and 24 other civilians in Burkina Faso earlier this year. Their weapons were relatively new Chinese-made assault rifles, which - based on their similar serial numbers - appeared to share the same supplier as Islamic State fighters in Syria, the report says. Conflict Armament Research is largely financed by the governments of Britain and Germany and the European Union. Its 49page report is one of the most extensive recent studies of the sources of illicit weapons in West Africa. The huge range of heavy weapons in Mali could help explain why the Canadian government has been cautious and hesitant in announcing its peacekeeping plans in Africa. The government announced in August that it will deploy up to 600 soldiers and 150 police officers in "peace and stabilization operations" in Africa, but nearly three months later, it still hasn't revealed the location of the deployment.

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22. Une perquisition pour un crime d'envergure internationale

Le Nouvelliste, Paule Vermot-Desroches, 2016 11 16

Trois-Rivières - La GRC a visité une résidence du boulevard Saint- Michel à la demande d'Europol Une perquisition a été menée mardi matin sur le boulevard Saint-Michel, à Trois-Rivières, en lien avec une vaste enquête internationale liée à des crimes informatiques. La Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) a en effet procédé à cette perquisition à la demande de l'agence de renseignements policiers européens Europol. Très peu de détails étaient disponibles mardi à ce sujet, étant donné que l'opération était en cours dans différents pays et que toutes les perquisitions n'avaient pas encore été effectuées. «D'autres opérations seront menées jusqu'à mercredi dans plusieurs pays dans le monde, et Europol fera le point sur l'opération une fois que toutes les perquisitions auront été effectuées», a confirmé Camille Habel, porte-parole de la GRC. Europol est l'agence européenne qui facilite l'échange de renseignements entre polices nationales en matière de stupéfiants, de terrorisme, de criminalité internationale et de pédophilie. Le mandat assigné à la GRC a donc été fait par cette agence à titre de collaboration entre les différents corps policiers.

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23. Donald Trump's Transition Team Reshaped

Wall Street Journal, Multiple reporters, 2016 11 16

Washington - Another round of staff changes buffeted President- elect Donald Trump's transition team Tuesday amid resistance from within the Republican Party over a top choice for secretary of state. Vice President- elect Mike Pence formally signed documents that put him in charge of the transition team, and officials insisted the 10-week effort to build an administration is on schedule. In one of his first moves, Mr. Pence ordered the removal of all lobbyists from the transition team, said one transition team member with knowledge of the decisions. Earlier Tuesday, former Michigan Rep. Mike Rogers, once considered a candidate to lead the Central Intelligence Agency, was ousted from the Trump transition team's national security unit. Matthew Freedman, who was leading the group's planning for the White House National Security Council, also departed. Mr. Freedman didn't return messages seeking comment. Mr. Rogers was told he was being replaced because everyone who was brought in by New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, the transition team's original chairman, was being ousted, according to a person familiar with the conversation. Frank Gaffney, a Reagan administration veteran, was brought in to assist on national security issues, as has GOP U.S. Reps. Pete Hoekstra and Devin Nunes. On Tuesday night, Mr. Trump tweeted: "Very organized process taking place as I decide on Cabinet and many other positions. I am the only one who knows who the finalists are!"

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24. Ex-Nato leaders call for extraordinary meeting with Donald Trump

The Guardian (London), Julian Borger, 2016 11 16

Brussels - Two former Nato chiefs have called for an extraordinary summit soon after Donald Trump's inauguration to reassure traditional allies that the US will still come to their defence. Former Nato secretary general Anders Fogh Rasmussen and his predecessor Jaap de Hoop

Scheffer also warned the US president-elect against making a hasty deal with Vladimir Putin that would cede Crimea and eastern Ukraine as a Russian sphere of influence. They argue it would set a precedent for further expansionism in Russia's "near- abroad". "If we accept the annexation of Crimea we will have given up on the rule-based order and it would have consequences elsewhere in the world," Rasmussen told reporters in a call organised by the Atlantic Council thinktank. During the election campaign, Trump said the people of Crimea appeared to want to live under Russian rule and said he would look at whether the US would recognise Moscow's 2014 annexation of the peninsula. He also told the New York Times that allies would have to reimburse Washington for their protection or be told: "Congratulations, you will be defending yourself."

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25. Families sobbing, Tuesday's final ISIL defendant gets 10 years in prison

Minneapolis Star Tribune, Stephen Montemayor, Faiza Mahamud, 2016 11 15

Minneapolis - Adnan Farah, the younger of two brothers caught up in Minnesota's ISIL recruiting investigation, was given 10 years in prison Tuesday afternoon as U.S. Senior Judge Michael Davis concluded the second day of sentencings in the case. Farah, 19, whose first attempt to leave the United States, in 2014, was thwarted when his parents confiscated his passport, had asked to be released to a counseling program. Federal prosecutors had requested a sentence of 15 years. Farah pleaded guilty to federal terror-recruiting conspiracy charges last spring, just weeks before he was set to go to trial, and breaking ranks with his older brother, Mohamed. Earlier on Tuesday, Davis sentenced Farah's co-defendant Hanad Musse to 10 years in prison after an emotional hourlong hearing. Musse, 21, who once described himself as "a servant of Allah," later pleaded guilty and had asked for 72 months in prison. Federal prosecutors had recommended 15 years. He was the fifth of nine defendants who will appear before U.S. Senior Judge Michael Davis this week as sentencing continues in the nation's largest ISIL recruiting prosecution. In Tuesday's first hearing, Hamza Ahmed was sentenced to 15 years in prison for his convictions on charges of supporting the terror group ISIL and committing financial-aid fraud to finance an attempted trip to Syria.

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26. Giuliani's Ties Raise Question for State Dept. (Canada)

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 11 16

Washington - Rudolph W. Giuliani, facing a flood of questions about whether his business dealings should disqualify him from being named President-elect Donald J. Trump's secretary of state, on Tuesday defended his lucrative 15 years in the private sector as a credential for the job. "I have friends all over the world," Mr. Giuliani, the former New York mayor, said in an interview. "This is not a new thing for me. When you become the mayor, you become interested in foreign policy. When I left, my major work was legal and security around the world." As secretary of state, Mr. Giuliani, a loyal, often ferocious backer of Mr. Trump's candidacy, would make fighting Islamist terrorism the centerpiece of the incoming administration's foreign policy. He vaulted to national prominence because of his leadership after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist

attacks, and he still views foreign policy through the prism of that day. But Mr. Giuliani's business ties are a major red flag. He built a lucrative consulting and speechmaking career after leaving City Hall. His firm, Giuliani Partners, has had contracts with the government of Qatar and the Canadian company that is building the Keystone XL oil pipeline, and Mr. Giuliani has given paid speeches to a shadowy Iranian opposition group that until 2012 was on the State Department's list of foreign terrorist organizations.

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27. NSA Chief: 'Uneven' Cooperation Between Public, Private Sectors Impedes Cyber Defenses

Wall Street Journal, Alan Cullison, 2016 11 16

New York - The head of the U.S. National Security Agency said "uneven" cooperation between the government and private sector has hampered the fight against a "literal onslaught" of cyber attacks from criminal and state-supported hackers. Speaking at The Wall Street Journal CEO Council, Adm. Michael S. Rogers said the host of hackers is "so large and so diverse" that perpetrators are difficult to identify. About two-thirds are criminals or criminal groups looking to steal personal information for financial gain, and the balance are state-sponsored hackers, he said. He said company leaders need to take a personal interest in cyber security, which has become too important a matter to be delegated entirely to network security specialists. "You need to shape the discussion," he said. "I don't pretend that this needs to totally dominate your life, but there is a significant role for you to play."

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28. NSA Chief: WikiLeaks Hacks of Democrats' Emails Were a "Conscious Effort by a Nation-State"

Mother Jones Magazine, Kanyakrit Vongkiatkajorn, 2016 11 16

New York - The WikiLeaks release of internal emails from the Democratic National Committee and the Hillary Clinton campaign constituted a "conscious effort by a nation-state to attempt to achieve a specific effect," the head of the National Security Agency said Tuesday. "There shouldn't be any doubt in anybody's mind," NSA Director Michael S. Rogers said in an interview with the Wall Street Journal on Tuesday. "This was not something that was done casually, this was not something that was done by chance. This was not a target that was selected purely arbitrarily." Rogers acknowledged in October that Russians were behind the hacks.

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29. Pete Hoekstra on CIA Rumors: 'A Call That Mr. Trump Has to Make'

Newsmax, Todd Beamon, 2016 11 16

Washington - Former House Intelligence Committee Chairman Pete Hoekstra told Newsmax TV on Tuesday that "yeah, absolutely" he would serve in a Donald Trump administration amid rumors the president-elect was considering him for CIA director. "Serving in this administration

would be an honor," Hoekstra, 63, who represented Michigan for nearly two decades, told "Newsmax Prime" host J.D. Hayworth. "Having the opportunity to get back in public service would be an honor. "But this is a call that Mr. Trump needs to make," he cautioned. "He needs to have someone that he can have total confidence in at the CIA, as the director of national intelligence."

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30. Trump's Win and Transition Turmoil Buy Time for FBI Chief Comey

Bloomberg News, Chris Strohm, 2016 11 16

New York - The election of Donald Trump may have saved James Comey's job as FBI director -- at least for the time being. Comey's stunning back-and-forth on the Hillary Clinton e-mail inquiry less than two weeks before the election would have made it hard for him to stay had the Democrat won. But his moves cost him allies in both parties and prompted questions about whether he politicized the bureau and would be able to remain in office for long during a Trump administration, too. "The way the e-mail investigation played out, he's got both Republicans and Democrats mad at him and suspicious of his motives," said Stewart Baker, a former general counsel at the National Security Agency. Baker said he respects Comey. Now it's unlikely Comey would voluntarily resign before Trump takes office in January and the two have a chance to talk one-on-one, according to six current and former U.S. national security officials who asked not to be identified. And with Trump's transition team still struggling to settle on nominees for key cabinet and national security posts, Comey can expect to remain in the job at least until 2017, they said. Trump himself told CBS's "60 Minutes" during an interview broadcast Nov. 13 that he wasn't sure if he would ask Comey to resign.

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31. U.S. Officials Fear Trump Is Playing Into Terrorists' Hands

The Daily Beast, Shane Harris, Nancy A. Youssef, 2016 11 16

Washington - U.S. officials who've been working to refute terrorist propaganda and blunt recruitment by ISIS and other groups are bracing for a Donald Trump administration, fearing that he and his advisers could set back their efforts by years and play into terrorists' hands. Three U.S. officials told The Daily Beast that President-elect Trump's campaign rhetoric, combined with the names now surfacing as potential top national security advisers in the next administration, signal a dramatically different approach that could give ISIS ammunition to claim that the United States is engaged in a religious war. In fact, ISIS commanders have already begun to make that argument. "This guy [Trump] is a complete maniac," Abu Omar Khorasani, an ISIS leader in Afghanistan, told Reuters. "His utter hate towards Muslims will make our job much easier because we can recruit thousands." Equating radical terrorism with Islam was not only inaccurate, it was "not very helpful if we are talking about a lasting ISIS defeat," one defense official told The Daily Beast, adding that it allows the terror group to claim that it is defending Muslims everywhere. "They will say, 'Join us. America has declared war on Islam.'" "Of course we are concerned," a second official said of the heated rhetoric on the campaign trail that is now apparently transferring into the next administration. The official noted that the U.S.

military is making demonstrable progress on the battlefield against ISIS but that those gains could be offset by recruitment efforts given a new boost from incoming administration officials.

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32. Why Mike Rogers's departure from the Trump team is alarming

Washington Post, David Ignatius, 2016 11 16

Column - The ouster of former congressman Mike Rogers (R-Mich.) from Donald Trump's transition team is a worrisome sign of continuing internecine battles in the GOP and the ascendancy of Trump's personal political allies in shaping the president-elect's agenda. Rogers, a widely respected former FBI agent who headed the House Intelligence Committee, had been seen as a figure of stability and continuity in intelligence matters. He was mentioned as a possible next director of the CIA or director of national intelligence. But Rogers was told last weekend by Rick Dearborn, executive director of the transition team, that he was being removed from his role in the national-security group advising Trump. He was replaced by Rep. Devin Nunes (R-Calif.), who took over as the committee's chairman after Rogers left Congress in 2014 and has been a far more partisan chairman. Rogers had angered House GOP hard-liners when his committee issued a bipartisan report in 2014 clearing Hillary Clinton of personal wrongdoing in the 2012 Benghazi incident. That report was characteristic of the way Rogers chaired the committee, in a working partnership with then-ranking Democrat, Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (Md.). (Rogers added "additional views" that criticized "senior State Department officials" for dismissing threat warnings, denying requests for extra security in eastern Libya and other errors.) But this consensual approach clearly didn't suit Trump's inner circle. According to GOP insiders, the most likely picks for CIA director include Nunes and former Rep. Pete Hoekstra (Mich.), who served on the House intelligence panel; former Defense Intelligence Agency chief Lt. Gen. Mike Flynn is being considered as well, though there are doubts he could be confirmed. A wild card mentioned by one source is former Defense Department official Frank Gaffney. All four are known as combative personalities who disdain the bipartisan approach that Rogers represented.

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33. Extremist group banned in Germany over links to Isis remains active in Britain (Canada)

The Independent (UK), Lizzie Dearden, 2016 11 16

London - Members of an extremist group banned in Germany for inspiring more than 140 Isis fighters with its "violent" ideology remains active in the UK and are seeking to recruit followers in Britain's largest cities, The Independent can reveal. Police have launched almost 200 raids across Germany at mosques, offices and homes linked to Die Wahre Religion (DWR) movement, meaning "The True Religion"- but British security forces are powerless to stop the same group's activities. Members were running a stall in London's busy Oxford Street as recently as Sunday and have posted footage of events in towns and cities including Leicester, Nottingham

and Blackburn. A familiar face at the stalls has been the founder of DWR, Ibrahim Abou- Nagie, who attended the Read! campaign's launch in Manchester in September 2014 and has made several appearances across the UK since. Mr Abou-Nagie could not immediately be reached for comment, while John Fontain, a British Muslim convert who appeared with him at the launch of DWR's British affiliate denied knowledge of Germany's ban when contacted by The Independent. "We plan to take this to different cities in the UK," Mr Fontain said in a video from the 2014 UK launch in Manchester. "All the main [British] cities and inshallah [God willing], we want to go to Canada, America and Australia as well, inshallah. Please make dua [prayers] for us."

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34. Old Treaties and New Bonds Empower Native Tribes (Canada)

New York Times, Kirk Johnson, 2016 11 16

Bella Bella, British Columbia - The simmering standoff between the police and Native Americans and their allies who oppose a giant oil pipeline project in North Dakota is the most visible sign of an emerging movement that is shifting the debate about how public lands across North America should be managed. From the rocky, pebbled beaches north of Seattle, where the Lummi Nation has led the fight against a proposed coal terminal, to southern Utah, where a coalition of tribes is demanding management rights over a proposed new national monument, to the tiny wooded community of Bella Bella, British Columbia, 350 miles north of the United States border, Native Americans are asserting old treaty rights and using tribal traditions to protect and manage federally owned land. "If you want to own it, you have to act like you own it," said Kelly Brown, the director of resource management for the Heiltsuk Nation in Bella Bella. The Heiltsuk pressed the Canadian government for joint management of the local herring fishery and won this year through a campaign of sit-ins and political lobbying. The force for change comes in part from tribes' forming new alliances as they defend territorial claims and manage resources. In some places, the focus is on fossil fuels and pollution; in others, on an awareness that climate change could have a disproportionately harsh impact on tribal populations because of where they live, in coastal or forest areas, or their dependence on natural resources or foods. "The tribal voice, and their concerns and what happens on those lands -- that's accelerating right now, and where it's going to go, I don't know," said John Freemuth, a professor of public policy at Boise State University who studies public lands. "It's a big story and a growing story."

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35. 'Extremist' turned back on jihad after one month in Syria

The Australian, Ean Higgins and Paul Maley, 2016 11 16

Sydney - An alleged Australian extremist who police say fought with al- Qa'ida militants in Syria spent one month in the conflict zone before returning home to renounce the jihadist life. NSW and federal police yesterday arrested 22-year-old Muhamad Abdul Karim Musleh and charged him with two counts of foreign incursions relating to a brief trip he took to Syria in June 2013.

Sources contacted by The Australian painted a picture of an unlikely jihadist, one who by some accounts was quick to turn his back on radical Islam once he had seen it first hand. The Australian understands Musleh was part of a wider network of Australian radicals who were actively recruiting and sending young Australians to fight in the Syrian conflict, which at that time was dominated by Jabhat al Nusra, al-Qa'ida's official affiliate in the Syrian war. Police believe Musleh travelled to Syria with the help of jailed terrorist kingpin Hamdi Alqudsi, an Islamist recruiter who sent dozens of jihadists into the maw of the Syrian conflict when it was in its early stages. Police allege that Alqudsi worked with a second Sydney terrorist Mohamed Ali Baryalei, who acted as the Syria-based point-man for Alqudsi's network.

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36. Airports warned of 'terrorist infiltration'

Sydney Morning Herald, Rachel Olding, 2016 11 16

Sydney - Australian airports are "extremely vulnerable" to infiltration by terrorists who could launch catastrophic attacks from within, one of the world's leading cybercrime and counter-terrorism experts has warned. Jim Kent, an adviser to the United Nations who pioneered digital investigation techniques as a British police officer, said recent events have highlighted the potential for terrorists to infiltrate airports by corrupting airport officials or hacking digital systems. In May, Fairfax Media uncovered widespread and unprecedented corruption among Australian border security workers in Melbourne and Sydney who have been assisting organised crime rings and drug smugglers for years. Last week, the Australian Federal Police revealed that air traffic control broadcasts at Melbourne had been hacked over several weeks by a hoaxer and there have been warnings from the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission that links between crime gangs and terrorists are growing. Dr Kent, who spoke to Fairfax Media in Sydney ahead of briefings with the federal government, said the risk was greater when large agencies operated in silos. "Airports are still extremely vulnerable to infiltration ... by terrorist groups because critical monitoring of unusual activity and enforcement of security measures is rarely joined up," he said.

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37. Shift on terror could see troops get the call

The Australian, Paul Maley, 2016 11 16

Sydney - The federal government could be given a greater say in deciding when the army is sent in to end terror attacks such as the Lindt cafe siege. A wide-ranging review of so-called "call-out" powers, which was prompted by Man Haron Monis's 2014 attack on the Lindt cafe in Sydney's Martin Place, is likely to recommend streamlining the procedures required for the military to go to the assistance of state police forces. Tony Abbott, who as prime minister stood ready to use call-out powers should that have proved necessary during the siege, played down concerns that the process for deploying troops was cumbersome and time-consuming. Mr Abbott, who on the day of the siege was in regular communication with authorities in NSW and was prepared to send in an SAS team quartered at Sydney's Holsworthy Army Barracks, said he was not aware of problems with the operation of such powers. "In my time, in areas of national

security, there was complete candour and common purpose between the states and the commonwealth," he said. "That said, anything that expedites state and commonwealth co-operation in this area is to be welcomed." The role of the military in such situations became a subject of debate following the Martin Place siege, with NSW police criticised for a series of apparent bungles in their response. Cafe manager Tori Johnson and barrister Katrina Dawson died, as did Monis, who was killed when tactical police stormed the building.

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38. Turnbull launches new spy in the sky

Australian Associated Press, Max Blenkin, 2016 11 16

Canberra - High in the sky the prime minister and immigration minister have learned firsthand how the RAAF can better detect enemy submarines or people smuggler boats. Malcolm Turnbull and Peter Dutton flew from Avalon to Canberra aboard the RAAF's newest acquisition, the Boeing P- 8A Poseidon, with crew members briefing them on the aircraft's advanced surveillance capabilities. RAAF chief Air Marshal Leo Davies, who shared the flight, said the aircraft's mission system operators showed Mr Turnbull and Mr Dutton just what the aircraft can do. "They were really excited. They were talking about 'I can do this now and I was not able to do that on a P- 3.' It's a really exciting story," he told reporters. This aircraft, which arrived from the US on Tuesday, is the first of 15 Poseidons which will replace the RAAF's 19 Lockheed AP-3C Orion maritime surveillance and patrol aircraft from 2019. Poseidon is based on the widely used Boeing 737 airliner. It looks similar to aircraft flown by Qantas and Virgin except it's painted grey and is dotted with small antennae, indicating the advanced electronics inside.

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39. 4 dead, 13 injured in suicide attack on NDS vehicle

Pajhwok Afghan News, Basir Ahmad Fitri, 2016 11 16

Kabul - Four people were killed on Wednesday morning when their vehicle was attacked by a suicide bomber in the heart of Kabul, a security official said. Thirteen people were wounded when a vehicle carrying operatives of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) was attacked by the motorcycle-borne man in Pul-i-Mahmood Khan area. The bomb attack on the 11th NDS unit agents near the Ministry of Defence happened at 8am, interior ministry spokesman, Seddiq Seddiqi told Pajhwok Afghan News. Casualties included both security personnel and civilians, he said without giving more details. No one has so far claimed responsibility for the bombing, but the Taliban are often blamed for such attacks. The blast came hours after an official of Rural Development Ministry was killed in Kart-i-Naw neighbourhood of the city. (Full Report).

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40. Au Pakistan, l'inexorable progression de l'Etat islamique

Le Monde, Julien Bouissou, 2016 11 16

Baloutchistan, Pakistan - Un kamikaze a causé la mort de 52 fidèles dans un sanctuaire soufi L'organisation Etat islamique (EI) vient de faire son entrée macabre au Pakistan. En l'espace de trois mois, l'organisation djihadiste a revendiqué dans ce pays musulman d'environ 190 millions d'habitants trois des attaques les plus meurtrières depuis le début de l'année. Dans la nuit du 12 au 13 novembre, un jeune homme s'est fait exploser dans le sanctuaire soufi de Shah Nourani, dans la province méridionale du Baloutchistan, à 150 km de Karachi, tuant 52 fidèles. Les premiers secours sont arrivés deux heures après l'attaque, dans une région dépourvue d'infrastructures et dotée d'une mauvaise couverture en téléphonie mobile. Quelques jours auparavant, dans la nuit du 24 au 25 octobre, 61 personnes ont été tuées dans l'attaque d'un collège de police à Quetta, la capitale du Baloutchistan, par trois kamikazes. Dans la même ville, le 8 août, un attentat devant les urgences d'un hôpital a fait 73 morts. " Il n'y a pas de présence de l'EI au Baloutchistan. La revendication est fausse " , a -répété dimanche le secrétaire aux affaires intérieures de la province, Sarfraz Bugti. Malgré ce démenti officiel, les analystes s'accordent pourtant à constater une percée de l'EI au Pakistan.

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41. Kidnapped child rescued in Farah, 3 suspects held

Pajhwok Afghan News, Pajhwok Report, 2016 11 16

Farah City - Intelligence operatives on Tuesday rescued a little child from the clutches of his kidnappers in western Farah province, an official said. A video of the kidnapped child has previously gone viral on social media. The video clip shows hands of the child are tied behind his back and his clothes except his underwear have been taken off. "I love you mother, I am afraid, I am dying, please rescue me," the crying child said in the video. Farah deputy police chief, Col. Mohammad Ghaus Malyar, identified the six years old child as Naveed who had been kidnapped in Farah city in the middle of Taliban attacks on the provincial capital. Naveed was playing with other children when unknown armed men suddenly took him to a car and kidnapped him, Malyar said. However, the child was rescued and three persons involved in his abduction were arrested by National Directorate of Security (NDS) forces on Tuesday.

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42. Terrorist networks in FATA rooted out: COAS

Pakistan Observer, Tariq Saeed, 2016 11 16

Peshwar - Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif Tuesday declared the Operation Zarb-e-Azb has yielded tremendous results and irreversibly eradicated terrorist networks from FATA. "We have made considerable gains in our operations and reached close to our objective of total elimination of terrorism from our soil". The Army Chief who visited North and South Waziristan on Tuesday and was briefed about the progress of stabilization operations, return of TDPs and development works in FATA, maintained while addressing the Jirga of the tribal elders. Expressing his satisfaction on the progress of the return of TDPs, COAS commended the efforts of everyone involved in ensuring their smooth and timely return with dignity and honour. He directed them to complete the return of remaining TDPs within stipulated time before close

of the year 2016. As part of a comprehensive rehab and reconstruction effort, significant rehab projects were commissioned today.

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Africa • Afrique

43. Classement des pays à risque : La Tunisie fait mieux que l'Algérie (Canada)

African Manager (Tunisie), Journaliste maison, 2016 11 15

Non identifié - Selon un rapport publié, ce mardi 15 novembre 2016, par l'institut Control Risks, un cabinet spécialisé dans le conseil sur la sécurité dans le monde, la Tunisie a été classée pays à « risque moyen », à l'exception de la région au niveau de la frontière libyenne et une partie de la frontière avec l'Algérie (le mont de Chaâmbi). L'Algérie a été classée parmi les pays à haut risque et le Maroc à risque « faible », au même titre que la plupart des pays de l'Union européenne ou les Etats-Unis et le Canada.

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44. Libye: 14 blessés dans l'explosion d'une voiture piégée à Benghazi

Pan African News Agency, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 15

Tripoli, Libye - Au moins 14 personnes ont été légèrement blessées par l'explosion d'une voiture piégée mardi sur la route côtière de la ville orientale de Benghazi, a indiqué une source hospitalière. Quatorze blessés ont reçu les premiers soins médicaux dans le service d'urgence dans l'hôpital al-Jala de Benghazi, a indiqué la responsable du bureau des médias à l'hôpital, Fadia al-Berghathi. Elle a souligné que les blessures causées par l'explosion de la voiture sont légères. L'explosion a eu lieu près du complexe touristique Boudzira et le marché aux légumes situés à quelques mètres de la route côtière à l'entrée Est de Benghazi, qui est habituellement bondée de monde.

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45. Reprise des activités à la petite barrière entre le Rwanda et la RDC

Agence Congolaise de Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 15

Goma, RDCongo - Les activités, suspendues il y a quarante-huit heures, ont repris timidement lundi à la petite barrière de Goma séparant la RDC et le Rwanda après une tension observée le week-end à la suite de la mort d'un jeune congolais. L'origine d'arrêt des activités à la barrière a été consécutive à la mort de, M. Jeannot Mampuya, qui a succombé après avoir reçu une balle tirée par un militaire rwandais dans la tête sous prétexte qu'il voulait traverser illégalement la frontière. Mécontents de cet acte ignoble, les Congolais habitant le quartier Birere, non loin de la frontière avaient décidé d'aller venger leur compatriote tué injustement, selon eux.

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46. Senior Libyan al-Qaida leader reported slain in drone strike

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 11 16

Benghazi - A senior al-Qaida leader was reportedly killed in a late-night drone strike that hit his home in Libya's remote south, a Libyan news agency said Tuesday. The strike was suspected to be the work of a Western military but a Pentagon spokesman denied it was carried out by the United States. The LANA news agency said that Abu Talha al-Hassnawi, a key figure in al-Qaeda's North African affiliate, was killed in his house in Sabha late on Monday. According to the agency, al-Hassnawi was previously a leading member of al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria, and was a leading recruiter of fighters heading to fight in Syria's vicious and complex conflict that has seen rival al-Qaida and Islamic State militants battle each other. Al-Hassnawi was also purportedly close to the a top militant once considered the most dangerous man in the Sahara -- the one-eyed terror leader Mokhtar Belmokhtar, a former member of al-Qaida's North Africa branch -- and has been seen in his company in the past.

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47. Colombia's new peace accord is final, will not be changed: government

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 11 16

Bogota - A revised peace accord between Colombia's government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia is final, negotiators said on Tuesday, a statement likely to anger those who rejected the original draft in a referendum as too favourable to the rebels. Chief government negotiator Humberto de la Calle said the new pact to end 52 years of war with the Marxist FARC group was the best and most complete agreement the two sides could achieve, and it will not be adapted again. "This is the final accord; it's the definitive accord," he told reporters in Bogota. "There's really no room for more negotiation." A decision on how the new accord will be approved will come after meetings with legislators, which are expected soon, Interior Minister Juan Fernando Cristo said. The law does not require President Juan Manuel Santos to hold a new referendum, so he could try to ratify it through Congress. The expanded and highly technical 310-page document appears to make small modifications to the original text, such as clarifying private property rights and detailing more fully how the rebels would be confined in rural areas for crimes committed during the war.

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48. Colombia's president heads to U.S. amid cancer fears, delicate time for peace

Miami Herald, Jim Wyss, 2016 11 16

Bogota - Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos is traveling to the United States Wednesday for medical tests amid fears that his prostate cancer has returned. The trip comes at a sensitive time, as the administration is trying to win approval for a modified peace deal with the country's largest guerrilla group. In a brief statement from Bogotá's Santa Fe Hospital, Santos, 65, said the news that his cancer might have returned had caught him by "surprise." He first underwent

prostate surgery in October 2012, when he said a "small tumor" had been removed during surgery. At the time, he said there was a "97 percent chance" that he was totally cured. Adolfo Llinás, the head of the medical center, said that Santos had come in for a routine checkup when doctors found elevated levels of prostate-specific antigen, or PSA, a protein used to track prostate cancer. Llinás said Santos would travel to the Johns Hopkins cancer center in Baltimore for additional tests not available in this Andean nation.

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49. China's Arctic ambitions take shape in remote Iceland valley (Canada)

Associated Press, Jill Lawless, 2016 11 16

Laugar, Iceland - In a remote valley near the Arctic Circle where the wind whips the coarse yellow grass, China and Iceland are preparing to look to the sky -- and a shared future. Construction workers are building a research facility to study the Northern Lights, whose spectacular streaks of color light up Iceland's winter skies. Funded by China's Polar Research Institute, the facility will house Chinese, Icelandic and international scientists when it opens next year. This cement shell is a concrete achievement in the burgeoning relationship between the rising Asian superpower, population 1.37 billion, and this tiny North Atlantic island nation of 330,000 people. It may seem a lopsided friendship, but both countries perceive benefits. Beijing wants an Arctic ally as climate change opens up new sea routes and resource-extraction opportunities, while Iceland seeks heavyweight friends to anchor it against stormy economic waves. "It is better to be a friend to everyone when you are small than be an enemy to anybody," said Reinhard Reynisson, director of the nonprofit company building the Aurora Observatory. Reynisson speaks with the confidence of a country that has weathered earthquakes, volcanoes, famine and financial meltdown since it was settled by Vikings in the 9th century. But China's growing interest has also aroused suspicions among some Icelanders, who are wary of big powers trying to grab their resources, whether fish, energy or land. Iceland was nudged in China's direction by financial calamity. When the global credit crunch hit in 2008, Iceland's banks -- whose debts had ballooned to more than 10 times the country's GDP -- collapsed. Iceland's currency nosedived, unemployment soared, and Iceland was forced to go the International Monetary Fund and the European Union for bailouts. It also began looking for new economic partners to help it rebuild -- and China was willing. In 2010, the two countries agreed currency swaps between Iceland's krona and China's yuan, and in 2013 they signed a free trade agreement -- the first between China and a European country. With Iceland's support, China was granted observer status in 2013 at the Arctic Council, whose core members are Canada, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Russia, the United States and Iceland.

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50. China execution sends message on judicial authority

Globe and Mail, Nathan Vanderklippe, 2016 11 16

Beijing - An outcry in China over the death sentence for a gruesome revenge killing of a village official raised hopes that authorities here were prepared to entertain a new conversation about rural injustice and the death penalty. But Jia Jinglong's execution for murder on Tuesday morning has made him, instead, the latest symbol of China's draconian unwillingness to broker discussion that calls into question Communist Party rule. Hours before Mr. Jia's death by lethal injection, the state-run People's Daily, among the country's most authoritative government voices, raised his case in a dark unsigned article that warned against challenging the system. The article suggests the legal experts and media commentators who questioned the execution of Mr. Jia are free to air their thoughts in private, but not in public. "The law must be trusted," it wrote. "Every citizen, especially those close to the law, should spontaneously defend judicial authority, and should not challenge it at will, based on personal preference or prejudice." Anyone guilty of damaging public trust in judicial authority, it says, should be punished "in order to purify the Internet environment." Under President Xi Jinping, China has staged a sweeping crackdown on dissent that has included more severe control of speech, particularly online, and the arrest and imprisonment of hundreds of lawyers and activists who have sought to fight violations of the country's own constitution.

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51. China ex-vice mayor wanted for corruption returns from US

Associated Press, Christopher Bodeen, 2016 11 16

Beijing - A former vice mayor and China's most-wanted fugitive accused of corruption was arrested after returning from the U.S. on Wednesday in the latest success for President Xi Jinping's battle against graft. Yang Xiuzhu arrived in Beijing after spending 13 years on the run in countries across Asia, Europe and North America. A former deputy mayor in the eastern city of Wenzhou, Yang, 70, is wanted in China for allegedly embezzling more than \$40 million. She had sat atop the list of China's 100 most-wanted graft suspects who Beijing has asked Interpol to help apprehend. Yang was immediately taken into custody after being led off a plane by a pair of policewomen. After passing through immigration, she was led into a room where she heard the charges against her read out by a prosecutor and signed a charge sheet. The entire process was broadcast live on state television. The Communist Party's anti-corruption watchdog says it has taken custody of 37 of the 100 most-wanted graft suspects since launching its "Sky Net" campaign to apprehend them in April 2015. They include both Yang and her brother, businessman Yang Jinjun, who is suspected of graft and bribery and returned to China late last year.

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52. Des téléphones Android espions ?

Les Echos, Frédéric Schaeffer, 2016 11 16

Non identifié - La société de sécurité informatique Kriptowire a repéré qu'un logiciel préinstallé dans certains téléphones tournant sous Android surveillait secrètement les utilisateurs. Vous être l'heureux propriétaire d'un smartphone tournant sous Android acheté pas trop cher ? Vos SMS, vos contacts, la liste de vos appels téléphoniques ou encore vos données de déplacement sont

peut-être en train d'être analysés à Pékin. La société de sécurité informatique Kriptowire a, en effet, repéré qu'un logiciel préinstallé dans certains téléphones tournant avec le système d'exploitation de Google. Il surveillait secrètement les utilisateurs et envoyait même l'intégralité des textos et autres données sur un serveur basé en Chine. Et ce, au rythme de toutes les 72 heures ! Les téléphones prépayés et bas de gamme seraient les plus vulnérables mais le nombre de produits concernés reste encore flou, indique le New York Times qui révèle l'information. Le logiciel mis en cause a été créé par la société chinoise Shanghai Adups Technology, qui prétend être présent sur plus de 700 millions de téléphones, voitures et autres appareils connectés. Cette société a des partenariats avec de grands constructeurs chinois comme Huawei et ZTE. Au moins une société américaine, Blu Products, serait concernée, avec 120.000 terminaux équipés du logiciel mais une mise à jour aurait rapidement permis d'éliminer la fonctionnalité en cause, précise le groupe.

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53. Funds tap turns dry for terror and Maoist groups after demonetisation

Times of India, Bharti Jain, 2016 11 16

New Delhi - Demonetisation of higher denomination currency notes by the government seems to have dealt a body blow to funding of terror in Jammu & Kashmir as well as Left-wing extremist violence across several states. While hawala cash transfers to terrorists and separatist elements based in Kashmir, which were mostly in denomination of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000, have come to an abrupt halt, Maoist groups, particularly in states like Bihar and Jharkhand, are at pains to "convert" the extortion money that has been stocked as piles of cash into 'legal tender', according to sources. An intelligence officer tracking terror funding in Jammu & Kashmir said hawala channels had run dry after the the scrapping of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes. With no unaccounted cash to fund violence and protests in the valley, the lead trouble-makers have been forced to lie low. For, they no longer have the money to pay the local youths to pelt stones and stage violent protests.

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54. Government bans controversial preacher Zakir Naik's NGO for 5 years (Canada).

Times of India, Bharti Jain, 2016 11 16

New Delhi - The government on Tuesday banned Islamic Research Foundation (IRF), the NGO of controversial Islamic preacher Zakir Naik+, as an 'unlawful organisation' for five years with immediate effect. The ban has been enforced under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and approved at a meeting of the Union Cabinet. TOI had earlier reported that the government intended to ban IRF+ citing Naik's "objectionable and subversive" speeches, the criminal cases filed against him and other members of IRF in Mumbai and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra and Kerala, as well as his "dubious" links with Peace TV that allegedly features "communal" and "pro- jihad" content as grounds for such a ban. An 'unlawful' association is different from a 'terrorist' organisation listed under UAPA. The Islamic orator is banned in the UK and Canada for his hate speech aimed against other religions. He is among 16 banned Islamic scholars in Malaysia.

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55. India and Israel reaffirm cooperation against terrorism and extremism

Times of India, Indrani Bagchi, 2016 11 16

New Delhi - India and Israel reaffirmed their current cooperation against terrorism and extremism as Israel president Reuven Rivlin kicked off a week-long visit to India. After talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Rivlin said, "Nothing can justify terror... Israel and India are threatened by terror because we uphold the values of freedom. We stand together in defending our people and values," Rivlin said. In his statement, Modi said, "We recognize that terrorism is a global challenge, knows no boundaries and has extensive links with other forms of organized crime. We agreed that the international community must act with resolve and determination against terror networks and States that harbour them. Failure to act and silence of speech only encourages the terrorists. We, agreed to intensify our cooperation to combat the forces of extremism and radicalization that threaten all peace-loving nations. We also prioritized practical and specific engagement such as in the cyber domain."

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56. Internet freedom 'declined' in Bangladesh in one year (Canada).

BDNews24, News Desk, 2016 11 16

Dhaka - Bangladesh has gone backward in achieving internet freedom in past one year, according to US-based observer and analyst Freedom House. It has put Bangladesh under 'Partly Free' category among 65 countries reviewed in its Freedom on Net 2016 report. The report, published on Monday, says Bangladesh scored 56 out of 100, up four points from last year. This means the opportunity to use the internet freely has narrowed by four points in one year. Estonia and Iceland are the most free countries in the use of the internet, scoring only six points, the report said. China is at the bottom of the list with 88 points while Canada, US, Germany, Australia, Japan, UK, France, and Georgia are among the top 10. Among Bangladesh's neighbours, India and Sri Lanka are ahead in the report with 41 and 44 points respectively. Myanmar and Pakistan have scored 61 and 69 points respectively.

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57. New York consulate latest of Indian diplomatic web sites hit by hacker

Indo-Asian News Service, 2016 11 16

New York - The Indian consulate's website is the latest Indian diplomatic websites to be hacked by a person claiming to be a 17-year-old student in Tokyo who asserts that it was a well-intentioned attempt to show the vulnerabilities that "even kids could exploit". The person, using the identity Kapustkiy, who had earlier hacked the web sites of seven Indian diplomatic missions in Europe and Asia, posted on a public web site the partial personal information of 418 people registered with the consulate said to be taken by penetrating its website. Last week web sites of Indian diplomatic missions in South Africa, Libya, Malawi, Mali, Italy, Switzerland and Romania were hacked and non-public information were posted publicly. In an interview over

Twitter on Monday, Kapustkiy said: "It took me only three seconds to gain access to their database."

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58. Zakir's IRF banned under anti-terror Act for five years (Canada).

The Pioneer, 2016 11 16

New Delhi - The Centre on Tuesday clamped down on controversial Islamic preacher Zakir Naik's NGO Islamic Research Foundation (IRF) by declaring it as an outlawed organisation for five years. The Union Home Ministry issued the order under stringent Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) for charges of terror linked activities. The move would affect the free movement of Naik, who has not returned to India after the MHA started probe in the activities of his NGO. The IRF is declared as an "unlawful association" under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act for five years, said a Home Ministry official. Zakir Naik, who illegally broadcasts his Peace TV for the past seven years, came under scanner after his name cropped up in the recent blasts in Dhaka after some of the accused disclosed their associations with him. The Islamic orator is banned in the UK and Canada for his hate speech aimed against other religions. He is among 16 banned Islamic scholars in Malaysia.

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59. Europeans urge Trump to be cautious on Putin

Washington Post, Michael Birnbaum, 2016 11 16

Brussels - European and NATO defense officials cautioned President-elect Donald Trump on Tuesday about his warming relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin, saying that they welcome dialogue but that the United States should not abandon its allies in a bid for improved ties with Moscow. The warnings came hours after Trump and Putin spoke by telephone and vowed to work toward better relations, which have sunk to Cold War-era lows after Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea from Ukraine. The Monday conversation between Trump and Putin did not touch on some of the thorniest issues facing Russia and the West, such as Crimea and the conflict in eastern Ukraine, a Kremlin spokesman said Tuesday. A day earlier, Moscow said the two had discussed a "settlement for the crisis in Syria" and the prospect of joint efforts in the fight against global terrorism, notably the Islamic State. Some European officials privately raised their eyebrows at Tuesday's clarification from the Kremlin, saying they feared that it meant Trump was giving a green light to the annexation of Crimea. European nations, led by Germany, have pushed hard against Trump's rhetoric on Russia, and German Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen said Tuesday that the president-elect should be cautious in his dealings with Putin. "It is always good for us to remain in dialogue with Russia," von der Leyen told reporters ahead of a meeting of European Union defense ministers in Brussels. "But for us it's also important that we not forget our principles. That means that international laws should not be broken."

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60. How Vladimir Putin won the U.S. election

Globe and Mail, 2016 11 16

Editorial: What do voters in Moldova, Bulgaria and the United States have in common? They all elected presidents this month who are sympathetic to Russia and its dictatorial leader, Vladimir Putin. Tiny Moldova has Igor Dodon, who has promised to pursue closer ties with Moscow and turn away from the European Union - a position that stands in polar opposition to that of the country's current, and very corrupt, government. In Bulgaria, Rumen Radev, an outsider voted in by people who are also tired of corruption and who believe closer economic ties with Russia can turn their prospects around, is calling for an end to EU sanctions on Moscow. And in the U.S., president-elect Donald Trump has a clear preference for Mr. Putin's policies and desires over those of the EU and the NATO alliance. He has also signalled that he is willing to accept Russia's unlawful annexation of Crimea, is indifferent to Russia's military adventurism in Eastern Ukraine and may lift U.S. sanctions related to those incursions.

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61. L'étrange arrestation d'un ministre russe

Le Figaro, Pierre Avril, 2016 11 16

Moscou - Le ministre de l'Économie a été interpellé, alors qu'il recevait un pot-de-vin de 2 millions de dollars. C'est un séisme dans le monde politique russe. Pour la première fois depuis la chute de l'URSS, il y a vingt-cinq ans, un haut membre du gouvernement russe a été arrêté pour corruption. Le ministre de l'Économie, Alexeï Oulioukaïev, en personne a été interpellé par le FSB (ex-KGB) dans la nuit de lundi à mardi, alors qu'il recevait un pot-de-vin de 2 millions de dollars. Il a ensuite été conduit devant un juge qui a délivré un mandat d'arrêt à domicile. Ce pilier du gouvernement, considéré comme un libéral, est officiellement accusé d'avoir monnayé son soutien au rachat, par le géant pétrolier mondial Rosneft, de son concurrent Bashneft, entreprise publique classée au sixième rang du secteur. Détail piquant, l'entreprise accusée d'avoir corrompu le haut fonctionnaire - Rosneft - est la même qui aurait dénoncé le scandale auprès des autorités judiciaires, à travers son responsable de la sécurité, lui-même un ancien du FSB.

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62. Un ancien néonazi est nommé à la tête de la police ukrainienne

Le Figaro, Stéphane Siohan, 2016 11 16

Kiev - Khatia Dekanoidze, une réformatrice géorgienne, a démissionné et a aussitôt été remplacée par Vadim Troyan, un proche du ministre de l'Intérieur. Un an après son arrivée à la tête de la police ukrainienne, Khatia Dekanoidze, 39 ans, a démissionné lundi de son poste en dénonçant la corruption et le blocage des réformes qu'elle avait engagées. En attendant la validation du cabinet des ministres, c'est son adjoint, Vadim Troyan, au profil extrême et inquiétant, qui va prendre la tête de la police, alors que cet ancien commandant du bataillon Azov a autrefois évolué dans la mouvance néonazie. Âgée de 39 ans, Khatia Dekanoidze avait débarqué à Kiev à l'automne 2015 dans le sillage de son mentor, Mikhaïl Saakachvili, et avec d'autres jeunes pousses de Tbilissi,

pour donner un coup de fouet aux réformes. L'objectif affiché était de dupliquer à Kiev les recettes géorgiennes, alors que Khatia Dekanoidze avait dirigé de 2017 à 2012 l'académie de police du ministère de l'Intérieur de Géorgie, présidant avec succès à la transformation de la police géorgienne corrompue.

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63. Iran Disbands Terrorist Group in Semnan Province

Fars News Agency, 2016 11 16

Tehran - The Iranian intelligence ministry announced that its forces have dismantled a Takfiri terrorist group in the city of Garmsar in Semnan province to the Southeast of the capital city of Tehran before they could carry out sabotage acts inside Iran. "Iran's intelligence ministry's forces have confiscated nearly two tons of explosives from the ISIL terrorists in Garmsar city," the intelligence ministry said. It said that the terrorists intended to use the explosives to carry out bomb attacks in at least 10 locations across the country. The intelligence ministry did not mention the exact date of confiscation of explosives, but said it was the consequence of people's cooperation with the ministry's forces. In early November, Head of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Public Relations Department General Ramezan Sharif announced that the IRGC forces had dismantled two terrorist groups seeking to carry out sabotage acts inside Iran, adding that they were mercenaries of Saudi Arabia.

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64. Iranian President Calls for Increased Anti-Terrorism Cooperation with China

Fars News Agency, 2016 11 16

Tehran - Iranian President Hassan Rouhani in a meeting with Chinese Defense Minister General Chang Wanquan on Tuesday underlined the necessity for strengthened defense and anti-terrorism cooperation between the two countries. "The two countries' cooperation should increase to confront and fight against the big danger of terrorism," President Rouhani said during the meeting in Tehran today. Noting that the Iranian and Chinese military officials' reciprocal meetings will strengthen mutual cooperation in defensive fields, he said, "The Islamic Republic of Iran is fully ready to implement all agreements with China based on the roadmap of cooperation, and the defense field is an important part of this cooperation." Chang, for his part, described Iran as the biggest and most important Muslim state in the region with most influence, and said, "Cooperation between the two countries in the fight against terrorism will be highly important."

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65. Ankara Resumes Air Strikes on Northern Syria

Asharq Al-Awsat, Saeed Abdelrazek, 2016 11 16

Ankara - Turkey announced that it is resuming air strikes in support of the Free Syrian Army (FSA) as part of operation Euphrates Shield after an agreement with the "interested parties" was reached. In statements that he made after a Turkish cabinet meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey and the Turkish government spokesman Numan Kurtulmus said that his country has resumed the provision of air support for the Free Syrian Army as part of operation Euphrates Shield. He also said that the FSA is close to the city of Al-Bab in the eastern countryside of the Aleppo province. Kurtulmus added that Turkey can once again provide the FSA with logistical support from the air after talks with the parties concerned including Russia and Turkey, and that Turkey will end operation Euphrates Shield only when it has fully achieved its objectives.

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66. Arab nations accuse Iran of sponsoring terrorism

The National (UAE), Taimur Khan, 2016 11 16

Abu Dhabi - The letter, which was organised by the UAE, was drafted in response to "a series of unfounded claims" made by an Iranian official at the annual meeting of the general assembly in September, and sent to the assembly's president in late October. Its signatories condemned Iran's "radical approach that undermines security and stability in our region and the Arab world", although reiterated their support for the nuclear deal with Tehran. "We stress that the Islamic Republic of Iran is a state sponsor of terrorism in our region, from Hizbollah in Lebanon and Syria, to Houthis in Yemen and terrorist groups and cells in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Iraq, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and elsewhere," said the letter, which was signed by the UN ambassadors of Egypt, Jordan, Sudan, Yemen, Morocco and all six GCC member states.

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67. From Silicon North to Silicon Wadi (Canada).

The Media Line, Linda Gradstein, 2016 11 16

Tel Aviv - "Remember those high school dances with boys on one side of the room and girls on the other?" the Honorable Michael de Jong, the Finance Minister of British Columbia, asked the Israeli and Canadian businessmen gathered in a hotel meeting room in Tel Aviv. If Minister de Jong has his way, there will be a lot of dancing between Canadian and Israeli businesses, especially in the life sciences and technology sectors. "This is the largest delegation that's ever come from western Canada and this particular group has an interest in life sciences and technology innovation," Minister de Jong told The Media Line in an interview. "The strength of the relationship between the two countries (Israel and Canada) is not reflected commercially and we want to change that." The Canadian delegation came to Tel Aviv to sign several partnership agreements between Canadian and Israeli businesses. Several agreements are also being signed in the field of cyber-security.

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68. Hezbollah's U.S.-Made Arms Create Confusion, Washington Investigates

Asharq Al-Awsat, Nazeer Rida, 2016 11 16

Beirut - The appearance of American-made armored vehicles during a military parade organized by the so-called Hezbollah Sunday in the Syrian city of al-Qusayr has created confusion in Lebanon and fears that it would have a negative impact on U.S. aid to the Lebanese Army. The U.S. is now studying a probability that the Hezbollah arms have been taken from the Lebanese Army, diplomatic sources told Asharq Al-Awsat. The sources said the U.S. is investigating the matter. But on Tuesday, the Lebanese Army denied the U.S.-made armored personnel carriers were taken from the military. "The photos of vehicles circulated by media outlets were not taken from the army and do not belong to the military," it said in a statement. U.S. State Department Spokesperson Elizabeth Trudeau said the U.S. was working to find out more information about the issue. Trudeau said if proved that the U.S. arms were in the hands of the party, the issue would be a source of grave concern.

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69. In Middle East, a new uncertainty after Obama

Washington Post, Liz Sly, 2016 11 16

Beirut - The Middle East is bracing for an incoming American president who seems intent on radically reordering the regional balance of power, heralding new uncertainty and perhaps new turmoil for a part of the world already engulfed in multiple wars. So vague and contradictory were many of the pronouncements made by President-elect Donald Trump on the campaign trail that governments and analysts are puzzling out which ones he meant and how he would be able to implement them all. According to the more consistent of his statements, and conversations his advisers have had with analysts and officials, however, Trump will seek to bring about a significant recalibration of the existing order in the Middle East - in favor of Russia, away from Shiite Iran and to the benefit of the Sunni gulf states and Turkey. Some of his declared goals are not so very different from Obama administration policies that were set aside or unfulfilled because they proved too difficult to accomplish - such as the failed push to cooperate with Russia against terrorist groups in Syria and the expectation that Arab states will do more, and pay more, for regional security. Others mark a major departure, notably the threats to renege on the Iran nuclear deal, President Obama's signature foreign policy achievement, and suggestions that Trump will cut support for Syrian rebels and align the United States with the government of President Bashar al-Assad.

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70. Russia launches new offensive on Aleppo

Naharnet Newsdesk, 2016 11 16

Beirut - Russia launched new strikes in Syria Tuesday involving carrier-borne jets and long-range missiles as opposition activists on the ground reported that the first airstrikes in nearly a month struck the besieged, rebel-held parts of the northern Syrian city of Aleppo. According to activists, between four and 10 people were killed in the strikes on Aleppo, raising concerns of a

return to daily deadly bombardment in Syria's largest city. The Russian blitz began hours after Russian President Vladimir Putin and U.S. President-elect Donald Trump discussed Syria over the phone and agreed on the need to join efforts in the fight what the Kremlin called their No. 1 enemy - "international terrorism and extremism." Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu reported to Putin that Su-33 jets from the aircraft carrier Admiral Kuznetsov are involved in the operation, marking its combat debut. Shoigu said at a meeting with Putin, referring to the former Al- Qaeda's branch in Syria.

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71. Terrorist attacks in J'lem down 40% since last year

Jerusalem Post, Daniel K. Eisenbud, 2016 11 16

Jerusalem - Increased intelligence gathering, heightened police operations in east Jerusalem, and intensive monitoring of incitement in social media posts have led to a 40% decline in terrorist activity in the capital over the past year, police said on Tuesday. The precipitous drop follows a protracted deadly terrorist wave, called the "stabbing intifada," that gripped much of the capital after the government outlawed two radical hate groups from the Northern Branch of the Islamic Movement from entering the Temple Mount. Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld attributes the decline in violence to a comprehensive and far-reaching security strategy that canvasses the city's most volatile areas. "The decreased numbers are due to increased police operations across all the different neighborhoods in Jerusalem," said Rosenfeld. "The security level has risen and became more effective and efficient within problematic neighborhoods, in terms of community policing and preventative methods."

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72. Trump 'a true friend of Israel'

Globe and Mail, Patrick Martin, 2016 11 16

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu could hardly conceal his excitement last week on hearing the news that Donald Trump had been elected U.S. president. He welcomed Mr. Trump as "a true friend of Israel," a swipe at outgoing President Barack Obama, who was anything but a true friend in Mr. Netanyahu's eyes. And what, for Mr. Netanyahu, was not to like about the New York businessman about to enter the White House? During the exhaustive U.S. election campaign, Mr. Trump had asserted that Israel's controversial settlements in the occupied West Bank were "not an obstacle to peace," and that Israel required "secure borders," meaning not the 1967 boundaries that once delineated the West Bank from the original Jewish state. The Republican candidate also had vowed that the United States, under his administration, would recognize Jerusalem as Israel's "eternal capital" and would move the U.S. embassy there from Tel Aviv. Most important, as far as Mr. Netanyahu is concerned, Mr. Trump said numerous times on the campaign trail that his "No. 1 priority" on taking office would be to dismantle the nuclear pact with Iran. This deal lifts international sanctions against Iran in exchange for Tehran's agreement to curtail for the next 10 years the development of weapons grade uranium and to permit international inspection of its facilities.

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73. Terrorism deaths fall despite widening impact of attacks, global study reveals

The Guardian (London), Ben Quinn, 2016 11 16

London - The number of deaths caused by terrorism fell by 10% last year, the first drop since 2010, according to a global index that tracks acts of illegal force and violence not committed by the state. The decline was attributed mainly to the effect of sustained military action in weakening Boko Haram and Isis, the Islamist militant groups respectively active in Nigeria and Iraq. However, an expansion into neighbouring states by both groups resulted in a record number of countries experiencing their highest levels of terrorism for 16 years. Despite fewer deaths, terrorist acts claimed the lives of 29,376 people in 2015, making it the second deadliest year on record, according to the global terrorism index (GTI), released on Wednesday by the Institute for Economics and Peace. The worst year on record was 2014, when there were more than 32,765 deaths. "This year's GTI report highlights the most complex set of dynamics in global terrorism in the last 16 years," said Steve Killelea, the institute's executive chairman. "While on the one hand the reduction in deaths is positive, the continued intensification of terrorism in some countries - and its spread to new ones - is a cause for serious concern, and underscores the fluid nature of modern terrorist activity. The attacks in the heartland of western democracies underscore the need for fast-paced and tailored responses to the evolution of these organisations."

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74. Attentat avorté de Villejuif : 4 complices présumés de Sid Ahmed Ghlam arrêtés

L'Obs avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 16

Paris - Quatre hommes dans la trentaine, soupçonnés d'avoir fourni un appui logistique à l'étudiant algérien, sont actuellement entendus. Quatre complices présumés de Sid Ahmed Ghlam, l'étudiant algérien soupçonné d'avoir tenté de commettre un attentat contre une église de Villejuif (Val-de-Marne) au printemps 2015, ont été interpellés mardi matin en région parisienne, a révélé la chaîne LCI, une information confirmée par des sources proches de l'enquête à l'AFP. Ces quatre hommes, âgés de 30 à 39 ans, ont été arrêtés par la direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) à Eragny et Osny (Val-d'Oise), Les Mureaux et Sartrouville (Yvelines). Ils sont "soupçonnés d'avoir apporté à des degrés divers un soutien logistique" à Sid Ahmed Ghlam. 19 avril 2015, l'attaque avortée L'attentat piloté depuis la Syrie par le groupe djihadiste Etat islamique avait échoué, mais il avait toutefois fait une victime, une professeure de fitness, Aurélie Châtelain, retrouvée morte dans sa voiture. Les investigations ont déjà permis de mettre en examen quatre complices présumés, soupçonnés d'avoir participé à la fourniture d'armes et de gilets pare-balles. Le 19 avril 2015, Sid Ahmed Ghlam appelle le Samu après s'être tiré une balle dans la jambe. A leur arrivée, les policiers trouvent le jeune homme

dans une rue de Paris. Dans sa voiture et sa chambre, ils découvrent quatre kalachnikovs, deux armes de poing et des gilets pare-balles.

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75. Far-right Freital terrorist group charged

Deutsche Welle, Staff report, 2016 11 16

Berlin - Eight German nationals have been formally charged with forming a far-right terrorist organization. They are also charged with carrying out five xenophobic or politically motivated attacks in Saxony. Federal prosecutors confirmed on Tuesday that the seven men and one woman - aged between 19 and 38 - have been accused of forming the "Gruppe Freital," and carrying out five attacks on refugee and leftwing centers. All eight have been in custody since April. According to the investigators, the right-wing extremist group - named after a suburb of the eastern city of Dresden that has seen several anti-refugee protests - is responsible for five xenophobic or politically motivated attacks in Saxony. In a previous reports, three attacks were mentioned. "The goal of this group was to carry out bombing attacks on asylum-seeker facilities as well as homes, offices and vehicles of those with different political thinking," prosecutors said. "By doing that, the suspects wanted to create a climate of fear and repression."

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76. Fichier TES : la défense hasardeuse de Bernard Cazeneuve

L'Humanité, Aurélien Soucheyre, 2016 11 16

Paris - Après avoir oeuvré en catimini, le gouvernement se retrouve sous le feu des projecteurs sur la question de ce gigantesque fichier qui compile les informations d'identité de 60 millions de Français. Le ministre de l'Intérieur a tenté hier de minimiser les risques liés à ce projet. Sans convaincre. Bernard Cazeneuve est un bon défenseur. D'abord, le tacle glissé en douce, l'air de rien. Dimanche 30 octobre, paraissait dans le Journal officiel un décret signé de sa main prévoyant la création d'un gigantesque fichier informatique TES (titres électroniques sécurisés) rassemblant les données personnelles et biométriques de plus de 60 millions de Français (l'Humanité du 3 novembre). Le tout sans aucun débat public ou parlementaire. À quoi bon, quand c'est juridiquement dispensable ? Face à la bronca, y compris dans les rangs du gouvernement en la personne de la secrétaire d'État au numérique, Axelle Lemaire, le ministre de l'Intérieur a finalement accepté de s'exprimer devant les parlementaires. Hier matin, auditionné par la commission des Lois du Sénat, Bernard Cazeneuve a fait ce que tout bon défenseur tente invariablement après une faute - morale, au minimum, dans son cas - en plaidant une bonne foi à la limite de l'étonnement. Il s'est dit « très désireux » que le débat ait lieu, tout en justifiant le choix du décret face à l'embouteillage législatif. Il a ensuite confirmé les concessions rendues publiques la semaine dernière, rappelant que les Français pourront refuser que leurs empreintes digitales et leur photographie soient compilées sur le TES. Enfin, il a distribué des garanties à tout-va sur le fond de la mesure, et sur son contrôle.

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77. German court's ruling on mass spying is a victory for the BND and NSA

Deutsche Welle, Staff report, 2016 11 16

Berlin - In June 2013, media reports based on documents provided by whistleblower Edward Snowden revealed the extent of global surveillance programs conducted by the US National Security Agency (NSA). The leaks had a massive impact in Germany, especially after it was found that the NSA was spying on European leaders and heads of government, including German Chancellor Angela Merkel. The findings prompted the "Bundesnachrichtendienst" (BND), Germany's foreign spy agency, to deactivate around 40,000 of several million "selectors" - a collection of search parameters, including telephone numbers, keywords, URLs and addresses. On Tuesday, Germany's constitutional court ruled that the government was not obliged to transfer this secret list of selectors to a special parliamentary fact-finding commission on the NSA revelations. The judges justified their decision by saying that the government's need to keep certain data confidential was more important than the commission's desire for extensive details on the selectors list. Releasing the list without US approval could also endanger the functioning of intelligence agencies and jeopardize Germany's effectiveness in matters of national security, they added. One of the commission's main tasks was to look into the selectors list, which included search parameters from the NSA that the German spy agency used to track millions of surveillance targets around the world, Anna Biselli of the digital research organization "Netzpolitik" told DW. In the course of its investigation, it was found that the BND monitored sensitive targets, including European governments, institutions and corporations. But Tuesday's verdict proved to be a setback for politicians trying to get to the bottom of the BND's activities. "The ruling is a blow for any clarification on the activities of the BND and the NSA and for the entire parliamentary monitoring of secret services," Biselli told DW.

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78. Les recruteurs de l'Etat islamique bâillonnés

Tribune de Genève, Schneider, 2016 11 16

Berlin - Après une vague de perquisitions, hier, Berlin a interdit le groupe islamiste « Lies », dont le chef encourageait les jeunes au djihad. Les services secrets allemands ont mené l'enquête pendant deux ans pour être sûrs de réduire les salafistes au silence. Ils ont rassemblé minutieusement des preuves « irréfutables » pour en finir avec l'organisation « Lies - La vraie religion » qui diffusait de la propagande pour le djihad. « Une interdiction tardive qui tient la route vaut mieux qu'une action rapide qui risque d'être annulée en justice », a résumé hier Thomas de Maizière, le ministre fédéral de l'Intérieur, après les 200 perquisitions menées dans la matinée dans des mosquées, des appartements et des bureaux à travers toute l'Allemagne. Thomas de Maizière accuse l'organisation fondée en 2005 de « glorifier le meurtre et la terreur ». Selon ses chiffres, elle a déjà permis de recruter 140 jeunes d'Allemagne pour le compte de l'organisation Etat islamique (EI, Daech en arabe) en Irak et en Syrie. « Nous n'acceptons pas que le terrorisme soit exporté hors d'Allemagne », a-t-il insisté.

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79. Mégafichier : Cazeneuve sur le gril au Sénat

Le Figaro, Jean-Marc Leclerc, 2016 11 16

Paris - Après l'audition du ministre de l'Intérieur, la Haute Assemblée craint que Beauvau ne recule sans apporter les garanties espérées. Sécurité Bernard Cazeneuve connaîtra-t-il, avec la polémique sur le mégafichier national d'identité, la même déconvenue que Michèle Alliot-Marie avec le défunt fichier de renseignement Edwige ? Une chose est certaine : le Sénat ne veut pas être complice de ce qui se trame au ministère de l'Intérieur dans ce dossier. Rappelons que le fichier sur le point de naître doit réunir dans une seule et même base informatique les données d'identité (nom, couleur des yeux, domicile, photo, empreintes digitales...) de près de 60 millions de Français. Cela ne mérite-t-il pas un minimum de concertation ? Mardi matin, à l'issue de l'audition du ministre de toutes les polices devant la commission des lois devant la Haute Assemblée, le président Les Républicains de cette instance, Philippe Bas, a tenu à rappeler qu'il fut le premier à réclamer des éclaircissements au gouvernement sur le texte qui fait aujourd'hui scandale. Par un courrier en date du 18 octobre, le sénateur de la Manche a en effet demandé à l'hôte de Beauvau de lui communiquer « le projet de décret créant un fichier centralisé des données personnelles recueillies pour la délivrance des passeports et des cartes d'identité ». Il souhaitait, écrivait-il, « rassurer (les) collègues » qui l'avaient alerté sur les intentions du gouvernement.

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80. The German preacher who heads global Islamist network

The Local (Germany), Staff report, 2016 11 16

Berlin - On Tuesday morning German police raided 200 addresses connected to a now-banned Islamist movement. Ibrahim Abou-Nagie, the movement's founder, has taken it around the world. In his video messages to followers, Abou-Nagie doesn't come across as a dangerous man. In a recent clip, shot in Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur, Abou-Nagie appears with a manicured, greying beard and short-cropped hair, and greets his followers with the soothing words: "My dear siblings in Islam." But, if German security services are to be believed, the 52-year-old is one of the most dangerous Islamists in Germany. Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere on Tuesday banned The True Religion (Die wahre Religion), the preaching network Abou-Nagie founded in 2005, saying it was unconstitutional.

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1. Canadian journalists push for 'shield law' to protect sources

Globe and Mail, Daniel Leblanc, 2016 11 17

Ottawa - Journalists and parliamentarians are putting pressure on the Liberal government to enhance the protection of reporters and confidential sources, calling for quick legislative changes instead of rhetorical support for the freedom of the press. The calls flow from recent cases in

which police spied on journalists to obtain information on their sources, raising questions across Canada about the quality of the judicial process for obtaining warrants. At a news conference in Ottawa on Wednesday, two journalists who are in legal battles with police authorities backed a proposal for a "shield law" that allows reporters to protect the identity of their sources and confidential information. "Mine is just one of many cases of the growing erosion of press freedom in Canada," said Ben Makuch, a journalist for Vice News who is refusing to provide information from a confidential source to the RCMP. Mr. Makuch faces a possible jail sentence for refusing to comply with a court order. He said the RCMP's actions have created "irreparable damage" to journalists' ability to win the trust of sources. Patrick Lagacé, a journalist at La Presse, recently learned that the Montreal police service had obtained judicial approval to consult his phone records, tap his phone and trigger the GPS on his mobile device to track his meetings with sources. He said the Liberal government is saying all the right words in the defence of journalistic freedom, but that police officers need to face tougher requirements to go after a journalist's sources. Also present at the news conference were journalist and author Mohamed Fahmy, who was imprisoned for more than a year in Egypt because of his reporting, and Tom Henheffer, the executive-director of Canadian Journalists for Free Expression. Mr. Henheffer said he distrusts agencies such as the RCMP and CSIS that have increased means to monitor electronic communications, and that new laws are needed to curtail their powers.

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2. Canadians support more investigative powers for police -- with a catch

Toronto Star and CBC News, Robert Cribb and CBC Staff, 2016 11 17

Ottawa - Nearly 70 per cent of Canadians are willing to give police greater powers to investigate suspects cloaked by online anonymity - as long as their actions are monitored by a judge, a Toronto Star/CBC national poll has found. While 2,500 respondents to the poll were split down the middle on Canadians' right to complete digital privacy, most said that right should not extend to suspects in a serious crime investigation. "The vast majority of Canadians . . . are willing to accept certain conditions . . . if it means that public safety is put first and their own families or personal safety is protected because police and intelligence agencies have these tools," said David Coletto, CEO of Ottawa-based Abacus Data, which conducted the polling on behalf of the Toronto Star and CBC News. "When a judge is involved, when a warrant is needed, we find broad support. It's only when you take away that judicial oversight that you see a much more divided population." The findings are part of a Toronto Star/CBC investigation into policing in the digital age, a topic under debate in national security public consultations. Top RCMP officials warn that serious crimes are increasingly unpunished because evidence is disappearing behind sophisticated encryption or being purged from the servers of telecommunications companies. The poll has an error margin of plus or minus two percentage points, 19 times out of 20. Perhaps the most striking finding is that Canadians are open to a police proposal for a law allowing authorities to compel a suspect in a criminal investigation to hand over the password or encryption key to investigators. Initially, nearly half of respondents - 49 per cent - agreed police should have the ability to access personal devices. With the addition of a judge's authorization, support jumps to 77 per cent. The initial polling of 1,500 people was completed Oct. 20 to 22. A second phase of polling took place Nov. 7 to 9, after reports that a Federal Court judge found that Canada's intelligence agency, CSIS, had illegally gathered Canadians' private information and

that Quebec police intercepted and tracked the cellphones of at least 10 journalists to discover their sources. An additional 1,000 Canadians were polled in this second phase.

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3. Canadians want judicial oversight of any new digital snooping powers for police: Poll
CBC News and Toronto Star, Dave Seglins, Robert Cribb and Chelsea Gomez, 2016 11 17

Ottawa - Most Canadians feel strongly about their right to privacy online, but a new poll shows the vast majority are willing to grant police new powers to track suspects in the digital realm -- so long as the courts oversee the cops. Nearly half of the respondents to an Abacus Data survey of 2,500 Canadians agreed that citizens should have a right to complete digital privacy. But many appeared to change their mind when asked if an individual suspected of committing a serious crime should have the same right to keep their identity hidden from police. "The vast majority of Canadians ... are willing to accept certain conditions ... if it means that public safety is put first and their own families or personal safety is protected because police and intelligence agencies have these tools," Abacus CEO David Coletto said. "When a judge is involved, when a warrant is needed, we find broad support. It's only when you take away that judicial oversight that you see a much more divided population." The survey, conducted on behalf of CBC News and the Toronto Star, asked Canadians about their views on three specific proposals to expand police powers, which are raised in a federal discussion paper that's part of a review of Canada's Anti-Terrorism Act. Police across the country say they need expanded powers to track crime suspects and national security threats who use encryption and other high-tech tricks to hide their digital tracks. Police used to request subscriber information hundreds of thousands of times a year, but that changed in 2014, when the Supreme Court ruled that in the absence of a specific law, police requests to phone and internet companies amount to a search and therefore require a warrant. Police compare it to looking up licence plate information, which doesn't require permission from a judge. Plus, Paulson says, Canada lags behind its allies the U.S., Australia, New Zealand and the U.K., which allow senior police officers or prosecutors to oversee the requests. But again, Coletto says, judicial oversight is clearly important to Canadians. "Even when we give both sides of the argument, we find Canadians are more likely to oppose a new law that would give police that authority or administrative authorization than those that would support it." Abacus Data surveyed 1,500 Canadians in October, before two major news stories broke about privacy and authority. The first found CSIS had violated court orders and the other revealed Montreal police got approval from a justice of the peace to track the cellphones of six journalists.

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4. Des journalistes demandent à Ottawa d'agir pour protéger la liberté de la presse
Le Devoir, Hélène Buzzetti, 2016 11 17

Ottawa - Le gouvernement fédéral est à son tour invité à agir pour endiguer les filatures policières visant des reporters. Quatre journalistes ont convergé vers Ottawa mercredi pour exiger de l'administration Trudeau qu'elle adopte trois mesures pour rendre plus difficile l'obtention de mandats visant un des leurs. Ils demandent aussi la tenue d'une enquête publique

pour faire la lumière sur les potentiels cas passés de surveillance. Le quatuor était composé de Mohamed Fahmy, le journaliste emprisonné pendant presque deux ans en Égypte ; Ben Makuch, un journaliste de Vice Media qui fait face à la prison parce qu'il refuse de fournir à la police les textos échangés avec un Canadien parti se battre aux côtés du groupe État islamique ; le chroniqueur de La Presse Patrick Lagacé ; et Tom Henheffer, le directeur général de Canadian Journalists for Free Expression. M. Henheffer demande à Ottawa dans un premier temps d'adopter une " loi bouclier " qui empêcherait les autorités d'exiger d'un journaliste qu'il divulgue ses sources. Ensuite, il veut que soit rehaussé le niveau de preuve nécessaire pour qu'un mandat d'interception de communications -- visant un journaliste ou qui que ce soit d'autre -- soit délivré.

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5. Des journalistes réclament d'Ottawa une meilleure protection de la liberté de presse
Radio-Canada avec La Presse canadienne, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 16

Ottawa - Une coalition de journalistes canadiens et québécois réclame du gouvernement de Justin Trudeau des mesures et des lois plus musclées afin de protéger davantage la liberté de presse au pays. Les journalistes Patrick Lagacé, Mohamed Fahmy et Ben Makuch, ainsi que Tom Henheffer de Journalistes canadiens pour la liberté d'expression (CJFE), ont fait part de leurs demandes à cet égard mercredi en conférence de presse à Ottawa. Au début du mois, le ministre de la Sécurité publique du Canada, Ralph Goodale, avait affirmé qu'aucun journaliste n'était actuellement surveillé par les forces de l'ordre au niveau fédéral. Notamment responsable du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS), M. Goodale ne s'était pas avancé à garantir qu'il n'y en avait pas eu par le passé.

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6. Journalists call on Liberals to bring in press shield law to protect sources
Canadian Press, Melanie Marquis, 2016 11 17

Ottawa - The Liberal government is being urged to bring in legislation to better protect journalists and their confidential sources. That was the message from three journalists who've had those freedoms obstructed _ Patrick Lagace, Ben Makuch and Mohamed Fahmy _ as well as Tom Henheffer, executive director for Canadian Journalists for Free Expression. They offered three simple recommendations to the federal government during a news conference in Ottawa on Wednesday, including the adoption of a press shield law ensuring journalists not be made to disclose their confidential sources. Henheffer said almost all Western democracies have enacted such laws _ including the U.S., Germany, Australia and the United Kingdom _ and Canada must follow suit. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said Wednesday the government was ready to listen to suggestions from journalists, jurists and other actors. A spokesman later told The Canadian Press it was premature to come to a conclusion on a press shield law until Quebec completes a public inquiry into the protection of journalists' sources, a process that was announced on Wednesday and will run until 2018. Independent Sen. Andre Pratte, a former journalist, proposed a mixed committee of senators and MPs to look into the issue. "I think it's a way to proceed that is more conducive than simply asking the government to table a bill right away," Pratte said in a phone interview. The group in Ottawa on Wednesday called on the

government to overhaul the rules for issuing warrants _ that applications for such warrants must come from the Crown instead of police. They are also asking for the repeal of surveillance provisions in Bill C-13, which lowered the threshold of proof required to obtain warrants. The group also suggested a federal public inquiry is necessary to determine if the RCMP and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service have been monitoring journalists in recent years. The NDP had already called for one last May when it came to light that RCMP investigators tracked La Presse journalists Joel-Denis Bellavance and Gilles Toupin for nine days in August 2007.

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7. Let the battle for control of the Commons clock commence! (Or continue)

Ottawa Citizen Online, Kady O'Malley, 2016 11 17

Blog: In what was likely a somewhat painful, if clearly necessary, reminder of the limits of majority power over the parliamentary space-time continuum, a pre-emptive procedural strike allowed the Conservatives to temporarily thwart the government's bid to cut off debate on the proposed pension revamp on Wednesday afternoon by successfully blocking the introduction of the motion to set a deadline for the remaining discussion. As a result, there's a very good chance that the bells will ring out at least once, and possibly more often, shortly after the Chamber re-opens for business this morning. Senior officials from the RCMP, the Canada Border Services Agency, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and Justice will provide their respective and collective perspectives on the state of Canada's security laws - and specifically, the Security of Canada Information Sharing Act - at Ethics. Meanwhile, at Public Safety, Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien outlines his thoughts on the government's proposal to set up a parliamentary oversight committee to monitor national security and intelligence policy and operations, with Amnesty International secretary-general Alex Neve and the Security Intelligence Review Committee also scheduled to testify.

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8. Surveillance watchdog says C-22 not likely to be abused

iPolitics.ca, Amanda Connolly, 2016 11 17

Ottawa - The man in charge of overseeing Canada's electronics surveillance agency says there is no reason to believe the government would abuse controversial provisions in its national security committee legislation that give ministers the power to refuse to disclose requested information. "I don't see why they would do that unless they are in bad faith, and I assume that everybody is in good faith unless the contrary is proven to me," said Jean-Pierre Plouffe, commissioner of the Canadian Security Establishment. "The fears we have are seldom realized to the same extent we had thought. Yes, it is a restriction, but it is a reasonable one." Bill C-22, currently being studied at the House of Commons public safety committee, would create a nine-member committee of parliamentarians tasked with monitoring and scrutinizing the activities of all government departments and agencies that engage in national security activities. While it would bring Canada up to speed among the Five Eyes intelligence allies (we are currently the only one without such a committee), opposition critics have raised red flags over several key components of the bill. First, the legislation would allow the government to appoint a chair of the committee as well as

all of its members rather than allowing parliamentarians to vote to confirm them or allow committee members to elect their own chair. Second, the bill contains what some national security experts have dubbed "potential Mack truck exemptions" when it comes to giving ministers the power to refuse to disclose information the committee has requested. The creation of a committee tasked with national security oversight was a key campaign promise by the Liberals and also part of their plan to reform national security in light of the controversial bill C-51, passed by the former government. That bill sparked a huge public backlash after it was perceived as going too far in allowing for expanded information sharing among government departments, enhancing the powers of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, and lowering the legal threshold for who can be surveilled by law enforcement.

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9. 'No reason to fear' man with terror links

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 11 17

Toronto - A part-time Toronto security guard and business student, Abdul Aziz Aldabous came to the attention of RCMP national security investigators last April over his social media links with ISIL terrorists. His online confidants included the failed Canadian suicide bomber Aaron Driver, an American killed while attempting an attack in Texas linked to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, a prominent ISIL fighter in Syria, and Britain's youngest convicted terrorist. The RCMP arrested Aldabous on a terrorism peace bond in September 2015. A search of his computer turned up materials reflecting his support for what a court document called "the radical jihadist cause." But after he was released on bail, Aldabous went to a psychologist and began counselling under the guidance of a prominent Toronto imam, Yousuf Badat. Now, 14 months later, federal prosecutors have ended their case against him. The peace bond was withdrawn at Toronto's Old City Hall courthouse Tuesday because the Crown felt that, due to the measures Aldabous had taken largely on his own initiative, there were no longer grounds to fear he would engage in terrorism. "Since his arrest Mr. Aldabous has taken several positive steps to move beyond his past troubling online behaviour," reads an agreed statement of facts filed with the Ontario Court of Justice.

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10. Activist calls for Ottawa to pass Canadian Magnisky Act

Globe and Mail, Michelle Zilio, 2016 11 17

Ottawa - A Crimean activist who says he survived two years of torture in Russian prisons is calling on the Canadian government to use all diplomatic means, including sanctions targeting corrupt Russian officials, to pressure the Putin government to halt its aggression against Ukraine and surrounding countries. Hennadiy Afanasyev is in Ottawa this week meeting with members of Parliament and foreign-affairs officials. He says he will urge them to adopt a law sanctioning human-rights abusers around the world. "We should use all diplomatic means in order to make Russia hear the world community, and make Russia stop its aggression against other countries

and withdraw its armies from occupied territories. We should not rely only on diplomacy. If Russia continues its aggression we should be ready to show strength," Mr. Afanasyev said in an exclusive interview with The Globe and Mail. Mr. Afanasyev's call for action comes two weeks after Mark Gwozdecky, Global Affairs Canada political director, met with Russian deputy foreign minister Sergei Ryabkov for talks on Ukraine and Syria. While Foreign Minister Stéphane Dion has urged all countries to uphold sanctions against Russia, Mr. Gwozdecky's visit is raising opposition concerns that the federal government might do the opposite.

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11. Canadian says China forced her to testify that she bribed former judge

Globe and Mail, Craig Offman, 2016 11 17

A Canadian citizen held in Chinese custody says authorities tortured her into confessing that she bribed a former leading official who became an outspoken critic of the regime. You Ziqi of Richmond, B.C., was detained on fraud charges by customs officials at the Beijing airport in 2014 while travelling with her son to visit family in Hubei province. In a complaint written to the Chinese authorities and obtained by The Globe and Mail, Ms. You said Chinese officials forced her to give testimony that she had bribed Xie Weidong, who was a businessman and former Supreme Court judge before he immigrated to Canada two years ago. In the meantime, the Chinese government seized almost all of Ms. You's family assets, worth around \$10- million. Evidence provided by Ms. You became the basis for a Red Notice, an international arrest warrant-like demand issued by Interpol, against Mr. Xie, who lives in Toronto and has applied for permanent residence here. Both expatriates say the case against them is based on false testimony, instigated by Communist Party officials trying to cover up the theft of Ms. You's family assets. "I have come from inside the system. I know very well the extent of corruption and darkness there," Mr. Xie told The Globe.

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12. Canadians engaged in fight to retake Mosul from Daesh

Toronto Star, Bruce Campion-Smith, 2016 11 17

Ottawa - Canadian special forces soldiers have engaged in a "substantial" number of engagements with Daesh fighters in recent weeks as part of the intense fighting to retake Mosul, a top general says. In three of those clashes, Canadians fired heavy anti-armour weapons to stop Daesh (also known as ISIS or ISIL) vehicles packed with explosives that were "charging at high speeds" toward Kurdish positions, said Maj.-Gen. Mike Rouleau, head of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command. If Canadians hadn't responded, the vehicles would have breached the defensive line and caused "mayhem," he said. "The Kurds do not possess weapons like we have." He told a briefing Wednesday that the Canadians, on an advise-and-assist mission to train and mentor Peshmerga soldiers in northern Iraq, have used lethal force several dozen times in recent weeks to protect themselves, their Kurdish partners and civilians. He said Canadians have fired at Daesh with sniper rifles, mortars and the anti-armour rockets to take out vehicle-borne explosive devices. He said the "substantial" number of engagements coincides with the operation by Iraqi and Kurdish forces to reclaim Mosul, a Daesh stronghold.

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13. Canadian troops, ISIL have clashed

Ottawa Citizen, David Pugliese, 2016 11 17

Ottawa - Canadian troops have engaged in a substantial number of clashes with Islamic State of Iraq and Levant gunmen in the last several weeks but commanders are still insisting such actions don't rank as being part of a combat mission. Anti-tank missiles have been fired by Canadian special forces and gunfire exchanged. Iraqi security forces as well as the Canadian-backed Kurdish troops have been advancing on the ISIL stronghold of Mosul and have engaged in heavy combat. The number of such clashes involving Canadian commandos has been "substantial" and involves several dozen incidents, special forces commander Maj.-Gen. Mike Rouleau revealed Wednesday at a briefing in Ottawa. "This is the reality of modern conflict," he added. "There have been a substantial number of engagements." Canadian special forces have used anti-tank missiles on three occasions to destroy ISIL suicide vehicles, Rouleau said. "When we shoot first there are emerging threats," he added. No civilians have been killed or injured in such engagements, according to Rouleau. He did not have numbers on ISIL gunmen who have been killed by Canadian troops. "I do have the numbers but we don't do body counts," Rouleau explained. "It's difficult to be precise."

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14. Des soldats canadiens tirent sur les djihadistes

Agence QMI, Guillaume Saint-Pierre, 2016 11 17

Ottawa - Confusion sur la nature de la mission militaire en Irak Malgré «plusieurs douzaines» d'affrontements entre les soldats canadiens et les djihadistes du groupe armé État islamique depuis un mois, la Défense nationale maintient que le Canada n'est pas dans une mission de combat en Irak. Libérés des griffes de l'État islamique, des enfants accueillent les forces irakiennes. «Si on était dans une mission de combat, la manière dont on conduirait nos opérations, les équipements qu'on apporterait là-bas, et notre planification serait différente», a assuré en point de presse, hier, le commandant des forces spéciales en Irak, Michael Rouleau. «On est dans une mission de conseil et d'assistance. C'est très clair pour moi. Il n'y a pas de confusion», a-t-il insisté.

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15. Driver ' s device a killer , cops say

London Free Press, Randy Richmond, 2016 11 17

London - The cab driver who unknowingly picked up a bomb-carrying terrorist in Strathroy for a trip to London says he ' s alarmed, but not completely surprised, by new reports the explosive device was deadlier than initially suspected. " I realized that (its danger) at the time. All I know it was one hell of a big bang ," former Strathroy cab driver Terry Duffield said. An RCMP bomb analysis shows that the blast from the device, on its way to downtown London and perhaps Toronto, would have caused a high risk of death to anyone within 1.5 metres of the explosion and

varying risks of injury up to 7.8 metres away. Injuries could have included lung damage and ruptured ear drums. That assessment doesn't include the impact from bomb fragments or the 139 ball bearings reportedly embedded in the device. "If what they're saying is true, I wouldn't be here talking to you today (if the bomb fully detonated). They would have went right through the seat," Duffield said. The new report raises questions about how RCMP allowed a man under their watch, Aaron Driver, build such a powerful bomb that might have harmed many, Duffield's lawyer said. "It certainly underscores the threat that Terry was under. But for it not detonating the way he (Driver) planned, Terry would be just a memory," Kevin Egan said. In an effort to prove why new powers are needed to battle terrorism and crime, the RCMP provided The Toronto Star and CBC details of 10 cases, including Driver's. The 24-year-old ISIS sympathizer was living with his sister in Strathroy when RCMP got a tip from the FBI about a martyrdom video in which Driver vowed imminent revenge on Canadians. Police surrounded his sister's house Aug. 10, and watched as Duffield's taxi pulled up and Driver got in the back seat. Driver was planning to go to Citi Plaza in London, but police don't know if he intended to explode the device there or head to Toronto.

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16. Le Canada a réitéré son soutien au Cameroun dans la lutte contre Boko Haram (Canada)

Agence de Presse Africaine, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 16

Yaoundé - Le Canada, à travers son haut-commissaire accrédité à Yaoundé, René Cremonese, a réitéré son soutien au Cameroun dans la lutte contre la secte islamiste Boko Haram. S'exprimant face à la presse mercredi, au sortir d'une audience avec le président Paul Biya, le diplomate a précisé que cet appui va se décliner à travers une augmentation substantielle de l'aide humanitaire pour les réfugiés et les personnes déplacées, aujourd'hui estimée à 5 millions de dollars. De même, le Canada apportera son concours au Cameroun dans la collecte du renseignement, la formation des troupes, l'approvisionnement en équipements des forces spéciales de sécurité et bien d'autres domaines encore, en cours d'exploration et qui devraient être implémentés pour dès 2017.

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17. Les informaticiens appelés à l'aide

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 11 17

Ottawa - En plus des 18 000 dossiers de fonctionnaires en arriéré avant juin dernier à régler, le ministère a aussi pris du retard dans le traitement de 200 000 transactions de paye, l'équivalent de deux mois de travail, accumulés dans le système pendant la période de juillet et août dernier. Ainsi, près de 90% des 82 000 dossiers de fonctionnaires qui étaient en arriéré avant juin ont pu être réglés. Mais le ministère a, pour la première fois, révélé que le personnel doit aussi faire face à un flux de transactions qui n'ont pu être traitées depuis juillet. Environ 80 000 transactions qui découlent de revenus supplémentaires, ou autres, arrivent dans le système tous les mois, et les mesures prises permettent désormais de traiter plus de 100 000 transactions. Il faudra donc plusieurs mois avant de passer à travers le flux de 200 000 transactions qui se sont accumulées

depuis juillet. Actuellement, la norme de service de traitement «dans les 20 jours» n'est atteinte que dans 20 % des transactions. La sous-ministre n'a pas voulu se risquer à dire quand tout sera réglé. «C'est clair que nous avons encore beaucoup à faire. Il ne faut pas juste attendre l'état de stabilité», a admis mercredi Marie Lemay, sous-ministre des Services publics et de l'Approvisionnement, lors de sa dernière mise à jour sur le système de paye Phénix.

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18. Liberals restore funding to controversial Palestinian aid agency

Canadian Press, Staff reporter, 2016 11 17

Ottawa - The federal Liberals are providing \$25 million to a UN relief agency for Palestinian refugees that was cut off by the previous Conservative government for alleged ties to Hamas. International Development Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau made the announcement at a news conference and also during question period in the House of Commons _ news that was greeted by cries of "shame" from the opposition benches. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, also known as UNRWA, lost federal funding in 2010 amid allegations it was tied too closely to Hamas, considered a terrorist organization by Canada and others. Bibeau says \$20 million will go support education, health and social services for millions of vulnerable Palestinian refugees, as well as urgent humanitarian assistance. An additional \$5 million is being provided in response to the agency's appeal for help for those impacted by the crisis in Syria and its environs. "I'm horrified," said Conservative foreign affairs critic Peter Kent, who said there is ample proof that "massive amounts" of UN aid have been redirected to support Palestinian military efforts against Israel. "We have abundant evidence that UNRWA is part of the problem." The government says the money will be accompanied by "enhanced due diligence," including a "very robust oversight and reporting framework" that includes regular site visits and anti-terrorism provisions.

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19. Phoenix pay queue grows by 200,000 transactions, unknown number of public servants affected

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 11 17

Ottawa - The senior bureaucrat overseeing the effort to fix the federal government's Phoenix pay system says another 200,000 transactions have piled up in the queue since July. Marie Lemay, Public Services' deputy minister, said these transactions are on top of the thousands of outstanding pay issues, affecting 82,000 public servants, that comprised the government's original, pre-July backlog. The department has whittled that backlog down to 18,000 people. What the government did not reveal during a briefing Wednesday is how many public servants are affected by the newly accrued 200,000 transactions that are waiting to be processed. Lemay said the rollout of the new Phoenix pay system dramatically slowed down pay processing over the summer as employees and compensation advisers became accustomed to the new system, which has been riddled with glitches and problems that are still being ironed out. "Our earlier slowdown caused the number of transactions in the system to expand so that we now have more than two months of additional work to process. This is over and above the new transactions that

are entering the system," Lemay said. Lemay wouldn't set a target day for clearing the queue but said she was confident that processing time will speed up and that employees will be paid within the department's "service standards" of 20 days.

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20. Protesters warn of more potential chaos

Montreal Gazette, Jason Magder, 2016 11 17

Montreal - The standoff on the tracks at Kahnawake that disrupted commuter and freight trains could be the first of several, if things don't change, protesters warned Wednesday. "If they keep doing what they're doing, I can guarantee there will be other action," said Melissa Montour, one of the protesters. "Let's hope the government sits down and thinks about its next move." Train service was interrupted for 24 hours ending Wednesday at 6 p.m. as protesters blocked the CP tracks in Kahnawake, used by freight trains and the Candiac commuter line. The protesters in Kahnawake were among several groups across Canada and the U.S. standing in support of opponents of the Dakota Access Pipeline, an oil pipeline that is scheduled to be built under a reservoir on the Missouri River in North Dakota. Anti-DAPL protesters in the U.S. are based in Standing Rock, N.D. "Standing Rock sent out a call for support and we answered the call," said protester Roxann Whitebean. While train traffic was halted as of Tuesday evening, one freight train attempted in the pre-dawn hours of Wednesday to pass through the protest, as very few people were camped out by the tracks. "We saw the light, and then we saw the barriers come down, so we stood in front of the train," said one protester who declined to give his name. "The conductor stopped and told us his boss told him he had to try to come through." The train eventually turned back, and no other attempts were made as of mid morning. A spokesperson for CP did not answer when asked who sent the train, but issued a one-sentence statement.

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21. Russian move deals latest blow to Canadian efforts to save ICC

Globe and Mail, Geoffrey York, 2016 11 17

Johannesburg - Even as the International Criminal Court suffered a blow from yet another country turning against it, Canada is continuing its fight to save it with a campaign of lobbying pressure and promised solutions. Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion met critics and supporters of the controversial court on Wednesday in The Hague, trying to quell a rebellion that has led to three African countries withdrawing from the court. "We need more of the International Criminal Court, not less," Mr. Dion said in a speech to the annual assembly of the court's member states. But as he arrived at the assembly, Russia was becoming the latest country to attack the court, withdrawing its signature from the Rome treaty that created the body. Calling it "inefficient and one-sided" and noting the court has spent more than \$1-billion (U.S.) for only a handful of convictions, the Russian government announced on Wednesday that it would not ratify the treaty, despite its earlier support for the court. Russia also criticized the ICC for investigating alleged war crimes in Georgia in 2008 during Russia's military intervention in its southern neighbour. Some analysts dismissed the Russian move as merely a symbolic protest with no practical consequences, since Moscow has never been a full member of the court. Russia

has repeatedly vetoed any attempt to refer the Syrian war and other conflicts to the ICC for investigation.

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22. Vice-presidential candidate Tim Kaine expected to attend Halifax security forum

Canadian Press, Michael Macdonald, 2016 11 17

Halifax - Less than two weeks after Republican Donald Trump's stunning electoral victory, the Democratic contender for U.S. vice-president, Tim Kaine, is scheduled to attend an international foreign affairs and defence conference in Halifax. Kaine, a U.S. senator from Virginia, is among a list of high-profile political and military leaders expected to join the weekend meeting, which will include U.K. Defence Secretary Michael Fallon, U.S. Deputy Defence Secretary Robert Work and France's defence minister, Jean-Yves Le Drian. Fallon will speak about Britain's place in the world after Brexit, and Le Drian will speak about combating terror. Hosted by Canadian Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan, the annual three-day Halifax International Security Forum bills itself as a gathering of democratic leaders committed to global security and prosperity. "This is the only international meeting in the world where top government leaders and military officials come together from democracies to enhance co-operation on global issues," said Peter Van Praagh, president of the forum. "It gives people an opportunity to understand what other countries are thinking and it is also a great opportunity to build relationships." Kaine's anticipated visit will mark the senator's fourth appearance at the forum. Over the past three years, Kaine and Sen. John McCain, a former Republican presidential nominee, have led a congressional delegation to Halifax. Kaine is expected to receive a "builders" award at a gala on Friday before leaving early Saturday.

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23. Decades in prison for final 3 sentenced in Minnesota ISIL conspiracy case

Minneapolis Star-Tribune, Stephen Montemayor, Faiza Mahamud, 2016 11 17

Minneapolis - Seeking to send an emphatic message that there is "no doubt" about the depth of terrorism recruitment in the Twin Cities, a federal judge on Wednesday sentenced the final three of Minnesota's ISIL conspiracy defendants to the sternest prison sentences yet handed down in a Minnesota terrorism case. "It's clear, and I've stated it the last two days ... this community has to understand that there is a jihadist cell in this community -- its tentacles spread out," Senior U.S. District Judge Michael Davis told a packed courtroom. "Young people went to Syria and died." Davis concluded three days of hearings by sending defendant Guled Omar to prison for 35 years, and sentencing two others -- Mohamed Farah and Abdirahman Daud -- to 30 years each. The three were the only defendants to plead not guilty and go to trial, where a jury in June convicted them of charges including conspiracy to commit murder outside the United States. They were also convicted of conspiring to provide material support to the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), the same charge on which six others pleaded guilty and were sentenced this week. "I understand the seriousness of what I've been convicted of, and I understand that I will not be

able to go home anytime soon," Omar said as relatives sobbed nearby. "I always had energy for justice as a young man, but I lost my way."

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24. Donald Trump Can Either Continue the Shadow War With Vladimir Putin or End Sanctions

Newsweek, Owen Matthews, 2016 11 17

New York - The telegram was one of the first to arrive from a world leader. On the morning of November 9, the Kremlin announced that Russian President Vladimir Putin had sent a message to U.S. President-elect Donald Trump expressing "his hope they can work together toward the end of the crisis in Russian-American relations, as well as address the pressing issues of the international agenda and the search for effective responses to global security challenges." Just minutes before, the Russian State Duma had erupted in applause when its members learned that Trump had won the election. Putin appeared to be taking his lead from repeated comments Trump has made suggesting the two would get along: "I would treat Vladimir Putin firmly, but there's nothing I can think of that I'd rather do than have Russia friendly, as opposed to the way they are right now, so that we can go and knock out ISIS with other people," the then-candidate of the Republican Party said on July 28, referring to the Islamic State militant group. But the blossoming bromance between the two men may come to a sudden end when Trump becomes commander in chief on January 20, 2017. That's when he will, on a daily basis, have to cope with a resentful former superpower engaged in an aggressive campaign of espionage and propaganda against the United States and its allies--one more intense and menacing than at any time since the Cold War. Trump will likely face a binary choice: continue to engage in that intensifying shadow war, as his predecessor chose to do, or end sanctions against Russia--essentially allowing Putin to expand his influence in Eastern Europe and beyond. The pressure on Trump to come up with an answer will be considerable. With Trump's victory, Russia might feel that its potent mixture of hacking, propaganda and sowing distrust has worked spectacularly well. The temptation to continue spreading chaos by backing right-wingers in France, the Baltics, Germany and elsewhere is stronger than ever. "Putin has interfered in our elections and succeeded. Well done," tweeted former U.S. Ambassador to Russia Michael McFaul after Trump's victory. And Russia's elite, while careful to deny involvement in the Kremlin's alleged meddling in the U.S. presidential race, is openly jubilant about Trump's win. "First was Brexit. Now Hillary," says Russian parliamentarian Vyacheslav Nikonov, a Putin ally. "A while ago, America was saying that Russia is just a gas station, a regional power. Now, apparently, we're so influential that we are determining the outcome of their presidential election. We follow the ancient Chinese policy--we sit on the riverbank and wait for our enemy's body to float past."

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25. Donald Trump Picks Classic Establishment Figure to Lead Intelligence Transition

The Intercept, Jenna McLaughlin, 2016 11 17

Washington - Just hours after Donald Trump took the stage on election night to deliver his acceptance speech, critics warned that the inexperienced new leader would inject a previously

unknown level of instability into the world of U.S. intelligence and security. That remains a strong possibility, especially after Mike Rogers, the hawkish former chair of the House Intelligence oversight committee, and Matthew Freedman, who had been in charge of the planning for the National Security Council, left the transition team on Monday in what NBC described as a "Stalinesque purge." But the national security establishment has one hope left: Army Lt. Gen. Ronald Burgess, former director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, remains in charge of intelligence hiring, and his record harkens back to a GOP establishment focused on powerful espionage and influence on the world stage. He's reportedly favored to be the new director of National Intelligence, replacing James Clapper. In other words, there's still a chance the spies will be just fine. Burgess's 38-year military career has reassured some former spies and intelligence experts that the administration might not devolve into amateur-led chaos.

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26. Exclusive In Private Meeting, Euro Diplomats Beseech Trump Team to Uphold Transatlantic Pacts (Canada)

Foreign Policy, Colum Lynch, Don De Luce, 2016 11 17

Washington - European governments are launching a concerted appeal to persuade President-elect Donald Trump to not abandon the Iran nuclear deal or NATO's tough stance toward Russia, warning of dire consequences that could raise the risk of war and weaken the transatlantic alliance. In a closed-door meeting this week, Foreign Policy has learned, diplomats from Europe, Canada, and other allied nations raised their concerns about the course of Trump's foreign-policy priorities with a key member of the president-elect's transition team. The European delegates told Trump advisor James Carafano that they hoped the new administration would continue to embrace shared values, including upholding human rights and a shared defense policy with NATO at its core. During the private meeting Monday, the Europeans also asked Carafano about the new administration's approach to the Iran nuclear deal, according to an official with knowledge of details of the exchange and who summarized it for FP. Foreign delegates emerged from the meeting with no idea of Trump's plans for Iran, the official said. Eastern European diplomats who were at the meeting sought to drive home the importance of ensuring that any U.S. rapprochement with Russia did not come at the expense of NATO's most vulnerable members, particularly small Baltic countries living in the shadow of a newly assertive Russia. They said they expected Washington to uphold U.S. pledges made at NATO summits in Warsaw and Wales, reaffirming commitments to defend Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland in the face of mounting Russian aggression. Carafano, the vice president for foreign and defense policy studies at the conservative Heritage Foundation, had invited senior diplomats to a meeting at the think tank's Washington headquarters to hear out concerns about the incoming administration. Carafano insisted he was not hosting the event on behalf of the president-elect. But diplomats and congressional staffers said they understand he is likely to emerge as the Trump team's liaison for State Department matters. A spokesman at the Heritage Foundation said Carafano was away this week and couldn't be reached.

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27. In our new Cold War, deterrence should come before detente

Washington Post, David Ignatius, 2016 11 15

Column - The White House sent a secret "hotline"-style message to Russia on Oct. 31 to warn against any further cyber-meddling in the U.S. election process. Russia didn't escalate its tactics as Election Day approached, but U.S. officials aren't ready to say deterrence worked. The previously undisclosed message was part of the high-stakes game of cyber- brinkmanship that has been going on this year between Moscow and Washington. How to stabilize this relationship without appearing to capitulate to Russian pressure tactics is among the biggest challenges facing President- elect Donald Trump. The message was sent on a special channel created in 2013 as part of the Nuclear Risk Reduction Center, using a template designed for crisis communication. "It was a very clear statement to the Russians and asked them to stop their activity," a senior administration official said, adding: "The fact that we used this channel was part of the messaging." According to several other high-level sources, President Obama also personally contacted Russian President Vladimir Putin last month to caution him about the disruptive cyberattacks. The senior administration official wouldn't comment on these reports.

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28. Presidents Have Broad Latitude to Let Relatives Into Government's Secret Circles

New York Times, Mark Landler, 2016 11 17

Washington - After days of reports that President-elect Donald J. Trump had requested a top-secret security clearance for his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, people close to Mr. Kushner said that was not the case. No such request has been made, they said on Wednesday, and he will not sit in on the president's highly classified daily intelligence briefing. But should Mr. Trump change his mind, former government officials and experts on classified information said he would have wide latitude as president to bring a family member into the most secret circles of the government. "The president can authorize clearance for anyone he wants," said Steven Aftergood, director of the project on government secrecy at the Federation of American Scientists. "It's part of his commander-in-chief role. He has broad, essentially unlimited, access in this area." Like anyone else, Mr. Kushner would be subject to a background check by the F.B.I. But the president's authority is so broad, Mr. Aftergood said, that he could override red flags -- like fraud, huge personal debt or ties to foreign governments -- that would disqualify other applicants. Mr. Trump said in a Twitter post on Wednesday that he was not seeking security clearances for his children, who he has said will run his businesses while he is in the White House. But he did not address the case of Mr. Kushner, who is married to Mr. Trump's elder daughter, Ivanka.

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29. The World Needs WikiLeaks

New York Times, Sarah Harrison, 2016 11 17

Op-ed from Berlin - My organization, WikiLeaks, took a lot of heat during the run-up to the recent presidential election. We have been accused of abetting the candidacy of Donald J. Trump

by publishing cryptographically authenticated information about Hillary Clinton's campaign and its influence over the Democratic National Committee, the implication being that a news organization should have withheld accurate, newsworthy information from the public. The Obama Justice Department continues to pursue its six-year criminal investigation of WikiLeaks, the largest known of its kind, into the publishing of classified documents and articles about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Guantánamo Bay and Mrs. Clinton's first year as secretary of state. According to the trial testimony of one F.B.I. agent, the investigation includes several of WikiLeaks founders, owners and managers. And last month our editor, Julian Assange, who has asylum at Ecuador's London embassy, had his internet connection severed. I can understand the frustration, however misplaced, from Clinton supporters. But the WikiLeaks staff is committed to the mandate set by Mr. Assange, and we are not going to go away, no matter how much he is abused. That's something that Democrats, along with everyone who believes in the accountability of governments, should be happy about. Despite the mounting legal and political pressure coming from Washington, we continue to publish valuable material, and submissions keep pouring in. There is a desperate need for our work: The world is connected by largely unaccountable networks of power that span industries and countries, political parties, corporations and institutions; WikiLeaks shines a light on these by revealing not just individual incidents, but information about entire structures of power. Note: Sarah Harrison is a journalist and editor for WikiLeaks.

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30. TITANPOINTE

The Intercept, Ryan Gallagher, Henrik Moltke, 2016 11 16

New York - For many New Yorkers, 33 Thomas Street -- known as the "Long Lines Building" -- has been a source of mystery for years. It has been labeled one of the city's weirdest and most iconic skyscrapers, but little information has ever been published about its purpose. It is not uncommon to keep the public in the dark about a site containing vital telecommunications equipment. But 33 Thomas Street is different: An investigation by The Intercept indicates that the skyscraper is more than a mere nerve center for long-distance phone calls. It also appears to be one of the most important National Security Agency surveillance sites on U.S. soil -- a covert monitoring hub that is used to tap into phone calls, faxes, and internet data. Documents obtained by The Intercept from the NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden do not explicitly name 33 Thomas Street as a surveillance facility. However -- taken together with architectural plans, public records, and interviews with former AT&T employees conducted for this article -- they provide compelling evidence that 33 Thomas Street has served as an NSA surveillance site, code-named TITANPOINTE. Inside 33 Thomas Street there is a major international "gateway switch," according to a former AT&T engineer, which routes phone calls between the United States and countries across the world. A series of top-secret NSA memos suggest that the agency has tapped into these calls from a secure facility within the AT&T building. The Manhattan skyscraper appears to be a core location used for a controversial NSA surveillance program that has targeted the communications of the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and at least 38 countries, including close U.S. allies such as Germany, Japan, and France. It has long been known that AT&T has cooperated with the NSA on surveillance, but few details have emerged about the role of specific facilities in carrying out the top-secret

programs. The Snowden documents provide new information about how NSA equipment has been integrated as part of AT&T's network in New York City, revealing in unprecedented detail the methods and technology the agency uses to vacuum up communications from the company's systems.

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31. Trump cyber security team, policy slow to take shape: officials

Reuters, Dustin Volz, Mark Hosenball, 2016 11 17

Washington - President-elect Donald Trump's transition team has not announced a point person dedicated to cyber security policy or staffing in his administration, an omission that could make the United States more vulnerable to threats and worsen a government cyber talent shortfall, current and former national security officials said. They and multiple sources involved with the Trump transition organization said they were unaware of any person in the Trump orbit who is dealing specifically with cyber security, and that there has been minimal contact with federal agencies. The apparent lack of expertise or prioritization coincides with U.S. intelligence agencies, including the CIA, having pivoted to digital warfare to address the growing national security and economic threats that nation-states and extremist groups pose in cyberspace. In response to a request for comment, a Trump spokeswoman referred to a cyber-security "vision" on Republican Trump's campaign website, which calls for an immediate review of U.S. cyber defenses and vulnerabilities and lists high-profile hacks as "key issues" without further explanation. James Norton, a former George W. Bush administration official who helped set up the Department of Homeland Security's first cyber security team, said that Trump's transition team may be waiting to move forward on the issue until after cabinet-level security posts are filled. "Cyber will be a priority," said Norton, now president of Washington-based consulting firm Play-Action Strategies LLC. "There's a little bit of fog, but I think that will clear once the names of the nominees are out."

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32. US Mideast intelligence analysts fear superiors distorting findings-survey

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 11 17

Washington - A National Intelligence survey found officials in U.S. Central Command, which oversees combat operations in the Middle East and South Asia, had far less confidence that superiors were not distorting or suppressing their analyses than counterparts in the other eight American military commands. The December 2015 survey, conducted by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), is expected to be one of the main topics of a House intelligence committee hearing later on Thursday. It is likely to reinforce questions in Congress and elsewhere about whether the administration is pressuring officials to make over-optimistic claims about progress against Islamic State and the Taliban so U.S. President Barack Obama can leave office in January on a high note. A Republican congressional report earlier this year found "widespread dissatisfaction" among analysts at the Tampa-based Central Command who thought their superiors were distorting their reports.

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33. White House Confirms Pre-Election Warning to Russia Over Hacking

New York Times, David E. Sanger, 2016 11 17

Washington - Over the past month, President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia has received two starkly different messages about hacking into American computer networks from the current and future presidents of the United States: Don't you dare, and don't worry, we're not even sure it was you. The White House confirmed in a statement on Wednesday that eight days before the presidential election, the United States "contacted the Russian government directly regarding malicious cyberactivity" that was "targeting U.S. state election-related systems." It sent the message over a rarely used system: a hotline connecting the Nuclear Risk Reduction Centers in both countries, which they had agreed three years ago could also be employed to deal with major cyberincidents. The warnings to Russia against further hacking into polling or registration systems, or any further effort to affect the outcome of the election, are being hailed by the Obama administration as a success in deterrence. After all, they argue, a year and a half of Russian hacking activity seemed to slow, or halt, and there is no evidence that voting or counting of ballots was disrupted on Election Day. But more than a few experts in deterring cyberattacks take a more skeptical view. They say the Russians had already achieved their main goal: to demonstrate how they could disrupt the American electoral process with the leak of hacked emails, including from the Democratic National Committee and Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman, John D. Podesta. James A. Lewis, a computer expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, dismissed the administration's claim that it had deterred Russia's hacking. "It seems a little bold to claim this is a success for deterrence, since the Russians weren't deterred from doing anything," he said. "Their hacking work was mostly complete. The issue now is whether they will be deterred in the future, and the guessing is they will not. Strong private warnings aren't enough to constitute deterrence."

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United Kingdom • Royaume-Uni

34. Islamophobia growing as anti-extremism policy fails, says MP

The Guardian (London), Alan Travis, 2016 11 17

London - A vacuum at the heart of the government's counter- extremism policy is leading British Muslims to despair in the face of spiralling Islamophobia, a former Labour Cabinet and Home Office minister has warned. Liam Byrne says that thousands of Islamic State foreign fighters are expected to return to Europe, including Britain, after the fall of Mosul and use Donald Trump's inflammatory rhetoric to find fresh recruits in a new book. In his book, Black Flag Down: Counter-extremism, defeating Isis and winning the battle of ideas, Byrne says that any new strategy must reflect current security services' thinking - which, he says, means rejecting David Cameron's claims that there is a simple "conveyor belt" that links religious faith to extremism. The MP for Birmingham Hodge Hill, representing the largest Muslim constituency in Britain, also warns against rhetoric that wrongly claims there is an "epic clash of civilisations" underway between Islam and "the west". "In the vacuum, while Islamophobia spirals, British Muslims

despair ... Many British Muslims feel surrounded by 'supremacists'. National supremacists who declare you can't be British and Muslim. And religious supremacists who say you can't be Muslim and British. One lot deny Muslims their country. The other crowd deny Muslims their faith," he says in a Guardian article.

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Australia, New Zealand • Australie, Nouvelle-Zélande

35. Infrastructure may fall victim to cyber attack

The Australian Financial Review, Yolanda Redrup, 2016 11 17

Canberra - A former FBI special agent who oversaw the bureau's investigation of the 9/11 terrorism attacks says nation states are at risk of cyber terrorism attacks, with many foreign nations already having the capability to take down a foreign country's infrastructure assets. But Mary Galligan, who is visiting Australia as part of her role as managing director of Deloitte & Touche's Cyber Risk Services practice, said the real risk would arise if these offensive measures were to fall into the hands of terrorists or rogue nations. "Right now the way terrorists use the internet is highly concentrated on how they can radicalise individuals. They've figured out how to use the internet and click media campaigns to get individuals around the world to become radicalised and travel around the world," she said. "But we can never talk enough about what could happen. Looking at history we've been criticised for not having done this enough. But it ends up coming back to the response ... so we also need to talk about having resilience to technical issues, regardless of where it comes from or how it's caused."

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

36. Intelligence agents seizes huge arm caches in Nimroz

Pajhwok Afghan News, Pajhwok Report, 2016 11 17

Kabul - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Thursday claimed seizing two huge armed caches in southwestern Nimroz province. The armed depots were found in Kang district and Ferozgi locality on the outskirts of Zaranj, the provincial capital, during an NDS raid, a statement from the spy service said. Twenty-one landmines, nine mortar shells and seven 82-metre artillery shells were recovered. The arms were to be used in terrorist activities, according to the statement. (Full Report).

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37. Political infighting grips Afghanistan

Washington Post, Pamela Constable, 2016 11 17

Kabul - The scene this week in Afghanistan's majestic new parliament was one of bickering and bedlam. Legislators shouted to be heard and argued over points of procedure. They were fired up

and in no mood to stop. By the end of four days, they had impeached seven cabinet ministers. The foreign minister was gone, and the finance minister barely survived a vote of confidence. Technically, the process was about under-spent budgets, but ethnic politics and opportunism were at its core. Once again, political melodrama has taken over the national conversation. The spectacle of renewed discord - in a government that underwent a wave of defections last spring - is dominating the news and shifting focus from pressing issues that include a spate of attacks by Taliban insurgents, record-high unemployment and a mass influx of returning refugees. The revolt in the parliament is only one symptom of the disarray. In recent weeks, several aides to President Ashraf Ghani have publicly criticized his administration, while opposition leaders are plotting to divide it from the outside. Long-promised elections are still far off, and public confidence is weakening.

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Africa • Afrique

38. Burundi Le pouvoir d'une chanson

La Presse+, Jean-Thomas Léveillé, 2016 11 17

Bujumbura, Burundi - Appeler au respect des droits de la personne n'est pas sans risque, au Burundi. Une émission de radio a été suspendue... pour avoir diffusé une chanson sur la question. Mais que dit cette oeuvre musicale que les autorités burundaises ne veulent pas que vous écoutiez ? L'accusation est à peine voilée : « Droits de l'homme bafoués par ceux qui devaient les faire respecter », chante le groupe burundais KGB, dans un passage en français d'une chanson qu'il vaut mieux ne pas diffuser, au Burundi. La pièce aux allures de rap est contraire aux « valeurs démocratiques » du pays, selon les autorités ; d'autres y voient plutôt un « prétexte » pour faire taire la contestation de la part d'un régime en pleine « dérive autoritaire ». Policiers et administrateurs de l'État y commettent des exactions, précise le chanteur en kirundi, la langue nationale de ce petit pays des Grands Lacs africains voisin du Rwanda en proie à une sanglante crise politique depuis un an et demi. L'affirmation n'est pas sans rappeler le rapport des Nations unies sur la situation au Burundi, en septembre, qui dénonçait des « violations graves, [...] systématiques et constantes » commises principalement par des agents de l'État ou qui y sont liés et qui s'alarmait du « grand danger de génocide ».

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39. Des frappes aériennes à Sebha ont-elles tué un chef d'Aqmi?

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 16

Al Qarda al-Shati, Libye - Un chef d'al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique (Aqmi) a-t-il été tué mardi 15 novembre près de Sebha, dans le Sud-libyen ? C'est en tout cas ce que relaie une partie de la presse libyenne qui attribue cette frappe ciblée à des drones américains. Des allégations non confirmées par les autorités libyennes et encore moins américaines, même si l'aviation américaine a été particulièrement active dans le ciel libyen ces derniers mois. D'après l'agence de presse libyenne Lana, la cible des frappes serait Abu Talha al Libi, un chef d'al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique. Six de ses hommes seraient morts à ses côtés dans la petite ville d'Al Qarda

al-Shati à 70 km au nord de Sebha, capitale du Fezzan. Le chef du Conseil local confirme la mort de 7 personnes dans une série de frappes qui auraient au passage blessé une quarantaine de personnes, toujours selon le responsable local. Abu Talha al Libi est-il mort dans les sables du Fezzan ? Aucune source locale ne le confirme. Qui est responsable de ces frappes ? Les aéronefs ne sont pas identifiés. Par le passé, on se souvient que les États-Unis ont mené deux frappes d'envergure contre des cibles jihadistes, dont une reconnue par le Pentagone visant le chef d'Aqmi Mokhtar Belmokhtar et qui s'est soldée par un échec près d'Ajdabiya en juin 2015.

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40. La Tunisie ouvre le procès du système Ben Ali

Le Figaro, Maryline Dumas, 2016 11 17

Tunis - L'Instance vérité et dignité examine à partir de jeudi plus de 62 000 dossiers déposés par des victimes de la dictature. Anis Farhani s'est vidé de son sang, touché par une balle pendant une manifestation. Kamel Touati a été torturé en prison. Hamdoui Sami n'a jamais trouvé de travail. Imed Trabelsi a profité du système mafieux. Quatre profils, quatre histoires qui illustrent le fonctionnement de la dictature tunisienne. Ce jeudi, d'autres histoires - toutes représentatives des abus passés - seront dévoilées lors d'une audience publique organisée par l'Instance vérité et dignité (IVD). Viols, détentions illégales, tortures, disparitions, corruption : pour cette première, seules les victimes comparaîtront. D'autres audiences de persécutés et d'auteurs d'exactions suivront. Plus de 62 000 dossiers ont été déposés auprès de l'Instance vérité et dignité.

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41. Somali-Americans Who Helped ISIS Are Sentenced to Prison

Asharq Al-Awsat, Mohammad Ali Salih, 2016 11 17

Undisclosed placeline - Amidst the Federal Bureau of Investigation's warnings against the efforts of ISIS to recruit young Muslim Americans and the reassurances made by New York Police that the public would remain safe during the upcoming Thanksgiving holidays, a federal court in Minnesota sentenced three Somali-American men to sentences of varying length for cooperating with ISIS during 2014 and 2015. One of the men named Abdullah Yusuf, 20, admitted that he intended to travel to Turkey and then to Syria in 2014 in order to join ISIS. He told the judge "I no longer believe in ISIS' ideology and I will not believe in it in the future". Yusuf was arrested at Minneapolis airport in Minnesota on his way to Turkey, and was sentenced to three years in prison. Another man called Ali Warsame, 21, was sentenced to two and a half years in prison and said that he collaborated with Yusuf and helped him to make the necessary arrangements in order to travel.

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42. Un commandant de l'EI arrêté au Soudan

Le Figaro, Richard Heuzé, 2016 11 17

Khartoum, Soudan - Recherché par l'Italie, « Abou Nassim » a été interpellé à l'issue d'une traque rocambolesque. Les autorités soudanaises ont arrêté, cette semaine à Khartoum, l'un des terroristes les plus dangereux de l'État islamique (EI), après une traque rocambolesque dans une dizaine de pays d'Europe, du Moyen-Orient, en Afghanistan et en Afrique. Ce sont les services de renseignements italiens qui ont mis Interpol sur la trace de cet agent recruteur de l'EI, également recherché pour la préparation de deux attentats en Tunisie, au Musée du Bardo (24 morts le 18 mars 2015) et dans une station balnéaire près de Sousse (38 morts le 26 juin 2015). Fezzani Moez Ben Abdelkader, dit « Abou Nassim », un Tunisien de 47 ans, était arrivé en août à Khartoum, depuis la Libye qu'il avait fuie après la prise du réduit terroriste de Syrte, en passant par le Niger et le Tchad. Il se promenait dans les rues de Khartoum quand il a été interpellé en compagnie de sa seconde épouse. Les agents du contre-espionnage italien ont retrouvé sa trace en interceptant ses appels téléphoniques alors qu'il demandait de l'argent à son réseau italien situé entre Milan et Varèse, en Lombardie.

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Americas • Amériques

43. Ecuador says Sweden should promise Assange will not be extradited

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 11 17

Quito - Ecuador said on Wednesday that WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange should receive guarantees that he will not be extradited if he faces justice in Sweden after four years of living in the South American nation's embassy in London. Assange, who enraged Washington by publishing a flood of secret U.S. diplomatic cables, fled to the embassy for fear that Sweden could end up sending him on to the United States where he could face prison for leaking U.S. secrets. "If we can obtain guarantees that Mr. Assange will not face extradition to the third country, I think it's fine for him to face Swedish justice - if there are charges, because are there still no charges," said Foreign Minister Guillaume Long in an interview with an Ecuadorean radio station. Swedish Chief Prosecutor Ingrid Isgren spent several hours at the embassy on Tuesday where she posed questions through an Ecuadorian prosecutor, before leaving without making comment.

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44. 'Most wanted' corrupt fugitive surrenders (Canada)

Global Times, Yang Sheng and Shan Jie, 2016 11 17

Beijing - Yang Xiuzhu, who tops the list of China's most wanted corrupt officials, signs to turn herself in upon arriving at Beijing airport on Wednesday after 13 years on the run. Photo: Xinhua One of China's most wanted fugitive officials returned to the country from the US on Wednesday, as experts hailed an example of successful international cooperation in anti-graft efforts, while warning of challenges in the future. Yang Xiuzhu, who has been on the run for 13 years, arrived at Beijing Capital International Airport to turn herself in to the authorities,

according to the Communist Party of China's disciplinary watchdog, the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI), the Xinhua News Agency reported. Yang, 70, was former deputy director of the construction bureau in Wenzhou, East China's Zhejiang Province. She fled China in April 2003 after graft inspectors began investigating her involvement in embezzlement. Yang Xiuzhu topped a list of 100 most-wanted corrupt officials released by Chinese authorities via an Interpol "red notice," and is the 37th to return to China so far. The CCDI hailed Yang's return as "an important achievement in anti-graft law enforcement cooperation between China and the US." During over a decade on the run, Yang had hidden in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Singapore, France, the Netherlands, Italy and Canada, and had applied for asylum to France and the Netherlands, but failed. She entered the US from Canada in 2014 on a fake Dutch passport, and applied for asylum again.

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45. 'Three people involved in Dhaka attack admirers of Zakir Naik' (Canada).

The Economic Times, 2016 11 17

New Delhi - Three people who alleged to have staged the July 1 terrorist attack in Dhaka were reportedly admirers of Zakir Naik, founder of the now-banned Islamic Research Foundation, the government told the Rajya Sabha. In a written reply, Minister of State for Home Hansraj Ahir said as per available information, although the mandate of the Islamic Research Foundation was conducting educational and social work, it was also involved in other activities. "Noticing certain violations of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, the IRF has been placed under the prior permission category" to accept foreign funding, it said. The Cabinet on Tuesday declared the IRF, an NGO promoted by the Islamic preacher, as an outlawed organisation for five years under the anti-terror law for its alleged terror activities. The Islamic orator is banned in the UK and Canada for his speech aimed against other religions.

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46. China doubles down on internet control after tough new law

Associated Press, Gerry Shih, 2016 11 17

Beijing - China's leaders and official media are pushing for greater control of the internet and technology products as tensions surrounding a far-reaching Chinese cybersecurity law loom over a gathering this week of the world's leading tech firms and Chinese officials. The Communist Party's mouthpiece People's Daily warned in an editorial on Thursday that China must break monopolies over core technologies and standards and remain untethered to other countries' technology supply chains. The commentary, aimed apparently at Silicon Valley in unusually stark terms, comes one day after President Xi Jinping called for "more fair and equitable" governance of the internet at the opening of the state-run World Internet Conference. Since 2014, China has hosted executives from the likes of Microsoft, Apple, Facebook and Alibaba in eastern China to promote its vision of an internet that is more tightly controlled by national governments rather than running unchecked as a transnational network. The conference this week has highlighted U.S. and China's competing and increasingly entrenched views about the internet,

trade and cybersecurity, and the potential for these issues to become an enduring irritant in bilateral relations.

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47. China won't give up N.K. as it provides 'strategic buffer zone': expert

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 17

Suwon, South Korea - China will not give up North Korea as the country fits its need for a "strategic buffer zone" and its importance has increased due to the U.S. efforts to isolate Beijing, a Chinese expert on Korean affairs said Thursday. "Up until recently when ties between China and South Korea improved and the nuclear crisis on the peninsula repeatedly flared up, some even in our country mentioned giving up North Korea," Wu Peng, a politics professor at China's Southwest University, said during an international seminar held at Ajou University, south of Seoul. "Geopolitically speaking, however, you should keep in mind that the North is a safety wall and a strategic buffer zone for China," he added. "The North's strategic value has been regarded as more important at a time when the U.S. is seeking the isolation of China." Wu said that China shouldn't give up the North and that based on the ties, Beijing should expand its influence enough so as to control the pace of any developments in the reclusive country. He, however, cautioned other countries involved in North's nuclear issue against believing that Beijing can do everything.

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48. Seoul, Washington gear up for bilateral panel on nuke deterrence against N. Korea

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 17

Seoul - South Korea and the United States started talks on Thursday to establish a high-level consultative body for devising extended deterrence strategies against North Korea's nuclear threat, the foreign ministry said. The allies agreed to launch the Extended Deterrence Strategy and Consultation Group (EDSCG) during a "two plus two" meeting involving their foreign and defense chiefs in Washington in October. "Our government views it very critical for the two countries to have high-level strategic consultations on extended deterrence in the face of North Korea's advancing nuclear missiles, especially following its fifth nuclear test," ministry spokesman Cho June-hyuck said in a press briefing. He said director and assistant deputy minister-level officials from the two countries' foreign and defense ministries attended the inaugural working-level meeting on the EDSCG's launch. North Korea has carried out two rounds of nuclear tests so far this year, with experts saying that the latest atomic detonations brought the country close to completing its nuclear weapons program.

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49. Threats from cyberspace 'pressing and vital' in China: top State secret official

Global Times, Staff reporter, 2016 11 17

Beijing - Security threats coming from cyberspace are pressing and vital and China must increase its efforts to improve security technology to safeguard national interests, said a top official from the State secret administration. "A series of Internet leaks in China and other countries show the threats coming from cyberspace are pressing and vital, and the technology to safeguard information security needs to be reliable, self- developed and controllable," Tian Jing, director of the National Administration for the Protection of State Secrets, told the People's Daily in an interview that was published on the newspaper's website on Wednesday. Over 70 percent of leaked information classified as national secrets was passed on via the Internet, according to a 2014 report from the Internal and Judicial Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress. China's top legislator adopted a revision to the Law on Guarding State Secrets in 2010 which defines a "State secret" as "information concerning State security and interests," the Xinhua News Agency reported.

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50. Xi calls for fairer web governance

South China Morning Post, Jane Cai and Kwong Man-ki, 2016 11 17

Beijing - The Communist Party leadership has repeated its call for the establishment of "cyberspace sovereignty" and for developing nations to assume a greater role in governing the internet at the global level. But the appeal came as the mainland was ranked at the bottom of an index measuring internet freedom compiled by an independent watchdog. China would "uphold cyberspace sovereignty" and make the governance of the global web "more fair and equitable", President Xi Jinping said in video remarks played at the opening of the third World Internet Conference in Wuzhen, Zhejiang province. Xi had voiced the idea of internet sovereignty at the annual summit last year, an unambiguous announcement that Beijing would intensify its censorship and control of the internet. As Xi left for Peru where the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum is holding its summit, Liu Yunshan, the No 5 in the Politburo Standing Committee who leads ideological control, addressed the audience of about 1,600 people.

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51. Aleksei Navalny, Vocal Putin Critic, Is Cleared to Run for Office

New York Times, Ivan Nechepurenko, 2016 11 17

Moscow - A criminal conviction of a key opposition leader, Aleksei A. Navalny, was overturned on Wednesday by Russia's Supreme Court, formally opening the door for him to run for office. Mr. Navalny was convicted in 2013 by a court in Kirov, Russia, and sentenced to five years in prison on charges of embezzling timber worth \$500,000 from a state-owned company. In a surprise move, that court suspended the sentence shortly after it was announced, but the criminal conviction remained in force, barring Mr. Navalny from being a candidate. Mr. Navalny appealed to higher courts in Russia, and also had his case heard by the European Court of Human Rights, which ruled in February that Russia had violated his right to a fair trial. The human rights court ordered the Russian government to pay damages and reimburse his legal costs, a ruling that

is legally binding on Russia. Mr. Navalny said on Wednesday that he was not satisfied with the Supreme Court's decision to wipe out his conviction and order a new trial of the case.

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52. Heritage Foundation: Russia Threat to U.S. 'Formidable'

Washington Free Beacon, Morgan Chalfant, 2016 11 16

Washington - Russia poses a "formidable" and "aggressive" threat to the vital interests of the United States as the American power declines, according to new analysis prepared by a conservative think tank. Moscow, through its continued presence in Ukraine, military intervention in Syria, provocations of NATO allies, and maturing military capabilities presents the most significant threat to U.S. interests globally, according to the 2017 Index of U.S. Military Strength rolled out by the Heritage Foundation Wednesday morning. Russia is one of six threats that have together soured the global environment over the past year as U.S. military strength has declined due to budget and force reductions, the analysis shows. The remaining five--namely China, North Korea, Iran, terrorism based in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and terror groups in the Middle East--are all assessed as "high" threats to U.S. interests, while Moscow is the only "formidable" one. "Russia seeks to maximize its strategic position in the world at the expense of the United States. It also seeks to undermine U.S. influence and moral standing, harasses U.S. and NATO forces, and is working to sabotage U.S. and Western policy in Syria," the report states. "Moscow's continued aggression and willingness to utilize every tool at its disposal in pursuit of its aim leads this Index to assess the overall threat from Russia as 'aggressive' and 'formidable.'"

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53. Russia Cuts Ties With International Criminal Court

New York Times, Ivan Nechepurenko, Nick Cumming-Bruce, 2016 11 17

Moscow - President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia instructed his government on Wednesday to withdraw from the treaty that created the International Criminal Court, while his government assailed the tribunal as "ineffective and one-sided." The action was largely symbolic, because Russia -- like the United States -- has not ratified the treaty and is not under the court's jurisdiction. But it was another setback for the fairly young court, which handles cases of war crimes and crimes against humanity and is an emblem of the international order that is being shaken by populist revolts across the West. "Essentially, this is just a gratuitous slap in the face, not a body blow," said Kate Cronin-Furman, a human rights lawyer and political scientist at the Harvard Kennedy School, who predicted that the election of Donald J. Trump as president of the United States would lead to more harm for the court. Burundi, Gambia and South Africa moved recently to withdraw from the court, calling it biased because all the people it had convicted so far had been Africans or because, in the case of South Africa, it disagreed with the court's mandate to prosecute any individual, including a head of state.

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54. 2 more Iranian terror suspects nabbed

Saudi Gazette, Staff Report, 2016 11 17

Riyadh - The security forces recently apprehended two Iranians accused of terrorism and crimes against the State, local daily Al-Watan reported on Wednesday quoting informed security sources. With the two new suspects, the number of Iranians being held has risen to six. One was already tried but has appealed the verdict. The case file of one of the Iranian suspects is currently being investigated by the Bureau of Investigation and Public Prosecution (BIP) while the other four are still under interrogation. Since the beginning of the year, the security forces arrested 30 Syrians raising the number of Syrian terror suspects in intelligence prisons to 214. As many as 15 Yemenis were recently arrested, raising the number of suspected Yemenis in Saudi prisons to 352. Ten Pakistanis accused of terrorism were also arrested, raising the number of Pakistani detainees to 62. (Full Report).

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55. A Mossoul, la menace d'un chaos humanitaire

Le Monde, Allan Kaval, 2016 11 17

Mossoul - Plus de 50 000 personnes ont fui la cité depuis le début de l'offensive contre l'organisation Etat islamique Mohammed Abdoulsalem a quitté sa maison de Mossoul, en Irak, la nuit passée. Ce père de famille d'une trentaine d'années et les siens dormiront ce soir sous une tente. Dans le vaste camp de déplacés de Khazir, à l'intersection de deux allées de gravier et de poussière, entouré de son épouse et de ses enfants en bas âge, il sort un morceau de papier de sa poche. Une main pressée y a inscrit un numéro désignant l'abri qui attend sa famille. Ils viennent d'un quartier situé à l'est de Mossoul, à proximité de la ligne de front urbaine qui sépare les forces spéciales irakiennes des zones encore tenues par les djihadistes. " Les forces irakiennes nous ont dit qu'on pouvait rester chez nous. Mais il y avait des tirs, des -explosions. On a eu peur que Daech - acronyme arabe de l'organisation Etat islamique, EI - revienne dans notre quartier ", raconte-t-il. Comme des milliers d'habitants de la grande cité située sur les rives du Tigre, et de sa périphérie, il a préféré, la semaine dernière, les aléas de l'exil aux dangers d'une ville en guerre.

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56. Iran's Leader: Iran Unaffected by US Election Results

Fars News Agency, 2016 11 17

Tehran - Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei said Iran's decisions are not affected by elections results in the US, underlining that Washington's policies on Iran have always remained hostile irrespective of partisan affiliations. "We don't have any judgment about the (US) election since the US is the same US and during the past 37 years that the two parties held the power, they didn't do any good to Iran and they permanently did evil things to the Iranian nation," Ayatollah Khamenei said in Tehran on Wednesday, addressing a

large gathering of the Iranian people from the Central province of Isfahan. "Unlike some of those in the world who have either been mourning or celebrating the results of the US elections, we are neither mourning nor celebrating, and the results make no difference to us. We have no worries and by the grace of God, we are ready to face any possible eventuality," he added.

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57. Iran Detains 12 Officials for Infiltrating National Decision- Making Body, Spying (Canada).

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 11 17

London - Iranian MP Hussein Ali Haji Degana revealed that at least 12 top officials holding dual citizenship have been arrested in Iran over the last two years. Degana said that those detained have infiltrated into government and procured senior managerial and decision-making posts. The spy officials, according to Degana, have been arrested and put up on trial. The MP demanded that the Isfahan judiciary delivers its rulings with transparency, and that the officials' identity also be made public. Some of the officials were arrested on the premise of holding dual citizenship solely. Despite many high-ranking officials such as minister of intelligence Mahmoud Alavi denying the presence of dual-citizens among Iran's decision- making body- Abdol-Rasool Dorri Esfahani, one of the nuclear deal negotiators, was arrested based on the claims of owning dual citizenship with his family currently residing in Canada.

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58. ISIL's Intelligence Commander Killed in Syrian Airstrikes in Deir Ezzur

Fars News Agency, 2016 11 17

Tehran - A notorious intelligence commander of ISIL was killed in Syrian air raids on the terrorist group's command base near Deir Ezzur city. One of the senior intelligence commanders of ISIL known as Abu Mazen and a number of his comrades were killed in Syrian air raids on the terrorists' command base in Panorama farms. Syrian warplanes also pounded ISIL's gatherings on Western side of Panorama square, destroying several military vehicles of the terrorists. In relevant developments in the province on Monday, Syrian Army troops stormed ISIL's positions in the Eastern city of Deir Ezzur, inflicting at least 20 casualties on the militants and destroying their base. The army soldiers attacked ISIL's centers in al-Orfi neighborhood, killing at least 20 terrorists and wounding many more. In the meantime, the army men targeted an ISIL drone flying over al-Rusfeh region.

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59. China's Game-changing Route to the Middle East

The Media Line, Albert Nachmani, 2016 11 17

Undisclosed placeline - Connecting the Chinese city of Kashgar and the deep-water Pakistani port of Gwadar, the Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif inaugurated a new trade route known as the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The creation of this modern day "silk road" is an indicator of China's growing desire to increase its influence in the Middle East and Pakistan's shift closer to China. "CPEC is currently touted as a game changer for Pakistan, as it has the potential to forever alter the country's economic trajectory," Zeeshan Salauddin, Senior Research Fellow at Pakistan's Center for Research and Security Studies, told The Media Line. Analysts say that Pakistan might be cozying up to China in an effort to reduce its dependence on support from the United States, especially as the India-friendly US President-Elect assumes office in January 2017. CPEC is also a way for the world's second largest economy to expand its influence in the Middle East and counter both US and Indian influence.

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60. Grasp of Islam is 'basic' for foreign fighters joining Isis

The Independent (UK), Lizzie Dearden, 2016 11 17

London - Religion is not the strongest driving force behind thousands of foreign fighters joining Isis and other terrorist groups in Iraq and Syria, a report by US military researchers has found. A new study by the Combating Terrorism Center (CTC) at West Point revealed that the vast majority of almost 1,200 militants surveyed had no formal religious education and had not adhered to Islam for their entire lives. Extremist groups may prefer such recruits because they are "less capable of critically scrutinising the jihadi narrative and ideology" and instead adhere totally to their chosen organisation's violent and reductive interpretation of Islam. Analysts said many foreign fighters travelling from the West are attracted to jihadi groups through cultural and political identities rather than Islam itself, which is moved into a "secondary role". "The ability of jihadi groups to recruit foreign fighters is thus based on creating a narrative that is focused on the ongoing deprivation of Muslims, both in specific Western polities, as well as in the international arena," said the CTC's report. The analysis, carried out at the United States Military Academy, corresponded with revelations from a trove of Isis entry forms leaked earlier this year, where the majority of those joining the so-called Islamic State listed their Sharia knowledge as "basic". At the height of Isis's drive for foot soldiers in 2013 and 2014, recruits reportedly included two Britons who ordered The Koran for Dummies and Islam for Dummies from Amazon to prepare for jihad abroad.

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61. Hezbollah veto on LF hindering new Cabinet

Lebanon Daily Star, Hussein Dakroub, 2016 11 17

Beirut - A Hezbollah veto on granting the Lebanese Forces a key ministerial post is presenting Prime Minister-designate Saad Hariri with a major hurdle that could delay the birth of a national accord government before Independence Day, sources close to the Cabinet formation process said Tuesday. "The Lebanese Forces' representation is the last remaining obstacle in premier Hariri's attempts to form a new government before Independence Day. The problem over the LF representation has been caused by a Hezbollah veto which strongly opposes that the LF be

allotted either the Defense or Foreign ministries," a source close to the Cabinet formation process told The Daily Star. The Hezbollah veto against the LF was relayed recently by the party's security official Wafik Safa to caretaker Foreign Minister Gebran Bassil, the source said.

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62. Israeli accused of spying convicted of 'harassing' Romanian official

Jerusalem Post, Staff Report, 2016 11 17

Jerusalem - Romania has sentenced an Israeli national accused of alleged espionage to a suspended prison term of two years and eight months on charges of harassing the country's anti-corruption czar, according to local media. After pleading guilty to attempting to intimidate the director of Romania's National Anti-corruption Directorate, Laura Kovesi, a Bucharest court also ordered David Geclowicz to serve 80 days of community service. Geclowicz, an employee of the private Israeli intelligence firm Black Cube, allegedly admitted to targeting three people close to Kovesi, Romania's Agerpres reported. According to Agerpres, Geclowicz's conviction Wednesday also included offenses that constitute organized crime, such as the "unauthorized transfer of data, complicity in falsifying information, complicity in illegal operation using devices and software, and aiding and abetting the violation of a correspondence confidentiality."

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63. Mossad, RAW cooperation deepens

The International News, 2016 11 17

Islamabad - Indian intelligence and Israeli secret service are in alliance together with extensive military cooperation as they take on extremist Muslims groups. RAW stands for Research and Analysis Wing is the intelligence gathering agency of the government of India like the CIA. This was set up in 1968 at the behest of the then Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi. Right from its inception, RAW realized the importance of cooperation with the Israeli secret service MOSSAD. Initial contacts were established through the Israeli consulate in Mumbai. Over the years the bonds between the two agencies have strengthened with a common threat of Islamic terrorism and fundamentalism. MOSSAD is one of the top spy agencies in the world and can rank as equivalent to the Soviet NKVD, German Gestapo, and the CIA. It is to its credit that the spy agency gleaned vital intelligence of extremist Muslim activities in a hostile environment.

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64. Security expert: Pressure social media to block terrorist incitement

Jerusalem Post, Yonah Jeremy Bob, 2016 11 17

Jerusalem - Countries grappling with terrorists who use Facebook and Twitter to incite should unite together to formulate new international standards against such activity, INSS national security expert Col. (res.) Gabi Siboni recently told The Jerusalem Post. Even national efforts in democratic countries to restrain terrorism and incitement via social media are only at their earliest stages, making Siboni's idea an innovative and potentially game-changing solution,

though the challenges in accomplishing it are probably at least as great as the positive potential. The INSS expert did emphasize that the initiative - what he calls fighting on the "cognitive warfare" plane - should be carried out in consultation with the leading social media giants. His initiative is part of a larger multifaceted plan he is proposing for addressing the challenge of terrorists' brilliant use of online propaganda to hound Israel and the West.

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65. Syrie: 30 "terroristes" tués dans les bombardements russes à Idleb (armée)

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 17

Moscou - Au moins 30 jihadistes du groupe Fateh al-Cham (ex-Front al-Nosra, Al-Qaïda en Syrie) ont été tués dans les bombardements aériens russes dans la province syrienne d'Idleb, a annoncé jeudi le ministère russe de la Défense dans un communiqué. Il s'agit des frappes menées mardi pour la première fois à Idleb (nord-ouest) par des chasseurs-bombardiers Su-33 embarqués sur le porte-avions russe Amiral Kouznetsov qui est arrivé la semaine dernière au large des côtes syriennes en Méditerranée, selon le porte-parole du ministère, Igor Konachenkov, cité dans le communiqué. "Selon des informations obtenues via différents canaux de renseignement, au moins 30 terroristes ont été tués" dans ces bombardements, a indiqué M. Konachenkov. Parmi eux figurent notamment des chefs jihadistes qui étaient chargés de "préparer et de mener une nouvelle offensive des combattants à Alep", a-t-il précisé. La province d'Idleb est un bastion de Jaich al-Fatah (l'Armée de la conquête), coalition regroupant des rebelles islamistes et des jihadistes de Fateh al-Cham, anciennement Front al-Nosra jusqu'à sa rupture officielle avec Al-Qaïda.

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66. U.S. Sees Possible Terrorism in Jordan Killings

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 11 17

Jerusalem - American officials said Wednesday that they were investigating the killing of three United States soldiers at a Jordanian air base this month as a possible terrorist attack and dismissed suggestions that the three had done anything to provoke the shooting. The Nov. 4 shooting has been shrouded in secrecy as American and Jordanian officials investigate it, a sign of the sensitivity surrounding the episode. But the Americans evidently became irritated at reports that seemed to place at least some blame on the soldiers. "Investigators are considering all potential motives and reasons for why American service members came under fire, and they have not yet ruled out terrorism as a potential motive," the American Embassy in Jordan said in a statement. "Contrary to press reports, there has been absolutely no credible evidence to suggest that U.S. personnel acted contrary to orders or established procedures when accessing the base." The three soldiers, all with the Special Forces, were in Jordan on a training mission and were returning to the air base in the southern desert when a Jordanian soldier fired on them. The Jordanian soldier was wounded in what was described as an exchange of fire and is in custody.

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67. Candidats au djihad pas empêchés de voyager

Tribune de Genève, Lucie Monnat, 2016 11 17

Berne, Suisse - La commission de la politique de sécurité des Etats reste modérée sur les dispositions contre le terrorisme. Mardi, le Ministère public de la Confédération (MPC) expliquait qu'il ne disposait pas des dispositions légales nécessaires pour interdire les activités de l'association « Lies! » dont plusieurs membres sont suspectés d'être en lien avec le processus de radicalisation des djihadistes. Le même jour, la commission de la politique de sécurité des Etats a refusé deux propositions visant à durcir les mesures antiterroristes. Les membres de la commission ont rejeté à l'unanimité une motion souhaitant interdire de sortie du territoire les personnes susceptibles d'être des « touristes du djihad », comme l'applique la France depuis 2014. La mesure leur a semblé peu applicable en Suisse. « Du point de vue constitutionnel, nous sommes à la limite du respect des droits de l'homme, estime Géraldine Savary (PS/VD). De plus, il faut surtout agir auprès de ceux qui rentrent. Une prise en charge immédiate de la part de MPC est nécessaire, et c'est déjà ce qui est fait. » Dernier problème de la motion selon la conseillère aux Etats, le fait que les hooligans soient inclus dans la mesure requise par la motion. « Qui trop embrasse mal étreint », conclut-elle. La commission souligne toutefois que le Conseil fédéral se penche actuellement sur des mesures qui prévoient la saisie des documents d'identité des potentiels voyageurs du djihad.

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68. Fichier TES : Cazeneuve tente de rassurer sur d'éventuelles dérives

Le Monde, Morgane Tual, 2016 11 17

Paris - Au Sénat, puis à l'Assemblée nationale, le ministre de l'intérieur a dû faire face aux critiques des députés. Un simulacre de consultation du Parlement " : c'est ainsi que le député Philippe Goujon (Paris, Les Républicains) a qualifié, mardi 15 novembre, le débat organisé à l'Assemblée nationale sur le " mégafichier " de données personnelles controversé. Accusé d'avoir fait passer en catimini, durant le week-end de la Toussaint, un décret instaurant la création d'une base censée fichier 60 millions de Français, le gouvernement avait finalement dû se résoudre à la tenue, mardi, de cette discussion à l'Assemblée nationale. " Un débat sans vote ", a déploré le socialiste Luc Belot (Maine-et-Loire), " et pas tout à fait éclairé ", car, souligne-t-il, les avis de l'Agence nationale de la sécurité des systèmes d'information (Anssi) et la Direction interministérielle du numérique et du système d'information et de communication (Dinsic) " ne sont pas connus ". Or, les inquiétudes liées à ce fichier sont notamment d'ordre technique. Ce fichier, baptisé TES (pour titres électroniques sécurisés), est censé réunir les informations des détenteurs d'un passeport et d'une carte d'identité. Des données comme l'identité, la couleur des yeux, le domicile, la photo ou encore les empreintes digitales y seront stockées. Officiellement, la création de cette base doit permettre de lutter contre la fraude aux papiers d'identité, mais elle

soulève, depuis la publication du décret, de nombreuses inquiétudes : rendra-t-elle possible l'identification d'une personne à partir de ses empreintes digitales ou de sa photo? Risque-t-elle d'être piratée?

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69. German far-right extremists seen networking in Europe, U.S. - official

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 11 16

Berlin - Far-right extremists in Germany are increasingly ready to commit violent acts and are now networking with like-minded groups across Europe and in some cases even with the United States, the head of Germany's domestic intelligence agency said. "This is not just purely a German phenomenon," Hans-Georg Maassen, who heads the Verfassungsschutz, told Reuters in an interview late on Tuesday. "The right-extremist scene is networking on a European level, and in some cases, with connections in the United States." Maassen said the international connections seen among far-right extremist groups still paled compared with global networking by Islamist groups, but European authorities were cooperating well to keep a close eye on those developments. Maassen's agency in June reported a sharp rise in far-right violence in 2015, a year in which it took in nearly a million migrants and said it was taking steps to prevent the emergence of more structured "right-wing terrorist" groups. "We have seen in a series of cases that there are numerous people in the far-right extremist scene who are ready to do anything and who have joined forces to create right-wing terrorist cells," Maassen said.

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70. Germany alarmed about potential Russian interference in election: spy chief

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 11 16

Berlin - Germany is alarmed that Russia may seek to interfere in its national elections next year, the domestic intelligence chief said, echoing concerns raised in the United States before Donald Trump's presidential election victory. German officials have accused Moscow of trying to manipulate German media to fan popular angst over issues like the migrant crisis, weaken voter trust in moderate mainstream government under Chancellor Angela Merkel and breed divisions within the European Union so that it drops sanctions against Moscow. Intelligence officials have also pointed to Russian support for eurosceptic, anti-immigrant parties in Germany and across the EU. Last week, Merkel said she could not rule out Russia interfering in Germany's 2017 election through Internet attacks and misinformation campaigns. Hans-Georg Maassen, head of the domestic BfV intelligence agency, cited the high-profile case last year of a German- Russian girl who Russian media said was kidnapped and raped by migrants in Berlin, a claim later refuted by German authorities. "This could happen again next year and we are alarmed," Maassen told Reuters in an interview late on Tuesday. "We have the impression that this is part of a hybrid threat that seeks to influence public opinion and decision-making processes."

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71. NATO Prepares for Trump Presidency

Der Spiegel, Staff report, 2016 11 16

Berlin - Consternation over the election of Donald Trump as the next US president is especially great within the Brussels alliance. "For the first time," says a German NATO officer, "a withdrawal from NATO by the United States is on the table, or at least a threat." That would mean the end of the alliance. Indeed, many inside NATO are anticipating the worst following Trump's election win. The scenario of a Trump presidency is described in detail in a secret report by the staff of Secretary General Stoltenberg. In it, strategists examine what it would mean if Trump made good on his threat to become less involved in Europe's security in the future and possibly withdraw a portion of American troops from the Continent. "As a result of the election of Donald Trump, we are experiencing a moment of extreme and unprecedented uncertainty in the trans-Atlantic relationship," says Wolfgang Ischinger, a former German ambassador in Washington and head of the influential Munich Security Conference. During the election campaign, Trump had questioned the cornerstone of NATO, the mutual defense commitment under Article 5. Washington's NATO allies could only expect support, he said, if they've "paid their bills."

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72. Sécurité du mégafichier : les sénateurs très inquiets

Le Figaro, Jean-Marc Leclerc, 2016 11 17

Paris - La droite sénatoriale demande la suspension du décret visant à rassembler les données personnelles des Français. Sous l'impulsion du président les Républicains de la commission des lois du Sénat, Philippe Bas, la droite sénatoriale a réclamé, ce mercredi, la « suspension » du décret de Bernard Cazeneuve visant à instaurer un mégafichier national d'identité. Ce décret avait été publié dans la torpeur des vacances de la Toussaint, le dimanche 30 octobre, sans même un débat préalable au Parlement. Le ministre de l'Intérieur l'a maintenu malgré une vive polémique, tout en acceptant finalement d'en débattre à l'Assemblée et au Sénat. Rappelons que ce fichier TES (titres électroniques sécurisés) ajoute au fichier des demandeurs de passeports celui des cartes d'identité. Il doit rassembler à terme les données personnelles et biométriques (identité, couleurs des yeux, domicile, photo, empreintes digitales...) de 60 millions de Français. La Haute Assemblée ne met pas en cause la légalité du décret. Selon Philippe Bas, « le texte est juridiquement bordé et ne semble pas enfreindre les recommandations du Conseil constitutionnel saisi en 2012 sur un projet presque similaire, mais c'est le reste qui inquiète... »

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1. Big Brother et « Five-eyes »

Le Devoir, Denis Ferland, 2016 11 23

Chronique - La consultation sur la sécurité nationale menée par le gouvernement Trudeau tire à sa fin et deux événements récents appellent les Canadiens à la plus grande vigilance pour la suite

des choses. L'affaire de la surveillance des journalistes au Québec et le jugement de la Cour fédérale sur la collecte et la rétention de données personnelles par le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) montrent bien que l'équilibre entre la sécurité et la protection de la vie privée reste au centre des préoccupations devant les demandes incessantes de pouvoirs accrus des autorités. Les agences britanniques pourront se livrer à la collecte et à l'interception en vrac des communications ainsi que des métadonnées, pratique pour laquelle le Centre canadien de la sécurité des télécommunications (CST) s'est déjà fait taper sur les doigts. La réprimande de la Cour fédérale adressée au SCRS portait aussi sur la rétention de telles données.

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2. Big Brother sleeps easy

National Post, Mathieu Bédard, 2016 11 23

Op-ed: The revelation that Montreal police secretly monitored several journalists' smartphones for months, ostensibly in hopes of discovering the source of internal information leaks, has brought home for many people the troubling reality of government snooping. The fact that thousands of students recently lined up to watch whistleblower Edward Snowden at a video conference at McGill University is another sign of the public's growing concern about respect for the right to privacy. Indeed, it is not just journalists who are targeted by electronic surveillance. Revelations about the National Security Agency (NSA) in the United States also touch Canadians, since in the age of the Internet and social networks, telecommunications knows no borders. It is reasonable to imagine that practically all our communications could be intercepted, filtered and recorded by governments. This is now the world in which we live. Thanks to Snowden's revelations, Canadians know our federal government is actively helping the United States with surveillance programs of its own. For example, it was revealed in April that the RCMP had decrypted about one million private messages from BlackBerry smartphones. In addition, we know that the number of communications intercepted in Canada grew by a factor of 26 in 2015, without the authorities giving any reasons. This opacity is at the heart of the problem: "Big Brother" is completely lacking in transparency. A Federal Court ruling revealed recently that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) had acted illegally by conserving personal data for 10 years. Note: Mathieu Bédard is an economist at the Montreal Economic Institute (iedm.org).

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3. Senator tables bill to protect source confidentiality

Globe and Mail, Colin Freeze, 2016 11 23

Toronto - The relationship between a journalist and a confidential source is sacrosanct, according to a Parliamentarian who wants to enshrine that relationship in law. Amid a scandal over revelations that police in Quebec spied on several journalists, Conservative Senator Claude Carignan has introduced a private member's bill that aims to keep police from ferreting out reporters' sources. "It's a fundamental principle. It's very important to protect the journalist and also the whistleblower," Mr. Carignan, the Senate's opposition leader, told reporters in Ottawa on Tuesday. While Quebec recently announced a commission of inquiry into press- freedom issues,

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has resisted calls for a Canada-wide inquiry. But Mr. Carignan said Parliament cannot afford to wait. Bill S-231, the Journalistic Sources Protection Act, seeks to "protect the privilege of journalistic sources, and secrecy," he said. While the bill would not inoculate journalists from police powers to get search warrants, it would make those powers harder to use. For example, only high-court judges could endorse such warrants. Should such judicial permissions be granted, the fruits of any such searches against a journalist would be immediately sealed. In recent weeks, Mr. Trudeau has fended off calls for action by saying that his own security services are not now investigating any journalists. "We have actually strong safeguards and protections in place to protect the freedom of the press in the course of business conducted by CSIS and the RCMP," he told reporters. Last year, the RCMP ordered a Vice News reporter to surrender materials related to conversations with a Canadian member of the Islamic State. And the Mounties briefed Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale last year about the fact that some detectives had shadowed a Quebec reporter who obtained a leaked CSIS document.

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4. Watchdog wants rules for spies sharing info

Toronto Star, Alex Boutilier, 2016 11 23

Other national security agencies may be taking the same broad view of the law that led CSIS to illegally keep data on innocent people for almost a decade, the federal privacy watchdog says. Privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien said he's calling on Parliament for clearer rules about how spy- and law-enforcement agencies obtain, retain and destroy information on Canadians. Therrien said information-sharing powers granted in Bill C-51, the former Conservative government's controversial spying bill, need restrictions on what agencies can share and how long they can keep the information. "Security agencies, with (Bill C-51 powers) and with the absence of rules around retention, for instance, would be able to collect and retain information that they don't really need," Therrien told the Star outside a House of Commons committee Tuesday. "I don't dispute that CSIS needs to analyze information in order to do their job ... but once the analysis has been completed and the vast majority of people about whom they're collecting information are found not to be a threat, and that's the case, then they should destroy that information." "I don't think that's the kind of country we want, where the security services of the country hangs onto information on vast amounts of people in case it might be helpful one day," Therrien added. In his testimony before the access to information, privacy and ethics committee, Therrien noted Canadian spy agencies misusing powers is not a "theoretical" issue. He noted that CSIS was recently found by a federal court to have illegally kept data on an unknown number of innocent Canadians between 2006 and 2015. The program, which stored information on "non-threat" individuals obtained through lawful intercepts, was created and operated without the court's knowledge. In a press conference with reporters earlier this month, CSIS director Michel Coulombe said the agency believed it was operating within the rules at the time, but accepted the court's ruling. Therrien also noted the Communications Security Establishment (CSE), the country's electronic spy agency, was found earlier this year to have illegally transferred Canadian metadata to close security partners. The CSE, and its independent review body, found that the transfer was not intentional and the result of a technical glitch. "I'm not saying that government officials involved in national security are in bad faith and look to do surveillance on the population, but the safeguards are insufficient," Therrien told the committee.

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5. 'Hate wave' could move north, CNN contributor says at AGO

Toronto Star, Sammy Hudes, 2016 11 23

Toronto - CNN political contributor and former Obama White House adviser Van Jones warned that Canada is not immune to the offensive and divisive rhetoric that he says powered Donald Trump to victory in the U.S. presidential election. Speaking to media at the Art Gallery of Ontario before delivering the keynote address at the Broadbent Institute's Progress Gala on Tuesday evening, Jones urged Canadians to be proactive in preventing Trump's politics from seeping north of the border. "People keep saying that this hate wave that's moving across the west cannot hit Canada," he said. "And you are wrong. It is happening throughout the western democracies." Jones drew attention on election night when he referred to president-elect Trump's victory as a "whitelash" on CNN. He said those comments referred to the strain of "racist, xenophobic sentiment growing in our country" that in part drove Trump's success. "It found a home in the Trump campaign and I will tell you that it can find a home in your country too if you don't stand up to it," he said. He said the American working class, especially white members of society, have rightly felt left behind.

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6. Canada should be ready to press China over Tibet, says exiled PM

Reuters, David Ljunggren, 2016 11 23

Ottawa - The Canadian government can show China how to treat a region seeking autonomy and should use its experience in dealing with Quebec to press for improved human rights in Tibet, the Himalayan region's political leader said on Tuesday. Prime Minister in exile Lobsang Sangay, like Tibetan spiritualist leader Dalai Lama, backs the so-called middle way that seeks autonomy within China. Beijing accuses the Dalai Lama of being a "splittist" seeking independence. Talks between the two sides broke down in 2010. Sangay's visit, guaranteed to upset Chinese authorities, coincides with Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's attempts to improve economic ties with China. "The Canadian government is on very high and moral ground and they can say with confidence and share the Canadian experience, and say 'This is how we treat our people, how we solve the issue,'" Sangay said in an interview. English-speaking Canada has spent years negotiating with separatists in the predominantly French-speaking province of Quebec, a quest for autonomy that began in the 1960s. Although Canadian voters turned down constitutional changes to give Quebec special recognition in a 1992, the province enjoys broad powers of self-governance, including the right to insist that French be the official language. Asked what would happen if China did not listen to such a message, Sangay replied: "Then you have to press a little bit more, as a friend, and say 'This is the right approach, we have done it at home.'"

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7. Commission de la fonction publique Hausse de 12 % des activités d'embauche

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 11 23

Ottawa - Même si l'effectif de la fonction publique est demeuré stable à 197280 (+ 1 %), un total de 45965 nominations ont été effectuées en 2015-2016, incluant l'embauche d'étudiants et de personnel occasionnel, ce qui représente une hausse de 12 % par rapport à l'année précédente. Dans son rapport annuel 2015-2016 déposé mardi, la Commission de la fonction publique du Canada (CFP) révèle que le nombre d'embauches à des postes à durée déterminée a connu la plus forte progression, en hausse de 27,6 %. Les nominations à des postes permanents (à période indéterminée) s'élevaient à 4533 en 2015-2016, en hausse de 16,1 %. Leur nombre est d'ailleurs en augmentation constante depuis les quatre dernières années, après avoir atteint un creux de 1979 en 2012-2013, première année du programme de compressions budgétaires sous les conservateurs. En même temps, le nombre d'embauches à des postes contractuels a atteint 20187, en hausse de 8,5 %. C'est le plus grand nombre enregistré depuis 2001.

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8. La menace de l'extrême droite

Journal de Montréal, Dominique Scali, 2016 11 23

Montréal - Le Centre de prévention de la radicalisation observe une hausse des appels reliés à l'extrême droite L'extrême droite est en croissance au Québec, un phénomène qui inquiète le Centre de prévention de la radicalisation et qui ne serait pas étranger à la popularité grandissante de Donald Trump dans les derniers mois. «Ça devient dangereux», avoue Herman Deparice-Okomba, directeur du Centre de prévention de la radicalisation menant à la violence (CPRMV), qui a vu le nombre d'appels reliés à l'extrême droite bondir dans les huit derniers mois.

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9. PM's dinner with Chinese tycoons doesn't pass 'smell test'

Toronto Star, Tonda MacCharles and Alex Boutilier, 2016 11 23

Ottawa - The Liberal government's "cash-for-access" woes deepened Tuesday as the Opposition hammered Prime Minister Justin Trudeau over a news report he mingled with Chinese billionaires at an exclusive Liberal party fundraiser. During question period, Conservative interim leader Rona Ambrose said: "Rubbing elbows with millionaires at these cash-for-access events does not pass the smell test and the prime minister knows it. So why does he keep doing it?" The Globe and Mail reported Tuesday on a fundraiser last May at the Toronto home of a wealthy Chinese-Canadian business executive where one of the 32 guests was a "well-heeled donor who was seeking Ottawa's final approval to begin operating a new bank aimed at Canada's Chinese community." Trudeau was the top draw at the \$1,500-a-ticket Liberal party event, attended by insurance tycoon Shenglin Xian, the founder of Wealth One Bank of Canada and president of Toronto-based Shenglin Financial Group, who was seeking final approval from federal regulators to operate a domestic bank here. It had received tentative approval the year before under the Conservative government. And in July, it received final approval. Also among

the donors, according to the Globe, was Zhang Bin, a wealthy Chinese businessman and political adviser to the Chinese government in Beijing.

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10. Rendu malade par le pot, il menace Trudeau

Journal de Montréal, Eric Thibault, 2016 11 23

Ottawa - Favorable à la légalisation du cannabis, le premier ministre Justin Trudeau a été victime de menaces de mort d'un jeune Montréalais en proie à des troubles psychiatriques aggravés par la marijuana, cet été. «La drogue, je ne veux plus en prendre», a dit ce dernier devant un tribunal après avoir été déclaré criminellement nonresponsable de ces délits, puis enfermé dans un hôpital durant deux mois. Selon une décision récente de la Commission d'examen des troubles mentaux, le Montréalais, dont l'identité n'a pas été rendue publique, a acheminé un courriel au bureau du premier ministre, le 10 juin dernier. «Je te jure, Justin, je commence à m'entraîner pour te tuer si tu ne fais rien pour mon cas», a-t-il écrit dans un message confus. Sans réponse, il a ensuite téléphoné au bureau de M. Trudeau et réitéré ses menaces avant d'être arrêté par la GRC.

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11. Senator tables private member's bill to protect sources, whistleblowers

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 11 23

Ottawa - A Quebec senator has introduced a bill he calls the first concrete legislative measure in Canada to protect journalistic sources following a spate of cases in which reporters have come under police surveillance. Conservative Sen. Claude Carignan says he was compelled to table the private member's bill after learning that Montreal police obtained warrants to monitor the iPhone of La Presse journalist Patrick Lagace. The Quebec provincial police force has also recently acknowledged tracking the communications of a handful of other journalists. "It's a fundamental principle," Carignan said Tuesday. "It's very important to protect the journalist, but also the whistleblower." The bill would amend the Canada Evidence Act to allow a journalist to refuse to disclose information that would identify _ or likely identify _ a journalistic source. The only exception would be if the document could not be obtained by any other reasonable means and the public interest in the administration of justice outweighed the interest in preserving the source's confidentiality. The one requesting disclosure of the journalist's source would have the burden of proving the case met these conditions.

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12. Trudeau defends fundraiser as effort to encourage investment from China

Globe and Mail, Steven Chase and Robert Fife, 2016 11 23

Ottawa - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says the presence of senior Chinese government envoys and wealthy business executives at a private Liberal Party fundraiser in May was his way of trying to attract investment dollars to Canada from China. At least three people at the May 19 event were senior apparatchiks in Chinese state-run organizations whose purpose is to build

China's influence around the world and whose activities are regulated and supervised by Beijing. A Globe and Mail report on the \$1,500-per-ticket fundraiser at the Toronto home of Chinese Business Chamber of Canada chair Benson Wong was the first topic at Tuesday's Question Period in the House of Commons, with the Conservatives and New Democrats demanding Mr. Trudeau stop cash-for-access events. "Chinese billionaires paid \$1,500 for exclusive access to the Prime Minister at a Toronto mansion. Rubbing elbows with millionaires at these cash-for-access events does not pass the smell test," interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose said. Mr. Trudeau defended his presence at the fundraiser, which was also attended by multimillionaire Chinese-Canadian business executives with close ties to China's regime and at least four representatives of the ruling Communist Party. "Canadians faced a period of 10 years of lower-than-needed growth under the previous government. That is why we have committed, engaging positively with the world to draw in investment," Mr. Trudeau told the Commons. "We know that drawing in global investment is a great way to grow the economy and create jobs." The only known investment that followed the May 19 fundraiser was a \$1-million donation to the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation and the University of Montreal's law faculty from Chinese philanthropists Zhang Bin and Niu Gensheng. Mr. Zhang attended the Trudeau fundraiser but, as a foreign national, did not make a donation.

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13. Why UN Peacekeeping is worth the risks

Toronto Star, Peggy Mason, 2016 11 23

Op-ed: Pages of newspaper ink are being spilled to highlight the risks in any of the UN peacekeeping missions Canada might be considering -- from the Democratic Republic of Congo to Mali to the Central African Republic. What has been missing from all the commentary and government pronouncements, though, is a coherent argument for why UN peacekeeping is a job worth the all-too-evident dangers. This is too bad because there are solid reasons for Canada to re-engage. While UN peacekeeping is no miracle cure and there are no guarantees of success, when done right and properly mandated and resourced, UN peacekeeping offers the best chance for a society emerging from violent conflict. Peacekeeping is the front end of a complex, long-term process of helping conflicting parties create the necessary conditions -- political, socio-economic, security -- for sustainable peace. At the centre of this effort is the peace process. Complex political problems always lie at the heart of violent conflict and require political solutions that are negotiated and agreed to by the parties. A capable security force will be essential in both the peace negotiation and implementation phases, but it is a supporting element of the overall mission nonetheless. Note: Peggy Mason is President of the Rideau Institute and a former Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament to the UN, with over 20 years of experience in peacekeeping training.

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14. 'Let's party like it's 1933': Inside the alt-right world of Richard Spencer

Washington Post, John Woodrow Cox, 2016 11 22

Washington - For years, Richard Spencer and his followers worked in obscure corners of the Internet to promote pride in white identity and the creation of an "ethno-state" that would banish minorities. Then came the presidential campaign of Donald Trump, whose attacks on undocumented immigrants, Muslims and political correctness deeply resonated with them. They crusaded for him on Twitter and celebrated his improbable victory as a seminal moment for their cause. And no one is more critical to the alt-right movement than Spencer, its carefully crafted public face. Last weekend, the articulate, highly educated 38-year-old hosted a conference in the nation's capital that drew nearly 300 white nationalists and at least 50 reporters. But his agenda reaches far beyond any single gathering. Spencer envisions a world in which his ideals are embraced by the mainstream, and he has vowed to keep pushing until that happens. Spencer, who splits his time between Arlington, Va., and Whitefish, Mont., has reveled in the coverage from traditional news outlets with huge audiences: NBC, NPR, CNN, The Washington Post, the New York Times. He would draw their attention again this week when a video of him at the conference shouting "Hail Trump!" -- and the Nazi salutes it elicited -- went viral. But from a distance, almost everything about him appears as innocuous as the term "alt-right" -- and that's by design. Spencer heads a pair of organizations with unremarkable names: the National Policy Institute and Radix Journal. He dresses in three-piece Brooks Brothers suits, gold-coin cuff links and \$5,000 Swiss watches, and he sports a swept-over hipster haircut known as a "fashy" (as in fascist). Spencer, who has degrees from the University of Virginia and the University of Chicago, dismisses such labels as Nazi, racist and white supremacist, preferring to describe himself as an "identitarian." Even before Twitter banned him and other white nationalists last week, he seldom trolled his enemies. But to those who track hate groups, Spencer is dangerous because, when he doesn't want to, he doesn't look or sound or act dangerous. Richard Spencer, says the Southern Poverty Law Center, is "a suit-and-tie version of the white supremacists of old, a kind of professional racist in khakis."

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15. Conway: Giuliani 'possibly' tapped for national intelligence director

Politic, Louis Nelson, 2016 11 22

Washington - Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani could "possibly" be the next director of national intelligence, Donald Trump's senior adviser Kellyanne Conway said Tuesday morning. Director of national intelligence is the latest addition to a list of jobs for which Giuliani's name has been floated, which also includes secretary of state and attorney general, the latter of which the former mayor has said he will not be. Conway said during an appearance on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" that she last spoke to Giuliani on Sunday at Trump's Bedminster golf club in New Jersey. Emerging later Tuesday morning from a meeting with the president-elect at Trump Tower, Giuliani refused to detail his conversations with Trump about the DNI position or any other. "I'm not going to discuss what I'm interested in or what the president elect is thinking and mulling over. That's not fair. That's not the right way to do it, and this all has to be done very privately," Giuliani said.

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16. For jihadists, Trump election brings a change in strategy

Christian Science Monitor, Taylor Luck, 2016 11 23

Amman, Jordan - Jihadists abroad say they will use Donald Trump's election and appointments as powerful recruitment tool, pushing their claims that the West and Islam are heading toward a clash of civilizations. This represents a pivot in strategy. For two decades, jihadists have largely used United States actions - such as wars and foreign policy - to support claims of an anti-Islam agenda. Now, they are anticipating that they will be able to use the words of administration officials themselves. A single tweet, insiders say, can be as big a recruitment boon as the Iraq war. "For years we have focused on the Palestinian occupation, America's deceitful alliance with Iran and [Syrian President] Bashar [al-Assad] in the slaughter of Sunnis in Syria and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as proof that America, and Americans, are waging a war against Islam," says Abu Omar, the nom de guerre of an Al Qaeda operative in Syria aligned with the militant group Jabhat Fatah al-Sham. "Now all we have to do is turn to Trump's Twitter account or turn on CNN." With many in the Muslim world already predisposed to assume the US is hostile to Islam, the concern is that further inflammatory statements would make a difficult situation worse. "You will see many more quotes from senior administration officials, as previously [jihadists] had a hard time bolstering their propaganda line with actual statements," says Will McCants, senior fellow at Brookings Institution and director of its Project on US Relations with the Islamic World. "It plays into the hands of jihadist propagandists who make the argument that the West is at war with the entire religion of Islam, not just against terrorist groups - as the Obama administration made pains to say."

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17. Obama Warns Trump on Pyongyang Threat

Wall Street Journal, Multiple reporters, 2016 11 23

Washington - The Obama administration considers North Korea to be the top national-security priority for the incoming administration, a view it has conveyed to President-elect Donald Trump's transition team, according to people familiar with the conversations. President Barack Obama, in a policy of "strategic patience," refused to engage his administration in high-level negotiations with North Korea, waiting for leader Kim Jong Un to show he was committed to abandoning his nuclear arsenal. Current and former administration officials worry that the pace of North Korea's nuclear- weapons development, particularly its steady march toward the ability to mount a weapon on a ballistic missile, demands a more aggressive strategy. "If we just sit back and continue to let [Kim] evolve, we're going to have someone with that capability, which is unacceptable," retired Adm. Michael Mullen, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for President Obama, said on Monday.

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18. Soros Fights Hate Crimes With Pledge

New York Times, Eric Lichtblau, 2016 11 23

Washington - After a series of attacks against immigrants and minorities since Election Day, the financier George Soros says he will commit \$10 million from his personal foundation to combat a rise in hate crimes that he linked to the "incendiary rhetoric" of President-elect Donald J. Trump's campaign. Mr. Soros, a Holocaust survivor originally from Hungary, said in a telephone interview this week that he was "deeply troubled" by hundreds of reports of possible hate crimes since the election -- including many Nazi swastikas spray-painted on cars and buildings. "We must do something to push back against what's happening here," Mr. Soros said, blaming what he termed the "dark forces that have been awakened" by the election. Groups that oppose Mr. Trump's policies have reported record donations since the election, among them the American Civil Liberties Union, the Sierra Club and Planned Parenthood.

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19. Swastikas rattle New Yorkers

Los Angeles Times, Barbara Demick, 2016 11 23

New York - There have been 14 instances of swastika vandalism in New York City since the election, eight of them in the last week alone, according to news reports and the New York Police Department. No arrests have been made, police say. By way of comparison, last year there were about five to six incidents a month. Civil rights groups attribute the Nazi symbol's proliferation to the triumphal mood of white nationalists who supported President-elect Donald Trump in the Nov. 8 election. In the incident last week in Brooklyn, vandals also scrawled "Go Trump" and other graffiti near the swastikas. The incidents in New York reflect a surge in reports of hate crimes and racist graffiti around the U.S. The FBI reported a 6% increase in hate crimes in 2015 from 2014, with most of the increase attributable to harassment of Muslims. Such incidents are especially shocking to New Yorkers, who tend to take pride in the diversity of a city whose harbor is watched over by the Statue of Liberty. New York is also home to about 1.1 million Jews, more than any other city outside Israel. The Southern Poverty Law Center last week reported 701 incidents of harassment since election day, including 60 acts of vandalism involving the swastika.

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20. Trump, in Interview, Moderates Views but Defies Conventions

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 11 23

New York - President-elect Donald J. Trump on Tuesday tempered some of his most extreme campaign promises, dropping his vow to jail Hillary Clinton, expressing doubt about the value of torturing terrorism suspects and pledging to have an open mind about climate change. But in a wide-ranging hourlong interview with reporters and editors at The New York Times -- which was scheduled, canceled and then reinstated after a dispute over the ground rules -- Mr. Trump was unapologetic about flouting some of the traditional ethical and political conventions that have long shaped the American presidency. He defended Stephen K. Bannon, his chief strategist, against charges of racism, calling him a "decent guy." And he mocked Republicans who had failed to support him in his unorthodox presidential campaign. On the issue of torture, Mr. Trump suggested he had changed his mind about the value of waterboarding after talking with

James N. Mattis, a retired Marine Corps general, who headed the United States Central Command. "He said, 'I've never found it to be useful,'" Mr. Trump said. He added that Mr. Mattis found more value in building trust and rewarding cooperation with terrorism suspects: "'Give me a pack of cigarettes and a couple of beers, and I'll do better.'" "I was very impressed by that answer," Mr. Trump said. Mr. Trump spoke only in general terms about foreign policy. He said the United States should not "be a nation builder," repeated his line from the campaign that fighting the war in Iraq was "one of the great mistakes in the history of our country," and said he has some "very definitive" and "strong ideas" about how to deal with the violent civil war raging in Syria. He declined to say what those ideas are despite several requests to do so.

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21. Trump's national security adviser says he's ready to fight another world war

Washington Post, Carlos Lozada, 2016 11 22

Column - Late in the presidential race, Donald Trump warned that his opponent would start a new world war. "You're going to end up in World War III over Syria if we listen to Hillary Clinton," he told Reuters. As it turns out, there was no need to worry about Clinton's hawkishness. The next world war is already here. It's a religious war. And the United States is losing. Such is the vision of Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn, the retired Army three-star general who is set to become White House national security adviser after President-elect Trump takes the oath of office. Thus far, Flynn is best known for his fire-breathing speech at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland this summer. But six days before leading GOP delegates in a frenzy of "USA!" and "Lock her up!" chants, Flynn published a book detailing this new fight -- in his telling, a multi-generational and civilizational conflict against radical Islam. "We're in a world war," he writes, "but very few Americans recognize it, and fewer still have any idea how to win it." "The Field of Fight," co-authored with foreign policy writer Michael Ledeen, offers an apocalyptic vision of Islam and terrorism, rails in Trumpian tones against political correctness, and assures readers of Flynn's "maverick" credentials (even though calling yourself a maverick is pretty much the least mavericky thing possible). It also offers a tantalizing glimpse of the worldview Flynn may already be sharing with his new boss. Flynn seems quite comfortable with the prospect of a religious war. "This kind of war is not at all new. It created our world," he writes, citing the Protestant Reformation. "The world badly needs an Islamic Reformation, and we should not be surprised if violence is involved. It's normal."

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22. Trump's remarks stoke concerns about independence of his Justice Dept.

Washington Post, Matt Zapotosky, Ellen Nakashima, 2016 11 23

Washington - The Justice Department has long enjoyed a measure of independence in the executive branch, even though its boss is appointed by, and answers to, the president. The president sets a broad policy agenda, which the Justice Department plays a role in implementing, but when it comes to a particular criminal investigation, the White House generally steers clear. On Tuesday, President-elect Donald Trump and a senior adviser made comments that call into question that order of things. The adviser, Kellyanne Conway, suggested that Trump had

indicated that he "doesn't wish to pursue" charges against Hillary Clinton. Although Trump later said he would not take investigations off the table, he asserted that his preference would be to move on. Trump had vowed during the campaign to appoint a special prosecutor to look at Clinton's use of a private email server while she was secretary of state, and he remarked that, were he president, Clinton would "be in jail." He seemed to back down, at least somewhat, from that controversial promise on Tuesday, and legal analysts said he did so in a way that demonstrates a misunderstanding of what role he should play in Justice Department investigations. "Trump's implicit assumption that he can direct the Department of Justice to prosecute Clinton - or not - demonstrates a dangerous assumption the president can dictate the department's prosecutorial decisions," said Jennifer Daskal, an associate professor of law at American University and former senior Justice Department official. "But the Department of Justice depends on its independence as the source of its authority and power."

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23. U.S. Identifies ISIS Planner in Attacks on Europe

Pro Publica, Sebastian Rotella, 2016 11 23

Washington - U.S. and European counterterror officials are zeroing in on Islamic State masterminds of a terror campaign against Europe that continues despite military setbacks for ISIS in the Middle East. On Tuesday, the U.S. State Department announced that it had put a suspected plotter of last November's attacks in Paris on a list of specially designated global terrorists. The announcement came the day after French authorities said they had arrested seven suspects and foiled a plot directed by senior ISIS figures in Syria to carry out major coordinated attacks in Paris and Marseilles during the Christmas holidays. Separately, French and Belgian counter-terror officials said this week they have identified a second ISIS figure involved in directing operations against both countries. The State Department sanction targeted a Moroccan-born suspect named Abdelilah Himich, who grew up in France and fought in the French Foreign Legion in Afghanistan before traveling to Syria and joining the Islamic State, according to court files and counterterror officials. Last month, ProPublica and the PBS program Frontline reported that U.S. intelligence officials believe Himich, 27, was part of an ISIS unit in Syria that directed the terror attacks against Paris and Brussels. Composed largely of youthful European fighters, the external operations unit oversaw a campaign in which up to 200 operatives were deployed to Europe using forged documents, encrypted communications techniques and support networks supplying arms, transport and safe houses, Western intelligence officials say.

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24. Farage camp attacks ambassador as Trump backs Ukip leader

London Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 11 23

London - Britain's ambassador to the United States came under attack from Nigel Farage's allies yesterday after the Ukip leader was touted by Donald Trump as a future UK envoy to Washington. Arron Banks, the Ukip donor who is close to Mr Farage, accused Sir Kim Darroch

of "greasing up to Hillary" [Clinton]. The comments forced Theresa May to defend Sir Kim amid fears from some ministers of a co-ordinated campaign to remove him. Mr Farage has previously described the diplomat as a "fanatical Europhile". Some government figures blamed the prime minister for not doing more to develop her relationship with the incoming US president. "There is growing frustration about what is in effect a vacuum. Farage is being allowed to occupy space which shouldn't be there. Where are the Downing Street phone calls, what is happening with the visits?" demanded one Whitehall source. In a sign of the government's efforts to forge links with the US president-elect, Downing Street said on Monday that an invitation for a state visit to Britain was under consideration. No 10 did its best to throw a protective arm around Sir Kim yesterday, revealing that he had briefed the prime minister face-to-face yesterday while on a visit to London. "He's an excellent ambassador doing a fantastic job in the States -- he has only taken up his post in January and there are no plans for him to leave his post," a No 10 spokesman said.

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25. Foreign Office 'failing to help' charity worker jailed in Iran

London Times, Bel Trew, 2016 11 23

Cairo - The husband of a woman jailed in Iran said that Britain is not doing enough to get her out after Boris Johnson described her case as an "utmost priority" but failed to call for her release. Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, 37, an Iranian-British charity worker, was sentenced in September to five years in prison on charges of using a "spy network" to overthrow the Iranian regime. "Actions speak louder than words. The authorities have not bothered to visit Nazanin in prison or Gabriella [her two-year-old daughter], despite the fact other countries have managed it," Richard Ratcliffe, her husband, told The Times. "I haven't heard any public criticism of the Iranians for what they have put my wife through or any outright calls for her release." She was arrested by Iran's Revolutionary Guard in April while attempting to return home to London after a holiday with her parents. She was separated from her daughter, who remains trapped in Iran after her British passport was confiscated. Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe has been on a hunger strike and has threatened to commit suicide.

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26. U.K. Parliament Approves Unprecedented New Hacking and Surveillance Powers

The Intercept, Ryan Gallagher, 2016 11 22

Washington - A few years ago, it would have been unthinkable for the British government to admit that it was hacking into people's computers and collecting private data on a massive scale. But now, these controversial tactics are about to be explicitly sanctioned in an unprecedented new surveillance law. Last week, the U.K.'s Parliament approved the Investigatory Powers Bill, dubbed the "Snoopers' Charter" by critics. The law, which is expected to come into force before the end of the year, was introduced in November 2015 after the fallout from revelations by National Security Agency whistleblower Edward Snowden about extensive British mass surveillance. The Investigatory Powers Bill essentially retroactively legalizes the electronic spying programs exposed in the Snowden documents -- and also expands some of the government's surveillance powers. Perhaps the most controversial aspect of the new law is that it

will give the British government the authority to serve internet service providers with a "data retention notice," forcing them to record and store for up to 12 months logs showing websites visited by all of their customers. Law enforcement agencies will then be able to obtain access to this data without any court order or warrant. In addition, the new powers will hand police and tax investigators the ability to, with the approval of a government minister, hack into targeted phones and computers. The law will also permit intelligence agencies to sift through "bulk personal datasets" that contain millions of records about people's phone calls, travel habits, internet activity, and financial transactions; and it will make it legal for British spies to carry out "foreign-focused" large-scale hacks of computers or phones in order to identify potential "targets of interest." "Every citizen will have their internet activity -- the apps they use, the communications they send, and to who -- logged for 12 months," says Eric King, a privacy expert and former director of Don't Spy On Us, a coalition of leading British human rights groups that campaigns against mass surveillance. "There is no other democracy in the world, possibly no other country in the world, doing this."

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27. Aussie terror attack denial

Herald Sun, James Dowling, 2016 11 23

Melbourne - An Islamic community leader has claimed there has never been a terrorist attack in Australia and those that say otherwise are "fearmongering". Former Islamic Council of Victoria secretary Kuranda Seyit said even if a "Muslim sneezes in the wrong direction it can be made to look like an act of terror". Only weeks ago, Mr Seyit resigned from the ICV -- a key ally in both federal and state governments' battle against radicalisation. The ICV runs prison deradicalisation programs and has assisted both federal and state police forces in dealing with those being influenced by violent extremists. Mr Seyit, now executive director of Islamic think-tank the Forum on Australia's Islamic Relations, said the terrorism definition was vague and been hijacked by those with vested interests. He said it was convenient for governments and the media to describe violence involving a Muslim "terrorism because it fuels a multi- billion-dollar 'Islamophobia' industry". He admitted IS and al-Qaeda terrorist groups had "some influence" in Australia but said there were no organised cells.

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28. Aust hits Islamic State in cyberspace

Australian Associated Press, Max Blenkin and Roje Adaimy, 2016 11 23

Canberra - Australia is conducting online warfare against Islamic State but Australian businesses, government organisations and individuals remain vulnerable to cyber attacks. In a revelation about Australia's growing cyber capability, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull disclosed the Australian Signals Directorate had taken the fight against Islamic State into cyber space. It was making "a real difference", he told parliament on Wednesday. But neither Mr Turnbull nor his cyber security minister Dan Tehan would reveal any details of how that was

being done. Delivering a statement on national security, Mr Turnbull said cyber security operations were subject to the same rules of engagement that apply to other military capabilities. That includes the six RAAF F/A-18 Hornets which have been bombing IS targets in Iraq and Syria whose rules are intended to minimise risk of harm to civilians. Similarly Mr Tehan declined to discuss offensive cyber capabilities - though he said publicly available literature speculated on what could be done. IS has long been adept at using the internet for its own purposes, using slick video productions to trumpet its successes and persuasive social media pitches to potential western converts. Cyber attack could take the form of denying IS use of its computer networks, or penetrating their systems to steal information or compromise command and control. One academic paper terms this type of attack as above espionage but below violence.

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29. Aust report prompts Thailand IS probe

Australian Associated Press, Ron Corben, 2016 11 23

Bangkok - Thai police have launched probes into Islamic State involvement in southern Thailand following investigations and Australian reports linking "some Thais" to IS. Thai police have repeatedly denied Islamic State activities in the region, where a Muslim insurgency since 2004 has claimed more than 6000 lives. But Thai deputy national police chief Srivara Ransibrahmanakul told Thai media information provided by Australian authorities was part of a probe linking some Thais to Islamic State. The Australian investigation also linked 100,000 Facebook users from Thailand visiting IS-related online communities in the past year, and revealed Thais were providing financial support to Islamic State. Intelligence sources say the Australians avoid detection by Australian customs and immigration by initially travelling to Thailand on a six-month education or sports visa. But upon arrival they make contact with IS links, are given a counterfeit passport and travel to Syria and Iraq from neighbouring countries. After receiving training or fighting in the Middle East, they return to Thailand exchange passports and travel back to Australia without revealing they had travelled to the Middle East.

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30. Close ports to Sea Shepherd or risk sharing guilt for its vigilantism

The Australian, Julia Jabour and Anthony Bergin, 2016 11 23

Oped: Sea Shepherd is again heading into dangerous territory. Last week's announcement that its new \$12 million custom-built Ocean Warrior has arrived here for a Southern Ocean incursion this summer is disturbing. Ship captain Adam Meyerson is boasting the group's new vessel is a game changer because of its increased speed, long-range fuel tanks, helicopter landing pad and 20,000 litres-per-minute water cannon. Sea Shepherd is once more aiming to engage in close combat with the Japanese research fleet. That puts this group in the category of an environmental non-state combatant. It's in an international area engaged in the use of force, with actions close to vigilantism. It enjoys the reputation of piracy, but for quasi public rather than private ends. The International Court of Justice judgment in the whaling case two years ago was a hollow victory for environmental activists. The court didn't rule that what the Japanese were doing was commercial whaling. Nor did it say that issuing permits to take whales by lethal means for

scientific research was illegal. This left open the option of a new Japanese scientific whaling program. Note: Julia Jabour is senior lecturer, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania. Anthony Bergin is senior research fellow at the Australian National University's National Security College and senior analyst, Australian Strategic Policy Institute.

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31. No reason for 'severe' lifetime visitor visa ban

Sydney Morning Herald, Tom McIlroy, 2016 11 23

Sydney - The Turnbull government's proposed lifetime ban on resettled asylum seekers receiving visas to visit Australia is "severe and exceptional" and could disproportionately target people on the basis of race, a parliamentary committee has found. Scrutiny of the lifetime visa ban by the Liberal-majority Human Rights Committee found there was no reason refugees and asylum seekers held in immigration detention on Nauru and Manus Island should be banned from visiting Australia for business or tourism in the future. Chaired by Liberal MP Ian Goodenough, the committee found the ban could be unnecessary because there is no suggestion that any detainee being held presents a danger to Australia or that any future visit could have any adverse effect on national security. "As such, the ban would appear to apply a penalty on those who seek asylum and are part of the regional processing cohort," the report said. "The right to seek asylum, irrespective of the mode of transit, is protected under international law. The ban may also have a disproportionate negative effect on individuals from particular national origins; nationalities; or on the basis of race, which gives rise to concerns regarding indirect discrimination on these grounds." Released on Tuesday, the report noted the laws were designed to prevent others embarking on dangerous boat journeys to Australia, but the plan would apply "an unlawful penalty" for seeking asylum in contravention of the United Nations Refugee Convention. The committee has asked for Immigration Minister Peter Dutton to provide more information about the bill's human rights compatibility. It would make any adult sent to Manus or Nauru after July 19, 2013, ineligible to make a valid visa application in Australia.

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32. Opera House hit with rising costs of guarding against terrorism threats

Sydney Morning Herald, Andrew Taylor and Peter Munro, 2016 11 23

Sydney - The threat of terrorism has increased staffing costs at the Sydney Opera House, which also reported a rise in casual workers at the expense of permanent staff. Increased security staffing to deal with a "probable" national terrorism threat level was one factor behind a \$2.8 million increase in staffing costs, according to the Opera House's annual report. The landmark venue has been the subject of repeated threats, including a call from Islamic State in September for "lone wolf" followers to stab, shoot, poison and run over Australians at the Sydney Opera House and other locations including Bondi Beach and the MCG. Opera House spokeswoman Jessica Gooch said the venue worked with NSW Police and other authorities to "ensure appropriate measures are in place". The Opera House holds a range of outdoors events, including the opera *The Eighth Wonder* and the coming four sold-out concerts by Crowded House. However, residents of the neighbouring Bennelong Apartments are reportedly unhappy with the

noise and disruption caused by the outdoor events. Gooch said the complainants were a minority of the Opera House's neighbours. "The group of residents who have complained comprises about five of the hundreds of neighbouring apartments," she said. "Other local residents understand that the Opera House is a public space to be enjoyed by all, and that the Opera House opened long before their apartments were built."

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33. Terrorism tag 'hijacked anti-Islamic push'

The Australian, Pia Akerman, 2016 11 23

Sydney - Australia has never suffered a terrorist attack at the hands of Islamic extremists, says a senior Islamic community spokesman, who has dismissed slain attackers Man Haron Monis, Numan Haider and Farhad Jabar as perpetrators whose violence stemmed from "mental - instability" rather than radical ideology. Kuranda Seyit -- the former secretary of the Islamic Council of Victoria, who now heads the Forum on Australia's Islamic Relations think tank -- yesterday called for stricter use of the term "terrorism", saying it had been hijacked to feed anti-Islamic sentiment. He said it was incorrect to class the Lindt cafe siege, Haider's attack on counter-terrorism officers and Jabar's murder of police accountant Curtis Cheng as terrorism, despite evidence of their support for jihadist groups such as Islamic State. "I really don't believe we have any organisations or groups in Australia that have links with terrorist organisations," said Mr Seyit, who is also a schoolteacher in Melbourne. "In that case, it's very hard to say we've had any terrorist attacks in Australia based on a number of random incidents that have occurred in the last two years or so. "It has to have that direct political link with an organisation, or a clear aim to create terror and fear in a society to further a political aim. "That's the thing that's virtually missing in all these situations." Mr Seyit's statement was questioned by counter-terrorism expert Greg Barton, who gave evidence to the Lindt cafe inquest, saying that the 2014 siege that claimed the lives of two people was a terrorist act.

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34. 'Most wanted' terror suspect nabbed in Peshawar: CTD

Pakistan Dawn, Ali Akbar, 2016 11 23

Islamabad - The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa claimed to have arrested a suspected militant with a Rs0.5 million bounty on his head in Peshawar's Hayatabad area on Wednesday. The "most wanted" suspect was allegedly involved in a 2009 deadly car bombing in Peshawar's Khyber Bazaar in which 60 people were killed, according to a CTD official. A CTD team carried out a raid on an intelligence tip-off and arrested the suspect, who has been identified as Feroz Khan, he said. The 'militant' was also allegedly involved in the murder of Superintendent of Police (Rural) Khurshid Khan. The apprehended suspect belongs to a proscribed organisation and was wanted in more than 30 cases of terrorism, ransom and murder, the official said. (Full Report).

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35. Kabul attack was aimed at fueling religious strife

Pajhwok Afghan News, Khwaja Basir Fitri, 2016 11 23

Kabul - The Meshrano Jirga on Tuesday said yesterday's attack on a mosque in Kabul was an attempt to create religious divisions among Afghans. At least 30 people were killed and more than 60 others wounded in a suicide attack on a Shiite mosque, Baqir Al-Uloom, in Chahar Qala area of capital Kabul on Monday. The attack was claimed by Islamic State (IS) or Daesh militants. A senator from southern Ghazni province, speaking at today's session of the upper house, condemned the attack and said security officials in Kabul should be held accountable for their negligence in preventing the incident. He said the enemies of Afghanistan had carried out the attack in order to create religious divisions among different communities of the Afghans. Enemies should know they would never achieve such goals, he added.

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36. New Zealand mentoring ANA cadets including women

Pajhwok Afghan News, Pajhwok Report, 2016 11 23

Kabul - The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) has announced its soldiers are training a new batch of about 330 Afghan cadets, including women, in key leadership and tactical warfare skills. At least 30 women are part of the batch that recently started the year-long training programme at the Afghan National Army Officer Academy (ANAOA) in Kabul. NZ Commander Tim Gall said in a statement: "Our training support for the Afghan National Army contributes to Afghanistan's efforts to build a capable and professional force. It also demonstrates our commitment to a stable future for Afghanistan." The major-general added: "New Zealand has joined the United Kingdom and other defence partners in helping develop Afghanistan's future military leaders." Since 2003, the NZDF has deployed a number of contingents to Afghanistan as part of the international community contribution to the country's security and development.

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37. Pentagon voices concern at violence in Afghanistan

Pajhwok Afghan News, Lalit K Jha, 2016 11 23

Washington - Expressing concern over increasing violence in Afghanistan, the Pentagon has said it will remain focused on battling terrorist groups, including the Islamic State. "We are very concerned about any reports of violence in Afghanistan, whether it's from Taliban or ISIL and obviously for the Afghan people in light of this attack," the Pentagon press secretary said. Peter Cook told reporters at a news conference on Tuesday the United States had worked closely with the Afghan government to look at the threat that ISIL posed in Afghanistan. "We've taken significant steps in Afghanistan under the leadership of General Nicholson to address the ISIL threat and made significant progress working alongside Afghan forces with regard to that," Cook said.

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38. Au Maroc, deux Français dénoncent de faux aveux

Le Monde, Charlotte Bozonnet, 2016 11 23

Essaouira - Au Maroc, même si la police vous empêche de lire vos "aveux" ou qu'ils sont rédigés dans une langue qui vous est incompréhensible, une fois que vous les signez, vous voilà embarqué dans un train fou, destination, prison. " C'est ainsi que Sarah Leah Whitson, de l'ONG Human -Rights Watch (HRW), décrit le cauchemar judiciaire vécu par deux Français dans le royaume, dans un communiqué publié lundi 21 novembre. Le premier, Thomas Gallay, 36 ans, a été arrêté le 18 février. Habitant à Essaouira et ingénieur pour une entreprise française, l'homme a été condamné en juillet à 6 ans de prison pour " soutien financier à des personnes en vue de la commission d'actes de terrorisme ", " tenue de réunions publiques sans déclaration préalable " et " organisation d'activités au sein d'une association non déclarée ". Huit autres coaccusés marocains ont été condamnés à des peines allant de 4 à 18 ans de prison. Le procès en appel doit se tenir mercredi 23 novembre à Rabat. La famille de Thomas Gallay clame son innocence et dénonce les conditions de sa condamnation. Pendant sa garde à vue, selon ses proches et sa défense, les policiers ne lui ont pas expliqué de quoi il était accusé et l'ont interrogé en l'absence de traducteur et d'avocat, avant de lui faire signer un procès-verbal en arabe, langue qu'il ne sait pas lire.

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39. Libyan forces press forward against Islamic State in Sirte, urge civilians to leave

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 11 22

Sirte - Libyan forces said they pushed forward on Tuesday into the last sliver of territory held by Islamic State in its former North African stronghold of Sirte, seizing a number of barricaded houses. Hours before the push, the forces published video online showing one of their fighters shouting out messages through a loud hailer urging women and children to leave the area and promising them safe passage. Backed by U.S. air strikes, brigades dominated by fighters from the city of Misrata have been edging forward against militants trapped in an area a few hundred meters wide next to Sirte's Mediterranean coast. "The Islamic State gangs are trying desperately to resist up until their last breath," said Rida Issa, a spokesman for the forces.

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40. Lutte contre le blanchiment de capitaux - L'Anif renforce le dispositif national

All Africa, Lopelle Mboussa Gassia, 2016 11 22

Brazzaville, RDCongo -L'Agence nationale d'investigation financière (Anif) organise du 21 au 25 novembre à Brazzaville, un séminaire à l'endroit des acteurs publics et privés impliqués dans la lutte contre le blanchiment de capitaux et le financement du terrorisme. L'objectif de cette formation : actualiser les moyens d'action de ses acteurs, face à l'évolution de la criminalité

financière, par une meilleure maîtrise des outils appropriés. Ce séminaire vise également à développer la connaissance des participants sur les instruments et les textes réglementaires régionaux et locaux en matière de lutte contre le blanchiment d'argent ; à renforcer le respect des obligations, des procédures de surveillance et de vigilance concernant la lutte anti blanchiment (LAB). La méthodologie d'analyse des opérations et des situations des LAB les plus complexes font parties des thèmes qui seront développés par des formateurs, venus du Centre de formation de la profession bancaire de Paris.

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41. RCA: nouvelles violences à Bria entre deux factions de l'ex- Seleka

Radio France Internationale, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 22

Bria - La ville diamantifère de Bria, à l'est de la République centrafricaine a été lundi 21 novembre le théâtre d'affrontements entre deux factions de l'ex-Seleka : d'un côté l'UPC composée majoritairement de Peuls, de l'autre, le FPRC composé de Goulas. Le bilan serait d'au moins 11 morts, selon les groupes armés. Les violences risquent de s'étendre à d'autres villes, notamment Bambari, où les deux factions sont implantées. Des corps jonchaient toujours mardi 22 novembre les rues de Bria, témoignant des violents combats de la veille et de la peur qui empêchait les habitants de sortir les ramasser. Selon une source humanitaire, au moins 5 000 personnes ont trouvé refuge aux abords de la base de la Minusca. Cette base a pourtant été prise pour cible la veille par le FPRC qui accuse les Casques bleus d'avoir mortellement touché l'un de leurs principaux chefs, le général Yaya Scout. Ce jour-là, plusieurs heures durant, Bria a résonné aux bruits des armes de guerre, conséquence de plusieurs jours, voire de plusieurs semaines, de tensions entre Peuls membres de l'UPC et Goulas du FPRC. Un accord qui vole en éclat La semaine dernière, les notables musulmans de Bria avaient conduit une médiation et étaient parvenus à leur faire signer un accord, au terme duquel les deux mouvements s'engageaient à retirer les renforts qu'ils avaient fait venir. Mais lundi, l'accord a volé en éclat : UPC et FPRC se rejetant la responsabilité des violences. Ce mardi, le FPRC disait tenir la ville alors que l'UPC affirmait que certains quartiers étaient sous son contrôle, chacun assurant recevoir des renforts d'autres villes, qui pourraient à leur tour être contaminées par cette violente rivalité.

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42. Témoignage de l'arrestation de l'une des épouses de Belmokhtar

All Africa avec Radio France internationale, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 22

Darna, Libye - Une source au ministère de l'Intérieur libyen, à l'est de la Libye, a confirmé à RFI l'arrestation dimanche 20 novembre, de la femme du terroriste Mokhtar Belmokhtar, chef du groupe al-Mourabitoune qui fait partie d'Aqmi, et qui était donné plusieurs fois pour mort. Il s'agit d'Asma' Keddoussi, Tunisienne de Sidi Bouzid. Sa photo et des photocopies de son identité ainsi qu'un faux passeport qu'elle possédait ont été publiés sur internet par le ministère de l'Intérieur libyen. Elle était venue à Darna, ville où al-Qaïda est puissante, pour accoucher. Oussama Werchfani, chef de la brigade de la direction libyenne générale pour la lutte contre le terrorisme, a participé à sa capture. Témoignage. Oussama Werchfani, chef de la brigade de la Direction libyenne générale pour la lutte contre le terrorisme qui dépend du ministère de

l'Intérieur au gouvernement intérimaire de l'est de la Libye, raconte l'arrestation de Keddoussi, femme de Mokhtar Belmokhtar : « Nous les avons arrêtées à 100 km au sud de Darna (ville à l'est de la Libye, ndlr), nous avons fouillé la voiture et nous avons commencé à les questionner. Elles ont dit qu'elles étaient Libyennes mais elles étaient confuses et n'avaient pas l'accent libyen. Chaque femme était accompagnée d'un enfant, la première avait une gamine de 40 jours, et l'autre une fille de trois ans. Nous avons senti sur leur corps les ceintures explosives et nous les avons désactivées. Nous pensons qu'elles ne les ont pas actionnées à cause des enfants. Nous avons aussi confisqué les téléphones portables. Jusqu'à cet instant, les informations en notre possession disaient qu'elles étaient des simples femmes terroristes. Nous ne savions pas qu'il s'agissait de la femme de Belmokhtar. Nous l'avons appris à l'interrogatoire. » « Une des deux femmes a avoué que Belmokhtar est dans un camp d'entraînement à Aljofra (au sud de la Libye dans le désert, ndlr) avec le terroriste Ziad Balaam, un des dirigeants du groupe terroriste les Brigades de défense de Benghazi (groupe qui combat l'armée de Haftar à Ajdabya et à Benghazi, ndlr) et que Belmokhtar était toujours en vie il y a quatre mois.

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43. Why so many of Tunisia's Youth Are Drawn to Extremist Groups

Asharq Al-Awsat, Kamal Ben Younes, 2016 11 23

Tunisia - Many study centers in Tunisia, including national institutions estimate that Tunisians top the list of religious extremists who joined armed organizations in the tension areas in Libya, Syria and Iraq; and in spite the difficulty of providing accurate statistics, officials in Tunisia estimate that around 13,000 Tunisians have joined fundamentalist and salafi jihadi groups. How this phenomenon can be read? What deep reasons and conditional motives stand behind it? How will it evolve amid the developments in Iraq, Libya, and Syria and the improvement of security coordination between Tunisia and Turkey; which was the main "route" to join armed factions in the Levant and Iraq? Many researchers and experts of social science in Tunisia including Sociology Professor and Former Culture Minister Mehdi Mabrouk has linked this phenomenon to the deep changes that took place in the Tunisian community and in other countries of the region.

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44. Colombia, FARC rebels to sign new peace deal on Thursday

New York Times, Staff report, 2016 11 23

Bogota - A new peace accord between Colombia's government and Marxist FARC rebels will be signed on Thursday and sent to Congress for approval, President Juan Manuel Santos said on Tuesday, bringing a formal end to the 52-year civil war ever closer. The revised document will be signed in Bogota between FARC leader Rodrigo Londono and Santos, who won the Nobel Peace Prize last month for his efforts to end the conflict with the insurgent group. "We have the unique opportunity to close this painful chapter in our history that has bereaved and afflicted millions of Colombians for half a century," the president said in a televised address. "This new

accord possibly won't satisfy everybody, but that's what happens in peace accords. There are always critical voices; it is understandable and respectable," said Santos, 65, warning another plebiscite could divide the nation and put in danger the bilateral cease-fire. The expanded and highly technical 310-page document appears to make only small modifications to the original text, such as clarifying private property rights and detailing more fully how the rebels would be confined in rural areas for crimes committed during the war.

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45. Sources: Utah man held in Venezuela likely to be released by Dec. 6 as part of deal

Fox News Latino, Alex Vasquez S., 2016 11 22

Caracas - Joshua Holt, the Utah man imprisoned in Venezuela on weapon charges for almost five months now, is included on a list of 21 political prisoners the government has agreed to release in the following weeks, according to a source familiar with the ongoing negotiation with the opposition. "He's on the list. The government is also expected to release two congressmen, journalists, Twitter users, students and protesters," the source, who asked to remain anonymous, told Fox News Latino. He said the release should happen on or before Dec. 6, the date set for Holt's court hearing - the fourth one, after the first three were suspended - and also the date set for a third round of negotiations between the two sides of the deeply divided Venezuela. Jeannette Prieto, lawyer of the Utah man, said she visited the 24-year-old, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on Monday and found him in good condition. "He's fine. A doctor had seen him [the previous] Thursday and they will run some medical tests, but he's OK," she told FNL.

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46. China opposes Japan-S. Korea military intelligence-sharing pact

Kyodo News, Staff reporter, 2016 11 23

Beijing - China criticized Japan and South Korea for signing a military intelligence-sharing pact on Wednesday, saying that it will only lead to more tensions with North Korea. While accusing Japan and South Korea of having "a Cold War mentality," Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said the signing of the agreement will "aggravate antagonism and confrontation on the Korean Peninsula." In response to a question from China's state-run broadcaster CCTV at a press briefing, he said the deal will bring about "new insecure and unstable factors in Northeast Asia, and is not in line with the trend of the times featuring peace and development." "The current situation on the Korean Peninsula is still sensitive and complex," he said. "While carrying out military cooperation, relevant countries should respect security concerns of regional countries." With the accord, Japan and South Korea are hoping to share more delicate information on regional security, especially regarding North Korea's rapid pursuit of nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles.

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47. Corée du Nord: Séoul et Tokyo vont partager leurs renseignements

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 23

Séoul - Japon et Corée du Sud ont signé mercredi un accord de partage de renseignements sur la Corée du Nord, en dépit de l'opposition d'une frange de la population sud-coréenne relative aux contentieux historiques avec Tokyo. Le ministère sud-coréen de la Défense a jugé l'accord nécessaire entre les deux voisins, du fait de la menace militaire de Pyongyang qui a procédé cette année à deux essais nucléaires et plus de 20 tirs de missiles. "Elle est prête à réaliser à tout moment un nouvel essai nucléaire ou de nouveaux tirs de missiles", a mis en garde le ministère dans un communiqué. "Notre sécurité se trouvera renforcée par le fait que nous puissions utiliser les capacités de renseignements japonaises pour faire face aux menaces nord-coréennes grandissantes", est-il ajouté. Le ministère japonais des Affaires étrangères a pour sa part expliqué dans un communiqué séparé que l'accord permettrait un échange d'informations "encore plus linéaire et rapide" entre les deux voisins.

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48. Indo-Pak tensions escalate as terrorists behead soldier

Times of India, Staff Report, 2016 11 23

New Delhi - The already volatile situation along the line of control (LoC) escalated on Tuesday after the Indian Army promised "heavy retribution" for the beheading of an Indian soldier by terrorists in the Macchil sector of Jammu and Kashmir. Two other soldiers were also killed in the action. The terrorists were actively backed by the Pakistan army. "Retribution will be heavy for this cowardly act of mutilating a soldier's body," said the Army, which had destroyed four Pakistan army posts with massive fire assaults after an Indian soldier was beheaded in a similar border action team (BAT) operation in the same sector on October 28. A BAT typically consists of terrorists working in close conjunction with Pakistan army regulars for tactical operations against Indian troops and posts along the 778km LoC. On Tuesday, the three soldiers from 57 Rashtriya Rifles were in the lead of a counter-infiltration patrol when it was ambushed by terrorists ahead of the LoC fencing.

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49. Japanese Intelligence Tells Pentagon China Engaged in Multi-Year Takeover Attempt of Senkaku Islands

Washington Free Beacon, Bill Gertz, 2016 11 23

Tokyo - China is escalating a campaign of military maritime coercion against Japan's Senkaku Islands, according to Japanese intelligence data disclosed as part of a joint Pentagon-Japan research program. Additionally, China is doubling the size of its coast guard forces over the next five years to prevent the disruption of oil supplies that travel from the Middle East through the Indian Ocean and South China Sea, according to Pentagon-sponsored reports about the joint U.S.-Japan collaboration. Two reports produced by a contractor for the Pentagon's Office of Net Assessment, a secretive research group, provide a rare glimpse of Japanese intelligence assessments of Chinese military activities in the East China Sea and South China Sea. In addition

to adding large numbers of new coast guard and navy ships to its fleets in Southeast Asia, China is building military facilities on newly created islands in the South China Sea. It will eventually militarize the East China Sea using floating oil rig platforms, according to analyses provided by Japan's Cabinet Intelligence and Research Office, known as CIRO. According to CIRO, China has greatly increased unilateral oil and gas development near the line separating Chinese and Japanese waters near the Senkakus.

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50. N. Korea's next nuclear test may coincide with Trump's inauguration: expert

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 11 23

Seoul - North Korea may conduct its sixth nuclear test early next year timed for Donald Trump's inauguration as the U.S. president, security experts said Wednesday. "North Korea may seek negotiations with the U.S. when it completes nuclear tests and reaches the stage of deploying a long-range nuclear-tipped missile," Lee Su-seok, director of the Center for Unification Strategy at the state-run Institute for National Security Strategy, said in a military forum held in Seoul. "In early 2017, it is highly likely that Pyongyang will detonate another nuclear device and launch a long-range ballistic missile to reiterate its status as a nuclear power." Citing a recent report carried by the Choson Shinbo, a Korean-language newspaper published in Japan, he said the North expressed hopes for dialogue and negotiations with the next U.S. government by favorably comparing President-elect Donald Trump to President Barack Obama. He speculated that the incoming Trump administration won't likely handle North Korean matters in a hasty and hurried manner, as it takes time for the real estate tycoon to review pending issues and appoint the right advisors.

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51. Pact With Japan Riles South Korean Opposition

New York Times, Choe Sang-Hun, 2016 11 23

Seoul - President Park Geun-hye on Tuesday approved a military intelligence-sharing pact with Japan aimed at countering the North Korean threat, a move that angered South Korean opposition parties, which want to impeach Ms. Park over a corruption scandal. The United States, an ally of both South Korea and Japan, has pressed them to increase military cooperation so the three countries can more effectively monitor and confront threats from the North, whose development of nuclear arms and missiles has been accelerating. Currently, Japan and South Korea use Washington as an intermediary when sharing intelligence on North Korea. But South Koreans are wary of cooperating too closely with Japan, which ruled Korea as a colony for 35 years until the end of World War II. Many of the protesters who have been demanding that Ms. Park resign over the corruption scandal have also insisted that she cancel the negotiations with Japan. Ms. Park has been accused of conspiring with a friend, Choi Soon-sil, to extort millions from big businesses. Her polling numbers have reached record lows, and huge crowds have gathered in Seoul, the capital, and other major cities to demand that Ms. Park step down or face impeachment.

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52. S. Korea, Japan sign intelligence deal despite China criticism

Agence France-Presse, Staff reporter, 2016 11 23

Japan and South Korea on Wednesday signed an agreement to share defence intelligence about North Korea, despite protests from opposition parties and activists in Seoul and strong criticism from China. South Korea's defence ministry said the accord was necessary in the face of growing military threats from Pyongyang, which has conducted two nuclear tests and more than 20 missile launches this year. "It is ready to conduct additional nuclear tests and missile launches at any time," the ministry said in a statement. "Since we can now utilise Japan's intelligence capability to effectively deal with North Korea's escalating nuclear and missile threats, it will enhance our security interests." Japan's foreign ministry said in a statement the military agreement would allow the two governments to "share information even more smoothly and swiftly". But China, already angry at South Korea's planned deployment of a US missile defence system, sharply criticised Seoul and Tokyo for what it termed a "cold war mentality". The agreement "will aggravate the situation in the Korean peninsula and bring new unsecure and unstable factors to Northeast Asia", said foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang at a regular briefing in Beijing.

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53. UN orders Sri Lanka to compensate Canadian for prison, torture

The Hindustan Times, 2016 11 23

Colombo - The United Nations Human Rights Committee has ordered the Sri Lankan government to make reparations for the alleged detention and torture of a Canadian man over the course of three years. The committee says Sri Lanka must prosecute and punish those responsible for imprisoning Roy Samathanam while he was in the country for a visit in 2007 until his release in 2010. They say Samathanam was tortured and forced to sign a confession to being part of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Ealam, a rebel group. Samathanam now lives in Toronto with his wife and child and says he finally has a measure of justice. The Canadian Centre for International Justice helped Samathanam file a complaint with the committee three years ago. The centre commends the committee's decision and is calling on the Sri Lankan government to implement the measures outlined by the UN committee, Canadian Press reports. (Full Report).

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54. Zakir Naik's NGO IRF gave scholarship of Rs 80,000 to IS operative Abu Anas: NIA

Times of India, Neeraj Chauhan, 2016 11 23

New Delhi - In first direct evidence of linking controversial Islamic preacher Zakir Naik and his NGO Islamic Research Foundation (IRF) with terror activities and its support to ISIS, the National Investigation Agency probe has found that ISIS operative, Abu Anas, arrested from Rajasthan in January this year, was given Rs 80,000 as scholarship by IRF around the time when

he was planning to go to Syria to fight alongside the terror outfit. Sources say that Abu Anas was in regular touch with IRF officer bearers and he was given this amount in the garb of scholarship in October 2015. "This is the time when Anas was planning to travel to Syria," said a source. The money was transferred by IRF into Anas's ICICI bank account in Tonk branch, said sources. A former Information Security Analyst of TWG International at Abids at Hyderabad, Anas was arrested by NIA as part of a multi-city ISIS module in January-February this year.

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55. Chechen Warlord's Cuddly Makeover, With a Nod to Trump

New York Times, Neil MacFarquhar, 2016 11 23

Moscow - Caucasian warlord, mixed martial arts enthusiast, scourge of any opposition -- Ramzan A. Kadyrov, the autocratic leader of a turbulent mountain republic, wants to convince the rest of Russia that its image of him is all wrong. Borrowing from Donald J. Trump's playbook, Mr. Kadyrov, the leader of Chechnya, is starring this fall in a reality TV competition called "The Team." In a format that echoes "The Apprentice," the show that enhanced Mr. Trump's fame, Mr. Kadyrov is winnowing a group of 16 telegenic young Russians down to one who will become his assistant. The stocky, ginger-bearded Chechen leader -- perhaps the highest-profile Russian political figure besides President Vladimir V. Putin -- starts one episode by explaining why his image needs a makeover. "People believe my image that was created by the liberals, that I am frightening, that I will kill whoever says anything about me, that I will put them in a dungeon and stab them," Mr. Kadyrov says, steering his sport utility vehicle through a breathtaking landscape of jagged peaks. "That was invented by enemies of the people, enemies of our state, who know that as long as I am in the Caucasus, the Western, European special services will not manage to change the situation here," he says, riffing on the official conviction that the West seeks to engineer regime change in Russia. "That is why they want to make the Russian people have a bad attitude toward me. They want to make an enemy of the people out of me. On the contrary, people run to me. They hug me." Mr. Kadyrov, 40, is clearly getting a hug from the Kremlin, with state-run television running what amounts to a weekly infomercial.

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56. Lithuania's New Premier Vows to Bolster Military Spending

New York Times, Richard Martyn-Hemphill, 2016 11 23

Vilnius - Lawmakers in Lithuania chose as their new prime minister on Tuesday a former police chief and interior minister who supports Donald J. Trump's call for NATO members to spend more on defense. The choice of Saulius Skvernelis, 46, to lead the government came a month after an election won by the Peasants and Greens Union in a populist whirlwind. The party is hard to classify; it is an unorthodox grouping of farmers and environmentalists that leans left on economic issues but to the right on social issues. Other populist politicians in Europe, like Marine Le Pen in France, Geert Wilders in the Netherlands and Frauke Petry in Germany, oppose the European Union, but the Peasants and Greens Union favors membership in the bloc,

which Lithuania joined in 2004. The party strongly supports maintaining the sanctions imposed by the European Union after Russia's 2014 military incursion in Ukraine. In some ways, Lithuania is in a comparable situation to neighboring Poland, where a right-wing government took power last year. Poland's new leaders are leery of the West, but also of Mr. Trump's overtures toward the Russian president, Vladimir V. Putin. Lithuania's foreign minister, Linas Linkevicius, said last week that he was "very afraid" for the Baltic States -- Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia -- which sit along NATO's increasingly tense frontier with Russia. He expressed concern that Russia might try to test the United States before Mr. Trump takes office as president on Jan. 20.

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57. Nato and Kremlin in war of words over Russian missile deployment

The Guardian (London), Shaun Walker, 2016 11 23

Moscow - Nato and the Kremlin have traded accusations over the Russian deployment of state-of-the-art missiles in its Baltic Sea exclave of Kaliningrad. Nato on Tuesday accused Russia of "aggressive military posturing", while Vladimir Putin shot back that Russia was merely responding to Nato aggression. The rhetoric comes as Europe waits with trepidation to see how a Donald Trump presidency will affect the continent's security arrangements. Trump said in an interview during his election campaign he would be willing to tell Nato allies, "Congratulations, you will be defending yourself" if he felt they were not contributing enough financially to the alliance. The UK prime minister, Theresa May, is due to meet Nato's secretary general Jens Stoltenberg at Downing Street on Wednesday and is expected to say he must persuade European countries to meet the Nato commitment to spend 2% of national income on defence. The European parliament on Tuesday voted 369 to 255 in favour of a plan to deepen defence coordination between member states, in part prompted by Trump's words.

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

58. At Least 1,000 Iranian Soldiers Died on Syrian Battlefields

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 11 23

London - At least 1,000 Iranian soldiers deployed to Syria have been reportedly killed, an Iranian official said, underlining Tehran's increasing presence on front lines of the Syrian conflict. Iran has been sending countless troops to back authoritarian Bashar al-Assad in the Syrian civil war. The recently pronounced death toll has taken a major hike compared to figures accounted for just four months ago- Iran had only recognized 400 of its soldiers dying on battlefields. Iran has been sending fighters to Syria since the early stages of the more than five-year-old war to support its ally, Assad, against Syrian rebels trying to topple him. The Tehran regime had viewed its activity in Syria as a step taken further towards its expansionist plans for the region. Although many of the soldiers Iran sends are its own nationals, it is casting its recruitment net wide, training and deploying from neighboring Afghanistan and Pakistan as well. Half of the death toll reported in August were Afghan citizens.

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59. Coalition destroys Mosul bridge to isolate ISIL

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 11 23

Mosul - The US-led coalition bombed a key bridge in Mosul Tuesday to isolate extremists in the east of the city where stiff resistance is threatening to bog down Iraqi forces. Since the start of the offensive last month against ISIL's last stronghold in Iraq 68,000 civilians have been displaced but most of the city's population remained trapped. A coalition aircraft carried out an air raid on Mosul's "third bridge", leaving a British-era bridge in the centre as the last crossing of the Tigris River which runs through the city. Coalition spokesman Colonel John Dorrian said ISIL fighters have been using the bridges to resupply the eastern side of the city, "essentially rotating their forces". "We're not going to let that happen," he said. A member of the provincial council for Nineveh, of which Mosul is the capital, said the central bridge was the last remaining after four others over the Tigris had been destroyed.

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60. Iran: Trump Unlikely to Trouble N. Deal

Fars News Agency, 2016 11 23

Tehran - Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Ali Akbar Salehi underlined that Tehran expects US President-elect Donald Trump to act upon the undertakings Washington has accepted under the last year nuclear deal. "The Islamic Republic of Iran acts upon its undertakings under the nuclear deal and we expect the other side to act upon its undertakings as well," Salehi said on Tuesday. Asked about the recent developments in the US after the election of Trump as president, he said, "I imagine when the US president practically takes the country's leadership, he will take actions on the basis of the realities as the nuclear deal is not an issue between the two countries to allow the other side to defy its undertakings, and we believe that there will be no problem." "It is an international issue and we think that we will not face so many problems," Salehi said.

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61. Iran Intelligence Ministry dismantles terrorist team in eastern country

Press TV, 2016 11 23

Tehran - Iran's Intelligence Ministry has busted a terrorists team in the eastern parts of the country, an Iranian security official says. "A terrorist team was dismantled last night by the Intelligence Ministry in the country's east," deputy interior minister for security affairs, Hossein Zolfaqari, told reporters on Tuesday. He added that one of the members of the four-strong terrorist group was killed and the other three were taken into custody. Iranian forces have been engaged in clashes with terror groups, thwarting their terrorist activities on the border and within the country, arresting several of them, and confiscating large amounts of explosives and bomb-making materials. Iran's deputy intelligence minister for strategic studies on national security

said on November 15 that the country's security forces confiscated nearly two tonnes of explosives from Daesh terrorists in the city of Garmsar, southeast of the capital Tehran.

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62. Seul le plus vieux pont de Mossoul demeure intact

Le Figaro avec l'Agence France-Presse, Thierry Portes, 2016 11 23

Mossoul - La coalition internationale a détruit mardi un pont enjambant le Tigre dans le centre de Mossoul, afin d'isoler les djihadistes du groupe État islamique (EI), dont la résistance acharnée fait craindre un enlèvement de la bataille pour reprendre la deuxième ville d'Irak. Sur les cinq ponts de la ville, seul subsiste désormais le plus vieux d'entre eux, construit par l'ancienne puissance coloniale britannique, selon un membre de l'assemblée provinciale de Ninive. « Daech (acronyme en arabe de l'EI) utilisait ce pont comme ligne de communication pour réapprovisionner ses troupes du côté est de la ville et les renforcer, assurer leur relève. Nous n'allons pas les laisser faire », a déclaré à l'AFP le colonel américain John Dorrian, un porte-parole de la coalition.

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63. British warship docks in Haifa as part of growing cooperation with Israel

Jerusalem Post, Anna Ahronheim, 2016 11 23

Jerusalem - The British Royal Navy assault ship HMS Bulwark arrived in Haifa Port on Tuesday for a short visit before she sails back to the United Kingdom. The Bulwark, whose captain is Capt. James Parkin, is deployed as part of the Royal Navy's Joint Expeditionary Force (Maritime) Task Group commanded by Commodore Andy Burns. Based in Devonport, the Bulwark is one of the Royal Navy's two amphibious assault command and control ships. It is the second largest ship in the British fleet, measuring 176 meters long, displacing some 18,000 tons and with a company of nearly 600 men and women. These include some 170 Royal Marines and 42 Commando Royal Marines, including their Viking armored all-terrain tracked vehicles, as well as numerous support vehicles. Able to deploy worldwide within five days, the Bulwark's first operational deployment was to Lebanon in 2006: evacuating civilians following the outbreak of the Second Lebanon War between Hezbollah and Israel.

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64. Ceasefire in Yemen is Not Extended Due to 726 Rebel Violations

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 11 23

Aden - The Yemeni army's forces yesterday announced a large-scale military operation on various fronts in order to liberate areas that are under the control of Houthi militias and those loyal to the ousted president Saleh. The announcement was made after a ceasefire that lasted for 48 hours in Yemen came to an end after the rebels committed 726 violations inside Yemen and

on the border with Saudi Arabia, according to the adviser to the Saudi Defence minister's office and the spokesman of the Saudi-led coalition to restore legitimacy in Yemen Brigadier General Ahmad Asiri. In a telephone interview with Asharq Al-Awsat, Brigadier General Ahmad Asiri said that the rebels did not attend the Pacification and Coordination Commission's meeting in south Dhahran to record violations that were committed during the seventh ceasefire that ended yesterday afternoon.

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65. GCC has more questions than answers over Trump's approach to region

The National (UAE), Taimur Khan, 2016 11 23

Abu Dhabi - Gulf countries, like nervous US allies across the globe, are grappling with what a Donald Trump presidency will mean for their crucial bilateral relations and the increasingly chaotic region - but one area of cautious optimism is the next administration's potential stance on Iran. During the election campaign Mr Trump repeatedly contradicted himself on foreign affairs and there was a lack of clarity around both the specifics and larger strategic framework that would guide the reality television star and businessman's foreign policy once in office. His appointments and potential nominations for key cabinet positions since his election may offer some insight, but are similarly confusing - many of the personalities mentioned so far hold opposite views to each other and to what Mr Trump has said. In the Gulf, there is consensus that ripping up the deal - which has successfully, if for a limited time frame, taken Iran's ability to build a nuclear bomb off the table - would be a mistake.

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66. Hamas condemns creation of wall around south Lebanon Palestinian camp

Lebanon Daily Star, Mohammed Zaatari, 2016 11 23

Sidon - The Palestinian Hamas Movement Tuesday condemned the construction of a large wall surrounding the Ain al-Hilweh camp in south Lebanon, which the Army says is aimed at providing more security for the notorious camp. In a statement, Hamas said it rejected the "policy of collective isolation" of the Palestinian camps, calling for a comprehensive Palestinian-Lebanese dialogue to take place. "We believe that this wall is a wrong step, [considering] the time and place, because it confirms a Lebanese security perspective in dealing with the cause of the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon," Hamas said. Shehab News Agency, affiliated with Hamas, said Tuesday that construction of the wall has been suspended; however, this could not be confirmed. A source told the Daily Star that several NGOs from the camp are organizing a social media campaign to lobby against the construction of the wall.

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67. Use of chlorine weapons suspected in east Aleppo

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 11 23

Beirut - Containers of a chemical suspected to be chlorine were dropped by helicopters on rebel-held east Aleppo on Tuesday, causing breathing difficulties in some people, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the local health authority said. The Britain-based war monitor said its network of sources had reported seeing at least four barrel bombs dropped on the al-Qaterji and Dahrat Awad neighbourhoods, with the smell of chlorine filling the area. Medical sources told the Observatory they thought the gas was chlorine. Earlier on Tuesday the Syrian army advised civilians in besieged east Aleppo to avoid going into the streets and to steer clear of militant positions, and urged rebels to stop firing into government-held western Aleppo. On Nov. 11, the executive body of the global chemical weapons watchdog OPCW condemned the alleged use of banned toxic agents by the Syrian government and by militant group ISIS.

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68. Alarm in Germany and Israel as U.S. white supremacists ride Trump wave

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 11 22

Berlin - German Chancellor Angela Merkel's government is concerned that white supremacists in the United States are being emboldened by the election of Donald Trump and is watching developments closely, senior officials told Reuters. The Berlin government declined to give an official reaction to a video circulating on the internet which showed members of the "alt-right" movement, a grouping that includes neo-Nazis, white nationalists and anti-Semites, meeting on Saturday in Washington a few blocks from the White House. But one senior official close to Merkel described the video - which shows a speaker shouting "Hail Trump" and some audience members making the Nazi salute - as "repulsive and worrying". "I don't think this is Trump's ideology because he seems to be largely free of ideology. But these people are riding on his coattails. We are watching this very closely," the official said, requesting anonymity. Yair Lapid, a member of the foreign affairs and defense committee in the Israeli Knesset, called the video "sickening" and "intolerable".

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69. Attentat "déjoué" : deux hommes ont été relâchés à Marseille

France 3 - Régions (Site web), Journaliste maison, 2016 11 23

Strasbourg - Un réseau téléguidé depuis la Syrie, soupçonné d'avoir voulu commettre un attentat en France : après le coup de filet antiterroriste le week-end dernier à Strasbourg et Marseille, cinq hommes étaient toujours en garde à vue ce mardi et les enquêteurs cherchent à identifier les cibles envisagées. Le réseau paraît plus structuré que lors des derniers attentats ou projets d'attaques visant la France. La cellule était cloisonnée : certains membres n'ont jamais été en contact, uniquement reliés entre eux par un donneur d'ordre établi en Syrie, selon une source

proche de l'enquête. Quatre Français, inconnus des services de renseignement, ont été interpellés dans la nuit de samedi à dimanche à Strasbourg. Deux armes de poing, un pistolet automatique, un pistolet mitrailleur ainsi que de la propagande jihadiste ont été trouvés lors des perquisitions. Yassine B., 37 ans, fonctionnaire dans une école primaire du quartier de la Meinau, et Hicham M., 37 ans également, sont soupçonnés d'avoir gagné la Syrie en 2015 en passant par Chypre. Sami B., 36 ans, et Zakaria M., 35 ans, ont également été placés en garde à vue. Au même moment, à Marseille, la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) interpellait trois suspects. Parmi eux, Hicham E., un Marocain de 46 ans, intéresse particulièrement les enquêteurs. Résidant au Portugal, il était surveillé depuis plusieurs mois par les services du pays après de nombreux voyages suspects en Europe et avait été signalé aux autorités françaises comme radicalisé. De l'argent a été saisi lors de son interpellation et les enquêteurs le soupçonnent d'avoir eu un rôle de collecteur de fonds pour le réseau. Les deux autres hommes arrêtés à Marseille, soupçonnés d'avoir eu un rôle dans son hébergement, ont été relâchés ce mardi soir.

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70. Attentats de Paris: les Etats-Unis soupçonnent un Franco-Marocain

Boursorama avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 23

Washington - Les Etats-Unis ont inscrit mardi sur leur liste noire de "terroristes internationaux" un Franco-Marocain, ancien de la Légion étrangère, qu'ils soupçonnent d'avoir planifié les attentats de Paris et de Bruxelles même s'il n'apparaît pas dans l'enquête française sur le 13 novembre 2015. Abdelilah Himich, surnommé "Abdel le légionnaire" ou "Abu Sulayman al-Faransi" est né en novembre 1989 au Maroc, a grandi à Lunel, commune près de Montpellier dans le sud de la France, ville marquée à partir de 2013 par le départ vers la Syrie d'une vingtaine de jeunes. En le faisant figurer dans cette classification "terroriste" --ce qui déclenche une batterie de sanctions-- le département d'Etat et le Trésor américains considèrent dorénavant le jeune homme comme un "terroriste international", une "figure des opérations extérieures (...) de l'organisation terroriste étrangère Etat islamique". D'après Washington, Himich, parti en Syrie en 2014 pour rejoindre l'EI, a mis sur pied l'année suivante une "cellule de combattants étrangers européens, vivier d'auteurs d'attaques en Irak, en Syrie et à l'étranger". Son "bataillon a pu compter à un moment 300 membres", avance la diplomatie américaine. En outre, le centre français d'analyse du terrorisme (CAT) et une source proche du dossier en France rapportent que Abdelilah Himich "a fait son service militaire dans la Légion étrangère française pendant deux ans, période durant laquelle il a servi en Afghanistan".

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71. Interpol: Use biometric data to find extremist fighters

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 11 22

The United Nations - Interpol urged all countries on Tuesday to obtain biometric data from fighters for the Islamic State and other extremist groups to help law enforcement track them down, especially when they return home. Interpol Secretary General Jurgen Stock said in an interview with The Associated Press that the international police organization only has biometric

data -- fingerprints, DNA, iris scans and the like -- for about 10 percent of the 9,000 "foreign terrorist fighters" in its database. Stock said Interpol is helping countries to develop biometric technology not only to identify fighters from extremist groups but criminals as well. He cited the case of "a terrorist" who attacked a police station in France last year who had traveled across Europe using 20 different identities -- something that could have been thwarted with biometric data. Stock said there are an estimated 20,000 to 30,000 "foreign terrorist fighters" from almost all over the world -- and about 15,000 from over 100 countries remain mainly in Syria and Iraq.

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72. ISIS Operative Suspected in Paris and Brussels Attacks Is Identified

New York Times, Rukmini Callimachi, 2016 11 23

New York - The United States government revealed the identity on Tuesday of an Islamic State operative believed to have been one of the overseers of last year's attacks in Paris, as well as of the coordinated suicide bombings that tore through the international airport and a metro station in Brussels this year. The operative -- who until recently was known only by his nom de guerre, Abu Souleymane al-Faransi -- is a 27-year-old originally from Morocco whose real name is Abdelilah Himich, according to a statement issued by the State Department, which announced his designation as a global terrorist. The listing describes Mr. Himich as a senior fighter and "external operations figure," a reference to his suspected role in planning attacks abroad for the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL. "Himich created the Tariq Ibn Ziyad Battalion in 2015, a European foreign terrorist fighter cell that has provided operatives for ISIL attacks in Iraq, Syria and abroad," the statement said. "Himich was also reportedly involved in the planning of ISIL's November 2015 Paris attacks and March 2016 Brussels attacks." The assault on multiple locations in Paris on Nov. 13, 2015, was led on the ground by Abdelhamid Abaaoud, a Belgian member of the Islamic State who traveled from Syria and maintained telephone contact with the various teams of attackers. He was killed in a police shootout days later. But evidence quickly emerged that Mr. Abaaoud and his team had been taking orders from and reporting back to higher-ups inside the terror group. Among the first clues was the testimony of one of the hostages inside the Bataclan concert hall in Paris, who said he had overheard one of the suicide bombers asking the other, "Should we call Souleymane?"

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73. Le chef de l'État mis en cause par l'opposition pour « violation du secret défense »

Le Figaro, Alain Barluet, 2016 11 23

Paris - Des initiatives ont été lancées par plusieurs parlementaires mettant en cause François Hollande pour « violation du secret défense » après la publication, le 24 août dernier dans Le Monde, d'un article sur un projet de frappes françaises contre le régime syrien. L'opération sera finalement abandonnée après le refus de Barack Obama de s'y associer. Illustré par la reproduction d'un document portant le tampon rouge « confidentiel défense », l'article était signé des journalistes Fabrice Lhomme et Gérard Davet, les auteurs du livre Un président ne devrait pas dire ça ..., paru en octobre. Saisi le 7 novembre par un courrier daté du 4 novembre du député Éric Ciotti (LR, Alpes-Maritimes), le parquet de Paris a ouvert une enquête préliminaire pour «

compromission de la défense nationale » , à la suite de la publication des documents classifiés obtenus par les journalistes. « Il m'apparaît que la divulgation volontaire de documents et d'informations classées « confidentiel défense » sont, dans les circonstances de l'espèce, de nature à constituer » le délit de violation du secret défense, relève Éric Ciotti dans son courrier au procureur de Paris. Dans cette lettre, le député des Alpes-Maritimes affirme avoir écrit deux fois au ministère de la Défense sans obtenir de réponse. À ce stade, le parquet n'a pas saisi de service d'enquête, selon une source judiciaire. Mardi à l'Assemblée, Manuel Valls est monté au créneau pour défendre le président de la République.

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74. Musée juif de Bruxelles : un complice présumé de Nemmouche remis en liberté conditionnelle

France 3 - Régions (site web) avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 23

Bruxelles - Un Français soupçonné d'avoir matériellement aidé Mehdi Nemmouche, l'auteur présumé de la tuerie du Musée juif de Bruxelles en 2014, a été remis en liberté sous conditions et contre une caution de 50.000 euros, a annoncé mardi le parquet fédéral belge. avec AFP Nacer Bendrer, privé de son passeport, devra rester à son domicile en France et demeurer à la disposition des enquêteurs, a précisé l'agence Belga. Un porte-parole du parquet, interrogé par l'AFP, n'a pas souhaiter commcenter ces informations. Interpellé en décembre 2014 près de Marseille, Nacer Bendrer assure n'avoir rien à voir avec l'attaque du Musée juif, qui avait fait quatre morts le 24 mai de la même année. Il avait été remis par la France à la Belgique en février 2015 et inculpé pour "complicité d'assassinat dans un cadre terroriste". En possession de plusieurs armes Lors de son arrestation, Nacer Bendrer était en possession de diverses armes, dont un fusil d'assaut de type kalachnikov qui serait très similaire à celui avec lequel le Français Mehdi Nemmouche est soupçonné d'avoir commis la tuerie de Bruxelles. Mehdi Nemmouche, qui était allé combattre en Syrie dans les rangs des jihadistes, avait été interpellé à Marseille le 30 mai à la descente d'un car. Son arme avait été retrouvée dans ses bagages. Il reconnaît avoir "joué un rôle" dans l'attaque mais nie avoir été présent au Musée, selon son avocat, Sébastien Courtoy. Nacer Bendrer et Mehdi Nemmouche se seraient rencontrés alors qu'ils étaient détenus ensemble à Salon-de-Provence (sud), de juin 2008 à décembre 2010. Un troisième suspect français, Mounir Attalah, a été remis par la France à la Belgique le 1er juillet 2015. Il a été inculpé en tant qu'auteur, coauteur ou complice de l'attentat.

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75. Norvège: la Cour suprême valide l'extradition du mollah Krekar

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 23

Oslo - La Cour suprême norvégienne a refusé mercredi d'examiner l'appel du mollah Krekar, prédicateur fondamentaliste kurde irakien, validant ainsi une extradition en Italie où il est soupçonné dans une affaire d'"association terroriste". Réfugié en Norvège depuis 1991, le mollah de 60 ans, de son vrai nom Najumuddin Ahmad Faraj, est suspecté par la police italienne d'avoir dirigé un réseau jihadiste kurde, Rawti Shax, présumé lié à l'organisation État islamique (EI) et qui aurait projeté des attentats en Occident. Lui affirme avoir eu pour seule intention de former

un parti politique au Kurdistan irakien. Après deux décisions de la justice norvégienne autorisant son extradition vers l'Italie, Krekar avait saisi la Cour suprême, la plus haute instance judiciaire du pays scandinave, qui a refusé d'examiner son recours, ce qui équivaut à valider la procédure d'extradition. L'avocat du Kurde irakien, Brynjar Meling, a annoncé à l'AFP son intention de porter l'affaire devant la Cour européenne des droits de l'Homme.

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76. Nucléaire: les services belges n'ont rien trouvé dans le "darknet"

Agence Belga, Journaliste maison, 2016 11 22

Bruxelles - Ni les services de sécurité, ni une société privée n'ont trouvé sur le "darknet" des documents relatifs aux installations nucléaires belges qui auraient mis en péril la sécurité de celles-ci, a indiqué mardi le directeur du Centre de cybersécurité, Miguel De Bruycker, devant la sous-commission "sécurité nucléaire" de la Chambre. Les journaux de SudPresse ont relaté le mois passé la façon dont ils avaient trouvé sur le "darknet" (des réseaux de partage anonymes utilisés en général par des criminels) des plans des centrales nucléaires de Tihange. Le Centre de cybersécurité en a immédiatement référé à la Sûreté de l'Etat et aux renseignements militaires (SGRS) afin de savoir si des documents mettant en jeu la sécurité des installations nucléaires se trouvaient dans le "darknet". Une société privée a également été consultée et un "pirate éthique" a proposé ses services. "Aucune de nos sources d'information n'a trouvé les plans des installations nucléaires de Tihange ou des documents d'installations nucléaires qui comportaient un risque sérieux de sécurité", a expliqué M. De Bruycker.

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77. Three men arrested in Germany for links to Syrian terror group

Deutsche Welle, Staff report, 2016 11 22

Berlin - Three German men of Syrian descent were arrested in Germany on Tuesday on suspicion of supporting a Syrian jihadist faction fighting to overthrow Syria's president, Bashar al-Assad. The German public prosecutor in Karlsruhe, the federal court responsible for dealing with terror-related cases, said the three men were detained for providing financial, technical and logistical support to the hardline Islamist faction Ahrar al-Sham. One of the men faces seven counts of providing the group with several thousand euros worth of binoculars, radio scanners, long-range telescopes, routers and antennas. Another is accused of organizing pickup trucks and ambulance services for Ahrar al-Sham, as well as driving a pickup truck all the way to Syria himself. The men - aged 36, 36 and 39 - were arrested in Bavaria, Lower Saxony and Berlin, the prosecutor's office said. The trial is scheduled to carry on into Wednesday.

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78. Un informaticien indiscret du SRC devant la justice

Tribune de Genève, Lucie Monnat, 2016 11 23

Berne - Le procès de l'homme qui a volé des données du Service de renseignement s'ouvre aujourd'hui. On avait frôlé la catastrophe Cette affaire avait fait l'effet d'un séisme au sein du Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC). En mai 2012, Carlo B. , alors informaticien spécialisé dans les banques de données au sein du SRC, est arrêté pour avoir dérobé 507. 1 GByte de données dans le but de les revendre. L'équivalent, environ, d'un document de deux millions de pages. Son procès s'ouvre ce matin au Tribunal pénal fédéral (TPF) de Bellinzone. Accusé de service de renseignements politiques aggravé et tentative de violation du secret de fonction, il risque 3 ans de prison maximum.

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79. Un parc d'attraction parmi les cibles du commando terroriste démantelé

L'Express, Jérémie Pham-Lê, 2016 11 23

Marseille - L'audition de l'un des cinq gardés à vue ainsi que l'exploitation des téléphones et ordinateurs des suspects ont permis de mettre au jour plusieurs cibles visées par le commando djihadiste de Strasbourg et Marseille. Leur possible passage à l'acte imminent a précipité leur arrestation ce week-end. Mais que visaient les cinq membres du commando de Strasbourg et Marseille? Les premiers éléments de l'enquête commencent à dessiner le contour de leur projet terroriste visant vraisemblablement les villes de Paris et Marseille. Parmi les cibles du réseau se trouvent un "lieu emblématique de la police" et un parc d'attraction, révèle à L'Express une source proche de l'enquête, confirmant une information d'iTélé. "C'est ce qui ressort de l'audition de l'un des suspects et du gros travail d'exploitation technique des téléphones et du matériel informatique", poursuit notre source. Armes, liste de cibles, et abondante littérature djihadiste Lors des perquisitions, une liste de cibles a ainsi été découverte aux côtés d'une abondante littérature djihadiste. Deux armes de poing, un pistolet automatique, un pistolet mitrailleur ont également été saisis.

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80. Un vaste projet d'attentat déjoué grâce à des agents infiltrés

Le Monde, Elise Vincent, 2016 11 23

Strasbourg - Sept personnes soupçonnées de planifier des attaques ont été arrêtées C'est un important projet d'attentat, possiblement fait d'attaques simultanées, qui a été déjoué à la suite d'une vague d'interpellations à Strasbourg et à Marseille, dans la nuit du samedi 19 au dimanche 20 novembre. Le ministre de l'intérieur, Bernard Cazeneuve, l'a annoncé lui-même, lundi 21 novembre. Une série d'arrestations qui s'ajoute à d'autres et à la vingtaine d'attentats déjoués depuis le début de l'année, selon le ministère, et vient rappeler que des cellules très structurées sont toujours dormantes, en France. Alors que le dernier attentat sur le sol français, le 26 juillet, à Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray (Seine-Maritime), a mis au jour l'existence d'un djihad " low cost ", les interpellations réalisées dans le cadre de cette vaste opération conduite par la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) prouvent l'existence parallèle d'un modèle inverse. Les cellules organisées façon tueries du 13 novembre 2015 n'ont pas périclité. Les attaques en préparation, soupçonnent les enquêteurs, étaient possiblement pensées comme des attentats

coordonnés . Elles visaient Paris et peut-être Marseille, même si le rapprochement doit encore être formellement établi.

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81. Vers un Google du renseignement suisse

Le Temps (Suisse), Mehdi Atmani, 2016 11 23

Berne - Surveillance Achat de logiciels d'interception, embauche de personnel, écoutes renforcées: après le plébiscite dans les urnes le 25 septembre dernier, l'heure est à la mise en oeuvre de la loi sur le renseignement. Quels sont les plans de la Confédération? Le 25 septembre, deux tiers des Suisses ont décidé de muscler les moyens d'action du Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC). Les espions helvétiques pourront désormais mener des opérations de surveillance préventive dans des espaces privés: écoutes téléphoniques, intrusion dans des réseaux informatiques, surveillance des réseaux câblés, c'est-à-dire le réseau filaire par lequel transitent les communications électroniques (courriels, téléphonie, Internet). Mais tout cela est encore très théorique. En pratique, le SRC va d'abord devoir repenser son organisation en profondeur et renouveler sa boîte à outils. Après le plébiscite dans les urnes, l'heure est à la mise en oeuvre. Le SRC a publié une feuille de route précise pour la mise en oeuvre de la loi sur le renseignement. Elle entrera en principe en vigueur le 1er septembre 2017.

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1. Ottawa urged to review its hostage crisis strategy

Radio Canada International, Levon Sevunts, 2016 12 02

Ottawa - The federal government is facing renewed calls to review its strategy of dealing with hostage situations involving Canadians abducted abroad following the deaths of two Canadians executed by their captors in the Philippines earlier this year. John Ridsdel and Robert Hall were

executed within seven weeks of each other earlier this year by a militant Islamist group in the Philippines after Ottawa refused to pay any ransom. Security experts and former kidnap victims and their families are urging Ottawa to review how it works with the families of abducted Canadians to resolve hostage situations or provide assistance to the private efforts of the families to secure the release of their loved ones. Among the recommendations is establishing a U.S.-style "fusion cell" that would improve co-ordination between government departments in the hopes of resolving hostage situations. Lee Humphrey, a former Canadian soldier who now works as an international security consultant, told CBC News the fusion cell should be led by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and would bring together experts from the departments of National Defence, Global Affairs, Justice and Canadian Security Intelligence Service to form a single, specialized hostage recovery team that would speak with one voice. "Every Western country is moving towards a fusion cell approach," Humphrey told CBC News, which has published a two-part series on Canada's handling of overseas kidnappings.

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2. The Scene: Being Safe, Anti-terrorism law

Brampton Guardian, Terry Miller, 2016 12 02

Column: All of us want to be safe against terrorist actions. There are some folks within our country -- and more often, outside of Canada -- who conspire against our way of life. They don't believe in human rights and are dominated by ideologies that pay no attention to the sanctity of life or the freedoms that are enshrined in our constitution through the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. We define these acts through the criminal code and they are nothing short of felonious activity. To deal with these unlawful acts, and these people, Parliament created the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service. With all that said and done, sometimes we react to terrorist activity by pursuing laws that affect our own personal rights and freedoms; but, even though we strive for balance between laws that are meant to protect us and our Charter constitutional rights, we don't always succeed. One of the last policies enacted into law in 2015 by the Harper government was The Anti-Terrorism Act, C-51. C-51 had a tough passage in the House of Commons and an even tougher ride outside Parliament. Many Canadians lined up against it, because they saw the Anti-Terrorism Act as an intrusion into their personal rights and a threat against the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. In June of 2015, Harper's Anti-Terrorism Act was enacted with the support of the Liberals. During the election, the Liberals said they were not in favour of the strict guidelines of C-51, but once in office they would amend parts of it to comply with the concerns raised by a whole slew of legal experts. Although CSIS has an oversight body, the Security Intelligence Review Committee, there is no body that regulates the flow of information or the necessity of gathering information about Canadians. There is no oversight committee to supervise the intelligence-gathering operations within the provisions of the Charter and the Constitution. There is no oversight committee that evaluates operations of intelligence agencies and no oversight committee that reports to Parliament on the operations of intelligence agencies. Parliament needs to create a national oversight body similar to one each of the Five Eyes Alliance (US, UK, NZ and Australia) has to ensure that the rights and freedoms of their citizens are protected.

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3. Canada looking for 'positive' role with US over Russia 'challenge'

Canadian Press, Mike Blanchfield, 2016 12 02

Ottawa - Canada wants to work with the United States to face the "challenge" posed by Russia, Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion said Thursday. Dion steered clear of weighing in directly on comments Donald Trump made during the U.S. election campaign in which he praised Russian President Vladimir Putin. But the minister said Canada and the U.S. have a shared interest in dealing with Russia's incursion into Ukraine. "We want to have a very positive and constructive role to play in our relationship with the United States bilaterally and also what we can do together in the world, including facing the challenge (of) Russia," Dion said in an interview. Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimea Peninsula in 2014 and its backing of separatist rebels in the country's east have prompted NATO to bolster its military footprint in eastern Europe. "The NATO policy is deterrence and dialogue. Canada was alone to do deterrence without dialogue and we are correcting that," said Dion. The Conservative opposition has criticized Dion and the Liberals for re-engaging with Russia, accusing it of "cosying up" to the "Putin regime." Former prime minister Stephen Harper avoided direct contact with Putin at international events during most of his last two years in office, as his government downgraded diplomatic contact. Dion said after the U.S. election that Canada would maintain sanctions on Russia. Last week, his spokesman Joseph Pickerill told The Canadian Press that Canada's diplomatic re-engagement with Russia did not mean "business as usual." John Brennan, the director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, was not as reluctant. He told the BBC earlier this week that Trump should be "wary" of Russia's promises and criticized it for its role in helping the Syrian government wage its costly civil war. Peter Kent, the Conservative foreign affairs critic, said it is too early to say whether Trump will temper his campaign rhetoric on Russia. "We hope that among the foreign policy experts he engages in his administration there will be cautionary voices urging great care in dealings with Russia," Kent said.

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4. Canadians sympathize with hostages - if they fit the right profile

Toronto Star, Michelle Shephard, 2016 12 02

Analysis: Tireless diplomats. Brave aid workers. Journalists, both staff and freelance. Travellers, some worldly, some not so much. Risk-taking Canadians, by choice, by assignment, or by terrible miscalculation. There is no one profile of those who are kidnapped - no commonality of their circumstances except that they all were abducted in regions where hostage- takings are possible, even if only remotely so. Some had kidnap insurance, training and meticulous security measures. Others had nothing but the packs on their backs. It remains a rare thing, the horror of overseas abduction. But not as rare as it used to be. Nor is it likely to remain so rare in the risk-fraught years ahead. Rarity has helped keep kidnappings off the policy radar and rarity is meaningless when it happens to someone you love. Not all hostages are created equal. And that's a problem. Sailing had long been John Ridsdel's passion, following in the steps of his British father, who perfected his skills in the daunting, traffic-jammed English Channel. "He used to love to tell the story of how his dad on a whim went out and bought a sailboat when my dad was

in his early 20s," said Ridsdel's daughter in an interview. "And so my dad said 'Ah, huh, I better learn how to sail.' So he did. He went and took a sailing course for a week and showed up and said, 'All right, let's do this.' " Robert Hall's family used to tease him about being "too much" of a romantic, in love with being in love. He was never boring, that's certain. "Robert is the most interesting man in the world!" was the family joke, his sister Bonice Thomas says. "From earning money to put food on the table as a welder, to learning to fly a plane, learning to drive a race car or to sail the Pacific alone, he would just take on these huge things. And he would really do his homework, find mentorship, read everything he needed to get there - and then just do it," she said. Documents obtained first by CBC under Access to Information legislation show that while the government was publicly proclaiming the case into her death remained open in 2011, foreign affairs officials had told the RCMP to stop investigating. "It's like this bizarre phenomenon at least in the U.S. and Canada, where our citizens do not give a s-- about our citizens," says a security consultant who has worked to free hostages and was interviewed by the Star but asked for anonymity.

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5. Habib was bent on going to Syria: undercover officer

Montreal Gazette, Jesse Feith, 2016 12 02

Montreal - During a three-hour conversation with an undercover officer only days before he was arrested, Ismael Habib admitted he was willing to do anything necessary to get to Syria and fight for the Islamic State. Testifying at Habib's trial on Thursday, the RCMP officer said Habib told him he believed it was his duty to do so, that he lived to die and knew of other young people in Montreal who were ready to leave with him. The conversation had been framed as a job interview by the undercover agent, who had been paying Habib for a series of small jobs as part of an investigation before his arrest. Habib, 29, is charged with attempting to travel to Syria to commit a terrorist act and giving false information to obtain a passport. In previous meetings, the officer had showed Habib that he ran an organization that was able to get people out of Canada by boats leaving from the Port of Montreal. The RCMP officer testified that Habib had previously told him he was trying to leave for Syria, but hadn't been able to because of passport troubles. Habib was on Passport Canada's watchlist and suspected of terrorist activities as early as March 2013. He had tried to have a new passport made after his was seized following a trip to Turkey that same year.

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6. Hydro-Québec cherche à se prémunir contre la menace des cyberattaques

Le Devoir, Karl Rettino-Parazelli, 2016 12 02

Montréal - La société d'État s'associe à une nouvelle chaire de recherche Les systèmes informatiques d'Hydro-Québec sont souvent la cible de cyberattaques, qui sont pour l'instant demeurées sans conséquences. Face à une menace réelle et croissante, la société d'État a néanmoins senti le besoin de participer à la création d'une chaire de recherche, lancée jeudi à Montréal, pour prévenir les attaques de demain. L'Université Concordia a annoncé la mise sur pied de la Chaire de recherche industrielle sur la sécurité des réseaux électriques intelligents et

les attaques cyberphysiques, qui est notamment le fruit d'un partenariat avec Hydro- Québec et l'entreprise Thales, laquelle se spécialise dans la protection des systèmes informatiques. Elle est dotée d'un budget de 2,2 millions de dollars sur cinq ans, dont 500 000 \$ proviennent d'Hydro-Québec. Protéger le réseau Le titulaire de la chaire, le professeur Mourad Debbabi, mettra à contribution une équipe de 25 chercheurs pour développer des techniques permettant de détecter, de prévenir et d'atténuer des cyberattaques. L'objectif est d'améliorer la sécurité de l'ensemble du réseau électrique québécois, dit-il.

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7. Iraqis finally grant permission for Canadian shipment of small arms to Peshmerga fighters

CBC.CA, Murray Brewster, 2016 12 02

Ottawa - The hold-up in arms delivery for Canada's Kurdish allies in northern Iraq, who have been impatiently waiting on the Liberal government to deliver on its promise to supply weapons, will soon be over, a House of Commons committee was told Thursday. John Forster, the deputy minister of defence, said the central government in Iraq has now granted permission for the shipment of small arms, ammunition and optical sights to Peshmerga fighters. The initial promise was made when the Liberal government revamped the mission last February, but delivery has been held up by the absence of approval from the government of Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi. Kurdish authorities in the self-governing, semi-autonomous Kurdish region told CBC News in an interview last month that the country's complicated politics were at play. The Kurds have made it clear they want their independence after ISIS is defeated and have even proposed a referendum. Maj.-Gen Aziz Weisi, a senior Peshmerga commander, told CBC News last month (in an interview arranged by the Canadian military and conducted with the aid of a translator) that they understood the delay, but were anxious to see the weapons as the battle for Mosul unfolded. Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan and Canada's top military commander, Gen. Jonathan Vance, asked Kurdish officials, both political and military, last spring to draw up lists of what they required. That list was longer and more extensive than what Canadians has been prepared to deliver and include heavy systems, such as anti-tank rockets and armoured patrol vehicles.

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8. Mali attacks rise as Liberals plan mission

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 12 02

Ottawa - An al-Qaida faction has claimed responsibility for missile strikes aimed at UN forces in Mali as the Canadian government is poised to announce details of its peacekeeping deployment to Africa. Photos posted on social media by Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb show two Grad missiles being fired at Timbuktu airport Tuesday, targeting what it called "French forces that invaded the lands of the Muslims." At Gao airport, the UN peacekeeping office was destroyed Tuesday by an explosive-laden truck, Reuters reported. The armed group Ansar Dine claimed to have attacked a French armoured vehicle with a mine Sunday. Nobody was killed in the attacks but the intensification of the Islamist insurgency comes as the government is expected to

announce it will contribute 600 soldiers and 150 police officers to a peacekeeping mission in Mali.

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9. Military brass set down rules for dealing with child soldiers

Toronto Star, Tonda MacCharles, 2016 12 02

Ottawa - Canada's top soldier is issuing the first guidelines for Canadian military personnel on how to deal with child soldiers in advance of deployment to Africa, the Star has learned. Gen. Jonathan Vance, the chief of defence staff, and senior military officials have consulted with the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative and others on how to best prepare troops for a soon-to-be decided UN "peace operations" mission. In September, Vance issued a draft version of the new guidelines, which was expected to be finalized this week. Called the CAF Child Soldiers Doctrine, it will provide overarching principles to military personnel, no matter what the mission or mandate. The Star reported last week that Mali is likely destination for up to 600 Canadian Armed Forces personnel, but the federal cabinet has not yet given its nod. According to information obtained by the Star, excerpts of the new guidelines say the "aim is to provide the interim guidance required to address and mitigate the broad challenges posed by the presence of child soldiers in areas where we may undertake missions." The United Nations in 2005 identified six categories of grave violations against children that include killing and maiming of children, the recruiting of children as soldiers, sexual violence against children, attacks against schools, denial of humanitarian access to children, and abduction of children.

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10. Procès pour terrorisme S'il devait recruter, il irait à la mosquée de Charkaoui

La Presse+, Gabrielle Duchaine, 2016 12 02

Montréal - Le meilleur endroit pour recruter de jeunes Québécois prêts à partir faire le djihad en Syrie, c'est au centre islamique Assahaba du prédicateur Adil Charkaoui, croit le suspect de terrorisme Ismaël Habib, dont le procès s'est amorcé cette semaine à Montréal. C'est du moins ce qu'il a confié en février à un agent d'infiltration de la GRC jouant le rôle du patron d'un groupe criminel de passeurs illégaux. Des jeunes « chauds » à l'idée d'aller faire le djihad La scène se déroule dans un entrepôt loué par la GRC, quelque part à Montréal. Ismaël Habib se croit en grande conversation avec le « boss » d'une organisation criminelle qu'il a déjà rencontré quelques fois dans le cadre d'autres scénarios d'infiltration mis sur pied par la police. L'agent d'infiltration a proposé il y a déjà quelques semaines au suspect de travailler pour lui. Aujourd'hui, les deux hommes évoquent la possibilité de créer un réseau de passeurs du Québec vers la Syrie. « Je lui ai demandé : "Connais-tu des jeunes qui voudraient aller là-bas ?" », a raconté le policier hier, caché derrière des paravents dans la salle de tribunal parce que son identité doit être protégée. Habib a nommé deux mosquées montréalaises : une dont le nom échappait au témoin, et « le centre Assahaba ». C'est là qu'Adil Charkaoui prêche. Il en est le président du conseil d'administration.

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11. Shared services vows to improve as email project pushed out to 2018

Ottawa Citizen, James Bagnall, 2016 12 02

Ottawa - For once, Shared Services Canada met its deadline. On Thursday, as promised, the federal government's computer services agency said how it would correct certain deficiencies in its operations identified early this year by Auditor General Michael Ferguson. In a report it delivered to the House of Commons committee for public accounts, the agency promised it would do a better job providing key information-technology services to the 43 departments it deals with, and spelled out the level of service the latter could expect. For instance, government call centres, data centres, email and other telecommunications services are to be available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year - with outages to be fixed in most cases in less than four hours. But these are statements of intent about services, to be judged later as to progress. Shared Services has yet to finalize its revised plan for actually upgrading the government's electronic backbone, the more difficult part of its mandate. This part of the plan will be presented to the public accounts committee after it wins approval from the Liberal cabinet. It's not clear when that will be. The report presented Thursday by Shared Services suggests the upgrade overall isn't proceeding well. For one thing, Shared Services is now targeting March 2018 for the delivery of the \$400-million government-wide email system that was supposed to have been completed by March 2015. Contractors Bell Canada and CGI Group have encountered a number of technical roadblocks owing in part to revisions in the email platform. This is one of three key jobs assigned to Shared Services. Details were few but these will be on offer in coming weeks when Shared Services issues a request for proposals for the provision of cloud services. The most likely scenario for the moment is that Shared Services will continue to build and operate its new data centres in Borden, Barrie and Buckingham, Que. Crucially, however, Shared Services would also play the role of broker, which means it would no longer be the monopoly supplier of data services. The agency would vet qualified cloud suppliers and make sure that federal departments' plans for using them are sound.

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12. At one small border post, Canada tests the idea of automated entry

Washington Post, Alan Freeman, 2016 12 01

Ottawa - First there were automated drive-through carwashes. Then automated drive-through banks. Now, the Canadian government is experimenting with an automated drive-through border crossing. While the fate of the wall along the U.S.-Mexico border promised by President-elect Donald Trump remains uncertain, Canada is carrying out a pilot project with an opposite aim: to use the latest technology to ease the flow of traffic across the United States' northern frontier. If you drive into the province of Quebec via the crossing at Moses Line, Vt., after 4 p.m. on any day, no live Canadian customs agent will stop and interrogate you. Instead, a gate opens and you drive into a large, garage-like building. There, under the gaze of several TV cameras, you are invited by a customs officer to insert your passport or other border ID into a document reader and are asked the usual questions put to visitors seeking to enter Canada. The customs officer addressing you over a microphone is located at a service center operated by the Canadian Border

Services Agency in Hamilton, Ontario, 435 miles away. "So far, it's going very well. We've seen an increase in the use of the border crossing," said Dominique McNeely, a spokesman for the agency. The experiment's budget is \$16 million Canadian, or just under \$12 million U.S., most of which has been spent on the new building and its high-tech equipment. The year-long pilot program ends in a couple of months, at which time it will be decided whether to expand it to include other small crossings.

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13. A year after the terrorist attack, the FBI still looks for answers

Los Angeles Times, Richard Winton, 2016 12 02

Los Angeles - In the year since Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik killed 14 people in a terrorist attack in San Bernardino, authorities have conducted more than 600 interviews, gathered more than 500 pieces of evidence and served dozens of search warrants. They launched an unprecedented legal battle with Apple in an effort to unlock Farook's iPhone and deployed divers to scour a nearby lake in search of electronic equipment the couple might have dumped there. But despite piecing together a detailed picture of the couple's actions up to and including the massacre, federal officials acknowledge they still don't have answers to some of the critical questions posed in the days after the Dec. 2, 2015, attack at the Inland Regional Center. Most important, the FBI said it is still trying to determine whether anyone was aware of the couple's plot or helped them in any way. From the beginning, agents have tried to figure out whether others might have known something about Farook and Malik's plans, since the couple spent months gathering an arsenal of weapons and building bombs in the garage of their Redlands home. Officials said they don't have enough evidence to charge anyone with a crime but stressed the investigation is still open.

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14. Bill to help ID threats, challenges at northern border heads to Obama's desk (Canada)

Dickinson Press (North Dakota), April Baumgarten, 2016 12 01

Washington - A bill U.S. lawmakers hope will help identify threats and challenges facing federal agents at the northern border is going to President Barack Obama's desk. The House of Representatives unanimously passed the Northern Border Security Review Act on Tuesday without objection, meaning there were no changes to the bill. Obama has 10 days from when the bill was passed by Congress to decide whether he will sign the bill into law, but Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., expects the president will put his signature on the document. "This bill will give us an excellent opportunity to have a strategy that we all can evaluate and review in our oversight responsibilities," she said. She added the U.S. is lucky to have Canada as a friendly, trusted ally. There are Canadian border officials at the Pembina port aiding Border Patrol agents, and there could be a bill to further facilitate relationships with border forces from Canada.

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15. From Somalia to U.S.: Ohio State Attacker's Path to Violence

New York Times, Mitch Smith, Adam Goldman, 2016 12 02

Columbus - The young refugee smiled broadly as he accepted his associate degree from a local community college less than seven months ago, jumping in the air on stage as the announcer said, "Abdul Razak Artan, cum laude." Mr. Artan, who had been in the United States for just two years, seemed to be a success story in this city's large network of Somali refugees, excelling in his classes at Columbus State Community College and getting accepted as a transfer student to nearby Ohio State University. But the image of a jubilant graduate in a cap and gown conflicted sharply with Mr. Artan's actions on Monday, when the police say he rammed a car into pedestrians on a sidewalk at Ohio State before jumping out and stabbing people with a butcher knife. Mr. Artan was shot dead within about a minute by a university police officer, and the 11 people injured are expected to survive. The Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack, and social media posts have led investigators to believe Mr. Artan may have been inspired to act by that terror group or by Anwar al-Awlaki, the American Qaeda operative who was killed in a drone strike in Yemen in 2011. While some of Mr. Artan's background remains unknown, accounts from law enforcement officials, classmates, Mr. Artan's neighbors and Somalis in Columbus portray a deeply religious young man who took college seriously and seemed to be adapting to life in America, and whose decision to act violently came as a shock.

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16. James Mattis, Outspoken Ex-Marine, Is Trump's Choice as Defense Secretary

New York Times, Michael R. Gordon, Eric Schmitt, 2016 12 02

Washington - President-elect Donald J. Trump said on Thursday he had chosen James N. Mattis, a hard-charging retired general who led a Marine division to Baghdad during the 2003 invasion of Iraq, to serve as his secretary of defense. Mr. Trump made the announcement at a rally in Cincinnati, calling General Mattis "the closest thing we have to Gen. George Patton." General Mattis, 66, led the United States Central Command, which oversees military operations in the Middle East and Southwest Asia, from 2010 to 2013. His tour there was cut short by the Obama administration, which believed he was too hawkish on Iran. But his insistence that Iran is the greatest threat to peace in the Middle East, as well as his acerbic criticism of the Obama administration's initial efforts to combat the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, made him an attractive choice for the incoming president. After retiring from the military, General Mattis told Congress that the administration's "policy of disengagement in the Middle East" had contributed to the rise of extremism in the region. The United States, he told lawmakers in 2015, needs to "come out from our reactive crouch and take a firm, strategic stance in defense of our values."

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17. Obama again waives moving US Embassy to Jerusalem

Times of Israel, Tamar Pileggi and Raphael Ahren, 2016 12 02

Jerusalem - US President Barack Obama on Thursday renewed a presidential waiver, again delaying plans to relocate the American Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem for

another six months. In keeping with every other presidential administration over the last 20 years, a White House statement cited "national security interests" in waiving Congress's 1995 decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and transfer its embassy there. Every president since Bill Clinton has cited national security in presidential waivers signed every six months that have postponed the embassy's relocation. The US has been reluctant to officially recognize Jerusalem as the capital city of Israel, and the CIA World Factbook notes that "while Israel proclaimed Jerusalem as its capital in 1950, the international community does not recognize it as such; the US, like all other countries, maintains its embassy in Tel Aviv-Yafo."

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18. Senate passes Iran sanctions extension, posing veto challenge for Obama

Washington Post, Karoun Demirjian, 2016 12 02

Washington - The Senate passed on Thursday a 10-year extension of existing U.S. sanctions on Iran, sending President Obama a bill that his administration protests as unnecessary. Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said last month that the extension of the Iran Sanctions Act, which covers energy, trade and defense-sector sanctions against Tehran's nuclear and missile activities, would threaten the nuclear pact passed last year. He threatened that Iran would respond if the extension becomes law - putting veto pressure on the Obama administration. Obama might be powerless to prevent the sanctions extension from becoming law now that both chambers have voted overwhelmingly for it. Senators passed the legislation Thursday by a vote of 99 to 0; last month, House lawmakers passed the same bill by a vote of 419 to 1. The White House argued against extending the law, stressing that the president already has the power to sanction the Iranian government for actions such as a recent spate of ballistic-missile tests that U.S. officials say run counter to the spirit, if not the letter, of the nuclear deal. "We retain substantial authority to impose additional sanctions if they are warranted," White House press secretary Josh Earnest said Wednesday. He added, however, that if Obama does sign the bill, it would not be the first time that "the president has signed into law bills that Congress has passed that we're not sure are entirely necessary."

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19. Trump Said to Narrow Intelligence Director Down to Three Choices

Bloomberg News, Kevin Cirilli, 2016 12 01

New York - President-elect Donald Trump has narrowed his search for Director of National Intelligence to three choices: retiring-Senator Dan Coats, former George W. Bush homeland security adviser Frances Townsend and National Security Agency Director and U.S. Navy Admiral Michael Rogers, according to a top transition source. Trump met with Coats, a Republican from Indiana, at Trump Tower on Wednesday to discuss the position, according to the source, who requested anonymity because the selection hasn't been finalized. Earlier this week, Trump met with Townsend. The meetings come as there continues to be intense speculation on who Trump will select for secretary of state. The short-list includes 2012 Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney; former-CIA director David Petraeus; and Senator Bob Corker, a Tennessee Republican.

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20. U.S. to Delay NATO Center

Wall Street Journal, Julian Barnes, 2016 12 02

Brussels - The U.S. Congress is ready to approve legislation aimed at delaying the relocation of a North Atlantic Treaty Organization intelligence center, possibly providing the incoming Trump administration with leverage to prod the alliance into expanding its counterterrorism work. President-elect Donald Trump has said he wants NATO to focus more on fighting terrorism, a shift many allies oppose as either outside the alliance's remit or as a distraction from its traditional focus on countering Russia. The final version of the Defense Authorization Act, set for a vote by the House on Friday and the Senate next week, blocks any funds from being spent to move the so-called NATO Intelligence Fusion Cell from the Molesworth Royal Air Force base, in central England, to the Croughton base, about 50 miles southwest. Delaying the relocation of the intelligence center would give the new administration and the alliance time to rethink the location and the mission of the center, said Rep. Devin Nunes (R., Calif.), a member of Mr. Trump's transition team.

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21. Channel ports lack information to spot terrorists

London Times, Fiona Hamilton, 2016 12 02

London - The ability of ports officers to defend Britain against terrorists is being hindered by poor information on who is travelling, a report has warned. David Anderson, QC, the independent reviewer of terrorism legislation, said there was "widespread dissatisfaction" with the quality of manifests from police at Channel and Irish Sea ports. The absence of detailed passenger lists, supplied hours in advance, contrasted with the "generally good" information available at airports, he added. "The strongly expressed refrain from ports officers on the ground was that they could do their jobs more effectively if they had better advance information about passengers arriving (and departing) by sea," Mr Anderson's annual report states. He warned that the terrorism threat remained severe after the return of about half of the 850 Britons who travelled to Syria and Iraq. Six plots were disrupted last year and two so far this year. He added: "Experienced MI5 hands descr

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22. Half of British Muslims would not go to cops if they knew someone with ISIS links

The Sun (UK), Steven Hawkes, 2016 12 02

London - ALMOST half of British Muslims wouldn't go to the police if someone they knew was involved with supporters of terrorism in Syria. A staggering new survey also found that just 26 per cent of Britain's Muslims do not believe in "extremist views exist". The survey - dubbed the biggest ever of its kind - has revealed that only one in 25 British Muslims believe Osama Bin

Laden and Al-Qaeda were responsible for the 9-11 attacks. A Policy Exchange poll last night claimed 31 per cent believe the US Government was behind the atrocity than the terrorists - 4 per cent. And seven per cent said the attack, which killed almost 3,000 people, was a plot by the Jewish community.

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23. Most Muslims want full integration with British way of life

London Times, Kaya Burgess, 2016 12 02

London - More than half of British Muslims want to "fully integrate" with society, according to the most extensive survey of its kind. Research involving more than 3,000 Muslims shows that they broadly share the views and priorities of the wider population, rather than being shaped by supposedly "Islamic" concerns. Ninety-three per cent feel a fairly or very strong attachment to Britain and are likely to identify the NHS, unemployment and immigration as the biggest issues facing the country. British Muslims were more likely than the general population to condemn terrorism, the survey by ICM and Policy Exchange, the right-of-centre think tank, found. They were also more likely to give credence to conspiracy theories that the United States government or Jewish influences were behind the September 11 attacks. Thirty-one per cent of Muslims blamed the US for the attacks on the World Trade Center, 7 per cent blamed Jews and 4 per cent blamed al-Qaeda, while 52 per cent said that they did not know. This compared with 71 per cent of the general population who blamed al-Qaeda, with 10 per cent blaming the US, 1 per cent blaming Jews and 16 per cent unsure. Asked about threats and acts of terrorism, 90 per cent of Muslims condemned them and 2 per cent expressed sympathy. This compared with 84 per cent condemnation among the general population and 4 per cent sympathy.

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24. Australia introduces new laws to keep terrorists in jail

Australian Associated Press, Claire Bickers, 2016 12 02

Canberra - New counter-terrorism laws will allow the Federal Government to keep convicted terrorists in jail once their sentence expires if they are still deemed a threat. The laws passed yesterday evening on the final sitting day of 2016. Several amendments were made to the original proposal to improve safeguards and oversight following recommendations by a parliamentary committee. "The scheme is a necessary response to the serious threat that terrorism poses to Australia and its people," Justice Minister Michael Keenan told MPs. It was the third national security Bill to pass in the final sitting fortnight of the year. Malcolm Turnbull announced the new measures in July, shortly after terror attacks in Nice. At the time, the Prime Minister said Australia could not be complacent in the wake of increasing terror attacks around the world. "ISIL continues to inspire and direct atrocities across the world even as our military efforts in the Middle East push back their territorial gains and cut off their source of revenue," he said.

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25. Final counter-terrorism laws cap off 2016

Australian Associated Press, 2016 12 02

Canberra - The federal government capped off the 2016 parliamentary year by passing the last remaining piece of counter-terrorism legislation. Laws that will allow high-risk terrorist offenders to be kept behind bars once their prison sentence ends cleared the lower house late on Thursday night. Several amendments were made to the original proposal to improve safeguards and oversight following recommendations by a parliamentary committee. "The scheme is a necessary response to the serious threat that terrorism poses to Australia and its people," Justice Minister Michael Keenan told MPs.

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26. Trump speech could doom Aust refugee plan

Australian Associated Press, Peter Mitchell, 2016 12 02

Los Angeles - Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's resettlement plan with the US appears doomed with Donald Trump vowing to stop the flow of Middle East refugees to America "dead cold flat". At a 50- minute rally before a crowd of supporters in Cincinnati on Thursday, the US president-elect linked Monday's violent rampage by Somali immigrant Abdul Razak Ali Artan at Ohio State University to refugee programs "stupidly created by our very stupid politicians". Mr Trump, who moves into the White House in 50 days, said he will "suspend immigration from regions where it cannot be safely processed". The more than 2000 refugees in detention facilities on Nauru and Manus Island are from countries including Somalia, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sudan and Sri Lanka. "We will do everything in our power to keep the scourge of terrorism out of our country," Trump told the crowd during his first major address since winning the presidency three weeks ago. "Just so you understand, people are pouring in from regions of the Middle East. "We have no idea who they are, where they come from, what they're thinking and we're going to stop them dead cold flat." Mr Turnbull struck the deal with US President Barack Obama but it appears unlikely the asylum seekers will be processed and relocated to the US before Mr Trump moves into the White House on January 20.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

27. Pakistani troops will respond with 'full force' to Indian ceasefire violations

Pakistan Dawn, Dawn Report, 2016 12 02

Islamabad - Newly-appointed Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa on Friday said that Pakistani troops will respond to ceasefire violations by Indian troops along the Line of Control (LoC) with 'full force', according to a statement released by Inter-Services Public Relations. During a visit to the 10 Corps Rawalpindi and troops at forward locations along the LoC, Gen Bajwa said, "Each violation of any kind must be responded to with full force in the

most effective manner." The Army chief was briefed on the security situation at the LoC "in view of recent violations and escalation by Indian troops and Pakistan's own response," the ISPR said. The COAS said India's 'aggressive posture' aims solely to divert the world's attention away from 'atrocities' being committed by Indian troops in held Kashmir.

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Africa • Afrique

28. 2 Iranians charged with plan to attack Israeli Embassy in Kenya

Times of Israel, Staff Report, 2016 12 02

Jerusalem - A Kenyan prosecutor has charged two Iranian men with collecting information to carry out a terrorist attack after they were allegedly found with video footage of the Israeli embassy. State Prosecutor Duncan Ondimu said in court on Thursday that Sayed Nasrollah Ebrahim and Abdolhosein Gholi Safaee were arrested Tuesday in an Iranian diplomatic car while taking the pictures of the Israeli mission using a mobile phone, including when they were intercepted. They were detained in the capital, Nairobi after they had come from visiting Kamiti Prison where they saw two other Iranians who have been jailed for 15 years on terrorism charges. The Israeli Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem had no comment on the incident. A Kenyan driver, Moses Keyah Mmboga, who was chauffeuring the vehicle belonging to the Iranian embassy has been charged along with the suspects and also faces a separate charge of "abetting terrorism," Ondimu said.

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29. Le Canada demande l'aide du pays pour entrer au Conseil de Sécurité

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 01

Luanda, Angola - La Secrétaire d'Etat à la Coopération, Ângela Bragança, a déclaré mercredi, à Luanda, que le Canada veut l'aide de l'Angola, pour son intégration au Conseil de Sécurité des Nations Unies. Ângela Bragança a tenu ces propos à l'issue de l'audience lui concédée par l'ambassadeur non résident en Angola, Kumar Gupta, affirmant que le Canada reconnaît que l'Angola a eu une participation positive au Conseil de Sécurité (CS) des Nations Unies, d'où la nécessité de demander l'appui pour sa participation comme membre non permanent du Conseil de Sécurité. Elle a également reconnu l'engagement de l'Angola au Conseil de Sécurité, la coopération institutionnelle, universitaire, et l'échange d'expérience doivent toujours être au centre des attentions, pour le développement des deux pays. La Secrétaire d'Etat a dit avoir débattu avec le diplomate canadien des questions liées à l'amélioration de l'efficacité des Chemins de Fer, des possibilités d'ouverture d'une ligne de crédit.

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30. South Sudanese flee as country edges closer to 'genocide'

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 12 01

Karukwat, DRC - Charity Mandulu said the executions began soon after government soldiers - around 100 of them mostly from South Sudan President Salva Kiir's Dinka ethnic group - arrived in her home town of Tore Payam. "They started to demand things. If you didn't give to them, they killed you," she said, visibly exhausted from what she said was a week-long walk through the bush and across the southern border to relative safety in Democratic Republic of Congo. Mandulu's account and those of some of the other 64,000 people who have fled South Sudan to isolated northeastern Congo could not be independently verified. The South Sudanese government, which has fought a civil war against rebels headed by former vice president Riek Machar for three years, says it only targets the rebels, who say in turn that they only attack the military. But the refugees' accounts and a human rights report from the Equatoria region, much of which is cut off by fighting, point to both sides targeting civilians along ethnic lines, adding weight to a U.N. warning of a genocide in the making.

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Americas • Amériques

31. Anger persists despite peace deal

Los Angeles Times, Chris Kraul, 2016 12 02

Bogota - The victims of the longest-running conflict in the Western Hemisphere would seem to have much to gain from the government's push to make peace with the rebels. The accord approved by Congress this week -- two months after voters narrowly rejected a similar deal in a national referendum -- offers them the chance to return to their villages, reclaim their land and collect restitution for stolen belongings and slain relatives. But like many victims of the conflict, Natalia Jaramillo clings to deep resentment of the rebel group known as the FARC and registers disdain for any peace deal that offers it concessions. The bitterness is widespread among the displaced in Mocoa. In recent interviews with 20 residents who came here fleeing violence, the Times found none who expressed a spirit of reconciliation. The resentment could complicate efforts to implement the new accord, which will require multiple pieces of new legislation and billions of dollars to compensate and retrain demobilized rebels and enact land reforms, among other measures. President Juan Manuel Santos had hoped the referendum would give him a popular mandate. But he has proven unable to even win the support of the people most affected by the war.

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32. Hurdles Remain for New Colombia Peace Deal

Wall Street Journal, Jose de Cordoba, 2016 12 02

Bogota - Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos scored a victory in getting a revamped peace deal with communist guerrillas passed through Congress, but faces a tough road in implementing the pact and winning over the majority of Colombians who voted against an earlier version of it. Legislators late Wednesday overrode opposition from former President Alvaro Uribe to overwhelmingly approve an agreement ending the 52-year conflict between the 6,000-strong Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia and the government, which has claimed hundreds of

thousands of lives and displaced millions of people. The vote in the 166-member house was 130 to 0, but in a sign of lingering ire over the accord, lawmakers allied with Mr. Uribe walked out before the vote. "This is a much better agreement than the last one," said Frank Pearl, a Colombian government official who helped negotiate both agreements. "It had the muscle of the whole country, including the people who were for and the people who were against the last agreement. The FARC got the message loud and clear, and they understood it." The new deal incorporates more than 50 modifications to address concerns that the pact was too lenient toward the rebels, according to Mr. Santos, who won the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to reach peace with the FARC.

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Asia • Asie

33. China commits to implementing NK sanctions despite trade losses

Global Times, Staff reporter, 2016 12 02

Beijing - The UN Security Council voted Wednesday to impose a new round of economic sanctions on North Korea in response to its fifth and largest nuclear test. The resolution places a cap on Pyongyang's annual coal exports, cutting them by at least 62 percent at \$400.9 million. It also slaps a ban on Pyongyang's exports of non-ferrous metals and puts limits on the country's foreign missions. The Security Council has imposed increasingly targeted and harsher sanctions on Pyongyang since 2006. The latest sanction takes aim at North Korea's hard currency revenues that are believed to have been used to fund the nation's nuclear and ballistic missile programs. Pyongyang generates most of its foreign revenue from trade in staple commodities with Beijing, coal in particular. Coal exports are the country's single largest source of external funds, according to media reports. By capping North Korea's coal exports and cutting down its currency revenue, the international community is attempting to prevent Pyongyang from gaining the economic capability to develop nuclear programs.

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34. HK's treatment of refugees 'criminal', Snowden says (Canada)

South China Morning Post, Raquel Carvalho, 2016 12 02

Beijing - US intelligence whistle-blower Edward Snowden has condemned the treatment of asylum seekers in Hong Kong, describing it as "criminal". Snowden was sheltered by three groups of asylum seekers when he was in the city for about two weeks in 2013, after he had fled the United States. In an interview with Canadian news outlet Ricochet Media, he described the poverty, "discrimination and repression" suffered by such people in Hong Kong. The former National Security Agency contractor criticised the fact that asylum seekers were not allowed to work in the city, saying they were left "hungry and destitute" as they waited for their claims to be processed. While Snowden was on the run, after leaking classified documents that showed the extent of electronic spying by the US and other governments, he was housed by a Filipino family as well as a family and a man from Sri Lanka, who are still asylum seekers in the city. "Hong Kong is one of the richest cities in the world, yet I saw refugees struggling through days, whose

poverties were punctuated by discrimination and repression," Snowden said. "It seems beyond imagination that a government could deny people the right to work for a wage while also refusing them money to eat, instead providing food provisions that were wholly insufficient to survive on and often spoiled and out of date, but that's how the system worked then." Food provisions have since been replaced by coupons. Asylum seekers in the city currently receive a monthly housing allowance of HK\$1,500 per adult, supermarket coupons worth HK\$1,200 for food, transport expenses averaging HK\$200 per person and HK\$300 for utilities.

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35. Malaysia on alert after attack on militants

The Star Online, Farik Zolkepli, 2016 12 02

Kuala Lumpur - Security has been stepped up nationwide, especially along the coast of Sabah, following the attack by Philippines' Military (ATF) on the Maute militant group in Mindanao, says Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein. The Defence Minister said Malaysia's military had been instructed to be on alert as remnants of the militant group might seek refuge in other parts of the region, including Malaysia, following the attack on its hideout in Mindanao on Nov 27. "We have to be alert to ensure that Maute militants do not make their way into Malaysia. "Through intelligence sharing between Malaysia and the Philippines, we discovered that 19 militants were killed while 13 ATF personnel were injured during the operation," he said during a joint press conference with Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi at the Umno General Assembly yesterday.

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36. N.K. leader observes artillery drill targeting S. Korea

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 02

Seoul - North Korea carried out a massive artillery drill observed by its leader that simulated striking military targets in South Korea, Pyongyang's media said Friday, as the U.N. Security Council (UNSC) adopted another sanctions resolution. On Thursday, North Korean leader Kim Jong-un guided the exercise of his front-line units, which were tasked with striking South Korea's islands south of the inter-Korean sea border in the Yellow Sea, according to the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA). The exercise, was timed with the UNSC's imposition of sanctions to punish North Korea for its September nuclear test. The UNSC decided Wednesday to slap a significant cap on Pyongyang's exports of coal and apply other restrictions on the reclusive state in a bid to cut off the main source of hard currency. Cutting the inflow of money will make it harder for Pyongyang to pursue its nuclear and ballistic missile programs. In an apparent protest against the U.N. move, the North's leader said that "nobody and nothing" could survive the North Korean military's strikes. "If a war breaks out, such a deadly strike should be inflicted upon the South Korean forces to completely break their will of counteraction at the start and make a clean sweep of them," Kim was quoted as saying by the KCNA.

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37. New evidence shows deep IS role in Dhaka cafe massacre (Canada).

Reuters, 2016 12 02

Dhaka - Before Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury orchestrated Bangladesh's worst militant attack, he sought and won approval for it from the militant Islamic State (IS) group. A Canadian of Bangladeshi origin, he was told by his contact in the militant group, Abu Terek Mohammad Tajuddin Kausar, to target foreigners, according to a senior police official who has seen communications between the two men. Chowdhury, located in Bangladesh at the time, proposed an attack on a Dhaka eatery frequented by expatriates. On July 1, a group of gunmen stormed the Holey Artisan café in the city's Gulshan neighbourhood, murdering 22 people, most of them foreigners, in an overnight siege that shocked the country. The back-and-forth between Chowdhury, 30, and Kausar, 35, which includes drafts of articles later published in IS' magazines, has not been previously reported.

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38. Terrorist Mintoo ran drug syndicate from jail: Police (Canada).

The Pioneer, Staff Reporter, 2016 12 02

New Delhi - Arrested Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) Chief Harminder Singh Mintoo also ran a drug syndicate through his conduits from Nabha jail. He would coordinate the inflow of drugs especially heroine from Pakistan to Punjab, said sources, adding that he would keep in touch with his Pakistan's Inter Service Intelligence (ISI) handlers on phone using WhatsApp and Skype call facility and regularise the flow of drugs in return for huge remuneration. Interrogation of Mintoo has also revealed that he was receiving funds and drugs supply from ISI to revive Sikh militancy before the Punjab Assembly elections. Mintoo said the supply was done at the behest of Ranjeet Neeta, chief of Khalistan Zinda force, who is operating from Pakistan and in touch with Harmeet. Also, police said one Baljinder, whom Mintoo had met in Germany, was the latter's source of funding all this while. Meanwhile another Babbar Khalsa International member Jasvinder, was sending funds to Mintoo from Canada.

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39. FSB reports foreign special services preparing massive cyber attacks

ITAR-TASS World Service, Staff report, 2016 12 02

Moscow - Foreign special services are preparing to carry out massive cyber attacks starting from December 5 aimed at destabilizing Russia's financial system, the Federal Security Service said on its website on Friday. The goal of the cyber attacks is also to destroy the activity of "a range of major Russian banks," according to the FSB. The servers and command centers for carrying out these cyber attacks are located in the Netherlands and are owned by Ukraine's hosting company BlazingFast.

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40. La Russie dit avoir déjoué une cyberattaque contre ses banques

Reuters, Christian Lowe avec Elena Fabrichnaya et Kira Zavialova, 2016 12 02

Moscou - La Russie a annoncé vendredi avoir mis en échec un complot ourdi par des espions étrangers pour semer le chaos dans le système bancaire russe par des cyberattaques coordonnées et la diffusion de fausses informations sur l'état de ses banques sur les réseaux sociaux. Le Renseignement intérieur russe (FSB) précise dans un communiqué que les serveurs qui devaient servir à lancer les cyberattaques sont situés aux Pays-Bas et qu'ils sont enregistrés auprès de BlazingFast, une société ukrainienne d'hébergement de sites internet. Les attaques devaient débiter le 5 décembre et cibler des banques nationales et régionales dans plusieurs villes russes, ajoute le FSB. "Il était prévu que la cyberattaque s'accompagne de l'envoi massif de SMS et de messages alarmistes sur les réseaux sociaux évoquant une crise du système bancaire russe, des faillites et des retraits de licence", lit-on dans le communiqué.

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41. Major Russian banks say unaffected by cybersecurity threats

ITAR-TASS World Service, Staff report, 2016 12 02

Moscow - Russia's leading financial group VTB and the biggest lender Sberbank said on Friday cyber threats have not affected their activities. Earlier in the day, Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) announced that foreign special services were plotting a series of cyber attacks starting from December 5 aimed at destabilizing the country's financial system, including the activity of major Russian banks. "The security systems of the group's banks meet all the latest requirements and guarantee full protection of our clients' operations," the press service of the VTB Group told TASS. Sberbank, the third largest bank in Europe, said it is "working in a normal mode."

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42. Russia's New Foreign Policy Concept Calls for Broad Anti-Terror Coalition (Canada)

Sputnik, Staff report, 2016 12 02

Moscow - Russia's new foreign policy concept calls for the creation of a broad anti-terrorist coalition amid a global terrorist threat posed by Daesh. "The creation of a broad international anti-terrorist coalition on a solid legal foundation, based on efficient and systematic cooperation, without political maneuvering and double-standard policies...must become a priority [for international community]." The document says Russia considers the fight against international terrorism as "a very important state task." Russia will counteract all attempts to bring confrontation or a military conflict to the Arctic, according to the concept. "Russia will strongly counteract any attempts to bring to the Arctic elements of the policy of confrontation, including military, and to politicize international interaction in the region as a whole." Russia is ready to develop ties with Canada, including in the Arctic, on the basis of respect of interests.

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43. Russia says foreign spies plan cyber attack on banking system

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 12 02

Moscow - Russia said on Friday it had uncovered a plot by foreign spy agencies to sow chaos in Russia's banking system via a coordinated wave of cyber attacks and fake social media reports about banks going bust. Russia's domestic intelligence agency, the Federal Security Service (FSB), said in a statement that the servers to be used in the alleged cyber attack were located in the Netherlands, and were registered to a Ukrainian web hosting company called BlazingFast. The attack was to have started on Dec. 5, and its targets were a number of major national and provincial banks in several Russian cities, the statement said. Anton Onoprichuk, director of Kiev-based BlazingFast, said neither the FSB nor any other intelligence agency had been in touch with his company. He told Reuters he was waiting for more information so the firm could investigate. Asked if his servers could be used to mount a cyber attack he said: "Technically it is possible. It is possible with any hosting company, where you rent a server. You can attack whatever (you want) from it and in 99 percent of cases it will become known only after the event."

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44. US Senate passes 10-year extension of Iran Sanctions Act

Press TV, 2016 12 02

Tehran - The US Senate has passed a 10-year extension of existing sanctions against Iran, sending the measure to the White House for President Barack Obama to sign into law. Senators on Thursday unanimously backed the renewal of the Iran Sanctions Act (ISA) by a vote of 99 to 0. The House of Representatives voted 419 to 1 last month to reauthorize ISA, which was first introduced in 1996 to punish investments in Iran's energy industry based on accusations that Tehran was pursuing non-civilian objectives in its nuclear energy program. The Obama administration has expressed reservations about the utility of the legislation, but congressional aides said they expected Obama would sign it when it reached his desk. The act is set to expire at the end of 2016. "If the sanctions architecture has expired, then we have no sanctions which we can snap back," said hawkish Democratic Senator Bob Menendez, who opposed the nuclear accord between Iran and six major powers.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

45. A Alep, un carnage parmi les civils en fuite

Le Monde, Benjamin Barthe, 2016 12 02

Alep - Des familles tentant de quitter les quartiers est ont été bombardées par des tirs d'artillerie. Ils avaient enfilé leur manteau d'hiver, en prévision des nuits qu'il faudrait peut-être passer dehors. Ils portaient à l'épaule ou tiraient derrière eux de gros bagages, remplis de tous les effets

qu'ils n'avaient pu se résoudre à abandonner. Terrorisés par deux semaines de bombardements, à court de nourriture après quatre mois de siège, ces habitants des quartiers est d'Alep, contrôlés par la rébellion anti-Assad, avaient choisi de passer de l'autre côté, dans les secteurs ouest, aux mains des forces loyalistes. Un trajet à haut risque, qu'ils s'étaient décidés à emprunter sous l'effet de la peur, de la faim et peut-être aussi de la propagande gouvernementale, appelant les gens à quitter les zones aux mains des " terroristes ", le terme que Damas réserve à tous ses opposants. Mais ces familles n'ont jamais atteint leur destination. Mercredi 30 novembre au matin, alors qu'elles marchaient en direction de la ligne de démarcation, dans Jub Al-Kubbah, un quartier du vieil Alep, une pluie d'obus s'est abattue sur leurs têtes. Les images saisies quelques minutes plus tard par les militants du Aleppo Media Center, un organe acquis à l'opposition, montrent une rue en ruines, jonchée de valises, de flaques de sang et de corps en charpie. Le bombardement a fait 45 morts et des dizaines de blessés, selon les casques blancs, la défense civile de la partie est d'Alep, qui impute ce carnage à l'artillerie gouvernementale.

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46. Biometric database, fingerprinting to be required for all IDs in Israel

Jerusalem Post, Yonah Jeremy Bob, 2016 12 02

Jerusalem - Interior Minister Arye Deri has decided to push to mandate the joining of the national biometric database, including taking finger prints and facial recognition pictures for all identity cards going forward, he announced on Wednesday. It is still unclear whether Deri will garner a Knesset majority to make the requirement law, but every recent interior minister has supported the initiative, even as the Movement for Digital Rights and some cyber experts have opposed it for fear of rampant hacking threats and invasion of privacy. The debate has lasted years and included multiple extensions of a pilot program which has taken in a sizable portion, though still a minority, of the country's citizens. Those objecting would still have their fingerprints and facial recognition picture taken, but it would only be connected to their smart-card, not placed in the database, and as a penalty of sorts, they would need to renew their ID cards every five years instead of every 10 years.

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47. No roads to safety for terrified east Aleppo residents

The National (UAE), Josh Wood, 2016 12 02

Beirut/Aleppo - In a lightning offensive, Syrian government forces have driven the rebels from about 40 per cent of their territory in eastern Aleppo over the past week. The quarter of a million or so civilians trapped in rebel territory faced a grim choice: stay put and hope for the best, try to run across the front line or flee deeper into rebel territory. About 50,000 civilians have made it out of eastern Aleppo this week, with 30,000 arriving in the Kurdish neighbourhood of Sheikh Maqsoud and 20,000 in government-held western Aleppo, according the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a UK-based monitoring group. But others, like Mr Al Qassem, have stayed in rebel territory. When the world thinks about Syria's displaced, images of refugees on crowded dinghies aimed at European shores and closed borders come to mind. But in Aleppo, some of the most harrowing flights of the war are measured by city blocks, metres and minutes.

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48. UN envoy lands in Aden to meet Yemen president

Gulf News, Saeed Al Batati, 2016 12 02

Al Mukalla - United Nations envoy to Yemen Esmail Ould Shaikh Ahmad on Thursday arrived in Yemen's port city of Aden to convince the internationally-recognised president and his government to change their stance on his latest peace plan, local government officials said. President Abd Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who is currently based in Aden, has strongly opposed the plan that demands him and vice-president to step down and hand over their powers to a new vice-president in exchange for Al Houthis withdrawing from cities under their control and handing over arms to neutral army units. Ahead of Ould Shaikh Ahmad's visit to Aden, Yemen's government urged the UN envoy to change the plan's terms as to comply with the UN Security Council resolution 2216 that obliges Al Houthis to pull out of cities and allow the government to return to Sana'a before making any political arrangements.

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There are no stories today. / Il n'y a pas d'histoires aujourd'hui.

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49. Arrestation près de Madrid d'un Marocain pour propagande jihadiste

La Relève (Maroc), Journaliste maison, 2016 12 01

Aranjuez, Espagne - La police nationale espagnole a procédé, mercredi à Aranjuez (près de Madrid), à l'arrestation d'un ressortissant marocain soupçonné de propagande jihadiste en faveur de l'organisation terroriste Daech, indique le ministère espagnol de l'Intérieur. Le mis en cause, considéré comme un "dangereux" terroriste du type "loup solitaire", se formait sur Internet dans l'objectif de commettre des attentats terroristes contre la population, précise la même source dans un communiqué. "Il s'était radicalisé durant les derniers mois, affichant un fanatisme intense et visualisant de manière régulière des enregistrements vidéos d'endoctrinement et d'instruction pour la mise en oeuvre d'actes terroristes individuels contre la population civile", ajoute le communiqué.

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50. Des enquêtes ouvertes sur les différentes alertes à la bombe à Bruxelles

La Libre Belgique, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 02

Bruxelles - Que risque l'auteur d'une fausse alerte à la bombe? Des enquêtes ont été ouvertes sur les différentes alertes à la bombe de jeudi à Bruxelles, a indiqué vendredi le parquet de Bruxelles. Aucun suspect n'a été identifié et aucun lien n'a pu être établi entre les différentes

alertes pour le moment. Une première alerte a eu lieu en matinée sur le site de Mercedes à Woluwe-Saint-Lambert.

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51. Europol: 'IS' likely to target EU in 'near future'

Deutsche Welle, Staff report, 2016 12 02

Berlin - The so-called "Islamic State" group is likely to carry out terror attacks in the European Union in the near future, Europol said in a report on Friday. The Sunni extremist group has "both the will and the capability" to strike both soft and hard targets in Europe, especially those countries participating in the anti-IS coalition, the EU police agency said. "EU Member States that participate in the anti-IS coalition are regarded by IS as legitimate targets," it said, pointing to particular risk in France, Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. The report warns that as IS is weakened and defeated in Syria and Iraq, foreign fighters may return to Europe with their families, posing a long-term security challenge. "Estimates from some intelligence services indicate several dozen people directed by IS may be currently present in Europe with a capability to commit terrorist attacks," Europol said. Europol said IS is likely to shift tactics to attack soft targets instead of better-protected targets like police, military and infrastructure.

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52. Europol alerte sur le risque d'attentat à la voiture piégée en Europe

Sud Ouest avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 02

Non identifié - L'Office européen de police alerte sur la probabilité de l'utilisation d'explosifs dans des voitures piégées par des terroristes du groupe Etat islamique en Europe C'est un mode opératoire maintes fois éprouvé par les terroristes en Irak ou en Syrie. D'après Europol, l'Office européen de police, les réseaux terroristes tels que le groupe Etat islamique pourraient avoir recours à des voitures piégées pour atteindre leurs cibles en Europe. "L'utilisation d'engins artisanaux, d'explosifs militaires ou achetés dans le commerce dans des voitures piégées n'a pas encore été employée par le groupe EI en Europe", selon un rapport publié à La Haye. Mais "étant donné que les modes opératoires utilisés au Moyen-Orient ont tendance à être copiés par les terroristes en Europe... il est tout à fait concevable que le groupe EI les utilise à un moment", selon la même source. Jusqu'à présent, aucune voiture piégée n'a été utilisée sur le continent européen, mais Europol rappelle que le groupe responsable des attaques à Paris et Bruxelles l'avait envisagé avant de changer de plans face à l'intervention de la police. La Syrie, nouvelle base-arrière du groupe EI pour mener des attaques en Europe

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53. Europol Highlights Ongoing ISIS Threat to Europe, Says Tactics Evolving

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 12 02

The Hague - Europol said on Friday that ISIS is likely to carry out new operations in the European Union in the near future, adding that terrorist groups are evolving their tactics to attack soft targets in the EU. "Estimates from some intelligence services indicate several dozen people directed by ISIS may be currently present in Europe with a capability to commit terrorist attacks," the EU police agency said in a report, which draws on counterterrorism intelligence from around Europe and also cites media reports and previously publicized calls by jihadist leaders for attacks. But ISIS also is adept at inspiring marginalized youths, some of whom may have mental health problems, and inciting them to carry out attacks. The report, which was issued in The Hague, warned that tactics the group uses in Iraq and Syria -- such as the use of car bombs -- could also be deployed in Europe.

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54. Radicalisation: c'est aussi l'affaire des patrons

La Nouvelle République des Pyrénées, Philippe Abetel, 2016 12 02

Hautes-Pyrénées - Les chefs d'entreprise du département ont été conviés à une réunion d'information, dans les locaux de la CCI, sur les façons de repérer des personnes en voie de radicalisation dans l'entreprise. « Nous sommes ici pour vous informer et vous sensibiliser, vous chefs d'entreprise, vous aider à cerner les contours et manifestations de la radicalisation éventuelle de vos employés. » Béatrice Lagarde, préfète des Hautes-Pyrénées, animait, lundi, dans les locaux de la CCI, une soirée d'information, présentant le travail effectué dans le département en la matière. « Cette lutte passe par un travail pluri-institutionnel », a-t-elle précisé, insistant sur le fait que notre département n'est pas à l'abri avec quarante signalements pour radicalisation. Deux services de police sont en charge de cette mission, le Renseignement territorial (anciennement Renseignements généraux) sur place et les services de Sécurité intérieure basés à Toulouse. 32 individus étant en charge du premier service au mois d'octobre, une dizaine pour le second.

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55. Une vingtaine de mosquées radicales fermées en un an

Le Figaro, Jean-Marie Guénois, 2016 12 02

Paris - En une année le gouvernement français a fermé une vingtaine de mosquées ou salles de prière musulmanes radicalisées. Dont 17 en Île-de-France. Si le ministère de l'Intérieur estime que 150 lieux de culte sur 2 500 sont touchés par l'influence salafiste, les experts y ajoutent autant d'associations qui attirent par leur rigorisme un public jeune, susceptible d'être conduit au djihadisme. Un chiffre relatif toutefois car les professionnels du secteur savent que les réseaux les plus dangereux se caractérisent par leur discrétion, encore aiguisée par l'état d'urgence. La fermeture de lieux de culte, si elle exprime une politique publique de fermeté, n'apparaît donc pas aux yeux des connaisseurs comme la panacée pour vaincre un phénomène clandestin qui évite par nature tout lieu repérable. À commencer par les mosquées... Autre problème : sur le plan théologique, le salafisme tend à un « retour aux sources » de l'islam mais dans une approche « quiétiste » visant à couper le croyant de toute implication politique afin qu'il se consacre aux choses de Dieu. Mais cette attitude de non-engagement temporel favorise un flou profond quand

il s'agit de prouver, sur le plan juridique, si un discours d'obédience salafiste contient des « propos constituant une provocation à la haine ou à la violence », comme le précise l'article 8 de la loi de 1955 sur l'état d'urgence.

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56. What we know about the 'gay porn star turned Islamist spy'

The Local (Germany), Staff report, 2016 12 01

Berlin - News this week that a member of the BfV was a suspected Islamist was already strange enough, but then both the Washington Post and Bild reported that the suspect of Spanish origin had starred in gay porn videos, found while investigators searched his home. The case has raised questions about security flaws in the intelligence service and it will perhaps take some time before all the answers are revealed, but here's what we know so far. The suspect was arrested on November 17th after chatting online with a man posing as another Islamist - who the suspect didn't realize was actually a colleague at the intelligence agency. The suspect made "Islamist remarks online under a false name", according to the BfV. He also offered internal information during the chat. According to information obtained by DPA and other news outlets, the man had also told his chat partner that he could give other like-minded people access to the headquarters of the BfV in Cologne. Specifically, he would warn other Islamists about police action and help make an attack on the BfV possible. The man also told his online friend that an attack on the BfV would be "assuredly in the interest of Allah", and that he was ready "to help [his] brothers". Security sources told DPA and the Süddeutsche Zeitung that the man had lived near Abu Walaa, one of the central figures of the German Islamist scene, who was arrested at the beginning of November, though it was not clear if they personally knew one another.

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57. Wikileaks releases 2,420 documents from German government NSA inquiry

Deutsche Welle, Staff report, 2016 12 02

Berlin - The documents contained 90 gigabytes of information including many classified documents, according to the statement on the Wikileaks website on Thursday. They are the property of government agencies such as the Federal Intelligence Service (BND, pictured above) and the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV). The published materials had been submitted last year as part of a German parliamentary inquiry into the surveillance activities of the BND and its cooperation with the NSA. "The collection contains early agreements between the BND and the NSA and internal processes at the BND, but also more recent details on the close collaboration between the two agencies," Wikileaks announced, adding: "This substantial new collection of primary source documents provides significant new evidence (of their collaboration)." The documents, Wikileaks claimed, contain the answers to questions posed by the inquiry committee as well as administrative documents, correspondence, agreements and press reactions. Wikileaks says there are 125 documents from the BND, 33 from the BfV and 72 from the Federal Office for Information Security (BSI). Wikileaks announced the documents contained "a detailed insight, not just into the agencies themselves, but also into the mechanics of

the inquiry." This included information on which private US companies were operating in Germany's security sector.

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1. Canada asks citizens: How would you like us to spy on you?

The Register (UK), Shaun Nichols, 2016 12 06

London - The Canadian government is asking citizens to weigh in on its plans for digital surveillance programs. A government-hosted page called Investigative Capabilities in a Digital World seeks input from residents on matters such as intercepting communications, forcing data

decryption, and requiring service providers in Canada to store and retain customer data. Last year, Canadian lawmakers passed a controversial law aimed at greatly expanding the powers of Canadian intelligence agencies to gather information on citizens. Canada, of course, is one of the "five eyes" nations named in the Edward Snowden intelligence dump. The country's spies were found to be using covert tactics such as airport hotspots and false flag operations.

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2. Canadian security agencies 'consulting' with U.S. Homeland Security to vet Syrian refugees coming to Canada

The Hill Times, Abbas Rana, 2016 12 06

Canadian security agencies responsible for vetting the thousands of Syrian refugees who have been arriving in Canada since late last year have been using a "robust" and "multi-layered" security check process that includes consulting U.S. Homeland Security databases. "On the Syrian refugee decisions, we consulted with the Americans on everyone to make sure there was not somebody identified as a security risk," said Gary Doer, former Canadian ambassador to the U.S. from October 2009 to March 2016, at a panel discussion organized by The Literary Review of Canada, on its 25-year anniversary gala in Toronto on Oct. 13. "We had an agreement with Homeland Security and the United States, and a protocol of what we were going through. They would alert us too if there were any security problems that they became aware of--somebody we didn't know as part of that refugee group that was embedded as a potential terrorist in either one of our countries. There was a procedure in place before the election in Canada and after the election took place in Canada, and it remains between our two countries," said Mr. Doer.

Approved Syrian refugees who come to Canada receive the permanent resident status at first, but after three years are eligible to apply for Canadian citizenship. Asked for a comment last week, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Ralph Goodale's (Wascana, Sask.) office referred The Hill Times to a press conference Mr. Goodale held in Ottawa last year held to explain the process of bringing in the Syrian refugees. Mr. Goodale told reporters the security mechanism used by Canadians to screen Syrian refugees was designed by the Departments of Immigration and Refugees Canada, the Department of National Defence, the Canada Border Services Agency, CSIS and the RCMP. He added that the security screening system included "checking against Canadian and U.S. databases." "It includes the identification of vulnerable applicants to come to Canada soon," Mr. Goodale said on Nov. 24, 2015, at the National Press Theatre. "It includes thorough, professional, personal interviews of each and every applicant. It includes the collection of biometric data. It includes checking against Canadian and U.S. database. It includes the checking and rechecking of identification at every stage in this process." In the press conference, Mr. Goodale said the "safety and security" aspect is the top priority for Canada in this humanitarian assistance project. To achieve this objective, he said, the Canadian officials complete the security screening process overseas prior to the approval of any application. And once these refugees arrive in Canada, the CBSA also double checks that the proper procedure was followed before these refugees applications were granted Canadian immigration.

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3. Enlisting Beijing to help stop fentanyl exports won't be easy

Globe and Mail, Charles Burton, 2016 12 06

Op-ed: So the RCMP and China's Ministry of Public Security have announced they will work together to combat the surge of fentanyl and other opioids flowing from China into Canada. The need for action is undoubtedly urgent. Fentanyl has been the instrument of death for hundreds of heroin and cocaine users in Canada, and CSIS intelligence suggests almost all the fentanyl comes from small synthetic chemical factories all over China. Canada is unable to suppress the demand for it, and it is impossible to stop fentanyl from relentlessly arriving by mail in small quantities. So the only measure left is to get Chinese police to put a stop to the killer chemical from leaving the factories where it is manufactured. For students of Chinese history, there's irony in Canada's demand on moral grounds that China suppress the export of a synthetic opioid. In the 19th century, opium addiction in China was rampant, and the opium was almost entirely imported into China from British India. In response, China implemented the world's earliest drug laws, making the sale, import and consumption of opium illegal. In Victorian England, however, opium eating was quite legal, and as all Chinese schoolchildren are now taught, Britain's refusal to respect Chinese law and ban the export of opium into China was a signal event in Chinese history. Note: Charles Burton is an associate professor of political science at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ont., and is a former counsellor at the Canadian embassy in Beijing.

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4. Le nouveau chef du SPVQ cible le terrorisme et la cybercriminalité

Journal de Québec, Catherine Bouchard, 2016 12 06

Québec - Le nouveau chef du service de police de la Ville de Québec (SPVQ) a profité de son assermentation hier après-midi, pour faire part de ses principales préoccupations, soit la cybercriminalité, la lutte au terrorisme et la révision de l'organisation de la surveillance du territoire. «Nous travaillons également avec l'Agence du revenu du Québec sur un plan de récupération des actifs criminels, nous collaborons avec la GRC, le Service canadien du renseignement et de la sécurité, le Service de police de la Ville de Montréal et la Sûreté du Québec, afin d'intégrer la structure de gestion policière pour le terrorisme, notamment en matière de renseignement », précise M. Pigeon.

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5. Security shouldn't trump privacy, watchdogs to tell Trudeau government

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 12 06

Ottawa - Privacy commissioners from across the country will tell the Trudeau government today to make respect for personal information a cornerstone of its revamped national security policy. Federal privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien and all of his provincial and territorial counterparts are signing a joint submission to the government's security review. Therrien and privacy czars from two provinces _ Ontario's Brian Beamish and Jean Charter of Quebec _ will appear in Ottawa today to discuss the submission. Therrien's office says it will address key issues including information sharing, encryption and the collection and use of metadata by national

security agencies and law enforcement. In October, Therrien told a House of Commons committee it is crucial that there be more transparency about national security so that Canadians can better understand the issues. Therrien said while there are obviously limits to transparency when national security is at stake, more can and should be done. The government has requested public feedback on issues ranging from sharing information and preventing attacks to conducting surveillance and ensuring intelligence agencies are accountable. In last year's election campaign, the Liberals promised to repeal "problematic elements" of omnibus security legislation, known as C-51, ushered in by the previous Conservative government. The bill gave the Canadian Security Intelligence Service explicit powers to disrupt terrorist threats, not just gather information about them. The legislation also created a new offence of promoting the commission of terrorist offences and broadened the government's no-fly list powers. The Trudeau government has committed to ensure all CSIS warrants respect the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, to preserve legitimate protest and advocacy and to define terrorist propaganda more clearly. The Liberals say they say will do a better job of balancing collective security with rights and freedoms. Just last month a Federal Court judge ruled that CSIS violated the law by keeping potentially revealing electronic data over a 10-year period about people who were not targets of investigation. CSIS processed the data beginning in 2006 through its Operational Data Analysis Centre to produce intelligence that can reveal specific details about individuals. The improperly retained material was metadata _ information associated with a communication, such as a telephone number or email address, but not the message itself.

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6. Des militants de Greenpeace s'enchaînent

Journal de Montréal, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 06

Montréal - Sept militants de Greenpeace, opposée aux projets de pipeline, dont certains s'étaient enchaînés à une clôture du terminal pétrolier d'Enbridge et de Valero, dans le port de Montréal, ont été arrêtés, hier matin. Ils seront accusés de méfaits, d'entrave et d'introduction par effraction, a précisé la police de Montréal.

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7. Everybody knows : Documents show the RCMP still won't admit they're using cellphone tracking hardware, even though we've already proven they do

Vice News, Justin Ling, 2016 12 06

In the middle of a national debate over government spying, Canada's federal police force is still refusing to provide any details regarding some of its most powerful, and controversial, surveillance powers. New documents, obtained by VICE News through the Access to Information Act, show that the RCMP is fighting to ensure that the public doesn't find out any more details about how it uses cellphone-tracking technology. It won't even admit that it owns the devices. The RCMP refers to the technology as "mobile device identifiers," but they are more commonly known as International Mobile Subscriber Identity catchers (IMSI catchers) or by the

brand name, Stingray. Depending on the model, those devices can track cellphones, log phone calls, and even intercept voice and text communications. But the documents note that, even as the devices have "garnered significant media and public attention," the RCMP will not be answering any questions about them. The briefing notes encourage Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale to "highlight that we do not speak about specific tools or capabilities, regardless of what might be available in the public domain." This, despite the fact that Goodale is running a national consultation on national security that is supposed to be addressing police surveillance powers. VICE News reported last week that the RCMP was looking to open up public debate and create a "new public narrative" on the new surveillance powers they're seeking.

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8. Judge in Habib terrorism case to rule on 'Mr. Big' scenario

Montreal Gazette, Catherine Solyom, 2016 12 06

Montreal - The terrorism trial of Ismaël Habib continued Monday with an undercover RCMP agent being cross-examined about what he was offering the alleged jihadist, and the information he gleaned in return. But in the background, defence lawyer Charles Montpetit made it clear that he would argue the evidence gathered from taped conversations with the accused is inadmissible - possibly leading to the charges against Habib being dismissed. Habib, 29, is accused of trying to leave the country to commit terrorist acts abroad - namely with ISIL in Syria - and giving false information to obtain a passport. Arrested in February, 2016, Habib is only the second Canadian to be tried under so-called terrorist travel legislation enacted in 2013, and the first adult. But much of the evidence against Habib was gathered in a "Mr. Big" type of scenario, in which an RCMP agent played the role of a crime boss, offering employment to Habib - and in this case help getting a passport and safe passage to Syria - as long as he comes clean about his past and his current intentions. Before he heard any new evidence Monday, Quebec Court Judge Serge Delisle announced he would rule on whether the scenario presented to Habib fit the definition of a Mr. Big scenario and, if so, whether the statements Habib made to Mr. Big are admissible. First, Delisle would hear all the evidence, however.

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9. Ottawa says it's working to win release of former soldier arrested in Iraq

Canadian Press, Michael Macdonald, 2016 12 06

A former Canadian soldier being held in Iraq is in good health and Canadian Embassy officials are working to win his release, federal cabinet minister Judy Foote confirmed Monday. Foote, the senior minister responsible for Newfoundland and Labrador, spoke to Mike Kennedy's mother in Newfoundland earlier in the day, said press secretary Jessica Turner. Kay Kennedy told radio station VOXM her son was arrested in Erbil in northern Iraq while taking part in what she called a humanitarian mission. She said she was speaking with him on Tuesday evening, when she realized something was wrong. "He wasn't his upbeat self," she told VOXM. "He was very abrupt in his answers to me. Then, all of a sudden, he said, 'Mum, I gotta go.'" The woman told VOXM she hasn't heard from her son since then, but she said a friend of his later confirmed via text message from northern Iraq that her son had been arrested after returning from a mission

in northern Syria. Kay Kennedy told the radio station it appeared there was a problem with some documents, suggesting some had expired. She said she was sure her son's visa was good until January. The stress of having a son in a war zone is nothing new for Kennedy. On April 8, 2007, her son Kevin was one of six Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan when their light armoured vehicle struck a roadside bomb. The six were all members of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment based at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown in New Brunswick.

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10. Pipeline activists arrested

Montreal Gazette, Christopher Curtis, 2016 12 06

Montreal - Greenpeace activists were arrested Monday morning after chaining themselves to a gate and pipes at the Valero docks in Montreal's east end. Four activists locked themselves onto equipment at the port - including a fence and pipes that load tanker ships with bitumen from Alberta's oilsands. Two others had climbed onto infrastructure at the port and unfurled a banner that read: Stop Pipelines: Protect Our Water and Climate. Police were called to the scene shortly after Greenpeace arrived at 6 a.m. It took hours to pry the activists free while tactical police worked with the fire department to retrieve the people who scaled the port's infrastructure. The group's action comes just days after the federal government approved the construction of two new pipelines linking the oilsands to the Pacific coast and the midwestern United States. "If (Prime Minister) Justin Trudeau thought the protests would be limited to downtown Vancouver, he was mistaken," said Keith Stewart, a spokesperson for the environmental group. "This is a national movement. We're determined to stop these pipelines and protect our water." The pipes at the Port of Montreal pump oil from the city's refineries into tankers from Quebec City and elsewhere.

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11. Procès d'un suspect de terrorisme Les aveux d'Ismaël Habib sont-ils recevables en preuve ?

La Presse+, Gabrielle Duchaine, 2016 12 06

Montréal - Les aveux du suspect de terrorisme Ismaël Habib à un agent d'infiltration de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), qu'il croyait être le chef d'une organisation criminelle, peuvent-ils être retenus contre lui ? C'est la question à laquelle devra répondre le juge Serge Delisle, qui préside le procès du Montréalais depuis la semaine dernière. Sa décision pourrait à elle seule sceller l'avenir de l'accusé, premier adulte canadien à avoir un procès en vertu de l'article 83.181 du Code criminel pour avoir quitté ou tenté de quitter le pays afin de participer aux activités d'un groupe terroriste. Une partie importante de la preuve présentée jusqu'à maintenant par la Couronne contre M. Habib, 29 ans, repose sur des informations recueillies dans le cadre d'une vaste opération d'infiltration qui a nécessité plus de 20 scénarios différents et l'apport de plusieurs agents doubles.

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12. Soupçonné de terrorisme Un homme accusé d'avoir menacé de faire exploser une bombe

TVA Nouvelles, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 06

Ottawa - La liste des accusations qui pèsent sur Tevis Gonyou-McLean, un homme soupçonné d'avoir voulu quitter le pays pour se joindre à l'État islamique, s'est encore allongée, a rapporté le «Ottawa Citizen». Selon le quotidien, l'homme de 25 ans a été accusé d'avoir menacé de faire sauter le quartier général de la police d'Ottawa. Il aurait proféré cette menace alors qu'il était en détention après sa seconde arrestation, pour bris de condition, le 5 novembre dernier. M. Gonyou-McLean a été libéré sous conditions le 30 novembre dernier. Il doit porter en tout temps un bracelet GPS, respecter un couvre-feu et ne pas chercher à obtenir de matériel ou d'information en lien avec l'organisation État islamique, entre autres conditions. Le suspect a été arrêté pour une première fois le 12 août dernier, deux jours après la mort d' Aaron Driver, qui a fait exploser une bombe dans un taxi alors qu'il s'apprêtait à aller commettre un attentat en Ontario. Selon la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), Tevis Gonyou-McLean aurait eu l'intention de quitter le pays pour aller rejoindre l'EI ou, encore, de commettre un acte terroriste.

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13. Terror suspect accused of threat to bomb police HQ

Ottawa Citizen, Gary Dimmock, 2016 12 06

Ottawa - A suspected Ottawa terrorist arrested on Nov. 5 for breaching strict conditions of his peace bond is facing a new criminal charge after he allegedly threatened to bomb Ottawa police headquarters on Elgin Street. Tevis Gonyou-McLean, who denies any links to ISIL or its supporters, has been charged by Ottawa police with uttering death threats after a special constable in the station's cellblocks reported the alleged comments to a superior officer. The bomb-threat charge stems from his Nov. 5 arrest. Gonyou-McLean was originally arrested in August on RCMP fears that the Muslim convert would engage in terrorism. They didn't charge him with terrorism offences but were granted a terrorism peace bond to restrict his movements. In the August arrest - two days after ISIL-supporter Aaron Driver was killed in Strathroy, Ont., in a confrontation with police - Gonyou-McLean was also charged with uttering death threats to "unspecified persons." He was later arrested twice on a series of breaches of his release conditions - including allegations that he once smashed his GPS ankle monitor and another time managed to slip out of it. While awaiting a bail hearing, the 25-year-old man, who has no criminal record, was housed in the same segregation cell as a 350-pound convicted sex offender who later beat him up after accusing Gonyou-McLean of stealing his candy. Gonyou-McLean has told the Citizen he doesn't know any ISIL sympathizers and only wants to pray and make pizza.

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14. The Rescuers never came...

Toronto Star, Michelle Shephard and Mitch Potter, 2016 12 06

For 266 hellish nights in the clutches of the Abu Sayyaf Group, Robert Hall held out hope that Canadian soldiers were coming to the rescue. Hall, 66, had an engineer's mind. He was a problem-solver. He understood this was a problem for the best of the best. The Canadians would sweep into the Philippine jungle after dark, Hall assured his fiancée and fellow captive Marites Flor. And when they came for one, they would come for all - Hall, Flor, fellow Canadian John Ridsdel and Norwegian hostage Kjartan Sekkingstad. They all had to be alert. Always. Tonight. Tomorrow. "Every single night, Robert told me, "Tess, stay close. Be prepared. We have to be ready for the special forces," says Flor, who was dumped from a Jeep and staggered to freedom 10 days after Hall was executed in June. Military rescues rarely work - hostages often get killed. Canadian forces cannot act independently in sovereign nations. The killing of Osama bin Laden at Zero Dark Thirty is a Hollywood rarity - and one fraught with problems. But Hall had reason to believe: his was a family of Canadian military pedigree, from an uncle on the beaches of Normandy to a son who had served in Afghanistan. Hall would never live to learn the heartbreaking truth: Joint Task Force 2, the jewel of Canada's special ops command, was in the Philippines, the Star can confirm. But not in a position to strike. A team arrived within days of the abductions, according to highly placed sources close to JTF2. They spent the next nine months on the ground without ever growing into a full-strength assault team. The Canadian soldiers were kept on a short leash, never given the green light to team up with their Philippine special forces counterparts. And a Canadian-led rescue was never in the cards.

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15. An overseas tip about a plot to bomb a Red Line station prompts officials to increase security across L.A.

Los Angeles Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 12 06

Los Angeles - An overseas tip about an imminent bombing of the Metro Red Line's Universal City station forced federal and local law enforcement in Los Angeles to swiftly ramp up security across its sprawling transit system, authorities said Monday. An anonymous man warned of a potential attack on Tuesday and provided the information on a tip line abroad, said Deidre Fike, the assistant director in charge of the FBI's office in Los Angeles. The tip line was run by an unidentified foreign government, which relayed the information Monday morning to an FBI terrorism task force. Fike declined to specify from which country the tip originated but said it was delivered in English. At a hastily called news conference Monday night, the FBI as well as Los Angeles-area law enforcement leaders said the threat was considered specific and imminent, but investigators were still examining its credibility.

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16. Appeals Court to Examine Ex-CIA Officer's Leak Conviction

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 12 06

Richmond, Va. - The case of former CIA officer convicted of leaking classified details of an operation to thwart Iran's nuclear program is heading to a federal appeals court. The 4th U.S.

Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments in Jeffrey Sterling's case Tuesday. Sterling was sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison after being convicted in 2015 of leaking details of a CIA mission to New York Times journalist James Risen. The leaked mission involved giving flawed nuclear blueprints to Iran in the hopes that they would spend years trying to develop a product that would never work. Sterling maintains that he wasn't Risen's source.

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17. Facebook and Other Tech Companies Seek to Curb the Flow of Terrorist Content

New York Times, Mike Isaac, 2016 12 06

San Francisco - For all the good that has come from the internet, the online world has also served as a powerful device for recruiting terrorists and spreading their propaganda. A coalition of top technology companies is now trying to change that. Facebook, Google, Twitter and Microsoft announced on Monday that they have teamed up to fight the spread of terrorist content over the web by sharing technology and information to reduce the flow of terrorist propaganda across their services. The group plans to create a kind of shared digital database, "fingerprinting" all of the terrorist content that is flagged. By collectively tracking that information, the companies said they could make sure a video posted on Twitter, for instance, did not appear later on Facebook. "Throughout this collaboration, we are committed to protecting our users' privacy and their ability to express themselves freely and safely on our platforms," the companies said in a statement. They added they were discussing other ways "to prevent the spread of terrorist content online while respecting human rights."

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18. Finding Hate Crimes on the Rise, Leaders Condemn Vicious Acts

New York Times, Sarah Maslin Nir, 2016 12 06

New York - On Monday morning, a man shoved a New York City Transit worker down a staircase at Grand Central Terminal in Manhattan, screaming that she was a terrorist. Two days earlier, in Brooklyn, another man threatened an off-duty police officer with his pit bull, telling her and her son to "go back to your country." Both women were wearing hijabs. Hate crimes in New York City have risen in the weeks since Donald J. Trump won the presidential election, a noticeable spike that encompasses ethnic minorities, Jews, whites and people for their sexual orientation. In New York City, 43 episodes have been deemed possible hate crimes by the Police Department's Hate Crime Task Force since Election Day, more than double the number reported for the same period last year. To date, there has been a 35 percent increase over last year. The incidents range from vicious graffiti to physical violence.

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19. Gen. John Kelly seen as leading contender for DHS

Politico, Eliana Johnson, 2016 12 06

Washington - Retired Marine General John Kelly has emerged as the top contender to lead President-elect Donald Trump's Department of Homeland Security, according to three sources close to the transition. Kelly, 66, whose military career spanned more than four decades, retired earlier this year as the chief of U.S. Southern Command. In that post, where he oversaw military operations in most of Central and South America, he publicly clashed with the Obama administration on its plans - which were never executed - to close Guantanamo Bay and dismissed as "foolishness" concerns that the military's treatment of detainees at the facility had cost the U.S. the moral high ground in the War on Terror. His addition to the Trump administration would likely have implications on candidates for remaining cabinet posts. If formally offered the position, Kelly would be the third general tapped by the president-elect, in addition to Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, who will serve as Trump's national security adviser, and retired Gen. James Mattis, who Trump said Thursday he intended to nominate as his Defense Secretary. Concerns about the number of military officials in Trump's cabinet may harm the prospects of another military man, retired Gen. David Petraeus, whom Trump is considering for secretary of state.

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20. Obama Has a Plan to Fix Cybersecurity, But Its Success Depends on Trump

Wired (US), Andy Greenberg, 2016 12 05

New York - The Obama White House has had to reckon with cybersecurity like no other presidential administration in history, from China's 2009 hack of Google, to the Office of Personnel Management breach, to the rise of botnets built from dangerously insecure "internet-of-things" devices. Now, in the waning days of Obama's presidency, his team has a new plan to shore up America's protections from digital threats. Whether any of it happens, though, is up to Donald Trump. Late Friday afternoon last week, the White House's Commission on Enhancing National Cybersecurity released the results of a nine-month study of America's cybersecurity problems. Its recommendations, in a hundred-page report, cover a lot of ground. It proposes fixing the shambolic security of internet-of-things consumer devices like routers and webcams, re-organizing responsibility for the cybersecurity of federal agencies, and fostering a new generation of skilled American cybersecurity experts, among other actionable steps. But as President Obama acknowledged in a statement accompanying those recommendations, actualizing them is largely out of his hands. He asked the cybersecurity commission to brief President-elect Trump's transition team on its work as soon as possible. "As the Commission's report counsels, we have the opportunity to change the balance further in our favor in cyberspace-- but only if we take additional bold action to do so," Obama writes. "Now it is time for the next Administration to take up this charge and ensure that cyberspace can continue to be the driver for prosperity, innovation, and change--both in the United States and around the world." Whether the Trump team will in fact accept the commission's advice--or even its briefing request--remains a mystery. "No one in Washington knows what he's going to do," says Alan Paller, the director of research at the security-focused SANS Institute and a former cybersecurity advisor to the Department of Homeland Security under George W. Bush. Paller says that even Trump's potential appointments for cybersecurity policy positions remain an unknown. "It's very challenging to know who will be picked, and whether this [report] will have anything to do with their priorities." The Trump transition team didn't respond to WIRED's request for comment.

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21. Obama to tout counterterror legacy, even as Trump threatens changes

CNN.com, Kevin Liptak, 2016 12 06

Washington - President Barack Obama plans to provide a final summation of his national security record Tuesday, reaffirming his counterterrorism strategy even as his successor has threatened to reverse course on many of Obama's priorities. During a speech at MacDill Air Force Base, the Florida headquarters of US Central Command and Special Operations Command, Obama plans to again argue for closing the naval prison at Guantanamo Bay and maintaining a ban on torture -- both areas where President-elect Donald Trump says he'll change course. Ben Rhodes, Obama's deputy national security adviser, told reporters Monday that Obama was not attempting to send a message directly to Trump through his speech. But he said there would be important takeaways for the next commander-in-chief included in Obama's remarks. "Part of what he's going to relay that I think is relevant to the incoming team ... is the complexity at looking at all of these issues," Rhodes said.

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22. Other Than ISIS: Half of U.S. Terror Suspects Support ISIS Rival Groups, New Report Details

ABC News, James Gordon Meek, 2016 12 06

New York - Almost half of the suspects charged with terrorism offenses in the U.S. since the Syrian civil war began five years ago have not associated themselves with ISIS but with the group's bitter rivals such as al-Qaeda or embraced the broader jihadist ideology, a new study by George Washington University's Program on Extremism has found. While emphasis is often placed on whether ISIS directs or inspires terrorism suspects who attack or are arrested before carrying out attacks, the new study suggests that radicalization to Islamist violence will be a problem in the West far beyond the existence of ISIS or other groups because of an extreme ideology many find alluring. The study, entitled "Not Just The Caliphate," which was provided to ABC News in advance of its release today, examined 178 individual terrorism cases since 2011 inside the United States. Researchers found that - alongside those lured to the self-declared "caliphate" created in Syria and Iraq by terror leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi more than two years ago - 79 individuals nabbed by law enforcement on terror charges supported a dozen other U.S.-designated foreign terrorist groups. Those groups including al-Qaeda and the Taliban espouse a similar Salafist-jihadi ideology, but are each locked in a bloody war with ISIS from Iraq to Afghanistan to North Africa. "Most aspiring militants at the grassroots level in the West care little about the divisions between the Islamic State and al-Qaeda, they just want to fight jihad. What attracts them is a common ideology, a blend that takes from all jihadists groups and ideologues without much distinction," said Lorenzo Vidino, director of the Program on Extremism, who oversaw the research.

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23. Panel Backs Warrantless Collection of Email

New York Times, Charlie Savage, 2016 12 06

Washington - A federal appeals court on Monday upheld the 2013 conviction of a Somali-American man for trying to detonate a bomb at a Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Portland, Ore., rejecting his arguments that the F.B.I. had entrapped him and that the government had unconstitutionally intercepted his emails without a warrant. The ruling -- by a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, in San Francisco -- was particularly important because it upheld the government's use of emails gathered without a warrant under the FISA Amendments Act of 2008. The law permits the government, on domestic soil, to collect phone calls and emails of noncitizens abroad, even when they are communicating with an American. The case centered on Mohamed Mohamud, who was 19 when he tried to blow up what he thought was a bomb. In fact, there was no danger: The plot had been orchestrated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as part of a sting operation. Mr. Mohamud was sentenced to 30 years in prison. He appealed, arguing that the conviction should be overturned in part because the government had used evidence derived from warrantless surveillance. But the panel upheld the verdict. "Many young people think and say alarming things that they later disavow, and we will never know if Mohamud -- a young man with promise -- would have carried out a mass attack absent the F.B.I.'s involvement," Judge John B. Owens wrote for the panel. But, he went on, some such people "take the next step, leading to horrific consequences."

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24. Red Cross Poll: Americans Warm to Torture and Indiscriminate Bombing

The Daily Beast, Kimberly Dozier, 2016 12 05

Washington - Bombarded by President-Elect Donald Trump's election rhetoric promising to step up the campaign against the so-called Islamic State, Americans are more likely to accept torture and indiscriminate bombing of suspected terrorists than they were two decades ago, according to a poll by the International Committee of the Red Cross released Monday. The majority of those surveyed across more than a dozen countries including the United States still think bombing of populated areas and torturing detainees is wrong, according to the WINS/Gallup International poll, released by the ICRC. But rising numbers of people, especially Americans and Britons, said they are willing to accept less humane practices if it means winning the fight faster. The survey was conducted between June and September 2016 with 17,000 people in 16 countries, an update on a similar survey carried out by the ICRC in 1999. It specifically asked people what they thought of "torture," rather than using the Bush-era terms like "enhanced interrogation techniques" like water boarding, ice baths, and sleep deprivation. Overall, two-thirds of those surveyed said torture was wrong, but more were willing to agree to harsh interrogation of detainees than in 1999. The results are disturbing for a humanitarian organization that was set up to remind all on the battlefield to follow the laws of war as set out in the Geneva Conventions-- especially how citizens of leading nations like the U.S. and Britain seem more comfortable with harsh practices than ever before.

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25. Security Adviser and Son Share Penchant for Spreading False Stories About Clinton

New York Times, Matthew Rosenberg, 2016 12 06

Washington - For Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn, who is President-elect Donald J. Trump's choice for national security adviser, pushing conspiracy theories about Hillary Clinton is a family affair: Both he and his son, Michael G. Flynn, have used social media to spread fake news stories linking Mrs. Clinton to underage sex rings and other serious crimes, backed by no evidence. The Twitter habits of both men are attracting renewed attention after a man fired a rifle on Sunday inside Comet Ping Pong, a Washington pizza restaurant that was the subject of false stories during the campaign tying it and the Clinton campaign to a child sex trafficking ring. Well before he joined the Trump campaign, the elder Mr. Flynn, 57, a former director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, pushed unsubstantiated claims about Islamic law's spreading in the United States and about the attack on the American diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya. But in his emergence this year as the angry former general out to help Mr. Trump clean up Washington, Mr. Flynn added wild stories about Hillary Clinton to his stock of unproven tales. The views Mr. Flynn has aired on social media, including messages that many viewed as crossing the line into Islamophobia, and his willingness to spread fake news stories had already prompted questions about his fitness to be Mr. Trump's national security adviser.

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26. Trump's Taiwan Call: A Gaffe or a New Start?

New York Times, Mark Landler, Jane Perlez, 2016 12 06

Washington - President-elect Donald J. Trump's motives for his unorthodox call with the leader of Taiwan remain mysterious, but some Republicans are hailing his improvisational diplomacy as a refreshing break with diplomatic rituals that date to the Richard M. Nixon administration. It could lay the groundwork, they say, for a healthier relationship with China. The question, as often with Mr. Trump, is whether he will have the discipline to see through these changes. In short, was the phone call the start of a calculated policy, or was it merely a one-off gesture that will alienate China and leave Taiwan even more isolated? So far the messages from the Trump camp are mixed. Vice President-elect Mike Pence insisted on Sunday that people were reading too much into the conversation with President Tsai Ing-wen, and that Mr. Trump was simply accepting congratulations from the "democratically elected leader of Taiwan." But people advising the transition say Mr. Trump knew exactly what he was doing. "He's the first president since the Shanghai Communique who provides an opportunity to look fresh at the cross-strait relationship," said Jon M. Huntsman Jr., who served as ambassador to China under President Obama. Mr. Huntsman was referring to the 1972 statement, issued after Nixon's visit to China, which sharply constrained America's dealings with Taiwan. Mr. Huntsman's name has recently surfaced as a candidate for secretary of state, along with that of John R. Bolton, a former ambassador to the United Nations under President George W. Bush. Mr. Bolton met with Mr. Trump on the day he took the phone call from Ms. Tsai. Later, he said the United States "should shake up the relationship" with China.

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27. Trump Assembling Team of Fierce Iran Deal Opponents

Washington Free Beacon, Adam Kredo, 2016 12 05

Washington - President-elect Donald Trump has been assembling a national security team stacked with fierce opponents of last year's comprehensive nuclear deal with Iran, signaling what is expected to be a major departure from the Obama administration's final bid to preserve the deal before leaving office, according to multiple sources familiar with Trump's transition plans. Trump has been installing well-known opponents of the deal to key national security posts for the incoming administration, including at the White House National Security Council, the CIA, and the Department of Defense. This includes his selection of retired Marine Gen. James Mattis as secretary of defense, Rep. Mike Pompeo (R., Kan.) as CIA director, and retired Army Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn as national security adviser, picks that have won plaudits for their vocal opposition to the nuclear deal. "It's no secret that Flynn considers Iran to be the linchpin of a global alliance of hostile rivals seeking to undermine American interests," said one source familiar with the backroom talks about future national security picks. "He was in the Middle East during the Iraq war and knows first-hand how Iranian proxies killed hundreds of American troops, and he has seen the intelligence showing that they've targeted Americans around the world." "As long as Iran keeps acting like an enemy of the United States, his NSC will accurately convey that to the president, and he's building a staff that will make sure of that," the source added.

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28. U.S. worries about spiraling violence in South Sudan: State Department

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 12 05

Washington - The United States is alarmed by the violence in South Sudan, where ethnically motivated hate speech, the targeting of civilians and sexual violence is becoming widespread and cannot be ignored, the State Department said on Monday. "The United States is alarmed by the violence in the Equatoria region of South Sudan and concerned it could quickly spiral out of control," State Department spokesman Mark Toner said in a statement. "This situation is intolerable, will worsen the already dire humanitarian crisis." The United States has confirmed that more than 1,900 houses have been destroyed in the Central Equatoria of South Sudan since September, he said in a statement. Toner said the government has also deployed at least 4,000 irregular ethnic militia soldiers to the area, "increasing the likelihood of more clashes with armed opposition groups and attacks against innocent civilians." The statement urged the international community to impose an arms embargo and targeted sanctions to help deter the violence in the world's newest state.

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29. British anti-terror advisers sent to Gulf

London Daily Telegraph, Laura Hughes, 2016 12 06

London - Britain will spend millions helping Middle East countries beef up security at their airports to help detect terrorists, Theresa May will pledge as she says, "Gulf security is our security". At a meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in Bahrain, Mrs May will announce plans for a joint taskforce to increase counter terrorism financing and training in the region. British experts will help improve traveller screening systems at airports in the Middle East, in light of growing fears of Isil plots targeted at airlines. Mrs May will today become the first British Prime Minister - and the first woman - to attend the annual gathering. She will announce a series of additional security measures, including the establishment of a new joint UKGCC Working Group on Counter-Terrorism and Border Security. Downing Street said that the UK's security relationship with Gulf states has already saved lives, including through the October 2010 discovery at East Midlands airport of a "printer bomb" on board a US-bound flight, which was a direct result of information received from the Saudi authorities. She will also announce the appointment of three UK specialist cyber experts who will be sent to the region to assist local law enforcement teams.

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30. Social media giants launch joint crackdown on terrorist images after criticism by MPs

London Daily Telegraph, James Titcomb, 2016 12 06

London - Facebook, Twitter and YouTube have created a joint database of terrorist images and videos after MPs accused them of "passing the buck" in the fight against online extremism. The social media companies, which have been criticised for allowing their online platforms to become a key recruitment tool for Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (Isil), said they would be able to identify propaganda more effectively by pooling their resources. It comes after MPs warned that social media sites were unwilling to crack down on terrorism because they feared it would "damage their brands" and that they were becoming the "vehicle of choice" for extremists. Last night Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Microsoft announced that they would create a database of "hashes" - a way of adding a digital fingerprint to photos and videos that allows them to be easily identified by social networks when posted by other users and on other websites. The database will alert the websites' staff when a version of the image or video is posted by a user, even if it has not been posted before on the site itself. For example, if a Twitter account posts an extremist picture, Twitter's moderators would report it to the database, and staff at Facebook would then be alerted if the same picture was posted on Facebook.

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31. AQIS listed as terror organization under Australia's Criminal Code

Xinhua News Agency, Matt Walsh, 2016 12 06

Canberra - The Australian government Tuesday released its latest list of terrorist organizations recognized under the nation's Criminal Code, through a joint statement from Foreign Minister Julie Bishop and Attorney-General George Brandis. Al-Qa'ida in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), Islamic State (IS) Sinai Province and IS in Libya are the three groups listed. "The

Government has re-listed al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula, which was first listed as a terrorist organization in Australia in November 2010," the joint statement said. The government said its listings follow the advice from Australia's security agencies that these organizations are either directly or indirectly engaged in "preparing, planning, assisting or fostering terrorist attacks." "We know that al-Qa'ida in the Indian Subcontinent and the Arabian Peninsula seek to advance al-Qa'ida's ideology in the South Asia region and the Middle East," the statement said.

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32. Australia to take over peacekeeping force in Sinai (Canada).

Jerusalem Post, Anna Ahronheim, 2016 12 06

Jerusalem - Australian Maj.-Gen. Simon Stuart will lead the multinational peacekeeping force on the Sinai Peninsula starting on March 1, 2017, taking over from Maj.-Gen. Denis Thompson from Canada. "Australia is pleased to be assuming command of MFO-Sinai [Multinational Force and Observers]," Australian Ambassador to Israel Dave Sharma told The Jerusalem Post, adding that with this role, Stuart will be leading Australia's largest command mission. "MFO-Sinai plays a critical role in underpinning the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel which is, in turn, a major contributor to regional stability," Sharma said. The 1,600-strong peacekeeping force has since 1981 been charged with maintaining a decades-old buffer zone between Israel and Egypt under the direction of the MFO, which supervises the implementation of the security provisions of the Egyptian-Israeli Treaty of Peace signed in 1979.

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33. Sydney trial for accused terror teen

Australian Associated Press, Lisa Robinson, 2016 12 06

Sydney - A Sydney teenager has been ordered to stand trial on charges of planning a terrorist act and preparing for foreign incursions. Tamim Khaja's lawyer waived his right to a committal hearing and did not request bail in Parramatta Local Court on Tuesday. However Magistrate Garry Still ordered the matter to the District Court on December 16, where the 19-year-old is expected to appear via AVL. He is accused of committing an act in preparation for or planning a terrorist attack between about May 11 and 18 and preparing for incursions into foreign countries "for the purpose of engaging in hostile activities" between January 29 and February 27. The Macquarie Park resident was allegedly in the process of trying to obtain a firearm and had been sizing up public buildings in Sydney when he was arrested in May in a joint federal-NSW police operation.

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34. The director of the Government Communications and Security Bureau says the level and complexity of cyber threats to New Zealand organisations is increasing.

Radio New Zealand News, Staff reporter, 2016 12 06

Wellington - The director of the Government Communications and Security Bureau says the level and complexity of cyber threats to New Zealand organisations is increasing. The Intelligence and Security Committee held its annual review of the GCSB and the Security Intelligence Service in Parliament today. In the last year, there have been 338 cyber threat incidents, compared with 190 in the previous year. The GCSB's director, Andrew Hampton, says New Zealand is being targeted by a growing range of international threats for financial gain. (Full report)

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35. NATO Chief Suggests Trump Will Continue Afghan Partnership

TOLO News, Sayed Tariq Majidi, 2016 12 06

Kabul - NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg has signaled unity in support of Afghanistan amid a deteriorating security situation, suggesting president-elect Donald Trump should continue the U.S partnership with Afghanistan. He said Afghanistan was still a priority for the alliance. "As I said we will have a summit next year here in Brussels and I am looking forward to meet the new president (elect) Donald Trump here to discuss a wide range of issues. I guess we will have ample opportunities to discuss Afghanistan which is NATO's biggest military operation; we have been there for many many years," he said. Foreign ministers from NATO member nations gathered in Brussels on Monday where they discussed a number of wide-ranging issues pertaining to the alliance-member nations with consideration given to the situation in Afghanistan, the war against Daesh and NATO's future relations with the United States.

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36. Taliban's Leadership Suffers 'Major Blow' In Special Operations

TOLO News, Abdul Wali Arian, 2016 12 06

Kabul - Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah said at Monday's Council of Ministers meeting that the Taliban's leadership has suffered a major blow during recent special military operations conducted by Afghan security forces. He said according to the National Security Council's order, security forces have focused on eliminating key and operational safe havens of militants. "The Taliban's leadership in Afghanistan has suffered a major blow in special operations in recent weeks," he said. He added: "The security forces will be in a better situation in the next year because they will focus on basic and main centers from where the Taliban are organizing their subversive activities." Meanwhile, a number of military analysts said they believe that next year will be the toughest year yet for Afghan forces if the challenges and gaps are not addressed.

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37. Attentats déjoués à Paris Un suspect arrêté au Maroc

Liberté (Algérie), Lyes Menacer, 2016 12 05

Rabat - Un partisan de l'autoproclamé État islamique (Daech) a été arrêté samedi par les autorités marocaines pour sa présumée implication en tant qu'intermédiaire dans les préparatifs des attentats déjoués de Paris, a indiqué le ministère de l'Intérieur marocain, repris par Reuters. Cet homme, un Marocain vivant en Espagne, aurait servi d'intermédiaire entre les cellules démantelées en France fin novembre et les dirigeants de Daech en Syrie et en Irak, selon la même source. Le projet d'attentat devait être exécuté le premier décembre. "Dans le cadre de la mission qui lui avait été assignée, le suspect a rencontré des émissaires de l'État islamique à la frontière turco-syrienne, où il a reçu des instructions à transmettre au groupe qui a été arrêté sur le territoire français", indique le ministère marocain de l'Intérieur dans un communiqué cité par Reuters.

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38. Casablanca : Le ministère de l'Intérieur annonce l'arrestation de deux individus pro-Daesh

Yabiladi (Maroc), Journaliste maison, 2016 12 05

Casablanca, Maroc- Le ministère de l'Intérieur a annoncé ce lundi avoir interpellé deux individus pro-Daesh, qui auraient prêté allégeance à l'organisation "Etat islamique". Dans un communiqué parvenu à Yabiladi, le département de Mohamed Hassad indique que la brigade nationale de la police judiciaire (BNPJ) en collaboration avec la Direction générale de surveillance du territoire national (DGST) a procédé à l'arrestation des deux individus qui s'activent dans la ville de Casablanca. Selon les premières enquêtes préliminaires, les deux présumés terroristes se sont « imprégnés de la doctrine de l'organisation terroriste », et sont « entièrement engagés dans l'agenda » de Daesh. Les deux individus ont également débuté une quête pour obtenir les recettes afin de fabriquer des engins explosifs. « Ils préparaient des attentats terroristes visant des zones sensibles au Maroc », poursuit la même source.

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39. Isis driven out of Libyan stronghold

London Times, Bel Trew, 2016 12 06

Cairo - Islamic State militants lost their last foothold on the Mediterranean coast yesterday after Libyan troops backed by British and American special forces captured the city of Sirte. At least 40 jihadists were killed in the fierce final battle and 34 surrendered, a spokesman for pro-government troops said. The few who had remained were being "dealt with", he added. The loss of Sirte is a significant blow for the jihadist group. As its territory in Iraq and Syria shrank, Isis eyed the Libyan city as a back-up "caliphate" on the Mediterranean and a launchpad for attacks in Europe. "We can say we took Sirte back. Today's battle will hopefully be the last," said Brigadier-General Mahmoud Zaghlal, the commander of a pro- government militia in charge of central Libya. "We're still combing the area to get rid of the last militants who escaped today.

Sirte was their stronghold in Libya. Isis falling in Sirte means their downfall in all of Libya -- it's a major loss for them."

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40. Le Drian prône une coopération internationale pour lutter contre le terrorisme en Afrique

Pan African News Agency, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 05

Dakar, Sénégal - Le ministre français de la Défense, Jean Yves Le Drian, a souligné, lundi à Dakar, l'importance d'une coopération internationale dans la lutte contre le terrorisme et l'insécurité en Afrique. «Il est primordial de privilégier des approches régionales et sous-régionales pour faire face à la menace terroriste. Ces approches existent et elles fonctionnent», a-t-il déclaré, citant la coopération entre le Niger, le Nigeria, le Cameroun et le Tchad dans la lutte contre Boko Haram. S'exprimant au cours de la cérémonie d'ouverture du troisième Forum international de Dakar, le ministre français a mis en cause la porosité des frontières africaines, estimant qu'elle complique la lutte contre le terrorisme et la rend plus difficile.

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41. Terrorisme: Un élément dangereux partisan de Daech arrêté par le BCIJ

Aujourd'hui Le Maroc, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 05

Non identifié - Le Bureau central d'investigations judiciaires (BCIJ), relevant de la Direction générale de surveillance du territoire national (DST), a arrêté un «élément dangereux», partisan de Daech, qui servait d'agent de liaison entre le commandement des opérations extérieures de cette organisation et les membres de la cellule terroriste démantelée le 19 novembre dernier par les services de sécurité français, annonce samedi le ministère de l'intérieur. «A la suite du démantèlement par les services de sécurité français en date du 19 novembre 2016 d'une cellule terroriste affiliée à l'organisation dite «Etat islamique», et sur la base d'informations précises des services de renseignement, le Bureau central d'investigations judiciaires, relevant de la Direction générale de surveillance du territoire national, a arrêté un élément dangereux partisan de Daech, qui servait d'agent de liaison entre le commandement des opérations extérieures de cette organisation et ses éléments interpellés à cette date», indique le ministère dans un communiqué.

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42. ELN Leader Talks Fidel, Peace and Colombian Politics

teleSUR, Staff report, 2016 12 06

Quito - Pablo Beltran, commander in chief of the Army of National Liberation, talked Sunday to teleSUR from Quito, Ecuador, where the peace talks with the Colombian government are expected to start in January 2017. The fact that the ELN was not part of the negotiations in Havana between the FARC and the administration of President Juan Manuel Santos' was

completely the Colombian president's doing. The differences between the ELN and the FARC have to do with justice, in his opinion: "We want the entire truth about what happened, what brought us to this level of violence, we want a recognition that this was the wrong way," he said, adding the ELN was ready to apologize and seek reconciliation. "We put more emphasis on truth, the whole peace process should be grounded in truth," he emphasized to teleSUR. More recently, the negotiations in Quito have been delayed over "legal issues" about the release of prisoners, according to Beltran. "On Oct. 6, we agreed to release a prisoner, in exchange for a political pardon for two prisoners, but now the Supreme Court is expected to decide soon whether the president is allowed to grant pardons in these circumstances." Negotiations are expected to start in a week, he assured.

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43. 3rd US embassy bombing suspect charged

Philippine Star, Rey Galupo, 2016 12 06

Manila - The Manila Police District (MPD) yesterday charged the third suspect in the foiled bombing near the US embassy in Manila last Nov. 28. Mohammad Jumao-as, alias Modie, was charged with violation of the comprehensive firearms and ammunitions act and illegal possession of explosives at the Bulacan Provincial Prosecutor's Office in Malolos City around 3:30 p.m. Jumao-as was nabbed by elements of the MPD-special operations unit around 2 p.m. at his house in San Jose del Monte, Bulacan last Saturday, according to a source. The source told The STAR that the MPD operatives were assisted by military intelligence agents. "PNP chief Director General Ronald dela Rosa is set to present the suspect to the media within the week," he said. The source emphasized that the authorities "are keeping the case under wraps because there are still other suspects at large."

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44. Canadian envoy lauds Bangladesh role in curbing terrorism

Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha, 2016 12 06

Dhaka - Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Benoit-Pierre Laramee today lauded the Bangladesh's stand on fighting terrorism and religious extremism. He made the remarks while he paid a courtesy call-on Road Transport and Bridges Minister and Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader at his office in the ministry. The Canadian high commissioner assured Quader that Canada will extend its cooperation to Bangladesh to curb trans-boundary terrorism. Laramee greeted the road transport minister for being elected as general secretary of Awami League. "Bangladesh's achievements in women empowerment, poverty alleviation, reducing dropout rate at educational institutions and gender equity are praiseworthy," the high commissioner said. The minister hoped Bangladesh and Canada will take steps to further strengthen the bilateral relations.

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45. China systematically using torture in war on corruption: report

Globe and Mail, Nathan Vanderklippe, 2016 12 06

Beijing - The interrogators work in secret, barraging members of China's Communist Party they accuse of corruption with questions, shouts and more severe measures. Suspects are kept from sleeping, deprived of adequate food and water, and exposed to extreme temperatures. They are forced to stand for hours or sit on painfully-small chairs and, in some cases, beaten with steel rebar. Often their families are threatened. Sometimes, their money is extorted. For those caught up in China's feared shuanggui system, there is no right to call a lawyer or family, no right to see evidence presented against them, and effectively no limit to how long they can be detained. Now, human rights activists are calling on China to shut down the decades-old system, after a lengthy new report accuses the country of employing torture to wage a war on corruption that has swept up hundreds of thousands of Chinese people in recent years. "We feel it's urgent that China abolish the system to try to minimize some of these horrific abuses, and what are probably pretty shaky prosecutions," said Sophie Richardson, China director at Human Rights Watch, which released the report in Hong Kong Tuesday. The report also underscores questions about the nature of evidence produced from the Chinese justice system, a particularly important question for Canada as it begins talks toward an extradition treaty with China, which is seeking the repatriation of people it calls corrupt.

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46. China watching for Trump's next move

South China Morning Post, Catherine Wong, 2016 12 06

Beijing - US president-elect Donald Trump's phone conversation with Taiwanese leader Tsai Ing-wen may not signal a major shift in the US' longstanding one-China policy, but Beijing is "cautiously watching" Trump's next moves while pondering its own, say foreign affairs experts. Bonnie Glaser, a senior adviser for Asia at the Washington-based Centre for Strategic and International Studies, said she did not believe that Trump intended to indicate he would change the US foreign policy approach to the Taiwan Strait. "I expect China will engage intensely with Trump's transition team about Taiwan, both to determine Trump's intentions in making the call and to warn of the consequences should he follow up with similar actions," Glaser said. William Stanton, a former director of the American Institute in Taiwan, Washington's de facto embassy on the self-ruled island, was quoted by Central News Agency yesterday as saying the call was probably arranged ahead of time and Washington should have made such a move earlier.

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47. Dhaka attack: Court asks CTTC to submit report by Jan 22 (Canada).

Bangladesh Daily Star, 2016 12 06

Dhaka - A Dhaka court today asked the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police to submit the probe report in connection with the case filed over the Gulshan café attack by January 22. Metropolitan Magistrate Sadbir Yeasir Arafat Choudhury passed the order after the CTTC failed to submit the probe report by today. On October 2, police

turned in a probe report to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in Dhaka with a prayer for relieving Tahmid Hasib Khan, a Bangladeshi student in Canada, of the accusation that he had involvement in the terror attack. Tahmid was cleared of the charges against him and walked out on bail after police said they found no evidence of his links to the Gulshan attackers or any other militants in the prayer. Former private university teacher Hasnat Karim, the only other detainee caught over the incident, stays as the key accused of the case filed over the terrorist attack.

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48. India-US defence ties closest ever: US defence secretary

Press Trust of India, 2016 12 06

Washington - Days ahead of his visit to India, US defence secretary Ashton Carter on Sunday said that the defence relationship between the world's two largest democracies has never been as close it is now. "The US-India defence relationship is the closest it's ever been. Through our strategic handshake -- with America reaching west in the rebalance, and India reaching east in what Prime Minister Narendra Modi calls his Act East policy -- our two nations are exercising together by air, land, and sea like never before," Carter said. Carter, who would be in India next week, said this in his address to the Regan National Defence Forum in Simi Valley, California. The outgoing US defence secretary's last overseas trip includes Japan, India, Israel, Bahrain, Italy and the UK. As he begins his last overseas tour from the Asia Pacific region, Carter reflected on the rebalance strategy of President Barack Obama.

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49. Military intranet hacked by North Korea

Korea Herald, Yoon Min-sik, 2016 12 06

Seoul - South Korea's Defense Ministry said Tuesday the military's intranet had been hacked for the first time ever, presumably by North Korea, resulting in a number of military secrets being leaked. The military found that malicious code had been spread on its computers via its servers used to relay updates on Sept. 23. "The military formed a cyber investigative team to look into this matter and found that some military data -- including confidential information -- has been leaked. It appears to be a North Korean act," the ministry said. Code used in the attack has certain similarities with that previously used by North Korean hackers, a ministry official explained. He added that the attack originated from Shenyang, China, where many North Korean hackers are believed to be based and which was the believed origin of a 2014 attack on Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Co. But the official refused to specify what data had been stolen. "We cannot give out details on what information was leaked, because it might give (North Korea) an advantage in the ongoing cyber warfare," he said. He also refused to confirm how many computers were hit by the cyberattack, but added that multiple servers in the intranet was infected.

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50. N. Korea likely hacked S. Korea cyber command: military

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 06

Seoul - North Korea appears to have hacked South Korea's cyber command in what could be the latest cyberattack against Seoul, the military here said Tuesday, . "It seems the intranet server of the cyber command has been contaminated with malware. We found that some military documents, including confidential information, have been hacked," an official at the Ministry of National Defense told Yonhap News Agency. He said that authorities suspect North Korea is behind the latest online infiltrations. The cyber command said it isolated the affected server from the whole network to avoid the spread of viruses. But it has yet to fully determine what data were leaked. It marked the first time that the data of South Korea's cyber command has been compromised. South Korea set up the command in January 2010 as part of its efforts to counter external hacking attempts on the country's military. North Korea -- which has thousands of cyberwarfare personnel -- has a track record of waging cyberattacks on South Korea and the United States in recent years, though it has flatly denied any involvement.

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51. S. Korea set for talks with U.S., China, Russia on N. Korea sanctions: top diplomat

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 06

Vienna - South Korea is scheduled to hold a series of high-level bilateral talks with the United States, China and Russia this month to discuss follow-up actions to the latest sanctions resolution by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) against North Korea, Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se said. "We are planning policy consultation meetings to tune the ways to deal with North Korea's fifth nuclear test and comprehensively discuss how to implement UNSC resolutions and how to assess North Korea's attitude and the possibility of the country's (additional) military provocations," Yun told Yonhap News Agency on Monday in Vienna, Austria, where he attended an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) conference. The separate meetings, which will each be held in the U.S., China and Russia, come as the countries start to implement Resolution 2321 adopted last week in response to North Korea's fifth atomic test on Sept. 9. The resolution focused on drying up North Korea's foreign currency earnings, mainly from its coal exports, in a bid to thwart the country's nuclear and missile programs. Separately, the top nuclear negotiators of South Korea and the U.S. are to hold talks in Seoul to coordinate their policy on the issue on Dec. 13.

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52. Tarek Fatah thrashed by Indian students (Canada).

The Express Tribune, 2016 12 06

Undisclosed placeline - The Pakistani-born Canadian writer Tarek Fatah was heckled and beaten by university students over his 'Khalistani' 'terrorist' name calling. According to the Indian Express, Fatah had been invited by the Panjab University for a talk over Balochistan where he informally interacted with the students. The writer's statements during the conversation hurt the sentiments of the students, spiralling the situation out of control. A PhD scholar in geography

Gagandeep Singh Dhillon was quoted by the newspaper as saying that Fatah mocked the librarian which sparked an argument. He then allegedly called names to other students during the argument. Fatah allegedly also told Dhillon that he was a 'Khalistani'. While he called another student from Kargil 'Pakistani terrorist' and 'anti-national'. Fatah, on the other hand, blamed the Congress Party's youth wing for the 'planned attack'. (Full Report).

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53. Moscow court extends arrest for Ukrainian national accused of plotting attacks in Crimea

ITAR-TASS World Service, Staff report, 2016 12 05

Moscow - Moscow's Lefortovo court on Monday extended until March 7 the term of arrest for another Ukrainian national accused of plotting acts of sabotage and terrorist attacks in Crimea, thus sustaining a motion of the FSB Federal Security Service, Tass reports. "The court ruled to sustain the motion and extend pre-trial restrictions for (Yevgeny) Panov as detention in custody until March 7 2017," judge Margarita Kotova voiced the court ruling. Also on Monday, the district court has extended the term of arrest for Ukrainian national Andrei Zakhtey accused of plotting acts of sabotage and terrorist attacks in Crimea. Thus, the Moscow Lefortovo district court sustained the motion of Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB). "The court ruled to uphold the investigators' motion and extend the arrest term for Andrei Zakhtey till March 7, 2017," Judge Margarita Kotova said. The court session was held behind closed doors.

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54. Trump's Russia ties unnerve Kiev

The Guardian (London), Shaun Walker, 2016 12 06

Kiev - Kiev was far from the only capital city in which the ruling elite reacted with alarm to the election of Donald Trump, but the Ukrainian government has more reason than most to fear the new US administration. The US president-elect made a number of positive comments about the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, during the campaign, and even suggested he might consider recognising Crimea, the territory annexed by Russia from Ukraine two years ago, as part of Russia. There has been talk of a "big deal" between Trump and Putin over Syria, which some have suggested could see Ukraine thrown under the bus. "Everybody was tearing their hair and running around like crazies," said Ukraine's deputy foreign minister, Vadym Prystaiko, of the first days after Trump's election victory. While the current US administration has stopped short of supplying Ukraine with lethal weapons to fight Russian intervention in the east of the country, it has been a strong supporter of Ukraine with financial aid, and has slapped sanctions on Russia in protest at its actions. With Trump in the White House, amid suggestions that Russian hacking may have been employed to help his cause during the campaign, many in Kiev fear they could be abandoned. "It's what everyone is talking about," said a European diplomat based in Kiev. "It's a pretty disturbing time for Ukraine." Michael McFaul, formerly the US ambassador to Russia,

declared when Trump was confirmed the winner of the election that Ukraine was "the biggest loser in the world tonight".

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55. China FM warns against obstruction of Iran nuclear deal

Press TV, 2016 12 06

Tehran - China has warned that no party to the 2015 nuclear agreement between Iran and world countries should allow its domestic upheavals to adversely affect its commitment to the accord. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi made the remarks in Beijing on Monday at a joint press conference with visiting Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif. Dubbed the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the nuclear accord came about in July 2015 between Iran on the one side, and the US, Britain, Russia, France and China plus Germany on the other. "Of course, implementation of the JCPOA is a long process and it is natural for problems and differences to occur along the course," Wang noted. "What is important is that all resolve whatever problem that may arise through negotiation and consultation in the light of the principle of commitment to the terms of the JCPOA."

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56. Iran can host intercontinental data network

Press TV, 2016 12 06

Tehran - Iran says it is ready to transit optical cables from Russia to China and India in a project which is expected to lead to the creation of an integrated internet service between the four countries. Iran's Minister of Communications and Information Technology Mahmoud Vaezi told a visiting Russian delegation that a similar optic line had already been installed from Germany to Oman through Iran. He added that the line would help increase the speed of internet services. Vaezi told the delegation that comprised representatives of Russian companies active in the information and communication technology (ICT) that Iran is ready to increase the level of cooperation between Russian and Iranian ICT companies. He emphasized that Iran has to the same effect already taken note of a directive by Russia's President Vladimir Putin for Russian enterprises to increase exports of ICT services in 2017.

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57. Mosul Areas Shelled as Iraq Steps up Fight against ISIS

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 12 06

Baghdad - Internationally-backed Iraqi forces have begun shelling parts of west Mosul. The offensive has been reported by local residents. Preparative attacks are carried out for opening up a new front against hardline militant group ISIS, seven weeks into a difficult campaign to drive the militants from the city. Federal police forces, stationed a few miles south of Mosul, on the

west bank of the Tigris River that divides the city, have long said they aim to advance towards the airport on the southwestern edge, reported Reuters. Military commanders hope that by opening a second front within the city they can increase pressure on the few thousand extremists who have deployed suicide bombers, snipers and militant cells against elite Iraqi troops in eastern districts. An audio statement from ISIS' new spokesman on Monday urged the militants in Tal Afar to stand their ground.

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58. New Islamic State spokesman seeks to rally Sunnis against Iran, West

Long War Journal, Thomas Joscelyn, 2016 12 06

Washington - The Islamic State's Furqan Media Foundation has released an audio message from the group's new spokesman, Abu al Hassan al Muhajir. Abu Muhammad al Adnani served as the organization's top propagandist for years until he was killed in an American airstrike in August. The Islamic State had not named a successor since then, meaning no jihadist had served in quite the same role as Adnani for more than three months. However, Muhajir picks up where Adnani left off, defiantly calling upon the Islamic State's members and supporters to fight on. He argues that the so-called caliphate's struggles are merely part of a divine test, which will separate the true believers from all others. Muhajir also threatens Turkey and Iran, while encouraging more terrorist attacks around the globe. Muhajir claims that all of his organization's many enemies are united in their desire to destroy the jihadists' caliphate. "Here are Crusader America and Europe, Communist Russia, and Magian Iran, with secular Turkey, atheist Kurds, Rawafidh [Shiites], Nusayris [a reference to Bashar al Assad's regime], Awakenings, militias, and the tyrants of the Arabs and their soldiers," Muhajir says, according to SITE's translation.

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59. Riyadh court sentences 15 Iran 'spies' to death

Arab News, Staff Report, 2016 12 06

Jeddah - Fifteen people who have been accused of spying for Iran were sentenced to death by the Specialized Criminal Court in Riyadh, local media reported on Tuesday. Fifteen other suspects were slapped prison terms ranging from six months to 25 years, while two of the accused were acquitted, Al-Riyadh newspaper said. The sentencing capped 10 months of trial, which started in February, Al-Arabiya network said, adding that 160 hearings were held. The convicts were among 32 people, including 30 Saudis, an Iranian and an Afghan, who were arrested in 2013 on spying charges, the network said. The rulings are subject to appeal, and death sentences have to be ratified by the king. During the hearings, prosecutors presented evidence showing that the suspects organized a spy ring, liaised and collaborated with Iranian intelligence agent and were also accused of meeting Iran's Supreme leader Ali Khamenei.

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60. After five frosty years, Israeli ambassador returns to Turkey

Times of Israel, Raphael Ahren, 2016 12 06

Jerusalem - Israel's new ambassador to Turkey on Monday handed his letter of credence to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, hailing a "new phase" in bilateral ties. Eitan Na'eh is Israel's first ambassador in Ankara in half a decade. Taking to Twitter moments after the ceremony concluded, Na'eh said, in English and Turkish, that he was "very pleased" to present his credentials to Erdogan and "to start a new phase in our relationship in between two countries." Na'eh, who had been stationed in Ankara in the 1990s, arrived in Turkey on Thursday. "I am very happy to be back in Turkey as ambassador. We have a lot of work to do," he told reporters at the airport. Turkey was among the several states that sent planes and other equipment to help Israel extinguish over 1,000 wildfires across the country. Na'eh's appointment marks the end of a six-year standoff between the countries that started with the Israeli army's raid on the 2010 Gaza-bound Mavi Marmara.

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61. Army destroys terrorists' positions

Syria Times, 2016 12 06

Provinces - Army Armed Forces units, along with the Syrian Air Force, carried out operations on Monday targeting Takfiri terrorist groups in several areas across the country, SANA reported. A military source said that army units destroyed 4 vehicles for ISIS terrorists in Mashrafit Abu Jabar in the eastern countryside of Aleppo. The source also said that army operations in Hmaimeh village resulted in killing a number of terrorists from ISIS and destroying a bulldozer they had been using. A military source said that the Syrian Air Force carried out intensified airstrikes on the terrorist organizations' hideouts in Atshan, Taybet al-Imam, al-Latameneh, Skaik, Kafr Zaita, Latmin, al-Saiyad, Mourek, al-Zalaqiyat, al-Zakat and al-Lahaya, north of Hama city. The source added that the airstrikes resulted in killing and injuring a number of the terrorists and destroyed a number of their positions and vehicles, including tanks, armored vehicles, and machinegun-equipped vehicles.

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62. Government departments to use facial recognition and iris scans in two years

The National (UAE), Caline Malek, 2016 12 06

Dubai - There is only one you - and if fingerprints don't prove it, facial-recognition and iris scans will. Those two methods will be used by government departments to identify customers within two years, the Emirates Identity Authority says. "Iris scans and facial recognition are very important add-ons to our system," said Shukri Al Braiki, a director at the authority. "You use biometrics to ensure that you avoid duplicating a record, which means issuing more than one ID number to the same person. "We avoid that through fingerprints but when you depend on one factor in biometrics, there is always room for error. So the accuracy is 99.5 to 99.8 per cent but that could increase to 99.95 per cent if you have several biometric technologies." Iris scans and

fingerprints are already in use for travellers at airports. The authority started using fingerprints in 2005. "But the challenge for any new system is enrolling new customers," Mr Al Braiki said.

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63. Ransomed: The Race to Free 226 Christian Hostages in Syria (Canada)

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 12 06

Saarlouis, Germany - Deep inside Syria, a bishop worked secretly to save the lives of 226 members of his flock from the Islamic State group - - by amassing millions of dollars from his community around the world to buy their freedom. The Assyrian Christians were seized from the Khabur River valley in northern Syria, among the last holdouts of a minority that had been chased across the Mideast for generations. On Feb. 23, 2015, IS fighters attacked 35 Christian towns simultaneously, sweeping up scores of people. It took more than a year, and videotaped killings of three captives, before all the rest were freed. Paying ransoms is illegal in the United States and most of the West, and the idea of giving money to the Islamic State group is morally fraught, even for those who saw no alternative. "You look at it from the moral side and I get it. If we give them money we're just feeding into it, and they're going to kill using that money," said Aneki Nissan, who helped raise funds in Canada. But "to us, we're such a small minority that we have to help each other."

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64. Security Model to Detect Future Smart Threats

Khaleej Times, 2016 12 06

Dubai - Senior police leaders and researchers in the field of future anticipation and smart cities recommended the building of an advanced security model that is capable of anticipating future security challenges and threats, considering the increase in smart digital transformation. The recommendation was made at the end of the Fifth Scientific Forum for the Ministry of Interior's Research and Decision-Making Centers (MoIRDC) held at the Police Officers Club in Dubai, under the patronage of Lt General HH Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior. Participants also recommended setting up of security policies and criteria regulating the use of modern equipment and technology in smart cities, and urging the concerned authorities to form a higher national committee for the implementation of an integrated plan, to enhance cybersecurity in smart cities.

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65. Terrorists on motorcycles: IDF simulates cross-border attacks in Gaza Division drill

Times of Israel, Judah Ari Gross, 2016 12 06

Jerusalem - Hundreds of IDF troops conducted a large-scale exercise on the Gaza border Tuesday, testing the army's preparedness against terror attacks emanating from the coastal enclave, including the possibility of gunmen on motorcycles, a military official said. The drill, led by the IDF's Gaza Division, included the evacuation of a school in the Eshkol region, as well

as a test of how the army would respond to infiltrations into Israeli communities and to attacks on troops and military outposts near Gaza. "It simulates a number of scenarios where the division would have to go from 'routine' to 'emergency,'" the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. One such scenario was derived from a real-life incident from the 2014 Gaza war, known in Israel as Operative Protective Edge, in which motorbikes were discovered in a cross-border attack tunnel.

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66. "La DGSE a besoin de rassurer les Français sur la légitimité de ses actions"

Le Point, Jean Guisnel, 2016 12 06

Paris - Aux Invalides, l'exposition Guerres secrètes, qui mêle de manière inédite réalité et fiction, rencontre un grand succès public. Interview. Le général Christian Baptiste dirige le musée de l'Armée, à l'hôtel national des Invalides. C'est un très beau succès, nous avons bon espoir qu'à l'issue, nous aurons dépassé les cent mille visiteurs. Avec mon équipe, nous y voyons le résultat d'une grande appétence du public pour ce sujet, sans doute du fait de la brutalisation de la société et de la montée du terrorisme. C'est une exposition à laquelle on peut venir en famille : les objets présentés font le bonheur des jeunes, tandis que tous les documents et les témoignages d'acteurs ou de politiques font progresser la réflexion de ceux qui peuvent être plus familiers du sujet.

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67. Europeans who live here to be given identity cards

London Times, Richard Ford, 2016 12 06

London - Millions of EU nationals living in the UK will need to be issued with some form of identity card to remain in the country after Brexit, the home secretary has admitted. Amber Rudd told MPs that the government would introduce the documents in a "phased approach". The Liberal Democrats said that registering and issuing documents to more than three million Europeans in the UK could cost the taxpayer up to £100 million and require an extra 3,000 officials. Hilary Benn, chairman of the Brexit select committee, said the documents would be needed so that employers and landlords could distinguish between those EU citizens who had the right to be here and those who did not. Tom Brake, the Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman, said that the processing would add "roughly 10 per cent to the Home Office workload".

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68. Genève affine sa stratégie pour lutter contre la radicalisation

Le Temps (Suisse), Laure Lugon Zugravu, 2016 12 06

Genève - Djihad Le canton réagit face aux phénomènes de radicalisation. Si l'outil de prévention est désormais opérationnel, une approche éducative a été mise en place pour prendre en charge les voyageurs du djihad qui rentreront. A Genève, 340 cas de radicalisation ont été signalés depuis 2014 par le Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC), soit 19 de plus qu'en juin. Parmi eux, 35 sont suivis car ils présentent un danger pour la sécurité intérieure. Ces gens ne résident pas forcément à Genève, mais y travaillent ou y ont une vie sociale, note Monica Bonfanti, cheffe de la police. Genève n'a pas enregistré de nouveau départ depuis juin, où cinq départs étaient recensés. « Cette fois, nous avons un coup d'avance et non un coup de retard comme l'an dernier! » C'est plutôt satisfait que le conseiller d'Etat genevois chargé de la Sécurité, Pierre Maudet, a présenté lundi à la presse le dispositif pour lutter contre les phénomènes de radicalisation, une année après ses premiers balbutiements.

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69. Government finalizes draft work for restructuring of Turkish intelligence

Daily Sabah, Staff report, 2016 12 06

Ankara - As part of the constitutional change to switch from a parliamentary system to a presidential one, the government has finalized its draft work on the restructuring of Turkey's intelligence unit. In that respect, once the system of governance has shifted to a presidential system, the head and coordinator of the intelligence unit will be the Presidency, with the unit referred to as the "National Security Directorate." The restructuring of the intelligence unit was brought to attention by Prime Minister Binali Yildirim shortly after the Gülenist Terror Group's (FETÖ) July 15 coup attempt. Prime Minister Yildirim had initially said that the National Intelligence Organization (MIT) would be restructured and domestic intelligence would be handled by a separate unit, putting foreign intelligence under the MIT umbrella. Explaining that MIT monitors intelligence sharing between the police, gendarmerie and other institutions, Yildirim said, "Today's need is the compilation of domestic intelligence under one entity. Foreign intelligence will continue to be compiled under the MIT." Furthermore, the National Security Directorate will have similar features to the U.S. national intelligence unit, with the directorate under the Presidency and the national security director appointed by the Presidency as well. The intelligence unit, in that respect, will not only serve as the overseer of the aforementioned gendarmerie, local police and intelligence units but also function as coordinator among them. However, if the system is not changed to a presidential one, the directorate will operate under the Prime Ministry. It is almost definite that domestic and foreign intelligence are going to be separated into two different units while the MIT will be in charge of foreign intelligence, like the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in the U.S. The Signal Intelligence Division which was formerly under the control of the General Staff of Electronic Systems' Command and is currently operating under the MIT. That will change with a presidential system, in which the division would be operated under the National Security Directorate.

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70. Les géants du Web s'associent contre le terrorisme en ligne

Le Figaro, Lucie Ronfaut, 2016 12 06

Non identifié - Facebook, YouTube et d'autres ont créé une base de données commune pour faciliter les signalements. Internet Il est rare que les géants du Web s'associent sur un projet. Lundi soir, Facebook, Microsoft, Twitter et YouTube (propriété de Google) ont annoncé le lancement d'un nouvel outil commun pour supprimer plus rapidement les images ou les vidéos encourageant à des actes de terrorisme. Les quatre entreprises vont alimenter une base de données qui recensera les contenus de ce genre, afin de faciliter leur modération. Le sujet de la lutte contre la propagande terroriste empoisonne les relations entre les États et les géants du Web. Ces derniers sont régulièrement accusés de ne pas en faire assez pour lutter contre la propagande terroriste. Les grandes plateformes en ligne interdisent déjà pourtant ce genre d'images et de vidéos violentes. Néanmoins, l'application de ces règles est complexe. La plupart des réseaux sociaux appliquent une modération a posteriori : il faut qu'un utilisateur leur signale un contenu problématique pour qu'il soit contrôlé et éventuellement supprimé.

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71. TES, un mégafichier controversé?

La Croix, Frédérique Schneider, 2016 12 06

Paris - La création d'un fichier regroupant les données personnelles des Français, défendue par le gouvernement au nom de la lutte contre les fraudes, est contestée en raison des risques pour les libertés publiques. TES, pour « Titres électroniques sécurisés ». Derrière cet acronyme, c'est le projet d'un immense fichier, qui doit rassembler les données biométriques - identité, couleur des yeux, domicile, photo, empreinte digitale - de près de 60 millions de Français. Du jamais-vu! L'objectif est de réunir les détenteurs d'un passeport et d'une carte d'identité en un seul fichier. Mais ses détracteurs - la Commission nationale informatique et libertés (Cnil) en tête - ont affiché leur crainte pour les libertés publiques. Au ministère de l'intérieur, on assure qu'en aucun cas le fichier ne pourra servir à l'identification des personnes. TES, explique le gouvernement, doit élargir le fichier qui existe déjà pour les passeports biométriques aux cartes d'identité, et est donc un moyen de lutte contre la fraude documentaire.

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72. Un suivi à la fois sécuritaire et social

Tribune de Genève, S.R., 2016 12 06

Genève - Conscient des risques liés à la radicalisation, Genève maintient ses efforts en matière de sécurité et de prévention (lire ci-dessus). Des mesures d'accompagnement de personnes radicalisées ont notamment été annoncées hier, lors de la troisième conférence de presse du genre organisée en un an, suite aux attentats de Paris. « La Suisse n'est pas un îlot et la menace reste élevée ici aussi », rappelle Paul Zinniker, vice-directeur du Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC), devant les médias. « Nous prenons très au sérieux les menaces, sans céder à la terreur, livre Pierre Maudet, chef du Département de la sécurité et de l'économie (DSE).

Nous avons plus un coup d'avance qu'un coup de retard désormais. En un an, nous avons développé une prise en charge globale des phénomènes de radicalisation. »

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1. Canada's surveillance state rolls along

Toronto Star, Brian Alexander, 2016 12 07

Letter to editor: Step up on press freedom, Editorial Dec. 3 I hope the Federal Court of Canada invites the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) to further explain the spying on

journalists it may have conducted in the past. While the court may indeed have provided a warrant for such actions - a troubling development by itself - CSIS also has a record of misleading the court about its intentions, breaching its duty of candour. The most decisive court in the land, which should support Sen. Claude Carignan's private member's bill establishing stronger protections for journalists and their sources, is the conviction of Canadians. Unfortunately, too many of us have acquiesced to the emergence of a surveillance state in our nation. Many feel they have nothing to fear from expansive surveillance because they have nothing to hide. In the eyes of the surveillance state, your opinions about your innocence count for nothing. You won't know whether you have been spied on or what conclusions have been drawn. You won't know you are a target for "disruptive" actions, permitted by the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2015. Consider now whether you would say the same things to the same people if you knew CSIS might be listening. Would you tell a journalist about government corruption you found at your workplace? If you paused to think about your answer, you have discovered the value of privacy and her twin sister, freedom. The two are never found apart. Brian Alexander, Mississauga

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2. Kellie Leitch has a plan to crack down on and surveil protesters who disrupt pipeline projects

Vice News, Rachel Browne, 2016 12 07

Conservative party leadership contender Kellie Leitch wants to crack down on and surveil those who interfere with natural resource development projects in Canada. "There is a place for legitimate protest, but we will lock up the agitators and activists who resort to vandalism and violence when they do not get their way," Leitch wrote Tuesday morning on Facebook, the medium she uses for most of her campaign communications. In that post, she pledged her support for the Energy East pipeline -- which would carry more than one million barrels of crude per day from Alberta to New Brunswick -- and insists that she'll use Canada's national policing and spying agencies to make sure it goes off without a hitch. "We will build this pipeline and we will build Canada," she wrote. Leitch outlined a five-point plan to quash "violence and/or vandalism" against Energy East and other natural resource projects. Perhaps most striking is her plan to create a "new task force" made up of "specialized components" of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), Canada's main spy agency, the Canadian Revenue Agency, and Global Affairs Canada. Government surveillance of Indigenous and environmentalist protesters is not new, but is always controversial. CSIS and the RCMP have been chastised for infiltrating, tracking, and surveilling peaceful activists. The spy agency came under fire for preparing national security plans in case peaceful Indigenous protests "escalated." And last month it was revealed that the RCMP was conducting surveillance on 89 Indigenous activists for their involvement in environmental efforts. Leitch's proposals would clearly turn up the dial on that sort of surveillance.

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3. Lesson 1: Make the passport a shield

Toronto Star, Michelle Shephard and Mitch Potter, 2016 12 07

First you are taken hostage. Then you are taken swimming. And fed well. And given very good cigars. And sent home a few weeks later none the worse for wear. Improbable as it sounds in the age of beheadings, that is precisely how the modern era of international kidnapping began in the summer of 1958 when Cuban revolutionaries Fidel and Raul Castro snatched 41 American and Canadian hostages. The late Harold Kristianson of Geraldton, Ont., was among them. His family filled the Toronto Star in on this little-known chapter of Canadian kidnapping history, describing how "Uncle Harold came out smiling." It was front-page news: an audacious act of propaganda to put the brewing Castro revolution on everyone's map. The hostages ultimately were set free, describing it as more vacation than abduction. Similar tales would pop up in the decades leading to the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. In Yemen, a culture of hospitality dictated that kidnapers treat hostages as guests - even if they were unwilling ones. Captives were mere bargaining chips traded between tribes, and stories abound of hostages told they were free and not wanting to leave just quite yet. There is, of course, nothing even remotely as benign today. As this Star series has shown, 21st-century kidnappings of Canadians abroad bring a world of hurt for the families back home. And Ottawa's broken response all too often adds to the pain. Ellis at the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, says any employer that demands that staff travel to dangerous areas has a duty to prep them for the possibility of kidnappings. "Occupational safety regulations should hold employers to account. If a worker goes in a mine, it is inspected for safety. If Canadians travel abroad to locations where they could face risk, they should be provided with training and awareness to increase their preparedness and thus safety." Ellis now works as a security consultant and has helped families of Canadians detained abroad on a pro bono basis. He suggests insurance companies must also be held to better account if a hostage has what's known as K&R insurance (kidnap and ransom). "Payments need to be made available to victims' families quickly and completely," he says.

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4. Privacy commissioners urge Ottawa to be careful on defeating encryption

It World Canada, Howard Solomon, 2016 12 07

Parliament should be cautious before passing laws forcing organizations and people to open encryption systems, say Canada's privacy commissioners. In a unanimous submission Tuesday to the federal government's public consultation on Canada's national security framework, the federal, provincial and territorial commissioners urged Ottawa to look for "technical solutions which might support discrete, lawfully authorized access to specific encrypted devices, as opposed to imposing general legislative requirements. At the same time, an open dialogue with the technical community, industry, civil society and privacy experts including the OPC (office of the privacy commissioner) could provide valuable input. "However, if the government feels that a legislative solution is required, we believe that amendments should reflect and articulate the principles of necessity and proportionality, so as to narrow how much information is decrypted, and that such extraordinary measures should be used as a last resort." Organizations and residents have until Dec. 15 to file submissions to the government. Because metadata can reveal personal information Parliament might direct the collection of metadata should be a last resort, the report suggests, or limited to serious crimes where public safety interests may outweigh potential risks to privacy. Ottawa should reconsider provisions under Bill C-51 that allow federal departments to share personal information deemed merely "relevant" to the detection of new

security threats. "Setting such a low standard is a key reason the risks to law abiding citizens are excessive," federal privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien said in a statement. "If 'strictly necessary' is adequate for CSIS (the Canadian Security Intelligence Service) to collect, analyze and retain information, it is unclear to us why this cannot be adopted for all departments and agencies involved in national security.

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5. Security shouldn't trump privacy, watchdogs say

Toronto Star, Alex Boutilier, 2016 12 07

Ottawa - Privacy watchdogs from across the country have come together to challenge proposals to expand police and intelligence agencies' powers. Federal privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien told a press conference Tuesday that state spying and investigative powers have "already been significantly increased" in recent years. The RCMP have recently undertaken a public push for more powers to investigate online crime, arguing privacy-protecting software and laws are preventing them from catching criminals. But Therrien suggested the balance is actually tipped in police agencies' favour, and argued for greater legal safeguards to protect Canadians' privacy. "In my view, this is not the time to further expand state powers and reduce individual rights," Therrien said in a statement. "Rather, it is time to enhance both legal standards and oversight to ensure we do not repeat past mistakes and that we ultimately achieve real balance between security and respect for basic individual rights." The commissioner's comments come as the Liberals wrap up a months-long consultation on Canada's national security apparatus. The Liberals have pledged to repeal "problematic" elements of the previous Conservative government's controversial terrorism law, Bill C-51, and have promised to put in place meaningful oversight for the country's 17 national security agencies. Therrien, along with his provincial and territorial counterparts, released a 20-page proposal Tuesday arguing for greater legal safeguards for Canadians' private information, concrete rules around information sharing between government agencies and greater powers for his office to review the activities of law enforcement and intelligence agencies. Therrien said very recent history has shown intelligence agencies, despite good intentions, need to be held in check. He pointed to a recent Federal Court ruling that found CSIS illegally kept information on innocent Canadians for almost a decade, in the hope it may shed light on national security investigations at some point.

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6. Spies should not be allowed to keep innocent people's data, privacy czars say

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 12 07

Ottawa - Canada's spy agencies should destroy the data trails of innocent people they incidentally collect during terrorism investigations once the actual targets have been cleared of suspicion, say Canada's privacy watchdogs. The declaration Tuesday from privacy commissioners across the country came after a judge recently ruled the Canadian Security Intelligence Service violated the law by keeping potentially revealing electronic data about people who were not under investigation. The message was part of a joint submission signed by federal, provincial and territorial privacy czars that urged the Trudeau government to strengthen

protection of personal information as it revamps the national security regime. Rather than expand state powers and reduce individual rights, it is time to beef up legal standards and oversight to prevent repetition of mistakes, said federal privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien, flanked at a news conference by counterparts Brian Beamish from Ontario and Jean Chartier of Quebec. They urged the government to learn lessons from the information-sharing blunders that led to the overseas torture of Maher Arar following 9/11 and the current uproar over surveillance of journalists in Quebec. "National security agencies have an important and difficult mandate in protecting all Canadians from terrorist threats and we believe they generally strive to do their work in a way that respects human rights," says the submission. "But history has shown us that serious human rights abuses can occur, not only abroad but in Canada, in the name of national security." Just last month a Federal Court judge said CSIS broke the law by holding on to electronic data, over a 10-year period, about people who were not considered a danger to national security. CSIS processed the data beginning in 2006 through its Operational Data Analysis Centre to produce intelligence that can disclose intimate details about individuals.

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7. Surveillance: les commissaires à la vie privée demandent un meilleur encadrement de la police

La Presse (site web), Vincent Brousseau-Pouliot, 2016 12 06

Ottawa - Citant les révélations d'Edward Snowden et les cas de journalistes surveillés au Québec, les commissaires à la protection de la vie privée du pays mettent le gouvernement Trudeau en garde: au lieu de donner de nouveaux pouvoirs aux corps policiers, Ottawa doit plutôt mieux encadrer les pouvoirs policiers existants en matière de surveillance. «Sans vouloir faire comparaison» avec les services de renseignement des ex- républiques de l'Europe de l'est, le commissaire Daniel Therrien rappelle toutefois une décision récente de la Cour fédérale dénonçant le fait que le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) a conservé de façon illégale pendant plusieurs années des métadonnées de citoyens canadiens (le SCRS interprétait la loi différemment et s'est plié à la décision de la Cour fédérale). «Nous parlons ici de retenir des données de citoyens ordinaires. Je ne crois pas que c'est le type de société dans laquelle [les Canadiens] veulent vivre», dit le commissaire Daniel Therrien.

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8. Vie privée - Plaidoyer pour une surveillance surveillée

Le Devoir, Hélène Buzzetti, 2016 12 07

Ottawa - Après une décennie d'élargissement des outils policiers de lutte contre le terrorisme, l'heure est à la consolidation des garde-fous citoyens. Les 13 commissaires à la protection de la vie privée du Canada adressent à Ottawa un mémoire commun dans lequel ils l'invitent à " tirer des leçons " des révélations d'Edward Snowden et de la surveillance récente de journalistes québécois. Le gouvernement est en voie de mettre sur pied un comité de parlementaires qui auraient le mandat de surveiller les agences de surveillance du Canada. Le commissaire Therrien applaudit l'idée, mais l'estime insuffisante. Il existe 17 organismes autorisés à recueillir des informations de sécurité sur les citoyens canadiens, mais seulement 3 sont encadrés par un chien

de garde leur étant propre (par exemple le CSARS qui surveille le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité, le SCRS).

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9. 'He's been freed, thank God'

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 12 07

Toronto - A Canadian military veteran who had been detained by Iraqi authorities after spending six months fighting ISIL has been released, his mother said Tuesday. "He's been freed, thank God," Kay Kennedy said shortly after her son, Michael Kennedy, phoned home from Erbil to say he was no longer being held. "I am so happy you couldn't imagine." She said he told her he had been detained with three Americans and two Germans over travel visa problems. While Kennedy had a valid Iraqi visa, his travelling companions did not. When Iraqi authorities arrested the Americans and Germans, Kennedy insisted they take him as well. "He did not want to let his group end up in prison without him," she said, adding the others remained in their cell but expected to be released soon and that all would be home by Christmas. A Royal Canadian Navy veteran, Kennedy, 32, is one of hundreds of international volunteers fighting alongside Kurdish militias on the front lines against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

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10. 1907: A Canadian MP and Russian Spy Is Born

Haaretz, David B. Green, 2016 12 07

Jerusalem - December 7, 1907, is the birthdate of Fred Rose, the Canadian labor organizer and politician who was the first and only member of that country's parliament to be convicted of foreign espionage. As a communist, the first to be elected to the national legislature, there doesn't seem much doubt that Rose was indeed involved in passing information on to the Soviet Union, during World War II, when it and Canada were allies. At age 18, Fred, as he now called himself, joined the Young Communist League, and soon after that, the Communist Party of Canada itself. By 1928, he was under surveillance by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, not as a potential spy, but out of concern for revolutionary activity, especially among Jews. Files from the time show that the RCMP was even looking into the question of how he might be stripped of his citizenship. But with the end of WWII and start of the Cold War, solidarity with the USSR had turned into suspicion.

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11. Carr dials back military response, says Liberals 'embrace' pipeline dissent

Canadian Press, Bruce Cheadle, 2016 12 07

Ottawa - The Liberal government is going out of its way to downplay the prospect of violent confrontations at oil pipeline protests. Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr, who set off days of

consternation by suggesting "defence forces" might respond to non-peaceful protests, didn't have to be asked Tuesday before once again announcing that the government "embraces" dissent. "The point I wanted to make was that one of those characteristics of Canada that makes us such a special country is that we have not only tolerance for dissent but we embrace dissent, because it is an essential characteristic of who we are to be Canadian," Carr told reporters gathered outside a Liberal cabinet meeting. "And I also wanted to make the point that civil disobedience and peaceful protest is very much a part of our history and I should have left it at that." His comments came as Justin Trudeau was attending an Assembly of First Nations meeting, where some chiefs had threatened to walk out of the prime minister's speech over an ill-advised Carr comment about "defence forces" and pipeline protests. Some First Nations and environmental groups have promised major demonstrations over the Liberal government's controversial decision last week to approve the expansion of Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain oil pipeline from Alberta into suburban Vancouver.

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12. Former Newfoundland soldier released from Iraqi prison, mother says

Canadian Press, Staff reporter, 2016 12 07

A Newfoundland military veteran arrested in northern Iraq last week has been released from prison, his mother says. Kay Kennedy told VOXM radio that her son, Michael, was released Tuesday. Her son had been arrested in Erbil in northern Iraq while taking part in what his mother called a humanitarian mission. A friend of his confirmed via text message he had been arrested after returning from northern Syria. Kennedy said her son would not leave others he was travelling with when they were arrested for visa infractions, even though his visa had not expired. He will be back in Newfoundland for Christmas, she said. Federal cabinet minister Judy Foote confirmed Monday that Kennedy was in good health as Canadian Embassy officials worked to win his release. The stress of having a son in a war zone is nothing new for Kennedy. On April 8, 2007, her son Kevin was one of six Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan when their light armoured vehicle struck a roadside bomb. The six were all members of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment based at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown in New Brunswick.

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13. Habib had combat manuals on computers, trial hears

Montreal Gazette, Staff reporter, 2016 12 07

Montreal - The trial of Ismael Habib, a 29-yearold man accused of trying to leave Canada to commit terrorist acts abroad heard Tuesday what RCMP investigators recovered from the computers seized in the wake of their investigation. Maxime Embury-Larocque, a member of the RCMP's Integrated National Security Enforcement Team, told the court that two tablet computers seized from a residence in Gatineau last February contained several pictures of the accused, one showing him what appeared to be military fatigues and carrying a knife on his hip while the other depicted him wearing a black T-shirt that Embury-Larocque believed bore the inscription of the Muslim shahada - the acknowledgement of the oneness of God and of

Muhammed as his prophet - in Arabic script. A check of the computers also revealed the name Alexandre Fortin, Embury-Larocque said, the same name on a driver's licence in Habib's possession when he was arrested, although the licence bore Habib's photo. The court also heard that searches of Habib's computers also yielded PDF files of combat training manuals as well as covers from Inspire, an online magazine perceived as a propaganda and recruitment tool used by al Qaeda terror network. Embury-Larocque noted that most of the online links found on the computer no longer existed, although investigators were able to extract an apparent record of an online conversation between two persons, one of whom identified himself as "Stéphane Leclair," a false name the correspondent said he used for security reasons.

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14. Kurdish authorities defend detention of Canadian Michael Kennedy

CBC News, Staff reporter, 2016 12 07

Michael Kennedy's decision to travel to Syria with Kurdish forces ultimately got him into trouble with authorities in Iraq and contributed to his extended detention, says a senior official in the Kurdish regional government. The former Canadian soldier has now been released after almost a week in custody, but his story is a dramatic illustration of how severe both the Iraqis and Kurdish officials have become about border security. According to his mother, Kennedy was arrested along with five other foreign fighters, who had expired visas. Kay Kennedy says her son's visa was still valid and he voluntarily entered custody in order to stay with the group. "Michael would not let them go to prison without him," she told CBC News. "He said there was no way he was letting them end up in prison and he abandon them. He was given the option not to be taken into custody, but he refused it." But Kurdish authorities, while not disputing the account, say Kennedy's side-trip into Syria was a serious violation that warranted his detention.

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15. Military pondering future of Iraq mission as ISIL appears set to go underground

Canadian Press, Lee Berthiaume, 2016 12 07

Ottawa - Canada's mission in Iraq is set to undergo another transformation after the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant is driven from the city of Mosul, which is expected to see the extremist group turn into a more traditional insurgency. Senior military commanders have been weighing possible options amid warnings that ISIL will resort to suicide attacks and other terror tactics in Iraq after it loses control of its last population centre in the country. There is also the question, however unlikely, of whether Canadian troops will end up in Syria, where U.S.-backed rebels have been advancing on ISIL's de facto capital of Raqqa. Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan said last week that the Liberal government currently has no plans to deploy forces into Syria, but he left the door open to Canada joining other allies if such a course of action is decided upon. "Our efforts right now are in Iraq," Sajjan told the House of Commons committee last week. "If the situation in Syria does change, we will always assess a situation based on consultations with our allies. However, right now we do not have, or intend to have, any involvement in Syria." Canadian troops have spent the past seven weeks working with Kurdish forces as they and Iraqi

government troops have moved to liberate Mosul from ISIL, which seized Iraq's second-largest city in June 2014.

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16. Privacy watchdogs oppose access to encryption-bypassing investigation tools

Globe and Mail, Daniel Leblanc, 2016 12 07

Ottawa - Canada's 14 privacy commissioners have formed a united front to argue that an ongoing review of the country's national-security regime should not lead to increased powers to break through encryption devices or to gather more personal information on law-abiding citizens. Led by federal Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien, the group is arguing that police and security agencies have yet to make a clear case for new tools to investigate terrorists and criminals. According to the watchdogs, ordinary Canadians stand to be the main victims of any new powers awarded to law-enforcement authorities. "This is not the time to further expand state powers and reduce individual rights," Mr. Therrien said at a news conference in Ottawa on Tuesday, flanked by his Ontario and Quebec counterparts. "This is the time to enhance both legal standards and oversight to ensure we do not repeat past mistakes and achieve real balance between security and respect for basic individual rights." Mr. Therrien and all provincial and territorial privacy commissioners have signed on to a joint submission to the federal government's ongoing public consultation on Canada's national-security framework. The submission states that many mistakes were made by countries around the world after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, leading to a new regime of "mass surveillance." "We have seen too many cases of inappropriate and sometimes illegal conduct by state officials that have impacted on the rights of ordinary citizens not suspected of criminal or terrorist activities," Mr. Therrien said.

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17. Privacy watchdogs urge caution with encryption laws

CBC News, Matthew Braga, 2016 12 07

Ottawa - Privacy watchdogs from across Canada warned the government on Tuesday to "proceed cautiously" before passing encryption legislation -- a move that would have the potential to undermine the security of everything from financial transactions to online communication. The warning comes at a time when government and law enforcement agencies have been seeking the ability to access encrypted information, the lack of which they see as a growing investigative problem. However, both privacy and cryptography experts have long warned that efforts to weaken or defeat encryption for police puts the security of all users at risk. The government is currently soliciting feedback and holding public consultations on this and other national security issues, as part of its pledge to repeal the "problematic elements" of Bill C-51. In a submission to Public Safety Canada, Canada's Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien and his colleagues warned against introducing any legislation aimed squarely at encryption, as well as other proposed powers that police do not currently have. "The government should only propose and Parliament should only approve new state powers if they are demonstrated to be necessary and proportionate -- not merely convenient," Therrien said in a prepared statement to reporters Tuesday morning in Ottawa. The statement was also posted to the commissioner's website.

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18. Trudeau cabinet expected to debate renewed Ukraine mission

CBC News, Murray Brewster, 2016 12 07

Ottawa - The Liberal government signalled to its allies that it is prepared to extend Canada's military training mission in Ukraine, CBC News has learned. A series of senior Ukrainian government officials visited Ottawa over the last few weeks, warning of the dangers of warming frosty relations with Russia. But they have also lobbied for renewed Canadian assistance beyond March 2017, when the current deployment is set to expire. Several sources, with knowledge of the file who could not speak publicly, said there is a clear intention for Canada to remain, but the size, scope and composition of the force is yet to be determined and the federal cabinet has yet to give its blessing. Last summer, President Petro Poroshenko made a personal pitch to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Kyiv to extend the deployment of 200 Canadian troops, who have been providing advanced combat course to ordinary Ukrainian soldiers. Trudeau was, at the time, non-committal. He would only say Canada, in concert with allies, was prepared "to continue to be steadfast in support of Ukraine." Ukraine Interior Minister Arsen Avakov met on Monday with Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale, where the two discussed Canada's commitment to police training and judicial reform, among other things.

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19. American and British Spy Agencies Targeted In-Flight Mobile Phone Use

The Intercept/Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 12 07

Paris - In the trove of documents provided by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden is a treasure. It begins with a riddle: "What do the President of Pakistan, a cigar smuggler, an arms dealer, a counterterrorism target, and a combatting proliferation target have in common? They all used their everyday GSM phone during a flight." This riddle appeared in 2010 in SIDtoday, the internal newsletter of the NSA's Signals Intelligence Directorate, or SID, and it was classified "top secret." It announced the emergence of a new field of espionage that had not yet been explored: the interception of data from phone calls made on board civil aircraft. In a separate internal document from a year earlier, the NSA reported that 50,000 people had already used their mobile phones in flight as of December 2008, a figure that rose to 100,000 by February 2009. The NSA attributed the increase to "more planes equipped with in-flight GSM capability, less fear that a plane will crash due to making/receiving a call, not as expensive as people thought." The sky seemed to belong to the agency. In a 2012 presentation, Government Communications Headquarters, or GCHQ, the British equivalent of the NSA, in turn disclosed a program called "Southwinds," which was used to gather all the cellular activity, voice communication, data, metadata, and content of calls on board commercial aircraft. The document, designated "top secret strap," one of the highest British classification levels, said the program was still restricted to the regions covered by satellites from British telecommunications provider Inmarsat: Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. GCHQ responded to Le Monde with a statement that it does not comment on intelligence matters and that its activities are "authorized,

necessary and proportionate" and "entirely compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights." NSA declined to comment.

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20. Ex-CIA official on Trump, Flynn: 'I'm watching a clown show'

Politico, Cristiano Lima, 2016 12 07

Washington - Former CIA official Philip Mudd excoriated President-elect Donald Trump and his national security adviser on CNN Tuesday night, calling the Trump transition "a clown show." Mudd, a counterterrorism analyst for CNN, denounced retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn for leading calls to imprison Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton during the presidential campaign and for past incendiary remarks about Muslims. The former CIA and FBI official also contrasted the Trump transition with that of former GOP presidents. "We have a history of remarkable servants in the Oval Office and in the Situation Room under Republican presidents," Mudd told CNN's Wolf Blitzer on "The Situation Room." "We transition now to a national security adviser in a political realm who argues that opponent on the stump should be locked up in prison and who argues that a billion-plus Muslims should be grouped together."

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21. Into the dark world of espionage

Jerusalem Post, George Medovoy, 2016 12 07

Washington - The shiny green Jaguar XKR greeted me in the lobby of the International Spy Museum, which is housed in a restored 19th-century building in downtown Washington. The prized car, driven by the villain of the 2002 James Bond movie Die Another Day, looked as striking as it did in the film, but it had a new role now: building curiosity about the dark world of espionage. As the greeting on the lobby wall announced: For your eyes only. Entry beyond this point is on a need-to-know basis. Who needs to know? All who would understand the world, all who would glimpse the unseen hands that touch our lives." Within the museum is a large collection of international espionage artifacts, and there are special exhibits, too, like Exquisitely Evil: 50 Years of Bond Villains," which was on display during my visit.

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22. Les services américains et britanniques ont espionné les appels passés à bord des vols Air France

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 12 07

Non identifié - La NSA et son homologue anglais peuvent capter toutes les données, y compris les codes secrets, des communications des passagers de la plupart des grandes compagnies aériennes. Dont Air France. Dans l'immense stock d'archives extraites par Edward Snowden, l'ancien consultant de l'Agence nationale de sécurité américaine (NSA), c'est une pépite. Elle débute par une devinette: «Quel est le point commun entre le président du Pakistan, un trafiquant de cigares ou d'armes, une cible du contre-terrorisme ou le membre d'un réseau de prolifération

nucléaire? Ils utilisent tous leur téléphone portable lorsqu'ils sont dans un avion.» Posée en 2010 dans une des lettres d'information interne de l'une des principales directions de la NSA, «SIDtoday», et classée top secret , elle annonce l'émergence d'un nouveau terrain d'espionnage, qui n'avait pas encore été exploré: l'interception des données de communications à bord des avions de ligne. En2009, la NSA souligne dans un document interne que, en décembre2008, 50000personnes ont déjà utilisé leur téléphone portable en vol, un chiffre qui atteint 100000 en février2009. Pour expliquer cet engouement, la NSA énumère: «De plus en plus d'avions équipés, la crainte recule de voir l'avion s'écraser. Pas aussi cher qu'on le croyait. (...) Le ciel pourrait appartenir à la NSA.» Fin 2012, le Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), l'homologue britannique de la NSA, livre, à son tour, dans une présentation «top secret strap», un des plus hauts niveaux de classification, les dessous du programme Southwinds («vents du sud») , mis en place pour collecter tout le trafic, voix et data, métadonnées et contenu des connexions à bord des avions. La zone est encore limitée aux régions Europe, Moyen-Orient et Afrique, couvertes par les satellites Inmarsat.

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23. No evidence is found to verify subway bomb plot

Los Angeles Times, Richard Winton, James Queally, 2016 12 07

Los Angeles - Investigators have found no evidence to corroborate a warning of a terrorist plot to bomb the Universal City Metro station, defusing fears of an imminent attack in the heart of Los Angeles' sprawling public transit system, authorities said late Tuesday. Federal investigators determined that the warning of a bombing called in on a tip line in Australia was not a credible threat. Law enforcement officials suspect the anonymous caller may have previously made threats that did not materialize, according to the FBI. Investigators were working to identify the anonymous caller and FBI officials noted that those who provide false threats to police face prosecution.

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24. Obama, Defending Legacy, Warns Against 'Elevating' Terrorists

New York Times, Gardiner Harris, Charlie Savage, 2016 12 07

Tampa - In his final planned address on national security as commander in chief, President Obama said on Tuesday that for eight years, his administration protected the nation against major terrorist attacks from abroad while adhering to American values and the rule of law. "No foreign terrorist organization has successfully planned and executed an attack on our homeland," Mr. Obama said to loud applause in a large military hangar here. "And it's not because they didn't try. Plots have been disrupted. Terrorists have been taken off the battlefield. And we've done this even as we've drawn down nearly 180,000 troops in Iraq and Afghanistan." He defended an approach to fighting wars that did not bankrupt the Treasury or cause thousands of deaths. He noted, for instance, that he has spent \$10 billion over the last two years fighting the Islamic State -- the same amount of money President George W. Bush spent in just one month fighting the Iraq War. And he laid out a series of principles: keep the terrorist threat in perspective, avoid military

overreach, adhere to the rule of law, use restraint when carrying out strikes to minimize repercussions, be open with the public, use diplomacy and protect civil liberties.

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25. The CIA's Torture Architect Says Harsh Interrogations Needed More Than Ever
BuzzFeed News, Ali Watkins, 2016 12 06

Washington - The architect of the CIA's torture program unequivocally defended on Tuesday the use of interrogation techniques like waterboarding and said America needs to consider a return to coercive interrogations, a position favored by many of Trump's hardline defense advisors. James Mitchell, one of the two government psychologists that devised the CIA's torture program, made a rare public appearance Tuesday at the American Enterprise Institute, where he continued fueling controversy around the now defunct program and one of the darkest chapters in the agency's history. "I'm not advocating that we torture people. I'm advocating that we have a civil debate," Mitchell said. "Somewhere between waterboarding and worse, and what's in the Army Field Manual, I think there needs to be some kind of legal coercion," he said, referring to the congressionally-mandated handbook on humane interrogations.

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26. Trump's and Obama's national security advisers to meet amid controversy
Washington Post, Josh Rogin, 2016 12 07

Column - Incoming national security adviser retired Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn will meet with national security adviser Susan E. Rice for the first time Wednesday at the White House, as congressional criticism of Flynn increases regarding his penchant for spreading conspiracy theories and his comments on Islam. Although Trump transition team members have been working inside the White House for weeks, Flynn has had only sporadic contact with Rice since the election, two sources close to the transition confirmed. Meanwhile, Flynn has kept up a steady schedule of meetings with foreign officials as he prepares to be the president's top national security aide. The Flynn-Rice meeting could be an awkward one, considering that Flynn has repeatedly trashed President Obama's foreign policy -- as implemented by officials including Rice. Moreover, although Flynn has a security clearance and participates in the presidential daily briefings, he has not signed the necessary paperwork for receiving detailed transition briefings that contain secret information. His Wednesday visit to the White House could be an opportunity to do so. Meanwhile, Democrats in Congress are ramping up their criticism of Flynn and his recent behavior, especially his use of social media. Flynn has pushed fabricated or dubious stories on Twitter at least 16 times since August, according to a tally by Politico. Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John McCain (R-Ariz.), asked Tuesday if he had any concerns about Flynn, said, "None at all." Several transition sources said Flynn is heavily involved in selecting a range of potential national security officials for Trump's incoming administration.

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27. Trump Fires Security Pick's Son for Promoting a Fake Story

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 12 07

Washington - President-elect Donald J. Trump on Tuesday fired one of his transition team's staff members, Michael G. Flynn, the son of Mr. Trump's choice for national security adviser, for using Twitter to spread a fake news story about Hillary Clinton that led to an armed confrontation in a pizza restaurant in Washington. The uproar over Mr. Flynn's Twitter post cast a harsh spotlight on the views that he and his father, Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn, aired on social media throughout the presidential campaign. Both men have shared fake news stories alleging that Mrs. Clinton committed felonies, and have posted their own Twitter messages that at times have crossed into Islamophobia. But their social media musings apparently attracted little attention from Mr. Trump or his transition team before a North Carolina man fired a rifle on Sunday inside Comet Ping Pong, which was the subject of false stories tying it and the Clinton campaign to a child sex trafficking ring. Hours after the episode, the younger Mr. Flynn, 33, went on Twitter to say that until "Pizzagate" was proved false, it remained a story. On Tuesday morning, after the post had attracted national attention and it was reported that Mr. Flynn had a transition team email address, Vice President-elect Mike Pence denied that Mr. Flynn had ever worked for the team, saying on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" that he had "no involvement in the transition whatsoever." But later in the morning, Jason Miller, a transition spokesman, tacitly acknowledged that Mr. Flynn had worked for the transition, saying in a conference call that Mr. Flynn was now no longer involved.

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28. Trump flunks his first foreign policy test

Washington Post, David Ignatius, 2016 12 07

Column - Whatever else future historians say about Donald Trump's early foreign policy moves, they're likely to note the erratic and, in many ways, self-defeating nature of the president-elect's initial dealings with China, the country many analysts view as the United States' most important long-term rival. Devising a wise strategy for challenging China's ascendancy in Asia is arguably the top foreign policy task for a new president. But if Trump planned to take a tougher stance, this was a haphazard way to do it. The president-elect instead stumbled into a pre-inaugural foreign flap, insulting Beijing and causing it to lose face, without having a clear, well-articulated plan for what he seeks to accomplish. Worse, Trump's fulminations about China come just as his plan to withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership is undermining the United States' standing with allies in Asia. Trump, in effect, is ceding economic ground to China at the very moment he claims to be taking a harder line. Is this a cool, calculating strategy from the dealmaker? It looks to me more like a hot mess.

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29. Trump needs strong foreign policy team, former NSA boss says

Baltimore Sun, Ian Duncan, 2016 12 07

College Park, Md. - A former head of the National Security Agency said Tuesday that President-elect Donald Trump ought to assemble a strong team around himself to help tackle the difficult foreign policy questions he will face after taking office. "He needs people around him who can give him good advice on these issues," retired Gen. Keith Alexander said at an event at the University of Maryland, College Park. An early test case Trump may face is how to respond, if at all, to a hacking campaign designed to interfere with the presidential election that the intelligence community has concluded was carried out by Russia. Alexander, who led the NSA until 2014, said the government needs to find a way to "push back." Congressional Democrats, including Reps. Steny Hoyer and Elijah Cummings, sent a letter Tuesday urging the outgoing administration of President Barack Obama to provide briefings on the hacking campaign. "Foreign interference presents a win-win for Russia -- which we must counter," the representatives wrote. "By eroding Americans' and foreigners' trust in U.S. institutions, Russia both weakens our country and sows global instability and uncertainty." Alexander said some of the people Trump has named to senior positions leave him optimistic. He praised James Mattis, a retired Marine general who is Trump's pick to run the Defense Department, and Mike Pompeo, a Kansas congressman tapped to lead the CIA. Mattis in particular would offer Trump an unvarnished take on the world, Alexander said.

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30. Vast spying powers at Trump's disposal

Los Angeles Times, Elizabeth Goitein, 2016 12 07

Op-ed - President-elect Donald Trump is about to inherit the most powerful surveillance apparatus in history. Combining unprecedented technological capabilities with a lax legal regime, his spying powers dwarf anything the notorious FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover could have fathomed. Many privacy and civil rights advocates worry Trump will seek to expand these powers further in order to spy on Muslim Americans, activists and political opponents. The truth is, he won't have to. Because of our country's rush to strip civil liberty protections from surveillance laws after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Trump will already have all the powers he needs and more. Trump has specifically called for more surveillance of American Muslim communities. His pick for national security advisor, Michael Flynn, has described Islam as a "cancer," while his nominee for attorney general, Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.), has called the NAACP "un-American." As a possible secretary of Homeland Security, Trump has floated Milwaukee Sheriff David Clarke, who compared Black Lives Matter to the Islamic State group and described peaceful protests against Trump as "temper tantrums" that should be "quelled." Trump's tendency to hold grudges is legendary: Referring to Republicans who did not support his candidacy, a Trump surrogate stated, "Trump has a long memory and we're keeping a list." In short, there is every reason to fear that Trump and his administration will target people for surveillance based on religion, political activism and personal vendettas. Having gutted legal protections against such abuses, are we powerless to stop them? No, but it will require vigilance and action from many quarters. Independent oversight entities, including inspectors general and congressional committees, must aggressively investigate how Trump uses his powers. The federal courts must shed their historical reluctance to hear lawsuits challenging government surveillance. All of us must fiercely defend journalists and whistle-blowers who expose

surveillance overreach. Note: Elizabeth Goitein is co-director of the Liberty and National Security Program at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law.

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31. Cable: new hacking scandal is likely without proper regulation

The Guardian (London), Jasper Jackson, 2016 12 07

London - Vince Cable is to call on the government to get on with creating a system of press regulation that matches the recommendations of the Leveson inquiry, or risk a repeat of the scandals that led to it. Speaking at an event organised by campaign group Hacked Off, the former business secretary will say that a new ministerial consultation on press regulation is delaying the implementation of Leveson's recommendations, which were made following the phone-hacking scandal. "The government decision to consult again on the framework for self-regulation has the political effect of stopping progress towards a solution based on the royal charter model," he will tell an audience at the University of Westminster on Tuesday evening. "Suffice to say that the type of scandals which prompted Leveson will happen again in the absence of effective checks and balances."

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32. Isis courier slipped through MI5's net

London Times, Fiona Hamilton, John Simpson, 2016 12 07

London - A Birmingham man was under MI5 surveillance and on police bail when he passed cash to a Belgian terrorist linked to the Paris and Brussels atrocities, it can be disclosed today. Mohammed Ali Ahmed, 27, had been arrested over a terrorism offence related to Syria and was subject to a curfew when he gave £3,000 in benefits to Mohamed Abrini, later dubbed the "Man in the Hat" after the deadly explosion at Brussels airport. Abrini, who took the cash back to Brussels where it was used to fund terrorism, was almost immediately detained by the Belgian authorities over an earlier trip to Islamic State-occupied territory in Syria. The decision to let him go, along with the operation in Britain, will be seen as missed opportunities to stop the Paris and Brussels attacks in which 162 people died. In 2015 Ahmed was already on the MI5 and police radar because of concerns that he might travel to Syria. Two of his associates, including Anouar Haddouchi, the recipient of the housing and child benefit that was passed to Abrini, had already travelled to fight for Islamic State. Ahmed's status, however, did not merit 24-hour surveillance and the operation was not running in July when he and Zakaria Boufassil met Abrini in Small Heath Park, Birmingham, to hand him a bag of cash. West Midlands police confirmed last night that Ahmed was subject to bail restrictions at the time over the offence linked to Syria but he was later told that he would face no further action. He and Boufassil slipped through the surveillance net just months before suicide bombers and gunmen struck in Paris. Security sources said, however, that the level of the operation was appropriate given Ahmed's status at the time.

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33. Services de renseignement américain et britannique, combien de divisions ? (Canada)

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 12 07

Non identifié - Les budgets des deux principales agences de l'alliance «Five Eyes» ont encore été augmentés ces deux dernières années, sur fond de lutte contre le terrorisme. Au sein du club très fermé des «Five Eyes» qui réunit, depuis la seconde guerre mondiale, les services secrets techniques américains, britanniques, australiens, canadiens et néo-zélandais, le Royaume-Uni et les Etats-Unis tiennent les deux principaux rôles. Là où l'Agence nationale de sécurité (NSA) américaine compte 60000 personnes, son homologue française, la direction technique de la Direction générale de sécurité extérieure (DGSE) emploie 3000 agents. Chargée d'une mission offensive et défensive, la NSA s'efforce d'avoir accès à tous les réseaux informatiques et de communication afin de collecter et de traiter en masse les données de connexions. Elle dispose d'un budget annuel de plus de 10milliards de dollars, supérieur à celui de la CIA.

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34. GCSB wants to give ISPs more power to block cyber threats

Scoop.co.nz, Sophie Boot, 2016 12 07

Wellington - The Government Communications Security Bureau wants to give internet service providers more information and power to block cyber threats which are increasing, its director told the intelligence and security select committee yesterday. The communications-focussed spy agency has recorded 338 cyber security incidents in the last year, from 109 a year earlier, which director Andrew Hampton said was due to both the number of threats increasing and the improved system picking up more threats. Cyber threats to New Zealand are "becoming more complex and their sources more diverse" with a "growing range of international threat actors targeting New Zealand organisations for financial gain," Hampton said. Public and private organisations are targeted for their intellectual property for new technology, customer data, business and pricing strategies, and government positions on sensitive topics, Hampton said. The agency is also looking to increase the information it gives to ISPs from Cortex, the system which aims to disrupt advanced cyber threats to organisations of national significance in both the public and the private sector. "We've increased cyber security services to organisations of national significance through Cortex, with the consent of the organisations involved," Hampton said, adding the agency had responded to 69 notifications of network changes within areas of security interest in the year. "More broadly Cortex is a big focus, but our regulatory role under the TICSA Act (the Telecommunications Interception Capability and Security Act 2013) is important because that helps us with telcos to ensure they're not inadvertently introducing vulnerabilities into the system.

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35. Teen jailed for seven years for plotting Melbourne terrorist attack

ABC (Australia), Gloria Kalache, 2016 12 07

Melbourne - A teenager convicted of planning a terrorist attack in Melbourne's CBD, on a train or at a police station in 2015 has been sentenced to seven years in jail. The 18-year-old, who cannot be named, when he was arrested in May last year. In sentencing, Supreme Court Judge Lex Lasry took into account the man's youth and his prospects for rehabilitation, but said the sentence must be a deterrent to him and others. He said if the teenager had not been arrested he could have killed a number of people. "You were part way through the construction of several pipe bombs," Justice Lasry said. "Your plan, until it was interrupted by police, was to build a bomb and detonate it. "Had you not been arrested you would have killed and injured innocent people." The accused pleaded guilty in December 2015 to one charge of preparing an act of terrorism. The court previously heard a number of items were seized from his family home, including a pressure cooker, matches and pipes, along with a document on his computer titled, Make a Bomb in Your Mom's Kitchen. Dreadful potential consequences The court was told the teenager developed a strong interest in what was happening in Syria, where his family is originally from, and he had come to support the Islamic State terrorist group.

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36. NATO committed to security, financial support of Afghan forces: Stoltenberg

Pajhwok Afghan News, Danish Karokhel, 2016 12 07

Kabul - NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg Said on Wednesday the alliance was committed to honour its pledges with Afghanistan made during Warsaw Summit back in July. "We will discuss our continued engagement to help Afghanistan build a better future. At the Warsaw Summit, we agreed to sustain our Resolute Support beyond 2016, to train, advise and assist the Afghan security forces, he said in his initial remarks at the second day of NATO foreign ministers meeting in Brussels. Stoltenberg said NATO decided to continue national contributions to financial sustainment of Afghan security forces through 2020, with around \$4 billion a year and we restated our political and practical support to Afghanistan for the long term. The alliance secretary general said NATO continued support from Afghanistan was a clear signal of commitment of the international community.

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37. Saudis Bankroll Taliban, Even as King Officially Supports Afghan Government

New York Times, Carlotta Gall, 2016 12 06

Kabul - Fifteen years, half a trillion dollars and 150,000 lives since going to war, the United States is trying to extricate itself from Afghanistan. Afghans are being left to fight their own fight. A surging Taliban insurgency, meanwhile, is flush with a new inflow of money. With their nation's future at stake, Afghan leaders have renewed a plea to one power that may hold the key to whether their country can cling to democracy or succumbs to the Taliban. But that power is not the United States. It is Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia is critical because of its unique position in the Afghan conflict: It is on both sides. A longtime ally of Pakistan, Saudi Arabia has backed Islamabad's promotion of the Taliban. Over the years, wealthy Saudi sheikhs and rich

philanthropists have also stoked the war by privately financing the insurgents. All the while, Saudi Arabia has officially, if coolly, supported the American mission and the Afghan government and even secretly sued for peace in clandestine negotiations on their behalf. In interviews with The New York Times, a former Taliban finance minister described how he traveled to Saudi Arabia for years raising money while ostensibly on pilgrimage.

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38. US can't eliminate Taliban, admits Obama

Pajhwok Afghan News, Lalit J Kha, 2016 12 07

Washington - US President Barack Obama Tuesday acknowledged the situation in Afghanistan was still tough, asserting his administration had been instrumental in dismantling the Al Qaeda terrorist network. "I don't wanna paint too rosy a picture. The situation in Afghanistan is still tough. War has been a part of life in Afghanistan for over 30 years and the US cannot eliminate the Taliban in that country," Obama said. In a speech on his administration's counter-terrorism approach, he said: "But what we can do is support Afghans who want a better future." With that in mind, Obama said, his government had worked with the Afghan military and the unity government. The US helped Afghan girls go to school, supported investments in health care, electricity and education. Obama recalled when he took office some eight years ago Al Qaeda had regrouped in the border region of Afghanistan and Pakistan and was actively planning attacks against the US.

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39. Le Sénégal a une "claire intelligence" de la menace terroriste (officier militaire)

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 06

Dakar - Le général Cheikh Guèye, nouveau chef d'état-major général des armées du Sénégal, a déclaré mardi à Dakar que son pays avait une "claire intelligence" de la menace terroriste. "Le Sénégal a une claire intelligence des enjeux de la menace terroriste, qui devenue globale et transnationale, par ses implantations et ses cibles", a-t-il affirmé lors d'un panel de nombreux chefs d'état-major, en marge de la troisième édition du Forum international de Dakar sur la paix et sécurité en Afrique. Selon le patron des Forces armées sénégalaises, même si le Sénégal n'a jamais été frappé par une action terroriste majeure, il n'est pas plus menacé que les autres pays. "Le Sénégal présente des vulnérabilités du fait de sa place sur l'échiquier international et de la proximité avec les pays victimes d'attentats, dont les ressortissants peuvent entrer dans son territoire sans visa", a reconnu l'officier militaire supérieur.

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40. Suspected Islamist militants free 93 prisoners from Mali jail

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 12 06

Bamako - Suspected Islamist militants freed 93 prisoners during an attack on a jail in the central Mali town of Niono early on Tuesday, officials said. The prison break was the second of its kind in recent weeks in Mali, where militant groups based in the desert north have extended their campaign into central and southern regions, complicating international efforts at peace. Five armed men attacked the jail at around 0115 GMT, injuring two guards, the Ministry of Security said. Ninety prisoners remained at large on Tuesday afternoon; three were re-captured. The army was deployed in pursuit. It was not immediately clear who was behind the attack, but a number of Islamist groups, some linked to al Qaeda, have stepped up their insurgency in Mali this year.

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41. Colombian peace process hits another bump

EFE News Agency, Staff report, 2016 12 07

Bogota - The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) announced Tuesday that its members will not start heading for the areas where they must gather before laying down their arms due to the lack of infrastructure in those areas and "legal obstructions." Their concentration in 23 rural areas is part the peace accord signed Nov. 24, but according to what the head of the negotiating team Ivan Marquez said Tuesday, that won't be possible until the government complies with its obligation to quash arrest warrants for individual guerrillas. "The country's high court in the political sphere has ordered a quicker preparation of normalization areas where guerrilla units must go once the legal obstructions are cleared away and individual arrest warrants are annulled," Marquez told the press in Bogota. The FARC repeated its commitment to demobilize and lay down its arms, and said the guerrillas have offered to help build the infrastructure required for their shelter at the places they must gather.

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42. Hearing Delayed Again for Jailed Utah Man in Venezuela

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 12 07

Caracas - A Utah man jailed in Venezuela since June had his hopes for being reunited with his family for Christmas all but dashed Tuesday by the fourth postponement of a preliminary hearing. Judge Elena Cassiani did not appear for the scheduled hearing at which she was supposed to rule on whether to dismiss the weapons charges against Joshua Holt. A new date was set for January. Holt, a 24-year-old former Mormon missionary, said he travelled to Venezuela to marry a woman he met online while looking for Spanish-speaking Mormons to help him improve his Spanish. Venezuelan officials allege he was using his wife's apartment to stockpile weapons and have suggested his case is linked to other unspecified attempts by the U.S. government to undermine President Nicolas Maduro's socialist rule amid deep economic and political turbulence. The U.S. House passed a resolution in September calling for the release of Holt and other political prisoners in Venezuela. Secretary of State John Kerry raised Holt's jailing during a meeting with Maduro in September, and a senior State Department official

traveled to Caracas twice in recent weeks in part to push for his release. The pressure has so far yielded no tangible results.

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43. Bomber planning to attack Indian Consulate arrested

Pajhwok Afghan News, Yousuf Zarifi, 2016 12 07

Jalalabad - Eleven militants, including a would-be bomber tasked with targeting the Indian diplomatic mission in eastern Nangarhar province, have been detained, an official said on Tuesday. National Directorate of Security (NDS) chief for Nangarhar Brig. Gen. Dad Mohammad Harifi told a press conference here that their operatives had also seized more than 1000 weapons which were being carried to Kabul for terrorist attacks. He said the detainees had been captured during separate operations over the past week. They included three Islamic State (IS) or Daesh fighters, one of them tasked with carrying out a suicide attack on the Indian Consulate in Jalalabad. He said the second IS man was accused by terrorist attacks and the third had the plan to carry out a terrorist attack in Nazian district. Harifi said six of the detainees had been active against the government in Nazian, Ghanikhel, Rodat and Bati Kot districts.

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44. Intel-sharing deal intended to counter threats from China, N.K.

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 07

Tokyo - A recent intelligence-sharing deal that Japan reached with South Korea is a "necessary" step to guarantee its national security in the face of threats from China and North Korea, a former Japanese envoy to Seoul has said. Last month, South Korea and Japan signed the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA) aimed at expanding intelligence sharing between the two neighbors and better countering the threat, in particular, from North Korea. The deal, however, sparked strong opposition from some politicians and civic groups in South Korea as they argued that Japan is working to expand its military power and overseas role without sincerely apologizing for its wartime atrocities decades ago. During a recent interview with the foreign ministry's press corps in Tokyo, Masatoshi Muto, who served as Japan's ambassador to South Korea from 2010 to 2012, said that the argument is "wrong" and that the deal is only intended to strengthen its national security from outside threats. "It is necessary to guarantee (our) national security against China and North Korea," he said. "What benefit can we have from increasing our military power and being at odds with South Korea? "As North Korea declared its possession of nuclear weapons, while conducting missile tests repeatedly, Japan has no choice but to be proactive in strengthening its national defense. This is not intended to target South Korea."

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45. IS setting up base in Philippines

Jakarta Post, Safrin La Batu, 2016 12 07

Jakarta - The Islamic State (IS) group's attempt to create a fully pledged wilayat or province in the southern Philippines poses a serious security threat to Indonesia, the Indonesian Military (TNI) has warned. The group, which is currently falling back in Iraq and Syria against internationally backed anti-IS forces, is building its base in Mindanao, a restive area that borders with Kalimantan and Sulawesi, TNI commander Gen. Gatot Nurmantyo said on Tuesday. The number of abductions carried out by terrorist groups from commercial vessels passing through southern Philippines' waters indicated that IS militants in the area are raising money to build the base, Gatot said. "I have raised concerns about this issue for six months. IS can enter Indonesia from there," he said on the sidelines of a seminar on terrorism in Central Jakarta. Armed militants believed to be linked to terrorist group Abu Sayyaf have kidnapped dozens of Indonesian and Malaysian sailors and demanded millions of dollars in ransom.

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46. Suspected N.K. attackers hack into S.K. cyber command through main server

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 07

Seoul - Military investigators looking into the first hacking of South Korea's cyber command intranet said Wednesday the suspected North Korean attackers accessed the network through a server at the armed forces' main information center. The findings raised concerns that confidential information may have been compromised as the affected server is connected with the information systems of the Army, Navy and the Air Force. But the ministry said information saved on the server system was not stolen. A total of 3,200 computers, including 700 linked with the intranet, were contaminated with malware in the latest cyber attack, which occurred on Aug. 4, the Ministry of National Defense said. It said some military documents were hacked while refusing to provide details. The computer used by Defense Minister Han Min-koo was also affected, the official said. On Tuesday, the ministry said the IP addresses linked to the attack were traced to a location in China that has been used by North Korean hackers. "As one of the military's two integration servers was jointly linked to the internet and the intranet, it allowed the hackers to gain access to the intranet," a ministry official said.

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47. Trump's call with Taiwan president sends message to China to work harder on N.K.: transition official

Yonhap News Agency, Chang Jae-soon, 2016 12 07

Washington - U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's phone call with Taiwan's president shows the incoming administration believes China should work hard on North Korea as much as it cares about the cross-strait issue, a transition team official was quoted as saying Tuesday. The official made the remark during a meeting with a group of South Korean lawmakers, pointing out that China has been unwilling to use its influence over Pyongyang even though Beijing provides most of the North's energy and food supplies, according to the participating lawmakers. They declined

to identify the official. On Friday, Trump spoke by phone with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, breaking the decadeslong diplomatic tradition that the U.S. has kept under its "One China" policy since severing ties with Taiwan and normalizing relations with Beijing. China considers Taiwan a renegade province that must be unified with the mainland and rails against any support for Taiwan's independence or the notion that the island is not part of the country. Despite the absence of formal diplomatic ties, the U.S. has maintained friendly relations with Taiwan. The call sparked concern that U.S. relations with China could worsen seriously. On the surface, transition team officials, including Vice President-elect Mike Pence, downplayed the call as nothing more than the acceptance of a congratulatory, courtesy call. But The Washington Post reported Monday that it was an intentionally provocative move that establishes the incoming president as a break with the past, and the product of months of quiet preparations and deliberations among Trump's advisers about a new strategy for engagement with Taiwan.

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48. Kremlin Updates Its Plan to Counter Cyber Threats

New York Times, Andrew E. Kramer, 2016 12 07

Moscow - The Kremlin published a new plan on Tuesday to defend Russia against what it described as stepped-up cyberattacks and "information-psychological" methods by foreign intelligence agencies bent on influencing its population with online information. The plan updates a similar information security doctrine put in place by President Vladimir V. Putin in 2000, early in his first term, that staked out a renewed role for post-Soviet government in monitoring information. The latest iteration of the doctrine comes as American officials have mulled retaliating against Russia for what the Department of Homeland Security said was government-orchestrated hacking before the presidential election, including stealing emails from the Democratic National Committee. The plan, signed by Mr. Putin on Monday but published on Tuesday, described a threat to Russia of technological malfeasance similar to what the United States has accused the Russians of committing. It did not mention, however, any specific online strikes against Russia indicating that American retaliation could be underway.

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49. Russia Expects a Taste of Its Own Cyber Medicine

Bloomberg View, Leonid Bershidsky, 2016 12 06

Column - Russia, demonized as the biggest cyber-villain in the world in the wake of the U.S. election campaign, must now take special care of its own information security. Its adversaries don't just possess powerful cyber spying and offensive capabilities -- they suspect Russian involvement in every incident, and that makes Russia vulnerable to all kinds of retaliation. Putin clearly understands that and feels the need to shift the narrative or at least signal his preparedness. On Monday, he approved a new Russian information security doctrine which mentions "a number of foreign countries increasing their technological capacity to impact" Russian infrastructure "to attain military goals." It also talks about foreign intelligence services

attempting to "exert psychological influence by information means in order to destabilize the domestic political situation in various regions of the world and undermine the sovereignty and territorial integrity of states." According to the document, the Russian stance against such practices is defensive. But it is more likely an attempt to justify cyberattacks and the spreading of propaganda in the Kremlin's favorite way -- by saying everybody else does it too. The new doctrine was published on the day the FSB, Russia's domestic intelligence service, said it expected the start of a major cyberattack by "foreign special services" against the Russian banking sector. On Dec. 2, the FSB said in a brief statement that Russian banks would be attacked from servers in the Netherlands owned by the Ukraine-based hosting company BlazingFast. At the same time, the FSB said, social networks would fill with panic-inducing messages about the collapse of certain banks and the central bank's plans to strip them of licenses. The threat apparently was taken seriously.

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50. En Irak et en Syrie, l'État islamique a perdu de nombreuses villes

Le Figaro, Georges Malbrunot, 2016 12 07

Tikrit - Irak : en un an et demi, Daech a dû céder le contrôle de plusieurs villes, ainsi que quasiment la moitié des territoires qu'il contrôlait. Tikrit : l'ancien fief du dictateur Saddam Hussein a été repris en mars 2015 par les forces irakiennes, avec l'implication des milices chiites et de la coalition internationale anti-Daech. De nombreux djihadistes avaient alors préféré fuir les combats. Sinjar : la reprise de cette ville du nord en novembre 2015 par les forces kurdes appuyées par la coalition internationale a permis de couper une route stratégique de communication entre l'Irak et la Syrie. Daech s'y était livré à des exactions contre la minorité yazidie. Ramadi : le chef-lieu de la province d'al-Anbar, à une centaine de kilomètres à l'ouest de Bagdad, a été reconquis en février 2016. Mais cette victoire a été arrachée au terme de très longs combats dans une ville que les djihadistes avaient massivement minée. Ce qui pose d'inextricables problèmes de reconstruction.

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51. Iran's Leader Says Trump Can't Scrap Nuclear Pact

New York Times, Thomas Erdbrink, 2016 12 07

Tehran - Iran's president said on Tuesday that he simply would not allow President-elect Donald J. Trump to tear up last year's nuclear agreement and warned of unspecified consequences if he did. "He wants to do many things," Iran's president, Hassan Rouhani, said of Mr. Trump in a speech. During the campaign, Mr. Trump called the nuclear agreement "a bad deal" that he promised to "tear up." "He wants to undermine the J.C.P.O.A.," Mr. Rouhani said, referring to the agreement, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. "He wants to tear up the J.C.P.O.A. Will we or our nation allow this?" As Mr. Rouhani posed the question, the audience began chanting, "Death to America."

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52. 15 Iranian spies sentenced to death

Saudi Gazette, Mishal Al-Otaibi, 2016 12 07

Riyadh - The Specialized Criminal Court in Riyadh has issued a preliminary verdict sentencing to death 15 out of 32 people accused of spying for Iran. The court sentenced 15 others to prison terms ranging from six months to 25 years, and acquitted two. The suspects, comprising 30 Saudis, one Iranian and an Afghan, were detained in late 2014 and early 2015 on charges of spying for Iran. The sentencing came after a 10-month trial and 160 hearings. They were accused of forming a cell to spy for Iran and to liaise with Iranian intelligence forces to undermine the Kingdom's security and stability. Other charges include attempts to carry out acts of sabotage against economic interests and vital installations in Saudi Arabia, to undermine social peace and public order, to spread chaos, to incite sectarian strife, and to carry out hostile acts against the Kingdom. The suspects are also accused of meeting Iran's supreme leader Ali Khamenei.

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53. Bahrain Court of Appeal Issues Verdict on Terror Group

Asharq Al-Awsat, Obaid Al-Suhaymi, 2016 12 07

Manama - Bahraini Court of Appeal approved the verdict on members of a terror group, the court sentenced five defendants to prison between 5 and 15 years, and revoked their Bahraini citizenship. Terror Crime Chief Prosecutor Hamad Shahin said the High Court of Appeal issued its verdict today on Tuesday in the case of joining a terror group, funding its members and possessing fire weapons for a terror purpose. The court accepted the appeal of three defendants in form and upheld the challenged sentence. The High Criminal Court had sentenced the first and second defendants to 15 years in jail and a BD100,000 fine for each. It also handed down five years in prison to three other convicts. The court also revoked the Bahraini citizenship of all the defendants and the confiscated items found in their possession. In depth, the first convict is a leading figure in "February 14" terror organization who received training on making explosives and using weapons.

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54. Conference tackles role of education in confronting extremist thought (Canada).

Arab News, Staff Report, 2016 12 07

Abha - Deputizing for Education Minister Ahmad Al-Isa, King Khalid University rector Dr. Faleh bin Ra'allah Al-Sulami opened the Second International Conference on Media and Terrorism, Methods and Strategies, in Abha. Al-Sulami said King Khalid University was honored to organize the conference which is part of its contribution to serving national issues through academic work. It is time for these specialized departments to prepare experts who are capable of bearing the responsibility, especially since terrorism has become an international

phenomenon with terrorists surfing many sites on the internet. We received more than 1,200 applications to participate in the conference, and were forced to reduce them gradually until we accepted 80 research papers. Today we have more than 100 individuals, ranging from speakers and participants from inside and outside the Kingdom. We are happy with the external participation which includes more than 30 nationalities from Europe, Canada, the United States, Africa and the Arab world."

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55. General Security Arrests Syrian over Links to Terror Group

Naharnet Newsdesk, 2016 12 07

Beirut - The Directorate of General Security arrested a Syrian national suspected of having links to a terror group, the directorate said in a statement on Tuesday. "In line with efforts to track the activities of terror groups and sleeper cells, the General Security detained Syrian national Aa.M. against the backdrop of having links to terror groups," said a General Security statement. Upon investigations with him the suspect admitted his links and his accomplice in the suicidal dual explosion that hit Bourj al-Barajneh on November 12, 2015, and another explosion in Dimas Yaafour in Syria on December 18 of the same year. The detainee was referred to the competent judiciary and investigations are still underway to pursue other involved individuals. (Full Report).

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56. More than 128 terrorist operations in Kingdom in 15 years

Saudi Gazette, Issa Al-Shamani, 2016 12 07

Riyadh - Saudi Arabia suffered more than 128 terrorist operations in the last 15 years that killed or injured as many as 1,147 Saudis and expatriates, according to spokesman of Interior Ministry Maj. Gen. Mansour Al-Turki. "Since 2001 the Kingdom has been a target for terrorists who also planned to attack housing complexes and vital security establishments," he said. Turki was speaking on Monday at a symposium on "The role of social service and intellectual security" organized by Princess Nourah University. He said that terrorists also targeted mosques, foreign embassies and the security men. "Even the Grand Mosque in Makkah was targeted and the Prophet's Mosque was attacked last Ramadan," he said. The spokesman said the propagators of devious thought found fertile soil and a safe haven in countries witnessing armed conflicts.

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57. Russian and Chinese Vetoes End Hopes For Ceasefire in Aleppo

Asharq Al-Awsat, Jordan Dakamseh, 2016 12 07

London - Russia and China vetoed a UN Security Council resolution on Monday evening. The resolution was submitted by Egypt, Spain and New Zealand and called for an initial ceasefire period of seven days in Aleppo that aims to enable the delivery of humanitarian aid to residents who are besieged in the eastern neighbourhoods because of the battles taking place. The

resolution received 11 votes in favour and was opposed by three states, two of which have the "power of veto", and one state abstained from voting on it. The draft resolution stipulated that "all parties to the Syrian conflict stop attacks in the city of Aleppo" during an initial period of seven days and stated that this ceasefire would be renewable for periods of 24 hours. It also stated that this temporary truce would be a prelude to a ceasefire in all parts of Syria according to UN resolution 2268.

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58. US Trying to Rescue Intelligence Officers from Eastern Aleppo City

Fars News Agency, 2016 12 07

Tehran - Washington has urged for negotiations with Moscow over a deal that would envisage providing a safe passage to the US intelligence officers and terrorists in Eastern Aleppo to Turkey via the Castillo corridor in lieu of handing over the remaining districts to the Syrian army, media reports said Tuesday. The Arabic-language al-Hadas news website quoted unnamed informed sources as saying on Tuesday that the negotiations are meant to help the US intelligence officers, including Balal Abdel Karim and another one who administered the battles of Aleppo, leave the Aleppo city. Earlier on Tuesday, media sources disclosed that a large number of militants have been negotiating secretly with government officials in Aleppo to surrender themselves and leave the city. The Arabic language al-Watan newspaper reported that continued defeats of Jeish al-Fatah and devastating advances of the Syrian army troops in the Eastern districts of Aleppo city have widen rifts amongst militant groups.

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59. Attentats: le terrorisme en tête des préoccupations des Français

Agence France-Presse, Rémy Bellon, 2016 12 07

Paris - La vague d'attentats de 2015 a changé le regard des Français en matière d'insécurité: le terrorisme est désormais leur première source de préoccupation, selon une vaste enquête annuelle publiée mercredi. L'Observatoire national de la délinquance et des réponses pénales (ONDRP) et l'Institut national de la statistique (Insee) ont rendu publique leur dixième enquête annuelle, consistant à sonder plus de 15.000 personnes de 14 ans et plus sur leur ressenti de l'insécurité et sur les faits de délinquance dont ils se disent victimes mais pour lesquels ils ne portent pas automatiquement plainte. Les résultats, qui tranchent souvent avec les statistiques officielles, portent sur l'année 2015, marquée par les attentats jihadistes de janvier contre Charlie Hebdo et l'Hyper Cacher et ceux du 13 novembre. Quand on les interroge plus généralement sur le "problème le plus préoccupant" à leurs yeux, le terrorisme bondit, à 30,4%, pour se retrouver

quasiment au même niveau que le chômage (30,9%). Il y a un an, le terrorisme n'était cité en tête que par 17,7% des Français (et seulement 5% auparavant), loin derrière le chômage (38,3%).

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60. Europe Presses U.S. Tech Giants to Curb Online Hate Speech

New York Times, Mark Scott, 2016 12 07

New York - European officials pushed on Tuesday for American technology giants to do more to tackle online hate speech across the region, adding to the chorus of policy makers worldwide demanding greater action from the likes of Facebook, Google and Twitter. The rebuke came a day after many of those companies announced that they were joining forces to fight the spread of terrorist content on the internet, agreeing to share technology and information to prevent propaganda and other dangerous materials from being disseminated on their services. Amid growing security tensions in much of the Western world, governments, intelligence agencies and advocacy groups want Google, Microsoft and other technology companies to take further steps to curb hate speech on digital platforms, as well as to clamp down on how terrorists circulate information online. But freedom of expression campaigners have warned that such demands may limit people's ability to communicate across the internet, and they have cautioned that the line between hate speech and legitimate political discussion can be blurry. In a report published on Tuesday, however, the European authorities signaled that only 40 percent of material flagged as possible hate speech online (albeit in a relatively small sample of 600 posts, videos and other online material) had been reviewed by the Silicon Valley companies within 24 hours. Of those 600 postings, just over a quarter was eventually taken down, the report said.

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61. How police let Man in the Hat Belgian terror suspect walk free

London Daily Telegraph, Multiple reporters, 2016 12 06

London - A suspected terrorist who used British benefit money to help carry out the Paris and Brussels outrages was detained by police months earlier but then allowed to go free, it can be revealed. Mohamed Abrini - who was dubbed The Man in the Hat - travelled from Syria to Birmingham last July in order to collect £3,000 from Isil sympathisers. Upon his return to Belgium he was arrested and questioned by detectives who also seized his mobile phone containing photographs of British landmarks including Old Trafford and Birmingham's Bullring Shopping Centre. But despite establishing that he had just returned from war-torn Syria, where his younger brother had been killed, the Belgian police did not detain him. They placed him under surveillance, using a static camera outside his home, but footage was only periodically monitored because of a lack of manpower. Just months later he is suspected of taking part in the deadly attacks on Paris and Brussels which left 160 people dead. The police blunder was revealed during the trial of Zakaria Boufassil, a Belgian national living in Birmingham, who has been found guilty of supplying thousands of pounds to Abrini during his secret mission to the UK. It can now also be revealed that MI5 carried out a "low level" investigation into Abrini after being informed about his trip to the UK, but concluded that he did not pose a significant threat to the UK.

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62. La Suisse fait partie des 59 pays...

Tribune de Genève, C.M., 2016 12 07

Berne - La Suisse fait partie des 59 pays ayant accueilli des ex- détenus de Guantánamo. Non qu'elle ait eu des ressortissants emprisonnés sur place, mais elle a joué les bons offices en acceptant de recevoir trois individus. En janvier 2010, après sept ans et demi d'enfermement à Guantánamo, A. H. , un Ouzbek alors âgé de 36 ans, arrivait à Genève. C'est en toute discrétion que les autorités genevoises l'ont installé en vue de sa réinsertion. On a dit de lui qu'il serait pâtissier de formation, tandis que les documents officiels de Guantánamo en faisaient en 2005 un membre du Mouvement islamique d'Ouzbékistan et un individu ayant suivi des camps d'entraînement d'Al-Qaida en Afghanistan. Le document mentionne à son sujet, dans une mise à jour, « un transfert possible dans un autre pays sous condition ». En 2010 également, deux frères ouïgours, minorité musulmane réprimée en Chine, ont été accueillis dans le Jura. Les mêmes documents américains les avaient classifiés en 2005 comme membres du Mouvement islamique du Turkestan oriental.

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63. Magnanville: trois gardes à vue dans l'entourage du tueur

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 07

Paris - Trois hommes dans l'entourage du jihadiste Larossi Abballa, qui a tué en juin un policier et sa compagne à Magnanville (Yvelines), ont été placés lundi en garde à vue, a-t-on appris mercredi de source proche de l'enquête, confirmant une information de BFMTV. Les trois gardés à vue, âgés de 22, 25 et 39 ans, ont été arrêtés lundi lors d'une opération de la sous-direction antiterroriste (Sdat) de la police judiciaire. Ils gravitaient dans l'entourage de Larossi Abballa, a indiqué la source, sans plus de précision sur leur profil. Larossi Abballa, 25 ans, a assassiné le 13 juin Jean-Baptiste Salvaing, 42 ans, commandant de police, adjoint du commissariat des Mureaux, et Jessica Schneider, 36 ans, agent administratif du commissariat voisin de Mantes-la-Jolie, à leur domicile de Magnanville, avant d'être abattu par les policiers du Raid. L'attaque a été perpétrée au nom du groupe jihadiste État islamique (EI).

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64. Mineur radicalisé jugé: le désespoir d'une mère

Le Temps (Suisse), Nathalie Versieux, 2016 12 07

Essen, Allemagne - Le procès de trois jeunes islamistes, accusés d'avoir commis en avril un attentat à la bombe contre un temple sikh, s'ouvre ce mercredi à Essen De nouveau, Neriman Yaman n'aura pas dormi de la nuit lorsqu'elle se rendra ce mercredi au tribunal d'Essen, en Rhénanie-du- Nord-Westphalie. Cette Turque de 37 ans, née à Duisburg, en Allemagne, dans une famille de petits commerçants, est la mère de Yussuf. Le 16 avril dernier, son fils commettait en compagnie de deux comparses rencontrés sur Internet un attentat à la bombe contre le temple sikh d'Essen. Les enquêteurs retrouvent sur place les restes d'un extincteur, rempli de produits

chimiques. Une cérémonie de mariage vient de s'achever, et par chance le bâtiment est presque vide. Trois personnes sont tout de même blessées, dont l'une - le prêtre - grièvement. La porte du bâtiment est soufflée par la force de l'explosion. L'attentat est considéré comme le premier en Allemagne attribué à la mouvance de l'Etat islamique (ou Daech). Le procès se tiendra à huis clos, eu égard au jeune âge des accusés. Le procureur est convaincu que les trois garçons (Yussuf T., 17 ans, Mohamad B., 16 ans et Tolga I., 17 ans) ont agi par conviction religieuse et s'étaient rapprochés de Daech. Les trois garçons, nés eux aussi en Allemagne, faisaient partie d'un groupe de jeunes salafistes de la région qui avaient décidé de tuer des « mécréants » .

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65. Pas de postes supplémentaires au SRC pour l'instant

Agence télégraphique Suisse, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 06

Berne, Suisse - Les moyens prévus pour le Service de renseignement de la Confédération (SRC) sont pour l'instant suffisants. Fort de cette conviction, le Conseil des Etats a enterré mardi tacitement une motion du National qui réclamait plus de personnel. Depuis le dépôt du texte en septembre 2015, 86 postes supplémentaires ont été créés dans le domaine de la lutte contre le terrorisme, dont 23 pour le SRC, a rappelé Isidor Baumann (PDC/UR) au nom de la commission. L'application de la nouvelle loi sur le renseignement s'accompagnera par ailleurs de la création de 19,5 emplois.

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66. Pour éviter les départs vers la Syrie, 11 cartes d'identité retirées

La Libre Belgique, Jacques Laruelle, 2016 12 07

Bruxelles - Cette mesure, drastique, a été prise pour empêcher des jeunes de partir en Syrie. C'était une des mesures, parmi d'autres, annoncées par le Premier ministre à la Chambre le 19 novembre 2015, dans la foulée des attentats terroristes à Paris. Afin d'éviter les départs vers la Syrie, il avait été décidé qu'il était possible de retirer les documents de voyage. Sur base d'une appréciation du dossier individuel, la carte d'identité pouvait ainsi être annulée ou rendue invalide pour une période limitée de trois mois, prolongeable une fois. Il va de soit que cette mesure allait de pair avec l'annulation du passeport. Pas question toutefois de simplement retirer le document : des mesures complémentaires, notamment socio-préventives, appuient un suivi individuel de la personne dont la carte d'identité était retirée. Près d'un an plus tard, l'Organe de coordination pour l'analyse de la menace (Ocam) a soumis dix-sept demandes d'annulation d'une carte d'identité.

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1. Garratts recount dark odyssey through China's security apparatus

Globe and Mail, Eric Andrew-Gee, 2016 12 08

Back in Canada, Kevin Garratt and his wife, who had made China their home running a café and pursuing aid projects in North Korea, are still trying to make sense of their surprise arrest in 2014. The Garratts didn't realize they were being set up until it was too late. It was August, 2014, and

the Christian aid workers were at a restaurant in the remote northern Chinese city of Dandong, on the North Korean border, where they had lived and run a café for years. An acquaintance had asked them for advice on sending his daughter to study in Canada - so there they were, prepared to offer assistance, as they had been doing in China since falling in love with the country 30 years before. Shortly after arriving amid what looked like a wedding party, Kevin and Julia Garratt were grabbed by strange men and driven away in separate cars. The surprise arrest launched a dark odyssey through the Chinese state security apparatus: Mr. Garratt was imprisoned for two years on espionage charges, Ms. Garratt was detained, then placed under surveillance, and the family was traumatized, immiserated and finally reunited, with troubling questions to spare. The episode would also become a flashpoint in SinoCanadian relations as the countries negotiated the launch of talks on an extradition treaty. Three months after returning to Canada, the Garratts sat down with The Globe and Mail to give their most detailed account yet of the harrowing journey. At the invitation of the country's regime, the couple had built bathrooms for orphanages, helped with flood relief and rebuilt facilities at a school for the disabled. All the while, they ran a coffee shop in the Chinese border city that was frequented by students and foreign journalists. The shop also attracted local diplomats hoping to learn about North Korea through two Canadians who had been given rare levels of access to the country. The couple would later learn through their Chinese interrogators that a U.S. military attaché had visited the café. Former foreign affairs minister John Baird requested a meeting during his tenure. And in 2009, the Garratts were contacted by Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the Canadian spy agency, to ensure the couple hadn't violated sanctions through their aid work. (They hadn't.) Ms. Garratt now believes all of the attention from foreign diplomats and security agencies put a bull's eye on their backs.

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2. Trump's torture view may change secrets sharing with Canada: spy watchdog executive
Globe and Mail, Colin Freeze, 2016 12 08

Toronto - The civil servant in charge of the government's spy- watchdog agency says Canada may have to reconsider how it shares intelligence with the United States if president-elect Donald Trump makes good on his promise to torture terrorists to gather intelligence. The federal official also remarked that had former U.S. intelligence analyst Edward Snowden worked for Canadian intelligence and leaked secrets, "he should be shot," but quickly backed off the opinion. Michael Doucet, the executive director of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, made the off-the-cuff remarks to a small audience in Toronto last week. An audio recording of his talk was provided to The Globe and Mail by a student journalist from the Eyeopener, a campus newspaper at Ryerson University, which was the venue for the talk. For 1 1/2 hours, the former intelligence analyst held forth on intelligence issues. Members of SIRC rarely make unscripted or unguarded remarks publicly because they are sworn to secrecy about their work reviewing the highly classified spying operations of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. When contacted on Wednesday, Mr. Doucet acknowledged he made the comments, but said he was not expecting them to be recorded. In recent weeks, the Liberal government has tried not to make remarks that could irritate or prejudice the incoming Trump administration. On the campaign trail, Mr. Trump unequivocally promised a return to brass-knuckles techniques for U.S. intelligence agencies, which may no longer want to use them. "Don't tell me it doesn't work

- torture works," Mr. Trump once said, adding that he would personally authorize it. His nominee for Central Intelligence Agency director has defended the so-called "extraordinary interrogation techniques" U.S. spies used under past administrations. "These men and women are not torturers, they are patriots," Representative Mike Pompeo has said. Should the CIA revert to practices such as simulated drowning techniques known as "waterboarding," it could cause problems for CSIS and other Canadian agencies. Harking back to his years when he worked for Canada's signals-intelligence agency - the Communications Security Establishment - Mr. Doucet told the audience intelligence-sharing is vast, and alliances are important. He pointed out that in the mid-2000s, he was CSE's embedded liaison officer at the U.S. National Security Agency. "For every dollar we invest in intelligence, the Americans are investing hundreds," he said. An audience member asked Mr. Doucet what he thought of Mr. Snowden, the fugitive former intelligence contractor who leaked vast amounts of NSA documents, and what his fate would be had he been Canadian. "Do you want my opinion on that? Do you really want it? I'll give it to you. If Edward Snowden had worked for CSIS, and did what he did, he should be shot." Mr. Doucet clarified that he was being provocative, and would like to see Mr. Snowden put on trial. But he said he does not accept arguments that Mr. Snowden had to leak the NSA documents because he believed they contained evidence of illegality and had no other way of bringing that to light.

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3. 'Visa lift' gives Mexican cartels chance to expand in Canada

Vancouver Sun, Kim Bolan, 2016 12 08

Vancouver - Violent drug cartels are expected to expand their reach in Canada now that a visa requirement for Mexicans has been lifted, according to government documents obtained by Postmedia News. The Canada Border Services Agency report says "the visa lift will make travel to Canada easier in order to establish or strengthen existing cartel smuggling chains." "In the next three years, Mexican drug cartels are expected to expand their presence in Canada by sending operatives and recruiting local airport or marine port workers with ties to Mexico," says the document, obtained from a source. The Sun obtained only a section of the document titled: Implications for the Canada Border Services Agency and Canada. Postmedia earlier reported on the increasing presence of Mexican cartels in Canada, as well as the fact that gangsters and organized criminals were working at the Port of Vancouver. As of Dec. 1, Mexicans are no longer required to obtain a visa to come to Canada. The previous visa program had existed for seven years. The CBSA document said the cartels generally don't use tourists to smuggle drugs for them. "While Mexican drug cartels do employ drug mules, they prefer shipments with high profitability and high likelihood of successful delivery," the documents says.

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4. \$1B RCMP overtime bill proof of 'exhausted and depressed' members, retirees say

CBC News, Brett Ruskin, 2016 12 08

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has paid its members more than \$1 billion of overtime since 2009, according to documents obtained by CBC News. Recent retirees from the force say the costs confirm anecdotes that many officers are stressed, overworked and depressed. "The rank and file -- especially the patrol guys and girls -- are burnt out," said Derek Snow, a recently retired RCMP member with 29 years of policing experience. "You want to do a good job and you want to do extra," Snow said, who lives in Shediac, N.B. "But there's only so much anybody can take." 'Unlimited overtime' Between April 2009 and June 2015, the RCMP paid \$1.01 billion in overtime, according to documents obtained via access to information requests.

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5. Abuses warrant tossing case against suspected Egyptian terrorist, court urged Canadian Press, Colin Perkel, 2016 12 08

Toronto - The case against an Egyptian man long branded a terrorist threat has been riddled with so many problems over the years that a judge should have ended the proceedings, Federal Court of Appeal heard Wednesday. Instead, his lawyer argued, Judge Edmond Blanchard upheld the national security certificate imposed on Mohamed Mahjoub despite finding the government had violated his rights. "The remedies provided in relation to the violations found by Justice Blanchard were inadequate," Mahjoub's lawyer Paul Slansky said. "He found there was an unfair trial. Once you find an unfair trial, it's game over." Mahjoub, 56, of Toronto, has been in prison or under severe restrictions since the government first decided in 2000 _ based in part on secret evidence supplied by foreign agencies linked to torture _ that he posed a threat to Canada's national security. Among other things, Canada's spy agency alleged Mahjoub was a leading member of the Egyptian terror group Vanguard of Conquest, and a trusted associate of former terrorist mastermind, Osama bin Laden _ accusations Mahjoub has always denied. The current two-day hearing consolidates three separate appeals to his security certificate, which allows for detention or restrictions of foreign nationals without charge or trial. The government argues Blanchard's judgments were correct and the security certificate should stand.

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6. A citizen's ordeal at the border (Canada) Los Angeles Times, Khaled Abou El Fadl, 2016 12 08

Op-ed - At the end of November, I was detained at the American- Canadian border, and I find myself struggling with feelings of resentment, anger and shame. I had traveled from Los Angeles to Edmonton, Canada, where I delivered an academic lecture at the University of Alberta. Getting off a plane and gaining entry into Alberta, I was treated with respect and dignity, and was sent on my way with a lilt, "Welcome to Canada, professor." Returning home to the United States was a different experience. To set the scene, I should mention that I was traveling with my wife and 11- year-old son. I am in my 50s, wrestling with a number of health challenges, and I use a wheelchair. The first indication that something was amiss came when my wife tried to complete online check-in for us all. It wouldn't work for me. Later, as we passed through the airport security line in Edmonton, I was asked to separate my belongings from that of my family, something that I obligingly did. After going through a security detector, I was

meticulously patted down, and I, as well as my belongings, were swabbed more than once, I assume for explosives residue. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security stations Customs and Border Protection agents in Canada, so travelers in effect cross the border before they even arrive in the U.S. At the Edmonton airport, travelers to America insert their passports into a scanning machine, fill in basic information on a touchscreen, and get their photos taken. Then the machine ejects a form that must be presented to the Homeland Security officers. I was rather surprised and somewhat amused when the form in my case came out of the machine with a large and jarring X all over it. When I handed it over, my American passport was placed in a red folder and I was asked to follow the officer to a side area. After about 40 minutes, we were set free with nothing more than a "you can go." We ran to make our flight as my wife pushed my wheelchair and our son wrangled our two wheeled carry-ons. We had been welcomed with dignity as we entered Canada, only to be dehumanized when we came home. Note: Khaled Abou El Fadl is a professor at UCLA's School of Law and former chair of the university's Islamic Studies Interdepartmental Program.

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7. Belleville woman played role in delivering 'Pizzagate' conspiracy

Toronto Star, The Washington Post and Star staff, 2016 12 08

Toronto - Following the spread of fake news and "Pizzagate" - which inspired a violent incident in a Washington, D.C., eatery and may even have affected the course of the U.S. election - leads to at least one surprising destination: the home of a writer in Belleville, Ont. Stefanie MacWilliams, a stay-at-home mother and contributor to the website Planet Free Will, wrote an article last month that took off on social media. In it she recounted a man's claims about a politically connected pedophile ring housed at the Comet Ping Pong pizza parlour in the U.S. capital. On Sunday, less than three weeks after MacWilliams' article was published, Edgar Welch was arrested after a rifle was discharged in the restaurant. He later said he wanted only to investigate the claims. "I kind of wanted to put out the information that was there with the statement I'm not accusing anyone of anything, there's no concrete evidence of anything," MacWilliams said Wednesday, adding that her readers were very interested in the story. Among the claims are allegations that aides to Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton were involved in a child prostitution ring hidden in mysterious tunnels beneath the pizzeria. Planet Free Will was among the websites recently called out by the New York Times for sharing fake news. "I was personally a little bit insulted," said MacWilliams of the label, adding, "Fake news has become used as this ridiculous term ... it's the new 'conspiracy theorist.'"

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8. DND delays move to new HQ

Ottawa Citizen, David Pugliese, 2016 12 08

Ottawa - The first major move of Defence Department employees to the former Nortel campus in west-end Ottawa will be delayed until early next year so as not to cause workers too much stress over the holidays as well as to allow them to sort out their transportation arrangements to the site. The delay will also ensure that amenities such as a gym and doughnut shop will be ready for

workers when they arrive, according to a message sent Tuesday to all employees by Vice-Admiral Mark Norman, vice-chief of the defence staff. The first major wave of Canadian Forces and Department of National Defence staff was supposed to move into the former Nortel campus starting in the fall. But in his message Norman says that move would not start until Jan. 9. Norman said that since the move to the Carling Avenue location is a large undertaking, it is causing changes to the work and personal schedules of employees. Because the DND and Canadian Forces want to minimize such disruptions, the decision was made to delay the move. "Even though the first building is just about ready for occupancy, I have directed that the move of Military Personnel Command not start before 9 January 2017," Norman wrote to employees. "This means that when we do move in, there will be more services and amenities available, things like the gym, Canex and Tim Hortons," he said.

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9. Opposition wary of Biden's Ottawa visit

Globe and Mail, Laura Stone, 2016 12 08

U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden's visit to Ottawa this week is intended to reassure the public that the bond between the two countries is strong, but Canada's Conservative Opposition warns the trip could sabotage the country's relationship with the incoming Trump administration. Mr. Biden will be celebrated at an official dinner in Ottawa on Thursday, and on Friday will meet with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the country's premiers already in town to discuss climate change at a first ministers' meeting. Kate Purchase, Mr. Trudeau's director of communications, said the dinner will reflect the depth of Canada-U.S. ties and "making sure that there is continuity in the relationship." But some opposition MPs are concerned Mr. Biden's visit could jeopardize future relations with president-elect Donald Trump. "The only thing I would be worried about is that no steps are taken to somehow sabotage the Canada-U.S. relationship. That would be a huge mistake. I would hope that's not the purpose of Mr. Biden's meeting," said Conservative MP Ed Fast, the former trade minister, told The Globe and Mail. "We just want to make sure that whatever meetings Mr. Biden holds here in Canada are focused on building the Canada-U.S. relationship, and the relationship with the future administration - the Donald Trump administration."

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10. RCMP fabricated response to access-to-info request 'unacceptable:' Goodale

Canadian Press, Staff reporter, 2016 12 08

Ottawa - Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says it's "unacceptable" that an RCMP employee fabricated a response to an access-to-information request. Goodale says the individual involved was "at a very junior level" and has been disciplined. The fabrication was revealed last week in a letter from RCMP Supt. David Vautour to Bruce Cheadle, a reporter for The Canadian Press who in May 2015 had requested information regarding the now-defunct long-gun registry. Cheadle did not receive a response to his access request until March 1, 2016, but that letter was backdated almost five months. Vautour said a note included with the tardy response claimed that the letter had originally been sent to Cheadle in October 2015, but was returned to the RCMP by Canada

Post due to an incorrect postal code. He said the Mounties have since determined that the backdated letter and the explanatory note were fabricated to avoid a possible complaint about the delay in responding to the request. "Our office does not condone actions that are contrary to the RCMP core values of honesty, integrity and professionalism," Vautour wrote Cheadle.

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11. When online, put individual rights first

Globe and Mail, 2016 12 08

Editorial: The stakes are considerable, which is why the folks who run the national security apparatus have quietly and not-so-quietly been laying down markers as Ottawa reviews their powers. The argument goes they need more tools, and more leeway, to do their important work. Maybe. Maybe not. Canada's federal Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien and his provincial and territorial counterparts are sounding a muchneeded note of caution in a joint brief submitted as part of the ongoing security review. "It is important that we not forget the lessons of history. One of these lessons is that once conferred, new state powers are rarely relinquished," the document reads. That's true, as is the fact that the expansion of state powers of surveillance over the past 15 years has resulted in "too many cases of inappropriate and sometimes illegal conduct by state officials," including violations of privacy and other civil rights. If Bill C-51, the former Conservative government's anti-terrorism legislation, was an overreach, the attempt to fix it ought not to make things worse.

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12. 2016 Person of the Year: Donald Trump

Time Magazine, Michael Scherer, 2016 12 08

New York - A year from now, when Donald Trump travels to the U.N. to address the world's leaders, he is likely to find far more sympathy for...hard-edged populism than any thought possible in 2008. Trump is all but rooting for it. "People are proud of their countries, and I think you will see nationalism," he says, before describing the growing backlash against Muslim migration in France, Belgium and Germany. "A lot of people reject some of the ideas that are being forced on them. And that's certainly one of the reasons you had this vote, having to do not with the European Union but the same thing." In this view, Trump will find common cause with Vladimir Putin, the authoritarian President of Russia who, like Trump, seeks to challenge diplomatic and democratic norms. For reasons that remain unclear, Trump still refuses to acknowledge the U.S. intelligence community's conclusion that Putin's agencies were responsible for stealing the Democratic National Committee and Clinton campaign emails released on WikiLeaks. "I don't believe it. I don't believe they interfered," Trump says. Asked if he thought the conclusion of America's spies was politically driven, Trump says, "I think so." Since the election, Trump has chosen not to consistently make himself available for intelligence briefings, say aides. He has also so far refused to acknowledge established diplomatic boundaries. When the Pakistani government gave a long, apparently verbatim readout of its

President's call with Trump, India's leaders reacted with strained nerves. Then Trump accepted a phone call from Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, intentionally discarding a policy enforced since Jimmy Carter, which prompted an official complaint from China. In response, he sent out a tweet suggesting that such formalities, a bow to Chinese sensibilities, were ridiculous. "Interesting how the U.S. sells Taiwan billions of dollars of military equipment but I should not accept a congratulatory call," it read.

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13. CIA director visits Albania for counterterrorism talks

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 12 08

Tirana, Albania - The United States embassy in Tirana says Central Intelligence Agency Director John Brennan visited Albania to discuss terrorism along with a variety of other bilateral and international issues. An embassy statement said Brennan met with Prime Minister Edi Rama, President Bujar Nishani, Defense Minister Mimi Kodheli and intelligence officials on Wednesday to discuss "regional security, counterterrorism cooperation, intelligence sharing, and other bilateral affairs." The U.S. and Albania have intensified their ties recently in the fight against violent extremism and to stop foreign fighters from joining Islamic rebel groups in Syria and Iraq. Albania claims none of its citizens have extremist groups during the last year, although scores are thought to be active in the Middle East.

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14. Drowning in Information: NSA Revelations From 262 Spy Documents

The Intercept, Micah Lee, Margot Williams, 2016 12 08

Washington - By the first half of 2004, the National Security Agency was drowning in information. It had amassed 85 billion phone and online records and cut the ribbon on a new hacking center in Hawaii -- but it was woefully short on linguists who could make sense of captured communications and lacked enough network analysts to effectively monitor all the systems it had hacked. The signals intelligence collected by the agency was being used for critically important decisions even as NSA struggled to understand it. Some bombs in Iraq were being targeted based entirely on signals intelligence, a senior NSA official told staff at the time -- with decisions being made in a matter of "minutes" with "less and less review." Information overload is just one of several themes running through 262 articles from the NSA's internal news site, SIDtoday, which The Intercept is now releasing after careful review. The documents also detailed an incident in which the Reagan administration appears to have leaked classified intelligence to the press for political purposes, described in an accompanying article by reporter Jon Schwarz. SIDtoday articles published today also describe how the NSA trained FBI agents, enabled U.S. intervention in Latin America, and, with the help of a gifted analyst at the Defense Intelligence Agency, learned the value of simply reading information that was already public. One document even suggests that NSA personnel routinely got dangerously chatty at restaurants near headquarters. These stories and more are described in the highlights reel below. The NSA declined to comment.

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15. Everyone's a Target to the NSA. Here's How the Courts Can Stop It.

The Daily Beast, Ashley Gorski, 2016 12 08

Comment - Next month, President-elect Donald Trump will be handed the keys to the NSA's vast spying apparatus. As a candidate, he supported mass surveillance of Americans' phone calls, called for expanded spying on American Muslims, and even invited Russia to hack the emails of his political opponent. With these threats to privacy and liberty on the horizon, our courts will likely be more important than ever as a bulwark against unlawful spying. One of the courtroom battles that will shape Trump's spying powers is already under way. On Thursday, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in *Wikimedia v. NSA*, our case challenging "Upstream" surveillance. First revealed by whistleblower Edward Snowden in June 2013, Upstream surveillance involves the NSA's bulk searching of Americans' international internet communications with the assistance of companies like AT&T and Verizon. If you email friends abroad, chat with family members overseas, or browse websites hosted outside the United States, the NSA almost certainly has searched through the contents of your communications--and it has done so without a warrant. Upstream surveillance takes place in the internet "backbone"--the network of high- capacity cables, switches, and routers that carries Americans' domestic and international internet communications. The NSA has installed surveillance equipment at dozens of points along the internet backbone, allowing the government to copy and then search the contents of vast quantities of internet traffic as it flows past. The government claims that Upstream surveillance is authorized by Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. That law allows the NSA to engage in warrantless surveillance of Americans when they are communicating with so-called targets abroad. But these targets can be virtually any foreigner overseas--including people who are not accused of any wrongdoing whatsoever, like journalists, lawyers, and human rights researchers. No judge signs off on the government's individual targets. Instead, the NSA secretly vacuums up millions of communications under a single court order each year. Ashley Gorski is a staff attorney in the ACLU's National Security Project.

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16. For Homeland Security, a Man Accustomed to Patrolling Borders

New York Times, Mark Landler, Maggie Haberman, 2016 12 08

Washington - President-elect Donald J. Trump has settled on Gen. John F. Kelly, a retired four-star Marine general whose son was killed in combat in Afghanistan, as his choice for secretary of Homeland Security, putting a seasoned commander with personal experience of the costs of war in charge of protecting the nation's borders. Blunt-spoken and popular with military personnel, General Kelly, 66, rose to run the United States Southern Command, which put him in charge of the military jail at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and exposed him to immigration, drug trafficking and other cross-border problems over a sprawling area that encompasses 32 countries in the Caribbean, Central America and South America. In that job, General Kelly often took a tough tone on border security, warning Congress last year about the risks of smuggling rings in Mexico and Central America that spirited "tens of thousands of people," including unaccompanied children, "to our nation's doorstep." "Terrorist organizations could seek to leverage those same

smuggling routes to move operatives with intent to cause grave harm to our citizens or even bring weapons of mass destruction into the United States," General Kelly said in testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee. Mr. Trump, according to a person briefed on the decision, has not yet formally offered the job to General Kelly, who is out of the country. The president-elect plans to roll out the appointment next week, along with his remaining national security choices, including secretary of state.

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17. Iowa Governor, Considered Friend of Beijing, Is Pick as Ambassador to China

New York Times, Binyamin Appelbaum, 2016 12 08

Washington - Terry Branstad, the Iowa governor who has long embraced China as a market for his state's pork and soybeans, was tapped Wednesday by President-elect Donald J. Trump to represent the United States in one of its most complex and increasingly contentious foreign relationships, as his ambassador to China. In choosing Mr. Branstad, 70, an amiable politician who likes to describe President Xi Jinping of China as an "old friend," Mr. Trump sounded a softer note alongside his unrelenting criticism of China's economic relationship with the United States. At an event on Wednesday morning at Cipriani restaurant in Manhattan to raise money for his inauguration, Mr. Trump told the audience that Mr. Branstad was a great choice. "He knows them all," Mr. Trump said three separate times, according to an attendee. The selection was first reported by Bloomberg News. China was quick to embrace the choice, even before Mr. Trump's announcement. At a regular news briefing in Beijing on Wednesday, Lu Kang, a spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, described Mr. Branstad as "an old friend of the Chinese people," a phrase used to describe politicians trusted by Beijing. "We would welcome him playing a bigger role in promoting Sino-American relations," Mr. Lu said of Mr. Branstad.

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18. Lawmakers: Probe Russian Meddling

Wall Street Journal, Shane Harris, 2016 12 08

Washington - Republican and Democratic lawmakers say they plan to investigate Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election, including the hacking of emails from Democratic political organizations and Hillary Clinton's campaign staff. But their efforts face a strong headwind from President-elect Donald Trump, who has continued to deny that there is proof of Russia's involvement. U.S. intelligence and homeland-security officials said in a rare public statement in October that the computer intrusions were directed by "Russia's senior-most officials" in an unprecedented effort to interfere with the election. For some lawmakers, significant questions remain about how the Russian government transferred stolen emails to WikiLeaks, where they were published in the homestretch of the campaign, as well as Moscow's role in the production of fabricated news stories that have littered the internet and appear intended to mislead voters. On Wednesday, Democratic Reps. Eric Swalwell (D., Calif.) and Elijah Cummings (D., Md.) unveiled legislation to create a bipartisan, independent commission to investigate the Russian meddling. Analogous to the panel that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, it would be composed of outside experts in computer security, elections law and

foreign policy and would have the power to interview witnesses and issue subpoenas as well as obtain documents and hear public testimony.

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19. Long-awaited Canada border bill moves ahead in U.S. Congress

Canadian Press, Alexander Panetta, 2016 12 08

Washington - A bill to simplify crossing the Canadian-U.S. border moved ahead in the American Congress on Wednesday, with little time left to get it passed before lawmakers break to form a post-election legislature in the New Year. It's a long-awaited development. The Harper and Trudeau governments both signed so-called preclearance deals with the Obama administration, but the arrangement required implementing legislation and U.S. lawmakers have not made it a priority. The bill finally got some attention Wednesday evening. It sailed through the House of Representatives without objection. Lawmakers there urged the Senate to adopt it quickly, and make it law before breaking next week for the holidays. Lawmakers from different parties and different parts of the U.S. spoke in favour of the bill, before moving it forward. "(This) is great news for U.S.-Canadian relations," said New York Republican Elise Stefanik. "Canada is more than just a bordering nation. They are our neighbours, our friends and our largest trading partner. Plattsburgh, a city in my district, has even branded itself as Montreal's U.S. suburb." The plan stems from the oft-stated goal of policy-makers to achieve two goals: Simplify movement to avoid the border snarls that have frustrated commerce and travellers since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, while also maintaining security.

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20. Treasury sanctions two Yemeni nationals tied to al Qaeda

The Hill, Sylvan Lane, 2016 12 08

Washington - The Treasury Department on Wednesday targeted two Yemeni nationals for funding and supporting al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), freezing their United States-based assets and barring American persons and firms from doing business with them. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctioned Al-Hasan Ali Abkar and Abdallah Faysal Sadiq al-Ahdal for supporting the terrorist group's operations in Yemen. Abkar has been supporting al Qaeda's Yemen activities since at least 2014, according to the Treasury Department, financing and running weapons to the terrorist group's leaders to carry out attacks. Al-Ahdal, a Yemeni tribal leader, has assisted al Qaeda in Yemen since at least 2009 in a variety of financing, leadership and gun-running roles, according to the Treasury Department. He also used his Rahman Charitable Organization as a front for al Qaeda.

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21. Trump's pick for defense secretary called worrisome

China Daily, Zhang Zhihao, 2016 12 08

Beijing - US president-elect Donald Trump's choice of James Mattis, a retired general with a reputation as a hard-liner, as secretary of defense might lead to more uncertainty and confrontation in China-US military ties, Chinese experts said. Trump has officially nominated the former four-star Marine Corps general as head of the Pentagon, making him the first general to run the Pentagon since George Marshall in 1950. Mattis adds another staunch conservative to Trump's list of Cabinet nominees and high-level advisers, including Jeff Sessions as attorney general, Michael Flynn as national security adviser and Mike Pompeo as CIA director. Mattis has been critical of the Obama administration's security policies toward China, according to his testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee in 2015. "While our efforts in the Pacific to keep positive relations with China are well and good, these efforts must be paralleled by a policy to build the counterbalance if China continues to expand its bullying role in the South China Sea and elsewhere," Mattis said, adding that the US should build more naval power and warships.

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22. Trump hires a third general, raising concerns about heavy military influence

Washington Post, Phillip Rucker, Mike DeBonis, 2016 12 08

Washington - President-elect Donald Trump has selected retired Marine Gen. John F. Kelly as secretary of homeland security, officials familiar with the decision said Wednesday, recruiting a third former member of the military's brass to serve at the highest levels of his administration. Trump's choice of Kelly -- and his continued deliberations about tapping as many as two more military figures for other posts -- has intensified worries among some members of Congress and national security experts that the new administration's policies may be shaped disproportionately by military commanders. "I'm concerned," said Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), a member of the Foreign Relations Committee. "Each of these individuals may have great merit in their own right, but what we've learned over the past 15 years is that when we view problems in the world through a military lens, we make big mistakes." If confirmed, Kelly and defense secretary nominee James Mattis, a retired Marine general with the nickname "Mad Dog," would join retired Army Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn, Trump's pick for White House national security adviser. Meanwhile, retired Army Gen. David H. Petraeus is under consideration for secretary of state, and Navy Adm. Michael S. Rogers is a contender for director of national intelligence. Sen. Thomas R. Carper (D-Del.), the former chairman of the Homeland Security panel, said Kelly has "genuine compassion" for immigrants and understands the root causes of the nation's immigration challenges in such Central American countries as Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. "I will reserve judgment on many of the president-elect's other nominees," Carper said, "but with General Kelly, he's hit a home run with runners on base."

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23. Gardaí attempt to trace killers of Real IRA man in Cork

Irish Times, Barry Roche, 2016 12 08

Cork - A postmortem is to be carried out on Thursday on the remains of a senior dissident republican who was shot and fatally wounded in Cork on Wednesday evening. Gardaí hope the test will shed light on the weapon used and possible suspects for the killing Aidan O'Driscoll (37) - who was nicknamed "the Beast". He was shot four times as he walked along the Old Commons Road near Blackpool Church of the Assumption on Cork's Northside at 5pm. It is understood that Mr O'Driscoll, who was previously the victim of a punishment shooting by dissident republicans in 2013, was shot four times by at least one or possibly two gunmen. The two men fled on foot towards Great William O'Brien Street where they got into a Nissan Almeira which was later found burnt out on Seminary Road near the North on on Cork's northside.

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24. Hostage issues new warning from front line

London Times, Gareth Browne, 2016 12 08

London - The British photographer John Cantlie, who has been held captive by Islamic State for four years, has appeared in a new video in the besieged city of Mosul less than one kilometre from the Iraqi army's front line. The footage shows Mr Cantlie documenting the water shortages caused by coalition airstrikes. The photographer was kidnapped in November 2012 with the American journalist James Foley, who was murdered in Syria in 2014. He has appeared in several videos released by Isis. Most recently, in July, he appeared on camera to talk about the coalition's bombing of Mosul University. In the latest video a bearded and gaunt-looking Mr Cantlie proclaims that "winter is now upon Mosul" as he examines the damage caused to bridges and water pipes in the city. He asks: "If this is the coalition's war against the mujahidin then why are they waging it against Muslims?" It is unclear when the video was filmed but the cold weather would suggest that it was shot in the past few days because northern Iraq has been experiencing a cold spell.

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25. Le GCHQ britannique a espionné l'Etat hébreu tout en coopérant avec Ruffle (Canada)

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 12 08

Londres - Le GCHQ britannique a espionné l'Etat hébreu tout en coopérant avec Ruffle, son homologue israélien On ne se méfie jamais assez de ses amis, surtout les plus proches. Officiellement, Israël et les deux agences de surveillance anglo-saxonnes les plus puissantes, l'Agence nationale de sécurité (NSA) américaine et son homologue britannique, le Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), sont unis par une sacro- sainte alliance. L'été 2009 verra néanmoins pour la première fois l'organisation d'une réunion à quatre au siège du GCHQ, " avec la NSA, le Centre canadien de sécurité des communications et Ruffle ", pour une mise en commun d'informations, notamment sur l'Iran et les Palestiniens. Ce partage ne va pas de soi parce qu'Israël n'appartient pas au cercle très fermé des " Five Eyes "qui ne comprend que les services anglo-saxons (Etats-Unis, Royaume-Uni, Canada, Nouvelle-Zélande et Australie) .

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26. Les services britannique et américain disent agir " conformément au cadre juridique "

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 08

Londres - " Nous ne faisons jamais aucun commentaire sur des sujets liés au renseignement, a indiqué au Monde le porte-parole des services de renseignement technique britannique (GCHQ). Néanmoins, notre travail est mené conformément au strict cadre juridique et politique qui veille à ce que nos activités soient autorisées, nécessaires et proportionnées, et à ce qu'un contrôle rigoureux puisse être effectué par le secrétaire d'Etat, par la commission parlementaire au renseignement et à la sécurité ainsi que par l'autorité de régulation des interceptions et du renseignement. De plus, le régime légal des interceptions pratiquées par le Royaume-Uni respecte totalement la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme.

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27. Londres garde une oreille sur l'Autorité palestinienne et la Jordanie

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 12 08

Londres - Le numéro de téléphone de Mahmoud Abbas et ceux des membres de la cour royale d'Amman figurent dans les relevés des services britanniques Prendre des risques et collecter des renseignements pour le compte du Royaume-Uni ou des Etats-Unis ne veut pas dire que ces deux pays ne vous espionneront pas. C'est l'enseignement de nouveaux documents extraits des archives de l'ex-consultant de l'Agence nationale de sécurité (NSA) américaine Edward Snowden, sur la Jordanie et l'Autorité palestinienne en Cisjordanie. Ces pièces ont été confiées par le lanceur d'alerte à Glenn Greenwald et Laura Poitras, cofondateurs du site The Intercept avec lequel Le Monde a travaillé. On savait, en effet, que la NSA et son homologue britannique, le Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), services quasi jumeaux, entretenaient d'étroites relations avec la monarchie jordanienne et l'Autorité palestinienne dans le domaine du renseignement. Ces deux puissances anglo-saxonnes s'appuient, depuis longtemps, sur la connaissance du terrain et l'expertise de ces deux acteurs régionaux pour surveiller, notamment, le mouvement islamo-nationaliste du Hamas, qui a conquis la bande de Gaza en 2007.

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28. Plan to thwart biological terror attack

London Times, Deborah Haynes, 2016 12 08

London - Plans have been drawn up to deal with a terrorist attack in Britain using biological weapons. The biological security strategy, which will also address natural outbreaks of diseases such as ebola, would be published "shortly", an official report into UK defence and security said. "The strategy will set out how we will address the threat of natural disease outbreaks, as well as the less likely threat of biological materials being used in a deliberate attack," it said. Launched with a foreword by Theresa May, the wide-ranging report set out plans to improve the government's ability to respond to all forms of crises. It warned that the global terrorist threat was "more acute and complex" than ever.

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Australia, New Zealand • Australie, Nouvelle-Zélande

29. Cops use gang tactics on extremists

The Australian, Paul Maley, 2016 12 08

Sydney - Police are using aggressive disruption tactics normally used on organised crime gangs to thwart a suspected Sydney terror cell they fear is intent on carrying out a terrorist attack. State and federal detectives from the NSW Joint Counter Terrorism Team have been targeting a cell of about 10 young suspected extremists operating in the southwest of Sydney. The operation, which stemmed from the arrest last month of Mehmet Biber, who police allege fought with an Islamist group in Syria in 2013, has been under way for several months. It is understood Junaid Thorne, a young preacher well known to authorities thanks to his radical sermonising, is thought to be the spiritual head of the group. In 2015 Thorne was imprisoned for four months - some of which was spent in Australia's toughest jail, the Supermax - for booking flights under a false name. A spokesman for the NSW Police Force declined to discuss the specifics of the operation, but acknowledged that police employed "a variety of powers" to thwart would-be radicals. "In any investigation, while the threshold for charges may not have been reached, community safety remains the highest priority," he said. "Disruptive tactics can prevent a potential attack and further enable police to gather evidence to successfully convict individuals who have engaged in some form of attack planning." Police are increasingly resorting to organised crime-type policing strategies to neutralise suspected Islamists while their plans are vague and embryonic.

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30. Cyber security war game set in 2022 hopes to prepare governments, businesses for the worst

ABC (Australia), Matthew Clayfield, 2016 12 08

Canberra - Australia's first simulated cyber security "game" kicks off at the National Security College of the Australian National University. Australia's first simulated cyber security "game" was set in 2022 and explored two equally unpalatable cyber attack scenarios in the hopes to prepare governments and businesses for the inevitable. The game was co-hosted by the National Security College at the Australian National University and the RAND Corporation, bringing together 90 participants from government, business and academia. Michelle Price, senior adviser in cyber security at the National Security College who helped to co-ordinate the game, said Australians "human behaviour" in cyber space needed to improve. "It's in large part why we're such a significant target for malicious activity," she said. Australia is currently losing up to \$17 billion each year through malicious cyber activity. And the attacks on this year's Census website remain an equally stark reminder of what can happen when organisations are unprepared.

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31. Seven years for terror teen's city bomb plot

The Australian, Chip Le Grand, 2016 12 08

Sydney - The arrest of a teenage bomb maker intent on carrying out the murderous instructions of a charismatic Islamic State recruiter averted what would otherwise have been Australia's worst terror attack. The Melbourne teenager, who was 17 at the time of his arrest, was yesterday jailed for seven years. His sentencing hearing revealed how close Islamic State came to exporting the Syrian conflict to the heart of Melbourne with devastating impact. Victorian Supreme Court judge Lex Lasry told the teenager, referred to as MHK, that he believed he would have carried out his plan to kill and seriously injure innocent people with crude home-made bombs if not for the intervention of police acting on a tip-off. When police raided the teenager's comfortable family home in May last year, they discovered terror preparations in an advanced stage: a boxed pressure cooker in the garage and elbow joint pipes under his bed, bulk matches to make phosphorus and sugar detonators, screws to use as shrapnel and detailed instructions on how to make the kind of device used at the Boston Marathon. The teenager's intentions were clear from hate-filled communications he exchanged on Facebook and Surespot, an encrypted messaging service, with Junaid Hussain, a British-born Islamic State recruiter and comrade of Australia's Neil Prakash since killed in Syria by a US drone strike. He expressed a violent loathing of non-believers and likened Shia Muslims to cockroaches. Unable to obtain a passport and travel to Syria without parental consent, he followed Hussain's incessant urgings to wage war at home.

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32. We must be relentless against terror: PM

Australian Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 12 08

Melbourne - Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has declared terrorists should face the "full severity of the law" a day after a Melbourne teenager was sentenced to seven years in jail for preparing a bomb attack. A Victorian Supreme Court judge on Wednesday said the 18-year-old, who cannot be named, had "every intention" of using the partially constructed pipe bombs found in his home and the only reason he didn't go through with his plot was that he was arrested. Mr Turnbull on Thursday was asked if he thought the sentence was too lenient. The prime minister replied that sentencing was a matter for the courts and he wouldn't comment on any particular case. "(But) terrorist offences should be dealt with with the full severity of the law," he told 3AW. "We need to be relentless in stating our absolute condemnation of terrorism and terrorist activities and people who support terrorist activities." Mr Turnbull said it was up to prosecutors to appeal if they thought any sentence was too light.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

33. Evidence being collected regarding Indian spy Kulbushan Jadhav

Pakistan Dawn, Inamullah Khattak, 2016 12 08

Islamabad - Adviser to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz on Wednesday informed the Senate that evidence was being collected regarding the role of Indian spy Kulbushan Jadhav in Pakistan. Aziz was briefing the Senate about Pak-India relations and skirmishes along the Line of Control (LoC). "So far, we have just statements about the involvement of the Indian spy in

terror activities in Pakistan," said Aziz. The adviser added that further evidence needs to be gathered. Aziz also told the Senate that the United Nations has been provided a dossier regarding the involvement of Indian intelligence agency RAW in Pakistan. Law enforcement agencies had announced the arrest of Jadhav during an intelligence-based raid in Balochistan's Chaman last month. After Jadhav's arrest, Pakistan summoned Indian High Commissioner Gautam Bambawale to lodge a strong protest over 'India's spying activities' in Pakistan, besides apprising the international community about the arrest.

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34. Foreigner ISIS recruiter killed in East of Afghanistan

Khaama Press, 2016 12 08

Kabul - A foreigner militant recruiting for the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group was killed during an operation of the Afghan security forces in eastern Nangarhar province. According to the local security officials, the ISIS commander, identified as Aziz, was killed during an operation of the counter-terrorism forces in Khogyani district. The officials further added that Aziz was in charge of a group of at least 10 ISIS loyalist and was actively recruiting for the terror group in Afghanistan. The Afghan security forces seized some weapons, ammunition and other military kits during the operation, the officials added. This comes as the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said Tuesday that a commander of the terror group was killed during an operation in the restive Achin district.

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35. No conclusive proof against 'Indian spy' Jadhav

Times of India, Omer Farooq Khan, 2016 12 08

New Delhi - Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif's foreign affairs adviser Sartaj Aziz said on Wednesday that the country's intelligence agencies have presented its government with "insufficient evidence" against alleged Indian spy Kulbhushan Jadhav, currently in jail. "The dossier on Jadhav contained mere statements. It did not have any conclusive evidence," Aziz told Pakistan's Senate, or upper house. India reacted cautiously, with government sources saying Aziz's statement was in-camera. "We need time to verify the Aziz statement before forming a response," an Indian government source said. Aziz is also learnt to have said: "What the dossier contained was not enough. Now it's up to the concerned authorities (the army and ISI) how long they take to give us more matter on the agent." Jadhav was arrested during a raid in March. In a video released by the military later, he allegedly admitted to directing various "subversive activities" in Karachi and Balochistan at the behest of India's RAW since 2013.

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36. Situation in Afghanistan to remain tough: Stoltenberg

Pajhwok Afghan News, Danish Karokhel, 2016 12 08

Kabul - NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg on Wednesday said the situation in Afghanistan "is and will remain difficult and tough" but "our commitment to Afghanistan's security is strong and steadfast. "At our Warsaw Summit, we agreed to sustain Resolute Support beyond 2016, to continue national funding of the Afghan Security Forces through 2020, and to work on our long-term political partnership and practical cooperation with Afghanistan," Stoltenberg told reporters in Brussels after a two-day foreign ministerial meeting of NATO countries. Foreign ministers from NATO member states and allies and Afghan Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani attended the conference that reviewed the security situation in Afghanistan and solidified pledges made at the Warsaw Summit in Poland in July.

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Africa • Afrique

37. Belgique - Des échanges "denses et intenses sur des sujets importants"

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 07

Alger - Le Premier ministre belge, Charles Michel, a indiqué mercredi à Alger, avoir eu avec le Premier ministre, Abdelmalek Sellal des échanges "denses et intenses sur des sujets important" dans l'intérêt du partenariat algéro-belge. "Nous avons eu des échanges denses et intenses sur des sujets importants pour l'intérêt de l'Algérie et de la Belgique pour nouer un partenariat intelligent", a déclaré le Premier ministre belge lors du point de presse qu'il a conjointement animé avec son homologue algérien. Il a souligné qu'il "était utile de travailler ensemble pour identifier les différents domaines où nous pourrions renforcer nos partenariats et donner un élan plus dynamique à la coopération bilatérale". Mettant en exergue les "divers défis auxquels sont confrontés les deux pays", M. Michel a plaidé pour "davantage d'activités" afin de pouvoir répondre aux préoccupations sociales des citoyens "grâce au dynamisme économique". Le Premier ministre belge, qui a insisté sur l'objectif du développement économique, a évoqué "la possibilité d'élargir les initiatives", citant les domaines abordés lors de son entretien avec M. Sellal comme "les infrastructures, l'énergie, le transport, la pétrochimie, l'industrie pharmaceutique...". Sur un autre registre, le responsable belge estime, que "pour réaliser tout développement économique, il faut de la stabilité et de la sécurité", relevant que l'Algérie "connait très bien c'est quoi la lutte contre le terrorisme pour avoir payé un lourd tribut" lors des années de tragédie traversée par l'Algérie. Pour le responsable belge, il "y a nécessité d'avoir une coopération sincère en matière de lutte contre le terrorisme", se réjouissant d'avoir "constaté auprès des dirigeants algériens une volonté de travailler ensemble" sur ce terrain.

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38. Les armées africaines impuissantes face au terrorisme

Le Figaro, Tanguy Berthemet, 2016 12 08

Dakar - Alors que la situation au Mali s'enlise, l'Europe pourrait fournir des armes aux forces du continent pour les aider à combattre. Afrique La situation au Mali a hanté le 3e forum sur la sécurité de Dakar, organisé lundi 5 et mardi 6 décembre. Ce n'est pas étonnant, tant ce sommet monté par la France et le Sénégal dans la foulée de l'opération anti- djihadiste « Serval » est lié à

ce pays. Mais tandis que lors des deux premières éditions régnait un certain optimisme quant à l'avenir, l'inquiétude se fait maintenant jour. « Le processus politique est ensablé et la situation sécuritaire se dégrade », résume un diplomate. Jean-Yves Le Drian, le ministre de la Défense, se montre certes moins brusque, mais ne peut que regretter le peu d'avancées en appelant à l'application rapide des accords de paix d'Alger. Conclu en juin 2015, ce texte prévoit notamment un redéploiement de l'État malien au nord du pays et le désarmement (DDR) des divers groupes armés. « Je constate que ça met du temps. Je sens bien que le processus de DDR traîne encore. Il est nécessaire que l'ensemble des acteurs fassent pression (...) pour que ces accords soient respectés », a-t-il affirmé.

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39. Lori-Anne Thérroux-Bénoni : Pour les djihadistes maliens

Le Point, Claire Meynial, 2016 12 08

Dakar - Lori-Anne Thérroux-Bénoni : "Pour les djihadistes maliens, le fait religieux n'occupe pas une dimension centrale" Surprise. Selon une étude présentée au Forum de Dakar, les combattants sont surtout guidés par des logiques économiques et de protection. Rien de très surprenant que, pour la troisième édition du Forum de Dakar sur la paix et la sécurité en Afrique, le terrorisme ait encore été au centre des préoccupations. Et, comme les autres fois, le président sénégalais Macky Sall a martelé la nécessité de lutter contre l'islam radical. « Il faut une réponse doctrinale et intellectuelle de l'islam au discours extrémiste. Il n'y a pas de doute que l'extrémisme n'a aucune place sans l'islam. C'est la religion du juste milieu, qui fait corps avec la raison, elle ne peut s'accommoder d'une pensée intellectuelle qui installe l'obscurantisme », a-t-il répété dès la séance d'ouverture. Et de citer les versets du Coran qui exaltent la « faculté cognitive » de l'homme, avant d'évoquer la responsabilité de la communauté et des parents dans l'édification morale des jeunes : « Il vaut mieux éduquer un enfant que d'entreprendre la tâche plus incertaine de le déradicaliser quand le mal est déjà fait. » Cette année, le programme comprenait donc une conférence d'exégètes, dont l'un issu de l'université al-Azhar du Caire, en Égypte. Pourtant, une question évidente semble avoir été escamotée : qu'est-ce que la radicalisation en Afrique de l'Ouest ? Une équipe de chercheurs s'est penchée dessus.

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40. Lutte antiterroriste : M. Hamel évoque l'expérience pionnière de l'Algérie

El Moudjahid, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 07

Tunis - Le Directeur général de la Sûreté nationale, le général major Abdelghani Hamel, a mis en exergue, hier à Tunis, l'expérience « pionnière » de l'Algérie en matière de lutte contre le terrorisme et l'extrémisme violent, dont elle en est sortie victorieuse, grâce à la politique de réconciliation nationale initiée par le Président de la République, Abdelaziz Bouteflika, et plébiscitée par le peuple algérien. Le Directeur général de la Sûreté nationale, le général major Abdelghani Hamel, a mis en exergue, hier à Tunis, l'expérience « pionnière » de l'Algérie en matière de lutte contre le terrorisme et l'extrémisme violent, dont elle en est sortie victorieuse, grâce à la politique de réconciliation nationale initiée par le Président de la République, Abdelaziz Bouteflika, et plébiscitée par le peuple algérien. « Mon pays, qui a une expérience

pionnière en matière de lutte contre le terrorisme et l'extrémisme violent, est parfaitement conscient que l'éradication totale des groupes terroristes n'est pas une entreprise facile», a déclaré M. Hamel, dans une allocution, lors du 40e congrès des chefs de police et de sécurité arabes. Il a rappelé que «l'Algérie, qui a lutté seule contre le terrorisme avec toute la force et la détermination qui la caractérisent, a pu vaincre ce fléau et en sortir triomphante, grâce à l'approche multidimensionnelle qu'elle a adoptée et qui a été couronnée par la réconciliation nationale initiée par le Président de la République, M. Abdelaziz Bouteflika et plébiscitée par le peuple algérien tout entier».

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41. Une cinquantaine de détenus s'évadent d'une prison

All Africa, Josiane Mambou Loukoula, 2016 12 07

Bamako, Mali - Des assaillants jihadistes présumés ont attaqué à l'arme lourde, la prison de Niono, dans le centre du Mali, laissant s'évader une cinquantaine de détenus, et blessé deux gardes. « De présumés jihadistes ont attaqué, dans la nuit de lundi à mardi avec des armes lourdes, la prison de Niono. Ils ont gravement blessé deux membres de la garde nationale, avant de libérer au moins 47 prisonniers, dont un combattant jihadiste », a déclaré un responsable de la mairie de cette ville à près de 115 km au nord de Ségou, le chef-lieu de région et environ 350 km au nord-est de Bamako.

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Asia • Asie

42. China, US to do more on cyber crime

China Daily, Chen Weihua, 2016 12 08

Washington - Chinese and US officials meeting in Washington on Wednesday for a bilateral cybersecurity dialogue have agreed to expand cooperation, according to Chinese officials. Chinese State Councilor and Minister of Public Security Guo Shengkun joined US Attorney General Loretta Lynch and Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson in co-chairing the third China-US High-Level Joint Dialogue on Cybercrime and Related Issues. The two sides reached a new consensus in deepening cooperation in cybersecurity. Achievements made in the meeting cover areas such as cracking down on cybercrimes, cooperation in cybersecurity, improving the hotline mechanism, cyber counterterrorism cooperation and information sharing, according to a press release from the Chinese delegation. The two sides recalled the achievements made since the first dialogue and spoke positively of the importance and necessity of the mechanism, the press release said. Guo was quoted as saying in the meeting that China and the US established the high-level dialogue mechanism based on the important consensus reached between President Xi Jinping and US President Barack Obama in September 2015. He said the two leaders gave

important input to the dialogue when they met in Lima, Peru, last month on the sidelines of the APEC Leaders Summit.

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43. China Delivers Riposte to 'Radical Islam' Claim

New York Times, Edward Wong, 2016 12 08

Beijing - A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman pushed back on Wednesday against assertions by Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn, who is President-elect Donald J. Trump's choice for national security adviser, that China was allied with "radical Islamists." The spokesman, Lu Kang, was asked at a regularly scheduled news conference in Beijing about Mr. Flynn's accusations, which were made in a book released in July that he wrote with a co-author, "The Field of Fight: How We Can Win the Global War Against Radical Islam and Its Allies." "I hope everyone who takes a responsible attitude and is devoted to safeguarding China-U.S. relations and boosting China-U.S. cooperation can base their opinions on facts when taking a position," Mr. Lu said. "Only in this way can mutual trust be enhanced." In his book, Mr. Flynn mentions China and North Korea a half-dozen times. In one passage, he wrote, "The war is on. We face a working coalition that extends from North Korea and China to Russia, Iran, Syria, Cuba, Bolivia, Venezuela and Nicaragua. We are under attack, not only from nation-states directly, but also from Al Qaeda, Hezbollah, ISIS and countless other terrorist groups."

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44. Du fond de sa prison au Bangladesh, Khalil raconte le terrorisme islamiste (Canada)

L'Hebdo (Suisse), Dougnac Dacca, 2016 12 08

Dacca - En trois ans, dans ce pays situé à l'est de l'Inde, une quarantaine de personnalités ont été exécutées par des groupes islamistes. Une violence qui ne cesse d'augmenter malgré la forte répression menée par le gouvernement, qui en profite pour régler ses comptes avec les partis d'opposition. La démocratie est ainsi prise en étau. Bracelets argentés autour des poignets, ses menottes s'entrechoquent parfois dans un léger cliquetis. Khalil* est assis les mains croisées sur ses genoux. L'entretien est secret, improvisé dans un petit bureau en préfabriqué au coeur de Dacca, la gigantesque métropole bangladaise. Pour Monirul Islam, la bête noire est incarnée par le JMB, le groupe qui a recruté Khalil. «Nous l'appelons le «néo-JMB» car ce groupe est né dans les années 2000 et s'est évanoui jusqu'en 2013. C'est lui qui a perpétré l'attaque du quartier de Gulshan. Les assaillants ont été entraînés par un ex-militaire radicalisé qui revenait du Canada.»

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45. Hackers operated Twitter handles of Rahul, Congress from 5 countries (Canada).

Times of India, Somreet Bhattacharya, 2016 12 08

New Delhi - The Twitter handles of Rahul Gandhi and the Congress which were recently hacked were operated from five countries including the US, Delhi Police on Wednesday said. The Economic Offences Wing (EOW), which is probing the matter, received a reply around three-

four days ago from Twitter headquarters on the Internet Protocol (IP) addresses used by the hackers to send derogatory tweets from these accounts, a senior police officer said. "We have got to know that the IP addresses from where the accounts were accessed don't fall under our jurisdiction. The Twitter handle logs show both the accounts were operated from five countries - Sweden, Romania, the US, Canada and Thailand. We will write to the Internet service providers of these countries to share details of users with us and that is how the investigation will proceed," the officer said.

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46. Raids net 22 money laundering suspects (Canada)

South China Morning Post, Clifford Lo, 2016 12 08

Beijing - A series of police raids across the city yesterday rounded up 22 Hongkongers suspected of laundering up to HK\$13 million in funds through their bank accounts. The money was suspected to be linked to 18 deception cases in Canada, Singapore, Taiwan, South Korea and Africa over the past two years. Senior inspector Sophia Lau Pak-wing of the commercial crime bureau said the cases included investment frauds and email scams. She said suspects deceived victims into remitting money to designated bank accounts in Hong Kong. "Even though the cases did not happen in Hong Kong, the suspects could be in breach of money laundering laws since their bank accounts were used to collect crime proceeds," Lau said. Money laundering carries a maximum penalty of 14 years' imprisonment and a HK\$5 million fine. Investigations into such activities began after local police received referrals from overseas law enforcement agencies. Following detailed probes and analyses, police identified the suspected holders of the bank - accounts. Officers raided more than 20 locations across the city and arrested 13 men and nine women. As of last night, the suspects were still being questioned and none had been charged.

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47. S. Korea's defense chief calls for vigilance over N.K. threats

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 08

Seoul - South Korea's defense chief called on the military Thursday to remain vigilant as North Korea might carry out a provocation amid the ongoing political crisis involving President Park Geun-hye. On Friday, 300 lawmakers from the ruling and opposition parties are set to vote on an impeachment bill against Park. The country has been engulfed by a massive corruption scandal involving Park and her close confidante since late October. Defense Minister Han Min-koo made the comments during his visit to the 3rd Army headquarters, one of the country's three field armies in charge of protecting Gyeonggi Province that surrounds Seoul from any military threats by North Korea. He also instructed the front line troops to take immediate action in case of any provocations without waiting for orders. He said the response should be made before the incident is reported to higher military headquarters, the statement said.

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48. Terrorist cell who planned Manila bomb attack used social media to communicate

Manila Bulletin, Aaron Recuenco, 2016 12 08

Manila - Members of the terror cell who planned the foiled bomb attack in Manila near the US Embassy last month were found to have been communicating through Facebook and other social media platforms. Senior Supt. Joel Napoleon Coronel, director of the Manila Police District (MPD), said they found out such a scheme when they arrested the third suspect in the foiled bomb attack, identified as Mohammad Jumao-as who uses the alias Modie. "We found out that at least two of the five suspects involved have Facebook accounts. They have been communicating through Facebook but we are still conducting investigation as to their messages there," Coronel told the Manila Bulletin in an interview at Camp Crame after the presentation of the suspect to the media. "We are still verifying if the other people involved are just using aliases in Facebook," he added. But Coronel said it was also through Facebook that led them to Jumao-as in a hospital in Bulacan where he has been working as an X-Ray technician.

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Eastern Europe • Europe de l'Est

49. Russian police arrest 12 people suspected of terror links

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 12 08

Moscow - Russia's security agencies have arrested 12 people accused of involvement in a terror organization. Moscow's branch of the Russian Interior Ministry said the suspects were searching for recruits for an unspecified organization. Wednesday's bust in Moscow was conducted jointly by the Interior Ministry and the Federal Security Service, the main KGB successor agency known under its acronym FSB. Russian state television showed the handcuffed suspects lying face down on the floor as security officers were searching the apartment. The raid follows last month's arrest of 10 suspects allegedly linked to the Islamic State group who were accused of plotting terror attacks in Moscow and St. Petersburg. (Full report).

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

50. Iranian Navy Prepared to Confront Any Threats

Fars News Agency, 2016 12 08

Tehran - Iranian Navy Commander Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari underlined his forces' eagle eyes in monitoring the enemies' moves in the region, and said they are ready to confront any threat and danger. "We are precisely monitoring all regional moves by the regional armies and the trans-regional forces in the Sea of Oman and North of the Indian Ocean and we have prepared ourselves against various threats at different levels," Sayyari said in the Southern province of Hormozgan on Tuesday. Elsewhere, he referred to the security situation in the Persian Gulf, and said, "The Persian Gulf should be the center of tranquility and stability and we

believe that the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman littoral states are able to establish sustainable security in the region and there is no need to alien states in the region."

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51. Security Forces Disband Terrorist Group in Western Iran

Fars News Agency, 2016 12 08

Tehran - Iranian Deputy Interior Minister for Security and Law Enforcement Affairs Hossein Zolfaqari announced that the country's security forces have dismantled a terrorist cell which planned to carry out sabotage acts inside Iran. "Recently, a 3-member terrorist team which sought to enter the country via the Western borders was identified," Zolfaqari told reporters in Tehran on Wednesday. After identifying and tracking the terrorist cell, it was dismantled by the Iranian security and intelligence forces, he added. Unofficial sources said that the terrorists were affiliated to the ISIL. In relevant remarks last month, Zolfaqari announced that a terrorist cell was dismantled in the Eastern parts of Iran. "Last night, a terrorist team was disbanded by the intelligence ministry in Eastern Iran," Zolfaqari said on November 22. "The team had 4 members, one of whom was killed and three others were arrested," he added.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

52. Britain will help Gulf 'push back' against Iran aggression

Gulf News, Habib Toumi, 2016 12 08

Manama - Britain will help the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in "pushing back against Iran's aggressive regional actions" and in securing stability in the region, British Prime Minister Theresa May has said. "As we address new threats to our security, so we must also continue to confront state actors whose influence fuels instability in the region," May told the leaders of the six GCC member countries in Bahrain. "So I want to assure you that I am clear-eyed about the threat that Iran poses to the Gulf and the wider Middle East. The UK is fully committed to our strategic partnership with the Gulf and working with you to counter that threat. "We secured a deal which has neutralised the possibility of Iran acquiring nuclear weapons for over a decade. It has already seen Iran remove 13 thousand centrifuges together with associated infrastructure and eliminate its stock of 20 per cent enriched uranium.

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53. GCC, UK say Al Assad has lost all legitimacy

Khaleej Times, 2016 12 08

Manama - Syrian President Bashar Al Assad has lost all legitimacy and has no role in Syria's future, the leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the British Prime Minister have said in a joint communiqué. The communiqué was issued at the end of the first GCC-UK Summit held in Bahrain alongside the 37th GCC Summit. Theresa May became the first British

prime minister to take part in the annual GCC summit that brings together the leaders of member countries Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. "The leaders committed to continue working towards a sustainable political resolution in Syria that ends the war and establishes an inclusive government that protects all ethnic and religious communities, and preserves state institutions," the communiqué said.

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54. Israel keeping WMDs from Hezbollah

Times of Israel, Judah Ari Gross and Raphael Ahren, 2016 12 08

Jerusalem - Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman acknowledged that Israel was responsible for recent attacks in Syria, saying on Wednesday that they were meant to prevent "advanced weapons, military equipment and weapons of mass destruction" from reaching Hezbollah. Speaking to ambassadors from the European Union, Liberman did not specify what incident or incidents he was referring to, speaking only about "what was done in Syria," according to a statement from his office. "We are working, first and foremost, to defend the safety of our citizens and to protect our sovereignty, and we are trying to prevent the smuggling of advanced weapons, military equipment and weapons of mass destruction from Syria to Hezbollah," he said. During the meeting with EU officials, the defense minister also laid out his view for how Israel would like to see the Syrian civil war resolved and his skepticism at the prospects of a peace deal with the Palestinians in the near future.

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55. Saudi intelligence, al-Qaida plan kidnapping humanitarian aid staff in Yemen - Security

Yemen News Agency, 2016 12 08

Sana'a - A security official revealed a high coordination between Saudi intelligence and al-Qaida network to carry out kidnapping operation against foreign nationalities working with humanitarian relief agencies in a number of Yemeni provinces. "Liaison officers working with the Saudi intelligence met leaders from al-Qaida in the border Al-Waidah crossing point on Saturday, 29 October, to coordinate the kidnapping operations," the official told Saba. Interior Ministry called on Arab and foreign nationalities working with humanitarian relief organizations to coordinate their movements with the security agencies, to be aware of their surroundings and to take extra precautions when travelling throughout the country. (Full Report).

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56. Shin Bet says terror cell responsible for West Bank shootings arrested

Jerusalem Post, Anna Ahronheim, 2016 12 08

Jerusalem - The Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) recently arrested a terrorist cell suspect carried out several shooting attacks against the Ofra settlement in the Binyamin region of the West Bank. During the arrests, which was done in cooperation with the IDF and the Border

Police reconnaissance unit, weapons and vehicles allegedly used by the suspects during the attacks were seized. The cell, which consisted of three minors, carried out four shooting attacks between October and November 2016, using locally made weapons, the Shin Bet said. Relatives of the cell members were also detained, on suspicion that they were involved in hiding the weapons used to carry out attacks. "The activity of the cell demonstrates the high threat level of a terrorist cell with access to weapons and the ability to manufacture weapons," the agency said, adding that the suspects have been transferred to the military prosecution where charges will be filed in the coming days.

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57. Syrian Troops Are Said to Drive Deeper Into Rebel Areas of Aleppo (Canada)

New York Times, Anne Barnard, 2016 12 08

Beirut - Syrian government forces pushed deeper into Aleppo on Wednesday, seizing areas around the medieval citadel whose narrow streets had long given rebels cover, pro-government websites and conflict monitors reported. Rebel leaders disputed the claims, but antigovernment activists in the area sent increasingly desperate messages saying they believed they would soon be killed or arrested, while civilians said they were squeezing into a smaller and smaller area, with some calling for safe passage out. A rebel fighter with the Nour al-Din al-Zenki group, reached in a hiding place near the Old City, said that several neighborhoods had fallen and that defeat appeared inevitable. "Aleppo has fallen," he said. "If there are no U.N. initiatives, I expect the regime will exterminate us all." In a joint statement, the leaders of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Britain and the United States warned that "a humanitarian disaster is taking place before our very eyes." The statement condemned the Syrian government and its allies, especially Russia.

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58. Top Israeli envoy promotes anti-missile system in Seoul

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 08

Seoul - A top Israeli envoy said Thursday the missile defense systems developed by the Middle Eastern country will help counter North Korea's growing missile provocations. Citing the Iron Dome missile defense battery as one of the most innovative of Israel's military systems, Israeli Ambassador to South Korea Chaim Choshen boasted of its anti-missile capabilities and its proven track record of intercepting incoming missiles. "We are two small states which have very similar strategic situations. Korea is threatened by North Korea and Israel is threatened by Iran. We have good cooperation in defense and security," the ambassador said in a forum arranged by the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses (KIDA) in Seoul. "I am sure this cooperation (between Seoul and Jerusalem) is still very far from being exhausted and I hope so much this potential will be used in the future ... particularly in defense area. We may suggest some solutions to counter North Korean threats here." Throughout the forum, the ambassador pitched the highlights of Israel's advanced technologies and proven track record in air defense armaments.

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59. Une « victoire stratégique » qui favorise le retour de Bachar sur la scène politique

Le Figaro, Isabelle Lasserre, 2016 12 08

Damas - Pour Damas, le succès des armes paraît désormais tellement certain que le ministre de la « Réconciliation », Ali Haidar, n'hésite pas à parler de « victoire stratégique » pour l'armée syrienne. La chute annoncée d'Alep, dont la vieille ville était entièrement reconquise par l'armée gouvernementale mercredi, sera sans nul doute un « game changer », un événement qui modifiera profondément la donne en Syrie. Le premier gagnant est Bachar el-Assad, l'allié de Moscou et de Téhéran, celui qui au début de la guerre a vidé les prisons de ses djihadistes afin qu'ils distillent leur poison dans l'opposition syrienne. En septembre 2015, le régime de Damas a été sauvé par l'intervention militaire de la Russie. La conquête d'Alep, la deuxième ville du pays, qui fut sa capitale commerciale avant la guerre et qui était jusque-là l'un des rares centres urbains tenus par les rebelles, rend possible et crédible la formation d'un État alaouite sur les ruines de la Syrie. Elle devrait aussi remettre en selle politiquement Bachar el-Assad, dont la chute avait été imprudemment annoncée ou fermement exigée par l'Europe et les États-Unis. Anticipant la chute de la ville, l'un pour la regretter, l'autre pour s'en féliciter, les chefs de la diplomatie américaine et russe soufflent à nouveau sur les braises quasi éteintes de la diplomatie.

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60. À l'Otan, Donald Trump inquiète les alliés européens

La Croix, François d'Alañon, 2016 12 08

Bruxelles - Lors d'une réunion des ministres des affaires étrangères de l'Otan à Bruxelles, le secrétaire d'État américain John Kerry s'est efforcé, mardi, de rassurer ses partenaires sur l'engagement américain envers l'Alliance atlantique. Les ministres des affaires étrangères de l'Otan, réunis à Bruxelles, ont approuvé une série de mesures pour renforcer la coopération entre l'Alliance et l'Union européenne. À six semaines de l'arrivée de Donald Trump à la Maison-Blanche, le secrétaire d'État américain John Kerry a profité de sa dernière rencontre avec ses homologues pour les rassurer sur l'engagement américain envers l'Otan. En quoi consiste la coopération entre l'Otan et l'Union européenne? En présence de la chef de la diplomatie de l'UE Federica Mogherini et des représentants de la Finlande et de la Suède - deux pays membres de l'UE mais non de l'Otan -, les 28 pays de l'Otan ont approuvé 42 mesures de renforcement de la coopération et de la coordination entre les deux institutions, en application d'une décision de principe prise au sommet de l'Otan à Varsovie, en juillet. Le champ couvert va de la « guerre hybride » à la cyberdéfense, en passant par les exercices, la recherche, le partenariat avec des pays tiers et un partage des moyens logistiques et de renseignement pour les opérations navales de l'Otan et de l'UE en Méditerranée. Le Centre européen de lutte contre les « menaces hybrides », qui doit être créé en 2017 à Helsinki, s'appuiera sur un réseau européen d'experts pour

informer les pays membres - de l'UE comme de l'Otan - de nouvelles attaques ou menaces, comme la désinformation russe ou les tactiques de propagande de Daech.

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61. Bruxelles décidé à muscler l'arsenal antiterroriste de l'Europe

Les Echos, Derek Perrotte, 2016 12 08

Bruxelles - L'Union européenne s'attache à finaliser les réformes lancées depuis deux ans. Un accord émerge sur le contrôle aux frontières de l'espace Schengen. Plus d'un an après les attentats du 13 novembre à Paris, la réponse peut sembler tardive. Elle est pourtant assez rapide au vu des canons traditionnels de la grande machine bruxelloise. L'Europe est en passe de muscler son arsenal de lutte contre le terrorisme, avec une volonté affichée, tant par le Parlement que par la Commission et les Etats, de désormais boucler au plus vite les nombreuses initiatives lancées ces deux dernières années. Une volonté affirmée lors du sommet de Bratislava en septembre et préalablement symbolisée par la création en août d'un poste, inédit jusque-là, de commissaire à la Sécurité, confié au Britannique Julian King. La diversité des réformes que l'Europe s'attache à « délivrer », selon un anglicisme en vogue à Bruxelles, témoigne à la fois de l'ampleur et de la complexité de la tâche.

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62. En Espagne, une agression réveille les vieux démons basques

Le Monde, Sandrine Morel, 2016 12 08

Alsasua - Le 15 octobre, deux gardes civils et leurs compagnes ont été insultés et frappés par une vingtaine de personnes à Alsasua, commune de Navarre. Fait divers ou résurgence des violences autrefois menés par l'ETA ? Où se trouve la frontière entre la violence et la terreur ? Entre une agression contre des gendarmes et un lynchage prémédité visant à imposer la peur ? La polémique fait rage en Espagne depuis l'agression, le 15 octobre, de deux gardes civils qui n'étaient pas en service et de leurs compagnes, dans un bar d'Alsasua, petite commune de 8000 habitants de Navarre. Insultés et frappés par plus d'une vingtaine de personnes, certaines ayant le visage dissimulé, les gardes civils ont été forcés à quitter le bar. Une fois dans la rue, ont-ils raconté au juge, ils ont de nouveau été cernés et agressés par une quinzaine de personnes qui leur ont crié de quitter la Navarre. L'un des deux gardes a dû être opéré d'une fracture à la cheville, les autres victimes ont souffert de blessures légères. Sept adultes, âgées de 19 à 24 ans, et deux mineurs ont été arrêtés. Leurs actes ont été condamnés par tous les partis, à l'exception des indépendantistes radicaux de la gauche abertzale (patriote) EH Bildu pour laquelle il ne s'agit que d'une simple « bagarre de bar » après une « provocation » de la part des gardes civils.

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63. La NSA et le GCHQ, poids lourds du renseignement mondial (Canada)

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 12 08

Non identifié - Au sein du club très fermé des " Five Eyes " qui réunit, depuis la seconde guerre mondiale, les services secrets techniques américains, britanniques, australiens, canadiens et néo-zélandais, le Royaume-Uni et les Etats-Unis tiennent les deux principaux rôles. L'Agence nationale de sécurité (NSA) américaine compte 60 000 personnes, son homologue française. Chargée d'une mission offensive et défensive, la NSA s'efforce d'avoir accès à tous les réseaux informatiques et de communication afin de collecter et de traiter en masse les données de connexions. Elle dispose d'un budget annuel de plus de 10 milliards de dollars (9,3 milliards d'euros), supérieur à celui de la CIA. Créée en 1952 par un décret secret du président Harry Truman soucieux de réorganiser l'ensemble des moyens d'interception américains, l'existence de la NSA n'a été officiellement reconnue qu'en 1957.

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64. Le renseignement financier, outil-clé de la traque aux « signaux faibles » de l'antiterrorisme

Le Monde, Elise Vincent, 2016 12 08

Paris - Pour le directeur de Tracfin, Bruno Dalles, dont le rapport annuel était dévoilé ce 8 décembre, l'agence a notamment un rôle important pour « confirmer un environnement, une appartenance à une mouvance ». Depuis les attentats de Charlie et de l'Hyper Cacher, en janvier 2015, le renseignement financier est devenu un outil essentiel de la lutte contre le terrorisme. Un des moyens de repérer ce qui est devenu un des enjeux-clés de l'endiguement de la menace : les « signaux faibles » de radicalisation. Tels sont, en substance, les points mis en avant dans le rapport d'analyse annuel de Tracfin, la cellule antiblanchiment française, qu'a rendu public le ministre de l'économie et des finances, Michel Sapin, jeudi 8 décembre, à Bercy. D'après ce rapport intitulé « Tendances et analyse des risques » de l'année 2015, le renseignement financier a, depuis l'attaque contre Charlie Hebdo, pris une place qu'il n'avait pas dans ce type de dossiers. « L'intérêt du renseignement financier c'est que même si on parle de " signaux faibles ", il recueille des signaux fiables », estime ainsi le directeur de Tracfin, Bruno Dalles, interrogé par Le Monde. Cela permet de confirmer un environnement, une appartenance. » Des éléments essentiels pour la justice, afin de caractériser par exemple « l'association de malfaiteur en vue d'une entreprise terroriste », le chef de mise en examen le plus souvent utilisé actuellement.

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65. Les dernières révélations Snowden atomisent la théorie d'une mondialisation heureuse

Atlantico (site web), Franck Decloquement, 2016 12 08

Non identifié - Les dernières révélations Snowden atomisent la théorie d'une mondialisation heureuse (et ça, c'est nettement plus gênant que les arguments des populistes sur le libre-échange) Les guerres économiques que se livrent les pays du monde entier représentent une menace bien plus sérieuse pour le libre-échange que les théories économiques de Donald Trump. Atlantico : Les révélations d'Edward Snowden mettent chaque jour en avant de nouvelles informations sur les pratiques de la NSA. Parmi ces révélations, certaines soulignent le risque que font courir les agences de renseignement au libre-échange et à la libre-concurrence. Quel est-il exactement ? Les missions poursuivies par les organes de renseignements vont-elles à

l'encontre des principes du libre-échange ? Franck Decloquement : Selon de très nombreux observateurs ayant pu enquêter en profondeur sur le sujet, la NSA est une « arme d'espionnage économique massive », et un « fer de lance sous l'égide de Washington », évidemment prête à tout - dans le cadre de ses prérogatives propres - pour défendre les intérêts commerciaux américains. A l'image du dernier livre de Claude Delesse « NSA - National Security Agency », édité chez Tallandier, qui est une très bonne introduction en la matière, à destination d'un lectorat grand public.

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66. Un jeune radicalisé a été libéré mais reste surveillé

Tribune de Genève, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 08

Genève - Le jeune homme va être le premier à bénéficier du projet pilote de suivi social présenté lundi par les autorités genevoises C'est le premier cas du genre pour Genève. Un jeune Suisse radicalisé, A. , parti il y a un an sur le chemin du djihad, arrêté six mois plus tard à son retour puis placé en détention provisoire, est sorti de prison hier, ont appris la Tribune de Genève et le Tages-Anzeiger. Sa remise en liberté est assortie de mesures judiciaires spéciales. Il revient au Canton de veiller à les mettre en oeuvre. Autant dire que le Genevois de 21 ans va mettre les institutions à rude épreuve. Le Ministère public de la Confédération (MPC) a confirmé hier ces éléments: « Le prévenu arrêté le 8 juin 2016 à l'aéroport de Zurich à son retour de Turquie a été remis en liberté. Des mesures de substitution ont été ordonnées par le Tribunal des mesures de contrainte (TMC) compétent sur demande du MPC.

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67. Vols au-dessus d'un nid d'espions

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 12 08

Non identifié - La NSA américaine et son homologue britannique peuvent capter toutes les données, y compris les codes secrets, des communications des passagers de la plupart des compagnies aériennes. Dont Air France. Dans l'immense stock d'archives extraites par Edward Snowden, l'ancien contractuel de l'Agence nationale de sécurité américaine (NSA), c'est une pépite. Elle débute par une devinette : " Quel est le point commun entre le président du Pakistan, un trafiquant de cigares ou d'armes, une cible du contre-terrorisme ou le membre d'un réseau de prolifération nucléaire? Ils utilisent tous leur téléphone portable lorsqu'ils sont dans un avion. " Posée en 2010 dans une des lettres d'information interne de l'une des principales directions de la NSA, " SIDtoday ", et classée top secret, elle annonce l'émergence d'un nouveau terrain d'espionnage, qui n'avait pas encore été exploré : l'interception des données de communications à bord des avions de ligne. En 2009, la NSA souligne dans un document interne que, en décembre 2008, 50 000 personnes ont déjà utilisé leur téléphone portable en vol, un chiffre qui atteint 100 000 en février 2009.

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68. WikiLeaks accuse le régime de collusion avec Daech

L'Humanité, S.A., 2016 12 08

Ankara - Le site a publié 57 934 mails de Berat Albayrak montrant des relations troubles entre l'« État islamique » et la compagnie pétrolière Powertrans. Le ministre turc de l'Énergie, Berat Albayrak, pourrait bien se faire tirer les oreilles par son beau-père pour manque de prudence. Lundi et mardi, le site d'information WikiLeaks a publié 57 934 mails du gendre de Recep Tayyip Erdogan qui prouveraient les liens troubles entretenus par la Turquie et l'organisation de l'« État islamique » (EI). La compagnie pétrolière turque Powertrans aurait en effet bénéficié d'une dérogation à l'embargo imposé par le gouvernement sur les importations et exportations de pétrole en provenance ou en direction des régions sous contrôle de Daech. Ankara aurait donc sciemment acheté du pétrole syrien à l'EI, finançant indirectement le groupe djihadiste en hommes et en matériel militaire.

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CSIS in the News • Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Garratts recount dark odyssey through China's security apparatus

Globe and Mail, Eric Andrew-Gee, 2016 12 08

Back in Canada, Kevin Garratt and his wife, who had made China their home running a café and pursuing aid projects in North Korea, are still trying to make sense of their surprise arrest in 2014. The Garratts didn't realize they were being set up until it was too late. It was August, 2014, and

the Christian aid workers were at a restaurant in the remote northern Chinese city of Dandong, on the North Korean border, where they had lived and run a café for years. An acquaintance had asked them for advice on sending his daughter to study in Canada - so there they were, prepared to offer assistance, as they had been doing in China since falling in love with the country 30 years before. Shortly after arriving amid what looked like a wedding party, Kevin and Julia Garratt were grabbed by strange men and driven away in separate cars. The surprise arrest launched a dark odyssey through the Chinese state security apparatus: Mr. Garratt was imprisoned for two years on espionage charges, Ms. Garratt was detained, then placed under surveillance, and the family was traumatized, immiserated and finally reunited, with troubling questions to spare. The episode would also become a flashpoint in SinoCanadian relations as the countries negotiated the launch of talks on an extradition treaty. Three months after returning to Canada, the Garratts sat down with The Globe and Mail to give their most detailed account yet of the harrowing journey. At the invitation of the country's regime, the couple had built bathrooms for orphanages, helped with flood relief and rebuilt facilities at a school for the disabled. All the while, they ran a coffee shop in the Chinese border city that was frequented by students and foreign journalists. The shop also attracted local diplomats hoping to learn about North Korea through two Canadians who had been given rare levels of access to the country. The couple would later learn through their Chinese interrogators that a U.S. military attaché had visited the café. Former foreign affairs minister John Baird requested a meeting during his tenure. And in 2009, the Garratts were contacted by Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the Canadian spy agency, to ensure the couple hadn't violated sanctions through their aid work. (They hadn't.) Ms. Garratt now believes all of the attention from foreign diplomats and security agencies put a bull's eye on their backs.

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2. Trump's torture view may change secrets sharing with Canada: spy watchdog executive
Globe and Mail, Colin Freeze, 2016 12 08

Toronto - The civil servant in charge of the government's spy- watchdog agency says Canada may have to reconsider how it shares intelligence with the United States if president-elect Donald Trump makes good on his promise to torture terrorists to gather intelligence. The federal official also remarked that had former U.S. intelligence analyst Edward Snowden worked for Canadian intelligence and leaked secrets, "he should be shot," but quickly backed off the opinion. Michael Doucet, the executive director of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, made the off-the-cuff remarks to a small audience in Toronto last week. An audio recording of his talk was provided to The Globe and Mail by a student journalist from the Eyeopener, a campus newspaper at Ryerson University, which was the venue for the talk. For 1 1/2 hours, the former intelligence analyst held forth on intelligence issues. Members of SIRC rarely make unscripted or unguarded remarks publicly because they are sworn to secrecy about their work reviewing the highly classified spying operations of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. When contacted on Wednesday, Mr. Doucet acknowledged he made the comments, but said he was not expecting them to be recorded. In recent weeks, the Liberal government has tried not to make remarks that could irritate or prejudice the incoming Trump administration. On the campaign trail, Mr. Trump unequivocally promised a return to brass-knuckles techniques for U.S. intelligence agencies, which may no longer want to use them. "Don't tell me it doesn't work

- torture works," Mr. Trump once said, adding that he would personally authorize it. His nominee for Central Intelligence Agency director has defended the so-called "extraordinary interrogation techniques" U.S. spies used under past administrations. "These men and women are not torturers, they are patriots," Representative Mike Pompeo has said. Should the CIA revert to practices such as simulated drowning techniques known as "waterboarding," it could cause problems for CSIS and other Canadian agencies. Harking back to his years when he worked for Canada's signals-intelligence agency - the Communications Security Establishment - Mr. Doucet told the audience intelligence-sharing is vast, and alliances are important. He pointed out that in the mid-2000s, he was CSE's embedded liaison officer at the U.S. National Security Agency. "For every dollar we invest in intelligence, the Americans are investing hundreds," he said. An audience member asked Mr. Doucet what he thought of Mr. Snowden, the fugitive former intelligence contractor who leaked vast amounts of NSA documents, and what his fate would be had he been Canadian. "Do you want my opinion on that? Do you really want it? I'll give it to you. If Edward Snowden had worked for CSIS, and did what he did, he should be shot." Mr. Doucet clarified that he was being provocative, and would like to see Mr. Snowden put on trial. But he said he does not accept arguments that Mr. Snowden had to leak the NSA documents because he believed they contained evidence of illegality and had no other way of bringing that to light.

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3. 'Visa lift' gives Mexican cartels chance to expand in Canada

Vancouver Sun, Kim Bolan, 2016 12 08

Vancouver - Violent drug cartels are expected to expand their reach in Canada now that a visa requirement for Mexicans has been lifted, according to government documents obtained by Postmedia News. The Canada Border Services Agency report says "the visa lift will make travel to Canada easier in order to establish or strengthen existing cartel smuggling chains." "In the next three years, Mexican drug cartels are expected to expand their presence in Canada by sending operatives and recruiting local airport or marine port workers with ties to Mexico," says the document, obtained from a source. The Sun obtained only a section of the document titled: Implications for the Canada Border Services Agency and Canada. Postmedia earlier reported on the increasing presence of Mexican cartels in Canada, as well as the fact that gangsters and organized criminals were working at the Port of Vancouver. As of Dec. 1, Mexicans are no longer required to obtain a visa to come to Canada. The previous visa program had existed for seven years. The CBSA document said the cartels generally don't use tourists to smuggle drugs for them. "While Mexican drug cartels do employ drug mules, they prefer shipments with high profitability and high likelihood of successful delivery," the documents says.

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4. \$1B RCMP overtime bill proof of 'exhausted and depressed' members, retirees say

CBC News, Brett Ruskin, 2016 12 08

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has paid its members more than \$1 billion of overtime since 2009, according to documents obtained by CBC News. Recent retirees from the force say the costs confirm anecdotes that many officers are stressed, overworked and depressed. "The rank and file -- especially the patrol guys and girls -- are burnt out," said Derek Snow, a recently retired RCMP member with 29 years of policing experience. "You want to do a good job and you want to do extra," Snow said, who lives in Shediac, N.B. "But there's only so much anybody can take." 'Unlimited overtime' Between April 2009 and June 2015, the RCMP paid \$1.01 billion in overtime, according to documents obtained via access to information requests.

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5. Abuses warrant tossing case against suspected Egyptian terrorist, court urged Canadian Press, Colin Perkel, 2016 12 08

Toronto - The case against an Egyptian man long branded a terrorist threat has been riddled with so many problems over the years that a judge should have ended the proceedings, Federal Court of Appeal heard Wednesday. Instead, his lawyer argued, Judge Edmond Blanchard upheld the national security certificate imposed on Mohamed Mahjoub despite finding the government had violated his rights. "The remedies provided in relation to the violations found by Justice Blanchard were inadequate," Mahjoub's lawyer Paul Slansky said. "He found there was an unfair trial. Once you find an unfair trial, it's game over." Mahjoub, 56, of Toronto, has been in prison or under severe restrictions since the government first decided in 2000 _ based in part on secret evidence supplied by foreign agencies linked to torture _ that he posed a threat to Canada's national security. Among other things, Canada's spy agency alleged Mahjoub was a leading member of the Egyptian terror group Vanguard of Conquest, and a trusted associate of former terrorist mastermind, Osama bin Laden _ accusations Mahjoub has always denied. The current two-day hearing consolidates three separate appeals to his security certificate, which allows for detention or restrictions of foreign nationals without charge or trial. The government argues Blanchard's judgments were correct and the security certificate should stand.

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6. A citizen's ordeal at the border (Canada) Los Angeles Times, Khaled Abou El Fadl, 2016 12 08

Op-ed - At the end of November, I was detained at the American- Canadian border, and I find myself struggling with feelings of resentment, anger and shame. I had traveled from Los Angeles to Edmonton, Canada, where I delivered an academic lecture at the University of Alberta. Getting off a plane and gaining entry into Alberta, I was treated with respect and dignity, and was sent on my way with a lilt, "Welcome to Canada, professor." Returning home to the United States was a different experience. To set the scene, I should mention that I was traveling with my wife and 11- year-old son. I am in my 50s, wrestling with a number of health challenges, and I use a wheelchair. The first indication that something was amiss came when my wife tried to complete online check-in for us all. It wouldn't work for me. Later, as we passed through the airport security line in Edmonton, I was asked to separate my belongings from that of my family, something that I obligingly did. After going through a security detector, I was

meticulously patted down, and I, as well as my belongings, were swabbed more than once, I assume for explosives residue. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security stations Customs and Border Protection agents in Canada, so travelers in effect cross the border before they even arrive in the U.S. At the Edmonton airport, travelers to America insert their passports into a scanning machine, fill in basic information on a touchscreen, and get their photos taken. Then the machine ejects a form that must be presented to the Homeland Security officers. I was rather surprised and somewhat amused when the form in my case came out of the machine with a large and jarring X all over it. When I handed it over, my American passport was placed in a red folder and I was asked to follow the officer to a side area. After about 40 minutes, we were set free with nothing more than a "you can go." We ran to make our flight as my wife pushed my wheelchair and our son wrangled our two wheeled carry-ons. We had been welcomed with dignity as we entered Canada, only to be dehumanized when we came home. Note: Khaled Abou El Fadl is a professor at UCLA's School of Law and former chair of the university's Islamic Studies Interdepartmental Program.

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7. Belleville woman played role in delivering 'Pizzagate' conspiracy

Toronto Star, The Washington Post and Star staff, 2016 12 08

Toronto - Following the spread of fake news and "Pizzagate" - which inspired a violent incident in a Washington, D.C., eatery and may even have affected the course of the U.S. election - leads to at least one surprising destination: the home of a writer in Belleville, Ont. Stefanie MacWilliams, a stay-at-home mother and contributor to the website Planet Free Will, wrote an article last month that took off on social media. In it she recounted a man's claims about a politically connected pedophile ring housed at the Comet Ping Pong pizza parlour in the U.S. capital. On Sunday, less than three weeks after MacWilliams' article was published, Edgar Welch was arrested after a rifle was discharged in the restaurant. He later said he wanted only to investigate the claims. "I kind of wanted to put out the information that was there with the statement I'm not accusing anyone of anything, there's no concrete evidence of anything," MacWilliams said Wednesday, adding that her readers were very interested in the story. Among the claims are allegations that aides to Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton were involved in a child prostitution ring hidden in mysterious tunnels beneath the pizzeria. Planet Free Will was among the websites recently called out by the New York Times for sharing fake news. "I was personally a little bit insulted," said MacWilliams of the label, adding, "Fake news has become used as this ridiculous term ... it's the new 'conspiracy theorist.'"

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8. DND delays move to new HQ

Ottawa Citizen, David Pugliese, 2016 12 08

Ottawa - The first major move of Defence Department employees to the former Nortel campus in west-end Ottawa will be delayed until early next year so as not to cause workers too much stress over the holidays as well as to allow them to sort out their transportation arrangements to the site. The delay will also ensure that amenities such as a gym and doughnut shop will be ready for

workers when they arrive, according to a message sent Tuesday to all employees by Vice-Admiral Mark Norman, vice-chief of the defence staff. The first major wave of Canadian Forces and Department of National Defence staff was supposed to move into the former Nortel campus starting in the fall. But in his message Norman says that move would not start until Jan. 9. Norman said that since the move to the Carling Avenue location is a large undertaking, it is causing changes to the work and personal schedules of employees. Because the DND and Canadian Forces want to minimize such disruptions, the decision was made to delay the move. "Even though the first building is just about ready for occupancy, I have directed that the move of Military Personnel Command not start before 9 January 2017," Norman wrote to employees. "This means that when we do move in, there will be more services and amenities available, things like the gym, Canex and Tim Hortons," he said.

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9. Opposition wary of Biden's Ottawa visit

Globe and Mail, Laura Stone, 2016 12 08

U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden's visit to Ottawa this week is intended to reassure the public that the bond between the two countries is strong, but Canada's Conservative Opposition warns the trip could sabotage the country's relationship with the incoming Trump administration. Mr. Biden will be celebrated at an official dinner in Ottawa on Thursday, and on Friday will meet with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the country's premiers already in town to discuss climate change at a first ministers' meeting. Kate Purchase, Mr. Trudeau's director of communications, said the dinner will reflect the depth of Canada-U.S. ties and "making sure that there is continuity in the relationship." But some opposition MPs are concerned Mr. Biden's visit could jeopardize future relations with president-elect Donald Trump. "The only thing I would be worried about is that no steps are taken to somehow sabotage the Canada-U.S. relationship. That would be a huge mistake. I would hope that's not the purpose of Mr. Biden's meeting," said Conservative MP Ed Fast, the former trade minister, told The Globe and Mail. "We just want to make sure that whatever meetings Mr. Biden holds here in Canada are focused on building the Canada-U.S. relationship, and the relationship with the future administration - the Donald Trump administration."

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10. RCMP fabricated response to access-to-info request 'unacceptable:' Goodale

Canadian Press, Staff reporter, 2016 12 08

Ottawa - Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says it's "unacceptable" that an RCMP employee fabricated a response to an access-to-information request. Goodale says the individual involved was "at a very junior level" and has been disciplined. The fabrication was revealed last week in a letter from RCMP Supt. David Vautour to Bruce Cheadle, a reporter for The Canadian Press who in May 2015 had requested information regarding the now-defunct long-gun registry. Cheadle did not receive a response to his access request until March 1, 2016, but that letter was backdated almost five months. Vautour said a note included with the tardy response claimed that the letter had originally been sent to Cheadle in October 2015, but was returned to the RCMP by Canada

Post due to an incorrect postal code. He said the Mounties have since determined that the backdated letter and the explanatory note were fabricated to avoid a possible complaint about the delay in responding to the request. "Our office does not condone actions that are contrary to the RCMP core values of honesty, integrity and professionalism," Vautour wrote Cheadle.

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11. When online, put individual rights first

Globe and Mail, 2016 12 08

Editorial: The stakes are considerable, which is why the folks who run the national security apparatus have quietly and not-so-quietly been laying down markers as Ottawa reviews their powers. The argument goes they need more tools, and more leeway, to do their important work. Maybe. Maybe not. Canada's federal Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien and his provincial and territorial counterparts are sounding a muchneeded note of caution in a joint brief submitted as part of the ongoing security review. "It is important that we not forget the lessons of history. One of these lessons is that once conferred, new state powers are rarely relinquished," the document reads. That's true, as is the fact that the expansion of state powers of surveillance over the past 15 years has resulted in "too many cases of inappropriate and sometimes illegal conduct by state officials," including violations of privacy and other civil rights. If Bill C-51, the former Conservative government's anti-terrorism legislation, was an overreach, the attempt to fix it ought not to make things worse.

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12. 2016 Person of the Year: Donald Trump

Time Magazine, Michael Scherer, 2016 12 08

New York - A year from now, when Donald Trump travels to the U.N. to address the world's leaders, he is likely to find far more sympathy for...hard-edged populism than any thought possible in 2008. Trump is all but rooting for it. "People are proud of their countries, and I think you will see nationalism," he says, before describing the growing backlash against Muslim migration in France, Belgium and Germany. "A lot of people reject some of the ideas that are being forced on them. And that's certainly one of the reasons you had this vote, having to do not with the European Union but the same thing." In this view, Trump will find common cause with Vladimir Putin, the authoritarian President of Russia who, like Trump, seeks to challenge diplomatic and democratic norms. For reasons that remain unclear, Trump still refuses to acknowledge the U.S. intelligence community's conclusion that Putin's agencies were responsible for stealing the Democratic National Committee and Clinton campaign emails released on WikiLeaks. "I don't believe it. I don't believe they interfered," Trump says. Asked if he thought the conclusion of America's spies was politically driven, Trump says, "I think so." Since the election, Trump has chosen not to consistently make himself available for intelligence briefings, say aides. He has also so far refused to acknowledge established diplomatic boundaries. When the Pakistani government gave a long, apparently verbatim readout of its

President's call with Trump, India's leaders reacted with strained nerves. Then Trump accepted a phone call from Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, intentionally discarding a policy enforced since Jimmy Carter, which prompted an official complaint from China. In response, he sent out a tweet suggesting that such formalities, a bow to Chinese sensibilities, were ridiculous. "Interesting how the U.S. sells Taiwan billions of dollars of military equipment but I should not accept a congratulatory call," it read.

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13. CIA director visits Albania for counterterrorism talks

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 12 08

Tirana, Albania - The United States embassy in Tirana says Central Intelligence Agency Director John Brennan visited Albania to discuss terrorism along with a variety of other bilateral and international issues. An embassy statement said Brennan met with Prime Minister Edi Rama, President Bujar Nishani, Defense Minister Mimi Kodheli and intelligence officials on Wednesday to discuss "regional security, counterterrorism cooperation, intelligence sharing, and other bilateral affairs." The U.S. and Albania have intensified their ties recently in the fight against violent extremism and to stop foreign fighters from joining Islamic rebel groups in Syria and Iraq. Albania claims none of its citizens have extremist groups during the last year, although scores are thought to be active in the Middle East.

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14. Drowning in Information: NSA Revelations From 262 Spy Documents

The Intercept, Micah Lee, Margot Williams, 2016 12 08

Washington - By the first half of 2004, the National Security Agency was drowning in information. It had amassed 85 billion phone and online records and cut the ribbon on a new hacking center in Hawaii -- but it was woefully short on linguists who could make sense of captured communications and lacked enough network analysts to effectively monitor all the systems it had hacked. The signals intelligence collected by the agency was being used for critically important decisions even as NSA struggled to understand it. Some bombs in Iraq were being targeted based entirely on signals intelligence, a senior NSA official told staff at the time -- with decisions being made in a matter of "minutes" with "less and less review." Information overload is just one of several themes running through 262 articles from the NSA's internal news site, SIDtoday, which The Intercept is now releasing after careful review. The documents also detailed an incident in which the Reagan administration appears to have leaked classified intelligence to the press for political purposes, described in an accompanying article by reporter Jon Schwarz. SIDtoday articles published today also describe how the NSA trained FBI agents, enabled U.S. intervention in Latin America, and, with the help of a gifted analyst at the Defense Intelligence Agency, learned the value of simply reading information that was already public. One document even suggests that NSA personnel routinely got dangerously chatty at restaurants near headquarters. These stories and more are described in the highlights reel below. The NSA declined to comment.

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15. Everyone's a Target to the NSA. Here's How the Courts Can Stop It.

The Daily Beast, Ashley Gorski, 2016 12 08

Comment - Next month, President-elect Donald Trump will be handed the keys to the NSA's vast spying apparatus. As a candidate, he supported mass surveillance of Americans' phone calls, called for expanded spying on American Muslims, and even invited Russia to hack the emails of his political opponent. With these threats to privacy and liberty on the horizon, our courts will likely be more important than ever as a bulwark against unlawful spying. One of the courtroom battles that will shape Trump's spying powers is already under way. On Thursday, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in *Wikimedia v. NSA*, our case challenging "Upstream" surveillance. First revealed by whistleblower Edward Snowden in June 2013, Upstream surveillance involves the NSA's bulk searching of Americans' international internet communications with the assistance of companies like AT&T and Verizon. If you email friends abroad, chat with family members overseas, or browse websites hosted outside the United States, the NSA almost certainly has searched through the contents of your communications--and it has done so without a warrant. Upstream surveillance takes place in the internet "backbone"--the network of high- capacity cables, switches, and routers that carries Americans' domestic and international internet communications. The NSA has installed surveillance equipment at dozens of points along the internet backbone, allowing the government to copy and then search the contents of vast quantities of internet traffic as it flows past. The government claims that Upstream surveillance is authorized by Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. That law allows the NSA to engage in warrantless surveillance of Americans when they are communicating with so-called targets abroad. But these targets can be virtually any foreigner overseas--including people who are not accused of any wrongdoing whatsoever, like journalists, lawyers, and human rights researchers. No judge signs off on the government's individual targets. Instead, the NSA secretly vacuums up millions of communications under a single court order each year. Ashley Gorski is a staff attorney in the ACLU's National Security Project.

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16. For Homeland Security, a Man Accustomed to Patrolling Borders

New York Times, Mark Landler, Maggie Haberman, 2016 12 08

Washington - President-elect Donald J. Trump has settled on Gen. John F. Kelly, a retired four-star Marine general whose son was killed in combat in Afghanistan, as his choice for secretary of Homeland Security, putting a seasoned commander with personal experience of the costs of war in charge of protecting the nation's borders. Blunt-spoken and popular with military personnel, General Kelly, 66, rose to run the United States Southern Command, which put him in charge of the military jail at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and exposed him to immigration, drug trafficking and other cross-border problems over a sprawling area that encompasses 32 countries in the Caribbean, Central America and South America. In that job, General Kelly often took a tough tone on border security, warning Congress last year about the risks of smuggling rings in Mexico and Central America that spirited "tens of thousands of people," including unaccompanied children, "to our nation's doorstep." "Terrorist organizations could seek to leverage those same

smuggling routes to move operatives with intent to cause grave harm to our citizens or even bring weapons of mass destruction into the United States," General Kelly said in testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee. Mr. Trump, according to a person briefed on the decision, has not yet formally offered the job to General Kelly, who is out of the country. The president-elect plans to roll out the appointment next week, along with his remaining national security choices, including secretary of state.

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17. Iowa Governor, Considered Friend of Beijing, Is Pick as Ambassador to China

New York Times, Binyamin Appelbaum, 2016 12 08

Washington - Terry Branstad, the Iowa governor who has long embraced China as a market for his state's pork and soybeans, was tapped Wednesday by President-elect Donald J. Trump to represent the United States in one of its most complex and increasingly contentious foreign relationships, as his ambassador to China. In choosing Mr. Branstad, 70, an amiable politician who likes to describe President Xi Jinping of China as an "old friend," Mr. Trump sounded a softer note alongside his unrelenting criticism of China's economic relationship with the United States. At an event on Wednesday morning at Cipriani restaurant in Manhattan to raise money for his inauguration, Mr. Trump told the audience that Mr. Branstad was a great choice. "He knows them all," Mr. Trump said three separate times, according to an attendee. The selection was first reported by Bloomberg News. China was quick to embrace the choice, even before Mr. Trump's announcement. At a regular news briefing in Beijing on Wednesday, Lu Kang, a spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, described Mr. Branstad as "an old friend of the Chinese people," a phrase used to describe politicians trusted by Beijing. "We would welcome him playing a bigger role in promoting Sino-American relations," Mr. Lu said of Mr. Branstad.

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18. Lawmakers: Probe Russian Meddling

Wall Street Journal, Shane Harris, 2016 12 08

Washington - Republican and Democratic lawmakers say they plan to investigate Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election, including the hacking of emails from Democratic political organizations and Hillary Clinton's campaign staff. But their efforts face a strong headwind from President-elect Donald Trump, who has continued to deny that there is proof of Russia's involvement. U.S. intelligence and homeland-security officials said in a rare public statement in October that the computer intrusions were directed by "Russia's senior-most officials" in an unprecedented effort to interfere with the election. For some lawmakers, significant questions remain about how the Russian government transferred stolen emails to WikiLeaks, where they were published in the homestretch of the campaign, as well as Moscow's role in the production of fabricated news stories that have littered the internet and appear intended to mislead voters. On Wednesday, Democratic Reps. Eric Swalwell (D., Calif.) and Elijah Cummings (D., Md.) unveiled legislation to create a bipartisan, independent commission to investigate the Russian meddling. Analogous to the panel that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, it would be composed of outside experts in computer security, elections law and

foreign policy and would have the power to interview witnesses and issue subpoenas as well as obtain documents and hear public testimony.

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19. Long-awaited Canada border bill moves ahead in U.S. Congress

Canadian Press, Alexander Panetta, 2016 12 08

Washington - A bill to simplify crossing the Canadian-U.S. border moved ahead in the American Congress on Wednesday, with little time left to get it passed before lawmakers break to form a post-election legislature in the New Year. It's a long-awaited development. The Harper and Trudeau governments both signed so-called preclearance deals with the Obama administration, but the arrangement required implementing legislation and U.S. lawmakers have not made it a priority. The bill finally got some attention Wednesday evening. It sailed through the House of Representatives without objection. Lawmakers there urged the Senate to adopt it quickly, and make it law before breaking next week for the holidays. Lawmakers from different parties and different parts of the U.S. spoke in favour of the bill, before moving it forward. "(This) is great news for U.S.-Canadian relations," said New York Republican Elise Stefanik. "Canada is more than just a bordering nation. They are our neighbours, our friends and our largest trading partner. Plattsburgh, a city in my district, has even branded itself as Montreal's U.S. suburb." The plan stems from the oft-stated goal of policy-makers to achieve two goals: Simplify movement to avoid the border snarls that have frustrated commerce and travellers since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, while also maintaining security.

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20. Treasury sanctions two Yemeni nationals tied to al Qaeda

The Hill, Sylvan Lane, 2016 12 08

Washington - The Treasury Department on Wednesday targeted two Yemeni nationals for funding and supporting al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), freezing their United States-based assets and barring American persons and firms from doing business with them. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctioned Al-Hasan Ali Abkar and Abdallah Faysal Sadiq al-Ahdal for supporting the terrorist group's operations in Yemen. Abkar has been supporting al Qaeda's Yemen activities since at least 2014, according to the Treasury Department, financing and running weapons to the terrorist group's leaders to carry out attacks. Al-Ahdal, a Yemeni tribal leader, has assisted al Qaeda in Yemen since at least 2009 in a variety of financing, leadership and gun-running roles, according to the Treasury Department. He also used his Rahman Charitable Organization as a front for al Qaeda.

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21. Trump's pick for defense secretary called worrisome

China Daily, Zhang Zhihao, 2016 12 08

Beijing - US president-elect Donald Trump's choice of James Mattis, a retired general with a reputation as a hard-liner, as secretary of defense might lead to more uncertainty and confrontation in China-US military ties, Chinese experts said. Trump has officially nominated the former four-star Marine Corps general as head of the Pentagon, making him the first general to run the Pentagon since George Marshall in 1950. Mattis adds another staunch conservative to Trump's list of Cabinet nominees and high-level advisers, including Jeff Sessions as attorney general, Michael Flynn as national security adviser and Mike Pompeo as CIA director. Mattis has been critical of the Obama administration's security policies toward China, according to his testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee in 2015. "While our efforts in the Pacific to keep positive relations with China are well and good, these efforts must be paralleled by a policy to build the counterbalance if China continues to expand its bullying role in the South China Sea and elsewhere," Mattis said, adding that the US should build more naval power and warships.

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22. Trump hires a third general, raising concerns about heavy military influence

Washington Post, Phillip Rucker, Mike DeBonis, 2016 12 08

Washington - President-elect Donald Trump has selected retired Marine Gen. John F. Kelly as secretary of homeland security, officials familiar with the decision said Wednesday, recruiting a third former member of the military's brass to serve at the highest levels of his administration. Trump's choice of Kelly -- and his continued deliberations about tapping as many as two more military figures for other posts -- has intensified worries among some members of Congress and national security experts that the new administration's policies may be shaped disproportionately by military commanders. "I'm concerned," said Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), a member of the Foreign Relations Committee. "Each of these individuals may have great merit in their own right, but what we've learned over the past 15 years is that when we view problems in the world through a military lens, we make big mistakes." If confirmed, Kelly and defense secretary nominee James Mattis, a retired Marine general with the nickname "Mad Dog," would join retired Army Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn, Trump's pick for White House national security adviser. Meanwhile, retired Army Gen. David H. Petraeus is under consideration for secretary of state, and Navy Adm. Michael S. Rogers is a contender for director of national intelligence. Sen. Thomas R. Carper (D-Del.), the former chairman of the Homeland Security panel, said Kelly has "genuine compassion" for immigrants and understands the root causes of the nation's immigration challenges in such Central American countries as Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. "I will reserve judgment on many of the president-elect's other nominees," Carper said, "but with General Kelly, he's hit a home run with runners on base."

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23. Gardai attempt to trace killers of Real IRA man in Cork

Irish Times, Barry Roche, 2016 12 08

Cork - A postmortem is to be carried out on Thursday on the remains of a senior dissident republican who was shot and fatally wounded in Cork on Wednesday evening. Gardaí hope the test will shed light on the weapon used and possible suspects for the killing Aidan O'Driscoll (37) - who was nicknamed "the Beast". He was shot four times as he walked along the Old Commons Road near Blackpool Church of the Assumption on Cork's Northside at 5pm. It is understood that Mr O'Driscoll, who was previously the victim of a punishment shooting by dissident republicans in 2013, was shot four times by at least one or possibly two gunmen. The two men fled on foot towards Great William O'Brien Street where they got into a Nissan Almeira which was later found burnt out on Seminary Road near the North on on Cork's northside.

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24. Hostage issues new warning from front line

London Times, Gareth Browne, 2016 12 08

London - The British photographer John Cantlie, who has been held captive by Islamic State for four years, has appeared in a new video in the besieged city of Mosul less than one kilometre from the Iraqi army's front line. The footage shows Mr Cantlie documenting the water shortages caused by coalition airstrikes. The photographer was kidnapped in November 2012 with the American journalist James Foley, who was murdered in Syria in 2014. He has appeared in several videos released by Isis. Most recently, in July, he appeared on camera to talk about the coalition's bombing of Mosul University. In the latest video a bearded and gaunt-looking Mr Cantlie proclaims that "winter is now upon Mosul" as he examines the damage caused to bridges and water pipes in the city. He asks: "If this is the coalition's war against the mujahidin then why are they waging it against Muslims?" It is unclear when the video was filmed but the cold weather would suggest that it was shot in the past few days because northern Iraq has been experiencing a cold spell.

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25. Le GCHQ britannique a espionné l'Etat hébreu tout en coopérant avec Ruffle (Canada)

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 12 08

Londres - Le GCHQ britannique a espionné l'Etat hébreu tout en coopérant avec Ruffle, son homologue israélien On ne se méfie jamais assez de ses amis, surtout les plus proches. Officiellement, Israël et les deux agences de surveillance anglo-saxonnes les plus puissantes, l'Agence nationale de sécurité (NSA) américaine et son homologue britannique, le Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), sont unis par une sacro- sainte alliance. L'été 2009 verra néanmoins pour la première fois l'organisation d'une réunion à quatre au siège du GCHQ, " avec la NSA, le Centre canadien de sécurité des communications et Ruffle ", pour une mise en commun d'informations, notamment sur l'Iran et les Palestiniens. Ce partage ne va pas de soi parce qu'Israël n'appartient pas au cercle très fermé des " Five Eyes "qui ne comprend que les services anglo-saxons (Etats-Unis, Royaume-Uni, Canada, Nouvelle-Zélande et Australie) .

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26. Les services britannique et américain disent agir " conformément au cadre juridique "

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 08

Londres - " Nous ne faisons jamais aucun commentaire sur des sujets liés au renseignement, a indiqué au Monde le porte-parole des services de renseignement technique britannique (GCHQ). Néanmoins, notre travail est mené conformément au strict cadre juridique et politique qui veille à ce que nos activités soient autorisées, nécessaires et proportionnées, et à ce qu'un contrôle rigoureux puisse être effectué par le secrétaire d'Etat, par la commission parlementaire au renseignement et à la sécurité ainsi que par l'autorité de régulation des interceptions et du renseignement. De plus, le régime légal des interceptions pratiquées par le Royaume-Uni respecte totalement la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme.

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27. Londres garde une oreille sur l'Autorité palestinienne et la Jordanie

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 12 08

Londres - Le numéro de téléphone de Mahmoud Abbas et ceux des membres de la cour royale d'Amman figurent dans les relevés des services britanniques Prendre des risques et collecter des renseignements pour le compte du Royaume-Uni ou des Etats-Unis ne veut pas dire que ces deux pays ne vous espionneront pas. C'est l'enseignement de nouveaux documents extraits des archives de l'ex-consultant de l'Agence nationale de sécurité (NSA) américaine Edward Snowden, sur la Jordanie et l'Autorité palestinienne en Cisjordanie. Ces pièces ont été confiées par le lanceur d'alerte à Glenn Greenwald et Laura Poitras, cofondateurs du site The Intercept avec lequel Le Monde a travaillé. On savait, en effet, que la NSA et son homologue britannique, le Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), services quasi jumeaux, entretenaient d'étroites relations avec la monarchie jordanienne et l'Autorité palestinienne dans le domaine du renseignement. Ces deux puissances anglo-saxonnes s'appuient, depuis longtemps, sur la connaissance du terrain et l'expertise de ces deux acteurs régionaux pour surveiller, notamment, le mouvement islamo-nationaliste du Hamas, qui a conquis la bande de Gaza en 2007.

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28. Plan to thwart biological terror attack

London Times, Deborah Haynes, 2016 12 08

London - Plans have been drawn up to deal with a terrorist attack in Britain using biological weapons. The biological security strategy, which will also address natural outbreaks of diseases such as ebola, would be published "shortly", an official report into UK defence and security said. "The strategy will set out how we will address the threat of natural disease outbreaks, as well as the less likely threat of biological materials being used in a deliberate attack," it said. Launched with a foreword by Theresa May, the wide-ranging report set out plans to improve the government's ability to respond to all forms of crises. It warned that the global terrorist threat was "more acute and complex" than ever.

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29. Cops use gang tactics on extremists

The Australian, Paul Maley, 2016 12 08

Sydney - Police are using aggressive disruption tactics normally used on organised crime gangs to thwart a suspected Sydney terror cell they fear is intent on carrying out a terrorist attack. State and federal detectives from the NSW Joint Counter Terrorism Team have been targeting a cell of about 10 young suspected extremists operating in the southwest of Sydney. The operation, which stemmed from the arrest last month of Mehmet Biber, who police allege fought with an Islamist group in Syria in 2013, has been under way for several months. It is understood Junaid Thorne, a young preacher well known to authorities thanks to his radical sermonising, is thought to be the spiritual head of the group. In 2015 Thorne was imprisoned for four months - some of which was spent in Australia's toughest jail, the Supermax - for booking flights under a false name. A spokesman for the NSW Police Force declined to discuss the specifics of the operation, but acknowledged that police employed "a variety of powers" to thwart would-be radicals. "In any investigation, while the threshold for charges may not have been reached, community safety remains the highest priority," he said. "Disruptive tactics can prevent a potential attack and further enable police to gather evidence to successfully convict individuals who have engaged in some form of attack planning." Police are increasingly resorting to organised crime-type policing strategies to neutralise suspected Islamists while their plans are vague and embryonic.

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30. Cyber security war game set in 2022 hopes to prepare governments, businesses for the worst

ABC (Australia), Matthew Clayfield, 2016 12 08

Canberra - Australia's first simulated cyber security "game" kicks off at the National Security College of the Australian National University. Australia's first simulated cyber security "game" was set in 2022 and explored two equally unpalatable cyber attack scenarios in the hopes to prepare governments and businesses for the inevitable. The game was co-hosted by the National Security College at the Australian National University and the RAND Corporation, bringing together 90 participants from government, business and academia. Michelle Price, senior adviser in cyber security at the National Security College who helped to co-ordinate the game, said Australians "human behaviour" in cyber space needed to improve. "It's in large part why we're such a significant target for malicious activity," she said. Australia is currently losing up to \$17 billion each year through malicious cyber activity. And the attacks on this year's Census website remain an equally stark reminder of what can happen when organisations are unprepared.

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31. Seven years for terror teen's city bomb plot

The Australian, Chip Le Grand, 2016 12 08

Sydney - The arrest of a teenage bomb maker intent on carrying out the murderous instructions of a charismatic Islamic State recruiter averted what would otherwise have been Australia's worst terror attack. The Melbourne teenager, who was 17 at the time of his arrest, was yesterday jailed for seven years. His sentencing hearing revealed how close Islamic State came to exporting the Syrian conflict to the heart of Melbourne with devastating impact. Victorian Supreme Court judge Lex Lasry told the teenager, referred to as MHK, that he believed he would have carried out his plan to kill and seriously injure innocent people with crude home-made bombs if not for the intervention of police acting on a tip-off. When police raided the teenager's comfortable family home in May last year, they discovered terror preparations in an advanced stage: a boxed pressure cooker in the garage and elbow joint pipes under his bed, bulk matches to make phosphorus and sugar detonators, screws to use as shrapnel and detailed instructions on how to make the kind of device used at the Boston Marathon. The teenager's intentions were clear from hate-filled communications he exchanged on Facebook and Surespot, an encrypted messaging service, with Junaid Hussain, a British-born Islamic State recruiter and comrade of Australia's Neil Prakash since killed in Syria by a US drone strike. He expressed a violent loathing of non-believers and likened Shia Muslims to cockroaches. Unable to obtain a passport and travel to Syria without parental consent, he followed Hussain's incessant urgings to wage war at home.

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32. We must be relentless against terror: PM

Australian Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 12 08

Melbourne - Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has declared terrorists should face the "full severity of the law" a day after a Melbourne teenager was sentenced to seven years in jail for preparing a bomb attack. A Victorian Supreme Court judge on Wednesday said the 18-year-old, who cannot be named, had "every intention" of using the partially constructed pipe bombs found in his home and the only reason he didn't go through with his plot was that he was arrested. Mr Turnbull on Thursday was asked if he thought the sentence was too lenient. The prime minister replied that sentencing was a matter for the courts and he wouldn't comment on any particular case. "(But) terrorist offences should be dealt with with the full severity of the law," he told 3AW. "We need to be relentless in stating our absolute condemnation of terrorism and terrorist activities and people who support terrorist activities." Mr Turnbull said it was up to prosecutors to appeal if they thought any sentence was too light.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

33. Evidence being collected regarding Indian spy Kulbushan Jadhav

Pakistan Dawn, Inamullah Khattak, 2016 12 08

Islamabad - Adviser to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz on Wednesday informed the Senate that evidence was being collected regarding the role of Indian spy Kulbushan Jadhav in Pakistan. Aziz was briefing the Senate about Pak-India relations and skirmishes along the Line of Control (LoC). "So far, we have just statements about the involvement of the Indian spy in

terror activities in Pakistan," said Aziz. The adviser added that further evidence needs to be gathered. Aziz also told the Senate that the United Nations has been provided a dossier regarding the involvement of Indian intelligence agency RAW in Pakistan. Law enforcement agencies had announced the arrest of Jadhav during an intelligence-based raid in Balochistan's Chaman last month. After Jadhav's arrest, Pakistan summoned Indian High Commissioner Gautam Bambawale to lodge a strong protest over 'India's spying activities' in Pakistan, besides apprising the international community about the arrest.

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34. Foreigner ISIS recruiter killed in East of Afghanistan

Khaama Press, 2016 12 08

Kabul - A foreigner militant recruiting for the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group was killed during an operation of the Afghan security forces in eastern Nangarhar province. According to the local security officials, the ISIS commander, identified as Aziz, was killed during an operation of the counter-terrorism forces in Khogyani district. The officials further added that Aziz was in charge of a group of at least 10 ISIS loyalist and was actively recruiting for the terror group in Afghanistan. The Afghan security forces seized some weapons, ammunition and other military kits during the operation, the officials added. This comes as the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said Tuesday that a commander of the terror group was killed during an operation in the restive Achin district.

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35. No conclusive proof against 'Indian spy' Jadhav

Times of India, Omer Farooq Khan, 2016 12 08

New Delhi - Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif's foreign affairs adviser Sartaj Aziz said on Wednesday that the country's intelligence agencies have presented its government with "insufficient evidence" against alleged Indian spy Kulbhushan Jadhav, currently in jail. "The dossier on Jadhav contained mere statements. It did not have any conclusive evidence," Aziz told Pakistan's Senate, or upper house. India reacted cautiously, with government sources saying Aziz's statement was in-camera. "We need time to verify the Aziz statement before forming a response," an Indian government source said. Aziz is also learnt to have said: "What the dossier contained was not enough. Now it's up to the concerned authorities (the army and ISI) how long they take to give us more matter on the agent." Jadhav was arrested during a raid in March. In a video released by the military later, he allegedly admitted to directing various "subversive activities" in Karachi and Balochistan at the behest of India's RAW since 2013.

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36. Situation in Afghanistan to remain tough: Stoltenberg

Pajhwok Afghan News, Danish Karokhel, 2016 12 08

Kabul - NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg on Wednesday said the situation in Afghanistan "is and will remain difficult and tough" but "our commitment to Afghanistan's security is strong and steadfast. "At our Warsaw Summit, we agreed to sustain Resolute Support beyond 2016, to continue national funding of the Afghan Security Forces through 2020, and to work on our long-term political partnership and practical cooperation with Afghanistan," Stoltenberg told reporters in Brussels after a two-day foreign ministerial meeting of NATO countries. Foreign ministers from NATO member states and allies and Afghan Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani attended the conference that reviewed the security situation in Afghanistan and solidified pledges made at the Warsaw Summit in Poland in July.

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Africa • Afrique

37. Belgique - Des échanges "denses et intenses sur des sujets importants"

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 07

Alger - Le Premier ministre belge, Charles Michel, a indiqué mercredi à Alger, avoir eu avec le Premier ministre, Abdelmalek Sellal des échanges "denses et intenses sur des sujets important" dans l'intérêt du partenariat algéro-belge. "Nous avons eu des échanges denses et intenses sur des sujets importants pour l'intérêt de l'Algérie et de la Belgique pour nouer un partenariat intelligent", a déclaré le Premier ministre belge lors du point de presse qu'il a conjointement animé avec son homologue algérien. Il a souligné qu'il "était utile de travailler ensemble pour identifier les différents domaines où nous pourrions renforcer nos partenariats et donner un élan plus dynamique à la coopération bilatérale". Mettant en exergue les "divers défis auxquels sont confrontés les deux pays", M. Michel a plaidé pour "davantage d'activités" afin de pouvoir répondre aux préoccupations sociales des citoyens "grâce au dynamisme économique". Le Premier ministre belge, qui a insisté sur l'objectif du développement économique, a évoqué "la possibilité d'élargir les initiatives", citant les domaines abordés lors de son entretien avec M. Sellal comme "les infrastructures, l'énergie, le transport, la pétrochimie, l'industrie pharmaceutique...". Sur un autre registre, le responsable belge estime, que "pour réaliser tout développement économique, il faut de la stabilité et de la sécurité", relevant que l'Algérie "connait très bien c'est quoi la lutte contre le terrorisme pour avoir payé un lourd tribut" lors des années de tragédie traversée par l'Algérie. Pour le responsable belge, il "y a nécessité d'avoir une coopération sincère en matière de lutte contre le terrorisme", se réjouissant d'avoir "constaté auprès des dirigeants algériens une volonté de travailler ensemble" sur ce terrain.

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38. Les armées africaines impuissantes face au terrorisme

Le Figaro, Tanguy Berthemet, 2016 12 08

Dakar - Alors que la situation au Mali s'enlise, l'Europe pourrait fournir des armes aux forces du continent pour les aider à combattre. Afrique La situation au Mali a hanté le 3e forum sur la sécurité de Dakar, organisé lundi 5 et mardi 6 décembre. Ce n'est pas étonnant, tant ce sommet monté par la France et le Sénégal dans la foulée de l'opération anti- djihadiste « Serval » est lié à

ce pays. Mais tandis que lors des deux premières éditions régnait un certain optimisme quant à l'avenir, l'inquiétude se fait maintenant jour. « Le processus politique est ensablé et la situation sécuritaire se dégrade », résume un diplomate. Jean-Yves Le Drian, le ministre de la Défense, se montre certes moins brusque, mais ne peut que regretter le peu d'avancées en appelant à l'application rapide des accords de paix d'Alger. Conclu en juin 2015, ce texte prévoit notamment un redéploiement de l'État malien au nord du pays et le désarmement (DDR) des divers groupes armés. « Je constate que ça met du temps. Je sens bien que le processus de DDR traîne encore. Il est nécessaire que l'ensemble des acteurs fassent pression (...) pour que ces accords soient respectés », a-t-il affirmé.

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39. Lori-Anne Thérroux-Bénoni : Pour les djihadistes maliens

Le Point, Claire Meynial, 2016 12 08

Dakar - Lori-Anne Thérroux-Bénoni : "Pour les djihadistes maliens, le fait religieux n'occupe pas une dimension centrale" Surprise. Selon une étude présentée au Forum de Dakar, les combattants sont surtout guidés par des logiques économiques et de protection. Rien de très surprenant que, pour la troisième édition du Forum de Dakar sur la paix et la sécurité en Afrique, le terrorisme ait encore été au centre des préoccupations. Et, comme les autres fois, le président sénégalais Macky Sall a martelé la nécessité de lutter contre l'islam radical. « Il faut une réponse doctrinale et intellectuelle de l'islam au discours extrémiste. Il n'y a pas de doute que l'extrémisme n'a aucune place sans l'islam. C'est la religion du juste milieu, qui fait corps avec la raison, elle ne peut s'accommoder d'une pensée intellectuelle qui installe l'obscurantisme », a-t-il répété dès la séance d'ouverture. Et de citer les versets du Coran qui exaltent la « faculté cognitive » de l'homme, avant d'évoquer la responsabilité de la communauté et des parents dans l'édification morale des jeunes : « Il vaut mieux éduquer un enfant que d'entreprendre la tâche plus incertaine de le déradicaliser quand le mal est déjà fait. » Cette année, le programme comprenait donc une conférence d'exégètes, dont l'un issu de l'université al-Azhar du Caire, en Égypte. Pourtant, une question évidente semble avoir été escamotée : qu'est-ce que la radicalisation en Afrique de l'Ouest ? Une équipe de chercheurs s'est penchée dessus.

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40. Lutte antiterroriste : M. Hamel évoque l'expérience pionnière de l'Algérie

El Moudjahid, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 07

Tunis - Le Directeur général de la Sûreté nationale, le général major Abdelghani Hamel, a mis en exergue, hier à Tunis, l'expérience « pionnière » de l'Algérie en matière de lutte contre le terrorisme et l'extrémisme violent, dont elle en est sortie victorieuse, grâce à la politique de réconciliation nationale initiée par le Président de la République, Abdelaziz Bouteflika, et plébiscitée par le peuple algérien. Le Directeur général de la Sûreté nationale, le général major Abdelghani Hamel, a mis en exergue, hier à Tunis, l'expérience « pionnière » de l'Algérie en matière de lutte contre le terrorisme et l'extrémisme violent, dont elle en est sortie victorieuse, grâce à la politique de réconciliation nationale initiée par le Président de la République, Abdelaziz Bouteflika, et plébiscitée par le peuple algérien. « Mon pays, qui a une expérience

pionnière en matière de lutte contre le terrorisme et l'extrémisme violent, est parfaitement conscient que l'éradication totale des groupes terroristes n'est pas une entreprise facile», a déclaré M. Hamel, dans une allocution, lors du 40e congrès des chefs de police et de sécurité arabes. Il a rappelé que «l'Algérie, qui a lutté seule contre le terrorisme avec toute la force et la détermination qui la caractérisent, a pu vaincre ce fléau et en sortir triomphante, grâce à l'approche multidimensionnelle qu'elle a adoptée et qui a été couronnée par la réconciliation nationale initiée par le Président de la République, M. Abdelaziz Bouteflika et plébiscitée par le peuple algérien tout entier».

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41. Une cinquantaine de détenus s'évadent d'une prison

All Africa, Josiane Mambou Loukoula, 2016 12 07

Bamako, Mali - Des assaillants jihadistes présumés ont attaqué à l'arme lourde, la prison de Niono, dans le centre du Mali, laissant s'évader une cinquantaine de détenus, et blessé deux gardes. « De présumés jihadistes ont attaqué, dans la nuit de lundi à mardi avec des armes lourdes, la prison de Niono. Ils ont gravement blessé deux membres de la garde nationale, avant de libérer au moins 47 prisonniers, dont un combattant jihadiste », a déclaré un responsable de la mairie de cette ville à près de 115 km au nord de Ségou, le chef-lieu de région et environ 350 km au nord-est de Bamako.

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Asia • Asie

42. China, US to do more on cyber crime

China Daily, Chen Weihua, 2016 12 08

Washington - Chinese and US officials meeting in Washington on Wednesday for a bilateral cybersecurity dialogue have agreed to expand cooperation, according to Chinese officials. Chinese State Councilor and Minister of Public Security Guo Shengkun joined US Attorney General Loretta Lynch and Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson in co-chairing the third China-US High-Level Joint Dialogue on Cybercrime and Related Issues. The two sides reached a new consensus in deepening cooperation in cybersecurity. Achievements made in the meeting cover areas such as cracking down on cybercrimes, cooperation in cybersecurity, improving the hotline mechanism, cyber counterterrorism cooperation and information sharing, according to a press release from the Chinese delegation. The two sides recalled the achievements made since the first dialogue and spoke positively of the importance and necessity of the mechanism, the press release said. Guo was quoted as saying in the meeting that China and the US established the high-level dialogue mechanism based on the important consensus reached between President Xi Jinping and US President Barack Obama in September 2015. He said the two leaders gave

important input to the dialogue when they met in Lima, Peru, last month on the sidelines of the APEC Leaders Summit.

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43. China Delivers Riposte to 'Radical Islam' Claim

New York Times, Edward Wong, 2016 12 08

Beijing - A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman pushed back on Wednesday against assertions by Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn, who is President-elect Donald J. Trump's choice for national security adviser, that China was allied with "radical Islamists." The spokesman, Lu Kang, was asked at a regularly scheduled news conference in Beijing about Mr. Flynn's accusations, which were made in a book released in July that he wrote with a co-author, "The Field of Fight: How We Can Win the Global War Against Radical Islam and Its Allies." "I hope everyone who takes a responsible attitude and is devoted to safeguarding China-U.S. relations and boosting China-U.S. cooperation can base their opinions on facts when taking a position," Mr. Lu said. "Only in this way can mutual trust be enhanced." In his book, Mr. Flynn mentions China and North Korea a half-dozen times. In one passage, he wrote, "The war is on. We face a working coalition that extends from North Korea and China to Russia, Iran, Syria, Cuba, Bolivia, Venezuela and Nicaragua. We are under attack, not only from nation-states directly, but also from Al Qaeda, Hezbollah, ISIS and countless other terrorist groups."

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44. Du fond de sa prison au Bangladesh, Khalil raconte le terrorisme islamiste (Canada)

L'Hebdo (Suisse), Dougnac Dacca, 2016 12 08

Dacca - En trois ans, dans ce pays situé à l'est de l'Inde, une quarantaine de personnalités ont été exécutées par des groupes islamistes. Une violence qui ne cesse d'augmenter malgré la forte répression menée par le gouvernement, qui en profite pour régler ses comptes avec les partis d'opposition. La démocratie est ainsi prise en étau. Bracelets argentés autour des poignets, ses menottes s'entrechoquent parfois dans un léger cliquetis. Khalil* est assis les mains croisées sur ses genoux. L'entretien est secret, improvisé dans un petit bureau en préfabriqué au coeur de Dacca, la gigantesque métropole bangladaise. Pour Monirul Islam, la bête noire est incarnée par le JMB, le groupe qui a recruté Khalil. «Nous l'appelons le «néo-JMB» car ce groupe est né dans les années 2000 et s'est évanoui jusqu'en 2013. C'est lui qui a perpétré l'attaque du quartier de Gulshan. Les assaillants ont été entraînés par un ex-militaire radicalisé qui revenait du Canada.»

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45. Hackers operated Twitter handles of Rahul, Congress from 5 countries (Canada).

Times of India, Somreet Bhattacharya, 2016 12 08

New Delhi - The Twitter handles of Rahul Gandhi and the Congress which were recently hacked were operated from five countries including the US, Delhi Police on Wednesday said. The Economic Offences Wing (EOW), which is probing the matter, received a reply around three-

four days ago from Twitter headquarters on the Internet Protocol (IP) addresses used by the hackers to send derogatory tweets from these accounts, a senior police officer said. "We have got to know that the IP addresses from where the accounts were accessed don't fall under our jurisdiction. The Twitter handle logs show both the accounts were operated from five countries - Sweden, Romania, the US, Canada and Thailand. We will write to the Internet service providers of these countries to share details of users with us and that is how the investigation will proceed," the officer said.

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46. Raids net 22 money laundering suspects (Canada)

South China Morning Post, Clifford Lo, 2016 12 08

Beijing - A series of police raids across the city yesterday rounded up 22 Hongkongers suspected of laundering up to HK\$13 million in funds through their bank accounts. The money was suspected to be linked to 18 deception cases in Canada, Singapore, Taiwan, South Korea and Africa over the past two years. Senior inspector Sophia Lau Pak-wing of the commercial crime bureau said the cases included investment frauds and email scams. She said suspects deceived victims into remitting money to designated bank accounts in Hong Kong. "Even though the cases did not happen in Hong Kong, the suspects could be in breach of money laundering laws since their bank accounts were used to collect crime proceeds," Lau said. Money laundering carries a maximum penalty of 14 years' imprisonment and a HK\$5 million fine. Investigations into such activities began after local police received referrals from overseas law enforcement agencies. Following detailed probes and analyses, police identified the suspected holders of the bank - accounts. Officers raided more than 20 locations across the city and arrested 13 men and nine women. As of last night, the suspects were still being questioned and none had been charged.

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47. S. Korea's defense chief calls for vigilance over N.K. threats

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 08

Seoul - South Korea's defense chief called on the military Thursday to remain vigilant as North Korea might carry out a provocation amid the ongoing political crisis involving President Park Geun-hye. On Friday, 300 lawmakers from the ruling and opposition parties are set to vote on an impeachment bill against Park. The country has been engulfed by a massive corruption scandal involving Park and her close confidante since late October. Defense Minister Han Min-koo made the comments during his visit to the 3rd Army headquarters, one of the country's three field armies in charge of protecting Gyeonggi Province that surrounds Seoul from any military threats by North Korea. He also instructed the front line troops to take immediate action in case of any provocations without waiting for orders. He said the response should be made before the incident is reported to higher military headquarters, the statement said.

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48. Terrorist cell who planned Manila bomb attack used social media to communicate

Manila Bulletin, Aaron Recuenco, 2016 12 08

Manila - Members of the terror cell who planned the foiled bomb attack in Manila near the US Embassy last month were found to have been communicating through Facebook and other social media platforms. Senior Supt. Joel Napoleon Coronel, director of the Manila Police District (MPD), said they found out such a scheme when they arrested the third suspect in the foiled bomb attack, identified as Mohammad Jumao-as who uses the alias Modie. "We found out that at least two of the five suspects involved have Facebook accounts. They have been communicating through Facebook but we are still conducting investigation as to their messages there," Coronel told the Manila Bulletin in an interview at Camp Crame after the presentation of the suspect to the media. "We are still verifying if the other people involved are just using aliases in Facebook," he added. But Coronel said it was also through Facebook that led them to Jumao-as in a hospital in Bulacan where he has been working as an X-Ray technician.

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Eastern Europe • Europe de l'Est

49. Russian police arrest 12 people suspected of terror links

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 12 08

Moscow - Russia's security agencies have arrested 12 people accused of involvement in a terror organization. Moscow's branch of the Russian Interior Ministry said the suspects were searching for recruits for an unspecified organization. Wednesday's bust in Moscow was conducted jointly by the Interior Ministry and the Federal Security Service, the main KGB successor agency known under its acronym FSB. Russian state television showed the handcuffed suspects lying face down on the floor as security officers were searching the apartment. The raid follows last month's arrest of 10 suspects allegedly linked to the Islamic State group who were accused of plotting terror attacks in Moscow and St. Petersburg. (Full report).

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

50. Iranian Navy Prepared to Confront Any Threats

Fars News Agency, 2016 12 08

Tehran - Iranian Navy Commander Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari underlined his forces' eagle eyes in monitoring the enemies' moves in the region, and said they are ready to confront any threat and danger. "We are precisely monitoring all regional moves by the regional armies and the trans-regional forces in the Sea of Oman and North of the Indian Ocean and we have prepared ourselves against various threats at different levels," Sayyari said in the Southern province of Hormozgan on Tuesday. Elsewhere, he referred to the security situation in the Persian Gulf, and said, "The Persian Gulf should be the center of tranquility and stability and we

believe that the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman littoral states are able to establish sustainable security in the region and there is no need to alien states in the region."

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51. Security Forces Disband Terrorist Group in Western Iran

Fars News Agency, 2016 12 08

Tehran - Iranian Deputy Interior Minister for Security and Law Enforcement Affairs Hossein Zolfaqari announced that the country's security forces have dismantled a terrorist cell which planned to carry out sabotage acts inside Iran. "Recently, a 3-member terrorist team which sought to enter the country via the Western borders was identified," Zolfaqari told reporters in Tehran on Wednesday. After identifying and tracking the terrorist cell, it was dismantled by the Iranian security and intelligence forces, he added. Unofficial sources said that the terrorists were affiliated to the ISIL. In relevant remarks last month, Zolfaqari announced that a terrorist cell was dismantled in the Eastern parts of Iran. "Last night, a terrorist team was disbanded by the intelligence ministry in Eastern Iran," Zolfaqari said on November 22. "The team had 4 members, one of whom was killed and three others were arrested," he added.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

52. Britain will help Gulf 'push back' against Iran aggression

Gulf News, Habib Toumi, 2016 12 08

Manama - Britain will help the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in "pushing back against Iran's aggressive regional actions" and in securing stability in the region, British Prime Minister Theresa May has said. "As we address new threats to our security, so we must also continue to confront state actors whose influence fuels instability in the region," May told the leaders of the six GCC member countries in Bahrain. "So I want to assure you that I am clear-eyed about the threat that Iran poses to the Gulf and the wider Middle East. The UK is fully committed to our strategic partnership with the Gulf and working with you to counter that threat. "We secured a deal which has neutralised the possibility of Iran acquiring nuclear weapons for over a decade. It has already seen Iran remove 13 thousand centrifuges together with associated infrastructure and eliminate its stock of 20 per cent enriched uranium.

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53. GCC, UK say Al Assad has lost all legitimacy

Khaleej Times, 2016 12 08

Manama - Syrian President Bashar Al Assad has lost all legitimacy and has no role in Syria's future, the leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the British Prime Minister have said in a joint communiqué. The communiqué was issued at the end of the first GCC-UK Summit held in Bahrain alongside the 37th GCC Summit. Theresa May became the first British

prime minister to take part in the annual GCC summit that brings together the leaders of member countries Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. "The leaders committed to continue working towards a sustainable political resolution in Syria that ends the war and establishes an inclusive government that protects all ethnic and religious communities, and preserves state institutions," the communiqué said.

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54. Israel keeping WMDs from Hezbollah

Times of Israel, Judah Ari Gross and Raphael Ahren, 2016 12 08

Jerusalem - Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman acknowledged that Israel was responsible for recent attacks in Syria, saying on Wednesday that they were meant to prevent "advanced weapons, military equipment and weapons of mass destruction" from reaching Hezbollah. Speaking to ambassadors from the European Union, Liberman did not specify what incident or incidents he was referring to, speaking only about "what was done in Syria," according to a statement from his office. "We are working, first and foremost, to defend the safety of our citizens and to protect our sovereignty, and we are trying to prevent the smuggling of advanced weapons, military equipment and weapons of mass destruction from Syria to Hezbollah," he said. During the meeting with EU officials, the defense minister also laid out his view for how Israel would like to see the Syrian civil war resolved and his skepticism at the prospects of a peace deal with the Palestinians in the near future.

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55. Saudi intelligence, al-Qaida plan kidnapping humanitarian aid staff in Yemen - Security

Yemen News Agency, 2016 12 08

Sana'a - A security official revealed a high coordination between Saudi intelligence and al-Qaida network to carry out kidnapping operation against foreign nationalities working with humanitarian relief agencies in a number of Yemeni provinces. "Liaison officers working with the Saudi intelligence met leaders from al-Qaida in the border Al-Waidah crossing point on Saturday, 29 October, to coordinate the kidnapping operations," the official told Saba. Interior Ministry called on Arab and foreign nationalities working with humanitarian relief organizations to coordinate their movements with the security agencies, to be aware of their surroundings and to take extra precautions when travelling throughout the country. (Full Report).

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56. Shin Bet says terror cell responsible for West Bank shootings arrested

Jerusalem Post, Anna Ahronheim, 2016 12 08

Jerusalem - The Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) recently arrested a terrorist cell suspect carried out several shooting attacks against the Ofra settlement in the Binyamin region of the West Bank. During the arrests, which was done in cooperation with the IDF and the Border

Police reconnaissance unit, weapons and vehicles allegedly used by the suspects during the attacks were seized. The cell, which consisted of three minors, carried out four shooting attacks between October and November 2016, using locally made weapons, the Shin Bet said. Relatives of the cell members were also detained, on suspicion that they were involved in hiding the weapons used to carry out attacks. "The activity of the cell demonstrates the high threat level of a terrorist cell with access to weapons and the ability to manufacture weapons," the agency said, adding that the suspects have been transferred to the military prosecution where charges will be filed in the coming days.

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57. Syrian Troops Are Said to Drive Deeper Into Rebel Areas of Aleppo (Canada)

New York Times, Anne Barnard, 2016 12 08

Beirut - Syrian government forces pushed deeper into Aleppo on Wednesday, seizing areas around the medieval citadel whose narrow streets had long given rebels cover, pro-government websites and conflict monitors reported. Rebel leaders disputed the claims, but antigovernment activists in the area sent increasingly desperate messages saying they believed they would soon be killed or arrested, while civilians said they were squeezing into a smaller and smaller area, with some calling for safe passage out. A rebel fighter with the Nour al-Din al-Zenki group, reached in a hiding place near the Old City, said that several neighborhoods had fallen and that defeat appeared inevitable. "Aleppo has fallen," he said. "If there are no U.N. initiatives, I expect the regime will exterminate us all." In a joint statement, the leaders of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Britain and the United States warned that "a humanitarian disaster is taking place before our very eyes." The statement condemned the Syrian government and its allies, especially Russia.

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58. Top Israeli envoy promotes anti-missile system in Seoul

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 08

Seoul - A top Israeli envoy said Thursday the missile defense systems developed by the Middle Eastern country will help counter North Korea's growing missile provocations. Citing the Iron Dome missile defense battery as one of the most innovative of Israel's military systems, Israeli Ambassador to South Korea Chaim Choshen boasted of its anti-missile capabilities and its proven track record of intercepting incoming missiles. "We are two small states which have very similar strategic situations. Korea is threatened by North Korea and Israel is threatened by Iran. We have good cooperation in defense and security," the ambassador said in a forum arranged by the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses (KIDA) in Seoul. "I am sure this cooperation (between Seoul and Jerusalem) is still very far from being exhausted and I hope so much this potential will be used in the future ... particularly in defense area. We may suggest some solutions to counter North Korean threats here." Throughout the forum, the ambassador pitched the highlights of Israel's advanced technologies and proven track record in air defense armaments.

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59. Une « victoire stratégique » qui favorise le retour de Bachar sur la scène politique

Le Figaro, Isabelle Lasserre, 2016 12 08

Damas - Pour Damas, le succès des armes paraît désormais tellement certain que le ministre de la « Réconciliation », Ali Haidar, n'hésite pas à parler de « victoire stratégique » pour l'armée syrienne. La chute annoncée d'Alep, dont la vieille ville était entièrement reconquise par l'armée gouvernementale mercredi, sera sans nul doute un « game changer », un événement qui modifiera profondément la donne en Syrie. Le premier gagnant est Bachar el-Assad, l'allié de Moscou et de Téhéran, celui qui au début de la guerre a vidé les prisons de ses djihadistes afin qu'ils distillent leur poison dans l'opposition syrienne. En septembre 2015, le régime de Damas a été sauvé par l'intervention militaire de la Russie. La conquête d'Alep, la deuxième ville du pays, qui fut sa capitale commerciale avant la guerre et qui était jusque-là l'un des rares centres urbains tenus par les rebelles, rend possible et crédible la formation d'un État alaouite sur les ruines de la Syrie. Elle devrait aussi remettre en selle politiquement Bachar el-Assad, dont la chute avait été imprudemment annoncée ou fermement exigée par l'Europe et les États-Unis. Anticipant la chute de la ville, l'un pour la regretter, l'autre pour s'en féliciter, les chefs de la diplomatie américaine et russe soufflent à nouveau sur les braises quasi éteintes de la diplomatie.

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60. À l'Otan, Donald Trump inquiète les alliés européens

La Croix, François d'Alañon, 2016 12 08

Bruxelles - Lors d'une réunion des ministres des affaires étrangères de l'Otan à Bruxelles, le secrétaire d'État américain John Kerry s'est efforcé, mardi, de rassurer ses partenaires sur l'engagement américain envers l'Alliance atlantique. Les ministres des affaires étrangères de l'Otan, réunis à Bruxelles, ont approuvé une série de mesures pour renforcer la coopération entre l'Alliance et l'Union européenne. À six semaines de l'arrivée de Donald Trump à la Maison-Blanche, le secrétaire d'État américain John Kerry a profité de sa dernière rencontre avec ses homologues pour les rassurer sur l'engagement américain envers l'Otan. En quoi consiste la coopération entre l'Otan et l'Union européenne? En présence de la chef de la diplomatie de l'UE Federica Mogherini et des représentants de la Finlande et de la Suède - deux pays membres de l'UE mais non de l'Otan -, les 28 pays de l'Otan ont approuvé 42 mesures de renforcement de la coopération et de la coordination entre les deux institutions, en application d'une décision de principe prise au sommet de l'Otan à Varsovie, en juillet. Le champ couvert va de la « guerre hybride » à la cybersécurité, en passant par les exercices, la recherche, le partenariat avec des pays tiers et un partage des moyens logistiques et de renseignement pour les opérations navales de l'Otan et de l'UE en Méditerranée. Le Centre européen de lutte contre les « menaces hybrides », qui doit être créé en 2017 à Helsinki, s'appuiera sur un réseau européen d'experts pour

informer les pays membres - de l'UE comme de l'Otan - de nouvelles attaques ou menaces, comme la désinformation russe ou les tactiques de propagande de Daech.

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61. Bruxelles décidé à muscler l'arsenal antiterroriste de l'Europe

Les Echos, Derek Perrotte, 2016 12 08

Bruxelles - L'Union européenne s'attache à finaliser les réformes lancées depuis deux ans. Un accord émerge sur le contrôle aux frontières de l'espace Schengen. Plus d'un an après les attentats du 13 novembre à Paris, la réponse peut sembler tardive. Elle est pourtant assez rapide au vu des canons traditionnels de la grande machine bruxelloise. L'Europe est en passe de muscler son arsenal de lutte contre le terrorisme, avec une volonté affichée, tant par le Parlement que par la Commission et les Etats, de désormais boucler au plus vite les nombreuses initiatives lancées ces deux dernières années. Une volonté affirmée lors du sommet de Bratislava en septembre et préalablement symbolisée par la création en août d'un poste, inédit jusque-là, de commissaire à la Sécurité, confié au Britannique Julian King. La diversité des réformes que l'Europe s'attache à « délivrer », selon un anglicisme en vogue à Bruxelles, témoigne à la fois de l'ampleur et de la complexité de la tâche.

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62. En Espagne, une agression réveille les vieux démons basques

Le Monde, Sandrine Morel, 2016 12 08

Alsasua - Le 15 octobre, deux gardes civils et leurs compagnes ont été insultés et frappés par une vingtaine de personnes à Alsasua, commune de Navarre. Fait divers ou résurgence des violences autrefois menés par l'ETA ? Où se trouve la frontière entre la violence et la terreur ? Entre une agression contre des gendarmes et un lynchage prémédité visant à imposer la peur ? La polémique fait rage en Espagne depuis l'agression, le 15 octobre, de deux gardes civils qui n'étaient pas en service et de leurs compagnes, dans un bar d'Alsasua, petite commune de 8000 habitants de Navarre. Insultés et frappés par plus d'une vingtaine de personnes, certaines ayant le visage dissimulé, les gardes civils ont été forcés à quitter le bar. Une fois dans la rue, ont-ils raconté au juge, ils ont de nouveau été cernés et agressés par une quinzaine de personnes qui leur ont crié de quitter la Navarre. L'un des deux gardes a dû être opéré d'une fracture à la cheville, les autres victimes ont souffert de blessures légères. Sept adultes, âgées de 19 à 24 ans, et deux mineurs ont été arrêtés. Leurs actes ont été condamnés par tous les partis, à l'exception des indépendantistes radicaux de la gauche abertzale (patriote) EH Bildu pour laquelle il ne s'agit que d'une simple « bagarre de bar » après une « provocation » de la part des gardes civils.

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63. La NSA et le GCHQ, poids lourds du renseignement mondial (Canada)

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 12 08

Non identifié - Au sein du club très fermé des " Five Eyes " qui réunit, depuis la seconde guerre mondiale, les services secrets techniques américains, britanniques, australiens, canadiens et néo-zélandais, le Royaume-Uni et les Etats-Unis tiennent les deux principaux rôles. L'Agence nationale de sécurité (NSA) américaine compte 60 000 personnes, son homologue française. Chargée d'une mission offensive et défensive, la NSA s'efforce d'avoir accès à tous les réseaux informatiques et de communication afin de collecter et de traiter en masse les données de connexions. Elle dispose d'un budget annuel de plus de 10 milliards de dollars (9,3 milliards d'euros), supérieur à celui de la CIA. Créée en 1952 par un décret secret du président Harry Truman soucieux de réorganiser l'ensemble des moyens d'interception américains, l'existence de la NSA n'a été officiellement reconnue qu'en 1957.

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64. Le renseignement financier, outil-clé de la traque aux « signaux faibles » de l'antiterrorisme

Le Monde, Elise Vincent, 2016 12 08

Paris - Pour le directeur de Tracfin, Bruno Dalles, dont le rapport annuel était dévoilé ce 8 décembre, l'agence a notamment un rôle important pour « confirmer un environnement, une appartenance à une mouvance ». Depuis les attentats de Charlie et de l'Hyper Cacher, en janvier 2015, le renseignement financier est devenu un outil essentiel de la lutte contre le terrorisme. Un des moyens de repérer ce qui est devenu un des enjeux-clés de l'endiguement de la menace : les « signaux faibles » de radicalisation. Tels sont, en substance, les points mis en avant dans le rapport d'analyse annuel de Tracfin, la cellule antiblanchiment française, qu'a rendu public le ministre de l'économie et des finances, Michel Sapin, jeudi 8 décembre, à Bercy. D'après ce rapport intitulé « Tendances et analyse des risques » de l'année 2015, le renseignement financier a, depuis l'attaque contre Charlie Hebdo, pris une place qu'il n'avait pas dans ce type de dossiers. « L'intérêt du renseignement financier c'est que même si on parle de " signaux faibles ", il recueille des signaux fiables », estime ainsi le directeur de Tracfin, Bruno Dalles, interrogé par Le Monde. Cela permet de confirmer un environnement, une appartenance. » Des éléments essentiels pour la justice, afin de caractériser par exemple « l'association de malfaiteur en vue d'une entreprise terroriste », le chef de mise en examen le plus souvent utilisé actuellement.

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65. Les dernières révélations Snowden atomisent la théorie d'une mondialisation heureuse

Atlantico (site web), Franck Decloquement, 2016 12 08

Non identifié - Les dernières révélations Snowden atomisent la théorie d'une mondialisation heureuse (et ça, c'est nettement plus gênant que les arguments des populistes sur le libre-échange) Les guerres économiques que se livrent les pays du monde entier représentent une menace bien plus sérieuse pour le libre-échange que les théories économiques de Donald Trump. Atlantico : Les révélations d'Edward Snowden mettent chaque jour en avant de nouvelles informations sur les pratiques de la NSA. Parmi ces révélations, certaines soulignent le risque que font courir les agences de renseignement au libre-échange et à la libre-concurrence. Quel est-il exactement ? Les missions poursuivies par les organes de renseignements vont-elles à

l'encontre des principes du libre-échange ? Franck Decloquement : Selon de très nombreux observateurs ayant pu enquêter en profondeur sur le sujet, la NSA est une « arme d'espionnage économique massive », et un « fer de lance sous l'égide de Washington », évidemment prête à tout - dans le cadre de ses prérogatives propres - pour défendre les intérêts commerciaux américains. A l'image du dernier livre de Claude Delesse « NSA - National Security Agency », édité chez Tallandier, qui est une très bonne introduction en la matière, à destination d'un lectorat grand public.

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66. Un jeune radicalisé a été libéré mais reste surveillé

Tribune de Genève, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 08

Genève - Le jeune homme va être le premier à bénéficier du projet pilote de suivi social présenté lundi par les autorités genevoises C'est le premier cas du genre pour Genève. Un jeune Suisse radicalisé, A. , parti il y a un an sur le chemin du djihad, arrêté six mois plus tard à son retour puis placé en détention provisoire, est sorti de prison hier, ont appris la Tribune de Genève et le Tages-Anzeiger. Sa remise en liberté est assortie de mesures judiciaires spéciales. Il revient au Canton de veiller à les mettre en oeuvre. Autant dire que le Genevois de 21 ans va mettre les institutions à rude épreuve. Le Ministère public de la Confédération (MPC) a confirmé hier ces éléments: « Le prévenu arrêté le 8 juin 2016 à l'aéroport de Zurich à son retour de Turquie a été remis en liberté. Des mesures de substitution ont été ordonnées par le Tribunal des mesures de contrainte (TMC) compétent sur demande du MPC.

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67. Vols au-dessus d'un nid d'espions

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 12 08

Non identifié - La NSA américaine et son homologue britannique peuvent capter toutes les données, y compris les codes secrets, des communications des passagers de la plupart des compagnies aériennes. Dont Air France. Dans l'immense stock d'archives extraites par Edward Snowden, l'ancien contractuel de l'Agence nationale de sécurité américaine (NSA), c'est une pépite. Elle débute par une devinette : " Quel est le point commun entre le président du Pakistan, un trafiquant de cigares ou d'armes, une cible du contre-terrorisme ou le membre d'un réseau de prolifération nucléaire? Ils utilisent tous leur téléphone portable lorsqu'ils sont dans un avion. " Posée en 2010 dans une des lettres d'information interne de l'une des principales directions de la NSA, " SIDtoday ", et classée top secret, elle annonce l'émergence d'un nouveau terrain d'espionnage, qui n'avait pas encore été exploré : l'interception des données de communications à bord des avions de ligne. En 2009, la NSA souligne dans un document interne que, en décembre 2008, 50 000 personnes ont déjà utilisé leur téléphone portable en vol, un chiffre qui atteint 100 000 en février 2009.

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68. WikiLeaks accuse le régime de collusion avec Daech

L'Humanité, S.A., 2016 12 08

Ankara - Le site a publié 57 934 mails de Berat Albayrak montrant des relations troubles entre l'« État islamique » et la compagnie pétrolière Powertrans. Le ministre turc de l'Énergie, Berat Albayrak, pourrait bien se faire tirer les oreilles par son beau-père pour manque de prudence. Lundi et mardi, le site d'information WikiLeaks a publié 57 934 mails du gendre de Recep Tayyip Erdogan qui prouveraient les liens troubles entretenus par la Turquie et l'organisation de l'« État islamique » (EI). La compagnie pétrolière turque Powertrans aurait en effet bénéficié d'une dérogation à l'embargo imposé par le gouvernement sur les importations et exportations de pétrole en provenance ou en direction des régions sous contrôle de Daech. Ankara aurait donc sciemment acheté du pétrole syrien à l'EI, finançant indirectement le groupe djihadiste en hommes et en matériel militaire.

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CSIS in the News • Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Canada spy official doubts intelligence-sharing under Trump - report

Reuters, David Ljunggren, 2016 12 09

Ottawa - The Canadian official who oversees the country's spies says Ottawa may have to rethink how it provides intelligence to the United States, given incoming President Donald Trump's views on torture, a newspaper reported on Thursday. Canada is a member of the so-

called Five Eyes intelligence-sharing network, including the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Michael Doucet, executive director of the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), said Canada did not want information derived from torture. "They may have a new administration that thinks torture is a good thing," he told a private Toronto audience last week, according to The Globe and Mail, which cited a recording of the remarks. "It's going to be an interesting and challenging time, and we've got to think about what defines us as Canadians." SIRC is a watchdog agency that reviews the activities of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, or CSIS. During the election campaign, Trump said the United States should use waterboarding and other harsh interrogation techniques when questioning terror suspects. Neither SIRC nor CSIS was immediately available to comment. Snowden revealed a vast amount of metadata by the U.S. National Security Agency in 2013 and now lives in Russia.

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2. Canadians accused of spying in China angry they can't help orphans, elderly

CTVNews.ca, Jeff Lagerquist, 2016 12 09

Ottawa - Kevin and Julia Garratt were completely blindsided when plain-clothed Chinese authorities snatched them from inside a restaurant in the northern city of Dandong in August 2014. The Canadian couple was tossed into separate cars that sped out of town to a remote compound where they were interrogated as foreign spies. The ordeal saw Kevin jailed for over two years on espionage charges. Julia was detained in isolation for six months before being placed on house arrest in China. Now, three months after Kevin was deported back to Canada and re-united with his family, the couple is speaking out about their harrowing ordeal at the hands of China's state security apparatus. "All of a sudden these people just kind of grabbed us. There were people with video cameras. We assumed (they were) local police," Kevin told CTV News Channel. "I think someone flashed a badge, but I couldn't tell." "Then when they said they were the FBI and started driving me out into the middle of nowhere to a compound, I was incredulous and terrified. I thought, 'Am I going to get out of this alive?'" said Julia. The Garratts had spent the past three decades living in China as Christian aid workers, helping orphans and the elderly, and running a popular café in a politically sensitive region near the North Korean border -- which they crossed on occasion to pursue aid projects. The Chinese Communist Party is officially atheist and religion is a sensitive topic. The Garratts' coffee shop was a hot spot for students and foreign journalists, as well as locals who were eager to hear about the Canadian couple's travels to the hermit kingdom next door. Visiting dignitaries, like then-Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, were a small portion of those that frequented the café, but Kevin says it was enough to raise eyebrows in China and at home in Canada. "We had some talks with CSIS. They contacted me once while I was in Canada. (It was) kind of a routine visit (since) I had been to North Korea. They said 'What are you doing there?' Just kind of a follow up, and making sure we were following sanctions and not doing anything illegal," he said. "It put us on a higher radar for the Chinese."

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3. Canadian Spy Official Raises Intelligence-Sharing Concerns Under Trump

Washington Free Beacon, Natalie Johnson, 2016 12 09

Washington - The Canadian official who oversees the nation's spy agencies said Ottawa may have to rethink intelligence sharing with the U.S. if President-elect Donald Trump moves forward with his campaign promise to reinstate torture methods to gather information. Michael Doucet, executive director of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, told a private audience in Toronto last week the Canadian government does not want intelligence acquired by torture, the Globe and Mail reported on Thursday. The U.S. and Canada are both members of the Five Eyes intelligence sharing alliance along with the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand. Doucet's comments may have implications for the network's future under President-elect Trump, who has expressed support for waterboarding and sleep deprivation when questioning terrorist suspects. Trump pledged on the campaign trail to bring back the Bush-era interrogation methods that were barred by Congress in 2005 in order to defeat the Islamic State. He seemed to reconsider his stance after meeting earlier this month with retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis, who told the president-elect he has "never found it to be useful." Mattis was tapped to head the Defense Department under Trump's incoming administration.

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4. Canadian spywatcher's Snowden remark 'highly inappropriate,' Goodale says

Globe and Mail Online, Colin Freeze and Daniel Leblanc, 2016 12 09

Toronto and Ottawa - Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale has rebuked a Canadian spywatcher for publicly suggesting Edward Snowden "should be shot." "That remark strikes me as highly inappropriate," the minister told reporters in Ottawa on Thursday. He was not the only person offended. From Russia, the famous fugitive American at the centre of the comment also found it disturbing. "Canadian spy, charged with keeping spies from breaking the law, wants man dead for showing spies broke law," read a Tweet from Mr. Snowden on his verified account. He then added wryly, "Bonus: he's mad he was recorded." On Wednesday, The Globe that Michael Doucet, a former Canadian intelligence analyst, gave a 90-minute talk to a small audience at Toronto's Ryerson University in which he made several off-the-cuff remarks. He later said he did not think his talk was being recorded. When a member of the audience asked Mr. Doucet what Mr. Snowden's fate would have been had he been Canadian and leaked intelligence secrets, he replied: "Do you want my opinion on that? Do you really want it? I'll give it to you. If Edward Snowden had worked for CSIS and did what he did, he should be shot." This comment was surprising because Mr. Doucet is executive director of a government watchdog agency, the Security Intelligence Review Committee. SIRC reviews the highly classified operations of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, and its officials rarely make unscripted remarks in public. Mr. Doucet quickly added that he was merely being provocative, and would like Mr. Snowden to face trial. In 2013, Mr. Snowden was a security-cleared contractor who fled the United States with volumes of U.S. government documents. He leaked them to select journalists who wrote articles about their contents, including secret spy programs of questionable legality. The Snowden leaks have woken the world up to the fact that the U.S. National Security Agency and its allies in a partnership known as the Five Eyes - Canada, Britain, Australia and New Zealand - have been collecting, pooling and analyzing global telecommunications traffic on a massive, constant and indiscriminate basis.

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5. Door open to CSIS use of metadata from innocent people

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 12 09

Ottawa -The federal public safety minister is keeping the door open to the idea of Canada's spy agency crunching potentially sensitive data about innocent people. Ralph Goodale told MPs at a House of Commons committee Thursday he is weighing views on whether the Canadian Security Intelligence Service should be allowed to retain and use such information. Last month Federal Court Justice Simon Noel said CSIS violated the law by keeping electronic data about people who were not actually under investigation. CSIS processed the metadata beginning in 2006 through its Operational Data Analysis Centre to produce intelligence that can disclose intimate details about individuals. Metadata is information associated with a communication, such as a telephone number or email address, but not the message itself. The court ruling means metadata can be kept and used by CSIS only if it relates to a specific threat to Canadian security or if it is of use to an investigation, prosecution, national defence or foreign affairs. Privacy watchdogs from across the country said this week that Canada's spy agencies should destroy the data trails of innocent people they collect incidentally during terrorism investigations, once the actual targets have been cleared of suspicion. The office of federal privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien says metadata must be handled with care because it can reveal medical conditions, religious beliefs and sexual orientation, among other personal traits. CSIS director Michel Coulombe told the committee he hoped the spy service would be in a position within about six months to decide what to do with the associated metadata collected over the 10-year period. Conservative public safety critic Tony Clement wondered why CSIS was keeping the data in question at all. Coulombe said the law dictates that CSIS must hang on to any data used in criminal or administrative proceedings. As a result, the agency is going through the material to see what it needs to keep. "So before we rush and destroy that information, we have to make sure that by destroying it we're not going to be contravening another court decision," Coulombe said.

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6. Real Oversight Needed for Law-breaking National Security Agencies

TheTye.ca, Micheal Vonn, 2016 12 09

Comment: National security accountability -- everyone says they want it. But not everyone means the same thing when they use the language of "accountability." The dangers of "faux accountability" are always serious, but especially so on national security matters where secrecy can mask abuses and law breaking. There is a growing concern that what the government might mean by "accountability" is primarily the creation of a Parliamentary oversight committee for national security matters. Bill C-22, which would create such a committee, is working its way through Parliament right now. An oversight committee is long overdue, but it is entirely inadequate as a means of achieving accountability. There is a crisis of public confidence in national security agencies that appear to break the law with no consequences. Law-breaking by national security agencies is regularly rewarded with changes to laws that expand their powers even further. While Bill C-22 would create a Parliamentary oversight committee, there are serious concerns about the legislation. The committee would lack independence, and could be -- and will certainly be seen to be -- a mere extension of the executive branch of government. It would not have the ability to ensure it receives relevant information or to initiate independent

investigations. And the committee will not be able to ensure complete and robust reporting to the public. The crisis is one that has seen Canada fail to implement the recommendations of three major inquiries on national security matters: one on the Air India tragedy and two on Canadians sent to other countries where they were tortured. The crisis is one in which the public has learned CSIS has breached its duty of candour to the federal courts for 10 years and has been illegally collecting Canadians' telecommunications metadata in violation of the CSIS Act. That particular crisis was like Act II of the slightly earlier crisis in which the public discovered that it is possible that every piece of Canadians' personal information currently held in the CSIS bulk data holdings has been illegally acquired, as the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), in its first ever audit of these data holdings, found a complete failure to abide by the legislation.

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7. 'He was always a strong voice for fairness'

Montreal Gazette, 2016 12 09

Montreal - Warren Allmand, the longtime Liberal MP and cabinet minister who oversaw the abolition of Canada's death penalty, died Wednesday at the age of 84. In March he had been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumour. A native Montrealer, Allmand retired from federal politics after three decades before returning to public life as a councillor at Montreal city hall. Allmand grew up during the Great Depression, an experience that saw him develop a sense of social justice early in life, a sense that would more than once compel him to buck the party line in Ottawa and at city hall. "He was always a strong voice for fairness," recalled veteran Montreal city councillor Marvin Rotrand. "As a city councillor, I found a kindred soul. ... Often we were the only ones in the council who voted against stuff." Allmand first sought to be MP for the riding of Notre Dame de Grace in 1965 and would go on to serve the riding for nine consecutive terms, retiring before the 1997 federal election. In the 1970s, Allmand would serve as solicitor-general, Indian affairs minister and consumer affairs minister in governments led by Pierre Trudeau.

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8. Artillerie lourde pour coincer un suspect de terrorisme

Journal de Montréal, Michaël Nguyen, 2016 12 09

Montréal - La GRC A élaboré une vingtaine de scénarios pour gagner sa confiance la gendarmerie royale du canada n'a pas lésiné sur les moyens pour coincer un gatinois soupçonné de terrorisme, en créant une organisation criminelle fictive impliquant au moins six agents d'infiltration. Ismaël Habib avait affirmé à un agent d'infiltration qu'il souhaitait rejoindre le groupe État islamique en Syrie pour faire le djihad. En tout, les policiers fédéraux ont mis au point une vingtaine de scénarios pour gagner la confiance d'Ismaël Habib, a-t-on appris hier au neuvième jour du procès de l'homme de 29ans. Le Gatinois est accusé d'avoir tenté de quitter le pays pour rejoindre un groupe terroriste en Syrie. Les policiers se sont toutefois heurtés à

quelques problèmes durant l'opération. À un moment, Habib logeait dans un appartement fourni à son insu par la GRC. Le hic, c'est que l'accusé y avait fait emménager une famille algérienne.

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9. Ismael Habib thwarted RCMP's best-laid plans in terrorism investigation, court hears
CBC.CA, Kate McKenna, 2016 12 09

Ottawa - RCMP officers had to scramble to produce new, creative undercover operations after Ismael Habib kept unwittingly thwarting their plans, a Quebec court has heard. The RCMP officer who orchestrated nearly two dozen undercover operations, James Parent, testified for a second day at Habib's trial at the Montreal courthouse. Parent explained that the RCMP tried to keep Habib living in one apartment and out of trouble but succeeded in doing neither. Habib, 29, is accused of trying to go overseas to commit terrorist acts and of providing false information to obtain a passport. He was arrested in Gatineau, Que., in February 2016 on unrelated charges. He was denied bail on those charges and was subsequently charged for the terrorism-related allegations. Parent became involved in Habib's investigation in July 2015. He testified that he devised and helped to implement 22 covert operations, culminating in a Mr. Big-style sting which happened in February 2016. The sting produced a confession from Habib, who said he wanted to go overseas to fight with ISIS. Whether that confession should be admitted as evidence will be ruled on by Judge Serge Déglise later in the trial. After monitoring Habib, police knew he didn't have a fixed address. One of the objectives of the undercover operations was to find him some place to live. He said the RCMP rented an apartment on Basile Patenaude Place, in the Montreal borough of Rosemont--La Petite-Patrie, and made up a cover story so that Habib's friend Lyes -- an agent -- could give him the apartment. But Habib was only there for a couple of weeks when he decided to move to Gatineau to move in with his new girlfriend. It's unclear if the RCMP investigation was over at that time, however Habib had been meeting with undercover officers just hours before his arrest.

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10. More people apply to become Mounties under new rules
CBC.CA, Alison Crawford, 2016 12 09

Ottawa -There are early signs that changes to the RCMP's application process are leading to a big bump in recruits. The police force changed its application requirements six months ago with the aim of simplifying the process and making more people eligible to apply. Now, recruits don't have to be Canadian citizens, they can put off taking the physical fitness test until they've been accepted at the RCMP's training division and university graduates no longer have to take the national police force's entrance exam. According to a memo sent to staff in British Columbia from Deputy Commissioner Craig Callens and obtained by CBC News, applications have increased 270 per cent since changes were introduced in May. "Since the recent changes, that have allowed the pre-posting of cadets at time of application to Western divisions of their choice, applications have increased to 1,100 per month from 300," Callens wrote. One of the changes made in May was to allow applicants from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and B.C. to request to be posted back to their home province once they'd graduated from the training centre.

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11. Ottawa denies using data from vote reform website

National Post, Marie-Danielle Smith, 2016 12 09

Ottawa - The government says information collected by an online electoral reform consultation isn't accessible to the Liberal Party, after an Ontario man alleged he started getting fundraising emails soon after completing the survey. Sean Fullerton, a database analyst in Kitchener, Ont., told the National Post he unsubscribed from Liberal emails more than a year ago, but started receiving them again almost immediately after entering his email address on MyDemocracy.ca, a website being used to gather opinion on democratic values. But both the government and Vox Pop Labs, the company that designed the site, deny email addresses are even being collected. "Protecting personal information is something we take very seriously. Political parties have no access whatsoever to any information shared with MyDemocracy.ca. That is just not happening," said John O'Leary, the director of communications for Democratic Institutions Minister Maryam Monsef. "Emails are not retained in the system when results are emailed to users. They are not stored and cannot be retrieved by anyone, Vox Pop Labs included," said Clifton van der Linden, the CEO and founder of the public opinion company, in an email. "The implication that these email addresses are stored or shared with third parties is utterly baseless." Fullerton, who works at an insurance company, explained Thursday he found it "really, really odd" when Liberal fundraising emails started pouring into his email account within a few hours of completing the electoral reform consultation Monday. He said he rescinded his party membership in May 2015 - in protest after the Liberals voted in favour of a controversial anti-terror law, Bill C-51 - and stopped receiving fundraising asks after unsubscribing from email lists. "They just stopped," he said. "As soon as I did that survey, I started getting them again."

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12. Russia threatens retaliation over latest round of Canadian sanctions

CBC.CA, Murray Brewster, 2016 12 09

Ottawa - Canada has quietly imposed additional sanctions on Russian nationals over the annexation of Crimea and Moscow's ongoing support for separatists in eastern Ukraine. The new measures, including asset-freezing and a prohibition on business dealings, were passed by the Liberal cabinet on Nov. 28 and released, without much fanfare compared with the former Conservative government, on the Global Affairs Canada website the same day. There are 15 individuals named in the regulation, which was to be formally posted Thursday in the Canada Gazette, the government's official publication of record. Six of the people are members of Russia's national assembly -- known as the Duma -- who were elected from Crimea in September in the first vote since the takeover. It is the second time the Liberal government has tightened sanctions in relation to the eastern European crisis which erupted in the spring of 2014. The last round of measures were imposed in August of this year. It is significant because the Liberals have made diplomatic re-engagement with Russia a cornerstone of their foreign policy since being elected last year, much to the private -- and sometimes public -- dismay of the Ukrainian government. Arsen Avakov, Ukraine's interior minister, was the latest to warn the Trudeau government about Moscow in closed-door meetings with two senior Liberal ministers. "We rely

on civilized countries to support Ukraine in this situation and, of course, we rely on Canada," Avakov told CBC News in an interview this week. "I have heard that Canada should start talking with Russia and have friendship with Russia," he said. "The issue is not about being kind to [Russian President Vladimir] Putin and giving him cookies, it is about demonstrating a firm position." The latest sanctions are "a very a positive step," Avakov said.

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13. Standing up for rights

Toronto Star, Staff Reporter, 2016 12 09

Editorial: Canada's privacy commissioners did a big service for all of us this week when they stood up to resist the pressure to erode traditional freedoms in the name of ever-greater security. The federal commissioner, Daniel Therrien, was supported by all his provincial and territorial colleagues in a powerful appeal for caution as law enforcement agencies and national security officials push for more powers. It's clear, Therrien said, that security forces need the right tools to do their job of protecting society. And it's equally obvious that those tools must be updated and adapted to meet the challenges of the digital world - such as carrying out cyber-surveillance of illicit activities online. However, there's an awfully big "but" that must follow these statements, and Therrien provided it in an emphatic manner that deserves to be noted by anyone concerned about striking the right balance between security and freedom. "But," he said, "state powers have already been significantly expanded" to counter different types of threats. "At the same time, we have seen too many cases of inappropriate and sometimes illegal conduct by state officials that have impacted on the rights of ordinary citizens not suspected of criminal or terrorist activities." The commissioners made their concerns known in a brief for a review of security laws being carried out by Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale. That includes a review of Bill C-51, the Harper-era law that tilted the balance too far toward security over privacy. The Liberal government has promised to fix it, and Therrien's words should serve as a strong caution to correct the balance. They are also speaking out at a time when police forces are making a public case that concerns about privacy are hobbling them in the fight against new types of cybercrime. It's normal for security forces to push for more tools to do their job. But the fact is that police now have access to more data than ever, and the recent trend has been to strengthen police and security powers, not weaken them.

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14. Video surveillance in businesses can violate B.C.'s privacy laws

Vancouver Sun, Rob Shaw, 2016 12 09

Vancouver - B.C.'s acting privacy commissioner is warning private businesses they might be breaking the law if they install video-surveillance cameras without thinking through the privacy implications. Drew McArthur said a recent audit of an unnamed Lower Mainland medical clinic, which had eight video cameras in operation, is an example of the growing trend of cheap and easy-to-install surveillance systems that likely violate B.C.'s privacy laws. McArthur rejected the clinic's argument that it had installed the cameras in common areas to prevent crime, improve security and monitor employee behaviour. "The fundamental premise of our private-sector

privacy legislation is you require the purpose for collection has to be reasonable for the circumstances," he said in an interview. "In this case, there's no crime issue or threat-to-security issue, it's just a medical clinic in a stand-alone location and they have not had a rash of crime or security issues. And so they don't meet the threshold for reasonableness in terms of the collection of personal information. So where they are, they are over- collecting personal information." It would be more acceptable for a bank, with a lot of assets, or a convenience store, where employees might be working through the night, to justify surveillance, said McArthur. And it's not acceptable to record all your employees and customers as a deterrent against possible future crimes, because that doesn't satisfy the legal requirements either, he said. McArthur's report on the medical clinic was the first of its kind involving a private business. The clinic has been given three months to remove its cameras and delete its video footage or face an order from the commissioner's office that could be backed up in court.

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15. FBI fights an uphill battle against conspiracy theories

Washington Post, Matt Zapposky, 2016 12 09

Washington - The North Carolina man who took an assault rifle to a popular D.C. pizza joint to investigate a fictitious online rumor demonstrates a problem that has long vexed the FBI. The Internet - a breeding ground for radical ideologies and bizarre conspiracy theories - can quickly move troubled souls to violence. And in an age when fake news is magnified by those with political and financial interests, the problem is getting harder to stop. The bureau has in recent years made a priority of preventing Islamic State-inspired attacks, developing informants who can tip agents to plots before they happen and connecting the often Internet-radicalized plotters with people actually working for the FBI. But the bizarre conspiracy theory that a child sex ring was operating underneath D.C.'s Comet Ping Pong restaurant - which spurred 28-year-old Edgar Maddison Welch to drive from North Carolina to launch his own violent investigation - would probably have registered as "barely a blip" on the bureau's radar, said Ron Hosko, a former FBI assistant director. "There is so much to do that is tangible and real and fitting squarely within the bureau's jurisdiction and priorities," Hosko said. "There's not a lot of bandwidth for sort of these one-offs."

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16. Georgia Says Someone in U.S. Government Tried to Hack State's Computers Housing Voter Data

Wall Street Journal, Brian Tau, 2016 12 09

New York - The secretary of state of Georgia is asking the Department of Homeland Security to explain what appears to be an attempted breach of the state's computer systems that house its voter registration database by someone in the federal government. In a letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson dated Thursday, Georgia's Secretary of State Brian Kemp said the state had discovered an unsuccessful attempt to breach the firewall of state

computer systems. The attempt occurred on Nov. 15 and was linked to an IP address associated with DHS, he said. "We are looking into the matter. DHS takes the trust of our public and private sector partners seriously, and we will respond to Secretary Kemp directly," a spokeswoman for DHS said. "At no time has my office agreed to or permitted DHS to conduct penetration testing or security scans of our network," wrote Mr. Kemp, a Republican. "Moreover, your department has not contacted my office since this unsuccessful incident to alert us of any security event that would require testing or scanning of our network."

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17. How Trump Could Finally Win the War on Terror

Bloomberg View, Eli Lake, 2016 12 09

Column - "The whole objective of these terrorists is to scare us into changing the nature of who we are and our democracy," President Obama said this week. This is the president's version of George W. Bush's "they hate us for our freedoms." On this point, Trump has an opening. The truth is that the Islamic State, al-Qaeda and other jihadists do not hate us just because of our freedom. Their objective is not to provoke an over-reaction where America ceases to be a democracy. It's much more straightforward. These groups want to force the non-Muslim world -- what they call the Dar al-Harb, or the house of war -- to submit to Islamic rule. Jihadists seek conquest. Trump doesn't know a lot about foreign policy. But he does understand this. Obama and Bush do as well. But they also deliberately tried to define the enemy in the long war as un-Islamic, as murderous charlatans who defame a great religion. Trump...has an opportunity. He can, for example, make it clear that America will be a safe haven for anyone in the Muslim world facing persecution from radicals, whether they are marked as blasphemers or from minority faiths such as Coptic Christians. Trump can also align more closely with leaders like Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan to build a quiet and professional counter-terrorism capability for the region. Trump could also use America's influence in Iraq and Afghanistan to encourage secular and reformist politicians, instead of embracing, as both Bush and Obama did, any confessional parties that also gave lip service to opposing terrorism. He could use the bully pulpit to encourage Western civil societies to adopt newspaper editors, lawyers, human rights activists and others under threat from radicals in their own faith. Meanwhile, Trump could wind down what remains of Obama's first term agenda to build bridges to Muslim Brotherhood parties that have shown no real interest, with the exception of Tunisia, of accepting pluralism. There are risks in embracing an ideological war against radical Islam, as opposed to a long war against terrorists. But it has the advantage of defining conditions for victory. The long war will end when Islamic fascism is defeated and discredited. What's more, Trump can set America on this path without engaging in the cycle of regime change and nation-building he has explicitly rejected. Not a bad plan for a guy who keeps asking why America doesn't win anymore.

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18. Is the Department of Homeland Security So Busted Even a General Can't Fix it?

The Daily Beast, Kimberly Dozier, 2016 12 08

Washington - Senior Department of Homeland Security officials, current and former, are reacting with optimism to word that retired Marine Corps Gen. John Kelly is President-elect Donald Trump's choice to lead their agency, including some of Trump's fiercest critics. "When you have 4-stars who have been combatant commanders, they are generally the most broadly experienced people in government," said Michael Chertoff, who served as the department's second-ever secretary in the Bush administration. "You're kind of a warrior-diplomat, not just a warrior." Chertoff was one of more than 70 national security veterans of the Bush administration who called Trump unfit to lead, in an open letter in March, but has taken heart over the nominations of retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn to be National Security Adviser, Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis to lead the Pentagon, and the reported choice of Kelly to DHS. "I have to say these national security appointments are positive and give me a much bigger feeling of encouragement about the direction of the administration," he said in an interview.

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19. Obama's tenure ends with a turf war over killing terrorists

Washington Post, David Ignatius, 2016 12 09

Column - Given the turf wars and interagency rivalries that have long surrounded U.S. Special Operations forces, President Obama probably didn't do the commandos any favors when he delivered his last big military speech at the base in Tampa where they're headquartered. Obama's visit Tuesday to MacDill Air Force Base, home of U.S. Special Operations Command, or SOCOM, was in many ways an endorsement of its mission to combat terrorism. For all Obama's wariness about using conventional military power, he has embraced the role of "covert commander in chief," most notably in the 2011 raid that killed Osama bin Laden. Obama's Tampa trip came as the Pentagon and CIA were buzzing about what critics claimed was a power grab by the Joint Special Operations Command, the super-secret group that manages most military counterterrorism strikes. The flap centered on a Nov. 25 Post article that said JSOC had received "expanded power to track, plan and potentially launch attacks on terrorist cells around the globe." Military officials deny that there's any formal expansion of authority for JSOC or its parent organization, SOCOM. But the clandestine military unit has indeed become Obama's preferred instrument for killing terrorists, filling a role once played mainly by the CIA's Counterterrorism Center. The Trump administration will doubtless make its own judgments about the respective missions.

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20. Obama blames U.S. intelligence for missing rise of the Islamic State

Washington Times, Dave Boyer, 2016 12 09

Washington - As President Obama prepares to leave office without having destroyed the Islamic State, he's selling the notion that U.S. intelligence agencies failed to warn him promptly about the rise of the terrorist group more than two years ago, an assertion raising howls of incredulity in some quarters. The White House pushed that version of events Thursday, pointing to an assessment by Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper in September 2014 that U.S. intelligence agencies "underestimated" the Islamic State, also known by the acronyms ISIL and

ISIS. "Those are the facts," said White House press secretary Josh Earnest. Mr. Obama told CNN in an interview that aired late Wednesday, "The ability of ISIL to not just mass inside of Syria, but then to initiate major land offensives that took Mosul [in Iraq], for example, that was not on my intelligence radar screen." But some critics are pointing to claims that the administration ignored warning signs from intelligence sources and allies such as Kurdish leaders about the Islamic State's growing strength after 2011, when Mr. Obama withdrew all U.S. troops from Iraq.

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21. Senators prepare probe of Russia

Washington Post, Karoun Demirjian, 2016 12 09

Washington - Leading Senate Republicans are preparing to launch a coordinated and wide-ranging probe into Russia's alleged meddling in the U.S. elections and its potential cyberthreats to the military, digging deep into what they view as corrosive interference in the nation's institutions. Such an aggressive approach puts them on a direct collision course with President-elect Donald Trump, who plays down the possibility that Russia had any role in the November elections - arguing that a hack of Democratic National Committee emails may have been perpetrated by "some guy in his home in New Jersey." The fracture could become more pronounced after Trump is inaugurated and begins setting foreign policy. He already has indicated the country should "get along" with Russia since the two nations have many common strategic goals. But some of Trump's would-be Republican allies on Capitol Hill disagree. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), chairman of the Armed Services Committee, is readying a probe of possible Russian cyber-incursions into U.S. weapons systems. McCain said he has been discussing the issue with Select Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Burr (R-N.C.), with whom he will be "working closely" to investigate Russia's suspected interference in the U.S. elections and its alleged cyberthreats to the military and other institutions. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) has been apprised of the discussions. Burr did not respond to requests for comment. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) also said he intends to hold hearings next year into alleged Russian hacking. Corker is on Trump's short list for secretary of state, according to the Trump transition team.

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22. Sorry, Mad Dog, Waterboarding Works

Wall Street Journal, James E. Mitchell, 2016 12 09

Op-ed - While meeting with the New York Times last month, President-elect Donald Trump was asked about waterboarding. He explained that Gen. James Mattis, his choice for Defense secretary, said he "never found it to be useful." The general reportedly advised, "Give me a pack of cigarettes and a couple of beers and I do better with that." At the risk of making a man nicknamed Mad Dog mad, I have to respectfully disagree. Gen. Mattis, a retired Marine four-star, is by all accounts a gentleman, a scholar, and a hell of a warfighter. I have the greatest respect for him, and the full nuance of his views might have been lost in the retelling. But on the subject of questioning terrorists, I have some practical experience. In 2002 I was contracted by

the Central Intelligence Agency to help put together what became its enhanced-interrogation program. I spent much of the following six years at "black sites" around the world, trying to extract lifesaving information from some of the worst people on the planet. It is understandable that Gen. Mattis would say he never found waterboarding useful, because no one in the military has been authorized to waterboard a detainee. Thousands of U.S. military personnel have been waterboarded as part of their training, though the services eventually abandoned the practice after finding it too effective in getting even the most hardened warrior to reveal critical information. During the war on terror, the CIA alone had been authorized to use the technique. I personally waterboarded the only three terrorists subjected to the tactic by the CIA. I also waterboarded two U.S. government lawyers, at their request, when they were trying to decide for themselves whether the practice was "torture." They determined it was not. I am not advocating that Mr. Trump "bring back a hell of a lot worse than waterboarding," as he suggested during the campaign. But the president-elect needs to think through what to do when the U.S. captures a major terrorist who likely has information about an impending nuclear, chemical or biological attack. Is he prepared to say that if intelligence cannot be elicited using only the tactics contained in the Army Field Manual -- as President Obama has directed -- we will simply have to live with the consequences? Note: Mr. Mitchell, a retired Air Force officer and former CIA contractor, is the author of "Enhanced Interrogation: Inside the Minds and Motives of the Islamic Terrorists Trying to Destroy America," out last month from Crown Forum.

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23. The CIA, Post-Obama

Weekly Standard, Reuel Marc Gerecht, 2016 12 09

Column - When the new casts out the old, an incoming administration has the opportunity to review its predecessor's approach to the Central Intelligence Agency. When this is done, the focus is usually on the ethics of Langley and politically disturbing covert action. The Obama administration was prototypical in this regard: In conjunction with Democrats on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, the president went after the most controversial parts of his predecessor's war on al Qaeda. He accused George W. Bush of condoning torture and the CIA of devising the means required. The Senate committee staff released a scathing review of Langley's post-9/11 detention and enhanced interrogation program (while largely ignoring the question of whether senior Democrats in Congress had known of and approved the unconventional methods). Democrats also went after the Bush administration's use of rendition. Its application under Bill Clinton, who started transferring real or suspected Islamic terrorists into harsh allied hands, and Barack Obama received much less attention. News stories about the unpleasant practice under Democrats were inevitably thin, revealing the political preferences of the leakers. Some Democratic officials even suggested that the CIA under Clinton and Obama had exercised a virtuous version of rendition: Agency operatives overseas ensured that air-lifted radicals weren't abused in countries where street thieves, let alone jihadists, are routinely beaten. Obama and like-minded Democrats wanted to shame the CIA publicly, to ensure its personnel would never again use severe methods. They will undoubtedly prove successful--unless another Islamic terrorist attack inside the United States results in the slaughter of thousands. If this were to occur, anger, patriotism, and a bipartisan desire to protect one's own could well see CIA officers again on the cutting edge, doing things that most of Washington today would prefer take place, with

deniability, out of sight in Egypt or Jordan. Unless Donald Trump is serious about pushing the CIA back into enhanced interrogation--and the odds are high that the incoming director, Republican congressman Mike Pompeo, will just do what his predecessor and the Pentagon did when confronted with the interrogation/incarceration/trial conundrum as regards Islamic terrorists (kill them with drones or put them into foreign prisons)--Pompeo will not have to deal with the agonizing morality play that Obama's CIA director John Brennan has faced since he moved into Langley in 2013.

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24. Trump gets one presidential intelligence briefing a week -sources

Reuters, Mark Hosenball, 2016 12 09

Washington - President-elect Donald Trump is receiving an average of one presidential intelligence briefing a week, according to U.S. officials familiar with the matter, far fewer than most of his recent predecessors. Although they are not required to, presidents-elect have in the past generally welcomed the opportunity to receive the President's Daily Brief (PDB), the most highly classified and closely held document in the government, on a regular basis. It was not immediately clear why Trump has decided not to receive the intelligence briefings available to President Barack Obama more frequently, or whether that has made any difference in his presidential preparations. Trump's spokespeople did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Trump has asked for at least one briefing, and possibly more, from intelligence agencies on specific subjects, one of the officials said. The source declined to identify what subjects interested the president-elect, but said that so far they have not included Russia or Iran. Indiana Governor Mike Pence, Trump's vice president-elect, has been receiving his own PDB at least six days a week, the sources familiar with the matter said.

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25. U.S.: ISIS fighters killed in Iraq, Syria reaches 50,000

CBS News, Staff report, 2016 12 09

Washington - A senior U.S. military official for the first time says the U.S.-led coalition has killed 50,000 militants with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, in the last two years in Iraq and Syria. The official said it was a conservative estimate, but it's a bit more than what others have stated before. U.S. leaders have expressed reluctance to disclose specific numbers, and note that ISIS has been able to replace fighters rapidly, particularly early on. In August, Lt. Gen. Sean MacFarland said about 45,000 combatants have been taken off the battlefields. The official said the U.S. was concerned about ISIS fighters going into hiding, CBS Radio News correspondent Cami McCormick reports.

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26. What Obama doesn't get about terror

Los Angeles Times, Bryan Dean Wright, 2016 12 09

Op-ed - President Obama on Tuesday delivered his final defense of the nation's counter-terrorism strategy. He rightfully claimed progress on a number of fronts, including the death of Osama bin Laden, an end to waterboarding and the effective use of drones to kill terrorists. Just one week after the Islamic State-inspired attack in Columbus, Ohio, he also reiterated that there is no "war between the United States and Islam." Islamic State and Al Qaeda, he said, do not speak for Muslims everywhere. To me and many of my former colleagues at the Central Intelligence Agency, such pronouncements reflect Obama's greatest blind spot in his fight against terrorism: he has been unwilling to acknowledge that Islamic ideology plays a role in what motivates terrorists to strike. Meanwhile, men like Imam Bujar Hysa, a jailed cleric in Albania, frame the war on terrorism quite succinctly: "Islam can coexist with other religions, but with democracy? No!" Hysa isn't an anomaly. He is a Salafist Muslim -- a sect also called Wahhabi -- who follows an ultraconservative set of beliefs propagated by Saudi Arabia and other Sunni Arab nations. Wahhabis do not believe in a separation of church (mosque) and state. For them, government should be made up of religious clerics -- and only clerics -- that use the Koran to justify their decisions. President-elect Donald Trump's chosen national security advisor, Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, has tried explaining this -- albeit in impolite terms -- by saying that "Islam is a political ideology based on a religion." Flynn's poorly worded warning stems from experience, and he knows what happens when religious leaders take over governments. Women face widespread discrimination. Gay people are imprisoned or killed. Dancing, music and other forms of art are banned. And those who criticize Islam or convert to Christianity face prison or death. However, what causes the most alarm to national security experts is the Wahhabi objective of global conquest. Note: Bryan Dean Wright is a former CIA ops officer and member of the Democratic Party.

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27. Allies defend Boris Johnson after No 10 disowns Saudi remarks

The Guardian (London), Multiple reporters, 2016 12 09

London - Boris Johnson's allies have spoken up to defend the under-pressure foreign secretary, saying he was right to accuse Saudi Arabia of waging "proxy wars" in the Middle East, despite Downing Street disowning the remarks. Several Conservative MPs defended Johnson as he prepares to visit Saudi Arabia and Bahrain this weekend, saying Theresa May should not have been so quick to slap down the gaffe-prone minister. Andrew Mitchell, the former international development secretary, said: "The reality is that Britain has a complicated relationship with Saudi Arabia and our economic and political interests do not always coincide. In many ways, Saudi is an important ally but we have a duty as their candid friend to warn them about areas of difficulty." May's spokeswoman said the foreign secretary was setting out his own views on Saudi Arabia and Iran, but would be sticking to the government's line when he visited Saudi ministers this weekend.

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28. Extensive British Spying Throughout Africa Revealed in Le Monde

The Intercept, Ryan Gallagher, 2016 12 08

Washington - Top-secret British surveillance operations targeted the director of the World Trade Organization, several multinational corporations, a top French businessman, and heads of state across Africa, according to a new series of reports by Le Monde. On Tuesday, the French newspaper began publishing the revelations, which include a wide range of previously undisclosed details about British covert activities across the world. The reports were produced in partnership with The Intercept and are based on documents provided by the National Security Agency whistleblower Edward Snowden. The series of stories focuses largely on the controversial work of the U.K.'s electronic surveillance agency Government Communications Headquarters, or GCHQ. According to Le Monde, in March 2009, the British agency spied on Pascal Lamy, then the head of the World Trade Organization and member of the French socialist party. Between 2008 and 2009, it also targeted Octave Klaba, the founder of the French company OVH, one of Europe's largest internet hosting companies; Emmanuel Glimet, a French trade and economy official; phone lines at the French ministry of foreign affairs; and several multinational French corporations, including the energy company Areva, oil giant Total, and the defense conglomerate Thalès. Beyond France, the disclosures highlight the U.K.'s extensive spying operations across Africa. In 20 countries across the continent, GCHQ monitored current and former heads of state, prime ministers, diplomats, military and intelligence chiefs, as well as leading figures in the business and finance industry, Le Monde reports. Among those who were subject to the surveillance, which involved intercepting communications as they were being beamed between satellites, was a close British ally -- Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki and his strategic advisers. Other targets included Nigeria's President Umaru Yar'Adua and his private secretary; Ghana's President John Kufuor; Sierra Leone's leader Ernest Koroma; and the presidential palace in Luanda, Angola. Prominent business figures were also monitored, such as Nigerian billionaire Tony Elumelu, regarded as one of Africa's richest and most influential men, and Chris Kirubi, a wealthy Kenyan businessman and radio-station owner who was described by Forbes in 2011 as the country's "most flamboyant tycoon."

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29. Hostile states pose 'fundamental threat' to Europe, says MI6 chief

The Guardian (London), Ewen MacAskill, 2016 12 08

London - The head of the British intelligence agency MI6, Alex Younger, has said cyber-attacks, propaganda and subversion from hostile states pose a "fundamental threat" to European democracies, including the UK. In a rare speech by an MI6 chief while in office, Younger did not specifically name Russia but left no doubt that this was the target of his remarks. Russia has been accused of interfering in the US presidential election and there are concerns it could do the same in French and German elections next year. He described the internet as having turned the work of the intelligence services on its head and said it represented "an existential threat" as well as an opportunity. He said hybrid warfare - which Russia has employed in Ukraine, though he again did not mention Russia - was a dangerous phenomenon. "The connectivity that is at the heart of globalisation can be exploited by states with hostile intent to further their aims deniably," he said. Younger declined to provide details of how Britain was responding to such

threats, citing operational reasons, but it is known the UK government does not see a need to respond to Russia in a symmetrical way, such as launching a counter-cyber-attack. Instead it could launch a series of counter-measures such as sanctions. He played down the impact of Brexit and the Trump election win. "I'm often asked what effect the big political changes of 2016, Brexit and the US election result, will have on these relationships. My answer is that I will aim for, and expect, continuity."

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30. Islamic State is planning attacks on Britain, MI6 chief warns

London Times, Deborah Haynes, 2016 12 08

London - A highly organised Islamic State cell in Syria is actively planning attacks against Britain and its allies, the head of MI6 warned today. Alex Younger, in an unprecedented speech within MI6 headquarters in London, indicated that his agency has infiltrated the terrorist group. These MI6 agents, who risk death if caught, have helped MI5 and the police to identify and stop threats to the UK and elsewhere, he said. A total of 12 terrorist plots in the UK alone have been disrupted since June 2013. The spy chief said that the scale of the threat from terrorism is unprecedented but he also warned about the "increasingly dangerous phenomenon" of hybrid warfare, such as cyber attacks and propaganda operations by hostile countries such as Russia. "The risks at stake are profound and represent a fundamental threat to our sovereignty," Mr Younger said. "They should be a concern to all those who share democratic values."

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31. Les Britanniques surveillent aussi le pré carré français

Le Monde, Simon Piel, et Joan Tilouine, 2016 12 09

Niamey, Niger - Médecins du monde, Total, Thalès ou le Quai d'Orsay ont été ciblés Si les services secrets britanniques privilégient les interceptions massives en Afrique anglophone, ils ne s'interdisent pas de lorgner le pré carré français, à commencer par le ministère des affaires étrangères dont la ligne fixe du standard figure dans les rapports d'écoute, comme celles de la Direction générale de la coopération internationale et du développement -- devenue Direction générale de la mondialisation, du développement et des partenariats. Autant de portes d'entrée élec-troniques vers les différents services de la diplomatie française. Selon des relevés d'interceptions de janvier et février 2009 -extraits par Le Monde, en collaboration avec le site The Intercept, des archives de l'ex-consultant de la NSA Edward Snowden confiées à Glenn Greenwald et Laura -Poitras, le coeur même de la diplomatie française a été visé. Sur des relevés du 30 janvier 2009 figurent également les traces d'écoutes sur les négociations sensibles, suivies en temps réel, par les agents britanniques pour la libération de six Français du groupe Bourbon, brièvement enlevés puis relâchés en novembre 2008 à Bakassi, dans les eaux camerounaises frontalières du Nigeria. Enjeux énergétiques et miniers Les ambassades en Afrique ne sont évidemment pas épargnées. L'ambassade de France à -N'Djamena a été surveillée, de même que celles de Niamey et de Kinshasa. Les numéros de portable des ambassadeurs et leurs adresses de courriel figurent sur les relevés d'interceptions auxquels Le Monde a eu accès.

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32. Les millions de clés de chiffrement volées de Gemalto

Le Monde, Damien Leloup, 2016 12 09

Londres - Ce ciblage massif et systématique de techniciens et d'employés figurant à des échelons intermédiaires de la hiérarchie d'opérateurs techniques a déjà prouvé son utilité, par le passé, pour le GCHQ. En février 2015, The Intercept révélait, sur la base de documents Snowden, que c'est par ce biais que les services britanniques étaient parvenus à voler des millions de clés de chiffrement de cartes SIM à l'entreprise franco-néerlandaise Gemalto. Peu connue du grand public, Gemalto est l'un des principaux fabricants mondiaux de puces sécurisées : ses produits équipent passeports électroniques, cartes de paiement, ou encore téléphones portables. C'est notamment ce dernier point qui intéressait le GCHQ: une fois les clés de chiffrement des cartes SIM en sa possession, l'agence pouvait aisément mettre sur écoute des lignes téléphoniques dans un certain nombre de pays. L'agence s'est donc penchée sur toute une série de salariés de l'entreprise, dont les noms ou adresses mail ont été ajoutés à sa base de données de cibles potentielles. Plusieurs responsables techniques ou commerciaux ont ainsi été surveillés électroniquement - un document interne du GCHQ évoque ainsi comme cible prioritaire un employé de l'entreprise qui communique occasionnellement par courriels chiffrés : «Nous avons vu qu'il envoyait des fichiers chiffrés grâce à XKey score [le principal outil de surveillance de la NSA et du GCHQ]. Si nous nous intéressons de nouveau à ce dossier, c'est probablement un très bon endroit par où commencer. »

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33. Les techniciens télécoms, cibles de choix

Le Monde, Damien Leloup, et Martin Untersinger, 2016 12 09

Londres - La surveillance des employés permet d'accéder au réseau interne des opérateurs téléphoniques Parmi les cibles du -Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), l'agence de -renseignement technique britannique, ils côtoient trafiquants d'armes, leaders politiques du Moyen- Orient et chefs de groupuscules terroristes. Leur tort? Travailler pour un opérateur de téléphonie. Plusieurs documents extraits par Le Monde, en collaboration avec le site The Intercept, des archives de l'ex-consultant de l'Agence nationale de sécurité (NSA) américaine, Edward Snowden, confiées à Glenn Greenwald et Laura Poitras, prouvent en effet que les employés des télécoms constituent une part significative des cibles du GCHQ. Ils permettent aussi d'éclairer d'un jour nouveau les -piratages de Belgacom et de -Gemalto, deux opérations d'ampleur menées notamment par les services britanniques et révélées ces trois dernières années. Le Monde a pu éplucher des -dizaines de documents internes de l'agence britannique de renseignement, des comptes rendus de tests sur des liaisons par satellite acheminant trafic Internet et téléphonique. Les employés d'opérateurs téléphoniques, à tous les niveaux de la hiérarchie, apparaissent très fréquemment dans les cibles du GCHQ. Deux pièces, datées du printemps 2009, relatent même les efforts de l'agence pour intercepter les communications internes de deux opérateurs très présents au Moyen-Orient et en Afrique. Un document du 10 juin 2009, intitulé " Réseau intranet Zain ", décrit les tests menés par le GCHQ sur un flux satellitaire -faisant transiter des communications internes à l'opérateur -téléphonique

Zain. Basé au Koweït, il est présent dans huit pays, essentiellement au Moyen-Orient. En 2010, Zain a vendu ses activités dans ces pays à l'indien Bharti Airtel, troisième opérateur mobile mondial. Mais, à l'époque des documents, il est très présent en Afrique et opère encore dans quinze pays, du Burkina Faso au Niger en passant par l'Ouganda et le Tchad.

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34. Une vingtaine de pays africains sur écoute

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 09

Londres - Une vingtaine de pays africains ont été espionnés par les satellites du GCHQ, les services secrets britanniques, au moins entre 2008 et 2011. L'identité des cibles figure parmi des listes de milliers d'interceptions, au premier rang desquelles apparaissent les chefs d'Etats et les premiers ministres. Le GCHQ intercepte les échanges du président kényan Mwai Kibaki et de ses conseillers les plus stratégiques, mais aussi de son premier ministre, Raila Odinga, en mars 2009. Il en va de même de l'Angola, premier producteur de pétrole d'Afrique, dirigé depuis 1979 par le président José Eduardo Dos Santos - le palais présidentiel a été ciblé. Les autorités de Kinshasa sont également étroitement surveillées. Joseph Kabila, à la tête de la République démocratique du Congo, intrigue les Britanniques, qui visent toutes ses communications et celles de ses conseillers. Le GCHQ a aussi mené des interceptions massives au Nigeria, où il suit les conversations du président Umaru Yar'Adua et de ses proches. Le chef d'Etat nigérian est mort en mai 2010 - son successeur, Goodluck Jonathan, figure aussi parmi les lignes à intercepter.

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35. Nurse has no memory of asylum seeker forms

Australian Associated Press, Darren Cartwright, 2016 12 09

Brisbane - A nurse has told an inquest into the death of asylum seeker Hamid Kehazaei she has no independent recollection of the day she filed forms for his removal from Manus Island detention centre. Coroner Terry Ryan, is examining the death of the 24-year-old in Brisbane's Mater Hospital from septicaemia in September 2014, two weeks after his first treatment on the island for a cut foot.

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36. Sydney man Ali Al-Talebi found guilty of funding Islamic State

ABC News, Jessica Kidd, 2016 12 09

Canberra - A Sydney man accused of arranging to have thousands of dollars sent overseas to help Islamic State (IS) fighters travel to Syria has been found guilty. It took the jury just over a day to find Ali Al- Talebi, 27, guilty of two counts of supplying funds to IS and one charge of knowingly making those funds available to them. It is the first time charges of providing material support for a terrorist group have been tested and successfully prosecuted in an Australian court,

since terrorism legislation was introduced in 2003. Al-Talebi and his co-accused, who cannot be named, were both charged with making \$6,000 available to IS. The pair used a third man, who also cannot be identified, to send two separate transfers of \$3,000 overseas in 2014. The money was going to be sent to Pakistan where police said it would be used to help at least three people travel to Syria.

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37. Terrorists wear jail time like 'badges of honour'

The Australian, 2016 12 09

Canberra - Terrorists are wearing their jail sentences like "a badge of honour" and are not being deterred by long sentences, according to former NSW Supreme Court justice Anthony Whealy. Mr Whealy QC yesterday said he did not think imprisonment worked as deterrent for the sort of "religious fixation and idealism" the courts were seeing such as the teenager who was sentenced in Melbourne on Wednesday for a planned homemade bomb attack. "Fellows who have been sentenced to jail both here in NSW and Victoria, they wear their imprisonment like a badge of honour," he told radio 3AW. "They're doing it for Allah so you're not going to deter them by putting them in jail at all." He also said sentences in Victoria for terrorism offences were generally lighter than in NSW. "It's just a prevailing attitude reached by different views in our Court of Appeal and the Court of Appeal in Victoria," he said. "You need to have standard sentencing for federal offences -- it shouldn't matter which state you're caught in." The head of the Australian Graduate School of Policing and Security Terrorism, Nick O'Brien, agreed that some terrorists were not deterred by imprisonment.

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38. Vingt ans de réclusion pour des projets d'attentat en Australie

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 09

Sydney - Deux jeunes gens qui avaient projeté au nom de l'organisation Etat islamique un attentat à la bombe contre un lieu de prière chiite à Sydney et de "trancher des têtes" au hasard ont été condamnés vendredi à des peines de 20 ans de réclusion criminelle. Omar Al-Kutobi, 25 ans et Mohammed Kiad, 27 ans, avaient été arrêtés en 2015 dans un appartement qu'ils partageaient à Sydney. La police avait retrouvé une machette, des explosifs artisanaux, un couteau de chasse, une vidéo et un drapeau noir de l'EI. La vidéo montrait Al-Kutobi, né en Irak et naturalisé australien en 2013, en train de brandir un couteau et de proférer des menaces. La police avait également retrouvé deux mots, a expliqué le juge Peter Garling devant la Cour suprême: "nous sommes les soldats de l'EI, nous sommes là pour vous trancher la tête", pouvait-on lire sur l'un d'eux. Peu avant leur arrestation, les deux condamnés, des sunnites, s'étaient rendus dans un lieu de prière chiite dans l'intention de faire exploser une bombe. Mais ils avaient été surpris par un homme et mis en fuite, et avaient décidé de s'en prendre aux gens au hasard. Un informateur avait mis la police sur la piste des deux hommes, qui étaient surveillés depuis des semaines.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

39. Haqqani Network using Pak soil: US

The International News, Wajid Ali Syed, 2016 12 09

Washington - The United States on Thursday told Pakistan they were concerned about "safe terror havens" being provided to the Afghan Taliban groups such as the Haqqani Network. "We have consistently expressed our concerns to the highest levels of Government of Pakistan about their continued tolerance for Afghan Taliban groups such as the Haqqani Network operating from Pakistan soil," State Department Deputy spokesperson Mark Toner said about the meeting. "We continue to encourage the Government of Pakistan and Afghanistan, rather -- both governments to cooperate in their counter-terrorism operations and efforts because that's only going to contribute to regional stability." The talks came days after India and Afghanistan slammed Islamabad for its support to extremist outfits at the Heart of Asia Conference in India's northern city of Amritsar.

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40. Pak-Afghan region has highest concentration of terrorists: US

Pakistan Dawn, Anwar Iqbal, 2016 12 09

Washington - The Pak-Afghan region has the highest concentration of terrorist groups in the world, warns Gen John W. Nicholson, the commander of US and Nato forces in Afghanistan. In an annual assessment of US military operations in Afghanistan this year, the general also took credit for rescuing former prime minister Yousuf Raza Gilani's son from a militant hideout in Afghanistan earlier this year and for killing the perpetrator of the Dec 16, 2014 terrorist attack on the Army Public School in Peshawar. At a recent news briefing at the Pentagon, Gen Nicholson said that there were 98 US-designated terrorist groups around the world and 20 of them were in the Pak-Afghan region. "This represents the highest concentration of terrorist groups anywhere in the world," he added. Thirteen of these 20 groups were based in Afghanistan and seven in Pakistan. Gen Nicholson said that the groups operating in this region often "mix and converge", which made them even more dangerous.

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41. Taliban would never succeed: Gen. Nicholson

Pajhwok Afghan News, Danish Karokhel, 2016 12 09

Brussels - US and NATO forces' top commander in Afghanistan Gen. John Nicholson on Thursday said the western military alliance's commitments sent a clear message to the enemies that they would never succeed in the war-torn country. Speaking at a press conference after a two-day foreign ministerial meeting of NATO countries in Brussels, the Belgian capital, Gen. Nicholson said the Taliban were destroying Afghanistan while the Afghan forces and government were rebuilding the country. Foreign ministers from NATO member states and allies and Afghan Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani attended the conference on Tuesday and Wednesday and reviewed the security situation in Afghanistan and solidified pledges made at the

Warsaw Summit in Poland in July. The US general NATO and its allies pledged long-term military, political and financial support to Afghanistan in the Brussels Conference.

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Africa • Afrique

42. Brahim Ghali : l'homme le plus recherché d'Espagne et bientôt à l'échelle internationale

La Relève (Maroc), Farid Mnebhi, 2016 12 08

Madrid - Brahim Ghali : l'homme le plus recherché d'Espagne et bientôt à l'échelle internationale, Algérie exceptée Un mandat d'arrêt international devrait être bientôt émis à l'encontre de Brahim Ghali par la justice espagnole, l'obligeant à se terrer chez sa marraine, l'Algérie. Un sinistre individu vient d'être rattrapé par ses activités sanguinaires passées, à savoir terrorisme, génocide, crimes, séquestrations, enlèvements et tortures. Cet homme n'est autre que Brahim Ghali, président de la pseudo RASD sur lequel pèsent toutes ces lourdes charges et qui vient d'être convoqué par le juge José de la Mata, président de la 5ème Cour Centrale d'Instruction de Madrid pour répondre de ses horribles actes devant la justice espagnole. Cette convocation fait suite à une plainte déposée par l'Association Sahraouie pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme (ASADEH) à son encontre ainsi que 28 autres dont des officiers algériens pour des faits perpétrés entre 1974 et 1988 dans les camps des sahraouis marocains séquestrés de Tindouf.

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43. ISIS Remains Threat in Libya Despite Defeat in Surt, U.S. Officials Say

New York Times, Eric Schmitt, 2016 12 09

Washington - The Islamic State, though driven from its coastal stronghold in Surt this week, still has several hundred fighters who have dispersed across Libya and pose a threat to the country, its neighbors and, potentially, Europe, according to American officials and the Pentagon's Africa Command. The government's top counterterrorism official, Nicholas J. Rasmussen, said the Islamic State's defeat in Surt had dealt a major setback to the militancy's ambitions to expand its caliphate in North Africa. But he said he remained "very concerned" about the ability of surviving fighters to exploit the country's economic and political vacuum. "The concern we have about external attacks from Syria and Iraq extends to Libya if ISIL is able to maintain a stable foothold there," Mr. Rasmussen, the director of the National Counterterrorism Center, told a security conference here on Wednesday. The Islamic State is also known as ISIL or ISIS. That assessment, which echoed other recent warnings from senior American officials, underscores the resilience of what had been considered a potent Islamic State affiliate outside the group's main territory in Syria and Iraq.

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44. Six police officers killed by Cairo bomb blast

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 12 09

Cairo - Six policemen were killed and three injured on Friday when a bomb exploded at a security checkpoint in Cairo, security sources said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack in Al Haram street leading to the Pyramids, in which four civilians were also hurt. The policemen were either in or close to their car when the device went off in or near a garbage can, the sources said. The attack, close to a government building in a middle class neighborhood of Cairo, was the latest in a series of security incidents in Egypt often claimed by radical Islamists.

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45. Año tells men to focus efforts on threat groups

Philippine Star, Jaime Laude, 2016 12 09

Manila - Newly installed Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief Lt. Gen. Eduardo Año yesterday directed all field military commanders to remain focused on their respective operations against known threat groups operating in the country. "We will do our best. But I will not set a deadline," Año said in a command guidance issued yesterday. Going along with Año's directive was his promise of all-out support of the top military leadership to field units for them to be able to accomplish their assigned missions against the homegrown extremist Maute group, the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) and the Abu Sayyaf. Año's predecessor, retired general Ricardo Visaya, had set a deadline to crush the Abu Sayyaf and the BIFF during his term as AFP chief. The military has been running after the Abu Sayyaf in Sulu and Basilan provinces and the BIFF in Central Mindanao.

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46. Anti-graft net recovers assets, too (Canada)

China Daily, Zhang Yan and Cao Yin, 2016 12 09

Beijing - While China is seeing an increasing number of fugitives suspected of corruption being returned from overseas, thanks to international cooperation, the country is also beefing up efforts to recover their ill-gotten assets. Between January 2014 and November this year, 2,442 Chinese fugitives suspected of economic crimes, including 397 officials, were brought back from more than 70 countries and regions, according to the Communist Party of China's Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, the country's top anti-graft watchdog. In the same period, 8.54 billion yuan (\$1.24 billion) in illegal assets was recovered, according to the CCDI. "Getting these illicit assets is just as important as bringing the fugitives back," Liu Jianchao, director of the CCDI's

International Cooperation Bureau, said in an interview ahead of this year's International Anti-Corruption Day, which falls on Friday. "Hunting the fugitives is to make them face judicial punishment. Recovering the money is to stop them from enjoying the dividend of escape and to minimize the loss to the country and the people," Liu said. He acknowledged that China faces some challenges in recovering the illicit assets, such as the lack of a clear understanding of outflow channels and insufficient international agreements for such recovery. He said that China will enhance intelligence sharing with other countries and try to offer them as much evidence as possible, including the channels of outflow for and whereabouts of the assets, in requesting judicial assistance and to help investigators. So far, China has signed bilateral agreements with financial institutions in 42 countries and regions, including the United States, Australia and New Zealand, on the exchange of financial information, according to People's Bank of China, the central bank. China also intends to begin negotiations with more Western countries, such as the US and France, for bilateral treaties on sharing the assets that corrupt Chinese fugitives have sent overseas, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In October, China signed the first such treaty with Canada.

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47. Beijing puts out peace feeler to US on cybersecurity

South China Morning Post, Nectar Gan, 2016 12 09

Beijing - The nation's top security official told Washington yesterday that Beijing was ready to work with the administration of president-elect Donald Trump on cybersecurity, a thorny issue in Sino-US ties, state media reported. The olive branch was extended in Washington by Public Security Minister Guo Shengkun as he met US officials for a third round of cybercrime talks, a dialogue set up by Xi Jinping and US President Barack Obama in September of last year. Beijing and Washington have been squabbling over cybersecurity for years, with each side accusing the other of hacking and stealing trade secrets. Beijing suspended the two nations' only cybersecurity working group in 2014 after Washington indicted five PLA officers on theft of trade secrets. It is still unclear whether Trump will raise concerns over cybersecurity with China once he assumes office. Trump wrote on Twitter four years ago that "the Chinese are now hacking White House computers. Why not? They already own the place". In a debate with Hillary Clinton on the campaign trail, Trump dismissed her claims of Russian hacking, saying: "She's saying Russia, Russia, Russia. Maybe it was. It could be Russia but it could be China ... it could be somebody that sits on their bed that weighs 400 pounds." Guo said cybersecurity cooperation had become "a new highlight in bilateral relations" between the US and China since Xi and Obama created a mechanism for the two nations to discuss cybercrimes.

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48. China captures 2,442 fugitives from abroad since 2014 (Canada)

Xinhua News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 09

Beijing - China's anti-corruption watchdog revealed that since 2014, 2,442 people have been captured in the country's campaign to return fugitives who have fled overseas. According to an article posted Friday by the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Commission for

Discipline Inspection (CCDI) on its website, 2,442 people, including 397 state officials, were captured or returned from over 70 countries or regions and more than 8.5 billion yuan (1.2 billion U.S. dollars) of illegal assets have been recovered. The article said that in the first 11 months this year, the "Sky Net" campaign alone has accounted for 908 returnees and recovered 2.3 billion yuan in illegal assets. A total of 19 people named as China's top 100 fugitives released in an Interpol "red notice" have returned this year, bringing the total number of the people on the list who have returned so far to 37. Last month, China's most wanted graft fugitive Yang Xiuzhu, who has been on the run for 13 years, finally returned to China and turned herself in to authorities. Friday is the 13th International Anti-Corruption Day, which was designated by the United Nations General Assembly. Liu Jianchao, CCDI international cooperation bureau director, was quoted in the article as saying that China is making waves in international anti-corruption cooperation. He went on to say that China's ideas, measures and practices in fighting corruption are gradually being understood and accepted by the international community. According to the article, anti-corruption and law enforcement cooperations with other countries such as the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand have also yielded positive results.

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49. Chinese 'spy ship' deserts MH370

The Age, Ean Higgins, 2016 12 09

Canberra - The Chinese ship assigned to search for Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 has sailed for home, months before completing the hunt and soon after being exposed by security experts as probably spying on the side. The Australian Transport Safety Bureau yesterday said the Dong Hai Jiu 101 had this week stopped looking for MH370 in the southern Indian Ocean and would return to Shanghai after dropping off an underwater search robot in Fremantle. "The search vessel ... departed the search area on 3 December ... and has completed its missions in the search for MH370," the ATSB said in a weekly bulletin. The announcement leaves only one ship, operated by the Dutch Fugro group on contract to the ATSB, still scouring the seabed for the Boeing 777 that disappeared with 239 people on board on March 8, 2014, on a scheduled flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. The search in the target 120,000sqkm zone has had lengthy delays because of bad weather, and is not due to end until next month or February.

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50. Chinese official meets U.S. national security advisor, FBI chief

Xinhua News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 09

Washington - Chinese State Councilor and Minister of Public Security Guo Shengkun on Thursday met separately with U.S. National Security Advisor Susan Rice and FBI Director James Comey. During his meeting with Rice, Guo said Sino-U.S. relations are at a crucial juncture and that it is in the interests of both countries for bilateral ties to transit steadily and continue to develop. Guo said the China-U.S. high-level dialogue on cybercrime and related issues, which was held Wednesday in Washington for the third time, has played an important role in promoting mutual trust, dissolving difference and accomplishing win-win cooperation between the two countries. Guo said the Chinese government is willing to work with the U.S.

government to push forward cooperation in cybersecurity. For her part, Rice said U.S.-China relations are the most important relationship in the world. She expressed the hope that the two sides could work together to deepen pragmatic cooperation and carry forward bilateral ties. During his meeting with Comey, Guo said that terrorism and cybercrime pose a threat to both countries. He expressed the hope that the two countries could build on cooperation in specific cases and work for cooperation in investigation, intelligence sharing and capacity building while bearing in mind each other's interests, so as to protect the common interests of the two countries and peoples.

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51. N. Korea denies involvement in cyberattack on S.Korean military

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 09

Seoul - North Korea on Friday denied its involvement in a hacking attack against South Korea's military, saying Seoul is pulling off "a childish plot" to divert public attention from its political crisis. South Korea accused North Korea this week of being behind the first infiltration of the intranet of its cyberwarfare command in August, noting that the Internet Protocol address linked to the attack was traced to a location in China that was previously used by North Korean hackers. North Korea's main propaganda website, Uriminzokkiri, rebuffed the claim, saying hackers never make the mistake of exposing their IP addresses or methods, which could risk revealing their identities. "If we are behind the hacking, why do we use the IP address that the South takes issue with," Uriminzokkiri said in a report. "This a total nonsense." It claimed South Korea is trying to provoke a confrontation with the North in a desperate attempt to survive the current political conundrum. The National Assembly is set to vote on an impeachment motion against President Park Geun-hye over a corruption scandal on Friday afternoon. North Korea is known to have thousands of cyberwarfare personnel. It has a track record of waging cyberattacks on South Korea and the U.S. in recent years, though it has denied involvement.

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52. Park says will accept impeachment vote 'with heavy heart'

Korea Herald, Yoon Min-sik, 2016 12 09

Seoul - President Park Geun-hye said Friday she would accept parliamentary impeachment with a "heavy heart," but snubbed the opposition parties' request to resign immediately. She called a Cabinet meeting at around 5 p.m., less than an hour after the National Assembly voted 234-52 in favor of her impeachment. "I'm truly sorry that I have sparked such nationwide confusion, particularly when the country's national security and economy are in trouble. ... From now on, I will calmly response to the Constitutional Court's impeachment trial and the independent counsel's investigation (into the Choi Soon-sil scandal) in accordance to the procedures outlined by the law," she said. All of Park's authorities as a president were suspended at 7:03 p.m. Friday, upon the Constitutional Court accepting the Assembly's motion to dismiss the president. The court will now deliberate the case to determine where Park's alleged actions constitute impeachable offenses, a process that can take up to 180 days. "I hope that each minister -- with the prime minister and acting president (Hwang Kyo-ahn) playing the central role -- will do their

best to minimize any government vacuum, including in the economic and security fields," Park said at the Cabinet meeting.

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53. South Korean president is impeached in stunning fall

Associated Press, Staff reporters, 2016 12 09

Seoul - South Korean lawmakers on Friday impeached President Park Geun-hye, a stunning and swift fall for the country's first female leader amid protests that drew millions into the streets in united fury. After the vote, parliamentary officials hand-delivered formal documents to the presidential Blue House that stripped Park of her power and allowed her No. 2, Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn, to assume leadership until the country's Constitutional Court rules on whether Park must permanently step down. The court has up to six months to decide. "I'd like to say that I'm deeply sorry to the people because the nation has to experience this turmoil because of my negligence and lack of virtue at a time when our security and economy both face difficulties," Park said at a Cabinet meeting after the vote. Once called the "Queen of Elections" for her ability to pull off wins for her party, Park has been surrounded in the Blue House in recent weeks by millions of South Koreans who have taken to the streets in protest. They are furious over what prosecutors say was collusion by Park with a longtime friend to extort money from companies and to give that confidante extraordinary sway over government decisions. Organizers said about 10,000 people gathered in front of the National Assembly to demand that lawmakers pass the impeachment motion. Some had spent the night on the streets after traveling from other cities. Scuffles broke out between angry anti-Park farmers, some of whom had driven tractors to the assembly from their farms, and police. When impeachment happened, many of those gathered raised their hands in the air and leapt about, cheering and laughing.

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54. Third China-U.S. cybersecurity ministerial dialogue yields positive outcomes

Xinhua News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 09

Washington - The third China-U.S. ministerial dialogue on fighting cyber crimes and other related affairs issued Thursday a list of positive fruits as the two sides worked hard to strengthen cooperation in cybersecurity. The dialogue was co-chaired by China's State Councilor and Minister of Public Security Guo Shengkun with U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch and Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson. During this round of dialogue, both sides endorsed the establishment of the dialogue mechanism as beneficial to bilateral communication and enhanced cooperation, and both regarded further solidifying, developing, and maintaining the dialogue mechanism as beneficial to mutual interests. Both sides recommitted to cooperate on investigating cyber crimes and related matters emanating from China or the United States and to refrain from cyber-enabled theft of intellectual property with the intent of offering competitive advantages to companies or commercial sectors, said the document. China and the United States identified a number of areas for future cooperation on enhancing cybersecurity, including enhancing network hygiene by cleaning and patching malware infections in respective networks, engaging in regular reciprocal sharing of malicious IP addresses, malware samples and other

network protection information. The two countries pledged to continue discussion on future cooperation in cybersecurity of critical infrastructure, and to hold as early as possible in 2017 a China-U.S. government and technology company roundtable to discuss cybersecurity issues of mutual concern.

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55. Poutine théorise sa nouvelle guerre froide

Le Monde, Isabelle Mandraud, 2016 12 09

Moscou - Dans un décret, l'Union européenne et les Etats-Unis sont accusés de chercher à " saper la stabilité globale " Après deux années de fortes tensions alimentées par l'annexion de la Crimée, en mars 2014, le conflit dans l'est de l'Ukraine, puis l'intervention russe en Syrie, le président russe, Vladimir Poutine, avait paru vouloir marquer une pause dans la confrontation avec l'Occident. " Contrairement à certains de nos collègues étrangers qui voient en la Russie un adversaire, nous ne cherchons pas et n'avons -jamais cherché d'ennemis ", avait-il déclaré, lors de son discours -annuel à la nation, le 1er décembre, ajoutant : " Nous avons besoin d'amis. " Le même jour, -cependant, le Kremlin publiait un décret signé par le chef de l'Etat qui entérine la nouvelle guerre froide. Le ton a changé Dans ce document de trente-huit pages passé quasi inaperçu, où figure à soixante-dix reprises le mot " sécurité ", et vingt-cinq fois celui de " menace ", l'Union européenne (UE) est accusée " d'expansion géopolitique " et de chercher, conjointement avec les Etats-Unis, à " saper la stabilité régionale et globale " . L'oukase présidentiel, destiné à réviser la doctrine de politique extérieure de la Russie établie en 2013, a fait le tri.

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56. Working with Putin's Russia is a dangerous folly - the West should listen to MI6 and the CIA

London Daily Telegraph, Con Coughlin, 2016 12 08

Column - The stark warning issued by Alex Younger, the head of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service (MI6), about the threat states like Russia pose to national security through the use of hostile propaganda and cyber attacks provides an alarming insight into the rapidly changing nature of modern warfare. During the Cold War, defending Europe from the threat posed by the Soviet Union meant maintaining divisions of tanks on the German plain, as well as developing an effective round-the-clock nuclear deterrent that kept the Kremlin on its guard. The one country, moreover, that has proved most adept at using this new form of what is known as hybrid warfare is Vladimir Putin's Russia. For all Moscow's efforts to conceal its meddling, no one in the intelligence community is in any doubt about their mischief-making. With President Elect Donald Trump preparing to become America's 45th president next month, there are growing concerns that he might seek to reach a rapprochement with Mr Putin, whom he praised on several occasions during the presidential campaign. Mr Younger's speech should be seen...as a

warning to those, both here and in America, who believe a rapprochement with Mr Putin is possible, when all the evidence strongly suggests to do so would be an act of extreme folly.

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57. Iranian DM Strongly Rejects US Ceasefire Request in Aleppo

Fars News Agency, 2016 12 09

Tehran - Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Hossein Dehqan underlined that the recent demand raised by the terrorists and their foreign supporting states for truce in Aleppo is just aimed at reinvigorating the militants and should be rejected. "Terrorists are using people as human shields and the demand for ceasefire is a war trick to reorganize, arm and strengthen the terrorists and not meant for a humanitarian measure," General Dehqan said in a meeting with President of the International Committee of the Red Cross Peter Maurer in Tehran on Wednesday. He said the US describes terrorism in a way that would fit its interests. "Therefore, the real terrorists are not seen as terrorists and they are even supported, while those who defend themselves and fight against the terrorists are called terrorists, and they (the US and its allies) seek to disarm people instead of the terrorists."

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58. Les forces irakiennes progressent à Mossoul

Le Figaro, Georges Malbrunot, 2016 12 09

Mossoul - Malgré une forte résistance des djihadistes, les forces irakiennes se sont rapprochées du Tigre, le fleuve qui sépare Mossoul en deux. Les unités d'élite de l'armée irakienne ont repris le quartier d'Ilam dans la partie Est de la « capitale » autoproclamée de Daech. Mais les djihadistes opposent toujours une résistance opiniâtre. C'est le cas notamment autour d'un hôpital transformé en centre de commandement de l'État islamique (EI) que l'armée a brièvement repris, avant de devoir se replier à un kilomètre de l'établissement. Des tireurs embusqués de l'EI s'étaient cachés dans les étages supérieurs et sur le toit du bâtiment de cinq étages surplombant le quartier d'al-Salam. La progression de l'armée irakienne en direction du Tigre est la plus profonde jamais enregistrée dans la partie orientale de Mossoul, depuis le début, le 17 octobre dernier, de la vaste offensive menée par l'armée et la coalition internationale pour reprendre Mossoul, contrôlée par Daech depuis juin 2014.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

59. Ankara is More Interested in Counteracting Terrorism Rather Than Assad's Departure

Asharq Al-Awsat, Saeed Abdelrazek, 2016 12 09

Ankara - Ankara reiterated the order of its priorities in Syria, and the Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said that overthrowing the head of the Syrian regime Bashar Al-Assad is not a priority for it. He added that operation Euphrates Shield in which Turkey supports Free Syrian Army fighters in northern Syria targets "terrorist organisations" and has nothing to do with what is happening in Aleppo. He added that the "nature of the crisis in Syria imposes priorities, the most important of which is to rescue the Syrian people. However, the overthrow of Assad is not a priority". The Turkish Prime Minister, who made an official visit to the Russian capital Moscow, made these comments in an interview with the Russian news agency Sputnik on Wednesday. Turkey considers both of these parties as extensions of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) which it has classified as a terrorist organisation. Turkey also said that both of these parties are carrying out operations against Turkey from Syrian territory.

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60. Boubaker El Hakim, émir français de l'Etat islamique et vétéran du djihad, visé par une frappe de drone

La Matinale du Monde, Soren Seelow, 2016 12 09

Rakka, Syrie - Il est considéré comme l'un des plus hauts gradés français de l'organisation Etat islamique (EI) au sein de l'unité chargée des opérations extérieures. Boubaker El Hakim, un Franco-Tunisien de 33 ans, soupçonné d'avoir inspiré plusieurs des attentats qui ont frappé la France et la Tunisie, a été visé par une frappe américaine de drone, le 26 novembre, à Rakka (Syrie), capitale autoproclamée de l'organisation djihadiste. La nouvelle de sa mort a été annoncée le 2 décembre par l'association Rakka is Being Slaughtered Silently, un collectif syrien d'opposants à l'EI et au régime de Bachar Al-Assad. Selon les informations du Monde, une frappe de drone a bien visé Boubaker El Hakim le 26 novembre, tandis qu'il circulait en voiture. Le résultat de cette opération n'a encore été confirmé ni par l'armée américaine ni par l'EI. Mais l'hypothèse de son décès circule au sein de la communauté du renseignement et elle est jugée « crédible » par plusieurs sources. Hasard du calendrier, trois membres de sa famille ont par ailleurs été placés en garde à vue, mardi 6 décembre.

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61. British PM: Saudi Intelligence Potentially Saved Hundreds of Lives in the UK

Asharq Al-Awsat, Obaid Al Suhaymi and Mirza Al Khuwaylidi, 2016 12 09

Manama - British Prime Minister Theresa May confirmed that intelligence received in the past from Saudi Arabia has saved potentially hundreds of lives in the UK. Speaking at the British-Gulf summit, May said that close co-operation between the countries on counter-terrorism had succeeded in foiling terrorist plots and a range of threats against citizens in all countries. She added: "For example, intelligence we have received in the past from Saudi Arabia has saved potentially hundreds of lives in the UK." The PM stressed that her country is aware of the threat that Iran poses to the Gulf and the wider Middle East, saying: "UK is fully committed to our strategic partnership with the Gulf and working with you to counter that threat. We secured a deal which has neutralized the possibility of Iran acquiring nuclear weapons for over a decade."

The British PM also announced that Saif Sareea 3 will take place in Oman in 2018 which will be the largest UK-Omani exercise for 15 years.

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62. Hezbollah denies it promised Russia no attacks on Israel

Jerusalem Post, Zack Pyzer, 2016 12 09

Jerusalem - Hezbollah said on Friday that there is no truth to reports it assured Russia there would be no military response to the alleged Israeli strikes on its forces in Syria on Wednesday, according to a Hezbollah statement read out on its Al-Manar TV station. The terror organization said the reports were an "invention." "These reports are a total lie and fabrication," the statement read. Despite the strong denials, Hezbollah did not explicitly promise an attack, leaving doubt as to whether one will be forthcoming. The Syrian regime accused Israel of firing surface- to- surface missiles targeting the Mezzeh Air Base near Damascus on Wednesday, causing damage but no casualties. Hezbollah's Al-Maydeen television channel said the group "was almost certain" that the Israel Air Force carried out the strikes from Lebanese airspace. If Hezbollah does strike at Israel, it would not be for the first time since the end of the 2006 Second Lebanon War.

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63. Israeli Army Publishes Map of Alleged Hizbullah Posts in S. Lebanon

Naharnet Newsdesk, 2016 12 09

Beirut - In a rare move, the Israeli army has published on Twitter a map of alleged Hizbullah positions, infrastructure and armaments in south Lebanon. The map, according to Israel's Channel 2, features "over 200 towns and villages" and shows over "10,000 potential targets for Israeli strikes" in the event of a new war between Israel and Hizbullah. A caption on the photo notes that it had been "declassified." Channel 2 noted in its report that the same map has been shown to "practically every foreign diplomat" visiting Israel. In April, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu admitted for the first time that Israel had carried out "dozens" of strikes on attempted arms transfers for Hizbullah inside Syria, promising it would continue to target the smuggling of "game changing" weaponry. (Full Report).

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64. Lebanon cannot disassociate itself, Al Assad warns

Gulf News, Joseph A. Kechichian, 2016 12 09

Beirut - Syrian President Bashar Al Assad has lashed out at Lebanon over its disassociation policy approved in 2012, which ensured that Lebanon's political factions did not take sides in Syria's civil war. The policy miraculously managed to save Lebanon from being dragged into the brutal war next door, despite the fact that Hezbollah ignored the policy as it openly fought alongside Al Assad forces in Syria. In an interview with the Damascus daily Al Watan, the Syrian president said, "Lebanon cannot be dissociated from the fires flaring up [in the region]

and [cannot] adopt the policy of no politics or what is called the disassociation policy." Observers believe it was a direct warning to recently elected president Michel Aoun not to forget that he has to answer to Damascus. "As long as the [president] is a patriot and works in favour of the Lebanese, Lebanon will become stronger. And when Lebanon is strong, Syria will be at ease and stronger," Al Assad said.

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65. Ministers welcome social media sites tackling terrorism

Jerusalem Post, Gil Hoffman, 2016 12 09

Jerusalem - Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked and Strategic Affairs Minister Gilad Erdan welcomed on Thursday a move by social media giants Facebook, Twitter and YouTube aimed at curbing the spread of terrorist content online. According to the companies, they will create a shared industry database of "hashes," unique digital "fingerprints," for violent terrorist imagery, terrorist recruitment videos or images that have been removed from their services that they will then share with one another. The database will be open to all of the companies. Each individual company will then be able to review a "hash" according to their own content policies and decide whether or not to remove something that another company has already removed. The move came after Israel and other countries complained that social media companies had not been doing enough to reduce the amount of terrorist-related content. Erdan and Shaked met in September with top executives from Facebook who visited Israel.

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66. Shin Bet busts terror cell planning to shoot up IDF base in the capital

Times of Israel, Judah Ari Gross, 2016 12 09

Jerusalem - A terror cell made up of East Jerusalem teenagers planning to carry out a shooting attack on an IDF base in the capital was arrested in recent days, the Shin Bet security service announced Friday. The group, which allegedly included members of the Hamas terrorist organization, was made up of eight Arab Israeli residents of the Tsur Baher and Sheikh Jarrah neighborhoods of East Jerusalem, the Shin Bet said. The security agency would not specify when exactly the arrests were made, but said they happened in the month of November. The eight members of the cell, most of them minors, began planning their attacks while in prison. They had been picked up throughout 2015 for taking part in riots, the Shin Bet said. While locked up, the group decided to carry out a shooting attack on an army base next to the Hebrew University's Mount Scopus campus. Upon their release, some of the cell members began staking out the base and finding the best ways to carry out the attack, the Shin Bet said.

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67. Washington-Led Coalition Commits New Massacre in Northern Raqqa Area

Syria Times, Hamda Mustafa, 2016 12 09

Raqa - The so-called US-led coalition's warplanes have renewed airstrikes against residential areas in the Syrian city of Raqa and its countryside. The airstrikes killed 20 people and wounded tens of others all of them are civilians. Local and media sources said that "the coalition's warplanes launched violent airstrikes on residential buildings in the north of Raqa. The attack claimed the lives of 20 people, wounded many others and caused huge damage in the site." According to the source, the number of martyrs may rise due to serious injuries. Since August 2014, the United States has been leading an international coalition allegedly to fight "Daesh" terrorist organization in Iraq and Syria. It has carried out thousands of raids, but failed to stop the expansion of the extremist organization or achieve any achievement on ground because of the lack of seriousness about fighting terrorism and because the coalition didn't coordinate its strikes with the governments of the two countries.

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Others • Autres

68. « Tous les dirigeants des organisations internationales sont espionnés »

Le Temps (Suisse), Simon Petite, 2016 12 09

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Western Europe • Europe de l'Ouest

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70. 71 % des Français craignent un attentat durant les fêtes

Le Figaro, Christophe Cornevin, 2016 12 09

Paris - Alors que l'état d'urgence devrait être une nouvelle fois prorogé, le baromètre Fiducial de la Sécurité révèle que les sondés redoutent d'abord la fréquentation des rassemblements festifs, mais aussi celle des centres commerciaux et des lieux de culte. Jamais les fêtes de fin d'années n'ont été sources d'autant de craintes. Alors que les autorités martèlent que la menace terroriste est à un niveau jamais atteint et que les «vétérans» de Syrie reviennent sur le sol français, un sondage Odoxa pour le baromètre Fiducial de la sécurité révèle que 71% des Français craignent un attentat durant la période des fêtes. Les lieux de rassemblements festifs sont considérés par 67% des sondés comme ceux où le risque sera le plus important. À ce titre, «78% sont favorables à la mise en place de zones sécurisées telles les fan-zones de l'Euro» note l'étude qui précise par ailleurs que «pour près de 6 Français sur 10 (57%), les grands magasins et centres commerciaux sont également concernés, tout comme les lieux de culte pour plus d'un Français sur deux (54%)». Vigiles devant les lieux de culte Interrogés sur leur «quotidien sécuritaire», les Français se disent très majoritairement favorables à la présence d'agents de sécurité à l'entrée des grands magasins (91%) mais aussi aux portes des lieux de culte (79%). Alors que les chrétiens s'apprêtent à célébrer Noël, l'assassinat au nom de Daech du père Jacques Hamel en pleine messe, le 26 juillet dernier à Saint-Étienne-du-Rouvray hante encore tous les esprits.

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71. A Roubaix, la filature du plus grand hébergeur de sites d'Europe (Canada)

Le Monde, Damien Leloup, 2016 12 09

Roubaix, France - L'hébergeur français OVH, qui défend une approche libérale de la liberté d'expression, avait été tancé par l'ONU et Paris Politique ou économique, la surveillance pouvait aussi avoir un but technique C'est un pseudonyme bien connu des informaticiens. « Oles » figure dans une liste de cibles des services de renseignement britanniques, extraite par Le Monde, en collaboration avec le site The Intercept, des archives de l'ancien consultant de l'Agence nationale de sécurité (NSA) américaine Edward Snowden, confiées à Glenn Greenwald et Laura Poitras. « Oles », pour l'état civil, c'est Octave Klabar, le fondateur d'OVH, le plus grand hébergeur de sites Internet d'Europe. Son adresse e-mail figure dans un document émis par les services de renseignement britannique (GCHQ), parmi d'autres « sélecteurs » - des personnes identifiées comme des cibles par les services de renseignement américains, canadiens, néo-zélandais, britanniques et australiens, au sein de leur alliance, les « Five Eyes ».

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72. Encore un proche de Blancho sur liste noire

Le Temps (Suisse), Lise Bailat, 2016 12 09

Berne - Islamisme Le président de l'Association des savants musulmans, basée à Berne, est accusé par le Trésor américain de financer le terrorisme. Le secrétaire de l'organisation, Nicolas Blancho, également président du Conseil central islamique suisse, conteste. Un nouveau nom s'ajoute à la liste des fréquentations de Nicolas Blancho accusées de soutien au terrorisme par les Etats-Unis. Abdulmuhsen Zabin Mutib Naif Al- Mutairi, président de l'Association des savants musulmans, vient d'être placé sur liste noire par le Trésor américain, a appris Le Temps. L'association qu'il préside est abritée à Berne, au siège du Conseil central islamique suisse (CCIS) sous la société boîte aux lettres SIB Swiss. Son but, selon le Registre du commerce, est de « contribuer à assurer la promotion des sciences islamiques, de mener des recherches sur le droit et la jurisprudence islamiques ». Le secrétaire de cette association n'est autre que Nicolas Blancho, président du Conseil central islamique suisse. Soutien financier et matériel à Al-Nosra Que reproche Washington à Al- Mutairi, l'ami de Nicolas Blancho? L'homme basé au Koweït est accusé de fournir un soutien financier, matériel ou technologique ainsi que d'autres services au Front Al-Nosra ou à des entités soutenant cette organisation. Le Front Al-Nosra, actif en Syrie et au Liban, avait prêté allégeance à Al- Qaïda jusqu'à l'été dernier, où il s'est renommé Front Fatah al-Sham, en annonçant sa rupture avec toute organisation extérieure.

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73. En Suède, un numéro vert pour dénoncer les espions russes

Le Monde, Anne-Françoise Hivert, 2016 12 09

Stockholm - Le numéro vert est pour le moment limité à la Scanie, dans le sud de la Suède. Mais il pourrait être ouvert au reste du pays en 2017, pour répondre à une inquiétude croissante au sein de la population. " Du temps où l'annuaire -téléphonique existait encore, une page donnait des instructions en cas de troubles. Aujourd'hui, les gens ne savent plus comment nous contacter ", explique Jan Bohman, responsable de la communication de l'armée suédoise. Dans le viseur de l'armée : l'obsédante Russie, qui ne perd d'ailleurs pas une occasion de railler la paranoïa de Stockholm, mais mène selon M. Bohman " des exercices militaires plus agressifs, plus proches

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75. Frères Abdeslam: Ces policiers belges d'origine maghrébine qu'on n'a pas pris au sérieux

La Libre Belgique, Christophe Lamfalussy, 2016 12 09

Bruxelles - Des policiers d'origine maghrébine avaient de bons tuyaux sur les frères Abdeslam. Mais ils n'ont pas été écoutés. Certains pensent que la communauté belgo-marocaine, par peur ou protection, n'a jamais dénoncé les frères Abdeslam. Qu'il y aurait eu une sorte de loi du silence à Molenbeek. Ce n'est pas tout à fait exact : les informations de terrain qui ont évoqué en premier lieu la radicalisation des deux frères et une planque possible au 79 de la rue des Quatre-Vents viennent de cette communauté ou de policiers issus de celle-ci. Lundi dernier, à huis clos devant la Commission d'enquête parlementaire sur les attentats de Paris et de Bruxelles, le chef de corps de la zone de police de Malines-Willebroek, Yves Bogaerts, a bien dû admettre qu'il avait été averti dès la fin 2015 par l'un de ses anciens inspecteurs.

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76. La mystérieuse disparition d'un Français en Iran

Le Figaro, Georges Malbrunot, 2016 12 09

Téhéran - Le quinquagénaire, qui faisait de la moto dans le désert, a disparu depuis quatre mois. Après deux rallyes Paris-Dakar et plusieurs expéditions dans les sables marocains, un Français, passionné de moto, s'était mis en tête de sillonner le désert iranien. Le 23 juillet, le voilà une

nouvelle fois parti à l'aventure, pour la Turquie d'abord, sa Honda 400 CC démontée dans sa voiture. Quatre jours plus tard, ce quinquagénaire sportif, dont nous tairons le nom pour des questions de sécurité, traverse la frontière iranienne après avoir laissé sa Citroën C8 sur le parking d'un hôtel. Puis, il file vers Téhéran, avant d'arriver le 3 août aux portes du désert dans le village de Robat-Khan, à 400 km à l'est de la capitale iranienne. C'est la dernière fois où le Français a été vu par un chamelier. Depuis, rien, aucune trace de cet ingénieur, issu d'une famille d'illustres militaires. Après avoir soigneusement respecté la consigne de silence donnée par le Quai d'Orsay, ses proches ont décidé de parler. « Il y a trop de zones d'ombre et de non-réponses à nos questions », confie son épouse au Figaro, tout en souhaitant garder l'anonymat. Elle et ses proches ont eu plusieurs rendez-vous à l'Élysée.

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77. Le paiement par mobile, la nouvelle arme des terroristes?

La Tribune, Fabien Piliu, 2016 12 09

Bercy, France - Dévoilé ce jeudi, le rapport annuel sur les "Tendances et analyse des risques de blanchiment de capitaux et de financement du terrorisme" de Tracfin, la cellule anti-blanchiment de Bercy, pointe les vulnérabilités du paiement par mobile. Avec la montée du risque terroriste et les bouleversements technologiques, l'activité de la cellule de "Traitement du renseignement et action contre les circuits financiers clandestins", plus connue sous le nom de Tracfin grimpe en flèche. En 2015, suivant les mêmes tendances qu'en 2014, la cellule anti-blanchiment de Bercy a reçu 45.266 informations contre 38.419 un an plus tôt, ce qui représente une hausse de 18 % selon le rapport annuel sur les "Tendances et analyse des risques de blanchiment de capitaux et de financement du terrorisme" dévoilé ce jeudi. A noter, parmi ces informations, 43.231 sont des déclarations de soupçon émanant des déclarants du secteur privé. Les autres proviennent des administrations partenaires de Tracfin, des autorités de contrôle des professionnels soumis au dispositif et des cellules de renseignement financier étrangères.

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78. Le renseignement financier sert l'antiterrorisme

Le Monde, Elise Vincent, 2016 12 09

Paris - Tracfin, la cellule antiblanchiment française, se veut un outil de détection de " signaux faibles " de radicalisation Depuis les attentats de Charlie et de l'Hyper Cacher, en janvier 2015, le renseignement financier est devenu un outil essentiel de la lutte contre le terrorisme. Un des moyens de repérer ce qui est devenu un des enjeux-clés de l'endiguement de la menace : les " signaux faibles " de radicalisation. Tels sont, en substance, les points mis en avant dans le rapport d'analyse annuel de Tracfin, la cellule antiblanchiment française, qu'a rendu public le ministre de l'économie et des finances, Michel Sapin, jeudi 8 décembre, à Bercy. D'après ce rapport intitulé " Tendances et analyse des risques " de l'année 2015, le renseignement financier a, depuis l'attaque contre Charlie Hebdo, pris une place qu'il n'avait pas dans ce type de dossiers. " L'intérêt du renseignement financier c'est que même si on parle de " signaux faibles ", il recueille des signaux fiables, estime ainsi le directeur de Tracfin, Bruno Dalles, interrogé par Le Monde. Cela permet de confirmer un environnement, une appartenance. " Des éléments

essentiels pour la justice, afin de caractériser par exemple " l'association de malfaiteur en vue d'une entreprise terroriste " , le chef de mise en examen le plus souvent utilisé actuellement. Rôle de détecteur Pour répondre à cette urgence, Tracfin s'est réorganisé. Le terrorisme ne représente qu'une partie de son activité, mais, sur 40 enquêteurs, Tracfin est passé de trois à dix agents spécialisés.

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79. PKK will 'face destruction' after April 2017: Interior Minister Soylu

Hurriyet Daily News, Staff report, 2016 12 09

Van, Turkey - The outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) will "face destruction" after April 2017, Interior Minister Süleyman Soylu has predicted . "Let me be clear, these days are their [PKK] good days. They will face such massive destruction that they can't even imagine," Soylu said in a ruling Justice and Development (AKP) meeting in the eastern province of Van on Dec. 9. "We are steadfastly carrying out our struggle in the winter. Our security forces, who say 'Trust us, we will beat them,' and who oversee many operations from [the southeastern provinces] Diyarbakir to Hakkari, are putting up a great struggle. We have made all our plans. We won't let them form bases in the winter. We won't leave any hiding spot, caves or shelters," he added, noting that some 53 shelters in the eastern province of Bingöl had recently been destroyed. "[PKK militants] come to towns and threaten people and shopkeepers, forcing municipalities to give them money and sending that money to the mountains. And then they talk about democracy," Soylu said.

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1. Spies and lies

Telegram (St.John's), 2016 12 13

Editorial: This goes from the sublime to the bizarre - and beyond. Back in November, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service found itself in the hottest of hot water: a Federal Court judge ruled that the spy agency had broken the law by collecting and storing information it was

not legally entitled to gather - in particular, metadata on innocent Canadians unconnected in any way with legal investigations. The judge ruled, in fact, that CSIS deliberately misled the court when the agency had applied for special warrants to collect documents. It was a huge embarrassment for the spies, especially when the federal government announced it would not appeal the ruling. The information was collected starting in 2006, and processed through the secretive Operational Data Analysis Centre. But things are twistier than just a decade's worth of private information unlawfully held by the agency. Last week, a federal committee was told that the spy agency hasn't gotten rid of the material it was never supposed to have, even though it was illegally collected in the first place. CSIS director Michel Coulombe told the committee that it should know, within six months or so, what it will do with the data. And federal Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale told MPs on the committee that he's still deciding whether the spy agency should be allowed to retain and process such information. In other words, having been found to have illegally taken something, the government is pondering keeping it anyway. In fact, CSIS has even claimed that now that it has possession of the information, the agency is legally mandated to ensure that it doesn't dispose of anything that might be needed for a future investigation. Here's Coulombe's explanation to the committee: "So before we rush and destroy that information, we have to make sure that by destroying it we're not going to be contravening another court decision. ... We have to take the time to do that analysis." Now, maybe this is not the proper way to look at it, but it sure seems like CSIS is arguing that the law somehow requires it to use unlawfully acquired information. Imagine how that would play out in court: the moment you tried to use illegally obtained information as evidence, the whole shooting match would be tossed out. So what's the point of looking for potentially illegal needles in that massive legal haystack?

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2. Trudeau briefed weekly on security threats, says adviser

iPolitics.ca, Amanda Connolly, 2016 12 13

One day after U.S. President-Elect Donald Trump insisted he's too "smart" for traditional daily intelligence briefings, the national security advisor to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he and the PM meet several times a week to discuss issues at the top of the security agenda. "I probably see the prime minister once or twice a week," Daniel Jean told members of the Senate national security committee Monday in his first briefing to the senators. "Whenever there's a threat we make sure the prime minister is informed." In an interview with Fox News Sunday host Chris Wallace that aired Sunday, Trump said the daily briefings are repetitive and that, being a "smart person," he doesn't need to be told the same thing again and again. Since being elected in November, the president-elect -- who has been highly critical of American intelligence agencies - - has reportedly received only a handful of such briefings. In August American media reported he asked a foreign policy advisor multiple times during a one-hour briefing why the U.S. could not use its nuclear weapons. While Jean did not speak to the potential impacts on Canadian privacy and intelligence practices of the looming Trump presidency, he did stress that the access and powers he has now allow him to work with intelligence and security partners in Canada to coordinate their responses to threats. He also expressed skepticism when asked whether efforts by the government to enshrine the role of the National Security Advisor in legislation should be duplicated for his office. "In terms of enshrining my role in legislation, I don't know what that

would do," Jean said. "I have all the roles, all of the responsibilities that are required." While the former Conservative government shut down the National Science Advisor's office in 2008, the same thing didn't happen to the office of the National Security Advisor. The role was consistently filled under the former government, most recently with former CSIS head Richard Fadden. Jean said that he holds regular conferences and briefings with the heads of Canada's national security bodies and that he has not had any problems getting access to the officials or information he needs during his six months on the job so far.

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3. Bill C-51 damages Canada's economy. It must be scrapped

Toronto Star Online, 2016 12 13

An open letter on Bill C-51 to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale from leading innovators and entrepreneurs: Canada's future depends on its ability to compete on the world stage. As business leaders and tech entrepreneurs, we hope to play an important role in that future. We were buoyed by your government's promise to introduce much-needed parliamentary oversight of security services, but are deeply troubled that the initial concerns with Bill C-51 from the business community remain largely unaddressed. We appreciate the opportunity for stakeholders to weigh in regarding your public consultation on Bill C-51 but the process to date has raised additional concerns. Many of us were among the more than 150 business leaders who wrote to the previous government to articulate our concerns about Bill C-51. The diverse signatories were affiliated with companies worth billions of dollars, including several start-ups that are planning IPOs, Canada's largest software company, and one of Canada's largest institutional investors.

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4. Canada asks U.S. court to toss case alleging it wrongly named woman a terrorist

Canadian Press, Geordon Omand, 2016 12 13

Vancouver - The Canadian government wants a U.S. court to toss out a lawsuit that accuses it of ruining the life of a British Columbia woman, who alleges it knowingly gave false information to the FBI and American border services that branded her a terrorist and an arms dealer. A document filed in U.S. district court in Seattle by the Canadian government says the legal dispute has no place being heard outside of Canada because it was filed by a Canadian against Canadian defendants. Perienne de Jaray is the former executive vice-president and co-owner of Apex USA, previously a multimillion-dollar subsidiary of electronics maker Apex Canada, which her father launched. De Jaray contends in a legal submission that the Canadian government's actions were motivated by a desire to appease the U.S. administration by proving it could robustly enforce U.S. arms export restrictions, which she argues could help Canada's defence companies gain trade exemptions and secure access to lucrative American defence contracts. None of the allegations have been proven in court. The lawsuit names the federal attorney general, Canada Border Services Agency and Global Affairs, as well as several bureaucrats. The federal

government declined comment on behalf of all the agencies and the named individuals in the lawsuit, saying it does not comment on matters before a court.

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5. Federal government's Canada.ca project 'off the rails'

CBC News, Staff reporter, 2016 12 13

The federal government's bid to merge 1,500 departmental and agency websites into a single site, Canada.ca, is a year behind schedule and almost 10 times over budget. And experts warn it is on track to be another failed government IT project, like the Phoenix pay system. "It's gone off the rails. It's a disaster," said one government source with knowledge of the project who spoke on condition of anonymity. CBC spoke with a number of government workers who are also familiar with the project in different departments and they all expressed similar evaluations. The Canada.ca initiative was launched in 2013 with the goal of making it easier for people to find and use government information online. A \$1.54-million contract for a new content management system, where all government websites would be moved, was awarded to Adobe in 2015. The original deadline to have all active web content moved to the single portal was this month. But in June, it was pushed back to December 2017, which was the initial deadline for the migration of all archived content. The contract with Adobe is now above \$9.4 million, according to government figures. The actual migration of the websites is up to the departments themselves and is to be done within existing budgets and staffing. Since 2015, eight of the largest departments have budgeted or spent more than \$28 million on this project.

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6. Parliament's budget watchdog, National Defence battling over warship data

Canadian Press, Lee Berthiaume, 2016 12 13

Ottawa - National Defence and Parliament's budget watchdog have been quietly battling over access to key information about the government's multi-billion-dollar plan to buy the navy new warships. The department says it remains committed to openness and transparency, but the information requested by parliamentary budget officer Jean-Denis Frechette is "very sensitive" and outside his mandate. Frechette, however, alleges there is a culture of secrecy within National Defence, and that the department remains among the worst when it comes to transparency. "National Defence is a problematic case," Frechette told the Senate defence committee on Monday. "There is a certain culture whereby this information suddenly becomes confidential or cabinet confidence." The dispute is reminiscent of similar disagreements between National Defence and Frechette's predecessor, Kevin Page, particularly when it came to the F-35 stealth fighter.

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7. PIPSC 'not that confident' members will receive back pay because of Phoenix

CBC News Ottawa, Staff reporter, 2016 12 13

Ottawa - After reaching a tentative contract deal with the federal government over the weekend, the head of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada has doubts about whether members will receive money owed to them in a timely manner because of the government's ongoing Phoenix payroll problems. The federal union, which represents scientists, auditors, information technology experts and other public service professionals, reached a tentative deal with the federal government to replace expired contracts for 18,000 of its members. If accepted, thousands of members will receive a five per cent pay hike over four years, or 1.25 per cent each year. The deal is retroactive to 2014, when the previous contract expired. But given the trouble-plagued Phoenix pay system, it is unclear how long processing those payments might take. Since the federal government rolled out the Phoenix system in the spring, tens of thousands of federal workers have reported issues with their paycheques. Many of those problems have had to do with supplementary pay, such as for extra duties, overtime or pay adjustments. Union president Debi Daviau is concerned the retroactive pay negotiated will also present problems. Daviau said the contract states employees should get back pay within four months, but added she's "not that confident" the government will meet that deadline. Daviau said the Treasury Board of Canada asked the union for a nine-month extension to process the retroactive payments, but the union rejected that request. "We did not agree. [We] unanimously did not agree to that extend that period," she said. "The necessity to keep the pressure on to fix the system and not simply avoid needing to use the system was appropriate."

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8. PM 'missing the point' on kidnapping

Toronto Star, Michelle Shephard and Mitch Potter, 2016 12 13

Critics of Ottawa's lacklustre kidnap response protocols were disappointed Monday when the prime minister answered a question none of them asked. Rather than addressing a litany of shortcomings detailed in a recent investigation by the Toronto Star into the government's handling of overseas kidnaps, Justin Trudeau fell back on a boilerplate talking point about the importance of not paying ransom. He was asked during a year-end news conference if he had any regrets in how Ottawa handled the cases of John Ridsdel and Robert Hall. The two Canadians were murdered by the militant Abu Sayyaf Group earlier this year in the Philippines when the group's ransom demands were not met. A review is underway. "I think people understand, and the Canadians I've spoken with across the country in the months following certainly understand, that any other position would not just provide source of significant funds to violent terrorists intent on causing more harm and taking more lives, but it would also endanger further the lives of any Canadian citizen who works, travels or lives outside of our borders," Trudeau said. And yet neither the Ridsdel nor Hall families - nor any of the more than 50 relatives of other Canadian hostages, witnesses, government, military, intelligence officials and private security consultants that were interviewed by the Star for the eight-part Held Hostage series - ever once suggested Ottawa should pay ransoms to terrorist groups holding Canadians. Instead, many complained about a leaderless government response - one bogged down by turf wars, bureaucratic bungling and political inertia - that left them in the dark, traumatized anew by Canada's handling of their cases.

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9. As U.S. spy chief, Fiorina would support backdoors

USA Today, Jim Swartz, 2016 12 13

Washington - Carly Fiorina, U.S. spy chief? The evolution from tech CEO to presidential hopeful to possible director of national intelligence -- an appointment floated Monday by The New York Times, which quoted an unnamed Donald Trump transition team member saying she's under consideration for the role -- reflects Fiorina's dogged pursuit of political superlatives. Fiorina and Trump had a "positive and productive meeting" on "issues ranging from America's strategic interests and national security challenges abroad to the geopolitical climate across the world and in China," Fiorina spokesman Frank Sadler said in an email to USA TODAY. If she gets the job, she would bring a view of cybersecurity that's at odds with tech's biggest companies, which have declaimed U.S. government efforts to override their encryption as dangerous and a threat to personal privacy. During the Republican primary season, Fiorina urged Apple, Google and others to "tear down cyberwalls" to help track down criminals online, a stance that ran in cross currents to Silicon Valley, which publicly supported Apple in its fight with the FBI over hacking into a terrorist's iPhone, and has been building stronger device encryption in the months since.

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10. Chief of Exxon Is Trump's Pick for State Dept.

New York Times, Michael D. Shear, Maggie Haberman, 2016 12 13

Washington - President-elect Donald J. Trump settled Monday on Rex W. Tillerson, the chief executive of Exxon Mobil, to be his secretary of state, transition officials said. In naming him, the president-elect is dismissing bipartisan concerns that Mr. Tillerson, the globe-trotting leader of an energy giant, has a too-cozy relationship with Vladimir V. Putin, the president of Russia. Mr. Trump planned to announce the selection on Tuesday morning, bringing to an end his public and chaotic deliberations over the nation's top diplomat -- a process that at times veered from rewarding Rudolph W. Giuliani, one of his most loyal supporters, to musing about whether Mitt Romney, one of his most vicious critics, might be forgiven. Instead, Mr. Trump has decided to risk what looks to be a bruising confirmation fight in the Senate. In the past several days, Republican and Democratic lawmakers had warned that Mr. Tillerson would face intense scrutiny over his two-decade relationship with Russia, which awarded him its Order of Friendship in 2013, and with Mr. Putin. The hearings will also put a focus on Exxon Mobil's business dealings with Moscow. The company has billions of dollars in oil contracts that can go forward only if the United States lifts sanctions against Russia, and Mr. Tillerson's stake in Russia's energy industry could create a very blurry line between his interests as an oilman and his role as America's leading diplomat. Mr. Tillerson has been publicly skeptical about the sanctions, which have halted some of Exxon Mobil's biggest projects in Russia, including an agreement with the state oil company to explore and pump in Siberia that could be worth tens of billions of dollars.

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11. CIA has high confidence Russians tried to influence election in Trump's favor

CBS News, Staff report, 2016 12 12

Washington - Intelligence sources confirm that the CIA has high confidence that the Russians tried to influence the presidential election and that they favored Donald Trump, CBS News' Jeff Pegues reports. Sources say elements of the Republican National Committee (RNC) apparatus were hacked, but the damage was not as widespread as the cyber hacks that affected the Democratic National Committee (DNC). There is disagreement between the FBI and CIA over the evidence in the case, however. Furthermore, some intelligence officials are puzzled about leaks from the FBI casting doubts on the intelligence community's assessment, given that typically, the intelligence community and the FBI try to come to a consensus before going public with big investigations like this. The CIA's "high-confidence judgment" that Russian hacking favored Mr. Trump caught the attention of former acting CIA Director Michael Morell. "[T]he C.I.A. doesn't come to a high-confidence judgment just based on circumstantial evidence." So I think they've got more here," Morell said in an interview Monday on "CBS This Morning." "I think they've got sources who are actually telling them what the intent was."

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12. Hayden: CIA Reception of Pompeo Has Been 'Warm'

Washington Free Beacon, Nick Bolger, 2016 12 12

Washington - Former CIA Director Michael Hayden confirmed Monday on MSNBC's Morning Joe that the CIA has reacted positively to President-elect Donald Trump's choice of Rep. Mike Pompeo (R., Kan.) to head the intelligence agency. Jeremy Peters of the New York Times asked Hayden, who is also a retired four-star general and former NSA chief, what he had heard about the CIA's reception of Pompeo. "Tell me about what you are hearing from inside the CIA right now as to how they are responding to Pompeo?" Peters asked. "I think my colleague David Sanger alluded to this earlier, so far it has been a pretty warm reception. Is that what you're hearing as well?" "That's exactly what I'm hearing," Hayden responded.

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13. Is Trump's Twitter account a national security threat?

Politico, Nahal Toosi, 2016 12 13

Washington - Donald Trump has years of experience launching Twitter wars. But now, as he prepares to take the highest office in the country, there are growing fears that his tweets could spur a genuine national security crisis. Intelligence and defense specialists believe the president-elect's use of the popular and powerful social media network is already being used by foreign agencies to analyze his personality, track his habits and detect clues about what to expect from a Trump-led American government. And that's just based on what Trump writes on Twitter. It's not even counting the vulnerabilities that could arise if overseas hackers invade his phone and digital accounts. "We've never had a president that's shared so much of themselves, not just what they're saying, but their psychological ticks in such an overt manner, and you can be sure that foreign actors are studying that, too," said P.W. Singer, a defense expert and co-author of

"Cybersecurity and Cyberwar." "We're beginning to see what excites him, what angers him, what sets him off. We've never had this ability to read so much on what a president is thinking."

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14. Obama to preserve his copy of CIA 'Torture Report'

Miami Herald, Carol Rosenberg, 2016 12 13

Guantanamo Bay - President Barack Obama is archiving his copy of the entire so-called Senate Torture Report, it was disclosed Monday, suggesting the study of CIA interrogations used in secret overseas prisons would be made public in 2028. Obama provided notice of his plan to make the 6,700-page report part of the presidential record to some in Congress in a letter from his counsel W. Neil Eggleston dated Friday -- two days after lawyers for the alleged Sept. 11 plotters urged the case's military judge to order preservation of a copy of it. At issue is a bid by Senate Republicans to recover all existing copies of the graphic Senate Intelligence Committee's report on the CIA's 2002-06 Rendition, Detention and Interrogation program, and fears by lawyers in the 9/11 case that lurid descriptions of what agents did to the men accused of conspiring in the attack might vanish. A declassified summary of the report suggests there are entire chapters on the waterboarding, rectal and other abuse of the men who were brought to Guantánamo and charged as the alleged plotters of the hijackings that killed nearly 3,000 Americans on Sept. 11, 2001.

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15. Suspected Russian cyberattack waged on Clinton campaign just days before vote

Yahoo News, Michael Isikoff, 2016 12 12

Washington - In the closing days of the 2016 election campaign, hackers believed to be working for Russian intelligence launched a new wave of attacks on Hillary Clinton's campaign and the Democratic National Committee -- a previously unreported cyberoffensive that heightened concerns, now endorsed by the CIA, that the Russian government was seeking to influence the outcome of the election in favor of Donald Trump, according to sources familiar with the investigations into the attempted intrusions. The attacks came in the form of so-called "phishing" emails sent to nearly a dozen campaign and committee staffers in a renewed effort at penetrating their networks, said Dmitri Alperovitch, the co-founder and chief technology officer of CrowdStrike, the cybersecurity firm hired by the DNC to repel attacks on its network. Staffers at that point were alert enough to reject entreaties to click on the unsolicited email messages that would have allowed the hackers into their computers, he said. But at least one top Clinton campaign staffer, communications director Jennifer Palmieri, told Yahoo News on Sunday that she received an alert from Google in mid-October informing her that her personal Gmail account had been targeted by a "foreign state" actor and that her password needed to be changed. "They were targeting us throughout the election," said another former senior Clinton campaign staffer, who asked not to be identified. "They never stopped trying to get back in."

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16. Sworn In, U.N.'s Next Leader Must Factor Trump Into Approach to Global Crises

New York Times, Somini Sengupta, 2016 12 13

The United Nations - António Guterres took the oath of office on Monday to become the next secretary general of the United Nations amid a rise in nationalist movements around the world and what he called a loss of confidence in institutions, including the one he will take over in January. The next United Nations leader would already have faced tough challenges: war, climate change, widening income inequality, record levels of global displacement. But the election of Donald J. Trump as president of the United States has changed the incoming secretary general's approach to virtually every major crisis, a wide array of United Nations diplomats said in recent weeks, outlining three particularly vexing conundrums. The first is that even as he needs commitment from the United States, the single largest funder of the United Nations, Mr. Guterres will be under pressure to call out American leaders if they flout the basic values of the United Nations Charter, including "respect, human rights, tolerance and solidarity," as he described them to the packed General Assembly hall on Monday. "The threats to these values are most often based on fear," he said. "Our duty to the people we serve is to work together to move from fear of each other to trust in each other. Trust in the values that bind us, and trust in the institutions that serve and protect us." Second, he has to ensure that Mr. Trump does not severely cut United States funding for the United Nations or dismiss the institution altogether as a platform for solving global problems.

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17. The Kremlin Gloats Over Trump's CIA Tantrum

The Daily Beast, Anna Nemtsova, 2016 12 13

Moscow - The news that U.S. President-elect Donald Trump called CIA claims about Russia's involvement in the election process "ridiculous" was cause for celebration in Russia. "Finally, the U.S. president does not trust CIA!" exclaimed one of Trump's many Russian fans. Authorities, who just a few weeks ago were busy training people to hide in bunkers in case the Americans dropped nuclear bombs, now applauded the U.S. president-elect and welcomed his incoming administration's "dream team." To Moscow officials every step Trump takes, including his harsh criticism of the Central Intelligence Agency, sounds like a victory for President Vladimir Putin.

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18. The President's Daily Intelligence Briefing, Explained

New York Times, Charlie Savage, 2016 12 13

Washington - President-elect Donald J. Trump has indicated that he does not intend to receive daily intelligence briefings about global affairs and national security threats after his inauguration, breaking with a tradition that commanders in chief from both parties have followed since the Cold War. Mr. Trump has received only a few briefings since his election victory, largely declining the intelligence community's offer to give him the same "President's Daily Brief," or P.D.B., that President Obama receives each morning. Defending his practice in a Fox

News interview broadcast on Sunday, Mr. Trump noted that Vice President-elect Mike Pence and "my generals" were receiving the daily briefings, and said he saw no need to do so, too. Is it dangerous not to receive it each day? Several former senior intelligence officials said that getting the briefing every day is not strictly necessary, especially if Mr. Trump delegates substantial amounts of authority to his subordinates. But they stress that regular briefings are still important because it is helpful in a fast-moving crisis if a president already has a baseline of knowledge about topics, such as a foreign leader's thinking and military abilities. Also, briefings permit a president to quiz briefers on inconsistencies and questions of fact or interpretation that form the basis for the most important national security decisions -- those only the president can make. Matt Olsen, the former director of the National Counterterrorism Center, said that "it's critical for the president to get an intelligence briefing, if not every day, almost every day" rather than just checking in periodically.

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19. Top U.S. spy agency has not embraced CIA assessment on Russia hacking - sources
Reuters, Jonathan Landy, Mark Hosenball, 2016 12 13

Washington - The overseers of the U.S. intelligence community have not embraced a CIA assessment that Russian cyber attacks were aimed at helping Republican President-elect Donald Trump win the 2016 election, three American officials said on Monday. While the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) does not dispute the CIA's analysis of Russian hacking operations, it has not endorsed their assessment because of a lack of conclusive evidence that Moscow intended to boost Trump over Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton, said the officials, who declined to be named. An ODNI spokesman declined to comment on the issue. "ODNI is not arguing that the agency (CIA) is wrong, only that they can't prove intent," said one of the three U.S. officials. "Of course they can't, absent agents in on the decision-making in Moscow." The Federal Bureau of Investigation, whose evidentiary standards require it to make cases that can stand up in court, declined to accept the CIA's analysis - a deductive assessment of the available intelligence - for the same reason, the three officials said. The CIA conclusion was a "judgment based on the fact that Russian entities hacked both Democrats and Republicans and only the Democratic information was leaked," one of the three officials said on Monday. "(It was) a thin reed upon which to base an analytical judgment," the official added.

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20. Trump Adviser Is Harsh Judge of C.I.A.'s Role
New York Times, Matthew Rosenberg, 2016 12 13

Washington - Long before Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn became Donald J. Trump's choice for national security adviser, he believed that the Central Intelligence Agency had become a political tool of the Obama administration -- a view now echoed by the president-elect in his mocking dismissals of C.I.A. assessments that Russia sought to tip the election in Mr. Trump's favor. "They've lost sight of who they actually work for," Mr. Flynn said in an interview with The New York Times in October 2015. "They work for the American people. They don't work for the president of the United States." He added, speaking of the agency's leadership: "Frankly, it's

become a very political organization." Mr. Flynn's assessment that the C.I.A. is a political arm of the Obama administration is not widely shared by Republicans or Democrats in Washington. But it has appeared to have been internalized by the one person who matters most right now: Mr. Trump. In the past few days, Mr. Trump has sought to portray reports of the agency's assessments that Russia actively tried to interfere in the election as a desperate attempt by sore losers to taint his presidency before it begins. His denigration of C.I.A. officials as "the same people that said Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction" has opened up an extraordinary rift between the president-elect and the nation's intelligence community that is unlikely to be bridged anytime soon.

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21. Trump Ignoring US Intelligence Creates Risks Beyond Russian Hacking

Wired, Andy Greenberg, 2016 12 12

New York - Observers and alumni of America's intelligence community have already fretted over Donald Trump's impending control of the world's most powerful spy agencies. They've worried that he could abuse their heady surveillance capabilities, turn them on his personal enemies, revamp the NSA's mass surveillance programs, and strip away domestic privacy protections once in charge. But before Trump has even taken office, he's already found a less expected way to abuse the US intelligence community: Ignore, contradict, and insult it. Trump's relationship--or lack thereof-- with US intelligence agencies isn't just a cause for political spectacle. According to national security experts and former intelligence agency staffers, it could have serious consequences that go well beyond the current dispute over Russian hacking. That abrupt dismissal of the intelligence community's findings follows months of Trump's assertions that no one can know the source of the last year's long series of political hacks--despite a publicly released report from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Department of Homeland Security stating that Vladimir Putin's state-sponsored hackers were behind those breaches. "It could be some guy in his home in New Jersey," Trump maintained in a Time interview earlier last week. Disregard of the intelligence agencies' fact-finding represents a disturbing potential preview of the next four years, say former members of the US intelligence community who spoke with WIRED. They worry that it threatens to politicize the intelligence community's work, pushing it toward conclusions that will please the president rather than inform him. They say the growing rift demoralizes staffers, leading to a loss of valuable talent, and that it could leave the commander-in-chief himself dangerously ignorant of crucial world events. Susan Hennessey, a former NSA lawyer who is now with the Brookings Institution, says that since Trump was elected, she's spoken with former colleagues who are still in the intelligence community who have been "stunned" to hear Trump's repeated rejections of their findings. "It's not outrage, although that might be under the surface," she says of her former colleagues' response. "It's real uncertainty and a sense of fear...shock, bewilderment, wondering what's going to happen next."

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22. Trump is already antagonizing the intelligence community, and that's a problem

Washington Post, Michael Hayden, 2016 12 13

Op-ed - A month ago I wrote here about the importance and challenge of the intelligence community establishing a relationship with President-elect Donald Trump. That has just gotten more important and more challenging. The Post reported that CIA analysts now believe the Russian aim was to help Trump win. Team Trump immediately went into attack mode, employing the bureaucratic equivalent of the ad hominems the president-elect used during the campaign ("Crooked Hillary," "Lyin' Ted," "Little Marco"). "These are the same people that said Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction," its first salvo described the U.S. intelligence community. An administration-in-waiting more confident in itself, in its own legitimacy, in U.S. institutions and in the people it will soon govern might have said, "These are serious issues. We intend to hear them out. Nothing is more precious than our democratic process. We have asked the Obama administration for details." The fact that that didn't happen should invite tons of commentary. But not from me. My narrow concerns as an intelligence officer are the questions raised above. How will this affect the new president's relationship with the intelligence community? A lot. And not well.

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23. 'Man in the Hat' fundraiser claims he was MI5 informant

London Daily Telegraph, Martin Evans, 2016 12 12

London - An extremist who handed money to the "Man in the Hat" Brussels terror suspect claims he was a paid MI5 informant, it can be revealed. Belgian national Zakaria Boufassil, who gave £3,000 to suspected Isil plotter Mohamed Abrini during a meeting in Birmingham in July 2015, claims agents paid him in cash, cigarettes and clothing for information. Boufassil, 26, who was last week found guilty of funding terrorism, alleged that MI5 agents assured him he would not be prosecuted if he cooperated. His claims can now be revealed after an order banning mention of his alleged links to the Security Service was lifted at Kingston Crown Court where he was jailed. Boufassil was given a three year sentence, while his associate, Mohamed Ali Ahmed, 27, who pleaded guilty to the same offence, was jailed for eight years. Both men will serve an extra year on licence.

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24. Ban for neo-Nazi group that endorsed murder of Jo Cox

London Daily Telegraph, Christopher Hope, 2016 12 13

London - A NEO-NAZI group that endorsed the murder of Jo Cox is a terrorist group and will be banned, Amber Rudd, the Home Secretary, has said. An order laid in Parliament yesterday to proscribe National Action under the Terrorism Act 2000 is due to come into effect on Friday morning. It will be the first time a group engaged in extreme Right-wing activities will be banned under the law. The move will mean that being a member of the organisation becomes a criminal offence. Announcing the step, Ms Rudd described National Action as a "racist, anti-Semitic and homophobic organisation".

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25. Convicted terrorist says MI5 'pumped and dumped' him

The Guardian (London), Jamie Grierson, Duncan Gardham, 2016 12 12

London - A Birmingham man who gave cash to the "man in the hat" Brussels bombing suspect claims he was recruited by MI5 and then "thrown to the wolves", it can now be disclosed. Zakaria Boufassil, 26, said he held several meetings with the British intelligence agency's personnel, who paid him £3,000 for information and bought him gifts, including Camel cigarettes, a Samsung mobile phone and clothes. Boufassil and Mohammed Ali Ahmed, 27, also of Birmingham were jailed on Monday for handing over £3,000 to Mohamed Abrini at a meeting in Small Heath Park, Birmingham, on 11 July 2015. Abrini earned his nickname "man in the hat" after being spotted on CCTV at Brussels airport just before the bombings in March. Boufassil was sentenced to three years in prison, while Ahmed was sentenced to eight years in prison. Boufassil claimed the MI5 officers approached him after Abrini was arrested in April. Six weeks after sharing what he knew with MI5 about his meeting with Abrini, Boufassil was arrested by West Midlands police on his return from a holiday in Morocco which he claims to have paid for with the money from MI5.

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26. Spies can't always tell whole story

London Times, Michael Evans, 2016 12 13

Analysis - Intelligence is often based on circumstantial pointers and hints. It's the job of the analysts to put all the bits and pieces together and come up with a conclusion that looks right. So how strong is the CIA's evidence that Russia was behind a cyberplot to influence the election in favour of Donald Trump? Pinpointing cyberattacks is a complex art. Hackers use sophisticated methods, such as proxy servers, to evade detection. Sometimes agencies such as the CIA hold back all the evidence they have for fear of giving away their techniques. This may be the case here because the CIA has not produced irrefutable evidence that the Kremlin is the culprit. If there is such evidence, should an agency make it public if, by doing so, it has damaging consequences for the national interest? In this case, the CIA appears to have judged that the risk was worth taking, even though it has withheld proof. However, Trump's suspicion of intelligence bodes ill. Sometimes intelligence is spot on but cannot be made public.

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27. Terror arrests made after 'significant plot to attack UK is disrupted'

The Guardian (London), Vikram Dodd, 2016 12 13

London - Counter-terrorism investigators have made six arrests after disrupting what they believe was a "significant plot" to attack the UK that was influenced by Islamic State. Material recovered from an address raided in Derby has been initially assessed as being consistent with that needed to make homemade explosives, the Guardian understands. The arrests were intelligence led but past cases have shown that initial assumptions among investigators are

sometimes incorrect because materials for making homemade explosives can also have innocent uses. It followed an operation by the domestic security service MI5 and counter-terrorism police. Counter-terrorism officials believe they have disrupted three attacks this year. The arrests on Monday morning were made at four addresses in Derby, east Midlands, where those detained were aged 22, 27, 35 and 36. A 27-year-old man was also arrested in Burton on Trent, Staffordshire, as was a 32-year-old woman in London.

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28. UK's 'overtly hostile' to us says Putin's ambassador

Daily Mail (UK), Larisa Brown, 2016 12 13

London - Russia's top UK diplomat last night accused Britain of 'overt hostility' and of working with Nato to prepare for a 'major war' in Europe. Ambassador Alexander Yakovenko said the Kremlin did not see Britain as a threat and hoped for 'real co-operation', as he downplayed Russia's ships in the English Channel as 'no grounds for conflict'. And with the battle for Aleppo almost over, he declared Russia 'will never walk away' from the conflict in Syria in the same way the Soviet Union did not stop until the Nazis were defeated in Germany. In his first major interview amid heightened diplomatic tensions, Mr Yakovenko, 62, told the Mail: 'Russia is ready to restore its relations with the UK insofar as the British Government is willing to do likewise. 'We will take reciprocal steps if the British leadership decides to change its stance towards Russia.'

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29. Lone wolves and data dumps a problem (Canada)

The Australian Financial Review, Jonathan Porter, 2016 12 13

Sydney - Constant reconnaissance probes by nation states, attacks by computer network robber barons and lone wolves and data dumps from disgruntled workers - that is digital Australia's bleak picture painted for a cyber security forum in Sydney recently. And without constant vigilance and fine-tuning of our cyber defences, the problem will only get worse. "A lot of nation states and militaries are investing in capabilities that can be used to target utilities; power, water resource and energy providers," Major-General Stephen Day, former head of cyber at the Department of Defence who was the inaugural head of the Australian Cyber Security Centre, told the Australian Computer Society Cyber Forum in Sydney. "There is no question reconnaissance is going on right now." The glimpse behind the curtain at Australia's cyber defenders came during the question and answer period at the end of the forum, attended by some of the world's leading experts in the field. An attendee put to the panel that an emerging risk was not lone wolf attackers "but of a state-sponsored cyber-attack sometimes from friendly countries we consider allies" and asked what was being done to mitigate the risk. Victorian minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade Philip Dalidakis said that while Day's statements were "sexy" and would generate headlines "the one thing everyone in the room has to be extremely cognisant of is that the overwhelming majority of attacks occur from within". "Yes, we need to

be able to stop attacks from the outside of the firewall but the fact of the matter is the two greatest attacks we have seen of data theft from inside were from Bradley Manning and (Edward) Snowden," he told the forum. On the intelligence side, he said he could speak more freely than other panel members because he was not a representative of the federal government. Dalidakis said the nation was well served by the Five Eyes agreement on signals intelligence sharing with the US, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Fellow panel member Sandra Ragg, assistant secretary for cyber policy in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, said the nation did need to improve its cyber defences. "The first thing we can do is improve our cyber defences. "People focus on state-sponsored threats but cybercrime is a huge piece of the threat to our economy."

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30. Terror propaganda videos played in court

Australian Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 12 13

Sydney - Videos have been played in a Sydney court showing a group of people holding guns high in the air, a man waving an Islamic State flag and blood dripping from fingertips. The proscribed YouTube videos were accessed by Ahmad Saiyer Naizmand, 21, who has pleaded guilty to five counts of contravening a control order in January and February. Naizmand "was part of a close-knit group of men in Sydney who strongly supported the ideology and activities of Islamic State," crown prosecutor Michelle England said in sentencing submissions at the Downing Centre District Court on Tuesday. Court orders banning him from watching terrorist propaganda and accessing material about explosives, weapons and ammunition were made in 2015 "to protect the public from a terrorist attack", she said. Naizmand accessed two videos that were played in court and a third that was not shown because of its graphic content including images of slain soldiers. The videos depict "extremist jihadi material that advocated violence and killings in support of Islamic State ideology," the Crown said, submitting that a custodial sentence would be appropriate for deliberately breaching the terrorism control orders.

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31. Top Taliban leader killed in Parwan province

Khaama Press, 2016 12 13

Kabul - A top commander of the Taliban group was killed during an operation in northern Parwan province of Afghanistan, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said Monday. "Yesterday, Afghan National Civil Order Police launched a special operation in the Siah Gard district of Parwan province, in which a Taliban's key member Mullah Naiem Kor known as Umaduddin was killed," a statement by MoI said. The statement further added that three other armed Taliban militants were wounded as well during the operation. "Mullah Naiem was involved in many terrorist and destructive activities in this district and other areas of Parwan province," MoI added. The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the report so far. Parwan is

among the relatively volatile provinces in northern Afghanistan where the Taliban insurgents are actively operating in a number of its remote districts.

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32. Attack Has Egypt Alarmed and Its Leader Scrambling

New York Times, Declan Walsh, 2016 12 13

Cairo - President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi on Monday made dramatic efforts to reassure Egypt's Coptic Christians -- a pillar of his government's support -- as they buried victims of a bombing on Sunday at their cathedral in Cairo, an act that has stirred fears of resurgent Islamist violence. Standing alongside Pope Tawadros II, the leader of the Coptic Church, Mr. Sisi identified a 22-year-old man who he said detonated a suicide vest in a chapel on the grounds of St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, the seat of Egypt's Orthodox Christian Church, during Mass. At least 25 people, most of them women, died in the attack, the deadliest in years against Egyptian Christians. Mr. Sisi said the authorities had arrested four of the bomber's accomplices and were looking for two others. The speed of the official response reflected a broader sense of alarm in Egypt after three bombings in three days that shattered a monthslong period of calm outside the Sinai Peninsula, where a violent insurgency has long flared. An explosion at a security checkpoint in Cairo on Friday killed six police officers, and a smaller blast in the northern town of Kafr el-Sheikh later that day, aimed at the police, killed a passing motorcyclist. As well as battling insurgents, Mr. Sisi has been scrambling to shore up his support. His popularity has been battered this year by a gnawing economic crisis that has caused widespread discontent, with soaring inflation and shortages of staple food products like sugar. Threatened street protests, however, have not materialized.

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33. Lutte anti-terroriste : Onze casemates détruites en 24 H par l'ANP à Boumerdès

El Moudjahid (Algérie), Karim Aoudia, 2016 12 12

Boumerdès, Algérie - Innombrable est la quantité de casemates et d'abris découverts par les éléments de l'ANP engagés dans la lutte antiterroriste dans différentes région du pays. Innombrable est la quantité de casemates et d'abris découverts par les éléments de l'ANP engagés dans la lutte antiterroriste dans différentes région du pays. En la matière, le bilan enregistré est constamment en progression, s'ajoutant à ceux tout aussi éloquents relatifs autant à la saisie de lots d'armes qu'à la neutralisation de terroristes en activité, désormais mis hors de nuire. Inscrite dans la continuité, l'offensive de l'ANP n'a d'égal que sa détermination d'en finir définitivement avec les résidus du terrorisme et tous ses relais d'aide et de soutien à travers le pays. L'interopérabilité des différents services de l'Armée nationale est sans doute axée essentiellement sur le renseignement, ce qui a grandement contribué à la consécration des résultats obtenus jusque-là.

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34. Terror Feeding into Sedition

Asharq Al-Awsat, Walid Abdelrahman and Mohammed Shaaban, 2016 12 13

Cairo - Terrorism once again fed into sectarian strife after an explosion targeted on Sunday a chapel that adjoins Cairo's main Coptic Christian cathedral, leaving 23 people killed and at least 49 injured, mostly women and children. "The terrorism attack killed 23 people, mainly women, and injured 49 others, five of them in critical conditions," spokesperson for the Health Ministry Mohammed Al-Tuni told Asharq Al-Awsat. Following the terrorist attack, Egypt announced three days of mourning. A security official and eyewitnesses said the explosion took place around 10a.m. on Sunday at St Mark's Coptic Christian cathedral and the seat of Coptic Pope Tawadros II. The country's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi condemned the attack and called on Egyptians, Muslims and Christians, to unite facing terrorism.

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35. 10 Abu Sayyaf killed in Saturday Patikul clash

Manila Bulletin, Francis Wakefield, 2016 12 13

Manila - The military has confirmed that 10 Abu Sayyaf members died and six were wounded in the clash with troops on Saturday, December 10 in Patikul, Sulu. "Based on the information as confirmed by [intelligence] units on the ground and validated by civilians on the ground, a total of 10 Abu Sayyaf fighters were killed while six others were hurt as a result of the clash," said Army Maj. Filemon Tan Jr., spokesman of the AFP Western Mindanao Command (Westmincom). The military earlier said that three government troops were killed while 21 others were wounded in the encounter. Tan said the firefight with about 150 Abu Sayyaf members occurred at around 10:00 a.m. while troops of the Army's 35th Infantry Battalion under the Joint Task Force Sulu were conducting focused military operations in in Bud Taming at Barangay Kabbon Takas. The armed confrontation lasted for an hour and 45 minutes before the Abu Sayyaf withdrew.

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36. China takes off gloves over Taiwan talk

Globe and Mail, Nathan Vanderklippe, 2016 12 13

Beijing - China has abandoned its conciliatory tone toward Donald Trump, warning it is prepared to retaliate if the president-elect supports Taiwan independence as a bargaining chip to extract trade concessions. China considers Taiwan part of its indivisible territory. If Mr. Trump will not respect that, "bilateral co-operation in major fields would be out of the question," foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said Monday, and "there would not be sound, steady growth"

of the U.S.-China relationship. Mr. Geng urged Mr. Trump to "deal with the Taiwan question in a prudent manner so as not to disrupt or damage" the interests of the two countries, or risk the "peace and stability of the Asia Pacific and beyond." It was China's strongest warning to date of its extraordinary sensitivity on the Taiwan issue, which observers say Mr. Trump is escalating in ways that risk new tensions between the world's top two economic powers. Taiwan is "not something tradable," said Chu Shulong, director of the Institute of International Strategic and Development Studies at Tsinghua University in Beijing. If Mr. Trump persists, "China will act firmly. China can do a lot in bilateral relations, in regional and global affairs. I don't think the U.S. will like it." We have reached "the very important start of a new game between China and the U.S.," said François Godement, director of the Asia and China program at the European Council on Foreign Relations. "This is serious." China initially sought to quietly persuade Mr. Trump to reconsider after a call with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen on Dec. 2, dispatching with nearly four decades of diplomatic non-contact between leaders of the United States and Taiwan.

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37. China warns Trump about insults' cost

China Daily, An Baijie and Chen Weihua, 2016 12 13

Beijing/Washington - The Foreign Ministry urged US president-elect Donald Trump on Monday to act prudently on the Taiwan question to avoid "serious damage to the Sino-US relationship", after Trump once again publicly provoked China. Beijing could react with countermeasures in trade and regional issues, if Trump keeps challenging the time-tested one-China policy, which is the diplomatic cornerstone of relations between the world's two biggest economies, Chinese experts said. In a Fox News broadcast on Sunday, Trump said the United States does not necessarily have to stick to its long-standing position that Taiwan is part of "one China", challenging the consensus that the two countries have upheld for nearly four decades. Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said on Monday that the one-China policy is the political foundation of the Sino-US relationship, and if this foundation is broken, Sino-US cooperation in key areas would have no basis. "We urge the new US administration and its leader to fully understand the high sensitivity of the Taiwan question," Geng said at a regularly scheduled news conference. Geng said the Taiwan question must be handled in a prudent and proper manner to avoid serious damage to Sino-US ties.

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38. Experts against US review of China investment deals (Canada)

China Daily, Chen Weihua, 2016 12 13

Washington - US experts said they are against the idea of having every foreign direct investment in the United States made by China's state-owned enterprises (SOEs) scrutinized by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). The US-China Economic and Security Review Commission has called for such a scrutiny several times, including in its annual report to Congress last month, alleging that the SOEs are used by the Chinese government to advance its national security objectives. Andrew Hunter, a senior fellow at the Center for

Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), said the working group of relevant experts it convened in the past year discussed the issue. He described the suggestion as moving away from CFIUS' voluntary filing approach. "And the participants in the process, both private sector and government, basically agreed that that would likely be a bad idea," he said last Wednesday in a press briefing about a new report about CFIUS, an interagency committee of the US government that reviews national security implications of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the US. Hunter, a former Pentagon official, explained that the suggestion could quickly overwhelm the system with an excessive number of cases. "The quality of the reviews would go down very quickly," he said, adding that it would make the system less effective than it is today. In October 2012, a report by the US House Intelligence Committee accused two Chinese telecom equipment manufacturers, Huawei Technologies and ZTE, of posing a national security threat to the US. Investments made by the two companies are well received in other parts of the world. A Rhodium Group report early this month shows that some 80 percent of Chinese FDI in the US in recent years was made by private investors. The report found that the UK, Canada, China, France and Japan were the five countries with the most CFIUS reviews from 2008 to 2014. China leads the number of cases since 2012. "When four of the five are close treaty allies of the United States, that tells me that this is a robust process for all foreign countries," Schaus said. The report indicated that in the case of Wanda's acquisition of AMC, concerns were raised about AMC theaters in US military bases. But Hunter said that the deal was given the green light means the CFIUS process is working and foreign investment from China is welcomed. Schaus does not believe that a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) being negotiated between China and the US will change the situation, citing that Canada is one of the most scrutinized not in terms of frequency.

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39. NATO's top decision-making body to discuss N.K. nukes, missiles

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 13

Seoul - The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is expected to issue a strong warning against North Korea during a meeting of its top decision-making body this week, Seoul's foreign ministry said Tuesday. The North Atlantic Council plans to hold its first-ever special session solely devoted to discussion on Pyongyang's nuclear and missile programs Thursday, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. "We expect that NATO will send a strong message condemning North Korea's nuclear and missile aspirations," Cho June-hyuck, ministry spokesman, told a regular press briefing. Vice Foreign Minister Ahn Chong-ghae will join the meeting to seek cooperation with NATO members in faithfully implementing the latest United Nations sanctions against North Korea and in applying pressure against Pyongyang, the ministry added. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) decided last month to slap tougher sanctions against North Korea for its September nuclear test. The UNSC imposed a set of sanctions in March over Pyongyang's fourth nuclear test and long-range rocket launch early this year.

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40. Police name terrorist suspects in Jakarta bombing plot

Jakarta Post, Arya Dipa, 2016 12 13

Bandung, West Java - National Police spokesperson Insp. Gen. Boy Rafli Amar said the police had named seven suspects during their investigation into a recent discovery of active explosive bombs in Bekasi, West Java, on Saturday. "As of today, seven people have been named suspects, including the alleged bomb assembler who was arrested in Ngawi, East Java," he said in Bandung on Monday. Boy further said the police had also arrested another bomb assembler and a woman. She was suspected to have been prepared for a suicide bombing mission. Boy said all of those suspects were part of a terrorist network led by Bahrin Naim, who was suspected by the police to have orchestrated terror attacks on Jl. M. H. Thamrin in Jakarta in January. They were also suspected to be part of a terror network behind a suicide bomb attack at the Surakarta Police headquarters in July, he further said.

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41. US, S. Korea, Japan vow cooperation over N. Korea sanctions

Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 12 13

Seoul - Top nuclear envoys from South Korea, the United States and Japan pledged Tuesday to implement new sanctions against North Korea, including capping the country's coal exports to choke off cash flowing into its nuclear weapons program. After meeting in Seoul, the envoys said the countries agreed to maintain an around-the-clock information sharing system to monitor how sanctions are working. Responding to North Korea's nuclear and missile tests this year, the United Nations Security Council recently voted to tighten sanctions by limiting the country's coal exports, one of its major sources of foreign currency. The effectiveness of the sanctions is dependent on the commitment of China, North Korea's most important ally and its biggest buyer of coal. Joseph Yun, U.S. special representative for North Korea policy, said China's announcement over the weekend that it would freeze imports of North Korean coal until the end of the year was an encouraging sign.

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42. Cyberattacks On Finance Ministry, Treasury

Radio Free Europe, Christopher Miller, 2016 12 12

Kyiv - Ukrainian authorities are still looking for the culprits nearly a week after troublesome cyberattacks against official financial institutions that appeared to be designed to inflict maximum chaos on end-of-the-year payments. But the head of staff of the Ukrainian Security Service (SBU) identified the so-called malware used in the December 6 attack as the same disruptive software employed in an unprecedented incident a year earlier, blamed on Russia, that cut off power to hundreds of thousands of homes in Ukraine. Hundreds of thousands of hryvnyas' worth of remittances were delayed or stopped completely over the course of two days after hackers knocked the websites and payment systems of the Ministry of Finance, State Treasury, and pension fund offline, according to statements posted to those sites and local reports. The National Police are leading the investigation and have discussed the case with the SBU, Oleksandr Tkachuk, chief of staff of the SBU, told RFE/RL on December 12. The Finance

Ministry, which described the incident as a "coordinated professional hacking attack," also claimed the attack had damaged its network equipment.

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43. Exxon, Run by Top Diplomatic Nominee, Has Billions at Stake in Russia Sanctions

New York Times, Andrew E. Kramer, Clifford Krauss, 2016 12 13

Moscow - Now that President-elect Donald J. Trump has chosen Rex W. Tillerson, the chief executive of Exxon Mobil, to be the next secretary of state, the giant oil company stands to make some major gains as well: It has billions of dollars in deals that can go forward only if the United States lifts sanctions against Russia. As head of America's largest oil company, Mr. Tillerson has earned a friendship award from Russia and voiced skepticism about American sanctions that have halted some of Exxon Mobil's biggest projects in the country. But Mr. Tillerson's stake in Russia's energy industry could create a very blurry line between his interests as an oilman and his role as America's leading diplomat. "The chances that he will view Russia with Exxon Mobil DNA are close to 100 percent," said Robert Weissman, the president of Public Citizen, a public interest group based in Washington.

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44. Putin's game is to neuter and divide the West - and he is succeeding

London Daily Telegraph, William Hague, 2016 12 13

Column - The Russians know how to make you feel welcome. On my first visit to Moscow as foreign secretary in 2010, whole motorways seemed to have been closed, vodka flowed freely, and the then President Medvedev hosted me at his villa in the woods. They were determined to improve on their terrible relations with the previous Labour government, and so was I. Yet within two years we were at furious loggerheads over Syria, and the year after that we were falling out over the direction of Ukraine. Faced with Putin's invasion and annexation of Crimea, part of another European country, we British were rightly on the side of sanctions, and penalising aggression. The lashings of vodka might as well have been poured down the drain. This is the sad cycle of two decades of Western relations with Russia: optimism from each incoming US president or British government, then disillusionment brought on by behaviour that cannot be accepted. From killing untold numbers of civilians in the bombing of Aleppo to murdering dissidents in London with radioactive polonium, Russia takes actions we find beyond the pale. Now a new US president is about to take office with a fresh determination to do business with the Kremlin, this time unencumbered by the disputes of the past, or indeed any particular knowledge of them. If reports are to be believed, Donald Trump will appoint as his secretary of state an oilman who has done many a deal with Moscow and knows Vladimir Putin personally. While better relations with Russia are a laudable goal, this could be Russia's best chance since the Second World War to weaken and divide the West. Mr Trump has already disavowed the CIA's findings that Russian hacking was designed to promote his victory. That the president-elect of the USA refuses to believe well-founded research by his own agencies is an unmitigated triumph for Moscow. Such tactics can now be used to promote the election of pliable candidates across Europe, with the scope to fund them as well.

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45. Putin Says Ready to Meet With Trump at Any Point

Sputnik, Staff report, 2016 12 13

Moscow - Russian President Vladimir Putin said he was ready to meet with US President-elect Donald Trump at any point, but considered it feasible to give him a chance to form administration and take office first. "As far as meetings are concerned, I think it is necessary to give the president-elect time to at least form his administration, take office, and then speak of meetings. We are ready at any point, there are no issues from our side," Putin told the Nippon TV channel and the Yomiuri newspaper. The Russian president said that Russia was yet to understand what Trump meant with his "Make America Great Again" thesis, but hoped there would be no issues for development of bilateral relations.

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46. Shelf Life: Russia's Arctic Claims Pose No Danger (Canada)

Sputnik, Staff report, 2016 12 13

Moscow - Climate change has intensified the rivalry over the North Pole and the surrounding swaths of resource-rich territory. With five Arctic states vying for control over the promising northernmost domains, it is Russia that is being categorically portrayed as a security hazard with an insatiable appetite for oil-bearing shelf territories. However, Russia is hardly a threat to its fellow Arctic states, because it is already the dominant power in the Arctic Ocean by virtue of its long coastline and its vast economic activity there, Ingemar Oldberg, an associate researcher at the Swedish Institute for International Affairs (UI) claimed in her opinion piece in Utrikesmagasinet magazine. According to Oldberg, Russia's presence in the Arctic is already strongest in terms of defense. The Russian Northern Fleet, based on the Kola Peninsula, is being enhanced with top-end strategic nuclear-powered submarines and new units specifically adapted to the harsh Arctic climate. Additionally, new permanent bases are being built, and Soviet-era bases are being re-established along the country's entire 4,300 thousand-mile-long Arctic coast, including Franz Josef Land and the New Siberian islands. Despite increased tension, Russia has continued to cooperate with the West in Arctic organizations, which do not deal with military matters. Of...importance is the cooperation within the Arctic Council, which in addition to the Nordic countries and a host of observers also includes the US and Canada. In 2011, a binding milestone agreement on search and rescue cooperation, as well as the joint elimination of oil spills was signed. Despite different views on Crimea's re-unification with Russia, cooperation continued when Canada and the US held the organization's presidency; it placed special focus on the environment and research, and Russia contributed with project money.

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47. Some 26,000 Extremist Online Sources Discovered in Russia in 2016 - FSB Head

Sputnik, Staff report, 2016 12 13

Moscow - Russian intelligence services along with law enforcement agencies revealed about 26,000 extremist and terrorist internet-based sources in 2016, which is twice as more than in the previous year, Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) Director Alexander Bortnikov said Tuesday. "By taking additional measures on protecting the information space, we discovered about 26,000 extremist and terror sources, which is twice as more than in 2015, and counter criminal propaganda of a number of organizations and groups in Internet," Bortnikov said at a session of the National Antiterrorism Committee (NAC). He said that police and FSB managed to liquidate Russian cells of an international Internet community, which had been disseminating radical ideas, recruiting militants for international terror organizations and raising money for terrorist groups such as the Daesh, outlawed in Russia. Russian special services have killed 129 terrorists and have thwarted at least 42 terrorist attacks since the beginning of 2016 Alexander Bortnikov said. "129 militants, including 22 leaders of the criminal underworld, have been neutralized and 898 gangsters and their supporters have been detained [in 2016]," Bortnikov said. He added that terrorist activity has been on decline in Russia.

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48. Iran's Ground Force Unveils New Drone during Massive Drills

Fars News Agency, 2016 12 13

Tehran - The Iranian Ground Force unveiled a new drone named 'Farpad' during the massive wargames codenamed 'Mohammad Rasoulallah (PBUH) 4' in the Southeastern parts of the country on Monday morning. The hand-launched drone is run by autopilot and can fly maximum 45 minutes to the range of 20km. Also during the second day of the three-day drills, the Iranian Ground Force unveiled a jamming system which is capable of confronting Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) in a range of 3km and can force it to land after taking its control. The system is also portable by individuals. In another development in the wargames, the home-made Toufan missiles whose range and destruction and precision-striking power have been improved were fired by helicopters and hit simulated enemy's targets precisely.

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49. Iran Threatens World War If Trump Scraps Nuclear Deal

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 12 13

London - Iran's Defense Minister Hossein Dehghan on Sunday expressed deep concerns striking Tehran on the United States' President-elect Donald Trump rolling back from the internationally-brokered Iran nuclear deal. Dehghan made a loud warning that the caused unease brings about direct threats to peace in the region. Iran's defense minister threatened that a war would destroy Israel and the small Gulf Arab states. He added that a war sparked off in the Middle East might escalate to a world war. Delivering a speech at the 5th Moscow Conference on International Security (MCIS), on Sunday, Dehghan said that "Even though a businessman, the assistants that ... (Trump) has chosen may map a different path for him, and this has led to unease," "Considering Trump's character and that he measures the cost of everything in dollars, it

does not seem likely that he would take strong action against our country," he said according to the Mehr News Agency, an Iranian news agency headquartered in Tehran.

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50. Alep : John Kerry en appelle à la " compassion " du Kremlin (Canada)

Le Monde, Marc Semo, 2016 12 13

Paris - Résignés sur l'imminente reconquête par le régime et ses alliés russes des quartiers rebelles de l'est d'Alep, les Occidentaux espèrent encore limiter l'ampleur de la catastrophe humanitaire et soulager les souffrances des civils. Mais même sur ce point, ils semblent impuissants. Que pèsent les dénonciations des bombardements massifs et sans discrimination, présentés par le secrétaire d'Etat américain John Kerry comme des " crimes de guerre et des crimes contre l'humanité " ? La résolution adoptée vendredi 9 décembre par l'assemblée générale de l'ONU à l'initiative du Canada et appelant à une trêve immédiate (122 voix pour, 13 contre, 37 abstentions), n'a aucune valeur contraignante. " Il peut y avoir une solution, mais cela dépend des choix importants et magnanimes de la Russie ", a reconnu le chef de la diplomatie américaine en en appelant à la " compassion " du Kremlin lors d'une conférence de presse, samedi 10 décembre à Paris, à l'issue d'une matinée de réunions des ministres des affaires étrangères, une dizaine de pays (Etats-Unis, Grande-Bretagne, la France, Allemagne, pays du Golfe et Turquie) qui, depuis le début du soulèvement syrien, soutiennent la rébellion.

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51. Aleppo in Final Stages as Opposition Looks for Safe Corridors

Asharq Al-Awsat, Paula Astih, 2016 12 13

Beirut, Riyadh - The mood prevailing in Aleppo Monday hinted about the fall of the opposition after losing additional areas to Syrian regime forces. Practically, opposition factions now witness a fate similar to thousands of civilians trapped in about 10 kilometer square, seeking to find a safe corridor to withdraw from a city where regime forces have military succeeded. Activist Baha' al-Halabi, who is still present in an opposition- controlled area in Aleppo, said the city now witnesses a "historic massacre." Al-Halabi told Asharq Al-Awsat: "Until now, Moscow refuses to secure a safe exit for opposition fighters and tens of thousands of civilians now sleeping in the streets and the entrances of buildings." The activist added: "People here wish to die every minute... to die quickly and avoid seeing death under the rubble. People mostly fear that regime forces and their allies enter the area."

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52. Houthi Militia Top Wardog Killed

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 12 13

Taiz - Fierce clashes erupted between pro-government forces and insurgency militias in Yemen's Hajjah governorate, located just off the western front of Sanaa. Fighting extended to Taiz as well, spreading across border territory shared with Saudi Arabia. Insurgency militias have recorded losses in both personnel and artillery. Army intelligence based in the fifth military region, Midi district, reported the death of top militia commander Hussain Rashed Al Husowi along with 18 other militants. The militia ring was neutralized by an air raid staged by the Saudi-led Arab coalition forces. Husowi was believed to have been responsible for the armament of insurgency gunmen across several battlefronts, especially those taking place in the Harad district. At least 27 other militiamen were injured by the strike. The coalition's command room also reported the destruction of a Tochka missile launch pad, along with a military wagon positioned west of the Harad district.

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53. ISIS sets sights on key airbase after Palmyra victory

Now Lebanon, Albin Szakola, 2016 12 13

Beirut - ISIS fighters have advanced toward a key Syrian regime airbase in the desert west of Palmyra after retaking the UNESCO World Heritage Site in a shock victory over the weekend. On Monday, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported that ISIS troops have "almost completely surrounded" the T4 military airport, one of the largest and most important in the war-torn country. The monitoring NGO added that ISIS was "attempting to advance and storm the airport" amid heavy regime artillery fire and airstrikes, without going into further details on the fighting. Meanwhile, the A3maq news agency affiliated with ISIS touted gains outside the airbase, claiming that the extremist group seized the village of Marhatan outside T4, mountains north of the facility as well as the Jihar junction to the east.

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54. Spy cell gave vital military data to Iran

Saudi Gazette, Mansour Al-Shihri, 2016 12 13

Riyadh - The cell of 32 spies for Iran supplied to Tehran 124 intelligence reports containing detailed information about vital military installations in the Kingdom and other security data. The Criminal Court in Riyadh has sentenced 15 of them to death, jailed 15 others to prison terms ranging from six months to 25 years and acquitted two (a Saudi and an Afghan national). The cell, which was busted late 2014 and early 2015, consisted of 30 Saudis, an Iranian and an Afghan national who was a cook at a National Guard camp. Court sources said the cell delivered their reports to Iranian intelligence elements mostly through personal meetings with Iranian undercover diplomats in the Iranian embassy in Riyadh, its consulate in Jeddah and its permanent mission to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Jeddah. The methods also included sending through emails coded messages on which they were trained by Iranian intelligence elements.

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55. STL defense questions Ayyash's hajj records

Lebanon Daily Star, Rhys Dubin, 2016 12 13

Beirut - Witness PRH395 testified Monday at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, answering questions from defense counsel on records of Salim Jamil Ayyash's alleged hajj pilgrimage in the month before the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. Ayyash, one of the five individuals accused of orchestrating the assassination of Hariri in February 2005, allegedly made plans to travel to Saudi Arabia for the annual pilgrimage between Jan. 16 and 25, 2005. However according to the prosecution, he later canceled or falsified his visit in order to conceal his movements. Toward the end of the second session of Monday's proceedings, Prosecutor Alison De Bruir noted that, "The person who entered [Saudi Arabia on the discussed hajj passport] was not Ayyash." The bombing in Beirut on Feb. 14, 2005, killed Hariri and 21 others, wounding around 200 more.

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56. 20.282 personnes espionnées en un an sur le territoire français

Le Figaro, Christophe Cornevin, 2016 12 13

Paris - Dans son premier rapport d'activité dévoilé mardi matin, la Commission nationale de contrôle des techniques de renseignement (CNCTR) évalue que 47% des personnes surveillées l'ont été dans des dossiers terroristes et 29% au titre de la «lutte contre la criminalité organisée» ainsi que de la «prévention des violences collectives». Entre le 3 octobre 2015 et le 2 octobre dernier, quelque 20.282 personnes ont été espionnées par les services français. En dévoilant mardi matin son premier rapport d'activité, la Commission nationale de contrôle des techniques de renseignement (CNCTR) a évalué le nombre d'hommes et de femmes qui ont fait l'objet d'une surveillance. Celle-ci passe par l'emploi de la technique la moins intrusive, à savoir l'obtention des «fadettes» (facturations détaillées) de la personne ciblée jusqu'à des moyens plus lourds, telles que la sonorisation ou l'installation de moyens vidéo dans les domiciles en passant par les interceptions de sécurité, la géolocalisation, l'accès en temps réel aux données de connexion» ou encore l'emploi - encore parcimonieux - des «Imsi catchers» permettant de siphonner à distance les données de connexion des téléphones mobiles.

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57. Affaire Tarnac : terrorisme ou droit commun ?

Le Monde, Julia Pascual, 2016 12 13

Paris - La Cour de cassation devait examiner, mardi, un pourvoi du parquet général et de la SNCF, favorables à une qualification terroriste des faits poursuivis. L'avocat général s'y oppose.

Les mis en examen dénoncent le parti pris d'un des juges, ex-conseiller de Michèle Alliot-Marie. Peut-il s'être agi de terrorisme? Huit ans après le début de l'affaire Tarnac, la question de la nature des faits reprochés aux protagonistes de ce dossier est en passe d'être définitivement tranchée. La Cour de cassation devait examiner, mardi 13 décembre, le pourvoi du parquet général de Paris et de la SNCF, après que plusieurs magistrats se sont déjà prononcés pour l'abandon de la qualification de terrorisme. Dès le 7 août 2015, clôturant leur enquête, les juges d'instruction avaient estimé que les faits reprochés aux mis en examen ne pouvaient pas être considérés comme relevant du terrorisme.

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58. Cybersécurité : la France muscle son arsenal

Le Petit Bleu de Lot-et-Garonne, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 13

Paris - Le combat numérique va devenir une arme à part entière des armées françaises, aussi bien offensive que défensive, face à une cybermenace qui vise de plus en plus les intérêts vitaux des États. «L'émergence d'un nouveau milieu, d'un champ de bataille cyber, doit nous amener à repenser profondément notre manière d'aborder l'art de la guerre», a déclaré hier le ministre de la Défense Jean-Yves Le Drian, en dévoilant la doctrine des armées françaises en matière de cybersécurité. Dans un monde de plus en plus interconnecté, les cyberattaques venant d'États, hackers, groupes terroristes ou criminels se multiplient, a relevé le ministre. Elles peuvent paralyser des infrastructures vitales (réseaux téléphoniques, centrales électriques, transport..) tout comme des cibles militaires en tentant de pénétrer les systèmes embarqués d'aéronefs, bâtiments de guerre ou blindés. «L'arme cyber peut avoir des effets tout à fait comparables à l'armement plus conventionnel», a averti Jean-Yves Le Drian en inaugurant les nouveaux locaux de DGA Maîtrise de l'information, qui réunit les cyberexperts de la Défense à Bruz (Ile-et-Vilaine) près de Rennes.

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59. La protection des Français au coeur de sa feuille de route

Le Figaro, Christophe Cornevin, 2016 12 13

Paris - Confronté au spectre omniprésent d'une nouvelle frappe terroriste treize mois après les attentats kamikazes qui ont endeuillé Paris et Saint-Denis, Bernard Cazeneuve va faire de la sécurité et de la « protection des Français » un axe important de son discours de politique générale. Le nouveau locataire de Matignon, qui vient de la Place Beauvau à l'instar de son prédécesseur Manuel Valls, n'ignore rien de la vague qui monte. Quasiment à chacune de ses allocutions, alors qu'il était encore le premier flic de France, Cazeneuve a brandi l'épouvantail bien réel d'une « menace terroriste d'une ampleur inédite » présentant « des caractéristiques très hétérogènes » et demeurant « complexe à détecter et à prévenir ». Le tableau de la situation est ô combien sépulcral. Le 21 novembre dernier, il rappelait ainsi que le coup de filet mené à Marseille et Strasbourg contre des islamistes sur le point de perpétrer des « attaques coordonnées » portait à pas moins de 418 « le nombre des interpellations d'individus en lien avec des réseaux terroristes réalisées depuis le début de l'année 2016 » .

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60. Le Conseil national du numérique hausse le ton face au fichier TES

Le Figaro, Elisa Braun, 2016 12 13

Paris - Le fichage des Français au sein d'une base de données unique inquiète l'organe indépendant Non, c'est non. Le Conseil national du numérique (CNNum) reste intransigeant sur le fichier TES, qui permet au gouvernement de regrouper les données personnelles (sexe, couleur des yeux, taille, photo, empreintes digitales, filiation, nationalité...) de près de 60 millions de Français. Le CNNum en avait déjà demandé la suspension le 7 novembre dernier dans une lettre ouverte au gouvernement, où il déplorait les risques de dérives créées par un tel dispositif. La nouvelle prise de position du CNNum publiée lundi et qui résulte des contributions recueillies par sa plateforme de consultation et d'auditions d'experts, est encore moins tendre avec le gouvernement. Outre la demande réitérée de suspension du fichier, le Conseil préconise dans son rapport l'instauration d'un débat public sur les sujets de l'identité administrative et l'identité en ligne. Il insiste également sur l'«urgence à instaurer une nouvelle gouvernance des choix technologiques au sein de l'État».

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61. Surveillance spatiale : la France reste dans la cour des Etats- Unis et de la Russie

La Tribune (France), Michel Cabirol, 2016 12 13

Paris - La direction générale de l'armement a notifié le contrat de modernisation du système de surveillance de l'espace Graves à l'ONERA et à la PME Degreane Horizon. Un enjeu crucial pour la France qui peut ainsi suivre dans l'espace les satellites espions. Le ministère de la Défense lance la modernisation du système de surveillance de l'espace Graves comme l'avait annoncé La Tribune (lien : <http://www.latribune.fr/entreprises-finance/industrie/aeronautique-defense/surveillance-spatiale-la-france-modernise-le-systeme-graves-a-minima-602219.html>). La direction générale de l'armement (DGA) a notifié un contrat pouvant s'élever jusqu'à 40 millions d'euros, qui comprend une tranche ferme et des tranches optionnelles, à deux cocontractants : le centre français de la recherche aéronautique spatiale et de défense l'ONERA et la PME électronique Degreane Horizon, spécialisée dans l'acquisition et l'émission de données sensibles. Cette filiale du groupe Vinci était depuis 2003 un des fournisseurs du centre de recherche français sur ce programme. La DGA a toutefois confié à l'ONERA la responsabilité du maintien des performances du système puis de son amélioration.

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62. Un an après sa création, la commission chargée du contrôle du renseignement

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 12 13

Paris - Un an après sa création, la commission chargée du contrôle du renseignement affirme son indépendance L'avis de la Commission nationale de contrôle des techniques de renseignement, née en octobre 2015 pour faire contrepoids aux puissants moyens de surveillance accordés aux services secrets, n'est que consultatif mais le premier ministre l'a suivi dans la plupart des cas.

Pour son premier rapport annuel, présenté mardi 13 décembre, la Commission nationale de contrôle des techniques de renseignement (CNCTR), née, le 3 octobre 2015, pour faire contrepoids aux puissants moyens de surveillance accordés aux services secrets français dans la loi du 24 juillet 2015 sur le renseignement, jouait une part de sa crédibilité. Nommé président de cette nouvelle instance indépendante, Francis Delon, ex- secrétaire général de la défense nationale et l'un des pères fondateurs de la plateforme nationale du renseignement technique qui alimente depuis 2008 la communauté française du renseignement, devait prouver que les premiers soupçons de grande proximité avec l'Etat étaient infondés.

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63. Un ex-membre des GAL arrêté en Espagne pour des liens avec l'EI

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 13

Madrid - Un ex-membre des milices parapolicières des GAL a été arrêté mardi à Ségovie en Espagne pour des actions de propagande en faveur du groupe Etat islamique (EI), a annoncé le ministère espagnol de l'Intérieur en assurant qu'il était déterminé à commettre un attentat. L'homme dont l'identité n'a pas été précisée a par le passé "été condamné pour l'assassinat du cheminot français Jean-Pierre Leiba à Hendaye", dans le sud-ouest de la France, le 1er mars 1984, précise le ministère. Jean-Pierre Leiba avait été tué par erreur alors qu'il était en compagnie de trois Basques, un attentat alors attribué aux GAL, des milices qui luttèrent contre l'organisation séparatiste armée ETA, faisant 28 morts dans les années 1980. "Il est considéré comme très dangereux et (les forces de l'ordre) n'excluent pas qu'il puisse avoir accès à des armes à feu", ajoute le communiqué en expliquant que l'arrestation mardi matin à Ségovie, à une centaine de kilomètres au nord de Madrid, avait de ce fait été menée par une unité spéciale d'intervention de la garde civile. Selon le ministère, l'homme né à Irun, ville frontalière du Pays basque espagnol, avait adopté des idées relevant "de l'extrémisme religieux de nature jihadiste et faisait de la propagande pour le compte de Daech", acronyme arabe de l'Etat islamique (EI). Il était "déterminé à commettre un attentat terroriste".

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CSIS in the News • Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. CSIS now says it will not report media surveillance

Toronto Star, Tonda MacCharles, 2016 12 14

Ottawa - Canada's spy agency has backtracked on its promise to reveal to a Senate committee how many Canadian journalists it spied on in the past, citing operational security. The Canadian

Security Intelligence Service said while it "appreciates the importance of the question" to Canadians and the Senate committee on national security and defence, "we regret that we cannot confirm whether journalists have been the subject of any CSIS investigation." Conservative Sen. Claude Carignan called it a "bizarre response" and a "serious" breach of an undertaking to a parliamentary committee. He suggested it implies that surveillance of journalists is either still ongoing or has been recently suspended. "How can it harm operations if you don't have any operations ongoing?" he said in an interview. Carignan, who has tabled a private member's bill to protect journalists' sources, wondered if there had been surveillance operations of media that are currently suspended, especially after the controversial practice surfaced in Quebec where provincial and Montreal police were revealed to have spied on several top investigative reporters and columnists, apparently in search of police leaks. The statement to the committee said CSIS recognizes it "has a duty to fulfil its mandate in a manner that upholds Canadian law and values. "However, we also have a duty to identify and advise government of threats to our national security, and exercise our authorities set out in law to fulfil this mandate. Any individual engaged in threat-related activities may be subject to this kind of lawful investigation, irrespective of their profession. "While CSIS can discuss elements of its relevant policy framework, we cannot provide information regarding whether anyone may or may not have been the subject of investigation. To do so would compromise the integrity of our operations and jeopardize our ability to fulfil the mandate given CSIS by Parliament." Last month, Brian Rumig, assistant director of CSIS operations, conceded it was possible CSIS had in the past spied on reporters, although it has publicly said no reporters are currently under surveillance.

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2. Ontario names former intelligence officer to be its first security advisor

It World Canada, Howard Solomon, 2016 12 14

As a sign it is taking cyber security more seriously Ontario has hired a former Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) assistant director of intelligence to be its first provincial security advisor. Ray Boisvert, who has headed a security consulting company iSECIS for four years since leaving CSIS, was named to the post -- which will make him an associate deputy minister in the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services -- by the government this morning. He begins his duties Jan.2 In his role he will provide advice and intelligence on areas of public safety and national security that fall within provincial responsibility, the government said in a statement. "He will support efforts to protect provincial assets from events that could affect services, networks and facilities that are critical to Ontario's economy, public safety and security." He will also engage with key partners on security-related matters. Boisvert will report to the deputy minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services. As a former intelligence operative Boisvert has been a popular interview for news media who doesn't pull his punches. At a conference last year on the state of Canada's critical infrastructure he warned that governments, utilities and financial institutions aren't doing enough to defend critical infrastructure for online attacks. However, he did add that Ontario, New Brunswick and Alberta are ahead of the other provinces and territories.

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3. Ray Boisvert named new Ontario provincial security advisor

iPolitics.ca, Amanda Connolly, 2016 12 14

Ottawa - The former assistant director of intelligence at CSIS has been named to a newly-created post -- Ontario's provincial security advisor. Ray Boisvert will start in the new role on January 2, 2017, and will be tasked with providing advice and intelligence on national security matters that fall under provincial responsibility, including efforts to build critical provincial infrastructure resilience and engaging with provincial security partners. The position is a new associate deputy minister position within the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. Boisvert will report to the deputy minister of the portfolio while also supporting the cabinet secretary and other senior leaders across the department. Boisvert has more than 30 years of experience in the national security field, including as assistant director of intelligence and director general of the counter-terrorism program at CSIS. Prior to joining CSIS he worked with the RCMP. Most recently he has been president of I-Sec Integrated Strategies, a risk mitigation consulting firm, since his retirement from CSIS in 2012. While the company will remain incorporated during Boisvert's two-year tenure, he will not be doing any contracting or consulting and the other consultants who work with the company will take their work elsewhere for the time being. Boisvert said that while he enjoyed working in the private sector for the last several years, it was time to return to public service "It was time for another new challenge, to build something from scratch in a program that I think everybody seems to recognize is long overdue," he told iPolitics.

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4. Surveillance de journaliste Le SCRS renie son engagement... et maintient le flou

La Presse+, Joël-Denis Bellavance, 2016 12 14

Ottawa - Les dirigeants du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) font volte-face : après s'être engagés devant un comité du Sénat le mois dernier à préciser si des journalistes avaient fait l'objet d'une enquête de leur part dans le passé, ils reviennent sur leur parole dans une réponse écrite qui a été envoyée au sénateur conservateur Claude Carignan. Dans leur réponse écrite, les dirigeants du SCRS justifient cette volte-face en affirmant qu'ils pourraient « compromettre l'intégrité des opérations » de l'organisation et « nuire à sa capacité d'exercer le mandat que le Parlement lui a confié » s'ils confirmaient que le SCRS avait déjà eu un journaliste dans sa ligne de mire dans le passé. « Ainsi, le SCRS est au regret de ne pas pouvoir confirmer si des journalistes ont fait l'objet d'une de ses enquêtes, et ce, même si son représentant s'était engagé à donner une réponse spécifique », affirme le SCRS dans sa réponse écrite, obtenue par La Presse.

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5. Trudeau must honour promise to protect privacy and amend Anti- terrorism Act

Toronto Star Online, Ann Cavoukian and Michael Vonn, 2016 12 14

Op-ed: In the run up to the passing of the Anti-terrorism Act, 2015 (still branded as "Bill C-51"), huge rallies in protest were held across the country. A leading issue in the public protests was the

unprecedented surveillance powers that would be created by Bill C-51 under a stand-alone statute called the Security of Canada Information Sharing Act (SCISA). SCISA allows for personal information in any quantities, including entire databases, to be "shared" among a vast number of federal government entities for "detection, identification, analysis, prevention, investigation or disruption" of "activities that undermine the security of Canada." The "undermining" of security (as opposed to "threatening" security) is a new concept in Canadian law. While we aren't sure just how far the concept extends, SCISA spells out that it includes activities far beyond those relating to public safety. It stretches to public life in general, including "the administration of justice," "the economic or financial stability of Canada" and even extends to activities that "undermine the security of another state." The personal information of Canadians that is subject to this widespread and relatively unfettered disclosure includes information as sensitive as health information and tax information (Health Canada, Veterans Affairs and the Canada Revenue Agency, all being among the entities in the sharing scheme). We join every privacy commissioner in the country in saying that no compelling explanation has ever been provided as to why our previous laws were inadequate for national security purposes, let alone why a "blowing-open-the-barn-door" approach is the appropriate remedy. SCISA has compounded a crisis in public confidence about surveillance in Canada. Against a backdrop of already existing surveillance concerns, this fall's public consultation on the National Security Framework for Canada has been regularly punctuated by bombshell revelations of fresh surveillance scandals: A decade's worth of CSIS violating its duty of candour to the courts when seeking secret warrants; a decade's worth of CSIS illegally collecting metadata; unspecified years of having literally everything ingested into the CSIS bulk data holdings, potentially illegally ("no evidence to indicate that CSIS had appropriately considered the threshold as required in the CSIS Act"). Note: Ann Cavoukian, Ph.D., is the executive director of the Privacy and Big Data Institute at Ryerson University. Michael Vonn is policy director of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association.

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6. Author cleared of slandering Muslim school

National Post, Graeme Hamilton, 2016 12 14

Montréal - The criticism Djemila Benhabib levelled against a private Muslim school during a 2012 radio interview was harsh. The school was providing small children indoctrination worthy of a military camp in Afghanistan, she said. It was grooming "fundamental activists." It offered as a model a society "where men are probably going to commit honour crimes against their sisters." But in what her lawyer called a victory for free speech, a judge cleared Benhabib of slander Tuesday, ruling her comments were neither erroneous nor made in bad faith. "Certainly, these remarks are severe and could have been hurtful," Superior Court Justice Carole Hallée wrote. "However they have a place in a democratic society like ours." Benhabib, an author and outspoken critic of Islamist fundamentalism, had begun looking into the Muslim School of Montreal after seeing a brochure in which the female students all wore hijabs. She learned on the school's website that children were memorizing Qur'anic passages that spoke of beautiful virgins awaiting male believers in the afterlife, while non-believers endured the fires of hell. She told

radio 98.5FM that the school was instituting a "sexual apartheid" and that it was "very far from the values of our society." The school sued for defamation, seeking \$95,000 in damages from Benhabib. It claimed the interview had led students to fear for their safety, necessitating additional security and provoking a drop in enrolment.

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7. Canada won't follow U.S. in limiting arms sales to Saudis

Globe and Mail, Steven Chase, 2016 12 14

Ottawa - Canada will not follow the United States in restricting arms sales to Saudi Arabia - such as a \$15-billion Canadian combat-vehicle deal - even though Barack Obama's administration has just curbed some weapons exports to the Mideast kingdom because of the number of civilians the Saudis are killing during strikes in Yemen. Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion said Canada has asked the Saudis to be careful how they use some of their more controversial weapons in Yemen, where Saudi Arabia is leading a coalition of Arab states trying to beat back Houthi rebels backed by Iran. He did not elaborate on these conversations. When asked if Canada would follow the United States, Mr. Dion would say only that he is confident Ottawa can monitor its arms exports for misuse. On Tuesday, Reuters reported that the United States has decided to block some military exports to Saudi Arabia's intervention in Yemen because of concerns over widespread civilian casualties, and will halt a planned arms sale to Riyadh. U.S. officials declined to offer details. But one case put on hold appeared to involve the sale of hundreds of millions of dollars worth of guidance systems manufactured by Raytheon Co. that convert bombs into precision-guided munitions that can more accurately hit their targets. The decision reflects deep frustration within Mr. Obama's government over Saudi Arabia's practices in Yemen's 20-month-old war, which has killed more than 10,000 people and sparked humanitarian crises, including chronic food shortages, in the poorest country in the Middle East. The Saudi-led coalition has been accused of violating international humanitarian law in its strikes on Yemeni targets.

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8. Canadian government asked to probe whether Toronto-area man involved in Pakistan mosque siege

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 12 14

Toronto - An attack on a mosque in Chakwal, Pakistan, has led to calls for an investigation in Canada over allegations a Toronto-area man was part of a group that vowed "extreme measures" against the place of worship. A mob of about 1,000 surrounded the mosque belonging to minority Ahmadiyya Muslims, according to Pakistani newspapers The Nation and Dawn, as well as social media posts, some showing video of the damage. The incident Monday reportedly came after locals filed a petition with police claiming "infidels" were illegally occupying the building and unless action was taken "we will be forced to take extreme measures to liberate this mosque." One of the names near the top of the petition was Haji Malik Rashid Ahmed, whom Ahmadiyyas say is a Canadian. A news website run by the Ahmadiyya community reported he had spoken about the issue at mosques in the Chakwal area. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at

Canada, which represents Canadian Ahmadiyya Muslims, raised the issue at a meeting with Global Affairs Canada, said Asif Khan, the organization's director of public relations. Khan said he informed federal officials that a Canadian was possibly involved and sent them the relevant documentation. He also asked whether Global Affairs would inform the RCMP, or if his organization should do it. "We don't want stuff like that here," Khan said Tuesday. While violence against religious minorities is commonplace in Pakistan, he called the conduct "un-Canadian" and said he hoped whatever laws applied would be enforced.

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9. Djemila Benhabib remporte sa cause en diffamation

Journal de Montréal, Nichaël Nguyen, 2016 12 14

Montréal - L'École musulmane de Montréal la poursuivait pour des propos qu'elle a tenus à la radio « AUTANT LA À LIBERTÉ DÉFAUT DE D'EXPRESSION D'ACCORDER PROTECTION À DANS UN CONTEXTE DE DÉBAT D'INTÉRÊT PUBLIC, C'EST LA SOCIÉTÉ QUI SUBIRA UN PRÉJUDICE ÉNORME » - La juge Carole Hallée L'auteure Djemila Benhabib n'aura pas à verser un sou à l'École musulmane de Montréal qui la poursuivait en diffamation, a tranché le tribunal dans une décision réitérant l'importance de la liberté d'expression. Au procès, Djemila Benhabib a soutenu qu'elle n'avait pas diffamé l'École musulmane de Montréal. La juge lui a donné raison, hier. «Nous avons gagné, a réagi Mme Benhabib sur Twitter depuis la France, où elle est présentement. Justice a été rendue. Merci à mon avocat Marc-André Nadon + tous mes soutiens. Merci mille fois!» Me Nadon s'est aussi dit satisfait de la décision de la juge Carole Hallée, qui, selon lui, confirme les principes bien établis concernant la liberté d'expression.

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10. Le pacte est respecté, selon l'Institut

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 12 14

Ottawa - L'entente sur le nouveau Programme de soutien du mieux-être au travail (PSMET) des employés fédéraux, qui prévoit neuf jours de congé de maladie payés par année, respecte tous les principes du pacte syndical visant à améliorer le régime de congés de maladie actuel, soutient Debi Daviau, la présidente de l'Institut professionnel de la fonction publique du Canada (IPFPC). « Notre choix se limite à conserver le régime actuel ou à l'améliorer. Au bout du compte, si nous ne pouvons convenir des modifications à apporter à la table des négociations, le régime actuel demeurera en place », a souligné Mme Daviau à la suite des ententes de principe intervenues depuis la semaine dernière pour le renouvellement du contrat de travail de quatre groupes d'employés fédéraux.

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11. U.S. acts on border pre-clearance bill

Vancouver Sun, Jeff Lee, 2016 12 14

Vancouver - Bus, train and cruise ship travel between Canada and the U.S. is set to speed up now that a pre-clearance bill has been adopted by the U.S. Senate, matched by impending Canadian legislation. One of the first beneficiaries of the new law will be Vancouver-based tourist train operator Rocky Mountaineer, which was part of a pilot project approved earlier this year. Once matching Canadian legislation is approved next year, the company expects passengers travelling to the U.S. will be precleared at Rocky Mountaineer's facilities, meaning they no longer have to stop at the border. Another pilot project is at Montreal's main train station. The new bill, called the Promoting Travel, Commerce and National Security Act, is expected to be signed by Barack Obama in one of his last acts as U.S. president. It builds on an established preclearance program now in place at eight Canadian airports, including Vancouver. In signing the bill, the Obama government would pre-empt concerns that the new Donald Trump presidency would tighten border access. Companion Canadian legislation, Bill C-23, received second reading in Parliament in June and is set to receive final reading. In 2015, more than 12 million passengers travelling to the U.S. were cleared at U.S. Customs facilities inside Canadian airports. The new bill adds two more airports, Toronto's Billy Bishop and Quebec City's Jean Lesage.

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12. As Exxon Head, Tillerson Put Company's Needs Over U.S. Interests

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 12 14

Beirut - Struggling to keep Iraq from splintering, American diplomats pushed for a law in 2011 to share the country's oil wealth among its fractious regions. Then Exxon Mobil showed up. Under its chief executive, Rex W. Tillerson, the giant oil company sidestepped Baghdad and Washington, signing a deal directly with the Kurdish administration in the country's north. The move undermined Iraq's central government, strengthened Kurdish independence ambitions and contravened the stated goals of the United States. Mr. Tillerson's willingness to cut a deal regardless of the political consequences speaks volumes about Exxon Mobil's influence. In the Iraq case, Mr. Tillerson and his company outmaneuvered the State Department, which he has now been nominated by President-elect Donald J. Trump to lead. "They are very powerful in the region, and they couldn't care less about what the State Department wants to do," Jean-François Seznec, a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council, a research group in Washington, said of Exxon Mobil's pursuits in the Middle East. Under Mr. Tillerson, Exxon Mobil has struck lucrative deals with repressive governments in Africa, clashed with China and befriended Vietnam over disputed territory in the South China Sea, learned from hard experience in Venezuela, and built a close rapport with Russia at a time of deepening mistrust between the Kremlin and the West.

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13. Congress split on how to probe charges against Russia

Washington Post, Karoun Demirjian, 2016 12 14

Washington - Congressional leaders are vowing to vigorously probe allegations that Russia interfered in the elections to benefit President-elect Donald Trump, but they are already arguing

over who should do so and how any examination should be conducted. Senior Republicans want to channel any investigation through the House and Senate intelligence committees, over which they have greater control. But some Democrats, fearing that the results of such an investigation would never be released to the public, are pushing the formation of an independent body of outsiders modeled on the Sept. 11 commission. Still other Republicans would like to see a bipartisan investigation in Congress - or better yet, form entirely new congressional committees and subcommittees to dig into the matter. A different group of Democrats would like to see a very unusual bicameral probe into whether Russia allegedly hacked the Democratic National Committee emails and leaked them to WikiLeaks in a concerted effort to damage Hillary Clinton. The cacophony of competing voices on Capitol Hill could hamstring the rare, near-universal commitment to dig into allegations Russia interfered with the 2016 election. It may also allow Trump to discredit lawmakers' efforts as overly partisan - the president-elect has called charges that Russia interfered in the election to benefit his candidacy "ridiculous."

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14. Cybersecurity experts see grounds for worry in Trump's Cabinet picks

CNBC, Harriet Taylor, 2016 12 13

New York - President-elect Donald Trump's Cabinet picks and his campaign rhetoric have industry experts worried that his administration will increase surveillance on Americans and gut the regulatory bodies that oversee cybersecurity. "The president-elect, his advisors and future Cabinet members appear to see more enemies lurking in the homeland than in Russia or other cyber superpowers," said David Cowan, an investor in cybersecurity start-ups with Bessemer Venture Partners. "I fear that for the first time, the federal government really does pose a 'Big Brother' threat in cyberspace." In addition to privacy concerns, the U.S. faces enormous threats to critical infrastructure from nation states, criminals and activists, and experts say it's unclear whether Trump will get the right advice on how to protect the country, or whether agencies will be adequately funded to do their jobs. It's not clear how Trump's administration will treat issues like mass surveillance -- an area which was controversial for the Obama administration -- but his Cabinet picks raise concern, said Corynne McSherry, legal director at the Electronic Frontier Foundation. McSherry said Pompeo poses a particularly worrying risk to American citizens' privacy, as he has advocated for things like the routine mass collection and use of "social data" from third parties, like Facebook and Alphabet's Google. Pompeo has also called for Edward Snowden to be put to death, said Chris Calabrese, vice president for policy at the Center for Democracy and Technology.

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15. Democratic House Candidates Were Also Targets of Russian Hacking

New York Times, Eric Lipton, Scott Shane, 2016 12 14

Washington - South Florida has long been a laboratory for some of the nation's roughest politics, with techniques like phantom candidates created by political rivals to siphon off votes from their opponents, or so-called boleteras hired to illegally fill out stacks of absentee ballots on behalf of elderly or disabled voters. But there was never anything quite like the 2016 election campaign,

when a handful of Democratic House candidates became targets of a Russian influence operation that made thousands of pages of documents stolen by hackers from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in Washington available to Florida reporters and bloggers. "It was like I was standing out there naked," said Annette Taddeo, a Democrat who lost her primary race after secret campaign documents were made public. "I just can't describe it any other way. Our entire internal strategy plan was made public, and suddenly all this material was out there and could be used against me." The impact of the information released by the hackers on candidates like Ms. Taddeo in Florida and others in nearly a dozen House races around the country was largely lost in the focus on the hacking attacks against the Democratic National Committee and Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. But this untold story underscores the effect the Russian operation had on the American electoral system. "This is not a traditional tit-for-tat on a partisan political campaign, where one side hits the other and then you respond," said Kelly Ward, executive director of the D.C.C.C. "This is an attack by a foreign actor that had the intent to disrupt our election, and we were the victims of it."

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16. Harry Reid Says Electors Should Have Intelligence Briefing

BuzzFeed News, Ben Smith, 2016 12 14

Washington - Sen. Harry Reid told BuzzFeed News Tuesday that members of the Electoral College should receive an intelligence briefing on Russian interference in the US election before they vote on Dec. 19. The Senate's minority leader was interviewed at a BuzzFeed Brews event, where the retiring Nevada lawmaker also reflected on the state of the US Senate. "I think this is as big a deal as Watergate, as 9/11. I think they should have a 9/11-type commission. I know that [US Sens.] Dianne Feinstein and Ben Cardin and others are calling for that. I think it's a step in the right direction," Reid said. "This is a scandal that has been uncovered." In addition to calling for the commission, Reid said he placed much of the blame on FBI Director James Comey. "I think Comey has done as much to denigrate the FBI in just the short three years he's been here as J. Edgar Hoover did during his time," Reid said.

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17. Team Split on Foreign Policy

Wall Street Journal, Carol E. Lee, Felicia Schwartz, 2016 12 14

Washington - President-elect Donald Trump has selected a national- security team whose members hold conflicting positions on some major foreign-policy issues, leaving open the question of how he will exert U.S. power on the world stage. Mr. Trump's core advisers differ on topics including climate change, trade, and the international nuclear deal with Iran. But there is an overarching similarity in their worldviews: that the time has come for a shift from the current U.S. approach to global affairs. Mr. Trump already has demonstrated his intent to upend President Barack Obama's approach to Russia and China by pursuing warmer ties with Moscow and a more confrontational posture toward Beijing. Mr. Obama has sought a closer relationship with China, while aggressively taking on Russian President Vladimir Putin over his interventions in Ukraine and Syria. A transition official advising Mr. Trump said that while there are treaties

and alliances the president-elect sees as central to the U.S., much is up for debate as his foreign-policy approach is rooted in having "the ability to look at situations with fresh eyes, but also not be held captive to an ideology or a narrative." "The common thread is you're talking about people who have a vast experience in world affairs," the official said. "They're not coming at it from an ideological perspective or a political perspective, but a perspective of real-world experience."

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18. The Perfect Weapon: How Russian Cyberpower Invaded the U.S.

New York Times, Multiple reporters, 2016 12 13

Washington - When Special Agent Adrian Hawkins of the Federal Bureau of Investigation called the Democratic National Committee in September 2015 to pass along some troubling news about its computer network, he was transferred, naturally, to the help desk. His message was brief, if alarming. At least one computer system belonging to the D.N.C. had been compromised by hackers federal investigators had named "the Dukes," a cyberespionage team linked to the Russian government. It was the cryptic first sign of a cyberespionage and information-warfare campaign devised to disrupt the 2016 presidential election, the first such attempt by a foreign power in American history. What started as an information-gathering operation, intelligence officials believe, ultimately morphed into an effort to harm one candidate, Hillary Clinton, and tip the election to her opponent, Donald J. Trump. Like another famous American election scandal, it started with a break-in at the D.N.C. The first time, 44 years ago at the committee's old offices in the Watergate complex, the burglars planted listening devices and jimmed a filing cabinet. This time, the burglary was conducted from afar, directed by the Kremlin, with spear-phishing emails and zeros and ones. An examination by The Times of the Russian operation -- based on interviews with dozens of players targeted in the attack, intelligence officials who investigated it and Obama administration officials who deliberated over the best response -- reveals a series of missed signals, slow responses and a continuing underestimation of the seriousness of the cyberattack. The D.N.C.'s fumbling encounter with the F.B.I. meant the best chance to halt the Russian intrusion was lost. The failure to grasp the scope of the attacks undercut efforts to minimize their impact. And the White House's reluctance to respond forcefully meant the Russians have not paid a heavy price for their actions, a decision that could prove critical in deterring future cyberattacks.

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19. Trump's hostility to intelligence community enters the spotlight

The Hill, Katie Bo Williams, Julian Hattem, 2016 12 14

Washington - Donald Trump's hostile approach to the critically important relationship between the White House and the U.S. intelligence community is unnerving officials and national security scholars. The president-elect has signaled that he intends to treat intelligence with little attention to precedent. Former officials are concerned that the agencies on which Trump will rely to give him a decisionmaking advantage simply won't trust the president-elect -- with dire consequences. "Intelligence officials are always worried about whether the president will have their back,

particularly when the world they operate in is dangerous," said Amy Zegart, a co-director of the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University who studies the intelligence community. "This president is now knifing them from the front."

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20. Trump Feud Over Russia Intel Raises Deeper Concerns, Experts Say

NBC News, Benjy Sarlin, 2016 12 14

New York - President-elect Donald Trump's ongoing feud with U.S. intelligence agencies over alleged hacking by Russia is unnerving outside national security experts, some of whom fear the frosty relationship could impact Trump's ability to govern. Of course Trump -- who said in August the intelligence community's performance has been "catastrophic" -- wouldn't be the first president to have a strained relationship with his own agencies. But what separates Trump, some experts say, is his unusually harsh public criticism of the intelligence community's basic worth and a lack of clarity on how he plans to gather facts if he refuses their counsel. "No presidents have been perfectly happy with intelligence assessments because intelligence assessments often bring bad news," David Priess, author of "The President's Book of Secrets" and a former CIA officer and daily briefer to President George W. Bush, told NBC News. "Intelligence has enormous implications for keeping the military safe, preventing threats against the homeland, and foreign diplomacy," Susan Hennessey, a Brookings fellow and former attorney at the NSA, said. "What happens when it goes away, I don't know. We could have a president who is governing based on instinct instead of evidence... There are a number of people in the intelligence community who risk their lives to do this out of a deep sense of patriotism. If those men and women start to hear from the president that he doesn't care so much about their info, he won't read it, he won't believe it, I think really talented people are going to start to think 'Why am I doing this?'"

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21. Trump is playing a risky spy game

Washington Post, David Ignatius, 2016 12 14

Column - Intelligence officers like to distinguish between knowable secrets that spies can steal and fuzzier mysteries that have to be assessed without final, definitive proof. The intent of Russia's covert meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election is probably somewhere between the two. But after conversations with a half-dozen knowledgeable sources, here are two simple judgments: Russia's secret hacking against Democratic Party officials threatened the integrity of the U.S. political system. And President-elect Donald Trump shouldn't have criticized the CIA after its analysts told Congress about the Kremlin's efforts. Trump, unbelievably, seemed to be taking a potential adversary's side against his own nation's intelligence professionals. The evidence that led CIA analysts to conclude that Moscow's aim in 2016 was to help Trump -- rather than simply spread confusion -- was based on a variety of sources. One indication was that the Russians didn't disseminate information from their snooping into Republican files, as they had with the product of hacking against Democrats; the Russians also didn't disseminate material after Trump's victory. The CIA had other, more sensitive evidence that officials won't discuss.

An administration official wouldn't comment on whether Obama had shared with Trump the intelligence assessment and plan for wider review. But it's unlikely such an important decision wouldn't have been conveyed to his transition team, which makes Trump's Twitter blasts at the CIA last weekend all the more puzzling and disturbing. Perhaps the trickiest task will fall to Rep. Mike Pompeo (R-Kan.), Trump's nominee to head the CIA. He must reassure a battered agency workforce that the next administration values its own intelligence officers and is vigilant against machinations by foreign spies.

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22. Security analyst slams Irish backpackers who visited Iraq war zone as 'foolhardy and naive' (Canada)

Irish Independent, Ryan Nugent, 2016 12 13

Dublin - Irish backpackers who visited the front line of a war zone in Iraq have been described as "foolhardy and naive" for associating themselves with Kurdish forces. William Meara (26) and his pal Craig Reynolds (24), who travelled to a notorious front line of war in northern Iraq as part of a backpacking trip around the world, said they were "terrified" when brought to the notorious Daquq last week. After hitch-hiking from the Iranian border to Sulaymaniyah in northern Iraq they made acquaintances with Kurdish freedom fighters, the Peshmerga military force - some of which were fighting from different parts of the world. Mr Meara told the Irish Independent that a Canadian freedom fighter was their link as they visited Daquq the day after a late night drinking session with locals. "He introduced us to his friend. The next morning he decided he'd invite us out and try to get us out on to the front line," Mr Meara said.

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23. Twitter fails to deal with far-right abuse, anti-hate crime group tells MPs

The Guardian (London), Jamie Grierson, 2016 12 13

London - The founder of a hate-crime monitoring group has told MPs that Twitter is failing to tackle far-right extremists in the wake of Jo Cox's murder. Fiyaz Mughal, founder of Tell MAMA, which records anti-Muslim abuse, said the group's attempts to report far-right extremism, including voices that call for the eradication of Muslims, had been ignored by the social networking site. Mughal said the state was picking up the bill for dealing with far-right extremism and called for representatives of Twitter to be hauled before the government. "We're talking about individuals who open up websites, name and shame members of the Muslim community, who will give addresses where they're going to speak, who will put them at risk in terms of their social activities," he told the Commons home affairs select committee.

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24. Concerns over tinnie terror court case

Australian Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 12 14

Melbourne - Lawyers for six Australian men accused of plotting to join an Islamic State faction by boat are worried they may run out of public funding to defend the men. Musa Cerantonio, Paul Dacre, Shayden Thorne, Kadir Kaya, Murat Kaya and Antonio Granata have been charged over an alleged plan to sail from Cape York to the Philippines to join Islamic State sympathisers. The men's defence is being funded by Victoria Legal Aid, and on Wednesday their lawyers requested the Melbourne Magistrates' Court direct the organisation to appear in court and address funding concerns. (Full report)

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25. NZ says government will be money-laundering watchdog for lawyers, estate agents

Reuters, Staff reporter, 2016 12 14

Wellington - The New Zealand government rejected on Tuesday a proposal for industries to police new money-laundering rules themselves, and will instead leave one government department in charge of supervising thousands more businesses. The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) would scrutinise the new professions covered by the rules, including lawyers, real estate agents, accountants and car dealers, according to a proposal released by the Ministry of Justice on Tuesday. The new rules will be introduced next year. The government has come under pressure to tackle money laundering since the release in April of the Panama Papers, which showed how offshore companies often use New Zealand trusts as a way to create a secretive untaxed vehicle in the South Pacific nation. The Ministry of Justice said "self-regulating bodies" had no experience in tackling money-laundering and the financing of terrorism. "Having multiple agency supervision by self-regulatory bodies isn't considered appropriate in New Zealand," the ministry said. Money-laundering experts had called for a dedicated supervisory body similar to Australia's Austrac to streamline operations for New Zealand's limited number of compliance experts and ensure consistency in applying the rules.

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26. 25 militants killed in Helmand clearing operation

Pajhwok Afghan News, Pajhwok Report, 2016 12 14

Lashkargah - At least 25 Taliban insurgents have been killed during security forces searching operations in four districts of southern Helmand province, an official said on Tuesday. Provincial police chief, Brig. Gen. Aqa Noor Kintouz, told a press conference on Tuesday that the operations were launched in Marja, Garam Sir, Nawa and Nadali districts of the province. He said that only Nawa district was still with the Taliban but the centers and parts of other districts operated were with Afghan forces. Kintouz said 25 militants were killed during an operation of Afghan ground and air forces in Bashran locality of Lashkargah, the provincial capital on

Monday night. The militants supported by Pakistan intelligence agency planned to capture Lashkargah city, but the group failed to achieve such goals, he added.

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27. Afghan Taliban release profile of chief Maulvi Haibtullah Akhunzada

The Express Tribune, Tahir Khan, 2016 12 14

Islamabad - The Afghan Taliban on Wednesday released a profile of Maulvi Haibtullah Akhunzada months after he was named the group's chief. The profile detailed Haibtullah's role during Afghanistan's invasion in 2001 and after the deaths of Mullah Omar and Mullah Mansour. The new chief is a strong advocate of Islamic unity, disavowing differences of ideology between Shias and Sunnis, the profile added. Haibtullah was named chief by members of the group's leading council following Mullah Akhtar Mansoor's death in a US drone strike on May 21. Sirajuddin Haqqani alias Khalifa and Maulvi Yaqoob Mujahid, late Mullah Omar's son, were appointed his deputies on the occasion. "It was the courage and strong determination of brave leaders like Sheikh Haibtullah Akhunzada and his faithful colleagues that encouraged and inspired mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate and the Muslim masses of our country," the profile read.

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28. Eshchi detention to be investigated independently (Canada).

Pajhwok Afghan News, Javid Hamim Kakar, 2016 12 14

Kabul - The national unity government is investigating the detention of Ahmad Eshchi, a noted tribal elder from northern Jawzjan province, the Presidential Palace said on Tuesday. Whatever its outcome, the investigations would be independently conducted by the judiciary, a statement from President Ashraf Ghani's office said. The government said it considered the protection of people, human dignity and Islamic values in compliance with the country's constitution and international law as its core responsibility. The Presidential Palace assured the Afghans that the case of Eshchi would be investigated and action taken against the culprits. EU members, Australia, Canada and Norway released a statement on Tuesday, asking the Ashraf Ghani administration to formally investigate reports of human rights violations and misuse of authority by Dostum.

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29. Political, jihadi leaders meet on Pugwash peace proposal (Canada).

Pajhwok Afghan News, Javid Hamim Kakar, Painsa Hikmat, 2016 12 14

Kabul - Leading political and jihadi leaders gathered in Kabul on Tuesday to discuss a peace resolution suggested by Pugwash, an official said. Pugwash, a Canada-based organisation, arranges conferences and seminars to seek solution to conflicts in various parts of the world. The Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs (PCSWA) has offices in Washington, Geneva and London. PCSWA has arranged gatherings and seminars on the Afghanistan conflict

in Qatar, France and the United Arab Emirates. The organisation arranged a conference in Islamabad last month on Pakistan- Afghanistan relations as well as the Afghan government-initiated peace process. A Pugwash official in Kabul, Khaliullah Sapi, told Pajhwok Afghan News about 40 political and jihadi leaders had been invited to the conference.

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30. Bruxelles et Washington sanctionnent Kinshasa

All Africa, Claire-Marie Kostmann, 2016 12 13

Kinshasa - L'UE a décidé d'infliger des sanctions à sept hauts responsables de l'appareil sécuritaire congolais accusés de violences. Washington s'en prend au vice-Premier ministre et au chef de l'Agence nationale de renseignement. 'C'est un premier pas vers un rôle plus fort de l'UE' (D. Rostagno) L'Union européenne sanctionne sept hauts responsables de la police et de l'armée de la République démocratique du Congo. Ces hommes sont mis en cause principalement pour la répression meurtrière des manifestations d'opposants à Kinshasa les 19 et 20 septembre. Ces violences ont fait une cinquantaine de morts. Bruxelles prévoit d'étendre encore cette liste "en cas d'obstruction" du processus électoral. Bruxelles avait déjà à deux reprises cette année menacé Kinshasa de sanctions.

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31. Church Blast in Egypt Was Prelude, ISIS Warns

New York Times, Nour Youseff, Declan Walsh, 2016 12 14

Cairo - Egypt faced the prospect of a surge in sectarian bloodshed on Tuesday after the Islamic State claimed responsibility for the bombing of a Coptic cathedral in Cairo that killed 25 people on Sunday. The group warned of more attacks to come. As Christians gathered in churches to pay their respects to the victims, most of them women, the Islamic State said it had sent a suicide bomber to the chapel on the grounds of St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, the seat of the Egyptian Orthodox Church. The Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL, identified the bomber by his nom de guerre, Abu Abdallah al-Masri. The Egyptian authorities on Monday identified the attacker as Mahmoud Shafik Mohamed Mostafa, but said he had used a different alias. There was no immediate explanation for the discrepancy. A surveillance video made public by the Egyptian authorities showed a figure, said to be Mr. Mostafa, as he entered the church, followed moments later by a blast. It was the deadliest militant attack on Egyptian civilians in years, and the country's worst act of sectarian violence since another Islamist group bombed a Coptic church in Alexandria in 2011. The Islamic State vowed to escalate its "war on polytheism" -- a phrase that, in the Egyptian context, is a thinly veiled reference to Christianity. The threat suggested that the group, which has been battling the Egyptian military in the Sinai Peninsula for years, planned to intensify its operations in Egypt's biggest cities.

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32. Egypt: ISIS Claims Responsibility for Coptic Church Attack

Asharq Al-Awsat, Mohammed Shaaban, 2016 12 14

Cairo - ISIS group claimed responsibility for the bombing of a Coptic cathedral in Cairo that killed 24 people on Sunday, following reports issued by Egyptian Security services stating that a terrorist cell with Takfiri ideologies was behind the attack. The security sources said that the terrorist group was inspired by the teachings of Islamist Ideologue Sayyid Qutb, who was executed in Cairo in the mid-1960s, to spread a wave of terror in the Egyptian capital. In a statement issued on Tuesday, ISIS identified the bomber as Abu Abdallah al-Masri. The group warned of more attacks against Christians to come. The Interior Ministry identified the bomber on Monday as 22-year-old student Mahmoud Shafik Mohammed Mostafa, and said he was a supporter of the banned Muslim Brotherhood political movement who had joined a militant cell while on the run from police.

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33. La frontière sous surveillance

All Africa, Grégoire Djarmaila, 2016 12 13

Yaoundé, Cameroun - Officiels et experts des deux pays se concertent à Yaoundé pour proposer des stratégies visant à mieux développer et sécuriser les zones frontalières entre les deux pays. Le Cameroun et le Nigeria font face depuis deux ans à la menace terroriste orchestrée par la secte terroriste Boko Haram dont les exactions ont mis à mal le développement économique des zones frontalières entre les deux pays. Si aujourd'hui les capacités opérationnelles de la secte sont substantiellement réduites, c'est grâce à la pertinente politique de mutualisation des forces, non seulement entre le Cameroun et le Nigeria mais aussi entre les Etats membres de la Commission du Bassin du Lac Tchad à travers la Force mixte multilatérale. Les deux pays voudraient capitaliser les acquis de la lutte concertée contre le terrorisme pour asseoir une coopération transfrontalière visant leurs zones frontières plus viables et sécurisées pour leurs populations situées de leur frontière commune.

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34. Terrorisme : Exécution de 100 Tunisiens en Syrie

Kapitalis (Tunisie), Journaliste maison, 2016 12 13

Damas, Syrie - Le régime d'Al-Assad a procédé, la semaine dernière, à l'exécution de 300 terroristes étrangers, dont 100 Tunisiens arrêtés depuis 2014. Selon les informations publiées par le quotidien « Al- Chourouk » dans sa livraison d'aujourd'hui, ces terroristes étaient impliqués dans des assassinats de civils syriens et dans des attentats à la bombe ayant visé l'armée syrienne. La journal ajoute, en citant Nouredine Ben Ticha, conseiller à la présidence de la république, que le nombre de terroristes tunisiens se trouvant dans les zones de conflits s'élèverait à 3.600. Plusieurs d'entre eux, ajoute la même source, souhaitent rentrer, mais tous les revenants devraient faire face à la législation en vigueur, précise la même source, faisant allusion aux récentes déclarations du président de la république Béji Caïd Essebsi à ce sujet, qui ont soulevé un tollé général en Tunisie. Le chef de l'Etat avait, en effet, déclaré que les terroristes sont des

citoyens tunisiens et qu'en tant que tels, la constitution leur donne le droit de revenir dans leur pays.

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35. 22 of Guantánamo's 59 prisoners are now cleared to go

Miami Herald, Carol Rosenberg, 2016 12 14

Guantanamo Bay - With the clock ticking toward a possible halt in detainee transfers, the Pentagon disclosed Tuesday that the Obama administration parole panel has cleared another Yemeni "forever prisoner" -- raising to 22 the number of captives who could be gone by the time President-elect Donald Trump takes office. Yassin Qasim Muhammad Ismail Qasim, 37, got to Guantánamo in May 2002 and, though never charged with a crime, was classified for years as a "forever prisoner." Now he's among 22 of the prison's 59 captives who could leave to third country resettlement with security assurances that satisfy Secretary of Defense Ash Carter after 30 days notice to Congress. The inter-agency Periodic Review Board recommended the Yemeni be resettled in an Arab country in the Persian Gulf that has a strong rehabilitation and resettlement program and access to mental health resources. It noted that since it rejected his earlier bid for release in March, Qasim had taken Camp 6 classes, including art, and met with mental health counselors to better himself. Qasim "no longer appears to be driven by extremist ideology," the decision dated Dec. 8 said. Of the 59 captives today, 10 men are charged in the military commissions and 27 are indefinite detainees in the war on terror, "forever prisoners."

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36. Court gives big boost to Colombia's peace deal with FARC rebels

Washington Post, Nick Miroff, 2016 12 13

Bogota - Colombia's peace deal with leftist FARC rebels cleared a critical hurdle Tuesday, as the country's highest court ruled in favor of a "fast-track" plan to implement the deal as quickly as possible. The 8 to 1 decision by Colombia's Constitutional Court means that congress can seek expedited approval for the laws and constitutional changes needed for the peace accord with the rebels to take effect. The government's deal with the guerrillas to end their 52-year-war, the longest-running conflict in the Americas, was passed by the congress on Nov. 30. The FARC has some 6,000 heavily armed fighters deployed in Colombia's jungles and mountains, and Tuesday's ruling clears the way for them to begin to demobilize and disarm in the coming weeks.

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Asia • Asie

37. After Beijing's Hubris, It's Trump's Turn

Wall Street Journal, Andrew Browne, 2016 12 14

Analysis from Beijing - China's belligerence during the Obama era began with hubris -- a conviction that post-financial-crisis America was in irreversible decline and its own rise was unstoppable. That triumphant sense of destiny abruptly ended decades of foreign-policy caution. Chinese dredgers ripped up South China Sea reefs to build militarized islands. Paramilitary fleets swarmed around islets disputed with Japan in the East China Sea. And China served notice that it not only intended to contest the U.S.-led regional security order, but also reshape the global financial architecture. Nothing symbolized that ambition more than Beijing's successful effort to persuade the International Monetary Fund to ordain the yuan a global reserve currency. Today, as Beijing tries to figure out how to play Donald Trump, the economic fortunes are reversing. The U.S. economy has new wind in its sails. Meanwhile, the Chinese economy is struggling. It isn't a crisis yet. But one is brewing.

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38. China confirms official met with Trump adviser in New York

Global Times, Zhao Yusha, 2016 12 14

Beijing - The Chinese foreign ministry said on Monday a Chinese State Councilor met a senior adviser of US President-elect Donald Trump as part of China's efforts to establish connections with Trump. State Councilor Yang Jiechi met Michael Flynn, Trump's choice for national security adviser, during a recent stopover in New York on his way to Latin America, Geng Shuang, a spokesperson for Chinese foreign ministry, told a daily briefing on Monday. The two sides exchanged views on China-US relations and major issues of common interest, said Geng, without mentioning when exactly they met. Flynn is a retired US Army Lieutenant General, who until 2014 was head of the Defense Intelligence Agency, CNN reported. This is China's attempt to build connections with Trump's team, and paves the way for the next meeting, Wu Xinbo, director of the Center for American Studies at Fudan University told the Global Times on Tuesday, who declined to say whether the next meeting will involve other top officials from both sides. The meeting is the first time China has publicly confirmed talks between China and Trump's team, according to Reuters. Wu pointed out that the meeting between Yang and Flynn must have been arranged long before Trump questioned the one-China policy on Sunday, adding that the meeting was unlikely to have been hastily arranged.

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39. China should seize opportunity to reshape South China Sea order

Global Times, Liu Zhun, 2016 12 14

Editorial: After a series of visits by leaders of ASEAN states to China, China and ASEAN have found common agreement to prioritize economic cooperation and move forward. A golden opportunity has emerged: It is high time for China and its rival claimants in ASEAN to make major progress in the South China Sea disputes. It's reported that officials and scholars from countries related to the South China Sea issue have met recently to discuss trust-building mechanisms, including nailing down the Code of Conduct, reshaping South China Sea order and the feasibility of joint cooperation on areas including anti-terror, climate change and protecting biodiversity. US President-elect Trump's aggressive posturing against China has generated a lot

of uncertainties in many respects, South China Sea disputes included, which have just quieted down after the tricky and stormy international arbitration process in July. Joint efforts from China and the Philippines have brought the derailed Sino-Philippine relationship back on track, which has foiled other claimants' attempt to complicate the situation and prompted them to shelve disagreements with China. Stability and cooperation in the South China Sea can be achieved without interference from external countries. This job had better be done before Trump could make choppy waves in the region.

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40. S. Korea to develop long-range air-to-surface missile

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 14

Seoul - South Korea will push to develop its own indigenous long-range air-to-ground missile to cope with the growing military threat from North Korea, the state arms procurement agency said Wednesday. The Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) plans to start its research on relevant missile technologies from 2018 with a plan to produce some 200 air-to-surface Taurus-class missiles until 2031. The missile will be mounted on the KF-X fighter jets to be developed by mid-2020s. The military will spend an estimated 810 billion won (US\$695.2 million) on the project. The missile will be modeled after the Taurus which has a 500-kilometer range and can be fired from the country's F-15K. It is known to be capable of hitting the capital city of Pyongyang when fired from a plane flying over Daejeon, 164 kilometers south of Seoul. The military is currently deploying the German long-range air-to-ground missile within this year.

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41. Trump's foreign policy lineup mounts challenges for Seoul

Korea Herald, Shin Hyon-hee, 2016 12 14

Seoul - With an atypical pick for secretary of state, US President-elect Donald Trump is forecast to abate his predecessor's refocus toward Asia while toughening the stance against North Korea over its nuclear program. The billionaire real estate magnate picked ExxonMobil Chief Executive Rex Tillerson to be his secretary of state Tuesday. The announcement effectively completed his foreign policy team, which includes Secretary of Defense-designate retired Marine Gen. James Mattis and Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs-nominee retired Army Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, who ran the Defense Intelligence Agency until 2014. The lineup is in stark contrast to that of President Barack Obama, who's choices were a politician with ample experience in a congressional foreign policy committee, a science and international affairs professor and a senior research fellow at prominent foreign policy think tanks. While Trump has yet to present any of his diplomatic and security visions, the nominations are further magnifying uncertainties over Washington's policy on the Korean Peninsula and the region in general.

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42. 'Assange' Doc Suggests Russia Knew In Advance Ed Snowden Would Spy on NSA
Heat Street website, Louise Mensch, 2016 12 14

New York - Senior Russian intelligence officers from Cuba visited the head of Ecuadorean intelligence in Quito, days before Edward Snowden stole a tranche of top-secret files from the National Security Agency in the United States. A classified document held by SENAIN, Ecuador's spy agency, in its embassy in London, reveals that Colonel Alexander Kazalupov of the FSB, and his deputy, one Igor Lebedev, were given a letter of credentials by the then Russian Ambassador to Ecuador, Yan Burliay, introducing them to the head of SENAIN in Ecuador's capital. The short letter is dated April 4th, 2013, and confirms a meeting on the same day at ten o'clock in the morning. Diplomatic language is used in the short note, and the Ambassador states the meeting is "in order to address issues of bilateral cooperation". The note is a record of a meeting between Russian and Ecuadorean spies in Quito, Ecuador. Ostensibly, it appears to have no relevance to Julian Assange or to Wikileaks. However, it was held by SENAIN at the Ecuadorean embassy in London, where Julian Assange has asylum, among files relating to him. The document strongly suggests that both Ecuador and Russia knew in advance that Edward Snowden would steal highly classified files from the NSA, using his position as a contractor with Booz Allen Hamilton, before Snowden took them.

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43. Aleksei Navalny, Putin Critic, Says He'll Run for President of Russia
New York Times, Ivan Nechepurenko, 2016 12 14

Moscow - Aleksei A. Navalny, the most vocal critic of the Kremlin, announced on Tuesday his intention to run for president of Russia, though he is facing a court trial that could make him ineligible to participate in the campaign. "There have been no true elections in Russia since 1996, and this is one of the reasons of our plight," Mr. Navalny said in a video statement, posted on his new campaign website. "I will participate in the election, and I will fight for victory." Apart from Mr. Navalny, only Grigory A. Yavlinsky, the leader of the liberal party Yabloko, has declared his intention to run for the post. President Vladimir V. Putin has deflected questions about his own candidacy, saying it is too early to talk about it. But he is widely expected to run and, in light of his soaring approval ratings and control over the news media, is expected to win. The vote is scheduled to take place in March 2018. Mr. Putin's spokesman, Dmitri S. Peskov, told RBC, a Russian news website, that the Kremlin had no comment on Mr. Navalny's announcement.

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44. Azerbaijan's Security Ministry's case: over 500 people sacked
Trend News Agency, 2016 12 14

Baku, Azerbaijan - More than 500 employees of the Azerbaijani State Security Service have been dismissed within one year's time frame, Madat Guliyev, lieutenant-general, head of the service, told reporters in Baku Dec. 12. He added that those employees were dismissed as part of a criminal case filed in connection with the now liquidated National Security Ministry. Guliyev

also said that more than 20 people were detained. The General Prosecutor's Office filed a criminal case October 17, 2015 in accordance with the relevant articles of the country's Criminal Code. The criminal case was filed in connection with illegal interference in the work of businesses and wiretapping by violating the legislative requirements on operational-investigative activity by the relevant structures of the National Security Ministry. (Full Report).

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45. Iranian adversary reveals it bought \$5 billion of weapons from Israel

Jerusalem Post, Yossi Melman, 2016 12 14

Baku - Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev said Tuesday that his country has, over the years, signed long-term contracts worth some \$5 billion to purchase weapons and security equipment from Israel. Aliyev was speaking during a state visit by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Baku, a trip made in part to help Israel sell missile defense systems. Aliyev did not elaborate on the kind of weapons Azerbaijan is purchasing, but his comments provide some insight into the comfort level Aliyev has in his country's strategic ties with Israel. The two leaders signed various bilateral agreements in a private two-hour meeting attended by security and defense advisers from both nations. Environmental Protection Minister Ze'ev Elkin (Likud) was also in attendance to sign agreements. Netanyahu spent six hours in Azerbaijan, a majority Shiite Muslim state which borders Iran, before flying to Kazakhstan for meetings on Wednesday.

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46. Poutine, grand vainqueur de la bataille

Le Monde, Marc Semo, 2016 12 14

Moscou - Les dérobades répétées des Américains et des Européens ont permis à la Russie d'être le maître du jeu tournant majeur dans le conflit syrien, la reconquête par le régime de l'ex-capitale économique du pays est aussi une défaite pour les Occidentaux. Elle pourrait avoir de très lourdes conséquences, en premier lieu pour les Européens, avec dans les semaines à venir un nouvel afflux de réfugiés vers la Turquie et une radicalisation croissante des groupes combattant en Syrie. Mais c'est avant tout la crédibilité stratégique de Washington comme des grandes capitales occidentales - à commencer par Paris -, engagées depuis près de cinq ans dans le soutien à l'insurrection démocratique, qui s'en trouve sérieusement ébranlée. Jamais, depuis la fin de la guerre froide, Américains et Européens ne se sont montrés aussi impuissants face à Moscou. Au-delà des mots, parfois très forts, comme ceux lancés par l'ambassadrice américaine à l'ONU, Samantha Power, - " Ce n'est pas du contre-terrorisme, mais de la barbarie " -, ils se sont vite résignés à l'inéluctable, comme si la logique des blocs était toujours en place. Les ministres des affaires étrangères européens, réunis lundi 12 décembre à Bruxelles, n'ont même pas évoqué l'éventualité de sanctions contre Moscou.

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47. Russian hackers 'probably swayed Brexit vote', says Ben Bradshaw MP

Sky News, Jon Craig, 2016 12 13

London - Russian hackers "probably" swayed the EU referendum vote in favour of Brexit, a former Labour minister has claimed in the Commons. Leading Remain campaigner Ben Bradshaw questioned the validity of the result in June, claiming people were underestimating the extent of cyber warfare by Russian President Vladimir Putin. His extraordinary claim came in an emergency Commons debate on the latest developments in Syria, where President Bashar Assad's Russian-backed forces have been storming the city of Aleppo. But his allegation was given short shrift by Prime Minister Theresa May's spokesman, who responded: "I have not come across any evidence that Russian cyber warfare was used to influence the referendum."

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48. 3 Operatives From ISIS Are Killed in U.S. Strike

New York Times, Rukmini Callimachi, 2016 12 14

Erbil, Iraq - The Pentagon announced on Tuesday that a United States airstrike had killed three Islamic State operatives who were involved in mounting terrorist attacks in Europe, including the deadly assault in Paris in November 2015. The three men were killed on Dec. 4 in an airstrike in Raqqa, Syria, the Islamic State's declared capital, said Peter Cook, the Pentagon press secretary. He described the men as "leaders, directly involved in facilitating external terror operations and recruiting foreign fighters." Until his reported death by drone strike in August, Abu Muhammad al-Adnani, the Islamic State's spokesman, led its external operations branch, and he in turn relied on two lieutenants. Those men have been identified by other members of the group by their noms de guerre, Abu Souleymane and Abu Ahmad, and their real identities remain debated. Salah Gourmat and Sammy Djedou, two of the three operatives the Pentagon said had been killed this month, were described as "close associates" of Mr. Adnani, helping him carry out the Nov. 13, 2015, Paris attacks, which killed 130 people. Killed along with them was Walid Hamman, described as "a suicide attack planner," who was convicted in absentia in Belgium for a plot that was thwarted in 2015. The presence of those names together evokes a fourth: All three were part of a network led by Boubaker al-Hakim, a senior French jihadist and "one of the most dangerous terrorists in the world," according to Jean-Pierre Filiu, a specialist at the Institute of Political Studies in Paris. The United States announced that Mr. Hakim had been killed in an airstrike in Raqqa on Nov. 26. Mr. Hakim, 33, a French citizen of Tunisian descent, was accused of acting as the mentor to the brothers who carried out the attack on the offices of the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo in Paris, killing 12 people on Jan. 7, 2015. He is also suspected of having inspired the Islamic State-led attack on the National Bardo Museum in Tunisia two months later, killing 22 people.

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49. Iranian Ground Force Unveils 2 New Drones in Last Day of Drills

Fars News Agency, 2016 12 14

Tehran - The Iranian Ground Force unveiled two new home-made drones during the last day of the massive 'Mohammad Rasoulallah (PBUH) 4' wargames underway in the Southeastern parts

of the country on Tuesday morning. The two drones are capable of carrying out combat and reconnaissance missions. The combat drone can carry new home-made air-to-ground missiles. The reconnaissance, 'Oqab (Eagle)', enjoys 24 hours of flight durability. Also, during the third and last day of the massive drills, two Phantom and Mirage fighter jets flew over the drills zone in the Southeastern parts of the country. The Phantom fighter jet was equipped with two 500-ton bombs fired at simulated enemy's targets. The Iranian Ground Force had also on Monday unveiled a new drone named 'Farpad' during the 'Mohammad Rasoulallah (PBUH) 4' wargames.

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50. Iran to work on nuclear-powered boats after US 'violation' of deal

The National (UAE), Staff Report, 2016 12 14

Beirut - Iran's President Hassan Rouhani ordered scientists on Tuesday to start developing systems for nuclear-powered boats, in reaction to what he called the United States' violation of a global atomic deal. The announcement marked Iran's first concrete response to a US Congress decision last month to extend legislation making it easier for Washington to reimpose sanctions on Tehran. Mr Rouhani described the technology as a "nuclear propeller to be used in marine transportation," but did not say whether that meant just ships or also submarines. Iran said in 2012 it was working on its first nuclear-powered sub. His words will stoke tensions with Washington, already heightened by comments from US president elect Donald Trump who has vowed to scrap the deal, under which Iran agreed to curb its nuclear activities in exchange for lifted sanctions.

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51. Will Liberated Areas in Iraq Become Incubators for ISIS?

Asharq Al-Awsat, Waleed Abdul Rahman, 2016 12 14

Cairo - Egyptian experts on Islamic movements have warned from a real tragedy in the regions liberated from ISIS especially in Iraq, where people suffer from severe neglect and lack of services. According to experts, extremism shown by Shi'ite militias creates extremism in other parties. This warning answered a question raised by Asharq Al-Awsat on whether Iraqi liberated areas would become a new incubator for ISIS. In the same context, a research study conducted in Cairo said that some Shi'ite and Kurdish armed factions have controlled the regions liberated from ISIS, redrew their maps, and evacuated them from their majority of Sunni residents, foreshadowing a close sectarian discord among different components of the Iraqi people. ISIS has witnessed daily losses in Iraq -the land of its so-called Caliphate- caused by the strikes of the international coalition and the Iraqi army. These losses devastated its dream of establishing a state and pushed many of its militants to escape war fires.

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52. After Aleppo, Russia and Syria to undo Palmyra humiliation

Gulf News, Sami Moubayed, 2016 12 14

Beirut - When the Russian and Syrian armies captured the ancient city of Palmyra from the so-called Daesh nine months ago, they promised that this would set the blueprint for future victories in different Syrian towns and cities. Much of the high optimism was built on the fact that ever since the Russian Air Force joined the Syrian battlefield in September 2015, the armed opposition had failed to occupy a single city and were on the defensive, very much unlike their battle stamina during 2012-2015. Thanks to Russia, government troops have retaken most of the hills surrounding the port city of Latakia, overlooking rebel-held Idlib, and entire stretches of land in the countryside of Homs. Russia's battlefield performance was often contrasted with that of the Iranians, who famously failed to protect major Syrian cities like Deir Al Zor, Raqqa, Al Bu Kamal, Idlib, and Aleppo, from a domino effect of military collapse into the hands of the armed opposition.

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53. Aleppo's fall will transform the war

Globe and Mail, Rolf Holmboe, 2016 12 14

Op-ed: Aleppo has fallen. Rebel officials said late Tuesday that fighting in East Aleppo had ended, and that a ceasefire would allow the remaining insurgents and civilians trapped in the city to flee to the countryside of western Syria. Why is Aleppo so important? Conquering Aleppo does not mean that the war will end, but it will transform it. In any case, it is Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's bid to end the war on his terms in the following phase. With a successful offensive, Mr. al-Assad will, first, have straightened his front line toward a defensible one. He will be in possession of the viable western part of Syria with all the main cities and economic infrastructure. And most importantly, the rebels will not possess a contiguous and economically viable part of Syria based on the economic centre of Syria, Aleppo. This will, in their thinking, allow Russian President Vladimir Putin to present a fait accompli: the West will have to make a deal with Mr. al-Assad because a strategy of support to isolated rebel pockets would no longer be viable and would just be prolonging the suffering. Second, Mr. al-Assad is positioned to directly benefit from the international coalition's offensive on the Islamic State. Note: Rolf Holmboe is a research fellow at the Canadian Global Affairs Institute and a former Danish ambassador to Syria, Lebanon and Jordan from 2012-15

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54. Aleppo battle ends, but war far from over

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 12 14

Beirut - Rebel resistance in the Syrian city of Aleppo ended Tuesday after years of fighting and months of bitter siege and bombardment that culminated in a bloody retreat, as rebels agreed to withdraw in a cease-fire. The battle of Aleppo, one of the worst of a civil war that has drawn in global and regional powers, has ended with victory for Syrian President Bashar Assad and his military coalition of Russia, Iran and regional Shiite fighters. For rebels, their expected departure

with light weapons starting Wednesday morning for opposition-held regions west of the city is a crushing blow to their hopes of ousting Assad after revolting against him during the 2011 Arab uprisings. However, the war will still be far from over, with rebels retaining major strongholds elsewhere in Syria, and Daesh (ISIS) holding swaths of the east and recapturing the ancient city of Palmyra this week.

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55. Clashes erupt as Aleppo evacuation delayed

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 12 14

Aleppo - The planned evacuation of rebel districts of Aleppo stalled on Wednesday as air strikes and heavy shelling hit the city and Iran was said to have imposed new conditions on the deal. Iran, one of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's main backers in the battle for Aleppo, wanted a simultaneous evacuation of wounded from the villages of Foua and Kefraya that are besieged by rebels, according to rebel and U.N. sources. Rebel groups said that was just an excuse to hold up the evacuation, which a pro-opposition TV station said could now be delayed until Thursday. A ceasefire brokered on Tuesday by Russia, Assad's most powerful ally, and Turkey was intended to end years of fighting in the city, giving the Syrian leader his biggest victory in more than five years of war. But air strikes, shelling and gunfire erupted on Wednesday morning and a monitoring group said the truce appeared to have collapsed. Syrian state television said rebel shelling of the Bustan al-Qasr district, recently recaptured by the army, had killed six people.

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56. Fierce fighting halts Aleppo evacuation

BBC News, Staff report, 2016 12 14

London - A deal to evacuate rebel fighters and civilians from eastern Aleppo appears to have stalled, with heavy shelling reported in the Syrian city. A ceasefire was declared in Aleppo on Tuesday and buses brought in to ferry people out of the devastated enclave. But fighting resumed on Wednesday. Syrian activists also say air strikes over rebel-held territory have resumed. The breakdown of the deal, brokered by Russia and Turkey, is being attributed to demands from the Syrian government. It is said to be seeking the evacuation of its own injured fighters and civilians from nearby towns encircled by opposition forces.

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57. Intelligence Report Confirms Growing Saudi, Qatari Support to Extremists in Germany

Fars News Agency, 2016 12 14

Tehran - An intelligence report revealed on Tuesday that support by Saudi Arabia and Qatar for the extremists who follow the Wahabism movement in Germany has grown significantly. The report pointed out that Riyadh and Doha had sent advocates "to spread the radical version of Islam," *Suddeutsche Zeitung* reported. According to the report, the Foreign Intelligence Service

(BND) and the Constitution Protection Commission, Germany's Internal Intelligence, have wrote to the German government that religious organizations from the Persian Gulf have established mosques and educational institutions, as they had also sent advocates to Germany to "Spread the radical version of Islam. They added that "this conclusion is based on the evidence that has been reached so far.

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58. Syrian Regime, Iraqi Militia Reportedly Killing Aleppo Civilians

Asharq Al-Awsat, Staff Report, 2016 12 14

London - The U.N. human rights office said on Tuesday it has received reports of Syria's pro-regime forces and allied Iraqi militias killing at least 82 civilians in eastern Aleppo in four different neighborhoods in the last few days. Rupert Colville, spokesman for the U.N. human rights office, says the reports recount pro-regime forces entering homes and killing some civilians "on the spot" in the former rebel enclave. He said he feared retribution against thousands of civilians believed to be holed up in a "hellish corner" of less than a square kilometer of opposition-held areas. Its capture was imminent, he said. "In all, as of yesterday (Monday) evening we have received reports of pro-government forces killing least 82 civilians, including 11 women and 13 children, in 4 different neighborhoods - Bustan al-Qasr, al-Fardous, Al-Kalrasah and al- Saliheen," Colville told a news briefing, naming the Iraqi armed group Harakat al-Nujaba as reportedly involved in the killings.

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59. Une étape nouvelle dans une guerre, loin d'être finie

Le Figaro, Isabelle Lasserre, 2016 12 14

Alep - Elle a beau avoir été anticipée depuis longtemps, la chute d'Alep est un tournant décisif dans la guerre de Syrie. Elle réduit presque à néant la capacité de l'opposition à poser un défi militaire au régime et balaye son espoir de se poser en alternative politique. Elle remet solidement en selle Bachar el-Assad, auquel les soutiens russe et iranien assurent une nouvelle jeunesse politique, au moins à moyen terme. Mais la chute d'Alep ne signe pas la fin de la guerre, seulement son entrée dans une nouvelle phase. Cette dernière passera sans doute, pour le pouvoir, par la nécessaire sécurisation des gains territoriaux mais aussi par la prise de contrôle, par la force, des régions de la « Syrie utile » qui lui échappent encore. Au passage, le processus de paix de Genève pourrait bien être emporté. « Je crois qu'il est très tard pour une solution politique » à laquelle n'adhèrent ni la Russie ni le régime de Damas, commente David Petraeus au Dialogue de Manama organisé à Bahreïn par l'IISS (International Institute for Strategic Studies). Le général américain, qui fut chargé de pacifier le nord de l'Irak après l'invasion américaine de 2003, considère qu'une partition de la Syrie « est une solution possible ». Mais la fragmentation du pays, qui se prépare depuis de longs mois, ne ramènera pas forcément la paix et la stabilité. La reprise, dimanche, de Palmyre par l'État islamique vient opportunément le rappeler. Elle est un revers pour le régime et pour la Russie, qui avaient chassé Daech de cette ville du centre du pays en mars. Malgré les déconvenues qu'ils subissent sous les coups de la

coalition, les djihadistes ont toujours du ressort. C'est une loi de la guerre : il est souvent plus difficile de tenir une ville que de la faire tomber.

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60. Au coeur des services secrets de Daech

L'Express, Boris Thiolay, 2016 12 14

Raqqa - L'organisation djihadiste possède ses propres unités de renseignement. Ce sont elles qui ont planifié les attentats menés en France et Belgique en 2015 et en 2016. Enquête sur un corps d'élite toujours menaçant. L'homme, encagoulé et revêtu d'un uniforme camouflé, parle un français sans accent. Derrière lui, dans un décor de ruines, un prisonnier bâillonné est attaché, les bras en croix. La vidéo, diffusée sur Internet le 26 novembre dernier, est censée avoir été tournée à Raqqa, la capitale « régionale » de l'organisation Etat islamique (Daech) en Syrie. Le djihadiste, surnommé Abou Souleymane al-Firansi (« le Français »), donne une abjecte leçon de meurtre au couteau, désignant les zones vitales sur le corps du prisonnier. Il tend l'arme blanche à un comparse. Ce dernier tranche les poignets et la gorge du supplicié. Puis, Abou Souleymane, dont l'identité est encore inconnue, montre, avec l'agilité d'un combattant d'élite, les techniques pour attaquer un « mécréant ». Ce vademecum du terrorisme individuel peut être vu comme une réplique à un événement survenu en France, cinq jours plus tôt. Le 21 novembre, les policiers de la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) ont démantelé une cellule djihadiste qui prévoyait de commettre des tueries dans Paris et en Ile-de-France, le 1er décembre. Ce petit groupe était « téléguidé » depuis la Syrie par un membre francophone de Daech.

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61. Berlin craint des cyberattaques russes

Tribune de Genève, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 14

Berlin - Les renseignements soupçonnent Moscou de préparer des opérations de propagande pour influencer la campagne de 2017. Après les cyberattaques qui ont émaillé la campagne électorale américaine, les Allemands redoutent à leur tour d'être victimes d'une opération de déstabilisation de la part des services secrets russes. Selon les services allemands de renseignements (Verfassungsschutz), chargés du contre-espionnage, les responsables politiques risquent fortement d'être visés par des cyberattaques et des opérations de propagande pendant la campagne électorale. « Selon nos informations, il est clair qu'on cherche à influencer les élections de l'année prochaine en discréditant des responsables politiques », a affirmé Hans-Georg Maassen. Le patron du renseignement allemand estime que les campagnes de désinformation russes ont pris beaucoup d'ampleur depuis la crise ukrainienne en 2014. Moscou aurait engagé « d'énormes moyens » pour financer les médias d'Etat, les instituts politiques

proches du Kremlin et surtout les réseaux sociaux afin de brouiller les cartes du discours politique allemand et de créer ainsi un climat de peur au sein de la population.

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62. Du « Rainbow-Warrior » aux macaques du Japon, les deux vies d'un ex-espion

Le Monde, Philippe Bernard, 2016 12 14

Non identifié - La sélection pour un concours de photographie d'une image prise par l'ex-agent secret Alain Mafart fait polémique. James Bond avait prévenu: on ne vit que deux fois. Alain Mafart, ancien agent secret français condamné pour sa participation au sabotage du Rainbow-Warrior en 1985, a refait sa vie. Personne n'y prêterait attention si sa nouvelle existence ne venait soudain de percuter douloureusement la première. Alain Mafart, 65 ans, s'est reconverti en photographe animalier. D'un reportage au parc aux singes de Jigokudani, au Japon, il a rapporté une photo attendrissante, du genre de celles que l'on s'attend à voir sur un calendrier mural d'une association d'amis des animaux. On y voit la tête d'un bébé macaque endormi, caressée par la main de sa mère dans un geste protecteur. L'image fait partie de la sélection du Musée d'histoire naturelle de Londres pour son concours annuel de photographie de nature. Or, dans sa première vie, Alain Mafart a participé au meurtre d'un photographe militant pour la défense de l'environnement et contre le nucléaire. En novembre 1985, quatre mois après avoir contribué à la destruction du chalutier de Greenpeace dans le port d'Auckland (Nouvelle-Zélande) pour l'empêcher de protester contre les essais nucléaires français dans le Pacifique, Alain Mafart, agent de la DGSE, a été condamné à dix ans de prison pour «homicide involontaire» par la justice néo-zélandaise.

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63. Germany needs to respond to state-sponsored Salafism, experts say

Deutsche Welle, Staff report, 2016 12 14

Berlin - Berlin's relations with some of its main partners in the Middle East were under critical scrutiny on Tuesday after a leaked intelligence report linked the governments of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar with Salafist movements in Germany. It has long been suspected that states in the Middle East support the missionary efforts of Islamic fundamentalists. This report, carried out by Germany's domestic and foreign spy agencies on behalf of the German government, is noteworthy in that it names three Salafist organizations it says are "closely connected with government offices in their home countries." The report added that "global proselytizing" remains part of Saudi Arabia's "reason of state" and an integral part of Saudi foreign policy. The report predicts that Salafist organizations will "continue to expand their activities in Europe and Germany." Germany's foreign intelligence agency, the BND, declined to confirm the accuracy of the leaked excerpts or give any further details from the report, saying that it only provided information to the government. But experts say that the warning about state-sponsored Salafism should be taken seriously. "I think these reports are credible," Sebastian Sons from the think tank German Council on Foreign Relations told Deutsche Welle. "It's well known that for decades Saudi Arabia has been launching missionary initiatives throughout the world, both by using

private foundations and by sending clergymen abroad. Saudi Arabia wants to present itself as the leader of the Sunni Islamic world."

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64. La France s'engage sur le terrain de la cyberguerre

La Croix, Raphaël Baldos, 2016 12 14

Rennes - Le ministre de la défense, Jean-Yves Le Drian, a dévoilé lundi près de Rennes la mise sur pied d'une cyber-armée placée sous l'autorité d'un commandement spécifique. La France a officiellement admis qu'elle aura une capacité offensive dans le domaine très nouveau de la guerre électronique. Elle va se doter d'une force de 3200 personnes, dont 2600 cyber-soldats, d'ici à 2019. Ils seront sous les ordres d'un commandement distinct. Et l'État va consacrer un milliard d'euros à la cyber-défense sur l'ensemble de la durée de la loi de programmation militaire, soit de 2014 à 2019. La moitié devra financer des activités de recherche et d'équipement. Un dispositif détaillé lundi par le ministre de la défense à Bruz (Ille-et-Vilaine), près de Rennes, où il inaugurerait les nouveaux locaux de la DGA Maîtrise de l'information, qui réunit les cyber-experts de la défense. Quelles seront les missions de cette « quatrième armée »? La nouvelle cyber-force aura trois missions: le renseignement, la protection des réseaux et la lutte informatique offensive: « Nos capacités cyber-offensives doivent nous permettre de nous introduire dans les systèmes ou les réseaux de nos ennemis afin d'y causer des dommages, des interruptions de service ou des neutralisations temporaires ou définitives, justifiées par l'ouverture d'hostilités à notre rencontre. »

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65. Police identify two militants in twin Istanbul bombings

Hurriyet Daily News, Staff report, 2016 12 14

Istanbul - Anti-terror police in Istanbul have reportedly identified two militants who carried out the Dec. 10 twin bomb attacks in the heart of the city, which claimed 44 lives and injured hundreds. After investigating city surveillance cameras, police revealed that two militants scouted police stations around the city before eventually heading toward the Besiktas neighborhood. One of the militants got out of the car near Maçka Park, the site of the second bombing. Police have also revealed that the car used in the attack was bought online and delivered to the militants through a third person. According to investigations at the scene, a C-4 plastic explosive strengthened with metal pieces was placed inside the car and the suicide vest of the second bomber also included the plastic explosive.

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66. Turkey urges EU to take concrete steps against PKK activities across Europe

Daily Sabah, Staff report, 2016 12 14

Istanbul - Ankara has reiterated its concerns over the activities of the PKK terror group across European cities, urging EU authorities to go beyond rhetoric in supporting Turkey's fight against

the terror organization. Speaking on the issue, Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavusoglu criticized yesterday the EU's stance against terror for not achieving any substantial results. "The EU is reaching a realistic base on its Turkey policies, however, we now expect results. We are always ready for dialogue with the EU. Europe is a continent that also includes us. A common effort should be put forward for the solution to problems," the foreign minister said during a press conference with his Czech counterpart Lubomir Zaoralek in Ankara. Ankara has long criticized the European Parliament's (EP) attitude towards the PKK terror group, as the EP has shown tolerance towards the terror group.

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67. Un djihadiste belge tué à Raqqa par la coalition

Le Soir, L. Co. et L.Po., 2016 12 14

Raqqa, Syrie - Une frappe aérienne de la coalition luttant contre l'État islamique a tué trois responsables du groupe djihadiste « directement impliqués dans des attentats extérieurs (à la Syrie) et dans le recrutement de combattants étrangers », lors d'une frappe aérienne le 4 décembre à Raqqa, en Syrie. Deux de ces trois hommes, le Français Salah Gourmat et le Belge Sammy Djedou, auraient selon le Pentagone, « aidé à la préparation des attentats du 13 novembre 2015, à Paris ». Converti à l'islam à 15 ans, Sammy Djedou s'était radicalisé, selon les dires de ses proches, alors qu'il fréquentait une mosquée de Laeken. Le jeune homme avait fini par profiter de l'absence de sa mère, en visite chez une amie en Allemagne, pour quitter la Belgique et rejoindre dès 2012 les rangs de Daesh en Syrie. Là, il avait pris pour nom de guerre Abu Musab al-Belgiki. Néanmoins, son nom n'avait jamais été cité auparavant dans le dossier parisien. Ni même en tant que haut responsable du groupe djihadiste. Mardi, Véronique Loute, la maman de Sammy Djedou qui avait fondé l'ASBL « Parents concernés », a confirmé à la RTBF la mort de son fils. Walid Hamman, le troisième tué, était également connu des autorités judiciaires belges. Il a été condamné par contumace à cinq ans de prison dans le cadre du procès de la cellule terroriste de Verviers.

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1. Operation Picnic was secret phone-tapping feast for RCMP, historian discovers

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2016 12 15

Ottawa - The federal government secretly gave RCMP security officials the authority to tap telephone calls without court oversight during the Cold War, newly unearthed archival documents show. The surveillance program, codenamed "Picnic," began as an emergency effort

during the Korean War, but federal agencies collaborated with telephone companies in 1954 to continue the wiretaps, says Dennis Molinaro, who teaches history at Ontario's Trent University. Molinaro's research indicates the RCMP security branch was listening in on the embassies of East Bloc countries, "certain unfriendly organizations" and individuals suspected of disloyalty. It has long been known the Mounties kept an eye on a wide array of people and organizations - from church and gay rights groups to Quebec separatists and Communists - in the name of national security, amassing hundreds of thousands of dossiers. Mountie scandals in the 1970s led to a royal commission, the demise of the RCMP security service and creation in 1984 of the civilian Canadian Security Intelligence Service. Molinaro believes the documentation he has uncovered with the help of tenacious staff at Library and Archives Canada helps flesh out how the RCMP surveillance of Canadians took place and implicates federal politicians and bureaucrats in making it happen. The issue of when - and how easily - police and intelligence services should be allowed to intercept personal communications continues to play out today, fuelled by former U.S. spy contractor Edward Snowden's revelations of widespread surveillance. "We can't evaluate where we're going next - or even where we are in the present, accurately or effectively - if we don't know where we've been," Molinaro said in an interview.

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2. B.C. man arrested on terror peace bond

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 12 15

Toronto - A British Columbia man has been arrested on a terrorism peace bond, officials said Wednesday, marking the 19th time since last year police have used the legal tool against suspected extremists. Khalid Ahmed Ibrahim was to appear in provincial court in New Westminster, B.C. on Dec. 20. Police told the court on Dec. 8 there were reasonable grounds Ibrahim "may" commit a terrorism offence. He has also been charged with uttering threats, court staff said. The threatening charge dates to July 19 and was to return to court Dec. 21. No further details about Ibrahim or the allegations were available. The arrest was made by RCMP in B.C., according to the Public Prosecution Service of Canada. "We're not commenting on it," said Sgt. Annie Linteau, spokeswoman for the RCMP in the B.C. Lower Mainland. She did not explain why the RCMP was keeping quiet. Peace bonds are not a criminal charge but rather impose conditions on the conduct of those subjected to them. Frequently suspects cannot travel, use the Internet or associate with other known extremists for one year. Police have been increasingly using peace bonds in terrorism cases in an attempt to cut suspected extremists off from ISIL and al-Qaida online propaganda and prevent them from leaving Canada to join terror groups. Since last year, when changes to Canada's anti-terrorism laws made it easier to obtain terrorism peace bonds, police have sought them from the courts in 19 cases, mostly in Ontario and Quebec.

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3. Battle for Mosul will shape Canada's ground commitment in Iraq

CBC News, Murray Brewster, 2016 12 15

Ottawa - Canada will continue to have a military mission in Iraq through 2017, but the size and scope of it have yet to be determined, the country's defence minister said in advance of an international meeting with allies battling ISIS. Defence planners have been spinning various scenarios for months, but the Liberal government committed -- when it overhauled the mission against ISIS last February -- to reviewing the deployment of special forces, helicopters, surveillance planes, an air-to-air refueling jet and a military field hospital. The assessment is due by March of next year, but the last budget numbers put before Parliament have set aside only \$41 million for the operation, less than one-third of what's being spent in the current budget year. Earlier in the fall, the country's operations commander, Lt.-Gen. Steve Bowes, said the military had been given orders, but its "posture is not oriented towards" an extended mission. Asked on Wednesday whether the military commitment would continue, Sajjan told CBC News: "Absolutely." Iraqi security forces are still involved in the battle to retake Mosul, the country's second-largest city, from deeply entrenched ISIS fighters. Iraqi forces are being aided by Canadian and allied special forces soldiers, who are providing not only advice, but covering fire.

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4. Canadian officials meet detained Canadian in North Korea

Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 12 15

Seoul - Canadian officials visited North Korea and met with Canadian detainee Hyeon Soo Lim, who was sentenced to life in prison last year over what Pyongyang described as anti-state activities, the North's state media said Thursday. A Canadian government delegation led by Sarah Taylor, director general for North Asia and Oceania for Global Affairs Canada, arrived in North Korea on Tuesday for a three-day visit to discuss Lim's case and other issues, Pyongyang's Korean Central News Agency said. The agency said the Canadian officials met Lim, but provided no further details. Lim, a Christian pastor, was convicted by Pyongyang's Supreme Court for trying to use religion to destroy the North Korean system and helping U.S. and South Korean authorities lure and abduct North Korean citizens. North Korea is often accused of using foreign detainees as a way to win concessions from other countries. The country is locked in a standoff with the international community over its expanding nuclear weapons and missiles program. North Korea is also holding at least two Americans for alleged espionage, subversion and other charges. Korean-American Kim Tong Chol is serving a 10-year prison term with hard labor, while University of Virginia undergraduate Otto Warmbier has received 15 years. In July, North Korea announced that it would handle all issues with the United States in line with a wartime law in response to U.S. sanctions that target leader Kim Jong Un. It has not elaborated on what wartime law means, although analysts say that suggests North Korea could deal with U.S. detainees in a harsher manner.

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5. Code name Picnic: Historian uncovers details of RCMP's secret Cold War wiretapping program

CBC News, Dave Seglins, 2016 12 15

A Canadian historian has found top secret documents from the dawn of the Cold War that show the federal government secretly approved an RCMP surveillance program to wiretap suspected spies, communist sympathizers and others deemed "disloyal" or "subversive." Dennis Molinaro of Trent University says he was stunned to discover documents that show the cabinet of Prime Minister Louis St-Laurent passed a "secret order" in 1951 to authorize the RCMP surveillance, code-named Picnic. But the actual cabinet edict, which formed the cornerstone of decades of future wiretapping, was never revealed to Parliament and never transferred to Canada's archives. "Ultimately we don't know how big it gets, how far it goes, how long people are wiretapped," Molinaro told CBC News. "There are indications that this wiretapping goes on until at least the second term of Pierre Elliott Trudeau's government." He says officials in the Privy Council Office refuse to release the 65-year-old secret order -- or even confirm it exists. 'No end date' to wiretapping Canada was gripped by Cold War fears of communist infiltrators in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Igor Gouzenko, a cipher clerk working at the Soviet Union's Embassy in Ottawa defected in 1945 along with a trove of documents revealing a network of Soviet spies working in Canada, the U.S. and U.K. By 1950, Canada had passed an Emergency Powers Act and sent troops to fight in the Korean War, a Cold War showdown between the U.S. and USSR. Top secret cabinet documents Molinaro found at Library and Archives Canada show the federal government authorized operation Picnic in 1951, and that it included the "monitoring of subversive telephone conversations." But by 1954, the fighting was over in Korea and the emergency powers legislation was set to expire. Molinaro discovered the government and RCMP opted to secretly keep the wiretapping program going during peacetime using Canada's Official Secrets Act.

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6. Grits to seek public input on trade deal with China

Ottawa Citizen, Marie-Danielle Smith, 2016 12 15

Ottawa - Canada is committing to public consultations on a potential free-trade deal with China, and government officials from both countries are set to hold a first meeting early in 2017. According to Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland's office, consultations - including online submissions from the public - will be "integral" to assessing whether "sufficient economic interest" exists to pursue a negotiation with China. "We will take a step-bystep approach, and we look forward to hearing directly from Canadians on this issue," said Freeland's press secretary Alex Lawrence. He said in an email the government will welcome views "in any form," including in writing, online and in person. A response to an order paper question tabled in parliament Monday confirms the government expects a "first face-to-face meeting" in "early 2017." Lawrence didn't confirm a date but said officials would meet "as the need arises." Canada and China announced they were pursuing exploratory trade talks - a more-preliminary step than formal negotiations - Sept. 22, when Chinese Premier Li Keqiang visited Ottawa mere weeks after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had visited Beijing. Although Canadian attitudes toward an agreement with China are shifting, there is still considerable skepticism. An Asia Pacific Foundation poll conducted by EKOS Research Associates during the summer found 46 per cent of Canadians surveyed were in favour of a deal with China, but 46 per cent were not.

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7. Phénix 10 000 fonctionnaires encore touchés

Agence QMI, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 15

Ottawa - Plus de 10 000 fonctionnaires sont toujours victimes du fiasco du nouveau système de paye du gouvernement fédéral. «Nous progressons lentement en raison de la complexité de ces cas», a admis la sous-ministre du ministère des Services publics et de l'Approvisionnement, Marie Lemay, hier. Ottawa avait promis de régler les ratés de son système de paye Phénix avant le 1er novembre. Depuis cet échec, le ministère n'ose plus s'enfermer dans un nouvel échéancier. Mme Lemay a concédé que «l'année qui se termine a été très éprouvante» pour un bon nombre de fonctionnaires qui n'ont pas reçu leur dû.

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8. Phoenix pay system plays role in donation shortfall in workplace campaign

Canadian Press, Jordan Press, 2016 12 15

Ottawa - One of the biggest workplace fundraising campaigns in Canada will fall short of its \$19-million goal this holiday season _ and the Grinch in the works is the federal pay system that handles most of the donations. It's a snafu that the country's top bureaucrats predicted over the summer, weeks before the annual United Way campaign kicked off, documents show. It's also just one more consequence of a problem-plagued payroll system that has been causing migraines for public servants and senior officials since the calendar first turned to 2016. Approximately 70 per cent of the funds that are raised for the United Way through the federal workplace campaign come from payroll deductions. The deputy minister in charge of the campaign warned his colleagues at a July 27 breakfast meeting of a "serious impact on our ability to raise funds" if the Phoenix payroll issues weren't resolved. The details are contained in speaking notes provided to the clerk of the Privy Council, the country's top bureaucrat, and obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act. On Wednesday, the top civil servant at Public Services and Procurement Canada, which is in charge of the Phoenix system, confirmed that the fundraising campaign will fall short of its \$19-million target.

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9. Problèmes avec Phénix Ottawa minimisera l'impact sur les T-4

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 12 15

Ottawa - Avec la saison des impôts qui approche, le gouvernement fédéral tente de minimiser les impacts des ratés du système de paye Phénix sur les formulaires T-4 que recevront ses employés. Les montants que les 14 000 employés fédéraux ont reçus en trop en raison des erreurs de Phénix n'apparaîtront pas sur leur T-4 de 2016, ce qui devrait donner le temps de corriger les erreurs de paye en prévision des impôts de 2017, a expliqué Marie Lemay, la sous-ministre des Services publics et de l'Approvisionnement (SPAC). Un représentant de l'Agence du revenu du Canada, Randy Hewlett, a souligné que les fonctionnaires inquiets peuvent obtenir de l'information sur le site de l'Agence du revenu du Canada, et que diverses mesures sont prises, notamment avec Revenu Québec, pour leur éviter de subir les conséquences fiscales en raison de Phénix.

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10. Public servants urged to donate to United Way

Ottawa Citizen, Andrew Savory And Kathryn May, 2016 12 15

Ottawa - Ottawa community groups are urging federal public servants to donate to a massive United Way workplace campaign that's "at risk" of falling short of its \$19-million fundraising goal - something the groups say could have a "devastating impact on our city's most vulnerable people." The plea is contained in an open letter to public servants coauthored by Susan Ingram of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ottawa and Kathryn Hill of Family Services Ottawa. The letter was penned on behalf of the 25 agencies supported by the United Way charity organization that distributes the proceeds of the annual campaign. The current total of donations sits at \$14.6 million, Ingram told the Citizen. The deadline for donating is March 31, 2017. "We are able to provide vital programs and services because of your generous donations to United Way Ottawa through your annual workplace campaign," the letter reads. "This year, our ability to support those who need it most is at risk." Marie Lemay, a campaign cochair and deputy minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada, confirmed the campaign will fall short of its goal but said "below target is still a big amount of money." "It's still a very positive contribution that federal public servants are making to the community." She said the campaign total will be announced at the end of the month.

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11. Syrie « Il faut agir », dit Stéphane Dion

La Presse canadienne, Mélanie Marquis, 2016 12 15

Ottawa - Le ministre des Affaires étrangères Stéphane Dion a lancé mercredi un cri du coeur face à l'insupportable drame qui se joue à Alep, dans le nord de la Syrie. Le diplomate en chef du Canada a plaidé qu'il « faut agir », insistant sur la nécessité de continuer à « interpeller ceux qui peuvent faire la différence, c'est-à-dire le régime Assad et ceux qui l'appuient ». Il a assuré que c'est précisément ce qu'Ottawa fait, étant actuellement « en conversation avec ceux avec qui il faut que ça bouge », notamment avec les Russes. Car « il y a encore des vies à sauver, des enfants qui sont séparés de leurs parents » dans la ville syrienne assiégée, a insisté le ministre Dion. Lorsqu'on lui a demandé pourquoi les choses ne bougeaient pas, le ministre a laissé tomber que « le monde est souvent horrible », et que « le monde dans lequel nous vivons est dur ». « Il y a des pays qui ne respectent pas le droit international, et il faut toujours intervenir pour essayer d'injecter un peu d'humanité dans ce qui n'en a pas », a regretté M. Dion.

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12. Warrants to tell tale of 'scandalous' probe

Globe and Mail, Daniel Leblanc, 2016 12 15

Ottawa - She is a TV reporter who exposed the rot in Quebec's construction industry; he is a print journalist known as much for his hard- news scoops as his opinion columns. Marie-Maude Denis and Patrick Lagacé are among at least eight journalists who were recently spied upon by

either the provincial Sûreté du Québec or the Montreal Police Service. The first clear sense of what happened is set to come out soon in Montreal, where a court will release the first of dozens of warrants that targeted some of Quebec's best-known journalists. The disclosure could come as early as Thursday, or in ensuing days, depending on the ruling. The search warrants gave police unprecedented access to journalists' cellphones to track their movements and calls. They raise troubling questions about the relationships among officers, politicians and the judges who are supposed to keep the authorities in check. The Quebec government has launched a public inquiry into the surveillance, and the ramifications will go on for years. They could have an impact across the country if the federal government feels the need to enact legislation to protect journalists and their sources. What is clear is that in Quebec's unique cultural universe, the police could hardly have picked better-known journalists to spy upon and unleash a furor over their tactics. Ms. Denis co-hosts a show on Radio-Canada called *Enquête* (the French-language equivalent of *The Fifth Estate*), for which she did stories in recent years that exposed widespread corruption and collusion on large construction projects in Quebec. Her reporting angered Michel Arsenault, who was head of the Quebec Federation of Labour at the time. In a letter to the province's public safety minister in 2013, he complained about alleged leaks from police to journalists - and the file was passed to the head of the SQ, which launched an investigation.

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13. Weapon in one hand, camera in the other

Toronto Star, Allan Woods, 2016 12 15

St-Raymond, Que. - There was a moment last year along a dusty path on the way to a village in northern Iraq that Olivier Lavigne-Ortiz said he was literally leading the international coalition against the Islamic terror group Daesh. As a volunteer fighter attached to a company of Kurdish soldiers, the 34-year-old former Canadian soldier was walking ahead of his brothers-in-arms toward the next front line and the next fight against the enemy. "I remember that I was in front of everyone and I thought: 'This is the coalition - a bulldozer, a tank without bullets and 20 ill-equipped soldiers,'" he recalled in a recent interview in this town on the outskirts of Quebec City. The former sniper with the legendary Royal 22nd Regiment, the Vandoos, had been to Afghanistan twice. He had had access to the best equipment and training in the world. Now, he was battling with a band of valiant fighters against the terror group in its self-proclaimed caliphate. But what makes Lavigne-Ortiz's 3 1/2-month mission remarkable is that he was simultaneously shooting footage for what is now a feature-length documentary. "I really had two missions at the same time: that of a soldier and a filmmaker," he said. "A weapon in one hand and a camera in the other - that really captures it." The 98-minute film, which was shot using a handheld digital camera and a GoPro camera attached to his rifle, is as much an homage to the Kurds as it is about the experience of foreign fighters who are acting as the boots on the ground despite the reluctance of western governments to dispatch their ground forces. Its title, *Beside Heroes*, also gives away Lavigne-Ortiz's goal: to produce a sort of counterpunch to the glut of slick and gruesome propaganda produced by Daesh, which is also known as ISIS or the Islamic State.

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14. Yes to a debate

Toronto Star, 2016 12 15

Editorial: The Trudeau government is delaying an announcement on exactly where Canadian soldiers will be deployed on "peace operations" overseas. It says it wants to take all the time needed to "get this right." Nothing wrong with that. But one thing the government should not delay is making clear that Parliament will get a chance to debate what could be a risky and controversial mission. An announcement was expected by Christmas, but Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan now says it will take a few weeks longer because it will be a "whole-of-government effort," involving not just defence but foreign affairs and development as well. The government also has to co-ordinate with "international partners." Up to 600 soldiers and about 150 police officers are expected to be involved, and as the Star has reported they will likely be dispatched to the West African nation of Mali. They would work with French forces and a United Nations mission to fend off Islamist insurgents in the north and stabilize the country. It could be deadly; rebels have already targeted UN peacekeepers.

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15. Afraid to Politicize Intelligence, Obama Delayed Blaming Russia for Hack

New York Times, Gardiner Harris, 2016 12 15

Washington - The Obama administration spent months deliberating whether to blame Russia for a cyberattack on the Democratic National Committee, with action delayed in part because President Obama did not want to be blamed for politicizing intelligence, the White House said on Wednesday. Josh Earnest, the White House press secretary, said that "it would've been inappropriate for White House figures -- including the president of the United States -- to be rushing the intelligence community to expedite their analysis of the situation." In particular, he described White House concerns that any statement by Mr. Obama would be viewed as using intelligence to meddle in the election on behalf of the president's preferred candidate, Hillary Clinton. Part of the reason for the delay, Mr. Earnest said, was bureaucratic. "First, they had to confirm across 17 different government agencies that they had high confidence that this is exactly what had transpired," Mr. Earnest said. But the administration's delayed response also resulted because Donald J. Trump, the Republican nominee, had been making repeated claims about how the election was being rigged, and Mr. Obama did not want to do anything that would feed those charges, Mr. Earnest said.

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16. Chinese Media Says Trump Can't Cure 'American Disease'

New York Times, Chris Buckley, 2016 12 15

Beijing - Donald J. Trump isn't Mr. Popular in Beijing lately. But China's ruling elite seems to be consoling itself with the idea that the American president-elect will take charge of a country staggering into decline and disunion. A flow of articles in Communist Party publications in

recent weeks has argued that the United States' tumultuous past year showed it to be dysfunctional and dissolute, and blighted by corruption, social and political polarization, reckless debt and an enfeebled news media. "Can an American Dream sick with the American Disease last for long?" read a headline in the latest issue of Red Flag Papers, a party journal that has enjoyed renewed prominence in recent years. "America's political problems have long been the instigator of its other problems," said the accompanying essay, by a researcher from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, one of the government's main think tanks. "The clear and unequivocal slide in the public's belief in the 'American dream' directly reflects their lack of optimism in the country's future and their own prospects," wrote the researcher, Liu Weidong. "The American political system that once was their greatest pride has constantly proven powerless to restrain the despicable conduct of incompetent politicians."

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17. Comey to Trump: The Russians Didn't Influence the Election

Town Hall, Ed Klein, 2016 12 15

Washington - In telephone conversations with Donald Trump, FBI Director James Comey assured the president-elect there was no credible evidence that Russia influenced the outcome of the recent U.S. presidential election by hacking the Democratic National Committee and the e-mails of John Podesta, the chairman of Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. What's more, Comey told Trump that James Clapper, the director of National Intelligence, agreed with this FBI assessment. The only member of the U.S. intelligence community who was ready to assert that the Russians sanctioned the hacking was John Brennan, the director of the CIA, according to sources who were briefed on Comey's conversations with Trump. "And Brennan takes his marching orders from President Obama," the sources quoted Comey as saying.

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18. Cyberaggression is the 'new normal' Trump can't ignore

Globe and Mail, Wesley Wark, 2016 12 15

Op-ed: The furor over allegations of Russian meddling in the U.S. election continues to grow and poses one of the first big tests for the incoming Trump administration. The story has a long trail, leading back to the summer of 2016, when FBI investigations into Russian hacking targeted at the presidential election began in earnest. Media reporting suggests the growing body of intelligence on Russian involvement in U.S. domestic politics even made its way into President Barack Obama's top level intelligence report - the President's Daily Brief - during the campaign. Very recently, the CIA reached a judgment, according to intelligence sources tapped by The Washington Post, that Russian hacking had a very specific aim - not just to undermine confidence in the U.S. electoral system, but to help Donald Trump win the election. This is an explosive charge, but one not limited to the U.S. arena. Concerns about Russian cyberaggression caused the head of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, Alex Younger, to make a rare public speech, delivered from SIS headquarters on the Thames, charging that cyberattacks and information warfare represent "a fundamental threat to our sovereignty; they should be a concern to all those who share democratic values." These fears have been echoed by the directors of

German intelligence, looking ahead to their own federal election. Questions about the role of false news, propagated by Russian outlets, in the outcome of the recent Italian referendum on electoral reform have also been raised. Note: Wesley Wark is a visiting professor at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa

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19. How to Win Putin's Information War

New York Times, Mark Galeotti, 2016 12 15

Op-ed from Prague - Welcome to 21st-century conflict, more Machiavellian than military, where hacks, leaks and fake news are taking the place of planes, bombs and missiles. The Russian interference in the United States presidential election is just a taste of more to come. How can countries protect themselves from such methods? As with nuclear weapons, deterrence is better than confrontation. The United States and its allies in the West need to find a way to discourage Russia, the leading practitioner of this kind of political warfare, from striking first. With nuclear weapons, deterrence relies on demonstrating the possession of similar capabilities -- and the will to use them. This won't work with political warfare. It is not as though the United States hasn't dabbled in destabilization and disinformation campaigns. But these tactics are less likely to work in Russia, where the news media is mostly state-controlled, the security apparatus quickly stamps out political threats, and citizens have few illusions about their leaders. (For example, when the Panama Papers revealed that President Vladimir V. Putin's cronies had secret bank accounts, most Russians simply shrugged, unsurprised.) All that such efforts would do is show Russians that Mr. Putin is right to say the West is no better than him. What Russia's president fears is failure. His macho political persona relies on the conceit that he never gets things wrong, and that he can, with the help of hackers, special forces or brutal allies, outmaneuver the West and consequently regain Russia's status as a global power. This is why the United States and its allies should pursue a strategy of deterrence by denial. Mr. Putin shouldn't fear retaliation for his information warfare -- he should fear that he will fail. Note: Mark Galeotti is a senior researcher at the Institute of International Relations Prague.

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20. Intel agencies reject request for House committee briefing, citing larger probe

The Hill, Katie Bo Williams, 2016 12 15

Washington - The Intelligence Community (IC) is refusing to provide the House Intelligence Committee with a requested Thursday briefing on Russian interference with the U.S. election, citing an ongoing review of the matter requested by President Obama. According to a statement, the IC will not be offering comment to Congress until it completes that review, which will cover foreign interference in the electoral process since 2008. "Once the review is complete in the coming weeks, the Intelligence Community stands ready to brief Congress -- and will make those findings available to the public consistent with protecting intelligence sources and methods," the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) said in a statement. The Obama review is scheduled to be completed by the time Donald Trump takes office on Jan. 20. Chairman Devin Nunes (R-Calif.) had asked the FBI, NSA, Office of the Director of National

Intelligence and CIA to meet with committee members on Thursday, and called their refusal "unacceptable." The briefing was not requested to be at the director level, meaning that National Intelligence Director James Clapper, CIA Director John Brennan and their counterparts were not expected to attend.

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21. James Clapper Has a Classified Blog. It's Called "Intercept."

The Intercept, Jeremy Scahill, 2016 12 15

Washington - During his tenure as the Director of National Intelligence, James Clapper has maintained a classified blog. It's called "Intercept," and is only accessible to people within the intelligence community with clearance to access the government intelink site. It even offers a secret RSS feed so analysts will never miss a post. Clapper's Intercept blog has no relationship to The Intercept, except that he hates pretty much everything we stand for. In one of his posts, written in May 2013 and obtained by The Intercept, Clapper posted a handwritten letter he says he received from "a constituent in Nevada." It's unclear what makes this person a constituent since Clapper was not elected to any office. In any case, this constituent "discusses supporting the IC's [Intelligence Community's] position on civil liberties" in the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombing. "If the american [sic] people are not willing to release some freedoms, they cannot blame the IC when they can't stop" domestic terror attacks because of the intelligence agencies "having their hands tied by Law [sic] & policy," the "constituent" wrote. He adds that Americans "cannot have your cake and eat it too," and then offers what has become a dangerous cliché in the post-Snowden mentality of the intelligence community: "So if one has nothing to hide why would a little government watching for mass protection be such a big question." The letter ends: "WE SUPPORT YOU." That someone in the U.S. would write such a letter to Clapper is not controversial. A lot of people have made this same ridiculous argument over and over. But Clapper's response to the letter, which he also shared on his Intercept blog, is not surprising, but nonetheless disturbing. "I can't tell you how much I appreciate your letter," Clapper wrote. "I say this on behalf of all the women and men of the Intelligence Community. In my view you have very accurately described THE issue that the Boston Bombings represent: Just how small do the American people want the holes in the security fish net to be?" But soon after Clapper's post, it became clear he did not actually speak for "all of the women and men" in the intelligence community.

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22. Newly Uncovered Site Suggests NSA Exploits for Direct Sale

Motherboard (Vice), Joseph Cox, 2016 12 14

New York - The Shadow Brokers--a hacker or group of hackers that stole computer exploits from the National Security Agency--has been quiet for some time. After their auction and crowd-funded approach for selling the exploits met a lukewarm reception, the group seemingly stopped posting new messages in October. But a newly uncovered website, which includes a file apparently signed with The Shadow Brokers' cryptographic key, suggests the group is trying to sell hacking tools directly to buyers one by one, and a cache of files appears to include more

information on specific exploits. On Wednesday, someone calling themselves Boceffus Cleetus published a Medium post called "Are the Shadow Brokers selling NSA tools on ZeroNet?" Cleetus, who has an American flag with swastikas as their profile picture, also tweeted the post from a Twitter account created this month. "Well howdy partners! I don't wanna be getting arrested for passing on fake news and all. I reckon [sic] I ain't no security professional but I am whutcha might call a ZeroNet enthusiast," Cleetus writes. ZeroNet is a platform for hosting websites using blockchain and BitTorrent technology. "Those dastardly ole shadow brokers have themselves a zite on ZeroNet. Yep and fars as I can tell they appears to be sellin NSA tools individually now," Cleetus continues.

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23. Past CIA director, British premier say Trump needs spy data

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 12 14

Dubai - A former CIA director and a former British prime minister offered simple advice on Wednesday for U.S. President-elect Donald Trump: Have daily intelligence briefings. Both Leon Panetta, a former American spymaster and defense secretary, and Britain's former Prime Minister David Cameron emphasized the point after Trump suggested he didn't need them. "I have never seen a president who has said, 'I don't want that stuff.' Never seen it," Panetta said at the Arab Strategy Forum in Dubai. Cameron said: "It won't last." Panetta added: "It can't last."

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24. Stolen Yahoo Data Includes Government Employee Information

Bloomberg News, Jordan Robertson, 2016 12 15

New York - More than 150,000 U.S. government and military employees are among the victims of Yahoo! Inc.'s newly disclosed data breach, and their names, passwords, telephone numbers, security questions, birth dates, and backup e-mail addresses are now in the hands of cybercriminals. It's a leak that could allow foreign intelligence services to identify employees and hack their personal and work accounts, posing a threat to national security. These employees had given their official government accounts to Yahoo in case they were ever locked out of their e-mail. The government accounts belong to current and former White House staff, U.S. congressmen and their aides, FBI agents, officials at the National Security Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and each branch of the U.S. military. The list includes an FBI division chief and multiple special agents working around the U.S.; current and former diplomats in Pakistan, Syria and South Africa; a network administrator at NSA's Fort Meade headquarters; the chief of an Air Force intelligence group; and a human resources manager for the CIA. On Wednesday, Yahoo revealed the second major breach of its systems, following the September disclosure of a widespread hack. The newly announced intrusion, which occurred in 2013, affected more than 1 billion users, and the government employee data is likely part of that cache. The other hack was disclosed earlier but took place later, in 2014, and Yahoo has said it threatened 500 million accounts. "Yahoo has taken steps to secure user accounts and is working closely with law enforcement," the company said in a statement issued Wednesday. The information about the government employees comes

from a cyber-security researcher, Andrew Komarov, who discovered a stolen database of Yahoo user information involving hundreds of millions of accounts and turned it over to the government, which in turn alerted Yahoo. Bloomberg News reviewed the database and confirmed a sample of the accounts for accuracy. Yahoo declined to comment on the stolen government employee information.

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25. Trump's national security adviser shared secrets without permission, files show

Washington Post, Craig Whitlock, Greg Miller, 2016 12 14

Washington - A secret U.S. military investigation in 2010 determined that Michael T. Flynn, the retired Army general tapped to serve as national security adviser in the Trump White House, "inappropriately shared" classified information with foreign military officers in Afghanistan, newly released documents show. Although Flynn lacked authorization to share the classified material, he was not disciplined or reprimanded after the investigation concluded that he did not act "knowingly" and that "there was no actual or potential damage to national security as a result," according to Army records obtained by The Washington Post under the Freedom of Information Act. Flynn has previously acknowledged that he was investigated while serving as the U.S. military intelligence chief in Afghanistan for sharing secrets with British and Australian allies there. But he has dismissed the case as insignificant and has given few details. The Army documents provide the first official account of the case, but they are limited in scope because the investigation itself remains classified. Former U.S. officials familiar with the matter said that Flynn was accused of telling allies about the activities of other agencies in Afghanistan, including the CIA. Flynn did not respond to requests for comment. The documents do not reveal the nature of the information. But former U.S. officials familiar with the case said it centered on slides and other materials containing classified information about CIA operations in Afghanistan.

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26. U.S. Officials: Putin Personally Involved in U.S. Election Hack

NBC News, Multiple reporters, 2016 12 15

New York - U.S. intelligence officials now believe with "a high level of confidence" that Russian President Vladimir Putin became personally involved in the covert Russian campaign to interfere in the U.S. presidential election, senior U.S. intelligence officials told NBC News. Two senior officials with direct access to the information say new intelligence shows that Putin personally directed how hacked material from Democrats was leaked and otherwise used. The intelligence came from diplomatic sources and spies working for U.S. allies, the officials said. Putin's objectives were multifaceted, a high-level intelligence source told NBC News. What began as a "vendetta" against Hillary Clinton morphed into an effort to show corruption in American politics and to "split off key American allies by creating the image that [other countries] couldn't depend on the U.S. to be a credible global leader anymore," the official said. Ultimately, the CIA has assessed, the Russian government wanted to elect Donald Trump. The FBI and other agencies don't fully endorse that view, but few officials would dispute that the Russian operation was intended to harm Clinton's candidacy by leaking embarrassing emails about Democrats.

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27. White supremacist fliers reported at U-Md.

Washington Post, Justin Wm. Moyer, 2016 12 15

Washington - Fliers linked to a white supremacist group were found this week on the campus of the University of Maryland in College Park, authorities said, part of what appears to be an effort targeting colleges in several states. The fliers featured the logo of American Vanguard, a group associated with white supremacy. One read, "We have a right to exist," and another read, "Defending your people is a social duty not an anti-social crime." "We hear it every day: 'Whiteness' is evil, and must be destroyed," the group said in a statement on its website. "Our religion, our traditions, and our identity are dragged through the mud by the globalist establishment while millions of nonwhites flood our nation every year. If current trends continue, White Americans will be a minority by 2044. It's time to take a stand." American Vanguard, based in California, has posted fliers on other U.S. campuses, according to the Anti-Defamation League. Its posters were found recently at Purdue University in Indiana, the University of Central Florida, Florida Gulf Coast University, the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith and Emerson College in Massachusetts, the ADL said.

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28. Yahoo Says 1 Billion User Accounts Were Hacked

New York Times, Vindu Goel, Nicole Perlroth, 2016 12 15

San Francisco - Yahoo, already reeling from its September disclosure that 500 million user accounts had been hacked in 2014, disclosed Wednesday that a different attack in 2013 compromised more than 1 billion accounts. The two attacks are the largest known security breaches of one company's computer network. The newly disclosed 2013 attack involved sensitive user information, including names, telephone numbers, dates of birth, encrypted passwords and unencrypted security questions that could be used to reset a password. Yahoo said it is forcing all of the affected users to change their passwords and it is invalidating unencrypted security questions -- steps that it declined to take in September. Yahoo said it discovered the larger hacking after analyzing data files, provided by law enforcement, that an unnamed third party had claimed contained Yahoo information. "What's most troubling is that this occurred so long ago, in August 2013, and no one saw any indication of a breach occurring until law enforcement came forward," said Jay Kaplan, the chief executive of Synack, a security company. "Yahoo has a long way to go to catch up to these threats."

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29. Islamic State terrorists 'hiding in plain sight among migrants'

Sky News, Staff report, 2016 12 15

London - Islamic State terrorists are "moving in migrant flows, hiding in plain sight", the head of the Armed Forces has warned. In comments that could reignite the debate around ID cards, Sir Stuart Peach said Britain should think about how it "manages identity" due to the global reach of IS militants who deliberately destroy their identity documents to travel illegally into other countries. Speaking at the Royal United Services Institute, he said: "I worry about the global reach of Daesh as an idea - copycat, using the internet - more than the internet - using social media, popping up all over the world. "The Chinese state has accepted they have a problem. This is not now a localised phenomenon, it is now a wider phenomenon. "And of course we face...a potential network of combat- experienced terrorists". He added: "They are moving in migrant flows, hiding in plain sight".

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30. Australian 'low mark' on Iraq transparency (Canada)

Australian Associated Press, Max Blenkin, 2016 12 15

Canberra - A report by a group monitoring coalition air strikes in Iraq and Syria has given Australia low marks for transparency and accountability. The UK-based Airwars organisation says Australia remains one of the least transparent members of the international military coalition, consistently refusing to disclose almost any information about air strikes by RAAF aircraft or acknowledge any incidents that may have produced civilian casualties. "Canberra has consistently refused to disclose almost any information relating to an estimated 405 air strikes to October 2016 - with one notable exception," Airwars said. The exception was an airstrike in September that hit Syrian government forces, with the Australian Defence Force admitting two F/A-18 Hornets released weapons during the attack. Airwars said Australia has also consistently refused to disclose how many alleged civilian casualty events its aircraft may have been involved in. There was no detailed investigation of two incidents, one near Ramadi and one near Fallujah, in which civilians entered the target area after weapons were fired. "The poor quality of the Fallujah investigation did little to instil confidence in Australia's assertion it had killed no civilians in hundreds of air strikes in Iraq and Syria," it said in the report. Airwars collates data on air strikes from official reporting and on civilian casualties from media and other reports. It said the US-led coalition, comprising aircraft from 13 countries, had conducted about 14,200 strikes in the first two years of the campaign against the Islamic State group. US aircraft conducted the majority of strikes in Syria and Iraq. Airwars said civilian casualties remained inevitable in a modern air war, even when precision munitions were widely used. It estimates at least 1500 non-combatants died from coalition air strikes. The coalition acknowledges 152 civilian deaths, though it has recently taken steps to improve monitoring. Airwars ranked Canada the most transparent of coalition members, followed by the UK, US and France.

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31. New risks to NZ with Trump Presidency (Canada)

Dominion Post, Kathleen M. Kuehn, 2016 12 15

Op-ed: New Zealand privacy advocates and civil libertarians have been curiously subdued on the future of surveillance, privacy and internet freedom under the forthcoming Donald Trump presidency. But if Trump's campaign trail and recent staffing decisions are any indication of what's to come, a wait-and-see approach may not be in NZ's best interest. Although pending formal election, Trump is building an administration that clearly prioritises opaque 'national security' concerns over democratic rights and freedoms. At the top of his policy goals is the elimination of "intrusive regulation", which he intends to repeal by lining his Cabinet with officials who hold similar views. Top intelligence roles have already been handed to vocal supporters of the National Security Agency's controversial mass surveillance programmes exposed by Edward Snowden. Mike Pompeo, the next CIA director, staunchly opposes restrictions on data collection and is expected to overturn the few limits placed on digital surveillance since the 2013 Snowden leaks. Trump unapologetically supports the discriminatory surveillance of people of colour, activists, immigrants and certain religious groups. He has advocated for watch lists, a registry system for Muslims and the targeted surveillance of "certain mosques". In Trump's own words, "I want surveillance of these people, I want surveillance if we have to." If Trump starts pushing the boundaries on surveillance, what does this mean for NZ? We already actively support America's surveillance agenda as a partner in the 'Five Eyes' security alliance with the US, UK, Canada and Australia. Under US directives, we contribute foreign intelligence in exchange for access to its global surveillance infrastructure. Note: Kathleen M. Kuehn is a lecturer in media studies at Victoria University of Wellington and author of *The Post-Snowden Era: Mass Surveillance and Privacy in New Zealand*.

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32. SA man charged with advocating terrorism after allegedly posting anti-Jewish videos
ABC (Australia), Candice Prosser, 2016 12 15

Canberra - A South Australian man who police allege posted videos to social media encouraging people in overseas conflict zones to commit terrorist acts has been charged with advocating terrorism. An Australia Federal Police spokesman said it was the first time anyone in Australia had been charged with advocating terrorism. The Flinders Park man, 50, was arrested at a facility in Northfield today and was charged with four counts of advocating terrorism. Each offence carries a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment. Police said he was arrested as a result of information received via the National Security Hotline. There are no current or impending threats to the Australian community as a result of these activities, police have said. The man has since faced a hearing in the Adelaide Magistrates Court via a telephone link from the Yatala prison infirmary. His name and image were suppressed. His lawyer, Stacey Carter, told the court her client had mental health issues and asked Magistrate Jayanthi McGrath to order a report into his mental fitness to stand trial and provide instructions.

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33. The statistics of fear: Should we be most concerned about cars, planes or terrorists?
(Canada)
ABC (Australia), Patrick Wood, 2016 12 15

Canberra - Are you more likely to die in a car crash or a terrorist attack? And what is safer: driving across the country for your family Christmas or getting on a plane? Everyone has their fears and safety concerns, but chances are that -- statistically speaking -- we are worrying about the wrong things, according to a visiting statistician who specialises in probability. Professor Jeffrey Rosenthal works in the Department of Statistics at the University of Toronto and is currently doing a series of public lectures in Australia. "People do worry about a lot of things which are extremely unlikely and we shouldn't," he told ABC News Breakfast. Terrorism is a particularly emotive topic in Australia, with finding 45 per cent of Australians are either "very" or "somewhat" concerned about either themselves or a family member being the victim of a terrorist attack in Australia. "Terrorism, in a way it's a tricky thing because you don't know what the future will bring and situations can change," Professor Rosenthal said. "But one example I give is if you look at the 9/11 terrorism attacks ... in the month of September 2001 more people in the United States were killed in ordinary car crashes than were killed in the 9/11 attacks." Professor Rosenthal said sales of anxiety medication rose in the US after the attacks and he knew one couple who made the decision to get married because they feared the threat of terrorism.

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34. Maj Gen Asif Ghafoor appointed DG ISPR

Pakistan Dawn, Dawn Report, 2016 12 15

Islamabad - Major General Asif Ghafoor has been appointed as the new director general (DG) for Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR). He is presently commanding a division in Swat and will replace Lt Gen Asim Bajwa as DG ISPR. Lt Gen Bajwa was posted as Inspector General Arms at GHQ. Maj Gen Ghafoor was a part of the artillery regiment and also served in the military operations directorate, military sources said. The new postings come shortly after the appointment of Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa as army chief. As with each change in command of the country's powerful army, the obvious question being asked is how and whether the new chief's appointment and his radically different looking team will translate into policy changes in different areas. The posting of officers with a track record in internal security and counterterrorism as the CGS and the ISI DG respectively also reinforces this impression.

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35. Working for peace harder than fighting: CEO

Pajhwok Afghan News, Navid Ahmad Barakzai, 2016 12 15

Kabul - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah on Wednesday said working for peace in Afghanistan 'is harder than fighting' but the government would pursue the path of peace and stability. Abdullah was expressing a conference 'Common approaches to future and preparation for peace in Afghanistan' organized by the European Union mission in Kabul. The CEO said working for peace had become harder with the passage of time and the continuation of such a situation would create more problems for people. Abdullah also said they all had neglected their responsibilities about people's rights. He urged the Afghans to avoid fueling

ethnic difference and make efforts for durable peace. "We should prove that we have the aptitude for peace." Addressing militants, he said the government was not ready for talks with those hell bent on fighting and killing innocent people.

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36. 'Algerian al-Qaeda boss seriously injured but alive'

Middle East Eye, 2016 12 15

Undisclosed placeline - He has been reported killed on many occasions, only to resurface battered but alive to fight another day. Now evidence from a nurse suggests the latest US reports of the "likely" demise of Mokhtar Belmokhtar, the Algerian boss of an al-Qaeda affiliate, are wide of the mark. American military sources on 27 November told the Wall Street Journal that a French air strike in southwest Libya was "likely successful" in its aim of killing the leader of al-Mourabitoun, which has links to al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM). Not so, according to evidence from a Nigerien nurse who treated him after the attack. Algerian intelligence services, working in collaboration with counterparts in Niger, are now convinced that Belmokhtar is not dead. "He, along with other terrorists, was targeted by an air strike last November but he got away," an Algerian security source told Middle East Eye.

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37. "La sécurité du Sahel est une partie intégrante de la sécurité régionale et internationale"

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 14

Alger - La sécurité du Sahel est considérée comme partie intégrante de la sécurité régionale et internationale par l'Algérie qui appelle les pays de la région à conjuguer leurs efforts dans le cadre du respect de la souveraineté, l'indépendance, l'unité et les choix des pays, a affirmé mercredi à Alger le Secrétaire général du ministère des Affaires étrangères, Hassane Rabehi. "L'Algérie considère que la sécurité du Sahel est partie intégrante de la sécurité régionale et internationale. Sa préservation interpelle les pays de la région", a déclaré M. Rabehi à l'ouverture de la 10e réunion des points focaux du Centre africain d'études et de recherche sur le terrorisme (CAERT) tenue à Alger.

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38. Belmokhtar, grièvement blessé mais toujours en vie

African Manager, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 14

Ghadamès, libye - Les aveux d'un infirmier nigérien, arrêté au Niger, viendraient démentir la mort du chef terroriste algérien Mokhtar Belmokhtar, selon le site Middle East Eye (MEE). Le 27 novembre dernier, des sources militaires américaines citées par le Wall Street Journal laissaient entendre que le chef du groupe al-Mourabitoune, affilié à al-Qaïda au Maghreb

islamique (AQMI), avait été tué dans une frappe aérienne menée par la France dans le sud-ouest de la Libye. Les services de renseignements algériens, qui travaillent en collaboration avec leurs homologues nigériens, en sont maintenant persuadés : Belmokhtar n'est pas mort. « Il a bien été visé, avec d'autres terroristes, par une frappe aérienne en novembre dernier mais il a réchappé à ce raid », explique une source sécuritaire algérienne à MEE.

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39. Egypt executes prominent Islamist militant Habara amid threats of retaliation

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 12 15

Cairo - Egypt executed prominent Islamist fighter Adel Habara on Thursday, state media said, days after a top court rejected his final appeal and in defiance of militant threats to ignite "a volcano of jihad" across the country. Habara, 40, was sentenced to death in 2014 for killing 25 army conscripts in Northern Sinai in August 2013. He was hanged early on Thursday after President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi signed off on the death sentence, state news agency MENA said. Sisi has launched a fierce crackdown on Islamists since as Egypt's then-military chief he overthrew the country's democratically elected president, Mohamed Mursi of the Muslim Brotherhood, in July 2013.

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40. Mali : dans la région de Mopti, « l'État ne contrôle plus rien »

Jeune Afrique, Rémi Carayol, 2016 12 14

Bamako, Mali - Le Yaaral n'a pas eu lieu cette année. Initialement prévue pour le 26 novembre, cette fête ancestrale qui célèbre la traversée du Niger par les troupeaux et leurs bergers et leur retour sur la rive droite du fleuve, une fois que la saison des pluies est passée, a été annulée au dernier moment. Trop risqué. « Des bergers avaient reçu des menaces. Les jihadistes les avaient appelés sur leur propre téléphone pour leur dire de ne pas y participer. La plupart ont donc décidé de traverser plus tôt, sans dire quand, afin d'éviter les attaques », explique le sociologue Bréma Ely Dicko, spécialiste de la zone. Proclamé « chef d'oeuvre du patrimoine culturel immatériel de l'humanité » par l'Unesco en 2005, classé au patrimoine culturel national depuis huit ans, ce rendez-vous, très prisé par les Peuls du Macina, a tout pour déplaire aux extrémistes religieux : on y danse, on y chante et les femmes s'y font belles... Aujourd'hui, dans le delta intérieur du Niger, une zone difficile d'accès et inondée une partie de l'année, investie depuis deux ans par les groupes jihadistes, tout cela est synonyme de danger. « L'État, dans cette zone, ne contrôle plus rien », constate un élu local ayant requis l'anonymat, exilé comme tant d'autres à Bamako pour sa propre sécurité.

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41. Military intervention possible as Gambian president refuses to step down

The National (UAE), Colin Freeman, 2016 12 15

Banjul - Gambia's president Yahya Jammeh has been warned he faces "strong sanctions" and even military intervention if he continues to insist on remaining in power despite losing the election. The United Nations and fellow African leaders have all voiced dismay at Mr Jammeh's refusal to accept the result of December 1 election, which he lost to rival Adama Barrow. "For Mr Jammeh, the end is here and under no circumstances can he continue to be president," said Mohammed Ibn Chambas, the UN's special representative for West Africa, after a meeting with other West African leaders failed to come up with a transition plan. When asked whether military intervention was an option following the failed mediation mission, he said: "It may not be necessary. Let's cross that bridge when we get there." On Tuesday, Gambian security forces blockaded the offices of the country's electoral commission, a move denounced by UN chief Ban Ki-moon as an "outrageous act of disrespect".

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42. Suicide car bomb explodes at checkpoint in Mogadishu

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 12 15

Mogadishu - A suicide car bomb exploded on Thursday at a checkpoint near Somalia's national theatre in the capital Mogadishu, killing the bomber, police said. There was no immediate word on whether anybody else was killed or injured in the blast, which witnesses said had been followed by gunfire. The national theatre stands about 500 meters (yards) away from the presidential palace. "The bomber blew up the car after police ordered him to stop at gun point. We are investigating," Abdikadir Hussein, a police officer, told Reuters. The explosion also destroyed the front wall of a nearby restaurant, he added. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack but al Shabaab militants have been trying to disrupt Somalia's protracted parliamentary elections - part of efforts to rebuild the fractured nation after decades of war. The three-month vote is due to end on Dec. 29.

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Americas • Amériques

43. Colombia's FARC rebels expel five commanders opposed to peace deal

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 12 14

Bogota - Colombia's FARC rebels have expelled five commanders for refusing to demobilize and join a peace process with the government aimed at ending more than five decades of war, guerrilla leadership said. The five commanders, all from units in the country's southeast jungle, include one former participant in four-year-long peace talks in Cuba. "This decision is motivated by their recent conduct, which contradicts our political-military line," leaders of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) said in statement late on Tuesday. "We call on all combatants who have been tricked into this futureless path to distance themselves from this mistaken decision taken by their commanders," the statement said. The expelled commanders are the second group of rebels to declare their opposition to the peace deal under which the FARC convert into an unarmed political party. In July a First Front unit leader and some of his fighters left the group in protest of the deal.

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Asia • Asie

44. Beijing, Paris agree to more efficient pursuit of corrupt fugitives (Canada)

China Daily, Zhang Yan, 2016 12 15

Beijing - Beijing and Paris will strengthen joint investigations of corrupt officials who have fled China, and also improve systems for the return of ill-gotten assets illegally transferred to France, a senior anti-graft official from the Ministry of Justice said. Chinese judicial officers and their French counterparts will expand intelligence-sharing and evidence-collecting in major cases, said Zhang Xiaoming, deputy director-general of the Judicial Assistance and Foreign Affairs Department at the Ministry of Justice. They will set up a work team and work closely on investigating, freezing and confiscating the illicit money. They also will establish a quick-response procedure to combat cross-border economic crimes such as telecom fraud, he said. Zhang said that during a recent meeting in Beijing, law enforcement officers from both countries exchanged views on tracking down fugitives and returning their ill-gotten funds. "It's more than necessary to share information with our Chinese counterparts in a timely manner and, after obtaining intelligence, such as indications of money laundering or other economic fraud, access our system to continue the investigation," said Robert Gelli, head of the Directorate for Criminal Matters and Pardons of the Ministry of Justice of France. In recent years, Western countries, including the United States, Canada and some European countries, have become popular destinations for corrupt officials because an absence of bilateral extradition treaties and differences in legal systems make it harder to secure their return, according to the Ministry of Public Security.

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45. Canadian delegation visits N. Korea over detained Korean-Canadian pastor: KCNA

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 15

Seoul - A Canadian government delegation visited North Korea this week to discuss the issue of a Korean-Canadian pastor detained in the communist state, the North's state media reported Thursday. The North's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said that the delegation, led by Sarah Taylor, the director general in charge of North Asia and Oceania at Global Affairs Canada, visited Pyongyang from Tuesday through Thursday for talks over "issues of mutual concern," including one involving the pastor Lim Hyeon-soo. The delegation met with Choi Son-hee, which the KCNA referred to as the director general in charge of North American affairs at Pyongyang's foreign ministry. It also visited the incarcerated pastor and paid a courtesy call to Han Song-ryol, the North's deputy foreign minister. Lim has been detained in the North since he entered the country on a humanitarian mission in January last year. In December, the North's supreme court sentenced him to life in prison with hard labor, citing his "subversive plots and activities" against the North's regime under the guise of humanitarian aid and free donations. He has visited the reclusive state more than 100 times for humanitarian activities since 1997. (Full report)

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46. Foreign NGOs on back foot as new Chinese law looms

Reuters, Christian Shepherd, 2016 12 15

Beijing - Foreign organisations including social and environmental advocacy groups fear they could inadvertently break broadly defined new rules that take effect in China next month, with some even shutting up shop to avoid such pitfalls. Chinese President Xi Jinping's administration has made sweeping changes to Chinese law in the name of boosting national security, including a controversial cybersecurity law passed last month and another targeting foreign non-governmental organisations (NGO), slated for Jan. 1. China says the NGO law, which grants broad powers to police to question NGO workers, monitor their finances and regulate their work, is necessary to regulate an unruly sector and that only those operating illegally have anything to fear. Western governments say the law, which was passed in April, treats groups as criminals and would severely limit their ability to operate in China. Foreign NGO employees in China have told Reuters that many groups still do not know whether they will be able to register with the authorities in time as key information about the process has not been published. "There are many NGOs that wish to comply but feel unable to comply due to a lack of information," says Lester Ross, a partner at WilmerHale Lawfirm in Beijing who advises such groups. Faced with the prospect of inadvertently operating illegally, a number of groups are temporarily or permanently suspending their China operations, according to people in direct contact with the NGOs.

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47. Satellite photos show China weapons in South China Sea

Philippine Star, Patricia Lourdes Viray, 2016 12 15

Manila - China appears to have constructed point-defense capabilities at each of its outposts in seven of the Manila-claimed islands on the Spratly (Kalayaan) Islands in the South China Sea. Washington-based CSIS Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative (AMTI) reported that China has built large anti-aircraft guns and probable close-in weapons systems (CIWS) in the Spratly Islands. The think tank started tracking China's construction of hexagon-shaped structures on Fiery Cross (Kagitingan), Mischief (Panganiban) and Subi (Zamora) Reefs earlier this year. Smaller facilities were also seen on Gaven (Burgos), Hughes, Johnson (Mabini) and Cuarteron (Calderon) Reefs based on satellite images. "These gun and probable CIWS emplacements show that Beijing is serious about defense of its artificial islands in case of an armed contingency in the South China Sea," the report read.

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48. Seoul denies allegation Choi behind Kaesong shutdown

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 15

Seoul - Seoul's unification ministry on Thursday dismissed allegations that President Park Geun-hye's long-time confidante influenced Seoul's decision to shut down an inter-Korean industrial complex in February. The decision was made out of security concerns in response to North

Korea's nuclear and missile provocations early this year, Seoul's unification ministry said. A group of local companies on Thursday asked the independent counsel looking into the corruption scandal to investigate the alleged interference by Choi Soon-sil. "We've made a political decision to completely stop the operation of the complex in a bid to apply pressure on North Korea and make it choose the path toward denuclearization," Jeong Joon-hee, ministry spokesman, said at a regular press briefing. On Feb. 10, South Korea shut down the Kaesong Industrial Complex following North Korea's fourth nuclear test and long-range rocket launch early this year. The complex, once a symbol of inter-Korean reconciliation, housed 124 South Korean companies. The park, which opened in 2004, had served as a major revenue source for the cash-strapped North.

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49. Woman in Jakarta bomb plot was a maid in Singapore

Straits Times, Arlina Arshad, 2016 12 15

Jakarta - A 27-year-old Indonesian woman arrested for allegedly planning to mount a suicide-bomb attack on the presidential palace in Jakarta had worked in Singapore as a maid. In an interview with local TVOne news channel, Dian Yulia Novi also said she was first exposed to radical Islam through Facebook, while working as a maid. "On Facebook, I opened profiles of jihadists, who had inspired me," she told TVOne senior reporter Ecep S. Yasa while in police custody. "I did not join any groups, just looked through, but became more curious," she said, adding that she collected articles and audio clips of religious teachings on the Internet. The woman, from Cirebon in West Java province, said she had worked in Singapore for 11/2 years for a household with three children aged five, nine and 11. She also said she was "active" on Facebook and spoke English there.

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Eastern Europe • Europe de l'Est

50. Moscow has the world's attention. For Putin, that's a win.

Washington Post, David Filipov, 2016 12 15

Moscow - President Vladimir Putin is winning. For now. The Russian leader is winning because the post-Cold War order he has railed against has been thrown into chaos, and the Kremlin's fingerprints are widely seen to be all over it. A year ago, Russia faced a united Europe, an expanded NATO alliance, a paucity of geopolitical allies and the possibility of four more years of poor relations with the United States under a Hillary Clinton presidency. Today, Putin's military contingent in Syria just helped the government essentially retake Aleppo. The CIA has concluded that his hackers worked to help elect Donald Trump, who has dismissed commitments to Europe and touted better ties with Russia. In Washington, London, Berlin and Paris, Soviet-style propaganda is back. It's been thoroughly updated, though, and comes packaged as fake news, cyberattacks and WikiLeaks. Whether or not the Kremlin is guilty of doing all the things Western accusers say it is, Russia is now considered a master purveyor of geopolitical disorder. And that, for Putin, is a win. "Of course the Kremlin likes the fact of such an atmosphere of

chaos," Gleb Pavlovsky, a former Putin adviser, said in a recent interview. "Because we are traders of chaos. We sell it, and the more chaos there is in the world, the better it is for the Kremlin."

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51. Russian spies adopt new tactics to battle old enemy

Financial Times, David J. Lynch, 2016 12 14

Washington - Russia's hacking during the US presidential campaign marks a significant escalation of a cold war-style espionage offensive aimed at recruiting spies, acquiring financial secrets and siphoning off advanced technologies, according to court records and interviews. The resurgent espionage operation -- a reminder of Russian President Vladimir Putin's lineage as a former KGB officer -- is testing short-handed Federal Bureau of Investigation counter-intelligence units and challenging traditional spying norms. More than 100 agents of Russia's SVR foreign intelligence service are believed to be operating in the US, according to a former FBI counter-intelligence official. Joel Brenner, US national counter-intelligence executive from 2006 to 2009, says the "ramping up" of Russian spying is continuing as Moscow seeks to undermine US strength through information warfare and cyber attacks. "Russian efforts in the US are intense now," he said. "The Russians know they have to play jiu jitsu with the US instead of taking us on directly." Moscow's standard espionage operations in the US have long concentrated on ferreting out secrets and cultivating well-placed contacts. But this summer's hack of the Democratic National Committee, and subsequent release of private emails, went well beyond those limits. "There's a difference between espionage, collecting information and active measures, which is actively interfering with processes in the United States," said Senator Angus King, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee. "Collecting information about our electric grid is espionage. Bringing the grid down would be active measures. That's what makes this case so disturbing. They hacked the DNC computers and then released the material to interfere in the election."

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52. Russia Says It Foiled ISIS-Linked Attacks Aimed at Moscow

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 12 15

Moscow - The Russian intelligence agency says it has arrested four people and foiled extremist attacks allegedly orchestrated out of Turkey. The FSB said in a statement quoted by Russian news agencies that its officers on Thursday arrested citizens of the former Soviet republics of Moldova and Tajikistan who were "planning a series of high-profile terrorist attacks in Moscow with the use of improvised explosive devices." They say the attacks were plotted by a Turkey-based warlord of the Islamic State group who is wanted in Tajikistan for unspecified crimes. The agency said it made the arrests in and around Moscow and found automatic weapons and ammunition as well as unspecified explosives.

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

53. Irak : Daech avait bâti une industrie de l'armement sophistiquée

Le Figaro, Georges Malbrunot, 2016 12 15

Mossoul - Des enquêteurs européens ont inspecté six usines à Mossoul, appartenant au mini-complexe militaire bâti par les djihadistes. Moyen-Orient Pendant six jours, du 11 au 16 novembre, en pleine offensive contre Daech à Mossoul, une équipe d'enquêteurs internationaux, escortés par la 9e division blindée de l'armée irakienne, a eu accès à six entrepôts de fabrication d'armes de l'État islamique, à Gogali, dans la partie est de la ville, et à Qaraqosh, un village chrétien à une trentaine de kilomètres de « la capitale » djihadiste. « Nous avons été surpris par la standardisation et le contrôle de qualité des armes produites par Daech, c'est digne d'une véritable armée », souligne James Bevan, le directeur du groupe basé au Royaume-Uni, Conflict Armament Research (CAR). Ses enquêteurs avaient déjà inspecté des ateliers de fabrication d'armes djihadistes à Faloudja, Tikrit et Ramadi, peu après la reprise de ces villes par les forces irakiennes. « Mais à Mossoul, on ne peut plus parler d'engins improvisés », insiste CAR dans son rapport publié mercredi.

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54. Major U.S. Cyber-Attack Plot Uncovered

Tehran Times, 2016 12 15

Tehran - Addressing a conference in Tehran, Alireza Karimi said, "At present, the U.S. has launched a project named Nitro Zeus with the aim of attacking Iran's defense and telecommunication infrastructures." Karimi failed to mention, however, that he was actually referring to information revealed in "Zero Days," an Alex Gibney docu-drama that premiered in July at the Berlin International Film festival. The film claimed that Nitro Zeus was developed as a backup plan in the event that Western efforts to curb Iran's nuclear program by diplomatic means failed. According to a description of the movie in the Tech Times, the major operation "took on great urgency as the [US] government believed that Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would launch a strike on the nuclear facilities of Iran, a move that would draw in the United States into the hostilities that [would] follow."

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

55. Aleppo assault likely war crime: U.N.

Naharnet Newsdesk, 2016 12 15

Beirut - Plans to evacuate besieged rebel districts of Aleppo were under threat Wednesday as renewed airstrikes and shelling rocked the Syrian city in a bombardment the United Nations said "most likely constitutes war crimes." Iran, one of President Bashar Assad's main backers, imposed new conditions on a cease-fire deal, saying it wanted the simultaneous evacuation of wounded from two villages besieged by rebel fighters, according to rebel and U.N. sources.

There was no sign of that happening. Instead airstrikes, shelling and gunfire erupted in Aleppo and Turkey accused government forces of breaking the truce agreed less than a day before. Syrian state television said rebel shelling killed six people. There were clashes on the ground later in the day, with rebels saying they launched an attack against regime forces using suicide car bombs.

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56. Beyrouth, nid d'espions

Le Point, Rémi Kauffer, 2016 12 15

Beyrouth - Duels. Comment la France s'est retrouvée prise au piège dans la capitale libanaise. Au Liban, la complexité moyen-orientale a toujours atteint des sommets. Ajoutons les vagues de réfugiés palestiniens, fruits des guerres israélo-arabes, et, dans les années 1960 et 1970, le bourgeonnement de milices armées. Pendant ce temps, à Damas, Hafez el-Assad, officier d'aviation issu de la communauté religieuse minoritaire des alaouites, une branche du chiisme, instaure la dictature. Son objectif : une grande Syrie, dont le Liban ne serait qu'une province. Comme autrefois, au temps de l'Empire ottoman. Le décor est planté pour une tragédie que les services secrets d'une dizaine de pays vont rendre indéchiffrable. Dès les années 1980, Beyrouth remplace Berlin comme centre mondial de la guerre secrète. Une guerre dans laquelle le SDECE puis son héritière, la DGSE, vont se trouver impliqués.

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57. Caretaker FM urges direct flights with US (Canada).

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 12 15

Beirut - Caretaker Foreign Minister Gebran Bassil Wednesday urged the United State to operate direct flights between the two countries during a meeting with a visiting high-ranking U.S. diplomat. The U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Anne Patterson, left the Bustros Palace without making any statement. A statement issued by Bassil's office said the meeting tackled various matters of interests. The statement highlighted the battle against terrorism, Syrian refugee crisis and the U.S. policy in the region. Bassil also called on the U.S. to establish direct flights between the U.S. and Lebanon. The caretaker minister tackled a similar request with Canadian Foreign Minister Stephane Dion, who visited Lebanon last week. The U.S. Embassy said in several tweets that Patterson's meetings touched on the latest "developments on a range of political, security, economic and humanitarian issues."

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58. East Aleppo under heavy attack again despite ceasefire

Al Jazeera, Patrick Strickland, 2016 12 15

Aleppo - Syrian government forces renewed shelling on the last holdouts of rebel-held eastern Aleppo, raising fears that a deal to evacuate civilians and fighters from the devastated city may not be honoured. "There is artillery [being fired] now ... as I speak," Zouhir Al Shimale, a

journalist in east Aleppo, told Al Jazeera in a WhatsApp message on Wednesday. "There aren't any clashes," he said, explaining rebel groups were not fighting at the moment. "There are injuries, but we don't know how many. We can't go outside because the shelling is indiscriminate." The UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also said shelling could be heard, but its origin was not clear. Speaking to Reuters news agency, rebel commanders said government forces had renewed shelling and violated a ceasefire reached a day earlier. Medical sources told Al Jazeera cluster munitions were used in al-Zubdiyeh neighbourhood and elsewhere in the remaining rebel-held areas.

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59. King: Terror peddlers won't be allowed to exploit youth

Arab News, Mohammed Al-Sulami, 2016 12 15

Riyadh - In his annual speech at the opening ceremony of the Shoura Council, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman said the government would not allow terrorist organizations, or supporters of such groups, "to take advantage of our people and achieve dubious objectives in our country or in the Arab and Islamic worlds." The king stressed that Saudi Arabia would continue to cooperate with the international community to achieve global peace, and enhance interaction with other countries to strengthen tolerance and coexistence. He also stressed that political solutions to international crises are the best option if governments wish to meet the aspirations of the people to have peace and achieve development.

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60. Mossad Chief Investigated for Receipt of Mariah Carey Tickets

Haaretz, 2016 12 15

Jerusalem - The Civil Service Commission has launched an investigation into suspicions that Mossad head Yossi Cohen received free tickets to a Mariah Carey concert worth thousands of shekels from Australian billionaire James Packer, Channel 10 reported on Wednesday. Channel 10 also reported on Wednesday that Cohen had spent time at Packer's luxury Tel Aviv hotel suite, or had free use of the premises, when Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's son, Yair Netanyahu, was there as well. The commission is investigating whether Packer's gift amounted to receipt of an illegal benefit or favor, the report said. Cohen headed the National Security Council at the time but is now director of the Mossad. The commission is already checking Cohen's explanations. The findings are expected to be published soon. The television report said it had not received any response from Cohen to the allegations.

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61. Riyadh will not allow Yemen to become base for any country -- King Salman

Gulf News, Habib Toumi, 2016 12 15

Manama - Saudi Arabia's King Salman Bin Abdul Aziz has vowed to prevent other nations from intervening in neighbouring Yemen, where it has been at war with Iranian-backed rebels since

March 2015. The king said the security of neighbouring Yemen was the security of Saudi Arabia. "We will not allow anyone to interfere in its domestic affairs or to seek to influence on the legitimacy there or to turn it into a base or corridor for any country or party that targets the security or stability of Saudi Arabia or the region. We do look forward to the success of the United Nations endeavours to reach a political solution based on Security resolution 2216," King Salman said. He added that the kingdom would confront anyone who promoted religious extremism or fanaticism and stressed that the country has devoted all its potential to consolidate security, protect the society and serve the two holy mosques.

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62. Spy Sarah Aaronsohn's suicide rewrote Israeli history

Times of Israel, JP O' Malley, 2016 12 15

Jerusalem - On December 11, 1917, the British imperial governor, General Sir Edmund Allenby, entered Jerusalem, placing the city under military administration. It would be another 10 months before the Turks finally surrendered near Megiddo, giving up Palestine and four centuries of Ottoman rule in the region. The turning point that ultimately sealed Allenby's victory was his third and final battle for Gaza, in which the British cavalry thundered across the desert, sweeping into Beersheba to cut off the reinforced Turkish garrison. Outside of Israel, most historical accounts celebrate Allenby's skills as a cavalryman in the desert. Much less is known about the group of dedicated Jewish spies who worked behind the scenes for almost two years, guiding him to victory with information about Beersheba and the Negev desert in preparation for the surprise British attack inland.

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63. UK envoy meets Lebanese security chiefs to discuss police program

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 12 15

Beirut - Britain's ambassador to Lebanon held his first meeting with the country's security heads to discuss improving the Lebanese police force, following last week's announcement of a \$16.5 million fund for the Internal Security Forces. "The U.K. is committed to Lebanon's stability, security and prosperity," Ambassador Hugo Shorter said in a statement after the meeting. "At the heart of this must be a state capable of providing the ultimate guarantee of security." The meeting followed the signing of an agreement in June between the U.K and Ministry of Interior ISF Director General to create the British Police Support Project (BPSP). The collaborative project was initially announced in honor of Human Rights Day on Dec. 10. Funded by the U.K. government, the \$16.5 million, three-year program is designed to build what the U.K. Embassy called a "modern, compassionate, accountable and trusted police force that reflects people's needs."

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64. Droit de la guerre contre les djihadistes

Le Figaro, Paule Gonzalès, 2016 12 15

Paris - C'est une idée qui tourne dans les milieux politiques de droite et d'extrême droite depuis plusieurs mois et que le candidat François Fillon a faite sienne. La proposition de loi de François-Noël Buffet invite à élargir « la notion d'intelligence avec une puissance étrangère pour y inclure l'intelligence avec une organisation terroriste » et propose de créer « un délit d'allégeance à une organisation prônant la commission d'actes portant atteinte à des ressortissants français ou aux intérêts fondamentaux de la nation française ». La première permet de doper le quantum des peines en matière d'infraction terroriste pour le porter à trente ans. Une telle disposition pourrait être plus efficace dans la lutte contre le terrorisme que « l'association de malfaiteur ». De plus, elle peut faciliter le travail des magistrats instructeurs qui, pour les retours de Syrie notamment, doivent faire face à la difficulté de recueillir les preuves afin de démontrer la préparation imminente d'un acte terroriste ou la commission de faits barbares. Simplification des procédures La seconde proposition permet « une incrimination plus large que celle des actuels délits de participation ou d'entente ». Dans les deux cas, l'idée est une simplification des procédures et un renforcement de l'arsenal judiciaire.

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65. Du " Rainbow-Warrior " aux macaques du Japon, les deux vies d'un espion

Le Monde, Philippe Bernard, 2016 12 15

Opinion - Une photo de l'ex-agent secret Alain Mafart, sélectionnée dans un concours, fait débat James Bond avait prévenu : on ne vit que deux fois. Alain Mafart, ancien agent secret français condamné pour sa participation au sabotage du Rainbow-Warrior en 1985, a refait sa vie. Personne n'y prêterait attention si sa nouvelle existence ne venait soudain de percuter douloureusement la première. Alain Mafart, 65 ans, s'est reconverti en photographe animalier. D'un reportage au parc aux singes de Jigokudani, au Japon, il a rapporté une photo attendrissante, de la tête d'un bébé macaque endormi, caressée par la main de sa mère dans un geste protecteur. L'image fait partie de la sélection du Musée d'histoire naturelle de Londres pour son concours annuel de photographie de nature.

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66. Espionne, lève-toi !

Le Point, Patrick Besson, 2016 12 15

Paris - « Rainbow Warrior ». Dominique Prieur fut la victime collatérale de l'opération de sabotage visant le navire amiral de Greenpeace. L'écrivain raconte le destin détonant de la première femme officier de la DGSE. Le fort de Noisy, à Romainville, est invisible, à moins d'entrer dans l'espionnage : c'est le siège du service Action de la DGSE. On ne voit que de hauts

murs blancs surmontés de barbelés et quelques longues portes bleues. Impossible de négocier une visite auprès d'un soldat en faction : il n'y en a pas. Il y a des caméras, qui m'ont sans doute filmé. Le début du XXI^e siècle : on passe tous à la télévision de surveillance. J'imagine la fouille au corps avant d'entrer dans le fort : déshabillage complet et toucher rectal. En mars 1985, Dominique Prieur est convoquée à Noisy pour une nouvelle mission. Elle est la première femme officier de la DGSE. Elle a 36 ans, un mari pompier et pas d'enfant. C'est une blonde à lunettes, qui se tient bien droite. Elle aime le parachutisme, l'équitation et la lecture. Elle a une maîtrise de lettres modernes. Elle a quitté l'enseignement, où il n'y avait pas assez de séances de tir à son goût. Comme la plupart des femmes, elle tire bien : c'est une activité qui demande calme et concentration, et il en faut pour être une femme.

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67. Et la bombe Snowden explosa...(Canada)

Le Point, Jean Guisnel, 2016 12 15

Non identifié - Transparence. En prouvant que les Etats-Unis surveillent la planète entière, le lanceur d'alerte a interpellé les citoyens sur leurs libertés. La fusion annoncée des fichiers de la carte nationale d'identité et des passeports, nourris d'informations biométriques, le démontre une fois de plus : par nature, les services de renseignement veulent tout savoir. Pas tout le temps, pas sur tout le monde, pas sur n'importe quel sujet, pas n'importe où. Dès la Seconde Guerre mondiale, les Etats-Unis et leurs quatre « cousins » (Canada, Royaume-Uni, Australie et Nouvelle-Zélande) ont mis en place un énorme réseau d'interception des communications, rapidement tourné vers l'URSS et ses alliés.

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68. Jean Heinrich : « Nous agissons dans l'illégalité poussée à l'extrême »

Le Point, Jean Guisnel, 2016 12 15

Paris - Décryptage. Ancien chef du service Action de la DGSE, le général décode le renseignement de l'après-guerre froide. Le Point : Quels ont été les effets de la fin de la guerre froide, pour le renseignement français ? Jean Heinrich : Durant la guerre froide, l'Otan se trouvait face à une menace cohérente et rationnelle : l'URSS et ses alliés. Les membres de l'Otan s'étaient réparti les zones de responsabilités. A la France revenaient la Tchécoslovaquie et une partie de la Russie. Nous formions de jeunes sous-officiers chargés des écoutes en langues tchèque et russe. Nous partagions les résultats avec nos alliés, ce qui permettait de multiplier nos informations par un facteur quinze ou vingt ! Nous avions des renseignements de grande valeur et quand un pilote tchèque décollait, nous connaissions son nom, son grade, ses heures de vol, ses capacités opérationnelles. Du point de vue du renseignement militaire, on savait tout, d'autant que nous avions de bons contacts en face. Nous nous sommes laissés aller vers une certaine facilité. J'étais patron des opérations à la DGSE au premier jour de la guerre du Golfe. L'état-major des armées m'a demandé ce dont nous disposions sur les armées de l'Irak et du Koweït. Je me suis entendu répondre « rien ! », car, à l'époque, cette région ne faisait pas partie de nos préoccupations. Quant aux armées, elles se contentaient des rapports des attachés de défense dans les ambassades. On en apprenait plus en lisant la presse...

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69. Le mythe du 2e Bureau

Le Point, Rémi Kauffer, 2016 12 15

Paris - Mise au point La légende de l'officier du 2e Bureau séducteur, familier des missions périlleuses, des espionnes au regard de mystère et des vols de documents au nez et à la (fausse) barbe de l'ennemi, est tenace. Née à la Belle Epoque, elle est ensuite véhiculée dans l'entre-deux-guerres par une pléiade de romanciers et de cinéastes. Or le 2e Bureau n'est pas un organe d'espionnage comme le BCRA et ses modernes successeurs, le SDECE puis la DGSE, mais un service d'analyse des éléments divers collectés de sources soit humaines, soit technologiques, par les structures de renseignement. Tout état-major d'une grande unité de l'armée française compte plusieurs bureaux spécialisés, le deuxième étant traditionnellement l'apanage d'officiers chargés d'éplucher les informations recueillies et d'en tirer des conclusions pratiques sur l'ordre de bataille de l'armée adverse, ses moyens, son moral, ses plans d'attaque ou de repli. A cette confusion entre renseignement et analyse, la légende ajoute une dimension physique. Ainsi l'homme-fiction du 2e Bureau préfigure-t-il l'espion « james-bondissant » des séries télé ou des films anglo-saxons d'aujourd'hui. Rien de plus faux dans la période de paix armée des années 1920-1930. L'espionnage constituait alors le domaine réservé de professionnels qui savaient ne pas aller trop loin, évitant le recours aux armes. C'est lors de la Seconde Guerre mondiale que l'espionnage devient une activité à très haut risque : l'agent de renseignement, parfois issu de la société civile et engagé dans les réseaux de résistance, encourt désormais la torture et la mort.

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70. Le pionnier de l'antiterrorisme

Le Point, Roger Faligot*, 2016 12 15

Paris - Avant-garde. Joseph Fourier prend la tête de la première cellule spécialisée à la DGSE. Alors que l'informatique balbutie dans les années 1970, le colonel Joseph Fourier utilise fiches en carton et cartes perforées. Une gageure pour cet ancien saint-cyrien blessé en Algérie en 1956, spécialiste de la division contre-espionnage (K) que de donner naissance à la petite section K-Terro. Forte d'une dizaine de membres, cette cellule se développe en 1972. Une année charnière : en RFA s'illustre la Fraction armée rouge; en Italie, les Brigades rouges et l'Orchestre noir; en Irlande, l'Armée républicaine irlandaise (Ira) intensifie sa campagne militaire. La France se trouve aussi au centre des règlements de comptes entre Septembre noir et le Mossad, à la suite du massacre des athlètes israéliens par les Palestiniens lors des JO de Munich. Au Moyen-Orient survient un attentat sanglant à l'aéroport de Lod, à Tel-Aviv-Jaffa, organisé par l'Armée rouge japonaise (Nippon Sekigun) avec le Front populaire de libération de la Palestine. On a retrouvé sur un rescapé japonais de cette mission-suicide un message indiquant qu'un universitaire japonais, Takemoto Takashi (alias Tak-Tak), anime une cellule de Sekigun à Paris. Celui-ci est « logé » par la DST et arrêté ainsi qu'un agent de liaison, Yukuta Furuya, en 1974.

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71. Le plus secret des services

Le Point, Jean Guisnel, 2016 12 15

Paris - DGSE. Six mille agents servent la Sécurité extérieure. Leurs missions sont multiples, de l'information à l'action. On les imagine galopant pistolet dans une main et poignard dans l'autre, parcourant la planète pour trucider les ennemis de la France. Cela arrive, mais c'est rare ! Ou alors on se les figure convoyant des sacs de billets de la Banque de France pour verser des rançons d'otages. Ça se produit aussi ! L'un de ces agents désabusés de l'armée des ombres se souvient que la somme (« énorme ! ») transportée pour payer la rançon d'un reporter enlevé au Moyen-Orient voilà quelques années aurait suffi à remettre à flot son journal en fâcheuse posture. La DGSE, ce n'est pas que cela... C'est aussi, par exemple, le soutien apporté clandestinement, par tous les moyens illégaux imaginables, aux industries françaises dites « de souveraineté », celles qui contribuent à l'indépendance nationale. Quand il s'agit de gagner un gros contrat, la DGSE ne ménage pas ses efforts. Et quand les instances politiques refusent d'autoriser une interception électronique qui permettrait de connaître le détail des offres concurrentes dans quelque pays lointain, cela s'est vu, nos agents secrets fulminent !

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72. Les espions recrutent

Le Point, Marc Le plongeon, 2016 12 15

Paris - Profil. Intéressé par la carrière ? Voici le mode d'emploi. Pour les générations biberonnées aux James Bond et aux romans de John le Carré, le métier d'espion fait fantasmer, mais ne correspond pas tout à fait à la réalité. Ajoutez à cela des aspects plus pragmatiques comme les aléas de la carrière, les sacrifices inhérents à la fonction (vie personnelle), le fait de devoir mentir même à ses proches... Au-delà des clichés, la « communauté du Renseignement » accueille des profils de plus en plus variés et aussi pointus que dans le privé : analystes, ingénieurs, agents de terrain, traducteurs (surtout en langues rares). Sur son site Internet, la Direction du renseignement militaire (DRM) recrute sur CV des interprètes images, des ingénieurs en big data ou encore des spécialistes du renseignement géospatial. S'il est possible de rejoindre la DGSE à l'issue d'une scolarité à l'Ena, des centaines d'étudiants - qui disposent au minimum d'une licence - tentent chaque année leur chance aux concours de la fonction publique. Pour les postes spécifiques comme des langues étrangères, hors administratif, la DGSE peut également embaucher sur contrat.

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73. Machiavel au pays des grandes oreilles

Le Point, Rémi Kauffer, 2016 12 15

Paris - Paradoxe. Le président Mitterrand faisait écouter le Tout-Paris, mais snobait le monde du Renseignement. Pour les socialistes, ce 14 juillet 1981 est jour de triomphe. Bienheureuse France de gauche, qui vient de passer de l'ombre à la lumière et se presse à la première garden-party élyséenne de l'ère Mitterrand. Le ton change dans la soirée, quand Pierre Bérégovoy, secrétaire général de la présidence, introduit dans le bureau de François Mitterrand le ministre de

l'Intérieur, Gaston Defferre, et Marcel Chalet, le patron de la Direction de la surveillance du territoire (DST), la police de contre-espionnage de la rue des Saussaies. Tout à sa volonté de convaincre, Chalet exhibe quelques pièces qui démontrent la valeur de la source dont sa direction dispose au sein des services secrets soviétiques depuis mai 1981. Cet agent, il en donne le nom de code, Farewell, mais pas le véritable patronyme : Vladimir Ippolitovitch Vetrov, lieutenant-colonel à la ligne T (espionnage scientifique et technologique) de la première direction principale du KGB, chargée du Renseignement soviétique dans le monde. Vetrov est une taupe occidentale au sein du dispositif communiste dont les documents donnent une idée précise de l'ampleur du pillage technologique des pays capitalistes par les Russes. Chalet est digne de confiance, estime Mitterrand.

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74. NSA contre DGSE, petites écoutes entre amis

Le Point, Jean Guisnel, 2016 12 15

Paris - Siphonnage. L'espionnage informatique est l'arme fatale du renseignement, et les Français ne sont pas en reste. Nous sommes en juin 2012. Edward Snowden est pour une année encore l'un de ces bons petits soldats de l'ombre, tapi dans une base secrète de la NSA à Hawaii. A Paris, Nicolas Sarkozy termine son mandat, quand le chef des services informatiques de l'Elysée, un homme de la DGSE, s'inquiète. Sur les réseaux de la présidence, il a découvert des mouvements préoccupants et en avertit son ancien service, qui enquête. L'affaire sera révélée dès le mois de juillet 2012 par le quotidien Le Télégramme. Mais il a fallu attendre juin 2016 pour que l'ingénieur centralien Bernard Barbier, à cette époque patron des « grandes oreilles » de la DGSE, choisisse d'en parler devant les élèves de son ancienne école. L'ex-directeur technique de Mortier confirme alors que l'attaque a été conduite par la NSA avec sa méthode de piratage la plus puissante, dont Edward Snowden avait révélé l'existence : le Quantum Attack. Les espions américains ont lancé leur opération en faisant croire à l'ordinateur d'un collaborateur de l'Elysée qu'il se connectait sur Facebook. En réalité, la page d'accueil vers laquelle la machine élyséenne était orientée n'était autre qu'une copie conçue par la NSA. Une fois le lien entre les machines établi, la puissante agence américaine de renseignement technique injectait un logiciel malveillant lui ouvrant un accès complet au réseau élyséen.

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75. NSA contre DGSE, petites écoutes entre amis (Canada)

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76. President Erdogan calls for 'national mobilization' against terrorist organizations

Hurriyet Daily News, Staff report, 2016 12 14

Ankara - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan called for a "national mobilization against all terrorist organizations" on Dec. 14 during a speech to neighborhood heads at the Presidential Palace in Ankara. "As the leader of the Republic of Turkey, according to Article 104 of our constitution, I declare a national mobilization against the PKK [the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party], DEASH [an Arabic abbreviation of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant], FETÖ [the Fethullahist Terrorist Organization], DHKP-C [the outlawed Revolutionary People's Liberation Party- Front] and all other terrorist organizations, whatever their names, arguments or methods," Erdogan said. "We cannot leave our security solely in the hands of the security forces. I am calling on all my citizens to help our security forces," he added. Erdogan also again claimed that dark external forces were acting against Turkey's interests. "As we are facing the greatest attacks in our history through the acts of these terrorist organizations, it is our right to retaliate," he said.

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77. Que valent nos agents secrets ?

Le Point, Rémi Kauffer, 2016 12 15

Paris - Contraste. Excellents en opérations spéciales, très bons en technologie, nos services ont souffert de leurs luttes intestines et de l'attitude de nos présidents. Que valent-ils, en effet ? Difficile de répondre à la question sans se pencher sur leur passé. Une trajectoire qui commence le 4 janvier 1946, quand un décret non publié au JO crée le Service de documentation extérieure et de contre-espionnage (SDECE), où fusionnent les fidèles de Charles de Gaulle et ceux de son rival vaincu, le général Giraud. Gaulliste de 1940, le premier patron du SDECE, André Dewavrin, dit le colonel Passy, voulait que son service soit rattaché aux Affaires étrangères, à l'instar du MI6 britannique. De Gaulle a tranché : le nouveau- né dépendra du chef du gouvernement. Même si le Général quitte le pouvoir par surprise le 20 janvier, le SDECE, lui, reste sous la tutelle de Matignon. Il prend ses quartiers dans la caserne parisienne du boulevard Mortier, en face du bassin nautique des Tourelles. D'où son surnom de la « Piscine ». Se succèdent à sa tête jusqu'en février 1962 trois directeurs qui vont engager à fond le service dans les guerres d'Indochine puis d'Algérie, à telle enseigne que ces conflits de décolonisation absorberont la majeure partie de ses moyens. Une exception française, car, dans le même temps, les autres communautés occidentales du Renseignement se réorganisent pour une lutte souterraine contre le bloc de l'Est. La militarisation du renseignement est longtemps restée en vigueur à Paris, tandis qu'à l'étranger les civils prenaient la main. Autant dire que le savoir-faire que les Français gagnent dans l'action paramilitaire - coups de commando, sabotages, assassinats ciblés, y compris en Europe, implantation de contre- maquis (voir p. 194) -, ils le perdent dans le domaine du Renseignement contre le KGB et ses satellites. Quant au contre-espionnage judiciaire, il est depuis novembre 1944 l'apanage d'une police rattachée au ministère de l'Intérieur, la Direction de la surveillance du territoire (DST), matrice de l'actuelle DGSI.

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78. Sécurité Éclairage et débat sur le terrorisme

La Dépêche du Midi, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 15

Compans Cafarelli, France - L'Agence de Développement Économique et Culturel Nord Sud, présidé par Monsieur Gilbert Salinas et son équipe ont reçu jeudi 8 décembre dernier, l'ancien Magistrat Jean-Louis Bruguière, acteur essentiel dans la lutte contre le terrorisme en France depuis trois décennies. Lors de la conférence, organisée à l'Hôtel Mercure Astria situé à Compans Cafarelli, Monsieur Bruguière a détaillé les attentats de l'année 2015 et 2016 ainsi que les menaces auquel la France est confrontée. En tant que premier vice-président de la Section d'Instruction Anti Terroriste, Monsieur Bruguière a développé son travail acharné ces dernières années afin de déjouer entre 1 et 2 attentats par an depuis les années 90. Il a également expliqué que la France, n'ayant qu'une stratégie répressive sur le court terme face à ces terroristes, était dans une impasse. Les djihadistes eux, ont une vision sur le long terme. C'est pourquoi nous sommes pénalisés face à eux. Selon lui, les groupes islamistes qui se sont succédé ces 30 dernières années ne sont qu'une suite idéologique entre le GIA, GSPC, Al- Qaïda ou Daech.

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79. Sous Sarkozy, les grandes manoeuvres

Le Point, Jean Guisnel et Olivia Recasens, 2016 12 15

Paris - Dérive. Les ressorts cachés de la réforme du renseignement voulue par le président. Devenu président en 2007, Nicolas Sarkozy n'a pas manqué d'agir rapidement en matière de renseignement extérieur. Il faut dire qu'il a trouvé en arrivant un plan mis au point de longue date pour réformer ce secteur. Celui d'une équipe d'experts, réunis en 1995 au Secrétariat général de la défense nationale (SGDN) par le préfet et ancien directeur de la DST, Rémy Pautrat. Autour de lui, Jean-Louis Gergorin (Groupe Lagardère), Philippe Marland (préfet), Bernard Norlain (général), Michel Foucher (géographe), Bernard Esambert (ingénieur des Mines), Xavier de Lussy (contre-amiral). Quatre lacunes sévères du renseignement français ont été identifiées : une « excessive auto-orientation des services », une « coordination limitée aux temps de crise et incapable d'anticipation », une « insuffisante prise en compte du renseignement ouvert », et la « faiblesse relative des moyens techniques de recueil », qui conduit à une « activité trop réduite d'intrusion dans les systèmes de traitement de l'information ». C'est l'ossature de la réforme du renseignement que le candidat Edouard Balladur souhaite mettre en place après son entrée à l'Élysée. Mais le vainqueur, Jacques Chirac, n'en voudra pas.

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80. Terrorism Suspects Led Mainstream Lives, and That Leaves France Uneasy

New York Times, Adam Nossiter, 2016 12 15

Strasbourg - One was a well-liked elementary school assistant. Another was a hard-working cargo handler. The third was a friendly grocer. They were longtime friends in their quiet suburban neighborhood, and they joked with teenagers and greeted children with a smile. Yet in the early hours of Nov. 20 agents from France's internal security agency swooped down, plucking the three and one other from their apartments, charging them with plotting a terrorist

attack, and locking them up in a prison outside Paris. Here was a new type of terrorism arrest: decently paid men in their 30s giving no warning signs of radicalization -- no beards, no robes, no proselytizing. And unlike many troubled youths in Paris and Brussels who have latched onto the Islamic State, they did not live on the margins. They had stable jobs and no previous brushes with drugs or crime. It is their sheer normalcy that has had a thoroughly unsettling effect on the authorities and residents alike. "Nobody saw anything," said Olivier Bitz, Strasbourg's deputy mayor in charge of counter-radicalization. "And that is profoundly disconcerting. It is profoundly destabilizing for society. Now, the threat can come from anywhere."

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81. Trois Toulousains candidats au jihad en garde à vue

La Dépêche du Midi, C. Lagadic, 2016 12 15

Toulouse, France - Ils étaient sur le point de partir ensemble faire le Jihad. Trois Toulousains ont été interpellés, mardi matin, dans des quartiers populaires de la ville Rose (notre édition d'hier). Étroitement surveillés depuis plusieurs semaines par les services de renseignements, les trois hommes, déjà connus de la justice pour des faits de droits communs, ont été cueillis par un groupe spécialisé de la DGSI (direction générale de la sécurité intérieure) avec l'aide des policiers du Raid. Leurs interpellations se sont déroulées dans le calme. Les enquêteurs ont agi dans le cadre d'une commission rogatoire délivrée par un juge antiterroriste parisien. Des perquisitions ont été menées aux domiciles des suspects. Elles n'auraient pas permis de mettre la main sur des armes ou des explosifs. Hier, les gardes à vue se poursuivaient à Toulouse. Dans les affaires terroristes, elles peuvent durer jusqu'à quatre-vingt-seize heures. Les trois hommes pourraient être transférés dès aujourd'hui à Paris où leurs auditions se poursuivront. Nombreux départs Les enquêteurs cherchent notamment à savoir s'ils projetaient de mener, sur le sol français, des actions terroristes.

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1. Crossed wires hampered terrorism investigation

Ottawa Citizen, Gary Dimmock, 2016 12 16

Ottawa - In 2013, while the RCMP were still investigating how a suspected terrorist had quietly left Canada to join ISIL the previous year, Canada's spy agency informed the Mounties they had in fact already known the intimate details of the terrorism suspect's final hours before he boarded

a plane for Syria, new court records reveal. John Maguire left Canada in December 2012 to join ISIL in Syria, where he was featured in a propaganda video declaring religious war on his home country. The Islamic State reported Maguire died fighting in 2015, though his death has never been confirmed. Before he left for Syria, Maguire was the alleged star terrorism recruit of Ottawa's Awso Peshdary, 26. Peshdary was charged in February 2015 with recruiting, financing and facilitating terrorism. And the RCMP's case against Peshdary is where new details have emerged about the Mounties' investigation into an alleged Ottawa terror network. The RCMP's case that yielded charges against Peshdary, 26, was built on a foundation so shaky that investigators were twice turned down when they went to get search warrants against Maguire. Ontario Court Justice Peter Wright refused to sign off on the RCMP warrants on Aug. 12, 2013, saying the Mounties had fallen "very far short of the requisite standards expected at law." The judge also said the RCMP had "failed to establish that its sources of this investigation are reliable or trustworthy as is required." This was the second time a judge had refused an RCMP warrant. The details of the first refusal were not contained in the court records. Six months after Maguire joined ISIS in Syria, the Mounties were still investigating how he left the country. The Mounties then asked CSIS for help and it turned out Maguire didn't just slip out of the country unnoticed. CSIS knew all about Maguire's final hours before boarding a flight to Istanbul back in December 2012. In an Aug. 26, 2013 letter to an RCMP chief superintendent, a CSIS acting director general revealed all the details of Maguire's exit, from who drove him to the Pierre Elliott Trudeau airport in Montreal on Dec. 6 (an Ottawa man, accompanied by suspected accomplice Peshdary) right down to where he exchanged currency before checking in at a Royal Air Morocco counter. CSIS also forwarded to the Mounties several audio recordings of intercepted conversations between Peshdary and Maguire to help them finally firm up that they were friends. It wasn't until the RCMP got the CSIS information that they were able to secure search warrants on their third try against Maguire and later Peshdary, and without access to the affidavits and source documents used to win the warrants, Friedman says he is unable to properly challenge the judicial authorizations. The records application also reveal there were parallel investigations of Peshdary by the RCMP and CSIS, but it's clear the agencies weren't sharing information at that point. According to March 17, 2014, notes of an RCMP inspector, counter-terrorism investigators said Milton (the CSIS asset) may have surreptitiously videotaped the inside of its undercover operator's apartment. It couldn't have been too undercover, as the RCMP inspector also told CSIS that three others - including Peshdary - appeared to be searching the undercover operator's apartment for listening devices. The RCMP agent was paid at least \$550,000 to wear a wire against the Ottawa targets, and was later paid an additional \$250,000 in advance to testify at preliminary hearings that never happened.

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2. Get tough on dual national terrorists, senator urges

Postmedia News, Anthony Furey, 2016 12 16

Ottawa - A Conservative senator is embarking on a campaign to see that the government still has the power to revoke the citizenship of dual-national terrorists. On Thursday Sen. Daniel Lang, representing Yukon, urged his fellow senators to amend the controversial Liberal bill Bill C-6. "I am not alone when I state that these dual-national Canadian terrorists are not like every other Canadian - and they don't deserve the same rights and privileges as every other citizen," Lang

said in the Upper Chamber. The previous Conservative government passed a bill that came into effect only last year allowing citizenship to be taken away from people convicted of terrorism and high treason who also hold citizenship in another country. The Liberal bill - which passed the House of Commons and is now making its way through the Senate - will repeal this provision, among other measures. The senator says the provision currently only applies to seven people holding Canadian citizenship, four of whom were convicting in the 2006 Toronto 18 terror plot to attack the Parliament buildings, CSIS and CBC headquarters and behead the prime minister. "What I maintain is that when someone has committed the worst crime you could against your country, your fellow Canadians and your neighbour, one of the consequences should be that you lose your citizenship," Lang told the Sun in a phone interview.

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3. A tragedy but not our fight: Sajjan

The Associated Press with files from the National Post, David Pugliese, 2016 12 16

Ottawa - Weeping, hobbling on crutches or dragging suitcases, hundreds of survivors of a devastating government bombardment left the last sliver of opposition-held Aleppo on Thursday, as a smiling President Bashar Assad called it a historic event comparable to the birth of Christ, and Canadian Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan said Canada will not be getting involved militarily. The evacuation sealed the end of Syrian rebels' most important stronghold and was a watershed moment in the country's five-year-old civil war. Speaking to journalists in a conference call from London, Canada's defence minister said, "What is happening in Aleppo is tragic and it needs to change." But when asked whether Canada would join other nations in training moderate Syrian forces, who are fighting both the Syrian government as well as troops from the extremist Islamic State, Sajjan said the Liberal government has no plans to get involved. "Our focus has always been in Iraq and that is our focus now. Right now we have no plans to be militarily involved in Syria." Sajjan was in London to attend a meeting of defence ministers from nations contributing to the war against the Islamic State. Canada is contributing surveillance aircraft and a refuelling plane to the coalition fighting ISIL in Iraq.

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4. Canadian military teams aid overseas efforts to topple ISIS in Mosul

Canadian Press, Lee Berthiaume, 2016 12 16

Ottawa - Two Canadian military teams are in Lebanon and Jordan as the international community searches for ways to keep the so-called Islamic State group from spreading once the city of Mosul falls. Senior military commanders have warned that victory in Iraq's second-largest city will not mark the end of ISIS as a threat, but that the group will instead go underground and resort to suicide attacks and similar tactics. There are also growing fears that defeat in Iraq and Syria will see ISIS attempt to spread into the surrounding region, where it will try to foment fresh havoc and instability. British Defence Secretary Michael Fallon said Thursday that preventing that spread will be a key focus for those countries involved in the fight against ISIS --

also known as Daesh -- in the coming months. "We need momentum across the Middle East to defeat Daesh wherever it now disperses to," Fallon said at the start of an anti-ISIS meeting in London. "As they are pushed out of Iraq, they will disperse and move to different theatres and redefine their success not by territory, but by insurgency." Speaking by phone after the meeting, Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan said Canadian troops will remain in Iraq for the foreseeable future to ensure local forces can maintain peace and security. Military officials have previously said Iraqi and Kurdish forces will need to be retrained to deal with the type of terror tactics that ISIS is expected to adopt after Mosul.

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5. Globe reporter wins Amnesty award

Globe and Mail, 2016 12 16

Ottawa - The Globe and Mail's Steven Chase has been awarded this year's Amnesty International Canada Media Award in the national print category for a series of stories on Canadian arms sales to Saudi Arabia. The annual award is given for excellence in journalism on human-rights issues. Mr. Chase's investigation focused on the sale of Canadian light-armoured vehicles to the Saudi government and the sale's approval by a Liberal government avowedly dedicated to promoting human rights. "These articles demonstrate the tenacious effort to get the facts and establish the human rights context for a massive sale of Light Armoured Vehicles to Saudi Arabia that Canadians seemed initially inclined to ignore," John Tackaberry, one of three judges, said in a statement. "While the government was suggesting they are little more than 'jeeps,' Steven Chase exposed the truth about these armoured vehicles that in some cases are to be armed and are being sold to a government implicated in war crimes in Yemen and serious human rights violations within Saudi Arabia." Globe editor-in-chief David Walmsley hailed Mr. Chase, a reporter in the Ottawa bureau, for leading the way on the Saudi arms story. "This award highlights the importance of covering stories that otherwise don't come up in daily discourse," Mr. Walmsley said. "Steve Chase uncovered links that cabinet ministers would prefer we not address.

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6. Harjit Sajjan says he 'faced a lot of racism' while in Canadian military

Global News, Amy Minsky and Vassy Kapelos, 2016 12 16

Ottawa - Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan, the first Sikh-Canadian to command a Canadian army regiment, said he never experienced racism before joining the military. "I finally found out what racism was when I joined the military," Sajjan told Global News in a one-on-one interview. The military, embroiled in ongoing allegations of pervasive sexual assault and misconduct, is reviewing how to address assault and violence among his ranks. But there are other behaviours, such as racism, the Armed Forces needs to eliminate, said Sajjan, who joined in 1989. "I witnessed a lot of things we wish we could have stomped out," he said. "This is one thing we need to root out, whether it's racial discrimination or whether it's sexual assault and how women are treated." When Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Jonathan Vance took over as the country's top soldier, the military was already awash in allegations of sexual assault and discrimination. He has made it a priority of his to get a scope of the problem and put an end to the behaviour. "I'm

very proud of the work that Gen. Vance has done," Sajjan said. "A lot of work has been done, but [there's] a lot of work that we still need to do as well. We will not relent." Canadian troops have played a part in the ongoing fight for Mosul - the so-called Islamic State's last major bastion in Iraq - that started two months ago.

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7. Miss Canada speaks out on China human rights

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 12 16

Washington - Poised but defiant, Miss Canada will be vying for more than the winner's tiara when she competes in the annual Miss World pageant in Washington this weekend. Anastasia Lin wants to tell the world about the evil of organ-harvesting. Lin was due to compete at Miss World last year when it was hosted by China but was barred from entering the country due to her activism against persecution of Falun Gong, a meditation practice that she follows and that China's government has outlawed. U.K.-based Miss World is allowing her to compete again this year in the U.S. Some U.S. media organizations say Miss World, which has Chinese corporate sponsorship, has prevented them from speaking to Lin. But she was allowed to speak to The Associated Press in an interview Wednesday in which she spoke forthrightly about her cause, although she sidestepped questions about whether she had faced restrictions. "Everybody is tied economically with China. China's soft power is so huge that no one really dares to speak up," said Lin, 26, at a hotel just outside Washington at the National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Maryland.

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8. Ottawa called for release of Mississauga Presbyterian pastor Hyeon Soo Lim

Toronto Star, Mary Orms, 2016 12 16

Ottawa - Canada is calling the case of imprisoned Toronto-area pastor Hyeon Soo Lim "absolutely a priority" after Ottawa officials travelled to North Korea this week to visit him for the first time and to discuss his release. Lim, 62, has been detained for nearly two years for what North Koreans say was an attempt to overthrow the government. Global Affairs Canada spokesperson Kristine Racicot confirmed Thursday that a ministry delegation "recently visited Pyongyang and was able to undertake a consular visit to Mr. Lim." "The Government of Canada is very concerned about the health, well-being and continued detention of Mr. Lim," Racicot said. The visit was arranged with the aid of the Swedish embassy acting as a "protecting power" for Canada, which does not maintain a diplomatic presence in North Korea. Until now, Global Affairs Canada has shared little with the public about the fate of the imprisoned Christian minister. However, on Thursday, the Canadian government disclosed it has been working closely with Lim's family. "Minister (Stéphane) Dion and Parliamentary Secretary Omar Alghabra have met with Pastor Lim's son, and consular officials are working actively to secure the release of Mr. Lim."

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9. Smoother military exit system for soldiers still years away, documents show

CBC.CA, Murray Brewster, 2016 12 16

Ottawa - Building a smoother, less confusing exit path for soldiers departing the Canadian military will take another two or three years to implement and will likely not include significant recommendations from the Canadian Forces ombudsman, CBC News has learned. A draft copy of the strategy shows that many key elements of the Liberal government's overhaul of the system -- namely the harmonization of financial benefits -- will not take place until the 2018-19 budget year. That is likely to be frustrating for ex-military members who have been routinely caught up in a system that makes them wait weeks, sometimes months, for Canadian Forces pensions or separate veterans' benefits and entitlements. A copy of the May 2016 draft plan was obtained by CBC News. It was prepared by a joint working group of National Defence and Veterans Affairs, and says building a bridge between the two departments is a priority. The 12-page document lays out a complex, multi-year program with the stated intent of making it easier for members of the military to transition from uniform to civilian life through more employment, financial certainty and, in some cases, medical certainty. Both Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan and Veterans Affairs Minister Kent Hehr have been tasked with -- and often talk about -- "closing the seam" between their organizations. The government and outside experts have come to the realization that ex-soldiers, whose transition out of uniform has been messed up, face higher probability of being in crisis.

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10. Terror peace bond for Windsor man

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 12 16

Ottawa - Ten days after flying out of Toronto's Pearson airport on Nov. 3, 2013, Mohammed El Shaer was photographed outside an ISIL-controlled police station in a Syrian border town called Atmeh, raising his index finger in the jihadists' salute. Standing beside him was Ahmad Waseem, whom El Shaer had accompanied from their hometown, Windsor, Ont. Two years later, Waseem is dead, killed fighting with ISIL, and on Thursday a judge imposed a terrorism peace bond on El Shaer. Following a day-long hearing, Justice Lloyd Dean placed 17 restrictions on El Shaer, including that he not communicate with ISIL supporters. He must surrender his passport and wear a GPS electronic ankle bracelet for six months. The Crown had wanted a one-year term with the GPS but the judge said El Shaer had already been wearing one for the six months since his arrest and he now had the chance to show he could be trusted without one. "I'll give you that opportunity, Mr. El Shaer." He also cannot leave Windsor, go to any airport or possess weapons, objects with terrorist logos or devices that can access the Internet. An 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew was imposed. The conditions are for one year, except the GPS. Police have been using terrorism peace bonds to prevent suspected extremists from leaving Canada to join ISIL and other terror groups. The court-approved orders are controversial because they can severely restrict the freedoms of those who have not been charged with any crimes. An RCMP officer testified that the investigation had started in February 2013 when a Windsor hospital contacted police about Waseem, who had arrived for treatment of a gunshot wound in the groin he got while in Syria. Police soon zeroed in on El Shaer after discovering he had signed Waseem's passport

application. Then on Nov. 3, Waseem's mother called police to say her son was missing. He and El Shaer had boarded the same flight in Toronto.

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11. Toronto filmmaker's doc on Afghan marathon highlights hurdles faced by participants

Toronto Star, Jackie Hong, 2016 12 16

Toronto - One woman was forbidden to run in the marathon by her father. Another trained at her university before it was bombed by the Taliban, leaving her with nowhere to practice. And a third pushed aside national tension and came from abroad to support her fellow runners. These are the stories of three women who ran in the second Marathon of Afghanistan in November, the subject of a documentary by a Toronto-based filmmaker about the challenges facing women who want to run in a country long shaken by conflict and where women's activities can be heavily restricted. "Essentially, for the average woman in Afghanistan, it's not safe for them to run outside in the streets like we can here," The Secret Marathon's director, Kate McKenzie, said. McKenzie is a digital media master's student at Ryerson University. "When a woman goes to run, people might throw stones at her or insult her or feel like, because she's running, that means she is a woman who doesn't have good morals or things like that . . . and so, as a result, they've had to train in their backyards." McKenzie, also a runner, said she learned about the marathon through her coach, Martin Parnell, who was planning on running and asked if she would edit the photos and videos he was going to take on his phone. "And I was like, 'Martin, this story is way too incredible. I want to come with you,'" she recalled. McKenzie flew to the central Afghan province of Bamyan with a small crew to document the sold-out marathon, where 14 out of 100 runners were women - up from only three last year. And this year, nine of the female participants were Afghan, a ninefold increase from last year's solo female Afghan runner. McKenzie, who had never run a marathon before, was one of the international participants.

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12. Trump bump? American refugee claims in Canada increased last month

Canadian Press, Alexander Panetta, 2016 12 16

Ottawa - The number of Americans seeking refugee status in Canada has experienced a significant bump this year, increasing more than five times in November 2016 from the same period a year earlier. The overall numbers, however, remain tiny. Few people seek to flee the world's largest economy, and one of its oldest democracies, on humanitarian grounds: A mere 170 Americans claimed asylum at Canada's land borders through the first 11 months of this year. Yet that was more than twice the total from 2015 -- and it was led by a noticeable five-fold increase in the month of November, with 28 people claiming refugee status last month compared with merely five in November 2015. Was any of this driven by politics -- and Donald Trump's Nov. 8 election? The Canadian government won't touch that question. "Refugee claims are protected under the Privacy Act," said Nicholas Dorion, a spokesman for the Canada Border Services Agency, which supplied the figures to The Canadian Press. "Therefore the CBSA will not discuss specifics of asylum cases." On the whole, Americans represented less than three per cent of the 5,939 people who claimed refugee status upon arriving at Canada's land borders, in

the first 11 months of 2016. Yet the claims from 170 U.S. citizens was more than twice the 73 who did over the same period in 2015. Mario Bellissimo, a Toronto immigration lawyer, said he's not surprised. Such bumps are often driven by political changes, said Bellissimo: "Saw some of this when Bush assumed office (in 2000)."

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13. For Sale on the Dark Web: Yahoo Users' Stolen Records

New York Times, Vindu Goel, Nicole Perlroth, 2016 12 16

San Francisco - Some time around August 2013, hackers penetrated the email system of Yahoo, one of the world's largest and oldest providers of free email services. The attackers quietly scooped up the records of more than 1 billion users, including names, birth dates, phone numbers and passwords that were encrypted with an easily broken form of security. The intruders also obtained the security questions and backup email addresses used to reset lost passwords -- valuable information for someone trying to break into other accounts owned by the same user, and particularly useful to a hacker seeking to break into government computers around the world: Several million of the backup addresses belonged to military and civilian government employees from dozens of nations, including more than 150,000 Americans. No one knows what happened to the data during the next three years. But last August, a geographically dispersed hacking collective based in Eastern Europe quietly began offering the whole database for sale, according to Andrew Komarov, chief intelligence officer at InfoArmor, an Arizona cybersecurity firm, who monitors the dark corners of the internet inhabited by criminals, spies and spammers. Three buyers -- two known spammers and an entity that appeared more interested in espionage -- paid about \$300,000 each for a complete copy of the database, he said. The attack, which Yahoo disclosed on Wednesday, is the largest known data breach of a company. And neither Yahoo nor the public had any idea it had occurred until a month ago, when law enforcement authorities came to the company with samples of the hacked data from an undisclosed source.

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14. Kremlin Calls NBC Report Putin Directed Hack 'Laughable Nonsense'

NBC News, Ken Dilanian, 2016 12 15

New York - The Kremlin on Thursday disputed an exclusive NBC News report that U.S. intelligence has documented Vladimir Putin's personal involvement in a Russian intelligence operation to interfere in the U.S. presidential election. Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told the AP the report was "laughable nonsense." Maria Zakharova, a spokeswoman for the Russian Foreign Ministry, accused "Western media" of being a "shill" and a "mouthpiece of various power groups." NBC News reported Wednesday that the U.S. has information that Putin personally directed how material hacked by Russian intelligence agencies was used during the campaign. Anthony Scaramucci, a senior Trump transition team official, did not dispute Russia's involvement in an interview Thursday night with MSNBC's Brian Williams. "I don't think anybody thinks that you're wrong," he said of the NBC News report. "Our position right now is

that we're waiting for more information...we reject the notion that people would cyberattack our institutions...We are very upset about it."

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15. Obama On Russian Hacking: 'We Need To Take Action. And We Will'

NPR Morning Edition, Scott Detrow, 2016 12 16

Washington - President Obama says the United States will respond to Russian cyberattacks that the intelligence community has concluded were part of an effort to influence the 2016 presidential election. In an interview with NPR's Steve Inskeep that will air Friday on Morning Edition, Obama said, "I think there is no doubt that when any foreign government tries to impact the integrity of our elections ... we need to take action. And we will -- at a time and place of our own choosing. Some of it may be explicit and publicized; some of it may not be." With the question of Russia's ultimate motivation for the hack becoming increasingly divisive, Obama was careful to not endorse a CIA assessment, reported by NPR and other news outlets, that asserts that Russia's goal was to elect Trump. "There are still a whole range of assessments taking place among the agencies," Obama told NPR, referring to an order he has given the U.S. intelligence community to conduct a full review of the cyberattacks before Inauguration Day. "And so when I receive a final report, you know, we'll be able to, I think, give us a comprehensive and best guess as to those motivations. But that does not in any way, I think, detract from the basic point that everyone during the election perceived accurately -- that in fact what the Russian hack had done was create more problems for the Clinton campaign than it had for the Trump campaign." "There's no doubt that it contributed to an atmosphere in which the only focus for weeks at a time, months at a time were Hillary's emails, the Clinton Foundation, political gossip surrounding the DNC," Obama said.

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16. Obama signs off on bill to firm US border with Canada

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 12 16

Fort Kent, Maine - President Barack Obama has signed off on a proposal to assess and strengthen security at the country's northern border. Republican New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte, a bill sponsor, said Thursday the country is facing unprecedented national security challenges that demand a full understanding of the northern border's needs, strengths, and vulnerabilities. The bill requires the federal Department of Homeland Security to evaluate security threats at the northern border. Maine Sens. Angus King, an independent, and Susan Collins, a Republican, bill co-sponsors, say the agency must conduct a comprehensive review of resources and personnel levels. The senators also say it will require the federal government to consider what tools border security officials need to stop drug and human trafficking.

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17. Obama Vows U.S. Reprisal for Moscow's Meddling

New York Times, Julie Hirschfeld Davis, David E. Sanger, 2016 12 16

Washington - President Obama said on Thursday that the United States would retaliate for Russia's efforts to influence the presidential election, asserting that "we need to take action," and "we will." The comments, in an interview with NPR, indicate that Mr. Obama, in his remaining weeks in office, will pursue either economic sanctions against Russia or perhaps some kind of response in cyberspace. Mr. Obama spoke as President-elect Donald J. Trump on Thursday again refused to accept Moscow's culpability, asking on Twitter why the administration had waited "so long to act" if Russia "or some other entity" had carried out cyberattacks. The president discussed the potential for American retaliation with Steve Inskeep of NPR for an interview to air on Friday morning. "I think there is no doubt that when any foreign government tries to impact the integrity of our election," Mr. Obama said, "we need to take action. And we will -- at the time and place of our choosing." Mr. Trump has said privately in recent days that he believes there are people in the C.I.A. who are out to get him and are working to delegitimize his presidency, according to people briefed on the conversations who described them on the condition of anonymity.

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18. Putin turned Russia election hacks in Trump's favor: U.S. officials

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 12 16

Washington - Russian President Vladimir Putin supervised his intelligence agencies' hacking of the U.S. presidential election and turned it from a general attempt to discredit American democracy to an effort to help Donald Trump, three U.S. officials said on Thursday. U.S. intelligence agencies' conclusion that Russia tried to influence the election by hacking people and institutions, including Democratic Party bodies, has angered President-elect Trump, who says he won the Nov. 8 vote fairly. Russian officials have denied accusations of interference in the U.S. election. Separately, a senior White House official said on Thursday that Putin was likely to have been aware of the cyber attacks but he fell short of accusing the Russian president. "I don't think things happen in the Russian government of this consequence without Vladimir Putin knowing about it," Ben Rhodes, the White House's deputy national security adviser, told MSNBC. "When you're talking about a significant cyber intrusion like this, we're talking about the highest levels of government."

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19. RNC Security Foiled Russian Hackers

Wall Street Journal, Julian E. Barnes, Devlin Barrett, 2016 12 16

New York - Russian hackers tried to penetrate the computer networks of the Republican National Committee, using the same techniques that allowed them to infiltrate its Democratic counterpart, according to U.S. officials who have been briefed on the attempted intrusion. But the intruders failed to get past security defenses on the RNC's computer networks, the officials said. And people close to the investigation said it indicated a less aggressive and much less persistent effort by Russian intelligence to hack the Republican group than the Democratic National Committee. Only a single email account linked to a long-departed RNC staffer was targeted. The disclosures came as a political furor grows over suspected Russian hacking of U.S. political organizations.

The Central Intelligence Agency has concluded that Russian hackers, whom analysts say work for that country's military and intelligence apparatus, stole emails from the DNC, as well as another Democratic organization and the chairman of Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign, to harm her candidacy and boost Republican Donald Trump's chances of winning. Russia has denied the allegations. The possibility that Russians tried and failed to infiltrate the RNC doesn't necessarily conflict with the CIA's conclusion. A senior U.S. official said analysts now believe what started as an information-gathering campaign aimed at both parties later took on a focus of leaked emails about Mrs. Clinton and Democrats.

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20. Russian hack almost brought the U.S. military to its knees

CBS News, David Martin, 2016 12 16

Washington - Russian hackers struck at the heart of the U.S. military in August 2015 by seizing the e-mail system used by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, CBS News has learned. Then-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Martin Dempsey was alerted to the attack by an early-morning phone call from the Director of the National Security Agency, Admiral Mike Rogers. Now retired, Dempsey told CBS News in an exclusive interview that the attack was proceeding at an alarming speed. Within an hour, hackers had seized control of the unclassified e-mail system used by the Pentagon's Joint Staff, the organization of some 3,500 military officers and civilians who work for the Chairman. The attack, which officials now blame on Russia, began with 30,000 e-mails sent to a West Coast university. Of those 30,000, four were forwarded to members of the Joint Staff and one was opened -- allowing the hackers in. Since it was an unclassified network, the attack had no real intelligence value. It was not spying, but a full-on assault whose only apparent purpose was to cause damage and force the Pentagon to replace both hardware and software, which took about two weeks to accomplish. The motive for the attack was believed to be Russian anger at economic sanctions orchestrated by the Obama administration in response to Vladimir Putin's annexation of Crimea and interference in Ukraine.

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21. Something is broken at the FBI

Washington Post, John Podesta, 2016 12 16

Op-ed - The more we learn about the Russian plot to sabotage Hillary Clinton's campaign and elect Donald Trump, and the failure of the FBI to adequately respond, the more shocking it gets. The former acting director of the CIA has called the Russian cyberattack "the political equivalent of 9/11." Just as after the real 9/11, we need a robust, independent investigation into what went wrong inside the government and how to better protect our country in the future. As the former chair of the Clinton campaign and a direct target of Russian hacking, I understand just how serious this is. So I was surprised to read in the New York Times that when the FBI discovered the Russian attack in September 2015, it failed to send even a single agent to warn senior Democratic National Committee officials. Instead, messages were left with the DNC IT "help desk." As a former head of the FBI cyber division told the Times, this is a baffling decision: "We are not talking about an office that is in the middle of the woods of Montana." What takes this

from baffling to downright infuriating is that at nearly the exact same time that no one at the FBI could be bothered to drive 10 minutes to raise the alarm at DNC headquarters, two agents accompanied by attorneys from the Justice Department were in Denver visiting a tech firm that had helped maintain Clinton's email server. This trip was part of what FBI Director James B. Comey described as a "painstaking" investigation of Clinton's emails, "requiring thousands of hours of effort" from dozens of agents who conducted at least 80 interviews and reviewed thousands of pages of documents. Of course, as Comey himself concluded, in the end, there was no case; it was not even a close call. Comparing the FBI's massive response to the overblown email scandal with the seemingly lackadaisical response to the very real Russian plot to subvert a national election shows that something is deeply broken at the FBI. Note: John Podesta served as chair of Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign.

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22. Trump's Dispute With CIA Puts Pompeo in a Bind

Roll Call, Ryan Lucas, 2016 12 16

Washington - In the extraordinary public dispute between Donald Trump and the CIA, one man finds himself in a particularly tricky position: the president-elect's nominee to lead the agency, Rep. Mike Pompeo. The tea party Republican from Kansas, who is expected to win Senate confirmation, will have to repair a relationship between Trump and the CIA that has been battered by the president-elect's repeated disparagement of the agency's capabilities and competence. "I think that we've never quite seen a moment like this in agency history where an incoming president was so openly critical and questioning of the agency's integrity," said Dennis Wilder, a former senior CIA official who retired this year. "I think Pompeo's on a bit of a hot seat going into this job because he's going to have to bridge both sides of this, and he's going to have to convince President Trump that agency reporting and analysis is both valuable and has integrity to it." John McLaughlin, a former deputy director and acting director of the CIA, said Pompeo should focus on the basics to win the agency's trust and confidence. "All a CIA director needs to do to succeed is to approach the issues dispassionately, make sure all the evidence is taken into account, lay out what is actually known, what is less certain, and what conclusions logically come out of that," McLaughlin said in an email.

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23. Trump in Denial as Evidence Grows Spymaster Putin Behind Election Hacks

ABC News, Multiple reporters, 2016 12 16

New York - With intelligence officials convinced that Russian spook-turned-president Vladimir Putin personally directed cyber-attacks aimed at interfering with the U.S. election, President-elect Donald Trump continues to downplay and dismiss growing hacking concerns as politically motivated. The hacks saw the systems and accounts of political organizations and figures like the Democratic National Committee breached, and private data - in the most notable cases, emails - spilled out into public view. "The primary goal of this attack on our election system was to sow chaos and apparently to help the candidate Donald Trump," Matt Olsen, an ABC News consultant and the former director of the National Counterterrorism Center, said. But Trump is

having none of it. "If Russia, or some other entity, was hacking, why did the White House wait so long to act?" Trump tweeted on Thursday. "Why did they only complain after Hillary lost?" "They (intelligence) know with a near certainty that Putin was involved - that's not something they say lightly," Richard Clarke, an ABC News consultant who served in the administrations of Presidents Reagan, Clinton and both Bushes. "That's something they say when they do have a smoking gun."

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24. U.S. Faces Tall Hurdles in Detaining or Deterring Russian Hackers

New York Times, Adam Goldman, Matt Apuzzo, 2016 12 16

Washington - When a suspected Russian cybercriminal named Dmitry Ukrainisky was arrested in a Thai resort town last summer, the American authorities hoped they could whisk him back to New York for trial and put at least a temporary dent in Russia's arsenal of computer hackers. But the Russian authorities moved quickly to persuade Thailand not to extradite him, saying that he should be prosecuted at home. American officials knew what that meant. If Mr. Ukrainisky got on a plane to Moscow, they concluded, he would soon be back at work in front of a computer. "The American authorities continue the unacceptable practice of 'hunting' for Russians all over the world, ignoring the norms of international laws and twisting other states' arms," the Russian Foreign Ministry said. The dispute over Mr. Ukrainisky, whose case remains in limbo, highlights the difficulties -- and at times impossibilities -- that the United States faces in combating Russian hackers, including those behind the recent attacks on the Democratic National Committee. That hack influenced the course, if not the outcome, of a presidential campaign and was the culmination of years of increasingly brazen digital assaults on American infrastructure. The United States has few options for responding to such hacks. Russia does not extradite its citizens and has shown that it will not easily be deterred through public shaming. At times, the American authorities have enlisted local police officials to arrest suspects when they leave Russia -- for vacation in the Maldives, for example. But more often than not, the F.B.I. and Justice Department investigate and compile accusations and evidence against people who will almost certainly never stand trial. "You can indict 400 people. They don't care," said Robert E. Anderson Jr., who until last year served as the F.B.I.'s most senior executive overseeing computer investigations.

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25. Where is Trump getting his cybersecurity advice?

Christian Science Monitor, Aliya Sternstein, 2016 12 15

Washington - Amid the growing controversy over intelligence reports that Russian hackers meddled in US elections to aid Donald Trump's campaign, it's unclear who the president-elect is listening to on matters of cybersecurity right now. Michael Flynn may have the most sway over the president-elect on issues of cybersecurity. He's a member of Trump's transition team and the president-elect's incoming national security adviser. Among the people around Trump, the retired Army lieutenant general and former Defense Intelligence Agency head may be the most knowledgeable when it comes to the current state of digital espionage and how a country such as

Russia operates in cyberspace. "It appears that Gen. Flynn, his advice to the president, specifically about cybersecurity will probably be taken very seriously," says Dale Meyerrose, a retired Air Force major general, who knows Flynn and served in the Bush administration as the first- ever intelligence community chief information officer. Flynn's expertise and association with cybersecurity issues stretches back more than a decade, back to when he was in uniform, says Mr. Meyerrose. "I'm equally positive that Gen. Flynn couldn't fix a server to save his soul, but that's not his job. His job entails an understanding, cause and effects and factors that go into decision making." During the campaign, Flynn publicly differed with his boss on attributing the DNC hack to Russia. In an interview with Passcode, he said, "We should not be surprised that a communist state run by a totalitarian dictator wants to expose the weaknesses of capitalism and, frankly, show the level of corruption that exists in our political process."

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26. Why Didn't Obama Do More About Russian Election Hack?

NBC News, Multiple reporters, 2016 12 16

New York - The Obama administration didn't respond more forcefully to Russian hacking before the presidential election because they didn't want to appear to be interfering in the election and they thought that Hillary Clinton was going to win and a potential cyber war with Russia wasn't worth it, multiple high-level government officials told NBC News. "They thought she was going to win, so they were willing to kick the can down the road," said one U.S official familiar with the level of Russian hacking. The administration did take action in response to the hack prior to the election. In September, President Obama privately confronted Vladimir Putin about the hacks at the G-20 summit in China. He warned the Russian President of unspecified consequences if the hacks continued. On October 7, the Department of Homeland Security and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence issued an unprecedented joint statement pointing the finger at Russia, saying hacks of U.S. political groups and individual politicians could only have been done with the authorization of "Russia's senior most" officials and that its intent was to undermine the integrity of the election.

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27. Yahoo hack shows data's use for information warfare

Agence France-Presse, Staff report, 2016 12 16

Washington - The 2013 hack affecting a billion Yahoo users shows how seemingly innocuous bits of data gleaned from cyber attacks can be exploited for espionage and information warfare, as well as for profit. The breach, disclosed Wednesday, is the largest on record and comes just months after Yahoo disclosed a separate attack in 2014 affecting data from 500 million users. On the surface, the trove of data is "a bunch of junk," said John Dickson of the security consultancy Denim Group. But the ability to create a searchable database with data tidbits such as birth dates and phone numbers makes it enormously valuable to hackers seeking to make a profit or engage in industrial or state espionage, he said. "If you're trying to research and get information about a target, you're going to use everything you can find," said Dickson, a former officer in the Air Force Information Warfare Center.

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28. German spies 'can't be trusted': Relations between the UK and Berlin intelligence chiefs hit after comments by London

Daily Mail (UK), Allan Hall, Ian Drury, 2016 12 16

Berlin - Relations between British and German spy chiefs have hit rock bottom because London says its counterparts in Berlin cannot be trusted to keep secrets. At a time of escalating Islamic terror threats across Europe, Germany's spy agency BND is being frozen out by GCHQ and the National Security Agency in the US. Both London and Washington believe insecure German data servers have contributed to the leaking of tens of thousands of classified documents to Wikileaks. And they have infuriated Berlin by refusing to hand over secret intelligence data demanded by left wing and Green politicians which they fear will be aired in the German parliament. It is understood that in November 2014 there was a meeting in Berlin between Sir Simon McDonald, the then British ambassador to Germany, together with Patrick McGuinness, Deputy National Security Adviser for Intelligence, Security, and Resilience at the Cabinet Office, and high security officials in Angela Merkel's government. The British made it plain at the meeting that co-operation between Britain and Germany was becoming increasingly problematic because of leaks. A source familiar with the meeting said: 'They stressed that a secret service is just that and that its workings and operations must remain secret and they felt that Germany was leaking them like a sieve.' Britain fears a 'big debate' in the German parliament which would lay open secret sources and intelligence gathering techniques. A BND insider said: 'Never has a friendly nation been asked to divulge its secrets in this way. It is outrageous and we completely understand the fury that this has unleashed in Whitehall. But it has left us vulnerable.'

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29. Most Brits believe hate crime has got worse since EU referendum, poll finds

The Independent (UK), Jon Stone, 2016 12 16

London - Most British people believe hate crime has worsened following the European Union referendum, a new survey shows. Pollsters ICM found 58 per cent felt that such crimes had increased since the referendum in June, while 76 per cent believed hate crime was a problem in the UK today. There was no sign of a serious partisan divide on the issue, with those that voted for Brexit only slightly less likely to believe that hate crime had increased since the referendum. 45 per cent of Leave voters agreed the situation had deteriorated. However, the poll found that a small minority of people in society apparently refuse to acknowledge obvious hate crimes as such. A hold-out 10 per cent of the population - one in 10 people - says it believes that physically attacking someone because of their race is not a hate crime. Somewhat more, 28 per cent, believe that calling someone a racial slur because of their race is not a hate crime. Exactly the same proportion believes that hate crime legislation is an infringement on freedom of speech. Both these examples are racially aggravated offences under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

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30. Most terrorism arrests lead to no charge or conviction, figures show

The Guardian (London), Vikram Dodd, 2016 12 16

London - The overwhelming majority of people arrested for alleged terrorism offences over the past 15 years have been freed without charge or conviction, official figures show. Fewer than two in 10 people detained by police since September 2001 were convicted directly of terrorism or a terrorism-related offence. The figures released by the Home Office showed that 3,349 people in England and Wales were arrested under terrorism laws since the 9/11 attacks on the US. Of those arrested for terrorism and related offences, 17.8% were convicted in relation to involvement in violent jihad, for instance plotting attacks, funding or facilitating. Another 10% arrested on suspicion of terrorism were convicted of offences unrelated to the terrorism charges they were originally arrested for, taking the total to 27.6%. The majority of those arrested were from British Muslim communities.

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31. US role in Isis fight will continue under Trump, says UK minister

Press Association, Staff report, 2016 12 16

London - The defence secretary, Michael Fallon, has said he has no doubt that the incoming administration of Donald Trump will maintain the US's "global leadership" in the fight against Islamic State. Fallon was speaking alongside his US counterpart, Ash Carter, at the conclusion of a one-day meeting in London of the international coalition against Isis, which the government refers to as Daesh. Carter said it would be logical for Trump to stick to the outgoing Obama government's approach to fighting terrorism. Fallon, when asked whether he expected the 68-nation coalition to survive the change of occupants in the White House, said it would be important to focus on the actions of the new administration rather than Trump's campaign rhetoric. "We are dealing here with a global threat from Daesh, a threat that isn't just present in Iraq and Syria but is present in western Europe, has hit Paris and Brussels, spread to the far east and hit California," he said.

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32. 300 more boys in blue now SA is back in black

The Advertiser, Daniel Wills, 2016 12 16

Canberra - A plan to boost the police force by 300-plus officers will be backed with \$51.5 million of new spending as part of a State Budget update to be handed down today. Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis will deliver the Mid Year Budget Review to update the state's financial position and reveal key economic indicators including jobs growth forecasts. It comes 24-hours after SA again anchored the nation's worst unemployment rate. The Advertiser can reveal the MYBR will be highlighted by the \$51.5 million to accelerate the so-called recruit 313 program,

delivering additional officers to the frontline by 2018. The program has been a political football for years, as the Government has faced accusations of failing to meet self-announced deadlines and delaying the addition of new police jobs. The SA Police "see yourself in uniform and achieve more" campaign has recently attracted a significant increase in applications to the organisation, especially from women. Applications also are being encouraged from indigenous and Muslim communities under police diversity policies. Police Minister Peter Malinauskas said the program would build the biggest force in SA history. "We want more police on the frontline, protecting South Australians," he said. "We want our police force to be diverse, to be modern, and to be capable of responding to emerging crimes such as domestic violence, cyber crime and counter terrorism." It has already been revealed the Government will spend more than \$400 million extra on fixing the state's fractured child protection system, and automatically increase by inflation concessions that help people meet power, water and other cost of living pressures.

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33. Aussie's link to terror drones

The Advertiser, Charles Miranda, 2016 12 16

Canberra - Australian terrorist Neil Prakash was the head of an Islamic State sub-cell plotting to use explosive-laden drones to carry out remote attacks, interrogators have discovered. The 25-year-old Melbourne man, arrested in October on the Turkish border after he had been declared dead in an American drone strike, has been maintaining his silence in solitary confinement in a jail in Turkey's south. But News Corp Australia has learned he has given up some information involuntarily, including on "digital equipment" he was carrying at the time he was picked up by Turkish paramilitary police, close to the Turkish-Syrian border post of Kilis. It is understood Turkish authorities, in close consultation with Australian Federal Police, have raided several properties in Istanbul directly related to his arrest and formal charging with terrorism. Turkish-Australian counter-terror investigators have discovered that Prakash, also known as al- Cambodi, led an English-speaking cell of engineers who had been developing multiple drone plots. Prakash's right-hand man, who he was planning to meet in Istanbul, was Indian-born engineer Syed Muhammed. The gunpoint arrest and raid on this ISIS suspect found a drone in development in his apartment, able to be remotely guided by software to a target and to carry an explosive payload up to 30km away. But sources said the group of Prakash, Syed and at least two others detained in Turkey had been plotting to develop a "missile project" with a drone to travel up to 100km. ISIS had sent Prakash to rejoin the cell of English-speaking terrorists as a last-ditch effort to fight for the self-declared caliphate from the safety of across the border.

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34. Trump adviser's Aussie dealings questioned

Australian Associated Press, 2016 12 16

Los Angeles - US senators are calling for Donald Trump's pick for national security adviser, Lieutenant General Michael Flynn, be investigated for "leaking highly classified information" to Australia and other dealings including dining with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Democrat senators Richard Blumenthal and Jeanne Shaheen, in a letter to the FBI, the Director of National

Intelligence and US Office of Personnel Management, request General Flynn's security clearance be reviewed. "Based on public reports, his conduct in positions that require access to national defence information, and his subsequent private practice, appears inconsistent with the professionalism such access requires," the senators wrote. "General Flynn reportedly has a record of mishandling classified intelligence and reportedly violated rules for protecting sensitive information." US president-elect Trump announced last month he had chosen General Flynn for the key security post. Gen Flynn, who spent more than 33 years in US army intelligence and worked alongside Australian forces in Afghanistan and Iraq, told the Washington Post he was proud of sharing highly-classified intelligence with Australian and British forces.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

35. Key ISIS figures involved in recent Kabul attacks arrested

Khaama Press, 2016 12 16

Kabul - Several key figures of the loyalists of Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group involved in plotting and executing a number of deadly attacks in Kabul city, were arrested by the Afghan intelligence operatives. The National Directorate of Security (NDS) said at a group of at least 10 people were arrested in connection to the previous attacks and a number of other attack plots in the capital. A statement by NDS said the militants were involved in plotting and executing the deadly attack on Sakhi shrine in Kabul and another deadly attack on the VIP protection unit in Kabul city. The statement further added that the group was looking to carry out more attacks on Shi'ite sites in Kabul city, including an attack on Karte Se mosque and a number of televisions, including Tolo tv, Shamshad, and Arian television network.

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36. Zardad in NDS detention, says ex-lawmaker

Pajhwok Afghan News, Nasir Ahamad Sidiqi, 2016 12 16

Kabul - Zardad Faryadi, a prominent Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) commander, is in detention of the intelligence agency, a government official and a former lawmaker said on Thursday. The government official told Pajhwok Afghan News Zardad was with the National Directorate of Security. A former lawmaker from central Logar province, Hedayatullah Ahmadzai, also told Pajhwok Afghan News the HIA commander was with the National Directorate of Security (NDS). "I talked with Zardad and he told me he is with NDS. He is respected there and faces no problem, he would meet his people in the next one or two days," he said. Zardad Faryadi arrived in Kabul on Wednesday after spending 16 years in a British prison. He had travelled to the United Kingdom in 1998 in quest of asylum.

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37. Burkina: attaque contre un détachement militaire près du Mali

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 16

Ouagadougou - Un détachement de l'armée burkinabè basé à Nassoubou, à 70 km de la frontière malienne, a été attaqué tôt vendredi par des "individus non encore identifiés", a-t-on appris de sources concordantes à Ouagadougou. "Des individus non encore identifiés ont lancé une attaque à 5h00 (locales et GMT) contre notre détachement militaire basé à Nassoubou, à 45 km de Djibo, (chef-lieu de la province de l'Oudalan, frontalière du Mali et du Niger). Pour l'instant la riposte se poursuit, des renforts ont été rapidement envoyés", a déclaré à l'AFP le haut commissaire de la province de l'Oudalan, Mohamed Dah joint au téléphone. L'état-major a confirmé l'information indiquant qu'"aucun détail ne peut être fourni pendant que l'opération est en cours". Un détachement du Groupement des forces armées anti-terroristes (GFAT) se trouve dans cette petite bourgade située dans le Sahel burkinabè frontalier du Mali et du Niger. C'est la deuxième attaque directe à laquelle l'armée burkinabè est confrontée depuis le début des attaques jihadistes au premier trimestre 2015 au Burkina. En octobre, la première attaque contre les militaires burkinabè avait fait six morts quatre militaires et deux civils, tués probablement par des "tirs amis". Cette attaque revendiquée par le groupe terroriste Al-Mourabitoune du chef jihadiste algérien Mokhtar Belmokhtar avait eu lieu à Intangom, poste frontalier situé à 5 km de la frontière malienne.

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38. Egypt Likely to See More ISIS Attacks, Needs to Change How it Fights Terror, Analysts Say

ABC News, Randa Ali, 2016 12 15

Cairo - In the wake of a bombing that killed 24 people at a Cairo church, some analysts warn the largest country in the Arab world may face more attacks by ISIS. Sunday's assault on civilians in the Egyptian capital signals that ISIS, which on Tuesday claimed responsibility for the attack, is escalating its offensive in the country and shows the need for the country to change how it fights terrorism. Egypt's leadership downplayed the significance of the attack. In a speech Monday, Egyptian President Abdel- Fattah el-Sissi called it a "desperate blow" by terrorists. El-Sissi has dismissed claims that security flaws allowed the attack to occur and has called for stricter laws to fight terrorism. But some analysts told ABC News that Egypt needs to end mass arrests and instead focus on individual perpetrators of violence if it wants to effectively prevent more attacks. "Targeting the perpetrators and avoiding mass arrests and collective punishment is key to ensuring the state achieves justice and prevents violence, while also maintaining legitimacy and respecting the rights of citizens," said Allison McManus, research director at Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy.

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39. Selon Abdelkader Messahel/ L'écrasante majorité des terroristes algériens activant à l'étranger

Algérie-Focus (site web), Elyas Nour, 2016 12 15

Non identifié - Selon Abdelkader Messahel/ L'écrasante majorité des terroristes algériens activant à l'étranger sont des binationaux Il y a, selon toute vraisemblance, de moins en moins d'Algériens engagés dans les groupes terroristes à l'étranger, notamment en Libye. D'après Abdelkader Messahel, le ministre des Affaires maghrébines et africaines et de la Ligue des Etats arabes, qui s'exprimait, hier, au sujet de ce pays frontalier, il y a «quelques dizaines» d'algériens, selon, précise-t-il, des «estimations différentes», qui se trouvent actuellement dans les zones de conflits. Le ministre a tenu, néanmoins, à préciser, dans une déclaration faite à l'APS, que l'«écrasante majorité» de ces Algériens qui ont rejoints les groupes terroristes activant en Libye et dans d'autres pays comme la Syrie, «sont des binationaux partis de leurs pays de résidence (et pour certains de naissance) et non d'Algérie».

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40. Terrorisme, crime organisé, cybercriminalité et traite humaine Interpol: la feuille de route de 2022

Liberté (Algérie), Farid Belgacem, 2016 12 15

Alger - Terrorisme, crime organisé, cybercriminalité et traite humaine Interpol: la feuille de route de 2022 abordée à Alger La feuille de route de l'Organisation internationale de police criminelle (Interpol) a été débattue, hier, à Alger par les bureaux centraux des pays du Moyen-Orient et de l'Afrique du Nord (Mena). Ainsi, plusieurs volets ont été abordés, à commencer par l'expérience des pays membres dans la lutte antiterroriste, le crime organisé, la cybercriminalité et l'immigration clandestine. Le directeur général de la Sûreté nationale (DGSN), le général-major Abdelghani Hamel, a déclaré, à l'issue d'une audience qu'il a accordée au secrétaire général d'Interpol, Jürgen Stock, que "cette feuille de route constitue le thème principal de la réunion d'Alger et avoir abordé avec le secrétaire général d'Interpol la coopération entre l'Algérie et Interpol et les possibilités de consolider cette coopération (...) Nous avons évoqué également les dangers ainsi que les défis que l'Algérie et Interpol doivent relever". De son côté, M. Stock a affirmé que "la rencontre d'Alger va permettre de renforcer notre coopération avec l'Algérie en identifiant les crimes émergents et les méthodes d'y faire face à travers une stratégie de lutte dans la région et même au-delà". Bien plus, le responsable d'Interpol a révélé que "la réunion d'Alger est une opportunité pour parler des expériences en matière de menaces et des bonnes pratiques de lutte contre le crime organisé, la cybercriminalité, le terrorisme et la traite des personnes". Aux yeux de M. Stock, l'Algérie a enregistré des avancées importantes au plan des pratiques de lutte contre le crime sous toutes ses formes.

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41. Bodies of Tamim, two other militants killed in N'ganj raid handed over for burial (Canada).

BDNews24, Staff Correspondent, 2016 12 16

Dhaka - The dead bodies of three militants killed in a police raid at Narayanganj have been handed over for burial in Dhaka's Jurain Graveyard. Those include the body of Tamim Chowdhury, who police said was a top leader of the newly revived Jama'atul Islam Mujahideen or JBM. It was said that Tamim, the alleged cafe attack mastermind, was killed along with Fazle Rabbi, a college student from Jessore. The identity of the other person with them could not be confirmed. A Canadian passport holder, he was among 10 individuals on the first list of 'missing' persons released by the authorities in the wake of the cafe attack. Tamim is grandson of the late Abdul Mojid Chowdhury, of Beanibazar in Sylhet, who is said to have been a member of the Peace Committee, an outfit that collaborated with the Pakistani military forces during the 1971 Liberation War. His father worked on ships. The family moved to Canada after the Liberation War.

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42. DND verifying reports of new Chinese defenses at Spratly Islands

Manila Times, Fernan Marasigan, 2016 12 16

Manila - Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said that if true, China's action would be a major concern not only to the Philippines but also to the international community that uses the disputed waterways for trade. "It would mean that the Chinese are militarizing the area which is not good," said Lorenzana. The Defense chief was reacting to a report that claimed the Chinese had installed weapons systems on all seven artificial islands it had built in the contested waters as indicated by photographs released by the Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative (AMTI), a Washington-based think tank. The Philippines' claims to the area were upheld in July by the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, which invalidated the "nine-dash line" used by China to claim 90 percent of the South China Sea including the Spratly Islands and fishing areas within Philippine territory.

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43. FBI team was in Kolkata to get information on IS plan to hit US interests

Times of India, Neeraj Chauhan & Bharti Jain, 2016 12 16

New Delhi - The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) team's visit to Kolkata last week to question arrested Islamic State (IS) terror group operative Mohammad Masiuddin, alias Musa, was essentially to gather more information on his Syria-based handler Shafi Armar, alias Yousuf al Hindi, and his alleged plans to harm US interests. According to top sources in the Indian security establishment, US agencies have been tracking the activities of Armar, who they suspect is in touch with radicalised American youth either looking to join or already recruited by IS. They also suspect Armar may be planning to target US interests and American citizens in India and elsewhere. After several hours of questioning Musa last Thursday, the seven-member team

of expert FBI investigators shared their assessment on the IS operative with the National Investigation Agency.

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44. Hong Kong 'Snowden refugees' dream of better life(Canada)

Agence France-Presse, Laura Mannering, 2016 12 16

Hong Kong - Like many four year olds, Sethumdi says she dreams of meeting Father Christmas. But her future is uncertain as her refugee parents fight for a new life abroad after they sheltered fugitive whistleblower Edward Snowden in Hong Kong. The story of how impoverished refugees helped Snowden evade authorities in 2013 only emerged in September, propelling them into the media spotlight. Former National Security Agency contractor Snowden hid out in Hong Kong where he initiated one of the largest data leaks in US history, fuelling a firestorm over mass surveillance. After leaving his initial hotel bolthole, he went underground, fed and looked after by some of the city's 11,000 marginalised refugees. Snowden now lives in exile in Russia where he has sought asylum. The refugees remain in Hong Kong, desperately hoping for resettlement elsewhere. Sethumdi is Sri Lankan and lives in a flat measuring just 14 square metres (150 square feet) with her father Supun Thilina Kellapatha, mother Nadeeka and baby brother Danath. They hope the awareness raised by the Snowden story might lead to a better life. The family wants to go to Canada, which has a track record of taking in refugees.

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45. India hopeful of UN designating Masood Azhar a global terrorist

Press Trust of India, 2016 12 16

New Delhi - Ahead of expiry of the Chinese "hold" against designating Pakistan-based JeM chief Masood Azhar a global terrorist by the UN, India on Thursday said the "ball is in the court" of Sanctions Committee and expressed hope that it will eventually see the "logic". External affairs ministry Spokesperson Vikas Swarup also said that India's application seeking sanctions against Azhar was submitted in March and was before the UN's Sanctions Committee which has 15 members, who are also in security council. "Ball is in their (Committee's) court. We remain hopeful that eventually logic of Masood Azhar (not) remaining outside the ambit of the committee when the organisation which he represents has been proscribed for many years would be seen," he said. The current extension will expire on December 31 and if China does not raise further objection, the resolution designating Azhar a terrorist could stand passed automatically.

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46. N. Korea resumes encrypted numbers broadcast after 4-day break

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 16

Seoul - North Korea's state radio station resumed broadcasting mysterious numbers Friday after a four-day break that could be some kind of coded message to its agents operating in South Korea. Radio Pyongyang, the Korea's state-run radio station, started broadcasting messages at 1:15 a.m.

(Seoul time), calling out a series of pages and numbers before repeating them one more time. The radio announcer "gave review work in metal engineering to No. 27 expedition agents." The content was different from what has been transmitted this year. Since June 24, 18 of such encrypted numbers broadcasts have been discovered, with the latest one broadcast Sunday. Broadcasts of mysterious numbers are considered a kind of book cipher that was often used by North Korea to give missions to spies operating in South Korea during the Cold War era. Spies could decode numbers to get orders by using a reference book, although many intelligence officials believe this form of sending orders to be totally outdated. Many have said the broadcast may be some sort of psychological strategy aimed at sparking internal confusion within South Korea.

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47. S. Korea, Japan militaries directly exchange intelligence on N.K. for first time

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 16

Seoul - South Korea and Japan on Friday directly exchanged classified information on North Korea's nuclear and missile programs for the first time in line with their intelligence-sharing pact which came into force last month, the defense ministry said. Defense ministry spokesman Moon Sang-gyun told reporters that the exchange was made during a meeting between the two countries' senior defense officials held in Seoul in conjunction with a three-way security dialogue which also includes the United States. "Under the recently-signed General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA), Seoul and Tokyo have shared intelligence on Pyongyang's nuclear and missile programs for the first time since the pact's signing last month," he said. Under the pact, the two countries are obliged to share information regarding North Korea's nuclear programs, missile development and other military activities, the ministry said. It is the first military pact signed between the two nations since Korea gained independence from Japan's colonial rule from 1910-45. During the Defense Trilateral Talks (DTT) later in the day, South Korea, the U.S. and Japan discussed measures to effectively counter North Korea's military threat.

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48. Spy agency produced documents detailing alleged surveillance of justices: sources

Yonhap News Agency, Staff reporter, 2016 12 16

Seoul - A media executive's bombshell allegation about the state surveillance of senior judicial officials was based on documents written by South Korea's top spy agency, government sources said Friday. Cho Han-gyu, former president of the local daily Segye Ilbo, claimed during a parliamentary panel on Thursday that the Park Geun-hye administration carried out illegal surveillance of senior judicial officials including Supreme Court chief justice Yang Seung-tae. On Friday, the presidential office denied the allegations as groundless. The sources, however, said the documents revealed by Cho carried watermarks used at only a limited number of state organizations, including the National Intelligence Service. The testimony came during the parliamentary hearing on corruption involving President Park Geun-hye and her confidante Choi Soon-sil. In 2014, the newspaper first reported on the allegations of the president's once-

powerful former aide Chung Yun-hoi meddling in state affairs based on a set of presidential documents it had secured during its news coverage. Cho cited some of the unreported documents to back his claim about the illicit surveillance.

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49. Comment Vladimir Poutine pousse ses pions sur le Vieux Continent et en France

Le Figaro, Laure Mandeville, 2016 12 16

Moscou - Les intrusions de Moscou dans la politique intérieure française et européenne ne datent pas d'hier. Envoyé à Saint Pétersbourg en 1905 par le journal Le Matin pour y couvrir la première grande crise révolutionnaire du régime tsariste, le journaliste Gaston Leroux se retrouve en porte à faux avec les milieux diplomatiques russes et français, qui décident de se plaindre auprès de sa rédaction parce qu'ils le trouvent trop véhément dans sa description de la répression. « Il en rajoute, disent les uns, c'est un mystificateur, assurent les autres », raconte Pierre Assouline dans son livre sur Albert Londres en 1989. À l'époque, « dans les milieux politiques et les milieux d'affaires », écrit-il, on ne comprend pas que Le Matin n'ait pas été acheté comme la plupart de ses confrères par Arthur Raffalovitch », un représentant du ministère des Finances du tsar, qui « s'illustrera » en achetant des journalistes français pour qu'ils vantent les emprunts russes. « Le grand argentier russe, corrupteur patenté du journalisme parisien et futur auteur d'un livre à scandale au titre univoque - L'abominable vénalité de la presse française - a simplement négligé Le Matin, lequel demandait trop d'argent », poursuit sans fard Assouline. Sommé de nuancer ses reportages, Gaston Leroux finira par quitter la profession en 1907 pour écrire des romans ! Ces pratiques vieilles comme les relations internationales se poursuivront tout au long des années soviétiques, l'URSS ne se privant pas d'acheter et d'espionner les sociétés occidentales. Dans Les Mystères du Kremlin, un livre publié en 1928, Maurice Laporte, ancien fondateur des Jeunesses communistes, racontent ses entretiens avec des agents russes, qui « distribuaient les chèques de Moscou » à l'hôtel de Nice, près de la gare Montparnasse.

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50. Czechoslovakia spied on Donald and Ivana Trump, communist-era files show (Canada)

The Guardian (London), Kate Connolly, 2016 12 15

Berlin - The secret service of communist-era Czechoslovakia spied extensively on Donald Trump, it has emerged, with one informant alleging in 1977 that the future US president-elect "is completely tax-exempt for the next 30 years". The Státní bezpečnost or StB - the then communist state's intelligence agency which dealt with any activity considered dangerous to the state or of western influence - spied on Trump and his Czechoslovak-born wife, Ivana, in the 1970s and 80s when she made regular trips back to visit her father, Milos Zelníček. Stamped "top secret" and bearing the code names "Slusovice", "America" and "Capital", the files detail the obsession Czech spies had in gathering as much information about the US property tycoon as possible. Uncovered by Czech television and the German tabloid Bild, the dossiers include one that concentrates solely on the pre-nuptial agreement made between the Trumps. In the case of a

marriage breakdown, he agreed to pay her \$1m, according to the StB file. An informant with the cover name "Lubos" reported to his superiors in 1977 how Ivana had begun work at a petrol station in Austria, where she had met her first husband in 1968. She had then emigrated to Canada, where she married Trump.

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51. Kremlin: Putin gives clear answer to allegations of Russia's interference in US election
ITAR-TASS World Service, Staff report, 2016 12 16

Tokyo - At a meeting with US President Barack Obama on the sidelines of the G20 summit in China, Russian President Vladimir Putin gave a clear answer to the allegations of Russia's interference in the US presidential election, Russian Presidential Aide Yuri Ushakov told reporters. When commenting on media reports saying that during a private meeting Obama had warned Putin of serious consequences if Russia attempted to influence the election campaign, Ushakov said that "there was a private meeting during which this issue was touched upon." "Russia gave a clear answer which was probably not consistent with what Obama tried to explain to us," Ushakov said.

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52. Les ressorts de la nouvelle cyber-guerre froide

Le Figaro, Pierre Avril, 2016 12 16

Moscou - GUCCIFER 2.0, Fancy Bear, ATP 28, Cozy Bear Strontium... tels sont les nouveaux visages de la menace russe pesant sur l'Occident, selon les services de renseignement. Derrière ces noms de code, se cachent des hackers russes menant des attaques contre des chaînes de télévision, contre des opérateurs téléphoniques, des fournisseurs de système de sécurité informatique et des partis politiques occidentaux. Selon le New York Times , ces spécialistes auraient attaqué les serveurs du Parti démocrate américain, avant de faire fuiter des informations confidentielles dans le but de favoriser Donald Trump face à Hillary Clinton. Fancy Bear ou APT 28 (« Advance Persistent Threat ») seraient liés aux services de renseignement militaires russes, le GRU. Selon des sources judiciaires françaises, ce groupe, connu sous ces deux noms d'emprunt, serait à l'origine de l'attaque dont a été victime la chaîne d'information française TV5 en avril 2015. À un an des élections législatives allemandes, scrutées de près par Moscou, les services de renseignement intérieurs (BND) ont annoncé une « hausse spectaculaire » des tentatives d'hameçonnage de la part de Fancy Bear, une technique consistant à infiltrer un réseau après l'envoi de mails servant d'accroche. Le même groupe serait impliqué dans le piratage du Parlement allemand en 2015.

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

53. Iran's President Lauds Aleppo Liberation, Urges Support for Anti- Terror Campaign
Fars News Agency, 2016 12 16

Tehran - Iranian President Hassan Rouhani congratulated his Syrian counterpart Bashar al-Assad on the liberation of Aleppo, saying it is the Islamic Republic's duty to support the "flag-bearers" of the fight against terrorism. In a telephone conversation with Assad, President Rouhani affirmed that the victory is an important step on the way of combating terrorism and the returning of peace and security to the whole homeland, hailing the Syrian people's struggle against terrorism. Syrian forces have almost completed the liberation of Aleppo, with militants having surrendered most of their remaining territory. Hundreds of foreign-backed militants have laid down arms in Aleppo in the past 24 hours. Almost 6,000 civilians have also left militant-held districts of the northwestern Syrian city over the past day. Rouhani reaffirmed Iran's support for Syria's anti-terror battle.

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54. Tehran hosts Taliban chiefs at Islamic unity summit

London Times, Hugh Tomlinson, Aoun Sahi, 2016 12 16

Tehran - Senior Taliban officials attended an Islamic Unity Conference in Iran yesterday, a visit that lays bare the longdenied alliance between Tehran and the Islamist movement and sent a message to rivals of their joint influence in the conflict in Afghanistan. Iranian sources reported that Tayyab Agha, former head of the Taliban's political office in Qatar, was among the delegation, but this was not confirmed. The conference comes after Mullah Akhtar Mansour, the group's leader, was killed in a US drone strike soon after crossing over the Iranian border into Pakistan in May. An internal Taliban investigation failed to establish if his location was leaked by agents in Iran, Pakistan or both. Tehran and the Taliban have always denied any links, though western and Afghan intelligence believe that Iran has supplied the Islamists with weapons and funds for years. Sources close to the Taliban confirmed that Iran was "back in the game" in Afghanistan after months of suspicion following Mansour's death.

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55. Assad's Choice: Fight Rebels but Cede to Islamic State

Wall Street Journal, Yaroslav Trofimov, 2016 12 16

Abu Dhabi - In recent days, the Syrian regime and its foreign allies scored a major victory and suffered a humiliating defeat. The starkly different outcomes of two pivotal battles -- for Aleppo and Palmyra -- showcased the priorities of the regime and its Russian and Iranian sponsors: to fight moderate Sunni rebels rather than the Sunni extremists of Islamic State. After all, there was no Islamic State in Aleppo, where Syrian forces this week seized most of the rebel-held areas to cap a brutal six-month siege. At the same time, Syrian forces surrendered the historic city of Palmyra to an Islamic State offensive without much of a fight. The rapid loss of Palmyra also highlighted another key feature of the conflict: the continuing vulnerability of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and his backers. With their resources overstretched after more than five years of war, the fate of Palmyra showed again that the regime's victories can prove hard to sustain and can unravel overnight. All of this means that, despite the regime's celebrations of victory in

Aleppo -- where civilians and rebels were awaiting evacuation Thursday from the last opposition-held pocket -- Mr. Assad still isn't anywhere close to restoring his writ over Syria. An outright military triumph for the regime in the war that has already displaced more than half of the country's population and killed about 400,000 people remains just as impossible as before, Arab officials warn. "It is not the endgame at all. He won't come out victorious. His regime will have to compromise," Ahmed Aboul-Gheit, the secretary-general of the Arab League and a former Egyptian foreign minister, said in an interview in Abu Dhabi.

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56. Cyber security unit planned

Bahrain News Agency, 2016 12 16

Jeddah - The Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Dr. Yousef A. Al-Othaimeen said the Organisation is considering establishing a Cyber Security Unit within its General Secretariat in 2017 to prevent and combat Cyber Terrorism. The OIC Secretary General made the statement during the OIC - Computer Emergency Response Team's (OIC-CERT) Annual General Meeting and Conference 2016 with the theme "Towards Cyber Resilient Ummah" held from 11-14 December 2016, in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. "The OIC is considering to establish a Cybersecurity Unit within the General Secretariat in 2017 with the objective of promoting and developing cooperation among OIC Member States to prevent and combat cyberterrorism" said Al-Othaimeen. He added that Cyber Attacks are now led not just by Hacktivism (like "Anonymous") and criminal gangs but by State sponsored cyber warfare/cyber espionage and terrorists.

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57. Ex-IDF Intel chief: Keep eye on Iran to prevent nuclear cheating

Jerusalem Post, Yonah Jeremy Bob, 2016 12 16

Jerusalem - The intelligence needed to keep Iran from getting nuclear weapons is "a puzzle" that constantly needs to be assembled to prevent the Islamic Republic from cheating on the nuclear deal, former IDF Military Intelligence chief Maj.-Gen. (res.) Amos Yadlin told The Jerusalem Post. Yadlin, currently director of the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) in Tel Aviv, said that obtaining the right intelligence is one of the prerequisites to catching any Iranian attempt to walk across the nuclear threshold during the life of the deal it signed in 2015 or when the agreement's 2023, 2025 and 2030 deadlines expire. Despite Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's threat to Iran on Wednesday and announcement on CBS's 60 Minutes that he will ask the Trump administration to undo the Iran nuclear pact, most critics assume the real endgame will be catching Iranian attempts to cheat and attempt to obtain nuclear power.

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58. Israeli Experts Sensed Putin's Role in U.S. Election Ahead of Washington

Haaretz, Amos Harel, 2016 12 16

Jerusalem - A person who has filled many senior positions in Israel's defense establishment and who is very familiar with Russia's leadership assessed, on the day after last month's election, that Vladimir Putin had handed Trump his victory. This person, who had no definitive information, said that Putin's personal revulsion towards Hillary Clinton (who as Secretary of State had assailed electoral fraud in Russia), Russia's massive cyber-offensive capabilities and the way in which the results were decided by small margins in several swing states could attest to the depth of Russian involvement. Now, almost a month later, American media are presenting similar claims, coming from senior intelligence officials still in active service. In a recent unofficial meeting held recently in the U.S. between American and Israeli researchers, some hosts described the incoming administration as "terra incognita."

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59. State security officer shot; terror suspects charged

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 12 16

Beirut - Shots fired, wounding State Security officer Two suspects opened fire on a state security officer Thursday in Akkar, the state-run National News Agency reported. The State Security Sgt. Mohammad H. was on the road linking the town of Bibnine with Birqayel when he suffered gunshot wounds to his right thigh. He was admitted to Mazloum Hospital in Tripoli. His condition was reported as stable. Security forces are searching for the suspects, who are still at large. Syrians charged over terrorism links Five Syrian nationals were charged Thursday with belonging to Daesh (ISIS) and orchestrating attacks against the Lebanese Army. In separate indictments, Military Investigative Judge Fadi Sawwan accused Nidal Yassine and Maher Ali with funding Daesh. Yassine is in custody, while Ali is still at large. According to the NNA, Yassine received money from an undisclosed European country and gave the funds to Ali, who then transferred the money to the militant organization in Syria.

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60. Yemen government begins paying army and security forces salaries

Gulf News, Saeed Al Batati, 2016 12 16

Al Mukalla - The internationally recognised government of Yemen, currently based in the southern port city of Aden, has begun paying thousands of army and security forces three months' salaries in arrears under tightened security measures, local army officers said on Wednesday. Military and public servants have not been paid since September when the president of Yemen Abd Rabbo Mansour Hadi ordered relocating the headquarters of the central bank to the city of Aden to put an end to Al Houthis misusing the country's reserves. Shortly after the relocation of the monetary authority, the government pledged to pay all government employees who had been added to the payroll before 2014 including those who reside in Al Houthis-controlled territories. Hundreds of soldiers from the army and public security were seen queuing up on Wednesday inside their military camps to receive three months' worth of salaries as the government stepped up security to prevent suicide bombers from sneaking into the gatherings.

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61. Europol : le casse-tête danois

Les Echos, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 16

Copenhague, Danemark - On avait oublié le référendum du 3 décembre... 2015 par lequel les Danois avaient refusé de nouer des coopérations avec l'Union européenne dans le domaine de la police et de la justice. Ce jeudi, les institutions européennes ont annoncé leur volonté de trouver avec Copenhague un compromis qui « garantisse un niveau suffisant de coopération opérationnelle », y compris l'échange de données sur les criminels. Le but étant de ne pas pénaliser la lutte contre le terrorisme.

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62. German, foreign secret services aware of PKK activities in EU, PKK leader says

Daily Sabah, Staff report, 2016 12 15

Istanbul - German and other foreign intelligence services, as well as European politicians, have long been aware of the outlawed terrorist organization, the PKK's activities in Europe and have maintained communication, as acknowledged by Abdul Rahman Haji Ahmadi aka Haji Ahmadi, the leader of the PKK's Iranian offshoot Party of Free Life of Kurdistan (PJAK), while talking to German TV station Westdeutscher Rundfunk (WDR) way back in 2007. Haji Ahmadi, who holds a German citizenship and lives there, told the WDR that he kept in touch with foreign secret services, including Germany's Federal Intelligence Service or the Bundesnachrichtendienst. "A young man came and said he was from the BND. He asked what everyone else asks, and I have given the same answer I've given to you," Ahmedi said, and continued that they knew exactly who he was. "I have been in Europe for more than 43 years, mostly in Germany and they also know who I am. They also know since when I have been leading the PJAK/PKK."

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63. Le renseignement militaire s'allie aux start-up

Les Echos, Anne Drif, 2016 12 16

Creil, France - La Direction du renseignement militaire veut capitaliser sur la French Tech. Elle ouvre un campus d'expertise basé à Creil, réunissant start-up, grandes entreprises, écoles et instituts de recherche. La Direction du renseignement militaire (DRM) s'intéresse de très près à la French Tech. Elle vient de donner le coup d'envoi au premier « Intelligence Campus Entreprise », à Creil dans l'Oise, son nouveau pôle d'expertise des nouvelles technologies du renseignement. Son comité de pilotage, confié au haut fonctionnaire et capitaine de frégate Olivier Japiot, associe des experts du monde du renseignement français à une vingtaine de

grandes entreprises et start-up (Thales, Axa, Airbus, Safran, Keyrus, Photonis, CAE Aviation, Smart Me Up, V-Cult, Luciad, Geo4i, etc.), des instituts de recherche et des grandes écoles (CNRS, Polytechnique, Irsem, Ensaе, ParisTech, etc). Le Ceebios, le centre européen d'excellence en biomimétisme, une expertise très utile pour faire évoluer la technologie des drones, fait aussi partie du tour de table. Leur objectif commun ? Développer des solutions innovantes dans le traitement et l'exploitation des données.

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64. Susper, ancien dirigeant de l'ETA, reste en prison

France 3 avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 16

Bayonne - Cet ex-chef militaire de l'organisation séparatiste basque espagnole avait demandé une suspension de peine pour raisons de santé. La chambre d'application des peines la lui a refusée. Juan Ibon Fernandez Iradi dit "Susper" vit sa onzième année de détention. Souffrant d'une sclérose en plaques, il espérait pouvoir bénéficier d'une suspension de peine. Mais "la cour d'appel a estimé que M. Iradi pouvait suivre ses soins en détention", a indiqué son avocat, Me Maritxu Paulus Basurco. Maître Basurco et son client envisagent maintenant de se pourvoir en cassation et de former un recours devant la Cour européenne des droits de l'Homme. La situation du militant nationaliste basque est suivie de plusieurs années par la Ligue des droits de l'Homme qui dénonce un véritable "acharnement" à son encontre.

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Canada

1. 100,000 workers contacted federal government about pay since July

CBC News, Ashley Burke, 2016 12 23

Ottawa - After providing a clear number to sum up the scope of the Phoenix pay problems in July, the federal government is now offering up a jigsaw puzzle of numbers, making it difficult to piece together how many people are still facing issues. Nearly 100,000 public servants have contacted the federal government over the past six months with questions about their pay in the wake of the troubled Phoenix system, CBC News has learned. But that number doesn't reveal how many employees are still being paid incorrectly. Phoenix, a new computerized pay system, rolled out in February, leading to complaints by thousands of federal government employees. Some were underpaid, others were overpaid and some were not paid at all. The government confirmed that 82,000 public servants were affected in some way between February and the end of June. Since July, federal unions have said even more workers have come forward with pay problems, but the government has yet to release that figure, saying it can't be calculated. After months of requests, the department in charge of Phoenix told CBC News that more than 13,000 people have come forward since July 1 to report they were not getting paid or were paid incorrectly because they went on leave or left the public service. But the government did not provide a number for current employees who are receiving the wrong amount of pay -- those who represented the bulk of the initial 82,000 people with pay problems.

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2. Des dizaines d'agents de la GRC ont fouillé dans la vie privée de Canadiens sans permission

Radio-Canada - Télévision - Ottawa, Guillaume Dumont et Valérie Ouellet, 2016 12 22

Ottawa - Des documents obtenus par Radio-Canada révèlent que des dizaines d'agents de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) se sont servis de bases de données policières pour chercher des informations sur la vie privée de Canadiens sans autorisation. Selon des documents obtenus grâce à la Loi sur l'accès à l'information, de 2010 à 2015, 62 agents de la GRC se seraient servis sans permission de bases de données policières pour fouiller dans la vie privée de proches ou de citoyens. Selon notre analyse des plaintes portées contre ces agents, 33 d'entre eux ont été blâmés pour avoir utilisé des renseignements confidentiels à des fins personnelles. Notons par exemple le cas d'un agent du Manitoba reconnu responsable d'avoir cherché sans autorisation le numéro d'une plaque d'immatriculation dans la base de données du Centre d'information de la police canadienne (CIPC).

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3. Des renforts pour la protection des sources

Agence QMI, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 23

Montréal - La Commission d'enquête sur la protection des sources journalistiques a annoncé hier la nomination de deux procureurs: Bernard Amyot et Lucie Joncas. Le président de la commission, Jacques Chamberland, a souligné que Me Amyot agira comme procureur-chef. «Me Amyot pratique depuis maintenant plus de trente ans en litige civil et commercial et possède une expérience approfondie devant les tribunaux québécois», peut-on lire dans le communiqué. Entre autres, il a été président national de l'Association du Barreau canadien en 2007-2008. Avocate

depuis 24 ans, Me Joncas agira comme procureure-chef adjointe. Elle agit principalement dans les domaines du droit criminel et du droit de la personne, a-t-on spécifié.

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4. Extract, decode, analyze

Vice News, Justin Ling, 2016 12 23

As the RCMP tries to convince the public that phone encryption is hobbling its investigations, new documents obtained by VICE News show that the federal police agency already has the ability crack encrypted and locked cellphones without help from the owner or the manufacturer. The records, obtained via access to information request, show that the RCMP's British Columbia branch just renewed its license for the Cellebrite Touch Ultimate. That device, according to the documents, "enables the most technically advanced extraction, decoding, analysis, and reporting of mobile data. It performs physical, logical, file system, and password extraction of all data (even if deleted) from the widest range of devices including legacy and feature phones, smartphones, portable GPS devices, tablets, and phones manufactured with Chinese chipsets." The cost of the renewal, dated February, 2016, was redacted from the documents. The records show that they were sent out to both the B.C. division of the RCMP, and the local RCMP detachment in Nanaimo. Other contract documents suggest that, for the Cellebrite device and an enclosure in which police can hack the phone -- one that blocks all outside cell, Wi-Fi, and other signals -- the total cost was just above \$90,000. The police went through TEEL Technologies Canada, the Canadian distributor for Israel-based Cellebrite, to buy the technology. Cellebrite has become a handy tool for investigators worldwide. And there's good reason. The company recently reported that their devices can even extract user data from Pokemon Go. In San Bernardino, California, the FBI reportedly went to Cellebrite after Apple refused to help them crack the iPhone of two terror suspects. While it's not exactly a secret that the RCMP uses Cellebrite -- the only public admission from the force is a testimonial posted to the Cellebrite website by an RCMP officer, lauding the technology and saying his team uses it "every day" -- the federal police have otherwise been publicly silent about the phone-hacking technology.

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5. Fearing loss of business, Bombardier pressed Ottawa on sanctions

Globe and Mail, Rachelle Younqlai, 2016 12 23

Bombardier Inc. says it lobbied the federal government over Russian sanctions in 2014 because it feared that its rail equipment business would be put at a disadvantage. The Montreal-based company said in a letter to The Globe and Mail that it was worried it would lose business to Asian and European manufacturers, as Ottawa moved to punish Russian President Vladimir Putin and his allies for Russia's invasion and annexation of the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine. The United States placed sanctions on individuals close to the Kremlin in March, 2014, including Vladimir Yakunin, then the head of state-controlled Russian Railways, a major customer and partner of Bombardier in the country. Ottawa quickly followed and imposed economic sanctions on 32 individuals. The sanctions prevented them from travelling to Canada and froze their Canadian assets. But Mr. Yakunin was not included, even though he was considered to be a

confidant of Mr. Putin and was prominent on the U.S. sanctions list. "Like many other companies, we informed the Canadian government of Bombardier's investments and interests in Russia when Canada was considering imposing sanctions. Our main concern was ensuring that our rail business would not be placed at a competitive disadvantage against our global competitors," said the letter by Mike Nadolski, the company's vicepresident of communications and public affairs. He cited competition from countries such as China and Japan. "Our rail competitors are not from the U.S., but rather from Europe, Japan, China and Korea.

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6. Services secrets français - NSA contre DGSE, petites écoutes entre amis

Le Point, Jean Guisnel, 2016 12 22

Paris - L'espionnage informatique est l'arme fatale de prédilection du renseignement, et, au sein de la DGSE, les Français ne sont pas en reste. Nous sommes en juin 2012. Edward Snowden est pour une année encore l'un de ces bons petits soldats de l'ombre, tapi dans une base secrète de la NSA à Hawaï. À Paris, Nicolas Sarkozy termine son mandat, quand le chef des services informatiques de l'Élysée, un homme de la DGSE, s'inquiète. Au gré des documents de l'affaire Snowden, on a appris qu'une étrange peuplade informatique est récemment apparue sous les yeux ébahis des experts des services secrets canadiens, le Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications du Canada (CSEC).

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7. CIA, NSA Missed Warning Signs of Snowden Betrayal

Washington Free Beacon, Bill Gertz, 2016 12 23

Washington - Both the CIA and National Security Agency missed warning signs that renegade contractor Edward Snowden was a disgruntled worker who would eventually steal 1.5 million secret documents, according to a congressional study made public Thursday. Snowden, who fled to Moscow after publicizing some of the documents through left-wing journalists, also "has had, and continues to have contact with Russian intelligence services" and voiced admiration for China during his brief career at the CIA and then NSA. A declassified and redacted report by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence concluded that Snowden's actions resulted in the Obama's administration's most damaging intelligence failure. "The American people can now get a fuller account of Edward Snowden's crimes and the reckless disregard he has shown for U.S. national security, including the safety of American servicemen and women," said Rep. Devin Nunes (R., Calif.), the intelligence committee chairman. "It will take a long time to mitigate the damage he caused, and I look forward to the day when he returns to the United States to face justice." Rep. Adam Schiff (D., Calif), the committee's ranking member, added that "Snowden and his defenders claim that he is a whistleblower, but he isn't, as the committee's review shows. Most of the material he stole had nothing to do with Americans' privacy, and its compromise has been of great value to America's adversaries and those who mean to do America harm."

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8. CIA Director Urges Caution In U.S. Response To Russia Hacking

NPR, Staff report, 2016 12 23

Washington - The director of the Central Intelligence Agency, John Brennan, is warning against in-kind retaliation by the U.S. government for Russian hacking during the election. In an interview with NPR's Mary Louise Kelly, Brennan said, "They do some things that are beyond the pale," referencing those who would undermine democratic processes, adding: "I don't think we should resort to some of the tactics and techniques that our adversaries employ against us. I think we need to remember what we're fighting for. We're fighting for our country, our democracy, our way of life, and to engage. And the skullduggery that some of our opponents and adversaries engage in, I think is beneath this country's greatness." Brennan also discussed the war in Syria and the weeks of horrific violence in the city of Aleppo, where an evacuation appeared to be ending amid freezing weather. The International Committee of the Red Cross said some 34,000 people have escaped in the week since evacuations began, as we have reported.

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9. Once an active tweeter, will CIA nominee Mike Pompeo go undercover?

McClatchy News Service, Lindsay Wise, 2016 12 22

Washington - Ever since he accepted President-elect Donald Trump's nomination to become the nation's next spy chief, Mike Pompeo has "gone dark." The usually outspoken congressman from Wichita, Kansas, hasn't commented publicly on national security, politics or whether Russian hacking influenced the election. Nor has he responded to reporters' phone calls or text messages or answered questions emailed to his staffers. One exception to this silent treatment? Twitter. As recently as last week, Pompeo was tweeting about the Wichita State basketball team and Kirstie Alley's Christmas decorations. His office did not respond to written questions from McClatchy about Pompeo's use of Twitter and whether his social media habits might change in his new job. But for now, anyone looking for clues about Pompeo's plans for the CIA or his thoughts on Russian hacking or waterboarding won't learn much from following the congressman's Twitter feed. Since accepting the CIA nomination on Nov. 18, he's been publishing rah-rah posts about sports events or canned statements on noncontroversial topics, such as the commemoration of Pearl Harbor Day or his support for a bipartisan bill that boosts medical research funding. A spokesman for the CIA wouldn't say whether the agency has any official regulations about its directors' use of Twitter.

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10. Robert Gates: There's value in Trump's 'disruptive approach'

Washington Post, David Ignatius, 2016 12 23

Column - Bob Gates has worked in senior national security positions for the past five presidents, Republican and Democratic. So it's noteworthy -- and to me, encouraging -- that he is advising President-elect Donald Trump, too. Gates, a former defense secretary, CIA director and deputy

national security adviser, spoke with me by telephone Wednesday about the advice he's giving Trump and his team -- and the opportunities and pitfalls ahead. At the top of Gates's to-do list is striking the right balance between improving relations with Russia and appearing too cooperative with a belligerent President Vladimir Putin. "I think the challenge for any new administration would have been how to thread the needle -- between stopping the downward spiral in U.S.-Russian relations, which had real dangers, and pushing back on Putin's aggressiveness and general thuggery," Gates said. "If you only want to stop the downward spiral, you empower Putin to feel that he can do whatever he wants. I worry that if you don't have pushback -- let him know there are limits, and that the U.S. will react, militarily, if necessary -- then the chance of being taken advantage of is larger." Trump's insurgent, populist style has worried many foreign governments. But Gates argues that "there is some value in a disruptive approach -- in the U.S. not being so reliably passive" in responding to events as it seemed during the Obama administration.

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11. Snowden is still in contact with Russian intelligence, House report charges

Yahoo News, Michael Isikoff, 2016 12 22

Washington - Newly declassified passages from a highly critical House Intelligence Committee report on Edward Snowden assert that since arriving in Moscow the former NSA contractor "has had, and continues to have, contact with Russian intelligence services." Minutes after the report was released Thursday, Snowden's chief lawyer, Ben Wizner, tweeted that the report was "petulant nonsense." Snowden has adamantly denied such contacts, most recently this month in an interview with Yahoo Global Anchor Katie Couric. Snowden told Couric he gave Russian officials "the stiff-arm" when they first approached him in 2013, and that since then, while living with President Vladimir Putin's approval as a fugitive in Moscow, "they have left me alone, for the most part." The panel's newly declassified 33-page report, which is being released this morning, cites classified U.S. intelligence reporting to support its assertion of continuous contacts with Russian intelligence -- an especially explosive charge in light of the current uproar in Washington over Russian interference in the U.S. election. But all details of that intelligence reporting are still classified and blacked out in the report, making it difficult, if not impossible, for the public to assess. The charge comes at a time when Snowden's defenders -- who portray him as a courageous whistleblower who exposed U.S. surveillance abuses -- are making their final, uphill pitch for a pardon before President Obama leaves office.

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12. The CIA is delaying our books' publication, and that hurts our democracy

Washington Post, Nada Bakos, John Nixon, 2016 12 23

Op-ed - We are former senior CIA analysts who, in our combined 23 years of service, have been privy to secrets that would amaze you. You will never hear them from us. We also have learned other critical, but unclassified, information about dealing with terrorists and dictators that we want to share -- but the government has thrown needless roadblocks in our path. CIA employees pledge that for the rest of their lives they will submit their writings to the agency in advance of

publication to ensure that nothing appropriately classified is inadvertently revealed. We fully support this. But we are both paying a price well beyond the spirit of our agreement. Each of us has written a nonfiction book that has been ensnared in red tape by the CIA -- for 11 months (for John Nixon) and 14 months and counting (for Nada Bakos). The courts have held that this signed agreement is a lifetime enforceable contract, provided that the review is limited to the deletion of classified information and that a response is given to the author within 30 days of submission. (The 30-day time constraint was set forth by the 1972 circuit court decision in U.S. v Marchetti.) Books such as ours can help foster a climate of accountability that is an essential element in any democracy. But the system of review is broken. Our experience is sadly typical. Even agency alumni who write novels and short stories are told to expect a year or more to pass before they hear back. When authors do hear back, too often ridiculous edits are demanded. After a lengthy wait, one CIA veteran was forced to make major alterations to his novel about vampires. Vampires! Another was directed not to reveal the gender of an unidentified officer who led a successful operation. Correctly calling him "he" would have narrowed a search for the officer to half the people on the planet. Note: Nada Bakos is a former CIA analyst whose book "The Targeter: My Life in the CIA on the Hunt for the Godfather of ISIS" is scheduled for publication in June. John Nixon is a former CIA analyst whose book "Debriefing the President: The Interrogation of Saddam Hussein" is scheduled for publication this month. This column was reviewed by the CIA's Publications Review Board.

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13. Trump signals a U.S. security shift

Washington Post, Karen DeYoung, 2016 12 23

Washington - Before lunchtime Thursday, President-elect Donald Trump said he would expand the U.S. nuclear arsenal, upending a reduction course set by presidents of both parties over the past four decades, and called for the United States to veto a pending U.N. resolution that criticized Israel's settlements policy. The policy prescriptions, communicated in morning tweets, followed calls since last month's election to reconsider the arms-length U.S. relationship with Taiwan and to let China keep an underwater U.S. vessel seized by its navy. Trump declared within hours of this week's Berlin terrorist attack that it was part of a global Islamic State campaign to "slaughter Christians" and later said it reaffirmed the wisdom of his plans to bar Muslim immigrants. Late Thursday, Trump suggested in another tweet that the U.S. military's years-in-the-making plans for a new stealth fighter, Lockheed Martin's F-35, might be reconsidered, saying he had "asked Boeing to price-out a comparable F-18 Super Hornet!" With weeks to go before he becomes president, Trump has not hesitated to voice his opinions on national security issues of the day and to publicly advise the current president on what to do about them. Ultimately, the nuclear statement was tempered by a Trump spokesman. And the likely fallout from a tentative decision by the Obama administration to break years of precedent and abstain on the Israel resolution was avoided when Egypt, its sponsor, abruptly postponed it just hours before a scheduled Security Council vote.

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14. U.S. government begins asking foreign travelers about social media

Politico, Tony Romm, 2016 12 23

Washington - The U.S. government quietly began requesting that select foreign visitors provide their Facebook, Twitter and other social media accounts upon arriving in the country, a move designed to spot potential terrorist threats that drew months of opposition from tech giants and privacy hawks alike. Since Tuesday, foreign travelers arriving in the United States on the visa waiver program have been presented with an "optional" request to "enter information associated with your online presence," a government official confirmed Thursday. The prompt includes a drop-down menu that lists platforms including Facebook, Google+, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube, as well as a space for users to input their account names on those sites. The new policy comes as Washington tries to improve its ability to spot and deny entry to individuals who have ties to terrorist groups like the Islamic State. But the government has faced a barrage of criticism since it first floated the idea last summer. The Internet Association, which represents companies including Facebook, Google and Twitter, at the time joined with consumer advocates to argue the draft policy threatened free expression and posed new privacy and security risks to foreigners.

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15. Suspected Isis cell 'planned to bomb Christmas crowds at UK shopping centres'

The Independent (UK), Kim Sengupta, 2016 12 23

London - A series of attempts to carry out lethal attacks on Christmas markets and shopping centres across Europe, including Britain, were foiled before the Berlin murders. The security operations, according to senior sources, were carried out in direct response to information about terrorist threats linked to Isis. In Britain, counter-terrorism officers stated that a "significant plot" inspired by Isis had been halted. The alleged targets, say security sources, were one or more shopping centres crowded in the run-up to Christmas. Four men in Derby, another one at Burton-on-Trent in Staffordshire and a woman in London, aged between 22 and 36, were arrested ten days ago in connection with the alleged plot, with the recovery of material which could be used for making bombs. Yesterday, two of the men, aged 22 and 27 and from the Derby area were released without charge. The other four people remain in custody. The strong possibility of terrorist acts during the Christmas period has been mentioned publicly by government bodies and repeatedly in exchange of intelligence between allied security agencies. Isis has also been publicly exhorting its followers to carry out attacks.

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16. Australia makes arrests over 'imminent threat' of Christmas Day attacks

Reuters, Tom Westbrook, 2016 12 23

Sydney - Australian police said on Friday they had foiled a plot to attack prominent sites in the city of Melbourne with a series of bombs on Christmas Day that authorities described as "an imminent terrorist event" inspired by Islamic State. Police laid terrorism charges against three men, with a fourth in detention who could face charges, after authorities conducted overnight raids on homes in the suburbs of Australia's second-largest city. The three have been charged with planning a terrorist attack and have been remanded to appear in court on April 28, the Australian Federal Police said in a statement. Six men and a woman, all Australian citizens in their 20s, were arrested during the security operation, code-named Kastelholm, conducted by about 400 police and members of the domestic spy agency. "This is a significant disruption of what we would describe as an imminent terrorist event in Melbourne," Federal Police Commissioner Andrew Colin told reporters in Sydney. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull told reporters the planned attack was an "Islamist terrorist plot" and "one of the most substantial terrorist plots that have been disrupted over the last several years". The plot targeted high-profile locations in Melbourne, including Federation Square, Flinders Street Station and St Paul's Cathedral "possibly on Christmas Day", acting Victorian police commissioner Graham Ashton said.

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17. Melbourne Christmas bomb attack foiled

Australian Associated Press, Angus Livingston and Melissa Iaria, 2016 12 23

Melbourne - Four alleged would-be terrorists are behind bars after police foiled a "horrendous" Christmas Day plot in Melbourne, with authorities now confident Victorians can safely celebrate the festive season. Police allege an Islamic State-inspired "cell" planned to use explosives and weapons to attack Flinders Street Station, Federation Square and St Paul's Cathedral on Christmas Day. Victoria Police Chief commissioner Graham Ashton warned a "substantial number" of people could have been killed or injured in the attack, while Australian Federal Police commissioner Andrew Colvin revealed the plot concerned him "more than any other event that I've seen". Three men arrested in raids by heavily armed police across the northern suburbs overnight faced court on Friday afternoon. A fourth man has been charged, remanded and is expected to face Melbourne Magistrates Court on Saturday morning. Two other men and a woman were arrested but released without charge. Hamza Abbas, 21, of Flemington, Ahmed Mohamed, 24, of Meadow Heights and Abdullah Chaarani, 26, were each charged with one count of preparing or planning a terror attack. They did not apply for bail during brief court appearances and were remanded in custody until April.

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18. Terror won't mar Australia's diversity: PM

Australian Associated Press, Melissa Iaria, 2016 12 23

Sydney - The prime minister and Victorian premier have defended Australia's multicultural society in the wake of an alleged Christmas Day terror plot targeting Melbourne landmarks. Malcolm Turnbull insists Australia is "the most successful multicultural society in the world" based on a culture of mutual respect. "There's a very small number of people - very small - that

seek to disrupt that and do us harm," he said on Friday. Five young men are in custody accused of planning the attack on Melbourne's Flinders Street Station, Federation Square and St Paul's Cathedral using explosives and weapons. Mr Turnbull praised police for foiling the Islamic State-inspired plot and urged Australians to go about their daily lives. The prime minister pointed to his own ability to catch a public ferry across Sydney Harbour to work. He did so on Friday and recounted a chat with a fellow passenger who told him: "It's amazing that we live in a country where the prime minister can get the ferry into the city just like everyone else." "I said 'Well, that's Australia.' And that is Australia. "That's what we're standing up for. "We are not going to let these criminals disrupt our way of life." Premier Daniel Andrews described the planned attack as "an act of evil" before also standing up for multiculturalism.

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19. Three charged, one in custody over alleged Christmas Day attack plan

ABC (Australia), Staff reporter, 2016 12 23

Melbourne - Police say they have disrupted a terrorist plot targeting Melbourne's CBD, allegedly involving improvised explosive devices and other weapons, with three of the accused facing court. Police have disrupted a terrorist plot to detonate improvised explosive devices at locations in central Melbourne, possibly on Christmas Day, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull says. Seven people were arrested overnight at properties in Flemington, Meadow Heights and Dallas in Melbourne over the alleged plot, which police said was inspired by the Islamic State (IS) group. Abdullah Chaarani 26 of Dallas, 21-year-old Hamza Abbas of Flemington and 24-year-old Ahmed Mohamad of Meadow Heights have been charged with planning a terrorist attack. The trio appeared in the Melbourne Magistrates Court and were taken into custody and will return in April. A 22-year-old man remains in custody and is expected to appear in an out of sessions court. A 20-year-old woman and a 26-year-old man, both from Meadow Heights, and 21-year-old man from Gladstone Park, were released without charge. The raids were part of a counter-terrorism operation involving Victoria Police, the Australian Federal Police and ASIO. Federation Square, Flinders Street Station possible targets Commissioner Ashton said it was believed a number of people were intending to carry out an attack involving explosives and other weapons.

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

20. New ISI chief, PM Nawaz hold first meeting

Pakistan Dawn, Sanaullah Khan, 2016 12 23

Islamabad - Lt Gen Naveed Mukhtar on Friday called on Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, in the first such visit since his appointment as chief of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) earlier this month, a statement from the Prime Minister's Office said. During the meeting, the DG ISI and the prime minister discussed policy guidelines and internal security, sources in the PM House told DawnNews. The premier appreciated the role ISI has played in the anti-terrorism war. Gen Mukhtar replaced Lt Gen Rizwan Akhtar as head of ISI earlier in December. The position of the

ISI's director general fell vacant after Lt Gen Rizwan Akhtar was transferred to National Defence University Islamabad as its president. Till Dec 7, Gen Mukhtar had been serving as corps commander of Karachi. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general and posted to the army's Corps V in Sept 2014.

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Africa • Afrique

21. 'I shared squalid jail cell with British mother sentenced for spying in Iran' (Canada)

London Times, Bel Trew, 2016 12 23

Cairo - A former cellmate of a British mother jailed in Iran has spoken out about the squalid windowless cells they shared as guards tried to "break" inmates with psychological torture. Homa Hoodfar, 65, an anthropology professor at Concordia University, Montreal, said that inmates were held without sleep, sunlight, medicine or proper food. Mrs Hoodfar was detained in June after three months of interrogations by the Iranian intelligence service for being "hostile to the state". The dual national briefly shared a cell at Evin prison with Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, 37, a British-Iranian charity worker who was arrested while on holiday in Tehran in April and sentenced to five years in prison on spy charges. Mrs Hoodfar, who was freed in the same month on humanitarian grounds, joined rallies in London this week urging Boris Johnson, the foreign secretary, to help to free her ex-cellmate. Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe has been separated from her daughter Gabriella, two, and is in solitary confinement. MPs used a parliamentary debate this week to criticise Tobias Ellwood, the foreign office minister, for failing to secure the charity worker's release, as well as other Britons in trouble abroad. Mrs Hoodfar said that the infamous Iranian Revolutionary Guards used psychological torture to "break" inmates, who are locked up in windowless cells no bigger than a double bed.

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22. Centre de renseignement : Chahed est allé trop vite en besogne, selon Mohamed Meddeb

African Manager (Tunisie), Journaliste maison, 2016 12 22

Tunis - A propos du Centre national de renseignements, que le chef du gouvernement, Youssef Chahed, projette de mettre sur pied, Mohamed Meddeb, général à la retraite et ancien directeur de la direction générale de la sécurité militaire, a déclaré, sur Mosaïque FM, ce jeudi, que les ministères de la Défense, de l'Intérieur et des Affaires étrangères avaient des services de renseignement. Il a par ailleurs déclaré, concernant l'assassinat de Mohamed Zouari, que les autorités tunisiennes ne disposaient pas des informations sur ses activités. «Cela a empêché aux services de sécurité de concentrer leurs efforts sur sa protection. Veiller sur tous les citoyens est impossible» matériellement, a-t-il indiqué. «La décision du chef du gouvernement est nécessaire, mais c'est une réaction à chaud. Certes la mise en place d'une telle structure est indispensable, on le sait depuis des années, mais le fait de réagir ainsi face aux affaires de défense et de sécurité n'est pas une bonne chose. En plus la création d'un service de renseignement requiert des années de travail. Il ne faut pas se jeter sur ce type de projet simplement parce qu'il y a eu un meurtre de

ce genre». L'ancien général a ajouté que la Tunisie est confrontée à des menaces régionales, notamment avec les événements en Libye.

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23. Création du centre national de renseignements - Quand Youssef Chahed prend les choses en main

All Africa, A. Dermech, 2016 12 22

Tunis - Mardi, le chef du gouvernement a annoncé la création d'un centre national de renseignements qui exercera sous son autorité directe et imposera la circulation et la fluidité de l'information sécuritaire à temps. Comme il l'a déjà fait pour la brigade anticontrebande Comment éviter à temps les éventuelles défaillances en matière d'échange d'informations sécuritaires, faute de coordination entre les différents centres de collecte des informations opérant déjà sur le terrain et relevant des ministères de la Défense, de l'Intérieur, des Affaires étrangères, de la Justice et des Finances ? En d'autres termes, que faut-il faire pour qu'une information d'ordre sécuritaire ayant un rapport direct avec le ministère de l'Intérieur par exemple qui est recueillie par un agent de la douane parvienne à temps au ministère de l'Intérieur et faire en sorte qu'elle ne dorme pas dans les tiroirs du chef du poste douanier où elle a été détectée? Et les exemples concernant également les autres ministères appelés à faire parvenir les informations glanées par leurs agents immédiatement aux départements en charge de telle ou telle affaire. Et pour plus de clarté et de transparence, quelle est la meilleure solution à trouver pour que les négligences ou les oublis constatés dans l'affaire de l'assassinat de l'ingénieur Mohamed Zouari et celle du journaliste-agent du Mossad qui s'est comporté en terre conquise au vu et au su de tout le monde, ne se répètent pas à l'avenir ? La création du Centre national de renseignements annoncée mardi soir par Youssef Chahed, chef du gouvernement, est bien la réponse à toutes ces questions que tous les Tunisiens se posent depuis l'éclatement de l'affaire Mohamed Zouari.

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24. Le jihadiste mauritanien Cheikh Ould Saleck ajouté à la liste noire des « terroristes internationaux »

Jeune Afrique, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 22

Washington - Le jihadiste mauritanien Cheikh Ould Saleck ajouté à la liste noire des « terroristes internationaux » par les États-Unis Les États-Unis ont ajouté mercredi Cheikh Ould Saleck, un Mauritanien membre d'Al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique (Aqmi) sur leur liste noire des "terroristes internationaux". Incarcéré depuis 2011 pour une tentative d'assassinat contre le président Aziz, Cheikh Ould Saleck est également accusé par les autorités américaines d'avoir orchestré une attaque qui avait coûté la vie de quatre touristes français en 2007. Le Mauritanien, âgé de 32 ans, est aussi connu pour avoir été impliqué dans l'attaque aux voitures piégées qui avait échoué en 2011 contre le ministère mauritanien de la Défense et l'ambassade de France à Nouakchott. Il avait reconnu à la télévision d'État avoir planifié cette attaque - dans laquelle le président mauritanien était aussi visé - et avait été condamné à mort.

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25. Tunisie - Arabie Saoudite Ensemble contre le terrorisme

La Presse de Tunisie, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 22

Tunis - La coopération militaire tuniso-saoudienne et les moyens de la développer étaient au centre de l'entretien qu'a eu, hier, le ministre de la Défense, Farhat Horchani, au siège du département, avec l'ambassadeur d'Arabie saoudite à Tunis, Mohamed Ben Mahmoud Al Ali. Le diplomate saoudien s'est félicité du niveau de la coopération bilatérale dans tous les domaines, s'agissant notamment de la coopération militaire, affirmant la disposition de son pays à poursuivre le soutien à la Tunisie. Cité dans le communiqué du département de la Défense nationale, l'ambassadeur saoudien a salué la contribution de l'armée tunisienne dans la lutte contre le terrorisme et l'adhésion de la Tunisie à l'Alliance militaire islamique contre le terrorisme. Pour sa part, Farhat Horchani a souligné que la Tunisie mène une guerre contre le terrorisme qui exige des efforts à l'échelle nationale, régionale et internationale pour le combattre. Aucun Etat n'est à l'abri de la menace terroriste, a-t-il dit.

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26. Le journaliste néerlandais arrêté au Panama reste détenu (Canada)

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 23

Panama - Un journaliste néerlandais indépendant, arrêté il y a un mois au Panama, a été absous jeudi du chef de diffamation tout en restant détenu pour calomnie et injures. La juge pénale Yorlenis Fruto "a prononcé une sentence en faveur d'Okke Ornstein, de nationalité néerlandaise, accusé de délit contre l'honneur" (NDLR: diffamation) dans le cadre d'un dossier remontant à 2007, a indiqué un communiqué des autorités judiciaires. Okke Ornstein, qui est domicilié au Panama et travaille notamment pour la radio- télévision publique néerlandaise et Al Jazeera, avait été arrêté le 15 novembre à son retour de voyage. Il faisait l'objet d'un mandat d'arrêt depuis 2015 après avoir été condamné à 20 mois de prison pour calomnie et diffamation en 2012. Le journaliste traite principalement des dossiers d'escroquerie, de corruption, de fraude et de politique. Dans le cas précis, il avait parlé sur son blog des activités douteuses d'un homme d'affaires canadien au Panama.

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27. Authority touts prioritizing safety to prevent accidents, terrorist attacks

China Daily, Luo Wangshu, 2016 12 23

Beijing - The civil aviation authority is considering long-term measures to guarantee aviation safety, a senior aviation official said on Thursday. "The major target of aviation safety in 2017 is to prevent major aviation accidents, prevent hijacking, bombing and other terrorist attacks,

prevent air force safety accidents and avoid aviation ground and maintenance accidents," said Feng Zhenglin, head of the Civil Aviation Administration of China, adding that all practitioners must be alert to potential safety risks and eliminate them. "A safety campaign to eliminate potential hazards will be launched. Evaluations will cover all perspectives, and safety issues will be a priority in evaluating airliners," he said. Feng made the remarks on the sidelines of the annual civil aviation industry conference in Beijing. China's aviation industry has boomed in recent years. It is the second- largest country in the world in terms of total volume of passengers and cargo carried by air transportation behind the United States. The CAAC estimated that passengers made 480 million trips in 2016, up 11 percent year-on-year.

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28. China says it will cooperate with Trump but warns on Taiwan

Associated Press, Gerry Shih, 2016 12 23

Beijing -- China has warned that ties with the U.S. will likely see new complications and the only way to maintain a stable relationship is by respecting each other's "core interests." Foreign Minister Wang Yi's remarks Thursday appeared to underscore that China's position on Taiwan is non-negotiable, weeks after President-elect Donald Trump suggested he could re-evaluate U.S. policy on Taiwan. It also mirrored Beijing's relatively measured posture toward the incoming U.S. administration despite signs of growing wariness. Wang told the Communist Party mouthpiece, the People's Daily, that China will strive to boost cooperation with the U.S. but he foresaw "new, complicated and uncertain factors affecting bilateral relations" under the Trump administration. China complained this month after Trump questioned a U.S. policy that since 1979 has recognized Beijing as China's government and maintains only unofficial relations with Taiwan. Beijing regards the self-governing island as part of China and has long used the "core interest" formulation to signal that any move by Taiwan toward formal independence could be met with military force. Trump's comments on Taiwan, combined with his accusations that China is manipulating its currency and threats of imposing hefty tariffs against Chinese imports, have rattled relations between the world's two largest economies.

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29. Chinese state newspaper accuses Navarro of anti-China bias

Associated Press, Staff reporter, 2016 12 23

Beijing -- A Chinese state newspaper on Friday accused a trade adviser picked by President-elect Donald Trump of "anti-China alarmism" and warned both sides would suffer if commerce is disrupted. The China Daily editorial was more forceful and openly critical of economist Peter Navarro than China's foreign ministry, which appealed Thursday for cooperation. Navarro, picked by Trump to run a new National Trade Council at the White House, has accused China of effectively waging economic war against the United States. The University of California-Irvine professor also will be director of trade and industrial policy. "There is real cause for concern as the president-elect has named economist Peter Navarro, known for his anti- China alarmism, as his trade adviser," said the China Daily, which is aimed at foreign readers. A statement by Trump's transition team said the creation of the trade council "demonstrates the president-elect's

determination to make American manufacturing great again." "That individuals such as Navarro who have a bias against China are being picked to work in leading positions in the next administration is no laughing matter," said China Daily. "Any move to damage the win-win relationship will only result in a loss for both sides." Trump has blamed China for the decline in American factory employment. U.S. manufacturers have cut 5 million jobs since 2000.

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30. Chinese Video Warns of West's 'Devilish Claws'

New York Times, Chris Buckley, 2016 12 23

Beijing - The ominous images in the video pile up, set to darkly urgent music. Refugees fleeing failed uprisings in the Middle East. Western diplomats and politicians cast as puppet masters of subversion in China. Chinese lawyers abjectly confessing to subversion in show trials. Protests erupting in Hong Kong. " 'Color revolution' has already succeeded in pushing many countries into the flames of war and schism, and its devilish claws are reaching into China," one of the subtitles in the video reads. It goes on to say: "Embassies in China are at the forward command, combining forces to promote 'street politics.' " The video, which spread on the internet this week, has been widely promoted online by public security offices that oversee the police, including an office of the central Ministry of Public Security. But who ordered its production is unclear. An earlier version surfaced online in August but disappeared from the internet, only to resurface in its current version. Attempts to contact the makers, whose working name, Gewuzhijian, appears at the end of the video and also on Weibo, a Chinese social media service, went unanswered.

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31. Foiled plot: Indonesia militants had targeted police post on busy street

Straits Times, Wahyudi Soeriaatmadja, 2016 12 23

Jakarta - Militants killed in a raid outside Jakarta on Wednesday had planned to attack a police post in Serpong, South Tangerang, located at a busy intersection. The police post is across the road from a Giant hypermarket and near the Aeon Mall BSD City, Metro TV reported yesterday. Police spokesman Martinus Sitompul confirmed this location with The Straits Times in a text message. Police seized six packets, each containing about two bombs, from a house they raided in South Tangerang - 25km outside Central Jakarta - where three terrorists were shot dead and a fourth arrested, Colonel Martinus told a media briefing yesterday. An officer with the police Detachment 88 anti-terror squad told The Straits Times that the bombs had been assembled in a different fashion from the ones police usually dealt with, requiring bomb squad personnel to spend more time to safely detonate them.

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32. Hard-liner on China picked for trade post (Canada)

China Daily, Zhong Nan, 2016 12 23

Beijing - US president-elect Donald Trump named Peter Navarro, an economist who has urged a hard line on trade with China, to head the newly formed White House National Trade Council, the transition team said on Wednesday. Navarro, 67, is a professor at University of California, Irvine, who advised Trump during the campaign. His book *Death by China: How America Lost Its Manufacturing Base* was made into a documentary film. In response to reports of Navarro's appointment, the Foreign Ministry said Beijing is paying close attention to Trump's transition team and the possible direction of policy. "China and the US have broad common interests. It is the only correct choice for the two countries to cooperate," ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told a daily news briefing. "We hope the US works with China to maintain the healthy, stable development of ties, including business and trade ties." The choice is seen as a prelude to a potential slowdown in US investment in China, according to several Chinese experts, who also cautioned that a trade war could ensue. Chai Yongzhi, a researcher at the Beijing-based China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, said Navarro might persuade US companies to slow their investment in China by offering them more attractive terms for investing domestically.

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33. HK proposes tougher laws to deal with terrorist threat

South China Morning Post, Cannix Yau and Christy Leung, 2016 12 23

Beijing - Hong Kong is seeking to catch up with tougher international anti-terrorism rules with the government proposing legislative amendments to fast track the freezing of terror suspects' assets by avoiding lengthy notification procedures. However, veteran Democratic Party lawmaker and security monitor James To Kun-sun warned yesterday of "the devil in the details" as he argued that without clearly defined terms there could be hidden grey areas leading to unrelated parties being incriminated. Under the proposed changes to the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance, any person or entity would be prohibited from dealing with assets owned by a terrorist or terrorist's associate once they are gazetted under the law, unless they are under the authority of a licence granted by the security minister. A Security Bureau spokesman said at present the secretary for security would need to issue a written notice about freezing a suspect's property if he wanted to ban anyone from dealing with the assets. "Under the amendment, no notice is required and the terrorist's property will be automatically frozen once the terrorist, the associate and the property are named in the gazette," he said. The gazetted name list will follow the one designated by the Committee of the UN Security Council. Hong Kong's chief executive also has the right to apply to the court to identify people as terrorists under reasonable grounds, although no such request has been made or notice issued since the law came into effect.

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34. Pékin prive Taïwan d'un allié diplomatique (Canada)

Le Monde, Brice Pedroletti, 2016 12 23

Pékin - L'Etat de Sao Tomé-et-Principe a reconnu, mercredi, la République populaire de Chine. Trois semaines après l'échange téléphonique entre la présidente de Taïwan, Tsai Ing-wen, et le président américain élu Donald Trump, la Chine populaire a puni Taïwan en lui ravissant,

mercredi 21 décembre, l'un de ses rares alliés diplomatiques, le petit Etat de Sao Tomé- et-Principe, au large de l'Afrique de l'Ouest. Relations " parasites " Pour l'expert canadien de Taïwan, Michael Cole, le dernier revers diplomatique pour Taipei est à relativiser : " Ces relations officielles et parfois parasites avec ses petits alliés diplomatiques sont en fait bien moins importantes que les liens informels mais constructifs qu'il maintient avec les grands pays ", réagit-il, interrogé au sujet des relations diplomatiques entretenues de facto par Taïwan avec les Etats-Unis, le Japon et les pays européens.

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35. Police counter-terror unit arrests 7 Biman officials over PM flight 'glitch'

BDNews24, Staff Correspondent, 2016 12 23

Dhaka - Police have arrested seven officials of the Bangladesh Biman two days after a case was started over the glitch that forced a flight carrying Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to make an emergency landing. The counter-terrorism unit of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police made the arrests, Deputy Commissioner Masudur Rahman told bdnews24.com on Thursday. The suspects were apprehended on Wednesday night from different areas of the capital, said Masudur Rahman. A Boeing-777 aircraft carrying the prime minister to Hungary on Nov 27 made emergency landing at Turkmenistan's Ashgabat airport after a drop in fuel pressure was detected in one of the engines. According to the FIR, proof has been found that the nine suspects "would collude in schemes that involved negligence towards machinery... to take part in sabotage".

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36. Lithuania said found Russian spyware on its government computers

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 12 23

Vilnius - The Baltic state of Lithuania, on the frontline of growing tensions between the West and Russia, says the Kremlin is responsible for cyber attacks that have hit government computers over the last two years. The head of cyber security told Reuters three cases of Russian spyware on its government computers had been discovered since 2015, and there had been 20 attempts to infect them this year. "The spyware we found was operating for at least half a year before it was detected - similar to how it was in the USA," Rimtautas Cerniauskas, head of the Lithuanian Cyber Security Centre said. When presented with the allegations, President Vladimir Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov told Reuters they were "laughable" and unsubstantiated. "Did it (the spyware) have 'Made in Russia' written on it?" quipped Peskov. "We absolutely refute this nonsense." He said Russia itself was targeted in cyber attacks "round the clock," but said it would be stupid to accuse foreign governments.

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37. Report, Evidence Redacted, Ties Snowden to Russian Agencies

New York Times, Charlie Savage, 2016 12 23

Washington - The House Intelligence Committee on Thursday released a 33-page report portraying the former intelligence contractor Edward J. Snowden, who in 2013 disclosed classified files about American surveillance operations, as a habitually disgruntled worker who damaged national security and has been in contact with Russian intelligence services in Moscow. "Although Snowden's objective may have been to inform the public, the information he released is also available to Russian, Chinese, Iranian and North Korean intelligence services; any terrorist with internet access; and many others who wish to do harm to the United States," the report said. Mr. Snowden, who has been living as a fugitive in Russia since disclosing archives of National Security Agency files to journalists in Hong Kong in June 2013, responded with a series of posts on Twitter that ridiculed the report as riddled with "obvious falsehoods" and said that his critics "can present no evidence of harmful intent, foreign influence, or harm." "Bottom line: this report's core claims are made without evidence, and are often contrary to both common sense and the public record," he added.

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Iran, Iraq • Iran, Irak

38. Autour de Mossoul, l'heure de la vengeance a sonné

Le Monde, Louis Imbert, 2016 12 23

Mossoul - Les milices et tribus sunnites irakiennes règlent leurs comptes après le départ de l'organisation Etat islamique Quatre fois, Ahmad Atallah a donné son fils. La première, c'était aux djihadistes de l'organisation Etat islamique (EI), en mai. Le jeune homme, Alaa, 26 ans, avait voulu rejoindre leurs rangs avec une quarantaine de copains de son village, Al-Jaraf, situé au sud de l'antique cité assyrienne de Nimroud, dans les campagnes de Mossoul. " Ces imbéciles se poussaient du coude . Ils pensaient que c'était quelque chose, de porter une arme ", explique le père. Après un mois de formation idéologique à Mossoul, Alaa, écoeuré, était revenu au village, prétend-il. " La hisba - la police de l'EI - est venue chez nous. Je leur ai donné Alaa. Je le donnerais à quiconque me le demande! Je ne vais pas mettre toute ma famille en danger pour ses bêtises ", dit Ahmad, ancien policier et père de sept enfants. Quand l'armée a libéré Al- Jaraf, le 6 novembre, le père n'a pas attendu qu'on le lui demande : il a mené son fils au premier militaire venu.

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Middle East • Moyen-Orient

39. British Intelligence Agency behind White Helmets' Lies in Syria

Fars News Agency, 2016 12 23

Tehran - A Russian newspaper said in a report that the White Helmets Organization is behind the fake reports about Russia's airstrikes in Syria, adding that the organization is run by British agents. Vzglyad daily said in a report that there is reason to believe that the organization is supervised by the British intelligence service and the Soros Fund. "The Government of the United Kingdom had allocated around 32 million pounds for the needs of the White Helmets in

2013 while another 12.5 million pounds has been paid to the organization only in the year 2016," a source close to the organization told Tass news agency. According to the source, the whole budget of the organization is about 50 million dollars a year. The source also said that one of the leaders of the White Helmets, Mosab Obeidat, has already been identified to have contributed a major role in the financing of the terrorist groups.

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40. Cohen's Mossad: One Year On

Times of Israel, 2016 12 23

Jerusalem - The reports that started coming in from Tunisia last Friday were reminiscent of past stories: once again, a mysterious assassination of a key enemy figure, a nimble finger pulling the trigger of a silenced handgun and then promptly disappears. This time, the Tunisian media reported the assassination of a UAV engineer, Mohammad al-Zawahri, shot from point-blank range in his car in the town of Sfax in central Tunisia. It was alleged that the Mossad had kept him under surveillance owing to his connections with Hamas. Truth or fiction? Israel normally ignores such reports, but sometimes admission comes as a result of failure (as in the case of the attempted assassination of Khaled Mashal in Amman in 1997) or owing to the long time that has elapsed since the actual incident (as in the case of the assassination of Abu-Jihad, also in Tunisia, in 1988). In any case, the incident in Tunisia has shed some light on the activity of the current head of the Mossad, who happens to conclude his first year in office these days.

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41. Israel busts Hamas cell planning suicide bombings in Jerusalem, Haifa

Times of Israel, Ilan Ben Zion, Judah Ari Gross, 2016 12 23

Jerusalem - Israeli security agents busted a 20-member Hamas cell that was plotting suicide bombings and shootings against Israeli citizens in major Israeli cities, including Jerusalem and Haifa, the Shin Bet disclosed on Thursday. The internal security agency didn't specify when the sting took place, only saying it occurred in recent months, incorporated various IDF units, and that the Hamas cell was in a state of "high readiness to carry out deadly suicide attacks." The Shin Bet said it arrested over 20 Hamas operatives from across the West Bank, many of whom had previously spent time in Israeli prisons for terrorism charges. The cell was "hierarchical and organized," the Shin Bet said, with various members involved in different aspects of planning the attacks. The suspects told investigators that between May and August 2016 they set up a lab in Nablus and produced nearly 15 pounds of TATP explosives intended for suicide bombings in Jerusalem, Haifa and bus stations across the country.

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42. Yemen in broad counter-terrorism sweep

Gulf News, Saeed Al Batati, 2016 12 23

Al Mukalla - Yemen anti-terror squads have stepped up raids on suspected Al Qaida and Daesh hideouts in the port city of Aden as similar forces announced foiling terror plots against government facilities in the province of Hadramout. Aden police said in a statement that highly trained forces stormed several houses in the city, leading to uncovering a small factory for making explosive materials and car bombs. At a house belonging to a fugitive Al Qaida operative, government forces founded explosive vests, IEDs and remote detonators. Police said investigations with Al Qaida prisoners led to locating the house while its owner fled before the arrival of security services. Aden, the second largest city in Yemen and the base of the internationally-recognised government, has been recently hit by two deadly suicide attacks that killed nearly 100 security forces. A shadowy branch of Daesh claimed responsibility for the two attacks and a number of drive-by shootings against intelligence officers.

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43. Allemagne : arrestation de deux frères soupçonnés de préparer un autre attentat

France 3 - Régions (site web), Philippe Dezempte, 2016 12 23

Oberhausen, Allemagne - La police allemande a arrêté deux frères soupçonnés de préparer un attentat contre un des plus grands centres commerciaux d'Allemagne, quatre jours après une attaque jihadiste au camion- bélier qui a tué 12 personnes sur un marché de Noël à Berlin. Alertée par les services de renseignements, la police avait déployé des hommes autour du centre commercial d'Oberhausen (ouest) tard jeudi soir, ainsi que dans le marché de Noël voisin, puis annoncé l'arrestation des deux suspects dans la nuit de jeudi à vendredi. Il s'agit de deux frères de 28 et 31 ans originaires du Kosovo. Les enquêteurs tentent de déterminer quel était le stade de préparation de leur attaque contre le CentrO, un des plus grands centres commerciaux d'Allemagne et si d'autres personnes étaient impliquées dans le projet. Aucun lien avec l'attentat de Berlin n'a été à ce stade évoqué par les enquêteurs. Concernant cette tuerie, les enquêteurs n'ont annoncé aucune nouvelle piste pour appréhender le Tunisien Anis Amri, 24 ans, probablement armé et responsable présumé de la mort de 12 personnes. Selon le quotidien Tagesspiegel, ils estiment qu'il se trouverait toujours à Berlin.

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44. A Mossoul Avec les forces spéciales françaises

Le Figaro Magazine, Didier François, 2016 12 23

Mossoul - Depuis plus de deux ans, ces troupes d'élite sont déployées en Irak et mènent, en toute discrétion, des opérations contre l'Etat islamique. Elles ont joué un rôle majeur auprès des combattants kurdes dans la bataille de Mossoul. Nous avons pu les suivre durant une semaine. L'ennemi se terre en contrebas, retranché à la hâte sur les lisières d'une friche industrielle. Sur le

recul et sous pression. Des abris rudimentaires, simples trous d'homme ou amas de gravats adossés à un entrepôt éventré, avec quelques parpaings de récupération alignés en guise de créneaux de fortune. La forteresse de l'Etat islamique a singulièrement perdu de sa superbe. Pendant deux ans, les djihadistes avaient érigé, autour de Mossoul, un colossal système défensif rêvé inexpugnable. Champs de mines, entrelacs de tranchées et réseau tentaculaire de tunnels, censés protéger un califat proclamé éternel. Et pourtant. En seulement cinq jours, les milices kurdes en ont bousculé les premières lignes, faisant sauter tous ses verrous d'une seule poussée. Dans l'élan, les unités antiterroristes de l'armée irakiennes se sont engouffrées dans la brèche, forçant les islamistes à se retirer, sans espoir de rétablissement, jusqu'au centre de leur fief aujourd'hui assiégé.

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45. Attack Exposes Gaps In Security

Wall Street Journal, Matthew Dalton, 2016 12 23

Paris - The rise of Islamic State and Germany's decision to throw open the door to refugees last year has left security services overwhelmed as they try to track jihadist threats among the new arrivals. The attacks in Paris in 2015 and Brussels in March confirmed fears that Islamist groups had exploited refugee flows to smuggle operatives into the heart of Europe. Investigators have determined most of the assailants in those cases traveled from Syria through the Balkans and then Central Europe along with a river of refugees in the summer and fall of 2015. "We are very late, and we're in the process of catching up," said Georges Fenech, chairman of the French parliamentary committee that investigated the Paris attacks. "Because today, these terrorists move freely in the Schengen area. From the moment they enter with the migrants, they pass borders without much difficulty." Europe's stretched security officials are set to face another test. Authorities expect the looming fall of Islamic State's strongholds of Raqqa, Syria, and Mosul, Iraq, will prompt many jihadists to flee and attempt to enter Europe. Yet the bloc's control of the Schengen borders remains patchy. The EU has set up "hot spots" where officials from Europol, the body's police-coordinating agency, conduct security checks of migrants. But the hot spots still don't have necessary infrastructure, according to a note by the EU's counterterrorism coordinator for national governments.

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46. Attentat de Berlin: le suspect abattu à Milan par la police

Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 23

Rome - L'auteur présumé de l'attentat au camion-bélier de Berlin, le Tunisien Anis Amri, a été abattu lors d'un contrôle de la police italienne dans la nuit de vendredi à Milan (nord), ont annoncé les autorités italiennes. Lors d'une conférence de presse, le ministre de l'Intérieur, Marco Minniti, a affirmé que l'homme abattu était "sans l'ombre d'un doute" le suspect de 24 ans, en fuite depuis l'attentat qui a fait 12 morts et 50 blessés sur un marché de Noël à Berlin. L'homme a été abattu lors d'un contrôle de police de routine et a sorti "sans hésiter" une arme, a indiqué le ministre. Des empreintes digitales du Tunisien avaient été retrouvées sur le poids lourd qui s'est précipité dans la foule lundi soir à Berlin. Il faisait l'objet d'un avis de recherche européen et d'un

mandat d'arrêt. Il avait pris la fuite, probablement armé, après l'attentat revendiqué par le groupe Etat islamique (EI). Des images d'une caméra de surveillance l'avaient montré devant une mosquée de Berlin, présentée comme un lieu de rassemblement islamiste, quelques heures après le carnage, selon la chaîne publique allemande Rbb.

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47. Berlin Suspect Killed in Italy

Der Spiegel, Staff report, 2016 12 23

Berlin - Italian Interior Minister Marco Minniti confirmed in a press conference Friday that police shot and killed Anis Amri in Milan, Italy. Amri had been the prime suspect in Monday's terrorist attack on a Christmas market at Berlin's Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church. The interior minister said police had intercepted Amri during a routine check in the Sesto San Giovanni neighborhood in northern Milan. Officers had ordered him to present his ID. Minniti said that he then pulled a 22-caliber pistol and fired at two police officers. Italian media are reporting that he shouted "Allahu Akbar." The police returned the fire and killed the suspect. One of the police officers was wounded in the shoot-out. The Italian newspaper La Stampa is reporting that a 29-year-old officer still completing his trial period fired the deadly shot at Amri. Minniti said the man killed at the site had been Amri. "There is not a shadow of doubt about his identity," the Italian interior minister said. On Wednesday, a Europe-wide manhunt had been launched to find Amri. He said the injured police officer is currently receiving treatment in Monza.

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48. Kremlin Says Karlov's Assassination Is "Stab in the Back"

Asharq Al-Awsat, Taha Abed alWahed, 2016 12 23

Moscow - Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Wednesday the assassination of Russia's envoy to Turkey was a "stab in the back" for Turkey. "Turkish side did not want this incident to happen. That is why, this attack was a stab in the back for Turkey too," Peskov said in an interview with the Mir TV Channel. The spokesman said the murder was a provocation to Russia, and aimed to disrupt the peace process in Syria. He noted that Russian President Vladimir Putin considered the killing as a terrorist attack and a blow to Turkey's prestige. Peskov said the timing of the incident was not a "coincidence", describing it as "a unique case in the history of Turkish-Russian relations". He added that Putin condemned the attack and called it as a terror act, which aimed at normalization process between the two countries. He also noted that the assassination was "emotionally very difficult" news for Putin.

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49. Two brothers arrested on suspicion of bomb plot against shopping mall

The Local (Germany), Staff report, 2016 12 23

Berlin - Police special forces arrested two young men in Duisburg, western Germany, on Friday morning, saying they planned to bomb a shopping centre. The 28-year-old and 31-year-old

brothers, born in Kosovo, are suspected of planning the attack on the Centro shopping mall in Oberhausen. Centro is one of the largest shopping centres in Germany. Built in an abandoned steel factory 20 years ago, it is home to 250 shops on two floors. "We are intensively investigating how much progress they had made in their plan and whether other people were involved in the plot," a spokesperson for the police said.

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50. Violence Bolsters Erdogan's Power Play

Wall Street Journal, Yaroslav Trofimov, 2016 12 23

Ankara - Turkey is moving toward a referendum that if approved would give President Recep Tayyip Erdogan near absolute power -- and every new terrorist attack is likely to increase his chances of winning the vote. This nation of nearly 80 million people, a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, is targeted by Kurdish separatists and radical Islamists alike. Over just the past two weeks, it witnessed two major bombings, in Istanbul and the central city of Kayseri, and the assassination of the Russian ambassador in the capital, Ankara. Mr. Erdogan, whose party has governed Turkey since 2002, has repeatedly argued that a strong executive presidency is needed to navigate these dangerous times. If he wins the referendum that is tentatively planned for June, he could stay in office until as late as 2029, with virtually all checks and balances on his authority removed. "If he wins, he will become a dictator," warned Kemal Kilicdaroglu, the head of Turkey's biggest opposition party, CHP. "Erdogan didn't come to power because he wants to rule the state. He came to power because he wants to be the state."

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1. Trudeau more troubled by 'Princess Leia's' death than Berlin terror victims: Blaney
iPolitics, BJ Siekierski, 2016 12 30

Ottawa--Conservative leadership candidate Steven Blaney took a shot at Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Wednesday for responding faster to the death of actress Carrie Fisher, who played Princess Leia in the Star Wars movie franchise, than to the deaths resulting from the December

19 Berlin Christmas market terrorist attack. "When Princess Leia passed away, the prime minister only took four hours to react, whereas for a terrorist attack where a truck caused 12 deaths in a Berlin Christmas market, it took him three days to have a decent response," he said in French at a press conference in Quebec City, according to Le Soleil. Trudeau put out a statement on December 19 about the terrorist attack in the city of Karak, Jordan that killed a Canadian citizen, and retweeted, the same day, Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion's condolences following the murder of the Russian ambassador to Turkey. The former Harper government public safety minister and current MP for Bellechasse-Les Etchemins-Lévis made his Trudeau remark Wednesday as he rolled out his anti-terrorism strategy, which reportedly includes the establishment of an RCMP-CSIS joint task force to prevent lone wolf terrorist attacks, a new Canadian centre for the prevention of radicalization, and expanded powers for the Security Intelligence Review Committee.

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Canada

2. 'Brand Trudeau' mulled to help pitch world on Canadian return to peacekeeping

Canadian Press, Mike Blanchfield, 2016 12 30

Ottawa--Canadian bureaucrats pondered using the personal ``brand" of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to sell the world on the merits of the country's return to peacekeeping, The Canadian Press has learned. Using the prime minister's personal appeal was seen by senior foreign ministry officials as one of the possible ``framing" techniques for explaining Canada's decision to devote more military resources to United Nations peacekeeping operations. Documents obtained through Access to Information detail the early government planning to reboot Canada's return to peacekeeping. Once a traditional role for the Canadian Forces, it was all but abandoned in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States when the military focused on counter-terrorism and war-fighting in Afghanistan. Trudeau promised during the 2015 federal election that Canada would focus more on UN peace operations, and the government has since committed 600 troops and \$450 million to an as yet unspecified mission or a combination of deployments.

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3. Canada bans two terror groups, says Indian Mujahideen trains in Pakistan

Hindustan Times, 2016 12 30

Toronto - Two anti-India terror organisations - Indian Mujahideen (IM) and al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) - have been added to Canada's list of proscribed groups. Both groups were designated as terrorist entities under Canada's Criminal Code. The announcement was made by public safety and emergency preparedness minister Ralph Goodale on Wednesday. In a statement, the nodal department Public Safety Canada said the IM had "organised training in Pakistan with militant Islamist groups such as Lashkar-e-Tayyiba -- a listed entity under the Criminal Code". Following the listing, Canada will act against groups or individuals funding or associating with these two terror organisations. The statement said, "The Criminal Code

mandates potentially severe penalties for persons and organisations that deal in the property or finances of a listed entity.

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4. Controversial list includes U of T, McGill

National Post, Douglas Quan, 2016 12 30

Toronto--Four Canadian post-secondary schools, including the University of Toronto and McGill University, have landed on a provocative list of North America's 40 "worst" campuses for Jewish students. Algemeiner, a New York-based Jewish weekly publication, said it compiled the list to draw attention to the "rising" problem of anti-Semitic and anti-Israel hostility faced by Jewish students. However, some Canadian Jewish organizations and students this week questioned the publication's methodology. While they did not dispute the existence of such hostility, they said the list offers a distorted view of Jewish-student life. "I'm not really sure where some of their information came from. Certainly they didn't ask anybody here in Canada what was going on currently - that I can tell you," said Judy Zelikovitz, vice-president of university and local partner services with the Centre for Israel Jewish Affairs. "They have a certain audience. And their audience is interested in reading certain things. What they wrote will appeal to their market." The Algemeiner's editors say their North American rankings, in which New York's Columbia University placed No. 1 and U of T No. 3 followed by McGill, were based on several factors, including the number of anti-Semitic incidents on campus, the number of anti-Israel groups, the number of Jewish or pro-Israel groups, and the success of Israel boycott efforts. The controversial rankings come at the end of a year that has seen anti-Muslim posters on the University of Calgary campus and posters targeting the Sikh community on the University of Alberta campus. At University of Western Ontario, administrators condemned a group of students who created a banner with the slogan Western Lives Matter, saying the co-opting of the Black Lives Matter slogan was racist and demeaning.

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5. No donation rules broken in China corruption case

Vancouver Sun, Sam Cooper, 2016 12 30

Vancouver--The Liberal Party of Canada has rejected allegations that party leaders continued to accept political support from a man China considers to be a fugitive after they were warned in 2013 that the prominent Vancouver developer and party donor was using his cash to make "inroads" in Canada's political system while being pursued by China on political corruption charges. Postmedia News has reported extensively on the case of Liberal donor Michael Ching, who is wanted in Beijing as Muyang Cheng, the Mandarin version of his name, for alleged political corruption. A new story from the South China Morning Post, citing an email leaked by a party insider, alleges the Liberals were warned in 2013 that Ching was an alleged fugitive from China but the party continued to accept official donations from Ching and the Liberal party also benefited from major fundraising events attended by Justin Trudeau and organized by a politically active youth group called Tru-Youths. Michael Ching has refuted those charges as recently as April 2015.

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6. Tax headaches expected from payroll fiasco

CBC News, Julie Ireton, 2016 12 30

Ottawa--With the new year on the way, many federal public servants who are still caught in the midst of the Phoenix payroll fiasco are worried and confused about filing their taxes. Global Affairs policy analyst Jonathan Chambers said his pay problems started in January -- and he's now owed more than \$16,000. And he's not alone. Tens of thousands of bureaucrats have been overpaid and underpaid since the federal government launched the Phoenix pay system earlier this year. "My first problem was that I didn't get paid at all for the work that I was doing from January to mid-February," said Chambers, who said he's still only getting paid about half of what he should be making. Chambers is worried that if he's not paid what he's owed by December 31, then gets the lump sum reimbursed, there will be an impact on his 2017 taxes. He said he hasn't been able to get straight, easy answers when he's called Public Services and Procurement Canada or the Canada Revenue Agency. CRA director general Randy Hewlett said he wants to reassure public servants that these types of situations are not complicated. "The CRA is prepared for issues specifically related to Phoenix," Hewlett said.

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7. Toronto sisters apologize for website allegedly used to cyberbully Nigeria's elite

Toronto Star, Azzura Lalani, 2016 12 30

Toronto--The Toronto sisters accused of trying to extort and cyberbully a Nigerian billionaire through a sex-scandal website have apologized and taken responsibility for the site in a video posted on YouTube Thursday. Sisters Jyoti and Kiran Matharoo, who have a substantial Instagram following, were accused, according to the news site Politics Nigeria, of trying to blackmail Femi Otedola, a Nigerian man named in Forbes magazine's list of 2016 billionaires. The sisters allegedly tried to blackmail Otedola by claiming they had evidence of him cheating on his wife that they would post to the sex-scandal website NaijaGistLive, according to Politics Nigeria. In the video apology, posted to YouTube on Thursday by Linda Ikeji TV, Jyoti and Kiran Matharoo say that most of their site's stories were sent to them by close friends or associates of the people they wrote about. "We apologize to Femi Otedola and his family, especially his wife and children and all the other petitioners," read one sister, who appears to be Jyoti, in the video. Otedola made his money in the energy sector, according to Forbes, which at one point estimated his net worth at \$1.8 billion. "The intention was not to hurt anyone or to be malicious. The intention was not to extort anyone," read Matharoo. "We haven't received any money from the website." Her next words are barely intelligible, but she says that that "the money went to Babatunde Oyebode of Huzzle Inc." In Nigerian court documents, the Matharoos list their address as 1080 The Queensway in Toronto.

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8. Trudeaus Liberals were told donor was China graft suspect, but kept taking his money and help

South China Morning Post, Ian Young, 2016 12 30

Vancouver--The Liberal Party of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was tipped off in 2013 that a wealthy party benefactor was wanted by China for corruption, long before the news became public, in an email that has been leaked to the South China Morning Post by a former party executive. The former executive said they were assured at the time that the anonymous email and its startling claims about Vancouver developer Michael Ching Mo Yeung had been "dealt with". But the party kept quiet and continued to accept donations and support from Ching and a pro-Trudeau political organisation, Tru-Youths United Association, set up in his office. It would accept thousands of dollars from Ching in 2014 and 2015, while Tru-Youths helped stage massive Liberal fundraisers, including a 1,300-seat event in Toronto in June 2014.

Corrupt Chinese tycoon Ni Ritao caught lying to Canadian

court?utm_source=factiva&utm_medium=intranet&utm_campaign=syndication_campaign It was not until April 2015 that the SCMP broke the news that Ching was in fact Cheng Muyang, the wanted son of corrupt Chinese communist party official Cheng

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Michael Ching is Muyang Cheng's current name he uses in Canada ... Canadian government is now trying to expel him from Canada Anonymous email to Liberal Party Yet on December 15, 2013, the executive was among a group of Liberals who received a 1,500-word email from an anonymous tipster, identifying themselves only as "Snow White". Ching's teenage daughter, Linda, had just been elected president of the Young Liberals in BC, to the apparent concern of the emailer. "Michael Ching is Muyang Cheng's current name he uses in Canada ... Canadian government is now trying to expel him from Canada," the email tipster said noting that "he is still wanted by the Chinese government".

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9. Donald Trump, After Dismissing Hacking, Agrees to an Intelligence Briefing

New York Times, Michael D. Shear, 2016 12 30

West Palm Beach - President-elect Donald J. Trump edged away on Thursday from his dismissive stance on American assessments of Russian hacking, saying he would meet with intelligence officials next week "to be updated on the facts" after the Obama administration announced sanctions against Moscow. In a brief written statement, Mr. Trump's first response to President Obama's sweeping action against Russia, the president-elect reiterated his call for "our country to move on to bigger and better things." But he said that, "in the interest of our country and its great people," he would get the briefing "nevertheless." The statement to some extent echoed his remarks late Wednesday, when he was asked at his Mar-a-Lago estate about Mr. Obama's plan to take action against Russia. In otherwise opaque comments, Mr. Trump appeared to concede the need to make computers more secure. "I think we ought to get on with our lives," he said. "I think that computers have complicated lives very greatly. The whole age of computer

has made it where nobody knows exactly what is going on. We have speed, we have a lot of other things, but I'm not sure we have the kind, the security we need."

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10. Les cyberattaques russes, grande menace pour les États-Unis et l'Europe

Le Figaro avec l'Agence France-Presse, Jacob Etienne, 2016 12 30

Washington - Les États-Unis accusent la Russie d'avoir influencé le résultat de l'élection américaine de novembre dernier par le biais de cyberattaques. La crainte de piratages a gagné l'Europe, où des élections auront lieu en France et en Allemagne en 2017. La Russie peut-elle influencer une élection en Europe? Les agences américaines du renseignement accusent depuis plusieurs mois Moscou d'avoir piraté des ordinateurs puis fait fuiter des documents. L'objectif aurait été de nuire à la campagne présidentielle d'Hillary Clinton aux États-Unis pour favoriser la victoire de Donald Trump. Ces soupçons font craindre que des piratages surviennent en Europe, où la France et l'Allemagne doivent voter en 2017. Aux États-Unis. Le 7 octobre, un mois avant le scrutin, le ministère de la Sécurité intérieure (DHS) et la direction du renseignement (DNI) ont affirmé que le gouvernement russe avait dirigé un piratage de comptes de personnalités et d'organisations politiques dans le but «d'interférer dans le processus électoral américain».

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11. Obama administration announces measures to punish Russia for 2016 election interference

Washington Post, Multiple reporters, 2016 12 30

Washington - The Obama administration announced sweeping new measures against Russia on Thursday in retaliation for what U.S. officials have characterized as interference in this fall's presidential election, ordering the expulsion of Russian "intelligence operatives" and slapping new sanctions on state agencies and individuals suspected in the hacks of U.S. computer systems. The response, unveiled just weeks before President Obama leaves office, culminates months of internal debate over how to react to Russia's election-year provocations. In recent months, the FBI and CIA have concluded that Russia intervened repeatedly in the 2016 election, leaking damaging information in an attempt to undermine the electoral process and help Donald Trump take the White House. Because Thursday's announcement is an executive action, it can be undone by the next administration. But Obama's last-minute measures put pressure on Trump, who has largely waved off the allegations against Russia, to make a decision about whether to keep the punitive measures in place. Moscow, which has denied involvement in attacks related to the election, vowed to respond in kind. "I cannot say now what the response will be, although, as we know, there is no alternative here to the principle of reciprocity," Russian presidential spokesman Dmitri Peskov said in a statement late Thursday evening carried by the Interfax news service. In a call with reporters, U.S. officials said they chose to announce the new measures before the end of Obama's term in an attempt to educate Americans about Russian activities and to deter future intrusions. "There's every reason to believe Russia will interfere with future U.S. elections and future elections around the world," said one senior official, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the record.

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12. Obama hits back for Russia hack, but leaves top spy off the hook

Yahoo News, Michael Isikoff, 2016 12 30

Washington - In what White House officials portrayed as tough retaliation for Russia's cyberattack on the U.S. election, President Obama on Thursday evicted 35 suspected Russian spies from the country and imposed economic sanctions on four top officials of the country's military intelligence service. But the administration's newly imposed sanctions list contains a striking omission: Aleksander Bortnikov, Russia's top spy. As chief of the Russian Federal Security Service, or FSB (Russia's successor to the Soviet KGB), Bortnikov heads the spy agency that launched his country's cyberattack on the members of the Democratic National Committee and other U.S. political figures nearly a year and a half ago, according to a newly released joint FBI-Department of Homeland Security report. Yet while the FSB itself and Russia's military intelligence agency, the GRU (as well as three of its private contractors), were subject to sanctions, the list of individuals facing potential economic reprisals if they come to the United States was selective: Igor Korobov, current chief of the GRU and three of his top deputies were targeted (even though there is little evidence they actually come to the U.S.) Yet Bortnikov -- a more significant player who last year attended a White House summit on countering the threat of violent extremism -- and other high-ranking FSB officials were untouched by the new Treasury Department sanctions, underscoring what some critics say are the limits of the administration's response. "This was a good step, but there is one person who should have been named, and that's Bortnikov," said David Kramer, a former senior State Department official who is now the senior director for Human Rights and Democracy at the McCain Institute for International Leadership, a global security and human rights think tank that is overseen by some of Sen. John McCain's longtime political allies and aides. Although consideration was given to including Bortnikov on the sanctions list, it was resisted by U.S. intelligence agencies that have, at times and to a limited degree, received cooperation from the FSB, especially on terrorism issues, said sources familiar with the debate. U.S. intelligence agencies "never wanted to go after [Bortnikov] directly," said one official involved in the administration's deliberations.

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13. Obama Sanctions Russia, Expels 35

Wall Street Journal, Carol E. Lee, Paul Sonne, 2016 12 30

Washington - President Barack Obama on Thursday issued a dramatic response to Russia's alleged use of cyberattacks to interfere with the 2016 presidential election, including imposing sanctions on Russian agencies and companies and expelling dozens of suspected intelligence operatives from the U.S., in one of the biggest diplomatic confrontations between Washington and Moscow since the end of the Cold War. Russia threatened to retaliate, while U.S. lawmakers called for even stiffer measures and a deeper investigation into Moscow's hacks, suggesting a further escalation of hostilities looms just weeks before a new U.S. administration takes office. "The principle of reciprocity applies here," Russian government spokesman Dmitry Peskov said according to the Interfax news agency. He said Russian President Vladimir Putin would formulate a response that would create "considerable discomfort in the same areas" for the U.S.

Mr. Obama, in a statement on what he called a partial response to Russia's alleged hacks, said the cyberattacks "could only have been directed by the highest levels of the Russian government." He said his actions Thursday weren't the sum total of the U.S. response. "We will continue to take a variety of actions at a time and place of our choosing, some of which will not be publicized," he said. The Department of Homeland Security and the FBI released a joint analysis report, titled "Grizzly Steppe," giving additional technical details about the election hacking, including implicated IP addresses, virus signatures and file hashes. The report confirmed that the hacking group known as Cozy Bear, or APT 29, penetrated the network of a U.S. political party in the summer of 2015, while a second group known as Fancy Bear, or APT 28, penetrated the network last spring. Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on her Facebook page that the Russian Foreign Ministry would make an official announcement regarding countermeasures against the U.S. on Friday.

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14. Obama Sanctions Russia over Unproven Hacking Claims

Breitbart, Lee Stranahan, 2016 12 30

Washington - President Obama issued an executive order on Thursday sanctioning Russian intelligence officials, individuals, and organizations based on as-yet unproven accusations that Russia interfered in the 2016 election by hacking the emails of Democratic Party officials. This action comes as the Obama administration is heightening tensions between the United States and Russia on several fronts. The new executive order signed by Obama offers no new proof that the Russian government was involved in what it calls "tampering with, altering, or causing a misappropriation of information with the purpose or effect of interfering with or undermining election processes or institutions." In place of proof of these serious claims, the Obama White House said it will "be providing a report to Congress in the coming days about Russia's efforts to interfere in our election, as well as malicious cyber activity related to our election cycle in previous elections." The new executive order comes in the face of other anti-Russian moves by the Obama administration just prior to Donald Trump taking the Presidential oath of office in the next few weeks.

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15. Obama Strikes Back at Russia for Election Hacking

New York Times, David E. Sanger, 2016 12 30

Washington - President Obama struck back at Russia on Thursday for its efforts to influence the 2016 election, ejecting 35 suspected Russian intelligence operatives from the United States and imposing sanctions on Russia's two leading intelligence services. The administration also penalized four top officers of one of those services, the powerful military intelligence unit known as the G.R.U. Intelligence agencies have concluded that the G.R.U. ordered the attacks on the Democratic National Committee and other political organizations, with the approval of the Kremlin, and ultimately enabled the publication of the emails it harvested to benefit Donald J. Trump's campaign. The expulsion of the 35 Russians, whom the administration said were spies posing as diplomats and other officials, and their families was in response to the harassment of

American diplomats in Russia, State Department officials said. It was unclear if they were involved in the hacking. In addition, the State Department announced the closing of two waterfront estates -- one in Glen Cove, N.Y., and another on Maryland's Eastern Shore -- that it said were used for Russian intelligence activities, although officials declined to say whether they were specifically used in the election-related hacks. Mr. Trump responded to the Russian sanctions late Thursday by reiterating a call to "move on." But he pledged to meet with intelligence officials, who have concluded that the Russian hacking was an attempt to tip the election to Mr. Trump. Russia criticized the sanctions and vowed retaliation. "Such steps of the U.S. administration that has three weeks left to work are aimed at two things: to further harm Russian-American ties, which are at a low point as it is, as well as, obviously, deal a blow on the foreign policy plans of the incoming administration of the president-elect," Dmitri S. Peskov, the spokesman for President Vladimir V. Putin, told reporters. Konstantin Kosachyov, the head of the foreign affairs committee in the upper house of the Russian Parliament, told Interfax that "this is the agony not even of 'lame ducks,' but of 'political corpses.'"

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16. Top-Secret Snowden Document Reveals What the NSA Knew About Previous Russian Hacking

The Intercept, Sam Biddle, 2016 12 29

Washington - To date, the only public evidence that the Russian government was responsible for hacks of the DNC and key Democratic figures has been circumstantial and far short of conclusive, courtesy of private research firms with a financial stake in such claims. Multiple federal agencies now claim certainty about the Kremlin connection, but they have yet to make public the basis for their beliefs. Now, a never-before-published top-secret document provided by whistleblower Edward Snowden suggests the NSA has a way of collecting evidence of Russian hacks, because the agency tracked a similar hack before in the case of a prominent Russian journalist, who was also a U.S. citizen. In 2006, longtime Kremlin critic Anna Politkovskaya was gunned down in her apartment, the victim of an apparent contract killing. Although five individuals, including the gunman, were convicted for the crime, whoever ordered the murder remains unknown. Information about Politkovskaya's journalism career, murder, and the investigation of that crime was compiled by the NSA in the form of an internal wiki entry. Most of the wiki's information is biographical, public, and unclassified, save for a brief passage marked top secret: 'Russian Federal Intelligence Services (probably FSB) are known to have targeted the webmail account of the murdered Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya. On 5 December 2005, RFIS initiated an attack against the account annapolitkovskaia@US Provider1, deploying malicious software which is not available in the public domain. It is not known whether this attack is in any way associated with the death of the journalist.' Although the NSA document does not specify the account, Anna Politkovskaya was known to use the email address annapolitkovskaia@yahoo.com.

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17. Tweeting in Government Is Hard If You're Not Donald Trump --- Departments have endless rules to muffle initiative; 29 pages at the EPA

Wall Street Journal, Aruna Viswanatha, Natalie Andrews, 2016 12 29

New York - In 2010, a top Justice Department official told the agency's divisions they could set up Twitter accounts and he convened a "working group" to provide guidance on what, when, and how the agency could tweet. They're still working on it. President-elect Donald Trump is poised to become the first tweeter-in-chief, an executive comfortable making pronouncements on policy or companies with 140 characters. He will assume control of a federal bureaucracy that tries very hard to do the exact opposite, one that muffles its social-media presence under pages of rules to avoid making waves. At the Justice Department, officials from the deputy attorney general's office, the public affairs office, privacy lawyers, records management staffers and others are still trying to answer questions such as: When can staffers publicly distribute links to media articles? (Likely answer: rarely.) What if a U.S. attorney wrote the article? (Then it could be OK.) How about when the staffer herself is quoted in a story? (Never; it might look like she's endorsing that publication.) The Environmental Protection Agency has four documents, totaling 29 pages, that outline its procedures for using social media. "There are no waivers from this policy," the first document says.

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18. US National Security Strategy Under President Donald Trump (Canada)

Sputnik, Staff report, 2016 12 30

Washington - Donald Trump ran his presidential campaign on the promise to keep Americans safe at home and abroad, and build US foreign policy on a platform of peace through strength. Moreover, Trump has pledged to advance US core interests and rebuild the country's military, while simultaneously trying to ease tensions in the world. THE GUANTANAMO CONTROVERSY AND TORTURE During the 2016 presidential campaign, Trump's casual remarks about the legitimacy of extreme interrogation techniques, described by many analysts as torture, sparked a much debated controversy. Last week, Canada's intelligence chief Michael Doucet reportedly said Ottawa may have to rethink how it provides intelligence to the United States if Trump makes good on his vow to torture captive extremists. CIA intelligence officer Philip Giraldi told Sputnik that Trump is likely to back down on his campaign comments favoring the restoration of waterboarding and other "enhanced interrogation" techniques.

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19. Cameron is lined up to be the UK's candidate as head of Nato after Britain pledged to play a greater role following the Brexit vote

Daily Mail (UK), John Stevens, 2016 12 29

London - David Cameron is being lined up as a contender to be the next secretary general of Nato. Officials believe the former prime minister is the most likely candidate to be successful if

Theresa May wants to get a Briton appointed to Europe's top defence job. It comes with a tax-free salary of 260,624 euros (£222,019), although Mr Cameron is thought to be earning up to £2,000 a minute on the lucrative speaking tour circuit after stepping down as an MP after 15 years in September. Following the Brexit vote Britain has pledged to play a greater role in the US-led military alliance. The current Nato boss, former Norwegian prime minister Jens Stoltenberg, will finish his term in either 2018 or 2019. Government allies of Mr Cameron said he is open to taking a top job on the world stage - and believe Britain would benefit from his return to frontline politics. One senior member of Mrs May's Cabinet said: 'We've got to find a role for him - he has so much to offer. We have got to get him batting for Britain again.' Sources close to Mr Cameron last night talked up his suitability for the role, but questioned whether he would want to take the post. A spokesman for the former prime minister declined to comment.

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20. ISIS call on 'Western sons' to launch BRUTAL attacks on New Year's revellers(Canada)

The Express (UK), Aletha Adu, 2016 12 30

London - ISIS used the Telegram app to call their "sons" to bomb New Years events and public places ISIS-affiliated media group, Nashir Media Foundation, posted a series of terrifying images on an encrypted channel which encouraged their cowardly supporters to seize the momentum Anis Amri created following the Berlin Christmas attacks, in which the Tunisian hijacked a truck and brutally murdered 12 Christmas shoppers. In one image, a knife-wielding militant chases a 'Santa on the run' under a threatening caption which read: "You disbelieving dogs which prepared for Christmas celebrations. The New Year terror threats come shortly after the militants promised to bomb Christians and their churches in the United States, Canada, France and the Netherlands.

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21. Party on after man's arrest for 'isolated' threat

Sydney Morning Herald, Rachel Olding and Kim Arlington, 2016 12 30

Sydney--Premier Mike Baird encouraged revellers to celebrate New Year's Eve as they normally would after a 40-year-old man was charged by counter-terrorism police with making online threats relating to Sydney's New Year's Eve celebrations. Police and the Premier have ruled out any current threats over New Year's Eve and stressed there was no reason why the public should stay at home and not celebrate New Year's Eve. Damien James O'Neil was arrested as he got off a flight from London on Thursday. Police allege Mr O'Neil, from Chippendale in inner Sydney, uploaded a document to the online blog hosting site Live Journal in which he threatened to kill or maim random members of the public on New Year's Eve. Police attached to the Terrorism Investigation Squad were investigating posts allegedly made by Mr O'Neil after a tip-off from a member of the public. They raided his home in Regent Street, Chippendale, and an inner-west storage facility where items including documents and hard drives were seized. He has been

charged with "documents containing threats contrary to Section 31 Crimes Act 1900 concerning online blogs".

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

22. Ghani orders security reforms, clearing operations

Pajhwok Afghan News, Pajhwok Report, 2016 12 30

Kabul - President Ashraf Ghani has directed the Ministries of Defence and Interior to ensure respect for security reforms in clearing operations and streamlining the police force. Ghani issued the directives at separate meetings with elders from Helmand, Uruzgan, Farah, Daikundi and Nimroz provinces, the Presidential Palace said. A statement from Ghani's office said on Friday that a wide range of issues, including security, development and social problems, came up for discussion at the meetings. A tribal elder, Amir Hafizullah, civil society activist Sardar Mohammad Hamdard and provincial council member Ibadullah Alizai commended the Helmand governor's performance. They praised the governor's efforts for reforms in judicial organs and other departments. They also informed the president of insecurity on the Helmand-Kandahar highway.

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23. Taliban welcome trilateral meeting in Moscow

Pajhwok Afghan News, Javed Hamim Kakar, 2016 12 30

Kabul - The Taliban on Thursday welcomed a trilateral meeting in Russian capital Moscow that demanded delisting the rebel group from the United Nations (UN) black list. Two days earlier, senior officials from Russia, China and Pakistan met in Moscow to discuss Afghanistan's security situation and peace in the country. However, Afghanistan was not invited to the meeting. It was a third round of talks among the three countries on the "deteriorating situation in Afghanistan", particularly at the rise of the Islamic State (IS) group -- also known by its Arabic acronym Daesh. The previous two rounds had taken place behind closed doors. The announcement of the latest talks irked Kabul, which questioned the effectiveness of a process on Afghanistan without its representation.

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24. Enfin, le gouvernement sort de son silence et se prononce contre le retour des terroristes

Espace Manager (Tunisie), Journaliste maison, 2016 12 29

Tunis - Le gouvernement a enfin tranché la question du retour des terroristes des zones de conflit. Dans une déclaration exclusive au JT de la chaîne nationale Une, jeudi 29 décembre,

Youssef Chahed a affirmé que « le gouvernement n'est pas favorable au retour des terroristes ». « Toutefois, a-t-il ajouté, ceux qui arriveront à rentrer seront immédiatement arrêtés et déférés devant la justice pour être jugés en vertu de la loi organique relative à la lutte contre le terrorisme. » « Nous avons une liste nominative de tous les terroristes qui se trouvent dans les zones de conflit », a-t-il assuré.

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25. Le Premier ministre français en visite au Tchad pour évoquer le problème de terrorisme

Agence Congolaise de Presse avec l'Agence France-Presse, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 29

Kinshasa - Le Premier ministre français Bernard Cazeneuve séjourne depuis jeudi à N'djamena pour une visite aux forces françaises déployées au Sahel et un message de soutien au Président tchadien Idriss Déby Itno, précieux allié antijihadiste menacé de déstabilisation, a rapporté l'AFP. Le chef du gouvernement français, qui effectue son premier déplacement à l'étranger depuis sa nomination le 6 décembre dernier, a opté pour une région au coeur des enjeux sécuritaires de la France et de l'Europe, avec ses multiples foyers jihadistes. « Cela lui tenait à coeur de rencontrer des soldats français qui luttent contre le terrorisme à des milliers de kilomètres de chez eux », ont indiqué les services du Premier ministre, déjà très impliqué dans le contre-terrorisme au titre de ses précédentes fonctions à l'Intérieur.

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26. Man purporting to be Boko Haram leader denies Sambisa forest defeat

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 12 29

Maiduguri - A man purporting to be the leader of Nigerian Islamist militant group Boko Haram, Abubakar Shekau, denied the jihadist group has been pushed out of its stronghold in the Sambisa forest, but the army said the base had been captured. President Muhammadu Buhari on Saturday said Boko Haram's last enclave in the forest, a former game reserve in northeastern Nigeria, had been captured in the "final crushing" of the group. Reuters has been unable to independently verify that the area was captured. "We are safe. We have not been flushed out of anywhere," the man identifying himself as Shekau said in a video seen by Reuters on Thursday. "If you indeed crushed us, how can you see me like this? How many times have you killed us in your bogus death?" he added in the 25-minute video during which he spoke in the Hausa language and Arabic.

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27. Niger Reddition d'une trentaine de combattants nigériens de Boko Haram

Liberté (Algérie), Journaliste maison, 2016 12 29

Diffa, Niger - Une trentaine de combattants de Boko Haram de la région de Diffa (sud-est du Niger) ont déposé les armes et se sont rendus aux autorités nigériennes, a annoncé mardi Bazoum Mohamed, le ministre nigérien de l'Intérieur. "Trente-et-un jeunes de Diffa, enrôlés il y a

quelques années dans les effectifs de Boko Haram, ont fait reddition", a déclaré sur les réseaux sociaux Bazoum Mohamed en visite à Diffa, ville proche du nord-est du Nigeria, bastion de Boko Haram. C'est la première fois que les autorités nigériennes font état de désertion de ressortissants nigériens des rangs de Boko Haram, qui mène des attaques meurtrières depuis février 2015 contre le Niger.

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28. Soupçonné de terrorisme, le Tunisien Ben Dhiab expulsé d'Italie

Kapitalis (Tunisie), Journaliste maison, 2016 12 29

Tunis - L'Italie a renvoyé, mardi, Nasreddine Ben Dhiab (23 ans), un Tunisien suspecté de lien avec des groupes terroristes. C'est ce qu'a déclaré, aujourd'hui, Sofiene Sliti, porte-parole du pôle judiciaire de lutte contre le terrorisme, à l'agence Tap, en précisant que le parquet tunisien a ordonné la détention du suspect. «Une enquête menée par les autorités italiennes a révélé que Nasreddine Ben Dhiab a prêté allégeance à l'organisation terroriste de l'Etat islamique (Daech) et était membre d'une cellule jihadiste active à Milan, en Italie, et comprenant différentes nationalités», a indiqué Sofiene Sliti. L'enquête a également révélé que cette cellule, démantelée à Milan, planifiait des attentats en Tunisie et à l'étranger.

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Asia • Asie

29. BNPT, BPS to map terrorism-prone regions, radical groups

Jakarta Post, Marguerite Afra Sapiie, 2016 12 30

Jakarta - In the wake of sporadic terrorist attacks in the country, the government is set to map regions that are prone to terrorism, as well as radical groups that settle in the areas. The National Counterterrorism Agency (BNPT) has signed an agreement with the Central Statistics Agency (BPS) to generate a terrorism-risk index that will map out regions susceptible to growing radicalism. BNPT head Comr. Gen. Suhardi Alius said the new data approach is aimed at mitigating the spread of radicalism that usually nurtures terrorist groups, so that it can be prevented and foiled. The index would put together potential factors in society that would foster radicalism, ranging from economic injustice and poverty to a lack of education, which are often used by some radical groups to fuel sentiment against the government, he said.

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30. Duterte tags Goldberg, other US diplomats as 'spies'

Manila Bulletin, Roy Mabasa, 2016 12 30

Manila - President Rodrigo Duterte has branded most ambassadors of the United States as experts in eroding the politics of a country, citing the career of former U.S. ambassador Philip Goldberg as a prime example. "Most of the ambassadors of the United States, but not all, are not really professional ambassadors," President Duterte said in a television interview Thursday, December 29. He said those career diplomats "do the spying" and are actually connected with the Central Intelligence Agency, America's civilian foreign intelligence service tasked with gathering, processing and analyzing national security information from around the world primarily through the use of human intelligence. "That is how it is," said the president. "The ambassador of a country is the number one spy, but there are ambassadors of the United States, their forte is really to undermine government." Duterte cited Ambassador Goldberg as an illustration of such a diplomat. "You may have some an inkling of how this guy operates."

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31. N. Korea resumes encrypted numbers broadcast with same content as 2 weeks ago

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 12 30

Seoul-- North Korea's state radio station resumed broadcasting mysterious numbers Friday in what could be some kind of coded message to its agents operating in South Korea. Radio Pyongyang, the North's state-run radio station, started broadcasting messages at 1:15 a.m. (Seoul time), calling out a series of pages and numbers, such as No. 69 on Page 894, before repeating them one more time. The radio announcer said, "(I'm giving) review works in math lessons of the remote education university for No. 27 expedition agents." The content was the same as those transmitted in the early hours of Dec. 16. Since June 24, 20 of such encrypted numbers broadcasts have been discovered, with the latest one broadcast Sunday. Broadcasts of mysterious numbers are considered a kind of book cipher that was often used by North Korea to give missions to spies operating in South Korea during the Cold War era.

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32. Suicide vests in Ashkona: A new tool for terror

Dhaka Tribune, Kamrul Hasan, 2016 12 30

Dhaka - Investigators have said that the grenades they found from the raid in a terrorist den in city's Ashkona area earlier this week were all handmade, as were the suicide vests. Militants at this New JMB den were using the same sort of materials and techniques used by JMB for making the bombs, but they were connecting several bombs together in suicide vests to make them deadlier. Dhaka Metropolitan Police's (DMP) Counter Terrorism and Transnational (CTTC) Unit recovered and defused 19 grenades from that den, 10 of them tied inside two suicide vests and two unexploded grenades from the body of the female militant Shakira. A CTTC bomb disposal unit official told the Dhaka Tribune that the grenades recovered from the den were similar to the ones found in Mirpur last year. The bombs were made using old JMB techniques using local materials. However, unlike the old group, New JMB bomb makers put the grenades in vests.

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33. Terrorism threat may rises next year in Indonesia : police

Xinhua News Agency, 2016 12 30

Jakarta--Indonesian police has forecast terrorism threat will escalate in the country next year as many militants remain at large, police said on Friday. "There are some threats disturbing security and they tend to rise. They are terrorism, drug," National Police Spokesman Inspector General Boy Rafly Amar disclosed at the national police headquarters. Boy made the statement following a series of arrests and killing of suspected militants, planning to commit in major suicide bombings, across the country in recent weeks. National Police Chief General Tito Karnavian said that police has put counter-terrorism as one of the priorities next year.

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34. Xinjiang leader 'faces challenges' stemming violence

South China Morning Post, 2016 12 30

Beijing--The latest eruption of violence in Xinjiang , which authorities say claimed five lives, comes just months after Chen Quanguo stepped into the role as Communist Party chief for the troubled region. Chen earned a reputation as a hardliner in his previous job overseeing Tibet , and although there is no indication the attack is linked with the new administration, observers warn the region could face greater uncertainties under the policies that Chen adopts. According to the news portal of the Xinjiang government, a car carrying several terrorists crashed into the yard of the office building of the local Communist Party committee in Karakax county at 4.50pm on Wednesday. Police shot and killed the three attackers, who were wielding knives and managed to detonate a home-made explosive, Xinhua reported, quoting the Ministry of Public Security. An official and a security worker were also killed and three others injured, it said. The local government had earlier said four attackers were involved. Social order had been restored, Xinhua reported, without identifying the attackers.

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35. Xinjiang prosecutors set up anti-terrorism team

Xinhua News Agency, 2016 12 30

Urumqi, China--The Xinjiang regional procuratorate said it has set up a special team to handle cases related to terrorism. The team will consist of 30 prosecutors in the prefectures of Kashgar, Hotan, Aksu, Yili Kazakh Autonomous Prefecture, Mongolian Autonomous Prefecture of Bayingolin and Urumqi, six important regions for targeting terrorism, said Guo Lianshan, deputy prosecutor-in-general of the regional People's Procuratorate. Xinjiang aims to have 5,808 people working at different levels of procuratorates, including 2,119 prosecutors plus assistants and administrative staff, Guo said. On Wednesday, three knife-wielding rioters attacked the Moyu County Committee of the Communist Party of China and detonated explosives, killing two people and injuring three others. The Ministry of Public Security said the three rioters were shot dead at the site. (Full report).

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36. Czech Republic sets up unit to counter fake news threat

CNN.com, Laura Spark, 2016 12 29

Washington - The Czech Republic is setting up a new counter-terrorism unit aimed at the threat posed by "foreign disinformation campaigns" -- or fake news. The Center Against Terrorism and Hybrid Threats is due to start operating on Sunday, according to an interior ministry statement. The new center is intended to monitor internal security threats, including attacks on soft targets and extremism, as well as "disinformation campaigns related to internal security." Its establishment follows the publication in September of a Czech intelligence service report that identified Russian disinformation and cyber-espionage activities as a potential threat to the Czech Republic, European Union and NATO.

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37. How Russia Recruited Elite Hackers for Its Cyberwar

New York Times, Andrew Kramer, 2016 12 29

Moscow - While much about Russia's cyberwarfare program is shrouded in secrecy, details of the government's effort to recruit programmers in recent years -- whether professionals like (computer programmer Aleksandr) Vyarya, college students, or even potential criminals -- are shedding some light on the Kremlin's plan to create elite teams of computer hackers. For more than three years, rather than rely on military officers working out of isolated bunkers, Russian government recruiters have scouted a wide range of programmers, placing prominent ads on social media sites, offering jobs to college students and professional coders, and even speaking openly about scouting Russia's criminal underworld for potential talent. These recruits were intended to cycle through military contracting companies and newly formed units called "science squadrons," established on military bases around the country. As early as 2013, Sergei K. Shoigu, the defense minister, told university rectors at a meeting in Moscow that he was on a "head hunt in the positive meaning of the word" for coders.

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38. Russia announces 35 US diplomats persona non grata

ITAR-TASS World Service, Staff report, 2016 12 30

Moscow - Russia announces the U.S. 35 diplomats persona non grata - those are 31 personnel of the embassy in Moscow and four of the consulate general in St. Petersburg, Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Friday. "We, of course, cannot leave unanswered the insults of the kind, reciprocity is the law of diplomacy and foreign relations," he said. "Thus, the Russian Foreign Ministry and officials of other authorities have presented to the Russian president suggestions regarding announcing persona non grata 31 personnel of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow and four diplomats from the Consulate General in St. Petersburg." Lavrov has called US accusations against Russia of interference in elections groundless. (Full report).

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39. Russia Set to Expel 35 U.S. Diplomats in Response to Move by Obama

New York Times, Neil MacFarquhar, 2016 12 30

Moscow - Russia moved on Friday to expel 35 United States diplomats and ban American diplomatic staff from using properties in Moscow, a day after President Obama ordered the expulsion of 35 suspected Russian intelligence operatives from the United States and the imposition of sanctions. The moves, recommended by the Foreign Ministry, must be approved by President Vladimir V. Putin, but given the way they were presented, with Foreign Minister Sergei V. Lavrov proposing them in remarks broadcast nationally on television, they seemed sure to be adopted. The foreign minister recommended that 31 American diplomats be expelled from Moscow and four more from St. Petersburg. He also said that a recreational compound and a warehouse in Moscow used by diplomats should be closed. Mr. Lavrov, in making his recommendations, said such actions by the United States could not go unanswered. "Of course we cannot leave such mischievous tricks without a response," he said. "Reciprocity is the law of diplomacy and of international relations."

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40. Ukraine hit by 6,500 hack attacks, sees Russian 'cyberwar'

Reuters, Staff report, 2016 12 29

Kiev - Hackers have targeted Ukrainian state institutions about 6,500 times in the past two months, including incidents that showed Russian security services were waging a cyberwar against the country, President Petro Poroshenko said on Thursday. In December, Ukraine suffered attacks on its finance and defense ministries and the State Treasury that allocates cash to government institutions. A suspected hack also wiped out part of Kiev's power grid, causing a blackout in part of the capital. "Acts of terrorism and sabotage on critical infrastructure facilities remain possible today," Poroshenko said during a meeting of the National Security and Defence Council, according to a statement released by Poroshenko's office. The statement said the president stressed that "the investigation of a number of incidents indicated the complicity directly or indirectly of Russian security services waging a cyberwar against our country". Russia has repeatedly denied hacking accusations.

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41. US Hands Tied with Iran's Air Defense Force

Fars News Agency, 2016 12 30

Tehran - The joint air defense and anti-aircraft war games by the Iranian Army and the Aerospace Division of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps are still underway nationwide. Codenamed Modafean Aseman Velayat 7 (The Defenders of Velayat Skies 7), the seasonal drills kicked off Monday in the southern parts of the country, taking place over an area measuring

496,000 square kilometers. According to the military commanders, the armed forces are performing Air Defense Identification Zones over land and water in the interest of national security. They extend to skies beyond the country's territory to give the defence forces more time to respond to possibly hostile aircraft. They are designed to test Iran's air warfare capabilities and military response time following training missions, to act as an opposing force to test the air defense capabilities of the armed forces, to increase flight duration and range, and to conduct intercept training.

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42. Ceasefire backed by Russia, Turkey takes effect

Al Jazeera, 2016 12 30

Gaziantep/Moscow - A ceasefire across Syria has gone into effect after the government and some armed opposition groups accepted a truce agreement brokered by Russia and Turkey. Thursday's ceasefire began at 12am local time (22:00 GMT), and, if it holds, will be followed by peace negotiations in Kazakhstan's capital Astana within one month. Turkey and Russia have pledged to act as guarantors to the cessation of hostilities. Previous UN-backed attempts to end the Syrian civil war, which started as a largely unarmed uprising against President Bashar al-Assad in March 2011, have failed and often led to fierce fighting. The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group and Jabhat Fateh al-Sham group [formerly al-Nusra Front] have been excluded from the ceasefire, according to reports. Al Jazeera's Charles Stratford, reporting from Gaziantep on the Turkish border with Syria, said "there are high hopes that this [truce] might work, but there are huge potential problems with it.

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43. Ceasefire deal: Will the guns fall silent in Syria at midnight?

The National (UAE), Josh Wood, 2016 12 30

Beirut - A nationwide ceasefire between Syrian rebel and government forces was expected to begin at midnight on Thursday in a deal backed by Russia, Iran and Turkey. The deal, supported by the main foreign powers involved in Syria's civil war and coming just over a week after a rebel withdrawal from Aleppo, will exclude Jabhat Fatah Al Sham and so-called "affiliates", as well as ISIL, according to the Syrian government. Until July, Jabhat Fatah Al Sham was Al Qaeda's Syria branch and remains a leading force among rebel ranks. "The parties, with this understanding, committed to cease all armed, including aerial, attacks and refrain from expanding the territories under their control at the expense of one another," said Turkey's foreign ministry. The agreement on the apparently open-ended ceasefire comes ahead of planned peace talks between the Syrian opposition and government in the Kazakh capital, Astana.

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44. Hariri pledges to support Army and security apparatus

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2016 12 30

Beirut - Prime Minister Saad Hariri said Thursday that his government would ramp up support the Lebanese Army and the security services in their mission to maintain stability and combat terrorism. "The government will spare no effort to provide all possible support to the Army and the security forces so they would be able to continue their mission of preserving the security of the nation and the citizens," Hariri said in a statement from his Downtown residence following a series of meeting with senior security officials. His round of talks included meetings with the defense minister, the Army commander and the interior minister in addition to the heads of General Security, the Internal Security Forces and State Security. Meanwhile the Army continued raiding towns along the northeastern Syrian-Lebanese border in search of wanted suspects, the state-run national news agency.

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45. Oman to join Islamic antiterrorism coalition

The National (UAE), Saleh al Shaibany, 2016 12 30

Muscat - Oman on Thursday said it was joining the Islamic Military Coalition to Fight Terrorism launched by Saudi Arabia last year. The decision was conveyed to the Saudi defence minister, deputy crown prince Mohammed bin Salman, in a message from his Omani counterpart, Badr bin Saud Al Busaidi. The antiterrorism coalition, of which the UAE is a member, was announced by the Saudi defence minister last December. Oman would be the 41st nation to join. The Omani foreign ministry said the decision "comes within the common understanding of the Islamic countries and in particular the role and leadership of the sisterly Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" and "within the context of the importance to achieve peace, security and stability in the regions dominated by armed terrorist violence". A ministry official told The National Oman would share intelligence to counter terrorism, but would not abandon its policy of neutrality.

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46. Terror suspect killed in raid, another man arrested (Canada).

Jordan Times, Laila Azzeh, 2016 12 30

Amman - A terror suspect was killed on Wednesday and another man apprehended during a security sweep in Shobak, around 200km south of Amman, authorities said. A joint statement by the Public Security Department (PSD) and the Gendarmerie Department, which jointly carried out the operation, said that the killed man was suspected of affiliation with a terrorist group. Elaborating, the statement said that the joint force responded to intelligence locating a suspect, who holds an Arab nationality and is wanted for his links to a terrorist group, in a farm in Shobak. Upon seeing the security men, the suspect opened heavy fire. This is the third security operation in the southern region this month. The first two were carried out in Karak, ending with the death of 11 security officers, two citizens and a Canadian national, and the injury of dozens of others in the two terror- related incidents. Five terrorists were killed in the two operations in the village of Qreifelleh and at Karak Castle.

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47. Attentat de Berlin : l'étonnante négligence allemande

Le Figaro, Luc Andre, 2016 12 30

Berlin - Les services antiterroristes qui connaissaient le profil et le parcours d'Anis Amri savaient qu'il était candidat pour un attentat. État islamique Une fiche met les autorités allemandes en fâcheuse posture. Le 14 décembre dernier, les services de sécurité ont rédigé une synthèse sur Anis Amri. Soit cinq jours avant que le jeune Tunisien ne tue douze personnes avec un camion-bélier sur un marché de Noël à Berlin. Ce document, révélé par le quotidien Süddeutsche Zeitung et la télévision publique, suggère que l'antiterrorisme en savait long sur celui qui se faisait passer pour un demandeur d'asile. Le rapport livre une description précise du parcours de délinquance du futur auteur de l'attentat, liste le nombre de ses alias et de ses multiples résidences, étayé par de nombreuses photos. Il est présenté comme un individu ayant un goût inhabituel pour la conspiration au fait des techniques de surveillance policière.

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48. Italy's PM: Berlin market attacker radicalized in prison

Associated Press, Staff report, 2016 12 30

Milan - Italian Premier Paolo Gentiloni said Thursday that there are no indications the Tunisian fugitive from the Berlin Christmas market attack, who was shot dead near Milan, had any significant contacts in Italy. Italian investigators have been trying to determine whether Anis Amri tapped a jihadi network in Italy, his European port of entry when he left Tunisia in early 2011 and the end of his nearly four-day flight following the Berlin truck attack that left 12 dead. "No particular networks have emerged in Italy," Gentiloni told reporters in Rome ahead of a security meeting in Milan headed by his interior minister. But the prime minister said there still is a need to enhance anti-terror measures, including making it easier to deport migrants living in the country illegally. Existing measures already permit Italy to expel foreign nationals with suspected terror ties, with 66 carried out so far this year and 152 since the beginning of 2015.

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49. Man wrongly arrested over Berlin attack says he fears for his life

The Guardian (London), Kate Connolly, 2016 12 29

Berlin - Naveed Baloch was crossing a road in central Berlin on the evening of 19 December, having just left a friend's house. He was halfway over it when, seeing a car heading towards him, he increased his speed. "I then realised it was a police car. I stopped when they beckoned to me,

and showed them all the ID I had on me." They let him go but within seconds had called him back. Before he knew it he was in the back of the car, its lights flashing as it sped through Berlin. His hands were bound behind his back. Later that night, he said, he was blindfolded and taken from "one police station to another place" about 10 minutes away. He recalls two police officers "digging the heels of their shoes into my feet", and one of the men "putting great pressure on my neck with his hand". They undressed him and took photographs. "When I resisted, they started slapping me." They took three samples of his blood. A 24-year-old Pakistani identified only as Naveed B was named by German police and the interior minister, Thomas de Maizière, just hours after the deadly attack on a Christmas market on Berlin's Breitscheidplatz, as their prime suspect. Speaking exclusively to the Guardian just over a week after being wrongly arrested for the attack which killed 12 and injured 48 others, Baloch is now in hiding, fearful for his life and no longer feeling safe in the country in which he sought refuge as a member of a secular separatist movement in Balochistan, a province that is a frequent target of religious extremists in Pakistan. Members of his family in Pakistan have been contacted by the security services and have been receiving threatening phone calls following the widespread distribution of his photograph and name. "My family and I agree we would be safer if we speak out, and the sooner the better," he said.

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50. Tunisian man released in Berlin Christmas attack case

Deutsche Welle, Staff report, 2016 12 29

Berlin - German police have released a man who had been detained over alleged ties to Berlin attack suspect Anis Amri. Authorities have said they will continue the search for accomplices in the deadly attack. The 40-year-old was allowed to walk free on Thursday, after German authorities determined that he was not a "possible contact person for Anis Amri," spokesman Frauke Köhler told reporters on Thursday. The man was detained a day before, after the authorities found his phone number stored in Amri's cell phone, which had been found at the scene of the Berlin attack.

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51. Un contact d'Anis Amri arrêté en Allemagne

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2016 12 30

Berlin - Un Tunisien de 40 ans, soupçonné d'avoir été en contact avec le terroriste de Berlin Anis Amri, a été arrêté mercredi 28 décembre dans la capitale allemande. " Le défunt Anis Amri avait sauvegardé dans son téléphone mobile le numéro de ce ressortissant tunisien. Les investigations laissent penser qu'il pourrait être lié à l'attentat ", a indiqué le parquet fédéral, compétent en matière de terrorisme, dans un court communiqué. Les enquêteurs allemands cherchent à établir si M. Amri, qui était classé depuis des mois comme individu dangereux, a pu bénéficier de complicités.

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CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Liberals back CSIS in torture lawsuit

The Toronto Star, Tonda MacCharles, 2016 02 07

Ottawa - The Liberal government has taken up the former Conservative government's legal fight against an apology and compensation for three Canadians tortured in the Middle East, despite voting in favour of the former detainees' cause while they sat in opposition. As well, in aggressively defending the actions of CSIS and trying to prevent the release of thousands of unredacted documents that a judge is now poring over, the Liberals are going further than their Conservative predecessors did to protect CSIS sources. Lawyers for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal government are seeking retroactive blanket anonymity for spies and their sources and have filed an appeal in a civil lawsuit launched by the three men with that goal in mind. A Conservative bill last year, C-44, which enacted source protection, was not made retroactive. Put together, the two moves have stunned a team of lawyers at Toronto's Stockwoods firm that took up the cause of Abdullah Almalki, Muayyed Nureddin and Ahmad El Maati, as well as others who closely follow developments in security law.

Canada

2. Most Canadians disagree with Trudeau's plan to withdraw CF-18s, poll suggests

CBC News, 2016 02 07

Ottawa - A new poll suggests that majority of Canadians disagree with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's pledge to withdraw Canada's CF-18 fighter jets by the end of March from the U.S.-led bombing mission against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. When asked what Canada's role should be in the fight against ISIS, only 27 per cent told the Angus Reid Institute that they were on the same page as Trudeau in wanting to stop Canada's bombing mission and focus only on training local troops in Iraq and Syria. Meanwhile, 11 per cent of respondents wanted to stop Canada's involvement in the fight against ISIS altogether. The majority of Canadians disagreed with the prime minister, with 37 per cent saying the Liberal government should continue the current level of bombing and training provided by Canada, while 26 per cent wanted the levels increased. Even though the withdrawal of CF-18s was a key issue during Trudeau's election campaign last year, slightly more past Liberal voters were in support of maintaining the current level of Canada's involvement than were in support of withdrawing Canada's fighter jets, at 37 per cent and 34 per cent respectively.

3. Pakistan's forgotten war in Balochistan

The Toronto Sun, Tarek Fatah, 2016 02 07

Column: Last Saturday, I woke up to a phone call from a refugee who recently escaped death in Pakistan and now lives in Toronto. Skipping the usual pleasantries, his voice quivering with anger, lateef Johar told me: "They've killed Dr. Manan and his son." "They", being the Pakistan army that has occupied Balochistan since it invaded the independent state of kalat in March, 1948. Dr. Manan Baloch was a physician politician who was the secretary general of the outlawed Baloch National Movement (BNM), a political party that calls for a free homeland for the Baloch people and the end of the Pakistani occupation. He was widely known for his work in helping war refugees in Balochistan. Pakistan's government, however, described Baloch and his associates as terrorists, called their deaths a "major

breakthrough" in its war against terrorism in Balochistan and said all five men were killed in a gunfight with security forces.

4. Des centaines de citoyens manifestent leur solidarité

Le Soleil, David Rémillard, 2016 02 07

Ottawa - Leurs morts ont été soudaines. Les blessures, elles, prendront encore du temps à guérir. Les familles des six victimes québécoises de l'attentat terroriste survenu le 15 janvier au Burkina Faso ont poursuivi le long processus de deuil, samedi, portant leurs proches à leur dernier repos. Tel que l'avaient souhaité les familles, les funérailles d'Yves Carrier, de son fils Charlelie et de sa fille Maude, de sa conjointe Gladys Chamberland et de leur ami Louis Chabot ont été célébrées dans la même église, celle du Très-Saint-Sacrement, samedi après-midi. Les obsèques de Suzanne Bernier ont été tenues en matinée, en privé, à l'église Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin, également à Québec. Honorant la mémoire du patriarche, qui l'aurait sans doute voulu ainsi, les Carrier ont laissé le public assister aux hommages. «La porte de mon père [Yves Carrier] était toujours ouverte», a souvent répété son fils, Frédéric Carrier. Des centaines de citoyens ont répondu à l'appel, si bien que l'église était pleine à craquer avant même le début de la cérémonie, prévu à 14h30. Au total, plus de 1000 personnes se sont présentées, dont certaines ont dû rebrousser chemin, faute d'espace. À l'intérieur, dans l'attente du début des funérailles, des images des disparus défilaient sur les écrans. Devant l'autel, quatre urnes et un cercueil, des lampions ainsi qu'une photo de chaque coopérant décédé le 15 janvier.

5. How Canada can step up

Toronto Star, 2016 02 07

Editorial: The crisis in Syria worsens by the day. The civil war rages on, peace talks are faltering, Islamic State jihadists terrorize much of the country, cities lie in ruins, millions of Syrians have fled into exile, and aid is in short supply. As United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon put it, it's "as close to hell as we are likely to find on this Earth." Faced with a tragedy on this scale, there's only so much the world can do to help. Even so, it's good to see Prime Minister Justin Trudeau drawing up a more ambitious, better-integrated plan to address this calamity as the UN chief prepares to visit Ottawa next week to discuss Syria and Iraq, refugees and other issues. As Trudeau says, "Canada can play a positive role in pushing for peace and stability" that goes well beyond bombing jihadists. More than anything, the war needs to be brought to a close. Peace talks and ceasefires are critical. Until then, millions will need food, shelter, medical care and schooling. Airstrikes against the jihadists, however necessary, are just part of the mix. Forceful diplomacy, robust aid and building up local forces complete the bigger picture. To Syrians who bear the agony of this conflict, Canada's most useful contribution to date has been our generous aid and resettlement policy. Largely on Stephen Harper's watch we've provided nearly \$1 billion in humanitarian, development and security assistance since the start of the conflict five years ago, \$650 million of it in aid alone. Moreover, the Trudeau government is now resettling 25,000 or more Syrian refugees here. We've already taken in almost as many Iraqis.

6. Des vidéos arabophobes

Journal De Montreal, Dominique Scali, 2016 02 07

Montréal - Craignant pour la sécurité des enfants, une école primaire de Montréal a fait appel à la police après la diffusion de vidéos arabophobes la visant sur les réseaux sociaux, a appris Le Journal. «Ils sont obligés d'apprendre l'arabe à l'école.» Voilà le genre d'affirmations farfelues dont regorge une vidéo «coup de gueule» qui, mise en ligne le 26 janvier dernier, a été visionnée plus de 180 000 fois en moins de 24 heures. Son auteur, François Chaput, y apparaît en gros plan en train de critiquer l'école publique Victor-Lavigne de Saint-Léonard. «Dans la cour d'école, la gardienne porte une burqa, [...] À tous les breaks, ce n'est que de l'arabe et aucun [...] mot en français», dénonce avec véhémence M. Chaput, un membre du groupe anti-islam Pegida Québec. «C'est à la limite du crime haineux. Rien n'est vrai dans

cette vidéo», estime Herman Deparice-Okomba, le directeur du Centre de prévention de la radicalisation. Quelques heures plus tard, M. Chaput a publié une seconde vidéo. «Si vous n'êtes pas contents, appelez à l'école», encourage-t-il.

7. Lying legacy of terrorist Inderjit Singh Reyat Postmedia News, Mark Bonokoski, 2016 02 07

Opinion: It was another February day, this time back in 1988, and I was the only journalist at London's historic Bow Street Magistrates Court as a bearded man in a dark turban was led into the prisoners' dock. The British media cared not a whit then about the arrest of Inderjit Singh Reyat, and was more interested in what was happening in another courtroom where a Scandinavian ex-pat was being arraigned on spy charges. Little did they know that Sikh in the puffy ski jacket in the courtroom next door would end up being the only person ever convicted in relation to the bombing of Air India Flight 182 over the coast of Ireland three years earlier, and the murder of all 329 souls aboard. Even today it seems unbelievable that a crime so heinous would be so easy to escape. It remains, for those too young to remember, as Canada's worst-ever mass murder and, until the catastrophic events of 9/11, it was the deadliest terrorist attack the world had seen. To think that Reyat is today spending his second week in a Vancouver halfway house on his way to permanent release from custody is still difficult to fathom. He, after all, was the bomb maker. And he has never exhibited a speck of remorse.

8. No-fly list hurts innocent bystanders Victoria Times Colonist, Marc And Craig Kielburger, 2016 02 07

Opinion: Don't ask Syed Adam Ahmed about the airport. Normally shy but amiable, the six-year-old growls in frustration while his face clouds over like an oncoming hurricane. The little hockey fan from Markham, Ont., is still extremely upset that he almost missed out on attending an NHL game in the U.S. because his name is the same of a person on Canada's so-called no-fly list, which prevents individuals with suspected ties to terror from boarding planes. This case of mistaken identity has plagued the family since Adam was a toddler, according to his mother, Khadija Cajee. "We don't want him to grow up feeling like he's under suspicion for the rest of his life," says Cajee. "We feel like second-class citizens because of this." Since the Ahmed family went public with their story, 21 others have spoken up to say that they, too, have children wrongly identified by the no-fly list. Cajee knows of at least 20 more families who remain silent for fear of government, or public, reprisal. All have experienced security hassles and delays at Canadian airports, and some have even missed flights. The problem is beyond the control of airlines, our sources tell us. Once a name is flagged, airport counter staff are locked out of the system until they call a government agency to have the block lifted. However, Minister of Public Safety Ralph Goodale recently told CBC Radio he can't even say whether the no-fly list has ever actually prevented a real terror suspect from travelling.

8. Canada lifts some Iran sanctions Jewish Telegraphic Agency, 2016 02 07

Toronto - Canada's new Liberal government announced it is lifting some economic sanctions against Iran. Stephane Dion, Canada's minister of foreign affairs, announced Friday that Ottawa will be ending a number of sanctions against Iran, including a ban on financial services and imports and exports. In a statement, the government said all applications for export permits would be considered on a case-by-case basis. "We'll engage with Iran step-by-step, (with) open eyes, because we still have a lot of concerns about the role of Iran in the region," Dion said in Ottawa. Dion added that Canada is considering restoring diplomatic contacts with Iran, which were severed by the previous Conservative government in 2012. Dion said Canada was wrong to cut ties with Iran. "We should have been part of it, to engage Iran, with sanctions, but with diplomacy at the same time," he told reporters.

9. The Liberals all-new ISIS mission: More troops, more risk?

iPolitics.ca, L. Ian MacDonald, 2016 01 07

Opinion: If a government is looking for a full suite of policy options, there's no better place to shop in Ottawa than the Department of National Defence. The Trudeau government's imminent reconfiguring of the mission against ISIS is a case in point. The Liberals are poised to do both more and less at the same time. Only DND could offer such a diversified menu of policy choices. The re-profiled mission is expected to be announced Monday or Tuesday ahead of a NATO defence ministers' meeting in Brussels. Justin Trudeau will not (to use his own words) "whip out our CF-18s" and "wave them around". Instead, he is expected to recall the squadron of six fighter jets from the Middle East, probably when parliamentary approval for the current mission expires at the end of March. So this is one thing that President Barack Obama won't be asking Trudeau about during his working visit and state dinner at the White House next month, since Trudeau is taking an extended CF-18 deployment off the table. If ever there was a campaign promise made to be broken, it's Trudeau's pledge to recall the CF-18s from the ISIS mission. It's not as if there's any great groundswell of voices across the land demanding their return. (Note: L. Ian MacDonald is editor of Policy, the bi-monthly magazine of Canadian politics and public policy.)

United States – États-Unis

10. Released From Guantánamo, but in Legal Limbo in Morocco

The New York Times, Charlie Savage & Aida Alami, 2016 02 07

Washington - Younis Shokuri, a Moroccan detainee at the Guantánamo Bay prison, said he feared being repatriated to his native country. But the Moroccan government told the United States that it would probably release him without charges 72 hours after any transfer. So last September, Mr. Shokuri went home -- reluctantly, but voluntarily. But despite its assurances, Morocco has kept Mr. Shokuri in custody and is weighing criminal charges, apparently focused on allegations that he was involved with a Moroccan terrorist group before his capture in Afghanistan in late 2001. Mr. Shokuri's lawyers have demanded that the Obama administration press Morocco to live up to what they thought was a deal. Both governments have said little to explain the discrepancy. Several officials familiar with behind-the-scenes legal and diplomatic discussions are now shedding light on the murky episode. Beyond its importance for Mr. Shokuri, his situation illustrates how difficult -- and messy -- it can be to winnow down the ranks of detainees viewed as posing a lower-level security risk at the Guantánamo prison, which the Obama administration still wants to close in its final year in office. Of the 91 remaining detainees, 34 are recommended for transfer, and a parole-like review group has been adding names to the list. Each man presents a problem: The government has to find a place that is willing to take him and that can be trusted to keep an eye on him without abusing him.

11. British Spies May Soon Be Able To Get Data Straight From American Companies

Motherboard Blog, Joshua Kopstein, 2016 02 07

Analysis: British police and intelligence agencies might soon be able to get private data by going straight to the doorsteps of American companies like Google and Facebook, if a new bilateral deal between the two countries goes through. The US and UK already have extensive intelligence-sharing arrangements as members of the globe-spanning Five Eyes spying alliance. But this new surveillance pact, which is being negotiated in secret, would give British spies an unprecedented level of access to American companies, allowing them to set up wiretaps and serve "production orders" directly on corporate servers located on American soil. "Last time they did this, we assembled the Minutemen," NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden tweeted, referring to the specialized militias that fought for the colonies in the Revolutionary

War. The wiretaps and search orders would need to be accompanied by a warrant, but, unlike in the US judicial system, they wouldn't require a judge's signature or finding of probable cause. British spies also wouldn't be allowed to access communications and data belonging to American citizens—although that claim is always questionable considering the various loopholes that allow the NSA and GCHQ to retain “incidentally” collected information.

12. Congress Starts to Get Serious About Online Privacy

The New York Times, 2016 02 07

Editorial: Congress could soon vote on a bill that would require law enforcement agencies to get a search warrant from a judge to obtain emails, photographs and other documents Americans have stored online. This important legislation would update the law to reflect how people use the Internet today. Under the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986, government agents need a warrant if they want access to email stored on the servers of companies like Google and Yahoo, but only if the messages are less than 180 days old. For older messages and other digital files, law enforcement officials can issue subpoenas to technology companies without going to a judge. A bill introduced in the House by Kevin Yoder, Republican of Kansas, would require a warrant for all information stored online, regardless of how old it is and what kind of file it is. The legislation includes a sensible exception that would allow civil enforcement agencies like the Securities and Exchange Commission to subpoena messages sent by employees on a corporate computer system. The bill has more than 300 co-sponsors, a good sign that it would pass easily in the House. The chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Bob Goodlatte, Republican of Virginia, said last week that his committee would consider the bill in March. In the Senate, Mike Lee, Republican of Utah, and Patrick Leahy, Democrat of Vermont, have introduced a similar bill that has bipartisan support from 24 other senators.

13. I'm a Muslim, not a terrorist. So why did the NYPD spy on me for years?

The Washington Post, Mohammad Elshinawy, 2016 02 07

Comment: A couple of weeks after I began lecturing on Islam at New York City mosques, something strange happened. Acquaintances and congregants told me they'd been approached by law enforcement officers who asked about me and my talks. Soon after, I began to notice suspicious people in the audiences. One gentleman stood out - he was the most frequent attendee, but he regularly fell asleep while I spoke. It was 2003. I was enrolled at Brooklyn College, studying English literature. I'd grown up in New York and loved the city. But I'd also seen the way Muslims were discriminated against, particularly after Sept. 11, 2001. In the year after the attacks, hate crimes spiked tenfold. I wanted to encourage Muslims to stay strong in their faith in spite of these assaults. I wasn't doing anything wrong. I consistently rejected violence and terrorism in my lectures. Still, for a decade, I felt like I was under surveillance, pursued by shadowy law enforcement officials seeking out a crime that didn't exist. In 2013, my fears were confirmed. I found out from an Associated Press investigation that I was a victim of the New York Police Department's aggressive surveillance of Muslims. After 9/11, the NYPD began to track large swaths of us. Officers secretly labeled entire mosques as terrorist organizations, then spied on imams and recorded sermons. The department conducted at least a dozen of these "terrorism enterprise investigations" between 2001 and 2013, often without specific evidence of criminal wrongdoing and minimal oversight from judges. No charges were ever brought in these cases. (Note: This author lectures regularly on Islam and contributes to MuslimMatters.org. He is one of the plaintiffs in Raza v. City of New York)

14. Marco Rubio downplays Muslim discrimination, as do many Republicans

Washington Post.com, Philip Bump, 2016 02 07

Washington - Following President Obama's visit to a Baltimore mosque this week, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) criticized the move. "Look at today — he gave a speech at a mosque," Rubio said Wednesday. "Oh,

you know, basically implying that America is discriminating against Muslims. Of course, there's going to be discrimination in America of every kind. But the bigger issue is radical Islam. And by the way, radical Islam poses a threat to Muslims themselves." That reply became a question at the Republican debate on Saturday. "You said of President Obama, quote, 'He's always pitting people against each other,' " ABC moderator David Muir asked, noting that President George W. Bush had similarly visited a mosque. "So I'm curious," Muir continued, "how are the two visits different, and would you visit a mosque as president?" "I would," Rubio replied. "But that's not — my problem with what he did is he continues to put out this fiction that there's widespread systematic discrimination against Muslim Americans."

15. Guantanamo detainees are still dangerous

The Washington Post, Gordon England, 2016 02 07

Comment: Defense Secretary Ashton Carter faces a profound dilemma. He leads the department that has jurisdiction over the facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, that detains Islamic militants. At the same time, his boss, President Obama, is determined to close Guantanamo to fulfill a campaign promise he made eight years ago. In fact, the president's single-minded focus on closing Guantanamo in the waning months of his administration - as illustrated by the recent release of 10 dangerous detainees, with the promise of more releases to come - is endangering American lives as well as those of our friends and allies. This I believe - and know firsthand - based on my experience during my last five years with the George W. Bush administration while serving as the senior government official responsible for the decision to transfer or release enemy combatants from Guantanamo. Contrary to what some may believe, Bush had no desire to hold any person at Guantanamo who did not absolutely need to be there. The guidance I received was to first determine through careful vetting which detainees posed less risk and then decide whether transfer or even release was appropriate - the opposite of the Obama White House's approach. The process involved input from many federal agencies and defense organizations, military and civilian. I personally read the dossiers and each organization's recommendation - many of which were in conflict - before making a final decision. Obviously, a recidivism rate of zero is unattainable. Seeking the right balance was an agonizing task that often had to be conducted on the basis of incomplete information. (Note: The writer was deputy U.S. secretary of defense from 2006 to 2009.)

United Kingdom - Royaume-Uni

16. Pegida's 'costly hate rallies' have no place in Birmingham, says MP

The Guardian.co.uk, 2016 02 07

London - "Costly hate rallies" have no place in Birmingham, MP Jess Phillips has said, after the founder of the anti-Islam group Pegida UK pledged to stage a protest in the city on the first Saturday of every month. Approximately 200 demonstrators gathered for the inaugural Pegida rally at Birmingham International rail station on Saturday - half as many as police expected. Dozens of riot police kept the Pegida supporters away from 60 anti-fascist activists who turned up to oppose the group's message. West Midlands police said they made one arrest for a public order offence at the counter demonstration. Tommy Robinson, former spokesman and leader of the English Defence League and founder of Pegida UK, announced that the group would stage further demonstrations in Birmingham on the first Saturday of every month starting in April.

17. Ex-MI5 officer to reveal torture at Guantanamo

The Sunday Times, Sean Rayment, 2016 02 07

London - The security service MI5 has agreed to allow a former intelligence officer to give evidence to a parliamentary committee and to reveal that the agency knew detainees were being tortured at Guantanamo Bay. The former spy will tell members of the Commons intelligence and security committee (ISC) that MI5 officers witnessed inmates being abused at the US military facility in Cuba on at least two occasions

in 2002. The former high-ranking officer will provide MPs with precise dates and will name those who saw inmates, including Britons, being abused at Camp X-Ray and Camp Delta — two of the Guantanamo prisons. Britain's top security officers gave the go ahead last week after deliberating over a decision for more than 10 days. One intelligence source said MI5 was forced to grant permission to the former spy after details of his request to give evidence to the committee were revealed by The Sunday Times.

18. Terror suspects challenge control orders

The Sunday Telegraph, Robert Verkaik, 2016 02 07

London – The Government's power to control the movements of terrorists living in the UK is to be challenged in a secret court case brought by two men who have served jail terms for terrorist offences. The two are the only terror suspects subject to Terrorist Prevention and Investigation Measures (TPIMs), a key weapon used by the security services against individuals who pose a threat to national security. If they win their case, which is being funded by the taxpayer, it will mean that for first time since the controversial measures were introduced 10 years ago, no terrorist is subject to the control regime. TPIMs, which replaced control orders, permit strict curfews and prohibit meeting named individuals and using mobile phones and the internet. Suspects usually must wear electronic tags and report regularly to police stations. The legal measures are used by the security services to control the threat posed by dangerous extremists, and each order must be signed off by the Home Secretary.

19. Another Islamic State jailer who held Western hostages identified as Londoner

Washington Post, Adam Goldman & Souad Mekhennet, 2016 02 07

Washington - A member of a British cohort within the Islamic State that oversaw the brutal detention and beheading of Western hostages in Syria has been identified as Alexanda Kotey, a 32-year-old convert to Islam who grew up in West London. Kotey is the second militant among the group of Islamic State jailers to be named following the unmasking last year by The Washington Post of "Jihadi John" as Mohammed Emwazi — the infamous masked man, also a West Londoner, who beheaded American, British and Japanese hostages on video as he taunted Western leaders. Emwazi, 27, was killed in a drone strike in November in Raqqa, the Islamic State's de facto capital in Syria, along with another unidentified man. It is unclear whether that second man was also one of the four guards who watched over and tortured Western hostages and were nicknamed the "Beatles" by their prisoners because of their English accents.

20. UK ghost ships with enough nuclear fuel for 80 missiles

Mail on Sunday, Mark Nicol, 2016 02 07

London - Two top secret British 'ghost ships' carrying enough plutonium for a huge nuclear arsenal wend their way through the world's oceans -guarded against terrorists by 50 commandos. It may sound like a tantalising target for a villain in a James Bond film, but what is potentially the most dangerous secret mission in history is deadly reality. Two vast container ships - the Pacific Heron and the Pacific Egret - left Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, last month on the first leg of their incredible journey. Their mission is to sail to Japan to collect 331kg of plutonium - enough to make 80 nuclear warheads - which was leased by the UK to a Japanese research facility. The ships are almost certainly shadowed by a Royal Navy submarine and surface vessels and are heavily armed with 20mm cannon. They are sailing across the Atlantic before passing through the Panama Canal and into the Pacific on their way to Japan.

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21. Islamic State support, recruitment on the wane

Canberra Times, Rachel Olding and Natalie O'Brien, 2016 02 07

Canberra - The death of IS recruiters like Neil Prakash has contributed to the fall in numbers of foreign fighters heading to the Middle East. The number of suspected would-be jihadis pulled off flights leaving Australia has doubled in the past year, as Islamic State recruiters direct foreign fighters away from Syria to other battlefronts, including Libya. At the same time experts believe there has been a decline in the numbers of foreign fighters reaching foreign soil to join IS. Department of Immigration figures obtained exclusively by Fairfax Media show that 312 people had been pulled off planes in the past seven months to February - almost matching the 336 passengers pulled off flights in the previous 12 months. The data does not reflect how many people were found to be suspected foreign fighters or those who were not. A spokeswoman for the department said that in some cases, the person may be allowed to continue their travel plans if they're no longer considered a risk after "intervention activity". The federal government has also cancelled 145 passports of suspected jihadists attempting to travel to conflict zones, suspended 26 passports and refused applications for a further 22 in the past financial year.

22. 'Terror' pair held

The New Zealand Herald, 2016 02 07

Australia - A Sydney teenager who allegedly boasted of wanting to do "an Islamic Bonnie and Clyde" has been refused bail. Alo-Bridget Namoa, 18, appeared at Parramatta Local Court via video link yesterday facing 31 charges of refusing to answer questions at a Crime Commission hearing. The court heard Namoa had refused to answer several questions about her alleged support for Isis and suspected plans to commit terrorist acts alongside her husband. Prosecutors said Namoa, from Sydney's west, was allegedly earlier caught with a knife wrapped in an Islamic flag and had graphic images of beheadings, explosions and executions stored on her mobile phone. The court heard she was hauled before the Crime Commission on Friday but failed to answer dozens of questions such as "Why were you and your husband downloading Isis propaganda?" and "Did your husband discuss plans to conduct an attack?" Other questions included, "What do you mean by 'I want to do an Islamic Bonnie and Clyde on the kaffir'?" and "Were you planning to sacrifice your life alongside your husband?"

23. No of jihadis pulled off planes 'doubles'

Australian Associated Press, 2016 02 07

Sydney - The number of suspected jihadis pulled off flights from Australia has reportedly doubled in the past seven months. Department of Immigration figures show that 312 passengers suspected of going to join jihadist groups like Islamic State were pulled off planes in the seven months to February, compared to 336 in the previous 12 months, according to Fairfax Media. The data does not take into account those who were later deemed not to be a risk and allowed to continue on their journeys.

24. Qld ready, able to help asylum seekers

Australian Associated Press, 2016 02 07

Brisbane - Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk has joined calls urging the prime minister not to send Australian-born asylum-seeker children back to offshore detention centres. It comes after Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews wrote to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull offering to settle Australian-born asylum-seeker children and their families in the state. "Queensland stands willing and able to help those families that are currently here," Ms Palaszczuk said on Sunday. The premier said she had met people

who had spent time in offshore detention as children who carried their experiences with them for life. "I don't think Queenslanders want to see children in that situation," she said. "Where is the humanity? Where is the compassion from the federal government?" She pledged to call the prime minister to talk to him about the effects of offshore detention on children, adding: "It's about time we put politics to one side."

25. Asian terror: The new front line

The Australian, Stephen Brook, 2016 02 07

Analysis: In the war on terror, sometimes you get a break. One month ago, on an otherwise normal Thursday morning in Jakarta, Indonesian authorities benefited from one such stroke of good fortune. Asian terror: The new front line. At 10.40am a team of jihadists claiming allegiance to Islamic State stormed a police traffic post at the intersection of Jalan Kyai Haji Wahid Hasyim and Jalan MH Thamrin, one of Jakarta's busiest. Armed with guns, explosives and suicide vests, the attackers set about massacring as many people as they could. They aimed to replicate last November's Paris attacks, which killed 130 people, transforming the western conversation on terror, refugees and the war in Syria. The terrorists laid siege to a neighbouring Starbucks cafe, gutting it with at least six bomb blasts. Ferocious gunbattles raged for hours. But at the end of the day just eight people lay dead. And four of those slain were attackers. In subsequent weeks, police arrested other alleged conspirators as they rolled up the network they say is responsible for Islamic State's first strike in Indonesia. That such a large-scale attack in a city as thronged and shambolic as Jakarta resulted in so few -casualties was down to the monumental incompetence of the -attackers. If there is an upside to this new era of DIY terrorism, it is that amateur terrorists often deliver amateur results. In Canberra, the attack surprised no one. Australian authorities had no forewarning Jakarta was about to be hit. But for months Australia's intelligence community had watched with growing -unease as the temperature across the region started rising.

Afghanistan - Pakistan

26. Taliban's intelligence chief, deputy kidnapped in Quetta

Pajhwok Afghan News, 2016 02 07

Quetta - Taliban intelligence chief and his deputy have been separately kidnapped by unknown gunmen in Pakistan's Balochistan province, sources in the insurgency said on Sunday. A source close to the Taliban told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban intelligence chief Mullah Mohammadzai and his deputy Mullah Mohammad Eisa had been kidnapped from surrounding areas of Quetta last week. He said first Mohammadzai was kidnapped by masked gunmen in Kachlak area from his car and moved to an unknown location. The source believed the intelligence chief might have been kidnapped by security forces. Two days after Mohammadzai's abduction, his deputy Mullah Mohammad Eisa Akhund was kidnapped from Quetta's Ghausabad area. Sources close to Taliban in Quetta said Mullah Mohammadzai had recently returned from Afghanistan where he had been overseeing clashes between Taliban, Islamic State fighters and supporters of slain former Taliban commander Mullah Dadullah Mansoor.

27. Taliban urged to join peace talks by end of February

Pajhwok Afghan News, Javed Hamim Kakar, 2016 02 07

Kabul - The third round of four-nation talks on Afghanistan reconciliation in Islamabad concluded with a call for direct negotiations between the Kabul administration and the Taliban by the end of February. Without providing further details, a joint statement at the end of the meeting said a roadmap for peace had been agreed upon. Though not present at the meeting, the Taliban were urged to join the peace process. The four-nation group agreed to hold a fourth meeting in Kabul on Feb. 23. Pakistan Foreign Secretary

Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry hosted the meeting. Other delegations were led by Afghan Deputy Foreign Minister Hekmat Khalil Karzai, US Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan Ambassador Richard G. Olson and China's Special Envoy for Afghanistan Ambassador Deng Xijun.

28. Judges among 8 injured in Logar bomb attack

Pajhwok Afghan News, 2016 02 07

Pul-i-alam - Four judges and as many civilians were injured in a remote-controlled bomb attack on their vehicle in Pul-i-Alam, the capital of central Logar province on Sunday morning. The bombing, killing a policeman, took place at around 9am when the bomb attached to a cycle went off near the judges' vehicle in the Pul-i-Alam, Governor Haleem Fidaee told Pajhwok Afghan News. Appellant court chief Haqiq-ur-Rahman Haqmal, urban court head Abdul Basit, appellant court's criminal branch head Mohammad Omar Haidari and another judicial official sustained injuries in the blast. Four civilians were also wounded and a policeman killed in the attack, according to the governor, who saw land-grabbers behind the attack. The injured were rushed to the Kabul Emergency Hospital for treatment.

29. Army seeks funds from finance ministry to raise new security division

The Pakistan Dawn, Mateen Haider, 2016 02 07

Islamabad - Pakistan Army has sought additional funds from the finance ministry to raise a new security division and an additional 28 security battalions, it emerged on Sunday. A statement released by the ministry of finance said senior officials from the army had a meeting with Finance Minister Ishaq Dar at his ministry in Islamabad, where the demand for "financing and the release of funds" was made by military officials. The statement quoted Dar as saying that the "government attaches the highest importance to security matters" and assured the "provision of funds for the new security division and additional battalions." Pakistan Army is currently spearheading a war against terrorism in Pakistan's northern tribal areas bordering Afghanistan, where terrorists from militant organisations are believed to have taken refuge. In June 2014, the army launched a comprehensive military operation – Zarb-i-Azb – against Taliban militants threatening the writ of the state by launching brazen attacks on government and military installations.

30. Kunduz Residents Live in Fear of Taliban's Return

The New York Times, Najim Rahim, 2016 02 07

Kunduz, Afghanistan -- Farhad Azyanfar, a student of Dari literature at the university in Kunduz, watched in fear as a few hundred Taliban fighters overran and defeated a larger but demoralized government force to capture this northern city in September. He was relieved several weeks later when the insurgents left the city after a combined American and Afghan counterattack, but the feeling was short-lived: He and many other residents fear the Taliban will be back soon. "You can see the white flags of the Taliban along the road as soon as you step out of Kunduz City," said Mr. Azyanfar, 20, who travels back to his district outside the provincial capital several times a week. The area controlled by the government extends "only to the buildings in which they are based," he said. "As soon as you step outside, it is totally a different picture: The Taliban's presence and influence are much larger than the government's." It has been more than four months since the Afghan forces crumbled as Taliban fighters overran Kunduz. But there has been no improvement in the conditions that made the two-week Taliban takeover of the city possible. Disillusionment with the government has only gotten worse; the Afghan forces are still overstretched and demoralized; and the Taliban still control much of the outlying areas and roads.

31. Pakistan's Hand in the Rise of International Jihad

The New York Times, Carlotta Gall, 2016 02 07

Tunis – President Ashraf Ghani of Afghanistan has warned in several recent interviews that unless peace talks with Pakistan and the Taliban produce results in the next few months, his country may not survive 2016. Afghanistan is barely standing, he says, after the Taliban onslaught last year, which led to the highest casualties among civilians and security forces since 2001. "How much worse will it get?" Mr. Ghani asked in a recent television interview. "It depends on how much regional cooperation we can secure, and how much international mediation and pressure can be exerted to create rules of the game between states." What he means is it depends on how much international pressure can be brought to bear on Pakistan to cease its aggression. Critics of the Afghan leadership say it's not Pakistan's fault that its neighbor is falling apart. They point to the many internal failings of the Afghan government: political divisions, weak institutions, warlords and corruption. But experts have found a lot of evidence that Pakistan facilitated the Taliban offensive. The United States and China have been asking Pakistan to persuade the Taliban to make peace, but Afghanistan argues that Islamabad has done nothing to rein in the Taliban, and if anything has encouraged it to raise the stakes in hopes of gaining influence in any power-sharing agreement.

Asia –Asie

32. China expresses regret over N. Korea's rocket launch

Yonhap English News, 2016 02 07

Beijing - China on Sunday expressed "regret" over North Korea's launch of a long-range rocket, after Pyongyang claimed it successfully put a satellite into orbit. In a statement, China's foreign ministry said North Korea's launch of a long-range rocket "ignored universal opposition of the international community." "China believes that North Korea should have the right to the peaceful use of space, but this right is limited by the United Nations Security Council resolutions," the statement said. However, the Chinese ministry urged "all relevant parties" to be calm, take cautious actions and refrain from taking actions that may lead to tensions.

33. China voices 'deep concern' about possible deployment of U.S. missile system

Yonhap English News, 2016 02 07

Beijing - China's foreign ministry expressed "deep concern" on Sunday as Seoul and Washington agreed to begin talks on the deployment of an advanced American missile defense system to South Korea following the North's long-range rocket launch. Hours after North Korea claimed it had successfully put a satellite into orbit, South Korea and the U.S. announced that they would begin talks on the deployment of the Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) battery to South Korea. The launch is widely viewed as a covert ballistic missile test to advance the development of delivery vehicles capable of carrying nuclear warheads. The Chinese foreign ministry said that "China's position on the issue of anti-missile is consistent and clear" in a faxed statement to Yonhap News Agency. "Countries, when pursuing their own security, should take into account others' security interests as well as regional peace and stability," the statement said. If the THAAD battery is deployed to South Korea, it would further raise tension on the Korean Peninsula, the statement said, adding that, "It is hoped that relevant countries would approach the issue with caution."

34. N. Korea launches long-range rocket

Yonhap English News, 2016 02 07

Seoul - North Korea launched a long-range rocket Sunday, apparently sending a satellite into orbit, as South Korea and the U.S. denounced it as a ballistic missile test that challenges U.N. resolutions banning

such. "It's presumed that the projectile has entered into orbit," a military official said, indicating that the North successfully launched the long-range rocket. The official, however, qualified the assessment by saying that additional analysis is needed to confirm whether the satellite is operating normally in its orbit. Earlier in the day, South Korea's Aegis destroyer's radar detected the rocket lifting off at 9:30 a.m. from North Korea's northwest Dongchang-ri launch site and concluded that it was a long-range rocket after studying the trajectory. Upon the launch on the west coast, the rocket flew southward, dropping its first stage into the Yellow Sea off the Korean Peninsula at 9:32 a.m. The first stage exploded in midair and splashed down in some 270 pieces, according to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

35. S. Korea's spy agency says N. Korea's satellite is worthless

Yonhap English News, 2016 02 07

Seoul - North Korea's long-range rocket should be viewed as a ballistic missile as the satellite it put into orbit is worthless, lawmakers said Sunday, citing South Korea's spy agency. The satellite is presumed to weigh 200 kilograms, two times heavier than a satellite launched in 2012, the lawmakers said after being briefed in a close-door session by the National Intelligence Service. A satellite weighing about 200 kilograms "is worthless as a satellite," Lee Cheol-woo of the ruling Saenuri Party said, noting a proper satellite usually weighs at least 800 to 1,500 kilograms. Lee said South Korea presumed that North Korea has introduced key parts of a long-range missile from Russia, though he provided no further details. The North's missile launch came a month after it carried out its fourth nuclear test. The U.N. Security Council has been working on a resolution for sanctions on the communist country.

36. North Korea Launches Rocket Seen as Cover for a Missile Test

The New York Times, Choe Sang-Hun, 2016 02 07

Seoul - Defying warnings of tougher sanctions from Washington, North Korea launched a rocket on Sunday that Western experts believe is part of a program to develop intercontinental ballistic missile technologies. The rocket blasted off from Tongchang-ri, the North's main satellite launch site near its northwestern border with China, a spokesman for the South Korean Defense Ministry said. President Park Geun-hye of South Korea called an emergency meeting of top national security advisers on Sunday to address the launch, her office said. South Korea, the United States and Japan also requested an emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council. In Washington, Secretary of State John Kerry called the launch a "major provocation, threatening not only the security of the Korean Peninsula, but that of the region and the United States as well." Susan E. Rice, the national security adviser, said it was "a flagrant violation of multiple United Nations Security Council resolutions."

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38. MILF allays tension fears

Manila Bulletin, 2016 02 07

Bangsamoro - Amid fears of war in Mindanao after Congress failed to pass the proposed Bangsamoro law, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) yesterday assured the United Nations (UN) of its continuing engagement on peace. Mohagher Iqbal, chief negotiator of the MILF, met yesterday with UN Undersecretary General Adama Dieng in Manila and conveyed the Moro front's assurances that peace will be pursued in Mindanao even without the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) being passed into law. Iqbal, also the chairman of the Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC), drafted the original BBL. In a statement received by the Manila Bulletin, he said the MILF "gave its assurance... that it would continue its engagement with all stakeholders including the international community in spite" of the BBL being denied passage by legislators of the 16th Congress. It can be recalled that President Aquino had committed to push the enactment of the BBL crafted to establish a Bangsamoro government to replace the inadequacies of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

39. S. Korea, U.S. to start talks on advanced missile defense system deployment

Kyodo News, 2016 02 07

Seoul - South Korea and the United States reacted to North Korea's "provocative" long-range rocket launch Sunday by jointly announcing their agreement to begin formal talks on deploying an advanced U.S. antimissile defense system south of the inter-Korean border, prompting China to voice "deep concern." The two countries, in a statement, said they will begin "formal consultations...to bilaterally explore the feasibility of THAAD deploying to and operating on the Korean Peninsula at the earliest possible date." The reference was to the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system, which is designed to intercept ballistic missiles flying at high altitudes in or outside the atmosphere. The statement said the move is "in response to the evolving threat posed by North Korea," including Sunday's rocket launch that utilized ballistic missile technology in violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions, as well as a nuclear test conducted on Jan. 6. Earlier Sunday, President Park Geun Hye condemned North Korea for going through with the launch, which she called an "unacceptable provocation." Presiding over an emergency session of the National Security Council, Park also called for adopting "strong sanctions" against the North at the U.N. Security Council, which has already been discussing tougher sanctions against Pyongyang over its latest nuclear test.

40. PM flags sea-borne terror, piracy as threat to maritime

Press Trust of India, 2016 02 07

Visakhapatnam - (PTI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi today flagged the threat of sea-borne terror and piracy as two key challenges to maritime security even as he pitched for respecting freedom of navigation against the backdrop of South China sea dispute. In an apparent reference to the audacious 26/11 Mumbai terror attack, Modi said, the threat of sea-borne terror, of which India has been a direct victim, continues to endanger regional and global peace and stability. He said piracy, too, remains a strong challenge against the backdrop of Somali pirates targeting merchant vessels, including those of India.

41. Security forces intensify counter-terror ops, neutralize 10 terrorists in two weeks

Asian News International, 2016 02 07

New Delhi - Undeterred by the inhospitable weather conditions, the Indian Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police have upped the ante in their counter terrorist operations, neutralizing ten terrorists in two weeks. The result of the operations are clearly manifested in the clinical, intelligence based operations over the past two weeks that have resulted in the elimination of ten terrorists in all parts of Kashmir. Conscious efforts are being made to ensure no collateral damage during these encounters and it can be gauged from the fact that there has been no civilian casualty in any of these operations. The Army

personnel have been careful in evacuating the occupants of the affected house and from other adjacent areas from the scene of action to ensure safety of the people.

Eastern Europe - Europe de l'Est

42. Russian MoD Strikes Back at NATO's Accusations of Fueling Tensions in Syria

Sputnik News Service, 2016 02 07

Moscow - Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov dismissed as 'stupid' a recent statement by NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg who said that Russia's air strikes in Syria targeting rebel forces were "undermining" efforts to find a non-military solution to the war, RIA Novosti news agency reported. "What we have seen is that the intense Russian air strikes mainly targeting opposition groups in Syria are undermining the efforts to find a political solution to the conflict," Stoltenberg said as he arrived for talks in Amsterdam with EU defense ministers. Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said that it was the "NATO countries' reckless action, which plunged the Middle Eastern region into chaos," not the Russian military operation, that actually brought about the current crisis in Syria.

43. U.S. missile defense in South Korea to threaten Russia - Komoyedov

Interfax: Russia & CIS General Newswire, 2016 02 07

Moscow - The possible deployment of U.S. Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) in South Korea may threaten the security of Russia, State Duma Defense Committee Chairman Vladimir Komoyedov has said. "The U.S. promises to deploy a missile defense system in Korea are not a move in our favor. This is a threat to us, in particular, to our nuclear forces. It will not build our security," Komoyedov told Interfax on Sunday. The deployment of missile defense systems "is certainly different from building garden beds, this cannot be done by morning," he said. "This will not happen by morning, but they may build such systems as a matter of plan," the committee chairman said.

44. Fanning the Flames: US Think Tank Presents 'Russian Invasion' Scenario

Sputnik News Service, 2016 02 07

Moscow - Polish soldiers watch as US troops from the 5th Battalion of the 7th Air Defense Regiment emplace a launching station of the Patriot air and missile defence system at a test range in Sochaczew, Poland. American war planners continue to get themselves worked up with Russia's imaginary "threat," using the phantom menace to convince Washington and NATO to increase their already bloated defense budget. A Cold War-style RAND Corporation report suggests that Russian military forces could reach the outskirts of the Baltic capital cities of Tallinn and Riga in 60 hours. "Across multiple games using a wide range of expert participants playing both sides, the longest it has taken Russian forces to reach the outskirts of Tallinn and Riga is 60 hours," the study says.

Africa - Afrique

45. La Libye, nouveau terrain de jeu du terrorisme

El Watan, Zine Cherfaoui, 2016 02 07

Tripoli - La Libye devient progressivement mais sûrement le nouvel épice de terrorisme mondial. Solidement implanté dans le pays, le groupe terroriste autoproclamé Etat islamique dicte sa loi moyenâgeuse dans plusieurs localités de l'ex-Jamahiriya et a pour projet d'élargir le califat d'Al Baghdadi à l'Afrique du Nord. Pour réaliser son entreprise funeste, Daech (acronyme en arabe d'Etat islamique) recrute actuellement des sanguinaires à tour de bras. Abou Ali Al Anbari, le nouveau chef de

Daech en Libye, privilégie néanmoins les vétérans des guerres d'Irak et de Syrie. Chassés par les Russes et les Occidentaux de leur «califat» en feu, ces derniers ont déjà accepté par centaines l'«hospitalité» de l'ancien major-général de l'armée irakienne. Cette «hijra» forcée a déjà permis à la filiale de Daech en Libye de multiplier, en l'espace de quelques mois, par deux le nombre de ses effectifs. Les services de renseignement américains évaluent à 5000 le nombre des éléments dont disposerait aujourd'hui ce groupe terroriste ultra-violent. Les précédentes estimations de la CIA tablaient jusque-là sur environ 2000 à 3000 terroristes. Et encore, il ne s'agit que des effectifs de Daech. Il ne faut pas oublier que dans d'autres régions de la Libye sont établis Aqmi et Ançar Al Charia, deux autres groupes terroristes disposant de plusieurs centaines d'hommes.

46. Le nombre de jeunes radicalisés a doublé en un an

El Watan, Yacine Farah, 2016 02 07

Alger - En plein débat sur la déchéance de la nationalité pour des binationaux ayant commis des actes terroristes, le ministère de l'Intérieur français a enfoncé le clou en publiant un rapport sur le nombre de personnes radicalisées en France et susceptibles de passer à l'action terroriste à tout moment. Ainsi, selon le décompte des services de sécurité français (police et gendarmerie), plus de 8000 personnes, dont la majorité de confession musulmane, ont été signalées comme radicalisées en France depuis début 2016. De son côté, le ministère français de l'Intérieur a indiqué que ce nombre a doublé en neuf mois. En mars 2015, le nombre de radicalisés était de 4000 personnes. Parmi les 8000 personnes radicalisées, plus de 1600 (soit 20%) sont des mineurs qui ont quitté leurs foyers familiaux en cachette et avec l'aide de recruteurs terroristes travaillant pour le compte du groupe Etat islamique (EI). Le nombre d'adolescents a dépassé les 700. Mais ce que le rapport a montré de nouveau, c'est le nombre de filles victimes du discours islamiste, voire terroriste. 860 filles sont recensées comme étant radicalisées et prêtes à se rendre en Syrie pour rejoindre le groupe Daech.

48. 1994: le chef de l'opération française au Rwanda entendu par un juge

Radio France Internationale, 2016 02 07

Paris - L'Agence France-Presse a révélé ce dimanche 7 février que le général Lafourcade, chef de l'opération militaire française Turquoise, déployée au Rwanda durant le génocide de 1994, a été entendu par un juge français au cours du mois de janvier 2016. Depuis 2005, suite à une plainte déposée par des rescapés et des associations, la justice enquête sur l'attitude de la France lors de ce génocide. De longue date, les militaires français sont accusés d'avoir laissé se dérouler, en toute connaissance de cause, des massacres de Tutsis pendant le génocide rwandais de 1994. Les soldats de l'opération Turquoise, eux, ont toujours nié. C'est en tant que témoin assisté que le général Lafourcade a répondu aux juges en janvier. Un statut intermédiaire entre celui de simple témoin et celui de mis en examen. Selon l'AFP, l'interrogatoire s'est déroulé en deux temps, entre le 12 et le 14 janvier, et a porté notamment sur le massacre de Bisesero, quatre journées au cours desquelles près de 3 000 Tutsis ont été méthodiquement massacrés dans l'est du Rwanda. L'armée française n'était pas intervenue. Or, depuis des années, plusieurs sources affirment que les militaires français étaient pourtant informés de ce qu'il se passait. Mais ils auraient sciemment laissé faire, alors que leur mission était précisément de mettre fin aux tueries.

49. Explosion dans un avion somalien: il s'agissait bien d'une bombe

Radio France Internationale, 2016 02 07

Mogadiscio - Le gouvernement somalien reconnaît que l'explosion, survenue mardi dernier dans un avion de ligne de la compagnie Daallo Airlines, était due à une bombe. L'appareil avait été contraint de faire un atterrissage d'urgence à Mogadiscio peu après son décollage. Quelque 74 passagers se trouvaient à bord. L'un d'eux avait été tué, et deux autres légèrement blessés. Dans un premier temps, les autorités avaient parlé d'un problème technique. Mardi, l'avion avait atterri en catastrophe à l'aéroport de Mogadiscio avec

un trou béant d'un mètre de diamètre environ dans le fuselage, au-dessus des réacteurs de l'aile droite. Le pilote serbe de cet A321 avait rapidement parlé d'une déflagration due à une bombe. L'explosion n'avait pas endommagé le système de navigation, précisait-il, ce qui lui avait permis de ramener l'appareil. L'enquête confirme dorénavant qu'une bombe est bien la cause de l'explosion survenue mardi. Une bombe destinée à détruire l'appareil et tuer tous les passagers. C'est ce qu'a indiqué le ministre des Transports Ali Ahmed Jama, sur la base de l'enquête conduite par des experts somaliens et des enquêteurs de la police fédérale américaine (FBI). « Les forces de sécurité ont arrêté des personnes suspectées d'avoir été impliquées », ajoute-t-il.

50. Tunisia builds anti-terror barrier along Libya border

BBC News, 2016 02 07

Tunis - Tunisia says it has completed the first part of a 200km (125-mile) barrier along its border with Libya, designed to deter terrorism. The barrier is made of sand banks and water trenches. It was announced last summer after 38 people were killed on a beach by a gunman said to have trained in Libya. Tunisia's defence minister said the second phase of the project would involve installing electronic equipment with the help of Germany and the US. Security forces said the defences - which aim to make the border impassable by vehicles - had already helped to reduce smuggling. "Today we finished closing it off, and this will help us protect our border, and stop the threat," said Defence Minister Farhat Horchani on Saturday.

Iraq/Iran

51. Iran Panel Reverses Disqualification of Election Candidates

The New York Times, Thomas Erdbrink, 2016 02 07

Tehran - An Iranian vetting committee on Saturday reversed a decision to disqualify more than 1,500 candidates who had registered to run in parliamentary elections scheduled for Feb. 26. It is unclear how many of the newly approved candidates are considered to be reformists, who are opposed by Iranian hard-liners. An election official told the state news media that the decisions were reversed after a new review of the candidates' qualifications and backgrounds. In Iran, all candidates must prove they fully support the Islamic republic and are devout Muslims. Iran's beleaguered reformist faction has tried to flood the vetting committee, known as the Guardian Council, with candidates, hoping that enough would slip through for their faction to win a majority in Parliament. But that remains a stiff challenge, even if many reformists were reinstated on Saturday. During a first round of vetting in December, reformist leaders said that out of the 3,000 candidates they put forth, the Guardian Council, which is made up of Shiite Muslim clerics and jurists, approved only 30.

52. General Staff of Armed Forces: Iran Superior, Influential Power in Region, World

Fars News Agency, 2016 02 07

Tehran - The General Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces in a statement underlined that the country has established superiority in the region and plays an influential role in global equations. "Despite hostile attempts in the past 37 years, the Islamic Republic of Iran has managed to put an end to the US hegemony and exceptionalism in the region. It has now turned itself into a superior regional power and an influential trans-regional player," the statement said on Sunday. The statement went on to add that Iran has made huge progress in different fields by sticking to its lofty principles and causes. As a consequence, the arrogant powers cannot stand the idea of a rising Iran. In relevant remarks in 2014, Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani had underlined the country's regional power and clout, and said even senior White

House officials have been forced to acknowledge this reality. "The Islamic Republic of Iran enjoys such a high degree of power that it has now gained a geopolitical and geostrategic position," Larijani said.

53. Iran Confiscates ISIL-Bound Cargo of Guillotines

Fars News Agency, 2016 02 07

Tehran - The Iranian customs authorities have discovered and seized a cargo bound for the ISIL terrorist group, an official disclosed on Sunday. "Few days ago, we seized a cargo containing guillotines (an apparatus designed for efficiently carrying out executions by beheading) that was headed to the ISIL," Director-General of Iran's Customs Office for Transit Affairs Vahid Dashtbani told the Iranian Seday-e Eqtesad daily on Sunday. The Iranian security forces have in the past foiled many ISIL plots to create insecurity and tension within the country. Head of Iran's Cyber Police (FATA) Brigadier General Seyed Kamal Hadianfar had announced in December that 53 supporters of the ISIL terrorist group were identified and arrested in Iran in almost two years. "The FATA (Cyber) Police has identified 285 websites affiliated to those who supported the ISIL or promoted ISIL's thoughts in Iran in the past 20 months," Hadianfar told reporters in a press conference in Tehran. He said that 108 websites which supported the ISIL were run from outside Iran, adding that all these sites have been filtered and closed with the help of the Interpol.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

54. Cross-border Yemeni shelling kills two in Saudi

Agence France Presse, 2016 02 07

Riyadh - A Saudi soldier and a civilian have been killed in cross-border shelling from rebel-controlled northern Yemen, authorities said late Saturday. A Saudi patrol was hit on Saturday morning in the southwestern region of Assir, killing the soldier, the interior ministry said in a statement carried by state news agency SPA. Later in the day, the southwestern city of Najran was struck, leaving dead a foreign resident, a civil defense spokesman said in a statement on SPA. About 90 civilians and soldiers have died from shelling and skirmishes along the border since March, when a Saudi-led military coalition began air and ground action in Yemen.

55. Red Cross in Gaza closes office due to violent protests

The Associated Press, 2016 02 07

Gaza - The International Committee of the Red Cross said Sunday it is temporarily closing its Gaza office after protesters repeatedly tried to storm it. Spokeswoman Suhair Zakkout said the office will operate remotely until "local authorities in Gaza provide assurances that our premises, work and staff are respected." Gaza is ruled by Hamas, an Islamic militant group that seized power there in 2007. Dozens of Gazans have protested daily at the office in recent weeks in solidarity with a Palestinian hunger striker detained by Israel, demanding that the Red Cross help bring about his release. They tried to enter the building forcefully on Sunday, smashing garage windows and causing other damage. Mohammed al-Qeq, a 33-year old journalist, has been on a hunger strike for 75 days.

56. Iraqi Kurds protest against Turkey, 3 police wounded

The Canadian Press, 2016 02 07

Irbil, Iraq - Protests against Turkey in Iraq's northern Kurdish region have turned violent, with three police officers wounded. Hundreds of protesters gathered Sunday outside the United Nations compound in the northern city of Irbil calling for an end to Turkish airstrikes against Kurdish militants. Local media reported that three police were wounded. Turkey began launching airstrikes in Iraq and Syria in July 2015 as part of the U.S.-led coalition's fight against the Islamic State group.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

57. Turkey: Reaching limits but will keep taking in refugees

The Associated Press, Mehmet Guzel And Suzan Fraser, 2016 02 07

Kilis, Turkey - Turkey has reached the end of its "capacity to absorb" refugees but will continue to take them in, the deputy premier said Sunday, as his country faced mounting pressure to open its border to tens of thousands of Syrians who have fled a government onslaught. The United Arab Emirates meanwhile joined Saudi Arabia in saying that it was open to the idea of sending ground troops to Syria to battle the Islamic State group, raising the possibility of even greater foreign involvement in the five-year-old civil war. Turkish authorities say up to 35,000 Syrians have massed along the border, which remained closed for a third day on Sunday. The governor of the Turkish border province of Kilis said Saturday that Turkey would provide aid to the displaced within Syria, but would only open the gates in the event of an "extraordinary crisis." Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus told CNN-Turk television that Turkey is now hosting a total of 3 million refugees, including 2.5 million Syrians.

58. Rassemblement anti-migrants à Calais: 5 comparutions immédiates lundi, dont un general

Agence France Presse, 2016 02 07

Lille - Cinq personnes, dont un général ancien patron de la légion étrangère, passeront en comparution immédiate lundi au tribunal de Boulogne-sur-Mer, après leur interpellation samedi à Calais lors d'un rassemblement hostile aux migrants, a-t-on appris de source judiciaire dimanche. Le général Christian Piquemal, 75 ans, désigné comme ayant eu "le rôle principal" dans cette manifestation interdite, sera poursuivi pour "participation à un attroupement qui ne s'est pas dissout après sommation" et les quatre autres personnes pour "port illégal d'armes". Toujours en garde à vue, ils risquent une peine allant jusqu'à un an de prison ferme. Organisée à Calais à l'appel du mouvement islamophobe Pegida, la manifestation de samedi avait été interdite par les autorités et a été marquée par des échauffourées entre forces de l'ordre et manifestants, qui ont scandé des slogans tels que "on est chez nous!", "Etat dictateur" ou "migrants dehors".

59. Un général au tribunal après la manifestation islamophobe de Calais

Le Monde.fr, 2016 02 07

Paris - Cinq personnes, dont le général Christian Piquemal, 75 ans, comparaîtront lundi au tribunal de Boulogne-sur-Mer après le rassemblement interdit de Pegida samedi. Cinq personnes, dont le général Christian Piquemal, ancien patron de la Légion étrangère, passeront en comparution immédiate lundi 8 février au tribunal de Boulogne-sur-Mer, à la suite de leur interpellation samedi à Calais lors d'un rassemblement hostile aux migrants. Le général Christian Piquemal désigné comme ayant eu «le rôle principal» dans cette manifestation interdite, sera poursuivi pour «participation à un attroupement qui ne s'est pas dissout après sommation». «On sait bien que la manifestation a été interdite et que l'autorité de l'Etat a été défiée. Le général n'est pas venu à Calais pour faire de la figuration», a affirmé le procureur de Boulogne-sur-Mer, Jean-Pierre Valensi.

60. 20 arrests as tensions rise at Amsterdam Pegida rally

Dutch News, 2016 02 07

Amsterdam - Battalions of riot police kept a protest organised by anti-Islam organisation Pegida at a

standstill in Amsterdam on Saturday afternoon, as tension mounted between Pegida supporters and anti-fascist groups. In total, some 20 people were arrested, all of whom were released by Sunday morning. The gathering coincided with similar protests organised by Pegida in several European cities on Saturday, including Dublin, London, and Prague. The rally, originally planned to occur on a square in front of the city hall at Waterlooplein, was moved after police found a suspected explosive device at the original location. Fireworks According to a police press release, the device turned out to be a packet of fireworks. Police believe the 'device' was planted by counter-protestors to draw police attention and disrupt the protest. The 100 or so Pegida supporters who turned up were corralled by police onto a nearby bridge and remained there until buses chartered from the local transport authority showed up to move them out of the city centre.

61. Spanish police arrest terror suspects with alleged jihadist links

Deutsche Welle, 2016 02 07

Madrid - Spanish police on Sunday arrested at least six suspects that they say are linked to al Qaeda and "Islamic State" jihadists. The investigation is ongoing, but Sunday's raids were the culmination of a probe that began in 2014. Police say they have evidence that those arrested provided "logistical support that was essential for the maintenance of terror activities" in Syria and Iraq. "Four of those arrested are Spanish nationals of Syrian, Jordanian and Moroccan origin," according to a police statement. One Syrian and one Moroccan suspect were also taken into custody. There were reports of a seventh arrest, but details of the suspect's background were not immediately clear.

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CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Liberals back CSIS in torture lawsuit

The Toronto Star, Tonda MacCharles, 2016 02 07

Ottawa - The Liberal government has taken up the former Conservative government's legal fight against an apology and compensation for three Canadians tortured in the Middle East, despite voting in favour of the former detainees' cause while they sat in opposition. As well, in aggressively defending the actions of CSIS and trying to prevent the release of thousands of unredacted documents that a judge is now poring over, the Liberals are going further than their Conservative predecessors did to protect CSIS sources. Lawyers for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal government are seeking retroactive blanket anonymity for spies and their sources and have filed an appeal in a civil lawsuit launched by the three men with that goal in mind. A Conservative bill last year, C-44, which enacted source protection, was not made retroactive. Put together, the two moves have stunned a team of lawyers at Toronto's Stockwoods firm that took up the cause of Abdullah Almalki, Muayyed Nureddin and Ahmad El Maati, as well as others who closely follow developments in security law.

Canada

2. Most Canadians disagree with Trudeau's plan to withdraw CF-18s, poll suggests

CBC News, 2016 02 07

Ottawa - A new poll suggests that majority of Canadians disagree with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's pledge to withdraw Canada's CF-18 fighter jets by the end of March from the U.S.-led bombing mission against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. When asked what Canada's role should be in the fight against ISIS, only 27 per cent told the Angus Reid Institute that they were on the same page as Trudeau in wanting to stop Canada's bombing mission and focus only on training local troops in Iraq and Syria. Meanwhile, 11 per cent of respondents wanted to stop Canada's involvement in the fight against ISIS altogether. The majority of Canadians disagreed with the prime minister, with 37 per cent saying the Liberal government should continue the current level of bombing and training provided by Canada, while 26 per cent wanted the levels increased. Even though the withdrawal of CF-18s was a key issue during Trudeau's election campaign last year, slightly more past Liberal voters were in support of maintaining the current level of Canada's involvement than were in support of withdrawing Canada's fighter jets, at 37 per cent and 34 per cent respectively.

3. Pakistan's forgotten war in Balochistan

The Toronto Sun, Tarek Fatah, 2016 02 07

Column: Last Saturday, I woke up to a phone call from a refugee who recently escaped death in Pakistan and now lives in Toronto. Skipping the usual pleasantries, his voice quivering with anger, lateef Johar told me: "They've killed Dr. Manan and his son." "They", being the Pakistan army that has occupied Balochistan since it invaded the independent state of kalat in March, 1948. Dr. Manan Baloch was a physician politician who was the secretary general of the outlawed Baloch National Movement (BNM), a political party that calls for a free homeland for the Baloch people and the end of the Pakistani occupation. He was widely known for his work in helping war refugees in Balochistan. Pakistan's government, however, described Baloch and his associates as terrorists, called their deaths a "major

breakthrough" in its war against terrorism in Balochistan and said all five men were killed in a gunfight with security forces.

4. Des centaines de citoyens manifestent leur solidarité

Le Soleil, David Rémillard, 2016 02 07

Ottawa - Leurs morts ont été soudaines. Les blessures, elles, prendront encore du temps à guérir. Les familles des six victimes québécoises de l'attentat terroriste survenu le 15 janvier au Burkina Faso ont poursuivi le long processus de deuil, samedi, portant leurs proches à leur dernier repos. Tel que l'avaient souhaité les familles, les funérailles d'Yves Carrier, de son fils Charlelie et de sa fille Maude, de sa conjointe Gladys Chamberland et de leur ami Louis Chabot ont été célébrées dans la même église, celle du Très-Saint-Sacrement, samedi après-midi. Les obsèques de Suzanne Bernier ont été tenues en matinée, en privé, à l'église Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin, également à Québec. Honorant la mémoire du patriarche, qui l'aurait sans doute voulu ainsi, les Carrier ont laissé le public assister aux hommages. «La porte de mon père [Yves Carrier] était toujours ouverte», a souvent répété son fils, Frédéric Carrier. Des centaines de citoyens ont répondu à l'appel, si bien que l'église était pleine à craquer avant même le début de la cérémonie, prévu à 14h30. Au total, plus de 1000 personnes se sont présentées, dont certaines ont dû rebrousser chemin, faute d'espace. À l'intérieur, dans l'attente du début des funérailles, des images des disparus défilaient sur les écrans. Devant l'autel, quatre urnes et un cercueil, des lampions ainsi qu'une photo de chaque coopérant décédé le 15 janvier.

5. How Canada can step up

Toronto Star, 2016 02 07

Editorial: The crisis in Syria worsens by the day. The civil war rages on, peace talks are faltering, Islamic State jihadists terrorize much of the country, cities lie in ruins, millions of Syrians have fled into exile, and aid is in short supply. As United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon put it, it's "as close to hell as we are likely to find on this Earth." Faced with a tragedy on this scale, there's only so much the world can do to help. Even so, it's good to see Prime Minister Justin Trudeau drawing up a more ambitious, better-integrated plan to address this calamity as the UN chief prepares to visit Ottawa next week to discuss Syria and Iraq, refugees and other issues. As Trudeau says, "Canada can play a positive role in pushing for peace and stability" that goes well beyond bombing jihadists. More than anything, the war needs to be brought to a close. Peace talks and ceasefires are critical. Until then, millions will need food, shelter, medical care and schooling. Airstrikes against the jihadists, however necessary, are just part of the mix. Forceful diplomacy, robust aid and building up local forces complete the bigger picture. To Syrians who bear the agony of this conflict, Canada's most useful contribution to date has been our generous aid and resettlement policy. Largely on Stephen Harper's watch we've provided nearly \$1 billion in humanitarian, development and security assistance since the start of the conflict five years ago, \$650 million of it in aid alone. Moreover, the Trudeau government is now resettling 25,000 or more Syrian refugees here. We've already taken in almost as many Iraqis.

6. Des vidéos arabophobes

Journal De Montreal, Dominique Scali, 2016 02 07

Montréal - Craignant pour la sécurité des enfants, une école primaire de Montréal a fait appel à la police après la diffusion de vidéos arabophobes la visant sur les réseaux sociaux, a appris Le Journal. «Ils sont obligés d'apprendre l'arabe à l'école.» Voilà le genre d'affirmations farfelues dont regorge une vidéo «coup de gueule» qui, mise en ligne le 26 janvier dernier, a été visionnée plus de 180 000 fois en moins de 24 heures. Son auteur, François Chapat, y apparaît en gros plan en train de critiquer l'école publique Victor-Lavigne de Saint-Léonard. «Dans la cour d'école, la gardienne porte une burqa, [...] À tous les breaks, ce n'est que de l'arabe et aucun [...] mot en français», dénonce avec véhémence M. Chapat, un membre du groupe anti-islam Pegida Québec. «C'est à la limite du crime haineux. Rien n'est vrai dans

cette vidéo», estime Herman Deparice-Okomba, le directeur du Centre de prévention de la radicalisation. Quelques heures plus tard, M. Chaput a publié une seconde vidéo. «Si vous n'êtes pas contents, appelez à l'école», encourage-t-il.

7. Lying legacy of terrorist Inderjit Singh Reyat Postmedia News, Mark Bonokoski, 2016 02 07

Opinion: It was another February day, this time back in 1988, and I was the only journalist at London's historic Bow Street Magistrates Court as a bearded man in a dark turban was led into the prisoners' dock. The British media cared not a whit then about the arrest of Inderjit Singh Reyat, and was more interested in what was happening in another courtroom where a Scandinavian ex-pat was being arraigned on spy charges. Little did they know that Sikh in the puffy ski jacket in the courtroom next door would end up being the only person ever convicted in relation to the bombing of Air India Flight 182 over the coast of Ireland three years earlier, and the murder of all 329 souls aboard. Even today it seems unbelievable that a crime so heinous would be so easy to escape. It remains, for those too young to remember, as Canada's worst-ever mass murder and, until the catastrophic events of 9/11, it was the deadliest terrorist attack the world had seen. To think that Reyat is today spending his second week in a Vancouver halfway house on his way to permanent release from custody is still difficult to fathom. He, after all, was the bomb maker. And he has never exhibited a speck of remorse.

8. No-fly list hurts innocent bystanders Victoria Times Colonist, Marc And Craig Kielburger, 2016 02 07

Opinion: Don't ask Syed Adam Ahmed about the airport. Normally shy but amiable, the six-year-old growls in frustration while his face clouds over like an oncoming hurricane. The little hockey fan from Markham, Ont., is still extremely upset that he almost missed out on attending an NHL game in the U.S. because his name is the same of a person on Canada's so-called no-fly list, which prevents individuals with suspected ties to terror from boarding planes. This case of mistaken identity has plagued the family since Adam was a toddler, according to his mother, Khadija Cajee. "We don't want him to grow up feeling like he's under suspicion for the rest of his life," says Cajee. "We feel like second-class citizens because of this." Since the Ahmed family went public with their story, 21 others have spoken up to say that they, too, have children wrongly identified by the no-fly list. Cajee knows of at least 20 more families who remain silent for fear of government, or public, reprisal. All have experienced security hassles and delays at Canadian airports, and some have even missed flights. The problem is beyond the control of airlines, our sources tell us. Once a name is flagged, airport counter staff are locked out of the system until they call a government agency to have the block lifted. However, Minister of Public Safety Ralph Goodale recently told CBC Radio he can't even say whether the no-fly list has ever actually prevented a real terror suspect from travelling.

8. Canada lifts some Iran sanctions Jewish Telegraphic Agency, 2016 02 07

Toronto - Canada's new Liberal government announced it is lifting some economic sanctions against Iran. Stephane Dion, Canada's minister of foreign affairs, announced Friday that Ottawa will be ending a number of sanctions against Iran, including a ban on financial services and imports and exports. In a statement, the government said all applications for export permits would be considered on a case-by-case basis. "We'll engage with Iran step-by-step, (with) open eyes, because we still have a lot of concerns about the role of Iran in the region," Dion said in Ottawa. Dion added that Canada is considering restoring diplomatic contacts with Iran, which were severed by the previous Conservative government in 2012. Dion said Canada was wrong to cut ties with Iran. "We should have been part of it, to engage Iran, with sanctions, but with diplomacy at the same time," he told reporters.

9. The Liberals all-new ISIS mission: More troops, more risk?

iPolitics.ca, L. Ian MacDonald, 2016 01 07

Opinion: If a government is looking for a full suite of policy options, there's no better place to shop in Ottawa than the Department of National Defence. The Trudeau government's imminent reconfiguring of the mission against ISIS is a case in point. The Liberals are poised to do both more and less at the same time. Only DND could offer such a diversified menu of policy choices. The re-profiled mission is expected to be announced Monday or Tuesday ahead of a NATO defence ministers' meeting in Brussels. Justin Trudeau will not (to use his own words) "whip out our CF-18s" and "wave them around". Instead, he is expected to recall the squadron of six fighter jets from the Middle East, probably when parliamentary approval for the current mission expires at the end of March. So this is one thing that President Barack Obama won't be asking Trudeau about during his working visit and state dinner at the White House next month, since Trudeau is taking an extended CF-18 deployment off the table. If ever there was a campaign promise made to be broken, it's Trudeau's pledge to recall the CF-18s from the ISIS mission. It's not as if there's any great groundswell of voices across the land demanding their return. (Note: L. Ian MacDonald is editor of Policy, the bi-monthly magazine of Canadian politics and public policy.)

United States – États-Unis

10. Released From Guantánamo, but in Legal Limbo in Morocco

The New York Times, Charlie Savage & Aida Alami, 2016 02 07

Washington - Younis Shokuri, a Moroccan detainee at the Guantánamo Bay prison, said he feared being repatriated to his native country. But the Moroccan government told the United States that it would probably release him without charges 72 hours after any transfer. So last September, Mr. Shokuri went home -- reluctantly, but voluntarily. But despite its assurances, Morocco has kept Mr. Shokuri in custody and is weighing criminal charges, apparently focused on allegations that he was involved with a Moroccan terrorist group before his capture in Afghanistan in late 2001. Mr. Shokuri's lawyers have demanded that the Obama administration press Morocco to live up to what they thought was a deal. Both governments have said little to explain the discrepancy. Several officials familiar with behind-the-scenes legal and diplomatic discussions are now shedding light on the murky episode. Beyond its importance for Mr. Shokuri, his situation illustrates how difficult -- and messy -- it can be to winnow down the ranks of detainees viewed as posing a lower-level security risk at the Guantánamo prison, which the Obama administration still wants to close in its final year in office. Of the 91 remaining detainees, 34 are recommended for transfer, and a parole-like review group has been adding names to the list. Each man presents a problem: The government has to find a place that is willing to take him and that can be trusted to keep an eye on him without abusing him.

11. British Spies May Soon Be Able To Get Data Straight From American Companies

Motherboard Blog, Joshua Kopstein, 2016 02 07

Analysis: British police and intelligence agencies might soon be able to get private data by going straight to the doorsteps of American companies like Google and Facebook, if a new bilateral deal between the two countries goes through. The US and UK already have extensive intelligence-sharing arrangements as members of the globe-spanning Five Eyes spying alliance. But this new surveillance pact, which is being negotiated in secret, would give British spies an unprecedented level of access to American companies, allowing them to set up wiretaps and serve "production orders" directly on corporate servers located on American soil. "Last time they did this, we assembled the Minutemen," NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden tweeted, referring to the specialized militias that fought for the colonies in the Revolutionary

War. The wiretaps and search orders would need to be accompanied by a warrant, but, unlike in the US judicial system, they wouldn't require a judge's signature or finding of probable cause. British spies also wouldn't be allowed to access communications and data belonging to American citizens—although that claim is always questionable considering the various loopholes that allow the NSA and GCHQ to retain “incidentally” collected information.

12. Congress Starts to Get Serious About Online Privacy

The New York Times, 2016 02 07

Editorial: Congress could soon vote on a bill that would require law enforcement agencies to get a search warrant from a judge to obtain emails, photographs and other documents Americans have stored online. This important legislation would update the law to reflect how people use the Internet today. Under the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986, government agents need a warrant if they want access to email stored on the servers of companies like Google and Yahoo, but only if the messages are less than 180 days old. For older messages and other digital files, law enforcement officials can issue subpoenas to technology companies without going to a judge. A bill introduced in the House by Kevin Yoder, Republican of Kansas, would require a warrant for all information stored online, regardless of how old it is and what kind of file it is. The legislation includes a sensible exception that would allow civil enforcement agencies like the Securities and Exchange Commission to subpoena messages sent by employees on a corporate computer system. The bill has more than 300 co-sponsors, a good sign that it would pass easily in the House. The chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Bob Goodlatte, Republican of Virginia, said last week that his committee would consider the bill in March. In the Senate, Mike Lee, Republican of Utah, and Patrick Leahy, Democrat of Vermont, have introduced a similar bill that has bipartisan support from 24 other senators.

13. I'm a Muslim, not a terrorist. So why did the NYPD spy on me for years?

The Washington Post, Mohammad Elshinawy, 2016 02 07

Comment: A couple of weeks after I began lecturing on Islam at New York City mosques, something strange happened. Acquaintances and congregants told me they'd been approached by law enforcement officers who asked about me and my talks. Soon after, I began to notice suspicious people in the audiences. One gentleman stood out - he was the most frequent attendee, but he regularly fell asleep while I spoke. It was 2003. I was enrolled at Brooklyn College, studying English literature. I'd grown up in New York and loved the city. But I'd also seen the way Muslims were discriminated against, particularly after Sept. 11, 2001. In the year after the attacks, hate crimes spiked tenfold. I wanted to encourage Muslims to stay strong in their faith in spite of these assaults. I wasn't doing anything wrong. I consistently rejected violence and terrorism in my lectures. Still, for a decade, I felt like I was under surveillance, pursued by shadowy law enforcement officials seeking out a crime that didn't exist. In 2013, my fears were confirmed. I found out from an Associated Press investigation that I was a victim of the New York Police Department's aggressive surveillance of Muslims. After 9/11, the NYPD began to track large swaths of us. Officers secretly labeled entire mosques as terrorist organizations, then spied on imams and recorded sermons. The department conducted at least a dozen of these "terrorism enterprise investigations" between 2001 and 2013, often without specific evidence of criminal wrongdoing and minimal oversight from judges. No charges were ever brought in these cases. (Note: This author lectures regularly on Islam and contributes to MuslimMatters.org. He is one of the plaintiffs in Raza v. City of New York)

14. Marco Rubio downplays Muslim discrimination, as do many Republicans

Washington Post.com, Philip Bump, 2016 02 07

Washington - Following President Obama's visit to a Baltimore mosque this week, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) criticized the move. "Look at today — he gave a speech at a mosque," Rubio said Wednesday. "Oh,

you know, basically implying that America is discriminating against Muslims. Of course, there's going to be discrimination in America of every kind. But the bigger issue is radical Islam. And by the way, radical Islam poses a threat to Muslims themselves." That reply became a question at the Republican debate on Saturday. "You said of President Obama, quote, 'He's always pitting people against each other,' " ABC moderator David Muir asked, noting that President George W. Bush had similarly visited a mosque. "So I'm curious," Muir continued, "how are the two visits different, and would you visit a mosque as president?" "I would," Rubio replied. "But that's not — my problem with what he did is he continues to put out this fiction that there's widespread systematic discrimination against Muslim Americans."

15. Guantanamo detainees are still dangerous

The Washington Post, Gordon England, 2016 02 07

Comment: Defense Secretary Ashton Carter faces a profound dilemma. He leads the department that has jurisdiction over the facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, that detains Islamic militants. At the same time, his boss, President Obama, is determined to close Guantanamo to fulfill a campaign promise he made eight years ago. In fact, the president's single-minded focus on closing Guantanamo in the waning months of his administration - as illustrated by the recent release of 10 dangerous detainees, with the promise of more releases to come - is endangering American lives as well as those of our friends and allies. This I believe - and know firsthand - based on my experience during my last five years with the George W. Bush administration while serving as the senior government official responsible for the decision to transfer or release enemy combatants from Guantanamo. Contrary to what some may believe, Bush had no desire to hold any person at Guantanamo who did not absolutely need to be there. The guidance I received was to first determine through careful vetting which detainees posed less risk and then decide whether transfer or even release was appropriate - the opposite of the Obama White House's approach. The process involved input from many federal agencies and defense organizations, military and civilian. I personally read the dossiers and each organization's recommendation - many of which were in conflict - before making a final decision. Obviously, a recidivism rate of zero is unattainable. Seeking the right balance was an agonizing task that often had to be conducted on the basis of incomplete information. (Note: The writer was deputy U.S. secretary of defense from 2006 to 2009.)

United Kingdom - Royaume-Uni

16. Pegida's 'costly hate rallies' have no place in Birmingham, says MP

The Guardian.co.uk, 2016 02 07

London - "Costly hate rallies" have no place in Birmingham, MP Jess Phillips has said, after the founder of the anti-Islam group Pegida UK pledged to stage a protest in the city on the first Saturday of every month. Approximately 200 demonstrators gathered for the inaugural Pegida rally at Birmingham International rail station on Saturday - half as many as police expected. Dozens of riot police kept the Pegida supporters away from 60 anti-fascist activists who turned up to oppose the group's message. West Midlands police said they made one arrest for a public order offence at the counter demonstration. Tommy Robinson, former spokesman and leader of the English Defence League and founder of Pegida UK, announced that the group would stage further demonstrations in Birmingham on the first Saturday of every month starting in April.

17. Ex-MI5 officer to reveal torture at Guantanamo

The Sunday Times, Sean Rayment, 2016 02 07

London - The security service MI5 has agreed to allow a former intelligence officer to give evidence to a parliamentary committee and to reveal that the agency knew detainees were being tortured at Guantanamo Bay. The former spy will tell members of the Commons intelligence and security committee (ISC) that MI5 officers witnessed inmates being abused at the US military facility in Cuba on at least two occasions

in 2002. The former high-ranking officer will provide MPs with precise dates and will name those who saw inmates, including Britons, being abused at Camp X-Ray and Camp Delta — two of the Guantanamo prisons. Britain's top security officers gave the go ahead last week after deliberating over a decision for more than 10 days. One intelligence source said MI5 was forced to grant permission to the former spy after details of his request to give evidence to the committee were revealed by The Sunday Times.

18. Terror suspects challenge control orders

The Sunday Telegraph, Robert Verkaik, 2016 02 07

London – The Government's power to control the movements of terrorists living in the UK is to be challenged in a secret court case brought by two men who have served jail terms for terrorist offences. The two are the only terror suspects subject to Terrorist Prevention and Investigation Measures (TPIMs), a key weapon used by the security services against individuals who pose a threat to national security. If they win their case, which is being funded by the taxpayer, it will mean that for first time since the controversial measures were introduced 10 years ago, no terrorist is subject to the control regime. TPIMs, which replaced control orders, permit strict curfews and prohibit meeting named individuals and using mobile phones and the internet. Suspects usually must wear electronic tags and report regularly to police stations. The legal measures are used by the security services to control the threat posed by dangerous extremists, and each order must be signed off by the Home Secretary.

19. Another Islamic State jailer who held Western hostages identified as Londoner

Washington Post, Adam Goldman & Souad Mekhennet, 2016 02 07

Washington - A member of a British cohort within the Islamic State that oversaw the brutal detention and beheading of Western hostages in Syria has been identified as Alexanda Kotey, a 32-year-old convert to Islam who grew up in West London. Kotey is the second militant among the group of Islamic State jailers to be named following the unmasking last year by The Washington Post of "Jihadi John" as Mohammed Emwazi — the infamous masked man, also a West Londoner, who beheaded American, British and Japanese hostages on video as he taunted Western leaders. Emwazi, 27, was killed in a drone strike in November in Raqqa, the Islamic State's de facto capital in Syria, along with another unidentified man. It is unclear whether that second man was also one of the four guards who watched over and tortured Western hostages and were nicknamed the "Beatles" by their prisoners because of their English accents.

20. UK ghost ships with enough nuclear fuel for 80 missiles

Mail on Sunday, Mark Nicol, 2016 02 07

London - Two top secret British 'ghost ships' carrying enough plutonium for a huge nuclear arsenal wend their way through the world's oceans -guarded against terrorists by 50 commandos. It may sound like a tantalising target for a villain in a James Bond film, but what is potentially the most dangerous secret mission in history is deadly reality. Two vast container ships - the Pacific Heron and the Pacific Egret - left Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, last month on the first leg of their incredible journey. Their mission is to sail to Japan to collect 331kg of plutonium - enough to make 80 nuclear warheads - which was leased by the UK to a Japanese research facility. The ships are almost certainly shadowed by a Royal Navy submarine and surface vessels and are heavily armed with 20mm cannon. They are sailing across the Atlantic before passing through the Panama Canal and into the Pacific on their way to Japan.

Americas– Amériques

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Australia –Australie/New Zealand - Nouvelle-Zélande

21. Islamic State support, recruitment on the wane

Canberra Times, Rachel Olding and Natalie O'Brien, 2016 02 07

Canberra - The death of IS recruiters like Neil Prakash has contributed to the fall in numbers of foreign fighters heading to the Middle East. The number of suspected would-be jihadis pulled off flights leaving Australia has doubled in the past year, as Islamic State recruiters direct foreign fighters away from Syria to other battlefronts, including Libya. At the same time experts believe there has been a decline in the numbers of foreign fighters reaching foreign soil to join IS. Department of Immigration figures obtained exclusively by Fairfax Media show that 312 people had been pulled off planes in the past seven months to February - almost matching the 336 passengers pulled off flights in the previous 12 months. The data does not reflect how many people were found to be suspected foreign fighters or those who were not. A spokeswoman for the department said that in some cases, the person may be allowed to continue their travel plans if they're no longer considered a risk after "intervention activity". The federal government has also cancelled 145 passports of suspected jihadists attempting to travel to conflict zones, suspended 26 passports and refused applications for a further 22 in the past financial year.

22. 'Terror' pair held

The New Zealand Herald, 2016 02 07

Australia - A Sydney teenager who allegedly boasted of wanting to do "an Islamic Bonnie and Clyde" has been refused bail. Alo-Bridget Namoa, 18, appeared at Parramatta Local Court via video link yesterday facing 31 charges of refusing to answer questions at a Crime Commission hearing. The court heard Namoa had refused to answer several questions about her alleged support for Isis and suspected plans to commit terrorist acts alongside her husband. Prosecutors said Namoa, from Sydney's west, was allegedly earlier caught with a knife wrapped in an Islamic flag and had graphic images of beheadings, explosions and executions stored on her mobile phone. The court heard she was hauled before the Crime Commission on Friday but failed to answer dozens of questions such as "Why were you and your husband downloading Isis propaganda?" and "Did your husband discuss plans to conduct an attack?" Other questions included, "What do you mean by 'I want to do an Islamic Bonnie and Clyde on the kaffir'?" and "Were you planning to sacrifice your life alongside your husband?"

23. No of jihadis pulled off planes 'doubles'

Australian Associated Press, 2016 02 07

Sydney - The number of suspected jihadis pulled off flights from Australia has reportedly doubled in the past seven months. Department of Immigration figures show that 312 passengers suspected of going to join jihadist groups like Islamic State were pulled off planes in the seven months to February, compared to 336 in the previous 12 months, according to Fairfax Media. The data does not take into account those who were later deemed not to be a risk and allowed to continue on their journeys.

24. Qld ready, able to help asylum seekers

Australian Associated Press, 2016 02 07

Brisbane - Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk has joined calls urging the prime minister not to send Australian-born asylum-seeker children back to offshore detention centres. It comes after Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews wrote to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull offering to settle Australian-born asylum-seeker children and their families in the state. "Queensland stands willing and able to help those families that are currently here," Ms Palaszczuk said on Sunday. The premier said she had met people

who had spent time in offshore detention as children who carried their experiences with them for life. "I don't think Queenslanders want to see children in that situation," she said. "Where is the humanity? Where is the compassion from the federal government?" She pledged to call the prime minister to talk to him about the effects of offshore detention on children, adding: "It's about time we put politics to one side."

25. Asian terror: The new front line

The Australian, Stephen Brook, 2016 02 07

Analysis: In the war on terror, sometimes you get a break. One month ago, on an otherwise normal Thursday morning in Jakarta, Indonesian authorities benefited from one such stroke of good fortune. Asian terror: The new front line. At 10.40am a team of jihadists claiming allegiance to Islamic State stormed a police traffic post at the intersection of Jalan Kyai Haji Wahid Hasyim and Jalan MH Thamrin, one of Jakarta's busiest. Armed with guns, explosives and suicide vests, the attackers set about massacring as many people as they could. They aimed to replicate last November's Paris attacks, which killed 130 people, transforming the western conversation on terror, refugees and the war in Syria. The terrorists laid siege to a neighbouring Starbucks cafe, gutting it with at least six bomb blasts. Ferocious gunbattles raged for hours. But at the end of the day just eight people lay dead. And four of those slain were attackers. In subsequent weeks, police arrested other alleged conspirators as they rolled up the network they say is responsible for Islamic State's first strike in Indonesia. That such a large-scale attack in a city as thronged and shambolic as Jakarta resulted in so few -casualties was down to the monumental incompetence of the -attackers. If there is an upside to this new era of DIY terrorism, it is that amateur terrorists often deliver amateur results. In Canberra, the attack surprised no one. Australian authorities had no forewarning Jakarta was about to be hit. But for months Australia's intelligence community had watched with growing -unease as the temperature across the region started rising.

Afghanistan - Pakistan

26. Taliban's intelligence chief, deputy kidnapped in Quetta

Pajhwok Afghan News, 2016 02 07

Quetta - Taliban intelligence chief and his deputy have been separately kidnapped by unknown gunmen in Pakistan's Balochistan province, sources in the insurgency said on Sunday. A source close to the Taliban told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban intelligence chief Mullah Mohammadzai and his deputy Mullah Mohammad Eisa had been kidnapped from surrounding areas of Quetta last week. He said first Mohammadzai was kidnapped by masked gunmen in Kachlak area from his car and moved to an unknown location. The source believed the intelligence chief might have been kidnapped by security forces. Two days after Mohammadzai's abduction, his deputy Mullah Mohammad Eisa Akhund was kidnapped from Quetta's Ghausabad area. Sources close to Taliban in Quetta said Mullah Mohammadzai had recently returned from Afghanistan where he had been overseeing clashes between Taliban, Islamic State fighters and supporters of slain former Taliban commander Mullah Dadullah Mansoor.

27. Taliban urged to join peace talks by end of February

Pajhwok Afghan News, Javed Hamim Kakar, 2016 02 07

Kabul - The third round of four-nation talks on Afghanistan reconciliation in Islamabad concluded with a call for direct negotiations between the Kabul administration and the Taliban by the end of February. Without providing further details, a joint statement at the end of the meeting said a roadmap for peace had been agreed upon. Though not present at the meeting, the Taliban were urged to join the peace process. The four-nation group agreed to hold a fourth meeting in Kabul on Feb. 23. Pakistan Foreign Secretary

Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry hosted the meeting. Other delegations were led by Afghan Deputy Foreign Minister Hekmat Khalil Karzai, US Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan Ambassador Richard G. Olson and China's Special Envoy for Afghanistan Ambassador Deng Xijun.

28. Judges among 8 injured in Logar bomb attack

Pajhwok Afghan News, 2016 02 07

Pul-i-alam - Four judges and as many civilians were injured in a remote-controlled bomb attack on their vehicle in Pul-i-Alam, the capital of central Logar province on Sunday morning. The bombing, killing a policeman, took place at around 9am when the bomb attached to a cycle went off near the judges' vehicle in the Pul-i-Alam, Governor Haleem Fidaee told Pajhwok Afghan News. Appellant court chief Haqiq-ur-Rahman Haqmal, urban court head Abdul Basit, appellant court's criminal branch head Mohammad Omar Haidari and another judicial official sustained injuries in the blast. Four civilians were also wounded and a policeman killed in the attack, according to the governor, who saw land-grabbers behind the attack. The injured were rushed to the Kabul Emergency Hospital for treatment.

29. Army seeks funds from finance ministry to raise new security division

The Pakistan Dawn, Mateen Haider, 2016 02 07

Islamabad - Pakistan Army has sought additional funds from the finance ministry to raise a new security division and an additional 28 security battalions, it emerged on Sunday. A statement released by the ministry of finance said senior officials from the army had a meeting with Finance Minister Ishaq Dar at his ministry in Islamabad, where the demand for "financing and the release of funds" was made by military officials. The statement quoted Dar as saying that the "government attaches the highest importance to security matters" and assured the "provision of funds for the new security division and additional battalions." Pakistan Army is currently spearheading a war against terrorism in Pakistan's northern tribal areas bordering Afghanistan, where terrorists from militant organisations are believed to have taken refuge. In June 2014, the army launched a comprehensive military operation – Zarb-i-Azb – against Taliban militants threatening the writ of the state by launching brazen attacks on government and military installations.

30. Kunduz Residents Live in Fear of Taliban's Return

The New York Times, Najim Rahim, 2016 02 07

Kunduz, Afghanistan -- Farhad Azyanfar, a student of Dari literature at the university in Kunduz, watched in fear as a few hundred Taliban fighters overran and defeated a larger but demoralized government force to capture this northern city in September. He was relieved several weeks later when the insurgents left the city after a combined American and Afghan counterattack, but the feeling was short-lived: He and many other residents fear the Taliban will be back soon. "You can see the white flags of the Taliban along the road as soon as you step out of Kunduz City," said Mr. Azyanfar, 20, who travels back to his district outside the provincial capital several times a week. The area controlled by the government extends "only to the buildings in which they are based," he said. "As soon as you step outside, it is totally a different picture: The Taliban's presence and influence are much larger than the government's." It has been more than four months since the Afghan forces crumbled as Taliban fighters overran Kunduz. But there has been no improvement in the conditions that made the two-week Taliban takeover of the city possible. Disillusionment with the government has only gotten worse; the Afghan forces are still overstretched and demoralized; and the Taliban still control much of the outlying areas and roads.

31. Pakistan's Hand in the Rise of International Jihad

The New York Times, Carlotta Gall, 2016 02 07

Tunis – President Ashraf Ghani of Afghanistan has warned in several recent interviews that unless peace talks with Pakistan and the Taliban produce results in the next few months, his country may not survive 2016. Afghanistan is barely standing, he says, after the Taliban onslaught last year, which led to the highest casualties among civilians and security forces since 2001. "How much worse will it get?" Mr. Ghani asked in a recent television interview. "It depends on how much regional cooperation we can secure, and how much international mediation and pressure can be exerted to create rules of the game between states." What he means is it depends on how much international pressure can be brought to bear on Pakistan to cease its aggression. Critics of the Afghan leadership say it's not Pakistan's fault that its neighbor is falling apart. They point to the many internal failings of the Afghan government: political divisions, weak institutions, warlords and corruption. But experts have found a lot of evidence that Pakistan facilitated the Taliban offensive. The United States and China have been asking Pakistan to persuade the Taliban to make peace, but Afghanistan argues that Islamabad has done nothing to rein in the Taliban, and if anything has encouraged it to raise the stakes in hopes of gaining influence in any power-sharing agreement.

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32. China expresses regret over N. Korea's rocket launch

Yonhap English News, 2016 02 07

Beijing - China on Sunday expressed "regret" over North Korea's launch of a long-range rocket, after Pyongyang claimed it successfully put a satellite into orbit. In a statement, China's foreign ministry said North Korea's launch of a long-range rocket "ignored universal opposition of the international community." "China believes that North Korea should have the right to the peaceful use of space, but this right is limited by the United Nations Security Council resolutions," the statement said. However, the Chinese ministry urged "all relevant parties" to be calm, take cautious actions and refrain from taking actions that may lead to tensions.

33. China voices 'deep concern' about possible deployment of U.S. missile system

Yonhap English News, 2016 02 07

Beijing - China's foreign ministry expressed "deep concern" on Sunday as Seoul and Washington agreed to begin talks on the deployment of an advanced American missile defense system to South Korea following the North's long-range rocket launch. Hours after North Korea claimed it had successfully put a satellite into orbit, South Korea and the U.S. announced that they would begin talks on the deployment of the Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) battery to South Korea. The launch is widely viewed as a covert ballistic missile test to advance the development of delivery vehicles capable of carrying nuclear warheads. The Chinese foreign ministry said that "China's position on the issue of anti-missile is consistent and clear" in a faxed statement to Yonhap News Agency. "Countries, when pursuing their own security, should take into account others' security interests as well as regional peace and stability," the statement said. If the THAAD battery is deployed to South Korea, it would further raise tension on the Korean Peninsula, the statement said, adding that, "It is hoped that relevant countries would approach the issue with caution."

34. N. Korea launches long-range rocket

Yonhap English News, 2016 02 07

Seoul - North Korea launched a long-range rocket Sunday, apparently sending a satellite into orbit, as South Korea and the U.S. denounced it as a ballistic missile test that challenges U.N. resolutions banning

such. "It's presumed that the projectile has entered into orbit," a military official said, indicating that the North successfully launched the long-range rocket. The official, however, qualified the assessment by saying that additional analysis is needed to confirm whether the satellite is operating normally in its orbit. Earlier in the day, South Korea's Aegis destroyer's radar detected the rocket lifting off at 9:30 a.m. from North Korea's northwest Dongchang-ri launch site and concluded that it was a long-range rocket after studying the trajectory. Upon the launch on the west coast, the rocket flew southward, dropping its first stage into the Yellow Sea off the Korean Peninsula at 9:32 a.m. The first stage exploded in midair and splashed down in some 270 pieces, according to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

35. S. Korea's spy agency says N. Korea's satellite is worthless

Yonhap English News, 2016 02 07

Seoul - North Korea's long-range rocket should be viewed as a ballistic missile as the satellite it put into orbit is worthless, lawmakers said Sunday, citing South Korea's spy agency. The satellite is presumed to weigh 200 kilograms, two times heavier than a satellite launched in 2012, the lawmakers said after being briefed in a close-door session by the National Intelligence Service. A satellite weighing about 200 kilograms "is worthless as a satellite," Lee Cheol-woo of the ruling Saenuri Party said, noting a proper satellite usually weighs at least 800 to 1,500 kilograms. Lee said South Korea presumed that North Korea has introduced key parts of a long-range missile from Russia, though he provided no further details. The North's missile launch came a month after it carried out its fourth nuclear test. The U.N. Security Council has been working on a resolution for sanctions on the communist country.

36. North Korea Launches Rocket Seen as Cover for a Missile Test

The New York Times, Choe Sang-Hun, 2016 02 07

Seoul - Defying warnings of tougher sanctions from Washington, North Korea launched a rocket on Sunday that Western experts believe is part of a program to develop intercontinental ballistic missile technologies. The rocket blasted off from Tongchang-ri, the North's main satellite launch site near its northwestern border with China, a spokesman for the South Korean Defense Ministry said. President Park Geun-hye of South Korea called an emergency meeting of top national security advisers on Sunday to address the launch, her office said. South Korea, the United States and Japan also requested an emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council. In Washington, Secretary of State John Kerry called the launch a "major provocation, threatening not only the security of the Korean Peninsula, but that of the region and the United States as well." Susan E. Rice, the national security adviser, said it was "a flagrant violation of multiple United Nations Security Council resolutions."

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38. MILF allays tension fears

Manila Bulletin, 2016 02 07

Bangsamoro - Amid fears of war in Mindanao after Congress failed to pass the proposed Bangsamoro law, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) yesterday assured the United Nations (UN) of its continuing engagement on peace. Mohagher Iqbal, chief negotiator of the MILF, met yesterday with UN Undersecretary General Adama Dieng in Manila and conveyed the Moro front's assurances that peace will be pursued in Mindanao even without the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) being passed into law. Iqbal, also the chairman of the Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC), drafted the original BBL. In a statement received by the Manila Bulletin, he said the MILF "gave its assurance... that it would continue its engagement with all stakeholders including the international community in spite" of the BBL being denied passage by legislators of the 16th Congress. It can be recalled that President Aquino had committed to push the enactment of the BBL crafted to establish a Bangsamoro government to replace the inadequacies of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

39. S. Korea, U.S. to start talks on advanced missile defense system deployment

Kyodo News, 2016 02 07

Seoul - South Korea and the United States reacted to North Korea's "provocative" long-range rocket launch Sunday by jointly announcing their agreement to begin formal talks on deploying an advanced U.S. antimissile defense system south of the inter-Korean border, prompting China to voice "deep concern." The two countries, in a statement, said they will begin "formal consultations...to bilaterally explore the feasibility of THAAD deploying to and operating on the Korean Peninsula at the earliest possible date." The reference was to the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system, which is designed to intercept ballistic missiles flying at high altitudes in or outside the atmosphere. The statement said the move is "in response to the evolving threat posed by North Korea," including Sunday's rocket launch that utilized ballistic missile technology in violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions, as well as a nuclear test conducted on Jan. 6. Earlier Sunday, President Park Geun Hye condemned North Korea for going through with the launch, which she called an "unacceptable provocation." Presiding over an emergency session of the National Security Council, Park also called for adopting "strong sanctions" against the North at the U.N. Security Council, which has already been discussing tougher sanctions against Pyongyang over its latest nuclear test.

40. PM flags sea-borne terror, piracy as threat to maritime

Press Trust of India, 2016 02 07

Visakhapatnam - (PTI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi today flagged the threat of sea-borne terror and piracy as two key challenges to maritime security even as he pitched for respecting freedom of navigation against the backdrop of South China sea dispute. In an apparent reference to the audacious 26/11 Mumbai terror attack, Modi said, the threat of sea-borne terror, of which India has been a direct victim, continues to endanger regional and global peace and stability. He said piracy, too, remains a strong challenge against the backdrop of Somali pirates targeting merchant vessels, including those of India.

41. Security forces intensify counter-terror ops, neutralize 10 terrorists in two weeks

Asian News International, 2016 02 07

New Delhi - Undeterred by the inhospitable weather conditions, the Indian Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police have upped the ante in their counter terrorist operations, neutralizing ten terrorists in two weeks. The result of the operations are clearly manifested in the clinical, intelligence based operations over the past two weeks that have resulted in the elimination of ten terrorists in all parts of Kashmir. Conscious efforts are being made to ensure no collateral damage during these encounters and it can be gauged from the fact that there has been no civilian casualty in any of these operations. The Army

personnel have been careful in evacuating the occupants of the affected house and from other adjacent areas from the scene of action to ensure safety of the people.

Eastern Europe - Europe de l'Est

42. Russian MoD Strikes Back at NATO's Accusations of Fueling Tensions in Syria

Sputnik News Service, 2016 02 07

Moscow - Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov dismissed as 'stupid' a recent statement by NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg who said that Russia's air strikes in Syria targeting rebel forces were "undermining" efforts to find a non-military solution to the war, RIA Novosti news agency reported. "What we have seen is that the intense Russian air strikes mainly targeting opposition groups in Syria are undermining the efforts to find a political solution to the conflict," Stoltenberg said as he arrived for talks in Amsterdam with EU defense ministers. Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said that it was the "NATO countries' reckless action, which plunged the Middle Eastern region into chaos," not the Russian military operation, that actually brought about the current crisis in Syria.

43. U.S. missile defense in South Korea to threaten Russia - Komoyedov

Interfax: Russia & CIS General Newswire, 2016 02 07

Moscow - The possible deployment of U.S. Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) in South Korea may threaten the security of Russia, State Duma Defense Committee Chairman Vladimir Komoyedov has said. "The U.S. promises to deploy a missile defense system in Korea are not a move in our favor. This is a threat to us, in particular, to our nuclear forces. It will not build our security," Komoyedov told Interfax on Sunday. The deployment of missile defense systems "is certainly different from building garden beds, this cannot be done by morning," he said. "This will not happen by morning, but they may build such systems as a matter of plan," the committee chairman said.

44. Fanning the Flames: US Think Tank Presents 'Russian Invasion' Scenario

Sputnik News Service, 2016 02 07

Moscow - Polish soldiers watch as US troops from the 5th Battalion of the 7th Air Defense Regiment emplace a launching station of the Patriot air and missile defence system at a test range in Sochaczew, Poland. American war planners continue to get themselves worked up with Russia's imaginary "threat," using the phantom menace to convince Washington and NATO to increase their already bloated defense budget. A Cold War-style RAND Corporation report suggests that Russian military forces could reach the outskirts of the Baltic capital cities of Tallinn and Riga in 60 hours. "Across multiple games using a wide range of expert participants playing both sides, the longest it has taken Russian forces to reach the outskirts of Tallinn and Riga is 60 hours," the study says.

Africa - Afrique

45. La Libye, nouveau terrain de jeu du terrorisme

El Watan, Zine Cherfaoui, 2016 02 07

Tripoli - La Libye devient progressivement mais sûrement le nouvel épice de terrorisme mondial. Solidement implanté dans le pays, le groupe terroriste autoproclamé Etat islamique dicte sa loi moyenâgeuse dans plusieurs localités de l'ex-Jamahiriya et a pour projet d'élargir le califat d'Al Baghdadi à l'Afrique du Nord. Pour réaliser son entreprise funeste, Daech (acronyme en arabe d'Etat islamique) recrute actuellement des sanguinaires à tour de bras. Abou Ali Al Anbari, le nouveau chef de

Daech en Libye, privilégie néanmoins les vétérans des guerres d'Irak et de Syrie. Chassés par les Russes et les Occidentaux de leur «califat» en feu, ces derniers ont déjà accepté par centaines l'«hospitalité» de l'ancien major-général de l'armée irakienne. Cette «hijra» forcée a déjà permis à la filiale de Daech en Libye de multiplier, en l'espace de quelques mois, par deux le nombre de ses effectifs. Les services de renseignement américains évaluent à 5000 le nombre des éléments dont disposerait aujourd'hui ce groupe terroriste ultra-violent. Les précédentes estimations de la CIA tablaient jusque-là sur environ 2000 à 3000 terroristes. Et encore, il ne s'agit que des effectifs de Daech. Il ne faut pas oublier que dans d'autres régions de la Libye sont établis Aqmi et Ançar Al Charia, deux autres groupes terroristes disposant de plusieurs centaines d'hommes.

46. Le nombre de jeunes radicalisés a doublé en un an

El Watan, Yacine Farah, 2016 02 07

Alger - En plein débat sur la déchéance de la nationalité pour des binationaux ayant commis des actes terroristes, le ministère de l'Intérieur français a enfoncé le clou en publiant un rapport sur le nombre de personnes radicalisées en France et susceptibles de passer à l'action terroriste à tout moment. Ainsi, selon le décompte des services de sécurité français (police et gendarmerie), plus de 8000 personnes, dont la majorité de confession musulmane, ont été signalées comme radicalisées en France depuis début 2016. De son côté, le ministère français de l'Intérieur a indiqué que ce nombre a doublé en neuf mois. En mars 2015, le nombre de radicalisés était de 4000 personnes. Parmi les 8000 personnes radicalisées, plus de 1600 (soit 20%) sont des mineurs qui ont quitté leurs foyers familiaux en cachette et avec l'aide de recruteurs terroristes travaillant pour le compte du groupe Etat islamique (EI). Le nombre d'adolescents a dépassé les 700. Mais ce que le rapport a montré de nouveau, c'est le nombre de filles victimes du discours islamiste, voire terroriste. 860 filles sont recensées comme étant radicalisées et prêtes à se rendre en Syrie pour rejoindre le groupe Daech.

48. 1994: le chef de l'opération française au Rwanda entendu par un juge

Radio France Internationale, 2016 02 07

Paris - L'Agence France-Presse a révélé ce dimanche 7 février que le général Lafourcade, chef de l'opération militaire française Turquoise, déployée au Rwanda durant le génocide de 1994, a été entendu par un juge français au cours du mois de janvier 2016. Depuis 2005, suite à une plainte déposée par des rescapés et des associations, la justice enquête sur l'attitude de la France lors de ce génocide. De longue date, les militaires français sont accusés d'avoir laissé se dérouler, en toute connaissance de cause, des massacres de Tutsis pendant le génocide rwandais de 1994. Les soldats de l'opération Turquoise, eux, ont toujours nié. C'est en tant que témoin assisté que le général Lafourcade a répondu aux juges en janvier. Un statut intermédiaire entre celui de simple témoin et celui de mis en examen. Selon l'AFP, l'interrogatoire s'est déroulé en deux temps, entre le 12 et le 14 janvier, et a porté notamment sur le massacre de Bisesero, quatre journées au cours desquelles près de 3 000 Tutsis ont été méthodiquement massacrés dans l'est du Rwanda. L'armée française n'était pas intervenue. Or, depuis des années, plusieurs sources affirment que les militaires français étaient pourtant informés de ce qu'il se passait. Mais ils auraient sciemment laissé faire, alors que leur mission était précisément de mettre fin aux tueries.

49. Explosion dans un avion somalien: il s'agissait bien d'une bombe

Radio France Internationale, 2016 02 07

Mogadiscio - Le gouvernement somalien reconnaît que l'explosion, survenue mardi dernier dans un avion de ligne de la compagnie Daallo Airlines, était due à une bombe. L'appareil avait été contraint de faire un atterrissage d'urgence à Mogadiscio peu après son décollage. Quelque 74 passagers se trouvaient à bord. L'un d'eux avait été tué, et deux autres légèrement blessés. Dans un premier temps, les autorités avaient parlé d'un problème technique. Mardi, l'avion avait atterri en catastrophe à l'aéroport de Mogadiscio avec

un trou béant d'un mètre de diamètre environ dans le fuselage, au-dessus des réacteurs de l'aile droite. Le pilote serbe de cet A321 avait rapidement parlé d'une déflagration due à une bombe. L'explosion n'avait pas endommagé le système de navigation, précisait-il, ce qui lui avait permis de ramener l'appareil. L'enquête confirme dorénavant qu'une bombe est bien la cause de l'explosion survenue mardi. Une bombe destinée à détruire l'appareil et tuer tous les passagers. C'est ce qu'a indiqué le ministre des Transports Ali Ahmed Jama, sur la base de l'enquête conduite par des experts somaliens et des enquêteurs de la police fédérale américaine (FBI). « Les forces de sécurité ont arrêté des personnes suspectées d'avoir été impliquées », ajoute-t-il.

50. Tunisia builds anti-terror barrier along Libya border

BBC News, 2016 02 07

Tunis - Tunisia says it has completed the first part of a 200km (125-mile) barrier along its border with Libya, designed to deter terrorism. The barrier is made of sand banks and water trenches. It was announced last summer after 38 people were killed on a beach by a gunman said to have trained in Libya. Tunisia's defence minister said the second phase of the project would involve installing electronic equipment with the help of Germany and the US. Security forces said the defences - which aim to make the border impassable by vehicles - had already helped to reduce smuggling. "Today we finished closing it off, and this will help us protect our border, and stop the threat," said Defence Minister Farhat Horchani on Saturday.

Iraq/Iran

51. Iran Panel Reverses Disqualification of Election Candidates

The New York Times, Thomas Erdbrink, 2016 02 07

Tehran - An Iranian vetting committee on Saturday reversed a decision to disqualify more than 1,500 candidates who had registered to run in parliamentary elections scheduled for Feb. 26. It is unclear how many of the newly approved candidates are considered to be reformists, who are opposed by Iranian hard-liners. An election official told the state news media that the decisions were reversed after a new review of the candidates' qualifications and backgrounds. In Iran, all candidates must prove they fully support the Islamic republic and are devout Muslims. Iran's beleaguered reformist faction has tried to flood the vetting committee, known as the Guardian Council, with candidates, hoping that enough would slip through for their faction to win a majority in Parliament. But that remains a stiff challenge, even if many reformists were reinstated on Saturday. During a first round of vetting in December, reformist leaders said that out of the 3,000 candidates they put forth, the Guardian Council, which is made up of Shiite Muslim clerics and jurists, approved only 30.

52. General Staff of Armed Forces: Iran Superior, Influential Power in Region, World

Fars News Agency, 2016 02 07

Tehran - The General Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces in a statement underlined that the country has established superiority in the region and plays an influential role in global equations. "Despite hostile attempts in the past 37 years, the Islamic Republic of Iran has managed to put an end to the US hegemony and exceptionalism in the region. It has now turned itself into a superior regional power and an influential trans-regional player," the statement said on Sunday. The statement went on to add that Iran has made huge progress in different fields by sticking to its lofty principles and causes. As a consequence, the arrogant powers cannot stand the idea of a rising Iran. In relevant remarks in 2014, Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani had underlined the country's regional power and clout, and said even senior White

House officials have been forced to acknowledge this reality. "The Islamic Republic of Iran enjoys such a high degree of power that it has now gained a geopolitical and geostrategic position," Larijani said.

53. Iran Confiscates ISIL-Bound Cargo of Guillotines

Fars News Agency, 2016 02 07

Tehran - The Iranian customs authorities have discovered and seized a cargo bound for the ISIL terrorist group, an official disclosed on Sunday. "Few days ago, we seized a cargo containing guillotines (an apparatus designed for efficiently carrying out executions by beheading) that was headed to the ISIL," Director-General of Iran's Customs Office for Transit Affairs Vahid Dashtbani told the Iranian Seday-e Eqtesad daily on Sunday. The Iranian security forces have in the past foiled many ISIL plots to create insecurity and tension within the country. Head of Iran's Cyber Police (FATA) Brigadier General Seyed Kamal Hadianfar had announced in December that 53 supporters of the ISIL terrorist group were identified and arrested in Iran in almost two years. "The FATA (Cyber) Police has identified 285 websites affiliated to those who supported the ISIL or promoted ISIL's thoughts in Iran in the past 20 months," Hadianfar told reporters in a press conference in Tehran. He said that 108 websites which supported the ISIL were run from outside Iran, adding that all these sites have been filtered and closed with the help of the Interpol.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

54. Cross-border Yemeni shelling kills two in Saudi

Agence France Presse, 2016 02 07

Riyadh - A Saudi soldier and a civilian have been killed in cross-border shelling from rebel-controlled northern Yemen, authorities said late Saturday. A Saudi patrol was hit on Saturday morning in the southwestern region of Assir, killing the soldier, the interior ministry said in a statement carried by state news agency SPA. Later in the day, the southwestern city of Najran was struck, leaving dead a foreign resident, a civil defense spokesman said in a statement on SPA. About 90 civilians and soldiers have died from shelling and skirmishes along the border since March, when a Saudi-led military coalition began air and ground action in Yemen.

55. Red Cross in Gaza closes office due to violent protests

The Associated Press, 2016 02 07

Gaza - The International Committee of the Red Cross said Sunday it is temporarily closing its Gaza office after protesters repeatedly tried to storm it. Spokeswoman Suhair Zakkout said the office will operate remotely until "local authorities in Gaza provide assurances that our premises, work and staff are respected." Gaza is ruled by Hamas, an Islamic militant group that seized power there in 2007. Dozens of Gazans have protested daily at the office in recent weeks in solidarity with a Palestinian hunger striker detained by Israel, demanding that the Red Cross help bring about his release. They tried to enter the building forcefully on Sunday, smashing garage windows and causing other damage. Mohammed al-Qeq, a 33-year old journalist, has been on a hunger strike for 75 days.

56. Iraqi Kurds protest against Turkey, 3 police wounded

The Canadian Press, 2016 02 07

Irbil, Iraq - Protests against Turkey in Iraq's northern Kurdish region have turned violent, with three police officers wounded. Hundreds of protesters gathered Sunday outside the United Nations compound in the northern city of Irbil calling for an end to Turkish airstrikes against Kurdish militants. Local media reported that three police were wounded. Turkey began launching airstrikes in Iraq and Syria in July 2015 as part of the U.S.-led coalition's fight against the Islamic State group.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

57. Turkey: Reaching limits but will keep taking in refugees

The Associated Press, Mehmet Guzel And Suzan Fraser, 2016 02 07

Kilis, Turkey - Turkey has reached the end of its "capacity to absorb" refugees but will continue to take them in, the deputy premier said Sunday, as his country faced mounting pressure to open its border to tens of thousands of Syrians who have fled a government onslaught. The United Arab Emirates meanwhile joined Saudi Arabia in saying that it was open to the idea of sending ground troops to Syria to battle the Islamic State group, raising the possibility of even greater foreign involvement in the five-year-old civil war. Turkish authorities say up to 35,000 Syrians have massed along the border, which remained closed for a third day on Sunday. The governor of the Turkish border province of Kilis said Saturday that Turkey would provide aid to the displaced within Syria, but would only open the gates in the event of an "extraordinary crisis." Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus told CNN-Turk television that Turkey is now hosting a total of 3 million refugees, including 2.5 million Syrians.

58. Rassemblement anti-migrants à Calais: 5 comparutions immédiates lundi, dont un general

Agence France Presse, 2016 02 07

Lille - Cinq personnes, dont un général ancien patron de la légion étrangère, passeront en comparution immédiate lundi au tribunal de Boulogne-sur-Mer, après leur interpellation samedi à Calais lors d'un rassemblement hostile aux migrants, a-t-on appris de source judiciaire dimanche. Le général Christian Piquemal, 75 ans, désigné comme ayant eu "le rôle principal" dans cette manifestation interdite, sera poursuivi pour "participation à un attroupement qui ne s'est pas dissout après sommation" et les quatre autres personnes pour "port illégal d'armes". Toujours en garde à vue, ils risquent une peine allant jusqu'à un an de prison ferme. Organisée à Calais à l'appel du mouvement islamophobe Pegida, la manifestation de samedi avait été interdite par les autorités et a été marquée par des échauffourées entre forces de l'ordre et manifestants, qui ont scandé des slogans tels que "on est chez nous!", "Etat dictateur" ou "migrants dehors".

59. Un général au tribunal après la manifestation islamophobe de Calais

Le Monde.fr, 2016 02 07

Paris - Cinq personnes, dont le général Christian Piquemal, 75 ans, comparaîtront lundi au tribunal de Boulogne-sur-Mer après le rassemblement interdit de Pegida samedi. Cinq personnes, dont le général Christian Piquemal, ancien patron de la Légion étrangère, passeront en comparution immédiate lundi 8 février au tribunal de Boulogne-sur-Mer, à la suite de leur interpellation samedi à Calais lors d'un rassemblement hostile aux migrants. Le général Christian Piquemal désigné comme ayant eu «le rôle principal» dans cette manifestation interdite, sera poursuivi pour «participation à un attroupement qui ne s'est pas dissous après sommation». «On sait bien que la manifestation a été interdite et que l'autorité de l'Etat a été défiée. Le général n'est pas venu à Calais pour faire de la figuration», a affirmé le procureur de Boulogne-sur-Mer, Jean-Pierre Valensi.

60. 20 arrests as tensions rise at Amsterdam Pegida rally

Dutch News, 2016 02 07

Amsterdam - Battalions of riot police kept a protest organised by anti-Islam organisation Pegida at a

standstill in Amsterdam on Saturday afternoon, as tension mounted between Pegida supporters and anti-fascist groups. In total, some 20 people were arrested, all of whom were released by Sunday morning. The gathering coincided with similar protests organised by Pegida in several European cities on Saturday, including Dublin, London, and Prague. The rally, originally planned to occur on a square in front of the city hall at Waterlooplein, was moved after police found a suspected explosive device at the original location. Fireworks According to a police press release, the device turned out to be a packet of fireworks. Police believe the 'device' was planted by counter-protestors to draw police attention and disrupt the protest. The 100 or so Pegida supporters who turned up were corralled by police onto a nearby bridge and remained there until buses chartered from the local transport authority showed up to move them out of the city centre.

61. Spanish police arrest terror suspects with alleged jihadist links

Deutsche Welle, 2016 02 07

Madrid - Spanish police on Sunday arrested at least six suspects that they say are linked to al Qaeda and "Islamic State" jihadists. The investigation is ongoing, but Sunday's raids were the culmination of a probe that began in 2014. Police say they have evidence that those arrested provided "logistical support that was essential for the maintenance of terror activities" in Syria and Iraq. "Four of those arrested are Spanish nationals of Syrian, Jordanian and Moroccan origin," according to a police statement. One Syrian and one Moroccan suspect were also taken into custody. There were reports of a seventh arrest, but details of the suspect's background were not immediately clear.

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Canada

1. Police investigating after Calgary school hit again with hateful graffiti aimed at Syrians, Trudeau Calgary Herald, Clara Ho, 2016 02 21

Calgary - City police are investigating after the walls of a southeast junior high were once again sprayed with hateful messages directed at Syrians and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Officers were called just before 9:30 a.m. Saturday to Wilma Hansen junior high school in the community of Queensland after someone in the neighbourhood reported the vandalism to police. "We are still doing neighbourhood inquiries," said Sgt. Kelly Todd, adding the incident could potentially be investigated as a hate crime. On the walls of the school, in black spray-paint, someone wrote messages including "Syrians are animals" and "real Canadians hate Syrians" as well as "burn all mosques." Some of the messages also targeted Trudeau including "Syrians go home and take Trudeau" and "While Syrians feast in hotels, Canadians starve on the street, kill the traitor Trudeau." The windows of the school were also smashed. The incident comes a week after the same school was vandalized with similar anti-Syrian and anti-Trudeau sayings.

1A). GOP senator 'a little concerned' about refugees in Canada The Hill.com Bradford Richardson, 2016 02 21

Washington - Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wisc.) on Sunday said he is "a little concerned" about radical Islamic terrorists posing as refugees entering Canada. The Wisconsin lawmaker said Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau expedited the process of approving asylum seekers in the wake of the Syrian refugee crisis. "Of course, with Prime Minister Trudeau's announced plan of basically tripling the number of refugees to bring in - we held a hearing about this, actually," Johnson told radio show host John Catsimatidis on AM 970 New York. "And on average, prior to this program, it would take about 62 months for Canada to properly vet a refugee," he added. "Now they're going to triple the number they're going to let in, and they're going to do it in less than 12 months." "So, yeah, I'm a little concerned that maybe Islamic terrorists could infiltrate that flow of refugees and then come across that very porous northern border."

2. RCMP investigate threat at Paul Kane High School Global News, Jennifer Ivanov, 2016 02 21

Edmonton - Members of the RCMP will be present Monday morning at Paul Kane High School in St. Albert to investigate a possible threat against the school. In a letter to parents Friday, the principal of Paul Kane High School said a threat was made targeting a staff member. The letter states the threat is set to occur on Monday, Feb. 22 but the details regarding who is targeted and why are not being released. The letter went on to say RCMP are investigating and that students would arrive to an RCMP presence in the building on Monday morning. Students are being told to use only the front doors of the school to enter and exit the building. Classes will progress as usual.

3. From military to mainstream: experts say drones taking off in many industries The Canadian Press, Gemma Karstens-Smith, 2016 02 21

Burnaby, B.C - A vast smile breaks out across Wyatt Travis' face as the machine he's operating tilts slightly and whirrs upwards, an omnipresent buzz echoing from the four dizzying propellers. It's Travis' first time flying a drone and he couldn't be happier. "It was incredible," he says after safely landing the 1.28 kg machine. "It was a lot easier than I thought. And a lot of fun." Once thought of as the stuff sci-fi movies, pilot-less flying machines are booming both recreationally and commercially as tech-enthusiasts and different industries explore their capabilities. And experts say this is just the beginning. "You have to have your head on a swivel these days because it's advancing so fast and the technology is changing so quickly," says Declan Sweeney, co-founder of Metro Vancouver's first-ever Drone Fair, held in Burnaby, B.C., this weekend. Sweeney has been working with drones for nearly 15 years, and says when he started, most other people flying unmanned aerial vehicles wore military uniforms.

4. Stop detaining migrants without cause

The Toronto Star, Michaela Beder and Rachel Kronick, 2016 02 21

OpEd: When 16-year-old Mohammed's parents helped their son flee to Canada, they surely could not have imagined that their child would be held in immigration detention and much less that he would be put in isolation for three weeks. But indeed, this is how the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) treated the arrival of this unaccompanied and vulnerable youth. Mohammed's family had fled Syria for Egypt and when Mohammed's permit expired, rather than risk deportation to Syria, his parents did what any parent would do: try to protect their child. Mohammed flew to the U.S. and then presented to the Canadian border to make a claim for refugee protection. Unaccompanied minors may claim asylum in Canada, even if they have travelled through the United States, but due to a technicality, the CBSA officer who greeted Mohammed deemed him "ineligible" to claim refugee status and promptly sent him to immigration detention. If only Mohammed (to protect his privacy, we're not using his real name) were an exceptional case. In truth, hundreds of innocent migrant and refugee children find themselves in immigration detention centres each year in Canada, as do thousands of adults. Babies, children and adolescents are held in Montreal and Toronto in what are essentially medium security prisons, surrounded by high razor-wire fences, staffed by guards, where children are denied regular schooling, held to rigid schedules, pervasively understimulated and live with a sense of uncertainty and fear. (Note: Dr. Michaela Beder is a psychiatrist in Toronto, and the mental-health lead with Inner City Health Associates. Dr. Rachel Kronick is a psychiatrist working with children and youth at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto.)

5. Escaping tribalism and tradition in Middle East

The Ottawa Sun, Farzana Hassan, 2016 02 21

Column: Queens University's United Nations model offers an exciting opportunity for young adults to exchange ideas about the world's political, economic and social problems. It is the type of forum other universities would benefit from. I recently spoke at the UN model as one of a four-member panel discussing how volatility hampers development in the Middle East. The panel discussed strategies for peacebuilding, which is an obvious prerequisite for any progress. As the discussion unfolded, the five-year anniversary of the Arab Spring naturally came up. Several questions were asked about why the movement had failed so dismally when there was a sincere and pressing desire among the revolutionaries for real democratic change. The failed revolts produced a far more unstable Middle East: parts of Libya ripped apart by warring Islamist factions, Egypt in the hands of a far more sinister dictatorship than Hosni Mubarak's, and Syria of course consumed by a catastrophic civil war so complex that even the talks about talks make no progress. Many valid reasons can be offered for the failed Arab revolts: sectarian divisions, economic instability, vested interests by those in control, lack of developed institutions, poor

infrastructure and lack of educational and professional opportunity. However, the one cause which underpins all of these is a misconception about the humane values needed to provide enlightened governance.

United States – États-Unis

7. Protests planned across United States to back Apple in battle with FBI

The Associated Press, 2016 02 21

San Francisco - Protesters are preparing to assemble in more than 30 cities to lash out at the FBI for obtaining a court order that requires Apple to make it easier to unlock an encrypted iPhone used by a gunman in December's mass shootings in Southern California. The protests organized by the Internet rights group Fight for the Future are scheduled to occur Tuesday outside Apple stores in the U.S., the U.K., Hong Kong and Germany. The U.S. protests will be in cities scattered across more than 20 states, including in New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Washington, where protesters plan to express their discontent outside the FBI's headquarters. The gatherings will come a week after the FBI went to court to force Apple to weaken the security built into most iPhones to help a terrorism investigation in San Bernardino, California. The FBI wants Apple to remove a feature that erases the information stored on an iPhone after 10 unsuccessful attempts to enter a password, preventing unauthorized users from accessing the device. The iPhone that the FBI is trying to examine was used by Syed Farook, who along with his wife killed 14 people in December. Apple is fighting the court order issued in the case, arguing that the special software sought by the FBI could be used to break into millions of other iPhones. The FBI contends Apple is exaggerating the security risks of complying with the court order in a marketing ploy aimed at selling more iPhones.

8. Snowden: Would return to US with guarantee of fair trial

The Associated Press, 2016 02 21

Manchester, N.H - Speaking via Skype from Russia, Edward Snowden told an audience of supporters in New Hampshire on Saturday that he is willing to be extradited to the United States if the federal government would guarantee he would get a fair trial. The former National Security Agency contractor in 2013 leaked details of a secret government eavesdropping program and left the country. He faces U.S. charges that could land him in prison for up to 30 years. Snowden spoke Saturday at the New Hampshire Liberty Forum, heavily attended by libertarians. WMUR (<http://bit.ly/1KzViUd>) reported that forum organizers did not allow the media to video record his remarks. "I've told the government I would return if they would guarantee a fair trial where I can make a public interest defence of why this was done and allow a jury to decide," Snowden told his audience. Snowden has previously spoken of making offers to the government to return home and his willingness to discuss a plea deal and even go to jail. Last year, former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said a plea deal with Snowden was a possibility, but Snowden told the BBC in an interview in October that he and his lawyers were still waiting to hear from the government.

9. Apple Sees Its Privacy Stance as Crucial to Its Global Brand

The New York Times, Katie Benner & Paul Mozur, 2016 02 21

San Francisco - It took six years for Apple to persuade China's largest wireless carrier, China Mobile, to sell the iPhone. Apple's chief executive, Timothy D. Cook, made repeated trips to China to meet with top government officials and executives to woo them personally. The persistence paid off. In 2013, China Mobile relented, a moment Mr. Cook later described as "a watershed day" for Apple. Today, China is

Apple's second-largest market after the United States -- Chinese consumers spent \$59 billion on Apple products in the last fiscal year -- and the iPhone, the company's top seller, has become both a status symbol and a form of personal security, given how difficult the device is to break into in a country where people increasingly worry about hacking and cybercrime. Apple's success in China helps explain why it is now in a standoff with the United States government over whether to help officials gain access to the encrypted iPhone of one of the attackers in the San Bernardino, Calif., mass shooting last December. The company is playing the long game with its business. Privacy and security have become part of its brand, especially internationally, where it reaps almost two-thirds of its almost \$234 billion a year in sales. And if it cooperates with one government, the thinking goes, it will have to cooperate with all of them. "Tim Cook is leveraging his personal brand and Apple's to stand on the side of consumer privacy in this environment," said Mark Bartholomew, a law professor at the University at Buffalo who studies encryption and cyberlaw. "He is taking the long view."

10. San Bernardino County Calls the FBI Liars Over Terrorist's iCloud Account

Gizmodo, Matt Novak, 2016 02 21

Washington - Late last night a Twitter account associated with San Bernardino County said that it worked under the direction of the FBI to reset Syed Farook's iCloud password. Why does that matter? Because it would make the FBI liars. As you probably know by now, the FBI has demanded that Apple break into the San Bernardino terrorist's iPhone. Apple has refused, insisting that doing so would set a terrible precedent. But both the FBI and Apple are currently waging a fierce PR battle over one of the possible ways that information from the phone could've been retrieved in the early stages of the investigation: Hacking Farook's iCloud password and causing his phone to push information to the cloud remotely. In a filing yesterday the FBI claimed that the owner of the phone, San Bernardino County, had been the one who bungled the auto-backup of the phone to iCloud. San Bernardino County was Farook's employer because he worked for the local Department of Health. The County technically owned the phone (emphasis mine): [...] to attempt an auto-backup of the SUBJECT DEVICE with the related iCloud account (which would not work in this case because neither the owner nor the government knew the password to the iCloud account, and the owner, in an attempt to gain access to some information in the hours after the attack, was able to reset the password remotely, but that had the effect of eliminating the possibility of an auto-backup) [...] But San Bernardino County's Twitter account (which remains unverified but appears authentic) now claims that it was working under the FBI's orders. Specifically the tweet said, "The County was working cooperatively with the FBI when it reset the iCloud password at the FBI's request."

11. Kerry in Jordan to discuss Syrian conflict, struggling peace effort

The Washington Post, Carol Morello

Washington - Secretary of State John F. Kerry arrived in Jordan on Saturday to discuss the worsening situation on the ground in Syria with King Abdullah II, as attempts to halt the fighting foundered and the United States expanded its military effort against Islamic State militants to Libya. Syria also was the focus of Kerry's conversations Saturday morning with British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond, as they met over breakfast in Kerry's only official encounter during his one-night stay in London before heading to Jordan. While in Jordan, Kerry also plans to meet on Sunday with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas. State Department spokesman John Kirby said Kerry and Hammond talked about the brutal civil war, and discussed efforts to broker a partial cease-fire and get humanitarian aid delivered to trapped residents facing starvation as their towns and villages are under siege. Britain is one of 17 countries trying to get peace talks between the Syrian government and opposition groups underway in Geneva. The talks were supposed to start in January, but the opposition refused to take part while its forces and civilians were

bombarded by Syrian troops backed by Russian airstrikes. A meeting a week ago in Munich established a Friday deadline for what was called a "cessation of hostilities," one legal step short of a full cease-fire. But the deadline elapsed while U.S. and Russian diplomats dickered over the terms.

12. My Friend, the Former Muslim Extremist

The New York Times, Nicholas Kristof, 2016 02 21

Column: Whenever a Muslim carries out a terror attack in the West, the question arises: Why do they hate us? Provocative answers come from my friend Rafiullah Kakar, who has lived a more astonishing life than almost anyone I know. Rafi is a young Pakistani who used to hate the United States and support the Taliban. His brother joined the Taliban for a time, but now I worry that the Taliban might try to kill Rafi - ah, but I'm getting ahead of myself. One of 13 children, Rafi is a Pashtun who grew up in a mud home close to the Afghan border, in an area notorious for tribal feuds and violent clashes. His parents are illiterate farmers, and it looked as if Rafi's education would end in the fifth grade, when he was sent to a madrasa. His mom wanted him to become a hafiz, someone who has memorized the entire Quran. "One reason people send kids to madrasa is that a hafiz can get to paradise and take 10 other people along," Rafi notes, explaining a local belief about getting to heaven. "My mother wanted me to be a hafiz, so I could be her ticket to paradise." Ultimately, Rafi's life was transformed because his eldest brother, Akhtar, pinched pennies and sent Rafi to the best public school in the family's home province, Balochistan. Rafi had an outstanding mind and rocketed to the top of his class. But he also fell under the spell of political Islam. A charismatic Islamic studies teacher turned Rafi into a Taliban sympathizer who despised the West.

United Kingdom - Royaume-Uni

13. EU police chief warns that 5,000 jihadists returned from Middle East — and new attack is likely

The Telegraph, Justin Huggler, 2016 02 21

London - Up to 5,000 jihadists trained in the Middle East could be at large in Europe, the EU's police chief has warned. "Europe is currently facing the highest terror threat in more than 10 years," said Rob Wainwright, the British head of Europol, the EU's police agency. Thousands of EU citizens have returned to their home countries after being trained by Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), Wainwright said. "We can expect ISIL or other religious terror groups to stage an attack somewhere in Europe with the aim of achieving mass casualties among the civilian population," he told Germany's Neue Osnabrucker Zeitung newspaper. Before becoming head of Europol in 2009, Wainwright served in senior roles at the UK's National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS) and Serious Organized Crime Agency (SOCA). Europol estimates the number of EU citizens who have slipped back after terror training in the Middle East as between 3,000 and 5,000, he said. The growing number "presents EU member states with completely new challenges."

14. Cameras 'spy' on prayers at Jihadi John's university

The Sunday Times, Josh Boswell, 2016 02 21

London - A university once attended by "Jihadi John" has installed CCTV cameras in its prayer rooms, prompting protests from students who say they are being "spied on". The University of Westminster has tightened security since the Isis killer was last year revealed to be Mohammed Emwazi, a former student, and an internal report said its Islamic society had become a "breeding ground for very ultraconservative views". The university's student union has complained about the cameras and claims that key cards used to enter the rooms are being monitored. Jim Hirschmann, the union's president, said: "The lack of understanding leads to a lack of trust, some anger and frankly a degree of fear." Salsabil Sila, one of the

union's Muslim officers, said some students now prayed off campus. "It's limited us from being able to perform our prayers in an environment where we can feel completely at ease," she said. "What would normally be a safe space where we could take off our scarves has now been taken away from us." Father Stephen Wang, chaplain at the University of London, said: "It is certainly not the norm to have CCTV cameras in prayer rooms and chapels. I would want to know what the reasons were and whether it had been agreed with the chaplains, the interfaith team and the students concerned."

Americas- Amériques

(light coverage / couverture légère)

Australia -Australie/New Zealand - Nouvelle-Zélande

15. Australia warns citizens of possible terror attack in KL

MalaysiaKini News, 2016 02 21

Kuala Lumpur - The Australian government today warned its citizens of a possible terrorist attack in "locations frequented by Westerners" in Kuala Lumpur. "Terrorists may be planning attacks in and around Kuala Lumpur. Attacks could be indiscriminate and may target Western interests or locations frequented by Westerners. "You should be particularly vigilant at this time," it said in a travel advisory published today Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website, smartraveller.gov.au. It maintains that Australians should reconsider travel to the east coast of Sabah, where several tourists have been kidnapped by militants group Abu Sayyaf. Australia's warning comes after the British government raised the terror threat level for East Malaysian resorts last week. The British Foreign and Commonwealth Office advised against all travel to the Sabah eastern islands, raising threat level from "general" to "high". When contacted a police spokesperson said the inspector general maintains police are on "high alert". Inspector-General of Police Khalid Abu Bakar last month said police will increase surveillance in public areas, but denied there is a list of likely terror hotspots in the city.

16. Asylum seeker pair leaves Nauru 'black hole' to be reunited with family in Canada

Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Jessica Longbottom, 2016 02 21

Canberra - After spending three years on Nauru, a father and son are resettled in Canada. They are believed to be the first refugees from Nauru or Manus Island to be given permanent protection by a Western country. Two asylum seekers who spent three years living on Nauru have been resettled in Canada, in what is believed to be a first for boat arrivals sent to the Pacific. Syrian man Ali Kharsa, 18, and his father Ahmed, 47, are understood to be the only refugees on either Nauru or Manus Island to be given permanent protection by a Western country. They left the Pacific country in November after a year of legal wrangling. Their relocation was made possible under a family reunification visa after Ali's mother, Doha, was accepted as a refugee by Canada. "When I stepped off the plane, I saw my Mum and I saw some Canadian people," Ali told the ABC. "I didn't even know them but they were crying and they hugged me and they said 'You know what? You are welcome here. You are welcome to Canada'." "I don't believe I'm here in [Canada]. Nauru is a black hole. You never get out.

Asia -Asie

17. U.S., China narrow gap on U.N. resolution against N. Korea

Yonhap English News, 2016 02 21

Seoul - The United States and China are in a critical phase in their drawn-out talks on the level of U.N. punishment against North Korea for its nuclear and missile provocations, government sources here said Sunday. "The two sides have made considerable progress in core contents" of the envisioned U.N. resolution, a source said, requesting anonymity. South Korean officials expect a draft resolution to be circulated to the other members of the U.N. Security Council within this week. But they remain cautious about when a resolution will be adopted. "Nothing is agreed until everything is agreed," an official pointed out. The international community has reached a consensus on the need for a strong resolution to punish Pyongyang for its Jan. 6 nuclear test and a long-range rocket launch a month later, both are in clear violation of existing U.N. resolutions on the North.

18. 2 dead in ASG, MNLF clash in Sulu

Manila Bulletin, 2016 02 21

Zamboanga City - Two people, including an Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) member, were killed while another was wounded in an encounter between the bandit group and Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) faction in a remote barangay in Sulu, a top military official said Saturday. Brig. Gen. Alan Arrojado, Joint Task Group Sulu commander, said the clash took place around 5:30 p.m. Friday in Sitio Santol, Barangay Buanza, Indanan town. Arrojado said the clash broke out when the group of Abu Sayyaf sub-leader Sibih Pisih attacked the residence of Gaber Majang, a member of the MNLF. Arrojado said the firefight lasted for about five minutes that resulted to the death of Majang and a follower of Pisih.

19. Umar Khalid not a terrorist but has poor judgement: Bhaskar

Press Trust of India, 2016 02 21

New Delhi - Bollywood actress Swara Bhaskar, a JNU alumnus, has written an open letter to varsity's student Umar Khalid, who is being searched in connection with a sedition case. Khalid is among the students, who are being looked out by police in connection with an event at JNU against hanging of Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru during which anti-national slogans were allegedly raised. The varsity's students' union president Kanhaiya is in judicial custody in a sedition case over the incident. In an open letter to Khalid, Swara who studied Sociology at JNU, has also questioned him for hiding from police saying, that is being taken as the most incriminating evidence of his guilt of being a terror sympathiser. "No, you are not a terrorist Umar Khaled, you are a radical and an idiot with poor judgement of what to say where, but you do NOT deserve to be jailed, tortured or killed for that," she said in the letter.

20. 5 dead in Kashmir standoff between Indian forces and rebels

The Associated Press, Aijaz Hussain, 2016 02 21

Srinagar - A handful of rebels holed up in a building in the Indian portion of Kashmir exchanged fire with government forces for the second straight day Sunday, raising the number of dead to four soldiers and one civilian. Another 13 paramilitary troops have been wounded in the standoff. The rebels, numbering two to three, fired guns and grenades early Sunday as Indian commandos tried to storm the government building where they have been hiding since Saturday, said paramilitary spokesman Bhavesh Chaudhary. The latest firing killed an army captain and a soldier belonging to the army's special forces and injured four paramilitary soldiers, said army spokesman Col. Nitin N. Joshi. Two paramilitary soldiers and one civilian were killed Saturday and nine paramilitary troops were hospitalized. As an intense gunbattle raged between security forces and the insurgents, a portion of the five-story government building caught fire. The standoff started Saturday when the militants fired automatic rifles as they ambushed a convoy of Indian paramilitary soldiers before taking refuge in the nearby government building. They allowed more than 100 civilian government employees to leave the building without any harm.

Africa – Afrique

21. «L'Algérie est dans une région explosive»

El Watan, Kamel B, 2016 02 21

Mila - Ahmed Ouyahia est sorti sur le terrain ce week-end, rencontrant des militants à Mila et animant un meeting à Skikda. Le secrétaire général par intérim du RND a parlé stabilité et sécurité à Mila. Ahmed Ouyahia qualifie ainsi les pays du voisinage de «région explosive». Lors de son passage vendredi soir à Mila, Ahmed Ouyahia a lancé un appel à la vigilance, expliquant que l'Algérie se trouve dans une région du monde où les conflits armés font rage, allusion faite aux tensions et problèmes d'instabilité sécuritaire que connaissent des pays du Maghreb et du Sahel. Ouyahia a, par ailleurs, qualifié la chute des prix du pétrole de défi qu'il faut relever : «Les recettes en devises de l'Algérie ont chuté de 80% en moins de deux ans. Nous sommes appelés à développer des économies de substitution pour déjouer cette épineuse situation.» S'exprimant sur le congrès extraordinaire du RND prévu cette année, l'orateur souligne : «Le congrès extraordinaire, qui élira une nouvelle direction du parti, sera une occasion pour la mise en route de la politique de rajeunissement des instances locales de notre formation politique et une opportunité pour consolider nos rangs.» A Skikda, le discours d'Ahmed Ouyahia ne restera pas dans les annales. Venu célébrer le 19e anniversaire de la création du parti, il donnait l'impression d'accomplir une formalité, sans plus.

22. Niger's security minded president vies for 2nd term in vote

The Associated Press, Dalatou Mamane, 2016 02 21

Niamey, Niger - Niger President Mahamadou Issoufou stood for re-election in the West African nation on Sunday, touting his record of defending the country from Islamic extremists as he vied against 14 other candidates for a second five-year term. Materials arrived late to some polling stations in the capital Niamey, delaying the 8 a.m. start time. Polling stations were to stay open until 7 p.m., though they were due to close one hour earlier in the southeast region of Diffa, a frequent target of attacks by the Nigeria-based militant group Boko Haram. Niger, one of the world's poorest countries, hosts French forces and American drones to combat the regional extremist threat. Issoufou's supporters say he deserves a second term because of his success in preventing militants from setting up a base in the country, as they have in neighbouring Mali. But Boko Haram has hit Niger's southeast region for more than a year and recent high-profile attacks by al-Qaida's North Africa branch in the capitals of Mali and Burkina Faso have raised fears that Niamey could soon be targeted. After voting in Niamey, Issoufou said Niger ``needs peace to build on its development."

23. Maroc : les autorités ont déjoué un attentat de l'Etat islamique à l'arme chimique

Le Jdd (Maroc), Michaël Bloch, 2016 02 21

Les autorités marocaines ont démantelé jeudi une "cellule terroriste" de dix membres, dont un Français, liés au groupe État islamique (EI) et qui s'apprêtaient à commettre des attentats dans le royaume. Les forces de l'ordre ont trouvé des armes mais aussi des substances biologiques et chimiques. C'est un véritable carnage qui a été évité au Maroc vendredi 19 février, jour où un commando de dix terroristes avait prévu de passer à l'acte. "Nous avons découvert des produits chimiques et biologiques qui entrent dans la confection des bombes sales. Les suspects disposaient aussi d'armes à feu et même de fusil à lunettes pour atteindre facilement leur cible", a indiqué vendredi le chef du Bureau central d'investigation judiciaire (BCIJ, équivalent de la DGSI française), Abdelhak Khiame, dans une interview au site marocain Medias 24. "Ils étaient bien équipés pour commettre un attentat de grande envergure. Ils voulaient semer la psychose parmi la population puis se retirer dans une base de repli à vingt kilomètres de Tan Tan (Sud du pays)", a-t-il également ajouté. Parmi les dix assaillants, se trouvait également un Français. Selon Medias 24, il est "originaire d'une trentaine d'années, technicien en électronique,

séjournait pour la première fois au Maroc depuis près d'une année et "n'était pas fiché par les autorités françaises". "Ce ressortissant français qui n'a aucune relation avec les pays du Maghreb, est de père et de mère français. Il s'est converti à l'Islam à El Jadida où il a résidé pendant une année avant de faire la connaissance du cerveau du commando, L.

24. Nigerians accused of being Boko Haram disappearing

The Washington Post, Michelle Faul & Ibrahim Abdulaziz, 2016 02 21

Yola, Nigeria - First come the whispers, then accusations loud enough to raise alarms throughout Nigeria's northeastern villages ravaged by extremist violence. Next, people accused of being Boko Haram are rounded up, sometimes by the military, sometimes by a civilian self-defense force. Many are never seen again. The murmurs exploded into a rare open-throated protest recently when an elementary school teacher and two middle-aged farmers were taken away in Duhu village. Women who knew the men insisted they did not belong to the Islamist extremist group, and they marched to a nearby military base to demand their release. Instead, the men were shot, and their bodies were dumped outside of town. Nigeria's military denied detaining the teacher, Habu Bello, and Idrisa Dele and Umaru Hammankadi last month. But several villagers told the Associated Press that they watched as the men were led away by uniformed soldiers who accused them of being Boko Haram fighters. Threats to civilians come from all sides and extrajudicial killings have not abated despite President Muhammadu Buhari's declaration of victory over Boko Haram. The insurgents have shown no mercy, but many people are equally afraid of the soldiers and the self-defense Vigilante Group of Nigeria.

25. Mauritania vows no abuse by soldiers in C. African Republic

The Canadian Press, 2016 02 21

Nouakchott, Mauritania - Mauritania's defence minister vowed that his country's peacekeepers will never be implicated in the type of sex abuse allegations that rocked Central African Republic's U.N. mission in recent months. Diallo Mamadou Bathia made his remarks during a ceremony Sunday before the deployment of 225 Mauritanian soldiers to Central African Republic, where thousands have been killed in sectarian fighting since 2013. Diallo said an additional 300 soldiers will be sent in three weeks. The arrival of the latest Mauritanian battalion comes less than a week before a Congolese battalion deployed to Central African Republic is scheduled to begin heading home after being accused of sexual abuse and exploitation.

Iraq/Iran

26. Iraqi forces seek to retake city of Hit

The Washington Post, Loveday Morris, 2016 02 21

Baghdad - After clearing the last neighborhoods of the battered city of Ramadi recently, Iraqi special forces packed up to leave but expected to move on quickly to their next offensive: the walled market town of Hit. Located 30 miles northwest of Ramadi, also in Anbar province, Hit has been occupied by the Islamic State since the fall of 2014. About 12,000 civilians are estimated to remain, local officials say. While a buildup of Iraqi army forces has begun farther north in preparation for a Mosul offensive, special forces known as Iraq's "Golden Division" have a more immediate target. Bolstered by a win in Ramadi, commanders say they plan to take full advantage of a state of disarray among the militants in the area - prioritizing Hit, while debate continues on whether to move farther west to Fallujah. "We will start from western Anbar, from Hit," said Lt. Gen. Abdul Ghani al-Asadi, a special forces commander. "I have a report on my desk with all the boring details. It's going to be an easy mission." An operation for Hit will begin "very soon," said Maj. Gen. Ismail Mahlawi, head of Anbar Operations Command. "Maybe even

days." "Right now, they know they are the next target, but there's nothing new they can use against us," he said.

27. Iranian President Lauds Oman's Pragmatic Policies

Fars News Agency, 2016 02 21

Tehran - Iranian President Hassan Rouhani lauded Oman for its pragmatic and independent policies which have greatly helped regional peace and stability. "The exemplary relations between Iran and Oman are built on mutual respect, trust and brotherhood. Tehran welcomes greater economic cooperation with Masqat," Rouhani said in a meeting with Omani Foreign Minister Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah in Tehran on Sunday. He hailed Oman for its stabilizing and peaceful policies vis-a-vis the region as well as its role in helping Iran settle its nuclear dispute with the West. Rouhani said Iran is ready to facilitate Oman's direct investments, adding that private sectors could join development projects and investment portfolios in ports, aviation, railway and banking sectors." Bin Alawi, for his part, stressed Masqat's policy to enhance cooperation with Tehran, and said, "Oman welcomes and is ready to offer special incentives to Iranian traders to enter its market." He underscored the importance of cooperation in energy, and added, "The two sides complete each other's economies."

28. Top Commander: IRGC to Test New Military Hardware in Massive Drills

Fars New Agency, 2016 02 21

Tehran - Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Hassan Firouzabadi said the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) plans to test its recently developed weapons and military equipment in the upcoming wargames. "The large-scale drills will be staged within the framework of the Armed Forces' stated goals: training, testing and using new products," Firouzabadi told reporters in Tehran on Sunday. He said that the defense ministry tests its weapons and equipment in advance as part of a routine training cycle designed to improve defense. Elaborating on the IRGC drills, Firouzabadi said the exercises are meant to improve cooperation and coordination, prepare the Armed Forces for any possible attack, and contribute to their qualitative military edge. Earlier this month, Firouzabadi announced plans by the IRGC to hold missile drills in the final days of February. "The IRGC missile wargames have been communicated to be staged in the first half of (the Iranian month of) Esfand (February 11-March 5)," Firouzabadi said.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

29. Saudi prince: Muslim nations must lead in counterterrorism (ML-Saudi-Arabia)

The Associated Press, Aya Batrawy, 2016 02 21

Abu Dhabi - A prominent Saudi prince said Sunday that Muslim countries need to take the lead in fighting terrorism and that a recently announced Islamic counterterrorism alliance of 34 nations should have been created sooner. Prince Turki al-Faisal's comments come as the kingdom hosts an 18-day military exercise with 20 members of the new alliance, which includes Pakistan, Sudan, Jordan and neighbouring Gulf states. Defence Ministers from the coalition of Muslim-majority countries are scheduled to hold their first meeting in Saudi Arabia sometime in March. "I consider this a leading and commendable step that should have happened sooner and thank God it has taken place," he told reporters in Abu Dhabi. "It's no secret, unfortunately, that in our world today the majority of terrorism-related acts, its victims are Muslim," he said. "Therefore, it is our responsibility as Muslim countries to play the primary role in fighting this disease that has impacted us all." Notably absent from the coalition is the kingdom's regional rival Iran, as well as Syria and Iraq, which are battling to win back swaths of territory controlled by the Islamic State group. The prince, who does not hold an official position in the government, is an influential and outspoken member of the Saudi royal family. He headed Saudi Arabia's

General Intelligence Directorate for more than two decades until Sept. 1, 2001, and held ambassador posts to the U.S., the U.K. and Ireland.

30. Saudi prince says offer of troops reflects unease over Syria

The Associated Press, Aya Batrawy, 2016 02 21

Abu Dhabi - A prominent Saudi prince said Sunday that the kingdom's offer to send troops to Syria to fight extremist groups reflects growing unease over the ability of U.S.-led airstrikes alone to defeat the Islamic State group and end the Syrian civil war. Prince Turki al-Faisal, speaking at a luncheon in Abu Dhabi attended by a handful of journalists, said the kingdom does not expect the U.S.-led coalition battling the IS group, of which Saudi Arabia is a member, will succeed unless there is a ground intervention. Saudi Arabia has made clear that its willingness to send special forces to Syria is contingent on the U.S. leading the ground effort. "The world community has the capability, economic, political, military and otherwise, to put a stop to the killing," he said. "I think it is high time that people said enough is enough, but simply saying it is not going to do it. There has to be concrete action on the ground to put a stop to the killing." He added that he has not seen any indication from Saudi leaders that if Saudi troops were deployed to Syria, they would also fight Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces.

31. Israeli military says it shot dead Palestinian attacker

The Associated Press, 2016 02 21

Jerusalem - The Israeli military said it shot dead a Palestinian who tried to stab a soldier at a West Bank checkpoint on Sunday, after security forces managed to disarm and apprehend two separate potential attackers in a non-lethal manner. The incidents came amid a domestic debate over how to best to counter a five-month bout of near-daily Palestinian attacks. Israel's military chief last week angered right-wing nationalists by urging soldiers to use only "necessary force" in subduing attacks. He was quickly backed by Defence Minister Moshe Yaalon who said Israel can't be "trigger happy" in such a volatile climate. Hawkish lawmakers said the military chief's comments weakened Israel. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday called it "a pointless debate" driven either by misunderstanding or political calculus. "What the Chief-of-Staff said is self-evident, and in any case the IDF and the security forces operate in this manner," Netanyahu said at his weekly Cabinet meeting. Palestinians and others have accused Israel of using excessive force, a claim it strongly denies.

32. Kerry: 'Provisional agreement' reached on Syria ceasefire

The Associated Press, Deb Riechmann, 2016 02 21

Amman, Jordan - Secretary of State John Kerry said Sunday that a "provisional agreement" has been reached on a cease-fire that could begin in the next few days in Syria's five-year civil war. Kerry said he spoke in the morning with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov to discuss terms of a cease-fire and the two now must reach out to the parties in the conflict. He declined to go into the details of the agreement, saying it "is not yet done." But he said he hoped President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin would talk soon and that after that, implementation could begin. "The modalities for a cessation of hostilities are now being completed," Kerry said. "In fact, we are closer to a cease-fire today than we have been. A cessation of hostilities ... is possible over the course of these next hours." The Russian Foreign Ministry seemed to stop short of Kerry's announcement. The ministry said Lavrov and Kerry spoke on the phone Sunday for a second day in a row and discussed "the modality and conditions" for a cease-fire in Syria that would exclude groups that the U.N. Security Council considers terrorist organizations.

33. Palestinian tries to stab Israeli soldier, shot dead

Agence France Presse, 2016 02 21

Nablus Palestinian - A Palestinian tried to stab an Israeli soldier in the occupied West Bank on Sunday and was shot dead, Israel's army said, the latest incident in a nearly five-month wave of violence. The attack occurred at the Bitot Junction south of Nablus in the northern West Bank. "A Palestinian attacker attempted to stab an (Israeli) soldier at the Bitot Junction," the army said. "The force responded to the imminent danger, thwarting the attack and firing towards the assailant, resulting in his death." Palestinian security sources spoke of gunfire targeting a Palestinian in the area. Since Oct. 1, Palestinian knife, gun and car-ramming attacks have killed 27 Israelis, an American and an Eritrean, according to an AFP count. At the same time, 176 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces. Many of the Palestinians killed were carrying out attacks, while others were shot dead during protests and clashes.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

34. Merkel fears Putin plot to weaken her by exploiting migration crisis

The Sunday Times, Bojan Pancevski, 2016 02 21

Berlin – Germany is investigating what it claims are covert operations by Russia to exploit the migration crisis to weaken Angela Merkel's government and destabilise the EU. Merkel herself is understood to have told her secret services to investigate suggestions the Kremlin is using "hybrid warfare" — a mixture of media manipulation, espionage and political and military pressure — against her country. Officials in Berlin are convinced that Putin, who served as a KGB officer in Dresden in the last years of the Soviet Union, wants to damage or even topple Merkel, who is seen as key to keeping a common European front against Russia after its annexation of Crimea and military intervention in eastern Ukraine. Sources close to the German leader said the decision to deploy the Verfassungsschutz — Germany's equivalent of MI5 — and the Bundesnachrichtendienst — its MI6 — was taken after erroneous reports last month in Russian state media about a 13-year-old Russian girl, named only as Lisa, said to have been gang-raped by Arab refugees in Berlin for 30 hours. Sergei Lavrov, the Russian foreign minister, used his annual news conference to attack Germany for "covering up reality in a politically correct manner for the sake of domestic politics". The reports were later exposed as fabrication. "Lavrov's interference was the last straw: even though there was not a shred of evidence he launched an extraordinary attack on German authorities with the sole aim of spreading disinformation and creating panic about migrants," a German government source said.

35. After Paris Terror Attacks, France Struggles With Faith on the Job

The New York Times, Nicola Clark, 2016 02 21

Paris - A week after the terrorist attacks in France last November, Bachir B., a passenger screener at Orly airport south of Paris, was called into his manager's office. Bachir, a devout Muslim who wears a thick beard in keeping with his faith, was ordered to trim his facial hair. His boss even offered to buy him a beard clipper as a birthday gift. While supervisors had sometimes reminded him of a company dress code requiring whiskers to be kept "tidy" and "short," Bachir said that the rule had been enforced only sporadically over his six years working for Securitas, a private security company. This time, the manager made clear that the new crackdown was "because of what was happening in the news," said Bachir, who asked that his last name not be used to protect his family's privacy. Bachir trimmed his beard that weekend. But he said his boss sent him home about 10 days later, again citing his failure to comply with the dress code. Soon after, Bachir received a registered letter from Securitas, saying that he was fired.

Reconciling the religious precepts of observant Muslims with the secular norms in the European workplace has long been a sensitive subject. France's strict legal separation of religious and civic life — a legacy of the French Revolution known as *laïcité* — formally discourages, and in some situations expressly bans, public religious expression. It is a brand of secularism that coexists uneasily with Islamic traditions, making workplace negotiations about religious practice particularly difficult and prone to misunderstandings.

36. For Turkey, high stakes as troubles intensify

The Washington Post, Liz Sly, 2016 02 21

Istanbul - Turkey is confronting what amounts to a strategic nightmare as bombs explode in its cities, its enemies encroach on its borders and its allies seemingly snub its demands. As recently as four years ago, Turkey appeared poised to become one of the biggest winners of the Arab Spring, an ascendant power hailed by the West as a model and embraced by a region seeking new patrons and new forms of governance. All that has evaporated since the failure of the Arab revolts, shifts in the geopolitical landscape and the trajectory of the Syrian war. Russia, Turkey's oldest and nearest rival, is expanding its presence around Turkey's borders - in Syria to the south, in Crimea and Ukraine to the north, and in Armenia to the east. On Saturday, Russia's Defense Ministry announced the deployment of a new batch of fighter jets and combat helicopters to an air base outside the Armenian capital, Yerevan, 25 miles from the Turkish border. Blowback from the Syrian war in the form of a string of suicide bombings in Istanbul and Ankara, most recently on Wednesday, has brought fear to Turkish streets and dampened the vital tourist industry. The collapse of a peace process with Turkey's Kurds has plunged the southeast of the country into war between Kurds and the Turkish military just as Syrian Kurds carve out their own proto-state in territories adjacent to Turkey's border.

37. Turkey says strikes on Syrian Kurd fighters 'legitimate defense'

Agence France Presse, 2016 02 21

Ankara - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has defended his country's fight against Kurdish fighters in Syria as "legitimate defence", after international powers urged Ankara to rein in its cross-border bombardments. Turkey has been shelling targets in northern Syria for the past week in a bid to stem the advances of a Kurdish-led coalition that has seized territory in the area. Ankara blames Syrian Kurdish fighters for this week's suicide car bomb attack in the Turkish capital that killed 28 people and fears the creation of a Kurdish stronghold along its southern border. "The situation we are currently facing is one of legitimate defence. No-one can deny or limit Turkey's legitimate right to defence in the face of terrorist attacks," Erdogan said in a speech in Istanbul late on Saturday, according to the Dogan news agency. Erdogan's remarks come after the United States, France and Russia all urged Turkey to scale back or halt its military action in Syria.

38. PKK frees three abducted Anadolu Agency reporters

Hurriyet News, 2016 02 21

Ankara - The outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) has released three reporters working for Turkey's state-run Anadolu Agency after abducting them in the Nusaybin district of the southeastern province of Mardin. The reporters, identified as war correspondent Rauf Maltaş, photojournalist Onur Çoban and cameraman Kenan Yeşilyurt, were released to Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) Mardin deputy Ali Atalan and unidentified local journalists, Dogan News Agency reported. Atalan then accompanied the reporters to the district governorate of Nusaybin. According to Anadolu Agency, the reporters were sent to Mardin's Nusaybin district a week ago and were captured in the Yenişehir neighborhood on Feb. 19 for "recording inside the district without prior permission from the PKK." Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu spoke with the journalists on the phone and extended their good wishes.

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CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Nombreux vols de passeports malgré la puce électronique

La Presse +, Louis-Samuel Perron, 2016 03 06

Ottawa - Depuis l'instauration du passeport à puce électronique, il y a trois ans, environ 13 000 passeports canadiens ont été volés chaque année, malgré sa sécurité renforcée, révèlent des documents obtenus grâce à la Loi sur l'accès à l'information. Alors que le groupe État islamique sème la terreur partout sur la planète, le précieux document bleu demeure « prisé par les groupes terroristes », estime un expert en sécurité nationale. Le nombre de passeports canadiens volés n'a pratiquement pas fluctué depuis 2010. L'an dernier, au moins 13 031 vols ont été rapportés aux autorités canadiennes. Le total pourrait même être plus élevé, puisque les données reposent sur une période indéterminée de l'année. En 2012, avant l'implantation du passeport électronique, 13 232 passeports avaient été volés. Seul point positif : moins de passeports canadiens ont été perdus depuis 2013, alors que 53 222 avaient été égarés, contre 46 860 l'an dernier. Au total, c'est environ 60 000 passeports qui sont perdus ou volés année après année au Canada, malgré les efforts du gouvernement pour enrayer le fléau. Cela représente toutefois « moins de 0,3 % du nombre total de passeports en circulation », soit 23 millions, se défend Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada. « Nous ne pouvons pas émettre d'hypothèses quant aux raisons pour lesquelles les statistiques des passeports perdus ou volés demeurent stables », a indiqué par courriel Nancy Caron, porte-parole du ministère de l'Immigration, des Réfugiés et de la Citoyenneté du Canada. Il n'a pas été possible d'obtenir une entrevue avec un dirigeant du Ministère pour en savoir plus sur les conséquences de ces vols et sur les moyens déployés pour s'attaquer au problème. Malgré la montée en puissance du groupe djihadiste État islamique, le trafic de passeports canadiens sur le marché noir reste d'abord et avant tout « l'apanage de réseaux criminels organisés », soutient Dave Charland, un ex-agent du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS). Néanmoins, le passeport canadien demeure « prisé par les groupes terroristes, puisque ça leur donne accès facilement à tout le monde occidental », estime-t-il. « C'est sûr qu'il faut se préoccuper de ça, parce que le risque existe que certains vols soient commandités [par des groupes terroristes] ou que certains passeports finissent dans les mains d'extrémistes. » « [...] Ces passeports se retrouvent sur le marché, donc c'est possible pour [les terroristes] qu'ils puissent l'acquérir et s'en servir par la suite », explique Dave Charland. Selon l'ex-agent du SCRS, les groupes terroristes modernes, comme l'État islamique, n'ont plus besoin de se procurer de faux passeports pour semer la terreur, contrairement à Al-Qaïda. « Ces groupes disent même à leurs membres : ne venez pas chez nous, faites des choses chez vous. Leur stratégie de recrutement est de demander aux gens au Canada de commettre des actes, plutôt que d'essayer d'infiltrer le pays en tant que tel », analyse Dave Charland. Certains terroristes pourraient toutefois vouloir se procurer un faux passeport pour se « sauver des autorités ». « Mais ils n'ont pas la mentalité de se sauver, ils ont la mentalité de se sacrifier pour leur cause », évoque-t-il.

Canada

2. Les Forces canadiennes soulignent la fin des frappes contre l'EI

Agence France-Presse, 2016 03 06

Ottawa - Les Forces armées canadiennes ont organisé un rassemblement au Koweït, samedi, pour souligner la transition de la force opérationnelle aérienne qui lutte contre le groupe armé État islamique en Irak et en Syrie. L'événement, présidé par le commandant de l'Aviation royale canadienne, le lieutenant-général Michael Hood, visait à souligner officiellement la contribution des militaires canadiens à la coalition internationale. Les CF-18 Hornet canadiens ont cessé de mener des frappes aériennes le 15 février, conformément à l'engagement pris par le gouvernement de Justin Trudeau. Les avions de combat

quitteront graduellement la région au cours des prochaines semaines. Selon les nouveaux termes de la contribution canadienne à la mission, le Canada maintiendra en activité un avion de ravitaillement et deux appareils de surveillance pour aider la coalition dirigée par les États-Unis à poursuivre les bombardements contre le groupe extrémiste.

3. How a U.S. cleric became top Al Qaeda recruiter

Toronto Star, Olivia Ward, 2016 03 06

Interview: In life and death, Anwar al-Awlaki was one of the most notorious recruiters of Al Qaeda terrorism since Osama bin Laden. But the Yemeni-American cleric and warlord wasn't always a bloodthirsty foe of the U.S. Scott Shane, a New York Times national security reporter, takes a deep dive into the dramatic and tortuous life of Awlaki - and the missteps and consequences of U.S. President Barack Obama's drone program that killed him - in *Objective Troy: A Terrorist, a President, and the Rise of the Drone*. It was the 2016 winner of the \$15,000 Lionel Gelber Prize for non-fiction books on foreign policy, awarded by the Lionel Gelber Foundation, Munk School of Global Affairs and Foreign Policy magazine. Shane will appear at a public lecture and award ceremony at the University of Toronto on March 29. Here, he talks about the man who has become a terrorist legend, and the controversial assassination program that gave him immortality as a martyr. Of all the high-profile terrorists, why choose to write a book on Awlaki? I always found his story very compelling. The two big questions I set out to answer were, first, how does someone become a terrorist and reach the point where they're ready to kill hundreds or thousands of strangers? He was an American, had spent half his life in the U.S. and began his career condemning 9/11 and staking out a position as a bridge builder (for Muslims). The other is about the drone program's contribution to national security. It made the country safer from a big attack like 9/11 in some cases. But almost always there was a reverse effect. Experts say the drone strikes, Guantanamo, interrogation and torture, black sites have grown the number of people worldwide who believe the U.S. is at war with Islam and violence is a justified response. Was it surprising that this terrorist firebrand started out as a rather privileged young man in a family of moderate Muslims? Not really. Osama bin Laden was the son of a billionaire. What was more surprising was understanding his family as fairly secular-minded in the Yemeni context. They were almost fanatically fond of America - yet Anwar Awlaki would spend his last years calling for attacks on America and killings of Americans. His turning point from popular cleric and public personality in Virginia to Al Qaeda warlord was quite startling: fear of exposure of a deeply secret sex life. Generally, people had focused on the sermon he gave not long before leaving the U.S. He was very angry and said that America was not waging a war on terror but a war on Muslims. However, in the space of a week, he went from saying he was happy with his career and had no intention of leaving the country to saying he was leaving and probably not coming back.

United States – États-Unis

4. New Film Delves Into FBI Arrests of Youths For Terrorism Crimes They Might Commit (Canada)

The Intercept, Murtaza Hussain, 2016 03 06

Analyse: In an early scene from the HBO documentary *Homegrown*, an FBI agent describes his angst while tracking a teenager's engagement in the online jihadi world. "You almost want to pick up the phone and say, 'Son, don't do this,'" the agent reflects. The teenager in question was Shifa Sadequee, a 19-year-old who was arrested on terrorism charges in 2006. Following a 2009 trial in which Sadequee represented

himself, he was sentenced to 17 years in prison plus an additional 30 years of supervision. The ethical issues involved in preventive counterterrorism cases like Sadequee's are the theme behind much of Homegrown. Following 9/11, law enforcement agencies were given a mandate to halt terrorist acts before they occurred, rather than investigate crimes after the fact. This directive inevitably gave rise to some disturbing ethical questions. When is it acceptable to arrest someone for a crime they haven't actually committed, but you think they might commit in the future? At what point do a teenager's online postings turn into a terrorism offense? Shifa-Sadequee Shifa Sadequee Born in Virginia to parents from Bangladesh, Sadequee was raised largely in suburban Georgia. In the years leading up to his arrest, during his early and mid-teens, he was the subject of intense online surveillance by law enforcement. Around the age of 16, Sadequee became involved online with a group of young men who had been translating jihadi material into English. The men were generally not in direct contact, and were scattered in different countries around the English-speaking world. Online, some of them expressed support for terrorist groups and made threats of future violence. In real life, Sadequee was a socially awkward teenager growing up in a broken home. But in the virtual world, he used his language skills and scholarly demeanor to become something of a respected figure, making friends and contacts throughout North America and Europe. As time went on, Sadequee began immersing himself more deeply in this new community. In 2005, he and another young man, Syed Haris Ahmed, made a trip to Toronto to meet with a group of men they had befriended online, several of whom were later arrested in a separate terrorism sting. Roughly a month after that visit, Sadequee and Ahmed traveled to Washington, D.C., where they made a "casing video" of major landmarks in the city.

5. Spy vs. Spy

The New York Times. Alex French, 2016 03 06

Washington - Kent Clizbe, a 55-year-old former C.I.A. officer and intelligence contractor, has cultivated a diverse set of interests in his later years. He loves bird watching and participates in his local Christmas Bird Count, an informal census organized by the Audubon Society. He has a patent on a device, the TimeOff, that prevents unattended-stove fires. But Clizbe's true motivating force -- a holdover, perhaps, from his decade with the agency -- is an unrelenting compulsion to get to the bottom of things. He vets every person he meets, interrogating every fact presented to him. This perpetual need to turn everything inside out is the defining trait of Clizbe's personality, and he remains faithful to it, even when it incurs him great personal expense. Clizbe grew up poor in Halifax County, North Carolina, raised by a single mother. In 1980, after failing out of East Carolina University, he joined the Air Force. Aptitude tests revealed a gift for languages, so Clizbe enrolled in intensive Vietnamese courses and then was shipped to the Philippines, where he spent three years monitoring Vietnamese radio communications. When his tour ended, he went back to school at Southern Illinois University. On campus, he fell in love with a Malaysian girl, who told him that if he wanted to marry her, he would have to convert to Islam. He converted, married her and followed her back to Southeast Asia, where he found work at a refugee camp in the Philippines. Clizbe made frequent trips to her hometown outside Kuala Lumpur, where he immersed himself in the local customs. He and his wife lived in Asia for a year before finding jobs at the business college at King Saud University in Qassim Province in Saudi Arabia. He taught English as a second language and made the pilgrimage to Mecca. It was 1988, and the war in Afghanistan was dragging on. At the mosque on Fridays, Clizbe would hear calls for young men to travel east and wage jihad against the communists. After returning to the United States in 1990, Clizbe earned a master's degree in linguistics and studied business and instructional design. While he searched for a job, he sometimes paid the bills by working the phones at a venereal-disease hotline. He was eventually hired by the C.I.A. as an operations officer.

5b). US using false intelligence to plan military attack on Isil in Libya, warn experts

The Sunday Telegraph, Ruth Sherlock, 2016 03 06

Washington - America military planning for a possible intervention against Isil in Libya is based on faulty intelligence about the group's strength, according to Western officials and country experts. The US intelligence agencies assess that the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (Isil) has doubled in size in Libya, with between 5,000 and 6,500 fighters in the country. Privately, however, some US officials say they believe these estimates to be overblown. Independent experts have come to the same conclusion. "The estimate of the number of jihadists is grossly exaggerated," said Karim Mezran, a Libya expert with the Atlantic Council in Washington. While Mr Mezran and other analysts decline to offer an alternative number for Isil's strength, they believe the real figure to be only 20 to 40 per cent of the US estimate. Isil's presence on Libya's coast - just 300 miles from Italy - has caused deep concern among Western governments. As The Sunday Telegraph has reported, Britain, America, Italy and France have all deployed special forces in the country to re-establish links with militia groups who are fighting Isil already or could do so in the future. Barack Obama's administration is now considering sustained military action in Libya. Bob Corker, the chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, said during a hearing this week that US forces were "contemplating a pretty massive air assault". But some US officials said they feared the Pentagon was pushing for military action based on a miscalculation in the size and nature of the threat.

6. Family, friends of ex-FBI agent demand his release from Iran

Associated Press, 2016 03 06

Washington - The family and colleagues of a former FBI agent who disappeared in Iran nine years ago while on a CIA mission expressed anger and disappointment at a rally on Saturday that he wasn't part of a January prisoner exchange with Tehran. Several hundred people attended the rally for Robert Levinson, 67, who disappeared from Iran's Kish Island in March 2007. A 2013 Associated Press investigation revealed that the married father of seven was working for the CIA on an unauthorized intelligence-gathering mission to glean information about Iran's nuclear program. If Levinson remains alive, he has been held captive longer than any American - longer than then-AP journalist Terry Anderson, who was held more than six years in Beirut in the 1980s. Unlike Anderson, Levinson's whereabouts and captors remain a mystery. US officials believe the Iranian government was behind his disappearance. It has denied that. The case drew renewed attention in January when Levinson was not part of a prisoner swap between the U.S. and Iranian governments that freed four other Americans who had been in Iran's custody. Levinson's family insists he is still alive, even with health issues including diabetes, gout and high blood pressure. They last received video and photos of him about five years ago. Stephanie Levinson Curry, his second-oldest child, said her autistic 9-year-old son Ryan cried for days when the other American captives were released, but not his grandfather.

7. Competing Interests on Encryption Divide Top Obama Officials

The New York Times, David Sanger, 2016 03 06

Washington - The intensifying legal battle over encryption between Apple and the Justice Department has all but obscured another more subtle division, the one inside the Obama administration itself. Driven by competing and sometimes clashing interests about privacy, national security and the economy, some of the president's most senior aides are staking out a variety of positions on the issue. The White House denies there is disagreement over the effort to force Apple to break into the phone used by one of the terrorists in the San Bernardino, Calif., shootings, but the differences on how to deal with the broader questions raised by encryption have become increasingly apparent. The Federal Bureau of Investigation wants the ability to break into smartphones and computers for investigations. The Pentagon and intelligence officials worry that the same techniques could be used by foreign powers or hackers to drain data from phones used by the United States government, and that countries like China will demand the same access provided to American law enforcement officials. The conflicting positions were on display last week. On Tuesday, James B. Comey Jr., the director of the F.B.I., testified in Congress about the

need for some kind of government action — he avoided the word “legislation” because the White House has specifically said it is not seeking that now — that would guarantee access to law enforcement, no matter how encryption technology evolves.

8. When the Tide of Islamophobia Reached My Hometown Mosque

The New York Times, Mustafa Haseed, 2016 03 06

OpEd: The Islamic Society of North America’s headquarters sit atop a grassy hill overlooking Plainfield, Ind. The complex includes a prayer hall, a space for community events and a field house with a basketball court and playground. It is surrounded by cornfields. As the largest mosque in the Indianapolis area, it draws hundreds of families, especially during Ramadan and on holidays. My own family was one of those. When I was growing up in the Indianapolis suburbs, we’d visit the mosque for Eid holiday prayers. After services, we’d say awkward hellos to my parents’ friends, stand in line for stale doughnuts and tea and I’d try to find people my age to shoot a basketball around. In short, it is a fairly typical American house of worship. And last weekend, it became a target of vandalism. Slurs spray-painted on its brick exterior — most of them too crude to quote — suggested all Muslims are suicide bombers or members of the Islamic State. Anti-Muslim hatred in the United States has grown in recent years. The “Ground Zero Mosque” episode in 2010 and successive anti-mosque protests across the country signaled a simmering Islamophobia. In 2015, the simmer came to a boil. That January, after a pair of terrorist attacks in Paris, pundits and conservative officials propagated a discredited myth about Shariah-run zones in European cities off limits to non-Muslims. Hashtags like #KillAllMuslims trended on Twitter. A month later, three Muslim youths were shot dead in their North Carolina apartment in what many people said was a hate crime. An examination of anti-Muslim hatred in the last few years can easily devolve into a laundry list: armed demonstrators picketing at a mosque in Phoenix, arson at a mosque in the Coachella Valley in Southern California, a severed pig’s head placed in front of a mosque in Philadelphia. But the most alarming signs accompanied the Republican presidential race, as each candidate seemed gleefully willing to one-up the others in vilifying Muslims. (Note: Mustafa Hameed is a journalist living in New York.)

9. Clinton authored sensitive emails

The Washington Post, Rosalind S. Helderman & Tom Hamburger, 2016 03 06

Washington - Hillary Clinton wrote 104 emails that she sent using her private server while secretary of state that the government has since said contain classified information, according to a new Washington Post analysis of Clinton's publicly released correspondence. The finding is the first accounting of the Democratic presidential front-runner's personal role in placing information now considered sensitive into insecure email during her State Department tenure. Clinton's authorship of dozens of emails now considered classified could complicate her efforts to argue that she never put government secrets at risk. In roughly three-quarters of those cases, officials have determined that material Clinton herself wrote in the body of email messages is classified. Clinton sometimes initiated the conversations but more often replied to aides or other officials with brief reactions to ongoing discussions. The analysis also showed that the practice of using non-secure email systems to send sensitive information was widespread at the department and elsewhere in government. Clinton's publicly released correspondence also includes classified emails written by about 300 other people inside and outside the government, the analysis by The Post found. The senders included longtime diplomats, top administration officials and foreigners who held no U.S. security clearance.

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10. Northern Ireland police find bomb parts in rural park

The Associated Press, 2016 03 06

London - Police in Northern Ireland say they have found "a significant terrorist hide," including explosives and bomb parts, buried in a rural park. The Police Service of Northern Ireland said Sunday that detectives uncovered the stash at Carnfunnock Country Park, about 20 miles (32 kilometres) northeast of Belfast, after a passer-by reported a suspicious object. Police say officers found several buried plastic barrels containing "a significant amount of bomb making components including partially constructed devices and a small quantity of explosives." Detective Chief Inspector Gillian Kearney said "it is too early to link these items to any particular grouping" among Northern Ireland's Catholic or Protestant militants.

11. Terrorist hide uncovered at Northern Ireland park

Xinhua News Agency, Xia Xiao, 2016 03 06

London - A terrorist hide was found at a park in Northern Ireland, local police said Sunday. Police Service of Northern Ireland said a resident on Saturday reported a suspicious object to police, later the police discovered a terrorist hide containing bomb making components and explosives at Carnfunnock Country Park, near Larne. Police said small plastic barrels had been buried in a wooded area. Inside the barrels was a significant amount of bomb making components including partially constructed devices and a small quantity of explosives. "All of these items will be subjected to a detailed forensic examination. Until this has been completed, it is too early to link these items to any particular grouping, but we are following a number of lines of enquiry," said Gillian Kearney, detective chief inspector from Serious Crime Branch. For safety reasons, the park is currently closed, and a clearance operation is under way.

12. Reformed UK Jihadi Arrested Over 1.2M Fraud to Raise Cash For Terror

Mail on Sunday, Omar Wahid, 2016 03 06

London - A notorious Islamic extremist who went on to advise Labour Ministers as a 'reformed jihadi' has been arrested on suspicion of funding terrorism after allegedly running a £1.2?million scam on eBay. Hassan Butt, who once boasted of recruiting hundreds of Britons for the Taliban, is accused of conning thousands of customers out of money, after advertising and taking money for iPhones and iPads via the online auction site but never delivering the products. The former extremist advertised the products through his company, Mi Genie, which had its own web pages on eBay. The alleged scam is believed to be one of the biggest frauds eBay has faced in the UK. Butt, 35, was reported to police after eBay's own investigation teams detected suspicious activity within Mi Genie's pages. He was arrested at his home in Manchester by anti-terrorist detectives from Scotland Yard. More than 30 officers also searched his property. A business partner of Butt was also arrested and his property was raided in nearby Bury, Lancashire, last September. Both men were bailed last week until a date later this month.

13. Key documents on rendition suppressed by UK government

Independent On Sunday, James Hanning, 2016 03 06

London - Key documents that could shed light on allegations of UK collusion in torture and rendition are being suppressed by the British government. The newly uncovered files include confidential exchanges between former PM Tony Blair and former president George Bush about treatment of detainees at Guantanamo. Possibly most significant are five other documents, communications between the former UK foreign secretary, Jack Straw, and former US secretary of state, Colin Powell, expressing interest and concern about the welfare and legal status of UK detainees at Guantanamo. While the documents may relate to casual expressions of care for the welfare of UK citizens, former detainees have alleged that British officials have either been present at, or submitted questions for, "extreme" interrogation by US officials. The US government has been required to make public a large number of files which relate to British involvement in the treatment of prisoners in the years following the 9/11 bombings. Litigation continues across multiple US departments over the possible release of mainly intelligence-derived documentation. But 12 documents found in the US State Department's search, not derived from

intelligence, were also withheld. These relate to interventions by British politicians and officials over the treatment of detainees and interrogation techniques. In court papers, the State Department reported: "After reviewing the documents, the UK Government's Foreign and Commonwealth Office requested that all 12 documents be withheld in full from public disclosure."

14. SAS test their skills at Lord's in secret 'dirty bomb' terror exercise

The Sunday Times, Mark Hookham, 2016 03 06

London - British and American special forces held a secret training exercise last month to prepare for terrorist "dirty bomb" attacks on London landmarks, The Sunday Times can reveal. Bomb disposal experts from the SAS and Special Boat Service (SBS) worked with elite operators from the American military's Delta Force and Navy Seals and the FBI. The aim was to test how security forces would cope if faced with a new generation of complex improvised explosive devices (IEDs). During the exercise up to 10 four-strong teams raced to defuse bombs packed with "notional" high explosives, chemicals and radioactive material that, if real, had the potential to cause hundreds of casualties. At least four venues in central London were used during the drill. The teams wore plain clothes and used civilian cars or public transport. A range of devices, which looked like bombs but contained no dangerous material, were placed at targets including Lord's cricket ground, a disused building near Lambeth Palace and buildings next to the MI6 headquarters overlooking the Thames.

15. Jihadi John link to freed Briton

The Sunday Times, Dipesh Gadher, 2016 03 06

London – A former British inmate at Guantanamo Bay who shared a £20m compensation payout from taxpayers has been linked to the Isis killer known as Jihadi John. The Sunday Times has established that Tarek Dergoul travelled by road to Portugal with Mohammed Emwazi in 2011 where they met a Syrian terror suspect. A year later Emwazi went to Syria to join jihadists. Dergoul, 38, admitted yesterday that MI5 was aware of his relationship with Emwazi but condemned the former London student's subsequent spree of beheadings for Isis. The link to Emwazi follows the discovery by this newspaper that Jamal al-Harith, another previous Guantanamo inmate from the UK who received £1m in compensation for his incarceration, is now fighting with Isis in Syria. At least 800 British Muslims have travelled to the region to join terrorist groups. Emwazi has been the most notorious having carried out the murders of seven western hostages, including two British aid workers, before he was killed by a drone strike last November.

16. Isis 'studied Nazi methods' to create own version of Hitler Youth and train child killers from birth

The Independent, May Bulman, 2016 03 06

London - Isis is indoctrinating children from birth through an extremism-based education similar to that taught by the Nazi regime in a bid to create a generation "more lethal than themselves", a study has revealed. The report, Children of Islamic State, outlines how indoctrination by Isis through schools and training camps - which sees children encouraged to watch public executions, hold up decapitated heads and carry out killings - has been influenced by elements from Nazi Germany. "Islamic State's approach to education reflects elements of Nazi Germany in the way that children and pedagogy are perceived," states the report. "Elements from Nazi Germany can be glimpsed in the systematic indoctrination of children through schools and training camps in IS. The concepts used by the Nazis are perfectly applicable to the Islamic State. According to Quilliam, the London counter-extremism thinktank that produced the report, Isis has been quick to seize control of the education system in Syria and Iraq in a bid to prepare a new, stronger second-generation mujahedeen who are conditioned to extreme values from birth. In extracts seen by the Guardian, the authors state: "The organisation focuses a large number of its efforts on indoctrinating children through an extremism-based education curriculum, and fostering them to become

future terrorists. "The current generation of fighters sees these children as better and more lethal fighters than themselves, because rather than being converted into radical ideologies they have been indoctrinated into these extreme values from birth, or a very young age."

17. Hate preacher makes violent threat against MI5 agent named James saying he 'hopes the spy dies in a car crash'

The Mail On Sunday, Omar Wahid, 2016 03 06

London - A hate preacher linked to British jihadis in Syria has made a chilling threat against an MI5 agent, wishing he would die in a car crash. Abu Waleed, 37 – who led banned extremist group Al-Muhajiroun – posted the message on encrypted social media site Telegram. He referred to the officer by his first name, suggesting he knows him or has been interviewed by him. The Telegram app is becoming the platform of choice for British jihadis in both the UK and Syria. Last Tuesday, Waleed wrote: 'A warm good evening to intelligence officer James at MI5 (British Security Services). 'Hope you are in a Ford Galaxy 7 seater and it ends up hitting a wall, burning and leaving your face hanging like an egg on hot toast.' Waleed signed off, saying: 'Enjoy your dinner, Kind regards, Your Curse. Keep biting your fingers.' The message has been viewed almost 500 times by Waleed's 1,055 followers, many of them notorious jihadis. It is believed that analysts at MI5's Thames House headquarters will study the message and assess the threat.

18. Revealed: MI6 are compiling a secret dossier of Putin's 'war crimes' in Syria

Sunday Mail, Mark Nicol, 2016 03 06

London - MI6 and British police are investigating alleged attacks on civilians by Russian war planes in Syria – with a view to prosecuting President Vladimir Putin for war crimes, The Mail on Sunday can reveal. Scotland Yard detectives have flown to Lebanon to monitor air strikes in neighbouring Syria – amid claims that Russian bombers have caused hundreds of casualties by targeting hospitals and schools. Medical charities and human rights groups have already condemned the bombing of civilians in areas controlled by Syrian rebels who oppose the regime of President Bashar al-Assad, Putin's ally. Now the MoS can reveal that intelligence services are compiling a secret dossier of specific assaults, which could lead to the Russian President facing allegations of crimes against humanity at an international tribunal.' The revelation comes after Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond warned Moscow last month that strikes on hospitals 'could amount to war crimes'. Last night, Foreign Office sources confirmed that the UK is 'closely monitoring the situation' in Syria. The MoS understands that British investigators, including detectives from the Metropolitan Police Service's war crimes unit, are at the British Embassy in Beirut. According to Amnesty International, Russia is targeting hospitals in areas held by rebel groups in an attempt to terrorise local people into supporting President Assad.

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19. Spy agency overhaul needs political buy-in to restore public confidence

Stuff News New Zealand, Tracy Watkins, 2016 03 06

Opinion: When John Key and Andrew Little eyeball each other across the table during a closed door session of Parliament's intelligence and security committee this week, the prime minister will be ready to

turn the tables on his opponents. Key is asking Labour to back him on legislation overhauling the country's spy agencies, the Government Communications Security Bureau and Security Intelligence Service. It might have sounded like Key was making the plea for bipartisanship from a position of weakness. Spies and the surveillance agencies have been Key's Achilles heel after all. But the Labour leader will probably see Key's plea for unity for what it is, a game of political brinkmanship. Because refusing to back any law changes lets Key paint Labour into a corner as weak on national security. Given Little's previous call to back the Government on extending the powers of the SIS to detect Isis supporters, he seems unlikely to fall into that trap. A lot has changed since the 2014 election campaign, when Key was wrong footed by allegations swirling around a bungling GCSB. Back then, Labour under David Cunliffe abandoned the usual bipartisanship on national security issues to rub the Government's nose in those failures by opposing law changes governing the agency. Key was besieged on every front - even NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden joined the party.

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20. Pyongyang ramps up criticism against human rights bill, anti-terrorism legislation

Yonhap English News, 2016 03 06

Seoul - North Korea on Sunday continued to denounce the bill on human rights in the communist country by South Korea's parliament claiming that the bill along with Seoul's anti-terrorism legislation can further aggravate inter-Korean relations. In a commentary carried out by the North's official news outlet, the Korean Central News Agency, the Minju Joeson, an organ of the Cabinet, said, "It is sparking off the towering resentment of all Koreans as it is an unpardonable grave challenge to the DPRK and a hideous act of treachery pushing the north-south relations to a war." The DPRK refers to the acronym for the North's official name -- the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. For the past few days, the North has hit back against the bills approved by South Korea's National Assembly warning that they are a 'grave provocation' and constitute a huge crime against it. On Wednesday, South Korea's National Assembly approved the bill on North Korean human rights, hours before the U.N. Security Council unanimously okayed its toughest-ever sanctions against Pyongyang in response to the communist country's recent nuclear test and rocket launch. Since the first draft was filed with the National Assembly in 2005, no major progress has been made for the North Korean human rights bill. Similar bills were scrapped during previous parliaments, as liberal lawmakers have shied away from the issue of the North's human rights out of concern that it could strain inter-Korean relations.

21. Defamation Laws Give South Korea an Anti-Dissent Tool, Critics Say

The New York Times, Choe Sang-Hun, 2016 03 06

Seoul - In late 2014, months after 304 people died in the sinking of a South Korean ferry, a leaflet began circulating with a scurrilous rumor about President Park Geun-hye: that she had failed to respond swiftly to the disaster that day because she was having a romantic encounter with a former aide. Was Ms. Park, the flier asked, now cracking down on her critics in an attempt to keep that scandal from coming to light? For Park Sung-su, an antigovernment campaigner who had distributed the leaflet -- and who is not related to the president (Park is a common surname here) -- the consequences soon followed. He was arrested and later sentenced to a year in prison, on charges of defaming the president and staging illegal protests against his prosecutors. He was freed in December after eight months, when a court suspended his sentence. No evidence supporting the rumor has been produced, and prosecutors said they had investigated and found it groundless. But however dubious the leaflet might have been, opponents of the government say Mr. Park became another victim of the very thing he was denouncing: the government's use of defamation and other laws to silence its critics, which rights advocates say is on the rise. Last year, the United Nations Human Rights Committee warned against South Korea's "increasing use of criminal

defamation laws to prosecute persons who criticize government action." Freedom House, a rights group based in Washington, criticized "the increased intimidation of political opponents" under Ms. Park, who took office in 2013.

22. Bangladesh arrests three suspected militants

Reuters, 2016 03 06

Dhaka - Bangladesh's elite anti-terrorism unit detained on Sunday three suspected members of a militant group believed to be behind a spate of recent attacks in the south Asian country. Muslim-majority Bangladesh has seen a rise in Islamist violence in which liberal activists, members of minority Muslim sects and other religious groups have been targeted. The detainees were members of the banned Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh and were arrested in a raid conducted in the northwestern district of Rajshahi, said Rumman Mahmud, a deputy director of the Rapid Action Battalion. Sixteen crude bombs, seven petrol bombs and extremist books were also found in their possession, he added. The group is believed to be behind attacks such as the bombings of a Shi'ite shrine and the killing of two foreigners.

23. Philippines: OIC urges Muslim-Filipino solidarity amidst non-passage of BBL

Palestine News Agency (WAFA), 2016 03 06

Manila - Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Secretary General Iyad Ameen Madani has called on the Bangsamoro people to unite and remain committed to the peace process after Congress failure to enact the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) which would have been vital in ending the Mindanao armed conflict. The Secretary General of the OIC urged the Bangsamoro people to unify, consolidate and converge together towards the advancement of the peace process and the final resolution of the conflict in Mindanao, the OIC Secretary General said in a press statement issued after his meeting with Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) Chairman Al Haj Murad Ebrahim. While Madani expressed his deep disappointment over the non-passage of the BBL which is a major step towards the final resolution of the Bangsamoro question, he urged the leaders of the Bangsamoro people in particular, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) to utilize the existing mechanism, the Bangsamoro Coordinating Forum (BCF) to achieve a more unified position and a more coherent consolidated and sustainable cooperation for the benefit of the Bangsamoro people. Madani underscored that the firm commitment of the MILF to the peace process was important in preserving the gains of the peace negotiations and sustaining the ceasefire mechanisms to prevent future violent encounters between forces of the government and the Moro group. In spite of the great disappointment, the MILF would continue to uphold the peace process, and would continue to call on the Bangsamoro people to remain patient and to rally behind the full implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB).

24. NSG teams reach Gujarat following terror alert (Canada)

DeshGujarat News Online, 2016 03 06

Jalalabad -Four National Security Guard (NSG) squads have reached Gujarat following the input by Pakistan National Security Adviser (NSA) Nasir Khan Janjua to his Indian counterpart Ajit Doval that 10 terrorists had entered the state to carry out strikes. The Pakistan's NSA informed that these are fidayeen from the Lashkar-E-Taiba and Jaish-e Muhammed cadres. As many as 5 abandoned Pakistani boats in creek area close to Indo-Pak border in Kutch have been found in last 3 months. The last boat was found yesterday. A joint meeting of Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, BSF and Gujarat Police was held late in the evening yesterday in Gandhinagar to discuss alertness. District police chiefs from border and

coastal districts were involved in this meeting through video conferencing. DGP PC Thakur told ANI that 3 NSG teams will be kept on stand by mode in Ahmedabad while 1 will be sent to Somnath mandir where Shivratri festivities are going on. Thakur said, entire Gujarat police with pro-active assistance of Centre are on the job, would request people to not panic. – Security has been escalated at Somnath Mandir; – Ahmedabad Crime Branch has formed teams following terror alert and Shivratri festival; Two persons are held by Special Operation Group(SOG) with suspected air boat off Porbandar coast. At least one is believed Canadian citizen. Terror links are not likely.

25. Delhi, Guj, J-K, on high alert after terror threat

Press Trust of India, 2016 03 06

Ahmedabad - Delhi was today put on high alert after Police received inputs that 10 suspected LeT and JeM terrorists believed to have entered India from Pakistan through Gujarat may have sneaked into the national capital for an attack even as four elite NSG teams were rushed to the western state. On the eve of 'Maha Shivratri' festival, Gujarat as well as other metros and Jammu and Kashmir were also on high alert with raids conducted at Kutch and other places, security being beefed up at vital installations, sensitive areas and at all main temples including the famous Somnath temple where a NSG team has been deployed. The Gir-Somnath district authorities have postponed tomorrow's cultural event at Somnath temple owing to the terror threat. In Kolkata, security has been stepped up at NSC Bose International Airport after an e-mail threat that it would be blown up within 24 hours, airport officials said. The e-mail came in the airport manager's ID early today and it was claimed to have been sent from Germany, they said.

26. West India state on alert amid reports of militants entering

The Associated Press, 2016 03 06

Ahmadabad, India - The western Indian state of Gujarat was placed on high alert Sunday after officials said they received intelligence reports that around 10 suspected militants from Pakistan had entered the state. Policemen were checking cars and buses on highways and at the entrance of major cities and towns, said Gujarat's home minister, Rajnikant Patel. Security was also stepped up in the Indian capital, New Delhi, with more police and paramilitary troops assigned to shopping malls, railway stations and other crowded places. All vacations of policemen in the state have been cancelled and they have been asked to report back to work. Around 25 members of India's elite National Security Guards have reached Gujarat to beef up security, Patel told reporters. Some fishing boats have been found abandoned near the coast over the past few days, raising suspicions that militants from Pakistan had entered Gujarat by sea, Patel said, adding that security patrols have been increased along Gujarat's coastline in fears of an attack emanating from neighbouring Pakistan.

27. Capital on high alert as militants said to infiltrate into Gujarat

United News of India, 2016 03 06

New Delhi - Intelligence Bureau has received inputs about ten militants of terrorist organisations Lakshar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammad having sneaked into India with Gujarat police expressing apprehension that some of these ultras may have entered Delhi from Gujarat. In a tip-off sent to Delhi police today, Gujarat police has advised the force to step up security in crowded markets and pilgrimage spots among others. It said the terrorists might especially target temples tomorrow on the occasion of Mahashivratri.

Eastern Europe - Europe de l'Est

28 La Bulgarie annonce le déploiement de militaires à la frontière grecque

Radio France Internationale, 2016 03 06

Sofia - Vue générale du camp de fortune de migrants, près du village d'Idomeni en Grèce, le 5 mars 2016. Quelque 13.000 migrants s'entassaient samedi à la frontière entre la Grèce et la Macédoine dans des conditions d'hygiène déplorable. Avec l'annonce, samedi 5 mars, du déploiement de militaires à la frontière entre la Bulgarie et la Grèce, une partie de l'Europe a décidé de se confiner pour tenter de résister à la pression migratoire. L'Allemagne et la France dénoncent cette situation, qui à terme pourrait créer une véritable fracture : d'un côté les premiers pays exposés à cette vague migratoire, et de l'autre les pays du nord et l'ouest de l'Europe. L'annonce a été faite par le Premier ministre bulgare : son pays va déployer plus de 400 hommes à sa frontière avec la Grèce. Armée, gendarmerie et police équipée de véhicules blindés et d'hélicoptères devraient rester dans cette zone proche de la Macédoine de manière permanente. Ces derniers mois, la Croatie a approuvé des changements dans sa législation afin de pouvoir déployer son armée aux frontières, la Slovénie a fait de même en février dernier et la Hongrie avait lancé le mouvement. Au final, toute une partie de l'Europe a décidé de se protéger face à une pression migratoire qu'elle estime de moins en moins gérable. Cette militarisation des frontières fait suite notamment à la mise en place de quotas d'entrées par l'Autriche. En conséquence, les Slovènes craignent que leur pays ne devienne le point de passage privilégié sur la route des Balkans. De leurs côtés, l'Allemagne et la France plaident pour une amélioration des conditions d'accueil et la mise en place d'une politique de consensus au niveau européen.

29. Russian Embassy Protests 'Well-Organized' Attack on Property in Kiev

Sputnik News Service, 2016 03 06

Kiev - The Russian Embassy in Ukraine has issued a note of protest to the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry in relation to an attack on Russian diplomatic staff vehicles parked near the embassy building, the embassy's spokesman said Sunday. Oleg Grishin told RIA Novosti that a group of unidentified persons clad in balaclavas and armed with baseball bats attacked parked cars near the Russian embassy in Kiev on the night of March 6. Another Attack against the Russian Embassy in #Kiev! Not a single Policeman to be seen.

30. Ukrainian military fire on Donetsk Republic territory - defense ministry

ITAR-TASS World Service, 2016 03 06

Moscow - Ukraine's Armed Forces opened fire 69 times on territory of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) over the past 24 hours, the republic's defense ministry told the Donetsk News Agency on Sunday. The military opened fire on the settlements Zaitsevo, Zhabunki, area of the Donetsk airport and Volvo Center, on the Petrov district of the city, on settlements Nikolayevka, Belaya Kamenka and Yasinovataya. The Ukrainian forces 29 times used 82-mm caliber mortars, as well as they used grenade launchers, an anti-aircraft gun and small arms. At the meeting of the Contact Group on January 13 the sides supported the initiative of Russia's envoy Boris Gryzlov on ensuring complete ceasefire on the territory of Donbass. This is the seventh attempt to fully observe the ceasefire regime in Ukraine's south-east. Ukrainian troops have been engaged in fighting with local militias during Kiev's punitive operation, underway since mid-April 2014, against the breakaway territories - the Donetsk and Lugansk people's republics constituting parts of the Donetsk and Lugansk regions of Ukraine.

Africa – Afrique

31. Visite mouvementée de Ban Ki-moon aux camps de réfugiés sahraouis

El Watan, 2016 03 06

Alger - Le secrétaire général des Nations unies, qui s'est dit «touché» par l'accueil populaire – et militaire – qui lui a été réservé par des centaines de citoyens sahraouis massés sur les deux côtés de la route qui mène d'un hélicoptère improvisé sur une colline vers le centre administratif de Smara, a dû chambouler son programme à la dernière minute. Son staff, présent en force lors de cette visite, a annulé une rencontre avec des écoliers dans un groupement scolaire et une autre avec des jeunes Sahraouis, prévue au sein du bloc administratif qui gère le camp. Des proches d'un jeune homme tué en février dernier par des militaires marocains, soutenus par des jeunes, ont bloqué l'accès au véhicule onusien. Pis, d'autres membres de la délégation, dont l'envoyé spécial des Nations unies, Christopher Ross, ont dû marcher quelques dizaines de mètres avant de pouvoir s'engouffrer dans la cours de l'école 17 Juin. Des jeunes Sahraouis se sont même attaqués à la voiture de Ban Ki-moon à coups de pierres. Plus de peur que de mal, puisque ces actes n'ont provoqué aucun dégât. Ni humain ni matériel. Dehors, des dizaines de femmes crient «autodétermination» ou encore «Sahara libre». Une manière de faire pression sur les responsables onusiens afin de mener le projet de règlement de ce conflit à son terme.

32. G5 Sahel: Boko Haram est comme «des poissons qu'on aurait sortis de l'eau»

Radio France Internationale, 2016 03 06

Ndjamena - Deux importantes réunions du G5 Sahel se sont tenues, cette semaine, à Ndjamena. Le G5 regroupe la Mauritanie, le Mali, le Burkina Faso, le Niger et le Tchad. L'Organisation est née en 2014, d'une volonté commune de lutter contre le terrorisme en alliant sécurité et développement. Au micro de RFI, le major général nigérian Lamidi Adeosun évoque les progrès enregistrés dans la lutte contre le groupe terroriste Boko Haram, plus récemment connu sous le nom de Groupe Etat islamique en Afrique de l'Ouest. Alors que les groupes terroristes opèrent en passant d'un pays à l'autre pour mener des attaques, se ravitailler ou encore pour rejoindre des zones refuges, le G5 se dote d'outils régionaux et planifie régulièrement des opérations conjointes avec le soutien de l'opération Barkhane. Le major général nigérian Lamidi Adeosun était à Ndjamena, au Tchad, pour ces réunions du G5 Sahel. Commandant de la force multinationale conjointe chargée de la lutte contre le terrorisme dans la région et particulièrement contre le mouvement Boko Haram, il fait état d'avancées très importantes dans la bataille contre le groupe terroriste nigérian.

33. Egypt says Hamas, Muslim Brotherhood killed chief prosecutor

The Associated Press, 2016 03 06

Cairo - Egypt said Sunday that the bombing which killed the country's chief prosecutor last year was carried out by members of the now-outlawed Muslim Brotherhood who had been trained in the Gaza Strip by the Palestinian militant group Hamas. Egyptian Interior Minister Magdy Abdel-Ghaffar said dozens of people have been detained in connection to the killing of 65-year-old Hisham Barakat last June, the first assassination of a senior Egyptian official in 25 years. "Hamas trained, prepared, and oversaw the implementation" of the attack, he said in an address broadcast by state and private media, which also aired confessions by some of the alleged perpetrators. There have been no credible claims of responsibility for the attack. The Brotherhood denied any involvement. Hamas could not immediately be reached for comment. Egypt has seen a wave of attacks mainly targeting security forces since the 2013 military overthrow of President Mohammed Morsi, who hailed from the Brotherhood. The government has

blamed most of the violence on the Brotherhood -- including attacks claimed by more extreme groups -- and has branded it a terrorist group.

Iraq/Iran

34. Death toll soars in Baghdad suicide bomb attack

The Associated Press, 2016 03 06

Baghdad - A suicide bomber on Sunday rammed his explosives-laden fuel truck into a security checkpoint south of Baghdad, killing at least 47 people and wounding dozens, officials said, the latest episode in an uptick in violence in the war-ravaged country. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which bore the hallmarks of ISIS. ISIS and other Sunni militants frequently use car bombs and suicide attacks to target public areas and government buildings in their bid to undermine confidence in the Shiite-led government in Baghdad. Among the dead were 39 civilians, while the rest were members of the security forces. The attacker struck shortly after noon when the checkpoint at one of the entrances to the city of Hillah was crowded with dozens of cars, a police officer said. He added that up to 65 other people were wounded and nearly 50 cars were damaged. Hillah is located about 95 kilometers (60 miles) south of Baghdad. A medical official confirmed the causality figures. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release information.

35. Declaring Hezbollah Terror Group Won't Affect Resistance's Position

Fars News Agency, 2016 03 06

Tehran - Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Hassan Firouzabadi lashed out at the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council (PGCC) and the Arab League for declaring Lebanon's Hezbollah as a "terrorist group", saying the move will have minimal impact on the resistance movement's regional clout. "No doubt the move was made upon an order by the Zionists and the sworn enemies of Islam and Great Prophet Mohammad (PBUH)," Firouzabadi said on Sunday. He noted that the "hasty and ill-advised" move was made on behalf of the United States and Israel to help materialize their objectives in the region, adding, "Despite efforts by the House of Saud and its regional and trans-regional allies, Hezbollah's deep-seated position will remain intact. It will not shift the balance of power in the region. It will not help the Zionists extend their grip on the occupied Palestinian territories." In relevant remarks on Thursday, Iran's Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hossein Jaber Ansari lashed out at the PGCC for designating Hezbollah resistance movement a "terrorist group". Speaking to reporters, Jaber Ansari said Hezbollah represents Muslim efforts for independence, freedom, justice, and integrity, adding that those who are against the resistance group are in fact siding with the policies of the occupiers of Palestine.

36. Iran, Turkey Discuss Bilateral Ties, Regional Developments

Fars News Agency, 2016 03 06

Tehran -Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus in a meeting in Jakarta conferred on the latest regional developments as well as ways to bolster bilateral relations between the two countries. During the meeting held on the sidelines of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)'s emergency conference on Palestine and the situation in the holy city of Qods, Zarif and Kurtulmus also held talks on the current visit by Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu to Tehran. Davutoglu heading a high-ranking delegation arrived in Tehran Saturday morning to mark the first official visit by a Turkish premier in the wake of the nuclear Joint Comprehensive Plan

of Action. He is accompanied by ministers of economy, customs and trade, energy, transport, communications and development, government officials and representatives of major Turkish media. The visit follows consultations between the two countries' foreign ministries with the objective of expansion and strengthening of political, cultural, and economic relations. Considering the combination of the Turkish prime minister's entourage, economic and trade issues will top the agenda of his meetings in Tehran, including achieving the 30-billion-dollar outlook in Iran-Turkey commercial ties.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

37. Indian priest kidnapped in Yemen retirement home attack

Reuters, 2016 03 06

Aden - Gunmen have kidnapped an Indian priest from an old people's home they attacked last week in southern Yemen killing at least 15 people, local government and security officials said on Sunday. The Indian Foreign Minister announced on her twitter account an Indian national identified as Father Tom Uzhunnalil had been "abducted by terrorists in Yemen." The minister, Sushma Swaraj, added that officials in neighboring Djibouti were trying to ascertain the whereabouts of Father Uzhunnalil "so that we can secure his release." Officials in the local government of Aden confirmed that the priest had been kidnapped and said authorities were investigating the attack.

38. Hamas-linked operative 'who recruited terrorists in Egypt' nabbed

The Jerusalem Post, 2016 03 06

Jerusalem - Security forces on Sunday announced the arrest of a suspected terror operative who allegedly belonged to a Hamas-linked group and was active in terror financing and recruitment of West Bank Palestinians in Egypt. The Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) intelligence agency, together with the Israel Police, arrested 33-year-old Muhammad Nazal, from Kabatiya in the West Bank, as he crossed from Jordan to Israel via the Allenby land crossing at the end of January. In 2007, security force said, Nazal moved to Cairo, Egypt, to study. In Egypt, he joined the Holy Warriors Battalion (Khatib Al-Mujahadin) terror group, the Shin Bet said, a Fatah Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade splinter organization that adopted radical Islamic tendencies. The group's members have in recent years plotted a number of attacks against Israeli targets, including rocket fire, and attempts to set up attacks within Israel, the Shin Bet added. This group "is in touch with Hamas in the Gaza Strip, and receives funding and instructions from it," the agency stated.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

39. Forces spéciales. Qui sont-elles ?

Le Télégramme, Jean Guisnel, 2016 03 06

Analyse: Les récentes révélations sur la présence de forces spéciales françaises en Libye et l'enquête lancée, dans la foulée, par Jean-Yves Le Drian, pour « compromission du secret défense », a braqué une

nouvelle fois les projecteurs sur ces unités d'élite de l'armée déployées partout dans le monde. Qui sont ces soldats ? En quoi consistent leurs missions en terre hostile ? Comment vivent-ils leur engagement ? C'est l'objet de notre enquête. Dans la grande, l'immense base militaire de Gao, au Mali, une enceinte fermée abrite quelques dizaines des militaires les plus discrets de l'armée française : les forces spéciales. Si on les voit, c'est qu'ils ne se sont pas cachés, mais il est inutile de les aborder : ils ne répondent pas et cultivent avec soin une attitude lointaine, ne seyant qu'à ceux qui vivent dans le secret des dieux. Forts de cette étonnante coquetterie qui les conduit à ne pas porter le même uniforme que les autres soldats, ils composent le leur avec une science consommée du détail : la parka, les chaussures, les gants et les indispensables lunettes de soleil se doivent de venir des meilleures marques, qu'ils payent sur leurs propres deniers. Folklore ? Bien sûr... Ils seraient bien les seuls militaires à ne pas y céder. Qui leur jetterait la pierre ? Car l'important n'est pas là. Mais dans le fait que ces 3.000 soldats sont le fer de lance de l'armée française. Ils appartiennent aux trois armées - ceux de la marine sont essentiellement basés à Lorient - et sont considérés comme leurs meilleurs éléments. François Hollande les a déployés récemment en Libye. Commandos invisibles. Leurs spécificités sont très particulières. Peu nombreux, ils sont très souples d'emploi. Ces hommes sont souvent très expérimentés, du fait qu'ils combattent actuellement d'un bout à l'autre de l'année sous tous les cieux, du Moyen-Orient à l'Afrique. Extrêmement bien équipés avec tous les matériels les plus modernes, ils sont également très autonomes et très « légers ». S'ils ont à leur disposition des hélicoptères de combat Tigre et Caracal, ils n'ont pas d'avions de chasse mais seulement des avions de transport. Forces spéciales. Unités spécialement formées, instruites et entraînées pour mener un éventail de missions particulières, dans le cadre d'un conflit classique ou bien relevant de la guerre non conventionnelle. Cela va des actions d'infiltration, de contre-terrorisme et de maintien de la paix, aux actions de guérilla et de neutralisation d'objectifs vitaux pour l'ennemi, en passant par la libération d'otages et l'exfiltration de ressortissants nationaux menacés à l'étranger. Qu'elles durent quelques heures ou plusieurs semaines, les opérations menées par les forces spéciales ne sont pas clandestines, contrairement à celles confiées au service Action de la Direction générale de la sécurité extérieure (DGSE) dont les hommes agissent, eux, sans uniforme.

40. France: disparition de deux jeunes filles suspectées de radicalisation

Radio France Internationale, 2016 03 06

Paris - En France, deux mineures ont disparu dans le département de Haute-Savoie. Les deux jeunes filles avaient été signalées comme « radicalisées » et elles ont apparemment fugué vendredi soir. La gendarmerie nationale a diffusé samedi 5 mars un appel à témoin. Personne ne semble les avoir vues depuis vendredi, en début d'après-midi. Pour le Parquet, les deux jeunes filles, âgées de 15 et 16 ans, souhaitent se rendre ou sont déjà parties en Syrie. « C'est ce qui ressort de leurs déclarations », assure un communiqué des magistrats qui précise que l'une des deux adolescentes avait été soupçonnée de radicalisation et qu'elle était suivie. Placée en foyer, la jeune fille faisait l'objet d'une interdiction de sortie du territoire. L'autre adolescente est visée depuis samedi matin par la même mesure. Une mesure rendue possible par la loi anti-terroriste votée par les députés français en septembre 2014. Ce texte développait les moyens de lutte contre le cyberterrorisme et instaurait l'interdiction administrative de sortie du territoire contre tout individu soupçonné de vouloir rejoindre les groupes jihadistes à l'étranger. L'identité des deux lycéennes a été transmise à la police des frontières et à tous les pays de la zone Schengen. Les compagnies de transport ont interdiction de les prendre en charge. Les adolescentes auraient quitté leur région de la gare de Chambéry.

41. Six convicted PKK militants break out of Diyarbakır prison

Hurriyet Daily News, 2016 03 06

Ankara - Six convicted militants of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) have broken out of a D-Type prison in the southeastern province of Diyarbakır amid ongoing counterterror operations in the province. The sextet were reported missing from the Diyarbakır D-Type prison in the Kayapınar district following a roll call on the morning of March 6. While the identities of the convicts remain unclear, reports indicate they were PKK militants who were sentenced to jail terms for "membership in a terror organization" and "guilt by association." According to state-run Anadolu Agency, an unspecified number of the convicts were among those who escaped from an M-Type prison in the eastern province of Bingöl on Sep. 25, 2013.

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General News Overview/Aperçu général des nouvelles

CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1- Spy agencies eye more wide-ranging partnership

Toronto Star, Alex Boutilier, 2016 04 02

Ottawa— Canada's two main spy agencies are looking to "maximize" opportunities to work together despite continued concerns about watchdogs' ability to keep tabs on joint operations. Documents obtained by the Star show the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) are looking for new and expanded ways to align their operations. But as Canada's intelligence agencies co-operate more and more, those charged with reviewing the spies' actions may have a harder time seeing the big picture. The heavily censored documents were sent by CSE chief Greta Bossenmaier and CSIS director Michel Coulombe to Richard Fadden, the national security adviser to the prime minister, in August 2015. Fadden was both a former director of CSIS and the former top bureaucrat at National Defence, which is responsible for CSE. Fadden announced his retirement on Thursday. Bossenmaier and Coulombe suggest the two agencies are trying to "leverage (CSE's) Mandate C authorities," and set up a working group to "maximize opportunities for operational collaboration." That could spell trouble for the small group of independent watchdogs reviewing the spy agencies' activities. Both Security Intelligence Review Committee and the CSE Commissioner's office can review their respective agencies but can't conduct joint investigations.

2- We should arm the Saudis while protecting Canada against their influence

Financial Post Online, Lawrence Solomon, 2016 04 02

Column: Saudi Arabia is a moral leader in the Sunni world, a rare source of stability in the Middle East, Canada's biggest trading partner in the MENA (Middle-East North Africa) region and currently a military ally of Canada's and the West's. More pertinently, in today's world of Muslim Brotherhoods and ISILs that want not only to take over the Middle East but also to export their mayhem to our shores, the Saudis should be seen as de facto protectors of the West: By helping to overthrow Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood regime and taking on ISIL in Syria, the Saudis have thwarted the expansionist dreams of these terrorist organizations. Yet many Canadians wag their finger at the Liberal government's decision to complete a \$15 billion arms sale to Saudi Arabia on the single-minded view that the Saudis don't share our values when it comes to human rights. The human rights activists who are so intent on protecting the

rights of Saudi women and Saudi gays from the strictures of Sharia law might start with protecting Canadians who frequent the Saudi-funded radical mosques and other Islamic institutions in Canada that preach like beliefs. Toronto's Salaheddin Islamic Centre, one of whose founders was linked to al-Qaeda and which was funded by Saudi Arabia's King Fahd himself with a US\$5 million capital grant and US\$1.5 million per year for operations, would be but one institution deserving of the activists' attention. This rapidly expanding, multi-million-dollar operation, a target of RCMP and CSIS investigations, is especially known for its anti-gay preaching.

Canada

3- Bill C-51 anti-terror arrests without a crime concern legal experts

CBC News, Solomon Israel, 2016 04 02

Toronto— Some Canadian legal experts are concerned about police use of an anti-terrorism provision in Bill C-51 that makes it easier for them to arrest people who haven't committed any crime. The use of the new provision, Section 810.011 of the Criminal Code, in recent cases such as that of Ontario man Kevin Omar Mohamed is drawing criticism that the law is both redundant and over-powerful. "The Criminal Code already had provisions in place whereby the police could detain individuals for a number of inchoate offences," says Sukanya Pillay, executive director of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. "In particular, we're concerned that by doing this, we're normalizing these exceptional powers, and the case hasn't been made that they're needed," says Pillay. Peace bonds have been used against terrorism suspects since before Bill C-51, although it's difficult to pin down the exact number of times. Craig Forcese, a legal scholar at the University of Ottawa who has studied Bill C-51 extensively, estimates they have been used in terrorism cases 16 times since 2001. Forcese says peace bonds under Section 810.011 suffer from a "Goldilocks"-style dilemma, describing them as potentially too powerful and yet not powerful enough. He says peace bonds "won't necessarily stop a determined, dangerous person" who is truly intent on doing harm.

4- Mother denies claims her son sympathizes with terror group

Toronto Star, Dan Taekema and Alex Ballingall, 2016 04 02

Toronto— Kevin Omar Mohamed is in jail because police allege he went to Turkey to join a terrorist group. His mother says it was an innocent family vacation; she and Mohamed's brother were along for the trip. So if the RCMP wants to throw her son behind bars, she says they should lock her up, too. "If they want to arrest Kevin for going there (Turkey), then they should be arresting all three of us," said Mohamed's mother, Debbie. "He has done nothing wrong." The 23-year-old former University of Waterloo student was arrested last week and later charged with "participating in the activity of a terrorist group." The RCMP alleges he went to Turkey in April 2014 to join Jahbat al-Nusra, an Al Qaeda branch fighting in Syria that the Canadian government considers a terrorist organization. Speaking to media for the first time, his mother told the Star she and her sons had been planning the trip for a long time before they visited the country in 2014. According to Debbie, Mohamed went ahead a week early but was later joined by her and her eldest son, who had stayed back to write an exam.

5- PM: Canada will offer \$42M to help protect nuclear material from terrorists

Canadian Press, Alex Panetta, 2016 04 01

Washington— Canada is contributing \$42 million to global efforts to protect nuclear materials and keep them away from terrorists. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was among several world leaders making similar commitments Friday at a nuclear safety summit in Washington, an event aimed at sustaining nuclear safety as a long-term international priority. The summit is the last of four organized during the presidency of Barack Obama, who made the issue a priority amid signs that al-Qaida and other terrorist groups were actively seeking nuclear weapons. It's now incumbent on the international community to make sure those efforts continue after Obama leaves office, Trudeau suggested Friday. "Risks associated with terrorist groups getting their hands on nuclear material are not restricted to any one country," he said.

6- Sikh man viciously attacked in Quebec City

CTV News, 2016 04 02

Toronto— A Toronto-area Sikh man says he was verbally abused and beaten while vacationing in Quebec City by a group of men who targeted him because of his brown skin and turban. Supninder Singh Khehra is still recovering after he was punched in the face and kicked last Saturday by seemingly drunk strangers, whose attack was recorded on video. Khehra said he was out with friends after dark and trying to hail a cab when a car full of men approached and started shouting at him in French, swearing and pointing at his turban. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told reporters in Washington, D.C., that such “hateful acts” have “no place in Canada.” “We stand clearly against the kind of discrimination and intolerance that that represents,” the prime minister said. Khehra also said he is heartened by an outpouring of support on social media, since CTV News first reported the story.

United States – États-Unis

7- FBI Offers Help to Agencies On Phones

Wall Street Journal, Devlin Barrett, 2016 05 02

Washington— The Federal Bureau of Investigation told law enforcement agencies around the country Friday it would try to help them open locked phones or other devices as much as “legal and policy constraints” allow. The unusual guidance from the nation's premier law-enforcement agency is in response to a surge of interest from state and local authorities in how the agency was able to open a locked iPhone seized in the probe of a terror attack in San Bernardino, Calif., in December. The FBI advisory seems to be aimed at reassuring police and prosecutors that while they don't have much to tell them now, they hope to provide more information and possibly help in the near future.

8- FBI ponders sharing tool to help unlock iPhone with local law agencies

Washington Post, Ellen Nakashima and Adam Goldman, 2016 04 02

Washington— The FBI and Justice Department are debating whether the hacking tool that helped the bureau unlock the iPhone of one of the San Bernardino, Calif., terrorists can be used to help state and local law enforcement, officials said Friday. That will be a challenge because the bureau has classified the tool, making it difficult to use in state and local criminal prosecutions requiring disclosure of evidence to defendants, officials said. “There’s a desire to be forward-leaning to help state and local law enforcement,” said a senior law enforcement official, who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation. “But no one knows quite what the answer is.” Moreover, the tool itself likely will have a shelf life of only a few months, as tech companies may find and fix the vulnerabilities that the tool exploits, and they periodically update the underlying software. The firm that helped the bureau — not the Israeli company Cellebrite, as had been widely rumored — charged a one-time flat fee, officials said.

9- A C.I.A. Officer's Tale of the Fog of Secret War and a Mission's Futility

New York Times, Mark Mazzetti, 2016 04 02

Washington— In Douglas Laux's final days as a C.I.A. officer, the futility of his mission prompted him to quote George Orwell to his boss. Mr. Laux had spent months in 2012 working with various Middle Eastern nations that were trying to ship arms to Syria to help disparate rebel groups there. But it had become clear to him that the C.I.A. had little ability to control the squabbling and backstabbing among the Saudis, Qataris and other Arabs. He told a senior C.I.A. officer he felt like Winston Smith, the character in “1984” known for his fatalism, because he was carrying out his work without comprehending the politics and competing agendas thwarting progress in aiding the rebellion. “I understand the how,” Mr. Laux said, paraphrasing one of Smith's famous lines. “I do not understand the why.” It is a sentiment that might sum up much of Mr. Laux's career at the C.I.A., an organization he served for eight years as an undercover case officer and soldier in the agency's shadowy conflicts overseas. His career at the agency

began with a tour at a remote firebase in southern Afghanistan and ended with a spot on the agency's Syria Task Force -- a life in war zones that is emblematic of the lives of a large cadre of American spies who joined the C.I.A. after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He left the agency three years ago, but is speaking publicly about his experiences there for the first time in conjunction with the release of a memoir. The collective weight of all C.I.A. memoirs written since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks could collapse a bookshelf, but Mr. Laux brings a raw perspective to the canon. His memoir is not filled with recollections of White House meetings or lengthy defenses of waterboarding. Mr. Laux was thousands of miles from Washington, a grunt in a secret war.

10- Obama Chides Trump's Take on Weapons

Washington Post, Mark Landler, 2016 04 02

Washington— President Obama on Friday questioned Donald J. Trump's fitness for office after statements from the Republican front-runner that the United States and its allies should move away from decades of constraints on the use of nuclear weapons. "We don't want somebody in the Oval Office who doesn't recognize how important that is," Mr. Obama said. Speaking to reporters at the end of a summit meeting devoted to nuclear security, the president said the comments by Mr. Trump reflected a person who "doesn't know much about foreign policy or nuclear policy or the Korean Peninsula or the world generally." Mr. Obama has not hesitated to criticize Mr. Trump for contributing to a coarse tone and circuslike atmosphere on the campaign trail. But his criticism of the candidate's comments on nuclear proliferation was not about public language or personal style, but about one of the gravest responsibilities of an American president. It carried an extra edge because it involved an issue that Mr. Obama has made a central goal of his presidency. He said world leaders and other participants at the conference had expressed concerns about Mr. Trump's comments during private conversations with him at the summit meeting, which gathered more than 50 world leaders to discuss ways to reduce the threat of a nuclear attack, whether from the leakage of nuclear fuel or the theft of a bomb by a terrorist group.

11- Obama calls on world leaders to confront ISIS

Washington Post, David Nakarama, 2016 04 02

Washington— President Obama rallied world leaders Friday to confront the growing threat of the Islamic State and defended his administration's aggressive use of airstrikes against terrorist groups outside of declared war zones. Obama said that in recent weeks the U.S. military has stepped up attacks on terrorist training camps that have killed scores of suspected fighters aligned with al-Qaeda or the Islamic State in Libya, Yemen and Somalia. Typically, such strikes outside of war zones like Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan have been directed at suspected terrorist leaders or other "high-value targets," Obama said. The chaos in ungoverned areas of places such as Libya and Yemen have given terrorist groups more latitude to set up training facilities.

12- Obama details nuclear terrorism's threat

Globe and Mail, Robert Fife and Paul Koring, 2016 04 02

Washington— U.S. President Barack Obama called for global action Friday to safeguard nuclear facilities and prevent Islamic terrorist "madmen" from getting their hands on nuclear weapons or a highly radioactive dirty bomb. Speaking at the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington, Mr. Obama said nuclear terrorism was a persistent threat to the world, despite significant progress to protect and dispose of nuclear material. "There is no doubt if these madmen ever got their hands on a nuclear bomb or a nuclear material, they would certainly use it to kill as many innocent people as possible," he said. "It would change the world." Mr. Obama singled out the Islamic State group, which has used chemical weapons, including mustard gas, in Syria and Iraq, and al-Qaeda, which has long sought to obtain nuclear material. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau took an active part in the discussions and announced that Canada will spend \$42-million to help secure nuclear stockpiles and to dispose of highly radioactive material around the world. Canada will also provide \$51-million to help fund counterterrorism measures in the Middle East and North Africa. "The risks associated with terrorist groups getting their hands on nuclear material

are not restricted to any one country," Mr. Trudeau said. "We need to make sure we are continuing our effort that we can work in solid partnership across borders to ensure nuclear security remains a high priority." Mr. Trudeau joined Mr. Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron in stressing the importance of countering radical extremism, which has led hundreds of young people to join the Islamic State.

13- La surveillance de masse menacerait la diversité d'opinions

La Presse, Marc Thibodeau, 2016 04 02

Endroit non identifié— La surveillance de masse des communications en ligne pousse nombre d'internautes à s'autocensurer, y compris ceux qui affirment « n'avoir rien à cacher », et limite la diversité d'opinions à un degré préoccupant. Le constat figure dans une nouvelle étude parue dans la revue *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly* qui sonne l'alarme quant à l'impact potentiellement néfaste sur la liberté d'expression de pratiques mises en lumière aux États-Unis par Edward Snowden. L'ancien consultant de la National Security Agency (NSA) avait notamment affirmé en 2013, documents à l'appui, que l'influent service de renseignements était en mesure d'accéder au contenu des serveurs de géants de la Silicon Valley comme Google, Facebook et Yahoo!. Les firmes désignées ont démenti toute collaboration sans pour autant convaincre la population américaine, qui demeure très partagée quant à l'utilisation de programmes de surveillance à grande échelle par le gouvernement pour lutter contre le terrorisme

14- State Dept. suspends review into 'top secret' Clinton emails

Associated Press, 2016 04 01

Washington— The State Department has suspended its internal review into whether former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton or her top aides mishandled emails containing information now deemed "top secret." Spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau said Friday the department had paused the review to avoid interfering with an ongoing FBI investigation into Clinton's use of a private server while she was America's top diplomat. She said the decision was made after the department sought the FBI's advice on how to proceed with the review and received word that it should follow its standard practice. Trudeau said the department's standard practice is to place internal reviews "on hold while there is an ongoing law enforcement investigation under way." An FBI spokeswoman declined to comment.

15- Why the CIA placed an explosive on a school bus

Washington Post, staff reporters, 2016 04 02

Washington— Briar Woods High School, a half-hour drive from the CIA's headquarters in Northern Virginia, might have provided an ideal training ground for the agency's bomb-sniffing dogs. Its labyrinthine hallways and voluminous classrooms are home to something that can wreak havoc for the canines: polished floors, which cause dogs to slip and lose their focus as they hunt for explosives. That was one reason the school, which educates nearly 1,700 students in Ashburn, played host to a CIA dog team for a training exercise while students were on spring break last week, according to the Loudoun County school system. But the choice to go to a public school for the quiet exercise has led to an only-in-Washington embarrassment for the elite spy agency, which left explosive material behind in the engine compartment of a school bus that then shuttled special-needs children for two days this week. A mechanic discovered and removed the explosive putty — which county Supervisor Koran Saines (D-Sterling) said was the demolition explosive C-4 — during a routine bus maintenance check Wednesday. Until then, no one noticed that it was missing. That the CIA was using live explosives and lost track of them in a place where children and teachers spend their days has raised concerns among parents about the use of a school facility for such training. It also illuminates the fact that local authorities and school systems feel obliged to prepare for scenarios that once seemed unthinkable, such as gunmen firing at schoolchildren and bombs hidden on buses.

16- Navy moves for new intelligence chief

Washington Post, Craig Whitlock, 2016 04 02

Washington— The Navy is finally moving to end a long spell during which its intelligence chief hasn't been able to see, hear or read any military secrets. Navy officials say Vice Adm. Jan Tighe, now the commander of the U.S. Fleet Cyber Command, will soon be nominated to become the chief of naval intelligence. If confirmed by the Senate, she would replace Vice Adm. Ted "Twig" Branch, whose access to classified information was suspended in November 2013 when he was swept up in a still-unfolding Justice Department corruption investigation. Branch has been under scrutiny for his ties to Leonard Glenn Francis, an Asia-based defense contractor commonly known in Navy circles as Fat Leonard. Francis has pleaded guilty in federal court to bribing scores of Navy personnel with cash, prostitutes and luxury hotel rooms in exchange for classified or sensitive information about ship movements and competitors' secrets.

United Kingdom – Royaume-Uni

17- Van driver is convicted in jihadist plot to kill airman

UK Times, Fiona Hamilton, 2016 04 02

London— Islamic State offered hacked addresses of British army personnel to UK-based jihadists plotting a beheading attack, it can be revealed after two extremists were told they faced jail yesterday. A delivery driver from Luton was in contact with the head of the Isis hacking operation in Syria before being caught with plans to murder a US serviceman at a base in East Anglia. Junead Ahmed Khan, 25, obtained plans for a pipe bomb and had ordered a hunting knife before counterterrorist police intervened. At the Old Bailey yesterday he was convicted of preparing an act of terrorism and preparing to go to Syria to join Isis with his uncle, Shazib Khan, 23. The revelation that Isis offered private details of members of the British armed forces to the delivery driver, who chose instead to target an American serviceman, put security services on high alert amid fears of a similar killing to the murder of Fusilier Lee Rigby in Woolwich in 2013.

18- Plot to behead British troops

Daily Mail, Arthur Martin and James Slack, 2016 04 02

London— Details of a chilling Islamic State plot to behead soldiers on the streets of Britain were revealed last night. The terror group offered what it claimed were the addresses of Army personnel to UK-based extremists planning a Lee Rigby-style attack. The existence of the plot emerged after a British jihadi was convicted yesterday of planning a terror attack at RAF bases in East Anglia. Junead Khan, 25, used his job as a van driver to carry out hostile reconnaissance of RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall in Suffolk and Norfolk's RAF Feltwell. He planned to stage a road accident before killing a US airman outside.

Australia, New Zealand –Australie/Nouvelle Zélande

19- Nuclear terrorist threats 'terrifying'

Australian Associated Press, 2016 04 02

Canberra— There are "terrifying possibilities" that terrorists could get access to nuclear material to make dirty bombs, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop warns. Speaking on the sidelines of a global nuclear summit in Washington on Saturday, Ms Bishop said Australia was committed to the global effort to secure nuclear material amid fears of the potential for a nuclear terrorist attack. The summit is dealing with hypotheticals of what could occur and how to prevent it. "There is a high level of concern that nuclear material could fall into the hands of terrorists or terrorist groups or that they would get sufficient material to make what is called a dirty bomb," Ms Bishop told reporters. "It was so heartening to see so many countries represented here, exchanging ideas, exchanging experiences and working collaboratively to ensure that the nuclear material for civilian purposes is held as tightly and securely as possible with a commitment to reducing the risk that terrorists could gain control."

Afghanistan – Pakistan

20- 'Pakistan needs to get to bottom of India's interference in Balochistan'

Indo Asian News Service, 2016 04 02

Islamabad— Pakistan needs to "get to the bottom of India's interference in Balochistan", but in doing so Islamabad needs to "tread carefully" and diplomatically engage with Iran, a friend of India, in the effort to "expose" the "RAW network based in Chabahar", a Pakistani daily has said. In an editorial, titled "Shaky Ground", The News International said that the "capture of the Indian spy Kulbhushan Yadav may affect not only our relationship with India but with Iran too". The arrest of Yadav coincided with the visit of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani to Pakistan, and army chief Raheel Sharif brought up the "RAW issue" (Research and Analysis Wing - India's external intelligence agency) with Rouhani, "only for the Iranian President to deny it", writes the daily. It went on to say: "Now we have found that the spy had a valid Iranian visa and we believe there is an entire RAW network based in Chabahar. We have asked for Iranian help in dismantling it. Interior Minister Nisar Ali Khan met the Iranian ambassador in Islamabad to discuss these issues on Friday."

Africa – Afrique

21- Somali Militant Leader Believed Killed in Strike

New York Times, Helene Cooper, 2016 04 02

Washington— An American drone strike in Somalia is believed to have killed a key leader of the Shabab militant group, a United States government official said Friday, as the Obama administration continued its intensified air campaign against the group. First word of the strike came when the Pentagon press secretary, Peter Cook, said in a statement emailed to reporters that the American military, in cooperation with the government of Somalia, was still assessing whether Thursday's attack had succeeded in killing Hassan Ali Dhoore, described as an important member of the Shabab security and intelligence wing. Defense Department officials said he was involved in two high-profile attacks in Mogadishu more than a year ago in which Americans were killed. But one United States official, speaking on condition of anonymity to describe initial assessments of the attack, said the military believed that Mr. Dhoore and two others had been killed in the strike, which occurred near Jilib, south of Mogadishu.

22- Atelier sur le rôle de la justice pénale dans la lutte contre le terrorisme - Fin des travaux sur une note positive (Canada)

All Africa, 2016 04 02

Alger— Les travaux de l'atelier d'experts sur "le rôle de la justice pénale dans la lutte contre le terrorisme" tenu à Alger, ont pris fin jeudi dans la soirée sur une note "positive" ont jugé les participants, et ce dans l'élaboration d'un système juridique complémentaire dans les pays concernés. Les travaux de cet atelier organisé par les groupes de travail du Forum mondial de lutte contre le terrorisme (FGCT), sur le renforcement des capacités des pays de la région du Sahel co-présidé par l'Algérie et le Canada, ont été "riches" et "positifs" ont indiqué à l'APS des sources diplomatiques au terme de deux jours de travaux. Les lacunes dans les capacités des institutions à établir des cadres juridiques efficaces de lutte contre le terrorisme ont fait l'objet de plusieurs discussions et ateliers de formation avec les pays du Sahel, sous l'égide du FGCT.

Americas – Amériques

23- President emphasizes Argentine contributions to nuclear security (Canada)

Buenos Aires Herald, 2016 04 02

Washington— President Mauricio Macri has confirmed that his administration remains committed to the peaceful use of nuclear energy and the prevention of the illicit trafficking of nuclear materials. The president took advantage of the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington DC to portray Argentina as a

country that can forge ahead with research and the production of energy while ensuring that all of its reactors use low-enriched uranium. Highly-enriched uranium, which is used in some nuclear reactors, is necessary for nuclear weapons. Addressing most of the world's nuclear powers in Washington yesterday, Macri said, "Argentina is consolidating a process of reconversion, in which all of our reactors use low-enriched uranium. Even if it has been argued that this reduction could obstruct nuclear activities, the Argentine case shows that it can be done." Further to the bilateral meetings that he held with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and New Zealand Prime Minister John Key on Thursday, Macri met with the President of the European Council Donald Tusk yesterday.

Asia –Asie

24- Obama, Xi reaffirm commitment to full implementation of U.N. sanctions on N. Korea: White House

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 04 02

U.S. President Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping reaffirmed their commitment to fully implement the new package of U.N. Security Council sanctions on North Korea, the White House said Friday. Obama and Xi held one-on-one talks on Thursday on the sidelines of the Nuclear Security Summit. North Korea was among the key topics of discussion, along with other thorny issues such as cybersecurity, maritime disputes and human rights. "Both leaders committed to ... strengthen coordination in addressing the shared threat presented by North Korea's pursuit of nuclear weapons and ballistic missile systems," the White House said in a readout. "Both leaders affirmed their commitment to achieving the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and the full implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 2270."

25- N. Korea denounces UNSC for rejecting call for sanctions against U.S.

Yonhap News Agency, 2016 04 02

Seoul— North Korea strongly denounced the U.N. Security Council on Saturday for rejecting its recent demand to punish the United States for staging what it claims to be war exercises aimed at toppling its communist regime. An unidentified spokesperson from the North's foreign ministry said the country had recently demanded the U.N. Security Council hold an emergency meeting and review joint military exercises between South Korea and the U.S. "The reason we filed such a complaint was because the U.S.-South Korea joint military exercises, in terms of their scope and aim, are threatening world peace and security while violently violating our right to self-defense stated in the U.N. Charter," the spokesperson said in a report carried by the North's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA). "The U.N. Security Council's rejection of our call to bring the U.S.-South Korea joint military exercises before the council laid bare for the whole world to see its true identity as nothing but a faithful political tool of the U.S.," the North Korean official was quoted as saying.

Eastern Europe –Europe de l'Est

26- Putin calls for end to Nagorno-Karabakh clashes

BBC News, 2016 04 02

Moscow— Russian President Vladimir Putin has called for an end to fighting after clashes broke out in the disputed Caucasus region of Nagorno-Karabakh. Azerbaijan said 12 of its soldiers had been killed and a helicopter shot down. TV pictures showed a burned out vehicle and craters after gunfire and shelling. Azerbaijan and Armenia accused each other of starting the fighting. Nagorno-Karabakh has been in the hands of ethnic Armenian separatists since a war that ended in 1994.

Iran, Iraq – Iran, Irak

27- Iran stresses friendly ties with Pakistan after spy allegations

Trend News Agency, 2016 04 01

Tehran— The Iranian Embassy in Pakistan has stressed friendly ties with Pakistan, stressing that media controversy over the alleged origins of an arrested spy would disturb the existing atmosphere between the two neighbor countries. “The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran believes spreading of such news items is the product of thinking which does not like further expansion of ties between the two countries,” IRNA news agency quoted the Embassy as saying April 1. On Thursday, Islamabad asked Tehran to hand over details of the arrested former Indian Navy officer Kulbhushan Jadhav, accused of sabotage and terrorism by Pakistan. Pakistan claimed the arrested person was affiliated to Indian intelligence services, but India dismissed the claim.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

28- Ex-Mossad chief: I broke the law ‘doing what I was doing’

Times of Israel, 2016 04 02

Jerusalem— Former Mossad chief Efraim Halevy recently told Jewish students in London that he had broken the law doing the things I was doing,” but declined to give specifics. There is no such thing, I believe, as absolute justice. Sometimes justice for you is injustice for somebody else. We have to recognize it,” the London-born ex-spymaster told Jewish students during a talk at King’s College, London. A video of the comments was aired Thursday by Israel’s Channel 2 television. The talk was part of a program by the Israel-based Gesharim” (bridges) organization, which works to bring together young Jews from around the world. I studied law... I finished law with distinction, which helped me learn how to break the law when I needed to so every so often,” Halevy said dryly, earning a round of laughter. Did I break the law when doing the things I was doing? Yes. I won’t tell you how many times I broke the law because I don’t want to spend the rest of my life in jail,” he said.

29- ‘Restoration of Yemen govt a must to defeat Al-Qaeda’

Arab News, 2016 04 02

Paris— Brig. Gen. Ahmad Al-Assiri, spokesman of the Arab coalition forces in Operation Decisive Storm and adviser to Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, said during his visit to France that the cease-fire in Yemen will take effect on April 10. He said Europe has downgraded the problem in Yemen to one about Al-Qaeda, which is “not right.” He said the organization fled Saudi Arabia to take shelter in Yemen, where there is no authority to oppose it. Any intention to defeat the terrorists requires strengthening Yemen’s legitimate government. He said terrorist groups grow where there is no stability or state, noting that Daesh controls places in Syria and Iraq because the two countries are currently weak, as is the case in Yemen. He said working on stabilizing Yemen will take time and will not succeed if imposed from outside. The Yemenis themselves should do this job through a capable state.

30- Syria cease-fire unravelling as fighting erupts near Aleppo

Associated Press, 2016 04 02

Beirut— Syria’s partial cease-fire is unravelling, as fierce fighting between government forces and opposition fighters, including members of the al-Qaida affiliated Nusra Front, erupted Saturday outside the country’s second largest city of Aleppo. At least 25 pro-government fighters died in clashes south of Aleppo, where the Nusra Front and rebel militias captured a hill overlooking a major highway, a Britain-based monitoring group told The Associated Press. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said fighting continued throughout the day Saturday close to the village of Tel al-Ais, which overlooks the main road connecting Aleppo with the capital, Damascus.

Western Europe – Europe de l’Ouest

31- Dossier attentats: un homme soupçonné d'être un complice de Reda Kriket placé sous mandat d'arrêt

RTBF, 2016 04 02

Bruxelles— Un troisième homme a été interpellé ce vendredi dans le centre de Bruxelles dans le cadre de l'enquête sur Rida Kriket, le présumé terroriste arrêté à Argenteuil en France. Yassine Alami est soupçonné d'être un complice de Reda Kriket. Il a été inculpé pour participation à un groupe terroriste et placé sous mandat d'arrêt le 1er avril. Le parquet n'a pas souhaité communiquer davantage de renseignements "dans l'intérêt de l'enquête". Le djihadiste présumé Reda Kriket a été arrêté en banlieue parisienne dans le cadre d'une enquête menée par une Équipe Commune d'Enquête (J.I.T.) de policiers belges et français. Dans l'appartement occupé par Kriket à Argenteuil, les policiers avaient découvert fusils d'assaut, armes de poing et explosifs, dont du TATP, l'explosif artisanal prisé par les djihadistes de l'EI.

32- Belgian Authorities Charge Third Suspect in French Terror Plot

Wall Street Journal, Viktoria Dendrinou, 2016 04 02

Brussels— Belgian national has been charged with participating in the activities of a terrorist group, the country's federal prosecutor said Saturday. The suspect, which the authorities identified as Y.A., born in 1982, has been placed in custody in connection with the investigation that led to the arrest of Reda Kriket in a Paris suburb on March 24. French police said they had found explosives and weapons in Mr. Kriket's Paris apartment and authorities said he was on the verge of committing an attack. The suspect is the third person to be charged in connection with a foiled French terror plot. Mr. Kriket was arrested on March 31 and the judge decided on his charges Friday, said Thierry Werts, a spokesperson for Belgium's federal prosecutor. The other two other suspects, Rabah M. and Abderrahmane A., were arrested last week.

33- A Molenbeek, le difficile combat contre les recruteurs de l'EI

Agence France-Presse, 2016 04 02

Bruxelles— Ils se fondent dans la masse, accostent des jeunes dans la rue en jouant sur leurs "frustrations": des recruteurs du groupe jihadiste Etat islamique continuent d'embrigader des jeunes à Molenbeek, même s'ils ont perdu du terrain depuis deux ans. La Belgique, 11 millions d'habitants, compte en proportion le plus grand nombre de jeunes partis se battre en Syrie d'Europe (plus de 500 depuis 2011) et Molenbeek, commune d'où sont originaires certains des kamikazes et organisateurs des attentats de Paris, a été rapidement pointée du doigt comme un vivier de jihadistes. A 18 ans, Sofian, qui cherche un emploi comme agent de sécurité, n'a jamais été approché lui-même, mais plusieurs de ses amis ont été abordés en pleine rue, dans un parc ou un hall d'immeuble de Molenbeek. "Au début, on se dit +ce sont des mecs comme des autres qui peuvent être sympa+, mais au final on voit qu'ils ont des idées assez extrêmes. On les capte assez vite, ils disent +viens avec moi en Syrie, ici tu as une vie de merde+", raconte-t-il à l'AFP. "Et sur internet, c'est la même chose, ils ne s'en cachent pas, que ce soit sur Facebook avec les photos ou avec les messages qu'ils laissent ou même avec les vidéos qu'ils partagent". "Il y a une sociologie particulière qui fait que les recruteurs peuvent être plus facilement à l'oeuvre sans être dérangés à Molenbeek que dans d'autres communes", explique Olivier Vanderhaeghen, fonctionnaire chargé de la prévention.

34- Foreign fighters are evading Europe's security net

Associated Press, 2016 04 02

Brussels— When Ibrahim El Bakraoui blew himself up in the Brussels Airport check-in area, killing and maiming scores of travelers, it was at least the third time he had passed unimpeded through an airport terminal in recent months. Suspected by Turkey of being a "foreign terrorist fighter" and known at home in Belgium as an ex-con wanted for parole violations, Bakraoui was still allowed to board a commercial airliner unaccompanied last summer, flying freely from Istanbul to the Netherlands and disappearing without a trace. The ease with which he did so raises questions about how much governments know about the movements of returnees among the 5,000 home-grown jihadis who have trained and fought in places

like Syria or Iraq. Many now pose a "serious threat," according to the police agency Europol. Some, like Bakraoui, have already used their deadly skills in cities like Brussels or Paris. Testimony from government ministers, extracts of documents and conversations with police, border and aviation officials reveal a series of security gaps, misunderstandings and procedural red-tape that surrounded the deportation last July of this future suicide bomber.

35- Bruxelles: la police interpelle des manifestants antiracistes place de la Bourse

Le Soir, 2016 06 02

Bruxelles—La police bruxelloise a interpellé différentes personnes qui souhaitaient participer à un rassemblement antiracisme samedi midi à la Bourse. Au moins dix personnes ont été menottées dont le président de la Ligue des Droits de l'Homme, a appris *Le Soir*. Ce alors que quelques hooligans ont été aperçus à proximité du piétonnier. Rudi Vervoort a interdit tout rassemblement ce week-end dans la Région bruxelloise. La police entend bien faire respecter l'arrêté du ministre-président bruxellois.

36- Des mères sans frontières dans la lutte contre le jihadisme

Agence France-Presse, 2016 04 01

Vienne— La traque des jihadistes mobilise les forces de sécurité et les services du renseignement du monde entier mais aussi celles qui les connaissent plus intimement: leurs mamans. C'est une "compétition directe" qui se joue entre les mères de famille et les "recruteurs qui dispensent leur influence toxique dans les mosquées lorsque les enfants deviennent adolescents", analyse Edit Schlaffer, fondatrice en 2002 de l'ONG Women without Borders (Femmes sans frontières, WWB), basée à Vienne. Forte de ce constat, cette sexagénaire autrichienne a souhaité que les mères deviennent des vigies dans la détection de signes de radicalisation chez leurs enfants et adolescents, qu'ils soient originaires de Belgique, d'Indonésie, du Cachemire ou du Nigeria. Les "écoles des mères" ouvertes depuis 2012 par l'ONG dans divers pays visent à donner des clefs pour prévenir un basculement des jeunes dans le jihadisme ou pour tenter de les en sortir. Après avoir côtoyé d'autres femmes dans la même situation, lors d'un atelier récemment organisé à Vienne, Fatima Ezzarhouni, dont le fils est en Syrie depuis juin 2013, dit "ne plus se sentir seule". Même si cette Belge de 44 ans est habitée par le sentiment qu'elle ne "le reverra plus jamais". L'événement de Vienne mêlait "diplômées" ayant suivi les dix modules de cette formation antiradicalisation, et futures participantes, comme Mme Ezzarhouni.

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1. The price we won't pay

The Toronto Sun, Michele Mandel, 2016 05 01

Column: Kidnapped Canadian journalist Amanda Lindhout had just been threatened with a knife to her throat. And then her Somali captors dialed her mother in Alberta and gave her the phone. “Mom, listen to me, OK?” Lindhout wept during the call taped by the RCMP in December, 2008. “If you guys don’t pay \$1 million dollars for me, by one week, they will kill me, OK? Tonight they have brought me out to kill me and but, but they have, they’ve given me one more chance to call you guys.” Lorinda Stewart begged her daughter to stay strong during the harrowing call. “Is there any way that you guys will be able to pay them in one week?” Lindhout sobbed. “Amanda,” her mother said, “we are trying to do everything we can to get money together for you ‘cause the government won’t pay.” As heartbreaking, as cold as that may be, that’s our official policy — the Canadian government will not pay, or so the mantra goes. Like the United States, like Britain, we have pledged not to give in to extortion. “I want to make one thing perfectly crystal clear,” Prime Minister Justin Trudeau reiterated Tuesday after Canadian hostage John Ridsdel was executed by an Islamist terror group in the Philippines. “Canada does not and will not pay ransom to terrorists, directly or indirectly.” It’s a compelling, defiant declaration. It’s the right moral call. But as a nation, do we have the stomach to watch another Canadian killed while we adhere to our high moral principles? For terrorist organizations, kidnapping Westerners has become a growth industry fuelled by states willing to pay for the safe return of their countrymen. In 2013, the G8 nations pledged to stop paying ransom to terrorists. The UN has the same directive. And yet many European countries — France and Germany are cited most often — have found ways of channelling suitcases filled with money to militant groups in exchange for their citizens. A 2014 New York Times investigation found Al Qaeda and its affiliates had earned at least \$125 million US from kidnappings since 2008, about half of that cash collected in 2013 alone. As we debate what Ottawa should do as another Canadian life hangs in the balance, the discussion should also consider what we can realistically expect from our government, especially when we ignore warnings and venture into areas known to be dangerous. “Let’s be frank. Any Westerner going abroad right now in certain parts of the world is a prime target with a dollar sign attached,” says the former Ottawa official. “The ability of the Canadian government to save your ass if something goes wrong is extremely limited.” Those who think otherwise have been watching too many movies. “There is no Hollywood scenario of sending in the JTF2 with guns blazing to save the hostages,” scoffs Michel Juneau-Katsuya, a former senior intelligence officer with CSIS. “I think Ottawa is stuck here. The sad reality is that Canada has both of its hands tied behind its back.”

Canada

2. Canada’s spies in spat over privacy breach reporting

The Toronto Star, Alex Boutilier, 2016 05 01

Ottawa - Canada’s electronic spies are concerned reporting too many details about serious privacy breaches could reveal too much about the agency’s highly secretive surveillance and cyber-defence activities, the Star has learned. The Communications Security Establishment has been in a yearlong spat with privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien’s office over reporting “material” privacy breaches. The spy agency’s reluctance comes despite government-wide regulations requiring all serious privacy breaches — those that potentially could cause serious harm to an individual, or involving a large number of Canadians — to be disclosed to the independent watchdog. “As with all (government) departments and agencies, CSE is required to report material privacy breaches to the Office of the Privacy Commissioner,” CSE spokesman Ryan Foreman wrote in a statement. “However, we do continue to discuss the most effective

manner to report material privacy breaches when they occur in the operational space, in a matter that safeguards the sensitive nature of information related to CSE's mandated activities." Documents obtained by the Star show that "discussion" has been going on since at least January of last year. In a letter sent to a senior Treasury Board employee, released under access to information law, Therrien took aim at a proposal to provide only limited information to his office about privacy violations at CSE. "A report that does not state the number of breaches does not give the Office of the Privacy Commissioner enough information to have a clear discussion with the institution in question," Therrien wrote. "The expertise of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner can not, therefore, be put to use." A change in Treasury Board policy under the previous Conservative government requires all federal departments and agencies to report "material" privacy breaches to the commissioner and the Treasury Board. As the single largest repository of Canada's top secret information, CSE certainly handles sensitive information. The agency is a member of the Five Eyes alliance, a group of closely aligned security and intelligence agencies in the U.K., U.S., Australia and New Zealand. The alliance was shaken by revelations from whistleblower Edward Snowden in 2013, who pulled back the curtain on those countries' mass surveillance capabilities and tools. In the wake of those disclosures, the normally press-adverse CSE has been more open about its mandate and the steps it takes to protect Canadians' privacy.

3. Non-violent responses to terrorism often ignored

Winnipeg Free Press, John Longhurst, 2016 05 01

Comment: Is the war on terror working? Not according to Scott Taylor, editor and publisher of *Esprit de Corps* magazine. "Bombing Syrian villages does not make Canadian streets safe, and it is impossible to wage war against a tactic," the former Canadian soldier and war correspondent says. Attacking the Islamic State (also known as Daesh) forces in Syria and Iraq "will in no way impact the actions of the Daesh fanatics who are launching attacks in Europe," he adds. Taylor is not alone. Many say it is impossible to defeat terrorism with war. So what's the alternative? For George Lakey, it is non-violence. In a year-old blog post making the rounds on Facebook recently, the Quaker activist and academic proposes eight non-violent techniques to address terror. The first is economic development. "Poverty and terrorism are indirectly linked," he says. "Economic development can reduce recruits and gain allies." Second is reducing cultural marginalization. "As France, Britain and other countries have learned, marginalizing a group within your population is not safe or sensible; terrorists grow under those conditions." Third is non-violent protest and unarmed civilian peacekeeping. Lakey points to the success of the civil rights movement in the U.S., which overcame terror by the Ku Klux Klan and other groups through non-violence, and also to contemporary examples such as Peace Brigades International, which puts unarmed civilians between warring groups in places such as Central America, Africa, and Asia.

4. Deradicalization is about much more than just religious scripture

CBC News, Steven Zhou, 2016 05 01

Comment: An emphasis on counterterrorism and deradicalization by successive administrations in Canada has put the country's Muslim minority under consistent scrutiny. The rise of Daesh in the Middle East and high-profile terrorist attacks in Ottawa, Paris and Brussels have shifted public opinion in a way that puts the onus on western Muslims to prevent "their own people" from committing such acts. This unfair logic has prompted an array of responses from Canadian Muslims; including that of some Muslim religious leaders, who've tried to solve the problem of youth radicalization by promoting deradicalization clinics or ideological detox programs. Canada's most recent iteration of this idea comes from the Council of Canadian Imams (CCI), an influential organization that represents a significant number of Canadian Muslim religious leaders. In 2016, the group announced that it wants to set up three deradicalization clinics in Toronto and nearby communities by fall. They've yet to disclose how such a clinic will operate but have announced that their method will be a "holistic" one that incorporates mental health practitioners and sound theology. The idea of Muslim-led deradicalization clinics has a history in Canada that goes at

least as far back as the Toronto-18 case of 2006, when over a dozen Muslim Canadian men were arrested for planning to hatch a bomb plot. Some have since been convicted and the fear of homegrown radicalization has never left the Canadian public. An undercover mole in the Toronto-18 case, Mubin Shaikh, emerged as a popular Canadian expert on deradicalization. He promoted a method of ideological detox that mirrors the 12-step program used by Alcoholics Anonymous. (Note: Steven Zhou is a Toronto writer who has experience in human rights advocacy. He has worked for Human Rights Watch, Oxfam Canada and other NGOs.)

5. Liberals pledge to implement all access-to-information promises 'as quickly as possible'

Global News, Anna Mehler Paperny, 2016 05 01

Toronto - The federal Liberals say they'll bring in all the access-to-information promises in their election campaign as soon as possible — some as early as this winter. That includes giving Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault the power to order information. A spokesperson for Treasury Board President Scott Brison says that's always been the plan for a "two-phase" approach, with the first phase making good on campaign promises, including significant changes to the Access to Information Act, and the second phase being a full review of the Act. Last month, when Brison said the government wouldn't review the Act until 2018, the understanding was that this would push back the Liberals' promised reforms. That was a misunderstanding, Brison's office says. "As quickly as possible, and as early as this year, we will introduce legislation to implement our platform commitments and other significant improvements identified through our collaboration with parliamentarians and our consultations with the Canadian public," Brison's press secretary Jean-Luc Ferland wrote in an email.

6. Forced to leave her girls behind

Toronto Star, Bruce Campion-Smith, 2016 05 01

Analysis: It has been just 10 days since Hanif found freedom from Daesh. Freedom from a long ordeal of sexual abuse, beatings and forced labour at the hands of Islamist extremists as she was "sold" 14 times, traded from one man to another like a common commodity. But despite a joyous reunion with her husband, Homdi, her daring escape has not ended the family nightmare. The couple's four daughters - ages 12, 15, 17 and 19 - remain under the control of Daesh, also known as ISIS and ISIL, "married" to the group's fighters. Even their youngest girl. "They tortured us and assaulted us on every level," she says, speaking through an interpreter. Hanif is among almost 16,000 people, mostly Yazidis, who have taken refuge at the Rwanga Community Camp, just outside the northern Iraqi city of Duhok. Hanif related her story this week to journalists from the Toronto Star and CTV News. She is weary and appears burdened by emotion that is too much to bear. She avoids the worst details of the humiliating treatment and abuse. But even this account is horrifying, as Hanif describes the abuse she endured in the grim knowledge that her daughters continue to suffer. Like many in the camp, Hanif's horrors began almost two years ago as Islamic extremists began murderous advances that had Yazidis, followers of an ancient religion mostly based in Kurdish Iraq, in the crosshairs. Once taken captive, the women were forced to convert to Islam or be killed.

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7. How to Beat ISIS: Blow Up the Money

NBC News, Robert Windem & William Arkin, 2016 05 01

Washington - The U.S. has quietly turned to a new strategy in fighting ISIS — follow the money, then blow it up, U.S. officials tell NBC News. At least four times in the past four months, U.S. military jets have targeted [major] ISIS financial centers, destroying them in strikes that have turned millions of U.S.

dollars into confetti. The U.S. has also killed ISIS financial leaders — its "oil minister" in 2015 and its "finance minister" in March. The strikes are the fruit of a secret cyber war in which the U.S. is tracking, manipulating and even stealing or destroying the financial assets of terrorists. Five years after the SEAL raid that killed Osama bin Laden on May 1, 2011, it's a subtle shift from the U.S. strategy against al Qaeda in which degrading the operational leadership was the priority. Just as unraveling the courier network was critical to tracking bin Laden, the cyber efforts against the ISIS financial network are critical to upending ISIS, say U.S. officials. Unlike al Qaeda, ISIS is trying to run a government and control a big chunk of land, and it has a constant need for hard currency to pay its fighters and bureaucrats and feed its population. The war is not just about tracing the movement of money but the movement of individuals linked to the cash. It's part of what CIA Director John Brennan calls a broader cyber effort against ISIS. "They are murderers and we need to be able to change this narrative — including in the cyber environment, the digital domain, in social media," said Brennan. "It is a question of what type of activities might take place in that cyber environment that we would be able to carry out destructive actions against." Financial transactions, one senior intelligence official tells NBC News, have become one of the most lucrative forms of intelligence on personal relations, foreign fighter movements, and sources of supply. The intelligence community tracks ISIS financial transactions through data collection programs with such secret code names as "Kaching" (CIA), "TRACKFIN" (NSA) and FINO (the National Clandestine Service). Newly created electronic portals for the processing of what is now called financial intelligence (or FININT) — Swordfish, QLIX/HYDRA and Sentry, among others — fuse together conventional banking, transaction and intercepted data.

8. North Korea sends another US citizen to prison

Associated Press, 2016 05 01

Pyongyang - North Korea on Friday sentenced a U.S. citizen of Korean heritage to 10 years in prison with hard labor after convicting him of espionage and subversion, the second American it has put behind bars this year. Kim Dong Chul was sentenced after a brief trial in Pyongyang by North Korea's Supreme Court, which found him guilty of espionage and subversion under Articles 60 and 64 of the North's criminal code. North Korea regularly accuses Washington and Seoul of sending spies in an attempt to overthrow its government. Outsiders say North Korea seeks to use its U.S. detainees to wring concessions from Washington. Further details were not immediately available. When Kim was paraded before the media in Pyongyang last month, he said he had collaborated with and spied for South Korean intelligence authorities in a plot to bring down the North's leadership and had tried to spread religion among North Koreans before his arrest in the city of Rason last October.

9. US once again forced to turn to Russia for help on Syria

The Associated Press, Matthew Lee, 2016 05 01

Washington - Scrambling to resuscitate a nearly dead truce in Syria, the Obama administration has again been forced to turn to Russia for help, with little hope for the desired U.S. outcome. At stake are thousands of lives and the fate of a feeble peace process essential to the fight against the Islamic State group, and Secretary of State John Kerry has appealed once more to his Russian counterpart for assistance in containing and reducing the violence, particularly around city of Aleppo. Kerry spoke at length on Friday with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov to that end, and had been hoping to meet with Lavrov soon, according to U.S. officials. Kerry was scheduled to arrive in Switzerland late Sunday for talks with U.N. envoy Staffan de Mistura, Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir and Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh, and planned to return to Washington on Monday. But Lavrov was not expected to be in Geneva, complicating Kerry's efforts to make the case directly to the Russians for more pressure on their Syrian government allies to stop or at least limit attacks in Aleppo. The State Department said Kerry, in his meetings, would review ongoing efforts to reaffirm the cessation of hostilities nationwide in Syria, obtain the full humanitarian access to which the Syrian government committed and support a

political transition." Specific, viable options to achieve those broad goals are limited, and Friday's announcement of a new, partial cease-fire that does not include Aleppo underscored the difficulty Kerry faced.

10. Cain on Chaotic Anti-Trump Protests: 'These Are Violent Riots, Pure and Simple'

Fox News, 2016 05 01

Washington - Today on Fox and Friends Weekend, Herman Cain reacted to the chaotic protests against Donald Trump in California in advance of a speech the GOP frontrunner gave there yesterday. "These are violent riots, pure and simple," Cain said. "And they are intended to strike fear into the hearts of Trump supporters and smear his campaign. That's all it is." Cain noted that some protesters had booked hotel rooms in advance of the event and putting up banners, saying it showed the protest was "well-organized" and "somebody had to pay for it."

11. Hackers' \$81 Million Sneak Attack on World Banking

The New York Times. Michael Corkery, 2016 05 01

Washington - Tens of millions of dollars siphoned from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. A shadowy set of casinos in the Philippines. A large bank in Bangladesh with creaky technology. An unknown — and perhaps uncatchable — group of anonymous thieves with sophisticated hacking skills. What unites this curious cast of characters and enabled one of the most brazen digital bank heists ever is a ubiquitous and highly trusted international bank messaging system called Swift. Swift — the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication — is billed as a supersecure system that banks use to authorize payments from one account to another. "The Rolls-Royce of payments networks," one financial analyst said. But last week, for the first time since hackers captured \$81 million from Bangladesh's central bank in February, Swift acknowledged that the thieves have tried to carry out similar heists at other banks on its network by sneaking into the beating heart of the global banking system. "There are many banks out there right now saying, 'There but for the grace of God go us,'" said Gareth Lodge, a payments analyst at Celent, a financial consulting firm. The admission that the attack was not a one-time event in a developing country but perhaps part of a broader threat has thrust Swift into a spotlight, raising questions about how securely money is being moved around the world. Some financial security experts point out the Swift system is only as safe as its weakest link. The attack also reflects a growing sophistication among digital criminals, who for years have been breaching personal bank accounts and stealing credit card credentials. The thieves in Bangladesh may have spent months lurking inside the central bank's computers, studying how to steal the necessary credentials to gain access to Swift.

12. I Was the Voice-Over for Bin Laden

The New York Times, Nihar Patel, 2016 05 01

Comment: It's rare when we find ourselves as the right person in the right place at the right time. More often, it's an unsatisfying mix of those and other variables: The place is right, the timing is spot on — only you were off. I was 22 years old, and one day into an internship at the ABC program "Nightline," when the Sept. 11 attacks happened. They woke this country up from the slumber of the 1990s, and in my case, from a jet-lagged coma in a corporate housing unit down the street from the Pentagon. In a week, I went from a sheltered college existence to having ash on the balcony from the smoldering crash site nearby. My fellow interns and I soon realized we weren't ready for the real world to introduce itself so cataclysmically. A White House intern friend, exhausted by the unending hours of TV coverage, marched to the video store one night, bought a VHS copy of the movie "Notting Hill" and proceeded to wear it out with almost nightly viewings. I went in the other direction and consumed hours of news coverage, studying what occurred from every angle, as if I were still cramming for a final exam I needed to ace. It will forever be a dark time for this country. It was also a terrible time in American history to look or appear even remotely Muslim. A Pakistani-American colleague stopped wearing a prayer ring — given to

her by her grandmother — that had Arabic script on it because she got suspicious looks on the subway. My friend and roommate, who like me is Indian-American, waited up for me that first week after I'd stumble out of the office at 3 a.m. He did this partly to get the latest news, but also to make sure I was safe from the kind of random retaliation Muslims and even non-Muslims like myself were enduring. We had a villain back then: Osama bin Laden, the man who caused all that pain, anger and anxiety. Monday is the fifth anniversary of his death. News outlets will most likely focus on what has replaced him, the fragmented, nihilistic terrorism of groups like the Islamic State. But I've been thinking back to the months after Sept. 11, when Bin Laden spoke to us through video and audio messages — and I voiced them on screen. Five years after his death, Bin Laden seems buried in our collective consciousness, as deep as his body is in the ocean. What remains are those tapes, and our memories of that time. It was a moment in my life when the best advice I could've received was simply "knock it off."

13. If Abadi fails to survive chaos, U.S. must decide what's next

The Washington Post, Greg Jaffe, 2016 05 01

Washington - President Obama's plan for fighting the Islamic State is predicated on having a credible and effective Iraqi ally on the ground in Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi. And in recent days, the administration had been optimistic, despite the growing political unrest in Baghdad, about that critical partnership. But that optimism - along with the administration's strategy for battling the Islamic State in Iraq - was thrown into severe doubt after protesters stormed Iraq's parliament on Saturday and a state of emergency was declared in Baghdad. The big question for White House officials is what happens if Abadi - a critical linchpin in the fight against the Islamic State - does not survive the turmoil that has swept over the Iraqi capital. The chaos in Baghdad comes just after a visit by Vice President Biden that was intended to help calm the political unrest and keep the battle against the Islamic State on track. As Biden's plane was approaching Baghdad on Thursday, a senior administration official described the vice president's visit - which was shrouded in secrecy prior to his arrival - as a "symbol of how much faith we have in Prime Minister Abadi." After 10 hours on the ground in Baghdad and Irbil, Biden was hurtling toward his next stop in Rome. The feeling among the vice president and his advisers was that Iraqi politics were on a trajectory to greater calm and that the battle against the Islamic State would continue to accelerate. Some hopeful advisers on Biden's plane even suggested that Abadi might emerge from the political crisis stronger for having survived it.

14. How the CIA failed a spy who went missing in Iran

The Washington Post, Valerie Plame, 2016 05 01

Book Review: In a world of seemingly random massacres in Paris, Brussels and San Bernardino, Calif.; Islamic State beheadings; and an erratic potentate in a nuclear-armed North Korea, we like to think that the CIA, the FBI and the other 14 agencies charged with gathering intelligence are doing their damndest to keep us safe. And, for the most part, they are. But embedded within the vast U.S. intelligence complex is a bloated bureaucracy that creates turf battles and inefficiencies that can lead to dire and even deadly consequences. The tale of Robert Levinson - a retired Drug Enforcement Administration and FBI agent turned CIA contractor who disappeared in 2007 from a resort island in the Persian Gulf - underscores the dangers of the multi-headed bureaucratic monster called the CIA. In January of this year, after the United States and Iran reached a deal to curb the Islamic republic's nuclear program, the two countries swapped prisoners. Levinson was not part of the agreement. Proof that he was alive has come only twice - in a 2010 video, during which he pleaded for help from his government, and in 2011 photos of Levinson wearing an orange prison jumpsuit and looking ill and disheveled. Barry Meier's new book, "Missing Man," catalogues how Iranian and U.S. officials knew far more about Levinson's disappearance than previously acknowledged. Through the contacts and machinations of Doug Coe, head of a powerful and secretive Christian organization called the Fellowship, the U.S. government learned from the Iranian ambassador to France in late 2011 that Iran was holding Levinson. But the ambassador would not say

where he was being held or by what faction. He said Levinson would be released on one condition: An upcoming report by the International Atomic Energy Agency on Iran's nuclear program had to conclude that its activities were peaceful. When the report was released, though, it did no such thing. It held that Iran was indeed working on components of a nuclear weapon. Levinson never materialized.

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15. ISIS hackers threaten to leak 'British secret intelligence' obtained from Ministry of Defence The Mirror UK, Jonathan Sharman, 2016 05 01

London - Islamic State hackers have threatened to leak "secret intelligence" they claim to have obtained from a mole at the Ministry of Defence, and say they are slowly "infiltrating" the UK and America. A group calling itself the Islamic State Hacking Division made the claim in an anti-drone warfare document that purported to make public the identities, addresses and other details of US Predator and Reaper drone operators. The terrorists used the hit-list document to suborn the murder of drone teams it dubbed "cowards". But the details of US military personnel appeared to have been scraped from publicly-accessible sources like Facebook, rather than obtained through a hack or leak, the Sunday Times reported. Several British ISIS terrorists, including the murderer Mohammed Emwazi, known as Jihadi John, have been killed in drone strikes.

16. Guantanamo Bay 'terror' lag nominated for diversity award at posh bash sponsored by British spooks The Sun News, Katie Hodge, 2016 05 01

London- A former Guantanamo Bay prisoner was nominated for an award at a bash sponsored by MI5 and MI6. Moazzam Begg, 47, is a director of pressure group Cage, which called ISIS killer Jihadi John a "beautiful man". Begg was put forward for a "positive role model" honour at the National Diversity Awards in the Race, Religion and Faith category. Sponsors listed on the site include GCHQ, MI5 and MI6. Former terror suspect Begg was arrested in Pakistan in 2002 and held by the US until 2005, when he was freed without charge. He trumpeted his nomination to his 17,000 Twitter followers, writing: "I've been nominated for National Diversity Award. "Haters will boil, tabloids will rage & MI5 will scratch heads." Begg was also held in the UK in 2014 suspected of terror offences but charges were dropped.

17. SBS squad in Libya is ambushed by suicide bombers Mail on Sunday, Ian Gallagher, 2016 05 01

London - Britia Special Forces have been ambushed by Islamic State suicide bombers in Libya, according to a well-informed Israeli website. The attack is said to have happened last Wednesday and reportedly killed or wounded Italian troops travelling in a convoy with the Special Boat Service (SBS) personnel, who apparently escaped uninjured. Vehicles packed with explosives drew up alongside the convoy transporting the Italian and British troops and blew themselves up, said the Debka news website. Its report was based on unnamed military and intelligence sources and comes amid speculation that the SBS and Special Forces Support Group, alongside their allies, are planning an assault on the terror groups stronghold city of Sirte. According to Debka, the ambush happened after the elite troops "accompanied by Libyan military" set off from the coastal city of Misrata, heading in the direction of Sirte, 150 miles to the south-east. Other ISIS fighters shelled the convoy with mortars and strafed it with heavy machine gun fire, the website reported. The Western force was only able to escape after Italian and French warplanes and attack helicopters intervened.

18. Isis hackers publish hitlist of drone pilots

The Sunday Times, Dipesh Gadher, 2016 05 01

London - ISIS hackers with links to Britain have published a "hitlist" of dozens of American military personnel purportedly involved in drone strikes against terrorists in Syria and Iraq. A group calling itself the "Islamic State Hacking Division" yesterday circulated online the names, home addresses and photographs of more than 70 US staff, including women. It urged supporters: "Kill them wherever they are, knock on their doors and behead them, stab them, shoot them in the face or bomb them." The group also claimed that it might have a mole in Britain's Ministry of Defence and threatened to publish "secret intelligence" in the future that could identify RAF drone operators. The claim could not be verified. The Isis hacking division was previously led by Junaid Hussain, a former computer hacker from Birmingham who was killed by a US drone strike in Syria last August after he was discovered to be orchestrating attacks against the West. His wife, Sally Jones, a Muslim convert from Kent, is still believed to be involved in the organisation, which in the past has urged "lone wolf" attacks against RAF bases in the UK. Inquiries made by The Sunday Times yesterday suggested that the names on the American hitlist are genuine. However, the information published by Isis does not appear to be the result of a leak or genuine hack. Instead, the group seems to have painstakingly gleaned the names of Reaper and Predator drone operators from news articles and military newsletters, before matching them to addresses, photos and other personal details from publicly available sources on the internet.

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19. Money cards come under terror law scrutiny

Australian Associated Press, 2016 05 01

Canberra - The federal government plans to assess the risk of stored-value cards, which are believed to have been used in the Paris terror attacks, as it strengthens Australia's anti-money-laundering and counter-terrorism financing laws. A review of the nation's AML/CTF laws tabled in parliament on Friday includes 84 recommendations to bolster the regime. One of the recommendations Justice Minister Michael Keenan says the government has identified for action is a risk assessment of the stored-value cards. The review, carried out by the Attorney-General's Department, says evidence is increasing that pre-paid SVCs and other financial products providing anonymity for individuals are being used to finance terrorism. "For example, in the November 2015 terrorist attacks in Paris, there are indications that the terrorists had anonymous prepaid SVCs delivered to them in nearby countries to book hotel rooms," the report says. The report says anti-money laundering regulator AUSTRAC should assess the risks of these cards, to see whether the AML/CTF regulatory thresholds for these cards - at \$1000 or more, if cash can be withdrawn, or \$5000 or more, if cash cannot be withdrawn - should be maintained.

20. Nuclear-powered subs a 'no-brainer'

The Advertiser, Daniel Wills, 2016 05 01

Canberra - Australia's future submarine fleet could be transitioned to include a potent mix of both intelligence gathering diesel boats and rapid, fast-moving nuclear-powered vessels once the state develops a sophisticated atomic industry based around storage, Business SA says. The Federal Government is

facing calls from across the strategic policy and business communities, as well as from an outspoken SA Senator, to strongly consider the nuclear option. SA rejoiced this week in the expectation of thousands of new jobs as the Federal Government selected French naval giant DCNS to build 12 new conventional diesel-powered subs in Port Adelaide, which are charged with defending the nation's waters for a generation. Premier Jay Weatherill visited DCNS's Cherbourg shipyard on Friday Adelaide time, just hours after SA was chosen as the likely site of a low-level nuclear waste dump, and as former governor Kevin Scare puts the finishing touches on a Royal Commission due for release within days. Business SA chief executive Nigel McBride, who joined the Cherbourg tour to observe the construction of a nuclear Barracuda sub that will become the template for Australia's diesel fleet, said there was strong national defence reasons for having a mix of the two. Diesel subs are prized for their ability to become completely silent when powered down, while nuclear vessels are much faster and do not need to resurface for fuel and battery charging.

21. Turnbull splashes \$8m on security ad campaign

Canberra Times, Adam Gartrell, 2016 05 01

Canberra - The Turnbull government is spending \$8 million on a new national security advertising blitz that will run throughout the election campaign. The new ad campaign - "If it doesn't add up, speak up" - has just kicked off and will run until June 30, two days before polling day. The ads will run across television, radio, print and online, as well as outdoors. Government tender documents show the campaign will cost taxpayers at least \$8.2 million. The Attorney-General's Department has contracted Sydney-based advertising firm Mitchell & Partners to run the campaign. The department has also spent at least \$150,000 on the "market research" that underpins the new ads. The research found there were low levels of community awareness about the national security hotline. The campaign is reminiscent of the US Department of Homeland Security's "If you see something, say something" campaign. Australian authorities ran a similar campaign with the same slogan. The main TV ad opens on a busy city scene as the voice-over says: "In our fast-paced world it's easy to miss anything unusual. But with the ongoing threat of terrorism we all need to play a part by reporting anything suspicious." The ad cuts to a taxi rank near a shopping mall and we see a man carrying some shopping and a sports bag. The man drops the bag to wave down a cab and an older man behind him looks down to see passports, a few old mobile phones, some mobile phone batteries and large rolls of money. "Even if you think it's probably nothing, the smallest piece of information can be valuable," the voice-over says.

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22. 'Warthogs' make statement over South China Sea

The Washington Post, Dan Lamothe, 2016 05 01

Analysis: The situation in the South China Sea has grown even more complex during the past week, with A-10 attack planes flying maritime patrols over a coral reef chain known as Scarborough Shoal. It's less than 150 miles to the west of the Philippines and is considered a site where Beijing may carry out "land reclamation" and continue its military expansion in the region this year, prompting concern from the United States and its partners in the region. The A-10 might seem like an unlikely plane for the mission, though. The heavily armored twin-engine "Warthog" has been in service since the 1970s and was designed for close-air support, in which combat aircraft assist ground troops by attacking enemy tanks, vehicles and positions. None of that is around Scarborough Shoal, and the plane is considered more vulnerable than other U.S. military planes against surface-to-air missiles. The A-10 also is slower than numerous rival aircraft, including the Chinese J-11B fighter used to intercept a Navy P-8 Poseidon surveillance plane in August 2014 in a move the Pentagon criticized as aggressive and dangerous.

23. Abu Sayyaf frees 10 Indonesian captives (Canada)

Philippine Star, Roel Pareño, 2016 05 01

Zamboanga City - The Abu Sayyaf group freed 10 Indonesian sailors on Sunday after holding them captive for 37 days in the jungle of Sulu, a police official said. The source told The STAR that a ransom was allegedly paid to free the hostages, who had been taken at gunpoint from a tugboat sailing from Malaysia. The military, whom President Benigno Aquino III has directed to launch an all-out offensive against the bandit group, refused to provide information on the release. Jolo Police chief Police Superintendent Junpikar Sitin said the victims were escorted by emissaries to the house of Sulu Gov. Totoh Tan in Barangay Asturias, Jolo town around noon. A civilian source said the delivery of the released captives was made amid a downpour. The victims were provided meals and had a brief conversation with Gov. Tan inside his residence. According to Sitin, the 10 freed captives were later brought to the trauma hospital inside Camp Teodulfo Bautista in Barangay Busbus for medical checkups. The police official could not confirm the reports that ransom was paid to the Abu Sayyaf but a source on the ground, who asked not to be named for lack of authority to give statements, said a huge ransom was paid. It will be recalled that the Abu Sayyaf group demanded a P50-million ransom for the 10 hostages, whom they took from the tugboat MB Brama while it was in Malaysian waters on March 26. The Abu Sayyaf still holds four Indonesian crew members of another tugboat seized on April 1 in the waters off Sempornah, Sabah and brought to Sulu. The group, which the Philippines and the US have categorized as a terrorist group, is also holding three remaining Samal tourists -- a Canadian, Norwegian, a Filipino woman -- a Dutch national, four Malaysians, a Chinese national and six other Filipinos. The release of the 10 Indonesian captives came almost a week since the Abu Sayyaf beheaded Canadian captive John Ridsdel after the deadline to pay a P300-million ransom lapsed.

24. Militants free 10 Indonesian hostages in south Philippines (Canada)

Associated Press, Jim Gomez, 2016 05 01

Manila - Abu Sayyaf militants have freed 10 Indonesian crewmen who were seized at sea in March in the first of three attacks on tugboats that have sparked a regional maritime security alarm, officials said Sunday. The Indonesians appeared to be in good health when they were dropped off Sunday afternoon in front of the house of Sulu province's governor in the town of Jolo, said the town's police chief, Junpikar Sitin. The 10 men were then brought to a Philippine military camp and arrangements were underway to turn them over to Indonesian officials. A photo seen by The Associated Press shows the sunburned men in fresh shirts eating rice and chicken with Sulu's governor on a veranda beside a Japanese-style garden in his house. In another photo, some of the men are puffing cigarettes and enjoying coffee while resting on chairs. Jolo's mayor, Hussin Amin, welcomed the release of the Indonesians, but said he did not know whether a ransom had been paid. "If this big release came in exchange for money, those who paid are supporting the Abu Sayyaf," he said. "This money will be used to buy more firearms and will be utilized as mobilization funds by these criminals." Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo thanked the Philippines and the "many parties" in Indonesia who cooperated to secure the release of the hostages. Abu Sayyaf gunmen beheaded a Canadian hostage in Sulu last Monday after they failed to receive a huge ransom by a deadline they had set. Philippine troops launched an offensive against the Abu Sayyaf after the beheading, and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has vowed to help the Philippines bring the killers to justice. More than a dozen foreign and local hostages remain in the hands of the Abu Sayyaf, including another Canadian and a Norwegian who were kidnapped last September, and a Dutch bird watcher who was kidnapped more than three years ago.

25. Guns, speedboat found but no sign of Abus (Canada)

Philippine Daily Inquirer, 2016 05 01

Mindanao - Security forces scoured islands in Mindanao for suspected Abu Sayyaf extremists who

beheaded a Canadian tourist last week but have so far stumbled only on a small cache of firearms and a speedboat in Tawi-Tawi province, the military reported over the weekend. Operations are proceeding amid rising fears the extremely violent Islamic State (IS), to which the Abu Sayyaf is now believed linked, may be looking to southern Philippines and other parts of Southeast Asia to set up another rebel caliphate—possibly this year. In a statement to media via SMS on Friday, the Armed Forces of the Philippines Western Mindanao Command (AFP Wesmincom) reported the recovery of 11 firearms, ammunition and a speedboat on Saluag Island, known locally as Mardanas Island, and Mamanuk Island. The cache included four M16A1 rifles, one M79 grenade launcher, one US Carbine rifle, a .38-cal. revolver, a .357 revolver, an M16A1 outfitted with an M203 under-barrel grenade launcher, a .60-cal. machine gun and a .50-cal. machine gun. Tan said the speedboat was believed “used for illegal activities.” But so far, the heavily armed kidnapers have eluded capture. They are believed to be holding over 20 captives, among them, 10 Indonesians, eight Malaysians, a Norwegian and a Canadian, and some Filipinos. On Thursday, troops backed by helicopter gunners recovered the torso of Canadian John Ridsdel, 68, near Patikul, Sulu. His severed head had been earlier left near the Jolo City Hall. Wesmincom spokesperson Maj. Filemon Tan said the operations were being conducted by composite units under Joint Task Force Tawi-Tawi led by Rear Adm. Jorge Amba.

26. Intelligence Bureau team visits Hazaribagh

The Pioneer, 2016 05 01

Hazaribagh - A three member team of Intelligence Bureau (IB) led by an SP rank officer was in Hazaribagh on Saturday. The team members visited the bomb blast site of Habibnagar and the sites where dead were buried. It also inspected the well near the blast site and collected some evidences which were thought to be thrown in the well to destroy the evidences. According to sources this team will submit its report to the Union Home Ministry. The IB team took photographs of the sites and also took videos from the sites. To analyse the damaging capacity of the blasted bomb it collected evidences from the walls and other places. Pieces of fleshes of the bodies of persons who were at the time of blast at that place are still adhered on the roof of the house and spots of blood are also visible on the walls of that house and adjoining houses. According to sources IB team has prepared its report which they will submit to the Home Ministry. In this report it has been included that the exercise of making bombs was going on there in a pre-planned way. Special branch had also reported this fact and has said that the planning was going on since last Dusshera.

27. Hindu Tailor, Once Jailed for Slurring Prophet, Is Hacked to Death

The New York Times, Geeta Anand, 2016 05 01

Dhaka, Bangladesh - A Hindu tailor who had been briefly jailed several years ago over accusations that he made an unfavorable comment about the Prophet Muhammad was hacked to death on Saturday near his shop in central Bangladesh, the police said. Mohammad Abdul Jalil, the officer in charge of the Gopalpur police station in the Tangail district, a central region where the attack occurred, said in a telephone interview that it was too early to determine the motivation of the assailants or whether they were Islamist militants. Similar attacks claimed by the militants seem to have accelerated recently, with five people hacked to death in the past nine days. The latest victim, Nikhil Chandra Joarder, 52, was jailed in 2012 after being accused of making a negative comment about the prophet. He was also involved in disputes with members of his family and some local Muslims over land, Mr. Jalil said. Mr. Joarder, who lived in the Dubail Bazar area in the jurisdiction of the Gopalpur police station, owned a tailoring shop nearby, Mr. Jalil said. He had stepped outside his shop, and around noon two or three men arrived on motorcycles and cut him on his head, his neck, his face and a hand, said Mohammad Aslam Khan, a police official in the Tangail district. Mr. Joarder died on the spot, Mr. Jalil said, and Mr. Khan said the assailants had left behind a bag containing two machetes and four bombs.

28. Hindu tailor killed by ISIS in Bangladesh

The Asian Age, 2016 05 01

Dhaka - A Hindu tailor was hacked to death by machete-wielding ISIS militants in his shop on Saturday in central Bangladesh, the latest in a series of brutal attacks on intellectuals, activists and minorities by the dreaded terror group in the Muslim-majority country. Nikhil Chandra Joarder (50), a resident of the Dubail village under Gopalpur upazila of the Tangail district, was hacked to death on Saturday afternoon. "Three assailants entered Nikhil's house-cum shop and slit his throat," Gopalpur police station officer-in-charge Mohammad Abdul Jalil told reporters. He said the assailants used a motorbike and fled the scene immediately after the murder. They left a black bag at the spot, which contained three to four bomb-like objects. Asked about the possible motive behind the attack, Mr Jalil told reporters that a case was filed against Nikhil in 2012 for making a "derogatory" comment about the Prophet. He had been arrested for allegedly making the comments and then released. "It can be the reason for the murder," the Daily Star quoted Mr Jalil as saying. Meanwhile, US-based private SITE intelligence group said ISIS has claimed the killing. ISIS' Amaq Agency reported the group's responsibility for killing the Hindu tailor for blasphemy in Tangail district in Bangladesh, it said in a tweet.

Africa – Afrique

29. In Congo, Wars Are Small and Chaos Is Endless

The New York Times. Jeffrey Gettleman, 2016 05 01

Nyunzu, Democratic Republic of Congo — Deep in the forest, miles from any major city, lies an abandoned cotton factory full of the dispossessed. There is no police force guarding it. No electricity or running water inside. No sense of urgency or deep concern by the national authorities to do much about it. Instead, as the days pass, hundreds of displaced people make cooking fires or sit quietly on the concrete factory floor. Dressed in rags, they stare into space, next to huge rusted iron machinery that has not turned for decades. They are members of the Bambote, a marginalized group of forest dwellers who are victims of one of the obscure little wars that this country seems to have a talent for producing. "It's like we don't exist," said Kalunga Etienne, a Bambote elder. This is what the Democratic Republic of Congo, the biggest country in sub-Saharan Africa and one that has stymied just about all efforts to right it, has become: a tangle of miniwars. More than 60 armed groups are operating in North Kivu and South Kivu Provinces, including a growing Islamist insurgency, whose fighters have hacked hundreds of people to death. Beyond that, there are remnants in the Uele area of the Lord's Resistance Army, a rebel group that specializes in abducting children and turning them into killers; predatory rebels in Ituri; Bakata separatists in Katanga; armed factions in Maniema; fighters in the Nyunzu area; and youth militias in the capital, Kinshasa. Few nations in Africa, if not the world, are home to as many armed groups. Even after billions of dollars in aid, one of the largest peacekeeping missions in United Nations history and substantial international attention over two decades, Congo's government is incapable of providing the most elemental service: security.

30. Violence, insecurity forces flight from one war-torn African nation to another

The Washington Post, Kevin Sieff, 2016 05 01

Juba - Since January, 43,000 South Sudanese refugees have fled to eastern Darfur. That's right - Darfur, home to one of the 21st century's worst ongoing humanitarian crises. That number, announced by the United Nations last week, is a window into a tragic and bewildering refugee crisis in Africa that is often overshadowed by migration flows to Europe. In many parts of sub-Saharan Africa, violence and insecurity have become so bad that families are seeking shelter in other war-torn countries. In 2015, for example, nearly 100,000 Ethiopians and Somalis traveled by boat to Yemen, one of the world's most dangerous countries. Last year, nearly 5,000 citizens of Congo, which is fighting powerful rebel groups,

were seeking refuge in the Central African Republic, itself torn apart by civil war. And yet 10,000 Burundians have fled their country's own growing civil unrest for Congo. Thousands of Nigerians escaping the extremist Islamist group Boko Haram have gone to Chad, where different strains of that same insurgency are behind frequent deadly attacks.

31. Soudan : reprise des combats entre l'armée et des rebelles au Kordofan

Jeune Afrique, 2016 05 01

Juba - L'armée du président Omar el-Béchir combat la branche nord du Mouvement de libération du Soudan (SPLM-N) dans les Etats du Nil-Bleu et du Kordofan-Sud depuis 2011, même si les combats ont baissé d'intensité ces derniers mois en comparaison avec les années précédentes. Le SPLM-N affirme que les affrontements ont commencé mercredi près de la ville d'Oum Sediba et se sont poursuivis jusqu'à vendredi. « Nous avons perdu six camarades et 18 ont été blessés », a indiqué tard vendredi dans un communiqué le porte-parole des rebelles Arnu Lodi. Selon lui, les rebelles ont infligé de « lourdes pertes » aux troupes soudanaises. Le porte-parole militaire gouvernemental n'était pas joignable dans l'immédiat. Khartoum limite l'accès des régions en guerre à la presse, rendant impossible la vérification des informations souvent contradictoires de l'armée et des rebelles. Fin mars, quand des combats ont éclaté dans la même région, l'armée avait annoncé avoir tué 55 rebelles, mais les insurgés ont nié compter des victimes dans leurs rangs.

Eastern Europe – Europe de l'est

32. Japan's Abe to Hold Strong Stance In Territorial Dispute with Russia

Sputnik News Service, 2016 05 01

Moscow - Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe delivers a speech at the Lower House's plenary session following a North Korean nuclear test, at the National Diet in Tokyo on January 6, 2016. TOKYO (Sputnik) - Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said Saturday he intended to "persevere" in continuing negotiations with Russia on signing a peace treaty and resolving the territorial dispute. On Sunday, Abe left for a visit to Russia and G7 states prior to the group's summit in Japan in late May. He is expected to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin on May 6.

33. Japan PM ready for dialogue with Russia to solve territorial dispute

TASS World Service, 2016 05 01

Tokyo - Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is ready to continue negotiations with Russia to resolve a territorial dispute and conclude peace treaty sought by both sides, he told Japanese reporters on Sunday before the start of his European tour, during which he will visit Russia. "According to the basic policy - desire to solve the problem of the Southern Kuril Islands and the conclusion of a peace treaty, I want to continue negotiations and solve the problem," news agency Kyodo quoted Prime Minister as saying. Russian President Vladimir Putin and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will meet in Sochi on May 6 "to discuss the state and prospects of the development of bilateral cooperation in the trade-economic and humanitarian fields," the Kremlin press service said in a statement on April 30.

Iraq/Iran

34. Rouhani Backers Gain Iran Parliamentary Seats, but Not Majority

The New York Times, Thomas Erdbrink, 2016 05 01

Tehran - Supporters of President Hassan Rouhani of Iran have won more seats in parliamentary runoff elections, the Iranian state news media reported Saturday, but they failed to win enough of the 68 contested seats to secure a majority, limiting their ability to carry out significant political and social changes. The gains made by the moderates and reformists were not enough to decisively alter the balance of power in Iran, the president's supporters acknowledged. They added that political clashes between their lawmakers and conservative hard-liners were bound to increase. "Expect a Parliament with a slightly friendlier tone, but also many political crises," said Farshad Ghorbanpour, a political analyst close to the government. After Friday's runoff elections for races that were not decided in the first round of voting in February, the reformists and moderate supporters of Mr. Rouhani hold 122 seats in the 290-member Parliament, and the conservative hard-liners have 84, the state media reported.

35. S. Korean President Arrives in Tehran

Fars News Agency, 2016 05 01

Tehran - South Korean President Park Geun-hye arrived in Tehran on Sunday afternoon to hold talks and sign nearly a dozen cooperation agreements with high-ranking Iranian officials. President Park, heading a large delegation of Korean ministers and businesspersons, was welcomed by Iranian Minister of Industry, Mine and Trade Mohammad Reza Nematzadeh at Mehrabad International Airport. During the South Korean president's trip, Tehran and Seoul will ink several Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) in different fields, including energy. The Korean president is accompanied by 236 state and private sector officials and traders as well as 90 reporters and journalists. This is the largest foreign delegation to visit Iran after the Vienna nuclear deal between Iran and the world powers last Summer. Iranian Energy Minister Hamid Chitchian said on Saturday that the two countries will ink 9 MoUs in water and 6 MoUs in the power sectors. Three other agreements are also due to be signed in other fields.

36. Protesters storm Iraqi parliament in Baghdad

The Washington Post, Loveday Morris & Mustafa Salim, 2016 05 01

Baghdad - Protesters stormed Iraq's parliament Saturday in a dramatic culmination of months of demonstrations, casting uncertainty over the tenure of the country's prime minister and the foundations of the political system laid in place after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. Security forces declared a state of emergency in the Iraqi capital after demonstrators climbed over blast walls and broke through cordons to enter Baghdad's fortified Green Zone, also home to ministries and the U.S. embassy. Many were followers of Iraq's powerful Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, who has been urging his supporters onto the streets. Lawmakers fled the building in panic, with some berated and struck as they left. Others were trapped in the basement for hours, too afraid to face the crowds who complain that the country's political class is racked by corruption. It was a day of high drama for a country that is no stranger to revolution and that has seen all of its leaders overthrown from the time the state was established in 1921 until the U.S. invasion toppled Saddam Hussein in 2003. At issue now is the quota system introduced when the U.S.-led coalition put together Iraq's first post-invasion government, which determines Iraq's political positions according to sect and ethnicity. The turmoil threatened to unseat the already embattled prime minister, Haider al-Abadi, with whom the United States has partnered in the fight against Islamic State militants in Iraq but whose efforts at reform have stumbled. U.S. officials have expressed concern that the unrest could affect the battlefield as Iraq also struggles with an extreme budget crisis caused by a plunge in oil prices.

37. Iraq Protesters Storm Parliament, Demanding End to Corruption

The New York Times, Tim Arango, 2016 05 01

Baghdad - Hundreds of protesters stormed Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone on Saturday and entered the Parliament building, waving Iraqi flags, snapping photographs, breaking furniture and demanding an end to corruption. The episode deepened a political crisis that has paralyzed Iraq's government for weeks. As the chaos unfolded in the afternoon — one lawmaker was attacked, and protesters damaged several vehicles near Parliament — the Baghdad Operations Command announced a state of emergency, deploying additional forces around the capital city. Checkpoints at city entrances were closed, even as the protests remained largely nonviolent. The scenes of protest, circulated in photos and videos on social media sites, were potent illustrations of the anger that has grown during months of protests by Iraqis demanding that Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi carry out measures to end sectarian quotas in politics and fight corruption. The protesters were mostly supporters of the powerful Shiite cleric Moktada al-Sadr. Rather than pushing for the ouster of Mr. Abadi, they have largely supported the prime minister as he has sought to make good on promises, still unfulfilled, to improve how the government works. The ease with which they penetrated the rim of the Green Zone suggested that security forces — and perhaps Mr. Abadi himself, as some hinted — were supportive of the protesters. There were no reports of shots fired, and Mr. Sadr's own militiamen were said to have taken charge of security near Parliament.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

38. Al Qaeda after bin Laden, still 'a dangerous threat'

Agence France Presse, 2016 05 01

Dubai - The militant group Al Qaeda has survived the death of its founder Osama bin Laden on May 2, 2011 and bolstered its notoriety with attacks in Africa, Europe and Yemen despite suffering a series of setbacks. Al Qaeda has been replaced as a pre-eminent global militant power by the militant Islamic State (IS) group but remains a potent force and dangerous threat, experts say. By the time US special forces killed bin Laden in Abbottabad, the group he founded in the late 1980s had been badly damaged, with many of its militants and leaders killed or captured in the US "War on Terror". Dissension grew in the militant ranks as new Qaeda chief Ayman al-Zawahiri struggled in bin Laden's place, until one of its branches, originally Al Qaeda in Iraq, broke away to form the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). After seizing large parts of Iraq and Syria in 2014, the group declared a caliphate' in areas under its control, calling itself simply the IS. IS has since eclipsed its former partner, drawing thousands of militants to its cause and claiming responsibility for attacks that have left hundreds dead in Brussels, Paris, Tunisia, Turkey, Lebanon, Yemen, Saudi Arabia and on a Russian airliner over Egypt.

39. Estranged Bedfellows

The Washington Post, Sudarsan Raghavan & William Booth, 2016 05 01

Cairo - The Islamic State's affiliate in Egypt is staging increasingly sophisticated and daring attacks, officials and analysts say, prompting Israel, Egypt and the Palestinian militant group Hamas to form an unlikely alliance against the terrorist group. Hamas deployed several hundred fighters last week to Gaza's border with Egypt's lawless northern Sinai as part of a deal with Egypt to keep militants of the Islamic State - also known as ISIS or ISIL - from entering the coastal enclave. That came days after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised his country's decision to build a new barrier along the Israel-Egypt border, warning that "we would have been overflowed by thousands of ISIS fighters from Sinai." The growing concerns have given birth to the greatest cooperation between the militaries of Egypt and Israel since their 1979 peace deal, according to officials from both countries. The question is whether the militants' ambitions can be stopped or, at least, contained. The well-armed affiliate - known as Wilayat Sinai - has grown bolder since it asserted responsibility for the October bombing of a Russian charter

flight over the Sinai Peninsula, killing all 224 aboard. The group has mounted a steady stream of attacks on Egyptian soldiers, overrunning military posts and targeting them with roadside bombs. In the April issue of an Islamic State newsletter, al-Naba, the terrorist group boasts about the attacks.

40. Syrian City Torn by War Shows Jarring Resolve to Try to Live Normally

The New York Times, Declan Walsh, 2016 05 01

Aleppo, Syria - On the edge of Aleppo's ancient citadel, Zahra and her family squatted in a once-grand apartment, now facing rebel lines. Plastic sheets covered its tall windows to shield the space from a sniper's view; shelling boomed in the distance. Zahra, 25, who gave just one name, flicked between two photos on her phone. The first showed her husband, a Syrian Army soldier and the father of her unborn child. "Seven months," she said, touching her belly. In the second, her husband was splayed on the ground, blood trickling from his nose. Two other fallen soldiers lay beside him. He died two weeks ago. "May the men who did this also die," she said with quiet determination. Four years of war has hardened hearts in Aleppo, a divided city and, for the past week, the scene of merciless fighting. Over the past week, a fragile truce, brokered by the United States and Russia, has crumbled in Syria, leading to the worst violence in months. Russian fighter jets roar through the sky, pounding targets in rebel-held areas. The rebels send barrages of mortars and homemade missiles that land in crowded neighborhoods. The war has stoked sectarian tensions and become a proxy battle for regional and global interests. Most casualties are civilians — at least 202 in the past week, about two-thirds in rebel-controlled eastern areas and the remainder in the government-held west side, according to groups that monitor casualties. The violence shows a "monstrous disregard for civilian lives," the United Nations' human rights chief, Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein, said on Friday.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

41. Nationalist party declares Islam doesn't belong to Germany

The Associated Press, 2016 05 01

Berlin - Members of the nationalist Alternative for Germany party have backed a political program that says Islam doesn't belong to Germany and supports a ban against minarets, muezzin calls and headscarves for women and girls in school. The party, also known by its acronyms AfD, has been growing in popularity and political influence as it campaigns on an anti-Islam platform. It was holding a conference on Sunday. German Chancellor Angela Merkel has repeatedly said Islam does belong to Germany and religious freedom is also part of the country's constitution.

42. Britain would be more vulnerable to terrorism outside EU, warns German interior minister

The Telegraph (UK), Justin Huggler & Melanie Hall, 2016 05 01

Berlin - One of Germany's most senior ministers has intervened in Britain's Europe debate, delivering a stark warning that Brexit would make the UK more vulnerable to terrorism. Thomas de Maiziere, the interior minister, stressed the value of the crime-fighting information shared by EU members, including fingerprints and DNA. "The argument of terrorism is not an argument for the UK to leave the EU. On the contrary it's an argument for the UK to stay in the EU," he told the Telegraph. "Since we are all targets of

Daesh (Isil) and al-Qaeda, we have to combat the threat of terrorism together, because this is much more effective.” At present, Britain is plugged into the EU’s system for transferring data that can be vital to foiling terrorist plots. “If we share information on offenders within the EU this means the UK also receives more data on potential threats,” said Mr de Maiziere, referring to the Prum Convention which allows member states to share fingerprints, DNA and even car license plates numbers. “This means the UK receives much more data on potential terrorists and potential perpetrators than it would if it were to collect such data alone,” he added. Asked whether the Schengen Agreement made it easy for terrorists to move around Europe undetected, Mr de Maiziere replied: “The UK is not a member of the Schengen regime, and so as a matter of course, the Schengen regime in itself may, per se, create no disadvantages for the UK. On the contrary, the UK gets a lot of information from the Schengen Information System and this is a huge benefit for the UK. You can’t have your cake and eat it.”

43. More cross-border ISIL rockets hit Turkish city Kilis

Daily News, 2016 05 01

Istanbul - Three rockets fired from territory held by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in Syria injured seven people in Turkey’s southern border province of Kilis early on May 1, according to local security sources. One rocket landed in a yard in the Beşevler neighborhood and the other one hit a parking area near Cumhuriyet Street. The seven injured people were taken to Kilis State Hospital. Police have increased security measures in the region. The Turkish army responded by firing howitzers at ISIL positions in Syria and nine militants were killed as a result, Anadolu Agency reported. A bomb production factory belonging to ISIL was also hit and destroyed by drones belonging to the U.S-led coalition in the Azaz district of Syria’s Aleppo. The MQ-1 modelled drone took off from the İncirlik Airbase in the southern province of Adana. Two ISIL militants were killed as a result of the airstrike and many others were trapped in the building that was hit, according to Anadolu Agency.

44. Congrès de l'AfD à Stuttgart: la ville en état de siege

Radio France Internationale, 2016 05 01

Stuttgart - L’Allemagne, depuis le début de la crise les réfugiés a accueilli sur son sol un million de migrants. Une situation récupérée dans le discours xénophobe de l’AFD, l’Alternative pour l’Allemagne, parti de la droite populiste qui a ouvert son congrès ce samedi matin à Stuttgart, pour deux jours. Plusieurs centaines de manifestants dénonçant le discours de l’AFD ont tenté de bloquer l’accès au congrès. La police, présente en nombre, a procédé à 400 interpellations. Quelque 2 000 participants assistent au congrès et 1 000 policiers assurent le bon déroulement des débats alors que des centaines d’opposants à l’AfD se sont donné rendez-vous devant le Palais des congrès de Stuttgart. Plus 900 membres des black blocs, vêtus de noir et encagoulés, prêts à en découdre avec la police, ont tenté ce matin de perturber l’ouverture du congrès du Parti populiste AfD, obligeant la manifestation à démarrer avec une heure de retard. Feux de Bengale et engins incendiaires lancés en direction des forces de l’ordre, c’est sous escorte policière et sous les sifflets et les cris « Nazis dehors ! Adieu AFD ! », scandés par les opposants, que les participants au congrès de l’AfD ont pénétré dans le Palais des congrès de Stuttgart. Quatre cents personnes, parmi les manifestants, ont été arrêtés pour avoir fait usage de la violence. C’est donc presque dans un climat d’état de siège que se déroule ce congrès du Parti populiste L’autoroute A8 qui dessert l’aéroport de la ville a même dû être coupée pendant vingt minutes ce matin.

45. Trial of German 'bomb plotters' stokes fear of anti-migrant terror

The Sunday Times, Bojan Pancevski, 2016 05 01

Berlin – A trial of German neo-Nazis accused of plotting deadly attacks on refugees is prompting fears that a backlash against migration has fuelled an upsurge in far-right terrorism. Four members of a group that calls itself the Oldschool Society appeared in a Munich court last week. Prosecutors claimed they were planning to attack refugee shelters with fire and nail bombs. The group is one of a number of such

organisations mushrooming in Germany and across Europe. Their appearance coincides with a surge of support for far-right political parties as a result of the migration crisis, which saw more than 1m people entering Germany last year. The accused — who ranged from a grey-haired 57-year-old man to a 23-year-old woman with multiple face piercings — came from different parts of Germany. They met on the internet and communicated via social networks and messaging services such as WhatsApp. Their full names were not released. Andreas H, the suspected leader, is a painter and former member of the neo-Nazi National Democratic party. The group was allegedly planning terrorist attacks on mosques as well as politicians and activists perceived to be pro-migration. "We will then blow up one mosque after the other and we will hang the pigs where we find them," read a message by one of the suspects intercepted by police. The group was arrested after an elaborate investigation involving electronic surveillance by the Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz (BfV), the German equivalent of MI5.

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1. The developer, the fugitive and the feud

The Globe and Mail, Laurent Bastien, 2016 07 09

Toronto - Five years ago, Sam Mizrahi, one of Toronto's most ambitious real estate developers, found himself in a basement in the city's Bridle Path neighbourhood. It was there, he says, he began to fear for his safety. In a span of just a few hours, one of the main financial backers of two of his luxury condominium projects, Mahmoud Khavari, had become one of Iran's most wanted men, having left his position as the chairman of the country's largest bank and fled to Canada amid a corruption scandal. With Iran demanding Mr. Khavari's immediate return, Mr. Mizrahi feared being caught in the crossfire of a potentially violent international dispute as they debated the future of their business partnership inside the former banker's Toronto home. The agreement worked out in that basement in the hours that followed the frantic flight to Canada has become the subject of a multimilliondollar lawsuit before the Ontario Superior Court, and led to a feud between Mr. Mizrahi and the Khavari family of near-Shakespearian proportion, involving alleged death threats, international intrigue and some of the city's hottest real estate. The Khavaris, who dispute the threats of violence, are seeking at least \$35-million in damages from their former business partner, arguing that they were denied a stake in two Yorkville properties in which they invested money, along with three others that include the massive, 80-storey One Bloor tower, the crown jewel of Mr. Mizrahi's condominium empire. Mr. Mizrahi, in his sworn statement, says the Khavari family and CSIS officials informed him in 2011 that the Iranian government was sending a "special force" to Toronto with the aim of spirited the former banker back to Tehran. Iranian officials have also reportedly raised his name in discussions related to Saren Azer, an Iranian-Canadian doctor who is accused of abducting his four children and fleeing to Iran. In May, two former federal officials working on the file told the Globe that Mr. Khavari had been mentioned in back channels with Iranian officials, suggesting there's a deal to be made.

2. Government downplays terrorism threat

Kingston Whig-Standard, Larry Comeau, 2016 07 09

Letter To The Editor: Re: "Terrorism: Is Canada ready?" July 2. This is a very thought-provoking column by Geoffrey Johnston, and anyone who thinks Canada is prepared to handle a major radical Islamist attack on a soft target like one of our airports is dreaming. We have to give full marks to the RCMP and CSIS for their having thwarted numerous planned attacks on Canadian soil. Let's not forget that even though the Trudeau government has decreed we are not at war with ISIS, even withdrawing our CF-18s from the fight, there is little doubt the killings of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent was carried out by individuals inspired by that terrorist organization. After all, ISIS has declared Canada a legitimate target, particularly our military. I hope this current study will make the Liberal government get over its naivete when it comes to the ISIS threat and that from other radical Islamist groups, and that it will do more to protect us, including contingency planning in the event of a major attack here. Canada should have never have pulled our planes that were fighting above their weight to help eradicate ISIS, thereby relegating our protection to our allies.

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3. Government documents suggest Snowden 'altered' the cyberspace discussion

Toronto Star, Alex Boutilier, 2016 07 09

Ottawa - It's not a matter of if there will be another Edward Snowden, it's a matter of when, according to

internal government documents obtained by the Star. Global Affairs officials warned minister Stéphane Dion in November an event on the scale of Snowden's disclosures about Internet surveillance is inevitable. "Incidents similar to the Snowden disclosures and the Sony hack will happen again and we can expect that sudden events will affect international debates on cyberspace," the document reads. The briefing note, prepared for Dion in November and obtained under access to information law, suggests that Snowden's disclosures about western mass surveillance "altered the tone" of the international discussion on cyberspace. In 2013 Snowden, a former employee of the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA), pulled back the curtain on mass surveillance online, detailing the capabilities of the "Five Eyes" countries - Canada, the United States, the U.K., Australia and New Zealand - to monitor activity online. His release of classified NSA documents triggered outrage among those who said he put lives at risk, and praise from others who argued he shed light on questionable practices. He was forced to flee the U.S. and was granted asylum in Russia. Then in 2014, hackers broke into Sony company computers and released thousands of emails, documents and sensitive personal information. U.S. federal investigators blamed North Korea. While Canada has long advocated for an open and free Internet, suggestions that the nation's spy agency the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) has engaged in mass online surveillance have complicated that narrative. But the documents state Ottawa remains committed to a free Internet - not only from a democratic point of view, but for the potential for Canadian businesses and consumers to access broadening online markets. The Star reported in 2015 that CSE has stepped up their efforts to guard against "insider threats" since Snowden shared an unprecedented trove of intelligence documents with journalist Glenn Greenwald in 2013. The move was also prompted by a Halifax-based Royal Canadian Navy officer, Jeffrey Delisle, who sold secrets to Russia in 2012. "Following the unauthorized disclosures of Canadian Navy Sub-Lieutenant Jeffrey Delisle and NSA contractor Edward Snowden, CSE has intensified its efforts to tighten already stringent security," read CSE's 2013-14 report to the minister of national defence.

4. Jonquière standoff: man barricaded inside home with possible explosive device

Global News, Annabelle Olivier, 2016 07 09

Jonquiere, Que. -Quebec provincial police officers are on the scene of a tense standoff in Jonquière where a 27-year-old man, believed to be in possession of a homemade explosive device, is barricaded inside his home. The situation began to unfold Friday evening following a robbery at around 8 p.m. in a pharmacy on St-Hubert Street in Jonquière, roughly 200 kilometres north of Quebec City. The suspect, whom police say was possibly armed, fled the scene but witnesses were able to give local police a description of the man and his vehicle. Officers were then able to locate the man at his home on St-Germain Street. After failed attempts at contacting the man, Saguenay police tried to force their way into the home.

5. Une universitaire canado-iranienne détenue à Téhéran

Le Monde.fr, Anne Pelouas, 2016 07 09

Montreal - Les proches d'Homa Hoodfar, anthropologue canado-iranienne, sont sans nouvelles d'elle depuis son incarcération le 6 juin à la prison d'Evin, à Téhéran, et craignent pour sa vie. La communauté scientifique s'est mobilisée, Amnesty International aussi et le gouvernement canadien affirme faire de son cas «une priorité». Dans cette prison, connue pour ses difficiles conditions de détention et où la torture est monnaie courante, Homa Hoodfar n'a reçu aucune visite, même de son avocat. Victime l'an passé d'un AVC, elle est aussi atteinte d'une maladie neurologique rare, affectant nerfs et muscles. «Elle a de fréquents maux de tête et doit prendre des médicaments», souligne sa nièce, Amanda Ghahremani, qui vit au Canada. Après plusieurs jours de détention, la famille a finalement obtenu l'autorisation de lui en apporter mais sans assurance qu'ils lui soient parvenus. Homa Hoodfar, 65 ans, professeur à l'Université Concordia de Montréal, était arrivée à Téhéran le 11 février, avec l'intention de voir sa famille et de poursuivre des recherches historiques sur la participation des femmes iraniennes aux élections. Arrêtée en mars, elle s'était vu interdire de quitter le pays et confisquer ses passeports, son portable, ses documents

de recherche et son ordinateur. Interrogée ensuite à deux reprises, elle a été emprisonnée le 6 juin. Ce n'est que le 24 juin qu'un procureur de Téhéran a dit qu'elle était soupçonnée de compromettre la sécurité du pays. Plusieurs médias proches des Gardiens de la révolution avaient révélé auparavant qu'elle était accusée de vouloir fomenter une «révolution en douceur», féministe, contre la République islamique, a indiqué la famille de Mme Hoodfar. Le gouvernement canadien assure pour sa part «travailler en étroite collaboration avec ses alliés» pour aider Mme Hoodfar, qui vit au Canada depuis trente ans. L'Italie transmettrait les messages diplomatiques. Les conservateurs canadiens avaient coupé les ponts avec l'Iran en 2012, invoquant les violations des droits de la personne, son programme nucléaire, son soutien au régime syrien et ses menaces contre Israël. Le Canada avait fermé son ambassade et expulsé les diplomates iraniens en poste à Ottawa.

6. Harjit Sajjan says NATO spending doesn't measure Canada's true contribution

CBC News, 2016 07 09

Ottawa - Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan isn't expecting a giant cheque from Finance Minister Bill Morneau any time soon, even though Canada falls short of NATO's spending commitment — that each country should spend two per cent of GDP on defence. In an interview with CBC Radio's The House, Sajjan said Canada's actions speak louder than its spending percentages. "We're stepping up in many regards," he told host Chris Hall. "But when it comes to the actual spending, we have a defence review going on. A defence review, and our spending, will be based on the needs for our nation." New figures released by NATO ahead of this weekend's leaders' summit in Warsaw, Poland, show Canada occupies the lower third of NATO membership in terms of defence funding — even though the government is planning to spend an additional .01 per cent of GDP on defence. To put that in perspective, NATO members have agreed that each nation should spend two per cent of GDP on defence as its annual benchmark. Canada is ranked 23 out of 28 member countries in the alliance by that measure, positioned between Hungary and Slovenia, which has been a source of frustration for some other members of NATO. When U.S. President Barack Obama spoke to Parliament last month, he called on the Liberal government to meet the NATO measure because, he said, "the world needs more Canada."

7. Canada recommits funding for Afghan security, development

CBC News, Murray Brewster, 2016 09 07

Ottawa - Canada will spend \$465 million to help cover the bill for Afghan security forces and to pay for development assistance over three years, the Liberal government announced Saturday at the conclusion of the NATO leaders' summit. The cash represents a renewal of funding programs that are set to expire next year. The former Conservative government committed a total of \$557 million toward an international fund to support security forces, including the fledgling Afghan army, and for Canadian-directed humanitarian and development projects. A statement by the Prime Minister's Office didn't breakdown how much would be spent on security and how much will go toward development, but noted the aid would "support women's and girls' rights and empowerment, and to help meet the basic needs of Afghans." Prime Minister Justin Trudeau met late Friday with Afghanistan's two top political figures on the margins of the Warsaw summit. He held talks with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and chief executive officer Abdullah Abdullah. NATO foreign ministers embarked on a process last fall to convince allies to continue to pay the bills for Afghan troops and police officers. The ministers, including Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion, approved a plan to raise \$4 billion per year from the international community.

8. Unity is the operative word in Europe

The Globe and Mail, Mark MacKinnon, 2016 07 09

Ottawa - When NATO issues its communique on Saturday at the conclusion of its two-day summit in Warsaw, look for the word "unity" and its synonyms to appear early and often. Unity is what the alliance

wants to project in its showdowns with Russia to the east, and its even messier fight to the south, where Western-backed proxies battle both Islamic State and the regime of Bashar al-Assad in Syria. The refugee crisis - which has seen NATO members build fences along borders shared with other members of the alliance - is another challenge. Unity is something that's suddenly in question as the alliance grapples with the meaning of Britain's shocking vote in favour of a Brexit from the European Union. The summit that began Friday - which was supposed to be a meeting devoted to countering the perceived threat from Russia (and symbolically held in the city where NATO's Cold War rival, the Warsaw Pact, was formed) - has become a "Brexit summit" devoted to figuring out how the alliance might be affected by the United Kingdom's looming departure from the EU. "All the political leaders in Warsaw will be carefully following the messages from the British delegation, from Prime Minister [David] Cameron, because we'd like to know what kind of consequences NATO should take into account in its own policies from a possible Brexit," said Slawomir Debski, director of the Polish Institute of International Affairs, which is funded by the Polish government.

9. It's 2003 again - and we're still fighting over Saddam

The Globe and Mail, Doug Saunders, 2016 07 09

Ottawa - The world has suddenly returned to 2003. Once again, the politics of much of the English-speaking world are dominated by the question of how to deal with Saddam Hussein. In 2003, it was a question that furiously divided opinion on both the right and the left. And the answer, delivered that March, was a military invasion that led in turn to occupation, hasty trial, botched hanging and imposition of a sectarian government. It was so wrongly conceived, inappropriately timed and executed that it obliterated the original question. Starved of meaning, it has now returned to haunt us. Britain's Chilcot Inquiry has made it abundantly clear, in its 12-volume report this week, that the problem of Saddam Hussein could not have been dealt with in a worse possible way. There was no imminent threat, no reason to go into Iraq so hastily, with so little support from neighbouring countries and without United Nations backing, and without a viable post-invasion plan for a transition to a new government. The civilian death toll in Iraq probably exceeded the worst Saddam would have done to his people, rendering the whole thing pointless. The imposition of a Shia government created a de facto civil war and the cast-out remnants of the old Iraqi army were the prime movers behind the creation of the terrorist army Islamic State.

10. Canada will lead NATO force in Latvia

National Post, Matthew Fisher, 2016 07 09

Ottawa - Bowing to intense political pressure from NATO to do more for the alliance in the region, Canada confirmed Friday that it will lead one of four combat battalions in the Baltic states and Poland. The open-ended NATO mission near the Russian border, to begin early next year, is designed to deter Russian President Vladimir Putin from trying to repeat his annexation of Crimea in northeastern Europe. Canada is to provide the commanding colonel and his headquarters, a mechanized rifle company, intelligence assets and other enablers for what some officers have described as a battalion-plus-plus of about 1,000 troops. The Russian Embassy in Canada has already decried the move as "sabre-rattling" while the foreign and defence ministries in Moscow have vowed that there will be repercussions. "They can say that, but they absolutely know that it isn't" sabre-rattling, said Canada's top soldier, Gen. Jon Vance. "It represents solidarity and cohesion in the alliance and a great opportunity. "It raises the threshold of risk. It may be slight but it is definitely there. Terms like tripwire can be used as descriptors, but what it really does is raise that calculus of risks.

11. NATO's challenge

The Globe and Mail, Patrick Martin, 2016 07 09

Ottawa - The alliance faces a showdown with Russia in the shadow of Brexit The North Atlantic Treaty

Organization, whose national leaders are meeting in Warsaw Friday and Saturday, is facing its most serious challenge since the Cold War when the United States and Soviet Union actively confronted each other around the globe. The alliance appears set to deploy four well-armed military battalions – one led by Canada – to the Baltics. They are being dispatched at the request of NATO members Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, with the express purpose of deterring what is perceived as Russian aggression. For its part, Russia says it is only reacting to what it perceives as Western aggression – the continental spread of alliances such as NATO and the European Union that has come to threaten core Russian interests “While Westerners may believe that NATO’s eastward expansion has been peaceful and voluntary,” says Dimitri Simes, president of the Center for the National Interest in Washington, “Russians see it as inseparable from NATO’s European and global military exploits.” NATO and Russia, he says, are “on a collision course.”

12. NATO leaders meeting in Warsaw will tackle how to pay for Afghan security

CBC News, Murray Brewster, 2016 07 09

Kabul - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau met with Afghanistan's two top political figures on the margins of the NATO Summit in Warsaw Friday as Canadian officials prepare for the renewal of funding for the war-torn country's security forces. NATO foreign ministers embarked on a process last fall to convince allies to continue to pay the bills for Afghanistan's fledgling army and police force. The ministers, including Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion, approved a plan to raise \$4 billion per year from the international community. Donor countries began paying the bills for Afghanistan's security sector following the 2012 NATO leaders' summit in Chicago. At the time, the former Conservative government committed to spending \$330 million, but the program ends next year. Trudeau met on Friday with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, and Abdullah Abdullah, the country's chief executive officer. Officials speaking on background after the meeting made no reference to the funding issue and would only say that the prime minister emphasized "Canada's longstanding and ongoing commitments to help Afghanistan build a sustainable future, a safe and secure and peaceful environment for its citizens, and a country that is well governed and in control of its own destiny." However, the government signalled that a fund decision is pending.

13. Canada commits \$465M to Afghanistan for humanitarian aid, security forces

Canadian Press, Lee Berthiaume, 2016 07 09

Warsaw - Canada is promising more cash to Afghanistan – while some of its allies plan to keep troops in the country to help it deal with an escalating insurgency. The Liberal government is renewing more than \$150 million per year for aid projects in Afghanistan and to help the country’s security forces, working out to about \$465 million over three years. The new money will kick in once Canada’s existing commitment, pledged by the previous Conservative government in 2012, ends next year. It will continue to 2020. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the commitment during a special session on Afghanistan at the NATO leaders’ summit in Poland on Saturday, after having met with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani in Warsaw on Friday. The new funding extends Canada’s involvement in Afghanistan to nearly two decades. Canada first got involved in the country’s affairs following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, before sending combat troops to the southern province of Kandahar in 2006. It also contributed billions in aid. By the time the combat mission ended in 2011, 158 Canadian soldiers, one diplomat and one journalist had been killed. Canada continued to train Afghan security forces in the capital Kabul for the next three years, until the last troops left in December 2014.

14. West should push for Iran regime change

Ottawa Sun, Candice Malcom, 2016 07 09

Column: The only way to make peace with Iran, according to the Obama administration, is to appease its cruel and authoritarian government. The alternative, according to the White House, would be increased

hostility and perhaps even war. Under this dichotomy, U.S. President Barack Obama has extended an olive branch to America's longtime adversary. Last summer, the U.S. struck an historic nuclear deal with the Islamic Republic of Iran. Obama teamed up with members of the UN Security Council and Germany to lift economic sanctions against Iran in exchange for Iran halting its uranium enrichment program. The Trudeau government has followed suit, saying it will work towards reinstating diplomatic relations with Iran. Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion insists Canadian companies should be able to do business in Iran. These self-styled "progressive" politicians are striking a deal with the devil. By engaging with Iran, Western nations are giving legitimacy and power to a deeply regressive regime. Iran is in the grip of one of the world's most tyrannical and fundamentalist governments. The mullahs that run Iran impose strict sharia law — cutting off limbs, lashing dissidents and stoning women — in a manner comparable to the brutal campaign of violence brought by the Islamic State (ISIS). The major difference is that ISIS proudly broadcasts its atrocities while Iran conducts its behind closed doors.

15. Canada's return to NATO's front line has air of familiarity to it

Toronto Star, Paul Wells, 2016 07 09

Commentary: And so Canadian soldiers are heading back to Europe. Times change and the world, despite a steady drumbeat of appalling headlines, is safer for us than for our parents. So the deployment of 450 Canadian Forces troops to Latvia won't be nearly as formidable as the deployment to West Germany - often more than 10 times larger - that was Canada's defining military commitment for 42 years through the Cold War. But the purpose is wearily similar. To deter military adventures dictated from Moscow. To safeguard NATO's integrity, both as a territory on a map and as the muscle of western democracy. To fight and die, in the almost inconceivable event that worse comes to worst, and by their deaths to draw other western troops into a battle the likes of which Europe hasn't seen in most of a century. And, in the meantime, to show Canada's most important allies that Canada stands up when asked. At least, often enough. It's fashionable to decry the long decline in Canadian military spending that began a few years into the Afghanistan conflict. But whenever I've asked NATO leaders, including the alliance's secretary general Jens Stoltenberg, they are quick to draw a distinction. They do wish Canada would double its defence spending to 2 per cent of GDP, NATO's preferred benchmark. But at the same time, they recognize that Canada almost always uses its military in meaningful ways within the alliance, whereas other allies sometimes leave their burgeoning armies and glistening kit parked.

16. Canada and NATO: Details on Eastern Europe military commitments

Global News, 2016 07 09

Warsaw, Poland – Prime Minister Justin Trudeau committed Canada on Friday to helping NATO in its standoff with Russia. Here are the details: Troop deployment to Latvia: Canada will contribute around 450 troops as well as light armoured vehicles and other equipment to a multinational force in the former Soviet republic of Latvia. Defence chief Gen. Jonathan Vance says the Canadian contingent will form the "nucleus" of what will eventually be a 1,000-strong battle group that will act as a deterrent against Russian aggression in the region. Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States are making similar contributions in Lithuania, Estonia and Poland, respectively. NATO officials insist the force is purely defensive, though Russia has condemned it as an encroachment. The mission has been described as "open-ended," meaning there is no time frame for when it will end. Canada will deploy up to six CF-18 fighter jets to Europe where they will patrol allied airspace against foreign threats. Canadian CF-18s were previously deployed to Lithuania in 2014 after Russia annexed Crimea and started supporting separatist forces in eastern Ukraine. Officials said they have not determined exactly when the fighters will be deployed or where, though they did say NATO has air policing missions not just in Eastern Europe, but also Iceland and other parts of Europe.

17. Review: Is Big Brother Your Facebook Friend?

The Vancouver Sun Online, Tom Sandborn, 2016 07 09

Column: It's not just for funny cat videos, porn and online diary entries anymore. The Internet and its ungainly stepchildren, the ragged mob of social media sites ranging from Facebook to Twitter to Instagram to YouTube and so on, represent a new and significant feature of modern life. The net is a place where the lonely can find company, the unemployed can look for work, students can either do original research or plagiarize term papers and where you can be "friends" with people you have never met. Last year, more than 28 million Canadians had wireless phone subscriptions, most of which would allow the user Internet access from their handheld devices. Little wonder, then, that social media has implications for law enforcement. (Like the Pope, many Canadian police forces now have their own Twitter accounts. Some also use Facebook pages in their attempts to manage public perceptions of crime and policing.) University of Manitoba sociology prof Christopher J. Schneider's important new book, *Policing and Social Media*, tries to tease out some of those implications. He focuses in the book's most lively and interesting chapters on the post-hockey-defeat violence in Vancouver in 2011 and the police shooting of a disturbed young man of colour, Sammy Yatin, on an empty Toronto streetcar in July of 2013. Police regularly monitor social media posting by suspects and "persons of interest" these days, and, according to the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, security bodies like CSEC (Communications Security Establishment Canada) listen in on email and phone communications in a search for suspicious content, a "big net" search that provides the federal government with a huge body of data on many innocent Canadians. (Full disclosure. I serve as a board member of the BC Civil Liberties Association, which is currently challenging CSEC practices in court.) A fuller treatment of this reality, which some have characterized as the "end of privacy," would have made this a stronger book. Nevertheless, Schneider has done a fine job with this study, and anyone in Canada who cares about policing, privacy, civil liberties and personal freedom should read it. (Note: Tom Sandborn lives and writes in Vancouver, and his life, he presumes, is an open book to the forces of law and order. He welcomes feedback and story suggestions at tos65@telus.net)

18. Freeland takes slow approach to China

The Globe and Mail, Nathan Vanderklippe, 2016 07 09

Ottawa - China wants a free-trade deal with Canada. It's no longer clear Canada wants the same, even as Ottawa and Beijing prepare for joint leaders' meetings that might otherwise provide an ideal stage for a major announcement. On Friday, Canadian International Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland sat down with Chinese Commerce Minister Gao Hucheng in Shanghai, during Ms. Freeland's first ministerial trip to China. But in a subsequent 15-minute interview with The Globe and Mail in which she was repeatedly asked about the topic, Ms. Freeland never once used the words "free trade." She instead signalled Canada will move slowly when it comes to China - the world's secondlargest economy, but a country ruled by an authoritarian regime that jails critics, heavily censors speech and continues to detain a Canadian missionary on spying charges. "This is a long-term relationship, and we are going to act in a careful and consequential, step-by-step way," Ms. Freeland said. Rather than discuss formal trade measures, Ms. Freeland emphasized her conversation with Mr. Gao. "We're building a real foundation of positive human relations, and that is really important - that sort of level of human knowledge and contact and trust," she said. "That is an essential foundation for building a closer commercial relationship."

19. Digital privacy in an era of big data

Montreal Gazette, Karen Seidman, 2016 07 08

Montreal - All it takes is 300 "likes" while you're scrolling through your newsfeed - that's the point at which Facebook knows you better than your own spouse or your best friend. So if you're averaging 10 "likes" a day, it will take just a month for the social network behemoth to have you figured out more accurately than the people you consider your soulmates. And if you're a compulsive clicker of the

“thumbs up” icon, Facebook may have insight into your innermost thoughts and feelings in a mere week-and-a-half. If that alarms you, then you may want to take note of a conference coming up at Concordia University next week in which academics will meet to tackle the tricky issue of digital privacy and to ask the question: Are Google, Facebook, Apple, Amazon and Microsoft controlling our lives? Organizer Bipin Desai believes they are - that’s why he never uses Google to search for anything, nor Google maps to navigate. Shocking? Perhaps. But while he says he might hit the occasional detour, he also has the satisfaction of knowing that Google can’t trace his every step or his interests. Instead, he opts to use duckduckgo.com, a search engine that doesn’t track you. “These companies control our lives by channelling the kinds of news and products they think we’re interested in,” said Desai, a professor in Concordia’s department of computer science and software engineering. “We’re not their puppets but they try to steer us and brainwash us.”

20. Coderre accusé de censure par un commentateur de droite

La Presse, Pierre-André Normandin, 2016 07 09

Ottawa - Le commentateur de droite Ezra Levant crie à la censure. Il affirme que sa plus récente publicité dans sa campagne contre la décision du maire Denis Coderre de s'opposer au projet Énergie Est a été interdite sous la pression de l'hôtel de ville et pour éviter de choquer la communauté musulmane. Dans une vidéo de 14 minutes mise en ligne jeudi, M. Levant dit avoir tenté de mettre en place un troisième panneau-réclame en face de l'hôtel de ville de Montréal pour dénoncer l'opposition du maire au projet d'oléoduc piloté par Énergie Est. « Lorsque Denis Coderre dit non au projet d'Énergie Est, il dit oui au pétrole de la charia exporté par l'OPEP », clame la publicité. L'affiche présente une photo du roi de l'Arabie saoudite, Salmane ben Abdelaziz Al Saoud. Mais alors que les deux autres publicités ont été affichées sans problème, la société Outfront Media a cette fois refusé la plus récente mouture de cette campagne lancée depuis le début de l'année. « Quand nous leur avons demandé pourquoi, ils nous ont dit avoir peur de choquer les activistes musulmans et même le dictateur saoudien lui-même. » Le commentateur est toutefois allé plus loin en affirmant que le cabinet du maire Coderre était intervenu auprès d'Outfront pour qu'elle cesse de diffuser ces publicités. « La société d'affichage nous a aussi dit que l'hôtel de ville de Montréal lui mettait de la pression pour arrêter de diffuser nos publicités et que si elle continuait, elle pourrait avoir des difficultés. Les politiciens libéraux ne lui donneraient peut-être plus de permis », poursuit Levant. Pour appuyer son dire, le commentateur a diffusé deux courriels envoyés par un employé de la société d'affichage ainsi que l'enregistrement d'une conversation avec une dirigeante canadienne d'Outfront. Dans ceux-ci, l'entreprise dit ne pas être à l'aise avec la mention du mot « charia ». « Ceci est religieux et politique et nous voulons éviter cela », peut-on lire dans un message.

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21. Suspect in Dallas Attack Had Interest in Black Power Groups

The New York Times, Julie Turkewitz, 2016 07 09

Dallas - The man who the Dallas police say killed five officers in a barrage of bullets on Thursday was a troubled Army reservist who left Afghanistan under a cloud of sexual harassment charges made by a fellow soldier who sought an order of protection against him and said he needed mental health counseling. Micah Johnson, 25, left the service in 2015, moving back to the Dallas area, where he had grown up. There, he gravitated toward black power groups, displaying his affinity for them on Facebook. His profile page, which has since been taken down, paid homage to black pride, featuring images of a raised fist and pictures of the red, black and green Pan-African flag. Both have been symbols of nonviolent black empowerment for decades, but have also been co-opted by extremist groups with racist views. And when the authorities searched Mr. Johnson’s home on Friday, after he had been killed by the police, they said they found “bomb-making materials, ballistic vests, rifles, ammunition and a personal

journal of combat tactics." Mr. Johnson, who the police said acted alone, served in the Army Reserve from 2009 to 2015, leaving as a private first class, according to Army records. He was deployed to Afghanistan in November 2013 with the 420th Engineer Brigade, based in Seagoville, Tex. His job specialty was as a mason and carpenter. Nothing in his records suggests that he saw combat or was injured.

22. 'Bomb Robot' Takes Down Gunman, but Raises Enforcement Questions

The New York Times, Michael S. Schmidt & Henry Fountain, 2016 07 09

Washington - The Dallas police ended a standoff with the gunman suspected of killing five officers with a tactic that by all accounts appears to be unprecedented: It blew him up using a robot. In doing so, it sought to protect police who had negotiated with the man for several hours and had exchanged gunfire with him. But the decision ignited a debate about the increasing militarization of police and the remote-controlled use of force, and raised the specter of a new era of policing. The Dallas police chief, David O. Brown, said officers had used one of the department's "bomb robots," attaching an explosive device to its arm that was detonated early Friday when the robot was near the gunman. "Other options would have exposed the officers to grave danger," he said. But the decision to deliver a bomb by robot stunned some current and former law enforcement officials, who said they believed the new tactic blurred the line between policing and warfare. They said that it might have been an excessive use of force and that it set a precedent, adding that they were concerned that other departments across the country could begin using the same tactic. "The further we remove the officer from the use of force and the consequences that come with it, the easier it becomes to use that tactic," said Rick Nelson, a fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and a former counterterrorism official on the National Security Council. "It's what we have done with drones in warfare."

23. Alliance-Linked Websites Fail at Auspicious Moment

The Wall Street Journal, Julian E. Barnes, 2016 07 09

Washington - Officials are trying to determine whether a cyberattack was behind outages at websites affiliated with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and whether hackers were attempting to counter a Warsaw summit that is addressing both cyberspace dangers and Russian aggression. Officials said there is no concrete evidence the websites were knocked out by hacking. But some officials suspect that Russian-backed hackers could be responsible for the website outage that took down a pair of websites affiliated with NATO's Allied Transformation Command based in Norfolk, Va. The Russian Defense Ministry was not available for comment. Other Russian officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The website outages were originally reported to NATO officials as a technical error. But NATO is currently holding a summit of alliance leaders aimed at beefing up its deterrent against Russian aggression, raising suspicions among senior officials. "This is a suspicious timing for a technical failure," said a senior alliance official. "If this is a cyberattack, it would be no surprise."

24. Iraq War veteran will be next to lead Islamic State fight

The Washington Post., Missy Ryan, 2016 07 09

Washington - The Pentagon has tapped a veteran of its counterinsurgency wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to replace Lt. Gen. Sean MacFarland as commander of U.S. and allied military operations against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, military officials said. Lt. Gen. Stephen J. Townsend, who now serves as commander of the XVIII Airborne Corps, based in Fort Bragg, N.C., will take command of Operation Inherent Resolve in August or September, officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss an appointment that has not yet been made public. That makes Townsend the man who is likely to oversee the bulk of the fighting for the Iraqi city of Mosul, in what promises to be a pivotal battle against the militant group. U.S. and Iraqi officials have not said when Iraqi forces will begin their assault in

earnest on the northern city, which has been under Islamic State control since 2014. But it's expected to begin as early as later this summer or fall. A decisive win by Iraqi forces in Mosul would deprive the Islamic State of its last major city in Iraq and would deal a major blow to the group's claim of a flesh-and-blood caliphate stretching across Iraq and Syria. But if the operation stumbled, it would hand the militants a giant propaganda victory and would worsen the already significant political problems facing Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi. Iraqi forces are conducting operations in Nineveh province, where Mosul is located, but they have yet to launch an offensive on the city itself.

25. Two Russian diplomats are expelled after U.S. official is jumped in Moscow

The Washington Post, Carol Morello, 2016 07 09

Washington - The United States last month expelled two Russian diplomats as a response to a Russian police guard tackling a U.S. diplomat outside the American Embassy in Moscow, the State Department said Friday. The diplomats were declared persona non grata on June 17, spokesman John Kirby said. That was less than two weeks after the incident that sparked the diplomatic row. The June 6 scuffle between the police officer and the diplomat was captured on security footage and broadcast on Russian television last week. It shows a man emerging from a taxi and walking briskly up the embassy steps. He is just outside the door when a guard jumps out of a gatehouse and wrestles him to the ground. Even with the patrolman on top of him, the diplomat pushes with his feet and, while on his back, manages to get inside the door to the embassy, which is U.S. territory and inviolate. The tape briefly stops and freezes when the man exits the taxi at the bottom of the steps, and it picks up again from a slightly different angle. The United States said the diplomat, who was thought to be an intelligence officer under diplomatic cover and suffered a broken shoulder in the scrap, flashed an identification badge before he was assaulted.

26. Facebook Launches Messenger Encryption

The Wall Street Journal, Robert McMillan and Anne Steele, 2016 07 09

Washington - Facebook Inc. said Friday that it has begun offering some users of its Messenger texting app the option to encrypt their messages. The social-network giant is offering a "small percentage" of its 900 million Messenger users a way to have secret conversations with other users, using end-to-end encryption technology that makes messages unreadable except by the sender and intended recipient, said Tony Leach, product manager for Facebook Messenger. It will offer the feature to more users in coming months. "We want people to be able to use Messenger for every conversation that they want to have," Mr. Leach said. "In some cases, these are really fun and casual things like sending emojis to one another. In other cases, these are really serious conversations where you need an extra layer of security." Facebook introduced end-to-end encryption to the one billion users of its WhatsApp messaging app in April. With WhatsApp, end-to-end encryption is turned on by default, but with Messenger users will have to turn on the feature. That decision stirred some controversy Friday. "Opt-in encryption favors educated users who have the time to learn about obscure security settings. Not cool Facebook," wrote Christopher Soghoian, a principal technologist with the American Civil Liberties Union, in a Twitter post. In a separate message, Mr. Soghoian said Facebook may have been seeking to avoid the ire of federal officials who have expressed concerns over the uses of encryption.

27. Seoul, U.S. To Deploy Antimissile System

The Wall Street Journal, Kwanwoo Jun, 2016 07 09

Washington - Washington and Seoul agreed to deploy an advanced U.S. missile-defense system in South Korea—over strong opposition from China—to counter the threat from North Korea. The agreement on a deployment by late next year was announced jointly Friday by Seoul's defense ministry and a U.S. military command stationed in South Korea. "North Korea's continued development of ballistic missiles and weapons of mass destruction require the Alliance to take this prudent, protective measure to bolster our layered and effective missile defense," Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, who commands combined U.S.-

South Korean forces, said in a statement. Last month North Korea test-fired a series of midrange ballistic missiles capable of hitting targets as distant as the U.S. territory of Guam and U.S. military facilities in Okinawa, Japan. That followed a nuclear test in January and a launch the next month of a missile with enough range to threaten the continental U.S. The planned deployment of the Thaad system—for Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense—underscores the U.S. "ironclad commitment" to defend South Korea, the U.S. statement said. The two Koreas technically remain at war, the 1950-53 Korean War having ended with an armistice rather than a peace treaty. The U.S., which led the fight in that war after the North invaded, still stations 28,500 troops in the South.

28. Clinton Pushes Back Over Email Criticism

The Wall Street Journal, Colleen McCain Nelson, 2016 07 09

Washington - Hillary Clinton said Friday she was relieved that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had wrapped up its probe into her private email server, but she pushed back against assertions that she was careless in handling classified information. In her first comments about the FBI's decision not to pursue charges against her, the likely Democratic presidential nominee praised investigators' professionalism and reiterated that she had erred by using a private email account for government business during her tenure as secretary of state. "I have said many times, and I repeat clearly today: It was a mistake for me to use personal email, and I regret that," Mrs. Clinton told CNN. On Tuesday, FBI Director James Comey recommended against charging Mrs. Clinton for mishandling classified information. But while he concluded that the former secretary of state hadn't intended to violate the law, Mr. Comey delivered a scathing assessment of her actions, criticizing her for being "extremely careless" with the country's secrets. The FBI found that 113 of the emails Mrs. Clinton sent or received contained information considered classified at the time. Mr. Comey has said that Mrs. Clinton may have believed that some of the emails in question were unclassified because they weren't properly marked.

29. Is This American Spy Dead? Or Was He Ever Real? (Canada)

Daily Beast, Michael Weiss, 2016 07 09

Washington - The Russian media this week trumpeted the death of Colonel Aleksandr Poteyev, the spy found guilty for being an American mole. But it's unclear he's dead, or that he was even a mole in the first place. Images of J. Edgar Hoover and encased spy paraphernalia are scattered throughout. At centre stage, when you walk in, is a scale-model replica of the JFK hangar where the 1978 Lufthansa heist—the one Martin Scorsese dramatized in *GoodFellas*—took place. Off to the left is a roped-off and perfectly intact commercial airliner wheel, which was recovered from wreckage of the former World Trade Center. As you move along the far-left wall of the room, you notice that there hangs an object somewhat out of place in such recognizable memorabilia of criminal notoriety. The designer handbag, the casual visitor to the G-men's shrine is reliably informed in a written plaque and accompanying photograph of its former red-head owner trotting along the streets of Manhattan with it slung over her shoulder, once belonged to Anna Chapman. The most famous of the Russian "illegals," or undeclared agents of a foreign government, busted by the FBI in 2010 as part of a long-running, 10-person ring operating in the United States under the supervision of the SVR, Russia's foreign intelligence service, Chapman has since become a different kind of fashion icon in her native Moscow, a sex kittenish runway model and advert pinup celebrated for her Bond girl activities in the world's financial capital. She was also arguably the least dangerous spy of a network collared in June 2010 and subsequently traded for three agents who'd been working for either the CIA or MI6, plus one Russian nuclear specialist who, while not privy to classified intelligence, had nonetheless been imprisoned in Russia for 11 years on espionage charges. "Cynthia Murphy," or Lidiya Guryeva, of Montclair, New Jersey, for instance, worked at a lower Manhattan-based accounting firm, not far from the FBI field office, that offered tax services and had a venture capitalist client with close ties to Bill and Hillary Clinton. "Donald Heathfield," or Andrei Berzukov, sold strategic planning software to U.S. corporations, putting him in a position to conduct

industrial espionage. (The family life of Heathfield and his spy-wife "Tracey Foley," or Yelena Vavilova, which allegedly included a plan to recruit their Canadian-born sons to work for the SVR, inspired the hit Reagan-era Cold War series *The Americans*.)

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30. Russia warns of 'spiral of confrontation', as UK and US up troops in Baltics (Canada)

The Independent, Will Worley, 2016 07 09

London - A senior Russian official has warned of a "spiral of confrontation" with Nato, as the military alliance met in Warsaw for a landmark summit. President Obama announced at the meeting that 1,000 more troops will be sent to Poland, while David Cameron said UK troops will also be deployed to Poland and Estonia, which borders Russia. It will be the first time the UK military will be permanently stationed in the Baltic region. Tensions between the two power blocs have mounted steadily since the Russian annexation of Crimea in 2014, which unnerved Baltic state governments. Large scale military exercises, such as Anaconda-2016 in June, have been a frequent expression of the re-emerging power struggle between East and West. Nato's Secretary General, Jens Stoltenberg, has insisted the organisation "does not want confrontation with Russia". But the Kremlin has reacted angrily to the mounting presence of Nato troops in eastern Europe, which it perceives as hostile Western encirclement. "What Nato is doing on the eastern front is against Russia," Alexander Grushko, Russian ambassador to Nato, told the BBC. Referencing the increased troop numbers and large Nato military exercises, he continued: "We have to reflect this new military reality ... we see that Nato is trying ... to build this new Iron Curtain on the borders with the Russian Federation. And this is very dangerous because we know ... when you have this mix of policy, military planning, it's very easy to be involved in a spiral of confrontation and arms race." Also in attendance was David Cameron, who flew to his last Nato summit on his new Cam Force One prime ministerial jet. The RAF Voyager refuelling aircraft was converted to carry passengers at a cost of £10m. The Prime Minister said: This summit is a chance for us to reiterate our strong support for Ukraine and our other eastern allies to deter Russian aggression. Actions speak louder than words and the UK is proud to be taking the lead role, deploying troops across Eastern Europe. It is yet another example of the UK leading in Nato. Canada and Germany have also committed to furnishing core units for Latvia, which also borders on Russia.

31. UK to increase troops in Afghanistan from 450 to 500

The Guardian, Rowena Mason, 2016 07 09

London - David Cameron has increased the number of troops serving in Afghanistan for the first time since the UK's withdrawal began. At a Nato summit in Poland, the prime minister's deputy official spokesman said the UK would be increasing the size of its mission from 450 to 500 and delaying the departure of the last remaining forces in the country into 2017. The UK withdrew all combat troops from Afghanistan in 2014 after 13 years of fighting the Taliban, but a support mission of 450 stayed on to train domestic forces. They were expected to return at the end of 2015 but Michael Fallon, the defence secretary, last year confirmed the troops would remain throughout this year. Their presence has now been extended into next year and the size of the mission enhanced, in a move suggesting the Afghan army is still not ready to withstand the Taliban without support from international military allies such as the US and the UK. "The aim is to build the capacity of the Afghan national defence and security forces," Cameron's spokesman said.

32. Spies keen to please No 10 were fooled by lying sources

The Times of London, Sean O'Neill, 2016 07 09

London - On the first anniversary of the September 11 attacks, MI6 produced a dramatic intelligence report on the threat from Saddam Hussein. The information, from a new source, showed that Iraq was making and planning to use chemical and biological weapons. For Tony Blair, in his search to justify Britain's participation in an invasion of Iraq, this was as close as it would get to the silver bullet. The next day, September 12, 2002, Sir Richard Dearlove, head of MI6, was in Downing Street to brief the prime minister on the source and his information. These were heady times for Sir Richard and his agency. The Secret Intelligence Service (SIS), commonly known as MI6, had been in the Whitehall wilderness since the end of the Cold War, but that had changed when Osama bin Laden struck in New York and Washington. As Britain scrambled to understand al-Qaeda and then to confront it in Afghanistan, Mr Blair turned to his spies and particularly to MI6, the agency responsible for gathering intelligence overseas. Lord Wilson of Dinton, who was cabinet secretary until September 2002, told the Chilcot inquiry that Sir Richard routinely travelled with Mr Blair as the Afghanistan coalition was built. The MI6 chief "seized his chance, quite understandably, and got to know the prime minister and the prime minister got to know him".

33. Iraq war: after Blair and Bush met, the tempo changed

The Guardian., Nick Hopkins, 2016 07 09

London - Tuesday 2 April 2002 was a warm spring day, the first after the Easter weekend. The country was coming to terms with the death of the Queen Mother, a young singer called Gareth Gates had shot to No 1 and Admiral Lord Boyce, chief of the defence staff, was heading to Buckinghamshire for a meeting with the prime minister at Chequers. A submariner in his early career, colleagues thought Boyce rather prickly, a trait cabinet minister Clare Short attributed to the long periods he had spent underwater. Certainly, his summons to see Tony Blair seemed to have left him a little nonplussed. British forces were already deployed in Afghanistan, which was his priority. And though he had heard talk in the press and around Whitehall about a shift in interest towards Iraq, he wasn't one for gossip or small talk. Blair, however, wanted to chat about Saddam Hussein. "I guess my presence at Chequers on that particular occasion was simply ... if there were questions coming up about what could be done militarily; what was our capability should we be asked to do something," Boyce explained to the Chilcot inquiry. If there had been a significant hardening of thinking in Downing Street, Boyce appeared to have left Chequers none the wiser. As far as he was concerned, attacking Iraq just wasn't on the cards. "There was no discussion on the detail of military action or military options," he said. "Of course, Iraq wasn't off our plot entirely. It was something which the MoD was keeping a watching eye on, if you like. "At the meeting ... no particular preparations were made. It was a scoping opportunity ... we were certainly not doing any thinking about any sort of military adventure." The meeting was rather casual – and very Blairish. Others in the room included Sir Richard Dearlove, the head of MI6, and Sir John Scarlett, head of the joint intelligence committee (JIC).

34. British suicide bomber kills five police officers in Iraq

The Times of London, Ammar Shamary, John Simpson & Tom Coghlan, 2016 07 09

London - A British jihadist handed back to Islamic State by Turkey in a mass prisoner swap murdered five Iraqi police officers in a suicide bombing. Hisham Folkard, 28, is understood to have driven a car packed with explosives into an Iraqi security service convoy under cover of a sandstorm during the holy month of Ramadan, killing himself and five soldiers and injuring fifteen. Folkard, known as Abu Hurairah al-Britani, was one of two Britons in a prisoner swap exposed by The Times that provoked international outrage. At least 20 EU citizens were among an estimated 180 Isis prisoners traded for 46 Turkish diplomats taken hostage when Isis occupied Mosul in northern Iraq. Iraqi army sources said that two suicide bombers targeted the troops of Major General Juma Enad, the police chief for Salaheddine province, northern Iraq, near the town of Baiji on Monday. One bomber was intercepted but the second killed four elite counterterrorism officers and one Iraqi army soldier. A statement released by Isis praised

Folkard for the attack, claiming it as a "martyrdom operation". After Turkey released him to the selfproclaimed caliphate, Folkard gained notoriety when he mocked CNN by posing for a photograph with a jar of Nutella. The US news network had published an investigation claiming that the militia was using the chocolate spread and images of kittens to lure young girls to Syria.

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35. Teen's tracking device removed

The Age, Tammy Mills, 2016 07 09

Canberra - A tracking device placed on a Melbourne teenager once accused of plotting an Anzac Day terrorist attack will be removed after variations to a highly restrictive control order. Harun Causevic, 19, was one of three young men charged with planning a terrorist attack at the Shrine of Remembrance or Dandenong RSL last year. The terrorism charges were dropped, but the Hampton Park teenager was placed on a control order in Sep-tember on the basis it may prevent a terrorist act. On Friday, Federal Court Judge Norah Hartnett confirmed the control order would be in place until September 11 this year, but varied the order so Causevic would no longer have to wear an electronic tracking device around his ankle. Causevic's lawyer, David Neal, QC, argued it would prevent his client from gaining employment. Judge Hartnett also removed the condition that prevented the teenager from attending the Al-Furqan mosque in Noble Park, which openly supported Islamic State, because it closed in April last year. The conditions that prevented him from being within 100 metres of the Shire of Remembrance and the Dandenong RSL were also lifted.

36. Police bungle terror watch

Courier Mail, James Dowling, 2016 07 09

Canberra - The Australian Federal Police mistakenly tracked one of their own members believing him to be a terror suspect, it can be revealed. The federal police submitted the tracking evidence in its application for a control order on Harun Causevic, claiming the 19-year-old had carried out reconnaissance for a terrorist attack at the Dandenong RSL. But the device was not attached to C sevic's car but that of a surveillance member who had reconstructed Causevic's trip from his own recall. The error was noticed during a confirmation hearing, and evidence on the Dandenong trip was withdrawn. Causevic was arrested in the Anzac Day terrorism raids in April last year, but criminal charges against him were dropped in August. His former co-accused, Sevdet Besim, pleaded guilty to a terrorist plot that police allege was to happen on Anzac Day, with Besim running over a police officer and using his gun to go on a rampage. Besim discussed carrying out his attacks at the Shrine of Remembrance or the Dandenong RSL.

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37. U.S. remains in contact with China, Russia at 'highest levels' amid THAAD tension: Pentagon

Yonhap English News, 2016 07 09

Washington - The United States remains in contact with Chinese and Russian leaders "at the highest

levels," the Pentagon said Friday, as Beijing and Moscow protest strongly the planned deployment of the U.S. THAAD missile defense system to South Korea. South Korea and the U.S. announced earlier that they have officially decided to deploy a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense battery to South Korea to cope with ever-growing nuclear and missile threats from North Korea. China, which has long voiced opposition to THAAD in the South, strongly protested the decision, saying the deployment does not help achieve the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and hurts peace and stability in the region. Russia also expressed similar protests. "As we have long said, THAAD is a purely defensive system designed to counter short- and medium-range regional ballistic missiles. It would not undermine China's or Russia's strategic deterrent," Cmdr. Gary Ross, a Pentagon spokesman, told Yonhap News Agency. "A THAAD system in the ROK (South Korea) would be focused solely on North Korea and contribute to a layered missile defense that would enhance the alliance's existing missile defense capabilities against potential North Korean missile threats," he said.

38. 4-North Korea fires missile from submarine but it appears to have failed -S.Korea

Reuters News, Ju-min Park, 2016 07 09

Seoul - North Korea fired a ballistic missile from a submarine on Saturday but it appears to have failed soon after launch, South Korea's military said. The launch comes at the end of a week of sharply rising tensions on the peninsula. It is only a day after the U.S. and South Korea pledged to deploy an advanced anti-missile system to counter threats from Pyongyang, and two days after North Korea warned it was planning its toughest response to what it deemed a "declaration of war" by the United States. That followed Washington's blacklisting of the isolated state's leader Kim Jong Un for alleged human rights abuses. The South's Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that the missile was launched at about 11:30 a.m. Seoul time (0230 GMT) in waters east of the Korean peninsula. The missile was likely fired from a submarine as planned but appears to have failed in the early stage of flight, the Joint Chiefs said. Neighbouring Japan, the United States, and South Korea's military condemned the missile launch as a flagrant violation of U.N. sanctions. South Korea's Yonhap news agency said the missile's engine successfully ignited but the projectile soon exploded in mid-air at a height of about 10 km (6 miles), and covered not more than a few kilometers across the water.

39. Taiwan Train Explosion Wasn't Organized Terrorism, Government Says

The New York Times, Patrick Boehler, 2016 07 09

Hong Kong - The authorities in Taiwan said on Friday that they had ruled out organized terrorism in a bombing on a commuter train that left at least 25 people wounded. The blast occurred on Thursday night in one of the train's cars as it was approaching Taipei, the capital. The official Central News Agency cited witnesses describing an explosion followed by flames that spread in the car. Most of the injuries were minor, but one person was in critical condition, the local news media reported on Friday morning, citing an official at a Taipei hospital. Two other people were reported to be in serious condition. Central News Agency reported later Friday that one of the wounded, a 55-year-old man, had been identified as a suspect in the bombing. It said that his fingerprints had been found on the bomb, which the authorities had described as an 18-inch metal tube filled with an explosive substance. The report made no mention of a possible motive.

40. N. Korea fails in testing sub-launched ballistic missile: S. Korea

Kyodo News, 2016 07 09

Seoul - North Korea fired what appeared to be a ballistic missile launched from a submarine off its east coast Saturday but the projectile failed in flight, South Korea's military said, amid renewed tensions in the region. The launch took place around 11:30 a.m. South Korea time from waters southeast of the coastal port city of Sinpo, South Hamgyong Province, the South's Joint Chiefs of Staff said. According to the

South Korean military, the missile appears to have been successfully ejected out of the sea but failed to fly normally in the air. South Korea's Yonhap News Agency reported that the missile was fired from a 2,000-ton Sinpo-class sub and seems to have flown several kilometers before exploding at an altitude of about 10 km. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told reporters in Tokyo that North Korea's latest act is "a clear challenge to U.N. Security Council resolutions. We must firmly condemn it."

41. For Two Bangladeshis, Paths Split --- Divergent paths taken by victim and attacker reflect country's deep divide over religion

The Wall Street Journal, Syed Zain Al-Mahmood and Gordon Fairclough, 2016 07 09

Dhaka - Growing up, Faraaz Hossain and Rohan Imtiaz lived a few miles apart in affluent neighborhoods that were havens from the poverty and chaos prevalent here. Both attended elite high schools and were studying business at private universities. But about six months ago, their lives went in radically different directions, only to intersect again, tragically, last week. The 22-year-old Mr. Imtiaz was one of five Islamic State-linked militants who stormed a Dhaka cafe and Mr. Hossain, 20, was among more than 20 people killed. The divergent paths of the two scions of the establishment offer a vivid example of the deep split in Bangladesh, one of the world's largest Muslim-majority countries, between proponents of a greater role for religion and those who favor a more liberal order. It is a polarizing struggle that goes to the heart of national identity. Nearly 45 years after Bangladesh won its independence from Pakistan, people remain torn over whether to define themselves by their Muslim heritage first, or by their Bengali language and culture. The July 1 assault on the Holey Artisan Bakery restaurant represented a major escalation in campaign by Islamic State and local extremists to take advantage of these divisions to sow violence.

42. Philippine president blames US for Middle East violence

The Financial Express (Bangladesh), 2016 07 09

Bangladesh - The new Philippine president blamed U.S. intervention for the bloody conflicts in Iraq and other Middle Eastern countries in his latest criticism of Manila's closest security ally. President Rodrigo Duterte suggested in a speech Friday that intrusive policy was to blame for attacks on U.S. soil, saying, "It is not that the Middle East is exporting terrorism to America, America imported terrorism." "They forced their way to Iraq ... look at Iraq now, look what happened to Libya, look what happened to Syria," he told the Muslim community in southern Davao city in a ceremony marking the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. "People are being annihilated there including children." The former Davao mayor has said he would be a leftist president who would chart a foreign policy not dependent on the United States. He has pointed out the benefits of nurturing friendly relations with Beijing, including a Chinese offer of financing railway projects in the Philippines. The country has had frosty ties with China under Duterte's predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, who bolstered security ties with the U.S. to deter China's assertiveness in the disputed South China Sea.

43. Zambo police arrest Abu Sayyaf Group supporter

Philippines News Agency, 2016 07 09

Zamboanga - The police have arrested in a raid early Saturday a suspected supported of the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) in an east coast barangay this city. Chief Inspector Edilberto Alvarez, Intelligence chief of the Zamboanga City Police Office (ZCPO), identified the arrested suspect as Hasbi Ahaddin, a resident of Sitio Marangan, Barangay Muti, 58.80 kilometers east of City Hall. Alvarez said Ahaddin was arrested around 4:30 a.m. Saturday in his residence in Barangay Muti, which is a coastal village. Alvarez said Ahaddin was arrested when they served search warrants on two houses in Barangay Muti on orders of the court in relation to the June 29 twin roadside bombings in the area. A motorcyclist, who was on the way to attend a funeral in Barangay Vitali, was injured during the incident. Alvarez said Ahaddin is allegedly a member of a locally-based kidnap-for-ransom-group (KFRG) headed by a certain Marzan Ajilul.

44. Man Survives Terrorist Attack in Bangladesh , but Is in Custody as a Suspect

The New York Times, Geeta Anand, 2016 07 09

Dhaka, Bangladesh — When he was released with seven other hostages after a harrowing night of terrorist violence last Saturday, Tahmid Hasib Khan expected to be greeted with welcoming arms. Instead, Mr. Khan, a 22-year-old University of Toronto student, was grabbed by the Bangladeshi police, beaten and taken into custody. He has not been seen since. Mr. Khan has been held largely incommunicado by law enforcement in Bangladesh's capital city of Dhaka for the past week, suspected by the police of being involved in the attack in which gunmen carrying explosives stormed a Dhaka restaurant and the Islamic State took credit. Mr. Khan's family and friends say it is a case of mistaken identity, but as the days have passed, they have grown increasingly desperate to make contact with him, fearing for his life in a country where brutal interrogation practices are commonplace. "We don't want anything bad to happen to him," said a cousin of Mr. Khan's, Ali Faiyaz Shoumo. "We just want to know that he's alive and want him to get proper medical attention and legal representation." They said Mr. Khan has epilepsy, a condition that is aggravated by stress. Human rights experts share their concerns. "The Bangladesh security forces have a long record of using beatings and other forms of torture to try to extract confessions from suspects," said Phil Robertson, deputy Asia director of Human Rights Watch. "Bangladesh has been playing a desperate game of catch-up to try to figure out who is behind this attack, and the worry is that this will encourage use of extreme methods like torture against these suspects."

45. For China, a Missile Defense System in South Korea Spells a Failed Courtship

The New York Times, Jane Perlez, 2016 07 09

Beijing - However isolated North Korea may be, it has long had one major ally: China. But for two years, China's leader, President Xi Jinping, seemed to be favoring Pyongyang's neighbor and nemesis to the south. He spent much political capital wooing South Korea's president, Park Geun-hye, in hopes of drawing the country away from its longtime ally, the United States. He made an elaborate state visit to Seoul while shunning North Korea and its young leader, Kim Jong-un, whom he has yet to meet. Ms. Park returned the favor last year, coming to Beijing for a major military parade at Tiananmen Square, the only leader of an American ally to attend. But on Friday, it became clear that Mr. Xi's efforts had fallen short. In announcing plans to deploy an advanced American missile defense system in South Korea, Ms. Park's government showed that it was embracing its alliance with Washington more than ever, and that it would rely less on China to keep North Korea and its nuclear arsenal at bay. In Beijing, the decision was seen as a major setback, one that went beyond its interests on the Korean Peninsula to the larger strategic question of an arms race in Northeast Asia that could impel China — and Russia — to develop more sophisticated weapons.

46. Government will stand firm: Madhav on Kashmir situation

Press Trust of India, 2016 07 09

New Delhi - BJP leader Ram Madhav today asserted that an "uncompromising" fight against terrorism is important for Jammu and Kashmir's development and government will stand firm "eruption or no eruption", as violence broke out in the Valley after the killing of militant Burhan Wani. "Government WILL stand firm, eruption or no eruption (sic)," he said in a tweet. "We will always try, be it the state government or the central government, to work for peace and security of the common man of the Valley and also to create atmosphere for development of the state. An uncompromising fight against terrorism is part of it and important," he later said. Madhav, a party general secretary, is the organisation's pointsman for the state. Union Minister Jitendra Singh, who is MP from Udhampur, praised the security forces and appealed for peace saying all sections of society must come together in the fight against terrorism, regardless of their political ideology. "We are proud of our security forces. They have achieved a major success on the counter terrorism front", Singh told reporters in Jammu.

47. Indian troops, Kashmir protesters clash as top rebel killed

The Associated Press, Aijaiz Hussain, 2016 07 09

Srinagar - Indian troops fired on protesters in Kashmir on Saturday, killing at least seven as tens of thousands of people defied a curfew and participated in the funeral of a top rebel commander a day after he was killed by Indian forces in the disputed Himalayan region, officials said. Burhan Wani, chief of operations of Hizbul Mujahideen, Indian-controlled Kashmir's largest rebel group, was killed in fighting Friday after Indian troops, acting on a tip, cordoned a forested village in southern Kashmir's Kokernag area, said Police Director-General K. Rajendra. As news of the killing spread on Saturday, widespread clashes erupted in several neighbourhoods in southern Kashmir as thousands of residents hurled rocks at Indian troops, who responded by using live ammunition, pellet guns and tear gas, two police officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity in keeping with department policy. They said at least 60 civilians were wounded in the clashes. Local police intelligence chief Shiv M. Sahai said that seven men were killed in "retaliatory action" by government troops. Another man drowned as he tried to flee government troops.

Africa – Afrique

48. Nigerian president appoints new intelligence chief

Xinhua News Agency, Bosun Awoniyi, 2016 07 09

Lagos - Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari has approved the appointment of Air Vice Marshal Mohammed Saliu Usman as the new Chief of Defense Intelligence (CDI). Usman, who took over the headship of the Intelligence Agency Friday, said he has been mandated to focus on intelligence gathering as the only solution confronting the country's security challenges.

49. Le Soudan du Sud au bord du cataclysme

Le Monde, journaliste maison, 2016 07 09

Juba - Trois hommes, enfermés dans une salle de réunion du palais présidentiel à Juba, au Soudan du Sud, ont tenté, pendant une longue soirée, d'éviter le suicide de leur pays. Le président, Salva Kiir, ses deux vice-présidents, Riek Machar et James Wani Igga, étaient en réunion à «J1», surnom du bureau présidentiel, le bâtiment le plus protégé de la capitale, lorsque les premiers coups de feu ont éclaté, à environ deux cents mètres, selon des témoins. Ce n'étaient pas des tirs isolés de soldats indisciplinés ou querelleurs. Des chars ont été déployés, les tirs se sont étendus à d'autres parties de la capitale. A la veille de la date anniversaire de l'indépendance, est-ce que l'étincelle capable de tout embraser venait de se produire? A vrai dire, les trois hommes qui sont supposés, à la tête d'un gouvernement d'union nationale de transition, ramener le Soudan du Sud à la paix et à la raison, n'en savaient rien. Il devait y avoir une conférence de presse, des journalistes étaient donc déjà sur place. Un appel au calme a été lancé. On ignore le bilan. Certains témoins, dans la nuit, ont avancé que des civils auraient été touchés dans l'enceinte du camp des Nations unies. Puis le silence s'est fait. Riek Machar a même pu traverser la ville pour rentrer dans sa nouvelle résidence, à la périphérie, sans être obligé de se frayer un chemin en combattant avec sa garde rapprochée. La guerre entre les siens et les unités fidèles au président, Salva Kiir, n'a pas commencé à l'aube de l'anniversaire de l'indépendance, ce jour si particulier au Soudan du Sud.

50. Factional Fighting Breaks Out in South Sudan's Capital

The New York Times, Jacey Fortin, 2016 07 09

Juba - Gunfire again echoed across South Sudan's capital on Friday, a day after fighting among military factions there left at least five dead, in a new outbreak of violence that has threatened an already-tense stalemate just days before the country is to celebrate its fifth independence day. Witnesses in the capital,

Juba, described the sound of "serious shooting" in several neighborhoods on Friday evening, including near the airport, and where United Nations and American offices are. Details were scarce, and some residents were staying indoors. On Thursday, soldiers loyal to South Sudan's president and fighters supporting its vice president opened fire on one another in the Gudele neighborhood of Juba, officials said. That fighting broke out after the two factions confronted each other at a roadside checkpoint around 8 p.m., officials said. The military said soldiers had been carrying out "routine" checks, and a spokesman for the former rebels loyal to Vice President Riek Machar said that government troops had tried to arrest his bodyguards, when gunfire erupted. Each side blamed the other for shooting first. At least five government soldiers were killed in the fighting, the military said in a statement. At least two soldiers loyal to the vice president were wounded, a spokesman said.

51. 'This Has Pushed a Button': Kenyan Killings Stir a National Outcry

The New York Times, Jeffrey Gettleman, 2016 07 09

Nairobi - The bodies were found in horrible shape. The skull of Willie Kimani, the lawyer, had been fractured in many places. Blunt force trauma, the coroners said. Josphat Mwenda, the client, had blood in his chest cavity, suggesting that he had been repeatedly hit by something very heavy and very hard. Joseph Muiruri, the taxi driver, who had the bad luck of driving the two after they left court two weeks ago, had been badly beaten as well, finished off with a length of rope. The lawyer and the client had been working on a police abuse case, and all three were last seen in police custody. Human rights groups say it is a sign of how cheap life has become on Nairobi's streets that police officers apparently thought the best solution to accusations against them was to kidnap and kill three people, including a well-known lawyer and a taxi driver who had nothing to do with the case. But if so, the police miscalculated. Four officers have been arrested and the case has exploded like few others in Kenya, provoking marches, protests, the involvement of the F.B.I. and outrage that has turned into violence. Hordes of young men stormed a police station this week and burned the metal container where the victims had been secretly held. Lawyers vowed to boycott the courts for a week, out of solidarity for their fallen colleague, and their absence has paralyzed Kenya's justice system.

Iraq/Iran

52. Berlin Says Iran Sought Nuclear Equipment

The Wall Street Journal, Anton Troianovski, 2016 07 09

Tehran - Iran continued trying to illegally procure nuclear equipment from Germany after forging last year's landmark nuclear agreement with world powers, German intelligence officials said, even as the Foreign Ministry in Berlin and the White House played down the reports. German authorities detected repeated efforts by Iran-tied companies and organizations to obtain such equipment in the months after July 2015, when Tehran and six world powers reached the deal in Vienna, officials said. Under the pact, Iran agreed to scale back its nuclear capabilities in exchange for the lifting of most international sanctions. Such efforts continued this year, but at a significantly lower level, the German officials said, elaborating on two recent German intelligence reports covering 2015. However, U.S. and German officials on Friday rejected the suggestion that Iran might have breached the agreement since it went into effect on Jan. 16. "We have no information to indicate Iran has procured any materials in violation of the" deal, a senior Obama administration official said. "We understand that Germany shares this view."

53. Iran, criticising Merkel, says to press on with missile programme

Reuters News, 2016 07 09

Dubai - Iran will press on with its missile programme "with full force" based on national security needs, a foreign ministry spokesman was quoted as saying on Saturday, adding that critical comments by Germany's leader were unhelpful. Chancellor Angela Merkel told the parliament in Berlin on Thursday that missile launches by Iran earlier this year were inconsistent with a U.N. resolution urging it to refrain for up to eight years from missile work designed to deliver nuclear weapons. Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi said Merkel's remarks were "not constructive" and would have no bearing on the programme, according to state news agency IRNA. Reiterating Tehran's assertion that the missiles are not designed to carry nuclear weapons, he added: "Iran will continue with full force its missile programme based on its defensive plans and national security calculations." On Friday, Iran rejected as "unrealistic" a report by U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon criticising its missile launches as inconsistent with its deal with world powers to curb sensitive nuclear activity in exchange for sanctions relief.

54. Iraq PM announces recapture of key base from IS militants

The Associated Press, 2016 07 09

Baghdad - Iraq's prime minister says government forces have recaptured a key air base in northern Iraq from the Islamic State group. In a statement issued on Saturday, Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi describes the recapture of the Qayara air base as "important" to the long-awaited military operation to retake the IS-held city of Mosul. The town of Qayara is located southeast of Mosul. Al-Abadi called on "the residents of Mosul to get ready to liberate their city."

55. Suicide bombers strike shrine near Baghdad

The Washington Post, Loveday Morri & Mustafa Salim, 2016 07 09

Baghdad - At least 40 people were killed in a suicide bombing at a Shiite shrine north of Baghdad, medical officials said Friday, as Iraqis took to the streets of the capital to demonstrate against a government they say is failing to protect them. Three suicide bombers dressed in military uniforms opened fire on worshipers gathered at the shrine in Balad late Thursday, said Brig. Gen. Yahya Rasoul, a spokesman for the Iraqi military. Two then detonated their explosives at the shrine's gate, and the third was killed before he could trigger his device, Rasoul said. By Friday afternoon, the death toll had climbed to 40 people, said Saib al-Shami, deputy head of Balad hospital. He said 74 people were wounded. Seven of those killed were not immediately identified because they were burned beyond recognition in the fire that followed the bombing, Shami said. The Health Ministry confirmed the figures. The incident comes less than a week after the Islamic State's deadliest single suicide bombing in Iraq, which killed at least 292 people in the Karrada neighborhood of Baghdad early Sunday. A spate of attacks in several countries have been linked to the group during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, a surge of violence that has coincided with Islamic State losses in Iraq and Syria.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

56. Palestinians Stabbing Less but Shooting More, as Israel Cracks Down

The New York Times, Isabel Kershner, 2016 07 09

Jerusalem - The Palestinian cousins had planned a shooting rampage on an Israeli train car; they took along knives, in case their improvised guns jammed. But after sneaking into Israel from their homes in the occupied West Bank, the pair encountered metal detectors at a train station. So they took a taxi to Tel Aviv instead and shot diners in a popular restaurant in the upscale Sarona complex, killing four Israelis. Shin Bet, Israel's domestic security agency, said this week that the attack a month ago was "inspired" by the Islamic State, and that one of the assailants, Muhammad Mhamra, 21, had returned from studies in Jordan as a supporter of the extremist group. As with a growing number of lone-wolf attackers worldwide, the authorities said there was no evidence that he and his cousin Khaled, 20, had been

officially recruited by the Islamic State, also called ISIS or ISIL, or had received any support from it. Nine months into a surge of Palestinian attacks that at one point included several stabbings a day, officials and experts said that the knife violence had waned, but that there was a rise in the number of young Palestinians seeking to shoot Israelis. More than 30 Israelis and two American visitors have been killed by Palestinian attackers since Oct. 1; more than 200 Palestinians have been killed by Israelis in the same period, many while attacking or, according to the Israeli authorities, intending to do so.

57. No letup in fighting as Syrian military extends cease fire

The Canadian Press, 2016 07 09

Beirut - Syria's military said Saturday it would extend its own cease-fire for three days, even as pro-government forces advanced against rebels in the north. The military had declared a nationwide cease-fire for the Eid al-Fitr holiday July 6, expiring July 8 at midnight, but it had little impact on the ground, as pro-government forces choked off the last supply route to opposition areas in the contested city of Aleppo on Thursday. Rebels responded with a rocket barrage on residential areas in the government side of the city Friday night, killing 44, state media said. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights put the toll at 38 dead, among them 14 children and 13 women. The Observatory said another nine people, including eight women and children, were killed in presumed Russian or Syrian government airstrikes and rocket attacks on the opposition-held side of the city. U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said in New York on Friday that the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs is "extremely concerned at the unfolding situation in Aleppo, Syria, particularly the situation for the estimated 300,000 people trapped in the eastern part."

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

58. Car bomb hits army outpost in Turkey, killing 3

Associated Press, 2016 07 09

Istanbul - A vehicle laden with explosives hit an army outpost in southeastern Turkey on Saturday, killing three people, according to a statement published by the governor's office. The Mardin province governor's office said two soldiers and a civilian woman were killed in the Saturday attack at a military outpost in the town of Cevizlik. The statement also stated seven people were wounded, including three people who are in critical condition. The Turkish Armed Forces also published a statement about the attack that put the number of wounded soldiers at 12, with one soldier in critical condition. It wasn't immediately clear why the two accounts differed. Both statements blamed "the separatist terror organization" for the attack, a description used by Turkey for the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or the PKK. Security forces have begun operations to apprehend the attackers.

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Canada

1. Encryption actually protects law-abiding Canadian citizens

Toronto Star, Brenda McPhail, 2016 07 10

OpEd: When it comes to policing and national security, far too often Canadians are asked to let fear trump their rights. Recently, the front page of the Toronto Star featured the headline, "Encryption creating a barrier for police ...," potentially convincing some readers that the technology's only purpose is to aid criminals. Rarely do we see headlines such as, "Encryption protects thousands of Canadians' credit card information," or "Encryption enables secure communications for every Canadian." or even the aspirational, "Canada leads the way in cybersecurity for its citizens." Increasingly, when we hear about encryption in the media, or from public safety officials, it's presented as a danger - something that prevents those whose job it is to keep us safe from fulfilling their role. However, in the vast majority of transactions online by ordinary, law-abiding citizens, encryption is a good thing that makes personal, sensitive data harder to capture and decipher. Indeed, if more data were stored in encrypted form, sensational breaches of privacy - like the one that drove some Ashley Madison users to suicide - could be avoided. Acknowledging that encryption can be a good thing for society doesn't erase police concerns about data access; it contextualizes them. We at the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) have long been supporters of warrants, the process by which police can go before a judge to demonstrate that their need to intercept a suspect's private communications is reasonable and proportionate. While we understand that warrants aren't helpful if data can't be decrypted, reports indicate police now have the tools, and are working with technology companies, to gain access to even the most complex of encrypted data. For example, as we learned from the Project Clemenza investigation, police can now decrypt BlackBerry communications and are making extensive use of Stingray technology, which allows for the mass interception of cellphone data. We also know the FBI has developed a hack to intercept messages on Tor networks, which are designed for secure, private communications. Even the infamous Apple v. FBI case ended with the FBI getting what it wanted. For example, when the Communications Security Establishment used information from the free Internet service at a major Canadian airport to track the wireless devices of thousands of ordinary airline passengers for days after they left the terminal, many Canadians felt intuitively it was intrusive and wondered if it was illegal. But it wasn't. That's the kind of situation that erodes the trust that is fundamentally necessary for the social license law enforcement needs to function effectively. (Note: Dr. Brenda McPhail is the director of the privacy, technology and surveillance project at the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.)

2. If Mark Zuckerberg was hacked, do we have any chance of protecting our data?

The Toronto Star, Raju Mudhar, 2016 07 10

Commentary: If the titans of the tech industry can get hacked, what hope is there for the rest of us? That's the general conclusion after the news that Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg and former Twitter CEO Dick Costolo have had some of their social media accounts compromised in the past few weeks. For Zuckerberg, it was his Pinterest and LinkedIn accounts. Then, Costolo's Twitter account suddenly featured some questionable tweets. He clarified online that it was another social account that had been compromised. Both men were actually targeted by a hacker group called Our Mine, who often pursue high-profile victims and brag about their skills online. In May, they also hacked the SoundCloud account of Canadian musician Deadmau5. For Zuckerberg and Costolo, it's believed that the hacks originated

from LinkedIn's 2012 data breach. That breach was initially thought to be 6.5 million records, but now is believed to have consisted of more than 117 million records. The pair were obviously targeted, but the truth is that despite the fact that they are high profile and tech savvy, they are human and their technology usage is just as haphazard as the rest of us. In Canada, high-profile ransomware attacks have centred around hospitals, but in early June, it was reported that the University of Calgary paid \$20,000 in order to free its data after an attack. Meanwhile, the cost of dealing with attacks is increasing - from the cleanup costs, legal fees and the growing business of cyber insurance. According to an annual global data breach study done by IBM, the average cost of a data breach in Canada is \$6.03 million, based on a country-specific study in which 24 companies participated. That's slightly higher than the average \$4 million (U.S.) cost in the U.S. Due to those costs and ramifications, the frequency of large-scale breaches means that the problem is rising to the executive level, with many understanding how serious the issue is.

3. Learn from British debacle on Iraq intel oversight

Toronto Star, Andrew Mitrovica, 2016 07 10

OpEd: The damning verdict has been rendered. Last week, after years of snail-paced study, a card-carrying member of the British establishment finally made public an encyclopedia-sized autopsy of how the British political, military, diplomatic and intelligence establishment essentially concocted a case to launch an illegal war in Iraq. As Sir John Chilcot makes plain, central to making that now discredited case were the largely anonymous inhabitants of the British "intelligence community." What Chilcot makes also plain is just how breathtakingly inept that so-called "community" was in assisting the now equally discredited Prime Minister Tony Blair in fashioning his case for war since we now know, beyond any doubt, that all of it was founded on comical dribs and drabs of worthless intelligence. Of course, there is nothing even remotely funny about the human consequences of a case for war built on sandcastle-like intelligence. The scale and nature of the suffering Iraqis have had to endure, and continue to endure, is almost incomprehensible. But the architects of this calamitous war, including British spies, remain rather comfortably around, still immune from any meaningful accountability for their shockingly disastrous performance. Arguably, this is Chilcot's most chilling and instructive finding. And it is a lesson that Canadians should heed carefully at a time when this nation's vast national security apparatus - that was constructed, in large measure, to mirror the British - has, since 9/11, been lavished with extraordinary resources, people, money and powers by a succession of Conservative and Liberal governments. As a possible remedy for this debacle, Chilcot has reportedly recommended strengthening the current mechanisms in place to keep watch over the supposed watchers. Recall that Canada's Liberal government recently set up a small parliamentary review body to somehow keep tabs on the security intelligence "architecture" that spans 20 agencies and departments, employs thousands and enjoys multibillion dollar budgets. If Chilcot has taught us anything it's this: a tiny parliamentary committee modelled after the British committee isn't going to keep Canada's spies in check. What happened in Britain can certainly happen here. We had better listen to that warning. (Note: Andrew Mitrovica is the author of *Covert Entry: Spies, Lies and Crimes Inside Canada's Secret Service*.)

United States – États-Unis

4. Obama Tells NATO That 'Europe Can Count On' the U.S.

The New York Times, Mark Landler and Rick Lyman, 2016 07 10

Warsaw - President Obama, acknowledging that the trans-Atlantic alliance faces an unprecedented array of threats from terrorism, migrant flows and an aggressive Russia, said on Saturday that "in good times and in bad, Europe can count on the United States -- always." "We haven't simply reaffirmed" the alliance, Mr. Obama said at a news conference. "We're moving forward with the most significant reinforcement of collective defense any time since the Cold War." Mr. Obama spoke in Warsaw at the end of a NATO

summit meeting that illustrated how radically the global security situation has changed since he took office in 2009. Europe, the anchor of the trans-Atlantic alliance, is battling centrifugal forces unleashed by Britain's vote to leave the European Union. Russia, with which Mr. Obama had tried to cultivate a friendly relationship, continues to be an implacable adversary. This was the president's last NATO summit meeting, and the mood was occasionally wistful. During a morning meeting, he chatted warmly with Prime Minister David Cameron of Britain, whose days in office are also winding down. Mr. Obama's fellow leaders showered him with praise and promised to stay in touch. But the challenges facing the alliance are so acute that the tone was for the most part more urgent than reflective.

5. Family of Marie Colvin, Slain U.S. Journalist, Sues Syria

The New York Times, Anne Barnard, 2016 07 10

Beirut - Relatives of Marie Colvin, a veteran American war reporter who died more than four years ago in an artillery barrage in Syria, have filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against the Syrian government, accusing it of targeting and killing her as part of a systematic strategy to silence civilian journalists and activists covering the war. The civil complaint, filed Saturday in federal court in Washington, contends that high-ranking Syrian officials, including President Bashar al-Assad's brother Maher and other top advisers, worked in concert to locate, track and target foreign journalists and Syrians who had helped them. It lays out new details of the events leading to Ms. Colvin's death, citing witnesses and government sources and documents uncovered in what the family's lawyers described as a three-year investigation. Ms. Colvin, a longtime correspondent for The Sunday Times of London, was killed on Feb. 22, 2012, along with a French photojournalist, Rémi Ochlik, when Syrian government forces shelled an apartment building used by journalists. The attack occurred during weeks of bombardment of the rebellious neighborhood of Baba Amr in the city of Homs — the first of many operations in which government forces used siege tactics and indiscriminate shelling against rebel-held areas — and before the emergence of extremist Islamist militant groups like the Nusra Front and the Islamic State.

6. Experts support leaving troops in Afghanistan

The Washington Post, Pamela Constable, 2016 07 10

Washington - President Obama's decision to keep 8,400 troops in Afghanistan is seen by some critics as a sign of political failure, but it is being endorsed as a crucial necessity by a range of U.S. experts and former officials, including a long list of former ambassadors and senior generals who served in Afghanistan. Although the president's action belies his previous pledge to cut current troop levels by half and his hopes of ending U.S. involvement in the conflict before leaving office, supporters said it will shore up Afghans' wavering faith in the United States, put Taliban insurgents on notice, and encourage both NATO allies and international donors to stay engaged. "Afghanistan is a place where we should wish to consolidate and lock down provisional progress into something of a more lasting asset," a group of 13 former senior U.S. civilian and military officials in Afghanistan, headed by retired Marine Corps Gen. John R. Allen, wrote in a letter to the president last month, urging him to maintain the current level of 10,000 troops until the end of his term. Reaffirming the American commitment, they said, would help stem the flow of Afghan refugees, boost "the morale of the Afghan military and Afghan people" and even help change next-door Pakistan's role as "an incubator of violent extremism."

7. Micah Johnson, Gunman in Dallas, Honed Military Skills to a Deadly Conclusion

The New York Times, Richard Fausset, 2016 07 20

Garland, Tex. - There was a time when he was known as a well-mannered young man — a regular at his church and a pleasant presence on a tree-lined, suburban, multicultural street in a neighborhood called Camelot. He grew up to serve his country in Afghanistan. But on Thursday night, 25-year-old Micah Johnson, an African-American, drove his car to a rally against police violence and began killing officers

in downtown Dallas, hoping to single out the white ones. In the process, he also managed to bring his war back home, killing at least one fellow military veteran and heightening fears that the nation he had been deployed to protect overseas was now failing to address its growing racial divide at home. The Dallas police remained on edge Saturday. In the late afternoon, officers drew their weapons and cleared an area near the back of their headquarters after a report of a suspicious person in a department parking garage. The agency later said that no one had been found. In the past several days, as demonstrators jammed the streets in a number of American cities, protesting police violence, new details emerged about Mr. Johnson's life. They revealed a young man who had returned in disgrace from his stint abroad in the Army Reserve, but then continued a training regimen of his own devising, conducting military-style exercises in his backyard and reportedly joining a gym that offered martial arts and weapons classes.

8. Is the Islamic State Unstoppable?

The New York Times, Hassan Hassan, 2016 07 10

OpEd: Before Fayad Tayih abandoned the Islamic State earlier this month, he detected a striking trend: More people inside the self-declared caliphate were signing up to become suicide bombers. Mr. Tayih had been working in an administrative job for the jihadist group in Deir al-Zour, in eastern Syria, at the time. "Those who were working with me noticed the same thing," he told me over Wickr, an encrypted messaging app. Statistics released by the Islamic State confirm his observations. According to monthly updates from Amaq, the group's official news outlet, the Islamic State was carrying out 50 to 60 suicide attacks per month in Iraq and Syria last November. Today the number of such attacks is 80 to 100 per month, an average of two to three operations a day. The trend peaked in March, with 112 members blowing themselves up in Syria and Iraq. The Islamic State is shifting tactics, and not just on the battlefields of Syria and Iraq. The group is reverting to insurgency tactics it relied on before June 2014, when it took over Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul, and declared the formation of a caliphate. This operational change has been on plain display in recent weeks: Hundreds of civilians were killed in a spate of suicide attacks attributed to the Islamic State in Turkey, Iraq, Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia. In Baghdad last week, more than 280 civilians were killed when a car bomb exploded outside a shopping mall.

9. The Secret Rules of the Drone War

The New York Times, 2016 07 10

Editorial: Early this month, the Obama administration revealed its estimate of the number of civilians killed since 2009 in counterterrorism airstrikes outside of Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria. In a three-page report that offered little insight into the government's secretive drone campaign, officials said they had concluded that between 64 and 116 civilians died in 473 strikes. President Obama simultaneously issued an executive order that called on government agencies to adopt stricter guidelines and develop better technology to reduce the risk of killing innocent people in places where the United States is not a declared combatant. Those include Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia and Libya. Additionally, the order -- which can be repealed or amended by Mr. Obama's successor -- calls for the annual release of civilian casualty numbers from drone strikes. While the order is a step toward greater transparency, it is curious that Mr. Obama waited until near the end of his presidency to do this. At the same time, his administration continues to fight in court to prevent the disclosure of documents that would offer substantive information about the legal underpinnings of the program and the criteria the government uses to authorize strikes.

10. US imported terrorism to Middle East, new Philippines president says

RT News, 2016 07 10

Washington - Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has accused the US of importing terror to the Middle

East through its interventions, pointing to Iraq, Libya and Syria as examples. Speaking at an event being held in honor of the holy Islamic day of Eid'l Fit'r in Davao City on Friday, the leader challenged the narrative that the Middle East is the root of terrorism. "It is not that the Middle East is exporting terrorism to America; America imported terrorism (to the Middle East)," he said. Duterte slammed the US and UK for presenting Saddam Hussein as a dictator in order to justify the Iraq war of 2003, and for failing to admit their mistakes after the fact. "They forced their way into Iraq," he told the Muslim crowd. "After almost 10 years of investigation, it turned out there was no legal basis to declare war against Iraq. You see, it's a useless war," he explained. "Look at Iraq now. Look what happened to Libya. Look what happened to Syria. Even children are being doused with gasoline. They were pushed to the wall for the failed promises," he added. The Philippines is not without its own issues of unrest, as groups in the country's minority Muslim regions have been fighting for autonomy in the largely Christian country since the late '60s.

11. Should the Dallas shootings be called terrorism?

Yahoo News, David Iaconangelo, 2016 07 10

Analysis: For much of the American public, talking about terrorism means talking about violence inspired by fundamentalist interpretations of Islam. And some commentators, especially among conservatives, insist that the Obama administration should paint the ongoing war on terror as a struggle against "radical Islam." The president has struck back with palpable frustration against such criticisms, saying that such a framework meshes with the propaganda of groups like Al Qaeda and the self-proclaimed Islamic State. "They want us to validate them, by implying that they speak for those billion-plus people, that they speak for Islam," said President Obama in June. "And if we fall into the trap of painting all Muslims with a broad brush, and imply that we are at war with an entire religion, then we are doing the terrorists' work for them." But the shooting of five Dallas police officers on Friday, and other recent incidents like it, may resurface concerns about how reflexively Americans – or at least the American media – associate the terrorism with extremist Islamic ideology in the post 9/11 era. Few reports have framed the sniper attack by Micah Johnson, a 25-year-old African-American who killed five Dallas police officers and wounded nine other people before dying from a bomb detonated by a police robot, as terrorism. Part of that may be because Johnson does not appear to have had strong ties with activist groups of any ideological stripe, as the New York Times noted on Friday, although his Facebook page indicated that he supported the New Black Panther Party, whose leaders have encouraged violence against whites, Jews, and law enforcement

United Kingdom - Royaume-Uni

12. Stolen British Bullets 'In the Hands of IS jihadis'

Mail on Sunday, Charlotte Wace & Mark Nicol, 2016 07 10

London – A huge cache of ammunition has been stolen from a British Army training camp in the Middle East - and is now feared to be in the hands of Islamic State. A Mail on Sunday investigation has discovered the haul of 87,000 5.56 bullets - enough to equip three infantry regiments - was taken from under the noses of UK troops during a desert exercise in Jordan. Military sources have told this newspaper that the thieves - possibly acting on the orders of IS - cut a hole in the perimeter fence of an ammunition compound, drove a lorry inside, and towed away the container in which the bullets were stored. The theft happened in March while 1,600 British troops were taking part in Exercise Shamal Storm - a series of large-scale desert manoeuvres also involving American and Jordanian soldiers. The Mail on Sunday understands that the ammunition was not guarded around the clock but that British military vehicles regularly passed the compound. It is believed the thieves watched UK soldiers for several days and timed their raid to avoid the patrols. Crack SAS troops tried to recover the container

when it was noticed it had gone missing - but their efforts were in vain. The incident is thought to be the largest theft of British military equipment for decades. Last night, a member of the Defence Select Committee demanded an urgent inquiry into how the deadly haul was removed from the training area near the coastal city of Aqaba, where troops also set up a field hospital and practised dealing with chemical and biological weapons threats.

13. Russian Spy In the Cotswolds Who Sent Her Report Back to Moscow Via Her Washing Line Mail on Sunday, Anne McElvoy, 2016 07 10

Moscow – On a hot summer's day in wartime, a dapper young woman with a broad smile pushes a bicycle along a quiet lane deep in the Oxfordshire countryside. With her is a nervous-looking man with intense brown eyes. Passers-by notice the couple holding hands. Yet far from being innocent star-crossed lovers, they are two of the Cold War's most important spies, serving Stalin's military intelligence network and betraying some of our vital nuclear secrets to Moscow. The 'romance' is a cover for controller and agent. The woman is Sonya, the code name of Ursula Kuczynski, of the GRU (Soviet military intelligence) - a German-born illegal living undercover with her British-born husband Len, also a Soviet spy. She sends secrets back to Moscow with the help of a specially adapted washing line. The man is Klaus Fuchs, also a German immigrant. He is a gifted physicist, working on the Tube Alloys project. At the heart of it is the manufacture of pure uranium-235. Tube Alloys would go on to become the basis of the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos, New Mexico, which developed the first nuclear weapon. Its betrayal by Fuchs gave Moscow a leap forward worth at least two years in its nuclear programme. New material unearthed from MI5 and East German files confirms that both before and after the war, many of Britain's nuclear secrets were betrayed by Fuchs, with Sonya as his controller. Worse still for the reputation of Britain's security services, recently opened files reveal that MI5 had been alerted to the dangers posed by Sonya and her brother Jurgen, but failed to act.

14. The easy way to foil hackers: sticky tape The Sunday Times, Helen Lewis, 2016 07 10

London - Mark Zuckerberg and the FBI boss both use low-tech kit to thwart anyone trying to access their laptop webcams. It's not paranoia if they really are out to get you. When Mark Zuckerberg posted a photo of himself next to his laptop to celebrate the photo-sharing network Instagram reaching 500m monthly users, eagle-eyed observers spotted something interesting about his computer. There was a square of opaque sticky tape over the webcam. The idea that someone is watching you while you type may sound far-fetched, but it isn't. Documents leaked by Edward Snowden revealed that between 2008 and 2012 GCHQ ran a surveillance program called Optic Nerve that captured still images from Yahoo! webchats. In one six-month period, it collected stills from 1.8m Yahoo! users. And it's not just governments: hackers can trick users into downloading malware that gives them remote access to the computer, including the camera. "Hacking a webcam is trivial once a computer has been compromised," says Richard Stiennon, a cyber-security expert at the analyst IT-Harvest. "The hack also turns off the 'on air' light next to the camera so you are unaware you are being viewed."

15. The Real Story of our son Jihadi Jack Mail on Sunday, David Rose, 2016 07 10

London- It was on his third day in the dank Victorian hulk of Wandsworth Prison that John Letts, a distinguished botanist whose organic cereals have been trialled on Prince Charles's land, reached his low point. Jailed, along with his wife Sally, for trying to send money to their 20-year-old son, widely known as 'Jihadi Jack' - alleged to be one of the first white Britons to join Islamic State in Syria - Mr Letts had nothing to read and nothing to do, except contemplate ruin. Astonishingly, the respectable middle-class couple had been remanded in custody by a judge, despite there being no objection to bail from police or

the Crown Prosecution Service. It was five days before they were freed at a special Old Bailey hearing last month and they are now awaiting trial at the Old Bailey early next year, charged with fundraising for terrorism. The judge who finally released them described Mr Letts and his book editor wife Sally Lane, 54 - held at Bronzefield women's prison, Surrey - as 'two perfectly decent people' who 'ended up in custody because of the love of their child'. Mr Letts, 55, recalls the dread as he stared at the window of his stuffy cell, the daylight obscured as a previous occupant had plastered the glass with Samaritans leaflets.

16. Echoes of Isil tactics in black militant's online 'self radicalisation'

The Sunday Telegraph, Gordon Rayner, 2016 07 10

London – It sounds like a terrorist rallying cry from al-Qaeda or Isil: "Kill the pigs who kill our kids!" Yet this call for the murder of police officers was the slogan chanted by Malik Shabazz, at the time the leader of the New Black Panther Party, at a protest 20 years ago. Black extremist groups are nothing new in America. They rose to prominence in the mid-Sixties as an alternative to the non-violent stance of Martin Luther King, but in recent years they have found a new, more powerful tool than mass rallies: social media and the internet. Micah Johnson, the gunman who killed five police officers in Dallas, was a follower of several of America's most violent black rights groups, but may never have attended any of their meetings or rallies. A group calling itself the Black Power Political Organization claimed on its Facebook account that it was behind the attack, though there is no evidence Johnson had any connection to it. Police are investigating whether he had become self-radicalised by reading material posted online by the likes of the New Black Panther Party (NBPP), the African American Defense League, the Nation of Islam and Black Riders Liberation Party. He had either "liked" or followed them on his Facebook page, but told police before he was killed in a stand-off that he was not affiliated to any groups. It believes black Americans should have their own sovereign nation, and its 10-point platform calls for a country in which black people can make their own laws, with all black prisoners in US jails released to "the lawful authorities of the Black Nation".

17. Spies warned invading Iraq would inspire terrorists

The Sunday Telegraph, Robert Mendick, 2016 07 10

London – Britain's spy chiefs warned Tony Blair just weeks before the invasion of Iraq that he would be putting the UK at risk of increased terror attacks. A top-secret report released to the Chilcot inquiry spells out how al-Qaeda was planning to use the invasion to target Britain. The intelligence report also warned of the danger of Iraq's chemical and biological weapons falling into the hands of terrorists. Setting out the increased risk of attack, the Joint Intelligence Committee wrote in February 2003: "The threat from al-Qaeda will increase at the onset of any military action against Iraq. They will target Coalition forces and other Western interests in the Middle East. "Attacks against Western interests elsewhere are also likely, especially in the US and UK, for maximum impact. "The worldwide threat from other Islamist terrorist groups and individuals will increase significantly." The Chilcot report concedes that the war radicalised Muslims to attack the West. Two of the 7/7 bombers left videos in which they linked their actions to the invasion of Iraq. One said the attacks "will continue and pick up strengths till you pull your soldiers from Afghanistan and Iraq... Until we feel security, you will be targets."

Americas- Amériques

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Australia –Australie/New Zealand - Nouvelle-Zélande

18. FED:Migrants want mistreatment acknowledged

Australian Associated Press, 2016 07 10

Melbourne - Elderly migrants who for decades were refused Australian citizenship on political grounds are calling for official acknowledgement they were mistreated from the federal government. Hundreds of migrants who came to Australia under a post-war settlement scheme were denied naturalisation for decades without being given a reason, an SBS investigation has found. Declassified immigration and ASIO files showed the migrants were recorded as national security risks because of suspected or confirmed associations with the Communist Party of Australia or some migrant community groups. ASIO, the national spy agency, kept hundreds of migrants and their communities under surveillance for decades and maintained a secret list of thousands earmarked for potential internment and other restrictions because of their political beliefs, the investigation found. The measures were taken from the 1950s to the 1970s. The migrants told SBS they suffered severe consequences because of their residency statuses - including being targeted for deportation, criminal charges, restricted travel to their homelands and social exclusion.

Asia –Asie

19. Surfacing threat

South China Morning Post, Minnie Chan, 2016 07 10

Beijing- The PLA Navy has dramatically extended the reach of its submarines in the South China Sea, raising the risk to US warships, experts say. As the world focuses on the war of words between China and the US over the militarisation of the disputed South China Sea, a silent, underwater fight for supremacy between the two countries is heating up. US Defence Secretary Ash Carter said in a speech in New York in April that the US would spend more than US\$8 billion next year to ensure it had "the most lethal and most advanced undersea and anti-submarine force in the world". That budget - a roughly 14 per cent increase - will include spending on the development of undersea drones. PLAN subs can operate more regularly with the facilities in the South China Sea, such as Fiery Cross, and they will be in a better position to monitor US naval movements. Collin Koh Swee Lean, Nanyang Technological University Two months earlier, Admiral Harry Harris, the head of the US Pacific Command, complained to lawmakers in Washington that "I don't have the submarines that I feel I need" to counter Chinese militarisation of the South China Sea. The People's Liberation Army Navy now has about 70 submarines - very close to the US' total - with 16 of them nuclear-powered, according to the Pentagon's annual report to Congress last year on China's military and security development. Fifteen of China's non-nuclear submarines are stealthy, equipped with quiet Stirling air-independent propulsion (AIP) engines that also allow them to stay submerged for longer.

20. 3 Indonesian fishermen abducted off Malaysian waters

Xinhua News Agency, 2016 07 10

Kuala Lumpur - Three Indonesian fishermen were abducted by gunmen off the Malaysian waters on the North Borneo state of Sabah, police said Sunday. Five gunmen in a speedboat intercepted a Malaysian-registered fishing trawler late Saturday, said Sabah police chief Abdul Rashid Harun. State news agency Bernama quoted Harun reporting that three Indonesia fishermen were kidnapped out of the seven on board the trawler. Police said no ransom demand had been received so far. Local media reported an Abu Sayyaf commander might be behind the kidnapping.

21. Can Sanctions Make North Korea Budge?

The New York Times, 2016 07 10

ditorial: The new American sanctions on North Korea are hardly surprising, since the regime brutally controls 25 million people, has an aggressive nuclear program and is improving its ability to launch missiles that could one day hit the United States. The question is: Are these sanctions connected to a strategy beyond punishment? On Wednesday, the Obama administration sanctioned North Korea's leader, Kim Jong-un, for human rights abuses for the first time. The sanctions, which freeze assets in the United States and prohibit doing business with Americans, were also applied to 14 other senior officials in the intelligence and security ministries and other entities. A State Department report, mandated by Congress, detailed the officials' responsibility for extrajudicial killings, forced labor and torture. It is estimated that 80,000 to 120,000 North Koreans are in political prison camps. Administration officials said it was important to include the functionaries at the core of the brutal system because the public exposure puts them on notice that if the political situation on the peninsula changes, they can be held accountable. If fully carried out, the multinational sanctions approved by the United Nations Security Council in March after North Korea conducted its fourth nuclear weapons test would be more effective. The Security Council banned the trade of all conventional weapons as well as luxury goods. It also mandated that all North Korean cargo entering or leaving a country be inspected by that country. Asset freezes and travel bans were imposed on some 16 people and 12 companies, and North Korea was also forbidden to sell gold and rare-earth minerals.

22. 14 Dead In Clashes After Terrorist Burhan Wani's Killing In Kashmir

Daily Herald, 2016 07 10

Jammu - Violent clashes broke out in several places of Jammu and Kashmir with situation particularly "bad" in south Kashmir, the police said. More than 90 of those wounded were security personnel, senior police officer SM Sahai said. "Deeply anguished at the loss of precious lives, pray for the speedy recovery of the injured," Home Minister Rajnath Singh said in a tweet. Central forces have been sent to aid the police in Kashmir. There is curfew in large parts of Srinagar and several areas of south Kashmir. Security forces were attacked and attempts were made to snatch their weapons. Many incidents of stone pelting and arson were also reported. Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti said that "disproportionate use of force for crowd control results in loss of precious lives" and urged the police to follow Standard Operating Procedure. "I express profound grief over the tragic death of the youths and extend my heart-felt condolences to the bereaved family members," she said in a statement. Senior police officers at a press conference today said they were practicing restraint. Mobile internet services have been blocked across the Valley. The Amarnath Yatra has also been suspended temporarily at the Jammu base camp. School board exams have been postponed.

Africa - Afrique

23. Mali: une attaque armée près de la frontière burkinabè fait deux morts

Radio France Internationale, 2016 07 10

Gao - Samedi 9 juillet, des hommes armés ont attaqué une localité malienne située à quelques dizaines de kilomètres de la frontière avec le Burkina Faso. Deux gardes, composantes de l'armée malienne, ont été tués. Il est plutôt rare que des attaques armées se déroulent de ce côté du centre du Mali. La localité de Dinangourou dépend administrativement de la ville malienne de Koro et est située à quelques dizaines de kilomètres de la frontière avec le Burkina Faso. C'est là, ce samedi 9 juillet, que des hommes armés, « enturbannés » selon des témoins, sont arrivés. Ils ont tout de suite ouvert le feu sur des gardes, composantes de l'armée malienne. Deux soldats maliens ont été tués sur le coup. Selon des sources, ces assaillants, non formellement identifiés pour le moment, ont ensuite pris la direction du sud alors que

selon d'autres sources, ils seraient arrivés du Burkina Faso et auraient repris le chemin inverse juste après l'attaque. Si cette dernière hypothèse se confirme, l'opération non encore revendiquée serait peut-être l'œuvre de la Katiba du Macina du groupe Ansar Dine. Cette unité combattante, qui a fait allégeance au chef islamiste touareg Iyad Ag Ghali, annonçait récemment dans une vidéo que sa branche armée, dirigée par un Burkinabè, allait multiplier les attaques contre le Burkina Faso et le Mali.

24. Violence Resumes in South Sudan's Capital

The New York Times, Jacey Fortin & Josh Kron, 2016 07 10

Juba - Heavy gunfire and factional fighting in South Sudan's capital continued on Sunday, a day after the nation marked the fifth anniversary of its independence. Military helicopters were flying over the city, Juba, and armored vehicles rolled through the streets, witnesses said, as bursts of gunfire were heard in different areas. People took shelter inside their homes and hid beneath their beds as the shooting rose and fell in phases. "We are fighting at Gudele, Rock City and Jebel," said William Gatjiath Deng, a spokesman for Vice President Riek Machar, referring to neighborhoods and suburbs of Juba. "There are a lot of bodies; I can't even count them." The United Nations peacekeeping mission in the country said on Twitter that a "heavily armed exchange" took place near its base at about 8:30 a.m. The renewed violence broke a short and uneasy calm on Saturday, after fighting had erupted Friday. That violence killed at least 150 people, with the toll expected to rise because casualties were still being counted. Factions of the South Sudanese Army loyal to President Salva Kiir and those backing Mr. Machar, who until this year led a rebellion against the government, have been fighting throughout the capital since Thursday, when the two sides confronted each other at a roadside checkpoint. Five government soldiers were killed in those exchanges.

25. South Sudan 'back to war', says VP Riek Machar's spokesman

BBC News, 2016 07 10

Juba - South Sudan is "back to war", a spokesman for the vice-president has told the BBC, as rival factions clash and hundreds have been reported killed. Forces loyal to Vice-President Riek Machar say government troops attacked their positions in the capital, Juba. Col William Gatjiath, Mr Machar's military spokesman, told the BBC President Salva Kiir "isn't serious" about a peace agreement. The government has not responded to Col Gatjiath's comments. He said "hundreds" of Mr Machar's troops had died on Sunday, and that troops loyal to Mr Machar were advancing on Juba from different directions. UN representatives have reported heavy exchanges of gunfire near their headquarters in the suburb of Jebel.

26. Soudan du Sud: violents affrontements entre l'armée et les ex-rebelles

Radio France Internationale, 2016 07 10

Juba - Le Soudan du Sud célèbre ce samedi 9 juillet ses cinq ans d'indépendance mais c'est un bien triste anniversaire. Le plus jeune Etat africain est déchiré par une guerre civile depuis plus de deux ans et demi. Des tirs d'arme automatique étaient entendus, vendredi, en fin d'après-midi, non loin du palais présidentiel, à Juba, au moment où le président Salva Kiir et son vice-président, Riek Machar, étaient réunis pour une conférence de presse. Dans ces affrontements entre l'armée sud-soudanaise et les ex-rebelles, il y a eu « plus de 150 morts », a annoncé un porte-parole de Riek Machar. Après ces deux jours de troubles, l'atmosphère était tendue à Juba, la capitale. Il n'y a pas eu de festivités. Pas de défilé ni de célébrations publiques d'aucune sorte non plus. C'est un anniversaire sans faste. A Juba, on se remet à peine des violences de ces derniers jours. Certains carrefours sont toujours bloqués, plusieurs commerces sont fermés et, selon l'ambassade américaine à Juba, un grand nombre de militaires patrouillent dans la ville afin de restaurer le calme. Les premières informations recueillies par RFI font part de victimes qui seraient, pour l'essentiel, des soldats. Le bilan est lourd. « Il y a plus de 150 morts », a déclaré Roman

Nyarji, un des porte-parole de Riek Machar, ancien chef des rebelles redevenu vice-président suite à l'accord de paix qui a mis fin à deux ans e demi de guerre civile.

Iraq/Iran

27. Two Killed in Terrorists' Attack on Provincial Officials in Western Iran

Fars News Agency, 2016 07 10

Tehran - Two provincial officials, including a governor and a legislator, were injured and two others were killed in a terrorist attack in Western Iran on Sunday. "A team of provincial officials, including Dalahou's governor and (member of the parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission Heshmatollah) Falahatpisheh were attacked by four assailants in Rijab region (in Kermanshah province)," Farhad Tajari, the representative of Gilan-e Qarb region at the parliament, said on Sunday. "They riddled the car carrying the officials with bullets and then set fire to the car and fled the scene," he added. Tajari said that Falahatpisheh and Dalahou's governor were injured in the terrorist attack with the latter in critical conditions. Meantime, two others including the car driver and a provincial health official were killed in the attack.

28. Iran, Once Quiet About Its Casualties in Syria and Iraq, Now Glorifies Them

The New York Times, Thomas Erdbrink, 2016 07 10

Tehran - The first news report, to a nation usually kept in the dark about military matters, was shocking: 13 Iranian soldiers, all with links to the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, had been killed in an ambush near the Syrian city of Aleppo. What followed this spring may have been even more surprising. Details about the soldiers appeared extensively in the Iranian news media, which not only gave the names of the dead but lionized them with sweeping life stories. Poster-size portraits were plastered all over their hometowns. For years, Iran covered up its military activities in Syria and Iraq, so the government could deny any official involvement on the ground. Coffins arrived with the bodies of soldiers who went unidentified, referred to only as "defenders of the shrines" of the Shiite saints. When the bodies began to come home in larger numbers, the state news media began calling them "volunteers." No longer. Now every Iranian killed in action is named, his picture published, his valor lauded in elaborate tributes in the hard-line news media and on Instagram accounts dedicated to the fighters. The reason for the change, analysts say, is not some newfound dedication to transparency but a rift between the Iranian establishment's hard-liners, who control the military, and the moderates.

Eastern Europe – Europe de L'Est

29. ISIS downs jet near Palmyra, 2 Russia pilots killed

Al-Arabiya News, 2015 07 10

Moscow - Two Russian pilots died near the Syrian city of Palmyra when their helicopter was shot down by ISIS fighters, bringing the total number of Russian troops killed in the Syrian conflict to 12, Moscow said. The defence ministry said a Syrian helicopter flown by Riafagat Khabibulin and Yevgeni Dolgin "came under fire" from ISIS on Saturday and crashed. The militant group claimed responsibility for the attack, according to SITE monitoring group. The pilots "had used up all their ammunition and were on their way back when they came under the fire of terrorists and crashed," the defence ministry said, adding: "The crew died." SITE quoted an ISIS statement as saying: "Soldiers of the Caliphate downed a Russian assault helicopter when it attempted to attack their positions. This resulted in its destruction and killed those who were on board."

30. Ukrainian military shell LPR from heavy artillery – militia

TASS World Service, 2016 07 10

Moscow - The Ukrainian military units over the past 24 hours shelled, including from artillery of 152mm, positions of the people's militia in the self-proclaimed Lugansk People's Republic (LPR), a representative of the LPR's defense authority said on Sunday. "For example, from the direction of the Mironovsky settlement, from 152mm-caliber weapons they shelled Logvinovo and Kalinovka," the LuganskInformCenter quoted him. The people's militia reported the shelling from positions of the Ukrainian military was made on Luganskaya, Lozovoye, Pervomaisk. Besides artillery, the Ukrainian military uses 82mm mortars, various kinds of grenade launchers and other arms. "We do not have losses," the source said.

31. Russia 'Has All Reasons' to Assume NATO Buildup is Directed Against It

Sputnik News Service, 2016 07 10

Moscow - US troops land with parachutes at the military compound near Torun, central Poland, on June 7, 2016, as part of the NATO Anaconda-16 military exercise. According to the politician, the decision to deploy a missile defense system is premature and inappropriate, taking into account the fact that Moscow perceives this move as a provocation. "Russia takes this NATO decision as directed against it, and has all reasons for this," he said. From the perspective of the SPD, NATO countries should seek dialogue with Russia in accordance with international rules and reach an agreement on missile defense instead of starting the next stage of the arms race. According to him, the West should find a balance between ensuring military security and maintaining cooperation with Moscow. "Russia feels that using this missile defense poses challenges to it. That is why we advocate an open dialogue with Moscow," Mützenich stressed. At the NATO summit in Warsaw that took place on July 8-9, the members of the alliance decided to deploy four multinational battalions in the Baltic states and Poland as well as ballistic missile defense systems (BMDS) in Bulgaria, Romania, Poland, Turkey and Spain.

32. Obama describes the new kind of warfare his successor will have to wage

The Washington Post, Greg Jaffe & Michael Birnbaum, 2016 07 10

Warsaw - President Obama, who had pledged to end America's wars, described the landscape he was leaving to his successor as a state of quasi-war that could extend for years to come. Obama, who was speaking Saturday to reporters at the NATO summit here, noted with pride that he has cut the size of the U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan from 180,000 troops to fewer than 15,000. But U.S. drones and fighter jets are striking targets in seven countries on a regular basis, a span of geography that is virtually unprecedented in American history outside of major wars. U.S. Special Operations forces are still conducting dangerous raids in countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria. The president spoke forthrightly, and with a hint of frustration and regret, about the scope of the military campaign he is leaving behind. "As commander in chief of the most powerful military in the world, I spend a lot of time brooding over these issues," he said. "I am not satisfied that we have got it yet. I can say it is better than when I came into office." Obama was in Warsaw for his last NATO summit, which was overshadowed by violence and angry demonstrations at home in the wake of fatal shootings in Dallas, Baton Rouge and Falcon Heights, Minn.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

33. If a Carrot for Jordan Works, Syrian Refugees Will Stay Put

The New York Times, Somini Sengupta, 2016 07 20

Amman, Jordan - On a busy thoroughfare in Amman, Jordan's capital, a coffee seller named Mohammed

Al Mulki no longer shivers when he sees a police car pull up. At a nearby sweet shop, the counterman, Zuheir Taleb, no longer slips out of the back when a uniformed official walks in. And in the country's north, on scorching fields a few miles from the Syrian border, Badra Hadahed, a diabetic grandmother doing backbreaking work, no longer worries that she will be plucked from the cucumber fields and sent back to her home. Like many Syrians who fled their country's civil war, all three had been working illegally in Jordan. But under a shrewd, delicate experiment that grew out of Europe's desire to contain the influx of foreigners to its shores, Jordan has been persuaded to let these Syrians make an honest living — in return for potentially big financial rewards. Jordan, which has 650,000 Syrian refugees registered with the United Nations inside its borders, has long made it nearly impossible for them to work legally, citing concerns about high unemployment among its citizens. But under the new experiment, the government has given out 13,000 work permits to Syrians, and is promising to issue up to 50,000 by year's end — and tens of thousands more in the future.

34. In Yemen, lives shattered by an American-made bomb

The Washington Post, Sudarsan Raghavan, 2016 07 10

Sana'a -The 15-year-old boy had entered his neighborhood mosque to attend morning prayers. The bakery worker was asleep in his attic apartment with his wife and child. And the civil servant was getting ready for work. At that moment, a warplane from a coalition led by Saudi Arabia dropped an American-made cluster bomb over their densely packed enclave. The device, banned by scores of countries but not the United States or Saudi Arabia, sent explosive spheres the size of baseballs raining down. The civil servant miraculously escaped death. The bakery worker was severely injured. The teenager was killed. The United States is playing a quiet but lethal role in the killing and wounding of thousands of civilians in Yemen's civil war. In recent years, Saudi Arabia has purchased U.S. fighter jets and other American-made weapons in deals worth billions of dollars, and the Pentagon has provided the coalition with training, aerial refueling support and intelligence as it attacks targets in Yemen. White House press secretary Josh Earnest has defended the Obama administration's backing of Saudi Arabia and the other members of the coalition, calling them "effective national security partners." But criticism is growing over the U.S. involvement in the war. Human rights groups and some American lawmakers have urged a ban on weapons transfers to Saudi Arabia, saying the airstrikes have had a devastating impact on civilians and have violated international laws.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

35. Six killed in two PKK attacks in Turkey

Agence France Presse, 2016 07 10

Istanbul - of a village guard in two separate attacks on Sunday, the army and local media said. One Turkish soldier was killed along with the guard in the car bombing on a military outpost in the eastern province of Van early on Sunday, the army said. Village guards are local people who work in cooperation with the Turkish security forces throughout eastern Turkey to protect their settlements from the PKK. At least 15 people were injured including 10 soldiers and five village guards. Among those wounded, one was seriously injured in the mainly Kurdish province, the army said in a statement. Later on Sunday afternoon, four soldiers were killed and another soldier was injured in a roadside bomb attack against an

army vehicle in Hakkari province in Turkey's troubled southeast, Dogan news agency reported, quoting the military.

36. NATO to use surveillance planes against ISIS

Agence France Presse, 2016 07 10

Moscow - NATO leaders on Saturday agreed to deploy sophisticated surveillance aircraft to support the US-led fight against ISIS in Syria, Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said. Stoltenberg said a summit of the 28 NATO leaders in Warsaw had formally approved a plan for the alliance's AWACS planes to fly over international airspace and help the US-led coalition. "We will provide AWACS support and the plan is to have them to flying over international airspace and Turkey and that will allow us to look into airspace in Iraq and Syria," Stoltenberg told a news conference. The planes are one of the few concrete assets that NATO has, with most of its military hardware belonging to individual member states. AWACS are aircraft with powerful radars that allow them to monitor airspace for hundreds of kilometers around. They can also be converted into command posts to coordinate bombing raids and other air operations.

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CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. B.C. judge to rule whether couple was entrapped by police in terrorism sting

The Globe and Mail, Sunny Dhillon, 2016 07 23

Ottawa - John Nuttall and Amanda Korody were high. In June, 2013, the Muslim converts were at a hotel in the Okanagan city of Kelowna, where they were supposed to be working on a terrorist plan to kill revellers and first responders during an attack at the British Columbia Legislature grounds on Canada Day. But the husband and wife, heroin addicts who had rarely ventured far from their Surrey basement suite and subsisted on welfare payments, spent much of their time smoking marijuana and playing video games. It was on that trip, defence lawyers say, police "finally crossed over their own self-imposed line in the sand." It was then, the defence argues, that the RCMP went from investigating a crime to manufacturing one. Mr. Nuttall and Ms. Korody were arrested on July 1, 2013, hours after they placed potentially explosive pressure-cooker devices outside the legislature in Victoria. The plot was international news. The couple were found guilty by a jury in June, 2015, of conspiring to murder persons unknown and making or possessing an explosive substance – in both cases for the benefit of or at the direction of a terrorist group. But their convictions have not been entered. Mr. Nuttall and Ms. Korody have argued that they were victims of police entrapment and, a year after those arguments began, Justice Catherine Bruce of the B.C. Supreme Court is to deliver her decision at the end of this month. The court heard that the RCMP began looking at Mr. Nuttall after the Canadian Security Intelligence Service told the force in early 2013 that he had tried to purchase potassium nitrate, which can be used in explosives. The Mounties had been contacted about Mr. Nuttall before. A man he met at a mosque in 2011 told police that Mr. Nuttall had talked about fighting a holy war in Afghanistan.

2. Security for Rio Olympics needs to be co-ordinated effort

CBC News, Jamie Strashin, 2016 07 23

Toronto - Beach volleyball player Sarah Pavan is determined to stay focused on winning a medal at the upcoming Rio Games. At the same time she is aware of concerns surrounding the security and safety of athletes in Brazil. Canadian families optimistic amid Rio safety concerns. "It's sad. Our world is a crazy place right now but we have been travelling all over the place all summer long," Pavan says. "It makes me so sad to see the things that are happening these days but we have to keep doing our jobs as professionals and try and put that aside when we can." Pavan says she has worked too hard to let anything derail her at this point. "We know that security measures are being heightened and everything is being taken care of," Pavan says. "That's not something that I want to worry about because I want to enjoy these Olympics as much as I can." Pavan and the rest of the beach volleyball team won't be staying in the Athletes' Village. Instead, they will stay closer to Rio's famed Copacabana Beach, where competition runs nearly every day throughout the Games. "I feel like this sort of thing happens before every Olympics," she says. "There's always a lot of speculation about everything going wrong and they usually end up pretty good." Brazil is spending hundreds of millions of dollars and hiring thousands of additional security personnel to ensure these Games are safe. But a crippling recession has undermined these efforts as the government has often been unable to pay police salaries and supply basic supplies like gas and paper. "The criminality in Rio is a big issue. The disparity between people who have a lot of money and those who don't is great," says Michel Juneau-Katsuya, a former senior officer with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). "Also, the local cops are corrupted so it's very difficult at this point to feel totally secure." Despite this, the goal is to have more than 85,000 security officers deployed, more than double that of London 2012. It's an indication the global security situation is more precarious today than ever. "We are living in the most complex, high-velocity threat environment I have ever witnessed in three decades of national security and law enforcement work," says Ray Boisvert, a former assistant director of intelligence at CSIS. Just this week, Brazil was rocked by the arrest of 12 people suspected of pledging allegiance to the

Islamic State group ISIS. Brazil has no history of conflict with militant groups but the upcoming Games have obviously put the country in the spotlight. The arrests are the first-ever related to alleged extreme Islamist terrorism in Brazil.

3. The immorality of Canada's foreign policy on Sri Lanka

LankaWeb, Ranjith Soysa, 2016 07 23

Commentary: The Canadian Prime Minister issued a statement on Sri Lanka on 18th May 2016 and stated that he had met a number of victims of war in Sri Lanka and he understands the unfortunate and bleak situation they were facing. He said that the Canadian Tamils were an integral part of the Canadians. He said that he was convinced that the foreign and the Commonwealth judges and investigators must be included in the mechanism to help the war victims in the investigation of war crimes in Sri Lanka. It is expected that the foreign minister of Canada, Stephane Dion who will be visiting Sri Lanka will confirm the position held by Justin Traudeau and will insist that the UNHRC resolution should be implemented in full and he will also visit the Northern Province and shed tears on the Tamil victims while placing the blame on the Sri Lankan defence forces for having defeated the LTTE terrorists. The Canadian policy of damning the Sri Lankan Government and the defence forces while treating the terrorists and the separatists of the Tamil Eelam with kid gloves is a well-established story as told by the veteran Canadian journalist, Stewart Bell in his book, Cold Terror, the Review of Operations Cribble, Canadian Intelligence officer Stephen Dubrial's review based on 15 warrants issued, the judgement of Canadian Federal Judge Lewins. Stewart Bell in his book discusses how the Canadian Government funded the Tesco, the Tamil Eelam Society which in turn funnelled funds to the LTTE. One of the directors of TESCO, Devakumar Sabapathy issued a threat to kill the former President of Sri Lanka and his brother. But, Canada acted as if they did not hear any such report by covertly supporting the LTTE front organization. (the details outlined regards above incidents were based on a defence report of Keerthi Warnakulasuriya of Sunday Divaina) Bell in his book on the subject of Snow Tigers (the LTTE) stated that the LTTE and its fronts used every conceivable tactic- government grants, front companies, fraud of every type migrant smuggling and drugs. "One CSIS report estimates that \$2 million a year, in collections funnelled to the Tigers from Canada to support the war effort. Another CSIS study puts the figure at \$ 1 million a month...to put it bluntly, Canada is the support base for a terrorist organization that has killed more than 100 politicians, assassinated the leaders of two countries -India and Sri Lanka - and carried out more suicide bombings than any other militant group in the world". Then he referred to the massive bomb explosion at the Central Bank and says " Although, the bombing was carried out by the local Tiger operatives, the plot originated in Toronto. Sri Lankan intelligence officials tell me they traced the explosives used in the bomb and found they had come from the Ukranian shipment purchased 2 years earlier with money wired from British Colombia, Canada".

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4. Canadians didn't link Syrian refugees with increased terror risk, poll suggests

The Canadian Press, Stephanie Levitz, 2016 07 23

Ottawa - People who backed a plan to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada in a matter of months largely expected no increased risk of terrorism as a result, newly released federal polling information reveals. About 44 per cent of those surveyed in November were in support of the plan. And of them, about 60 per cent thought there would be no change to the terrorism threat facing Canada in the next six months. However, 35 per cent of respondents didn't support the plan were concerned, and 55 per cent of them told pollsters they thought the threat of terrorism in Canada would increase in the next six months. Overall, the results suggest that while people around the world may directly link immigration with terrorist threats, that's generally not what is happening in Canada, said one expert. The telephone poll of

1,512 Canadians was carried out by Harris/Decima between Nov. 18 and 24, 2015 and had a margin of error of 2.5 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

5. Arabic magazine promotes hate

Toronto Sun, 2016 07 23

Editorial: There are a number of worrisome components to the story of a London, Ontario, magazine running an article questioning basic facts about the Holocaust. Al Saraha, a monthly Arabic language publication, ran an article in their latest issue headlined "The Question Which Everyone Ignores: Why Did Hitler Kill the Jews?" The article, as a Postmedia Network story explains, says Jews in Germany promoted "promiscuity... homosexuality... every type of sexual deviance." It then goes on to question whether the number of Jews killed in the Holocaust was in fact 6 million, and claims people believe that number due to "Jewish propaganda". The magazine's publisher has offered an apology for running the offending article - which was written by an Egyptian author for another publication. It's unfortunate enough when anti-Semitic writings like this appear on fringe websites and online hate forums. But another thing altogether to see such contemptible, anti-Semitic rantings appear in community publications distributed in Canada. Ontario deputy premier and London area MPP Deb Matthews even bought advertising in the magazine to reach its readership. She's now quite rightly pulling her ads indefinitely.

6. Legal experts mull risks to privacy

The Chronicle-herald, 2016 07 23

Halifax - Cyber-crime and privacy issues top the agenda at the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law annual conference in Halifax this week. It is the first time the conference, slated to run Sunday through Thursday has been held east of Montreal. Judges, lawyers, legislators and law enforcement officials from around the globe will weigh in on the difficult balance between the rights of the individual and society's collective security, said Hon. Justice Michael MacDonald, Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, who is co-chairing this year's conference along with Supreme Court Justice Thomas Cromwell. "It's a huge challenge in the face of technology that's changing at warp speed," MacDonald said. "The Internet is changing our lives daily and it's a challenge at the best of times to find that right balance between protecting your and my privacy with the need to protect society," he said. While judges are loath to give police the right to hack anyone's account without good reason, with the Internet changing life in almost every way, the justice system has to act appropriately to make sure the use of the Internet as an instrument of crime is minimized, MacDonald said. One of the biggest challenges is that of the principle of open court, he said. "In Nova Scotia and Canada and all leading democracies we value our open courts principle, which means everything that happens must be open to the public and the public must be able to scrutinize to make sure justice is administered properly," MacDonald said.

7. Faulty software is main reason for pay problems, union says

The Globe and Mail, Michelle Zilio, 2016 07 23

Ottawa - The pay problems affecting more than 80,000 public servants appear to be rooted in more than insufficient training, as users complain of problems with the software the government purchased to manage its compensation system. The union representing nearly 600 employees at the government's centralized pay centre in Miramichi, N.B., is disputing the Liberal government's claim that the problems stem from poor training. In addition to a lack of training and understaffing, the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) also blames the issues on software problems with Phoenix. "Workers at the pay centre in Miramichi have been doing their best to pay people accurately and on time. But insufficient staff, training and flaws in the new Phoenix pay system are preventing these workers from doing so," PSAC said in an e-mail. "The software appears to have inherent problems that cannot be easily addressed." More specifically, the union said the system is not equipped to process irregular pay, such as overtime,

maternity top-ups and shift pay for workers on Canadian Coast Guard ships. Another source who regularly uses Phoenix said employee names randomly disappear from the system, meaning there is no record of the public servant. IBM, the software designer, said it does not comment on the specifics of its client agreements.

8. Banks eye biometrics to boost security

The Canadian Press, Alexandra Posadzki, 2016 07 23

Toronto - In the not-too-distant future, your bank will be able to prevent fraud by learning how you type, your car will unlock when it senses the electrical activity of your heart and the security system at your office will recognize your facial features. That's according to experts in the field of biometrics, which identifies a person by measuring unique characteristics such as their fingerprints, their retinas or their voice. But these types of distinctive identification authentication processes offer more than the promise of a higher degree of security than traditional passwords. Biometrics will also free consumers from the need to memorize a myriad of characters - a convenience that will appeal to anyone who needs to access a secure computer or network regularly. "People are having to jump through more and more hoops to create a secure authentication," says Karl Martin, founder of Nymi, a Toronto-based startup that created a wristband that can identify its wearer based on their electrocardiogram, or the electrical activity of their heart. "How many times a day do you have to prove who you are, whether it be through a password or a biometric or other means?" Banks - and the financial services industry, more broadly - have been one of the quickest adopters of biometrics technology, given their strong need for security and identity verification, says Bianca Lopes, director of strategy at Bio-Connect. "They're inherently wired and regulated to protect the customer with things like know-your-client and anti-money laundering rules," says Lopes, whose company helps businesses integrate biometrics technologies across various channels.

9. Canadians to keep wearing Kurd flag

The Canadian Press, Lee Berthiaume, 2016 07 23

Ottawa - Canada's top soldier has decided special forces troops in Iraq will continue to wear the Kurdish flag on their uniforms in addition to the Maple Leaf, despite questions about the practice. National Defence says Gen. Jonathan Vance recently approved the flag patches in part to show solidarity with "a region facing existential threats," but that they should not be construed as support for an independent Iraqi Kurdistan. That may be wishful thinking, say experts, one of whom compared it to a foreign military force wearing the Quebec flag in Canada. The Kurds' distinctive red, white and green flag with a sun emblem has been on the Canadian soldiers' uniforms since they arrived in northern Iraq to help the Kurdish peshmerga fight ISIL in 2014. The practice wasn't publicly known until Vance led a group of Canadian journalists on a tour of the mission in April. At the time, Canada had several dozen special forces operatives in the region, though the Trudeau government is expanding the contingent to 200. The military initially defended the flag patches, which are on one shoulder with the Canadian flag on the other. Officials said they were used for cohesion with Kurdish and allied forces, and to ensure Canadian forces could be easily identified by friends on the battlefield. Nonetheless, a review was ordered after experts warned that sporting the Kurdish flag, rather than the Iraqi flag, could be interpreted by both Iraqis and Kurds as support for an independent Kurdistan. National Defence spokesman Daniel Le Bouthillier said Friday the review was recently completed and Vance had decided to keep the Kurdish flag patches.

10. StatsCan wants its freedom from central federal IT department: documents

The Canadian Press, 2016 07 23

Ottawa - The country's chief statistician believes Statistics Canada must have complete control of its own digital systems rather than having to turn to the federal government's central IT department. Workers at the statistics agency were told earlier this year that it was antithetical having someone else look after IT

services when the Liberals vowed during the election to make Statistics Canada more independent from the federal government. The details are contained in documents obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act that included speaking notes for chief statistician Wayne Smith. "Dependence on another party for informatics services impedes our ability to deliver our programs, to innovate and transform, (and) to better address new and emerging data needs," Smith's speaking notes read. "As such, this dependence is incoherent with the notion of independence, not to mention protection of the confidentiality of respondent data." Shared Services Canada and the statistics agency have had a rocky relationship amid outages and sluggish systems critical to Statistics Canada's mandate. Smith also wrote in response to a staff question that "programs have suffered and continue to suffer delays" since Statistics Canada handed over oversight of its systems to Shared Services Canada, creating "challenges in terms of reliability, timeliness, effectiveness and affordability of IT architecture."

11. Life is anything but a cabaret

The Toronto Sun, Anthony Furey, 2016 07 23

Column: "We have no troubles here," the Master of Ceremonies in the Berlin Kit Kat Klub sings in the final scene of the 1972 Liza Minelli film Cabaret. "Here life is beautiful. The girls are beautiful. Even the orchestra is beautiful." No troubles, eh? I thought of this tragi-comic scene upon learning of the horrific attacks in Munich on Friday believed to be conducted by an 18-year-old Iranian-German who also killed himself. The movie's set in the early 1930s in Germany. While the characters have been obliviously going about their scandalous exploits, the seeds of Nazism are flourishing around them. And while in the opening scene the cabaret club was a symbol of liberty and frivolity, in that last scene we see the audience is now full of uniformed Nazis. Oops. Looks like the party's over. How could they have been so naive to keep the drinks flowing while the walls were caving in around them? Good question. Maybe we should also put it to German Chancellor Angela Merkel and all those globalists who told us everything would be fine after 1.1 million migrants entered Germany in one calendar year alone. The killer himself wouldn't have been a part of that influx. But his actions, along with those of a 17-year-old Afghan asylum seeker who attacked passengers on a train in Germany on Tuesday, make you wonder about the effective integration of young men from that part of the world. When you've got hundreds of thousands of men arriving from countries that have - and let's be generous here - views that don't completely overlap with Europe's values, you're going to run into some conflicting notions of what constitutes a good party.

12. It's All Connected

The Globe and Mail, Mark MacKinnon, 2016 07 23

Analysis: It was just before dawn on the morning of July 15, and I was trying to explain to my six-year-old daughter why - instead of a planned day at the park - I was suddenly heading to the airport to catch a flight to a city called Nice. "A bad man hurt a lot of people in France," was the best explanation I could come up with. As I watched her turn the news over in her head, disappointment spreading on her face, I realized it was a sentence I'd uttered three times in 18 months. Barely 36 hours later, I called her from a sun-baked plaza in the historic old city of Nice. That day in the park would have to be postponed again. Some men with guns had tried to take over the government in Turkey. Instead of coming home, Daddy was flying somewhere else. More bad men, more people hurt. After we hung up, I contemplated how little sense any of this must make to her. She's not alone. All of us - including and especially the political and economic elites who have long stood atop this suddenly wobbly pyramid - have been left reeling by events. A "period of instability" is upon us, historian Margaret MacMillan told me this week, one that has parallels to the pre-war periods of the 20th century that she's written acclaimed books about. Future historians are likely to judge today's leaders on whether they seek to calm - or simply take advantage of - the choppy waters that we're in. Anger at the system: Rarely, it seems, has the world spun so rapidly, have events felt so out of control. The headlines blur into one another, feeding the sense of a world in chaos. The war in Syria bleeds into the refugee crisis. The refugees' march into Europe boosts politicians on the

nationalist right. The truck attack in France is followed by the shooting of police in Louisiana. Then it's a man with an axe on a train in Germany. On Friday, it was a shooting at a mall in Munich. "Brexit" in Britain is knocked from the top of the news by a putsch attempt in Turkey.

13. Khadir et des militants tiennent un jeûne de 48 heures

La Presse, Louis-Samuel Perron, 2016 07 23

Montréal - Le député Amir Khadir et une poignée de militants ont entamé hier soir une grève de la faim symbolique de 48 heures au centre-ville de Montréal pour dénoncer la détention illégale des prisonniers politiques en Iran. Du même souffle, le député solidaire presse le gouvernement canadien d'intervenir pour libérer l'anthropologue québécoise Homa Hoodfar, incarcérée à Téhéran depuis un mois et demi pour des motifs nébuleux. «Mme Hoodfar enseignait ici à Concordia», rappelle Amir Khadir, en montrant du doigt un bâtiment de l'université montréalaise. «Elle est détenue de façon tout à fait injustifiée et a des problèmes de santé. Elle est exactement dans la situation qui a poussé des prisonniers politiques à faire la grève de la faim pour avoir des soins de santé», déplore le député solidaire qui s'est joint «par solidarité» aux militants du Réseau international de solidarité pour les droits de l'homme en Iran. De Vancouver à Hambourg, de nombreux militants jeûneront ainsi jusqu'à demain soir. Homa Hoodfar n'est pas une «personne dangereuse», mais une «personne très douce» et une universitaire réputée, soutient la militante Elahé Machouf, bien déterminée à rester à la place Norman-Bethune jusqu'à demain, 18h. «Elle voyageait dans différents pays musulmans pour faire des recherches sur comment les femmes musulmanes font face aux lois islamiques», explique-t-elle. La professeure québécoise de 65 ans est loin d'être la seule intellectuelle, militante ou syndicaliste à être incarcérée pour des considérations politiques dans le pays de l'ayatollah Khamenei. Des centaines de détenus ont dû recourir à la grève de la faim pour des «choses banales» depuis un an seulement, dénonce Amir Khadir. Récemment, une femme s'est privée de nourriture pendant 15 jours pour pouvoir appeler ses enfants, alors qu'un syndicaliste a souffert d'une hémorragie intestinale à la suite d'une grève de la faim de 63 jours, donne en exemple Elahé Machouf.

14. Occupation d'un groupe d'autochtones à Gatineau

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 07 23

Gatineau - La Confédération des peuples autochtones du Canada se prépare à un rassemblement qui risque de perturber le centre-ville de Gatineau, à partir de samedi. Le groupe, dirigé par Guillaume Carle, a annoncé qu'il souhaitait occuper les lieux, à l'angle de la rue Montcalm et du boulevard Alexandre-Taché, jusqu'au 6 août prochain. La raison invoquée pour ce rassemblement est la tenue d'une «consultation publique sur tous les droits autochtones reconnus par la décision de la Cour suprême dans la cause Daniels visant l'adoption des droits des peuples autochtones aux Nations Unies et le débat de l'Île Victoria et des chutes chaudières concernant le Projet Zibi». La délégation prévoit se rencontrer à 8 h dans le stationnement du Maxi & Compagnie, pour ensuite se rendre à proximité du pont des Chaudières, vers 9 h. Le groupe, qui n'est pas reconnu par l'Assemblée des Premières Nations, avait déjà manifesté dans les rues de Gatineau et d'Ottawa, au début juin. Certains membres du groupe s'étaient déplacés à cheval jusqu'à Rideau Hall, où ils souhaitaient rencontrer le gouverneur général David Johnston. Aux édifices fédéraux des Terrasses de la Chaudière, dans le secteur Hull, des mesures sont prises en prévision des perturbations que pourrait causer ce rassemblement. Les fonctionnaires sont tenus de se présenter au travail comme à l'habitude. Mais on leur conseille d'avoir en main le numéro de téléphone et le courriel d'un superviseur, de manière à pouvoir l'informer s'ils sont incapables d'entrer dans l'immeuble.

15. Scoffield: Trump, children and refugees - three ways politics touched us this week

Ottawa Citizen, Heather Scoffield, 2016 07 23

Analysis: With most of the country's MPs deep into riding work or away on summer holiday, it's the chatter among public servants that echoes the loudest these days in the parliamentary precinct. Instead of gabbing about the weather, their talking about who is getting paid and who is not. The government's new

pay system, Phoenix, has not been working properly, and this week officials acknowledged that more than 80,000 government employees - about one-quarter of the work force - had had serious problems with their pay. In scenes more often associated with emerging markets on the brink of debt default, government officials apologized, pointed to emergency funding and promised to make employees whole, all while admitting to breaches of private information. Meanwhile, the rest of the country reeled with the thought of Donald Trump as U.S. president; received brand new cheques from the federal government to spend on their children; and seemed to pay little heed to the handful of politicians left in Ottawa to discuss what else they can do for desperate refugees in the Middle East. Even as Trump and the Brexit movement thrive on anti-immigrant sentiment, in Canada politicians are wrangling over which party can do the most to help endangered families overseas. This week, MPs on the immigration committee held an emergency summer session to decide how Canada could come to the aid of Yazidis, a religious minority facing genocide in Iraq at the hands of ISIL.

16. La Turquie en ébullition

La Presse, Tolga Bilener, 2016 07 23

Chronique: Les habitants du pays ont vraiment eu du mal à comprendre, dans la soirée du 15 juillet 2016, qu'une tentative de coup d'État était bel et bien en train de se dérouler. C'était tellement inattendu; la procédure tellement archaïque et amateur. La tentative a vite été avortée, laissant derrière elle 300 morts et une nation stupéfaite. Dès le lendemain, le gouvernement turc du Parti de la justice et du développement (AKP), au pouvoir depuis 2002, a lancé une campagne politico-judiciaire pour punir les putschistes. Sous l'ordre du président de la République Recep Tayyip Erdogan, le gouvernement a finalement décrété l'état d'urgence dans tout le pays à partir du 20 juillet, pour une durée de trois mois... renouvelable. Une mesure nécessaire selon le gouvernement, car le risque d'une nouvelle tentative de coup d'État existerait toujours. Celui-ci estime qu'il faut agir vite pour éradiquer tous les éléments impliqués dans le soulèvement du 15 juillet, non seulement dans l'armée, mais aussi dans l'ensemble de l'appareil d'État. Le gouvernement montre essentiellement du doigt une confrérie religieuse musulmane, dont le leader, Fethullah Gülen, se trouve en exil aux États-Unis. L'extradition de celui-ci est réclamée, en soulignant que la réponse de Washington aura des conséquences sur les relations turco-américaines.

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17. Obama Denies U.S. Involvement in Coup Attempt in Turkey

The New York Times, Mark Landler, 2016 07 23

Washington - President Obama on Friday pushed back against persistent speculation in Turkey that the United States was behind the failed military coup there, saying that the rumors threatened the safety of Americans in the country and could damage its ties with the United States. "Any reports that we had any previous knowledge of a coup attempt, that there was any U.S. involvement in it, that we were anything other than entirely supportive of Turkish democracy are completely false, unequivocally false," Mr. Obama said at a news conference at the White House. The president said he had impressed that message on President Recep Tayyip Erdogan when the two spoke by telephone on Tuesday. A few days earlier, Turkey's labor minister, Suleyman Soylu, who is close to Mr. Erdogan, told a television station that "America is behind the coup." The rumors have been fueled by the fact that a Turkish cleric, Fethullah Gulen, whom Turkey's leaders accuse of being the coup's puppet master, is living in self-imposed exile in Pennsylvania.

18. In the eye of Turkey's political storm

The Globe and Mail, Joanna Slater, 2016 07 23

Saylorsburg, PA - Just down the road from a Pennsylvania flea market lives the man accused of masterminding last week's failed military coup. It is high summer in this rural corner of northeastern Pennsylvania – a time of blue skies, boating on the Delaware River, and, if Turkey's President is to be believed, plots to overthrow his government. Just down the road from a flea market and a maze made out of corn stalks sits the compound home to Fethullah Gulen, the influential cleric accused of masterminding last week's failed military coup. It's an accusation that Mr. Gulen has categorically denied. Inside the compound, there is mostly silence, save for the chirping of birds and the buzz of planes high overhead. There are very few people evident – a handful of men walk the paths between sculpted pine trees and a couple of children ride bikes near a row of houses built to accommodate visitors. The quiet here is a world away from the turmoil gripping Turkey, where President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has declared a state of emergency and detained or suspended more than 60,000 military personnel, judges, teachers, civil servants and police officers. Mr. Erdogan has urged his supporters to stay in the streets following the attempted coup, which left nearly 300 people dead. For nearly two decades, Mr. Gulen has lived in self-imposed exile in this hamlet of about 1,000 people in the Pocono Mountains. The founder of a movement known as "Hizmet," or service, Mr. Gulen's teachings focus on education. His supporters have started hundreds of secular schools and charities across Turkey and beyond. A moderate preacher rooted in the Sufi mystic tradition of Islam, Mr. Gulen is known for emphasizing interfaith dialogue.

19. Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard seeks easing of parole conditions in US court

Deutsche Welle, 2016 07 23

Berlin - Jonathan Pollard served 30 years in prison for stealing hundreds of secret and top-secret documents and selling them to Israel. He was paroled in November but is still considered a security threat - so he wears a tracking device. But as Pollard's attorney Eliot Lauer argued for an easing of some restrictions on Friday, US District Judge Katherine Forrest cautioned that her authority was limited. "The information [Pollard stole] is ridiculously stale, and it's the type of information that no human being could reasonably recall," Lauer told Forrest, referring to the 30-year-old documents. He said Pollard was being denied a job at an investment firm because of the computer monitoring. The 61-year-old Pollard is required to wear an electronic tracking device and has to submit his work computer to monitoring. Assistant US Attorney Rebecca Sol Tinio told Forrest the restrictions were imposed by the US Parole Commission on the grounds that Pollard could still reveal secrets - a claim rejected by his lawyer.

20. Pentagon Revamps Law of War Manual to Protect Journalists

The New York Times, Charlie Savage, 2016 07 23

Washington - The Pentagon on Friday revised its manual for interpreting the international laws of war, adding language to protect reporters engaged in battlefield news gathering. But the Defense Department's overhaul of its Law of War Manual left unchanged other disputed sections that scholarly critics have called inaccurate and dangerous — including rules for weighing when it is lawful to fire on a military target even though civilians are present. The manual, issued last year, is the latest in a series of official guides to rules for warfare tracing back to a set of concise rules, known as the "Lieber Code," that President Lincoln issued to Union soldiers during the Civil War. But last year's version, which is about 1,200 pages, has attracted controversy. Its section about war correspondents portrayed journalism as close to spying, said reporters should get authorization to enter a war zone, and spoke of censoring their work. And it stated that if reporters relayed information that could be useful in combat, that "could constitute taking a direct part in hostilities" — meaning it would become lawful to intentionally kill them. Journalism advocates objected, saying the section could lead commanders to put reporters at risk, and that other governments might cite the manual as justification for targeting them.

21. Seeking Justice in El Salvador

The New York Times, 2016 07 23

Editorial: In 1993, just days after the United Nations published a report about the brutal civil war in El Salvador between the military-led government and leftist guerrilla groups, the country's legislature hastily passed an amnesty law. It absolved all the actors in the conflict, which lasted 12 years, left an estimated 75,000 dead and continues to reverberate in the country's politics and psyche to this day. This month, though, El Salvador's top court struck down key parts of the law in a remarkable ruling that opens the door for relatives of victims of war crimes to hold torturers and killers accountable. In a 4-to-1 ruling, the court found that the law violated El Salvador's constitution and international treaties by offering "absolute and unconditional" amnesty for atrocities. The court did not offer a clear blueprint of what the government needed to do in response to the ruling. Human rights groups have long called for the establishment of a special human rights prosecution unit to investigate war crimes. However, there appears to be little political will in El Salvador to revisit a painful chapter of its history in courtrooms. Politicians across the political spectrum have questioned the viability of war crimes tribunals at a time when the country's judicial institutions are overwhelmed by endemic gang violence. President Salvador Sánchez Cerén warned that the ruling threatened the "fragile coexistence" that binds Salvadoran society.

22. Turkey presses for return of cleric

The Washington Post, Hugh Naylor, 2016 07 23

Istanbul - Turkey's top diplomat urged the United States on Friday to quickly hand over a self-exiled cleric whom Turkish leaders have linked to last week's coup attempt - an issue that risks causing serious tension between the two allies. Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu told the state-run broadcaster TRT that Turkey was ready to take part in a commission proposed by Washington to discuss the extradition of Fethullah Gulen. But Cavusoglu insisted there was no need for it to take a long time. "If you want to draw out the Gulen extradition issue, it can take years, but if you are decisive, it can be completed in a short period," he said, according to the Reuters news agency. Since a failed July 15 coup by military units, Turkey has carried out a widespread crackdown on members of the army, police, judiciary and educational institutions. Tens of thousands of people have been arrested, fired or suspended on suspicion of sympathies to Gulen.

23. Kerry, on private travel to Nice, to visit American hurt in attack

Reuters News, 2016 07 23

Paris - U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is in Nice on Saturday "on private business" and will visit an American still hospitalized after a truck driver deliberately plowed into a crowd in the city during Bastille Day celebrations last week. Three U.S. citizens were among the 84 killed in the attack, in which Tunisian delivery man Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel drove a 19-tonne truck along a packed sea-front promenade before police shot him dead. "Secretary Kerry is in Nice today on private business," a senior State Department said in a statement. "While there, he will visit with an American injured in last week's terrorist attack who is recovering in a local hospital."

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24. Attack on RAF jogger Doubts over terrorist motive

The Daily Telegraph, 2016 07 23

London - Police hunting two suspects who carried out a knifepoint attack on an RAF man out running near his base have said it may have been an attempted robbery. Detectives are scouring CCTV footage and carrying out door-to-door interviews after the attack, which raised fears of a Lee Rigby-style terrorist attempt on Armed Forces personnel. The incident at RAF Marham in Norfolk left other military

installations at heightened levels of vigilance. Armed police and a helicopter were later scrambled to Bulford Camp, Wilts, after three men were reportedly sighted nearby with a rifle.

25. Russians bomb Syria base after SAS move out 'to make US do deal'

The Daily Telegraph, Ben Farmer, 2016 07 23

London - Russian jets bombed a military outpost just hours after SAS troops had left to bully the West into closer cooperation in Syria, US officials have said. Aircraft used cluster arms on the remote south-east base shortly after the 20 special forces troopers moved out as the Kremlin tried to force Washington into a controversial deal of joint action. British and US special forces based across the border in Jordan regularly worked with Syrian rebel allies at the At Tanf outpost before the attack on June 16, said The Wall Street Journal. Details of the raid emerged as the US negotiated an "anti-terror pact" for closer ties with Moscow, which would see them strike Islamic State (Isil) and al-Qaeda aligned jihadists, while effectively shoring up Bashar al-Assad. The Cold War enemies support opposing sides in the conflict, with Russia bombing in support of the Syrian government, while the US arms and trains rebels. The raid was a bid to put pressure on Washington, US officials said. After the first wave of bombing, US commanders warned Russian counterparts the garrison was part of the international military coalition against Isil and should not be attacked. But around 90 minutes later, circling US pilots saw Russian jets drop a second barrage. A US spy plane crew tried to reach the Russian fliers on agreed emergency frequencies, but they did not answer. Four rebels were killed in the strike. When US officials demanded an explanation from Moscow, they were told Russian pilots had struck the outpost because they thought it was an Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant base.

26. Spies are waging war on Corbyn, says McCluskey

The Times of London, Michael Savage and Oliver Wright, 2016 07 23

London - Senior Labour MPs have launched a furious attack on the leader of Britain's biggest union after he accused the security services of waging a secret campaign to undermine Jeremy Corbyn. In a claim that led to anger and derision, the Unite general secretary, Len McCluskey, suggested that there were "dark practices" within the intelligence services, with agents posing as Corbyn supporters to launch anonymous online attacks against Labour MPs with a view to damaging the Labour leader's reputation. MPs said Mr McCluskey, a firm ally of Mr Corbyn, had "lost the plot" for making the inflammatory comments. They also warned that it was a deliberate attempt to protect Mr Corbyn and his supporters from taking the blame for a rising tide of abuse and intimidation within the party. Mr Corbyn has been hit by a series of claims that he had overseen a growth of bullying and misogyny within Labour since he won the leadership. Dozens of female Labour MPs have written to him accusing him of failing to stop "an extremely worrying trend of escalating abuse and hostility". Chris Bryant, the former shadow Commons leader, said Labour under Mr Corbyn had "become a home for bullies". Mr McCluskey made his allegations about a secret service plot in lengthy comments to The Guardian.

27. Soldiers on 'high alert' at camps

The Sun, David Willetts, 2016 07 23

London – Army bases were in lockdown yesterday and thousands of soldiers put on "high alert" after a second security scare. Troops at Bulford, Tidworth and Larkhill camps in Wiltshire were told to be vigilant going to and from work. Personnel training near perimeters got an armed guard, a source said. It followed reports on Thursday of three men near Bulford with an AK-47. They were found with an air rifle but no malicious intent, cops said. Just hours earlier, the RAF Regiment soldier in his 20s fought off two men who tried to bundle him into a car outside RAF Marham, Norfolk. Cops hope to get DNA from blood on his knuckles from one of his Middle Eastern assailants, who are still on the run.

28. MI5 may be stirring Corbyn strife

The Daily Telegraph, Ben Riley-Smith, 2016 07 23

London – Len McCluskey the Unite leader, has claimed Britain's intelligence agencies may be responsible for the bullying and abuse directed towards critics of Jeremy Corbyn. The union boss, a loyal supporter of the Labour leader, said the security services had a history of "dark practices" and suggested "Right-wingers" in disguise may be responsible for the actions attributed to the Labour leader's supporters. Mr McCluskey told The Guardian: "Do people believe for one second that the security forces are not involved in dark practices? I have been around long enough ... the type of stuff that we ultimately find out about, about who was involved in who, the 30-year rule. "We found out just a couple of years ago that the chair of my union then, the Transport and General Workers Union, was an MI5 informant at the time that there was a strike taking place that I personally as a worker was involved in."Anybody who thinks that that isn't happening doesn't live in the same world that I live in. Do you think that there's not all kinds of Right-wingers who are not secretly able to disguise themselves and stir up trouble?" Mr McCluskey made his comments as Mr Corbyn was accused by nearly half of the female MPs in his party of failing to stop the "disgusting and totally unacceptable" abuse of women by his supporters.

Americas– Amériques

29. Police arrest eleventh suspect of terrorist plot in Brazil

Agência Brasil, Paulo Victor, 2016 07 23

Sao Paula - Another of the 12 Brazilians targeted by the Federal Police's Operation Hashtag over alleged conspiracy to launch terrorist attacks in Brazil was arrested Friday (Jul. 22). He turned himself in to police officers in the late afternoon in a small town in Mato Grosso that borders on Bolivia. He was the eleventh suspect to be arrested in the case, and will be sent to a federal prison after being heard by the police. A total 12 temporary detention warrants have been issued for this operation. They are effective for 30 days and may be extended by another 30. Police are still after one last remaining target of the operation that investigates the involvement of Brazilians in planning terrorist attacks inspired by Islamic State.

Australia –Australie/New Zealand - Nouvelle-Zélande

30. Merrylands Police Station incident: Man charged after burning car set alight

Australian Broadcasting Corporation, 2016 07 23

Canberra - A 61-year-old man is charged after a car he was driving was set alight in the driveway of the Merrylands Police Station in Sydney's west. A man has been charged over a dramatic incident in which a car he was driving was set alight in the driveway of the Merrylands Police Station in Sydney's west. The interior of the 61-year-old man's car was on fire before he drove it into the roller door of the station's underground car park on Thursday night, police said. Police ruled out any link to terrorism but said the man had a history of serious mental health issues. He was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital with serious burns and remains under police guard. He was charged with destroying or damaging property with the intention of endangering life.

31. Open health data for intel

The Advertiser, 2016 07 23

Canberra – Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull is considering giving the nation's spy agencies access to mental health records to help curb terrorism. But he said any such move would be carefully considered, acknowledging it would be a huge change to the privacy system. Mr Turnbull, pictured, has already asked counter-terrorism co-ordinator Greg Moriarty to conduct a review into what further measures Australia can take to protect itself in the wake of the deadly Nice attack. On radio yesterday Mr Turnbull said allowing spy agencies to access mental health records was being looked at.

32. Waihopai documentary digs into the world of spies, eyes and peace video

StuffNZ, Philip Matthews, 2016 07 23

Wellington - They walked through a vineyard and cut fences in the dead of night, approached the enormous white domes of the spy base and said, "In the name of Jesus Christ, we disarm you". Then they plunged sickles into a dome, which deflated like a balloon, and they cried next to a shrine they set up. The three men were a teacher, a farmer and a Catholic priest. The teacher, Adrian Leason, said, "Catholic spirituality was the glue that brought us together." Leason, Father Peter Murnane and farmer Samuel Land were charged for the 2008 attack on the Waihopai spy base near Blenheim that New Zealand's prime minister at the time, Helen Clark, called "a senseless act of criminal vandalism". But was it senseless? As Leason says, the three men drew on a tradition of Christian pacifism and direct action. Scruffy, bearded and sometimes barefoot, they looked like Russian mystics. Leason is the central figure in a new documentary that spreads outwards from that incident at Waihopai to encompass the vast subject of global surveillance and New Zealand's role in the Five Eyes alliance. Viewers of *The 5th Eye* may experience unsettling flashbacks from 2014 as these figures appear before you: Edward Snowden, Kim Dotcom, Nicky Hager and Glenn Greenwald. They were strange days indeed. "The goal is to package up a whole lot of information about the issue and give it to people as something digestible," says co-director Errol Wright. "It puts events in order and in context." Father Peter Murnane, left, Adrian Leason and Samuel Land are released on bail at the Blenheim District Court in 2008. A jury later found the Waihopai Three not guilty. There is so much to digest and comprehend that co-director Abi King-Jones spent two years in editing to have it ready for the premiere in Wellington during the New Zealand International Film Festival on July 23. Screenings in Auckland and Christchurch will follow.

Asia -Asie

33. China pulls missiles ahead of sea ruling

South China Morning Post, Minnie Chan, 2016 07 23

Beijing - Surface-to-air weapons were probably removed from Woody Island in the Paracels to be shipped back to mainland for maintenance, report says. China removed its new generation surface-to-air missiles from Woody Island in the South China Sea two days ahead an international tribunal ruling on a territorial dispute in the waters, IHS Janes Defence magazine -reported, citing satellite images. The images from Airbus -Defence and Space showed a -battery of HQ-9 missiles was -removed on July 10, two days -before the Permanent Court of -Arbitration in The Hague rejected Beijing's claims over the South China Sea, the report said. The HQ-9s have a range of 200km and can intercept aircraft and incoming missiles. The report said the missiles, which have been on Woody Island in the Paracels since at least February, were probably shipped back to the mainland for maintenance by a Type 072A landing ship docked in the island's -harbour. Beijing-based naval expert Li Jie said the possible removal of the HQ-9s could be a response to the Pentagon's decision to withdraw its USS John C. Stennis carrier from the South China Sea on July 5, showing both Beijing and Washington were keen to reduce the risk of military confrontation.

34. U.S. national security advisor to visit China amid tensions over South China Sea, THAAD

Yonhap English News, 2016 07 23

Washington - U.S. National Security Adviser Susan Rice will visit China next week for talks with top Chinese officials, her office said Friday, as tensions between the two countries have flared anew over the South China Sea and the THAAD missile defense system. The four-day visit starting Sunday comes after an international tribunal rejected China's territorial claims to most of the South China Sea in a victory for the Philippines and other Southeast Asian nations locked in maritime disputes with Beijing. It also comes after South Korea and the United States announced a joint decision to deploy a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense battery in the South to better defend against growing nuclear and missile threats from North Korea. China has strongly protested both the South China Sea ruling and the THAAD deployment decision.

35. Philippines president vows to continue army's modernization

BBC Monitoring Asia Pacific, 2016 07 23

Manila - President Rodrigo Duterte has assured the troops that he will continue the previous administration's efforts to modernize the military. A press statement from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) public affairs office quoted Duterte as saying as much, when the new Commander in Chief visited for the first time the Sixth Infantry Division headquarters at Camp Siongco in Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao, on Saturday [23 July]. "There will even be no refocusing of the modernization thrust. We will only adjust our priorities," Duterte was quoted as saying. "For the time being, we will be attending to the more pressing needs of our soldiers now engaged in focused military operations in Basilan, Sulu, central Mindanao, and other areas in southern Philippines," Duterte added.

36. 20,000 troops eyed to crush terrorists

The Manila Times, Catherine S. Valente, 2016 07 23

Manila - President Rodrigo Duterte wants to deploy up to 20,000 more soldiers to put an end to terrorist attacks and kidnappings of foreigners in Mindanao. Meeting with top military and police officials at the Armed Forces' Western Mindanao headquarters in Zamboanga City, Duterte said more government troops are needed to put an end to "embarrassing" terrorism in the country. "It started many, many years ago. It's like we're being slapped on the face, every time there is a foreigner executed or a local ... it embarrasses the country," the President said. "One day we'll just have to decide and one day we'll just have to say, 'we'll finish everything.' We can't be slapped on the face like this every day," he added. Duterte said 10,000 to 20,000 additional troops would be needed to combat terror groups in various areas in Mindanao.

37. Malaysia foils 'IS plot against police'

Bangkok Post, 2016 07 23

Kuala Lumpur - Malaysian authorities said on Saturday that they had foiled a bomb plot against top police officers and arrested 14 suspected Islamic State (IS) operatives in a week-long operation. The suspects included a senior IS member who is believed responsible for recruiting a Malaysian IS militant, Abu Ghani Yaacob, who was killed in Syria on April 17, said Khalid Abu Bakar, inspector-general of police. "Based on a search, police managed to seize one completed IED weighing one kilogramme, for use in a planned attack on the top PDRM leadership," Khalid said in a statement, using the Malay acronym for the Royal Malaysian Police, and referring to an improvised explosive device, or bomb. Malaysia's security agencies have stepped up preventive measures against IS spreading in the Muslim majority, but multi-ethnic country. A few months ago, officials estimated nearly 50 Malaysians, most of them from the Malay majority, had joined IS in Syria and Iraq.

38. Kerry to urge ASEAN to launch talks to ease South China Sea disputes

Reuters News, 2016 07 23

Paris - U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry will urge Southeast Asian nations in meetings in Laos next week to find diplomatic ways to launch talks on easing tension over the South China Sea following an international court ruling that denies China's claims in the sea. "The Secretary will reinforce our hope that ... the parties will now turn to constructively engaging in a effort to find diplomatic ways to peacefully interact in the South China Sea," a senior U.S. official said before a meeting of the 10-nation Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Laos' capital Vientiane on Sunday. (Full Report)

39. S. Korea's FM Yun to highlight Pyongyang's nuke threat at ASEAN meetings

Yonhap English News, 2016 07 23

Vientiane - South Korea's Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se said Saturday that he will drive home the fact that North Korea's nuclear and missile threats stretch beyond the neighboring regions and affect the entire international community as he joins a series of meetings led by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). He made the remarks in a brief meeting with reporters at Incheon International Airport before leaving for the Laotian capital of Vientiane where he will hold talks with his ASEAN counterparts in the days to come. "I will emphasize that the threat emanating from the North's nuclear bombs and missiles not only poses problems for the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia but the wider world at large," he said. "At the same time, I will endeavor to deliver the message to all participating countries that the Security Council's resolutions should be thoroughly implemented," he added. Yun is to arrive here on Sunday. He is to attend a series of meetings including the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) slated for the last day of the annual event on Tuesday

40. Pak-based terror groups target India's interests in Af: envoy

Press Trust of India, Yoshita Singh, 2016 07 23

United Nations - Pakistan-based terror groups such as LeT, the Taliban, JeM and al-Qaeda target India's interests and goals in Afghanistan and pursue other objectives like creating sanctuaries and safe havens in tribal areas between Kabul and Islamabad, Afghan envoy to the UN has said. "In Afghanistan, regional terrorist groups have cooperated with the Taliban based on their common goals and mutual interests. These groups include Lashkar-e-Taiba, Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan, Jaish-e-Mohammad, Al-Qaeda and Lashkar-e-Islam, Sipah-e-Sahaba, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, Eastern Turkistan Islamic movement. "These groups pose a strategic threat to the security and stability of Afghanistan," Permanent Afghan Representative Mahmoud Saikal said here at an open briefing of the Counter- Terrorism Committee on foreign terrorists yesterday.

41. Kerala police arrest man from Thane for alleged IS links

Hindustan Times, 2016 07 23

Mumbai - A team of Kerala police and the Maharashtra anti-terrorist squad (ATS) have arrested a man from Kalyan in Thane for being part of a group that allegedly radicalised and recruited youth to undertake terrorist activities, officials said on Saturday. Rizwan Khan will be produced before a court in Thane and Kerala police will seek a transit remand on Saturday. This is the second arrest by Kerala police, who have been camping in Mumbai since a week, in the last few days. On Thursday, Kerala police arrested 45-year-old Arshid Qureshi, a public relation manager with controversial preacher Dr Zakir Naik's Islamic Research Foundation, from Navi Mumbai for allegedly radicalising youth and recruiting them to Islamic State. Qureshi's name surfaced after Kochi Police registered a complaint against Yahya alias Bestin Vincent, a Christian from Palakkad who converted to Islam and is believed to have joined IS. Yahya went missing from Kochi along with his wife Merin Jacob alias Mariyam.

Africa – Afrique

42. Fear, Hunger and Frustration for a South Sudan Mired in Crisis

The New York Times, Jacey Fortin, 2016 07 23

Juba - For nearly two weeks, they have hunkered in a schoolyard with nothing to do and nowhere else to go, dozens of people battling hunger, swarms of mosquitoes -- and fear. "I just want peace so I can go back to school," said Betty Christian, a chatty 19-year-old who fled her home here in the capital, Juba, when clashes erupted across the city this month. As she ran to find shelter, she passed soldiers who debated whether to shoot her, she said. When they decided not to shoot because she was female, she thanked them. Eventually, Ms. Christian made her way to this makeshift displacement site with her aunt and several of her cousins. But she has not heard from her mother since the gunfire began, and does not know where to find her. South Sudan's civil war is supposed to be over. In April, after more than two years of conflict that killed tens of thousands of people, the opposition leader, Riek Machar, returned to Juba with nearly 1,400 troops to resume his post as the vice president to his wartime rival, President Salva Kiir. To steady South Sudan, the world's newest nation, Mr. Kiir and Mr. Machar formed a transitional government, and for months soldiers from both sides of the conflict endured a tense coexistence in Juba.

43. South Sudan Vice President Machar sacks minister after 'defection'

Reuters News, 2016 07 23

Juba - South Sudan Vice President Riek Machar has fired a minister who he said had defected to his long-time rival President Salva Kiir's party. The rift between Machar and Taban Deng Gai has raised the prospect of further turmoil after months of fighting, as members of a faction led by Gai threatened to replace their leader. Two years of civil war that erupted after Kiir sacked Machar as Vice President in 2013 has killed more than 10,000 people and displaced over 2 million, many of whom fled to neighbouring countries. In a letter to party members and his military commanders late on Friday, Machar said Gai will be relieved of his position as mining minister, and had been expelled from the party.

44. L'Afrique de l'Ouest se ligue contre Boko Haram

El Watan, 2016 07 23

Abuja - Le président nigérien, Mahamadou Issoufou, et son homologue libérienne, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, ont décidé, à Niamey, de convoquer prochainement un sommet de l'Afrique de l'Ouest et centrale pour combattre le groupe terroriste Boko Haram. «Nous avons décidé de convoquer dans les prochains jours une réunion au sommet de ces deux régions pour harmoniser davantage les solutions dans le cadre de la lutte contre Boko Haram», a indiqué le chef d'Etat nigérien. L'annonce a été faite par M. Issoufou au cours d'une conférence de presse co-animée avec la présidente libérienne, également présidente en exercice de la Conférence des chefs d'Etat de la communauté économique des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (Cedeao) au terme de sa visite officielle de travail et d'amitié de 24 heures au Niger. Le groupe terroriste Boko Haram, qui commet des attaques meurtrières depuis 2009 dans le nord du Nigeria et s'est étendu par la suite à d'autres pays voisins (Niger, Cameroun et Tchad), a fait plus de 20 000 morts et forcé plus de 2 millions de personnes à se déplacer dans les pays limitrophes. Au Niger précisément, la secte terroriste a commis des attaques meurtrières à plusieurs reprises depuis février 2015 contre des localités du sud-est du pays situées à la frontière du Nigeria, notamment Bosso et Diffa, depuis ses positions nigériennes, qui ont coûté la vie à des centaines de civils et de militaires nigériens et fait des milliers de déplacés au Niger et au Nigeria.

45. Deux terroristes se sont rendus à l'armée à Jijel

El Watan, 2016 07 23

Alger - Les terroristes B. Ishak et B. Houdaïfa se sont rendus aux autorités sécuritaires relevant du secteur opérationnel de Jijel, a indiqué, hier, un communiqué du ministère de la Défense nationale (MDN). Il s'agit de deux frères. Le premier B. Ishak s'est rendu jeudi dernier. Son frère, quant à lui, a

fait sa reddition hier après-midi en possession, selon le MDN, d'un fusil semi-automatique de type Seminov.

46. Libye: Ban Ki-moon craint l'éparpillement des combattants du groupe EI
RFI, 2016 07 23

Tripoli - Un rapport du secrétaire général de l'ONU Ban Ki-moon s'inquiète d'une possible dispersion des combattants de l'organisation Etat islamique en Libye. Acculés dans leur bastion de Syrte, ces 2 000 à 5 000 combattants pourraient chercher à fuir dans des pays voisins et notamment en Tunisie. C'est un rapport porteur d'une bonne nouvelle : l'organisation Etat islamique est en déroute en Libye. Elle perd du terrain. La ville de Syrte, fief de la branche libyenne du groupe EI et ville symbolique qui a vu naître Mouammar Khadafi pourrait d'ailleurs tomber très rapidement, estime ce document confidentiel remis au Conseil de sécurité.

47. Mali: retour au calme à Kidal mais la tension demeure
Radio France Internationale, 2015 07 23

Kidal - Le calme est revenu à Kidal, dans le nord du Mali, après les violents affrontements qui ont opposé dans le nord du pays les ex-rebelles touaregs de la Coordination des mouvements de l'Azawad et des membres du GATIA, un groupe armé pro-gouvernemental. L'enjeu était le contrôle de la ville. Ce vendredi après-midi, la CMA a de nouveau le contrôle de Kidal. La vie reprend peu à peu à Kidal selon des témoins, mais la situation est encore très tendue. Selon plusieurs sources, les derniers combattants du GATIA, ce groupe armé favorable au gouvernement, ont quitté les rues de cette ville du nord du Mali. Une information confirmée par Fared Ag Almahmoud, porte-parole du GATIA, qui a indiqué que ses troupes se sont repliées à quelques kilomètres de la ville. Mais celui-ci précise que si ses troupes se sont retirées, c'est parce qu'elles ont conclu un accord avec la CMA. « Nous nous sommes retirés à partir du moment où les responsables locaux de la CMA ont accepté que la CMA et la Plateforme se retirent », affirme-t-il.

Iraq/Iran

48. Tehran calls S. Arabia 'founding father of Daesh, al Qaeda'
Tehran Times, 2016 07 23

Tehran - Reacting to a recent barrage of anti-Iranian remarks by Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir, the Iranian Foreign Ministry on Saturday lambasted the Saudi kingdom, calling it "the founding father of Daesh and al Qaeda." During a lecture on terrorism organized by the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Brussels and hosted by Egmont Research Center, Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir had accused Tehran of expansionist policies and "harboring" terrorism. The acid comments were rejected by Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi as "absurd, unfounded, and repetitious." "Adel al-Jubeir, who is these days desperately obsessed with smudging the footprints of the interventions of Saudi officials in numerous terrorist attacks over the past decades, thinks can deflect the public opinion of the world from endless disgraces of his country as the founding father of Daesh and al Qaeda through propaganda," Qasemi stated in a statement carried by the official website of the Iranian Foreign Ministry. Iran and Saudi Arabia have been supporting opposing sides in regional developments in the Middle East region, particularly in Syria.

49. Iran arrests 40 terrorists, interior minister says
Tehran Times, 2016 07 23

Tehran - Iranian security forces have arrested 40 members of a terrorist group in the eastern parts of the

country, the interior minister announced on Thursday. Abdolreza Rahmani-Fazli said the suspects had been arrested over the previous two nights, the IRIB reported.

Eastern Europe – Europe de L'Est

50. Turkish, Russian foreign ministries work on Putin-Erdogan meeting - Turkish president

TASS World Service, 2016 07 23

Moscow - Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan hopes to have a meeting with Russia's President Vladimir Putin in mid-August, he said this in an interview with France-24 on Saturday. "Right now, the Turkish Foreign Ministry negotiates it with the Russian counterparts," he said. "Of course, the recent events in Turkey, apparently, will change the visit timing. But I think, if nothing extraordinary happens, a meeting with the Russian president may take place about mid-August." On July 20, Russian presidential press secretary Dmitry Peskov told journalists a meeting between the Presidents of Russia and Turkey, Vladimir Putin and Recep Tayyip Erdogan, will be held in Russia in early August. "They (Putin and Erdogan) agreed to hold the meeting in early August, it will take place in the Russian Federation, but the city and the exact date are so far being considered," the Kremlin representative said.

51. Russian Tu-22M3 long-range bombers attack terrorist facilities in Syria

TASS World Service, 2015 07 23

Moscow - Tu-22M3 (NATO reporting name: Backfire-C) bombers of Russia's Aerospace Force have delivered new airstrikes against facilities of the Islamic State terrorist organization (outlawed in Russia) in Syria and destroyed two command posts, the Russian Defense Ministry's press office said. "On July 21 at 05:00 a.m. Moscow time [02:00 GMT], six Tu-22M3 long-range supersonic bombers delivered another massive attack against newly-detected facilities of the Islamic State terrorist organization east of Palmyra, as well as in As-Suhnah, Arak and Et-Teibe in the province of Homs," the press office said in a press release obtained by TASS. "According to objective control data, the airstrikes destroyed two terrorist command posts, manpower and military hardware in shelters," the press office said. "Sukhoi Su-35S [Flanker-E] fighter jets that took off from the Khmeimim airbase provided air cover for the Tu-22M3 long-range bombers," the press office added.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

52. Islamic State said to shun withdrawal offer in surrounded Syrian city

Reuters News, 2016 07 23

Beirut - Islamic State appeared to have shunned an offer for its fighters to withdraw safely from the Syrian city of Manbij and clashes with U.S.-backed forces raged ahead of its expiry, a spokesman for Washington-backed forces said on Saturday. The Syria Democratic Forces alliance, made up of Arab and Kurdish fighters and backed by the United States, made rapid advances against the jihadists last month after launching a campaign to flush them out of territory along the Turkish border, through which they had for years moved weapons and fighters. The SDF quickly surrounded Manbij, but the fight to take the city has been tougher, with slow advances inside it in recent weeks. On Thursday the SDF-allied Manbij Military Council said Islamic State militants would be allowed to leave the city with light weapons, without a fight, if their departure took place within 48 hours. The offer had been initiated by local actors, the Council's spokesman Sharfan Darwish said, without elaborating.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

53. Intelligence collection, monitoring of people with mental-health issues seen as keys to improving safety

The Wall Street Journal Online, Julian E. Barnes & Matthew Dalton, 2016 07 23

Berlin - First the massacre by truck in Nice, France, then an ax attack on a German train and now a shooting spree in Munich: Over the past 10 days, Western Europe has seen the calm of everyday life shattered by high-profile acts of violence. The motives and circumstances of each attack were different but the string of violence has officials in the region asking if terrorism is becoming a fact of life that Europe must learn to accept. The initial assessment by authorities is that Friday's German attack was committed by Ali David Sonbody, a teenager who was believed to have been in psychiatric care and taken an interest in mass killers including Anders Behring Breivik, the right-wing terrorist who killed 77 people in Norway exactly five years before. If the assessment holds, the Munich attack would be an exception in a year when Islamic State has either directed or inspired most of the terror attacks in Europe. U.S. and European officials said they were proceeding cautiously because the assessment could change in the days to come. But security officials said the recent string of attacks in both Europe and America show the importance of improving intelligence collection, and improving services and monitoring of people with mental-health issues. "We are living in fear whether it is from terrorists or [mentally ill] people," said a U.S. official in Europe. "Whether they are self-radicalized or mentally ill they can terrorize and change peoples lives. We have two problems here, we have to focus on both." U.S. officials say the one thing European intelligence and law-enforcement officials could do quickly is find a mechanism with which to share more intelligence and law enforcement information, and share it more widely. American officials have been pushing Europe for more intelligence sharing with the U.S.—not simply providing information on terrorists or potential terrorists who are intent on attacking the U.S. but a far broader swath of information.

54. Gunman in Munich Kills 9, Then Himself, the Police Say

The New York Times, Multiple Reporters, 2016 07 23

Munich - A gunman opened fire outside a shopping mall in Munich late on Friday afternoon, killing nine people, wounding 21 and sending Germany's third-largest city into lockdown as the police scrambled to find what they initially thought were as many as three assailants. By early Saturday, the authorities said the attack was probably the work of a single gunman, an 18-year-old German of Iranian descent who they said held both German and Iranian citizenship. The body of the presumed gunman, whose name was not immediately made public, was found less than a mile from the mall with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, officials said. During a news conference early Saturday, Hubertus Andrä, the chief of the Munich police, said it was unclear what had motivated the assailant, who lived in the city for more than two years and had no police record. He said the authorities were not certain that the rampage was a terrorist attack. "The events of last night and tonight make us sad, speechless, and in particular right now, our thoughts are with the victims," Chief Andrä said. Three of the wounded were in critical condition, officials said. The bloodshed sent this well-ordered, Baroque city into a panic, as the authorities declared a state of emergency and halted public transportation in the middle of the rush-hour commute. Members of an elite counterterrorism squad fanned out across the city, and residents were ordered to stay indoors. In some places, pedestrians could be seen raising their hands as they walked past police officers who had their weapons drawn.

55. Munich gunman fixated on mass killing, had no Islamist ties

Reuters, 2016 06 23

Berlin - A German-Iranian teenager who shot dead nine people in Munich was a deranged lone gunman obsessed with mass killings who drew no inspiration from Islamist militancy, police said on Saturday. The 18-year-old, born and raised locally, opened fire near a busy shopping mall on Friday evening, triggering a lockdown in the Bavarian state capital. Seven of his victims were themselves teenagers, who police said he may have lured to their deaths via a hacked Facebook account on what was the fifth anniversary of twin attacks by Norwegian mass murderer Anders Breivik that killed 77 people. The Munich shooting, in which a further 27 people were wounded, some seriously, was the third act of violence against civilians in Western Europe - and the second in southern Germany - in eight days. Bavarian state crime office president Robert Heimberger said the gunman, who German media named as Ali David Sonboly, was carrying more than 300 bullets in his backpack and pistol when he was later found dead of a gunshot wound.

56. Gunman kills nine at Munich mall

The Globe and Mail, Staff and Wire Services, 2015 07 23

Berlin - A man found dead near a shopping centre in Munich, Germany killed himself and was likely the lone gunman in an attack that killed nine people and injured 16 others, a spokesman for the Munich police said on Saturday. Earlier police, citing eyewitness accounts, had said they were looking for up to three suspects in the shooting attack at the Munich Olympia Shopping Centre (OEZ) that sent shoppers running for their lives and shut traffic across the city. But early Saturday, a Munich police spokesman said it was now believed likely that only one man was responsible for the shooting. "We can give a cautious 'allclear signal.' It looks like the body found near the OEZ was the gunman," a police spokesman told reporters. Authorities had told the public to get off the streets as the city - Germany's third biggest - went into lockdown with transport halted and highways sealed off. A police spokesman initially said up to three gunmen were on the run after the shooting. The Bavarian capital was placed under a state of emergency as police hunted for them and special forces were deployed in the city. "We are telling the people of Munich there are shooters on the run who are dangerous," he said. "We are urging people to stay indoors."

57. Opinion: Germany faces terror

Deutsche Welle, Christoph Strack, 2016 07 23

Opinion: Terror and panic in Munich: The bloodbath at the Olympia shopping center in the Bavarian capital has shaken Germany to the core. The country is in shock and now faces a major challenge, says Christoph Strack. It has been a terrible, sorrowful night. Shots were fired, many were injured, at least 10 people have been killed. There's been talk of terrorism, though nothing has been confirmed. But for those who witnessed the attack, it was undoubtedly terror. And this in Munich, the proud capital of Bavaria, a state known for its good policing and vigilance - and for which it has also been criticized. Terror is fear. And fear has arrived in Germany, in its cities. The fear that struck Norway five years ago today, when Anders Behring Breivik launched a massacre in Oslo and on the island of Utøya. And the fear that just a week ago hit the streets of Nice, when the lives of 84 people were cruelly cut short as they celebrated France's national holiday, Bastille Day. A few days later, a young Afghan refugee injured several Chinese tourists in an ax and knife attack on a regional train near Würzburg, also in Bavaria. For the first time Germany came face to face with hatred, from a 17-year-old refugee who attacked the people and the country that had reached out to help him.

58. German chancellor to hold security council in wake of Munich attack

EFE News Service, 2016 07 23

Berlin - The German chancellor is to hold a meeting Saturday with German MPs and security officials in

light of Friday's shooting attack at a Munich shopping mall that left at least 10 dead, including the suspect. The meeting is to take place at 12:30 (10:00 GMT) at the Federal Chancellery in Berlin, government spokesperson Steffen Seibert said. Chancellor Angela Merkel is to speak at 14:30 (12:30 GMT) following the talks. Participating ministers include Vice-Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel, Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere, Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen, Chief of Staff Peter Altmeier, Justice Minister Heiko Mass and Transport Minister Alexander Dobrindt.

59. Erdogan issues decree to shutter 2,340 institutions in Turkey

Deutsche Presse-Agentur, Shabtai Gold, 2016 07 23

Istanbul - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has issued a decree to close 2,341 institutions - including schools, charities, unions and medical centres - in the wake of last week's failed coup, the state-run Anadolu news agency reported Saturday. The decree - the first to be made under the powers of the state of emergency, according to local media - also extends the legal time a person can be detained to 30 days. The decree has been entered into the Official Gazette of the government. A government official insisted the institutions targeted all have connections to the movement of US-based preacher Fethullah Gulen, who Erdogan blames for the failed putsch. The measure will now move to parliament, which is dominated by Erdogan's conservative Justice and Development Party (AKP). The legislature has oversight powers on such decrees, adopted as part of the state of emergency which entered into force Thursday.

60. Munich gunman raised locally, had no ties to Islamic state –police

Reuters News, 2016 07 23

Berlin - A German-Iranian teenager who shot and killed nine people and then himself in Munich on Friday had received psychiatric care and was in all probability a lone gunman who had no ties to Islamic State, police said. The 18-year-old triggered a lockdown in the Bavarian capital after opening fire near a busy shopping mall. He was carrying a further 300 bullets in his backpack when he was later found dead of a gunshot wound, state prosecutor Robert Heimberger said on Saturday. Following a police search of the attacker's room, Munich police chief Hubertus Andrae all but ruled out an Islamist link in the killings. "Based on the searches, there are no indications whatsoever that there is a connection to Islamic State" or to the issue of refugees, he told a news conference.

61. Lone Gunman's 'Rampage' Puts Munich on Lockdown

The Wall Street Journal, Multiple Reporters, 2016 07 23

Berlin - A lone gunman killed nine people in and around a Munich shopping mall in a shooting spree police described as possible terrorism, putting the southern German city in lockdown during a nearly seven-hour manhunt until police said the attacker had killed himself. Heavily armed police from across the country combed Munich Friday night, searching for what witnesses had said were multiple shooters and responding to emergency calls that turned out to be false alarms. After 1 a.m., police said the gunman, whom they described as an 18-year old dual German-Iranian citizen who had lived in Munich for at least two years, was dead and appeared to have acted alone. The shooter's motives weren't immediately clear, and officials said they were considering all possibilities, including Islamist and right-wing terrorism. The man hadn't been known to police, they said. Police said 21 people were brought to hospitals after the attack, three of them with serious injuries. Late into the night, police officers and other officials were consoling friends and relatives of the attack's victims at a KFC restaurant near the shopping mall. At least a dozen people huddled inside, while more stood on the parking lot, their sobs audible from the street. "There were children and teenagers that are dead," said the restaurant's manager, who was pacing outside. "Why do people do such things? The assault, described by police as a "rampage," began

shortly before 6 p.m. at a McDonald's across the street from the shopping mall. The assailant opened fire with a pistol, then continued to fire inside the mall, where the nine people were killed.

62. Fusillade à Munich : "Un acte d'un déséquilibré plutôt qu'un acte motivé politiquement" pour Claude Moniquet

RTL, Philippe Robuchon, 2016 07 23

Paris - Un jeune homme de 18 ans d'origine iranienne a abattu neuf personnes dans un centre commercial de Munich le 22 juillet avant de retourner l'arme contre lui. Acte d'un déséquilibré ou attentat islamiste ? Pour l'heure, la police allemande reste très prudente quant aux motivations de l'auteur de la fusillade. Invité de RTL, Claude Moniquet, spécialiste des questions de terrorisme, juge "étonnant" le scénario selon lequel Daesh serait derrière cette attaque. "On est en face d'un jeune iranien, c'est-à-dire (qu'il y a) 95% de chances (qu'il soit) chiite. Or, les chiites et Daesh se livrent une guerre sans merci. Un chiite agissant pour Daesh, c'est impossible." L'ancien agent de la DGSE écarte aussi l'hypothèse d'un attentat d'extrême droite. "On voit assez mal un immigré d'origine iranienne pratiquer des attentats xénophobes et néonazis." Selon les premiers éléments de l'enquête, l'auteur de la fusillade se serait suicidé : un mode opératoire qui ne correspond pas aux habitudes de Daesh. "Le terroriste se fait tuer par son ennemi. L'islam prohibe le suicide comme les autres religions monothéistes. C'est quelque chose qui penche plutôt vers l'acte d'un déséquilibré qu'un acte motivé politiquement", explique Claude Moniquet.

63. Terror Content Taken Offline

The Wall Street Journal, Valentina Pop, 2016 07 23

Brussels - The amount of terror-related material taken offline in Europe after requests from law-enforcement agencies has increased sharply since the Paris attacks in November, according to a new official report. The European Union's Internet Referral Unit, a task force within the bloc's law-enforcement agency Europol, has identified over 70 platforms used by terror groups to spread propaganda, Europol said Friday. Platforms refer to social-media websites such as Facebook or Twitter and to instant messaging apps such as WhatsApp or Telegram. Over 90% of the content the unit flagged to internet service providers was swiftly removed, it said. Europol doesn't have the authority to block content on its own and has to rely on online service providers. The unit was set up in July and has since assessed over 11,000 cases of presumed extremist content online and referred nearly 10,000 to be taken down. Of that total, 8,949 were removed, Europol said.

64. Turkey shakes up security forces in post-coup crackdown

Agence France Presse, Stuart Williams & Raziye Akkoc, 2016 07 23

Istanbul - Turkey on Friday detained almost 300 members of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's guard and began shaking up the security forces one week after a failed coup, as US President Barack Obama denied having any prior intelligence of the putsch. Supporters celebrated the coup's failure to unseat Erdogan, but the Turkish strongman faced growing global criticism over the mass detentions and sackings of tens of thousands of people. In the latest swoop, Turkey detained 283 members of the presidential guard, an official said, There are at least 2,500 members of the guard, according to local media. Meanwhile, the Turkish government has cancelled 10,856 passports mainly of state officials "due to flight risk with the holders either in custody or on the run," the official said. In the most significant institutional changes since the coup, powerful Interior Minister Efkan Ala said the gendarmerie would in future be part of the interior ministry and not the army.

65. Turkey in shake-up of security forces after failed coup

Al Jazeera English, 2016 07 23

Istanbul - Interior ministry announces take-over of key security force from army in wake of failed coup.

Turkish authorities have announced a shake-up of the security forces a week after a section of the army attempted to overthrow the government in a failed coup. In the most significant institutional changes since the coup attempt, Interior Minister Efkan Ala said on Friday that the gendarmerie would in future fall under the interior ministry and not the army. The gendarmerie, which is responsible for public order in rural areas that fall outside the jurisdiction of police forces, as well as assuring internal security and general border control, had always been part of the military and its removal is a blow to the armed forces' clout. "The gendarmerie will definitely be dependent entirely on the interior ministry," Ala said, in an interview with the Turkish news broadcaster, NTV. Claiming that the coup threat "is not yet over", Ala also disclosed that authorities had cancelled a total of 10,856 passports "due to flight risk".

66. Turkey spy chief survives despite Erdogan criticism... for now

Agence France Presse, 2016 07 23

Istanbul - Turkey's powerful spy chief Hakan Fidan is to stay on in his job after presiding over an intelligence failure that allowed the botched coup, but his position is under review, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said in an interview broadcast Saturday. There has been intense speculation over the future of Fidan, head of the National Intelligence Organisation (MIT) and widely seen as one of the most powerful men in the country, after Erdogan publicly rebuked him for failing to see the putsch coming. Erdogan late on Friday held a two-hour meeting with Fidan at the presidential palace but there was no statement afterwards that Turkey's top spy was to go. "No, he did not offer his resignation. We did not discuss this," Erdogan said in an interview with France 24 television. Following reports that MIT had intelligence of the coup hours beforehand but did not warn Erdogan, the president admitted there had been an intelligence failure.

67. Turkey's Erdogan, using emergency decree, shuts private schools, charities, unions

Reuters News, 2016 07 23

Istanbul - President Tayyip Erdogan tightened his grip on Turkey on Saturday, ordering the closure of thousands of private schools, charities and other institutions in his first decree since imposing a state of emergency after the failed military coup. A restructuring of Turkey's once untouchable military also drew closer, with a planned meeting between Erdogan and the already purged top brass brought forward. In the decree, published by the Anadolu state news agency, Erdogan extended to a maximum of 30 days from four days the period in which some suspects can be detained. It said this was to facilitate a full investigation into the coup attempt. Erdogan, who narrowly escaped capture and possible death during the July 15 coup attempt, told Reuters in an interview on Thursday he would restructure the armed forces and bring in "fresh blood".

68. Failed Turkish Coup Accelerated a Purge Years in the Making

The New York Times, Multiple Reporters, 2016 07 23

Ankara - Night had fallen and the weekend had begun, but the head of Turkey's spy agency remained at work in the main security compound in Ankara, struggling to track reports of strange military activities across the country. Suddenly, a roar of gunfire erupted as a fleet of choppers blasted the gates of the compound. As guards fired in the air, a helicopter tried to land beside the agency while others dropped ropes to send down commandos, according to a security official who was inside at the time, and spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence matters. More than a sudden attack on the government, the attempted coup this month has emerged as a turning point in a yearslong struggle for control of the Turkish state. The battle lines were clear: allies of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan against a collection of adversaries, including members of the military and followers of Fethullah Gulen, a Muslim cleric who leads a secretive religious movement from his self-exile in Pennsylvania. Agents inside the intelligence service had long feared a fifth column was taking shape inside the Turkish state, and they spent years compiling dossiers on tens of thousands of citizens, scrutinizing their pasts for any hints of rebellion or

links to Mr. Gulen. As dramatic and violent as the night was, the aftermath has been equally as stunning. Mr. Erdogan has imposed a sweeping purge, labeling tens of thousands of civil servants and others as potential enemies of the state.

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CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Surrey couple freed as judge blasts 'farical' RCMP sting

Vancouver Sun, Ian Mulgrew, 2016 07 30

Vancouver - Former Surrey residents John Nuttall and Amanda Korody embraced in the B.C. Supreme Court lobby Friday, passionately kissing, free after 37 months of imprisonment, their terrorism convictions overturned. "We're just happy," Nuttall said to reporters before leaving in a cab. But within hours, after a "nice lunch on The Drive," four Vancouver police cruisers screeched to a halt and the couple was taken away in handcuffs. Late in the afternoon, they went before B.C. provincial court Judge Reg Harris and agreed to peace bond terms that included geographic restrictions banning them from the legislature grounds, Canadian Forces bases, synagogues and Jewish schools. They were then released again. Their lawyers told the court the couple will initially be living in Victoria. Under the peace bond, they are prohibited from using the Internet to call up fundamentalist Islamic websites and from possessing weapons or explosives, including knives except when preparing food. They must also report to a bail supervisor. Korody appeared in provincial court without her customary head scarf and her red hair was fashioned in neat corn rows. Federal prosecutor Raymond Leong refused to comment on the peace bond proceedings. "It was horrible, it was so scary - you should have seen the looks on their faces," said Nuttall's mother Maureen Smith, who was present during the takedown on Commercial Drive. The police sting was triggered by warnings from Canadian Security Intelligence Service. Nuttall's mother said both would require counselling and care to return to normal given the past three years of prosecution and pre-trial custody.

2. B.C. case proves terror still an issue

The Winnipeg Sun, 2016 07 30

Editorial: John Nuttall and Amanda Korody were found guilty on terror charges last June and the couple will soon be released from jail with nothing added to their record. Yes, you read that right. There's no typo there. While a jury found the two guilty, on Friday a British Columbia Supreme Court judge threw that verdict out. As The Canadian Press explains it: "Justice Catherine Bruce said police instigated and skillfully engineered the very terrorist acts committed by John Nuttall and Amanda Korody, who believed they were planting pressure-cooker bombs that would blow up at the legislature on Canada Day in 2013." It's a landmark ruling that found the accused entrapped by the RCMP. Previous attempts to argue entrapment in terror-related cases all failed. Bruce added that the accused were mere "foot soldiers" and "marginalized people" who couldn't have made any headway with their plans were it not for the undercover officers leading them. But extensive audio and video recordings show that Nuttall and Korody were intent on committing a terror attack on home soil. As both the RCMP and CSIS have reported in recent years, there are hundreds of people in Canada who have either returned from participating in terror abroad or have shown interest in going abroad. We need good police work that monitors and arrests them if need be. It's not enough to sit back and wait until after an attack happens.

3. B.C. terror convictions tossed

National Post, Brian Hutchinson, 2016 07 30

Vancouver - The attempt by undercover RCMP officers - encouraged and instructed from senior levels - to lure a pair of hapless Vancouver-area layabouts into a contrived plot to bomb the B.C. legislature buildings was a debacle. From start to finish. That's putting it mildly. B.C. Supreme Court Justice Catherine Bruce described it best. She pulled no punches while reading her long-awaited decision Friday

in a downtown Vancouver courtroom. After listening to arguments made over the past 12 months, Bruce had to determine whether the Mounties had entrapped John Nuttall and his common-law wife, Amanda Korody. Both were unemployed and dope-sick, living hand-to-mouth in a basement apartment they could barely afford and which they rarely left. In her scathing hour-long delivery, a highlight-reel summary of her 210-page written judgment, Bruce denounced the RCMP's actions and the undercover sting operation they hatched. "This was a clear case of police-manufactured crime," the judge declared. The Mounties unfairly snared the pair, in what Bruce described as an "offensive" and "illegal" abuse of process. "I find that the RCMP knowingly facilitated a terrorist activity by providing money and other services to the defendants that helped and made easier the terrorist activities," she said. Court was told police were alerted to Nuttall and Korody in late 2012 by the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS). Nuttall had been heard around Surrey, a Vancouver suburb, muttering about making jihad. To any reasonable person, the ramblings of a basement-dwelling, nonetoo-swift punk rock guitarist and recovering heroin addict in his early 40s, someone prone to absurd conspiracy theories, might have seemed ridiculous.

Canada

4. Bangladeshi-Canadian named as Dhaka cafe attack mastermind

The Indian Express, Staff Writer, 2016 07 30

Dhaka - A Bangladeshi-Canadian was on Saturday identified as the mastermind of Bangladesh's worst terrorist attack at a cafe in Dhaka's high-security diplomatic zone that killed 22 people mostly foreigners, police said following new information from a raid on a terrorist hideout. An overnight security raid at Kalyanpur area in Dhaka four days ago provided police the clue to identify Tamim Chowdhury as the architect of the recent Islamist assaults, a police officer familiar with the investigations told PTI on anonymity "We found Tamim Chowdhury to be the mastermind of the two (back-to-back terrorist) attacks... a manhunt was launched to track him down as we think, he now lives in Bangladesh since his return (from Canada) three years ago," he said. The officer added that evidence gathered from the scene of the July 26 raid at Kalyanpur, in which nine militants were killed, led police to identify Chowdhury, believed to be in his mid 30s, as the mastermind of the July 1 attack on the Holey Artisan restaurant and the assault on an Eid congregation at northern Sholakia six days later. A Bangladeshi newspaper earlier reported that Chowdhury appeared as the leader and main financier of a reorganised Jamaatul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB). Bangladesh earlier attributed the two attacks to the clandestine outfit. The report suggested that Chowdhury was working as the link between the reorganised JMB and the ISIS, which claimed the responsibility for the July 1 attack when the terrorists killed 22 people, among them 17 foreigners including an Indian and two police officers.

5. Ottawa may help alleged victims of peacekeepers

Toronto Star, Alex Boutilier, 2016 07 30

Ottawa - The federal government is considering support for victims of alleged sexual exploitation and abuse by peacekeepers after a damning UN report brought the number of Canadian offenders - whose names are being kept secret - to five, the Star has learned. The news of potential victim support comes just days after it was revealed two Quebec provincial police officers retired before they faced disciplinary hearings for alleged sexual exploitation or abuse while on a UN mission in Haiti. By leaving, the officers avoided being disciplined by the force. Documents prepared in February by the deputy minister of foreign affairs for Global Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion show Ottawa was aware of five separate cases of alleged sexual exploitation or abuse by Canadian peacekeepers in Haiti dating to 2013. In two incidents, Canadian peacekeepers have been accused of fathering children with Haitian women. Currently, Ottawa has no policy or legislation to address paternity claims for victims abused by Canadian peacekeepers sent

to protect them. Global Affairs told the Star the Canadian government is examining the way it handles complaints of abuse against Canadian peacekeepers, particularly when paternity claims are made.

6. Mohamed Harkat's long fight to stay

Toronto Star, Debra Black, 2016 07 30

Analysis: Mohamed Harkat - an Algerian who says he was wrongly accused of being an Al Qaeda sleeper agent - hopes he can finally win his freedom and the right to stay in Canada. "What the government is doing is wrong, and it's not fair," Harkat said in an exclusive interview with the Star. "And they got the wrong guy." Harkat, who came to Canada in 1995 and claimed refugee status, has been fighting deportation since his arrest on a national security certificate in December 2002. He still dreams of one day becoming a Canadian citizen, even though his life in Canada has been very different from what he'd expected. "I thought one day I would have children, a house, a family. . . . Everything is destroyed. When I met Sophie, we had a plan to buy a house and have children." The 47-year-old Harkat says he's innocent and will face torture and persecution in his native Algeria if he is deported. Canada Border Services Agency did not comment on the specifics of the case, but confirmed that Harkat is under a removal order, following a Federal Court decision upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada. Esme Bailey, a senior media spokesperson for CBSA, added that the removal order "can only be enforced once due process under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act has taken place." A February 2016 CBSA document - marked top secret - states that, "should Mr. Harkat be allowed to remain in Canada, it can be presumed that, given the opportunity, he would work toward the ends espoused by the Bin Laden Network." It recommends his removal from Canada. His lawyer, Barbara Jackman, plans to argue, in a formal petition to the public safety minister, that Harkat will face torture and persecution if sent back. She also plans to argue he is not a threat to Canada and should be allowed to stay on humanitarian grounds. In early September, she will seek an exemption from deportation.

7. A renewed attempt to find some common ground with Russia

Toronto Star, David Olive, 2016 07 30

Comment: This might seem a curious time for Ottawa to make a 180-degree turn in trying to restore healthy relations with Russia. But there were Stéphane Dion, Canada's foreign affairs minister, and his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, meeting Monday on the neutral ground of a Pacific nations summit in Laos for a 30-minute cover-the-waterfront talk on issues of common interests. The under-reported incident is a breakthrough for both countries. Canada has been stridently critical of the Kremlin since Russia's occupation of the Crimea two years ago and has prohibited contact between high-level officials in the two countries. But the Trudeau government, which earned a mandate in October for its promise to strengthen ties with both Russia and China, has broken the silence. To be sure, Dion reiterated to Lavrov on Monday Canada's acute concern about Russia's threatening gestures in Ukraine and elsewhere in Eastern Europe, and the Kremlin's controversial role in the Syrian conflict. But the two chief diplomats found common ground on expanded trade, counterterrorism, space exploration, Arctic sovereignty, technology exchanges and other pressing issues. This is a break in the hostile front the West has maintained against Russia after its theft of the Crimea in 2014. Western sanctions have been in place ever since.

8. Preparing for President Trump

Toronto Star, Paul Wells, 2016 07 30

OpEd: That was a lovely convention the Democrats had in Philadelphia. With 100 days to go until the U.S. presidential election, it is now time for Canada's government to consider whether it can do anything to help stop Donald Trump's election. And if the disaster cannot be stopped, Canada must prepare for the worst. The Democratic convention was a methodical display of strategy as theatre. Its speakers were more prominent than those who spoke at the Republican convention a week earlier in Cleveland. They were

more genuinely eager to see the party's nominee elected. And they covered the ideological waterfront, from Bernie Sanders to the nominally Republican former mayor of New York, Mike Bloomberg. Hillary Clinton's acceptance speech was upbeat, carefully broad in its appeal, and delivered about as well as she will ever deliver a speech. If conventions made the difference, Clinton would be a shoo-in. But campaigns have their own momentum. Most polls suggest Trump has been cutting into Clinton's lead. I'm on the record with predictions that Trump will never be president. I think it would be foolish to cling to that certainty any more. Clinton would be no godsend for Canada. She opposed the Keystone XL pipeline, which the Trudeau government still pretends to support, before Obama did. As a border-state senator for New York she was frosty to expressions of Canadian interest when it clashed with her perceptions of New Yorkers' interest. But, to borrow Bloomberg's adjective, she's sane. Trump's remarks on NATO, combined with the growing evidence that he is deeply beholden to Russia's Vladimir Putin, makes him an entirely different order of menace to Canada.

9. Canada Day bomb plot couple freed after judge rules police entrapped them

The Guardian, Ashifa Kassam, 2016 07 30

Toronto - A Canadian couple found guilty of planting homemade bombs outside a government building will walk free after a court in British Columbia ruled the pair was entrapped by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) into carrying out a "police-manufactured crime". John Nuttall, 41, and Amanda Korody, 33, were found guilty of terror charges last year after they planted inert pressure cooker bombs on the steps of British Columbia's provincial legislature in 2013, ahead of Canada Day celebrations that drew thousands of revellers to the area. The verdict was thrown out on Friday, after BC supreme court justice Catherine Bruce said the RCMP had manipulated the two converts to Islam into carrying out the plot. "This was a clear case of police-manufactured crime," Bruce wrote in her ruling. "The world has enough terrorists. We do not need the police to create more out of marginalized people." The judge pointed to the couple's mental capacity to back the assertion that the crime had been instigated by police. "The defendants also demonstrated that they were not very intelligent, gullible and quite naive and child-like," she said of Nuttall and Korody, who were dependent on social assistance to get by as they struggled to overcome emotional and addiction issues.

10. Judge says RCMP engineered terror plot

The Globe and Mail, George Omand, 2016 07 30

Ottawa - A British Columbia couple convicted of terrorism charges have had their verdicts tossed out in a scathing court decision that flays the RCMP for its "egregious" conduct in manipulating naive suspects into carrying out a police-manufactured crime. But John Nuttall and Amanda Korody were quickly rearrested and placed under a peace bond before finally being released. The Crown also immediately filed an appeal. B.C. Supreme Court Justice Catherine Bruce said the Mounties used trickery, deceit and veiled threats to engineer the terrorist acts for which Mr. Nuttall and Ms. Korody were arrested on Canada Day three years ago. The couple believed they were planting pressure-cooker bombs to kill and maim crowds gathered to celebrate at the B.C. legislature. "The world has enough terrorists. We do not need the police to create more," Justice Bruce said in a landmark ruling Friday as she characterized the RCMP's methods as "multifaceted and systematic manipulation." "There is clearly a need to curtail the actions of police ... to ensure that future undercover investigations do not follow the same path." Justice Bruce said Mounties involved in a months-long sting launched in early 2013 knowingly exploited Mr. Nuttall and Ms. Korody's vulnerabilities to induce them to commit an offence.

11. Terrorism sting a massive waste

The Times Colonist, 2016 07 30

Editorial: John Nuttall and Amanda Korody were two losers who needed help, but the RCMP gave them the wrong kind of help and wasted huge amounts of police resources and public money in the process.

The two were arrested on Canada Day 2013, and charged with multiple terrorism-related offences after planting what they believed were pressure-cooker bombs on the B.C. legislature grounds. A jury found them guilty in June 2015 of three terrorism-related charges, but B.C. Supreme Court Justice Catherine Bruce delayed registering the convictions at the request of defence lawyers, who argued the Mounties had entrapped their clients. On Friday, Bruce ruled that Nuttall and Korody were indeed entrapped, and said that without the help of the police, the two could not have carried out their bomb plot. Her decision will mean a stay of proceedings. It's not the same as an acquittal, but it means the two go free. The Crown has appealed. It would be wrong to minimize the threat of terrorism; the killings in Nice show what one angry, unbalanced person can do. It would be naïve to assume it couldn't happen here. And it's a credit to the RCMP that they learned of Nuttall's desire to become a terrorist and set out to learn how far he would go. It's how far the police went that is the problem. Evidence presented at the couple's trial plainly showed clear thinking and effective planning were not their strong point. Nuttall proposed a plan to hijack a Via Rail passenger train — the rail service ceased operations in 2011. Other plots included hijacking a nuclear submarine and storming CFB Esquimalt.

12. 'Important errors' turned terror case

Vancouver Sun, Ian Mulgrew, 2016 07 30

Vancouver - While driving his children to Florida on holiday from North Carolina's Duke University, Professor Omid Safipulled over Friday to celebrate the release of convicted Canada Day bombers John Nuttall and Amanda Korody. Safi's expert testimony underpins the reasoning and the understanding of Islam used in B.C. Supreme Court Justice Catherine Bruce's decision Friday to stay the guilty terrorism verdicts rendered last year against the pair. Safiwas an the expert witness in the copycat Boston bombing case that the judge said police manufactured and reviewed hundreds of pages of conversations recorded between undercover RCMP officers and the couple in the B.C. case. "In my opinion, the many undercover officers committed two important errors," he said in an interview. "First, they repeatedly and systematically dissuaded Mr. Nuttall from accessing and consulting credible Muslim authorities, even when he kept asking to do so." The judge agreed completely. Nuttall persistently emphasized to undercover officers that he was not knowledgeable about matters related to Islamic theology, the Qur'an and teachings related to jihad and was searching for authentic Islamic guidance. "Had Mr. Nuttall been allowed to do so, it would have been reasonable to assume that a credible Muslim scholar would have pointed out the restrictions on attacks on civilians as clearly stipulated in the Qur'an and the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad," Safisaid. "Second, the RCMP officers put themselves (rather than Muslim scholars) in the position of interpreting Islamic theology and did so in an erroneous way to suggest that had Mr. Nuttall killed someone, it would have been God's will for him to do that. I find their (and any state's agents) putting themselves in the situation of offering such erroneous and dangerous interpretations of any religion to be profoundly problematic."

13. B.C. Supreme Court ruling could force police to rethink methods, experts say

The Globe and Mail, Ian Bailey, 2016 07 30

Analysis: A B.C. judge's harsh rebuke of an undercover RCMP terrorism sting and her decision to let the hapless couple who plotted to blow up the B.C. Legislature walk free puts such U.S.-style investigative techniques clearly out of bounds in Canada and will force police to rethink their methods, lawyers and security watchers say. On Friday, B.C. Supreme Court Justice Catherine Bruce refused to register the convictions against John Nuttall and Amanda Korody, agreeing with defence lawyers who said the pair were manipulated into planting what they thought were pressure-cooker bombs that would go off during Canada Day celebrations in 2013. Although jurors found the pair guilty, Justice Bruce noted in a sharp criticism: "The world has enough terrorists. We do not need the police to create more out of marginalized people." Lawyers for the pair described them as low-income former drug addicts who were easily manipulated. Mr. Nuttall had a criminal record for drug-related offences, mischief and carrying a

concealed weapon, and was sentenced in 1996 for kidnapping and robbery as well as aggravated assault. The pair's trial heard that the RCMP focused on the couple after the Canadian Security Intelligence Agency informed the Mounties in 2013 that Mr. Nuttall had tried to buy potassium nitrate, which can be used to make explosives. As a result, the Mounties launched a Mr. Big sting. An undercover Mountie posing as an Arab businessman approached Mr. Nuttall, beginning a scheme over five months in 2013 that included a four-day trip to Kelowna to finalize a terrorist plot. Eventually, the couple were arrested after planting three explosives made from pressure cookers that police had rendered inert on the grounds of the B.C. legislature. Although convicted by a jury in 2015, Justice Bruce held off registering the convictions pending the legal arguments by the defence that the pair were entrapped by the RCMP.

14. Canada Judge Rules That Police Entrapped Couple in Bomb Plot

The New York Times, Ian Austen, 2016 07 30

Ottawa - A Canadian couple who planted what they believed were pressure-cooker bombs outside British Columbia's legislature in 2013 were freed on Friday after a judge ruled that they had been entrapped by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The couple, John Stuart Nuttall and Amanda Marie Korody, are recovering drug addicts who once lived on the street. They had been convicted of terrorism-related charges and were possibly facing life in prison because of their actions on Canada Day on July 1, 2013. But in a scathing decision, Justice Catherine Bruce of the Supreme Court of British Columbia found that the Mounties had instigated the terrorist plot and manipulated the common-law couple. "The defendants were the foot soldiers, but the undercover officer was the leader of the group," Justice Bruce wrote in a decision that also dismissed the credibility of testimony by several police officers. "Without the police it would have been impossible for the defendants to carry out the pressure-cooker plan," she added.

15. Travel Smart: Cyberthieves to take advantage of Rio Olympics

The Toronto Star, Henry Stancu, 2016 07 30

Analysis: Personal safety should be a key concern for anyone at the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro in August, and so should cybersecurity. The Games will attract not only athletes and spectators, but hackers eager to sniff Wi-Fi traffic, snatch data and infect devices with malware. So, taking steps to safeguard your digital information is as crucial these days as protecting your money and belongings. Losing cash, credit cards, a passport or visa to a pickpocket or purse snatcher can ruin a vacation, but identity theft can be even worse, and it can all begin anywhere you use an insecure Wi-Fi hot spot. On its "Cyber security while travelling website" (travel.gc.ca), the Government of Canada warns us to "use free computing resources with the assumption that any information you enter could be seen by an unauthorized third party." The Rio Olympics will no doubt be third-party central in terms of hackers. Just as it's smart to travel with as few valuables as possible to cut the risk of losing them or having them stolen, the same goes for the amount and sensitivity of data you take with you. Communication Security Establishment Canada (CSEC), the organization that looks after the protection of electronic information at the national level, has the following tips for travellers: Password protect your device and change the password before setting out on a trip. It's also a good idea to periodically change your password when you get back.

16. Erdogan's purge goes too far

National Post, 2016 07 30

Editorial: The latest events in Turkey, where President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has expressed his determination to bring both the country's army and intelligence force under the president's (read his own) control, are the latest to belie claims that Turkey is on the road to becoming an authentic democracy. Certainly, the dishonourable discharge of about 40 per cent of the country's admirals and generals in the wake of this month's failed coup gives some sense of where things are headed; but purging the military after an attempted putsch is perhaps an inevitable response, even if in this case the action seems to have been executed with a scope and determination that go beyond a simple expulsion of plotters. So, for that

matter, does Turkey's investigation or suspension of tens of thousands of followers of the U.S.-based Islamic cleric, Fethullah Gulen - the elderly Sunni preacher whom Turkey accuses of planning and directing the failed coup - offer a helpful glimpse into how the country intends to deal with perceptions of dissent from here on out. Soldiers, police, teachers, journalists and government officials have all been swept up in the purge, in a manner so swift it gives the clear impression the government had prepared a list of critics well before the failed coup was launched.

17. The jihadis' symbolism

National Post, Rex Murphy, 2016 07 30

Comment: What was last week's Islamist horror? Was it when a gunman lured people to a McDonald's in Munich, Germany, and opened fire on children? Was that before or after the self-proclaimed jihadist ran a truck through a crowd of revellers in Nice, France? There are so many of these nowadays, it's getting difficult to keep the timeline straight. There was that axe attack on a train. Was that between Nice and Munich? I'm pretty sure all these were after the horrific butchery that left 49 people dead and scores wounded at a gay nightclub in Florida, but the attacks come with such speed, it's difficult to keep track. We need a terror spreadsheet. Oh ya, there was also that "small" attack on an old French priest at the church near Rouen, Normandy, France. Considering the sadistic extravagances of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant on the battlefield, and considering the long-running persecution of Christians in the Middle East, how could so "limited" an atrocity as slitting the throat of an 84-yearold Catholic priest, while he was celebrating Mass in his church, be expected to claim the eyes and ears of a terrortormented world? For one, the butchers made him kneel in front of his own altar to receive the knife across his throat.

18. L'étrange mort de la laïcité turque

La Presse, Shlomo Avineri, 2016 07 30

Opinion: Les suites du coup d'État militaire manqué en Turquie soulèvent une question essentielle : le président Recep Tayyip Erdogan continuera-t-il sur le chemin autoritaire qu'il emprunte, souvent d'un pas décidé, ou bien renouera-t-il le dialogue avec ses opposants pour réduire les profondes fractures dont souffre la société turque ? Les initiatives d'Erdogan depuis l'échec du putsch – les nouvelles d'arrestations en masse et de milliers de purges touchant militaires, juges, policiers et enseignants ont presque immédiatement suivi – semblent confirmer le plus pessimiste des deux scénarios. Ce serait pourtant une erreur de voir ce qui se passe aujourd'hui en Turquie au prisme du seul Erdogan, de sa personnalité et de ses penchants autoritaires. Avec son Parti de la justice et du développement (AKP), il incarne un glissement tectonique de la politique turque, qui n'est pas sans rappeler ce qu'ont connu d'autres pays à majorité musulmane du Moyen-Orient. En s'efforçant de réorienter l'histoire turque hors des voies de la laïcité radicale définie par Kemal Atatürk, le fondateur de la Turquie moderne, l'AKP a d'abord semblé vouloir sortir du moule autoritaire kémaliste. Parce qu'ils soutenaient la nature laïque du kémalisme, les observateurs occidentaux perdirent de vue, pour beaucoup d'entre eux, que le régime était plus proche du fascisme européen des années 30 – à savoir un État nationaliste à parti unique, galvanisé par le culte rendu à la personne d'Atatürk lui-même – que des démocraties libérales. Ce n'est qu'à partir des années 50 que le système s'est lentement assoupli.

19. Turkey's military losing its grip on power

Toronto Star, Olivia Ward, 2016 07 30

Analysis: When a breakaway group of military officers attacked Turkey's main cities with tanks and war planes, it took both the government and the public by surprise. "It was horrifying," says Erdeniz Sen, Turkey's consul general in Toronto. "We didn't know what was happening. They were attacking the police, the satellite stations, the parliament. They tried to assassinate the prime minister and the president. People were simply shocked." But the short-lived coup was put down, when millions answered a call by

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to go to the streets, and since then his power appears only to have increased. Massive purges have jailed or dismissed thousands of his suspected foes. However, the military, which has considered itself a pillar of stability in Turkey for decades, is in tumult, with about 40 per cent of its top general staff jailed or fired, more than 1,500 officers removed and thousands of soldiers charged with supporting the coup. Under a state of emergency, Erdogan has moved swiftly against suspected supporters of the secretive exiled Turkish cleric Fetullah Gulen, a one-time political ally, and the man he blames for the coup and condemns as a terrorist.

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20. Russian Spies Said to Hack Clinton's Bid

The New York Times, Eric Lichtblau, 2016 07 30

Washington - Computer systems used by Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign were hacked in an attack that appears to have come from Russia's intelligence services, a federal law enforcement official said on Friday. The apparent breach, coming after the disclosure last month that the Democratic National Committee's computer system had been compromised, escalates an international episode in which Clinton campaign officials have suggested that Russia might be trying to sway the outcome of the election. Mrs. Clinton's campaign said in a statement that intruders had gained access to an analytics program used by the campaign and maintained by the national committee, but it said that it did not believe that the campaign's own internal computer systems had been compromised. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the fund-raising arm for House Democrats, also said on Friday that its systems had been hacked. Together, the databases of the national committee and the House organization contain some of the party's most sensitive communications and voter and financial data. Meredith Kelly, a spokeswoman for the congressional committee, said that after it discovered the breach, "we immediately took action and engaged with CrowdStrike, a leading forensic investigator, to assist us in addressing this incident."

21. D.N.C. Hack Raises a Frightening Question: What's Next?

The New York Times, Amanda Taub, 2016 07 30

Analysis: If Russia was indeed behind last week's leak of stolen data from the Democratic National Committee, we may be seeing one of the most sordid tools of its domestic politics deployed as a hostile weapon in foreign policy. There is a Russian word for this practice: "kompromat." A portmanteau of the Russian words for "compromising" and "material," it refers to the timeworn tradition of obtaining information and using it to smear or influence public officials. Unscrupulous Russian politicians have been doing it for decades; there are kompromat websites (which, unsurprisingly, are often blocked or harassed). The way it works is simple. First, Kremlin insiders or other powerful individuals buy, steal or manufacture incriminating information about an opponent, an enemy, or any other person who poses a threat to powerful interests. Then, they publish it, destroying the target's reputation in order to settle public scores or manipulate public events. If American law enforcement officials and analysts are correct in their assessment that Russia was behind this spring's hack of the Democratic National Committee's computer servers, it seems that kompromat is being translated to the international stage. The United States has had plenty of experience with hackers, government and otherwise, but the D.N.C. hack is something new. Rather than using the information seized for intelligence purposes, the hackers selected damaging excerpts from the cache of stolen data, and then leaked them at a pivotal moment in the presidential election.

22. The Real Plot Against America

The New York Times, Timothy Egan, 2016 07 30

Opinion: In retrospect, it worked out much better than planned. Who'd have thought a pariah nation, run by an authoritarian who makes his political opponents disappear, could so easily hijack a great democracy? It didn't take much. A talented nerd can bring down a minnow of a nation. But this level of political crime requires more refined mechanics -- you need everyone to play their assigned roles. You start with a stooge, a fugitive holed up in London, releasing stolen emails on the eve of the Democratic National Convention, in the name of "transparency." Cyberburglars rely on a partner in crime to pick up stolen goods. And WikiLeaks has always been there for Russia, a nation with no transparency. The emails show office gossip -- catty, sometimes crude back-and-forth by party operatives, and a bias for one candidate. Ho-hum. To make the plot work, reporters have to take the bait. On cue, they decry the fact that politics is going on inside a major political party. The horror -- Democratic hacks saying nasty things about Senator Bernie Sanders. Next, leftist extremists have to act like leftist extremists -- that is, myopic to the greater good, guided by a Trumpian sense that they alone know how to solve the world's problems, and everyone else is a sellout. Angered at the contents of the cyberheft, they boo any mention of their party's nominee. And told by Senator Sanders, the man who brought them there, that booing is too easy, they boo his call to unite to save their country from a monster. But Russia still has to seal the deal. Some work remains. If enough angered lefties won't go for the Democratic nominee, a longtime foe of Vladimir Putin, it will be just enough to put a Putin puppet in the White House. And it would also usher in the term that drove the right wing crazy when George H.W. Bush used it -- a New World Order. Plus, Putin despises Hillary Clinton. Like Trump, his skin is rice-paper-thin, albeit a paler shade of orange; and, like Trump, he never forgets a slight. He still hasn't gotten over Clinton's comment on George W. Bush's infamous look into Putin's soul. As a former K.G.B agent, said Clinton, "he doesn't have a soul."

23. After Yemeni's 13 Years in Guantánamo, Freedom for the Soul Takes Longer

The New York Times, Charlie Savage, 2016 07 30

Tallinn, Estonia — When guards brought Ahmed Abdul Qader to the plane that would take him away from the Guantánamo Bay prison a year and a half ago, he asked permission to pause before boarding. Closing his eyes, he tried to leave behind the burden of his 13 years of captivity. Mr. Qader was about 17 — an overweight Yemeni teenager suspected of being a terrorist — when the United States military brought him to Guantánamo. When he left, he was past 30, his hair thinning, and about to start a new life in Estonia, a tiny Baltic country he had never heard of before it had decided to resettle a detainee a few months earlier. A day later, he was in his new home, a modestly furnished studio apartment in Tallinn provided by the Estonian government. But the past, he soon realized, was not so easy to escape. Snow was falling, and he was eager to touch it. He started for the door, then suddenly panicked, fearful that something — he was not sure what — could go wrong if he went outside. “Any trouble I get myself in now — even an honest mistake — will be a hundred times worse than if any normal person did it,” Mr. Qader said recently, trying to explain how that sense of paralysis has stayed with him. “I thought that after two months’ release, I’d be back to normal,” he said. “But I cannot live my life regularly. I try, but it is like part of me is still at Guantánamo.”

24. U.S. and Israel appear close to sealing biggest military aid deal

The Washington Post, Carol Morello & Ruth Eglash, 2016 07 30

Washington - A senior Israeli official will arrive in Washington next week for a final round of negotiations involving the largest military aid package the United States has ever given any country and that will last more than a decade after President Obama leaves office. Brig. Gen. Yaakov Nagel, the acting head of Israel's National Security Council, has been dispatched with instructions to meet with White House officials in hopes of signing an agreement "as soon as possible," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said this week. That represents a striking about-face for Netanyahu, who angered the Obama administration when he mused during a February meeting with his cabinet that Israel might decide

to wait and "reach an agreement with the next administration." Nagel's visit signals that Netanyahu may have concluded that he won't necessarily get a better deal than the one he can forge with Obama, with whom he has had a visibly testy personal relationship. Both countries are now eager to strike a deal before Obama's term ends.

25. Snowden, WikiLeaks clash over DNC emails

The Washington Post, Andrea Peterson, 2016 07 30

Washington - Two of the biggest names in government data leaks clashed over how to responsibly release information on Twitter late Thursday. It started when Edward Snowden tweeted that WikiLeaks's "hostility to even modest curation" was a mistake. WikiLeaks wasn't happy about the criticism - and hit Snowden back by accusing him of pandering to Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton. The spat spotlights a major split between how WikiLeaks and Snowden have handled the data they helped make public. Snowden worked with The Washington Post and other news outlets to expose National Security Agency surveillance programs. The journalists vetted the documents, many of which have not been made public, and chose to withhold some information that government officials said would compromise national security. WikiLeaks's approach to data disclosure is more radical: It often posts massive, searchable caches online with few, if any, apparent efforts to remove sensitive personal information.

26. Clinton, Trump struggle for national security upper hand

Associated Press Newswires, Robert Burns, 2016 08 30

Washington - In their struggle for the upper hand on national security, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are emphasizing strikingly different themes - he as the bold and cunningly unpredictable strongman who will eliminate terrorism; she as the calm, conventional commander in chief who will manage all manner of crises. Terrorism is Trump's national security touchstone, and the Islamic State group is his target. He promises to wipe it out, and quickly. Clinton accuses him of fearmongering and of denigrating the U.S. military as gutted and worn out. She presents herself as the anti-Trump. "America's strength doesn't come from lashing out," she said in accepting the Democratic nomination Thursday. "Strength relies on smarts, judgment, cool resolve, and the precise and strategic application of power." By implication, Trump is cast as bombastic, scattershot, impulsive and fanciful. National security has emerged as a key focus of the campaign — not so much the candidates' plans as their temperaments. Trump says he is best suited because he would be a dealmaker and deliberately unpredictable, thus making it more difficult for adversaries to counter his military or diplomatic moves. Clinton pitches her steadiness and depth of experience from eight years in the Senate and four years as President Barack Obama's secretary of state.

27. New documentary pierces the psychology of modern suicide bombers

The Intercept, Murtaza Hussain, 2016 07 30

Analysis: In a scene from Norwegian journalist Paul Refsdal's new documentary *Dugma: The Button*, Abu Qaswara, a would-be suicide bomber, describes the sense of exhilaration he felt during an aborted suicide attack against a Syrian army checkpoint. "These were the happiest [moments] I've had in 32 years. If anyone had felt exactly what I felt at that moment, Muslims would want to go through the same feeling and non-Muslims would convert just to experience it," he enthuses to the camera, visibly elated by his attempted self-immolation. Abu Qaswara's attack failed after his vehicle was blocked by obstacles on the road placed by the Syrian military. But speaking shortly after he returned from his mission, it was clear that his brush with death had filled him with euphoria. "It was a feeling more than you can imagine," he says. "Something I cannot describe, it cannot be described." *Dugma* follows the lives of several volunteers fighting with Jabhat al-Nusra, al Qaeda's former affiliate organization in Syria. Refsdal, who previously produced a film while embedded with the Afghan Taliban, spent six weeks living with al-Nusra fighters in Syria. The men profiled are not Syrians, but volunteers from abroad. Abu

Qaswara is a Saudi citizen who traveled to fight in Syria, while another character in the film, Abu Basir al-Britani, is a British-born convert to Islam. Raised in London, Abu Basir came to public attention last year when British reporters discovered that he had formerly been an amateur rock musician named Lucas Kinney in a band called Hannah's Got Herpes. The film profiles Abu Qaswara and Abu Basir as they prepare for their respective missions. The men have been approved by al-Nusra leadership to be placed on "the list," a roster of individuals cleared to conduct suicide attacks. As one al-Nusra religious leader counsels Abu Qaswara, "[This] is about a human life, the most precious thing you have." Adding, "A person would not sacrifice himself for tons of money, but as you can see, the young men compete over martyrdom operations."

28. What's the Future of Chinese Hacking?

Motherboard, Adam Segal, 2016 07 30

Analysis: Adam Segal, the Ira A Lipman Chair for Emerging Technologies and National Security and director of the Digital and Cyberspace Policy Program at the Council on Foreign Relations, is the author of *The Hacked World Order: How Nations Fight, Trade, Maneuver, and Manipulate in the Digital Age*. After years of public reporting on the theft of intellectual property, business strategies, and trade secrets, last month the cybersecurity firm FireEye issued a report headlining a steep decline in Chinese cyber espionage against organizations in the US and 25 other countries. The number of network compromises by 72 suspected China-based groups dropped from 60 in February 2013 to less than 10 by May 2016. While FireEye did not rule out the possibility that improvements in tradecraft were leading to less detection (FBI Director James Comey once compared Chinese hackers to drunk burglars who kick in the door and knock over a vase on their way out with the TV), US Assistant Attorney General John Carlin confirmed the company's findings that attacks were less voluminous but more focused and calculated. A combination of the threat of US sanctions, a diplomatic accord signed by President Barack Obama and President Xi Jinping, and internal reforms of the People's Liberation Army may have temporarily produced a dramatic decline in cyber espionage, but is it time to shut down the firewall, send the threat intelligence analysts home, and declare victory? Very unlikely. China hacks because it wants to move its economy from labor intensive manufacturing to high technology innovation.

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29. US Nato General's Plot Over Ukraine

Daily Mail, Larisa Brown, 2016 07 30

London – Hacked private emails have revealed how a US Nato chief attempted to persuade Barack Obama to get tough with Russia over its aggression in Ukraine. They reveal a campaign by General Philip Breedlove to convince the White House to escalate efforts to halt Moscow aggression. But he feared the president viewed Nato and Europe as a 'threat' because their gung ho attitude could drag the US into a war with Russia. The messages also reveal a group of secret agitators close to General Breedlove campaigned to secure weapons for government troops in Ukraine fighting Kremlin-backed separatists. But the efforts intensified the conflict between the West and Russia. His leaked emails were written in September 2014 after the EU and the US imposed sanctions on Vladimir Putin and he withdrew some troops from eastern Ukraine.

30. May delayed Hinkley deal over China security fears

The Daily Telegraph, Steven Swinford & Emily Gosden, 2016 07 30

London – Theresa May has delayed approving Britain's first new nuclear power station for a generation

amid security concerns about China's involvement, it emerged last night. The Prime Minister told François Hollande, the French president, last week that she needed more time to make a final decision and reportedly questioned the role of Chinese firms involved in the Hinkley Point C deal. Nick Timothy, Theresa May's joint chief of staff, previously warned that the Chinese could use their role in the programme to "build weaknesses into computer systems which will allow them to shut down Britain's energy production at will". Mr Timothy, in a blog post last year, said that MI5, which has been involved in discussions about Hinkley Point, had concerns over China, saying that the country's intelligence services "continue to work against UK interests at home and abroad". Under the terms of the deal, state-owned Chinese companies will take a 33.5 per cent stake in Hinkley Point and have the opportunity to design and build a nuclear reactor in Essex. The new Prime Minister's approach contrasts with that of her predecessor, David Cameron, and George Osborne, his chancellor, who supported the Hinkley Point deal and hailed the start of a "golden decade" in which Britain would be China's "best partner in the West".

31. Putin wages propaganda war on UK

The Times of London, Dominic Kennedy, 2016 07 30

London - President Putin has launched a secret propaganda assault on Britain from within its own borders, The Times can reveal. The Kremlin is spreading disinformation through a newly opened British bureau for its Sputnik international news service, and is infiltrating elite universities by placing language and cultural centres on campuses. Analysts said that the push was part of Russia's military doctrine, which specifies the use of "informational and other non-military measures" in conflicts. Moscow's intelligence agencies were accused by US cybersecurity experts this week of hacking the computer servers of the Democratic National Committee, which has nominated Hillary Clinton as its candidate in November's presidential election. The release of 20,000 stolen emails, many of them embarrassing to the party's leaders, was blamed on the Kremlin after retrieved data suggested the documents had passed through its computers. It has led to suspicion that Russia is trying to subvert the US political system and gather support for the Republican nominee, Donald Trump. The Russians' main British target is Edinburgh, which has been chosen as the UK headquarters of Sputnik. Since opening in the city, the news agency has published reports suggesting that the Labour MP Jo Cox may have been killed because of a plot by supporters of the European Union to sway the referendum result, a conspiracy theory that has run on Russian television. It also peddles the myth that the West agreed never to expand Nato to Russia's borders, a key plank of Moscow propaganda to excuse its 2013 invasion of Ukraine.

32. Student spent his loan trying to join terrorists

The Daily Telegraph, Lydia Willgress, 2016 07 30

London – A radicalised teenager who spent his student loan trying to join Isil has been jailed for three-and-a-half years. Cubeyda Jama, 19, was arrested at Stansted Airport as he attempted to make his way to Syria in February. Police discovered the Middlesex University student had a map of Turkey, digital copies of the extremist magazine Dabiq, Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant videos and equipment including torches, a camera and a laptop. The Finn, who had been living in the UK since 2010 with his father, admitted one charge of preparing acts of terrorism. Jama, who appeared at the Old Bailey, was sentenced to three-and-a-half years in a young offender institution and given an additional one-year licence period.

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33. Police Take On Security Screening at Venues

The Wall Street Journal, Will Connors, 2016 07 30

Rio de Janeiro - Brazilian police will take over security screening outside Olympic venues after the private firm contracted to do the job failed to hire enough staff in time for the Games, which begin in a week, Brazil's Ministry of Justice said. Police officers from around the country, including military police, will be stepping in to handle the screening, which includes operating X-ray machines and patting down visitors for weapons and other contraband. The last-minute change is likely to add to security concerns amid global fears of terrorism as hundreds of thousands of athletes and tourists descend on Rio for the Games. The Wall Street Journal reported last week that the firm contracted to hire and train thousands of screeners, Artel Recursos Humanos, had no prior experience with security-related contracts or with contracts for events as big and complicated as the Olympics. Artel was only able to hire 500 workers out of a planned 3,000, and blamed financial difficulties, according to Justice Minister Alexandre de Moraes.

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34. Hanson warns Morrison: Don't sell power assets to foreigners (Canada)

The Sydney Morning Herald, Sean Nicholls, 2016 07 30

Canberra - Pauline Hanson has waded into the controversy over the Baird government's part-privatisation of power company Ausgrid, telling federal Treasurer Scott Morrison: "Don't sell our assets". The One Nation senator has posted a video on her Facebook page, noting that Mr Morrison has "on his desk" decisions about three potential asset sales: Ausgrid, gas company Alinta and health company GenesisCare. The sales are being scrutinised by the Foreign Investment Review Board, which will advise Mr Morrison on federal government approval. The NSW government is leasing 50.4 per cent of Ausgrid on a 99-year lease in a deal expected to be worth more than \$10 billion. One bidder is the Chinese government-owned State Grid Corporation. The other is the listed, Hong Kong-based company Cheung Kong Infrastructure. Despite Ausgrid being one of three electricity distributors in NSW, Senator Hanson says it would mean "all the electricity in NSW [is] to be sold to overseas interests". Last year electricity company Transgrid was privatised by the Baird government for \$10.3 billion to a consortium comprised of a Canadian pension fund, the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority and local infrastructure funds.

35. All eyes on battle of many fronts

The Australian, Cameron Stewart, Paul Maley, 2016 07 30

Canberra - On the evening of September 16, 2014, police intercepted a phone call from Syria to Sydney that would transform the war against Islamic State in Australia. It was from a senior Islamic State operative called Mohamed Ali Baryalei to a suspected Sydney extremist called Omarjan Azari. Baryalei had been in Syria since April 2013 and had established himself as the group's leading recruiter of young Australian Muslims; he was a prime target of Australia's spy services. In a crude bid to defeat surveillance, Baryalei phoned Azari's younger brother. The alleged conversation lasted just a few minutes but by the time it was over it would up-end traditional policing and spur the greatest upheaval in Australia's intelligence community since the Cold War. "What you guys need to do is just pick any random unbeliever," Baryalei allegedly told Azari. "When finished, put the flag of the state in the background and film it and send it off ... Backpacker, tourist, American, French or British even better." Police were stunned. Never before had a terrorist threat developed so quickly. Baryalei's order was briefed up to Australian Federal Police Commissioner Andrew Colvin, who quickly convened a conference with new head of ASIO Duncan Lewis and NSW Police Force Commissioner Andrew Scipione. Unsure if they had months, or moments, to move, they decided to act. Under Operation Appleby, as it came to be known, more than 870 police raided 27 homes in two states in the country's largest counter-terrorism operation. The police who went through the doors that day didn't know it, but they were confronting a new type of terrorism, one that would be repeated over and over in the years to

come. Small, spontaneous attacks conducted by homegrown extremists who in many cases had never come to the attention of the security services.

36. Australian citizen arrested in Singapore for promoting terrorism, Islamic State

Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Sarah Hawke, 2016 07 30

Canberra - An Australian citizen is detained by Singaporean authorities for terrorism-related activities including promoting the Islamic State militant group and armed jihad. An Australian citizen has been detained by Singaporean authorities for terrorism-related activities including promoting the Islamic State (IS) militant group and armed jihad. Zulfikar Mohamad Shariff, who is a Singaporean man who lived in Australia for 14 years, has been detained under Singapore's Internal Security Act. A statement from Singapore's Ministry of Home Affairs said he had embarked on a path of radicalisation before resettling his family in Australia in 2002 and that Zulfikar Shariff had ongoing contact with radical preachers, including Melbourne-based Musa Cerantonio. The ministry has accused the 44-year-old of encouraging online followers to use violence if necessary to establish a global Islamic caliphate.

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37. Taliban capture district in Helmand

Associated Press, Mirwais Khan, 2016 07 30

Kandahar - An important district in Afghanistan's southern poppy-growing province of Helmand has fallen to Taliban control after heavy fighting that killed or wounded up to 20 police officers, an official said on Saturday. Abdul Majeed Akhonzada, deputy director of the provincial council, said Kanashin district has "fallen into Taliban hands." The fall of the district, which borders Pakistan and major poppy-producing districts, means "Taliban are in control of 60 percent of Helmand," Akhonzada said. Much of the area of Marjah, Sangin, Garmser and Dishu districts have already fallen to the Taliban, he said. The district police chief and deputy head of the local branch of the national intelligence agency were critically wounded in clashes that began late Friday, he said.

38. Afghan Taliban attempts to attract China support in their campaign

Khaama Press, 2016 07 30

Kabul - The Taliban militants group in Afghanistan is attempting to attract China's support in their ongoing bloody campaign in Afghanistan which has entered to its 15th year with the civilians paying a hefty price of the ongoing violence. According to a Taliban leader quoted in a report by Pakistan's The Express "I can confirm that our delegation had visited China to discuss matters between both countries. They discussed the invasion in the region and to adopt a joint stance against the malicious policies of the invading countries." The Taliban leader further added "Policies of the Islamic Emirate (Taliban) about the region and the world also came under discussion," a Taliban official told The Express Tribune on the condition of anonymity. The official did not make any comment on the possibility of peace talks between the group and the Afghan government. But sources familiar with the visit said both sides "explored prospects" for a political dialogue as Beijing could be an 'honest broker' to start the peace process. This comes as China has stepped up efforts to play a key role in the region amid deteriorating security situation. China was one of the four members of the Quadrilateral Coordination Group which was formed to revive the Afghan peace talks.

39. 36 ISIS militants killed in Nangarhar province of Afghanistan

Khaama Press, 2016 07 30

Kabul - At least 36 loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group were killed in

ongoing operations in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. The provincial police department in a statement said the militants were killed in the ongoing 'Qahr Silab' operations being conducted in Achin district. The statement further added that some weapons and ammunition were also seized during the search operations in Kot and Haska Mina districts. The loyalists of the terror group have not commented regarding the report so far. The Afghan forces launched a major operation against ISIS militants in eastern Nangarhar province over a week ago to eliminate the safe the terrorists of the group from the province. The operations were launched amid concerns the terror group is attempting to expand insurgency in the province and other parts of the country. The top US commander in Afghanistan Gen. John Nicholson recently said the loyalists of the terror group in Afghanistan has direct links with the main group in Syria and Iraq.

40. Khanshin district of Helmand falls to Taliban

Pajhwok Afghan News, Zainullah Stanikzai, 2016 07 30

Lashkargah - The Khanshin district of southern Helmand province has been overrun by Taliban as a result of heavy fighting, an official said on Saturday. A district administration source confided to Pajhwok Afghan News Khanshin police chief Abdul Rauf and the deputy intelligence head had been wounded critically in the overnight fighting. Meanwhile, Taliban spokesman Qari Yousaf Ahmadi also claimed the fighters had captured the district. He said they had inflicted heavy casualties of security forces and seized weapons and ammunition from them. The governor's spokesman Omar Zwak confirmed the overnight battle for the district, but did not confirm its fall to the insurgents. He said reports regarding the district's fall were being investigated.

Asia -Asie

41. Afghan Taliban delegation visits China to discuss unrest –sources

Reuters News, 2016 07 30

Peshawar - A delegation from the Taliban visited China earlier this month to discuss the situation in Afghanistan, where the insurgent movement is fighting the Western-backed government in Kabul, sources in the Taliban said. A delegation led by Abbas Stanakzai, head of the Taliban's political office in Qatar, visited Beijing on July 18-22 at the invitation of the Chinese government, a senior member of the Taliban said. "We have good terms with different countries of the world and China is one among them," said the Taliban official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "We informed Chinese officials about the occupation by invading forces and their atrocities on Afghan people," he said. "We wanted the Chinese leadership to help us raise these issues on world forums and help us get freedom from occupying forces." The visit was confirmed by other senior Taliban figures who did not want to be named because they were not authorized to speak on behalf of the Qatar political office.

42. Strategic aim behind Anti-missile revelation

South China Morning Post, Minnie Chan, 2016 07 30

Beijing - Timing of media reports on successful tests of Chinese system suggests Beijing is responding to South Korea's decision to deploy the US THAAD. Strategic and political goals are likely to be behind China's unusual disclosure this week of advances in one of its antiballistic missile systems, analysts say. On Sunday and Monday, China National Radio, CCTV and PLA Daily's Tv.81.cn website carried reports touting four consecutive successful tests of a "ground-based midcourse defence" (GMD) system at the Korla Missile Test Complex in Xinjiang (新疆). GMD systems plot, target and destroy ballistic missiles in space. CCTV said the four tests indicated that the system was ready for basic deployment in war, making China the second country after the United States to have the -technology.

43. Ranking N. Korean official stops in China on way to Brazil for Olympics

Yonhap News, 2016 07 30

Beijing - Vice chairman of the North Korean ruling party's central committee Choe Ryong-hae arrived in Beijing on Saturday, believed to be en route to Brazil for the opening ceremony of the Summer Olympic Games. In an earlier dispatch from Pyongyang, Japan's Kyodo News reported Choe left the North Korean capital while en route to Brazil, quoting unidentified diplomatic sources there. Choe arrived at Beijing Capital International Airport at around 10:00 a.m. on a North Korean flight. About one hour later, he was seen entering the North Korean Embassy in the Chinese capital. North Korean Ambassador to China Ji Jae-ryong accompanied Choe from the Beijing airport to the embassy building. Whether Choe would meet any Chinese official in Beijing remained unclear.

44. Clashes between govt, ASG to displace more civilians

The Manila Times, Moh Saaduddin, 2016 07 30

Manila - The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has raised concern over the plight of thousands of civilians displaced by ongoing fighting in Basilan between government forces and jihadist militants supporting the international radical group Islamic State (IS). "The security situation in Basilan is precarious. We are concerned for the civilians as we expect clashes to continue in the coming weeks," Yann Fridez, head of the ICRC sub-delegation in Mindanao, said in a statement provided to the media on Friday. The renewed fighting early this month has dislocated 3,400 families or 17,000 individuals in the towns of Tipo-Tipo, Al-Barka and Ungkaya Pukan where civilians sought refuge with relatives because of shelling and air strikes over the past three weeks. Casualties and injured fighters were reported on both sides, while a few civilians were also wounded as a consequence of the clashes. "We urge all parties to the fighting to exercise utmost precaution to minimize the impact or damage to civilian communities. We also ask them to spare civilian structures such as hospitals, schools and houses, and facilities that are essential for their daily lives," Fridez said.

45. 6 Sayyaf men killed in Basilan, Sulu clashes

The Philippine Star, Roel Pareño, 2016 07 30

Zamboanga City - At least six Abu Sayyaf bandits were killed in an offensive launched by government forces in Basilan and Sulu yesterday. The military said 11 troopers were also wounded in the fresh encounters following President Duterte's order to crush the Abu Sayyaf. Troops under Joint Task Force Basilan continued their attack about 6:30 a.m. at Hill 490, a mountain where the Abu Sayyaf held defensive positions in Barangay Poblacion, Tipo-Tipo town, Maj. Filemon Tan Jr., spokesman for Western Mindanao Command, said. Those killed were Abu Sayyaf members under sub leaders Radzmil Jannatul alias Khubayb and Guro Arah, Tan said.

46. Arrested terrorist Bahadur Ali in NIA custody for 12 days

Asian News International, 2016 07 30

New Delhi - Arrested terrorist from Kupwara encounter Bahadur Ali was today remanded to National Investigation Agency (NIA) custody for 12 days by a Special NIA court. Ali was captured by the security forces earlier on July 26 during an encounter with the infiltrators. Ali's two accomplices were killed in the encounter. The Army had recovered three AK-47 rifles, two pistols and Indian currency worth Rs. 23,000 from his possession. Ali was the second Pakistani terrorist captured alive by Indian forces in the last two months in Kashmir, which has been hit by protests over the death of Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Muzaffar Wani. Ali, alias Saifullah had later confessed that he was from Jahama village of Raiwind in Lahore and he had entered Indian territory along with two other terrorists to exploit

the unrest in Kashmir. Ali also confessed that he had received terror training at Lashkar camp in Pakistan occupied Kashmir. He was also trained for map reading and handling GPS devices.

Africa – Afrique

47. Craintes au Nigeria à l'approche d'une opération militaire dans le Delta du Niger

Agence France Presse, 2016 07 30

Lagos - Dans le Delta du Niger, coeur de la production pétrolière du Nigeria, la population s'inquiète du déploiement d'une force spéciale de l'armée pour mater une nouvelle rébellion qui attaque plateformes et gazoducs. En annonçant ce déploiement cette semaine, l'armée nigériane a demandé aux habitants de la région de « ne pas paniquer » s'ils croisent des mouvements inhabituels de troupes, ainsi que de « lourds attirails militaires ». « Le but de cet exercice est d'entraîner nos forces spéciales et d'autres unités de l'armée nigériane à mener des opérations amphibies dans des environnements riverains », a indiqué l'armée qui dit aussi vouloir cibler les « criminels, les auteurs de kidnappings, les rebelles et les pirates » actifs dans cette région constellée de criques et de marécages. Mais pour de nombreux leaders communautaires de cette immense zone pétrolifère, d'où la première économie africaine tire la quasi-totalité de ses revenus, user de la force ne pourrait être qu'une menace contre les populations et aggraver le conflit avec les Vengeurs du Delta du Niger (NDA), rébellion active depuis le début de l'année.

48. UN Security Council agrees to send police to Burundi

BBC News, 2016 07 30

Bujumbura - The UN Security Council has authorised the deployment of a UN police force to Burundi to try to quell violence and human rights abuses in the country. The council backed a French-drafted resolution to send up to 228 police for an initial period of a year. Burundi earlier said it would accept no more than 50 police officers. More than 400 people have been killed in unrest since President Pierre Nkurunziza said he would run for a third term in office last April. "Given an increase in violence and tension the Security Council must have eyes and ears on the ground to predict and ensure that the worst does not occur in Burundi," said French UN Ambassador Francois Delattre. "This is a strong act of preventative diplomacy," he added. The government of Burundi earlier warned it would agree to no more than 50 UN police officers. Diplomats are now negotiating how to implement the UN Security Council's resolution.

49. Turkey's anti-Gulen crackdown ripples far and wide

Reuters News, 2016 07 30

Mogadishu - Barely 12 hours after a failed coup in Turkey, Somalia's cabinet met in Mogadishu to consider a request from Ankara to shut down two schools and a hospital linked to Fethullah Gulen, the Muslim cleric Turkey blames for the attempted putsch. Such is Turkey's sway in the Horn of Africa nation, where it has spearheaded international reconstruction efforts after decades of war and instability, it was not a difficult decision. Teachers and pupils - almost all of them Somali - at the two huge boarding schools run by Gulen's Nile Academy educational foundation were given seven days to pack their bags and, if they were foreign, leave the country. "Considering the request of our brother country Turkey, the cabinet ministers have agreed upon the following points - to stop the services provided by Nile Academy including schools, hospitals, etc," a July 16 government statement said. A week later the order had been carried out to the letter. Turkey's ties with Somalia are well established. President Tayyip Erdogan became the first non-African leader to visit Somalia in nearly 20 years when he travelled there in 2011 as Turkey's prime minister. Turkey was a major contributor to the humanitarian aid effort during the 2011 famine and Ankara continues to build hospitals and dispatch aid across Somalia.

Iraq/Iran

50. UN Syria Envoy to Visit Iran This Week

Fars News Agency, 2016 07 30

Tehran - United Nations Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura is slated to arrive in Tehran on Sunday to hold talks with senior Iranian officials ahead of the resumption of the peace talks on the five-year-long conflict in the Arab country. De Mistura will arrive in Tehran on Sunday to exchange views with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and Deputy Foreign Minister for Arab and African Affairs Hossein Jaber Ansari. The two sides will discuss the latest developments in the war-stricken country and the upcoming peace talks in Geneva, Switzerland. On Tuesday, Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Bahram Qassemi underlined the necessity for finding a peaceful solution to the crisis in Syria, but meantime, said no alternative is envisaged for President Bashar al-Assad's government. "The Syrian issue has no military solution. The interfering policies in the region have destroyed the economic structures of the country and it has fully become clear that the Syrian government has not and will not have any substitute," Qassemi said in a meeting with Chief Editorial Writer of Kyodo News Agency Hiroki Sugita in Tehran. Expressing regret of certain countries' double-standard approach in fighting against terrorism and dividing the terrorists into good and bad groups, he said, "Certain states use their oil revenues to destroy the region."

Eastern Europe – Europe de L'Est

51. Russia has motive, capability and form for U.S. email hack

Reuters, Andrew Osborn, 2016 07 30

Moscow - The Kremlin says it had zero involvement in the hacking of Democratic Party emails while U.S. officials say the hack originated in Russia. We may never know who is right, but one thing is for sure - Russia had motive, capability and form. Seen through Kremlin eyes, Moscow would only be doing what it feels the United States has been doing to it for years anyway - interfering in a geopolitical rival's domestic politics in an attempt to destabilize and shape events. President Vladimir Putin said in February he had seen specific intelligence suggesting Russia's foreign enemies - code for Washington - were preparing to meddle in Russian parliamentary elections later this year. And in 2011, Putin accused the U.S. State Department and Hillary Clinton, its then head, of stirring up street protests against his rule. "We need to head off any external attempts to interfere in the elections, in our domestic political life," Putin, who is facing re-election in 2018, told officers from Russia's FSB security service in February. "You know that certain kinds of (political) technologies exist and have already been used in many countries."

52. FSB Detects Cyberattacks on 20 Russian Organizations, Including Military Targets

Sputnik News Service, 2016 07 30

Moscow - Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) exposed planting of malicious software designed for cyber espionage in computer networks of about 20 Russian institutions, including government and military bodies, FSB press service said Saturday. "Instances of planting of malicious software designed for cyber espionage in computer networks of some 20 organizations located on the territory of Russia have been exposed... Information resources of public authorities, scientific and military institutions, enterprises of the military — industrial complex and other objects of country's critical infrastructure were contaminated," the statement read. The press service stressed that the attack was professionally planned, has similar traits with the previously exposed attacks from all over the world. "The latest sets of software are made for each 'victim' individually, based on the unique characteristics of the targeted PC. The spread

of the virus is carried out by the means of targeted attacks on PC by sending an e-mail containing a malicious attachment," the statement continued adding that the software made it possible to do screenshots, turn on web-camera and microphones, collect data from the keyboard use.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

53. Syrian civilians begin leaving rebel held parts of Aleppo

The Associated Press, Bassem Mrouem, 2016 07 30

Beirut - Dozens of families and some opposition fighters started leaving besieged rebel-held neighbourhoods in the northern Syrian city of Aleppo on Saturday after the government opened safe corridors for civilians and fighters who want to leave, state media reported. The government completely closed the main road into rebel-held areas of Aleppo on July 17, effectively besieging the 300,000 people living there. Earlier this week, Syrian President Bashar Assad offered an amnesty to rebels who lay down their arms and surrender to authorities in the next three months. About a dozen young men were shown on state TV surrendering to government forces. All had covered their faces, and most were carrying automatic rifles over their head. As the men walked out of a building, Syrian government soldiers pointed their rifles toward them. State TV also showed dozens of women and children arriving in a street lined with heavily damaged buildings in the government-held part of Aleppo's Salaheddine neighbourhood. State news agency SANA said the civilians later boarded buses and were taken to shelters set up by the government on the western side of Aleppo.

54. CIA chief not optimistic Syria will remain one country

Al Jazeera, 2016 07 30

Beirut - John Brennan fears it may be impossible to save Syria from partition, amid conflict in which nearly 400,000 have died. The head of the US Central Intelligence Agency has said he is not optimistic about the future of Syria remaining one country. John Brennan's comments are a rare public acknowledgement by a senior US official that Syria may not survive a five-year civil war in its current state. "I don't know whether or not Syria can be put back together again," he said on Friday at the annual Aspen Security Forum in Colorado. "There's been so much blood spilled, I don't know if we're going to be able to get back to [a unified Syria] in my life time." John Kerry, US secretary of state, expressed similar fears in February, saying he would move towards a "Plan B" that could involve a partition of Syria if a ceasefire did not materialise in advance of peace talks in March. "It may be too late to keep it as a whole Syria if we wait much longer," Kerry told the US Senate foreign relations committee. However, he did not directly advocate for partition as a solution.

55. Yemen government withdraws from Kuwait talks with rebels

The Associated Press, Ahmed Al-Haj, 2016 07 30

Sana'a - Yemen's government delegation on Saturday quit talks in Kuwait with Shiite Houthi rebels, having agreed to resume them earlier this month. Officials with Yemen's internationally recognized government of President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi told The Associated Press they were considering proposals to reconvene the talks, which have failed to bridge the gap with the rebels, in Oman. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to brief reporters. Hadi's exiled government is backed by a U.S. assisted Saudi-led military campaign against the Shiite rebels, who overran the Yemeni capital in late 2014. The war has killed some 9,000 people. Hadi's negotiators are demanding the implementation of a U.N. Security Council resolution which stipulates the withdrawal of militias from all cities. The Houthis want the Saudi-led offensives to stop first, and also a share of power in a transitional government.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

56. Belgium arrests 2 brothers suspected of plotting attack

Associated Press, 2016 07 30

Brussels - Two brothers have been arrested in Belgium on suspicion of plotting a terrorist attack, the Federal Prosecutor's Office announced Saturday. Nourredine H., 33, and his brother Hamza H. were taken in for questioning following police searches Friday evening in the city of Liege and the Mons region. A Belgian judge will decide Saturday whether the two men should remain in custody. The police searches were carried out at the request of a magistrate specializing in terrorism investigations, the prosecutor's office said in a statement. It said that according to preliminary information, the brothers may have been involved in plans to commit an attack in Belgium. In the search of seven houses in the Mons area and Liege, no weapons or explosives were found, officials said.

57. Turkish authorities free over 800 soldiers in coup probe

The Associated Press, 2016 07 30

Istanbul - Turkish courts on Saturday released over 800 enlisted conscripts who were under arrest as part of the investigation into the July 15 failed coup, the state-run Anadolu news agency said. In Istanbul, 758 out of 989 conscripts under arrest in the coup investigation were freed by the chief public prosecutor's office following a court decision. The prosecutors recommended their release on the grounds they had delivered their testimony and did not pose a flight risk. The conscripts had been doing their compulsory military service when the attempted coup took place. Among those released were military high school students. Another 47 enlisted conscripts were released by a court in Ankara on similar grounds.

According to the latest figures by Interior Minister Efkan Ala, over 9,000 people, mostly in the military, have been put under arrest in the aftermath of the failed coup, which caused the deaths of more than 200 people. Thousands more have been detained, but not formally arrested.

58. Pentagon says US general's comments on coup attempt 'misunderstood'

Hurriyet Daily News, 2016 07 30

Washington - The head of U.S. Central Command was misunderstood when he commented about a recent coup attempt in Turkey, the Pentagon said on July 29. "Any reports that suggest Gen. [Joseph] Votel expressed support in any fashion for the actions of Turkish military officers who undertook illegal military action against the Turkish government are factually inaccurate," Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook said during a press briefing, the state-Run Anadolu Agency reported. Cook's comments comes after Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan lashed out at Votel for commenting that some Turkish officers with whom the U.S. had relations are currently detained for their role in the attempted overthrow. Speaking on July 28 at the Aspen Security Forum in Colorado organized by the Washington-based think tank, Votel said the Turkish government's roundup of coup plotters might impair relations between the two militaries.

59. La colère d'Erdogan

La Presse, Laura-Julie Perreault, 2016 07 30

Istanbul - Plus de 15 000 personnes ont été arrêtées en Turquie depuis le coup d'État raté. Parmi eux, des

militaires, des juges, des fonctionnaires, mais aussi une horde de journalistes, dans une rafle sans précédent qui inquiète la communauté internationale. Apeurés, des milliers de Turcs vivent dans la peur, se demandant s'ils seront les prochaines cibles du gouvernement. Pas question de rencontrer une journaliste en personne. Encore moins de donner son vrai nom pour publication. Ancienne chroniqueuse dans un journal visé par le gouvernement turc après le coup d'État raté de la mi-juillet, Zeynep a peur d'être dans la mire du gouvernement. «Je sais qu'ils vont venir m'arrêter un jour. Je redoute le moment où on sonnera à ma porte.» Déjà, plus de 50 de ses anciens collègues ont atterri derrière les barreaux au cours des derniers jours. Tous, ils ont travaillé pour le journal Zaman, l'un des plus lus du pays. Ce quotidien et ses filiales diverses appartenaient jusqu'à récemment au mouvement Gülen, réseau islamique que le président Recep Tayyip Erdogan tient responsable des événements tragiques du 15 juillet qui ont fait au moins 270 morts. Aujourd'hui, ces journalistes emprisonnés sont au nombre des 15 000 personnes arrêtées au cours des deux dernières semaines, selon un décompte d'Amnistie internationale. Les deux tiers de ces arrestations ont eu lieu dans les rangs des forces armées, mais les militaires n'ont été que la première cible des purges: plus de 45 000 personnes ont été limogées, notamment des doyens d'université, des juges et des fonctionnaires. Une interdiction de voyager a été imposée à des milliers d'universitaires. Plus de 1000 écoles soupçonnées d'appartenir au mouvement Gülen ont été fermées.

60. Pour le pays, pour l'islam

La Presse, Laura-Julie Perreault, 2016 07 30

Istanbul - Dans la chambre d'hôpital flambant neuve, Safiye Bayat est tout sourire. Même si elle est alitée après avoir été atteinte à la jambe par une balle de fusil, la mère de famille a le cœur à la fête. La tentative de coup d'État du 15 juillet, orchestrée par une faction des forces armées, a échoué. En partie grâce à elle. Grande admiratrice du président islamoconservateur Recep Tayyip Erdogan, la femme de 34 ans a fait partie des milliers de Turcs qui sont descendus dans les rues pour s'opposer au coup d'État qui était en cours. La plupart ont pris la décision après avoir entendu l'appel du président. Alors qu'il tentait d'échapper aux putschistes, le chef d'État s'est adressé au peuple turc à partir de son cellulaire, demandant à la population de résister. Cet appel a ensuite été lancé par des centaines d'imams qui ont fait des mosquées du pays leurs haut-parleurs. Safiye Bayat, elle, avait pris sa décision bien avant. «Dès que j'ai vu que des chars d'assaut étaient sur le pont du Bosphore, je me suis dit que quelque chose d'extraordinaire se passait. Et c'était mon devoir de citoyenne de ne pas permettre que ça se passe», raconte-t-elle aujourd'hui à partir de son lit de l'hôpital. Son mari a essayé de la retenir, lui rappelant que ses deux enfants de 6 et 10 ans comptaient sur elle. «Quand c'est le sort de mon pays qui est en jeu, je me fiche de ma propre sécurité. Je suis partie à pied, avec une trousse de premiers soins et mon cellulaire, raconte la femme qui porte le voile islamique. C'était la première fois que je désobéissais à mon mari.» Arrivée sur le légendaire pont qui fait le lien entre l'Europe et l'Asie, Safiye Bayat s'est approchée des trois tanks des putschistes. Elle s'est arrêtée quand elle a pu s'adresser à l'un des soldats. «Je lui ai demandé pourquoi ils étaient là. Ce qu'ils comptaient faire. Je leur ai dit que je ne partirais pas avant d'avoir une réponse. Si j'avais été un homme, ils m'auraient tuée. Je me disais que puisque j'étais une femme, ils allaient seulement me rabrouer », dit-elle aujourd'hui.

61. Turkey's Spies Failed to See Coup Coming --- Intelligence service reviewed millions of encrypted messages, found no talk of a plot

The Wall Street Journal, Joe Parkinson and Adam Entous, 2016 07 30

Ankara - In the months before Turkey's failed coup, the country's spy agency penetrated online chat rooms and decoded millions of secret messages but found no mention of the plot, senior Turkish intelligence officials said. Agents checked tips pointing to a coup that led nowhere. Analysts studied the video sermons of an imam who the government alleges directed the plot and speculated if the color of his robes relayed secret orders to his followers. Turkey's spies, juggling terrorist threats from Islamic State and Kurdish separatists, struggled to make sense of clues that never seemed to add up until the conspiracy

they feared most materialized on the night of July 15. Failure to detect the coup revealed the limitations of Turkey's spy agency, known as MIT, which is widely seen as operating a far-reaching domestic surveillance system that government critics allege serves to protect President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The challenge of sifting through a daily avalanche of electronic communications was compounded by encryption apps used by the alleged plotters, leaving Turkey's spy service in the dark this year for several months. U.S. intelligence agencies, whose work with the MIT is colored by distrust, also didn't see the coup coming, officials said, even though it threatened to compromise the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's second-largest army. The agencies saw only brewing political resentment, with U.S. surveillance of communications in Turkey focused on militants, not military officers.

62. Nice: un suspect transféré lundi à Paris

Le Figaro.fr, 2016 07 30

Paris - Un homme, interpellé dans l'enquête sur l'attentat du 14 juillet à Nice, va être transféré lundi à Paris en vue d'une éventuelle mise en examen par un juge antiterroriste tandis qu'un autre a vu sa garde à vue levée. Le suspect, âgé de 36 ans, a été arrêté lundi par la police judiciaire de Nice. Il apparaît dans un selfie pris par l'auteur de l'attaque, Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel, devant le camion lancé sur la foule quelques jours plus tard. Les enquêteurs soupçonnent qu'il aurait pu être au courant des projets du tueur, selon cette source. Loin d'être un loup solitaire, Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel, qui a tué 84 personnes à Nice le soir du 14 juillet, semble avoir "mûri" son projet depuis plusieurs mois et bénéficié de "complicités", d'après le procureur de la République de Paris, François Molins. Quatre hommes, âgés de 21 à 40 ans, et une femme de 42 ans, inconnus des services de renseignement, ont été mis en examen le 21 juillet et placés en détention provisoire. Chokri C., Mohamed Oualid G. et Ramzi A. sont poursuivis pour "complicité d'assassinats en bande organisée en relation avec une entreprise terroriste". L'enquête a mis en lumière leur présence aux côtés du tueur dans les jours ayant précédé le carnage ou, dans le cas de Ramzi A., a révélé que des SMS envoyés par Lahouaiej Bouhlel lui avaient été adressés juste avant la tuerie.

63. France: Manuel Valls veut suspendre le financement étranger des mosques

Radio France Internationale, 2016 07 30

Paris - Manuel Valls propose d'interdire temporairement le financement étranger des mosquées. Le Premier ministre français entend ainsi utiliser ce moyen pour limiter le radicalisme dans certains lieux de cultes, étant donné que l'État français n'a aucune main sur leur financement. Ce qui est d'ailleurs le cas pour toutes les religions depuis plus d'un siècle. Mais cette proposition est largement contestée. Depuis la loi de 1905 séparant l'Église et l'État, ce dernier ne participe pas aux financements des lieux de culte. Les fonds sont donc d'origine privée, mais les besoins diffèrent selon les religions. Ainsi, les cultes catholique et juif possèdent, du simple fait de l'histoire, de nombreux lieux pour leurs fidèles. Pour des raisons patrimoniales, ces églises et ces synagogues appartiennent aux communes, qui ont donc la charge de les entretenir avec les pratiquants. Il n'y a donc pas nécessairement besoin d'en construire de nouvelles. Il en va cependant différemment pour le culte musulman. La deuxième religion de France compte aujourd'hui environ 2 500 mosquées sur le territoire, ce qui n'est pas assez par rapport au nombre de fidèles.

64. Attentats du 13 novembre: l'Autriche a remis deux suspects à la France

Radio France Internationale, 2016 07 30

Paris - Ils avaient été arrêtés en décembre dernier dans un centre de réfugiés en Autriche. Deux hommes soupçonnés d'avoir voulu prendre part aux attentats de Paris du 13 novembre viennent d'être remis à la justice française. D'après le parquet de Salszbouurg, il s'agit d'un Algérien de 29 ans et d'un Pakistanais de 35 ans, qui s'étaient mêlés au flux des réfugiés pour rejoindre l'Europe depuis la Syrie. Ils devaient se rendre à Paris pour « accomplir une mission au nom de l'organisation Etat islamique ». C'est ce qu'a avoué Adel Haddadi, un Algérien de 28 ans, aux enquêteurs autrichiens. Comme deux des kamikazes qui

se sont fait exploser au stade de France le 13 novembre, Adel Haddadi et Mohamad Usman, un Pakistanais de 22 ans, sont passés par Leros, en Grèce. À la différence près que ces derniers ont été arrêtés pour usage de faux passeport. Ils avaient été incarcérés jusqu'au 28 octobre, puis avaient gagné l'Autriche où ils étaient hébergés dans un centre d'accueil pour demandeurs d'asile jusqu'à leur arrestation, le 10 décembre.

65. Prêtre tué à Saint-Étienne-du-Rouvray : la DGSI a-t-elle tout dit ?

Le Point.fr, Aziz Zemouri, 2016 07 30

Paris - Le ministre de l'Intérieur Bernard Cazeneuve affirme que le décloisonnement des services de lutte contre le terrorisme fonctionne. Rien n'est moins sûr... « Tragique raté de coordination DGSI-Uclat sur le 2e suspect de #StEtienneduRouvray... » tweetait jeudi le député LR Georges Fenech. L'ex-président de la commission d'enquête parlementaire sur la politique gouvernementale en matière de lutte contre le terrorisme est très affirmatif. Tragique raté de coordination DGSI-UCLAT sr le 2ème suspect de #StEtienneduRouvray. Il y a urgence à créer l'agence nationale anti-terroriste. Officiellement, la centrale du renseignement intérieur qui dispose de l'identité d'Abdel Malik Petitjean depuis le 29 juin ne détenait aucune photo du terroriste. Raison pour laquelle, le 22 juillet, l'Unité de coordination de la lutte antiterroriste (Uclat) rédigeait une note à tous les services de police afin d'identifier un individu (dont la photo est jointe) et qui s'apprêtait à commettre un attentat dans l'Hexagone. La veille, une perquisition de la Sous-direction antiterroriste (Sdat) chez un acolyte de Petitjean avait permis de retrouver une vidéo dans laquelle l'assassin du père Jacques Hamel menace de « détruire ce pays » et appelle à « agresser en masse », notamment « avec des couteaux », le tout en invoquant deux formules rituelles musulmanes en arabe apparemment sans en comprendre le sens. C'est de cette vidéo qu'est tiré le portrait qui accompagne la note de l'Uclat.

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Canada

1. Exclusif - GRC: des dizaines d'armes volées ou perdues depuis 2008

La Presse, Louis-Samuel Perron, 2016 08 07

Ottawa - Une adolescente de Winnipeg atteinte par balle a frôlé la mort l'an dernier. Le pistolet de son assaillant s'est révélé être une arme de service volée à un policier de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC). Fusil à pompe, pistolet, carabine : 60 armes à feu ont été déclarées volées ou perdues par les agents de la GRC depuis 2008. Entre 2008 et mars 2016, les agents de la police montée ont perdu 48 armes à feu et s'en sont fait voler 12, a appris La Presse grâce à la Loi sur l'accès à l'information. En 2012 seulement, pas moins de 21 armes à feu ont disparu dans la nature. L'an dernier, 10 armes avaient été égarées ou avaient été volées. Onze modèles distincts font partie des armes manquantes, tels un fusil Winchester 70, une carabine Colt M16A1 881 et un pistolet Berreta 1934. Une mitraillette de modèle Heckler & Koch MP-5 a même été déclarée perdue entre 2005 et 2008, révèle un autre document de la GRC. L'arme de service des policiers de la GRC, le Smith & Wesson 5946, est l'arme la plus prisée par les voleurs, puisqu'elle a été subtilisée à 11 reprises depuis 2008. L'arme égarée le plus souvent est toutefois le fusil à pompe (shotgun) Remington 870, déclaré perdu à 18 occasions depuis 2008, dont 8 fois uniquement en 2012. Ce modèle se trouve dans presque tous les véhicules de la GRC.

2. Entrapment decision a pyrrhic victory if Bill C-51 not amended

The Toronto Star, Faisal Kutty, 2016 08 07

OpEd: "They were not capable of carrying out a terrorist attack," said the young man who showed up at my door after midnight on June 3rd, 2006. Hours earlier, Canada had witnessed a massive anti-terror sweep. Seventeen people were arrested (an 18th individual was picked up later), though seven had their charges stayed or dismissed. My client had attended what the Royal Canadian Mounted Police labelled a "training camp" in Rockwood, Ont. a few weeks earlier. The camp was just one of the pieces of two terror plots facilitated by paid government informants. In fact, the RCMP also arranged for delivery of a harmless substance (passed off as ammonium nitrate) to the group in a sting operation. The 19-year-old wanted to reach out to the police. He later testified for the government that there was no training, just some guys "chilling" and trying to "look cool, to look tough." The entrapment defence failed at trial. Given the deferential nature of courts in terrorism trials, the recent B.C. Supreme Court decision tossing out convictions, against John Nuttall and Amanda Korody, was a stunner. "The world has enough terrorists. We do not need the police to create more," said Justice Catherine Bruce in a scathing ruling. "It was the police who were the leaders of the plot." Proactive investigations are the norm in the anti-terrorism realm. Similar to drug, gang and prostitution offences, terrorism due to its very nature is ideal for state actors to infiltrate and disrupt. The problem is that informants sometimes provide the means, opportunity and even inducements to push someone to commit one of the growing numbers of vague and ill-defined terrorist crimes. Indeed, even agencies have an incentive, in the words of former assistant director of the FBI, Thomas Fuentes, to "Keep Fear Alive" with an eye on the budget. (Note: Faisal Kutty is counsel to KSM Law, an associate professor at Valparaiso University Law School in Indiana and an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School. @faisalkutty.)

United States - États-Unis

3. Policy on drone strikes is declassified

The Washington Post, Karen DeYoung, 2016 08 07

Washington - President Obama must approve operational plans to target overseas terrorist suspects with drones or other weapons outside war zones but in some cases does not sign off on specific strikes, according to newly declassified administration guidelines. In addition to setting out the role of the president, the guidelines emphasize the importance of "verifying" the identity of high-value targets, even as they outline the criteria and legality of striking unidentified others when "necessary to achieve U.S. policy objectives." The guidelines provide rules for targeting U.S. citizens abroad and include lengthy guidance on what to do with captured terrorist suspects. "In no event," the document says, "will additional detainees be brought to the detention facilities at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base." The 18-page top-secret document was declassified and released late Friday, with relatively minor redactions, in response to a federal court order. When Obama signed the guidelines, in May 2013, the administration released a brief "fact sheet" on procedures and criteria for such operations that were drawn from the classified version. Those rules included "near certainty" that the terrorist target was present and that no civilians would be injured or killed, that the target posed a "continuing and imminent" threat to Americans, that capture was not feasible, and that all relevant domestic and international laws were obeyed.

4. Iran executes nuclear scientist who spied for U.S.

Politico.com, Nahal Toosi, 2016 08 07

Washington - The Iranian government has executed a nuclear scientist who was believed to have cooperated with U.S. intelligence but who returned to Iran after claiming he had been abducted and tortured by the CIA. The tale of Shahram Amiri was one of the stranger sagas to emerge from Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's tenure as secretary of state, testing her diplomatic skills in highly sensitive circumstances. His death comes just over a year after Iran and the U.S. struck a deal aimed at reining in Iran's nuclear program, an agreement Clinton was instrumental in launching. State-controlled Iranian media on Sunday confirmed Amiri's execution, quoting an Iranian judiciary spokesman as saying that Amiri "provided the enemy with vital information of the country." His family told the BBC his body had rope marks, indicating he had been hanged, apparently in the past week. Amiri went missing in Saudi Arabia in May or June 2009 while on religious pilgrimage to Mecca. In the following months, Iranian officials accused the U.S. of abducting him. The State Department claimed for months that it "had no information" on Amiri. The Iranian resurfaced publicly on June 7, 2010 in a pair of Internet videos. In one, he claimed he'd been kidnapped by the CIA during his pilgrimage and was being held in Tucson, Arizona, where he has been subject to torture and psychological pressure. In the other, he claimed he was in the U.S. to further his education and was free and safe. Amiri appeared in a third video posted June 29, 2010, where he said he'd escaped U.S. custody and had reached Virginia. Two weeks later, Amiri walked into the Pakistani Embassy in Washington, D.C., which houses an Iranian interests section, and said he wanted to return to Iran.

5. US reportedly elevates the role of Cyber Command

Engadget, Jon Fingas, 2016 08 07

Washington - Now that the US treats cyberwarfare as a staple of its combat operations, it's ready to raise the prominence of its internet warriors. Reuters sources say that the Obama administration is planning to elevate Cyber Command, turning it into a "unified command" that's just as crucial as a major regional section like Pacific Command. The proposed shuffle would also detach Cyber Command from the NSA, giving it more input on the use of online weapons and defenses. There's no guarantee that the

reorganization will go through as it exists right now. Neither Cyber Command nor the NSA are commenting, and an unnamed official tells Reuters that the link between Cyber Command and the NSA is "critical to national security." If the report is accurate, though, the reform isn't likely to face significant opposition.

6. Iran says it executed nuclear scientist in US spy mystery

The Associated Press, Nasser Karimi And Jon Gambrell, 2016 08 07

Tehran - Iran executed a nuclear scientist who defected to the U.S. in 2009 and later returned to the Islamic Republic under mysterious circumstances a year later, authorities said Sunday, acknowledging for the first time that they had secretly detained, tried and convicted a man authorities once heralded as a hero. Shahram Amiri vanished in 2009 while on a religious pilgrimage to Muslim holy sites in Saudi Arabia, only to reappear a year later in a series of online videos filmed in the U.S. He then walked into the Iranian interests section at the Pakistani Embassy in Washington and demanded to be sent home. In interviews, Amiri described being kidnapped and held against his will by Saudi and American spies, while U.S. officials said he was to receive millions of dollars for his help in understanding Iran's contested nuclear program. He was hanged the same week as Tehran executed a group of militants, a year after his country agreed to a landmark accord to limit uranium enrichment in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions. Speaking to journalists Sunday, Iranian judiciary spokesman Gholamhosein Mohseni Ejeji said Amiri was convicted of spying charges as he "provided the enemy with vital information of the country."

7. Military success in Syria gives Putin upper hand in U.S. proxy war

The New York Times, Mark Mazzetti, Anne Barnard and Eric Schmitt, 2016 08 07

Washington - Intelligence assessments circulated in Washington that the Syrian president, Bashar Assad, was losing his grip on power. But then the Russians arrived, bludgeoning CIA-backed rebel forces with an air campaign that has sent them into retreat. And now rebel commanders, clinging to besieged neighborhoods in the divided city of Aleppo, say their shipments of CIA-provided anti-tank missiles are drying up. For the first time since Afghanistan in the 1980s, the Russian military for the past year has been in direct combat with rebel forces trained and supplied by the CIA. The American-supplied Afghan fighters prevailed during that Cold War conflict. But this time the outcome — thus far — has been different. "Russia has won the proxy war, at least for now," said Michael Kofman, a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington. Russia's battlefield successes in Syria have given Moscow, isolated by the West after its annexation of Crimea and other incursions into Ukraine, new leverage in decisions about the future of the Middle East. The Obama administration is now talking with President Vladimir Putin's government about a plan to share intelligence and coordinate airstrikes against the Islamic State and other militant groups in Syria, and Putin has thus far met his goals in Syria without becoming caught in a quagmire that some — including President Barack Obama — had predicted he would. But even Obama has expressed wariness about an enduring deal with Moscow.

White House finally releases its "playbook" for killing and capturing terror suspects

The Intercept, Cora Currier, 2016 08 07

Washington — The Obama Administration has released its internal guidelines for how it decides to kill or capture alleged terrorists around the globe, three years after they came into effect. They provide a look at the drone war bureaucracy behind hundreds of strikes in Yemen, Pakistan, Somalia and elsewhere, a system President Obama will hand off to his successor. The guidelines show the process is concentrated at the White House, specifically in the National Security Council. They also describe the process for approving so-called signature strikes, where the target of the strike is not a known "high value terrorist," but rather some other "terrorist target," which could be a group of people exhibiting suspect behavior, or a vehicle, building or other infrastructure. Amid all these procedural details, however, the presidential policy guidance, or "playbook," as it has been called, does not provide new insight into when, where, and

under what authorities someone can be killed, or what kind of intelligence is necessary to make that decision. Much of the document, which is dated May 22, 2013, echoes public statements by administration officials over the past several years and previously-released material. The general standards for killing terrorist targets away from active battlefields were made public that May, when the president gave a speech and issued an abbreviated version of the guidance, promising that the United States would only undertake lethal action against a terrorist if they posed a continuing, imminent threat to U.S. persons, and if capture was not feasible.

8. U.S. Releases Rules for Airstrike Killings of Terror Suspects

The New York Times, Charlie Savage, 2016 08 07

Washington - The Obama administration has disclosed its rules and procedures for targeting individuals for killing outside conventional war zones — including with drones — further lifting the secrecy surrounding one of its most disputed tactics for fighting terrorism. The newly declassified document shows that if the top lawyers and leaders of the departments and agencies on the National Security Council agree that a proposed strike would be lawful and appropriate, the Pentagon or the Central Intelligence Agency can proceed. If they disagree, or if the person to be targeted is an American citizen, the matter must go to the president for a decision. President Obama issued the 18-page set of rules, sometimes called the drone strike “playbook” but formally known as the Presidential Policy Guidance, in May 2013. It was classified, although the administration publicly said it tightened standards for strikes — including requirements that targets must pose a threat to Americans and the “near certainty” that there would be no civilian deaths. The government had said this year that it intended to make the guidance public as part of a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union. It provided the document to the A.C.L.U. late Friday, and the organization posted it on its website Saturday morning.

9. Trump adviser's comments, ties to Moscow stir unease

The Washington Post, Steven Mufson & Tom Hamburger, 2016 08 07

Washington - In early June, a little-known adviser to Donald Trump stunned a gathering of high-powered Washington foreign policy experts meeting with the visiting prime minister of India, going off topic with effusive praise for Russian President Vladimir Putin and Trump. The adviser, Carter Page, hailed Putin as stronger and more reliable than President Obama, according to three people who were present at the closed-door meeting at Blair House - and then touted the positive effect a Trump presidency would have on U.S.-Russia relations. A month later, Page dumbfounded foreign policy experts again by giving another speech harshly critical of U.S. policy - this time in Moscow. The United States and other Western nations have "criticized these regions for continuing methods which were prevalent during the Cold War period," Page said in a lecture at the New Economic School commencement. "Yet ironically, Washington and other Western capitals have impeded potential progress through their often hypocritical focus on ideas such as democratization, inequality, corruption and regime change." Page has an ambiguous role in Trump's campaign. But since being named to the Republican nominee's team in March, his stature within the foreign policy world has grown considerably, drawing alarm from more-established foreign policy experts who view him as having little real understanding about U.S.-Russia relations. Many also say that Page's views may be compromised by his investment in Russian energy giant Gazprom.

10. Going into Ukraine

Washington Post, 2016 08 07

Editorial: Donald Trump's assertion that Russia "is not going to go into Ukraine" reminded us that very little reporting has been done in recent months about the state of the conflict in the eastern provinces of Donetsk and Luhansk, which were first invaded by Russian forces in early 2014. That's unfortunate, because while the West's attention has been otherwise occupied this summer, Russia and its proxies have

steadily escalated the fighting. According to the United Nations, 20 civilians were killed and 122 injured in June and July, more than double the average monthly toll of the previous nine months. The Ukrainian army, for its part, reported at least 13 soldiers killed in July. Most of the deaths came in shelling attacks by heavy weapons, including artillery and Grad rockets, that were expressly prohibited by the two peace agreements Russia and Ukraine made. Apart from brief periods, the Russian side has never fully observed the cease-fire, according to reports by international monitors. Meanwhile, military supplies continue to pour across Ukraine's eastern border, parts of which Russia exclusively controls. According to statements by Ukrainian officials, at least 19 trains carrying military hardware crossed the border in July. On Aug. 2, authorities reported that 30 tanks, 11 armored vehicles and six Grad rocket systems had been shipped in during the previous week. This despite repeated Russian commitments to pull all such weapons back from the front lines and place them under monitoring.

11. Russia's superior new weapons

The Washington Post, Robert H. Scales, 2016 08 07

Column: In November, while visiting the headquarters of the U.S. Army in Europe, I received a briefing on the performance of the Russian army in Ukraine. In a perfunctory tone, the young intelligence briefer recited the details of the July 2014 Battle of Zelenopillya, in which a single Russian artillery "fire strike" almost destroyed two Ukrainian mechanized battalions in a few minutes. I couldn't help imagining a U.S. armored battalion subjected to a similar fire strike. I realized then that Ukraine had become Russia's means for showcasing what might happen if we ever fought a firepower-intensive battle against it. "You know, guys," I mused in the moment, "this is the first time since the beginning of the Cold War that an American war-fighting function has been bested by a foreign military." This revelation was all the more disturbing because artillery firepower has been a centerpiece of U.S. land warfare for almost a century. At Normandy, the Germans had nothing good to say about the quality of U.S. armor and infantry. But they feared U.S. artillery. The Germans could not mass fire across unit boundaries. But an American invention, the coordinated-fire "time on target," could bring hundreds of guns to bear on a single target, delivering thousands of rounds simultaneously. The effect on the Germans was devastating. During the Gulf War, the Iraqis most feared what they called "steel rain." The "rain" consisted of hundreds of thousands of flashlight-size bomblets stuffed into artillery shells and rocket warheads. U.S. counter-fire radar, mated to multiple-launch rocket systems (MLRS), smothered Saddam Hussein's much-vaunted artillery in a massive series of day-long barrages. The Iraqi artillery never again posed a threat to our troops. (Note: Robert H. Scales is a retired Army major general, a former commandant of the U.S. Army War College and the author of the forthcoming book "Scales on War.")

12. Edward Snowden Not Dead

Sputnik News Service, 2016 08 07

Moscow - A journalist with The Intercept who has worked extensively with the whistleblower in the past says that Snowden is "fine," but refused to elaborate further. The response from the journalist comes in the wake of two mysterious tweets by the famed NSA whistleblower who exposed a rampant regime of domestic surveillance by US intelligence agencies. The first Tweet, reported by SputnikNews earlier this week said "it's time" and called on his colleagues from the NSA to contact a reporter who was covering the full story of the whistleblower's actions as a US intelligence agency contractor and the circumstances that led him to engage in the greatest document leak in American history. The second Tweet, issued on Friday night came in the form of a 64-character code that some believed was a "dead man's switch" designed to trigger a massive document release if Snowden failed to check into his computer at a certain time due to death or capture. The whistleblower has been public about the fact that he has distributed encrypted files to trusted journalists and associates in the event that something happened to him.

13. Michigan man who stockpiled weapons also had al-Qaeda recruiter's CDs

Vice News, Tess Owen, 2016 08 07

Detroit - A man in Michigan who was charged with illegally buying weapons and explosives has alleged links to al-Qaeda, the Detroit News reported on Sunday. Sebastian Gregerson, 29, was arrested on Sunday after he swapped a gun for several grenades with an undercover agent. When federal investigators searched Gregerson's home, they found seven rifles, two handguns, a hatchet, 20 knives including machetes and thousands of ammunition rounds, according to prosecutors. During recorded phone conversations with the undercover agent, Gregerson reportedly talked about making homemade grenades and considered ways to attack buildings and law enforcement. Investigators say they also found a number of CDs with al-Qaeda recruiter Anwar al-Awlaki's name on them. Al-Awlaki was an American imam who joined the terror network in Yemen, and became al-Qaeda's number one propagandist. Although he was killed in a CIA drone strike in 2011, his lessons on YouTube and CD have outlived him and continue to wield considerable influence. "When you look through most of the cases of individuals who get arrested for terrorism charges, the vast majority had al-Awlaki on their laptops," Seamus Hughes, deputy director of George Washington University's Program on Extremism told The Detroit News.

United Kingdom - Royaume-Uni

14. Dramatic moment ISIS jihadis laid down their arms after British special forces helped Libyan fighters flush them out

Mail On Sunday, 2016 08 07

London - This is the dramatic moment when Libyan brigades backed by British special forces flushed out Islamic State terrorists in the strategic port city of Sirte last week. The Libyan fighters have spent three months trying to flush out the terrorists from their hideouts in residential suburbs where residents are trapped. The British soldiers have been directing precision bombing raids launched by the US against IS positions. The air strikes were requested by the head of the new UN-installed Government of National Accord, Fayeze al-Serraj. Dozens of jihadis were killed or wounded as their positions were pounded. In one strike a 500lb bomb hit a second-floor window where up to five IS snipers had been seen. The explosion blew three holes in the side of the building and sent vaporising flames into the room, destroying everything and everyone in it. Further strikes destroyed vehicles being used by terrorists attempting to drive out of Sirte. Seven bombing raids were carried out last week, with Libyan Field Commander Mohamed Durant praising the American-British coalition for help to rid Sirte of jihadis who have had the city under their control for nearly two years.

15. MI5's mind readers help foil seven terrorist attacks

The Sunday Times, Richard Kerbaj, 2016 08 07

London - Specialist unit created by MI5 to "get inside the heads" of terrorists has helped foil seven attacks in the past year. The Sunday Times was granted unprecedented access last week to some of the staff who work at the Behavioural Science Unit (BSU) at Thames House, the headquarters of MI5 on the north bank of the Thames. The main task of a team of criminologists, psychologists, anthropologists and academics is to establish whether people flagged as potential threats are "talkers or walkers" — those who simply boast or those who are preparing to act. Research by MI5 shows more than 60% of so-called lone wolves unwittingly provide clues that they are preparing to strike. The work of the BSU involves picking up signs of such changing behaviour. Neil, an Arabic and Norwegian speaker who has worked for the unit for six years, said: "It takes some doing to go from talking about carrying out a violent act like killing to actually doing it." His team is passed intelligence by officers that is gleaned from a network of informants and the public. The BSU then looks for signs of unusual activity, such as an "increasing sense of grievance, a desire to acquire skills and tactics ... an attempt to identify material for their plans and logistical practice and trial runs".

16. State security is impaired by TDs' lack of scrutiny

The Sunday Times, Staff Writer, 2016 08 07

London - The Army Ranger wing, it seems, is to double in strength as part of the state's response to the elevated terror threat across Europe. The garda security section and military intelligence are to have access to passenger listings on aircraft travelling into and out of key international airports. The Emergency Response Unit, along with units of the Defence Forces, are conducting exercises, rehearsing responses to simulated terror attacks. We know these things only because security correspondents and analysts in the media tell us so. We know almost nothing officially about the capacity of the security forces to cope with any terrorist incident here, beyond generalised declamations by ministers and senior gardai that resources are adequate and that the threat level is low. One will peruse the records of the Dail and Seanad in vain for anything resembling a searching question on national security from any TD or senator of any persuasion. Those who are nominated as spokespersons on justice and defence seem to be utterly uninformed and quite without curiosity. This is in contrast to what happens elsewhere, as governments cope with the fallout from terror incidents. Interactions between parliamentary committees and state security services are almost always in private, for obvious reasons. But in the aftermath of last month's outrages in France, the head of the Directorate General of Internal Security (DGIS), Patrick Calvar, has been briefing members of the security and defence committee of the national assembly. In May, it seems, he warned a closed session of the committee that new terrorist attacks were in preparation, aimed at raising tensions between Muslim communities and the general population. At Westminster, the members of the Intelligence and Security Committee have been hearing from the heads of the intelligence services, MI5 and MI6, as well as the chiefs of the Defence Intelligence staff and the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ). In Germany, the defence committee of the Bundestag has been scrutinising the work of the Military Intelligence Service or Militärischer Abschirmdienst (MAD) as well as the activities of the Federal Intelligence Service or Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND). There are no equivalent processes here.

17. Cyber crime poses 'real threat' to UK economy

The Sunday Mirror, Geraldine McKelvie, 2016 08 07

London – Cyber attacks could devastate Britain's infrastructure and economy, the National Crime Agency has warned. It is urging more businesses to work with law enforcement agencies in a bid to reduce the growing menace. Its report into the crisis said: "A cyber attack that poses an existential threat to one or more major UK businesses is a realistic possibility. "The long-term impact of such a cyber attack could include substantial loss of revenue and margin, of valuable data, and of other company assets." The NCA said it estimated cyber crime already costs the UK economy billions per year - and that is likely to keep rising as businesses struggle to deal with the issue. The report added: "In any calculation we must consider there are millions of individual victims, many thousands of corporate victims and correspondingly substantial losses. "Moreover, the accelerating pace of technology and criminal cyber capability development currently outpaces the UK's collective response to cyber crime. "This cyber arms race is likely to be an enduring challenge, and an effective response requires collaborative action from government, law enforcement, industry regulators and, critically, business leaders." The NCA went on to say that business chiefs should "challenge" their management teams to go beyond normal cyber security standards to ensure "the threat to the UK is reduced".

18. SAS blasts Isis with 'Punisher' in Libya

The Sunday Times, Mark Hookham, 2016 08 07

London – British special forces fired a deadly new weapon nicknamed "the Punisher" during a fierce hour-long battle with Isis in Libya, The Sunday Times has been told. According to a Libyan fighter who claimed to have witnessed the attack, a small team of elite British soldiers used the precision weapon to

fire a barrage of "air-burst" grenades above a suspected Isis position in the city of Sirte. The barrage, fired from a sniper's nest on the rooftop of a building, provoked the insurgents into revealing their exact position. When they returned fire with machineguns, a firefight began in the residential district south of the city centre. The Ministry of Defence said this weekend that it "does not comment on special forces". However, accounts have previously emerged of British special forces using Javelin anti-tank missiles and armour-piercing bullets to destroy Isis vehicles packed with explosives and a guided missile to destroy a tank. The latest reported firefight, which took place in the city's "700" district in mid-July, appears to have been the most prolonged frontline engagement involving British troops to have been disclosed. "They [the British] arrived in a very purposeful way, as if they had specific information about Isis positions, and took over our regular sniper's position on the roof," the Libyan fighter said.

19. Security at small ports 'our biggest new threat'

The Sunday Times, Tom Harper, 2016 08 07

London – The head of the National Crime Agency (NCA) has warned that security at small ports is the "greatest emerging threat" to Britain. Lynne Owens, who leads an organisation described as "Britain's FBI", reportedly told police chiefs last month that her officers had dealt with a number of "serious incidents" at UK ports and attempts to get a grip on border controls was "taking up all my time". In a confidential briefing to police and crime commissioners, she revealed that the Home Office is conducting a secret review of port security amid fears of a surge in illegal migrants using sailing boats to land in small harbours or on remote stretches of the coast. A source with knowledge of the meeting said: "All the organised crime gangs are now coming in through the small ports. We have seven different agencies looking after our ports. It's a mess. Everybody is treading on each other and no one knows who is in charge." Asked about Owens's comments, the NCA said: "Lynne was extemporising around bullet points ... Everything we can say publicly we have said."

Americas– Amériques

20. Air of Graft Around Ex-Argentine Government Arouses Fury

The New York Times, Jonathan Gilbert, 2016 08 07

Buenos Aires - One former minister was caught in a convent with about \$9 million in cash and luxury watches stuffed into duffel bags. Two others have been indicted on corruption charges, as has a former vice president. Then there is Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, the former president, whose hotel and real estate businesses are being investigated for alleged involvement in a kickback scheme. Argentina's politicians are not new to corruption scandals. But the whiff of graft surrounding officials from Mrs. Kirchner's government, which was voted out of power last year, has infuriated the nation to a point not reached in two decades, when there was a slew of accusations against the administration of former President Carlos Saúl Menem. The scandals are also casting a pall over the achievements of Mrs. Kirchner's political party, which came to power in 2003 as part of a leftist wave that swept through Latin America. The allegations against Mrs. Kirchner and the four other former officials from her party, the Front for Victory, are unproven, though one of the former ministers indicted on charges of corruption, Ricardo Jaime, a former transportation secretary, was convicted separately last year of taking bribes.

Australia –Australie/New Zealand - Nouvelle-Zélande

21. Terrorism accused says charges a 'conspiracy against the patriot movement'

Australian Associated Press, 2016 08 07

Canberra - A man accused of preparing a terrorist act has told a Melbourne court he believes the charges are a "conspiracy against the patriot movement". Phillip Galea, 31, from Baybrook, did not apply for bail during his brief appearance in the Melbourne magistrates court on Sunday. Victoria's joint counter-terrorism team arrested Galea in Baybrook on Saturday. He has been charged with collecting or making documents likely to facilitate a terrorist act and planning or preparing for a terrorist act. "I will be fighting these charges and I believe they are a conspiracy against the patriot movement," Galea told magistrate Robert Kumar. He has been remanded in custody to next appear on August 9. Police say an "escalating threat" to the community forced them to raid four homes and arrest the 31-year-old man on Saturday.

22. Victoria terror raids end in arrest

The Advertiser, Anthony Dowsley, 2016 08 07

Canberra – Heavily-armed police officers arrested one man after a series of terror raids in Victoria yesterday. Victoria's joint counter terrorism team, comprising officers from Victoria Police and the Australian Federal Police, began the operation about 1pm, arresting 31-year-old Phillip Galea, who allegedly has links to a far-right group. Investigators executed four search warrants – two in Braybrook, one in Bacchus Marsh and one in Tatura – as part of the operation. Police said the raids were "in relation to the ongoing investigation" and stressed there was no immediate or impending threat to the community. Galea was last night assisting investigators with their inquiries. Counter Terrorism Command Assistant Commissioner Ross Guenther said his team had interrupted "something that was quite serious".

23. Man linked to 'patriot movement' charged after counter-terrorism raids in Victoria

Australian Broadcasting Corporation, 2016 08 07

Canberra - A 31-year-old charged with terrorism offences tells a court he believes the charges are a conspiracy against the "patriot movement". A man charged with terrorism offences after raids in Melbourne and central Victoria has told a court he believes the charges are a conspiracy against the "patriot movement". Phillip Galea, 31, from Braybrook in Melbourne's west, has been charged with preparing or planning a terrorist act and collecting or making documents likely to facilitate a terrorist attack. He was arrested yesterday at Braybrook, Bacchus Marsh, north-west of Melbourne, and Tatura, in central Victoria. During a brief hearing at the Melbourne Magistrates' Court, Galea sat in the dock and made no application for bail. He said he would fight the charges and believed they were a conspiracy against the patriot movement. He is due to reappear in court for a committal hearing on August 9. A member of the True Blue Crew, an anti-immigration group, told the ABC Galea was a member.

Afghanistan • Pakistan

24. American arrested after entering Pakistan was deported for spying in 2011

The Washington Post, Shaiq Hussain & Pamela Constable, 2016 08 07

Islamabad - An American citizen previously deported from Pakistan on charges of espionage was arrested Saturday in the Pakistani capital for illegally reentering the country, officials said. Officials with Pakistan's Federal Investigation Agency said Matthew Barrett was seized at a guesthouse in the capital and taken into custody, hours after immigration officials at the international airport in nearby Rawalpindi were found to have mistakenly granted him entry. Barrett was deported from Pakistan in 2011 and barred from returning after being found in the area of a "sensitive installation," the Interior Ministry said in a statement. He was charged with spying on Pakistan's nuclear facilities, the ministry said. The government has a large nuclear arsenal and development program, which has been a source of U.S. sanctions and bilateral tension. There has been no comment from U.S. officials, and no further information about Barrett was immediately known except that he obtained his visa at the Pakistani consulate in Houston.

Officials said he used false documents to enter the country, but it was not known whether he was traveling under his real name. He has been charged with violating immigration laws. The incident recalled the case of Raymond Davis, a CIA civilian contractor who was arrested in Pakistan, also in 2011, after fatally shooting two men on the streets of Lahore. Pakistani officials said he had been surveilling and photographing government facilities there. The men had been following him on a motorbike and approached his car with guns drawn.

Asia -Asie

25. Japan protests as 13 Chinese gov't ships spotted around Senkakus

Kyodo News, 2016 08 07

Naha - Japan lodged two protests Sunday as 13 Chinese government vessels were spotted in waters around the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea. The number of vessels, located in a contiguous zone just outside Japanese territorial waters, was a record since the Japanese government purchased most of the islands from a private owner in September 2012. The previous record of 12 was logged shortly after the purchase. Two China Coast Guard ships among the vessels entered Japanese territorial waters in the morning. In the afternoon, four ships entered the waters, according to the Japan Coast Guard. Six of the 13 vessels were armed and many Chinese fishing boats were spotted near the territorial waters, it said. Japanese Vice Foreign Minister Shinsuke Sugiyama lodged a protest with Chinese Ambassador to Japan Cheng Yonghua, saying the maritime activity was in violation of Japanese sovereignty and unacceptable, according to the Foreign Ministry.

26. China's Youth League Is a Victim of Its Success

The New York Times, Chris Buckley, 2016 08 07

Beijing - President Xi Jinping of China in effect wrote an epitaph to the shrunken influence of his predecessor and former rivals this week when the Communist Party announced major changes to its once-powerful Youth League, a training ground for many officials who have been marginalized under Mr. Xi. The Communist Youth League served as a cradle for generations of Chinese leaders, who rose through it into the high ranks of the party. Mr. Xi's immediate predecessor as China's top leader, Hu Jintao, was among the most prominent. Others have included Premier Li Keqiang, Vice President Li Yuanchao and Ling Jihua, the former head of the party's general office. But a reorganization of the Communist Youth League laid out in the state news media on Tuesday indicated that its glory days as a finishing school for China's political elite may have passed. The overhaul promised to shrink the Youth League's central leadership, put it under firmer party control and return it to its grass roots to try to win over the country's young people. "Its ranks will undergo shrinkage at the top and replenishment below," an unnamed Youth League leader said in People's Daily, the party's main newspaper, on Wednesday, explaining the reorganization. "In the face of major changes in the social environment and youth population, there are many areas of the Youth League's development and work that are ill adapted or unsuitable."

27. Cheong Wa Dae says China's criticism of THAAD unreasonable

Yonhap English News, 2016 08 07

Seoul - South Korea's presidential office on Sunday urged China to raise questions over North Korea's nuclear and missile threats, instead of criticizing the planned installation of an advanced anti-missile system on South Korean soil. In a statement, Cheong Wa Dae said Chinese media's criticism of the recent decision by Seoul and Washington to install the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system in South Korea is unreasonable.

28. Indonesian kidnapped in Sulu sea off Borneo

Agence France Presse, 2016 08 07

Jakarta - Unidentified gunmen have kidnapped another Indonesian sailor in the Sulu Sea where numerous seafarers have been abducted by Islamist extremists in recent months, officials said Sunday. The kidnapping took place Wednesday off the northeast of Sabah state on the Malaysian side of Borneo island, Indonesia's ambassador to Malaysia said. "(The vessel) was intercepted by a boat carrying four armed men," ambassador Herman Prayitno told AFP. The kidnapers took the Indonesian captain after failing to get the 10,000 ringgit (\$2,500) they demanded, Prayitno added. They released the two other crew members, an Indonesian and a Malaysian. Indonesia's foreign ministry said it was still trying to find out which group was responsible. Malaysia's marine police chief Abdul Rahim Abdullah told AFP authorities were questioning the two crew members from the boat about the case.

29. Another man arrested from Parbhani for suspected ISIS links

Press Trust of India, 2016 08 07

Parbhani - Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad today arrested one more person for his alleged links with the terror outfit ISIS from Parbhani district of the state. This is the third such arrest in the district in the last one month. Shaikh Iqbal Shaikh Kabeer Ahmed (24) was arrested early this morning from Madina Nagar locality here, ATS sources said.

30. India sets up agency to probe cyberterror

BBC Monitoring South Asia, 2016 08 07

New Delhi - The increasing use of social media by global terror groups, like ISIS [Islamic State] and the Al Qaeda, for radicalizing young people and a sharp upward trend in cyber-related offences has led to the government launching a major initiative in setting up a highly-specialized cyber agency to watch and probe such cases. The agency will work under the Union home ministry and would be to cyber crime what the National Investigation Agency (NIA) is to probing terror-related incidents in the country, sources said. The NIA was set up in the aftermath of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks. The new cyber unit will investigate all major cases of cyber crime in close coordination with respective state agencies. The steady increase in cases of breach of cyber security across the country prompted the much-needed move by the Centre. From 5,693 cyber crime related cases registered in 2013, the spike has been to 9,622 in 2014 and 11,592 in 2015. The situation has only gone from bad to worse with 21,248 cases already reported till May this year. Intelligence officials claim they have been closely monitoring the trend in cyber security over the last few years and it has been showing a spiraling increase, particularly in the last four years. And this is what has pushed the government to finally go ahead with a specialized agency to probe incidents related to cyber security. "The intelligence agencies too have been stressing on the need for a professional outfit to deal with cyber security. Things have now started moving and a fund of 400 crore [Indian rupees] has been earmarked for the project. The agency will have highly-trained professionals in cyber security," a government official said.

31. N.K. diplomats summoned for probe into mass defections: report

Yonhap English News, 2016 08 07

Seoul - North Korea has summoned its consuls stationed in Shenyang in order to investigate recent mass defections of restaurant workers at the North's state-run restaurants in China, a U.S.-based media report showed Saturday. In April, a group of 13 North Korean employees at a Pyongyang-run restaurant in the Chinese eastern port city of Ningbo defected to South Korea en masse. In June, three more North Korean restaurant employees working in China escaped to Seoul. The diplomats called in to Pyongyang in early July were reported to be in charge of supervising those areas where the defections took place, said Radio Free Asia (RFA), citing anonymous sources. They have been going through a rigorous review of their loyalty to the regime, it added. Overseas restaurants are an increasingly important source of dollars for the

North at a time when international sanctions have cut off Pyongyang from the outside world aimed to dry up the money needed to pursue missile and nuclear development.

Africa – Afrique

32. South Sudan to get new international peacekeeping force

BBC News, 2016 08 07

Juba - South Sudan's government has agreed to let in a new international protection force to try to save a peace deal. Ethnic clashes last month left at least 300 people dead and threatened to revive a civil war that has killed tens of thousands. A 12,000-strong UN mission in South Sudan was unable to prevent attacks. The announcement was made by the East African regional body, Igad, and confirmed by South Sudan cabinet minister Dr Martin Elia Lomuro. President Salva Kiir had previously dismissed the idea of an additional force. The proposal for a new unit in South Sudan was backed by the African Union and discussed at a meeting in Ethiopia of Igad - the Intergovernmental Authority on Development. But much of the details of the force remain unclear.

33. Talks to end war in Yemen are suspended; cease-fire in doubt

The New York Times, Rod Nordahl, 2016 08 07

Cairo - More than three months of peace talks to end the war in Yemen came to a halt Saturday, leaving in doubt the future of a shaky cease-fire and threatening to deepen what has become one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. The United Nations' special envoy on Yemen, Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, announced the suspension Saturday in Kuwait, where the talks were being held. He said the negotiations were not a failure and that they would resume in a month at an undisclosed location. A Western diplomat, who spoke on the condition of anonymity as a matter of official policy, told reporters Friday that he was disappointed by the end of the talks and expressed concerns about Yemen's stability. Ahmed convened the talks after a cease-fire was declared in April between the military coalition, which is led by Saudi Arabia and backed by the United States, and the Houthi rebels, who the Saudis say are supported by Iran. He said the talks were being suspended in an effort to find a lasting solution. "We seek a sustainable solution to the conflict," Ahmed said. "We do not want a fragile solution." More than 6,500 people have been killed in the 15-month-long war, and UNICEF said last week that 370,000 children were at risk of starving to death. More than half of Yemenis do not have enough food, aid workers say.

34. Where will we run this time?

The Washington Post, Kevin Sieff, 2016 08 07

Malkalal, South - She was living in the safest place she could find, a white plastic tent on a muddy field where 32,791 people crammed together under a blue United Nations flag. For more than two years, Rachael Mayik had found refuge in this camp from one of the world's most brutal wars. But now the fighting seemed to be speeding toward her. Radios blared reports from the capital, 300 miles away, about the breakdown of a cease-fire between the opposing forces of the president and the vice president. She saw the planes evacuating aid workers from the nearby dirt airstrip. At the field hospital, doctors were making space for an influx of victims. The camp, Mayik knew, could be overrun. "We need a way out," said Mayik, a tall, weary-eyed 56-year-old, squinting into the sun as she walked toward the perimeter fence of the U.N. Protection of Civilians site. In front of her was a guard tower manned by Indian peacekeepers. Beyond it, in a more fortified part of the camp, were 3,000 U.N. employees, two helicopters and an arsenal of weapons. That had once been enough to make her feel safe. Now she wasn't sure. The United Nations operates 16 peacekeeping missions around the world, many of which exist primarily to protect vulnerable civilians. That mandate was reinforced after the genocides in Rwanda and Bosnia in the mid-1990s occurred as outmanned U.N. peacekeeping forces stood by.

Iraq/Iran

35. Iranian Sunni cleric says executions may inflame regional tensions

Reuters, 2016 08 07

Dubai - A leading Iranian Sunni Muslim said the execution of Sunni Islamists last week could inflame sectarian tensions in the Gulf region, while Tehran said it was merely taking a tough stance on foreign-backed terrorism. Iran executed up to 20 Sunni Kurds accused of attacks on security forces. There were no public trials and rights groups said the convictions may have been based on forced confessions. UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein said on Friday that "overly broad and vague criminal charges" had led to "a grave injustice." Iran's Foreign Ministry expressed surprise at the remarks.

36. Saudi, UAE Spy Agencies Involved in 1998 Killing of Iranian Diplomats

Fars News Agency, 2016 08 07

Tehran - Leader of the Islamic Movement of Afghanistan Party Mohammad Mukhtar Mufleh disclosed collaboration among the Saudi and UAE intelligence services and the Taliban to kill the Iranian diplomats in Mazar-e Sharif. "Taliban martyred the Iranian diplomats in cooperation with the intelligence agencies of Saudi Arabia and the UAE," Mukhtar Mufleh told FNA on Sunday. The 1998 killing of the Iranian diplomats in Afghanistan refers to the siege of the Iranian consulate in Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan, during the Taliban and Northern Alliance battles of Mazar-e Sharif. Initially the death of 8 Iranian diplomats was reported, but later two other diplomats and a journalist were also confirmed dead. On August 8, 1998 Taliban forces captured Mazar-i-Sharif. After this incident, 11 Iranian diplomats and a correspondent from Iran's state news agency (IRNA) were attacked at the Iranian consulate and subsequently disappeared.

37. Iranian nuclear scientist 'executed for spying'

The Associated Press, 2016 08 07

Tehran - Iran's official news agency, IRNA, is confirming that Iran has executed a nuclear scientist who gave the US intelligence about the country's contested nuclear program. The Sunday report quotes a spokesman for the Iranian judiciary, Gholamhosein Mohseni Ejehi, as confirming the execution of Shahram Amiri. He says Amiri "provided the enemy with vital information of the country." US officials in 2010 said they paid Amiri some \$5 million to defect and provide "significant" information about Iran's atomic program. But Amiri later fled the US without the money.

Eastern Europe – Europe de L'Est

38. Bomb Wounds Russian-Backed Leader of Ukraine Separatist Region

The New York Times, Andrew E. Kramer, 2016 08 07

Kiev - The Russian-backed president of a separatist region in Ukraine was wounded on Saturday in an assassination attempt, highlighting rising violence in the country's east. A bomb — the weapon of choice in a half-dozen recent, and mysterious, assassinations in the territory — tore apart a car carrying Igor V. Plotnitsky, the leader of the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic. A political ally said on Twitter that Mr. Plotnitsky had been seriously wounded, potentially creating an opening in the leadership in Luhansk, the smaller of the two separatist enclaves in eastern Ukraine. The bomb was detonated in Luhansk city, the region's capital. Rebels blamed a Ukrainian death squad, while an aide to Ukraine's

director of domestic intelligence said Mr. Plotnitsky had fallen victim to infighting in his ranks. Fighting between Russian-backed rebels and Ukrainian government forces since April 2014 has resulted in thousands of deaths, the displacement of over a million people and de facto Russian control of the region. But feuding between proxy forces on the Russian side has for more than a year threatened to spiral into wider violence, deepening an already grave humanitarian situation and possibly complicating matters for President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia in negotiations with the West.

39. Foreign partners demonstrate growing interest in Russian missile-defense systems - top-ranking officer

TASS World Service, 2016 08 07

Moscow - Foreign participants in Russian army competitions and observers demonstrate growing interest to Russian missile defense systems, Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Aerospace Forces Colonel General Viktor Bondarev said on Sunday. "Naturally, the interest is growing. It is a big motivator for our industry, its capacities," he told journalists. He said all countries are welcome to take part in competitions of anti-aircraft gunners next year.

40. Rouhani calls most important upcoming talks with Russian, Azerbaijani presidents

TASS World Service, 2016 08 07

Moscow - Iran's President Hassan Rouhani calls "most important" the talks with Presidents of Russia and Azerbaijan Vladimir Putin and Ilham Aliyev, due on Monday, IRNA reported him as saying before taking a flight to Baku to participate in the trilateral meeting. "Negotiations in this format will be organized for the first time," the Iranian president said. "They are most important both for cooperation between neighboring countries and for improvement of stability in the Middle East and Caucasian regions." "We have planned trilateral and bilateral meetings, which will focus on regional cooperation and on fighting terrorism," he said.

41. Ukrainian military shell DPR, 18 houses damaged

TASS World Service, 2016 08 07

Moscow - The Ukrainian military over the past 24 hours shelled the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) 309 times, where 18 houses were damaged, the republic's military headquarters told the Donetsk News Agency on Sunday. "The situation in DPR remains tense," the source told the agency. "The Ukrainian military violated the ceasefire regime 309 times within last 24 hours, and 18 houses were damaged." The Ukrainian military fired 40 artillery shells of 122 and 152mm calibers, 199 mines of 82 and 120mm calibers. Besides, the source continued, they used weapon of IFVs, grenade launchers and arms. Under fire were Zaitsevo and Shirokaya Balka near Gorlovka, Veseloye and Spartak in Yasinovataya suburbs, settlements Alexandrovka and Staromikhailovka in west of Dones, Elenovka to south of Donetsk, and Sakhanka, Kominternovo and Kulikovo in the south. Members of the Contact Group for the settlement of the situation in the east of Ukraine at a meeting in Minsk on April 29 agreed on a complete ceasefire in Donbass starting from midnight on April 30. It is an eighth ceasefire agreement since the autumn of 2014. The sides however continue accusing each other of ceasefire violations.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

42. Yemen peace talks in Kuwait end amid fighting

Al Jazeera and agencies, 2016 08 07

Beirut - UN-sponsored talks for establishing peace in Yemen have ended without a breakthrough, as fighting continues between government forces and rebels near the capital Sanaa. The adjourning of the talks on Saturday came after Houthi fighters and the party of Ali Abdullah Saleh, the former president,

rejected a UN peace plan and announced the appointment of a 10-member governing body to run Yemen. Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, the UN envoy on Yemen, announced on Saturday a month-long suspension of the talks, held in Kuwait for more than 90 days, but denied their failure. "We will be leaving Kuwait today but the Yemeni peace talks are continuing," Ould Cheikh Ahmed said in Kuwait City. "We have guarantees and commitments from the two sides that they are ready to return to the negotiating table," he said, while criticising the creation of the council by the Houthis and their allies. The rebels said the plan, which had been accepted by Yemen's internationally recognised government, did not meet their key demand for a unity government - a condition that amounts to an explicit call for President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi's removal.

43. Intense fighting breaks out in Aleppo rebel siege

Reuters, 2016 08 07

Beirut - Syrian rebels broke through to besieged opposition-held areas in eastern Aleppo on Saturday in an assault on a major government military complex meant to end a month-long siege, insurgents and a monitoring group said. Pro-government media outlets denied the siege had been broken and a US State Department official said the situation was "too fluid" to comment. The heavy fighting and air strikes reported from the area seemed to indicate any passage that may have been opened would be far from secure enough for civilians to travel through. Rebels have been trying to break through a thin strip of government-controlled territory to reconnect insurgent areas in western Syria with their encircled sector of eastern Aleppo, in effect breaking a government siege begun last month. The offensive against the government's Ramousah military complex, which contains a number of military colleges, began on Friday. Taking control of Ramousah and linking up with eastern Aleppo would isolate government-held western Aleppo by cutting the southern route out toward the capital Damascus. Two rebel groups and a monitor said on Saturday they had broken the siege, but pro-government media outlets denied the claim and said the Syrian army was in fact regaining recently taken territory from rebels.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

44. IS claims Belgian machete attack

The Associated Press, John-Thor Dahlburg, 2016 08 07

Brussels - The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for Saturday's machete attack in Belgium. A statement by the IS-affiliated Amaq News Agency, posted Sunday on an IS-linked Twitter account, says the attack was carried out by one of the Islamic State group's "soldiers." The statement says the attack on two policewomen in the city of Charleroi was in response to the "Crusader coalition's" campaign against IS and its self-declared caliphate in Iraq and Syria.

45. Belgians ID machete attacker as Algerian criminal, 33

The Associated Press, John-Thor Dahlburg, 2016 08 07

Brussels - Belgian prosecutors on Sunday identified the machete-wielding man who attacked two policewomen as a 33-year-old Algerian known to police for criminal offences but not for terrorist acts.

The Saturday attack was initially was being treated as a terrorist incident, notably because the man shouted "Allahu akbar!" as he slashed at the officers outside the main police station in the city of Charleroi, Prime Minister Charles Michel said. The assailant, shot by a third officer, died later in a hospital. The Belgian Federal Prosecutor's Office said Sunday that the attacker, who it identified only as K.B., had lived in Belgium since 2012. "Since there are indications that the attack may have been inspired by a terrorist motive, the federal prosecutor's office decided to take over the investigation from the district prosecutor's office of Charleroi," the federal office said. The federal prosecutor's office said two police searches were carried out overnight in the Charleroi area, but said no further information about the investigation would be made public Michel said the prosecutors were investigating a possible case of "attempted terrorist murder."

46. Le beau-frère de Kouachi arrêté

Le Figaro.fr, 2016 08 07

Paris - Mourad Hamyd, 20 ans et beau-frère de Cherif Kouachi, a été arrêté en juillet dernier à la frontière turque, soupçonné de vouloir rejoindre la Syrie ou l'Irak pour combattre dans les rangs du groupe Etat islamique. Le JDD, qui révèle l'information, rappelle que la soeur du jeune homme était mariée à Cherif Kouachi, auteur de l'attentat contre Charlie Hebdo en janvier 2015. L'homme avait été soupçonné d'être un complice des deux terroristes qui ont abattu la rédaction du journal. Il avait été entendu de longues heures à partir du 7 janvier 2015 au soir au commissariat de Charleville-Mézières avant d'être relâché, libre de toute charge. A l'époque, il était lycéen, redoublait sa terminale S et ses camarades l'avaient soutenu. A sa sortie de garde à vue, il avait déclaré : "Cet attentat, c'est l'horreur, c'est un crime horrible et je pense aux victimes et à leurs familles (...) Je n'ai rien à voir avec cette histoire, Chérif est juste mon beau-frère avec qui nous avons des rapports assez lointains". Mais on apprend aujourd'hui que le jeune homme est fiché S depuis les attentats de janvier 2015 et de son interpellation et que depuis le 25 juillet dernier, sa famille a signalé sa disparition. Celui qui vient de terminer une première année à l'université a été refoulé le 28 juillet des autorités turques et placé en rétention en Bulgarie.

47. Belgique : l'État islamique revendique l'attaque de Charleroi

Le Figaro.fr, 2016 08 07

Charleroi - Un Algérien de 33 ans, armé d'une machette, a blessé samedi deux policières en faction aux cris de «Allah Akbar» à Charleroi en Belgique. Une enquête a été ouverte par la justice belge pour «tentative d'assassinat terroriste». Deux policières ont été blessées samedi dans le centre de Charleroi en Belgique par un individu armé d'une machette et qui a été abattu par les forces de l'ordre. Dimanche, le premier ministre Charles Michel a indiqué qu'une enquête a été ouverte par la justice belge pour «tentative d'assassinat terroriste». Le premier ministre a évoqué «qu'un certain nombre d'éléments sont apparus immédiatement» pour justifier le caractère de cette enquête dont le fait que l'assaillant avait crié «Allah akbar». Une piste qui semble confirmée par la revendication de l'Etat islamique intervenue dimanche. Le groupe terroriste a publié un communiqué via son agence Amaq pour revendiquer l'attaque. L'agresseur est arrivé aux alentours de 16h00 samedi devant l'hôtel de police. «Il a immédiatement sorti une machette du sac de sport qu'il portait et il a porté des coups très violents au visage de deux policières qui se trouvaient de faction en face de l'hôtel de police en criant Allah akbar», a expliqué le porte-parole de la police de Charleroi, David Quinaux. C'est une troisième policière qui a alors ouvert le feu et abattu l'assaillant, décédé plus tard à l'hôpital. L'une des policières souffre de plaies profondes au visage et a été hospitalisée tandis que sa collègue n'a été que légèrement blessée, précise la RTBF. Toutes deux sont toutefois hors de danger.

48. Turkey's purge marks the endgame in Islamist civil war

The Washington Post, Ishaan Tharoor, 2016 08 07

Istanbul - Last month's failed coup brought into relief a bitter struggle at the heart of Turkish politics.

From his humble childhood in a working-class neighborhood of Istanbul, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has steadily transformed the nation in his image over almost a decade and a half in power and become the Turkish republic's most influential leader since its founder, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. Halfway around the world, Fethullah Gulen, a 77-year-old imam, presides over a somewhat opaque network of schools, charities and businesses in Turkey and more than 100 other countries. He has lived in self-imposed exile in the United States since 1997 and has acted as a kind of global spiritual leader, advocating peace and tolerance. Just years ago, the two rivals were locked in a tactical alliance against an old enemy: Turkey's once-entrenched secularist establishment. But the understanding between their camps eventually crumbled into a fight for power, one that came dramatically to the surface in the July 15 coup attempt by a rebellious faction of the military. Some 270 people died during the 12-hour revolt, including 24 of the coup plotters. Now an enormous purge of suspected Gulenists is underway. Much of the Turkish public and the main opposition parties have rallied around the government despite their differences. Gulen and his congregation seem to be everyone's scapegoat. Not long ago, though, Turkey's leadership had a very different perspective.

49. Hundreds of thousands in massive anti coup rally in Istanbul

The Associated Press, Cinar Kiper And Elena Becatoros, 2016 08 07

Istanbul - Hundreds of thousands of flag-waving supporters gathered in Istanbul Sunday for a giant rally to mark the end of nightly demonstrations since Turkey's July 15 abortive coup that left more than 270 people dead. The gathering at the Yenikapi meeting area by the Marmara Sea waterfront in Istanbul's European side, officially called the "Democracy and Martyrs' Rally," aims to represent Turkish unity and was billed as a cross-party event. Religious leaders and two of Turkey's three opposition parties were attending. The pro-Kurdish People's Democracy Party, or HDP, was not invited. A 60-meter (200-foot) stage was set up for the event, framed by two platforms and draped with massive national flags and banners depicting President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Turkey's founding father Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. A roll call of those who died opposing the coup was read out as the event began. Crowds formed hours before the official start of the rally on Sunday afternoon, with people braving scorching temperatures as they waited to hear speeches from Erdogan and Turkey's top political leadership. Construction cranes suspended giant Turkish flags beside the meeting area, while flag-draped boats and yachts zipped back and forth along the water. Nearly 15,000 police were providing security at the event, which the state-run Anadolu news agency estimated could be attended by millions. Anti-aircraft batteries were also set up at the event grounds, while two helicopters circled overhead.

50. Machete Attack in Belgium Injures Two Police Officers

The New York Times, Aurelien Breeden, 2016 08 07

Paris - A man carrying a machete and shouting "Allahu akbar" injured two police officers outside a police station in central Belgium on Saturday afternoon. The attack was announced by the police in Charleroi, a city of more than 200,000 about 31 miles south of Brussels, at 4:57 p.m. on Twitter. The police station was sealed off. The Charleroi police said on Twitter that the assailant had been shot and died of his wounds, and that the lives of the two police officers were not endangered. The attack was quickly met with condemnation from Belgian officials. "I strongly condemn the attack in Charleroi," Prime Minister Charles Michel said on Twitter. "Thoughts go to the victims, their families and the police. We are following the situation closely." Interior Minister Jan Jambon called the attack "despicable." He said the country's Coordinating Body for Threat Analysis, which monitors intelligence on terrorism and other threats, was monitoring the situation. A safehouse was rented in Charleroi by Islamic State terrorists who were involved in the deadly assaults in and around Paris on Nov. 13 and Brussels on March 22.

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1. What to do about the next Aaron Driver

The Toronto Star, Michelle Shephard, 2016 08 21

Toronto - It was what Aaron Driver didn't say during the Skype call that now has shaken Prof. Alexandra Bain and made her question how Canada responds to those drawn to groups like Daesh. Bain, a 61-year-old Fredericton professor, is an unlikely confidante of extremists, many of whom live much of their life online. When she started her research as part of a study on foreign fighters, she vaguely knew about Skype and had never heard of social apps like KIK or Telegram. But, as a mother, a grandmother and a Muslim convert of more than three decades, once Bain had help figuring out the technology, she managed to connect with young aspiring jihadists. They treated me like they treated their elderly auntie, or their mum. Some laughed and said, 'I know you're a coconut, but at least you're willing to listen,' " she says. ('Coconut,' is a term used disparagingly by Daesh groupies to mean not a true Muslim - brown on the outside, white on the inside.) Aaron Driver was one of her subjects who agreed to be interviewed, although at the time she knew him only as "Harun Danyal." During one 45-minute call, she asked him about his passport. He said he was having trouble acquiring one but, if he got it, he would leave for Syria and not look back. Bain says it wasn't her job as an academic to judge or dissuade the actions of her subjects, unless there was a direct criminal threat she had an obligation to report. For someone like Driver, she already knew CSIS and the RCMP were watching him. But as Bain now questions what happened in the final weeks of Driver's life - and considers what a close call it was for others - she wishes more had been done. Both the RCMP and CSIS say they are overwhelmed by the sheer number of potential suspects. The knee-jerk reaction is to offer more funding or power to federal agencies, which runs the risk of bringing undue attention to Muslim communities and further straining relations. What is only recently being discussed in Canada is the idea of more community empowerment or involvement. Canada has already studied many of these issues extensively. There is a \$10-million bookshelf of reports funded by the Kanishka Project, a federal government research program that began in June 2011. Academics Sara Thompson and Daniel Hiebert, along with retired CSIS director general Larry Brooks, wrote earlier this year about Canada's state of CVE, calling it "fragmented," rather than "cohesive." Bain is among Canada's academics who have extensively studied those who are drawn to Daesh or like-minded groups.

2. Jihadists aren't misunderstood punks

Ottawa Sun, Anthony Furey, 2016 08 21

Column: Here's a crazy idea: Maybe, just maybe, jihadists know full well what they're doing, have thought it through and are deeply committed to it. Could becoming a terrorist be, oh I don't know, an actual choice? Rather than some sort of temporary sickness that mysteriously overcomes them one day as they're surfing the web? For decades, anyone with a dose of common sense has been laughing at the idea that criminals are just misunderstood victims in need of a good cry. So it's a touch tragi-comic to watch the Liberals pretend "counter-radicalization" will be a successful tool in combating Islamist extremism. In 1956, famed lyricist Stephen Sondheim penned the ultimate parody to this notion for the musical West Side Story. After a couple gangsters are chased by their local beat cop Officer Krupke, the petty criminals joke about all the excuses they've got for their delinquency: "Dear kindly Sergeant Krupke, you gotta understand, it's just our bringing up-ke, that gets us out of hand. Our mothers all are junkies, our fathers all are drunks. Golly Moses, naturally we're punks." Then they put together a mock courtroom, where the sympathetic judge doesn't punish the kids for their misdeeds but instead goes after Krupke for daring to hold them responsible for their behaviour: "This boy don't need a judge, he needs an analyst's care! It's just his neurosis that oughta be curbed. He's psychologically disturbed!" Does anyone know if Ralph Goodale can tap dance? Because it sure sounded like Canada's public safety minister was singing

Sondheim's tune the other day. Besides, Driver's troubled history is actually an outlier. At least when it comes to Canada. A 2011 CSIS report that analyzed known extremists found "none appeared to have been marginalized within Canadian society," that they had "a high level of academic achievement" and that "immigration trauma is not a significant driver for radicalization in Canada." They were smart guys who did what they did because they believed in the cause.

Canada

3. Aaron Driver's 'more powerful' bomb never exploded, RCMP says, revealing new details of tense confrontation

The National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 08 21

Toronto - The bomb that ISIL supporter Aaron Driver tried to trigger inside his taxi when he was confronted by police on Aug. 10 never fully detonated, RCMP Deputy Commissioner Mike Cabana said in an interview Saturday. Police now believe the blast in the cab was caused by the detonators and that the more powerful explosives never actually ignited, he said, although Cabana added the forensic investigation of the homemade bomb was still underway. "Primary indications are the only thing that exploded were the homemade detonators," Cabana, the deputy commissioner for federal policing, told the National Post. "The forensics are going to confirm that but that's what it looks like." The explosive substance appears to be the same type that police found a formula for making on Driver's computer when they searched his home in Winnipeg on June 3, 2015. "I think so but I don't think the forensics are complete on that, but I think essentially he followed the same recipe." The target of his alleged attack has still not been determined, he added. While Driver had told the taxi driver to take him to Citi Plaza in London, Ont., there is no indication that was the target and Cabana noted there was a train station near the mall. "Was he going there to hop on the train? We don't know yet so we're doing the forensics on the computer, hoping that we're going to find something there but so far we have nothing," he said. Ten days after Driver was killed by police in Strathroy, Ont., as he was allegedly about to conduct a bombing, the deputy commissioner provided a detailed update on what investigators now believe happened and what they have learned so far.

4. Canadian man said to be inspired by ISIS did not fully detonate bomb before the police shot him: Report

Reuters, 2016 08 21

Toronto - A homemade bomb set off last week by a Canadian man who was apparently inspired by the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) failed to fully detonate, a senior police official told the National Post newspaper on Saturday (Aug 20). While there was a blast in the back seat of a taxi in Strathroy, Ontario, as police closed in, it came from the detonators, and explosive material did not go off, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) deputy commissioner Mike Cabana said. The RCMP could not immediately be reached for comment on the newspaper report. Mr Aaron Driver, 24, was shot dead by the police on Aug 10 and the taxi company in the small town said the driver sustained only minor injuries in the blast. Mr Cabana did not go into further detail on the bomb. He said forensic investigation was still underway. The target of what police have said was an attack plotted by Mr Driver was unclear. Mr Driver, who also used the alias Harun Abdurahman, was arrested last year for openly supporting ISIS on social media, but was never charged with a crime. ISIS militants control parts of Iraq and Syria and they have supporters and sympathizers around the world who have carried out attacks on civilians in several countries. In February, Mr Driver was placed on a peace bond, a court order that restricted his movements. It required he stay away from social media and computers and not have contact with ISIS or similar groups. The RCMP has said officers sought out Mr Driver on Aug 10 after a tip from the United

States Federal Bureau of Investigation that morning, which included a "martyrdom video". Mr Cabana said police identified Mr Driver from the video in part through his choice of balaclava.

5. Feel-good anti-terror plan

The Ottawa Sun, David Krayden, 2016 08 21

Column: When RCMP officers were shooting terrorist suspect Aaron Driver last week, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was face-down in another awkward controversy as his shirtless pinup was distributed across the nation via every gawking media outlet. Insouciant doesn't begin to describe this mindnumbingly indolent leader who invests the majority of his narcissistic life promoting his narcissistic life. The RCMP, who were able to disengage Driver of his ambition to achieve another terrorist statistic, owe absolutely nothing to Trudeau or his government's half-hearted attempts to even recognize, let alone combat, the enemies amongst us. For that they must thank a foreign government — and more specifically, a foreign police force in the FBI — for having the decency to warn us of Driver's intentions. No, I did not write alleged intentions. His objectives were clear enough for anyone with half a mind to ascertain — except the dimwits running our federal government. So what does this mean for the future of Bill C-51, the Harper-era security legislation that Trudeau has consistently declared to be a terrible nuisance and affront to our civil liberties? Obviously, in light of last week's events, Canada's anti-terror bill is not only an innocuous obturation to my civil rights and yours, it clearly does not go far enough.

6. Trudeau's Islamic State fight changes have turned out right

The Ottawa Sun, Jim Warren, 2016 08 21

Column: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's campaign promise to send more Canadian Special Forces soldiers and military trainers to assist Iraq in the war against Islamic State has turned out to be the right decision. Meanwhile, the removal of our CF-18 aircraft from bombing runs has not had the negative impact many said it would. Sending our men and women in the Canadian forces into harm's way can never be an easy decision. It should only be done when all other options have been exhausted. There are many shades of grey on what is the right thing to do when a prime minister makes the decision to put Canadian lives at risk in a war zone. Tens of thousands of Canadian men and women have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect democracy and to give us the freedom we enjoy. Part of that freedom is our right to select our politicians in a democratic political system that only exists because so many were killed defending it. It makes any decision to put more soldiers' lives at risk all that more important. Defending our country and protecting our allies should not be a political decision. Too many Canadian lives would be at risk if it was.

United States - États-Unis

7. Navy SEAL who wrote bin Laden book must pay government \$6.8 million

The Washington Post, Dan Lamothe, 2016 08 21

Washington - The Navy SEAL who wrote a best-selling book detailing the secretive raid that killed al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden must pay the federal government at least \$6.8 million under a deal reached late last week to avoid prosecution for not getting pre-publication approval for the work. The deal, which had been expected, was outlined in a six-page decree filed in federal court in Alexandria, Va. It ends a nearly four-year saga for Matthew Bissonnette that began with the publication of "No Easy Day: The Firsthand of the Mission That Killed Osama bin Laden" one year after the raid. Bissonnette ran afoul of the law for not adhering to a nondisclosure agreement he signed as a SEAL that stated that he would submit any work for review by the Pentagon to make sure no classified information was revealed. A decree signed by both federal authorities and Bissonnette and filed Friday said the SEAL and the

government reached the deal after "extensive negotiations." It holds that Bissonnette must pay \$2.76 million within 30 days, and an additional \$1.38 million within six months. He also must file amended tax returns within six months that all of the proceeds he made on the book belong to the United States. Bissonnette, who wrote the book under the pen name Mark Owen, also agreed to pay the government \$100,000 for a presentation on leadership that he gave that used slides that included information that was not submitted for Pentagon review first, the decree adds.

8. NSA-linked hackers hoard malware secrets. What could possibly go wrong?

The Los Angeles Times, 2016 08 21

Editorial: Emerging out of the blue, a cryptic online group that calls itself the Shadow Brokers claims that it has purloined a cache of cyber burglary tools from a little known but highly skilled hacking operation dubbed the Equation Group. The Shadow Brokers made some of the tools available for free, but announced that it would auction off the rest -- with a goal of more than half a billion dollars. The incident might have been written off as routine Internet puffery, except that Equation may be a contractor for or even an arm of the National Security Agency -- in other words, a group of the United States' very own cyber thieves. Kaspersky Lab, a Moscow-based cybersecurity analyst, has said Equation Group could be the world's most skillful hacking team; its sophistication and resources have led a number of analysts to conclude that Equation is backed by or part of the NSA. Oh and yes, at least some of the tools the Shadow Brokers dumped online for free reveal previously unknown security flaws in firewalls used to safeguard corporate and government computer networks. How useful they are remains to be seen, but the tools are clearly the work of skillful hackers. The Internet is abuzz with speculation about who the Shadow Brokers might be. Some security researchers -- and former NSA contractor turned whistle-blower Edward Snowden -- believe that it's a Russian-backed group wagging a finger at the NSA. Given the Russians' apparent involvement in the recent leak of emails from the Democratic National Committee, the Shadow Brokers' work could conceivably be another effort to rattle voters prior to the November election.

9. Westerners seen flocking to battle Islamic State while they still can

The Times of Israel, Thomas Watkins, 2016 08 21

Washington - Growing numbers of Westerners appear to be trying to join the battle against the Islamic State group in Iraq before it's too late, frontline volunteer fighters say. IS group jihadists have suffered a string of setbacks in Iraq and Syria in recent months, including the loss of key towns and facilities surrounding the remaining major strongholds in their self-declared "caliphate" — Mosul in Iraq and Raqqa in Syria. Although limited or unreliable public data make it difficult to track numbers, anecdotal evidence suggests aspiring anti-jihadists — many of them military veterans — recognize they may be running out of time to fight IS in a pitched battle as the group loses territory and morphs into a traditional terror group. The volunteers are eager despite being strongly discouraged — and sometimes banned by their home countries — from doing so. With the fight for Mosul expected to begin in the coming months, US-led coalition advisers, warplanes and drones are conducting "shaping operations" that will lay the battle groundwork. Louis Park, a 26-year-old Texan who returned to Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region for a second stint with local anti-IS forces in June, told AFP he had seen a sharp uptick in queries from aspiring Western fighters.

10. The FBI's misstep on Clinton emails

The Washington Post, 2016 08 21

Editorial: The director of the FBI, James B. Comey, did the right thing in announcing the results of the bureau's investigation of Hillary Clinton's email in early July. Realizing that the case was hyper-sensitive

in the middle of a presidential campaign, Mr. Comey spoke up when ordinarily he would have simply forwarded his recommendation to prosecutors. He said the investigation determined that she was "extremely careless" in using a home-brew server while secretary of state, but that Ms. Clinton's actions did not warrant prosecution. It was important for the apolitical FBI director to say one way or the other whether there was criminal behavior so voters could make up their own minds. But now Mr. Comey has taken a misstep. The FBI has provided to Congress portions of the investigative files from the year-long probe. Although it is not known precisely which portions, some of the materials include interviews conducted by the FBI. On Capitol Hill, the FBI has deposited the material in a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility, or SCIF, a room with restricted access. According to the Associated Press, the documents were transmitted to Congress with written warnings not to leak them. "These materials are nonpublic and contain classified and other sensitive material," FBI Acting Assistant Director Jason Herring wrote. "For that reason, these materials may not be further disseminated or disclosed, in part or in full, without obtaining the FBI's concurrence." Access to the documents is restricted to members of the judiciary, intelligence and government affairs committees. Republicans in Congress are unlikely to heed the warnings. Are these members of the GOP, who have enthusiastically exploited the Benghazi and email stories for partisan advantage, whose convention delegates chanted "lock her up," really going to read the FBI files and stay mum? The temptation here for mischief - partial leaks - is enormous.

11. How FBI handed over Clinton material causes a stir

The Washington Post, Matt Zapposky, 2016 08 21

Washington - The political dust-up over the FBI handing documents about the Hillary Clinton email investigation to Congress is intensifying, with Republicans complaining the materials were turned over in such a way that assessing them is difficult and Democrats contending they should not have been given to legislators. On Tuesday, the FBI delivered to Congress an overview of the investigation along with summaries of more than a dozen interviews with senior Clinton staffers, other State Department officials, former secretary of state Colin L. Powell and at least one other person, according to an email from a senior aide to Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa) that was sent to congressional offices. The tussle centers over whether the FBI has the authority to impose sharp restrictions on the material, which co-mingled classified and nonclassified documents. The FBI required Congress to maintain the materials in a secure area accessible only by those who have clearances. Also at issue is the aim of Grassley and other Republicans to publicly release the summaries, which include new, unclassified details about the FBI's server investigation. In announcing the agency's findings last month, FBI Director James B. Comey said the investigation was untainted by political influence. Comey has said he wants to release more details than normal about the agents' work to underscore the nonpartisan nature of the probe. But the unusual delivery of the records, and the restriction imposed by the FBI, have fueled the partisan squabble.

12. How to Pass a C.I.A. Background Check

The New York Times, Malia Wollan, 2016 08 21

Analysis: "Withholding information from us will not work in your favor," says Ronald S. Patrick, deputy director of talent development at the Central Intelligence Agency, which receives up to 150,000 résumés a year. Applicants who are offered a job go through a monthslong security clearance, including an intense background check. To pass, you can't have been convicted of a felony ("That's a showstopper for us"); also, no recent illegal drug use. You will be asked about drugs in the application. Tell the truth. "We don't expect you to be shockingly, squeaky clean," Patrick says. "We expect you to have lived a life, to have exercised bad judgment, to have gone through adolescence and made mistakes." Get your finances in order. "The No. 1 reason why Americans spy is for financial gain or need," Patrick says. The C.I.A. sees bad credit and mountainous debt as potential liabilities. Prepare to be spied on. Investigators will come to your town; walk your streets; talk to your ex-colleagues, former roommates and nosy neighbors. They're looking for people not listed as your character references, especially those who don't like you. "I went

through a lot of shoes," Patrick says of his former role as a background investigator. Keep your romantic interests American. "If you're in love with a Russian citizen," Patrick says, "we cannot take that risk." Sign over your medical records. "Tell us everything," Patrick says. "It may be embarrassing. It may be something you want to forget, something you've put in your past -- tell us about it anyway."

13. Horrors of a Yazidi woman enslaved by the Islamic State

The Washington Post, Farida Khalaf and Andrea C. Hoffman, 2016 08 21

Book Review: When Islamic State fighters swept into the Yazidi village of Kocho in Iraq in the summer of 2014, teenager Farida Khalaf was kidnapped along with her sister and about 80 other Yazidi girls. Her father and brother and other Yazidi men were defiant but overwhelmed by the onslaught, and were shot to death outside the village. Her mother and other women were forcibly taken to the Islamic State-controlled city of Tal Afar in Iraq, while Farida and the other girls wound up as slaves in the Islamic State's capital, Raqqa, in Syria. The Islamic State refuses to acknowledge the Yazidi religion, and as the girls learned from their captors, their families were slaughtered because they were infidels. "It was our right to kill them," one of the men told them. "For that is what it says in the Quran: 'Kill the Infidels!'" Another man piped in: "And take their wives. That's why you belong to us now, and we can do what we like with you. You don't have any rights." In her book, "The Girl Who Escaped ISIS," Farida recounts the horrors she and the other young women endured in captivity. Her story highlights the suffering caused by the Islamic State's flawed interpretation of the Koran and the group's brutal intolerance of peaceful religions. In Kocho, Yazidis and Muslim Arabs live side by side in tense accommodation. When a local Muslim leader heard that Islamic State fighters were heading toward the village, he knew what was in store for the Yazidi, and he sought to convert them. But Farida's mother and father resisted. Within a few days, the Islamic State had killed her father and kidnapped her mother.

United Kingdom - Royaume-Uni

14. The detectives who never forget a face

The New Yorker, Patrick Radden Keefe, 2016 08 21

(Unidentified Placeline) A predator was stalking London. He would board a crowded bus at rush hour, carrying a Metro newspaper, and sit next to a young woman. Opening the newspaper to form a curtain, he would reach over and grope her. The man first struck one summer afternoon in 2014, on the No. 253 bus in North London, grabbing the crotch of a fifteen-year-old girl. She fled the bus and called the police, but by that time he had disappeared. A few months later, in October, he assaulted a twenty-one-year-old woman on the upper level of a double-decker as it approached the White Hart Lane stadium. She escaped to the lower level, but he followed her, and he continued to pursue her even after she got off the bus. She flagged down a passerby, and the man fled. In March, 2015, he groped a sixteen-year-old on the No. 168. On each occasion, the man slipped away from the crime scene by blending into a crowd of commuters. But, each time, he left a trace, because public buses in London are monitored by closed-circuit-television systems. When transit police played back the footage of each sexual assault, they saw the same middle-aged man in spectacles and a black parka. He had thinning hair and a dark mustache that was going gray. After consulting the electronic readers on each bus, investigators isolated one fare card that had been used on all three. If the pass had been bought with a credit card, it could be linked to the perpetrator. But the man had paid for it in cash. The transit police found themselves in a familiar predicament: a case in which a crime is captured on video but no one can identify the perpetrator. London has more than eight million residents; unless somebody recognizes a suspect, CCTV footage is effectively useless. Investigators circulated photographs of the man with the mustache, but nobody came forward with information. So they turned to a tiny unit that had recently been established by London's Metropolitan Police Service. In Room 901 of New Scotland Yard, the police had assembled half a dozen officers who shared an unusual talent:

they all had a preternatural ability to recognize human faces. Most police precincts have an officer or two with a knack for recalling faces, but the Met (as the Metropolitan Police Service is known) is the first department in the world to create a specialized unit. The team is called the super-recognizers, and each member has taken a battery of tests, administered by scientists, to establish this uncanny credential. Glancing at a pixelated face in a low-resolution screen grab, super-recognizers can identify a crook with whom they had a chance encounter years earlier, or whom they recognize from a mug shot. In 2011, after riots broke out in London, one super-recognizer, Gary Collins, a cop focussing on gangs, studied the grainy image of a young man who had hurled petrol bombs and set fire to cars. The rioter wore a woollen hat and a red bandanna, leaving only a sliver of his face uncovered, like a ninja. But the man had been arrested years earlier, and Collins had noticed him at the police station—in particular, his eyes. The rioter was convicted of arson and robbery, and is now serving six years.

15. Pure Hatred Unveiled

Mail on Sunday, Nick Craven, 2016 08 21

London - The wife of jailed hate preacher Anjem Choudary is today unveiled as an extremist herself, spouting vile diatribes supporting Islamic State and predicting 'destruction' for Britain's non-Muslims. Drawing parallels with a Koranic verse, Rubana Akhtar told a secret meeting: 'Allah destroyed them all their houses, Allah completely ruined them... see their houses in utter ruin because of the evils they committed.' She even gets a cheap laugh from her audience of impressionable young women and children as she mocks the plight of an IS victim who was burned alive. Rubana, 41, was caught on camera without her face veil by an undercover reporter last year, but she can only now be identified as the mother of Choudary's five children. She is being investigated by police while her husband faces up to ten years in jail after being found guilty of inviting support for IS. Akhtar is the former leader of the women's section of Choudary's Islamist group al-Muhajiroun, whose aim is to make Britain an Islamic state. After it was banned 11 years ago, Akhtar simply took her lectures underground. Last year, an undercover documentary reporter from Channel 4 Dispatches infiltrated her group - known as 'the Sisterhood' - and recorded a hate-filled rant. But today we reveal recordings that were not broadcast, revealing the true depth of her contempt for Britain's values and people. In her most ominous passage, she draws a parallel with British non-Muslims and non-believers from a Koranic verse who were punished with the wrath of God. Choudary's WhatsApp circle included members of the pressure group Cage and the brother of one of the killers of Fusilier Lee Rigby. Cage has blamed MI5 for turning Emwazi into the publicity-seeking serial killer who beheaded captives and released the bloody results on video.

16. Preacher's followers banned from London

The Sunday Times, Dipesh Gadher & Tim Shipman, 2016 08 21

London – As many as five associates of the hate preacher Anjem Choudary have been placed under draconian anti-terror controls in a new crackdown on domestic extremism. One convicted terrorist has been moved from London to the north of England and banned from Twitter and Facebook in an attempt to stop him radicalising others. The father of two, who is in his thirties, has also been barred from contacting former associates and relatives. None of the individuals has been charged with a criminal offence, but a source indicated it was "effectively like putting someone in jail". Details emerged as Choudary, 49, who faces up to 10 years in jail after drumming up support for Isis, is set to be isolated from other prisoners.

17. How has al-Muhajiroun hidden in plain sight?

The Sunday Times, Andrew Gillian, 2016 08 21

London - Anjem Choudary and his mentor in al-Muhajiroun, Omar Bakri Muhammad, had a standard joke to disarm journalists, interchangeably deployed between the two of them. Even in the group's ideal, polygamous sharia Britain, Choudary would confide with a smile, he would "only have one wife. Nobody

else would marry me because of the bad publicity." "It was pretty tongue-in-cheek at times with Anjem," said Adam Deen, a former member of the group who worked with Choudary in the years after the 9/11 attacks and came to know him well. "He enjoyed the game. He absolutely relished being hated. But it was also very, very serious, a very calculated strategy." Just how serious has been underlined by his conviction under anti-terrorism laws for inviting support for a proscribed organisation, Isis. Yet under Choudary, life in al-Muhajiroun was deliberately made to feel like a bad sitcom. One member took his baby on demonstrations wearing a pink bonnet and an "I 'heart' al-Qaeda" label. The more Choudary denounced Christmas as the "pathway to hellfire", demanded the execution of the Pope or launched his poppy-burning "Hell for Heroes" campaigns, the more sophisticated opinion could dismiss him as a buffoon inflated by the tabloids. The most dangerous place in London, said the head of one mainstream Muslim group, was between Choudary and a TV camera. But the danger was all too real, and was hiding in plain sight behind those most British of things: ironic exaggeration and a slightly raised eyebrow. The UK's first Islamist terror attack, the petrol-bombing of a Territorial Army base in 1998, was carried out by a member of al-Muhajiroun. In the two decades since, many of the main terrorist plots in Britain have involved figures with strong links to the group. In little-noticed evidence to the parliamentary intelligence and security committee's inquiry into the affair, MI5 admitted that it had "changed its assessment" of al-Muhajiroun only after the Rigby murder. Until then, the spooks said, membership of the group was not regarded as an "automatic trigger" for investigation.

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18. Australian businesses with close ties to China donated \$5.5m to political parties, investigation shows

Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Chris Uhlmann, 2016 08 21

Canberra - Businesses with Chinese connections gave Australia's major parties more than \$5.5 million in 2013 and 2015, helping explain increasing official unease about China's influence on everything from politics to critical infrastructure like power grids. Businesses with Chinese connections gave Australia's major parties more than \$5.5 million between 2013 and 2015, making them easily the largest source of foreign-linked donations. An shows some have strong ties with state organisations in China. It helps explain why Australian defence and intelligence agencies are increasingly uneasy about the level of Chinese Government influence here. That concern stretches from influence-buying in politics, through to control over local Chinese-language newspapers, radio stations and community associations. The most public sign of that disquiet was the in NSW electricity distributor Ausgrid. The ABC has sought comment from the Chinese Embassy over whether it has encouraged local organisations to protest on its behalf. Swinburne University Professor John Fitzgerald said many Australian-based Chinese community groups had close links with the Chinese Government. "I'm not sure that the Chinese Government itself is actively coordinating or driving what they do," he said. "But they are keen to remain onside." That was amply demonstrated three weeks ago when about 1,500 Australian-Chinese citizens and residents took to the streets of Melbourne to protest against the United Nations ruling.

Afghanistan • Pakistan

19. Paralyzed Afghan, His Family Ripped Apart, Bears Pain of Perpetual War

The New York Times, Taimoor Shah & Mujib Mashal, 2016 08 21

Lashkargah - Long before the mortar shell landed, killing half of Ezzatullah Khan's immediate family, their lives had turned into a cruel and extended race with death. Mr. Khan's family, which for years had farmed in Helmand Province, first barely survived a brutal drought. Then, the relentless fighting between NATO forces and the Taliban uprooted the family from its ancestral village in the Kajaki District, forcing it from neighborhood to neighborhood in one of the most beaten-up regions of the Afghan war. Brothers, nephews, friends were lost along the way. About three years ago, Mr. Khan and his family finally settled in what they thought was a refuge: a modest three-bedroom mud house in the Chah-e-Anjir neighborhood, just outside Lashkar Gah, the provincial capital. His family was part of a steady flow of displaced Afghans toward the city, seeking shelter amid the heavy security presence there. Even as the rest of the province's vast territory kept switching hands, the population constantly trampled, Mr. Khan, who is in his early 30s, felt relatively safe for the first time in years, he said. Then, last winter, the fighting reached the gates of the provincial capital. Mr. Khan's neighbors began packing up and leaving, one after the other, and he and his family began contemplating yet another move, this time into Lashkar Gah.

20. Afghan forces struggle in northern city of Kunduz

The Daily Gazette, Najim Rahim, 2016 08 21

Kunduz, Afghanistan -- The northern Afghan city of Kunduz was on the verge of falling to the Taliban on Saturday, as residents began to flee, and a key district nearby was overrun by insurgents, Afghan officials and local residents reported. Late Saturday, however, it appeared that disaster had been narrowly averted, at least temporarily, military leaders in Kabul said. Fighting here had reached the eastern edge of the city early Saturday, as insurgents captured the nearby Khanabad district. There was also heavy fighting on the city's northern side, and residents said the city, Afghanistan's fifth largest, was surrounded. By the end of the day, government forces appeared to have stalled the Taliban advance, retaking Khanabad. "Kunduz will not fall to the Taliban," Gen. Dawlat Waziri, a spokesman for the ministry of defense, said at a news conference.

21. Pakistan arrests 198 terrorists in Punjab combing operation

Indo-Asian News Service, 2016 08 21

Islamabad - Pakistani security forces have arrested at least 198 terrorists, including of Al Qaeda and Pakistani Taliban, in a combing operation in Punjab province from December 2014 to August 2016, police said. According to police records, those arrested belong to various banned organisations from different cities across Punjab. At least nine Al Qaeda terrorists were arrested, of whom five were caught in Lahore and four in Dera Ghazi Khan. Thirteen of the arrested terrorists belonged to Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan while 176 caught were from the anti-Shia Lashkar-e-Jahngvi group, the most from any organisation, of whom 94 were arrested in Bahawalpur. No terrorist from the Islamic State militant group (Daesh) was arrested in Punjab, police said, according to Pakistan Today on Sunday.

Asia -Asie

22. China Helps Aung San Suu Kyi With Peace Talks in Myanmar

The New York Times, Jane Perlez & Wai Moe, 2016 08 21

Beijing - As Myanmar's leader, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, met this past week with Chinese officials during her five-day visit here, China helped arrange a gift for her back home, a reminder that it wants to make

itself Myanmar's new best friend. Since assuming power this year, Ms. Aung San Suu Kyi has said her major goal is to end 70 years of civil war with ethnic minorities seeking greater autonomy. The gift, announced Thursday, was a letter signed by three well-armed and stubborn ethnic rebel groups with ties to China that declared their intention to join a peace conference she will convene this month. "I do believe that as a good neighbor China will do everything possible to promote our peace process," Ms. Aung San Suu Kyi said at a news conference here on Friday. "If you ask me what my most important aim is for my country, that is to achieve peace and unity among the different peoples of our union. Without peace there can be no sustained development." But China was not acting out of altruism when it nudged the groups to join the peace talks. After years of encouraging the armed groups, China wants to end the prolonged fighting. The lawlessness created by that conflict has allowed the illegal jade and timber trade, worth billions of dollars, to flourish, but it has also made legitimate commerce across China's southern border with Myanmar almost impossible.

23. Chinese coast guard vessels enter Japanese waters around Senkakus

Kyodo News, 2016 08 21

Naha - Four China Coast Guard vessels entered Japanese territorial waters around the disputed Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea on Sunday, prompting Japan to lodge a protest with China. The ships entered the waters near the Japanese-administered uninhabited islands, which China claims and calls Diaoyu, shortly after 10 a.m., the first such move by Chinese government ships since Aug. 17, and sailed for about an hour before leaving the area, according to the Japan Coast Guard. A patrol boat of the 11th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters based in Naha, Okinawa Prefecture, warned the Chinese vessels, including one apparently equipped with guns, to leave the waters.

24. Concerns grow over heightened terror threats by Pyongyang against S. Koreans

Yonhap News, 2016 08 21

Beijing- In the wake of the recent defection of a high-ranking North Korean diplomat to South Korea, concerns have grown that Pyongyang may be considering terrorist attacks on South Korean nationals in China and East Asian countries. Last week, Seoul said Thae Yong-ho, a minister at the North Korean embassy in London, defected to the South with his family in the latest development that shows even elite officials are becoming disillusioned with the world's most closed and repressive country. Thae is believed to come from the top echelons of North Korean society and was trusted by the regime. North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has reportedly ordered the dispatch of agents and even sought alliances with organized gangs in those regions to launch a terror attack against or kidnap South Korean citizens in retaliation for a series of high-profile defections of North Koreans. According to a source on Sunday, the Thae Yong-ho case seems to have added fuel to the fire. Various signs point to moves to harm South Korean nationals having increased since Seoul confirmed last week that the diplomat has arrived in the country. Accordingly, safety alerts have issued by Seoul, particularly among South Koreans living in China and those traveling to North Korea-China border areas.

25. North Korea calls diplomat defector 'human scum'

The New York Times, Cho Sang Hun, 2016 08 21

Seoul - North Korea said Saturday that a diplomat in its London embassy who recently defected to South Korea had fled rather than face punishment for various crimes, calling him "human scum." The statement, from the official Korean Central News Agency, was North Korea's first reaction to the defection of Thae Yong Ho, its most senior official to defect in almost two decades. The defection of Thae, who was the No. 2 diplomat in the North's embassy in London, was announced by South Korea on Wednesday. The North Korean statement said that Thae, whom it did not identify by name, had been ordered in June to return from Britain to Pyongyang, the North's capital, because he had embezzled state funds, sold official secrets and sexually assaulted a minor. The statement offered no evidence for those accusations.

26. Japan to train personnel to counter cyberattacks on infrastructure

Kyodo News, 2016 08 21

Tokyo - The Japanese government will set up an institute during the next fiscal year to train specialists to counter cyberattacks on electricity distribution and other important infrastructure systems, a government source said Sunday. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government plans to allocate funds for the program in an extra budget soon to be compiled as it seeks to prevent a large-scale blackout during the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics in 2020 or leaks of sensitive information on power plant designs, the source said.

27. 3 Filipino sympathizers of IS killed in Philippines

Associated Press, 2016 08 21

Manila - Philippine forces have killed three suspected sympathizers of the Islamic State group but failed to capture their leader in a clash in the country's south, an army official said Sunday. Troops seized two rifles and an IS-style black flag of the slain militants, who belonged to a small armed group called the Ansar Al Khilafah Philippines, following Saturday's clash near Maasim town in Sarangani province, said army Maj. Gen. Rafael Valencia. A militant was captured by the troops prior to the fighting near Maasim, Valencia said. Military officials said the militants, led by their leader, Mohammad Jaafar Sabiwang Maguid, were spotted in a hinterland by villagers, who notified the troops.

28. Indian forces fire at Kashmir protesters, killing 1

The Associated Press, Aijaz Hussain, 2016 08 21

Srinagar - One young man was killed and dozens wounded in Indian-controlled Kashmir on Sunday as government forces fired shotguns and tear gas at protesters demanding an end to Indian rule in the disputed Himalayan region. The man was hit by a tear gas shell in his chest during clashes between rock-throwing protesters and government troops in Srinagar, the region's main city, said a police officer who spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with department policy. The man died later at a hospital. At least 70 civilians, including four women, were injured during several clashes in the northern areas of Sopore, Baramulla and Ganderbal that erupted as government forces tried to prevent the villagers from stopping protest rallies, the officer said. Troops fired tear gas and pellet guns at rock-throwing protesters, he said. A security lockdown and protest strikes continued for the 44th straight day Sunday, with tens of thousands of Indian armed police and paramilitary soldiers in full riot gear patrolling the tense region. The killing of a popular rebel commander on July 8 sparked some of Kashmir's largest protests against Indian rule in recent years.

Africa – Afrique

29. Gunmen in Egypt kill informer, soldier at checkpoint north of Cairo

Reuters, 2016 08 21

Cairo - Gunmen killed an informer and a soldier and injured five other people, including two civilians, in an attack at a police checkpoint in the province of Menoufia north of Cairo, the director of the ambulance services said on Sunday. Security forces are searching for the men in that area, about 80 km (50 miles) north of Cairo, one security source said. Egypt's government is facing an insurgency that has killed hundreds of soldiers and policemen, mostly in northern Sinai, since mid-2013, when then-army chief Abdel Fattah al-Sisi ousted Islamist President Mohamed Mursi. ISIS's Egyptian affiliate, which calls itself Sinai Province, mainly operates out of the northern Sinai Peninsula, which borders Israel, the Gaza Strip and the Suez Canal.

30. Morocco king urges diaspora to reject Islamist extremism

BBC News, 2016 08 21

Morocco and its king have positioned themselves as key voices in the fight against jihadism. The King of Morocco, Mohammed VI, has called on Moroccans living abroad, many of them in Europe, to defend a tolerant form of Islam and reject extremism. It was his first address to the five million Moroccans in the diaspora since the recent attacks in Europe by Islamist militants. European citizens of Moroccan origin were implicated in some attacks. Condemning the murder of innocent people, the king singled out the killing of a priest in France. Two followers of so-called Islamic State (IS) slit the throat of Father Jacques Hamel, 84, during Mass at his church in a suburb of Rouen. "Killing a priest is forbidden by religion," King Mohammed said in his speech on Saturday evening. "Murdering him inside a church is unforgivable madness, for he is a human being and a religious man - even if he is not a Muslim."

31. Al-Shabab militants kill at least 10 in Somalia bombings

Agence France Presse, 2016 08 21

Galkayo - A pair of suicide car bomb attacks killed at least 10 people at a local government headquarters in Somalia on Sunday. The militant al-Shabab group claimed responsibility for the attack, which occurred in the town of Galkayo, in the semi-autonomous Puntland region. "We have confirmed 10 people dead, including civilians and security forces," said Ali Ahmed, a police officer. At least 15 more were injured. Witnesses and local residents described hearing two loud blasts in quick succession followed by heavy gunfire. "There were two huge bombs," said local resident Halima Ismail. "The first one was a truck bomb, followed a minute or so (later) by another car bomb. My brother was injured at the scene."

32. Cameroun : au moins trois civils tués dans un attentat-suicide dans l'Extrême-nord

Jeune Afrique, 2016 08 21

Trois civils au moins ont été tués et une vingtaine d'autres blessés dimanche matin dans un attentat-suicide dans la région de l'Extrême-nord du Cameroun, confrontée aux attaques du groupe islamiste nigérian Boko Haram, ont déclaré des responsables de la sécurité. « Un homme venu à moto s'est fait exploser sur un pont situé à proximité du marché de Mora », a déclaré à l'AFP une source sécuritaire camerounaise sous couvert d'anonymat. « Quatre personnes, trois civils et le kamikaze, sont mortes sur le coup et il y a une vingtaine de blessés, » a précisé la source. Selon un responsable d'un comité de vigilance local, l'explosion, qui a eu lieu vers 07H00 (06H00 GMT), a fait quatre morts (civils) et plusieurs blessés.

Iraq/Iran

33. Baghdad authorities clear site of deadly mall bombing

The Associated Press, Qassim Abdul-Zahra, 2016 08 21

Baghdad - Traffic began to file through central Baghdad's busy Karradah street on Sunday for the first time in nearly two months. After the July 3 attack that killed close to 300 people, the street was sealed off and within days the shells of the charred buildings around the scene of the blast were covered in death notices. For weeks after the attack, grieving families and loved ones gathered at the site to light candles in the evenings, others marched in protests. Local Baghdad authorities began to sweep all of that away Saturday after a group of local officials visited the site. By Sunday morning the streets were almost entirely cleared. "Today we must return to our normal lives and work," said Silwan Walid, a 29-year-old perfume shop owner who works on the street. Walid said watching construction equipment haul off broken glass and charred debris gave him hope for the future. "Now we feel like life can return to normal"

again and we can go back to providing our families with a decent living," he said, referring to his shop that has been unable to reopen while the site was blocked off.

34. Iran May Start Production of Supersonic Cruise Missiles in Near Future – Defense Minister Sputnik News Service, 2016 08 21

Moscow - Tehran has made great progress in the field of maritime cruise missiles' development and can begin producing models with supersonic speed in the near future, Iranian Defense Minister Hossein Dehghan said Sunday. "We have succeeded in changing the strategic systems of cruise missiles and increasing the power of their engines and ranges," Dehghan said, adding that the supersonic speed may be achieved soon, as quoted by the Press TV broadcaster.

35. DM Mentions Wide Stride in Iran's Arms Development Fars News Agency, 2016 08 21

Tehran - Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Hossein Dehghan announced the country's plans to supply the Army with home-made torpedoes and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) forces with modern speedboats that cruise at a speed of over 60 knots per hour. "We have taken good steps in the production of subsurface vessels and torpedoes and this year, we will deliver the first batch of torpedoes to the Army forces," Dehghan said, addressing a ceremony to unveil the home-made turbojet in Tehran on Sunday. He said that the production of the turbojet will enable Iran to build 20 helicopters annually. Noting that Iran has also built speedboats which can cruise at a speed of over 60 knots per hour and have been equipped with missiles, General Dehghan said that the IRGC Navy will be supplied with the speedboats this year. He also said that the country's capacity to produce light weapons has now increased to 500,000 from 24,000 three years ago. His remarks came after Commander of the IRGC Navy Rear Admiral Ali Fadavi declared in May that the IRGC has done all the necessary tests and will soon

Eastern Europe – Europe de L'Est

36. More Enemies of the Kremlin End Up Dead The New York Times, Andrew E. Kramer, 2016 08 21

Moscow - From a certain perspective, certainly the Kremlin's, Vladimir Kara-Murza's behavior in Washington could be seen as treasonous, a brazen betrayal of his homeland. In a series of public meetings on Capitol Hill, Mr. Kara-Murza, a leader in the Russian opposition, urged American lawmakers to expand economic sanctions against the Russian government under a law known as the Magnitsky Act. That would hasten political change in Russia, he argued. Back in Moscow a month later, in May 2015, the changes Mr. Kara-Murza detected were going on in his own body. Midway through a meeting with fellow dissidents, beads of sweat inexplicably dotted his forehead. His stomach churned. "It all went so fast," he recalled. "In the space of about 20 minutes, I went from feeling completely normal to having a rapid heart rate, really high blood pressure, to sweating and vomiting all over the place, and then I lost consciousness." He had ingested a poison, doctors told him after he emerged from a weeklong coma, though they could find no identifiable trace of it. While Mr. Kara-Murza survived, few others in his position have proved as lucky. He said he was certain he had been the target of a security service poisoning. Used extensively in the Soviet era, political murders are again playing a prominent role in the Kremlin's foreign policy, the most brutal instrument in an expanding repertoire of intimidation tactics intended to silence or otherwise intimidate critics at home and abroad. Russia's president, Vladimir V. Putin, has made no secret of his ambition to restore his country to what he sees as its rightful place among the world's leading nations. He has invested considerable money and energy into building an image of a strong and morally superior Russia, in sharp contrast with what he portrays as weak, decadent and disorderly Western democracies.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

37. Palestinian rocket strikes Israeli town near Gaza

Associated Press, 2016 08 21

Gaza Strip - The Israeli military says a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip has landed in southern Israel. The army says the rocket struck the border town of Sderot on Sunday. There were no reports of injuries or damage. Israel and the Hamas militant group fought a 50-day war in the summer of 2014. Since then, a cease-fire has largely held. But militant groups in Gaza occasionally launch rockets toward Israel.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

38. ISIL uses child bomber in attack that killed 51 in SE Turkey

Hurriyet Daily News, 2016 08 21

Istanbul - At least 51 people were killed and 69 others were wounded in a suicide attack at a wedding ceremony late on Aug. 20 in southeastern Turkey, the Gaziantep Governor's Office has said, with the president saying the perpetrator was a child suicide bomber likely from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). "There are strong indications that the attack was carried out by ISIL. A suicide bomber aged between 12 and 14 blew himself up. We know that ISIL has been trying to gain ground in Gaziantep for a while now," President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan told journalists in a press briefing in Istanbul on Aug. 21. The terror attack took place in the Beybahçe neighborhood of the Şahinbey district of Gaziantep province, according to a statement by the governor's office. After its initial inspections at the scene, police said they found pieces of a suicide vest. The bride and the groom were also wounded in the attack on a street wedding, mostly attended by people from the eastern provinces of Siirt and Van. The suicide bomber reportedly joined the crowd disguising himself as a guest before blowing himself up. Funerals were started to be held on Aug. 21. President Erdoğan condemned the attack in a statement, adding that "the place where terror comes from doesn't make any difference for us."

39. Erdoğan blames Isis for suspected suicide attack at wedding in Gaziantep

The Guardian, Constanze Letsch, 2016 08 21

Istanbul - At least 50 people have been killed and nearly 100 wounded in a suspected suicide bomb attack on an outdoor wedding celebration in Gaziantep, Turkish authorities have said. The Turkish president, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, harshly condemned the attack on Saturday night, which he said had been carried out by a child of between 12 and 14 years old and was likely to have been ordered by Islamic State. Nazım Daştan, a local journalist, said the scene was one of devastation. "There were so many dead people. There were body parts. A wedding really is the last place that one would expect an attack on – it's horrifying. It seems clear that this was yet another Isis attack in Gaziantep," he said. Photographs taken after the explosion showed several bodies covered with white sheets as a crowd gathered nearby. Mehmet Taşcıoğlu, a local journalist, said the blast at about 10.50pm in the Şahinbey district could be heard in many parts of the city. Speaking on television, Şimşek said: "This was a barbaric attack. It appears to be a suicide attack. All terror groups, the PKK, Daesh, the [Gülen movement] are targeting Turkey. But God

willing, we will overcome.” There has been a string of deadly attacks in Turkey in the past year that were either blamed on Isis or claimed by the outlawed Kurdistan Workers’ party (PKK) and its radical offshoot, the Kurdistan Freedom Hawks. In June, suspected Isis militants attacked Atatürk airport in Istanbul, killing 44 people. The latest incident comes a month after a military coup attempt blamed by the Turkish government on a network linked to the US-based cleric Fethullah Gülen. The death toll was raised early on Sunday from 22 to 30 before the state-run Anadolu news agency reported that the number had reached 50, with 94 wounded.

40. Erdogan: ISIS likely behind attack that killed 50 people at wedding
CNN, Ralph Ellis and Isil Sariyuce, 2016 08 21

Istanbul, Turkey - The Turkish President declared ISIS as the "likely perpetrator" of an attack that killed 50 people at a wedding in the nation's southeast. The death toll from the Gaziantep attack rose to 50 early Sunday, according to the local governor's office. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said there is "no difference" between three opponents of his government: terror group ISIS, which is based in neighboring Syria; the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK); and FETO, the network of US-based cleric Fethullah Gulen, state-run Anadolu news agency reported Sunday. Erdogan accuses Gulen of being behind a recent coup attempt. He has denied the accusation. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, which also injured 94 others. The blast occurred in the city of Gaziantep, about 95 kilometers (60 miles) north of the war-torn Syrian city of Aleppo. The agency added that the wedding celebration took place on a street, which is common in southern Turkey. Video of the aftermath shows hundreds of people in the darkened street as rescue workers lift victims into ambulances. Orhan Akin, Gaziantep bureau chief for the Ihlas News Agency, told CNN Turk that he saw "at least 20 ambulances carrying injured people."

41. Biden, Turkish PM to discuss Syria, extradition of Gülen
Hurriyet Daily News, 2016 08 21

Istanbul - U.S. Vice President Joe Biden and Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım will discuss issues regarding Syria and the possible extradition of U.S.-based Islamic preacher Fethullah Gülen during Biden’s visit to Turkey, Yıldırım has said. “Our relations with the U.S. are medium sugar now. Biden is coming to Turkey to make the coffee sugary,” Yıldırım told foreign correspondents in Istanbul on Aug. 20, drawing an analogy between bilateral relations with the U.S. and Turkish coffee. “The U.S. is our strategic ally. Every family experiences problems. There are ones who want to ruin our relationship. We need to stop Gülen from being a problem,” he added. Biden is scheduled to visit Turkey on Aug. 24, which came after Turkish officials’ repeated their requests for the extradition of Gülen. Noting that Turkey had sent 84 files before the failed July 15 takeover and four after it to the U.S. for the extradition of Gülen, Yıldırım said he should be arrested in light of the mutual deal between Washington and Ankara on the extradition of criminals.

42. Turkey restructures intelligence after coup attempt
Hurriyet Daily News, 2016 08 21

Istanbul - The National Intelligence Agency (MİT) will be restructured in the wake of the failed July 15 coup attempt, believed to have been masterminded by the Fetullahist Terror Organization (FETÖ), Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım has said. “We are exerting new efforts regarding MİT. Due to the developing communications technologies and world conditions, intelligence agencies should be renewed. For instance, Sept. 11, 2001, was a milestone for the U.S. They reconstructed their intel agencies after that date,” he told foreign correspondents in a meeting in Istanbul, adding that the domestic intelligence should be strengthened and that preventive intelligence was “very significant.”

43. US ambassador to Turkey condemns ‘barbaric’ attack in Gaziantep
Hurriyet Daily News, 2016 08 21

Istanbul - The top U.S. diplomat in Ankara has strongly condemned the terrorist attack late on Aug. 20 in the southeastern Anatolian province of Gaziantep, in which at least 50 people were killed and dozens more wounded. Calling the attack "barbaric," U.S. Ambassador to Turkey John Bass voiced Washington's determination for resuming its solidarity with Turkey in the joint fight against terrorism. "We condemn the barbaric attack on innocent civilians last night in Gaziantep," said a written statement by Bass posted Aug. 21 on the official Twitter account of the U.S. Embassy to Turkey, @USEmbassyTurkey. "We stand by our ally Turkey and pledge to continue to work closely together to defeat the common threat of terrorism," Bass said, concluding his brief statement.

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CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Tory public safety critic warns Liberals not to mess with spy agency's new power to disrupt threats|

Ottawa Citizen, Ian MacLeod, 2016 09 02

Ottawa - It would be a serious mistake for the Liberals to tamper with the security service's new power to actively disrupt threats to national security, Tory public safety critic Erin O'Toole said Friday as documents surfaced offering a glimpse of the spy agency's plan to safeguard the power from abuse. "In this environment of radicalized people, this is exactly why the disruption power is so important. Intelligence agencies could intervene over time as these risks potentially develop," he said. His comments come as the Liberal government prepares to launch public consultations on the creation of what it calls a new national security framework. Details remain vague, but it appears to be the centrepiece of the government's promised overhaul of the "problematic elements" of the controversial Bill C-51 national security law enacted by the Conservative government in June 2015. One of the most dramatic provisions of what's now known as the Anti-terrorism Act of 2015, gives the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) the power to carry out "threat reduction activities" (TRA) against suspected breaches of national security. If those activities could break the law or violate Charter of Rights and Freedoms rights, the agency must get a Federal Court warrant authorizing the operation and granting it impunity for law-breaking in the name of national security. The TRA provision has fundamentally changed the agency's role from strict intelligence gathering to a more kinetic posture, able to "take reasonable and proportional measures," to physically obstruct suspected threats and plots, in Canada or globally. CSIS was created in 1984, replacing the disgraced and disbanded RCMP Security Service after revelations of illegal activities targeting suspected Front de libération du Québec extremists and possible radicals infiltrating the Parti Québécois. As a result, CSIS's prime mandate had been limited to collecting, analyzing and reporting security intelligence to government and allies. The new threat reduction mandate puts it on an operational footing much closer to that of the old security service. And that worries some in the intelligence community.

2. Intelligence beats heavy-handed laws when dealing with terror

CBC News, 2016 09 03

Opinion: As the Liberal government conducts national consultations on the state of cyber security in Canada, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police has passed a resolution to call for the ability to unlock digital evidence on electronic devices. They cite the reliance on encryption by terrorists as a major barrier for law enforcement, which needs more tools to do their jobs properly. This proposal comes at a time when the federal government is supposed to be consulting with experts on how to evaluate Canada's security apparatus, all in order to reform Canada's Anti-terrorism Act, or Bill C-51. Yet the threat of terrorism, as displayed in cities such as Orlando and Nice, have helped delay the reform process, while more recent incidents, such as the killing of would-be jihadist Aaron Driver in Ontario, have further called into question the urge to scale back Canada's security legislation. C-51, controversial anti-terrorism bill, is now law. So, what changes? The climate of fear that continues to be cultivated by high-profile national and international incidents seems to distract from the actual need to have a more details-oriented debate on the nitty-gritties of Canadian national security. Each example of terrorism is treated as yet another sign that only more laws, surveillance and policing will help the situation. This tendency has existed for the past 15 years, and there's a good case to be made for a change in the national security paradigm. That the FBI was instrumental in foiling Driver's attempt to detonate an improvised explosive

device in Strathroy, Ont., earlier this month has caused many to question the robustness of Canada's security laws. The 24-year-old was a vocal online supporter of ISIS, militants fighting to establish an Islamist state, which prompted authorities to limit his movement and activities with a peace bond. An analysis conducted by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service in 2010-11, called "A Study of Radicalization: the Making of Islamist Extremists in Canada Today," concluded that mainstream mosques and Muslim community centres are usually not where troubled individuals become indoctrinated. (Note: Steven Zhou is a Toronto writer who has experience in human rights advocacy. He has worked for Human Rights Watch, OXFAM Canada and other NGOs.)

Canada

3. RC hack nearly brought agency 'back to the buggy'

The Globe and Mail, Colin Freeze, 2016 09 03

Ottawa - Upon discovering that it had been hacked by China, the Canadian government's scientific-research body did digital damage control on an enormous scale. Firing up its vintage fax machines, it jettisoned scores of computer servers, bought its staff hundreds of new laptops and drew up a list of about 20,000 corporate partners in Canada whose secrets risked being collateral damage. Records newly released to The Globe and Mail reveal these and other details about the extensive fallout from this nightmare at the National Research Council. The hack of the NRC was highlighted in July, 2014, when the then-Conservative government blamed China, making it the first and only cyberespionage campaign that Canada has ever pinned on a specific state adversary. While hacks of government departments occur relatively routinely, the NRC could be considered a more valuable target than most. For decades, it has been routing tax dollars to fund cutting-edge research in agriculture, engineering and computer science. Placing bets on Canadian companies helps the NRC work to ensure future prosperity, and its staff gets a glimpse of emerging technologies and proprietary business plans. That's why the Canadian government was alarmed when federal officials announced two years ago that they had "detected and confirmed a cyberintrusion" within the NRC by "a highly sophisticated Chinese state-sponsored actor." But while prime minister Stephen Harper's government took the unprecedented step of allowing officials to make the controversy public, it remains unknown how or when Chinese hackers first infiltrated the NRC's computer systems, or what drew them to it in the first place.

4. Security issues still absent from Trudeau's China visit

The National Post, Marie-Danielle Smith, 2016 09 03

Ottawa - As basketball with Yao Ming, Montreal smoked meat and a promotional event for Manulife-Sinochem kept Prime Minister Justin Trudeau busy Friday, questions remain about his strategic vision for China, with some suggesting a military presence in the Asia-Pacific region would give Canada more teeth. During this second, commercially focused leg of the trip, Trudeau and ministers Chrystia Freeland and Bill Morneau have been expanding Canada's financial and economic ties to China with photo ops aplenty. But regional security issues at the forefront of the international agenda - and likely to be discussed at the Group of 20 summit in Hangzhou Sunday and Monday - still haven't come up. Some are highlighting what they see as Canada's responsibility to be strong, clear and overt about China's behaviour in the South China Sea, one of the world's major trade routes. China has long claimed a majority of the sea, which also borders Vietnam, Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei and Malaysia. But international boundaries established by the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, based on distance from shorelines, were upheld by an international appeals court in The Hague this July. The U.S. navy has been patrolling international waters in the area. It has recently been pressuring another Canadian ally, Australia, to do the same. But Canada could send a strong message to its western partners by mobilizing

its navy to have more presence in the region, too, suggested David Mulroney, Canada's ambassador to China from 2009 to 2012.

5. Toews: airport snooping on hold pending privacy review

The National Post, Ian MacCloed, 2016 09 03

Ottawa - Public Safety Minister Vic Toews has ordered officials to halt the planned electronic eavesdropping on air travellers' conversations until a full privacy review is completed. "We have heard concerns from Canadians regarding the privacy impact of this practice," Public Safety spokeswoman Julie Carmichael said in written statement Tuesday. "Minister Toews has directed the CBSA to halt audio monitoring until a privacy impact assessment can be submitted, and recommendations from the privacy commissioner can be reviewed by the government." The move comes one day after Toews, responding to opposition questions Monday, defended the planned audio surveillance of air travellers and airport employees at Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport. Similar audio-video equipment has been operating at other Canadian airports and ports of entry for "many years," according to the CBSA, which wouldn't identify the locations.

6. Terror suspect legally owned assault rifle

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2016 09 03

Toronto - A Toronto man arrested in April due to concerns he might engage in terrorism was the registered owner of an AR-15 type assault rifle, according to details disclosed at an Ontario court hearing Friday. How Kadir Abdul was able to legally own a restricted weapon remains unclear. The RCMP and Toronto police declined to comment. Police have not been able to locate his Windham Weaponry semi-automatic rifle. Five months ago the 27-year-old was detained in the eastern Turkish city of Adana on suspicion he was trying to enter Syria. He was returned to Toronto and is the subject of a terrorism peace bond that restricts him from communicating with Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. In the Ontario Court of Justice, prosecutor Matthew Giovinazzo revealed that after Abdul left for Istanbul on March 23, police executed a search warrant at the apartment he shared with his family in an attempt to find his assault rifle. They did not find it, but Abdul's father, Mohammad Uddin, told investigators after his son's departure he had broken the restricted weapon into pieces and thrown them down the apartment garbage chute. Uddin also said he had destroyed his son's firearm possession and acquisition licence. He was charged with two firearms offences on May 19, including failing to report "having destroyed a restricted firearm." On Friday, Uddin, 57, pleaded guilty through a Bengali interpreter.

7. Detained Morsi aide returns to Canada

The Canadian Press, Diana Mehta, 2016 09 03

Ottawa - The family of a Toronto-area resident who had been detained in Egypt without charge for three years says the man has returned to Canada. Khaled Al-Qazzaz, a permanent resident of Canada and a University of Toronto engineering graduate, was once an aide to Egypt's ousted president, Mohammed Morsi. He was arrested alongside the former leader in July 2013, when the Egyptian military removed Morsi from office. After an ordeal that lasted three years, Al-Qazzaz was abruptly cleared to return to Canada last month and landed in Toronto on Aug. 14, his brother-in-law said. "He's overwhelmed with joy and emotion, and with finally the opportunity to start fresh, to have a complete family again," said Ahmad Attia. "It's still becoming a reality for us." Al-Qazzaz was never charged, nor did Egyptian authorities explain exactly why they had arrested him.

8. Montreal plane spotters have fun as well as boosting airport security

The Canadian Press, Morgan Lowrie, 2016 09 03

Montreal - Perched on a ladder with his camera, a scanner tuned to the control tower on the ground beside

him, Jean-Charles Hubert doesn't miss much at Montreal's Pierre Elliott Trudeau airport. Every week, rain or shine, the 41-year-old can be found at the airport with his fellow plane-spotters _ a group of aviation enthusiasts with a passion for photographing aircraft. "It's a bit like a drug," said Hubert, wearing a blue ball cap bearing the group's name _ the 55th Avenue Spotters, named for one of the roads that runs by the airport. "I keep telling myself I'm not going to come, but then I find myself back here." The group's dedicated presence can even be a boon for security, as far as the airport is concerned. Hubert says he and some of the other spotters make a point of calling airport security if they notice anything unusual, such as a hole in the fence or suspicious human behaviour. Some other members of the group have had that role somewhat formalized by the airport authorities, who created an "airport watch" program in 2009 that is modelled after similar programs in Ottawa and Toronto. Christiane Beaulieu, the Montreal airport's vice-president of communications, says basic training, uniforms and a special phone number to call are provided to the watch's 46 members.

9. Civil service parrots Trudeau's propaganda

The Edmonton Sun, Candice Malcolm, 2016 09 03

Column: Back in 2011, federal bureaucrats took issue with using the phrase "Harper government" to describe the previous administration in official government news releases. Apparently, that was too partisan for the gentle souls in Canada's civil service. These same bureaucrats, however, had no problem parroting Justin Trudeau's favourite partisan talking point when announcing the delivery of a Liberal campaign promise. A recent government of Canada news release about the Trudeau government's peacekeeping plan contained blatantly partisan language. "Canada is back, and that includes its peace missions," read the news release, written by supposedly non-partisan civil servants at Global Affairs Canada. That wasn't a quote from a Liberal cabinet minister, which are listed in a separate section of the release, attributed to them. Rather, it was tucked into the news portion of the bulletin. It's one thing for Liberal politicians to say "Canada is back," gloating that their party is back in power.

10. Missions can be bureaucratic, abusive and buck-passing. they can also be effective

National Post, Richard Warnica, 2016 09 03

Analysis: Jacob Kathman takes a Moneyball approach to political science. He studies huge data sets on things like civilian deaths in civil war and international military intervention. As a political scientist at the State University of New York in Buffalo, Kathman has spent most of the past decade using that big data to puzzle out issues tied to global peace and security. But he keeps coming back to one question: Does peacekeeping work? It turns out to be remarkably hard to figure out. That's partially because researchers can't seem to agree on what "work" should mean. Does success in UN peacekeeping mean ending war? Sustaining peace? Reducing attacks on civilians? Is it about fostering stable government, fighting terrorists or protecting human rights? Maybe it means just not making things worse? Like a lot of big data analysts, Kathman speaks about his own work with boundless enthusiasm but also endless caveats. He hedges and qualifies, and always makes the listener aware of the limits of what he can know. Still, in his own cautious way, he's pretty sure he has an answer. "The general consensus," he said in a recent interview, "is, for the most part, peacekeeping seems to improve the situation on the ground, generally speaking." In other words, yes, peacekeeping does work. At least according to the kind of analysis Kathman and his colleagues perform. What they've done over several studies is look at UN troop and police deployments, month by month, all over the world for many decades. What they've found is that, despite some high-profile failures, peacekeeping does tend to improve things on the ground. "In terms of reducing violence, maintaining stability, improving progress toward democracy and economic stability, peacekeeping appears to be a pretty positive way forward for many war-torn countries," Kathman said.

United States - États-Unis

11. Row on tarmac an awkward G20 start for U.S., China

Reuters, 2016 09 03

Washington - A Chinese official confronted U.S. President Barack Obama's national security adviser on the tarmac on Saturday prompting the Secret Service to intervene, an unusual altercation as China implements strict controls ahead of a big summit. The stakes are high for China to pull off a trouble-free G20 summit of the world's top economies, its highest profile event of the year, as it looks to cement its global standing and avoid acrimony over a long list of tensions with Washington. Shortly after Obama's plane landed in the eastern city of Hangzhou, a Chinese official attempted to prevent his national security adviser Susan Rice from walking to the motorcade as she crossed a media rope line, speaking angrily to her before a Secret Service agent stepped between the two. Rice responded but her comments were inaudible to reporters standing underneath the wing of Air Force One. It was unclear if the official, whose name was not immediately clear, knew that Rice was a senior official and not a reporter.

12. Obama urges China to stop flexing muscles over South China Sea

Reuters, 2016 09 03

Washington - China needs to be a more responsible power as it gains global influence and avoid flexing its muscles in disputes with smaller countries over issues like the South China Sea, US President Barack Obama told CNN in an interview to be aired on Sunday. Obama, who meets with President Xi Jinping at a G20 summit next week in China, told CNN the United States supports the peaceful rise of China but that Beijing had to recognize that "with increasing power comes increasing responsibilities," according to excerpts released on Friday. "If you sign a treaty that calls for international arbitration around maritime issues, the fact that you're bigger than the Philippines or Vietnam or other countries ... is not a reason for you to go around and flex your muscles," Obama said. "You've got to abide by international law." China, a signatory to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, recently lost an arbitration dispute over the South China Sea. A court in the Hague found China had no historic title over the waters of the South China Sea and had infringed on the rights of the Philippines. Beijing has rejected the ruling.

13. F.B.I. Files on Email Inquiry Show Grilling on Clinton's Judgment

The New York Times, Eric Lichtblau, 2016 09 03

Washington - F.B.I. officials questioned Hillary Clinton extensively about her judgment in using her private email system to discuss classified drone strikes and in allowing aides to destroy large numbers of emails, before ultimately deciding she should not face criminal charges, according to investigative documents released Friday. The documents provided a number of new details about Mrs. Clinton's private server, including what appeared to be a frantic effort by a computer specialist to delete an archive of her emails even after a congressional committee had requested they be preserved. In a 3½-hour interview with the Justice Department's top counterintelligence officials on July 2, Mrs. Clinton defended her handling of the private email system by repeatedly saying she had deferred to the judgment of her aides, an F.B.I. summary of the interview showed. Mrs. Clinton's use of the private server has shadowed her presidential campaign for a year and a half. And the newly disclosed records, while largely reinforcing what had already been known about the F.B.I. investigation, provided Republicans more ammunition to attack the Democratic nominee's judgment and honesty as she heads into the final, post-Labor Day phase of the campaign. Among the other key findings in the F.B.I. documents: – Mrs. Clinton regarded emails containing classified discussions about planned drone strikes as "routine." – She said she was either unaware of or misunderstood some classification procedures. – Colin L. Powell, a former secretary of state, had advised her to "be very careful" in how she used email. The F.B.I. documents show that an

unnamed computer specialist deleted the archive of Mrs. Clinton's emails weeks after the existence of the private server became public in March 2015.

14. F.B.I. Email Inquiry Reveals Some of Secretary's Habits

The New York Times, Michael S. Schmidt, 2016 09 03

Washington - Documents released by the F.B.I. on Friday revealed new details about the Justice Department's yearlong investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server and whether she and her aides mishandled classified information. Among the documents was an 11-page summary of an interview F.B.I. agents conducted with Mrs. Clinton on July 2. Two days later, the F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, said the bureau had recommended to the Justice Department that neither Mrs. Clinton nor her aides should be charged with a crime. Here are six highlights from those documents: According to the F.B.I., in December 2014 a top aide to Mrs. Clinton told the company that housed her server to delete an archive of emails from her account. The company, Platte River Networks, apparently never followed those instructions. On March 2, 2015, The New York Times reported that Mrs. Clinton had exclusively used a personal email account when she was secretary of state. Two days later, the congressional committee investigating the 2012 attacks in Benghazi, Libya, and Mrs. Clinton's response to them, told the technology firms associated with the email account that they had to retain "all relevant documents" related to its inquiry. Three weeks later, a Platte River employee realized he had not deleted the emails as instructed. The employee said he then used a special program called BleachBit to delete the files. The F.B.I. said Mrs. Clinton was unaware of the deletions. The F.B.I. said it was later able to find some of the emails, but did not say how many emails were deleted, or whether they were included in the 60,000 emails that Mrs. Clinton said she sent and received while secretary of state from 2009 to 2013.

15. Phone Spying Is Made Easy. Choose a Plan.

The New York Times, Nicole Perlroth, 2016 09 03

San Francisco - Want to invisibly spy on 10 iPhone owners without their knowledge? Gather their every keystroke, sound, message and location? That will cost you \$650,000, plus a \$500,000 setup fee with an Israeli outfit called the NSO Group. You can spy on more people if you would like -- just check out the company's price list. The NSO Group is one of a number of companies that sell surveillance tools that can capture all the activity on a smartphone, like a user's location and personal contacts. These tools can even turn the phone into a secret recording device. Since its founding six years ago, the NSO Group has kept a low profile. But last month, security researchers caught its spyware trying to gain access to the iPhone of a human rights activist in the United Arab Emirates. They also discovered a second target, a Mexican journalist who wrote about corruption in the Mexican government. Now, internal NSO Group emails, contracts and commercial proposals obtained by The New York Times offer insight into how companies in this secretive digital surveillance industry operate. The emails and documents were provided by two people who have had dealings with the NSO Group but would not be named for fear of reprisals. The company is one of dozens of digital spying outfits that track everything a target does on a smartphone. They aggressively market their services to governments and law enforcement agencies around the world. The industry argues that this spying is necessary to track terrorists, kidnappers and drug lords. The NSO Group's corporate mission statement is "Make the world a safe place."

16. Microsoft's Legal Challenge to Government Secrecy Wins Dozens of Supporters

The New York Times, Nick Wingfield, 2016 09 03

Seattle - Dozens of allies threw their weight behind Microsoft on Friday in a case that challenges law enforcement's use of secrecy orders to cloak its pursuit of digital communications in investigations. Amazon, Google, Snapchat, Salesforce and several others filed a brief on Friday in support of Microsoft in its case against the United States Justice Department, while Apple, Mozilla and others made their own

filing. Civil liberties groups and media organizations like Fox News, National Public Radio and The Washington Post submitted their own briefs. Microsoft was also backed by a collection of law professors and a group of former United States attorneys who worked in the Western district of Washington, where Microsoft filed its federal lawsuit in April. Microsoft's effort to rally support is part of a growing resistance by technology companies to government attempts to snoop on the electronic communications of their customers. Revelations by Edward J. Snowden, the former United States government contractor, about the extent of electronic surveillance by spy agencies have rattled technology companies, which worry that trust in their products is being undermined. In a statement, Brad Smith, Microsoft's president and chief legal officer, said the company was grateful for the support from what it expected to total 80 signatories on multiple briefs by the end of the day. He noted the diversity of backgrounds of the signatories, saying, "it's not every day that Fox News and the A.C.L.U. are on the same side of an issue."

17. Think tank at GWU hires former al-Qaeda recruiter

The Washington Post, Susan Svrluga, 2016 09 03

Washington - A former Islamist extremist who supported al-Qaeda and exhorted others to follow Osama bin Laden has joined George Washington University as a research fellow. Jesse Morton, who was born in Pennsylvania and said he became a Muslim at age 20 after reading "The Autobiography of Malcolm X" while in prison for a drug offense, argues that he can offer an insider's perspective on Islamist radicalization - and how to counter that threat. Morton is the first former extremist in the United States to join an academic program, said Lorenzo Vidino, director of GWU's Program on Extremism, although he said there are some working in similar capacities in Europe. Vidino pointed to the ways law enforcement works with former gang members to infiltrate criminal networks. "This is the first time it's been done with a jihadist," he said. Morton offered something unique: experience as a recruiter for al-Qaeda. And a master's degree from Columbia University. That combination of an insider's perspective, intellectual curiosity and analytic ability makes him invaluable, Vidino said. "It's an unusual hire," he said - one that the university undertook only after months of research, including interviews with law enforcement and intelligence sources and even an attempt to trick Morton with another former extremist to see if he was telling them the truth. "Healthy skepticism is fair," Vidino said. "He has said it's up to him to prove he's truly reformed."

18. Illinois man arrested on Terrorism charges

Associated Press, 2016 09 03

Chicago - Police in downstate Madison County said they may have prevented a terrorist attack. Keaun Cook, 18, is accused of conspiring with several other people to carry out that attack. Police arrested the southern Illinois man who they allege communicated with an unspecified terrorist group to plan an attack on at least one location. He was arrested Wednesday on preliminary charges of providing material support for terrorism and making a terrorist threat. "In terms of making a terrorist threat, he expressed his intention that such a terrorist act would occur, but we stopped an event that could've caused a very, very serious situation," said Tom Gibbons, Madison County State's Attorney.

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19. Royal Marine appears in court accused of stashing bomb gear and weapons in NI and England

Belfast Telegraph, Rachael Burnett, 2016 09 03

London - A royal Marine has appeared in court charged with Northern Ireland-linked terror offences. Ciaran Maxwell (30), of Exminster, Devon, is accused of stashing explosives and weapons in purpose-built caches in England and Northern Ireland. Maxwell also allegedly compiled a library of terrorism documents, including instructions on how to make explosives and tactics used by terrorist organisations.

He appeared in custody at Westminster Magistrates' Court yesterday. Maxwell, wearing a grey tracksuit and flanked by two plainclothed officers in the dock, stood up to confirm his details in a Northern Irish accent. He has not yet entered any plea to the charges against him and was remanded into police custody. The case was adjourned until Monday at Westminster Magistrates' Court to give the police more time to investigate. It is alleged that between January 1, 2011, and August 24, 2016, Maxwell manufactured explosive substances and constructed explosive devices. He is accused of carrying out research resulting in the creation of a library of documents likely to be useful to someone committing or preparing an act of terrorism — specifically information regarding "the manufacture of explosive substances, the construction of explosive devices and tactics used by terrorist organisations". Maxwell was arrested on August 24 by officers from the Metropolitan Police Service's counter-terrorism command, supported by Avon and Somerset and Devon and Cornwall Police. The charges come as part of an investigation involving the Security Service (MI5), the PSNI and the South West Counter-Terrorism Unit, as well as Scotland Yard's counter-terrorism unit. The Marine, originally from Larne in Co Antrim, was taken to a West Country police station in Somerset before being transferred to a London police station last Thursday and questioned on suspicion of being involved in the preparation for acts of terrorism under Section Five of the Terrorism Act.

20. Public offered £1.5m to tackle radicalism

The Daily Telegraph, 2016 09 03

London - A £1.5 million fund to fight terrorism at a local level has been started by the Home Office, with an offer of up to £100,000 to groups or individuals for projects to prevent radicalisation in their communities. Members of the public have been asked to submit project ideas which will "prevent vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism". The Office for Security and Counter Terrorism will judge the best entries. The brief reads: "The aim of this competition is to develop innovative solutions for understanding and preventing radicalisation and support for terrorism. "Successful projects should produce an outcome, resource or new technology that builds understanding and prevention of radicalisation and support for terrorism."

21. Army's failure to recruit a risk to security, say experts

The Daily Telegraph, Ben Farmer, 2016 09 03

London – The number of regular soldiers in the Army has fallen below 80,000, as it struggles to recruit, figures show. Troop numbers are now below the target of 82,000 imposed by defence cuts, which sought to downsize the Army. The fall in the number of servicemen is despite millions of pounds spent on recruiting campaigns. Budget cuts had already left the Army at its smallest size since the Napoleonic Wars. Low unemployment, a lack of operations and poor morale after years of cutbacks are all harming recruitment, sources said. The Army must sign up 8,000 to 10,000 soldiers a year, but recruitment is at around 90 per cent of what is needed, one officer told The Daily Telegraph. The shortfall means the Army would struggle to respond to a crisis, former officers warned last night. The latest personnel figures released by the Ministry of Defence show that the Army had 79,590 trained regular soldiers in July and the figure is expected to fall further. The RAF and Royal Navy are each short of hundreds of service personnel. Charles Heyman, editor of The Armed Forces of the United Kingdom, and a former infantry officer, said: "It is part of a trend and the Army is going to find it difficult to catch up quickly." He said an outsourced recruiting contract with the services firm Capita did not have the appeal of in-house recruiting using serving soldiers.

22. Officer 'saw man planting bomb on car'

The Daily Mirror, Alan Erwin, 2016 09 03

London – A police woman woke to discover a man planting explosives under her fellow officer-husband's car in an alleged bid to kill him, the High Court heard yesterday. A judge was told the would-be bomber

fled after she hammered on the bedroom window at their home in Eglinton, Co Derry, on June 18 last year. Prosecutors claimed they have evidence Sean McVeigh, 35, was the man spotted crouching down at the target's vehicle. The accused, from Victoria Street in Lurgan, Co Armagh, faces charges of attempted murder and possessing explosives with intent to endanger life.

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23. Queensland police access social justice advocate's personal file 1,400 times
Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Kym Agius, 2016 09 03

London - A social justice advocate has had her personal file accessed by Queensland police 1,400 times since 2008, which she says is an abuse of privacy. The database, where her file was accessed, is a secure online tool capturing administrative and intelligence information, which police access during the course of their work, such as when checking a speeding motorist. Queensland Council for Civil Liberties advocate Renee Eaves, who does not have a criminal record, submitted a Right to Information (RTI) request in to see how many times her Queensland Police Records and Information Management Exchange (QPRIME) file had been accessed. She was startled to see it had been checked 1,400 from 2008 to May. Ms Eaves said officers are supposed to give a reason each time they access a personal file, but she was not given any insight into the 1,400 cases.

24. Qantas wants student to pay for protest
Australian Associated Press, 2016 09 03

Melbourne - Qantas wants a Melbourne university student found guilty of an in-flight protest against an asylum seeker's deportation to pay the airline more than \$3000 for losses linked to flight delays. Jasmine Pilbrow, 22, was found guilty of interference with a crew member of an aircraft at the Broadmeadows Magistrates Court on Friday. Qantas security manager Michael Van Der Velde told the court the student's actions in 2015 had cost the airline \$3429 linked to flight delays and the jet fuel it had to use in the air to make up for lost time. Pilbrow, who represented herself on Friday, does not dispute she refused to sit down during a Melbourne to Darwin flight unless a Tamil man, who was being deported to Sri Lanka, was allowed to leave the Qantas plane, on February 2, 2015. After telling cabin crew she would not sit down, Australian Federal Police agents boarded the flight and the 25-year-old Tamil detainee was removed.

25. PM's stance on China worries experts
The Australian Financial Review, Aaron Patrick, 2016 09 03

Canberra - The government's top intelligence experts are concerned Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull isn't taking their warnings about the security threat posed by China seriously enough and the former banker is relying on advice from outside experts. Despite vetoing a Chinese bid for Sydney's electricity network this month, Mr Turnbull and some other cabinet ministers are reluctant to act on or receive warnings that China is engaging in spying on an "industrial scale" and that business secrets are among its top targets, three sources with senior contacts in the security services said. "It is far more ambitious and better resourced than ever before," said Paul Monk, an intelligence and foreign affairs expert who headed China

analysis for the Defence Intelligence Agency. "It's notorious with politicians that they find intelligence to be a new thing when they go into politics. It's things they would prefer not to know or suggest actions that can be embarrassing." Mr Turnbull, who flies this weekend to Hangzhou, near Shanghai, for a Group of 20 leaders summit, has a history of pro-Chinese comments but has taken a tougher approach in public since he became prime minister. A senior government source denied Mr Turnbull wasn't listening to advice from the intelligence and security services and said people outside the government would not know what was happening in his office. Security experts say China has a well-resourced effort that uses cyber-espionage and human agents to steal Australian commercial secrets and obtain sensitive government information.

Afghanistan • Pakistan

26. India expected to offer Afghanistan fresh military aid

Pajhwok Afghan News, 2016 09 03

Kabul - New Delhi may offer Kabul fresh defence assistance during President Ashraf Ghani's visit to India next month, a leading newspaper reported on Saturday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who will host Ghani, could extend additional defense support to the war-torn country in addition to the four attack helicopters that were supplied recently. The Times of India said Delhi was handed an updated weapons list, including a request for additional helicopters, heavy vehicles and spares. A significant part of the request will be met.

27. US forces move to Shurab base from Lashkargah's Bost Airport

Pajhwok Afghan News, Zainulalh Stanakzai, 2016 09 03

Lashkargah - A group of US forces who have been stationed in Bost Airport in southern Helmand province have returned back to Shurab Base situated 60 kilometres from Lashkargah, the provincial capital, a reliable source said on Saturday. A security official who wished to go unnamed told Pajhwok Afghan News the US forces vacated the Bost Air port and returned to their base last night. According to the source the US forces have pledged to continue support to Afghan Security forces and perform its tasks based on a schedule. Bashir Ahmad Shakir, a provincial council member, said the presence and absence of foreign forces would not have any impact on security situation. Foreigners should help equip the Afghan forces and enable them to ensure law and order in the best possible way, he added. He doubted foreign forces intentions saying some district felt to Taliban despite the foreign forces were present in Helmand. He said residents of Lashkargah were ready to serve in the ranks of security forces but he regretted officials concerned paid no attention for recruitment of professional individuals. Attaullah Afghan, provincial council secretary, said US forces could operate in Lashkargah from Shurab base any time there was a need for an operation.

28. Pakistan Suicide Bombing Kills at Least 11 at Court Compound

The New York Times, Ismail Khan, 2016 09 03

Peshawar - A suicide bomber killed at least 11 people at a district court in northwestern Pakistan on Friday morning, a senior police officer said. The bomber attacked the compound of the district court in the city of Mardan, throwing a hand grenade, opening fire at the main gate and then entering before detonating his explosive vest, said the police officer, Ijaz Khan. Twenty people were wounded, he said. "The bomber managed to get seven or eight meters inside the compound, but the police engaged him, prompting him to trigger his suicide vest," Mr. Khan said by telephone. The dead included four lawyers and two police officers, he said. The president of the district bar association, Amir Hussain, said the toll would have been much higher had the bomber reached a part of the compound where lawyers assemble.

“The bomber was stopped a few meters inside the main gate,” Mr. Hussain said. “He couldn’t reach the main sitting area.” It was the second mass attack in recent weeks that appeared to target lawyers. More than 70 people, mostly lawyers, were killed last month in an attack on a hospital in the city of Quetta, in Baluchistan Province, where lawyers had gathered after the president of Baluchistan’s bar association was shot and killed.

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29. China, Turkey pledge counter-terrorism, energy cooperation

Xinhua News Agency, 2016 09 03

Hangzhou - Chinese and Turkish leaders on Saturday agreed to advance cooperation in fields of counter-terrorism, energy and infrastructure during a meeting ahead of the G20 Hangzhou summit. In the meeting with his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President Xi Jinping said China appreciates Turkey's affirmation that it will never allow any activities that could undermine China's security to take place on Turkish soil. He called on both sides to adhere to the core issue of political mutual trust, and to achieve more substantial results on anti-terrorism and security cooperation Both should consider concrete means and projects to link China-proposed Belt and Road initiative with Turkey's development strategy, to achieve substantial progress in cooperation in infrastructure, energy, quarantine and other fields, Xi said. Erdogan appreciated China's support for Turkey to maintain its national security and social stability. He expressed hopes that the two countries could increase collaboration in investment, energy, infrastructure, aviation, agriculture, tourism and counter-terrorism.

30. Bomb blast hits train in southern Thailand, killing 1

The Associated Press, 2016 09 03

Bangkok - Police say a bomb has exploded and hit a train in southern Thailand, killing one railroad worker and injuring another. Police Capt. Pramroj Juichuay says the bomb was placed on the tracks and exploded when the train passed over it as it was passing a station in Pattani province at around 5:30 p.m. Saturday. The bomb blast blew off the last carriage of the train. The train was on its way from Sungai Golak to Hat Yai, near the border with Malaysia.

31. Controversial police general tapped to become spy chief

The Jakarta Post, 2016 09 03

Jakarta - It appears that President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo could no longer avoid the pressure of having to make a quick decision regarding the career of controversial police general Com. Gen. Budi Gunawan. It took Jokowi one year before he decided to name Budi the deputy national police chief after he declined to inaugurate him in the chief's position in February 2015 over allegations that he was involved in a graft case. Facing pressure for Budi to take over as National Police chief when Gen. Badrodin Haiti retired in July, Jokowi again resisted and instead appointed Budi's junior, Gen. Tito Karnavian. When Jokowi decided to undertake another Cabinet reshuffle in July, speculation was rife that Budi would be given a ministerial position, but the prediction did not come to pass. Jokowi finally relented and on Friday he officially nominated the senior police general to head the National Intelligence Agency (BIN), replacing current BIN chief Sutiyoso.

32. Explosion in Philippines leaves 12 dead, 24 injured

The Associated Press, 2016 09 03

Davao, Philippines -- An explosion killed at least 12 people and wounded at least 24 at a night market in President Rodrigo Duterte's hometown in the southern Philippines, a region under a heightened security alert because of a military offensive against Abu Sayyaf militants, officials said. Regional military

commander Lt.-Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero said it was not clear what caused the explosion at a massage section of the market, which was cordoned off by police bomb experts and investigators. Police Chief Superintendent Manuel Gaerlan said witnesses gave contrasting accounts, with some saying a cooking gas tank exploded while others suggested it may have been some kind of an explosive. Police set up checkpoints in key roads leading to the city, a regional gateway about 980 kilometres south of Manila. TV footage showed plastic chairs strewn about at the scene of the blast, where witnesses said the bodies of some of the dead lay scattered a few hours after the explosion. Police forces in the capital, Manila, went on full alert at midnight following the deadly blast.

33. Philippine President Extends Troops' Powers After Deadly Explosion

The New York Times, Felipe Villamor, 2016 09 03

Manila - President Rodrigo Duterte declared a "state of lawlessness" in the southern Mindanao region on Saturday after a powerful blast ripped through a crowded night market in the city of Davao on Friday, killing at least 14 people and wounding more than 60. Mr. Duterte said he was not declaring martial law in the region but rather giving the military additional powers to carry out some police operations, like patrolling in urban areas and setting up checkpoints. "There is a crisis in this country involving drugs, extrajudicial killings, and there seems to be an environment of lawlessness, lawless violence," he said. The country is facing "extraordinary times" that require strong measures, he added. The extremist group Abu Sayyaf claimed responsibility for the blast, according to The Associated Press, but Mr. Duterte said investigators were also looking at other possible suspects, including drug syndicates.

34. India asks int'l community to redouble efforts to fight terror

Press Trust of India, Yoshita Singh, 2016 09 03

United Nations - India has asked the world community to "redouble" the efforts to fight the growing threat of terrorism by expediting the adoption of an international convention on terrorism, saying the UN members must recognise the "graveness" of its threat. "As one of the oldest victims of terrorism in the world, India urges the UN and Members of the UN to recognise the graveness of this threat and commit to redouble our efforts in a practical and sustained manner to fight this scourge of world peace," senior official in the Indian Mission to the UN Srinivas Prasad said here. "A commitment to the signing of the proposed and much discussed Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT) - a global compact on terrorism - would be an important step forward," he said, according to prepared remarks, posted on the mission's website.

35. N. Korea claims its submarines are being tracked by the U.S. Navy

Yonhap English News, 2016 09 03

Seoul - North Korea claimed Saturday that its submarines have been tracked by U.S. Navy since last year. In an interview with the North's Korean Central News Agency, a spokesman for the country's foreign ministry said there have been reports that U.S. nuclear-powered submarines have been secretly following the North's subs. "The U.S. military is neither confirming nor denying the reports, but the reports say it is an undeniable fact that the U.S. is tracking our submarines and gathering information," the official was quoted as saying. The unidentified spokesman also claimed that the U.S. Navy has been operating its submarines in waters around the Korean Peninsula to keep an eye on China and Russia.

36. Report: Missing U.S. Student Alive in N. Korea Working as Kim Jong Un's Tutor

Reuters, 2016 09 03

Washington - A new report claims a 24-year-old American student who disappeared 12 years ago is actually living in North Korea and working as Kim Jong Un's English tutor. An article posted by Yahoo Japan on Thursday claims that David Sneddon, a student at Brigham Young University, was abducted and

taken to Pyongyang in August 2004, when he went missing during a hiking trip in southwestern China. In addition to alleging that Sneddon has become Kim Jong Un's tutor, the report also claims Sneddon now has a wife and two children. Sneddon's American wife, Kathleen Sneddon, said she was skeptical of the report, but that "he's probably teaching English. That's the most likely thing to use him for." State Department spokesman John Kirby dismissed the report, saying U.S. authorities had seen "no verifiable evidence" that the claims in the report were true. (Full Report)

3.7. Naveen Chand takes charge as Intel chief

The Times of India, 2016 09 03

Mumbai - Senior IPS officer Naveen Chand took charge as Telangana State Intelligence Chief replacing incumbent B Shivadhar Reddy on Friday, a day after the state government effected the reshuffle. Shivadhar Reddy, who was shunted out as Intelligence chief, also took charge as inspector general of police (personnel).

Africa – Afrique

38. Somalie : qui est le leader désigné du groupe État islamique?

Agence France Presse, 2016 09 03

Analyse: Reconnaissable à ses lunettes et sa barbe orange vif, teintée au henné, Abdulqadir Mumin, Somalien de naissance, a été présenté cette semaine par les Etats-Unis comme le chef de l'organisation État islamique (EI) en Afrique de l'Est. Le parcours d'Abdulqadir (ou Abdiqadir) Mumin, un homme d'âge mûr, est celui d'un prêcheur radical passé par la Suède, la Grande-Bretagne puis la Somalie où, après plusieurs années dans les rangs des islamistes radicaux shebab affiliés à Al-Qaïda, il a fait allégeance à l'EI. Un pari risqué et incertain selon les observateurs, d'autant que le leader des shebab, Ahmed Diriye, avait réaffirmé son allégeance à Al-Qaïda lorsqu'il avait pris la tête du mouvement en 2014. Mumin est né dans la région semi-autonome du Puntland (nord-est), à une date indéterminée, et a vécu en Suède avant de s'installer en Angleterre où il acquiert la nationalité britannique. A Londres et Leicester, il se forge au début des années 2000 une réputation de prêcheur enflammé et vindicatif, tant dans les mosquées radicales que sur des vidéos postées en ligne. Surveillé par les renseignements britanniques, Mumin aurait alors côtoyé Mohamed Emwazi, un des bourreaux de l'EI plus connu sous le surnom de « Jihadi John », ainsi que Michael Adebolajo, un des deux meurtriers du soldat Lee Rigby, dans les rues de Londres en mai 2013.

39. UN council in S. Sudan to press govt to cooperate or face arms embargo

Reuters, 2016 09 03

Juba - The United Nations Security Council, acting on concerns South Sudan could again fall back into full-scale civil war, arrived in the country on Friday to demand that President Salva Kiir's government stop obstructing UN peacekeepers and cooperate on the deployment of 4,000 more foreign troops or possibly face an arms embargo. The 15-member council agreed last month to consider an arms embargo on South Sudan, the world's newest nation, if UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon reports next Thursday that Kiir's government has not stepped up its efforts to work with the world body. "It would be premature to assess whether the level of cooperation is sufficient, but ... it is extremely important for us to convey to the government of South Sudan that time is of the essence," US Ambassador Samantha Power told reporters. The council is due to meet with Kiir and his ministers over the weekend. "The international community is extremely frustrated with the obstruction of UN peacekeeping operations that has gone on for too long," said Power, who, along with Senegal, is co-leading the three-day Security Council visit.

Iraq/Iran

40. Iran, China Tightening Cooperation on Syria

Fars News Agency, 2016 09 03

Tehran - Iranian Supreme Leader's top adviser for international affairs Ali Akbar Velayati underlined increased cooperation between Tehran and Beijing, and said both capitals have recently adopted closer policies on Syria. "As we move along, the policies of Iran and China become closer, the latest instance of which is China's policy on the Syrian issue," Velayati said, addressing a forum in the Northern city of Qazvin on Saturday.

41. Iran Strongly Condemns Suicide Attacks in Pakistan

Fars News Agency, 2016 09 03

Tehran - The Iranian foreign ministry strongly deplored the Friday terrorist attacks in Pakistan's Peshawar which killed 12 people. Foreign Ministry Spokesman Bahram Qassem condemned the attacks, and extended his condolences to the Pakistani government and people on the death of their beloved ones. He underlined the necessity for campaign against extremism and terrorism through collective efforts, and said, "This region and the world cannot overcome this principled problem of the current era without confronting the root causes of extremism and those who spread violence and Takfiri thoughts." Militants in Northwest Pakistan killed 12 people in two attacks, on a court building in the city of Mardan and a Christian slum in Peshawar.

Eastern Europe – Europe de L'Est

42. Longtime Uzbekistan Leader Dies

The Wall Street Journal, Nathan Hodge, 2016 09 03

Moscow - Uzbek President Islam Karimov, who ushered in his nation's independence following the collapse of the Soviet Union and ruled it with an iron hand for more than 25 years, died Friday following a stroke in the capital Tashkent. He was 78. Mr. Karimov leaves behind a legacy of isolation, underinvestment and one-man rule. During his tenure as president, he imprisoned opponents, eliminated political competition and clamped down on the local press. His country's abysmal human-rights record drew international condemnation. As the only leader Uzbeks have known in their quarter-century of independence, he leaves an indelible imprint on Central Asia's most populous nation. "Current-day Uzbekistan is a creation of Karimov -- and his charisma, his foibles and personal phobias," said Arkady Dubnov, a Central Asia expert who met and interviewed the president. Prime Minister Shavkat Mirziyoev has been charged with organizing the funeral for the Uzbek leader, whose death was announced Friday on Uzbek state TV. The country's constitution calls for the chair of the upper house of parliament to preside over a transition. Frederick Starr, an expert on Central Asia, said he expected Mr. Karimov may have paved the way for a managed succession.

43. Putin calls DNC hack public service, denies Russia's involvement

Fox News, 2016 09 03

Moscow - Russian President Vladimir Putin said Thursday that the hack of the Democratic National Committee's emails was a public service, but denied that Moscow played any part in the cyberattack. Security experts have suggested that Russian-backed cyber militias were behind the cyberattacks on top Democratic Party groups and the possible breach of Clinton Foundation computers. But Putin wondered why it mattered who was behind the hacks. "Listen, does it even matter who hacked this data?" he said in

an interview with Bloomberg News. "The important thing is the content that was given to the public." U.S. officials have pointed to the Russian government as the possible culprit of the attacks on DNC servers earlier this year that led to WikiLeaks published 20,000 DNC documents prior to the Democratic National Convention. The leaks showed that party officials leaned favorably toward Hillary Clinton over Bernie Sanders and led to Debbie Wasserman Schultz stepping down as the chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

44. Lebanon indicts Syria intel officers over 2013 blast

Agence France Presse, 2016 09 03

Beirut - Lebanon on Friday indicted two Syrian intelligence officers it accused of involvement in a deadly 2013 double bomb blast in the city of Tripoli, a judicial source said. The double bombing killed 45 people, and a series of indictments have already been handed down against Lebanese and Syrians accused of involvement. The indictment names Captain Mohamed Ali Ali, an official in the Palestine branch of Syria's intelligence services, and Nasser Jouban, an official in Syria's political security branch. The two men, neither of whom is in custody, are accused of helping to prepare the attack, placing explosives in cars and assigning a Lebanese cell to carry out the bombing, which also wounded hundreds. The attacks targeted two Sunni mosques in Tripoli, which has frequently experienced tensions between Sunnis and Alawites who belong to the same religious minority as Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and tend to support his government. The indictment alleges the attacks also involved other high-ranking Syrian officials, who are accused of directing Ali and Jouban to organize them.

45. Libya pro-govt forces attack 'last' ISIS bastion

Agence France Presse, 2016 09 03

Sirte - Forces loyal to Libya's Government of National Accord (GNA) said Saturday they have launched a new attack on ISIS diehards in the coastal city of Sirte. "We are attacking the last Daesh positions in district three," a GNA fighter told AFP, using an Arabic acronym for ISIS. The GNA forces media center confirmed on Facebook that the attack had begun. (Full Report)

46. Palestinians Clash With Own Security Forces as Elections Stir Deep Unease

The New York Times, Peter Baker, 2016 09 03

Nablus, West Bank - The brother of the dead man sat in a plastic chair, smoking cigarettes and drinking coffee as mourners approached to pay respects. On the wall was a poster of the slain man, the latest Palestinian to meet an untimely, violent end. But this man, Ahmed Halawa, was not killed in a clash with the hated Israeli military. A Palestinian police officer accused of plotting the murder of two other officers, Mr. Halawa was beaten to death while in the custody of Palestinian security forces. "We're living under Israeli occupation," said the brother, Abdullah Halawa, "but to be honest with you we've never seen anything like this from the Israeli soldiers." Not that anyone in Nablus, the second-largest city in the occupied West Bank, has grown fond of the Israelis, but Mr. Halawa's death underscored the internal divisions tearing at Palestinian society with the approach of municipal elections next month. It came after weeks of violence between the Palestinian authorities and what they call outlaw groups, touching off a wave of unrest marked by stone throwing, tear gas and a raucous funeral procession for Mr. Halawa of thousands of people marching through the streets this week. The riots and protests reflect the challenge for Palestinian security forces to maintain order in West Bank cities under the full control of the Palestinian Authority amid disenchantment with the authority and its leader, President Mahmoud Abbas.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

47. PKK kills eight soldiers in eastern Turkey

Hurriyet Daily News, 2016 09 03

Istanbul - Eight Turkish soldiers have been killed and eight others injured during an operation against the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) militants in Turkey's eastern province of Van, the governor's office confirmed on Sept 3. The Van governor's office said in a statement that at least 11 PKK militants were killed during the clash that erupted on Sept 2. The statement added that the injured soldiers were taken to nearby hospitals and their lives were not in danger.

48. I Didn't Plot Turkey's Coup

The New York Times, Henri J Barkey, 2016 09 03

Commentary: On the night of July 15, elements of the Turkish military attempted a coup. It was a poorly organized effort that was defeated by a combination of people power, loyal units and serendipity. What made this failed effort remarkable was the putschists' extreme brutality against civilians who resisted or happened to be in their way. Some 240 people were killed. I was in Turkey at the time, leading a workshop on Buyukada, an island that is a 45-minute ferry ride from Istanbul. The workshop, which had been planned months earlier in conjunction with an Istanbul-based think tank, brought a small number of experts together to discuss Iran's relations with its neighbors. Academic gatherings like these are important for my work, but I suspect most people would have thought it was pretty dull. Some people in Turkey, however, saw something far more nefarious. They thought I was behind the mutiny. Soon after the coup was defeated, my colleagues and I became the targets of sensationalist conspiracy theories promulgated by Turkey's pro-government press. The accusations ranged from organizing the coup on behalf of the C.I.A. to setting up communication links for the plotters and, most implausibly, bringing a convicted murderer from California into Turkey to engage in evil deeds. The coup attempt appears to have been carried out by a hodgepodge coalition of officers: some loyal to Fethullah Gulen, a reclusive cleric who lives in Pennsylvania and was once an ally of the ruling party but is now its fiercest enemy, alongside strict secularists and some other opportunists who probably knew they would soon be dismissed from the military. (Note: Henri J. Barkey is the director of the Middle East program at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars.)

49. Turkish tanks cross into Syria in 'new phase' against IS

The Associated Press, Zeynep Bilginsoy, 2016 09 03

Istanbul - Turkish tanks have crossed into Syria to the west of a frontier town seized from the Islamic State group last week, in a "new phase" of an operation aimed at sealing off the last stretch of border controlled by the extremists. The private Dogan news agency reported at least 20 tanks and five armoured personnel carriers crossed at the Turkish border town of Elbeyli, across from the Syrian town of al-Rai. The new incursion is unfolding about 55 kilometres (34 miles) west of Jarablus, where Turkish forces first crossed into Syria ten days ago. The tanks entered from the Turkish border village of Elbeyli and linked up with Turkish-backed Syrian rebels at al-Rai, who are participating in the operation, dubbed Euphrates Shield. The official Anadolu News Agency said that "with this new phase of the operation, the Azaz-Jarablus line is expected to be cleared of terror elements." Turkish-backed Syrian rebels meanwhile

said they had captured three more villages to the west of Jarablus from the Islamic State group, bringing them to 21 kilometres (13 miles) from those positioned at al-Rai. The gap is the last remaining stretch of the Syrian border under IS control.

50. Le risque d'attentats en hausse en France, prévient François Molins

Radio France Internationale, 2016 09 03

Paris - Le risque d'attentat va se renforcer, en France avec l'affaiblissement de l'organisation Etat islamique, selon le procureur de la République de Paris. Dans une interview au quotidien Le Monde, François Molins délivre un diagnostic peu optimiste sur la situation sécuritaire dans l'Hexagone. François Molins donne un premier constat alarmant. Plus l'organisation Etat islamique s'affaiblit, plus il est probable que des attentats soient commis ici, en Europe. « Quand les organisations terroristes sont en difficulté sur zone, explique le magistrat, elles recherchent l'occasion de commettre des attaques à l'extérieur ». Avec l'affaiblissement de Daech, le procureur de Paris craint le retour massif des combattants français et de leurs familles. Deux mille ressortissants de l'Hexagone ont rejoint les rangs jihadistes, sont en transit ou souhaitent se rendre en Syrie, estime François Molins.

51. Les confessions d'un maître de l'espionnage français (Canada)

Le Monde, 2016 09 03

Bernard Barbier, l'ancien chef de la direction technique de la DGSE, a levé le voile sur plusieurs secrets d'Etat lors d'une conférence dans son ancienne école d'ingénieurs. C'est une intrusion inespérée dans un monde interdit aux regards extérieurs, celui du renseignement et des guerres secrètes. Face aux élèves de l'école d'ingénieurs CentraleSupélec, dont il est issu, Bernard Barbier, l'un des personnages les plus importants de l'espionnage français des dix dernières années, a levé le voile sur des mystères qu'on pensait insolubles. Au cours de cette causerie, il a ainsi fait oeuvre de transparence sur certaines des principales affaires d'espionnage récentes ayant touché la France. Il a brisé des tabous, notamment en relatant l'attaque chinoise sur Areva et en confirmant la responsabilité de la France derrière une attaque informatique mondiale détectée par les services canadiens. Espionnage et cybersécurité, Bernard Barbier reçu par Symposium Centrale Supélec: M.Barbier, qui fut de 2006 à 2014 l'homologue du directeur de l'Agence nationale de sécurité (NSA) américaine, en tant que chef de la direction technique de la Direction générale de la sécurité extérieure (DGSE), a commencé sa carrière au Commissariat à l'énergie atomique (CEA). Au sein de la DGSE, il obtient, en 2008, une enveloppe de 500 millions d'euros et 800 nouveaux postes pour l'une des plus formidables révolutions du renseignement français: créer un système de collecte massive de données replaçant la France dans la course à l'espionnage moderne. De façon surprenante, le contenu de son intervention, faite en juin sur le campus de l'école à Châtenay-Malabry (Hauts-de-Seine) et dont nous avons pu consulter l'enregistrement filmé, n'a eu aucun écho public. En revanche, le milieu du renseignement et sa principale figure, Bernard Bajolet, le chef de la DGSE, ont eu tout l'été pour s'offusquer de ces déclarations qui montrent, sans doute, que les vrais secrets ne sont peut-être pas là où l'on croit. Extraits choisis. La vérité sur l'attaque informatique contre l'Elysée en 2012: A ce jour, il ne s'agissait que de soupçons. Les Américains auraient pu jouer un rôle dans le piratage, découvert entre les deux tours de l'élection présidentielle, en mai 2012, des ordinateurs des collaborateurs du chef de l'Etat français, alors Nicolas Sarkozy. Une note interne de la NSA, dévoilée par Le Monde à l'automne 2013 et préparant la visite, le 12 avril 2013, de deux hauts responsables français, dont M. Barbier, venus demander des comptes aux Américains, orientait plutôt les soupçons vers les services secrets israéliens... Babar ou la fin d'un secret d'Etat: En 2013, Le Monde publie une note dévoilée par Edward Snowden révélant que les services secrets canadiens suspectent leurs homologues français d'être derrière une vaste opération de piratage informatique lancée en 2009. Si l'attaque vise une demi-douzaine d'institutions iraniennes liées au programme nucléaire de ce pays, elle cible également le Canada, l'Espagne, la Grèce, la Norvège, la Côte d'Ivoire, l'Algérie et même certains objectifs en France. Sur ses auteurs, les Canadiens restaient flous: « Nous estimons, avec un degré modéré de certitude, qu'il s'agit

d'une opération sur des réseaux informatiques soutenue par un Etat et mise en oeuvre par une agence française de renseignement.» Du côté français, silence absolu. Paris admet s'être doté de capacités défensives, mais dément toute activité offensive, un tabou. Jusqu'au récit de M. Barbier.

52. Le piratage de l'Elysée en 2012 venait bien des Etats-unis (Canada)

Lefigaro.fr avec Reuters, 2016 09 03

Paris -Les Etats-Unis sont bien à l'origine d'une attaque informatique contre l'Elysée au printemps 2012, a déclaré un ancien responsable des services secrets français. Dans une conférence donnée en juin devant les élèves de l'école d'ingénieurs CentraleSupélec, dont LeMonde.fr diffuse un enregistrement samedi, Bernard Barbier reconnaît également la responsabilité de la France derrière une autre attaque informatique détectée par les services canadiens en 2009. Cet ancien chef de la direction technique de la Direction générale de la sécurité extérieure (DGSE) raconte qu'il a reçu un appel à l'aide du responsable de la sécurité informatique de l'Elysée en mai 2012, entre les deux tours de la présidentielle, à la suite d'un piratage d'ordinateurs de collaborateurs du chef de l'Etat, alors Nicolas Sarkozy. "On a vu qu'il y avait un 'malware' (logiciel malveillant) qui avait une signature identique à celui que nous avons identifié lors d'une attaque contre la Communauté européenne en 2010. Il n'y avait que les Américains et les Russes qui avaient pu faire cette première opération", a-t-il dit. "En 2012, nous avions davantage de moyens et de puissance techniques pour travailler sur les métadonnées. J'en suis venu à la conclusion que cela ne pouvait être que les Etats-Unis", ajoute-t-il en précisant que le logiciel en question avait été infiltré lors de connexions sur Facebook. Et il ajoute : "Vous êtes quand même bons." L'ancien responsable de la DGSE reconnaît que les services français ont commencé à faire du piratage informatique dès 1992 et qu'ils sont responsables d'une vaste opération lancée en 2009, comme le soupçonnait le Canada dans une note dévoilée en 2013 par le lanceur d'alerte américain Edward Snowden. Les cibles étaient alors des institutions iraniennes liées au programme nucléaire de la République islamique mais aussi plusieurs pays, dont le Canada, et des objectifs en France. "Les Canadiens ont fait du 'reverse' sur un malware qu'ils avaient détecté. Ils ont retrouvé le programmeur qui avait surnommé son malware 'Babar' et avait signé 'Titi'. Ils en ont conclu qu'il était français. Et effectivement, c'était un Français", dit-il.

53. German Intelligence Service Accused of 'Systematically' Violating Constitution

Sputnik News Service, 2016 09 03

Moscow - President of the German Federal Intelligence Agency (BND) Gerhard Schindler stands at the former monitoring base of the National Security Agency (NSA) in Bad Aibling, south of Munich, June 6, 2014. The confidential report, dated March 2016, was brought to attention by public broadcasters NDR and WDR on Thursday evening. The 60-page study was carried out by Federal Data Protection Commissioner Andrea Voßhoff, who is responsible for ensuring that government agencies do not violate German citizens' rights when using their personal data. "The BND systematically lifted and used personal data without a legal basis to do so," wrote the commissioner. Voßhoff named a total of 12 violations of the law in seven spheres of activity, including obstruction of her own work. "The BND massively and illegally blocked my ability to oversee it — a comprehensive and efficient oversight on my part was therefore not possible. These are serious breaches of the law." According to the report, the commissioner was blocked from checking so-called selectors — the lists of the key concepts, which identify information such as phone numbers and email addresses used by the BND for targeted surveillance. Voßhoff also called for shutting down large parts of the BND's data base in Bad Aibling, Bavaria. "According to law these databases must be immediately deleted. They must not be used anymore," the document said.

54. Thousands of Kurds demonstrate in Cologne, Germany

The Associated Press, 2016 09 03

Cologne - Thousands of Kurds, including many carrying flags with the image of jailed PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan, demonstrated in the German city of Cologne Saturday against the Turkish government's policies. Organizers said the demonstration was aimed in part at protesting against Turkey's military intervention in northern Syria and what they call the "dictatorial" behaviour of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. They argued that Ocalan, who has been in prison in Turkey since 1999, should be recognized as a "legitimate negotiating partner." Cologne police put more than 1,000 officers in place. City police chief Juergen Mathies told news agency dpa that pictures of Ocalan were allowed but demonstrators would not be allowed to show symbols of the banned PKK, or Kurdistan Workers' Party. Turnout at Saturday's event was estimated at close to 30,000, and there were no reports of significant trouble. A month ago, up to 40,000 people rallied at the same site to denounce the attempted military coup in Turkey and show support for Erdogan.

55. Italian teenagers to be given money to stay away from terrorism

Associated Press, 2016 09 03

Rome - A cultural initiative which would offer money to Italian teenagers in an effort to combat terrorism, is due to be rolled out by the Italian government. The program will see 18-year-olds be given a "culture bonus" voucher of €500 (\$730 Australian) to spend at Italy's theatres, concerts and museums. More than half a million young people will be eligible for the program, which will allow them to visit cultural institutions for free or at reduced cost using a specially-developed smartphone app called 18app.it, Time magazine reported. The plan was announced in the wake of the Paris terror attacks last year, as part of a "cultural battle" against extremist ideology. According to the Financial Times, Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi said he would match the €1 billion allocated to security and defence with spending on cultural programs. "They image terror, we answer with culture. They destroy statues, we love art. They destroy books, we are the country of libraries." Tommaso Nannicini, the junior minister heading the scheme has said it's "a reminder of how crucial culture is, both for personal enrichment and for strengthening the social fabric of the country," the Telegraph reported.

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CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Canada's CIA Had No Policy for Collecting and Using Massive Amounts of Data

Motherboard, Jordan Pearson, 2016 10 01

Ottawa- The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), the country's CIA equivalent, used large datasets to track and identify persons of interest without a policy to guide their collection, retention, or use, according to a new report from Canada's intelligence watchdog. CSIS is tasked with tracking terror suspects within and outside of Canada, and the investigation was undertaken in the context of new, and incredibly broad, powers bestowed upon the spy agency by the controversial Bill C-51. Canada has recently ramped up its efforts to identify people connected to pro-terror ideologies. In August, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) arrested 24-year-old Ottawa man Tevis Gonyou-McLean who was later released on a peace bond that restricts his movement, communication, and online activities. The RCMP's national security unit frequently receives intelligence from CSIS. A report published on Thursday by the civilian Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) notes that CSIS uses large databases to find out more information about suspects, develop leads, and even to "identify previously unknown individuals of interest by linking together types of information which have mirrored threat behaviour." The Communications Security Establishment, CSIS' sister organization and Canada's answer to the NSA in the US, stopped sharing metadata with foreign spying partners under similar circumstances last year when an internal review concluded that the agency had handled data improperly. The new report also suggests that CSIS employed overly generous interpretations of the law in order to collect more data than it was supposed to.

2. Les bains de foule expliquent les coûts importants des visites royales

La Presse Canadienne, 2016 10 01

Ottawa - Les bains de foule si caractéristiques des visites royales au Canada, comme celle qu'effectuent ces jours-ci le duc et la duchesse de Cambridge accompagnés de leurs enfants, expliquent en bonne partie leurs coûts de plusieurs millions de dollars. Il faudra attendre un certain moment après la conclusion, samedi, de la présente visite de huit jours du prince William et de sa femme Kate Middleton pour en évaluer les coûts, mais la facture devrait s'apparenter à celle du précédent séjour de neuf jours, en 2011, qui s'était élevée à plus de 2,2 millions \$. La visite en 2011 avait coûté 1,2 million \$ au ministère du Patrimoine canadien _ ce qui ne comprend pas les frais encourus par les gouvernements provinciaux et territoriaux _, et un peu plus d'un million de dollars à la Gendarmerie royale du Canada. Selon le rapport des coûts de la GRC obtenu grâce à la Loi sur l'accès à l'information, le montant total pour le corps policier se chiffre à 1 055 521,91 \$, et les dépenses uniques les plus élevées concernent les "heures supplémentaires" ou les "tâches supplémentaires". Comme l'explique Michel Juneau-Katsuya, expert dans les domaines de l'espionnage et du terrorisme ayant travaillé au Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS), la GRC a la responsabilité de la sécurité en sol canadien, et les services de la famille royale ne sont présents qu'en soutien et ne peuvent pas être armés.

Canada

3. Quebec men among 'first wave' of Canadians to join jihadist groups

The Toronto Star, Gabrielle Duhaine & Vincent Larouche, 2016 10 01

Montreal - They are the ones who blazed the path. In 2012, a handful of young men from Quebec left the country for Turkey after having prepared as if they were heading to war. Four years later, police are still trying to establish what really happened during their trip. Some are suspected of having taken part in a

kidnapping in Syria. Others were suspected of having fought alongside Islamists. They are the subject of a La Presse investigation into what appears to be the first wave of Canadian foreign fighters. They appeared to be playing war. At a firing range in a suburb of Montreal in 2012, a half-dozen boys, on the cusp of adulthood, were undergoing weapons training. The group did not go unnoticed. They were young and clearly not hunters. They didn't have the equipment. They were wearing running shoes despite the snow. They weren't particularly comfortable with their weapons. In between burst of gunshots, they stopped to pray, according to one person who frequented the range, who did not wish to be identified for fear of reprisals. "Even if their behaviour did not fit in, they didn't much care. They liked to show that they were different," the man said. At least one of the boys wore plastic gloves and ski goggles while he shot, a tactic sometimes employed by those who fear that traces of gunpowder might be detected on their hands or face as they try to pass through airport security gates. The young men were part of a small group of Quebecers whose speech and extreme Islamist ideas were already worrying anti-terror authorities. RCMP agents regularly visited the firing range where they trained. A few months later, they were among the first Canadians to have left for Turkey, apparently with the intention of getting to Syria and joining the ranks of jihadist groups. Experts speak of them as "the first wave."

4. Worrisome photo as terror suspect poses beside Prime Minister

Radio Canada International, Marc Montgomery, 2016 10 01

Ottawa - Many very serious questions are being raised about a mobile phone "selfie" in which a Canadian man suspected of involvement with middle-eastern terrorists, took a photo standing beside Prime Minister Trudeau. The incident took place in 2015 at a Montreal public transit station following a media interview. The Canadian leader was walking through a crowd in Montreal answering some impromptu questions, and allowing bystanders to take photos with him. The man in question is one of four Quebecers suspected of involvement with a 2012 terrorist kidnapping in Syria of two American journalists. Quoted in the Toronto Star and Lapresse a former terrorism investigator with the Sûreté du Québec (Quebec provincial police), who has also worked with the RCMP's Integrated National Security Enforcement Team said "We have a prime minister who is very open. But a guy like this should not have been able to get so close. I don't want to blame the work that was done, but it shows that there is no surveillance on this individual, that the people around the prime minister were not warned". A CBC investigation found the man in question and four others in this particular group, were part of a larger group of nine whose names also appear repeatedly on the logbooks of a shooting range in 2012. This occurred shortly before some are thought to have left for Syria, including the man in the photo. Two of the group are thought to still be in the middle east. The federal police (RCMP) have not answered journalists questions on the matter saying there is an ongoing investigation.

5. Raped as children, terror twins reveal life story from behind bars

The Ottawa Citizen, Gary Dimmock, 2016 10 01

Ottawa - In a series of jailhouse interviews with Ottawa's terror twins, Ashton and Carlos Larmond, the would-be jihadis have detailed their life story — from a bleak childhood scarred by rape, poverty and domestic abuse, to their drug dealing days in Vanier, to the time, in their early 20s, when they found Islam. The brothers were interviewed separately in April 2015 by Mark Marsolais, an advocate for aboriginal offenders who was documenting the history of the Islamic extremists, who identify as Algonquin. The interviews were done with the intention of using their at-times-desperate story to bolster their chances to win bail, which they never received. The Muslim converts' guilty pleas precluded trial, and with it, a public examination of the lives of the drug-dealing brothers and their dark and rapid descent into radicalization. Ashton, the "director" of an Ottawa terror cluster, was sentenced to 17 years for instructing a person to carry out a terrorist activity. His twin brother, Carlos, who converted to Islamic extremism at his brother's urging, was sentenced to seven years for attempting to leave Canada to carry out a terrorist activity. Carlos, 25, was arrested as he was boarding a January 2014 flight overseas with the

hopes of fighting for ISIL, the jihadist movement that aspires to establish an Islamic caliphate across parts of Iraq and Syria. Ashton had been recruiting because his own plans to join ISIL had been scuttled after his passport was revoked. The RCMP case against the twins was anchored in wiretap evidence that captured their extremist plans and many hateful conversations about them wanting to kill infidels.

6. Two Royal Canadian Navy ships return to Halifax after Arctic surveying mission

The Canadian Press, 2016 10 01

Halifax - Two Royal Canadian Navy ships arrived back in Halifax today after assisting with hydrographic surveying in the Canadian Arctic over the summer months. HMCS Shawinigan and HMCS Moncton were also conducting sovereignty and surveillance patrols. The commanding officer of the two vessels says the navy crews worked alongside staff with the Canadian Hydrographic Service, Parks Canada, the Canadian Coast Guard and the Arctic Research Foundation during the seven-week deployment. HMCS Moncton conducted 544 linear nautical miles of survey in Hudson's Bay, and visited the town of Rankin Inlet, Nunavut on Aug. 29.

7. Dernier rempart de justice ?

Le Journal (Barreau du Québec), Marc-André Séguin, 2016 10 01

Montreal - Quoi faire lorsque la preuve retenue contre un individu est si sensible et sujette à la sécurité nationale qu'elle ne peut lui être fournie ? Me François Dadour nous reçoit dans son bureau ensoleillé offrant une vue splendide du Vieux-Montréal où on ne le trouve généralement que les vendredis. Pourquoi ? C'est que la majorité des mandats qu'il reçoit exigent une cote de sécurité et se réalisent dans la région d'Ottawa, dans des lieux de travail tenus secrets et loin des fenêtres, et où les téléphones sont proscrits pour assurer la sécurité nationale... Me Dadour est l'un des 22 avocats admis au Programme des avocats spéciaux du Canada. Son travail : défendre les intérêts du résident permanent ou de l'étranger qui fait l'objet d'un certificat de sécurité ou d'autres mesures sous le régime de la Loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés (LIPR), lors de toute audience tenue en l'absence de cette personne ou de son avocat. Indépendants du gouvernement et issus du secteur privé, les avocats spéciaux sont autorisés à avoir accès à des documents extrêmement confidentiels, le tout dans un contexte très encadré. Un avocat spécial peut être nommé non seulement dans les cas où un certificat de sécurité est délivré, mais également dans le cadre d'autres instances de la Commission de l'immigration et du statut de réfugié, par exemple, une enquête, un contrôle de la détention, un contrôle judiciaire ou un appel devant la Section d'appel de l'immigration, si le ministre demande l'interdiction de la divulgation de renseignements et autres éléments de preuve. L'existence toute récente de ce type d'avocat marque une évolution juridique et culturelle d'importance au pays. « Les gouvernements se nourrissent d'informations sensibles, explique Me Dadour. Mais quand l'information devient l'objet d'une procédure judiciaire, on passe de l'univers du renseignement à celui de la preuve. Comme l'a soulevé la Cour suprême, si on refuse l'accès à cette preuve, cela peut créer des difficultés pour les personnes visées par un certificat de sécurité délivré sur la foi de renseignements sensibles et confidentiels. »

8. The 'Disruption'

Ottawa Citizen. James Bagnall and David Pugliese, 2016 10 01

Ottawa - "We acknowledge that this announcement will raise many questions and concerns with respect to transportation, family issues, and other personal considerations." A June 2011 briefing note for Fonberg summed up part of the problem: the Carling site was a "relatively remote location." Only one in five of DND's employees live in the west end of Ottawa. Vice-Admiral Mark Norman, whose office is overseeing the relocation project, acknowledged in a recent interview that employees in the city's east end, including himself, face a long commute and other difficulties getting to work at the newly named Carling Campus. "If you're in Orléans like I am, this appears to be a bit daunting." Will a long daily commute be enough to send civilian public servants looking for new jobs elsewhere in the federal

government? DND doesn't know. "While impacts for retention have been considered," a February report produced by DND auditors warned, that "information has not been formally or comprehensively gathered to support informed decision making and to address risks to employee retention. "No formal departmental survey has been conducted to determine employees' concerns with the Carling Campus move or their willingness to move." Information has been gathered anecdotally or through informal discussions, the auditors added. The department says it is planning to reinforce security policies and procedures for employees who will be moving to the Carling Campus. Spokeswoman Lt.-Cmdr. Diane Grover said the VoIP systems have undergone a security review, including consultations with officials from the country's electronic spy agency, the Communications Security Establishment. "Required controls as well as security best practices are being applied in the implementation of VoIP at Carling Campus," Grover noted in an email. Despite potential issues with the high-tech strategy, the new site will give DND more physical security because it relocates many of the organization's downtown offices, now in commercially owned buildings, behind a guarded perimeter and away from public roadways. "A controlled access perimeter will be completed this fall," Grover said of the Carling Avenue site. "Entry will be strictly controlled through several guard houses and pedestrian access points. "Further, work spaces within the campus will be designated appropriately, reflecting the nature of the work that is conducted in those spaces, as well as the security clearance requirements of anyone wishing to enter those areas," she added.

9. Améliorer la communication entre frontières

Le Journal De Montreal, Valérie Gonthier, 2016 10 01

Montreal - Des policiers de la Sûreté du Québec ont récemment suivi une formation avec leurs collègues du Vermont afin d'améliorer leurs techniques de communication pour contrer les menaces terroristes. «L'exercice visait à améliorer la fluidité du renseignement entre les agences du Vermont et celles du Québec. Ça permet aussi d'améliorer notre réseau de contacts. Parce que, lorsque quelque chose survient, on a souvent peu de temps pour réagir», a indiqué Sophie Gougeon, lieutenant responsable du Bureau des relations internationales de la SQ. À la SQ, huit personnes, dont des analystes et des agents de renseignements, s'y sont rendues. Ils ont notamment participé à différents scénarios conçus par le Homeland Security (service de renseignements américain). Chaque fois, les participants devaient s'entendre sur la façon de procéder afin de partager l'information entre chaque corps de police. «On regardait ensemble ce qu'on ferait normalement si on recevait telle ou telle information. Est-ce qu'on la place dans une banque de données? Est-ce qu'on écrit un rapport?» dit-elle. Parmi les scénarios, il y en avait un d'un individu qui se rendait dans une quincaillerie pour acheter une grande quantité de fertilisant. Puisqu'il s'agit d'un produit connu pour être utilisé afin de fabriquer des bombes artisanales, le commerçant avait contacté la police.

10. Mali: le Canada planifie son soutien aux opérations françaises

45eNord.ca, Nicolas Laffont, 2016 10 01

Ottawa - Le ministère de la Défense nationale a indiqué à 45eNord.ca dans un courriel que même si ce n'est pas encore finalisé «les Forces armées canadiennes travaillent actuellement sur des plans pour assurer la continuité du transport aérien soutien stratégique aux efforts antiterroristes français dans la région du Sahel. Comme ce fut le cas avec la récente contribution des FAC en 2015, les avions de transport aérien seront probablement utilisés pour le transport de troupes et de matériel français». De septembre à décembre 2015, les Forces armées canadiennes ont appuyé le gouvernement de la France dans le cadre de l'opération BARKHANE, l'opération française de lutte contre le terrorisme dans la région du Sahel en Afrique, dans trois missions de transport aérien à l'aide d'un CC-177 Globemaster III. Les FAC ont transporté le personnel et l'équipement militaire français de la France à destination de deux endroits dans la région du Sahel en Afrique: N'Djamena, au Tchad et Niamey, au Niger. Le premier vol a eu lieu le 28 septembre 2015, le second, le 24 novembre 2015 et le troisième, le 12 décembre 2015 – pour une cargaison totale de personnel et d'équipement militaire de 79.700 kg. Les Forces armées canadiennes

ont également appuyé l'opération précédente du gouvernement français, l'opération SERVAL. Le 14 janvier 2013, le gouvernement du Canada avait ainsi annoncé que la France avait demandé l'aide du Canada pour intervenir au Mali et que le Canada allait fournir un aéronef de transport lourd CC-177 Globemaster III pour aider au transport de l'équipement français au Mali. Entre janvier et mars 2013, les FAC ont effectué 48 vols transportant environ 1 618 600 kilogrammes (3 560 920 livres) en cargaison.

11. Canada hopes to warm chilly Arctic relations

National Post, Marie-Danielle Smith, 2016 10 01

Ottawa - In its first major statement on the Arctic, the Trudeau government has moved away from the more confrontational approach that dominated Conservative policy, with Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion putting Russia at the centre of Canada's northern policy. A rapprochement between the two countries is expected on the northern front, despite concerns over Russian actions in the Middle East and Ukraine, not to mention friction over the North Pole. Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, Dion's parliamentary secretary, outlined the new approach at a Carleton University/Centre for International Governance Innovation event Thursday. "Between us we control three-quarters of the north," she said in a speech written by Dion. Canada "wishes to be rational," so working with Russia in the Arctic is "eminently sensible." CIGI fellow John Higginbotham, who helped organize the event, said he was pleased and surprised by the statement. "It touched all the right bases, the importance of Russia in the Arctic, the importance of co-operation, while not diminishing at all Canada's very strong position on Ukraine and Syria, our support for NATO, the requirement for deterrence," he said.

12. 'Critical' for DND staff to do mandatory Phoenix training

Ottawa Citizen, David Pugliese, 2016 10 01

Ottawa - Thousands of civilian employees at the Defence Department have until next week to complete mandatory training on the controversial Phoenix pay system. The training is critical to minimize errors affecting the problem-plagued federal government system, noted a message sent to all department workers and obtained by the Ottawa Citizen. Phoenix pay system foul-ups have left thousands of Canada's public servants unpaid. But senior federal officials have countered that many of the issues with the pay system are not technical, but linked to employees failing to properly fill out work-related information. "It is critical that you complete the mandatory training to minimize errors that will lead to pay issues," the Department of National Defence message pointed out. "Training can help both employees and managers overcome the challenges associated with the transition to the new system." The training must be completed by Oct. 7 and involves a one-hour course that can be completed online. "The majority of employees who have taken the self-paced course have indicated that the training was beneficial to ensuring that their information was entered correctly," the message said. Once training is completed, the employee must provide a training co-ordinator with a copy of a certificate of completion. There was no indication what the consequences of failing to complete the course are. DND employees have been taking the training voluntarily, but as many as 30 per cent of the 24,900 workers have yet to complete the course. "The October 7th deadline reflects the fact that resolving pay issues is a top priority for the department," DND spokeswoman Jessica Lamirande said in an email response to the Citizen.

13. Le combat de Jonathan Pitre continue

Le Droit, Martin Brunette, 2016 10 01

Ottawa - Jonathan Pitre, le jeune adolescent de Russell atteint d'une rare maladie de la peau appelée l'épidermolyse bulleuse, poursuit sa lutte, cette fois aux États-Unis. Il en est maintenant rendu au 38^e jour d'un traitement expérimental à l'Université du Minnesota. Il y a été admis le 23 août dernier afin de subir plusieurs séances de chimiothérapie, de la radiothérapie et une greffe de moelle osseuse, le tout dans l'espoir de fortifier sa peau et diminuer la douleur quotidienne causée par ses plaies. Jonathan est actuellement en convalescence. Les médecins espèrent que ses globules blancs proliféreront à la suite de

la greffe de moelle osseuse qu'il a reçue de sa mère Tina Boileau, le 8 septembre dernier. «Donc, au moins, on voit un signe positif. Plus les globules blancs se multiplient, plus on voit que la greffe a bien pris», a commenté sa mère lorsque jointe par LeDroit. Par contre, les traitements n'ont pas été sans effets secondaires pour Jonathan. «C'est la partie qui a été la plus difficile pour lui. Il était très nauséeux. C'est un peu comme s'il avait attrapé la pire grippe de sa vie».

14. Monsef shouldn't be above the law

The Ottawa Sun, Candice Malcom, 2016 10 01

Column: As you've probably heard by now, Maryam Monsef was born in Iran — not Afghanistan. After being praised as the ultimate refugee success story, Canada's first cabinet minister from Afghanistan, we learned last week that the story she had presented was not accurate. Monsef claims that she never knew the true story about where she was born and how she spent the first decade of her life. It was only after a media investigation and questions from a journalist that she asked her mother and was told the truth. But the journalist, Robert Fife of the Globe and Mail, was acting upon a tip. Somebody else knew the truth, and reached out to members of the national media to encourage a probe. Once the truth was revealed, other political figures in Monsef's hometown of Peterborough, Ontario, came forward to reveal that they, too, had heard similar stories. The question then becomes: if rumours were spinning around Peterborough about Monsef's life story, and if anonymous tipsters were encouraging journalists to investigate, how is it that Monsef herself was the last to know?

15. Turkey's Gulen crackdown hits Canada

The Globe and Mail, Patrick Martin, 2016 10 01

Ottawa - The schism between the Erdogan government and opponents is reflected in ugly confrontations in this country. A crackdown on Gulen followers in Turkey has spilled into Canada, creating a deep divide in the Turkish community in this country. A delegation from Turkey recently visited Canada to urge the closing of the Nile Academy, a private Toronto school that follows the teachings of Fethullah Gulen, a 75-year-old preacher whom Turkish officials accuse of masterminding an attempted coup d'état on July 15. Enrolment at the school has plummeted – down to 300 students from 500. Efforts in Canada by Turkish authorities and supporters of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan have made life miserable for Gulen followers here, many say. They have been made unwelcome in mosques and restaurants frequented by Turkish-Canadians, and they have been cursed and protested against by fellow citizens. In Turkey, hundreds of Gulen schools have been shut down, and thousands of people have been rounded up, dismissed from positions in the military, police, judiciary and other government offices. The arrests include two Canadians with dual citizenship who are still being held in Turkey.

16. Bribe revealed in U.S. corruption case

The Globe and Mail, Geoffrey York, 2016 10 01

Johannesburg - The cellphone message from the Israeli businessman was blunt and vulgar: The Canadian mining company must be “screwed and finished totally,” he told an associate as they negotiated a massive bribe to Congolese court officials to guarantee that the Canadian company would lose control of its copper mine. Within hours of that 2008 message, the businessman and his associate had arranged a bribe of \$500,000 (U.S.) to judges and other officials in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, according to court documents released in a U.S. corruption case. A day later, the Israeli businessman obtained assurances that Congolese officials would ensure the Canadian company would lose its court fight against a local takeover of the copper mine, the U.S. documents say. Then, a week later, the Israeli won majority control of the company and the valuable asset. The documents were released on Thursday in the settlement of a corruption case against Och-Ziff Capital Management, a U.S. hedge fund that manages \$39-billion. Och-Ziff agreed to pay \$412million in criminal and civil penalties, one of the biggest payments ever approved under the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. The U.S. documents show the

hedge fund paid more than \$100-million in bribes to officials in Congo, Libya, Chad, Niger and Guinea - including Congolese President Joseph Kabila - to gain corrupt influence and mining assets.

17. Les emplois permanents se font plus rares

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 10 01

Ottawa - Le gouvernement fédéral réduit ses dépenses en personnel en ayant de plus en plus recours à des employés occasionnels et à des étudiants. Dans le rapport sur les dépenses des trois premiers mois de 2016-2017, le directeur parlementaire du budget Jean-Denis Fréchette constate également que les autres coûts de fonctionnement, incluant les contrats de service professionnel et frais de transport, ont augmenté de plus de 585 millions \$, en hausse de plus 18 %. La baisse des dépenses en personnel a atteint 120 millions \$, en diminution de 1,3 %. Elle n'est pas attribuable à une réduction du nombre de fonctionnaires, puisque leur nombre total n'a pratiquement pas changé de 2014 à 2015. L'effectif total est ainsi resté stable à 257000, après avoir connu un sommet de 283000 en 2010, selon les chiffres du Secrétariat du Conseil du Trésor. « Cette stabilisation récente du nombre d'employés reflète une diminution du nombre de postes à temps plein au profit d'un nombre accru de postes occasionnels ou de durée déterminée », peut-on lire dans le rapport. Ainsi, au cours de la période du 31 mars 2014 au 31 mars 2015, le nombre d'employés à durée déterminée a augmenté de 9,3 %, les occasionnels de 8,3 %, et les étudiants de 6 %. Pendant ce temps, le nombre d'employés permanents a baissé de 1,8 %.

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18. Extremist Imam Tests F.B.I. and the Law's Limits

The New York Times, Scott Shane, 2016 10 01

Washington - For more than a decade, Suleiman Anwar Bengharsa has served as a Muslim cleric in Maryland, working as a prison chaplain and as an imam at mosques in Annapolis and outside Baltimore. He gave a two-week course in 2011 on Islamic teachings on marriage at the Islamic Society of Baltimore, where President Obama made a much-publicized visit this year. But in the last two years, Imam Bengharsa's public pronouncements have taken a dark turn. On Facebook, he has openly endorsed the Islamic State, posted gruesome videos showing ISIS fighters beheading and burning alive their enemies and praised terrorist attacks overseas. The "Islamic Jurisprudence Center" website he set up last year has condemned American mosques as un-Islamic and declared that homosexual acts should be punished by death. That is not all. An affidavit filed in federal court by the F.B.I. says that Imam Bengharsa, 59, supplied \$1,300 in June 2015 to a Detroit man who used it to expand his arsenal of firearms and grenades. The man, Sebastian Gregerson, 29, a Muslim convert who sometimes calls himself Abdurrahman Bin Mikaayl, was arrested in late July and indicted on explosives charges. Nearly a year ago, in fact, the F.B.I. said in a court filing -- accidentally and temporarily made public in an online database -- that agents suspected the two men were plotting terrorism. "Based on the totality of the aforementioned information and evidence, there is reason to believe that Bengharsa and Gregerson are engaged in discussions and preparations for some violent act on behalf of" the Islamic State, an agent wrote.

19. FBI files reveal how Clinton server was created in K Street lab

Fox News, Catherine Herridge & Pamela K. Browne, 2016 10 01

Washington - If Hillary Clinton's 'homebrew' server ever got the Mary Shelley treatment, IT specialist Bryan Pagliano would make a fine Dr. Frankenstein – FBI documents reveal new details about how he painstakingly created the machine over a series of months while working in a room along Washington's storied K Street. According to files released last Friday evening, Pagliano worked to design and build the now-infamous server inside a room once used as part of Clinton's campaign headquarters. On the street

known as Washington's power corridor, Pagliano even used computer remnants from Clinton's failed 2008 presidential bid, where he had worked as an IT specialist. The story of how the server came into existence became clearer thanks to witness interviews known as 302s. Though they were highly redacted, the bureau files include new details Pagliano revealed in a June 24 interview with the FBI. In that interview, Pagliano said it was longtime Clinton Foundation aide Justin Cooper who asked him to build the server "in the fall of 2008" and that Pagliano completed the work in early 2009. (Pages 155, 163) After the server's completion in the makeshift lab on K Street, Pagliano stated that he "rented a minivan and drove to Chappaqua New York to install the email server in the Clinton residence." Pagliano and Cooper were separately interviewed by the FBI five times during the bureau's investigation into Clinton's use of private server and private email for government business while secretary of state. According to the reviewed documents, Pagliano was interviewed first on Dec. 22, 2015 and again six months later on June 21, 2016. Cooper was interviewed three times -- once in 2015 and twice in 2016 -- and appeared before Congress. Pagliano was one of five people who received limited immunity from the Justice Department, has taken the Fifth and refused to testify before Congress.

20. Freer rein for law enforcement hackers

The Washington Post, Ellen Nakashima & Rachel Weiner, 2016 10 01

Washington - When the FBI searched Andrew Workman's computer, they say they found pornographic videos of girls as young as 3 years old. A federal judge in Colorado ruled in September that the computer hack that helped the bureau uncover the videos should never have been allowed. Why? The search warrant permitting the hack was issued by a magistrate judge in Virginia - outside the judicial district in which Workman lived - and in an apparent violation of federal criminal rules. But a shift in federal rules set to go into effect in December says that a judge in one district can approve a warrant to hack computers outside that district in cases in which the computers' locations are shielded. The change would aid the government in its sweeping national investigation into child pornography on the "dark Web," a universe of sites that are off Google's radar, where pedophiles using special technology can operate in anonymity. The government contends that the change - which was approved by the Supreme Court in April and will go forward unless Congress opposes it - is necessary to clear up a loophole created by technology. Because investigators cannot know in advance where a target computer is physically located if a suspect is using tools to mask his or her location, it is impossible to seek a search warrant in the district in which the target is located, officials say. They add that the change does not create any new authority and would still require a showing of probable cause before a warrant is issued.

21. U.S. Keeps Pressure On Russia Over Syria

The Wall Street Journal, Felicia Schwartz, 2016 10 02

Washington - The U.S. is still pursuing talks with Moscow on the Syria crisis, officials said Friday, days after Secretary of State John Kerry threatened to shut them down over a massive Syrian and Russian military offensive in Aleppo. State Department spokesman Mark Toner said Friday that the diplomatic process is difficult to pursue in the midst of the carnage, but said the Obama administration didn't want to "definitively close the door yet." Mr. Toner described the diplomatic process as "on life support, but it's not flat-lined yet" and said the U.S. could walk away in hours or days. The two powers agreed early in September on a cease-fire and military cooperation plan, but the deal fell apart after about a week. Mr. Kerry spoke to his Russian counterpart, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, for the third time in three days on Friday. The discussion took place as Mr. Kerry was traveling back from Israel, where he had attended the funeral of Israeli statesman Shimon Peres along with President Barack Obama and other senior U.S. officials.

22. At Shimon Peres Funeral, a Lineup of U.S. and Israeli Leaders Who Tangled

The New York Times, Mark Landler, 2016 10 01

Washington - When Bill Clinton took his place on Friday at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem for the state funeral of Shimon Peres, he was part of a tangled tableau: leaders from Israel and the United States who came together to mourn a giant of peace but who nurture their own political feuds and rivalries, stretching back two decades. Standing close to the former president was Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, whom Mr. Clinton energetically tried to defeat when he challenged Mr. Peres for the prime minister post in 1996. Nearby was President Obama, whom Mr. Netanyahu not so subtly tried to oust in 2012 by signaling his support for Mitt Romney, Mr. Obama's Republican opponent. Hillary Clinton was absent, though she met Mr. Netanyahu on Sunday in New York. She has not had to deal with him putting his thumb on the electoral scales, even if he did meet with Donald J. Trump for 80 minutes at his office in Trump Tower before seeing her. "Believe me, he's not a happy camper," Mr. Trump said of the Israeli leader the next day during his debate with Mrs. Clinton. It was the only time Mr. Netanyahu's name came up in the debate, however, and Mr. Trump's characterization seemed at odds with the reassuring message about the two presidential candidates that Mr. Netanyahu brought back to Israel.

23. Congress Has Itself to Blame for 9/11 Bill

The New York Times, 2016 10 01

Editorial: Congress seems determined to set a new standard for craven incompetence. Less than 24 hours after the Senate and House delivered a stinging rebuke to President Obama by overriding his veto of a bill that would let the Sept. 11 families sue Saudi Arabia, Republican leaders raised the possibility of a do-over. On Thursday the Senate majority leader, Mitch McConnell, said that "nobody had really focused on the potential downside in terms of our international relationships, and I think it was just a ball dropped." It's rare to hear such a baldfaced admission of gross ineptitude. But instead of putting the responsibility entirely where it belongs -- on Congress -- Mr. McConnell went on absurdly to blame Mr. Obama for failing to communicate the potential consequences of the bill. In fact, Mr. Obama, the national security agencies, the Saudi government, retired diplomats, the European Union and big corporations had all bombarded Congress with warnings. Yet lawmakers ignored all of them in a rush to pass the legislation and then, this week, override Mr. Obama's veto by a large bipartisan vote. The new law would allow families of the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks to sue Saudi Arabia for any role it had in the terrorist operation. It would do that by expanding an exception to sovereign immunity, the legal principle that protects foreign countries and their diplomats from lawsuits in the American legal system.

24. 2 Men Who Found Bomb in Chelsea Are Identified as Airline Security Guards

The New York Times, Nour Youssef, 2016 10 01

Cairo - Two men who found a travel bag containing a bomb on a Manhattan street last month — and then walked off with the bag but left the bomb — were not just employees of EgyptAir but in-flight security officers for the carrier, two officials at the airline said on Friday. Surveillance footage showed two men finding the bag on West 27th Street on the evening of Sept. 17, soon after a bomb exploded on West 23rd Street, injuring 31 people and triggering terrorism fears across the region. In the video, the men were seen pulling from the travel bag a white plastic bag that contained a pressure cooker connected to wires and a mobile phone. They left the white bag on the sidewalk and walked away with the travel bag. The bomb did not explode, and investigators have said that the men may have inadvertently disabled the device. The two men, identified as Hassan Ali and Abou Bakr Radwan, had flown to New York from here, serving as unarmed security guards on the flight, the officials said. The bag they found contained one of several homemade bombs that prosecutors say were planted that day in New York and New Jersey by Ahmad Khan Rahami, an Afghan-born American citizen.

25. Pentagon operatives, moonlighting in Texas

The Washington Post, Craig Whitlock, 2016 10 01

Washington - Even among the colorful pantheon of Texas lawmen, Hudspeth County Sheriff Arvin West

has seized his share of the limelight. In his 16-year career patrolling the West Texas outback, he has busted crooner Willie Nelson for pot, accused the Mexican army of invading U.S. territory and repeatedly ripped the federal government on television over border security. Less well known are the country sheriff's strange connections to a rogue Navy intelligence office at the Pentagon that has been under criminal investigation for the past three years. The former director of the intelligence unit, David W. Landersman, a civilian, is facing federal conspiracy charges for allegedly orchestrating a mysterious scheme to equip Navy commandos with hundreds of untraceable AK-47 rifle silencers. A new wrinkle in the case, however, has recently emerged in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va., where prosecutors have suggested that Navy officials from the intelligence unit also sought to funnel military equipment to rural Hudspeth County and set up a secret training base near the Mexican border. Even more unusual: Two of Landersman's former subordinates have testified that when they were not working full time on intelligence matters at the Pentagon, they moonlighted 1,600 miles away as reserve deputy sheriffs in Hudspeth County, a desolate, Connecticut-size jurisdiction east of El Paso.

26. Plaintiffs Move on Saudi 9/11 Claims

The Wall Street Journal, Jess Bravin, 2016 10 01

Washington - Lawyers for Sept. 11 victim families with legal claims pending in court said Friday they are moving quickly to take advantage of a new law exposing Saudi Arabia to potential liability for the 2001 terror attacks. James Kreindler, whose New York firm represents hundreds of victims' families, said attorneys would soon file papers at the Second U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York seeking to reinstate Saudi Arabia as a defendant in lawsuits filed shortly after the 2001 terrorist attacks and consolidated in the New York-based federal court. "If we haven't done it by today, we'll do it Monday," Mr. Kreindler said. Congress enacted the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act on Wednesday, overriding President Barack Obama's veto, to expose foreign governments to lawsuits over allegations that their officials supported terrorist acts on U.S. soil. Litigation over the Sept. 11 attacks has been under way for nearly 15 years. But Saudi Arabia, which has denied culpability, had blocked claims by asserting sovereign immunity, a legal doctrine that protects governments from being sued against their will.

27. U.S., ASEAN navies to drill in hopes of improving surveillance capacity

Kyodo News, 2016 10 01

Honolulu - The United States Pacific Command will conduct a joint exercise with the navies of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to assist the 10-member group in strengthening its surveillance capabilities, U.S. Defense Secretary Ashton Carter said Friday. Carter unveiled the plan during a meeting with ASEAN defense ministers in Hawaii as China continues unilateral construction and militarization of island outposts in the disputed South China Sea. It was the first gathering of the U.S. and ASEAN defense ministers since an arbitration ruling in July that invalidated China's claims to almost the whole of the South China Sea. The Pentagon chief and his ASEAN counterparts agreed to step up information sharing and to hold talks next year on maritime security involving the U.S. Navy and coast guard authorities, as well as ASEAN. In an effort to deepen U.S. engagement in Southeast Asia, Washington will in 2017 invite ASEAN defense ministers to a U.S. military base in Florida for talks to beef up surveillance activities by ASEAN.

28. The propaganda effect; China's push into hollywood fuels fears of 'soft power' influence

The New York Times, Edward Wong, 2016 10 01

Washington - Movie theatres and studios are rarely the focus of geopolitical conflict. But 16 members of the United States Congress are raising this question: Should foreign acquisition of these kinds of U.S. companies be subject to special scrutiny? In a recent letter, those politicians cited the case of Dalian Wanda Group, the Chinese conglomerate that in January bought Legendary Entertainment, one of Hollywood's biggest production companies, for as much as US\$3.5 billion. In 2012, Wanda bought AMC

Theaters, the large U.S. chain, for US\$2.6 billion. "Should the definition of national security be broadened to address concerns about propaganda and control of the media and 'soft power' institutions?" the representatives said in the letter, which was dated Sept. 15 and addressed to Gene L. Dodaro, comptroller general. Dodaro is the head of the Government Accountability Office, and the aim of the letter was to urge that office to consider whether the government process to review foreign investment in the United States needs to be expanded. The process is overseen by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, or CFIUS, an interagency group that is supervised by the Treasury Department.

29. Hackers targeted voter registration systems in 20 states

Engadget Blog, 2016 10 01

Washington - With the US presidential election just over a month away, a Homeland Security official says voter registration systems in 20 states were the targets of hackers. The Associated Press reports that an official from the department confirmed the activity over the the last few months and explained that it hasn't been determined if the threats were domestic or foreign. ABC News reported this week that Russian hackers targeted the systems of 20 states and successfully infiltrated four. This news follows an FBI warning in August that hackers outside of the US took aim at systems in Illinois and Arizona. While it's important to note that these attacks are on the voter registration systems and not the actual voting systems themselves, it's still a major concern heading into the election. There are already concerns that foreign hackers may try to influence the results of the process and the FBI has said it's looking into Russian hackers that may try to do so.

United Kingdom - Royaume-Uni

30. Drive to shake up UK's terror laws for benefit of victims is launched (Canada)

Belfast Telegraph, Rebecca Black, 2016 10 01

London - London-based law firm McCue & Partners is behind the initiative, acting on behalf of Northern Ireland-based group Innocent Victims United. The group said it was seeking to raise £25,000 to bring about "much-needed and long-overdue change to the law to allow UK victims and survivors of terrorism to bring terrorists and their supporters to justice". "Too often, the State fails, is unable or chooses not to do so," the campaigners said in a statement. "The laws of other countries provide their victims with such essential support. It's time the UK did too." The campaigners also claimed that the UK falls "far behind other Western countries, such as the USA and Canada, in providing adequate access to justice to UK citizens who are victims and survivors of terrorism".

31. Cyber crime unit opens amid surge in online attacks

The Daily Telegraph, 2016 10 01

London – Britain's first national centre for combating cyber criminals will open next week, amid rapid growth in the number of online attacks. Terrorists, hackers and online gangs will be targeted by intelligence experts at the new National Cyber Security Centre in Victoria, central London. A team of around 700 people will help to advance the Government's war against cyber crime. The threat is growing, with 200 major incidents a month, double the rate last year. The centre will be led by Ciaran Martin, formerly the director general for cyber security at GCHQ. At a cyber security conference in Washington DC earlier this month, Mr Martin outlined plans to create a firewall that could protect government agencies and internet users against cyber attacks. He said Britain was facing twice as many "national security level cyber incidents" as this time last year. Mr Martin said that the centre would help make the UK "the safest place to live and do business online".

32. UK must protect EU crime prevention links, NCA says

The Guardian, Jamie Grierson, 2016 10 01

London - National Crime Agency urges Brexit negotiators not to jeopardise cross-border measures, such as European arrest warrant Law enforcement chiefs have urged the government to ensure cross-border crime prevention measures are not jeopardised by Brexit negotiations, it has emerged. The director general and deputy director general of the National Crime Agency said they had asked ministers to protect Britain's arrangements with Europe, including use of the European arrest warrant and membership of Europol, amid concerns about the impact of leaving the union. Membership of the EU gives the NCA and UK police forces access to tools which allow them to share intelligence quickly and efficiently with European counterparts. Lynne Owens, the NCA's director general, said at a briefing on Friday that the agency had approached the Home Office and Brexit department to raise its concerns. "We've been describing what we need to be in place post-Brexit. We're absolutely clear the policy decisions are not for us but we need to be spelling out the operational case," she said. Europol, the EU's law enforcement agency, helps member states fight serious international crime and terrorism. Before the referendum, former security chiefs, including the former head of MI5 Lady Manningham-Buller, and the former head of MI6 Sir John Sawers, said that voting remain was in the best interests of the country's security.

Americas- Amériques

33. In Vote, Colombians Weigh Peace Against Rebels' Wrongs

The Wall Street Journal, Kejal Vyas, 2016 10 01

Monteria, Colombia - During a wave of terror in the 1990s here in northern Colombia's cattle country, rancher Alberto Munoz's brother was slain after refusing to make extortion payments to Marxist guerrillas targeting farmers. But Mr. Munoz said that on Sunday he will reluctantly vote for the peace accord President Juan Manuel Santos signed with his brother's tormenters, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. Polls show a majority of Colombians will approve the 297-page deal in the referendum vote. But like Mr. Munoz, many remain wary of the FARC and are irritated by what they see as substantial benefits the rebels will enjoy under the peace accord. "All of us are going into this with a lot of uncertainty," Mr. Munoz, 60, said at a livestock auction in a swath of ranchland where landowners were at the epicenter of a fierce war between rebels and paramilitary groups. "I don't want future generations to live what we lived through," he said. While the deal ends half a century of conflict, it also paves the way for the guerrilla group to disarm and convert into a political party with 10 guaranteed seats in congress. It allows the FARC's leadership to avoid jail time and grants stipends to demobilized combatants, concessions that have roiled sentiments in this politically polarized country.

34. Out of the jungle

The Washington Post, Nick Miroff, 2016 10 01

Washington - "Do you want to see my gun?" Yurluey Mendoza asked about 90 minutes into our conversation. Now we were getting somewhere. This was the guerrilla equivalent of being invited inside for coffee. We were in the rebel-controlled hinterlands for what was billed as the final gathering of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or the FARC. On Sunday, Colombian voters will decide whether to accept a peace deal with the FARC, whose members have waged the longest-running insurgency in the Western Hemisphere. The rebels were meeting last week to discuss the accord and figure out their future after 52 years at war. Many, like Yurluey, are preparing to reenter the modern world. They have spent years roaming Colombia's mountains and forests, bathing in creeks and sleeping in crude campsites. Talking to Yurluey was like meeting someone who had stepped out of a time machine. She has never used the Internet, never seen the ocean, never been to the movies or ridden a

bicycle. She was also clearly not used to answering questions. "Why me?" Yurluey asked. "Why did you pick me?" I told her I wanted to talk to someone who had spent their whole life fighting in the jungle. Not one of the younger soldiers. Someone closer to my age (39). She glowered. "You think I'm that old?" Yurluey, the nom de guerre by which all her rebel "comrades" know her, joined the FARC at age 14, "about 20 years ago," she said.

Australia –Australie/New Zealand - Nouvelle-Zélande

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Afghanistan • Pakistan

35. 5 Special Force troops dead in Farah airstrike

Pajhwok Afghan News, Mohammad Humayon Zahin, 2016 10 01

Farah City - Five Afghan Special Force personnel have been killed three wounded in an US airstrike in Bala Boluk district of western Farah province, an official said on Saturday. Syed Mohammad, the town's administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident occurred in the Kansak locality late on Friday. He said the US fighter jets conducted air raids on militants in the area when members of Special Force Unit were also attacked. One personnel from quick response force was also injured in the air raid. But Abdul Basir, the resident of locality, claimed seven Special Forces have been killed in the attack. Meanwhile, Mohammad Nasir Mahdavi, the governor's spokesman, rejected the killing of Special Forces in the US airstrike and said clearing operation was underway in the area.

36. Karzai to mujahideen: Denounce both US, Russia Air strikes

Pajhwok Afghan News, Navid Ahmad Barakzai, 2016 10 01

Kabul - Former president Hamid Karzai on Friday called on jihadi leaders to condemn civilian killings in US airstrikes just like they denounced Soviet bombardment of non-combatants. Speaking at a gathering on the fifth death anniversary of ex-president Burhanuddin Rabbani in Kabul, Karzai recalled his offer of the High Peace Council (HPC) chairmanship to the Jamiat-i-Islami leader. In reply, the former president said, Rabbani accepted the offer on condition that he would lay down his life for the sake of peace in the conflict-devastated country. "I'm following the same path that Rabbani had chosen for himself. I don't care even if I'm taunted and disrespected while pursuing the goal of peace," he declared after some Jamiat-i-Islami members shouted "death to Karzai".

Asia –Asie

37. China should make Singapore pay over South China Sea dispute, says PLA adviser

The Straits Times, 2016 10 01

Hong Kong - Beijing should impose sanctions and retaliate against Singapore to make the Republic "pay the price for seriously damaging China's interests", an influential Chinese defence adviser reportedly told state radio. The remarks by Professor Jin Yanan, director of the strategic research institute at the PLA's National Defence University, is the latest salvo from by China over a recent war of words over the South China Sea territorial spat. The row erupted after the Global Times, a Chinese newspaper known for its often nationalistic reporting, claimed that Singapore insisted on adding contents that endorsed the Philippines' South China Sea arbitration case against China in the final document of the Summit of the

Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in Venezuela last month. The report prompted Singapore's Ambassador to China Stanley Loh to issue a written rebuttal, saying Singapore did not raise the South China Sea or the tribunal ruling in Manila's favour at the NAM Summit. But Jin, in an interview with state-owned China National Radio on Thursday, accused Singapore of taking an active role in turning the South China Sea dispute into an international issue in recent years, South China Morning Post reported on Saturday (Oct 1).

38. Beijing stands firm against anti-missile shield

South China Morning Post, Laura Zhou, 2016 10 01

Beijing - South Korea's announcement yesterday of the final site of a US-built antiballistic missile system drew firm opposition in Beijing and a vow to take "necessary measures" to counter the shield. Analysts said Beijing's opposition to the deployment was unlikely to waver. South Korea's defence ministry said the Terminal High Altitude Area Defence system, or THAAD, would be located at a golf course 18km north of the Seongju county centre by next year. The initial plan was to set up the system at the Seongsan anti-aircraft missile base in Seongju, 296km southeast of Seoul. But the move was met with strong protests by residents over potential health risks that the THAAD radar system posed. In Beijing, foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said THAAD's deployment on the Korean peninsula would not "resolve security issues ... nor will it help realise denuclearisation and maintain peace and stability on the Korean peninsula".

39. N. Korea appears to be building larger ballistic missile submarine: 38 North

Yonhap English News, 2016 10 01

Washington - Recent satellite imagery indicates that North Korea may be building a new submarine larger than its current ballistic missile submarine, a U.S. website monitoring the North said Friday. "Commercial satellite imagery strongly suggests that a naval construction program is underway at North Korea's Sinpo South Shipyard, possibly to build a new submarine," 38 North said in a report based on analysis of imagery of the North's Sinpo Shipyard. The imagery shows an approximately 10-meter-in-diameter circular component outside the facility's recently renovated fabrication hall, which may be intended as a construction-jig or as a component for the pressure hull of a new submarine, 38 North said.

40. Duterte, Citing Hitler, Says He Wants to Kill 3 Million Addicts in Philippines

The New York Times, Felipe Villamor, 2016 10 01

Manila - President Rodrigo Duterte said Friday that he would like to kill millions of drug addicts in the Philippines, defying international criticism of his country's bloody war on narcotics and escalating his brutal rhetoric with a reference to the Holocaust. "Hitler massacred three million Jews," Mr. Duterte said after returning to the Philippines from a trip to Vietnam, understating the toll cited by historians, which is six million. "Now there is three million, there's three million drug addicts. There are. I'd be happy to slaughter them." Killing that number of drug users would "finish the problem of my country and save the next generation from perdition," he said. Since Mr. Duterte took office in June promising a grisly campaign against crime and drugs, the Philippines has seen a surge in killings of drug suspects. Philippine officials have counted about 3,000 deaths during the crackdown, about a third at the hands of the police. The police spokesman Dionardo Carlos said on Friday that the police had been overstating the number killed by the police. He said that the correct number was 1,120, not about 1,500, which the police had given earlier. He did not explain why the number had been revised.

41. Police, army conduct 24/7 checkpoint operations in Maguindanao-Sultan Kudarat border

Philippines News Agency, 2016 10 01

Esperanza - Police and Army authorities here have taken measures to prevent the transport of improvised

bombs, unlicensed guns and illegal drugs by putting up 24/7 checkpoints along the Sultan Kudarat-Maguindanao highway. Chief Insp. Bryan Bernardino, Esperanza town police chief, and 1Lt. Jano Reyes, commanding officer of the 57th Infantry Battalion Alpha Company, led the inspection of all types of vehicles on a rotation basis to ensure the 24/7 checkpoint operation in Barangay Saliao, Esperanza, Sultan Kudarat. Bernardino said in a statement that the move was in response to the directive of Philippine National Police Chief Dir. Gen. Ronald dela Rosa. The 24/7 checkpoint operation also aims to monitor the movement of Private Armed Groups (PAGs), criminal groups, guns for hire, terrorists of the Abu Sayyaf Group and Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF), and kidnap-for-ransom gangs at the borders of Sultan Kudarat and Maguindanao.

42. IAEA condemns N.K. nuke program, demands concrete steps for denuclearization

Yonhap English News, 2016 10 01

Seoul - The U.N. nuclear watchdog has adopted a resolution, condemning North Korea's nuclear weapons program "in the strongest terms" and demanding Pyongyang take "concrete steps" toward denuclearization, the foreign ministry in Seoul said Saturday. The International Atomic Energy Agency adopted the resolution unanimously as it wrapped up its general conference in Vienna, according to the ministry. The weeklong meeting ended Friday (local time). "The latest resolution pointed out the North's resumption of reprocessing activities this year and condemned the North's continued nuclear activities in a stronger manner than last year," the ministry said in a press release. The IAEA and its members reaffirmed their stance that they will not tolerate the North owning nuclear weapons, while strongly deploring its persistent pursuit of weapons of mass destruction.

43. South Korea Investigates Deaths of 3 Chinese Fishermen in Crackdown

The New York Times, Choe Sang Hun, 2016 10 01

Seoul - South Korean Coast Guard officials said on Friday that they were investigating the deaths of three Chinese fishermen whose boat caught fire during a crackdown on illegal fishing. The unlicensed fishing boat with 17 crew members on board was stopped on suspicion of poaching in waters off South Korea's southwestern coast on Thursday, a statement from the coast guard said. When the crew members locked themselves in a steering cabin to resist an attempt to search the vessel and question them, coast guard officers threw flashbang grenades into the cabin, the statement said. The grenades are nonlethal devices that produce a blinding flash of light and loud sound. The boat soon caught fire. Although the officers rescued 14 fishermen, they later found the other three dead, apparently from inhaling toxic fumes from the fire. The coast guard said autopsies were planned to determine the causes of their deaths. It was also investigating what had caused the fire. Officials in South Korea have long complained about the growing numbers of Chinese boats that they say are venturing farther from their increasingly barren home waters to poach near South Korea.

44. Pakistan, India Spar Over Kashmir Attack

The Wall Street Journal, Niharika Mandhana, 2016 10 01

New Delhi - Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Friday postponed a regional summit and accused India of "unprovoked firing," a day after New Delhi carried out what it called "surgical strikes" against militants in Pakistan-controlled territory. Tensions between the two nuclear-armed rivals remained high, as they continued to dispute what occurred Thursday along the so-called line of control separating India- and Pakistan-governed parts of the disputed Kashmir region. India said its army along the de facto border with Pakistan was on alert, while it evacuated thousands of border villages for the second consecutive day. Army officials said they increased surveillance to thwart attempts by militants to carry out retaliatory attacks. Officials in New Delhi have said Indian soldiers on Thursday crossed about a mile into Pakistan's side and killed militants waiting to enter India to launch attacks. The incursion, the government said, was

in response to a militant attack on Sept. 18 that killed 19 soldiers, which New Delhi blamed on Pakistan. Islamabad, meanwhile, has called India's account a "fabrication," saying the armed forces of both countries exchanged cross-border fire, a regular occurrence along this highly militarized frontier. After meeting with his cabinet Friday, Mr. Sharif said the country was ready "to counter any aggressive Indian designs."

45. Indian army chief reviews security situation in Indian-controlled Kashmir

Xinhua News Agency, Jit Kumar, 2016 10 01

New Delhi - Indian Army Chief General Dalbir Singh on Saturday visited Indian-controlled Kashmir to review the security situation along the border and the Line of Control (LoC). It was Singh's first visit to the disputed territory after the Indian army on Thursday claimed to have carried out "surgical strikes" across the LoC in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir and eliminated multiple terror launch pads. His visit came after India claimed that Pakistan violated ceasefire and targeted its posts along the LoC in the northern state's Akhnoor town. However, there have been no reports of any casualty or damage to properties.

46. Over 70% terrorists using cyber space: PMO Cyber Coordinator

Kashmir Images, 2016 10 01

New Delhi - Over 70 percent of terrorists and terror groups across the globe are using various cyber medium tools to spread the evil of terrorism and further their goals, Gulshan Rai, the National Cyber Security Coordinator in the Prime Ministers Office (PMO) has said. Speaking at the India Conference on Cyber Security & Internet Governance organised by Observer Research Foundation in New Delhi, Rai said 70-75 percent of terrorists are using tools like voice over internet telecom, social media and even encryption to spread the menace of terrorism and further their goals. He said that post the controversy surrounding whistle-blower Edward Snowden, users and nations have become worried about the security of their data and are now using various encryption techniques and policies that has led to interruptions in seamless flow of data and information. Former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) employee Snowden copied and leaked classified information from the National Security Agency (NSA) in 2013 without prior authorisation.

Africa - Afrique

47. Somali police: Car bomb kills 2 at restaurant in Mogadishu

Associated Press, 2016 10 01

Mogadishu - A Somali police officer says a car bomb blew up at the entrance of a restaurant in the Somali capital of Mogadishu, killing two people. Capt. Mohamed Hussein said the blast Saturday occurred at the Blue Sky restaurant close to the presidential palace. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bombing but the Islamic extremist group of al-Shabab often carries out such attacks. Al-Shabab, al-Qaida's East African affiliate, is fighting to impose a strict version of Islam in this Horn of Africa nation. Despite losing a lot of ground in recent years, the extremist group continues to carry out lethal attacks in many parts of the country, especially in the capital. Recent attacks have focused on the capital's hotel industry, which is reemerging from decades of conflict.

48. Peine capitale pour un terroriste en cavale

El Watan, S. Moncef, 2016 10 01

Alger - Pas moins de 12 mis en cause, dont trois en fuite, dans l'assassinat, en décembre 2014, du président de l'APC de la commune de Bordj Emir Abdelkader (wilaya de Tissemsilt) ont été jugés, mardi dernier, par le tribunal criminel de la cour d'Oran pour homicide volontaire avec préméditation,

complicité d'homicide et appartenance à des groupes terroristes. Suite aux plaidoiries de la défense qui a plaidé la non-culpabilité de ses mandants, expliquant qu'aucune preuve tangible n'a été retenue contre eux, le verdict est tombé, avant-hier en fin d'après-midi. L'auteur du crime, encore en fuite, a été condamné à la peine capitale par contumace et le gérant de la ferme, complice du terroriste, à la perpétuité. Le troisième mis en cause a écopé de 20 ans de réclusion alors que 4 autres accusés à 10 ans de réclusion criminelle. Deux autres encore devront purger 4 ans de prison ferme tandis qu'un seul a été acquitté. Pour rappel, Chelghoum Benyoucef, le P/APC de la commune de Bordj El Emir Abdelkader (wilaya de Tissemsilt) a été victime d'un lâche assassinat au niveau de sa ferme qui se trouve dans cette même commune. Alertés, les gendarmes se rendront sur le lieu du crime pour découvrir la dépouille de la victime abattue par balles puis égorgée. Le couteau ayant servi à l'acte immonde a été retrouvé près de la dépouille.

Iraq/Iran

49. Iran says new attack drone modeled on captured US aircraft

Associated Press Newswires, 2016 10 01

Tehran - Iran's Revolutionary Guard has built a new attack drone which is similar to a U.S. unmanned aerial vehicle captured five years ago, Iranian media reported Saturday. The semi-official Tasnim news agency says the "Saegheh" (Thunderbolt) drone is similar to the RQ-170 Sentinel spy drone. Iran's state-run Press TV says the long-range drone can carry four precision-guided bombs. Neither report gave figures for the drone's range. Iran claimed to have shot down an RQ-170 drone used by the Central Intelligence Agency in December 2011 and broadcast footage of the recovered aircraft. It also claims to have captured three American ScanEagle drones. Iran said last year that it had successfully tested its replica of the RQ-170.

50. Iran Using Threat of US Regional Build-Up as Opportunity

Fars News Agency, 2016 10 01

Tehran - Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) Ali Shamkhani underlined that Iran has turned the threat posed by the US presence in the region into an opportunity. "The reverse engineering power, updating (the military products) and turning the US booties into indigenous and Iran-made products by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force shows Iran's capability to turn the threat of the US illegitimate presence in the region into an opportunity to increase its power and capabilities," Shamkhani said while visiting an exhibition of the IRGC Aerospace Force's products in Tehran on Saturday. He stressed that Iran's home-made state-of-the-art military equipment, including missiles with different ranges, new generation of drones and different vessels, have created such a capacity and power for the country that no wise enemy even dares to think of aggression against Iran. Military observers believe that the reverse manufacturing of the US RQ-170 spying drone, which was captured in 2011 by the IRGC Aerospace Force, has been a major blow to the US government. The Iranian version of the RQ-170 drone was manufactured through reverse engineering of the US drone, which was tracked and hunted down in Iran late in 2011, and has been equipped by the IRGC with bombing capability. Back in October 2013, Commander of the IRGC Aerospace Force Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh said Iran moved as much as 35 years ahead in building drone engines by reverse engineering of the US drone.

51. Iran Unveils New Drone with Pinpoint Striking Power

Fars News Agency, 2016 10 01

Tehran - Iran's latest drone product was unveiled on Saturday in a ceremony in the presence of

Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh. "The drone, Saeqeh (Thunderbolt) is Iran's latest pilotless plane from Simorgh (Phoenix) class and enjoys the capability to simultaneously strike at four targets with smart bombs equipped with pinpoint and precision striking capability at long distances," Hajizadeh said, addressing the ceremony in Tehran today. Noting that Iran is now standing among the first four world states in developing drones, he said, "The Americans are on par with us in certain (drone building) fields, including production of stealth and bomber drones, and actually, the Americans are trying to stay on par with us in this section." General Hajizadeh announced in March that Iran has decided to call its own version of the US Sentinel spy drone RQ-170 "Simorgh".

Eastern Europe – Europe de L'Est

52. Russia doubles down in Syria

The Washington Post, Liz Sly, 2016 10 01

Beirut - In the year since Russia began conducting airstrikes in support of the Syrian government, the intervention has worked to secure two of the most important Russian objectives. No longer is President Bashar al-Assad's hold on power in Damascus seriously challenged by the five-year-old rebellion against his rule. Russia's role as a regional and global power, a vital player in any effort to resolve the Syrian war, has also been assured. A third key goal remains elusive. The military support to Assad has not yet proved sufficient either to defeat the anti-Assad rebellion or to force a settlement on Russian terms. But there is no suggestion yet that Russia is finding itself in the "quagmire" President Obama predicted would ensue when the intervention first got underway a year ago, nor is Moscow showing any sign of tiring of the military engagement. Rather, Russia now appears to be doubling down on its military support for Assad, with the violence escalating and no end in sight. Negotiations with the United States for a cease-fire have collapsed amid angry recriminations, casting into doubt whether cooperation between Moscow and Washington on Syria can work to provide a way out of the conflict.

53. Russia warns against US attack on Syrian forces

The Associated Press, 2016 10 01

Moscow - Russia has warned the United States against carrying out any attacks on Syrian government forces, saying it would have repercussions across the Middle East. Russian news agencies quoted Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova as saying that a U.S. intervention against the Syrian army "will lead to terrible, tectonic consequences not only on the territory of this country but also in the region on the whole." She says regime change in Syria would create a vacuum that would be "quickly filled" by "terrorists of all stripes."

54. Ukrainian military shell Donetsk Republic – authorities

TASS World Service, 2016 10 01

Moscow - Units of the Ukrainian military over the past 24 hours 178 times opened fire on territory of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic (DPR), the republic's command said on Saturday. "From September 15, DPR units have been observing fully the ceasefire regime unlike the Ukrainian side, which over the past day 178 times opened fire on the DPR, including 83 times with use of the artillery, tanks and mortars," the Donetsk News Agency quoted the defense authority's representative. Members of the Contact Group for the settlement of the situation in the east of Ukraine at a meeting in Minsk on April 29 agreed on a complete ceasefire in Donbass starting from midnight on April 30. It was the eighth ceasefire agreement since the autumn of 2014. Kiev's security forces in the people's militia responsibility zone have been repeatedly violating the truce, opening fire from mortars and tank weapons, which had to be withdrawn in accordance with the Minsk agreements.

55. Polish Defense Minister Accuses Russia of Inventing Islamic Terrorism

Sputnik News Service, 2016 10 01

Kiev - Antoni Macierewicz, the Defense Minister of Poland, was set to be a headline speaker at the September 29 opening of the eighth annual Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA) forum in Washington DC. He canceled his visit, ostensibly due to a government meeting in Warsaw, but was permitted to present his speech in the form of a letter read by a ministry aide. According to the text of Macierewicz's letter, pro-democratic aspirations in Ukraine were met with "brutal intervention" in 2014 on the part of Russia, which the minister described as a "clash of civilizations." The idea that the nuances of modern international relations can be explained as a clash of civilizations was touted in 1993 by US political scientist Samuel P. Huntington, and has been roundly debunked in academic circles as too simplistic. "The Western aspirations of the Ukrainian people were confronted with brutal force and eastern dictatorship. If we are seeing social turmoil in Western Europe associated with the wave of terrorism and the migration crisis — this is also a civilization clash," according to the letter. Macierewicz further linked the former Soviet Union's support of socialist movements in Europe during the Cold War era to contemporary Islamic terrorism.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

56. Unknown gunmen kill intelligence colonel in Yemen's Aden

Xinhua News Agency, 2016 10 01

Aden - Unidentified gunmen killed an intelligence colonel in Yemen's port city Aden on Friday, a day after the Islamic State (IS) group claimed responsibility for assassinating a police officer in the country's temporary capital. The gunmen traveling in a vehicle opened fire at the intelligence Colonel Ali Muqbil, as he was on his way going to Friday prayers in Aden's neighborhood of Mansoura, a security official said on condition of anonymity. Witnesses confirmed to Xinhua that the masked gunmen fired a barrage of bullets that hit different parts of the intelligence colonel body and he died immediately at the scene. The attack is the latest targeting senior security and intelligence officials in Aden, where the Saudi-backed government has temporarily based itself.

57. Kerry's Frustration Over U.S. Policy on Syria Boils to Surface in Recording

The New York Times, Anne Barnard, 2016 10 01

Beirut - Secretary of State John Kerry was clearly exasperated, not least at his own government. Over and over, he complained that his diplomatic efforts on Syria had not been backed by a serious threat of American military force. He bemoaned Russia's continued bombing of civilians, its seeming disregard of international law, and his inability to stop it. But then Mr. Kerry did something that astonished the Syrian civilians at the table: He suggested that they participate in elections with President Bashar al-Assad, five years after President Obama demanded that the Syrian leader at the heart of the war step down. "So you think the only solution is for somebody to come in and get rid of Assad?" Mr. Kerry asked the group, according to a recording of the meeting obtained by The New York Times. "Who's that going to be?" he asked. "Who's going to do that?" A woman in the group responded bluntly. "Three years ago, I would say: you," the woman, Marcell Shehwaro, told Mr. Kerry. "But right now, I don't know." The meeting, which took place on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York last week, provides a searing glimpse into Mr. Kerry's frustration with the Syrian crisis -- and the depths of despair and anger that Syrians who oppose their government feel about America's inability, or unwillingness, to end the war.

58. Over 100 Children Were Killed in Week of Aleppo Attacks, W.H.O. Says

The New York Times, Hwaida Saad, 2016 10 01

Beirut - An array of groups allied with the Syrian government pressed an assault on rebel-held eastern Aleppo on Friday, as the World Health Organization said heavy bombardment of the area by Russia and Syria had killed 338 people in the last week, including more than 100 children. With more of the city's already limited hospitals destroyed in the latest offensive, Dr. Richard Brennan, the organization's director of emergency response, told reporters that many of the 846 people wounded were expected to die for lack of treatment. That includes 261 children, he said. There were competing claims about the success of the government's offensive on Friday, with the government saying its fighters had captured more territory in northern parts of the city and penetrated the center of Aleppo, where they were clashing with the rebels. Rebel commanders denied the reports, however, saying government forces had not made any progress since capturing the Handarat refugee camp north of the city on Thursday. International monitoring groups have accused Russia and Syria of bombing civilian targets, like hospitals, schools and basic infrastructure, without regard to the safety of the civilian population of 250,000 in eastern Aleppo. On Friday, the rebels said the government bombed the main water plant that supplies the area.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

59. Menace terroriste : un jeune homme de 18 ans arrêté à Clichy Ouest-France, 2016 10 01

Clichy - Un jeune homme soupçonné de vouloir passer à l'acte a été arrêté vendredi lors d'une opération antiterroriste à Clichy, dans les Hauts-de-Seine en région parisienne, a-t-on appris samedi de sources concordantes. Agé de 18 ans, le suspect a été interpellé dans l'après-midi lors d'une opération menée par les policiers de la direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) et du Raid, selon une source policière qui confirme une information du Parisien. Cette interpellation a eu lieu dans le cadre d'une enquête ouverte pour association de malfaiteurs terroriste criminelle, a précisé une source proche de l'enquête. Le jeune homme est soupçonné d'être « radicalisé » et de préparer ou envisager « un acte à caractère terroriste », selon la source policière qui n'a pas fourni davantage de précisions. Ces dernières semaines, plusieurs personnes, souvent jeunes voire mineures, ont été arrêtées et écrouées, soupçonnées de vouloir commettre des attaques jihadistes. La plupart étaient en contact, via la messagerie cryptée Telegram, avec le jihadiste français Rachid Kassim, soupçonné de téléguider ses émules à distance depuis la zone irako-syrienne.

60. Turkey finalizes military training base in Somalia Anadolu Agency, 2016 10 01

Mogadishu - Turkey has finished its first military base in Somalia and will help train the country's army to fight the deadly al-Shabaab terror group, a senior Turkish source told Anadolu Agency on Oct. 1. A Turkish military attache speaking on condition of anonymity said the U.N.-backed base will be operational by the start of 2017. About 200 Turkish officers will be deployed to the facility in Mogadishu -the Somali capital - to deliver the first stage of training to over 10,000 Somali National Army troops and others soldiers from across Africa, he confirmed. Turkish military officials in Somalia also said Ankara will open a firm in Mogadishu to make Somali military uniforms. Speaking to Anadolu Agency on Sept. 30, Somali president Hassan Sheikh Mohamed praised Turkey's involvement in the Horn of Africa

country: "Turkey's prominent role in Somalia can be seen at all levels: humanitarian, infrastructure, health and investment.

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Canada

1. Canadians back Africa mission but wary of dangers, poll shows

The Toronto Star, Bruce Campion, 2016 10 16

Ottawa - A slim majority of Canadians back Ottawa's plan to dispatch troops on a peace mission to Africa but are wary about the potential dangers, a new poll shows. A Forum survey reveals that 56 per cent of Canadians support the Liberal government's plan to send up to 600 soldiers to a hotspot in Africa. The pending mission-which is still taking shape - is especially popular among Liberals (68 per cent) and New Democrats (56 per cent) but less so among Conservatives (41 per cent). Almost a third of Canadians (31 per cent) disapprove of the mission. But when survey respondents were reminded that Canadian soldiers could come under fire on their new mission, support drops off with only 44 per cent indicating support. Disapproval of the mission also rises, with 39 per cent voicing opposition. As Prime Minister Justin Trudeau this week marks the one-year anniversary of the election that swept his Liberals to power, the military deployment to Africa is one decision that looms large. But Trudeau can cheer the fact that he has a residual of goodwill among voters. After a year in office, Canadian voters are showing little signs of buyers' remorse as the Liberal government continues to enjoy strong support, the poll reveals. Close to half of voters gave passing grades to the Liberals' first year, with 20 per cent rating it as "excellent" and another 27 per cent saying it was "good," the Forum survey shows.

2A). Toronto man jailed in Cuba for flying drone, questioned about U.S. spy connections

CTVNews, Jeff Lagerquist, 2016 10 16

Toronto - A Toronto photo enthusiast says he spent nearly two weeks in a small dark cell after he was arrested for flying a camera-equipped drone in Havana's Plaza de la Revolucion -- a mistake he thinks led his Cuban captors to believe he may be a spy for the U.S. government. "They would ask me questions like, 'When was the last time I met with President Obama? Do I talk to him regularly on the phone?'" Chris Hughes told CTV Toronto. Hughes says his drone was checked by customs officials upon entering the country in late September. He spent two days capturing spectacular overhead views of the Cuban capital without incident. That changed on the third day when he flew his drone above Revolution Square - a tourist destination made famous by Fidel Castro's political rallies and home to a memorial for Che Guevara. Police allegedly approached Hughes moments into the flight. "That was the beginning of the nightmare that took 13 days of my life," he says. At that point, he thought losing his \$2,000 drone was the worst that could happen. The gravity of the situation started to set in when Hughes says he was questioned for 13 hours by police, driven to collect his possessions, and locked in a dark seven-foot by seven-foot cell at a detention facility. "No lawyer. No judge. No translator. No opportunity to defend myself," says Hughes.

2. Des Forces armées aimées, mais méconnues

La Presse, Jean-Thomas Leveille, 2016 10 16

Ottawa - Les Forces armées canadiennes sont aimées, mais largement méconnues par la population du pays. Une enquête menée en juin pour le compte du ministère de la Défense nationale, dont La Presse a obtenu copie, révèle que 90 % des répondants ont une opinion favorable ou très favorable des Forces, mais près d'une personne sur deux reconnaît ne pas bien les connaître. Et vous, connaissez-vous bien les

Forces armées canadiennes ? La marine, l'aviation et l'armée de terre canadiennes comptent 68 000 militaires réguliers, 27 000 réservistes et 24 300 employés civils. Les membres des Forces sont très appréciés de la population canadienne : 59 % des répondants à l'enquête ont indiqué en avoir une opinion très favorable et 31 % ont répondu en avoir une opinion plutôt favorable, pour un total de 90 % d'opinions positives. En revanche, les Canadiens ont une opinion plus ambivalente des Forces armées canadiennes en tant qu'organisation : le taux de répondants estimant qu'elle est une source de fierté chute à 70 %, et seuls 27 % des répondants verraient d'un oeil très favorable qu'un jeune de leur entourage s'y enrôle. Environ 1100 membres des Forces armées canadiennes sont actuellement déployés dans le monde, dont plus de la moitié dans le cadre de l'opération Impact, qui constitue la contribution canadienne à la Force de stabilisation au Moyen-Orient qui lutte contre le groupe terroriste État islamique. Le terrorisme est d'ailleurs perçu comme la principale menace planant sur les Canadiens et le Canada, indique l'enquête : 40 % des répondants ayant répondu « terrorisme » et 19 % « État islamique ». Les États-Unis et les politiques américaines ont été identifiés comme la principale menace par 6 % des répondants.

United States - États-Unis

3. In Somalia, U.S. Escalates a Shadow War

The New York Times, Staff Writers, 2016 10 16

Washington - The Obama administration has intensified a clandestine war in Somalia over the past year, using Special Operations troops, airstrikes, private contractors and African allies in an escalating campaign against Islamist militants in the anarchic Horn of Africa nation. Hundreds of American troops now rotate through makeshift bases in Somalia, the largest military presence since the United States pulled out of the country after the “Black Hawk Down” battle in 1993. The Somalia campaign, as it is described by American and African officials and international monitors of the Somali conflict, is partly designed to avoid repeating that debacle, which led to the deaths of 18 American soldiers. But it carries enormous risks — including more American casualties, botched airstrikes that kill civilians and the potential for the United States to be drawn even more deeply into a troubled country that so far has stymied all efforts to fix it. The Somalia campaign is a blueprint for warfare that President Obama has embraced and will pass along to his successor. It is a model the United States now employs across the Middle East and North Africa — from Syria to Libya — despite the president’s stated aversion to American “boots on the ground” in the world’s war zones. This year alone, the United States has carried out airstrikes in seven countries and conducted Special Operations missions in many more. American officials said the White House had quietly broadened the president’s authority for the use of force in Somalia by allowing airstrikes to protect American and African troops as they combat fighters from the Shabab, a Somali-based militant group that has proclaimed allegiance to Al Qaeda. In its public announcements, the Pentagon sometimes characterizes the operations as “self-defense strikes,” though some analysts have said this rationale has become a self-fulfilling prophecy. It is only because American forces are now being deployed on the front lines in Somalia that they face imminent threats from the Shabab.

3B) Trump pledges strong U.S. ties with India if elected president

Reuters, Steve Holland, 2016 10 16

Edison, NJ - U.S. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump pledged that the United States and India would be "best friends" if he is elected and that he would boost intelligence sharing with India in the battle against Islamic militants. Trump spoke at an event sponsored by the Republican Hindu Coalition to raise money for victims of terrorism. It featured Bollywood-style performers who danced in colorful,

traditional costumes. "If I'm elected president, the Indian and Hindu community will have a true friend in the White House, that I can guarantee you," said Trump, who noted that as a real estate developer he has two "massive developments" in India. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has developed a friendly relationship with President Barack Obama, a Democrat who wants Trump's opponent, Hillary Clinton, to win the Nov. 8 election. "We will defeat radical Islamic terrorism when I'm president. We will stand shoulder to shoulder with India in sharing intelligence and keeping our people safe mutually," said Trump.

4. Biden hints at US cyber revenge on Russia

The Financial Times, 2016 10 16

Washington - US vice-president Joe Biden has suggested the Obama administration may launch a retaliatory cyber strike against Russia in response to what Washington believes to be interference by Moscow in this year's election. In an interview with NBC's Meet the Press on Sunday morning, Mr Biden said that "we're sending a message" to Russian President Vladimir Putin about the election-related hacking. "He'll know it." "We have the capacity to do it. It will be at the time of our choosing, and under the circumstances that have the greatest impact," he told NBC. This week the White House said the US would respond in a "proportional" way to the attempt to interfere in the election and that sanctions and covert action were under consideration. Mr Biden's interview is the clearest hint that the administration will seek to use its own offensive cyber capabilities to retaliate. Asked if the public would ever find out about the nature of the US response, he said: "Hope not." "Their capacity to fundamentally alter the election is not what people think," Mr Biden said. "And I tell you what, to the extent that they do we will be proportional in what we do." The fact Mr Biden is talking so cryptically about US retaliation underlines one of the main difficulties the administration faces in mounting a response. One of the objectives would be to deter Russia or any other country from attempting to use cyber attacks to undermine US elections, yet the deterrent impact of any operation would be limited if it were kept completely secret. Edward Snowden, the former National Security Agency contractor now exiled in Moscow, poked fun at this contradiction, noting on Twitter: "I get the feeling nobody told Joe Biden what 'covert operation' means."

5. Syria talks mired in differing methods

The Washington Post, Carol Morello, 2016 10 16

Lausanne, Switzerland - Talks in Switzerland on stemming the bloodshed in Syria resulted in no breakthrough Saturday, but the discussions did yield a decision to keep seeking ways to achieve a truce and resume negotiations. Secretary of State John F. Kerry, who called the meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and diplomats from seven Middle Eastern countries, characterized the gathering that lasted more than four hours as a brainstorming session that brought some new ideas to the table. However, he declined to specify what those ideas were. No date was set for another meeting of the foreign ministers who took part, but their staffs are expected to continue talking together about possible approaches. Kerry said the diplomats agreed unanimously on the desired outcome: a reduction in fighting, particularly in the besieged city of Aleppo, and an eventual return to U.N.-mediated negotiations in Geneva between the Syrian government and the opposition. "The fights are really over the methods of getting to it," Kerry told reporters. Lavrov offered a similar account of Saturday's meeting to Russian media. "There are some ideas that we discussed today, in a circle of pretty powerful countries, that might affect the situation," he said, as quoted by Russian news agencies.

6. New Syria Talks End Quickly, Giving Little Hope to a Beleaguered Aleppo

The New York Times, Nick Cumming-Bruce, 2016 10 16

Lausanne, Switzerland - Talks among the United States, Russia and critical Middle East states aimed at brokering a new pause in Syria's war broke up after a few hours on Saturday without signs of progress, or a break in the Syrian government's ferocious assault on rebel-held parts of the city of Aleppo. Secretary of State John Kerry began the talks in the Swiss lakeside city of Lausanne, meeting one-on-one with his Russian counterpart, Sergey V. Lavrov. Their 40-minute encounter, described as "businesslike" by a State Department spokesman, John Kirby, came 12 days after Washington suspended bilateral contacts with Moscow and called for a war crimes investigation into Russian actions in Syria. Mr. Kerry and Mr. Lavrov then headed into talks with the foreign ministers from regional powers involved in the conflict, including Iran, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Turkey, along with the United Nations mediator, Staffan de Mistura. The diplomats left about four hours later with terse comments that gave away nothing of substance. Before the talks began, both sides had played down prospects of a breakthrough. Mr. Kerry, who was expected to leave Sunday for talks in London with the foreign ministers of Britain, France and Germany, told reporters that discussions with Russia and the Middle East states would resume on Monday. Mr. Lavrov went into the talks saying he would focus on fulfilling an earlier agreement that called for separating Western-backed rebels in Syria from hard-line jihadist groups like the Al Qaeda-linked Nusra Front, which now calls itself the Levant Conquest Front. He emerged from the meetings saying only that the parties had discussed "some ideas" and had agreed to meet in coming days, "expecting certain agreements which would help promote" a settlement, the Itar-Tass news agency reported.

7. The fight for Mosul will test U.S. tactics against Islamic State

The Washington Post, Missy Ryan, 2016 10 16

Washington - When Iraqi forces roll toward the city of Mosul this month, local leaders will have an opportunity to close a painful chapter that began more than two years ago, when retreating army units abandoned the city to the Islamic State. The moment will also mark the culmination of two years of U.S. efforts to build a reliable local fighting force and present a key test of the Obama administration's strategy for defeating the Islamic State, also known as ISIS. The operation in the northern city, where at least a million civilians remain, is expected to be a complicated and potentially lengthy fight as Iraqi troops contend with thick, militant defenses that include improved explosives, mines, tunnels and trenches. "ISIS is going to fight harder for Mosul than it has for other places, because it's a crown jewel," said Jessica Lewis McFate, a scholar at the Institute for the Study of War. The stakes are high not just for Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, looking for a win that would shore up his political standing, but also for President Obama, who is seeking to deliver a battlefield win in the waning days of his presidency. For the U.S. military, victory in Mosul would be an affirmation of its incrementally expanding role in Iraq, where commanders have overseen a gradual troop buildup and added new elements to the U.S. mission, including lower-level advising and use of attack helicopters that may expose U.S. troops to greater risk. It would also validate the administration's decision to allow militants to dominate Mosul for two years, rather than pushing for an earlier offensive or asking the Iraqi government to permit an American combat role while foreign advisers scrambled to train local units.

8. Biden Hints at U.S. Response to Russia for Cyberattacks Related to Election

The New York Times, David E. Sanger, 2016 10 16

Washington - Since the Obama administration formally accused Russia about a week ago of trying to interfere in the election, there has been intense speculation about whether President Obama has ordered the National Security Agency to conduct a retaliatory cyberstrike. The strongest hint so far has come from Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr., who either revealed American plans for a strike or engaged in one of the better bits of psychological warfare in recent times. Taping an interview for NBC's "Meet the Press," Mr. Biden was asked whether the United States was preparing to send a message to the Russian president,

Vladimir V. Putin. Days before, the American intelligence agencies and the Department of Homeland Security declared that the Russian leadership was responsible for attacks on the Democratic National Committee and the leaking of stolen emails. "We're sending a message," Mr. Biden told Chuck Todd, the show's host. "We have the capacity to do it." "He'll know it," Mr. Biden added. "And it will be at the time of our choosing. And under the circumstances that have the greatest impact." Later, after Mr. Biden said he was not concerned that Russia could "fundamentally alter the election," Mr. Todd asked whether the American public would know if the message to Mr. Putin had been sent.

9. Putin Syria and why Moscow has gone war-crazy

New Yorker, Joshua Yaffa, 2016 10 16

Commentary: A viewer of Russian television this week could be forgiven for thinking that the end of the world was imminent, and that it would arrive in the form of grand superpower war with the United States, culminating in a suicidal exchange of nuclear weapons. On one day alone, three separate test firings of intercontinental ballistic missiles were broadcast on state media: two by submarine, one from a launch pad in the Far East. Last weekend, NTV, a channel under effective state control, aired a segment on emergency preparedness that included a tour of a Cold War-era bomb shelter, fortified in case of atomic war, and a mention of the municipal loudspeakers that will sound upon the arrival of "Hour X." On Sunday, Dmitry Kiselev, the most bombastic and colorful of Kremlin propagandists, warned on his weekly newsmagazine show that "impudent behavior" toward Russia may have "nuclear" consequences. Grievances against the West and predictions of militaristic doom are not new in Russia—they have run through all sixteen years of Vladimir Putin's rule. But they took on a heightened intensity in early 2014, after Russia's intervention in Ukraine and the U.S. sanctions that followed. Suddenly the question of war was in the air in Moscow. If nothing else, the spectre of a conflict with Washington served as retroactive justification for the Kremlin's policies, and a ready-made excuse for why the Russian economy had sunk into recession. At home, Russia's ostracization was spun as a sign of its righteousness. The war in Syria, however, was supposed to offer Russia a chance to rehabilitate its image and re-start relations with the United States. Last year, Putin travelled to New York, where he addressed the United Nations and called for "a genuinely broad international coalition" to fight the Islamic State.

10. Kansas Terrorists Wanted Anti-Muslim Attack to End in "Bloodbath"

Slate.com, Daniel Politi, 2016 10 16

Wichita - They called themselves the "Crusaders" and had a clear purpose: launch an attack against Muslims that would lead to a "bloodbath." With any luck that would help spark a religious war. But their plans were thwarted as three Kansas men were arrested on Friday for planning an attack on a Garden City, Kansas apartment complex filled with Somali immigrants that is also home to a mosque. They planned to carry out the attack one day after the November election. "They discussed obtaining four vehicles, filling them with explosives and parking them at the four corners of the apartment complex to create a large explosion," the Department of Justice said. "They chose the target location based on their hatred of these groups, their perception that these groups represent a threat to American society, a desire to inspire other militia groups, and a desire to 'wake people up,'" according to the criminal complaint. Around 120 people live and worship in the apartment complex they planned to attack. The three men — Curtis Allen and Gavin Wright, both 49, and Patrick Eugene Stein, 47 — were charged in federal court with domestic terrorism following an eight-month investigation by the FBI that included a confidential informant. But police didn't move to make the arrests until Allen's girlfriend went to authorities after he allegedly hit her during an argument. She apparently showed authorities a large stash of weapons and said Allen was watching lots of videos on how to make explosives.

United Kingdom - Royaume-Uni

11. Chinese link as smart meters spook GCHQ

The Sunday Times, Jon Ungoed-Thomas, 2016 10 16

London - Chinese electronic companies are manufacturing smart meters to install in millions of Britain's homes despite warnings by the intelligence agency GCHQ that the technology poses a potential threat to national security. Two of China's biggest electronics companies — one controlled by the Beijing government — are providing some of the meters and software for the £11bn programme to install the technology in almost every home in the UK by 2020. One has already signed a deal with one of the "big six" energy companies and the other has been on an official list for trials. The vetting of the Chinese manufacturers is set to be among the first tasks of the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), which opened in London earlier this month. Nigel Inkster, a former director of operations and intelligence at MI6, said it was important the role of any Chinese firm was subject to a proper risk assessment. "A Chinese corporation is always going to have to do what the state tells it when the crunch comes, although these corporations really do want to be proper international corporations and operate on this basis," he said. Experts have expressed concern that the meters — which communicate wirelessly with energy companies — feature a switch that can be used to remotely turn off power, potentially blacking out homes and risking dangerous electricity surges at power stations. Meters made by Holley Metering UK, whose parent company is Chinese, and Kaifa Technology UK, which is controlled by the state-owned China Electronics Corporation, are being tested by one of the main government contractors for the UK project. It was reported earlier this year that GCHQ had intervened in the project to ensure the encryption keys for the meters could not be broken. All key products for the meter rollout will undergo product assurance by the NCSC. The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy said the smart system was secure and it had been designed by cyber-security experts to prevent the possibility of hacking. Security officials say the Chinese meters will not be subject to any more stringent testing, but would need to meet robust security standards to protect the national grid.

12. Jailed jihadists 'aided' capture of warder

The Sunday Times, Richard Kerbaj, 2016 10 16

London – Two of the Islamist terrorists behind the liquid bomb plot to blow up planes as they crossed the Atlantic are suspected of helping to orchestrate the abduction of a guard at one of Britain's top security prisons. Internal documents from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) identify Assad Sarwar and Tanvir Hussain as playing a "supportive" role in the plan to take Richard Thompson hostage at Full Sutton prison in East Yorkshire in May 2013. Fellow inmates Feroz Khan, Fuad Awale and David Watson, who were each serving life sentences for murder, seized Thompson four days after the murder of Fusilier Lee Rigby in Woolwich, southeast London, by two Muslim extremists. A threat was made to kill the officer unless Roshonara Choudhry, an Islamist jailed for the attempted murder of Labour MP Stephen Timms in 2010, and Abu Qatada, a firebrand cleric who was in custody in the UK at the time but later extradited to Jordan, were released. At one point, Awale pointed a sharp weapon at Thompson's throat and said: "Stop struggling, I've killed two people [before]. I'll kill you."

13. Home Office gives visas to IS supporters

The Sunday Mirror, Gethin Chamberlain, 2016 10 16

London – A group which defended Isis executioner Jihadi John has been licensed by the Home Office to bring foreign workers into the UK. Advocacy organisation CAGE can sponsor full working visas, which run for up to three years, despite Tory pledges to crack down on immigration. The group sparked outrage last year by claiming mass beheader Jihadi John - unmasked as Kuwaiti-born Briton Mohammed Emwazi

- was a "beautiful young man who wouldn't hurt a fly". London-based CAGE is one of 30,000 companies and organisations licensed by the Government to bring in overseas workers to fill jobs. A recent addition to the official register is the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, aka controversial religious cult the Moonies. Last week Home Secretary Amber Rudd found herself at the centre of a storm after announcing plans to crack down on immigration and had to backtrack on threats to make companies list the number of foreign workers they employed.

14. Webcam blackmail terror (Canada)

The Sunday Mirror, Jilly Beattie, 2016 10 16

London – The PSNI is investigating 100 webcam blackmail attempts and say cyberstalking is increasing in Northern Ireland. The crime usually involves people being persuaded to take off their clothes in front of their webcam. But the blackmailer only tells them they have been recorded after the event and threatens to post the video online or reveal details to people known to the victim unless they pay a fee. PSNI cyber crime officers are dealing with new webcam blackmail cases "every week". A spokesman said: "Cyberstalking is becoming a prevalent issue. So far there have been 100 webcam blackmails reported." Parents were warned a Canadian pervert pretended to be a teenage girl to target thousands of boys. The money demanded is usually a substantial amount and increases with the level of intimacy revealed by the victim, many of whom have been enticed into performing intimate acts. A spokesman for Get Safe Online said there is no guarantee once the blackmail demand is met there will not be further demands, or that the criminal will not post the video anyway.

Americas– Amériques

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Australia –Australie/New Zealand - Nouvelle-Zélande

15. Turnbull drawn into Brandis brawl

The Age, Michaela Whitbourn, 2016 10 16

Canberra - Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has been drawn into a deepening row between the country's two most senior lawyers after he was asked to confirm the government's chief legal adviser ticked off on a controversial bill allowing terrorists to be held in jail beyond their sentence. Labor wrote to Mr Turnbull late on Sunday seeking his assurance the opinion of Solicitor-General Justin Gleeson, SC, was sought on the bill, which the government had hoped to pass through Parliament before the end of the year. Mr Gleeson is locked in a public brawl with Attorney-General George Brandis over a legally binding directive Senator Brandis issued before the July 2 election, which prevents ministers seeking Mr Gleeson's advice without the written approval of the Attorney-General. Legal experts have expressed concern the directive may result in the Solicitor-General, who provides independent advice, being "frozen out" of advising the government and allow the Attorney-General to "shop around" for opinions regarded as politically convenient. Shadow attorney-general Mark Dreyfus said in the letter to Mr Turnbull that he considered it of "great importance to know whether Mr Gleeson has been offered the opportunity to advise on this bill".

Afghanistan • Pakistan

16. 50 Soldiers Killed, As Many Missing In Helmand: Officials

TOLOnews.com, 2016 10 16

Kabul - Helmand governor Hayatullah Hayat on Sunday said nearly 50 soldiers have been killed and as many have gone missing in conflicts in the province over the past two weeks. "Initial investigations indicate that at least 50 security force members were killed, few others wounded and nearly 50 of them have disappeared," Hayat said. He stated that the security forces continue their offensives against insurgents in parts of the province. "Security forces have launched several military operations on Sunday night in Lashkargah [city] where over 88 militants were killed and many villages were cleared of Taliban," he added.

Asia -Asie

17. 94 ASG terrorists neutralized so far in ongoing gov't offensive

Agence France Presse, 2016 10 16

Manila - An estimated 94 Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) terrorists were "neutralized" since the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) started its offensive against the brigands in Basilan and Sulu last August. "In view of President Rodrigo Duterte's resolve to neutralize the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG), the AFP embarked on 579 massive focused military operations 426 of which were meant to end the atrocity and notoriety of these bandits and allied terrorist groups," AFP chief-of-staff Gen. Ricardo Visaya said. The government offensive started last Aug. 25 shortly after the bandits beheaded 18-year-old Patrick Almodavar due to the victim's failure to pay the PHP1 million ransom. The operations led to 54 armed engagements resulting to the neutralization of 94 ASG bandits of which 56 were killed, 21 surrendered, and 17 captured, he added. Key ASG leaders Nelson Muktadil, Braun Muktadil, and sub-leader Mohammad Said were among the terrorists killed and, with bodies recovered in intense combat and ensuing search and retrieval operations.

18. Issue of N.K. overseas workers could be included in new U.N. resolution: sources

Yonhap English News, 2016 10 16

Seoul - The issue of North Korea's overseas workers, who are believed to work in dismal conditions, might be included in a human rights resolution by the United Nations in December for the first time, sources said Sunday. South Korea, the United States and Japan are said to be working together to mention in the resolution their dire working conditions, such as long working hours and restrictions on their physical movement. On top of human rights violations, another concern is that part of the money they send back home is suspected to flow into the regime to develop weapons of mass destruction (WMD), including its nuclear program. Last month, Willy Fautre from Human Rights Without Borders estimated around 50,000 North Koreans work in 16 countries that annually send US\$1.2-2.3 billion back home. Another estimate said there are more than 100,000 North Koreans working overseas.

19. Japanese abductee possibly hospitalized in Pyongyang

Kyodo News, 2016 10 16

Seoul - A Japanese woman believed to have been kidnapped by North Korea decades ago has been admitted to a Red Cross hospital in the capital Pyongyang, a support group for relatives of South Korean abductees revealed Saturday. Kyoko Matsumoto is possibly suffering from severe vision impairment and complications arising from gout, according to the head of the support group, Choi Seong Ryong, citing a source versed in the situation in Pyongyang. Details of her life in North Korea since her abduction were

also revealed. Matsumoto, from Yonago, Tottori Prefecture, was 29 at the time of her disappearance in 1977. According to Choi, the State Security Department, the North's secret police organization, is supervising Matsumoto's affairs. In July 2013, South Korea's National Intelligence Service released an analysis that said Matsumoto was in 2011 relocated from the northeastern city of Chongjin, where she had lived for several years, to the North Korean capital.

20. North Korean Missile Tested Again but Fails, South Says

The New York Times, Choe Sang-Hun, 2016 10 16

Seoul - North Korea launched an intermediate-range ballistic missile, but the test failed as the projectile exploded shortly after liftoff, the South Korean military said on Sunday. The North's Hwasong-10 missile, also known as the Musudan, took off at 12:33 p.m. on Saturday near an airfield in the northwestern city of Kusong, the South said in a statement. The test was the first involving the Hwasong-10 since North Korea successfully launched the same missile in June. North Korea has had a spotty record with Hwasong-10 test flights. The June launch was the first successful test after five failures. The projectile flew about 250 miles over the sea between North Korea and Japan, reaching an altitude of 878 miles. That test alarmed the United States and its allies in the region. Their defense officials said the missile's launch at a sharp angle prevented it from falling too close to Japan but still demonstrated its potential to reach an estimated range of more than 2,000 miles. The Hwasong-10 is the North's only tested missile with a range long enough to reach American military bases in Guam in the Pacific, and in South Korea and Japan. After the June test, the North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un, boasted that his country had the capability to strike those bases. But the failure on Saturday indicated that North Korea has yet to perfect its Hwasong-10 system.

21. Abu man nabbed in Zamboanga Sibugay

The Philippine Star, Roel Pareño, 2016 10 16

Zamboanga City - Government security forces arrested an alleged member of the Abu Sayyaf bandit group during an operation in Imelda, Zamboanga Sibugay on Friday. Marajol Taulani, alias Joel Gonzaga, was said to be a top drug trafficker and wanted for mass murder, according to Superintendent Rogelio Alabata, spokesman for the Police Regional Office 9. Taulani was arrested by a joint team of the police intelligence operatives, Zamboanga Sibugay police and troopers of the Army's 44th Infantry Battalion at around 4 p.m. in Barangay Poblacion. Alabata said Taulani faces seven arrest warrants for kidnapping with serious illegal detention issued by Basilan Judge Leo Jay Principe. He said Taulani was among the bandits tagged in the kidnapping of 15 farm workers in Barangay Tairan, Lantawan in 2001.

22. India's PM urges BRICS to unite efforts in anti-terror fight

TASS World Service, 2016 10 16

Mumbai - Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called on the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) to unite efforts in the fight against terrorism. Speaking at the plenary session of the BRICS summit, Modi said: "In the world we inhabit today, security and counter-terrorism cooperation are essential. Its reach is now global. It has grown more lethal and adept at the use of technology." "Our response to terrorism must, therefore, be nothing less than comprehensive. And, we need to act both individually and collectively," the prime minister stressed.

Africa – Afrique

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Iraq/Iran

23. Ceasefire, Separation of Terrorist Groups Main Pivots of Lausanne Talks

Fars News Agency, 2016 10 16

Tehran - Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Arab and African Affairs Hossein Jaber Ansari announced that Tehran and other countries which participated in the Lausanne Saturday meeting on Syria mainly focused on ceasefire and separation of terrorists from the so-called moderate groups. "The talks were specially focused on the recent ceasefire agreement between the US and Russia and its violation and the main elements which violated it, that is discerning the terrorist groups, specially al-Nusra (currently known as Fatah al-Sham Front) and the ISIL from other Syrian groups," Jaber Ansari said on Sunday after the Iran, the US, Russia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Turkey held a meeting on Syria. Noting that sending humanitarian aid to the people in Aleppo and other parts of Syria was another issue discussed in the Lausanne meeting, he said, "Less talks were held on the political aspects of the crisis in Syria and the country's future but it was generally agreed that talks would continue among the negotiating sides as soon as possible." Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov cautioned earlier this month that the US is not keen to fight the Al-Nusra Front terrorist group (that has recently changed name to Fatah Al-Sham Front) in Syria.

24. Syrian rebels seize symbolically important Dabiq from Islamic State

Reuters News, 2016 10 16

Beirut - Syrian rebels backed by Turkey captured the symbolically important village of Dabiq in northwestern Syria from Islamic State early on Sunday after clashes, Ahmed Osman, head of the Sultan Murad rebel group and a war monitor said. The rebels also captured Dabiq's neighbouring village of Soran, Osman and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said. Dabiq is named in an apocalyptic Islamic prophesy as the site of a final battle between Muslims and infidels. (Full Report)

25. Iraqi army drops leaflets over Mosul in preparation for offensive

Reuters News, 2016 10 16

Baghdad - The Iraqi army dropped tens of thousands of leaflets over Mosul before dawn on Sunday, warning residents that an offensive to recapture their city from Islamic State was in its final stages of preparation, according to a military statement in Baghdad. The leaflets carried several messages, one of them assuring the population that advancing army units and air strikes "will not target civilians" and another telling them to avoid known locations of Islamic State militants. The assault on Mosul, the last city still under control of the ultra-hardline Islamic State in Iraq, could begin this month, according to Iraqi government and military officials. Islamic State fighters are dug in, expected to fight hard and have a history of forcing civilians to stay in harm's way during previous battles to defend territory. Reflecting the authorities' concerns over a mass exodus that would complicate the offensive, the leaflets told residents "to stay at home and not to believe rumours spread by Daesh" to cause panic, referring to Islamic State by its Arabic acronym.

Eastern Europe – Europe de L'Est

26. Putin to Kremlin journalists: US is watching you

The Associated Press, 2016 10 16

Moscow - Russian President Vladimir Putin has told journalists in the Russian press corps that they are possibly being watched by American intelligence agencies. Putin made the comments Sunday in

Benaulim, India, where he was attending the summit of the BRICS group of emerging economies. Putin told journalists covering his visit that "the United States listens to everything and looks at everything. All of you are objects of exploitation for the special services."

27. All talks participants agreed Syrians must decide own future: Russia

Reuters News, 2016 10 16

Moscow - Russia said all participants in talks in Lausanne had agreed Syrians should decide their own future through inclusive dialogue and that the country should remain whole and secular, after the meeting ended without a breakthrough. Russia's Foreign Ministry said on Sunday that in order for a U.S.-Russian ceasefire agreement to succeed and to facilitate humanitarian aid deliveries, Syria's moderate opposition must separate from Jabhat Fatah al Sham, previously known as the Nusra Front, and other "terrorist groups" affiliated with it. "At the same time, it should be understood that operations against terrorists of Islamic State and the Nusra Front will be continued," the ministry said. Saturday's talks, convened by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry in the Swiss city, failed to agree on a common strategy with Russia to end the conflict in Syria, now in its sixth year. Kerry hosted Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and seven foreign ministers from the region - from Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Qatar, Jordan and Egypt - weeks after the collapse of a painstakingly crafted U.S.-Russian ceasefire plan that many saw as the last hope for peace this year.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

28. Saudi replaces Iraq envoy who riled Shi'ite militias

Reuters, 2016 10 16

Doha - Saudi Arabia on Sunday replaced its envoy to Iraq whose comments about Iranian involvement in Iraqi affairs led to diplomatic tension with Baghdad. Thamer al-Sabhan in 2015 became the first Saudi ambassador to be posted to Iraq since the 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait - an appointment which was seen as heralding closer cooperation in the fight against Islamic State militants in Iraq, Syria and Saudi Arabia. But in August Iraq asked Riyadh to replace Sabhan after his comments about Iranian involvement in Iraqi affairs and the alleged persecution of Sunni Muslims angered local Shi'ite Muslim politicians and militia leaders. Sabhan was appointed minister for Arab Gulf Affairs, a newly created position, according to state news agency SPA.

29. U.S.-backed, Saudi-led coalition found responsible for Yemen funeral attack that killed more than 100

Washington Post, Sudarsan Raghavan, 2016 10 16

Cairo - A Saudi Arabia-led investigation into an airstrike last week on a Yemeni funeral has concluded that Saudi-led coalition jets "wrongly" bombed the ceremony, killing more than 100 people, after receiving faulty information and not following proper procedures. In a statement Saturday, the Joint Incidents Assessment Team based in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, said that "a party affiliated" with the chief of staff of Yemen's president, Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, "wrongly passed information that there was a gathering of" armed rebel Houthi leaders in the Yemeni capital, Sanaa, on Oct. 8. The party, the investigators said, "insisted that the location be targeted immediately as a legitimate military target." But the coalition's air operations center ordered the attack "without obtaining approval from the Coalition command to support legitimacy and without following the Coalition command's precautionary measures to ensure that the location is not a civilian one that may not be targeted," the statement said. A coalition aircraft then "carried out the mission."

30. Saudi-Led Coalition Says It Bombed Yemen Funeral Based on False Information

The New York Times, Ben Hubbard, 2016 10 16

Beirut - A Saudi-led military coalition involved in Yemen's war acknowledged on Saturday that one of its jets carried out an attack on a funeral this month in the Yemeni capital, Sana, that killed more than 100 people and wounded hundreds of others. The strikes, which hit Sana's fanciest reception hall while the prominent family of a rebel official was receiving condolences, were delivered on the basis of "false information," provided by Yemeni officials, that indicated the presence of armed rebel leaders at the site, according to a statement given by a coalition investigative body and published by the Saudi state news agency. The attack was one of the deadliest of Yemen's war and led the United States to announce "an immediate review" of its support for the Saudi-led coalition that is bombing Yemen's rebels. It has also led to renewed calls from human rights organizations and some American lawmakers for the United States to halt or delay weapons sales to Saudi Arabia and its allies. Human Rights Watch, in a report on the attack, called it "an apparent war crime" and "unlawfully disproportionate." Yemeni medical officials said after the attack that more than 100 people had been killed, while the United Nations put the death toll at more than 140. Secretary of State John Kerry said on Saturday that Houthi rebels in Yemen had released two United States citizens as part of an arrangement that including airlifts of Yemenis wounded in the funeral attack, The Associated Press reported. Mr. Kerry did not identify the Americans.

31. US Navy investigates possible missile fire from Yemen

The Associated Press, Jon Gambrell, 2016 10 16

Dubai - The U.S. Navy on Sunday began investigating a possible overnight missile attack from Yemen on a group of American warships in the Red Sea amid uncertainty about what transpired. The Red Sea and the nearby strategic Bab el-Mandeb strait, a crucial chokepoint for international shipping and crude oil, has been the scene of what the U.S. describes as at least two missile attacks from rebel-held territory in Yemen. American forces have fired back once with Tomahawk missiles, destroying mobile radar positions in the first shots fired by the U.S. in anger in the stalemated conflict. In the latest incident, a group of American warships in the Red Sea on Saturday night "had indications of a possible inbound missile threat and deployed appropriate defensive measures," said Capt. Paula Dunn, a spokeswoman for U.S. Navy Forces Central Command. She said in a statement that all ships and sailors were safe, without elaborating. An American defence official told The Associated Press on Sunday that one of the ships saw on radar what sailors believed to be missiles being fired on it out of Yemen at night. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details of the incident not yet made public.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

32. Les contrôles en Suisse réduisent les allers-retours de djihadistes

Agence Télégraphique Suisse, 2016 10 16

Les aspirants suisses au djihad sont beaucoup moins nombreux à tenter de rejoindre l'Etat islamique (EI). L'organisation a perdu en éclat et l'intensification des contrôles fait ses preuves, assure le directeur du service de renseignement Markus Seiler. Depuis six mois, presque plus personne ne tente de rallier l'EI depuis la Suisse, précise M. Seiler dans une interview aux journaux alémaniques Landbote et Berner Zeitung parue samedi. Les contrôles, qui ont été renforcés, rendent aujourd'hui plus difficile le voyage

vers les régions de crise, poursuit-il. "L'EI a bien perdu en éclat, mais nous ne constatons pas non plus de retours au pays pour autant", selon le chef du service de renseignement (SRC). Ce dernier demeure toutefois attentif à l'éventuelle arrivée de suspects, souligne-t-il. D'après Markus Seiler, le SRC dénombre toujours 77 personnes ayant quitté la Suisse pour les zones de conflit au Moyen-Orient avec comme motif le djihad. Une vingtaine d'entre elles ont perdu la vie, dont 14 décès confirmés. M. Seiler ne sous-estime pas le risque de trouver des djihadistes parmi les réfugiés accueillis en Suisse. Les terroristes ne s'infiltreraient habituellement pas de cette manière, mais il peut toujours y avoir des exceptions. Le Secrétariat d'Etat aux migrations (SEM) a fourni des milliers de noms au SRC, qui a procédé à des contrôles.

33. Menaces d'attentat: un couple de jeunes radicalisés mis en examen et écroué

Agence France Presse, 2016 10 16

Paris - Un jeune homme de 21 ans et sa petite amie mineure de 17 ans ont été mis en examen à Paris et écroués, soupçonnés de vouloir commettre une attaque jihadiste en France, a-t-on appris samedi de source judiciaire. Présentés vendredi à un juge antiterroriste, ils ont été mis en examen pour association de malfaiteurs terroriste criminelle et placés en détention provisoire. Les investigations ont mis en évidence des liens avec Rachid Kassim, un propagandiste du groupe Etat islamique soupçonné de téléguider des attentats en France depuis la zone irako-syrienne, via la messagerie cryptée Telegram. La section antiterroriste du parquet de Paris avait ouvert au début du mois une enquête sur ce couple sans emploi. La Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) était en possession de renseignements évoquant des suspicions de passage à l'acte, selon une source proche de l'enquête. Le couple, converti à l'islam, a été interpellé mardi à Noisy-le-Sec (Seine-Saint-Denis), en banlieue parisienne. Devant les enquêteurs, la jeune fille, enceinte de son compagnon, a expliqué qu'elle ne pouvait pas passer à l'acte du fait de sa grossesse, a expliqué la même source. Elle s'était convertie à l'âge de 15 ans, sous l'influence de son petit ami.

34. EU leaders to hold talks on Russian political meddling

The Financial Times, Arthur Beesley, 2016 10 16

Brussels - EU leaders are to discuss covert Russian funding of far-right and fringe parties in Europe in light of intelligence findings that show that Moscow is interfering in European domestic politics. Amid deteriorating relations with President Vladimir Putin over Russia's bombing of Syria, concerns that the Kremlin is meddling in national politics in Europe will be discussed at this week's EU summit in Brussels. The EU debate on Russia, scheduled months ago, comes a fortnight after Washington accused Moscow of interfering in the US presidential election by directing cyber attacks on American politicians and parties. Citing growing anxiety in Europe about Russian financial support for far-right and populist movements, senior EU diplomats told the FT that the intelligence agencies of "several" countries had stepped up scrutiny of possible links with Moscow. For security and political reasons, intelligence findings are not centrally shared between European member states. But a senior diplomat involved in preparations for the talks in Brussels said there was evidence in some cases to substantiate suspicions of Russian involvement. "It's a serious concern. It becomes an existential concern," the diplomat said. "It's all about situational awareness. We don't have the tools to look centrally." EU leaders will discuss all aspects of Europe's relationship with Russia at a private dinner on Thursday, the part of their regular two-day summit meetings traditionally reserved for the most sensitive discussions.

35. Syrian bombing suspect in Germany spoke to ISIS about attack plans

Reuters, 2016 10 16

Berlin - A Syrian refugee arrested on suspicion of planning a major attack in Berlin spoke to a member of

ISIS in Syria by telephone about a possible target a day before German police discovered explosives in his apartment, a newspaper reported on Saturday. Jaber Albakr was detained on Monday, two days after police discovered about 1.5 kg of explosives in his apartment. He was found dead in prison on Wednesday. Authorities said he had committed suicide. Germany's Welt am Sonntag (WamS) cited investigation sources as saying US intelligence had provided a tip-off about Albakr after tapping several phone calls between him and an ISIS member in Syria. During the calls, 22-year-old Albakr spoke about his attack plans, the newspaper said. In a call on Oct. 7, Albakr told his contact that 2 kg of explosives were ready and he named a possible target, saying a "big airport in Berlin" was "better than trains", WamS reported. In July, the militant group claimed responsibility for two attacks in the German state of Bavaria - one on a train near Wuerzburg and the other at a music festival in Ansbach that wounded 20 people. WamS said federal prosecutors investigating the case assumed that Albakr wanted to make a vest packed with explosives for an attack.

36. German bomb plotter 'was in Syria two months ago'

The Local.de, 2016 10 16

Berlin - A bomb plot suspect found hanged in his cell in Germany was in Syria two months earlier with a group of Islamists, his brother said in an interview published Saturday. The suspect, Jaber al-Bakr, arrived in Germany from Syria in 2015 and gained refugee status, but returned to Syria earlier this year, his brother Alaa al-Bakr told the German daily Die Welt. "The last time that we spoke was two months ago, he was in Idlib (northwest Syria). He told me then that he was very angry and sad because of the war," he told the paper from his house in the Damascus region. He said his brother, 22, was involved in "humanitarian aid" with the hardline Islamist Ahrar al-Sham rebel group in Syria, a rival to the Islamic State (IS) group. Jaber al-Bakr may have joined IS, although he believed the group "did not represent Islam," Alaa al-Bakr said. He said his brother was radicalised in Germany and may have been influenced by a Muslim leader or a mosque in Berlin or near Berlin. He also told Die Welt he did not believe his brother committed suicide in prison. "I'm sure it was the police who killed him," he said. Jaber al-Bakr was arrested in the city of Leipzig late on Sunday after a manhunt that began some 48 hours earlier when police raided his apartment and found explosives.

37. Islamic State flag is legal in Sweden, prosecutor rules

The Local.se, 2016 10 16

Stockholm - A Swedish prosecutor has ruled that the ISIS flag does not constitute hate speech and is therefore legal under Swedish law. Prosecutor Gisela Sjövall announced last week that she would not prosecute a 23-year-old man who had posted the black ISIS flag on his Facebook page in June. Police in Laholm, a town on Sweden's west coast, had launched a criminal investigation into the man, who comes originally from Syria, on suspicion of committing "hate speech". "Put simply, one can say that he is expressing contempt for "all others", and not against a specific ethnic group," Sjövall told Sweden's SVT broadcaster. She said that while the swastika had now come to symbolise a hatred for Jews, the same could not yet be said of the IS flag. "Up until now, we haven't come to that point," she told the local Hallandsposten newspaper. "That could change in ten years." According to Sweden's hate speech laws, for an image or statement to represent "incitement to hatred", it needs to threaten or disparage a group of persons in connection to race, colour, national or ethnic origin, religious belief or sexual orientation.

38. Suspected suicide bomber kills three police in southern Turkey-sources

Reuters News, 2016 10 16

Istanbul - A suspected suicide bomber killed three police officers and wounded at least eight people in the southern Turkish city of Gaziantep on Sunday during a police raid on what was thought to be an Islamic State safehouse, security sources and medics said. Police pursued a vehicle believed to be carrying explosives to the house, where a group of Syrian nationals were thought to be sheltering, and raided it, the

security sources said. Gaziantep lies around 40 km (25 miles) from the Syrian border. Four of those wounded were Syrians while some of the others were police officers, hospital sources said.

39. Killing of Migrant Forces France to Confront Treatment of Chinese

The New York Times, Martin De Bourmont, 2016 10 16

Aubersbilliers, France - A Chinese tailor, Zhang Chaolin, emigrated to France with his wife and two sons in 2006 in search of a better life. They settled in Aubervilliers, a working-class suburb of Paris, where a decade of striving finally put that life within reach. His sons, now in their 20s, work and have their own families. Last year, the younger son had his first child, making Mr. Zhang a grandfather. But those dreams of stability came to an abrupt end this year under a pleasant August sun. A group of young men, barely old enough to drive, assaulted Mr. Zhang, who was 49, as he walked in Aubervilliers with two friends he had known since childhood. Shouting racist slurs, the youths took a small bag from one of the men, and savagely beat them, leaving Mr. Zhang and his friends crumpled and bloodied on the sidewalk. The bag contained only candy and cigarettes. Mr. Zhang died five days later. The death was the culmination of months, even years, of racial tensions in Paris and its suburbs that intensified this summer, fueled by long-held stereotypes of the Chinese as weak yet unusually successful residents of economically disadvantaged, immigrant-heavy suburbs. Often the tensions stem from rivalries between immigrant groups themselves. While the death surprised few Franco-Asians, it did reveal a volatile racial landscape in France that is far more complex than the country's French majority and large Muslim minority, whose struggle for integration has received the most attention.

40. Turkish backed Syrian opposition captures Dabiq from IS

The Associated Press, Philip Issa, 2016 10 16

Beirut - Turkish-backed Syrian opposition forces have captured the symbolically significant town of Dabiq from the Islamic State group, the factions said Sunday morning. A commander of the Syrian opposition Hamza Brigade said Islamic State fighters put up "minimal" resistance to defend the northern Syrian town before withdrawing in the direction of the much larger IS-held town of al-Bab to the south. Saif Abu Bakr said some 2,000 opposition fighters pushed into Dabiq with tank and artillery support from the Turkish army. The commander said the extremists left the town heavily mined. Both Turkish and international coalition warplanes conducted airstrikes on Dabiq and nearby Arshak, the Turkish state-run Anadolu news agency reported.

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CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Some of Canada's terrorism response has gone too far

Ottawa Citizen, Scott Reid, 2016 10 22

OpEd: Two years ago Parliament Hill was stormed by a gunman - and since then we've done too much about it. I apologize if that sounds glib or disrespectful. Certainly, that's not the intention. I'm among the many Canadians who will take time this weekend to remember Cpl. Nathan Cirillo's senseless murder. I'll think of his son, who has been growing up without a father. I'll recall Kevin Vickers' heroism and wonder about the lingering effects that must come from taking a man's life - even in defence of other lives. And I'll consider the many changes in Hill security that have been implemented since the day that gunfire rang through halls that should never be filled with anything more menacing than debate. But I'll also think about the mistakes that were made in the shadow of that attack - the way in which our federal government ignored wise counsel from many quarters and dangerously rebalanced the framework governing national security. Bill C-51 was introduced a mere three months after Michael Zehaf-Bibeau launched his lone-wolf assault - and, in that still highly charged atmosphere, the new measures drew immediate scrutiny. Every single privacy commissioner in the country expressed their disapproval. More than 100 law professors urged a rethink of the bill's approach on everything from the criminalization of legitimate expression to a more interventionist mandate for CSIS. Four former prime ministers - Conservatives and Liberals - argued for strengthened oversight to check state power. All to little effect. Bill C-51, after some amendments, was passed into law in June 2015 - accompanied by a frustrating argument over whether or not to label the attack on Parliament Hill an act of terrorism, as though that would make anyone less dead or more secure.

2. Progress made on security, civil rights

Ottawa Citizen, Michel Picard, 2016 10 22

Letter to the Editor Re: Security and our civil rights, Oct. 21.

I would like to respectfully respond to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association's recent op-ed on security and rights to clarify several points that could cause confusion. This is especially important while the government is consulting on Canada's national security framework. I have hosted eight such town halls that fostered broad, powerful debate from diverse perspectives. Many more are to come. These consultations are about more than the flawed Bill C-51. They are an opportunity for Canadians decide what is required to best guarantee their safety and, at the same time, protect their rights and freedom. Our government is committed to ensuring all Canadian Security and Intelligence Service warrants respect the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, a commitment that was, in fact, reaffirmed on page two of the consultation Green Paper. The O'Connor Inquiry recommendations (in the case of Maher Arar) have been implemented, including the proper consideration of human rights issues before information is shared. A recent evaluation by CSIS's review body found this informationsharing is being managed appropriately. And the RCMP's review body is currently reviewing its procedures. (Note: Michel Picard is the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety)

Canada

3. Terrorism investigations tax RCMP's ability to fight Canada's organized crime

The Globe and Mail, Colin Freeze, 2016 10 22

Ottawa - The number of RCMP wiretaps on organized-crime groups is plummeting sharply as the force shifts its detectives to the fight against terrorism, according to statistics analyzed by The Globe and Mail.

In its federal policing role, the RCMP essentially has two major business lines - chasing mobsters and chasing terrorists. The priority the Mounties give to each of the two files has always been an issue, but the balance clearly shifted after the attack on Parliament Hill two years ago. The RCMP has moved hundreds of officers from organized-crime probes to terrorism investigations in a bid to track suspected sympathizers of the Islamic State. This may come at a cost to other important RCMP missions, such as stopping human trafficking, getting guns off the street and curbing trade in illicit drugs such as fentanyl. A spokeswoman for the police force does not dispute that a significant shift has taken place. "The decrease in RCMP wiretap applications for serious and organized-crime investigations in the past year can partially be attributed to the shifting of a number of federal-policing resources to national-security criminal investigations," Corporal Annie Delisle said in an e-mailed response to Globe questions. Her e-mail added that the RCMP "prioritizes its investigations based on threat and risk to public safety and remains committed to fighting organized crime."

4. Legacy of terror

Ottawa Citizen, Andrew Potter, 2016 10 22

OpEd: It was two years ago today that Michael Zehaf-Bibeau drove up to the National War Memorial, hopped out, then ran over and shot ceremonial guardsman Cpl. Nathan Cirillo in the back. Zehaf-Bibeau then stormed Parliament Hill, and died cowering behind a pillar in Centre Block. Shocking as the attack was, it would be a stretch to say that anyone in the parliamentary precinct was all that surprised. Just one month earlier, a spokesman for ISIL named Abu Muhammad al-Adnani had called on its supporters to target Canadian civilians, along with Americans, Australians, French and other members of the U.S.-led alliance that was forming to defeat the radical Islamist group. Since Zehaf-Bibeau's mad dash came only two days after Martin Couture-Rouleau rammed his car into two members of the Canadian military in a parking lot, killing Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent, it was hard not to conclude that some sort of organized, ISIL-inspired terrorist plot was underway. But when the dust settled, it was clear there was no real connection between the two killings. Perhaps they were both vaguely inspired by ISIL's call to action. We still have no idea how Zehaf-Bibeau became radicalized and what finally motivated him to act. That winter the authorities successfully disrupted a "terror cluster" in Ottawa, and this past August an ISIL sympathizer named Aaron Driver was killed by the RCMP in Strathroy, Ont., while on the verge of committing a terrorist act. But, truth be told, over the past two years there has been very little to indicate that there is any sustained or growing terrorist threat in Canada. What little there is tends to be of the lone-wolf variety: oneoff attempts by social outcasts who have latched on to a pidgin Islam as a vehicle for their alienation.

5. Keeping canada's parliament safe

Ottawa Citizen, Ian Macleod, 2016 10 22

Ottawa - Michael Zehaf-Bibeau should not have been able to get into his car after gunning down Cpl. Nathan Cirillo at the National War Memorial. He should not have been able to drive a short distance along Wellington Street. He shouldn't have gotten past the Parliament Hill gate openly carrying a rifle. He shouldn't have been able to hijack an idling ministerial car. He shouldn't have gotten into Centre Block and he sure shouldn't have gotten down the Hall of Honour and to within 40 metres of the prime minister attending a caucus meeting. Ironically, Stephen Harper and Tory MPs that morning had been discussing legislating new anti-terrorism powers, what would soon become Bill C-51. The failure to stop an amateur terrorist, armed with an old leveraction rifle, a handful of bullets and a knife, was stunning. Once in the Hall of Honour, Zehaf-Bibeau was quickly felled by some of the 56 bullets fired by police and parliamentary guards. Their actions were exemplary, even heroic. But the archaic and disjointed system under which they operated created a dangerous opportunity Zehaf-Bibeau unwittingly exploited. Parliament Hill doesn't look much different today. Tourists pose for photos by the Centennial Flame,

antiabortion crusaders, gay marriage protesters, school kids, yogis and Falun Gong pamphleteers are out in force.

6. Trudeau shakes up top ranks with more young blood

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 10 22

Ottawa - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau shook up the senior ranks of Canada's public service with another sweep of promotions for younger executives who are poised to take over as the leaders of the next decade. The latest round of appointments reflects Privy Council Clerk Michael Wernick's push to rejuvenate the top ranks of the bureaucracy with a better mix of youth and experience. The prime minister is responsible for all senior appointments but they are typically made on the advice of the clerk. Wernick has said managing a "generational turnover" is his top priority as the last wave of baby boomers, who dominated the face and character of public service for decades, retires. In speeches, he has exhorted the baby boomers to "move on" and make way for the next generation of leaders. Friday's shakeup included three promotions into the ranks of deputy minister and three assistant deputy ministers into associate deputy minister jobs. All are about age 50 - either in their late 40s or early 50s - positioning them for the top posts over the decade. Last year, the average age of deputy ministers was about age 58. As one senior bureaucrat said, "It looks like 50 is the new 60." The public service has aged over the years, including its senior executives compared to the 1970s and '80s when the public service grew rapidly and it wasn't unusual for executives to get their first deputy appointments in their 40s.

7. N. Korean defector speaks out to change her country

Ottawa Citizen, Paula McCooney, 2016 10 22

Ottawa - North Korean defectors Audrey Park and her mother have endured unimaginable hardship - whether it was being forced to subsist on a diet of corn and bugs, working in a labour camp or leaving family behind to make a harrowing winter trek across the Gobi Desert. It was all for the chance at a better life. Now, Park is determined to ensure future generations are not subjected to the same human rights violations existing under her country's communist rule. Park, 27, has been chosen as this year's intern for the HanVoice Pioneers Project. HanVoice is a nonprofit organization advocating for North Korean human rights and refugees. The internship aims to empower and give a voice to defectors through a training and advocacy program. Park, who is interning in Ottawa, will speak at a HanVoice benefit concert at the Canadian Museum of Nature at 6 p.m. on Tuesday to engage the local community about the ongoing plight of North Koreans. Project director Veronica Kim said her organization was moved by Park's story.

8. Tunisia goes from Arab Spring to Daesh springboard

Toronto Star, Michelle Shephard, 2016 10 22

Tunis, Tunisia - The mere mention of Syria elicits pained expressions among those living in El Mourouj, a densely populated suburb about a 20-minute drive from Tunis. We came earlier this year to one neighbourhood, where stray cats outnumber cars on the sunny streets, armed with only a few names of young Tunisians who had left for Syria. Within minutes, we were introduced to their families and embarking on a walking tour of the departed. Fawzai Zeitouni received a call two months before our visit that her teenage son Hamza had been killed. As she showed us the last photo of him, a tear fell on to the phone screen. "We don't understand. All the mothers just say, 'We went to sleep and woke up and our children were gone.'" "To some she is lucky - she knows the fate of her son. For others there is only the hope that their loved ones will return, and there is fear that they will return, brainwashed and trained by Daesh. It is hard for most Westerners to comprehend the number of young people here in this country of about 11 million, who have joined the call to jihad in Syria, Iraq or Libya. They come from Tunisia's "Generation 9/11 (www.thestar.com)," those who grew up in the shadow of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, but who came of age during the demonstrations of the Arab Spring. Tunisia was the birthplace of those protests that spread across the Middle East and North Africa, starting with outrage over the self-

immolation of a desperate Tunisian fruit dealer. The country is the only Arab Spring “success” story amid unyielding bloodshed in Syria, Yemen, Libya and political upheaval in Egypt and Bahrain. This is the country whose young people won a Nobel Peace Prize, and it is often called the “democratic model” for the region. Ask security analysts, community workers, relatives and political commentators here if the main cause of high recruitment of Tunisians are religious, economic, revolutionary, political, or personal and most would answer: “Yes.” But the external factors that drive young Tunisians to join Daesh or other violent extremist groups are not the same as in Canada, Europe or the Middle East. Here, in the fading light of the revolution, when change didn’t come fast enough, extremist groups shone bright. In May, Canada’s global affairs minister, Stéphane Dion, travelled to Tunis. “The Tunisians weren’t shy about pleading for assistance,” said one official who knew details of the meetings. The economy was the main topic of discussion. Canada pledged support and announced a three-year, \$4 million security partnership for “battling terrorism.” According to Global Affairs spokesperson Jocelyn Sweet, Canada has also allocated \$5.3 million to aid Tunisian women in “taking up leadership roles.” Marie-Claude Bibeau, minister of international development and la Francophonie, is reviewing Canada’s international assistance, which Sweet said “will establish Canada’s priorities for development assistance in the coming years.” (Note: Michelle Shephard, the Star’s national security correspondent and author, travelled to a half-dozen countries and interviewed foreign fighters, security experts, policy makers and religious leaders for this year’s series. Her stories about “Generation 9/11” explore the issues of Daesh’s foreign fighters and how Canada and the world should respond. The series concludes this weekend.)

9. Canada's loneliest hero

The National Post, John Ivison, 2016 10 22

Analysis: There are days when it’s hard to be a hero. Just ask Curtis Barrett. Two years ago, the RCMP corporal shot Michael Zehaf-Bibeau in the head in Parliament’s Hall of Honour, just minutes after the 32-year-old Zehaf-Bibeau had fired three bullets into the back of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, an unarmed member of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, who was posted at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. An Ontario Provincial Police report into the terror attack on Parliament Hill on Oct. 22, 2014, concluded that Zehaf-Bibeau “presented a serious and imminent threat to the lives of all persons inside Centre Block,” including Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the entire Conservative caucus meeting in the Reading Room, just off the Hall of Honour. The report concluded that the House of Commons’ former sergeant-at-arms, Kevin Vickers, and Barrett “fired their weapons and neutralized the threat.” But while Vickers was hailed as a hero by the nation and appointed Canada’s ambassador to Ireland, Barrett’s contribution was buried, redacted and generally forgotten, leading him into a downward spiral of posttraumatic stress. After two years, the RCMP has finally recognized the valour of Barrett, and the three other officers who walked into gunfire that day - he will receive the Star of Courage from the Governor-General at a ceremony next Friday. But Barrett’s story is a cautionary tale about how this country treats those of its sons and daughters who put themselves at great peril to keep the rest of us safe. On the morning of Oct. 22, 2014, Curtis Barrett, a robust 34-year-old from Labrador City, N.L., was posted at the Vehicle Screening facility at the foot of Parliament Hill, where he worked as an explosives detection officer. The former Canadian Forces combat engineer was on a break when he overheard a female officer announce on the radio: “There’s a man. He’s got a gun.” Barrett and an RCMP colleague climbed into a marked cruiser and headed toward the Peace Tower.

10. Waterloo startup focuses on security for the quantum age

Waterloo Region Record, Terry Pender, 2016 10 22

Waterloo - A small startup in Waterloo is working on a problem that touches everyone using the Internet for buying, selling and banking — securing sensitive data against attacks from quantum computers. Isara Corp. , based in the Quantum Valley Investments building, went public about a month ago with the first in a suite of planned software products that it says will protect data in existing computers from hackers

using quantum computers. The startup's sole focus is quantum-safe cryptography. It is not only e-commerce that is threatened by the next generation of computers, but also sensitive government communications, says Scott Totzke, Isara's chief executive officer. There is now a consensus among some of the biggest players in technology, including Google, Amazon and Microsoft, that quantum computers will be a commercial reality by 2026. Using the properties of subatomic particles to process and store information, they will be able to quickly break current methods of encryption. Everything from credit card numbers, bank accounts, personal records, health files, tax records, corporate data and top-secret messages exchanged by spy agencies are all vulnerable to hackers using quantum computers, Totzke says. With the threat increasing, some government agencies have started talking about quantum safe cryptography. Last year, the National Security Agency (NSA) in the United States said it would transition its computers to quantum-resistant algorithms "in the not too distant future." The NSA's Canadian counterpart is the Ottawa-based Communications Security Establishment. Last month, Greta Bossenmaier, head of the agency, said cryptologists there are racing to find ways to protect information from quantum hackers. Isara is part the quantum technology ecosystem supported and funded by Mike Lazaridis, co-founder of Research In Motion, now BlackBerry. Lazaridis and Fregin founded Quantum Valley Investments in 2013. It has invested in several startups that are working out of its building on Westmount Road North. So far, only two have come out of stealth mode — Cognitive Systems and Isara.

11. Treat Muslims as partners in our security

Ottawa Citizen, 2016 10 22

Editorial: I have always approached the debates we've had since Sept. 11, 2001, about national security and protecting rights and freedoms with some nervousness and trepidation. I'm a Canadian Muslim of Pakistani descent. There are more than one million Muslims in Canada, and we have often felt unfairly targeted by security agencies and stigmatized as part of these security debates. We have been seen as part of the problem rather than as part of the solution. Too often, our community has not been part of the discussions when it comes to designing a national security framework that both keeps Canadians safe, and protects our fundamental rights and freedoms. Those of us who have chosen to come to Canada and make this our home did so for both the security that all Canadians take for granted and the rights and freedoms that all Canadians cherish. Many of us fled countries where personal liberties are severely limited or even nonexistent, and where violence and conflict are daily facts of life. Yet, too often, we've been treated with suspicion and mistrust. It's as if security agencies took a racial profiling approach to national security, rather than trying to work with the community. That needs to change. We need to bring a community policing approach to national security.

12. WikiLeaks est-il à la solde du Kremlin ?

La Presse, Marc Thibodeau, 2016 10 22

Analyse: À en croire l'entourage de la candidate démocrate à l'élection présidentielle américaine, l'affaire ne fait aucun doute: WikiLeaks tente, de concert avec le Kremlin, de déstabiliser la campagne de Hillary Clinton afin de favoriser l'élection de son rival républicain, Donald Trump. Le porte-parole de l'ex-secrétaire d'État, Brian Fallon, s'en est pris directement à l'organisation de Julian Assange la semaine dernière en tweetant qu'elle se comportait en «outil de propagande du gouvernement russe» visant à favoriser la «marionnette» de Moscou. «Le fait de distiller des mensonges n'améliore en rien votre crédibilité», a rétorqué en ligne un responsable non identifié du compte Twitter de WikiLeaks. Au coeur du litige figure une série de courriels publiés par WikiLeaks au cours des derniers mois. Un premier lot témoignant de comportements hostiles de la direction du Parti démocrate envers le sénateur Bernie Sanders, qui était opposé à Mme Clinton, a d'abord été dévoilé en juillet à la veille de la convention de la formation. Des courriels tirés du compte du directeur de campagne de la femme politique, John Podesta, ont ensuite été mis en ligne progressivement sur une période de dix jours dans la période précédant le troisième débat. Dans un avis publié le 7 octobre, le département de la Sécurité intérieure des États-Unis

s'est dit «raisonnablement certain» (confident) que la Russie était «directement responsable» des cyberattaques prenant pour cible le camp démocrate. Ses responsables ont ajouté que la divulgation de courriels piratés par l'entremise de WikiLeaks et d'autres sites comme DCLeaks.com était conforme aux «méthodes et motivations» de Moscou et visait à déstabiliser l'élection américaine.

13. We haven't let fear turn us into a colder country - and that's a good thing

Ottawa Citizen, Andrew Macdougall, 2016 10 22

Comment: What words to describe the feeling as you watch, helplessly from across an ocean, as a terrorist storms your former place of work and threatens your former colleagues, including the prime minister of Canada? “Surreal” and “impotent” are the best I’ve come up with in the two years since Michael Zehaf-Bibeau launched his slapdash assault on Parliament. Oddly, “grateful” is another. Grateful, because it could have been worse. Much worse. Had he timed his jihadi gauntlet a little earlier in the day, Zehaf-Bibeau would have found MPs and staffers clogging the Hall of Honour he went on to strafe. Had I still be in function, I would have been right there, chatting up journalists post-caucus before dodging bullets. Instead, I watched on Twitter from London as friends in Ottawa became trapped on the set of a real-life horror film. Here, social media was as much blessing as curse; it was the first platform to erupt with the news, but it was also the first to falsely suggest that as many as three gunmen were roaming Ottawa’s streets. For a while, it didn’t feel as though anyone knew what was going on, just like nobody ever knows what’s going on in the first hours of a news event, only that we now all feel compelled to broadcast our lack of knowledge in the rush to fill an information void that can’t be sated.

14. Le monde à la merci des hackers?

Le Soleil, Jean-François Cliché, 2016 10 22

Ottawa - Mine de rien, il y a pas mal de pirates informatiques qui ont ajouté de très, très gros trophées de chasse à leur collection récemment... Les courriels de Hillary Clinton. Ceux du directeur de la CIA, John Brennan, l'an dernier. Cet été, un serveur du Comité national du Parti démocrate a été complètement éventé. Il y a deux semaines, ce fut au tour du directeur de campagne de Mme Clinton, John Podesta, de voir sa correspondance électronique atterrir sur le site WikiLeaks. Quand on pense aux secrets d'État que des gens si hauts placés peuvent échanger, la liste a quelque chose de totalement irréel. Mais comment cela est-il possible? Comment l'entourage immédiat d'une potentielle présidente des États-Unis et le patron de l'espionnage américain peuvent-ils être à ce point vulnérables? Sont-ils mal conseillés, négligents, ou les pirates sont-ils tout simplement impossibles à arrêter? Il y a sans doute un peu des deux, disent tous les experts auxquels Le Soleil a soumis la question. «La plus grande vulnérabilité de tout système d'information, c'est toujours le facteur humain, que ce soit accidentel ou volontaire», dit Marc-André Léger, qui enseigne la sécurité informatique à l'Université de Sherbrooke. Ainsi, il a été démontré que Mme Clinton avait utilisé un compte personnel et un serveur privé et fort mal sécurisé à sa résidence lorsqu'elle était secrétaire d'État afin d'envoyer ses courriels, dont certains contenaient des documents sensibles. Les règles du gouvernement stipulent pourtant que seuls des serveurs gouvernementaux et dûment sécurisés peuvent être utilisés. Mais il a aussi été révélé en début d'année que beaucoup de hauts placés américains, tant dans le gouvernement Obama que dans l'administration républicaine précédente, ont des comportements semblables. Mais il n'y a pas que des erreurs humaines dans ces histoires de piratage, poursuit M. Léger, «un ordinateur impossible à hacker, ça n'existe pas. [...] Tout ordinateur branché à Internet peut être piraté. C'est une question de mettre l'énergie et le temps qu'il faut pour entrer dans le système».

15. Digital doors should be secure

Times Colonist, 2016 10 22

Editorial: In the legislative building and in other government offices, security officials go around after business hours to make sure everything is locked and secure. In the business of running the government, it

would be unthinkable to leave doors ajar and filing cabinets open. That same diligence has not always been applied to government-owned electronic devices that store and allow access to a wide array of sensitive information. As the provincial government rolls out its strategy concerning mobile devices, it should seek ways to keep up with technological change, rather than playing catch-up. Two independent watchdogs released companion reports Tuesday saying there's a risk that government information could fall into the wrong hands because of slack security measures regarding tablets, smartphones and other mobile equipment. Government safeguards have failed to keep pace with rapid advances in technology, say auditor general Carol Bellringer and acting information and privacy commissioner Drew McArthur. The two watchdogs audited five ministries and the office of the chief information officer. These are some of their findings: No central record is kept of mobile devices with access to government information. "You can't protect what you don't know about," said Bellringer.

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16. N. Korea will be huge problem for next U.S. president: ex-top CIA official Yonhap English News, 2016 10 22

Washington - North Korea will be a huge problem for the next U.S. president as it is perfecting capabilities to fly nuclear-armed missiles to the continental U.S., a former top intelligence official has warned. Jami Miscik, a former deputy director for intelligence at CIA, made the remark in an interview with the Fortune magazine, noting that the U.S. is not paying enough attention to the issue of North Korea, according to the report. "The president-elect is going to face a problem with North Korea that none of his or her predecessors have faced. It is well on the way to becoming not just a nuclear power, but a power that is able to deliver a nuclear missile," she was quoted as saying. The remark is the latest in a series of warnings in the U.S. of the seriousness of the North Korea problem in the wake of Pyongyang's fifth nuclear test last month. That blast, together with ceaseless missile tests, sparked genuine fears that Pyongyang is making real progress in developing nuclear missiles.

17. Pentagon chief in Iraq to see commanders, assess Mosul fight The Associated Press, Lolita C. Baldor, 2016 10 22

Baghdad - U.S. Defence Secretary Ash Carter arrived in Iraq on Saturday to meet with his commanders and assess the progress in the opening days of the operation to retake the northern city of Mosul from Islamic State militants. His visit comes two days after a U.S. service member was killed outside Mosul, underscoring the risk that American troops are taking as they advise Iraqi forces in the fight. The trip also follows meetings that Carter held with Turkish leaders on Friday, when he announced "an agreement in principle" for Turkey to play a role in the Mosul battle, and that friction between Turkey and Iraq can be worked out. Carter, who already has been to Iraq twice this year, has overseen the steady increase in the number of U.S. forces deployed to the fight and the growth of America's effort to train and advise Iraqi troops. In his two earlier visits, Carter announced White House decisions to increase the U.S. troop level there. There were no expectations he would do that again. Instead, he planned to meet with Iraqi leaders and military commanders to determine how the fight was going and whether any changes, increased resources or other assistance were needed.

18. New Weapons Used in Attack on the Internet The New York Times, Nicole Perlroth, 2016 10 22

San Francisco - Major websites were inaccessible to people across wide swaths of the United States on Friday after a company that manages crucial parts of the internet's infrastructure said it was under attack. Users reported sporadic problems reaching several websites, including Twitter, Netflix, Spotify, Airbnb,

Reddit, Etsy, SoundCloud and The New York Times. The company, Dyn, whose servers monitor and reroute internet traffic, said it began experiencing what security experts called a distributed denial-of-service attack just after 7 a.m. Reports that many sites were inaccessible started on the East Coast, but spread westward in three waves as the day wore on and into the evening. And in a troubling development, the attack appears to have relied on hundreds of thousands of internet-connected devices like cameras, baby monitors and home routers that have been infected -- without their owners' knowledge -- with software that allows hackers to command them to flood a target with overwhelming traffic. A spokeswoman said the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Homeland Security were looking into the incident and all potential causes, including criminal activity and a nation-state attack. Kyle York, Dyn's chief strategist, said his company and others that host the core parts of the internet's infrastructure were targets for a growing number of more powerful attacks.

19. Homeland Security struggles to detain rising numbers of undocumented people

The Wall Street Journal, Devlin Barrett, 2016 10 22

Washington - Homeland Security officials are quietly scrambling to find 5,000 more prison and jail beds to handle a record number of undocumented immigrants being detained in the U.S., according to officials familiar with the discussions. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson met Tuesday with senior leaders at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency and the Customs and Border Protection agency -- both of which are in his department -- so officials could review their plans to handle thousands more people expected to cross the border with Mexico in coming weeks, the officials said. ICE is holding more than 40,000 people in detention centers -- more than it has ever had in custody before -- and has warned budget officials that it needs a quick infusion of \$136 million more just to keep running detention centers until early December, according to internal Department of Homeland Security documents and officials. A spokeswoman for the Department of Homeland Security declined to comment on internal agency discussions. The agency is "committed to continuing to ensure that individuals are detained in a safe, secure and humane manner in line with our detention standards and our values as a nation," she said.

20. Theft by former NSA worker much worse than thought, prosecutors allege

Christian Science Monitor, Zhai Yun Tan, 2016 10 22

Washington - A former National Security Agency contractor accused of stealing hoards of top secret government information is set to face more serious charges than previously announced, with prosecutors hoping to prevent him from being released on bail. According to the federal prosecutors' court filing on Thursday, Harold T. Martin III committed a theft that was "breathtaking in its longevity and scale," stealing enough material to fill up to 200 laptop computers, according to the Associated Press. The information includes "specific operational plans against a known enemy of the United States," and handwritten notes with explanations that the government says is intended for an "audience outside of the Intelligence Community." "Given the nature of his offenses and knowledge of national secrets, he presents tremendous value to any foreign power that may wish to shelter him within or outside of the United States," prosecutors said. Prosecutors argue that Mr. Martin should not be released on bail because he is "a risk to the nation and to the physical safety of others," The Washington Post reports.

21. A WikiLeaks Lesson for Mrs. Clinton

The New York Times, 2016 10 22

Editorial: The consensus by United States intelligence agencies is that the WikiLeaks dump of emails from the account of John Podesta, Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman, was the result of a hack by Russia in an effort to influence the presidential election. The leaks are continuing, so it's impossible to say whether anything truly damaging to Mrs. Clinton will emerge. Some of the purloined exchanges consist of routine and often boring campaign planning, while others seem embarrassing or cynical, as when Clinton aides debate accepting campaign cash from foreign government lobbyists, and one writes: "Take

the money!!" None of the emails, at least so far, seem particularly harmful to Mrs. Clinton, although some suggest that her closest aides have the same concerns that weigh on many Americans -- that she can be thin-skinned and secretive. As Neera Tanden, one of Mrs. Clinton's closest advisers, put it in the emails, "She always sees herself bending to 'their' will when she hands over information." This is partly because of the endless investigations the Clintons' political enemies have pursued over the years. But that sort of scrutiny will surely intensify if she becomes president. Mrs. Clinton will only stir up her Republican critics by appearing secretive; she has a much better chance of shutting them down, as she did in her Benghazi hearing, with a dogged determination to show she has nothing to hide.

22. Philippines 'Separation' from U.S. Jilts Hillary Clinton, Too

The New York Times, Mark Landler, 2016 10 22

Washington - When the Philippines appeared to jilt its old ally the United States in favor of China this week, it repudiated not only President Obama and his "pivot" to Asia, but also Hillary Clinton, who made reaching out to the region her signature project as his secretary of state. The White House on Friday said it was troubled by the statements made by President Rodrigo Duterte during a visit to Beijing, in which he announced a "separation" of the Philippines from the United States, a treaty ally, and said it was "time to say goodbye, my friend." More than anything, the administration appears baffled by Mr. Duterte. He is a flamboyant figure, given to volcanic outbursts. On Friday, his own trade minister tried to pull back much of what his boss had said. "I've dubbed that person the Filipino Mike Pence," joked the White House press secretary, Josh Earnest, suggesting that Mr. Duterte was a Filipino Donald J. Trump. Later in the day, Mr. Duterte himself insisted that by "separation" he meant only that the Philippines planned to be more independent of the United States.

23. Man Who Took Trove of N.S.A. Data Has Court Date

The New York Times, Scott Shane, 2016 10 22

Baltimore - The intelligence contractor accused in the largest-ever breach of classified information was portrayed by his lawyer in court on Friday as a patriot and a dedicated worker who became compulsive about taking work home. An unlocked garden shed, stuffed with more classified documents than the contractor, Harold T. Martin III, could ever read, might be a symptom of a mental disorder, the lawyer said. Mr. Martin, a rotund man with glasses whose striped gray jail garb stood out in an ornate federal courtroom here, sat silently during his first public appearance as his lawyer, James Wyda, argued that he should be released while awaiting trial. The prosecution, opposing the request, described Mr. Martin, 51, in starkly different terms: as a serial lawbreaker of staggering audacity. Over two decades as a contractor for the National Security Agency and other government units, it said, he took home masses of secrets in full knowledge that it was illegal to do so. And, the prosecution added, there is no way to be certain what he has done with the information, or whether he might be hiding more.

24. Ex-NSA contractor deemed flight risk in theft case

The Washington Post, Ellen Nakashima, 2016 10 22

Baltimore - A federal judge found Friday that a former National Security Agency contractor accused of carrying out what is thought to be the largest theft of classified secrets in U.S. history posed a flight risk and ordered that he continue to be held in jail. U.S. Magistrate Judge A. David Copperthite ruled that Harold T. Martin III should not be released pending trial, despite the impassioned arguments of his defense attorney that the computer technology expert is a patriot who intended no harm to his country and suffered from a "compulsive disorder" that led him to steal classified material over a 20-year period. Defense attorney James Wyda conceded that Martin took the material, but he stressed that "there's no evidence that Hal shared this information with anyone" or that he intended to pass it to a foreign government. "There is nothing to indicate that Hal Martin is a traitor," Wyda told the judge, as Martin, a

heavyset man wearing gray-striped jail garb, sat quietly at the defense table. "What we see is an individual who is a collector." He told the court that his client is not like Edward Snowden, the former NSA contractor who gave classified material on U.S. surveillance programs to journalists, or Aldrich Ames, a onetime CIA officer who was recruited by the Soviet Union and betrayed agents working for the United States. Wyda portrayed Martin, 51, as a "voracious learner committed to being excellent at his work" who gathered information to improve his knowledge. "What began as an effort to be better at his job," Wyda said, became over the years a compulsion. "Frankly," he said, "the mental health component is the only explanation."

25. Census plan for Middle Easterners raises concerns

The Washington Post, Tara Bahrapour, 2016 10 22

Washington - For the first time in four decades, the federal government is poised to add a new ethnic category to the U.S. census form, adding a box for people of Middle Eastern and North African descent. Details are still being negotiated, but as the form is currently envisioned, people would be able to check the new box in addition to race identifiers, such as "white" or "black." Within the new category, they would also be able to specify national origins, such as Saudi or Israeli, and ethnic affiliations, such as Berber or Kurdish. The new form would go to Congress for final approval in 2018 in time for the 2020 Census. The move comes after more than 30 years of lobbying, but also at a time of rising Islamophobia and calls by Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump to ban people from Muslim lands. Some are questioning whether the new designation could lead to profiling or otherwise put them in danger. The proposed addition would create a race and ethnicity category called MENA for people with roots in the Middle East and North Africa. It has been championed by organizations representing Arab Americans and others with roots in the geographical swath from Iran to Morocco, who complain of being ignored in the decennial count. The region comprises a jumble of ethnic and racial categories, including people who identify as white or black, Arab or Aryan.

26. Part of Clinton campaign headquarters evacuated over suspicious white powder

Fox News, 2016 10 22

Washington - One floor of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's national campaign headquarters was evacuated Friday evening after a white powdery substance caused a security scare. The New York Police Department said the substance was discovered in an envelope opened by two interns at Clinton's Manhattan office at around 5:30 p.m. It was then taken to the 11th floor of her Brooklyn headquarters. The New York Post reported that emergency services ordered the floor to be evacuated after four people were exposed to the substance.

27. Major New Court Ruling Says "Even The President" Can't Declare Torture Lawful

The Intercept, Alex Emmons, 2016 10 22

Washington – In a robust ruling in favor of Abu Ghraib detainees, an appellate court ruled Friday that torture is such a clear violation of the law that it is "beyond the power of even the president to declare such conduct lawful." The ruling from a unanimous panel of judges on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals reinstates a lawsuit against a military contractor for its role in the torture of four men at the notorious prison in Iraq. Last June, a district court ruled that a "cloud of ambiguity" surrounds the definition of torture, and that despite anti-torture laws, the decision to torture was a "political question" that could not be judged by courts. That ruling echoed the widely discredited legal theories of the Bush administration, which argued that the war on terror gave the president the inherent authority to indefinitely detain and torture terror suspects, and conduct mass surveillance on Americans' international communications. But the Fourth Circuit soundly rejected that theory, saying that the United States has clear laws against torturing detainees that apply to the executive branch. "While executive officers can do are the military reasonableness of conduct amounting to torture, it is beyond the power of even the

president to declare such conduct lawful," wrote appellate Judge Barbara Keenan, writing for the unanimous panel.

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28. Russian warships sail through English Channel

The Washington Post, Andrew Roth, 2016 10 22

London - In scenes that haven't been common since the end of the Cold War, Russian warships sailed through the English Channel early Friday in a theatrical display of Russian military might. Britain dispatched two of its own warships to carefully monitor the Russian flotilla, which included the aircraft carrier Admiral Kuznetsov, as it sailed by, reportedly en route to the eastern Mediterranean to aid in the war in Syria. The aircraft carrier can hold as many as 40 planes, and it is suspected that they will be used in the bombing campaign in Aleppo. Given Russia's fierce bombardment of that city, many Western military officials see the ships' course as a slow-moving harbinger of bloodshed to come in Syria. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg warned the Kremlin on Thursday not to take any step that would escalate the violence. "We are concerned that the Russian carrier group will support military operations in Syria in ways which will increase humanitarian and human suffering," Stoltenberg said.

29. Lawmaker raises fears about Russian satellites

The Washington Post, Christian Davenport, 2016 10 22

Washington - In a letter to the Pentagon on Friday, Rep. Duncan D. Hunter said he was concerned that a contract to provide Internet service to deployed soldiers could allow the use of Russian satellites, jeopardizing troops' privacy and security. Previous service at bases' Internet cafes had "stringent security measures," Hunter wrote to Army Lt. Gen. Alan Lynn, the head of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). But he said he is worried that the "contracting arrangement creates unnecessary security risks, given that our deployed warfighters could be exposed to transmitting their personal information over unprotected networks that are controlled by foreign and potentially hostile entities." In an interview, Hunter (R-Calif.), who served three tours as a Marine, said: "This is one of the dumbest things we could do. Why give the Russians the ability to basically spy on American military personnel when there are so many other options?" A DISA spokesman said the agency could not discuss the provisions of the contract or which companies may have submitted offers.

30. GCHQ using cyber attacks on Isil to aid battle to take Mosul

The Daily Telegraph, Ben Farmer, 2016 10 22

London - GCHQ is using cyber warfare for the first time against Isil militants as part of the campaign to retake Mosul, the Defence Secretary has said. The cyber attacks are understood to have targeted the communications of Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant to disrupt co-ordination in the Iraqi city. Sir Michael Fallon told a conference organised by the Royal United Services Institute, a think tank on cyber warfare: "We are conducting military operations against Daesh [Isil] as part of the international coalition, and I can confirm that we are using offensive cyber for the first time in this campaign."

31. Police uncover Tube bomb plot

The Daily Telegraph, Nicola Harley & Ben Farmer, 2016 10 22

London - A terror plot targeting the London Underground has been uncovered after police found what they believe to be a bomb on a Tube train. A 19-year-old man was Tasered and arrested by counter-terrorism officers yesterday following the discovery of the device aboard a train outside the O2 centre in

south London on Thursday. Last night it emerged that security officials had already contacted the Ministry of Defence to warn military personnel and that the threat level for transport in the capital had been raised to "severe". The MoD told troops before the arrest: "It remains possible that the perpetrator may attempt to place further devices." British Transport Police confirmed it had increased security and would be stepping up patrols. The incident and subsequent arrest came 11 years after the 7/7 bombings when the London Underground was targeted in a terror attack that killed 52 passengers. Details of the suspected plot emerged in a memo sent to serving military personnel that forwarded a warning from the security agency that gives terrorism alerts. It said the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre "has raised the threat level for transport in London to severe: an attack is highly likely".

32. Cybercrime costs us £11bn

The Daily Telegraph, 2016 10 22

London - Online fraudsters stole £10.9bn in the UK last year - equivalent to a £210 loss for everyone over the age of 16 - official figures show. But in reality, the loss may be even greater. Get Safe Online, the government-backed cyber safety initiative, suggested actual cybercrime victims saw an average loss of £523. However, this is those who reported the fraud to the national cybercrime and fraud reporting service, Action Fraud. In a survey by Get Safe Online 39pc said they were a victim of cybercrime but did not report it. In the past 12 months, those living in Kent lost more than £4bn as a result of cybercrime - by far the highest amount stolen, according to Action Fraud.

Americas- Amériques

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Australia -Australie/New Zealand - Nouvelle-Zélande

33. Jihadists should be jailed: security chief

The Age, Daniel Flitton & Deborah Snow, 2016 10 22

Canberra - Australian jihadists attempting to return home as battle erupts around the Islamic State stronghold of Mosul should be locked up if they return, or placed under the "closest monitoring we can arrange" according to former army chief Peter Leahy. "It is a significant concern," said the former general, who now directs the National Security Institute at Canberra University. "It looks as though ISIS will fall in Iraq, and more than 100 or so Aussies are there right now fighting alongside them. We are potentially going to see more young jihadists here, plotting and attempting to carry out attacks. So our security agencies are going to have to be on high alert." Where Australian nationals fighting abroad alongside IS have dual passports, they should have their Australian passports "ripped off them" he said. "If that's not possible we should put them in jail, or else under the closest monitoring that we can arrange, 24 hours a day for a very long time." Mosul in northern Iraq and Raqqa in Syria are believed to be the bases for many of up to 30,000 recruits said to have flocked to the battlefield from across the world.

34. Man charged over explosive device

Australian Associated Press, 2016 10 22

Adelaide - A man has been charged over the discovery of a homemade explosive device and a homemade firearm which forced the evacuation of a shopping centre in Adelaide's north. The 39-year-old was spoken to by patrols outside the Elizabeth Shopping Centre on Saturday afternoon and a search of his backpack uncovered the two items. The explosive device was immediately isolated near an external

loading bay and the area cordoned off. Bomb squad officers were called in and a controlled detonation was performed. Police said the circumstances of the incident were still being investigated but officers had ruled out the possibility of terrorist attack. No person was directly threatened and no one was injured.

Afghanistan • Pakistan

35. Drone kills 5 anti-Taliban militiamen in Nangarhar

Pajhwok Afghan News, Yousuf Zarifi, 2016 10 22

Jalalabad - Five uprising members were killed in a NATO drone strike in Pachiragam district of eastern Nangarhar province on Saturday, an official said. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, confirmed the strike to Pajhwok Afghan News in Koz-Pachir village before noon but he had no information about the identities of those killed. But a security official, who wished to go unnamed, said the drone strike hit check post of uprising forces and killed five people, including the post commander. NATO and US forces spokesman in Kabul Brig. Gen. Charles H. Cleveland confirmed US forces conducted one counter-terrorism strike in Pachiragam district.

Asia –Asie

36. Chinese hackers targeted US aircraft carrier

Financial Times, Jeevan Vasagar and Geoff Dyer, 2016 10 22

Washington - Chinese hackers targeted foreign government personnel who visited a US aircraft carrier the day before a contentious international court ruling on the South China Sea, according to a US cyber security company. The China-based group created an infected document impersonating an official message addressed to officials visiting the USS Ronald Reagan, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier which conducted patrols of the South China Sea in July. The suspect document is dated July 11, the day before a tribunal in The Hague ruled against China's expansive claims in the region. The targets of the attack were delegates from a foreign government due to visit the aircraft carrier that day. The document contained Enfal malware, which can be used to copy information from an infected computer or download further computer viruses.

37. China, Philippines to exercise self-restraint in S. China Sea

Kyodo News, Takuya Karube, 2016 10 22

Beijing - China and the Philippines said Friday they have agreed to practice self-restraint in the South China Sea and have regular discussions on a bilateral basis in addressing maritime issues. In a joint statement issued a day after their presidents held talks in Beijing, the two countries said they have agreed to seek measures "to increase mutual trust and confidence and to exercise self-restraint in the conduct of activities in the South China Sea that would complicate or escalate disputes and affect peace and stability." To that end, the statement said, "In addition to and without prejudice to other mechanisms, a bilateral consultation mechanism can be useful, which will meet regularly on current and other issues of concern to either side on the South China Sea." As Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte suggested ahead of a meeting with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping, an international arbitration tribunal's mid-July ruling that invalidated Beijing's sweeping claims in the disputed sea was not mentioned in the document.

38. Philippines bags \$18.9 billion in deals from China

The Jerusalem Post, 2016 10 22

Manila - For agreeing to return to the negotiating table to settle a dispute in the South China Sea, the

Philippines is getting US\$9 billion (S\$12.6 billion) in soft loans from China, part of the US\$13.5 billion in deals signed during President Duterte's visit to Beijing this week. Encouraged by the apparent success of his trip, Duterte announced his "separation" from the US on Thursday, declaring it had "lost," and he had realigned with China. Addressing a group of Chinese and Filipino businessmen after his talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Duterte said relations with the US had reached "checkmate." "The US has lost now," Duterte said. "I've realigned myself in your ideological flow and maybe I will also go to Russia to talk to (President Vladimir) Putin and tell him that there are three of us against the world-China, Philippines and Russia. It's the only way," he said. "With that, in this venue, your honours, I announce my separation from the US, both in military, not in social, both in military (and) economics," he remarked. "I have separated from them. Hence, I will be dependent on you for all time. But do not worry. We will also help as you help us."

39. N. Korean diplomats meet with ex-U.S. officials in Malaysia

Yonhap English News, 2016 10 22

Kuala Lumpur - A North Korean delegation led by its deputy foreign minister held talks with former government officials of the United States here for a second day on Saturday to discuss pending issues such as the North's nuclear and missile tests. The U.S.-North Korea contact, although it is informal or unofficial, came after North Korea conducted its fifth and most powerful nuclear test in September, just eight months after its previous nuke test. "I came here through Beijing," the North's deputy ambassador to the United Nations Jang Il-hun told Yonhap News Agency. As for topics discussed during the dialogue, he said the two sides talked about several "pending issues and each other's thoughts on them." Asked whether there was an offer from the U.S. to stop its nuclear and missile tests, he fell short of clarifying, but said, "hopely moving forward."

40. Blinken to visit S. Korea, Japan next week for talks on N. Korea

Yonhap News, 2016 10 22

Washington - U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken will visit South Korea and Japan next week for discussions on strategies to deal with North Korea, the State Department said Friday. Blinken will first be in Tokyo on October 26-27 for trilateral talks with South Korea's First Vice Foreign Minister Lim Sung-nam and Japanese Vice Foreign Minister Shinsuke Sugiyama, the department said in a statement. The fifth round of deputy-level trilateral consultations will focus on our cooperation on a range of regional security and global issues, including our coordinated response to the threat posed by the North's nuclear and ballistic missile programs, the department said. Blinken will then visit Seoul on Oct. 28-29 for talks with Deputy National Security Advisor Cho Tae-yong about North Korea policy, the department said.

41. 66 countries submit implementation reports on N.K. sanctions: report

Yonhap English News, 2016 10 22

Seoul - One third of United Nations member states have submitted their implementation reports on the latest set of international sanctions adopted against North Korea, a news report said Saturday. The Voice of America report said 66 countries have submitted their own implementation reports since the U.N. Security Council adopted Resolution 2270 in March to punish the North for its nuclear and ballistic missile tests early this year. It cited an e-mail from the Spanish mission to the U.N., which currently chairs a U.N. panel on North Korea sanctions. The sanctions, the toughest yet to be adopted against North Korea by the U.N., include mandatory inspections of all cargo going into and out of the North.

42. Outlawed Moro armed group harasses North Cotabato village, torches homes

Philippines News Agency, 2016 10 22

Midsayad - Outlawed Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) torched six houses in a remote village here after they failed to overrun a paramilitary base Thursday night, the Army here said. The burning of houses and series of loud explosions in Barangay Polomoguen caused panic among residents, according to Lt. Col. Markton Abo. Abo, 6th Infantry Division spokesperson, said the houses were unoccupied when torched since the villagers move to nearby villages at night and return at day time to farm. Villagers claimed that they have been seeing BIFF men massing in the borders of North Cotabato and Maguindanao. For fear of possible hostilities, the villagers decided to leave home at night.

43. Four 'terrorists' involved in sectarian killings arrested in raids

The News International, 2016 10 22

Mumbai - Anti-terrorism police arrested four alleged terrorists of banned militant outfits on Friday, who were said to be involved in sectarian killings and attacks on law enforcers. The four men, identified as Hafiz Noor alias Noor Ghausia, Zikeria alias Maviya, Muzaffar Ashiq alias Kajee alias Hussaini alias Khalid and Moiz, were taken into custody during raids conducted in Korangi, Bilal Colony and Orangi areas. Weapons and suicide vests were also seized during the raids carried out by personnel of the Counter Terrorism Department's (CTD) Operations-II, said a statement, adding that the arrests were made on the basis of a tip-off about the presence of terrorists in those areas. During a search of hideouts, the police found a suicide vest, three 30-bore pistols, two cellphones, four hand grenades, 70 bullets of a 30-bore pistol and Rs12,600. The statement said the suspects received training in Afghanistan, carried out attacks on law enforcers and killed people belonging to the Shia community.

Africa – Afrique

44. Al-Shabab executes three for spying for US

BBC Monitoring Africa, 2016 10 22

Washington - US and Ethiopian spies were executed in the town of Saakow as hundreds of onlookers assembled at the execution ground. Abdullahi Ahmed Abdirahman, nicknamed Nabadon Yarow, worked for US troops stationed in Ballidoogle airfield in Lower Shabelle region. An Al-Shabab judge said that Nabadon Yarow, 51, worked for the US, having been behind the killing of many members of the Wanlaweyn district administration in Lower Shabelle. He was also behind US attacks in the villages of Baladul Amin and Jameo in Lower Shabelle. He worked with the US for 10 months and was paid 600 dollars every month. Mohamed Salad Kahiye, 31, a member of the Somali government intelligence agency, was among the executed men.

45. South Africa to Withdraw From International Criminal Court

The New York Times, Sewell Chan and Marlise Simons, 2016 10 22

Johannesburg - South Africa became on Friday the second African country to announce that it planned to leave the International Criminal Court, a decision that campaigners for international justice say could lead to a devastating exodus from the embattled institution. The move came three days after after Burundi's president signed a decree making his country the first to withdraw from the court, which had planned to investigate political violence that followed the president's decision last year to pursue a third term. "There is a real chance that there will now be large-scale African withdrawals," said David L. Bosco, an associate professor of international studies at Indiana University who has written a book on the court. "The Burundi decision was easy to dismiss as a government seeking to avoid direct scrutiny; South Africa's is much more significant. The African Union has been a forum for anti-I.C.C. sentiment, and countries like Kenya and Uganda may now seek to capitalize on the momentum." Henry Oryem Okello, a Ugandan minister, told The Associated Press on Friday that his country was "undecided" about whether to remain in the

court, and that the “hot issue” of African participation might be taken up at an African Union summit meeting in January.

46. Burkina Faso 'foils coup plot by forces loyal to Compaore'

BBC News, 2016 10 22

At least 10 of the plotters had been arrested, but the top suspects were still on the run, the minister said. The coup was to have been staged on 8 October, with an attack on the presidential palace, he added. Forces loyal to the ex-president staged a coup in September 2015, but surrendered a week later after protests and opposition from top generals. French-educated banker Roch Marc Kaboré was elected president in November, ending a turbulent period since Mr Compaore's overthrow in a popular uprising in 2014. The latest coup plotters had also planned to attack a prison to free those held over last year's coup, Interior Minister Simon Compaore said at a press conference in the capital, Ouagadougou. Gen Gilbert Diendere, the head of Blaise Comapore's presidential guard, was detained for seizing power in September 2015.

Iraq/Iran

47. Iraq pushes into town near Mosul after IS assault on Kirkuk

The Associated Press, Qassim Abdul-Zahra And Emad Matti, 2016 10 22

Bartella, Iraq - Iraqi forces pushed into a town near the Islamic State-held city of Mosul on Saturday after a wave of militant attacks in and around the northern city of Kirkuk set off more than 24 hours of heavy clashes, with ongoing skirmishes in some areas. U.S. Defence Secretary Ash Carter meanwhile arrived in Baghdad on an unannounced visit to meet with Iraqi commanders to discuss the offensive to retake Mosul, which the U.S. is supporting with airstrikes and advisers on the ground. The Iraqi army said the 9th Division has pushed into the town of Hamdaniyah, also known as Qaraqosh and Bakhdida, and raised the flag over its central government compound, but the troops were likely still facing resistance in and around the town. Similar past announcements have often proved premature. Two officers from the 9th Division confirmed troops had captured the government compound and raised the flag over it. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information. The town is around 20 kilometres (12 miles) from Mosul. Iraqi forces launched a wide-scale offensive earlier this week aimed at retaking Mosul, the country's second largest city, which fell to IS in 2014.

48. Iran's Top Security Official: West Delaying Defeat of Terrorists in Iraq, Syria

Fars News Agency, 2016 10 22

Tehran - Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) Ali Shamkhani blasted the Western sponsors of the terrorist groups for postponing their defeat in Iraq and Syria on different pretexts. "Foreign patrons of terrorist groups in Iraq and Syria have turned to politicking to save the outfits from a looming defeat in the Arab countries," Shamkhani said on Friday. He reiterated that the terrorists are declining towards their defeat in Iraq and Syria and thus their supporters have engaged in attempts to delay their defeat through political gambits. "After their worn-out plans were exposed, the terrorists' backers are seeking new approaches to change the course of their recurrent defeats," Shamkhani said, warning regional states and nations to be watchful of such efforts.

49. Iraqi army drives Islamic State from Christian region near Mosul

Reuters, 2016 10 22

Qayyara, Iraq - Iraqi army troops on Saturday stormed into a Christian region that has been under Islamic

State control since 2014 as part of U.S.-backed operations to clear the entrances to Mosul, the militants' last major city stronghold in Iraq. The advance took place as U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter arrived on a visit to Baghdad to meet Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi and assess the campaign that started on Monday with air and ground support from the U.S-led coalition. A military statement said Iraqi units entered the center of Qaraqosh, a mainly Christian town about 20 kms (13 miles) southeast of Mosul, and were carrying out mop-up operations across the town. Further action was under way to seize a neighboring Christian village, Karamless, also known as Karemlash in the Syriac language. The region's population fled in the summer of 2014, when Islamic State swept in. Earlier this week, Iraqi special units also captured Bartella, a Christian village north of Qaraqosh.

50. Flee Their City or Stay? For Mosul Residents, Both Choices Seem Bleak

The New York Times, Tim Arango, 2016 10 22

Jadaa, Iraq - The first thing Musar Abid did when he escaped the Islamic State this week was grab a razor. "I shaved this morning," he said, smiling and pointing to his cheeks, smooth for the first time since jihadist enforcers began requiring long beards two years ago. "I became a young man again." When Iraqi federal policemen taking part in the offensive to reclaim Mosul from the terrorist group approached his village, Mr. Abid, 41, was elated to see them coming. For Mr. Abid, escape was an imperative -- he had informed the Iraqi police about conditions in the city, he said. "All of the world knows what life was like under Daesh," he said, using the Arabic acronym for the Islamic State, which is also known as ISIS or ISIL. But there are a million or more other civilians still in the city, and as they begin taking up the decision of whether to flee or stay, they face increasing hazards. Aid groups and international agencies are racing to prepare the possibility that the trickle of civilians fleeing Mosul, like Mr. Abid, will soon become a flood. Aid workers fear that as the fight moves to urban centers, it could force the sudden displacement of hundreds of thousands of people, and they are stockpiling gas masks in case the Islamic State turns to chemical attacks. And despite the relief civilians are expressing as they flee the jihadists, the risk is considerable.

51. ISIS Fighters in Iraq Attack Kirkuk, Diverting Attention From Mosul

The New York Times, Tim Arango, 2016 10 22

Erbil, Iraq - Facing a broad offensive from Iraqi and Kurdish troops, the Islamic State has defended villages around Mosul with its signature tactics of suicide car attacks and roadside bombs. But on Friday morning, militants attacked the strategic oil city of Kirkuk, far to the east, in the manner of a conventional army. Dozens of uniformed Islamic State fighters, some of whom were believed to be part of sleeper cells and others who drove into the city in vehicles, assaulted Kirkuk, setting off gun battles for hours in the heart of the city that lasted from dawn and into the night. Imams shut down all mosques in the city, canceling Friday Prayers, as the city was turned into an urban battle zone that was livestreamed for much of the day by Kurdish news outlets. The battle scenes and the sound of automatic gunfire inside the city were reminiscent of the Islamic State's brazen march across northern Iraq two years ago, when Mosul and other cities were first seized by the group. The group's sudden counterattack on Friday also involved multiple suicide attacks on police positions inside the city, and gunmen later took up positions in a mosque, a school, a hotel, and on top of other buildings. The government quickly instituted a curfew, ordering civilians to shelter indoors.

Eastern Europe – Europe de L'Est

52. Russian Carrier Is Bound for Syria, Flexing Muscle but Risking Malfunction

The New York Times, Meil MacFarquhar, 2016 10 22

Moscow - The Admiral Kuznetsov, Russia's lone, rather geriatric aircraft carrier, steamed through the English Channel toward the Mediterranean Sea on Friday in the Kremlin's latest attempt to reassert its lost superpower status. Belching thick black smoke, the Soviet-era warship, previously known more as a threat to its crew than anything else, led a battle group of eight vessels, including an oceangoing tug that traditionally accompanies the carrier, which has a reputation for breaking down. The flotilla is expected to deploy off Syria in late October to bolster the military operations propping up President Bashar al-Assad, Russia's main Arab ally. If the 15 warplanes on board the Admiral Kuznetsov join the bombardment of Syria, the carrier will have its first active combat role since it was launched 34 years ago as part of a last gasp by the fading Soviet Union to challenge American naval power. That is seemingly the intent of the carrier's current mission — the latest move by President Vladimir V. Putin to flex Russian military muscle abroad and project power anywhere in the world by dispatching a floating air base. "It is part of Russia signaling that it is back on the world stage, that it is once again a maritime power," said Magnus Nordenman, the director of the trans-Atlantic security initiative at the Atlantic Council, a think tank in Washington.

53. Barred From U.N. Work, Russian Contractors Are Back, Airdropping Aid in Syria
New York Times, Somini Sengupta, 2016 10 22

United Nations - Amid the diplomatic storm over the war, the has paid millions of dollars to the owners of a private Russian airline company who were barred from doing business with the organization 10 years ago over bribery charges. Their Moscow-based company, , is the only authorized civilian provider of airdropped humanitarian aid in the conflict. And the sole place it flies in Syria is over a government-held town that has no other way to receive food. The owners, Nikolai Ustimenko and his son Pavel Ustimenko, were entangled in a financial scandal with the United Nations nearly 10 years ago, when an internal inquiry recommended no further dealings with them. The story of how the Ustimenkos came to be the providers of the only airdropped humanitarian relief service in Syria is a mix of politics, profit motive and United Nations bureaucracy. It offers a window into the way Syrian officials and their Russian allies have used the aid machinery of the United Nations, even as the organization's top officials have accused Syria's government of breaking international humanitarian law.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

54. Aleppo Is a 'Slaughterhouse,' Says U.N. Official Seeking War Crimes Inquiry
The New York Times, Nick Cumming-Bruce & Anne Barnard, 2016 10 22

Geneva - The top United Nations human rights official on Friday called the weekslong bombardment and siege of rebel-held parts of Aleppo "crimes of historic proportions" that had turned the ancient Syrian city into a "slaughterhouse." As a "humanitarian pause" in attacks, declared unilaterally by Russia, entered a second day — and as the besieged rebel-held eastern side of the city had a respite from the Syrian and Russian airstrikes that have devastated the area — the United Nations official, Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein, called for a war crimes investigation. The comments by Mr. al-Hussein, the high commissioner for human rights, came in a videotaped statement at the opening of a special session of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva. The 47-member council later adopted, 24 to 7, a resolution that called for an immediate end to the bombing of Aleppo. The resolution also asked the United Nations commission of inquiry monitoring human rights in Syria to investigate events in the city, identifying those responsible for war crimes and other violations. Sixteen council members abstained.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

55. Allemagne: procès d'une adolescente liée au groupe EI

Radio France Internationale, 2016 10 22

Berlin - Enfant déjà, elle était une star salafiste. Des vidéos la montrent à sept ans, un voile sur la tête, en train de réciter le Coran. Cette fille d'un Allemand converti à l'islam et d'une Marocaine très croyante grandit dans les milieux salafistes où elle rencontre ceux qui vont contribuer à sa radicalisation. C'est en novembre 2015 qu'elle aurait fait allégeance à l'organisation Etat islamique. Elle se félicite des attentats de Paris. En janvier dernier, elle prend l'avion pour la Turquie afin de gagner la Syrie et le jihad comme son frère. Elle est arrêtée à Istanbul ; sa mère la ramène en Allemagne. C'est en février qu'elle attaque des policiers à la gare de Hanovre. Un policier est gravement blessé à la gorge avec un couteau. Une opération commanditée par l'organisation Etat islamique d'après les enquêteurs, même si l'EI ne l'a pas revendiquée.

56. Le Conseil constitutionnel dit non à la surveillance de masse sans contrôle

Le Monde, Jean-Baptiste Jacquin, 2016 10 22

Paris - C'est un petit article de loi en vigueur depuis vingt-cinq ans que le Conseil constitutionnel a censuré dans une décision rendue vendredi 21 octobre. Cet article permettait tout bonnement aux services de renseignement de procéder sans le moindre contrôle à la surveillance de communications par voie hertzienne. Les gardiens de la Constitution le déclarent contraire à l'article 2 de la Déclaration des droits de l'homme et du citoyen de 1789 en portant « une atteinte manifestement disproportionnée au droit au respect de la vie privée et au secret des correspondances ». Ils le déclarent inconstitutionnel et demandent au législateur d'élaborer un nouveau texte d'ici au 31 décembre 2017. Au nom de « la défense des intérêts nationaux », les pouvoirs publics pouvaient ainsi surveiller les déplacements de sous-marins étrangers ou les mouvements de troupes sur un théâtre d'opération, mais également des communications par téléphone mobile entre particuliers, des échanges par Wi-Fi ou Bluetooth. Rebaptisé article L. 811-5 dans la loi renseignement de juillet 2015, cet article permettait aux services de renseignement de s'affranchir des contrôles que cette loi imposait, en précisant, par exemple, que la surveillance de particuliers ne peut être autorisée par le premier ministre qu'après avis de la Commission nationale de contrôle des techniques de renseignement (CNCTR). C'est en invoquant cette disposition particulièrement floue que Bernard Squarcini, l'ancien patron de la Direction centrale du renseignement intérieur (DCRI), avait pris la liberté de procéder à des écoutes dans l'affaire des fadettes du Monde . Lors du débat sur la loi renseignement de 2015, quelques mois après les attentats contre Charlie Hebdo et l'Hyper Cacher, personne ne semblait s'être intéressé à cet article introduit par la loi de 1991 sur le secret des correspondances. Cette dernière avait elle-même été votée après le scandale des écoutes de l'Élysée où François Mitterrand avait fait écouter des personnalités, dont le journaliste du Monde Edwy Plenel.

57. Renseignement : veto sur les surveillances hertziennes

Le Figaro, Christophe Cornevin, 2016 10 22

Paris - Taillée sur mesure pour permettre aux services de capter des informations en utilisant des moyens spéciaux en toute légalité dans un cadre administratif, la loi renseignement concoctée par Jean-Jacques Urvoas - quand ce dernier était encore président de la commission des lois de l'Assemblée nationale - est fondée sur le sacro-saint principe de proportionnalité entre ce que peuvent faire les espions et les garde-fous censés encadrer leurs intrusives missions. C'est justement en se fondant sur cette notion centrale d'équilibre que le Conseil constitutionnel a censuré vendredi un article de cette loi votée six mois après les attentats de janvier 2015 au motif que la « surveillance et le contrôle » des communications hertziennes portent « une atteinte manifestement disproportionnée au droit au respect de la vie privée et au secret des correspondances » prévu à l'article 2 de la Déclaration des droits de l'homme et du citoyen de 1789. Les

Sages du Palais-Royal étaient saisis depuis le printemps dernier d'une question prioritaire de constitutionnalité (QPC) déposée par trois associations, dont French Data Network et La Quadrature du Net, à l'origine de la procédure.

58. La rédaction face à l'iconographie terroriste

Le Monde, F. No., 2016 10 22

Analyse: « Le traitement du terrorisme dans Le Monde : quelle visibilité donner aux auteurs d'actes terroristes (photos, textes...)? Où mettre le curseur dans ce que nous publions et ce que nous refusons de publier? » : tel était, mardi 20 septembre, le sujet du comité de rédaction auquel, comme le veut la tradition, le conseil de gérance de la Société des rédacteurs du Monde (SRM) conviait l'ensemble de la rédaction. Ce comité de rédaction, précisait le conseil de la SRM, « est apparu souhaitable à la suite de l'éditorial de Jérôme Fenoglio "Résister à la stratégie de la haine", paru dans Le Monde (daté 28 juillet) . Le même jour, était-il rappelé, le directeur du Monde avait adressé un courriel au personnel de la Société éditrice du Monde dans lequel il précisait sa position. « Je vous confirme, écrivait alors Jérôme Fenoglio , que je souhaite que l'on ne publie plus, sur tous nos supports, des photographies de terroristes que nous pouvions faire paraître dans un passé encore récent. Cette demande porte principalement sur des images tirées de leur vie quotidienne ou sur celles, souvent prises par eux-mêmes, précédant leur passage à l'acte. » Au cours du comité de rédaction qui eut donc lieu, vacances estivales obligent, deux mois plus tard, plusieurs journalistes ont exprimé leur désaccord avec cette prise de position. Leurs commentaires ou critiques, résumés ici de manière très succincte sous forme de citations, portaient pour l'essentiel sur cinq points : 1. « Le journalisme, c'est du pragmatisme permanent. » Edicter des règles, c'est « prendre le risque de mettre en avant nos contradictions . « La compassion n'aide pas à la compréhension. » Il faut « se méfier des injonctions de bienveillance, tant de la part des lecteurs que dans les commentaires » publiés au bas des articles, sur le site du Monde . 2. « Ne pas montrer, c'est s'interdire de regarder et de comprendre ce qui se passe. » Avec ce corollaire : il importe de toujours veiller à « la concordance » entre l'article et la photo qui l'accompagne. Une photo doit être publiée « uniquement si elle a une valeur informative . « Puisqu'on ne publie pas des photos transmises par les services de communication des entreprises, pourquoi faudrait-il publier des photos diffusées par Daech? »

59. Norwegian ISIS fighter 'murdered two-year-old stepson'

The Local.no, 2016 10 22

Olso - A Norwegian Islamist fighting in Syria murdered the two-year-old son of a rival, after marrying the man's ex-wife, journalist Åsne Seierstad has claimed in her new book, Two Sisters. According to Seierstad, Bastian Vasquez killed the son of Arfan Bhatti, a leading figure in the Norwegian Islamist group Profetens Ummah, after the boy came to Syria with his mother to engage in Jihad. Vasquez was then executed by ISIS for the crime. The sensational new claim about the Chilean-Norwegian Islamist, who before his death last year was believed to be one of the most senior European figures in the Islamic State hierarchy, is a side-story to Seierstad's investigation into the two teenage sisters who went from Norway to Syria in 2013. According to the book, the boy's mother Aisha Shezadi, was first married to Bhatti, but then went voluntarily to Syria where she became Vasquez's second wife. Before his death, Vasquez presented some of ISIS's most disturbing propaganda videos. In one, he first shows a group of captives imprisoned in a building, and then shows the building being blown up as he laughs and praises Allah. After the videos were published, Vasquez was charged under Norway's anti-terror laws. Bhatti as a teenager was a member of Oslo's Young Guns gang, and in 2006 was charged for firing shots at the Oslo Synagogue and the Israeli and US embassies. He resurfaced as an Islamist in 2012. Åsne Seierstad is most famous internationally for the Bookseller of Kabul, which she published in 2002, but is also known in Norway for her book on the mass killer Anders Breivik, and her reports from Iraq and Chechnya.

60. Bavarian agency increases surveillance of anti-government extremists

Deutsche Presse-Agentur, 2016 10 22

Munich - Authorities in the German state of Bavaria are due to increase surveillance of anti-government extremists following a deadly shooting last Wednesday, the head of the state's intelligence agency has told dpa. The shooting, which saw a 49-year-old fire at four policemen, killing one, took place in the small town of Georgensgmünd near Nuremberg. "Surveillance of the Reich Citizens' Movement was already intensified in the last months, but now we will increase it again," Burkhard Koerner, the head of Bavaria's Office for the Protection of the Constitution, said. "In this scene there are people who become increasingly radicalised and their irritation at the state of things can grow into real hatred of the state," Koerner said. "That's why I have said it many times in the last months: it may not all be extremism, but there are people involved here who are dangerous." Koerner's agency says that 30 to 40 members of the Reich Citizens' Movement are also part of the state's right-wing extremist scene, but the total number of people in the movement remains unknown. "We particularly want to look at how many people involved have gun licences," Koerner said.

61. Belgian shopping mall evacuated after man fires rifle in store

Reuters News, 2016 10 22

Brussels - A Belgian shopping centre was evacuated on Saturday after a man opened fire with a Kalashnikov rifle in a store in Chatelaineau, 50 km (35 miles) south of Brussels, Belgian media reported. Police escorted dozens of shoppers out of the Cora mall after assailants burst into the store on Saturday morning in an apparent robbery attempt, national news agency Belga reported. There were conflicting reports on the number of assailants, with RTL News citing the police commissioner as saying several gunmen were inside the store. Local paper La Gazette cited unnamed sources saying there were three. "Shots were fired with a Kalashnikov," Mayor Daniel Vanderlick told RTL.

62. A role for Turkey in Mosul fight?

The Washington Post, Thomas Gibbons-Neff, 2016 10 22

Ankara, Turkey - Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter said during a visit here Friday that Turkey should have a role in the campaign to retake the Iraqi city of Mosul from the Islamic State, a move that could put the United States at odds with Iraq as officials in Baghdad become increasingly hostile to any Turkish presence in their country. "There's an agreement there in principle, but now we have to work down to practicalities," Carter told reporters before departing for the United Arab Emirates. Earlier in the day he met with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister Binali Yildirim and Defense Minister Fikri Isik to discuss Turkey's role in the fight against the Islamic State. Carter's suggestion came after Iraqi Prime Haider al-Abadi and Erdogan traded barbs over a contingent of roughly 500 Turkish troops, stationed north of Mosul, who have been training Kurdish peshmerga fighters and Arab militias since last year. The Iraqi government has said the Turkish garrison is unauthorized and has demanded that those forces leave. Recent protests in Baghdad called the Turkish presence an "occupation" force, according to an Associated Press report.

63. NATO Adds New Chief of Intelligence

The Wall Street Journal, Julian E. Barnes, 2016 10 22

Brussels - The North Atlantic Treaty Organization appointed its first intelligence chief, a post designed to help the alliance improve information sharing and counterterrorism coordination. Officials said Friday that alliance Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg was appointing longtime German diplomat Arndt Freytag von Loringhoven as assistant secretary-general for intelligence and security. Mr. von Loringhoven served as vice president of Germany's Federal Intelligence Service from 2007 to 2010. Officials have said the post will focus initially on improving intelligence sharing on Russia's military buildup, as well as

addressing duplication in civilian and military intelligence efforts. The new post could also help improve counterterrorism intelligence sharing -- pushing NATO into an area often left to bilateral cooperation.

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CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. New anti-terrorism bill abandons Liberal call for real-time parliamentary ‘oversight’ into CSIS operations

Ottawa Citizen Online, Ian McLeod, 2016 10 30

Ottawa - The cornerstone of the Liberals’ promised national security reforms — parliamentary “oversight” of federal spy activities — would not allow lawmakers to scrutinize the most potentially troubling of those actions until after they’re completed, if at all. The criticism is one of several expected to be voiced this week over Bill C-22, which will set up a committee of MPs and senators to monitor the country’s spooks. The panel — whose members will have to pass security checks — is intended to police the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and 16 other federal entities with national security responsibilities, many of which now operate without independent scrutiny. Its mandate also extends to examining the “legislative, regulatory, policy, administrative and financial framework for national security and intelligence.” The Commons public safety committee begins public hearings on the bill Tuesday. While national security experts praise C-22 for seeking to make spies more accountable, the New Democratic Party is expected to call for at least five significant amendments, starting with the removal of eight exemptions the government can claim to deny committee requests for information. They include the seemingly vast category of “special operational information,” which critics call a “catch-all” standard to block disclosure. Ministers also can prevent the committee from reviewing any information that “would be injurious to national security.”

Canada

2. Raised in Senegal, radicalized in Canada

Toronto Star, Allan Woods, 2016 10 30

Toronto - As the child of a Senegalese diplomat, Assane Kamara was accustomed to finding his place in unfamiliar lands. In his 24 years, he had lived in Ivory Coast, Haiti, Dominican Republic and Madagascar. But his privileged upbringing veered off course in 2014, prompting his worried mother to launch a search for her son, and leading her from the family home in Dakar, the Senegalese capital, to Friday prayers in an Edmonton mosque. As she forced him to return home, a member of the Kamara family said that the questions swirled. What had become of the young man sent for an education at Quebec’s Université de Sherbrooke? Why had he cut contact with his family and moved to western Canada? And who were the devout Canadian Muslims he now counted as his closest friends? In the months following the intervention, three of those friends - Samir Halilovic, Zakria Habibi and Youssef Sakhir - would flee Canada to try and join Daesh, the Islamic terror group in Syria and Iraq. Today, Kamara sits in a Dakar jail facing terrorism charges that were laid in February 2016, based on allegations he had planned to join a jihadist group, Henry Boumy Ciss, a spokesperson for Senegal’s National Police, told the Star. It was Kamara’s mother who asked police to investigate, Boumy Ciss said. The charges against Kamara have not been tested in court. His Senegalese lawyer did not respond to repeated requests for comment for this story, which is based on interviews with police, friends and family of Kamara and those of his Canadian acquaintances. Under questioning by Senegalese police, Kamara is alleged to have identified Halilovic, Habibi and Sakhir as people with whom he had ties in Sherbrooke, Boumy Ciss said.

3. Extremism ‘motivated by jihadist beliefs’ top source of Canadian terrorism since 2010, study says

The National Post Online, Stewart Bell, 2016 10 30

Toronto - Religious extremism has become the top motive for Canadian terrorism, replacing environmentalism, according to an academic study prepared for Public Safety Canada. While environmentalist causes were the main driver of Canadian terrorist incidents in the 1990s and 2000s, religious motives have taken over the lead since 2010, the study found. Between 2010 and 2015, 29 per cent of terrorist incidents were religiously motivated while 7 per cent were categorized as "anarchist," and 3 per cent were "supremacist." The motives for 61% were unknown. All "religious" terrorism dating back to 2001 was "motivated by jihadist beliefs," said the March 2016 study, obtained by the National Post under the Access to Information Act. The Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society conducted the study for the government for officials preparing the 2016 Public Report on the Terrorist Threat to Canada. "Since their emergence in the 1980s, environmentalist-motivated incidents have been slowly increasing as a proportion of overall terrorist activity," said the study. "This trend shifted, however, in 2010-2015, when religious attacks emerged as the most prominent type of terrorism, along with pockets of anarchist and supremacist activity." The 2010 Ottawa plot to conduct bombings for al-Qaida, the 2013 plot to attack a Toronto-bound passenger train and the 2014 killings of Canadian Forces members by ISIL-inspired terrorists all occurred during that time frame.

4. Canadians in dark over voter data use - Commons committee says it will study whether parties need rules to protect public's privacy

The Toronto Star, 2016 10 30

Ottawa - As Parliament considers peering into political parties' collection and use of sensitive personal information about citizens, those parties are busy developing more powerful and sophisticated tools to track voter data. Canada has virtually no rules governing how political parties collect, use and share information about voters they meet on the doorstep, hear from on issues, or observe on social media. In fact, Canadians are largely in the dark about what kinds of information parties collect and how they use it. But a House of Commons committee plans to study whether parties should have some basic rules for collecting - and protecting - private information like political beliefs, financial information, family makeup and contact information from millions of citizens. Daniel Blaikie, the New Democrat MP who suggested the study, said multiple witnesses brought the issue to the Access to Information and Ethics committee during a review of the Privacy Act this year. "Part of (the concern) is just that it is just something where there isn't a lot known," Blaikie said in an interview Thursday. "Witnesses had expressed a lack of knowledge of where exactly (the data) goes," Blaikie said. "So the idea was really just to get a better idea, if there was going to be regulation, where would you put it and how would it work." How much of an appetite Parliament has to debate the issue, however, remains to be seen. All three major parties have a strong interest in keeping secret the specifics of their data operations.

United States - États-Unis

5. Justice Dept. Warned F.B.I. About Timing

The New York Times, Matt Apuzzo, 2016 10 30

Washington - The day before the F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, sent a letter to Congress announcing that new evidence had been discovered that might be related to the completed Hillary Clinton email investigation, the Justice Department strongly discouraged the step and told him that he would be breaking with longstanding policy, three law enforcement officials said on Saturday. Senior Justice Department officials did not move to stop him from sending the letter, officials said, but they did everything short of it, pointing to policies against talking about current criminal investigations or being seen as meddling in elections. That Mr. Comey moved ahead despite those protestations underscores the

unusual nature of Friday's revelations, which added a dramatic twist to the final days of the presidential campaign. His action reignited a firestorm that Mrs. Clinton believed she had put behind her when the F.B.I. decided in July not to charge anyone in the investigation into the handling of classified information on her private email server. Mr. Comey's letter did not reopen that inquiry, even as he promised to review the new information, which was discovered in an unrelated investigation into the disgraced former congressman Anthony D. Weiner.

6. James Comey broke with Loretta Lynch and Justice Department tradition

The New Yorker, Jane Mayer, 2016 10 30

Washington - On Friday, James Comey, the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, acting independently of Attorney General Loretta Lynch, sent a letter to Congress saying that the F.B.I. had discovered e-mails that were potentially relevant to the investigation of Hillary Clinton's private server. Coming less than two weeks before the Presidential election, Comey's decision to make public new evidence that may raise additional legal questions about Clinton was contrary to the views of the Attorney General, according to a well-informed Administration official. Lynch expressed her preference that Comey follow the department's longstanding practice of not commenting on ongoing investigations, and not taking any action that could influence the outcome of an election, but he said that he felt compelled to do otherwise. Comey's decision is a striking break with the policies of the Department of Justice, according to current and former federal legal officials. Comey, who is a Republican appointee of President Obama, has a reputation for integrity and independence, but his latest action is stirring an extraordinary level of concern among legal authorities, who see it as potentially affecting the outcome of the Presidential and congressional elections. "You don't do this," one former senior Justice Department official exclaimed. "It's aberrational. It violates decades of practice." The reason, according to the former official, who asked not to be identified because of ongoing cases involving the department, "is because it impugns the integrity and reputation of the candidate, even though there's no finding by a court, or in this instance even an indictment." Traditionally, the Justice Department has advised prosecutors and law enforcement to avoid any appearance of meddling in the outcome of elections, even if it means holding off on pressing cases. One former senior official recalled that Janet Reno, the Attorney General under Bill Clinton, "completely shut down" the prosecution of a politically sensitive criminal target prior to an election. "She was adamant—anything that could influence the election had to go dark," the former official said.

7. N.S.A. Appears to Have Missed 'Big Red Flags' in Suspect's Behavior

The New York Times, Scott Shane, 2016 10 30

Washington - Year after year, both in his messy personal life and his brazen theft of classified documents from the National Security Agency, Harold T. Martin III put to the test the government's costly system for protecting secrets. And year after year, the system failed. Mr. Martin got and kept a top-secret security clearance despite a record that included drinking problems, a drunken-driving arrest, two divorces, unpaid tax bills, a charge of computer harassment and a bizarre episode in which he posed as a police officer in a traffic dispute. Under clearance rules, such events should have triggered closer scrutiny by the security agencies where he worked as a contractor. Yet even after extensive leaks by Pfc. Bradley Manning in 2010 and Edward Snowden in 2013 prompted new layers of safeguards, Mr. Martin was able to walk out of the N.S.A. with highly classified material, adding it to the jumbled piles in his house, shed and car. A federal judge in Baltimore ruled on Friday that Mr. Martin, 51, must remain jailed on charges of stealing government documents and mishandling classified information over two decades. Prosecutors say they will add new charges under the Espionage Act. Mr. Martin, whose arrest in August was disclosed by The New York Times this month, has admitted to taking the material but denies giving secrets to anyone else.

8. WikiLeaks Lays Bare a Clinton Insider's Emphatic Cheers and Jeers

The New York Times, Nicholas Confessore & Steve Eder, 2016 10 30

Washington - In one note, Neera Tanden grouched that whoever had let Hillary Clinton use a private email address for her State Department correspondence should be "drawn and quartered." In another, she called for Mrs. Clinton to stop stalling on whether she opposed the Keystone pipeline, worrying that "dodging another issue" would hurt her in the Democratic primaries. And when Mrs. Clinton's team dallied over whether to publicly criticize David Brock, a longtime ally, for demanding Senator Bernie Sanders's medical records, Ms. Tanden was blunt. "Hillary. God," Ms. Tanden wrote. "Her instincts are suboptimal." Ms. Tanden, 46, a longtime policy adviser to Mrs. Clinton, is well known on Twitter and cable news for her peppery defenses of Mrs. Clinton and her sarcastic takedowns of Mrs. Clinton's perceived adversaries. But her private communications with some of Mrs. Clinton's campaign aides, stolen from campaign chairman John D. Podesta and published over the last month by the activist group WikiLeaks, have revealed another side. In a sphere encrusted with suck-ups, soothers, and self-puffery, Ms. Tanden has emerged as a loyal but insistent straight-talker and acute assessor of Mrs. Clinton's stubbornness and weaknesses.

9. The next president and the Middle East

The Washington Post, 2016 10 30

Editorial: The self-defeating passivity of President Obama's policies in the Middle East may have reached its apotheosis earlier this month at a National Security Council meeting that he chaired. On the table were options for responding to the bloody and criminal assault on the Syrian city of Aleppo, including grounding the Syrian air force with missile or air strikes, or supplying more advanced weapons to CIA-backed rebels. In the end, Mr. Obama chose neither to approve nor reject the measures; instead, he decided not to decide. History will record that as 250,000 people and their homes and hospitals were subjected to systematic bombing with white phosphorus and bunker-busters, and hundreds of children were reported killed, this U.S. president was unable even to affirmatively choose not to respond. The political exhaustion evident in that episode extends to U.S. policy throughout the Middle East. Although U.S. air and special forces are backing an Iraq-led offensive to recapture the Iraqi city of Mosul from the Islamic State, the administration has declined to arbitrate the crucial question of how the city - and Iraq - will be secured and governed after the battle is over. It is doing next to nothing to end the civil wars in Libya and Yemen, and its only strategy for Syria is the discredited figment that Russia and Iran will support a political transition that strips the Bashar al-Assad regime of power.

United Kingdom - Royaume-Uni

10. Children put in care after Met's extremist hunt

The Sunday Times, Richard Kerbaj, 2016 10 30

London - Up to 50 families have been taken to the family courts by counterterrorism police and in some cases children who were feared to be at risk of being radicalised have been removed from their parents, one of Britain's most senior officers has revealed. In an interview with The Sunday Times, Mark Rowley, assistant commissioner for specialist operations at the Metropolitan police and head of national counterterrorism policing, said it illustrated the scale of the threat of homegrown Islamic extremism. "The most extreme cases that end up ... with children being made wards of courts or care proceedings is real tricky stuff because we've never had to deal with national security issues before in a family court ... We had never done [a case] before 2015 but ... the fact that it's [now] into 40 or 50 cases is illustrative of the scale of the problem," he said. "Now we're seeing young children and teenagers who have been influenced by propaganda and who need support. Sometimes, frankly, their parents are part of the problem and sometimes it's happening despite their parents' best efforts — there's both types of examples out there." Some of the cases involved infants and young teenagers who had been made wards of court

after their parents tried to take them to Syria to join terrorist groups. Rowley said one couple had been arrested at Luton airport last week on suspicion of trying to fly with their five children to Syria. "The mother and father have got some very unsavoury associates but there are five children who were going to probably end up somewhere like Raqqa [in Syria] or Mosul [in Iraq] and that would have been awful for them," he said. More than 700 British people have travelled to Syria and Iraq to join groups such as Isis since 2014, although the rate has been falling.

11. The spy who couldn't spell: how the biggest heist in the history of US espionage was foiled

The Guardian, 2016 10 26

London - The classrooms and hallways of Farmingdale High in Long Island were deserted on the morning of Saturday 19 August 2001, when a van pulled into the school's parking lot. Turning off the engine, the driver – a tall man in his late 30s – stepped out into the warm summer sun. He cast a sweeping gaze upon the institution he had graduated from two decades earlier. Whatever nostalgia he might have felt for his old school was tinged with bitterness. It was here that he had suffered some of life's early humiliations: taunted by classmates for his apparent dimwittedness; held in low esteem by his teachers. If they remembered him at all, they would remember him as the boy who had difficulty reading. The boy who was so bad with spellings. His bearish frame may have protected him from physical bullying, but combined with his severe dyslexia and his social awkwardness, it had also cemented his image as a dolt. That image had stuck with him, despite a successful career in US intelligence, where he had been given access to some of the country's most valued secrets. Being underestimated – by family, classmates and colleagues – had been the theme of his life, a curse he had borne silently since childhood. But for the mission he had now embarked upon, it was a blessing. None of his co-workers or managers in the intelligence community could have imagined that he of all people was capable of masterminding a complex espionage plot. From the parking lot, he walked to the edge of the school grounds. Squeezing through a hole in the barbed wire fence next to the handball courts, he stepped into a wooded area that separated the nearby highway from the school perimeter. Walking a few yards, he stopped by a tree and dug a hole in the ground. He took a laminated list of phone numbers out of his pocket and buried it there before walking back to his van, confident that nobody had seen him. He had already pulled off what was then the biggest heist of classified information in the history of American espionage. In just a few days, he hoped to execute the final step of a meticulous plan to exchange those secrets for millions of dollars. If he succeeded, he would have enough money to pay off the mortgages of his brothers and sisters, settle his personal debts and secure the financial future of his children.

12. MI6 snub for Boris Johnson and David Davis: Intelligence services are 'wary' of giving information about Brexit to the Cabinet members

The Daily Mail On Sunday, 2016 10 30

London - They are two of the most outspoken Cabinet Ministers – so perhaps it is not surprising that Britain's spooks are wary of Brexit Secretary David Davis and Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson. Senior Whitehall sources say information obtained by the intelligence services about the Brexit negotiation strategies being plotted by the French and German governments is being kept from Mr Davis and Mr Johnson in case they blurt it out – or foreign intelligence services intercept their calls. Instead, they claim, the details are being restricted to Prime Minister Theresa May, her No 10 officials and senior civil servants. It is the latest indication of splits in the Government over the Brexit process and comes just days after it was revealed that Mr Davis had been warned by his permanent secretary, Oliver Robbins, that he should expect other EU member states to spy on his activities. Last night, spokesmen for Mr Davis and Mr Johnson denied information was being hidden from Cabinet Ministers.

13. Why do we still accept that governments collect and snoop on our data?

The Guardian, Scarlet Kim, 2016 10 30

Comment: In recent weeks, the Hollywood film about Edward Snowden and the movement to pardon the NSA whistleblower have renewed worldwide attention on the scope and substance of government surveillance programs. In the United States, however, the debate has often been a narrow one, focused on the rights of Americans under domestic law but mostly blind to the privacy rights of millions of others affected by this surveillance. Indeed, just last week, a British court held that British intelligence agencies acted unlawfully by concealing bulk spying programs from the public for over a decade. Soon, in a lawsuit brought by Privacy International, the ACLU and eight other organizations, the influential European court of human rights will also weigh in on surveillance programs revealed by Snowden, and the result could have implications far beyond Europe. Although the debate in the US has led to some piecemeal reforms – including the USA Freedom Act and modest policy changes – many of the most intrusive government surveillance programs remain largely intact. These include programs conducted not just by the NSA, but also by its close partner in the United Kingdom, called the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), with whom the NSA swaps vast sets of private data. This bulk surveillance violates rights to privacy and freedom of expression – rights that are guaranteed not only under US domestic law, but also under international human rights law. That latter legal framework speaks a universal language, enumerating fundamental rights that every person enjoys by virtue of our common humanity.

Americas– Amériques

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Australia –Australie/New Zealand - Nouvelle-Zélande

14. China, Aust look to fight financial crime

Australian Associated Press, 2016 10 30

Canberra - Money laundering, terrorism and cybercrime are on the agenda for Justice Minister Michael Keenan as he visits China over the coming week. The cabinet minister will meet counterparts in Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen for a series of talks aimed at strengthening law enforcement ties and combating transnational crime. He will also learn how China has been countering violent extremism and preventing radicalisation with its counter-terrorism laws. "It is more important than ever that we, as an international community, continue to work together to combat the threat from extremists whilst rejecting those who seek to impose their world view on others through intimidation and violence," Mr Keenan told AAP in a statement.

15. Boat asylum seeker ban 'cruel': advocate

Australian Associated Press, 2016 10 30

Melbourne - Laws that would permanently ban asylum seekers entering Australia, if they arrived by boat, are "deliberately cruel to innocent people", human rights advocates say. Human Rights Law Centre's director of legal advocacy, Daniel Webb, says the proposal would terrify people already living in the community and rip families apart. "Those who are already here rebuilding their lives in our communities must be allowed to stay," he told reporters in Melbourne on Sunday. "Those who've spent three years on a painful road to nowhere on Nauru and Manus should be brought back to safety in Australia." People who need protection shouldn't be punished for seeking help, Mr Webb said. "We need to open up safe pathways to protection, rather than just closing unsafe ways," he said.

Afghanistan • Pakistan

16. Taliban mortar kill 7 a family in Baghlan province of Afghanistan

Khaama Press, 2016 10 30

Kabul - A mortar fired by the Taliban militants left at least 7 members of a family dead in northern Baghlan province of Afghanistan, local officials said. The incident took place in Baghlan-e-Markazi district after the mortar round hit a residential house. The district administrative chief Gawhar Khan Baburi said the incident took place earlier today, leaving 7 civilians dead, including a women and four children. He said another minor girl was also wounded in the attack but did not say anything about her health condition. The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the incident so far. Taliban insurgents are actively operating in a number of the remote districts of Baghlan province including in Baghlan-e-Markazi and frequently carry out insurgency activities.

17. Al-Qaeda leader targeted in Afghanistan kept low profile but worried spies

The Washington Post, Wesley Morgan, 2016 10 30

Kabul - When Army Capt. Hugh Miller heard a group of police officers trading stories about a militant called Farouq al-Qahtani at their base in Afghanistan's Konar province one day four years ago, he didn't know what all the fuss was about. "I don't think I even sent a report up about it," Miller, who was deployed as a combat adviser at the time, said in a recent interview. "I didn't know the guy was a big deal." Qahtani, a Saudi native with a Qatari passport whose real name was Nayef Salam Muhammad Ujaym al-Hababi, was targeted on Oct. 23 in an airstrike in Konar's remote Helgal valley, the Pentagon announced Wednesday. Little-known outside counterterrorism circles, he was indeed a big deal: Though only in his mid-30s, Qahtani was thought to be the senior al-Qaeda operative remaining in Afghanistan at a time when many of the group's bigwigs had decamped for Syria, and U.S. government documents suggest he may have been involved in plotting attacks abroad. Konar and neighboring Nuristan, which blend together in the jagged 12,000-foot mountains that Qahtani has frequented for the past six years, have been the scene of some of the costliest and most publicized episodes of the American war in Afghanistan: Operation Red Wings, where 19 Special Operations members were killed; the many firefights in the infamous Korengal valley, where the documentary "Restrepo" was filmed; the battles of Wanat and Ganjgal, which led to both acrimonious investigations and high-profile awards for combat heroism. Among the trove of documents that JSOC operators took from the Abbottabad compound were letters between bin Laden and al-Qaeda's operations chief at the time, Atiyah Abd al-Rahman. In one of these, Rahman wrote to bin Laden about efforts that were underway to relocate some al-Qaeda operatives from Pakistan's tribal areas, where the CIA's drone campaign was taking a heavy toll, to Konar and Nuristan

Asia -Asie

18. Philippines Arrests Four More Suspects in Davao City Bombing

Bloomberg News, Ian C Sayson, 2016 10 29

Manila - Four more suspects in last month's deadly bombing in Davao City were arrested Saturday in a joint operation of the Philippines' military, police and national intelligence agency, the Army's office of public affairs said. The suspects were caught in different locations in the southern city of Cotabato, where three terrorists allegedly behind the Davao blast were arrested on Oct. 4, the Army said in an e-mail. The four were members of the Dawla Islamiya Fi Cotabato-Maute Group.

19. Philippine Mayor Accused of Drug Links by Duterte Is Killed by Police

The New York Times, Richard C. Paddock & Felipe Villamor, 2016 10 29

Manila - After President Rodrigo Duterte publicly named him as a drug suspect last summer, the mayor of a small Philippine town said he was not worried. "If you are not guilty, why should you be afraid?" the mayor, Samsudin Dimaukom, told The New York Times in August. On Friday, he and nine other men were shot dead at a highway police checkpoint, in what the police described as an antidrug operation. Mr. Dimaukom and his companions are among about 2,000 people who have been killed in Mr. Duterte's campaign against drugs since he took office on June 30. The bloody campaign has been criticized by foreign governments, including the United States, as well as by the United Nations and international human rights groups.

20. U.S. diplomat handling missile defense meets Seoul officials over N.K. nukes
Yonhap News, 2016 10 29

Seoul - Frank Rose, a senior U.S. diplomat handling missile defense issues, held talks with South Korean officials Friday to discuss how to respond to North Korea's nuclear and missile threats, Seoul officials said. Rose, assistant secretary of state for arms control, verification and compliance, met with Yoo Jeh-seung, the South Korean deputy defense minister for policy, to discuss Seoul-Washington cooperation against North Korea's threats, they said. The U.S. diplomat arrived in Seoul earlier in the day for a two-day stay as one of the legs of his trip to Asia and the Middle East on Oct. 25-Nov. 7. He visited Japan before arriving in South Korea. Rose is known to have discussed the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) issue, according to a government source.

21. 2 militants killed, 8 soldiers wounded in clashes with Islamic fighters in southern Philippines
Xinhua News Agency, 2016 10 30

Manila - The Philippine military said Sunday that two militants were killed and eight soldiers wounded in fightings between troops and Abu Sayyaf rebels in the southern Philippine province of Sulu. Army Maj. Filemon Tan, spokesman for the Philippine armed forces, said in a statement that two Abu Sayyaf fighters were killed in a brief firefight in Indanan, a town in Sulu on Sunday morning, bringing the total number of dead Abu Sayyaf fighters to 38 since the new government launched a renewed offensive against the criminal group in July. Tan said that eight soldiers were wounded in another clash that broke out in Patikul town, also in Sulu. He said the military could not say whether there were militants killed in the incident, saying there are still sporadic fighting until around 3 p.m. Sunday. The military used artillery and attack helicopters in both clashes in a bid to trap the militants, he said. In the Indanan clash where two militants were killed, Tan said the military recovered an M16 assault rifle, an M203 grenade launcher and an improvised explosive device.

22. Samajwadi Party MP's aide arrested for passing crucial documents
Financial Express, 2016 10 30

New Delhi - The crime branch of the Delhi Police, which is probing the spy ring that has led to Pakistan High Commission has arrested a personal assistant of Samajwadi Party Rajya Sabha MP Munavvar Saleem for passing crucial documents to Pakistan mission staffers. According to the police, Farhat played an important role in the in espionage and provided documents to mission staffers which included Mehmood Akhtar, whom the government declared persona non grata and ordered to leave the country. He was caught receiving classified papers last Wednesday. A Delhi court on Saturday sent Farhat to ten day police custody. Speaking to reporters Munavvar Saleem, said he was not aware of such activities of his personal assistant and will extend all cooperations to probing agencies. Adding that Farhat had also worked with four MPs before him, Munavvar Saleem said he would write to the Rajya Sabha secretariat to take away all facilities given to Farhat. Samajwadi Party spokesperson Deepak Mishra said in Lucknow that Munavvar Saleem belongs to Madhya Pradesh and his PA had no connection with the party. Farhat's is the fourth arrest in the case. Police have already arrested Maulana Ramzan and Subhash Jangir, who are

from Nagaur in Rajasthan, for passing some documents to Akhtar. Another accused Shoaib, was held in Jodhpur and brought to Delhi.

Africa – Afrique

23. Car explodes in eastern Libya, killing activist, 5 others

The Associated Press, 2016 10 30

Benghazi - A car exploded in the eastern city of Benghazi late Saturday, killing six people including a political activist close to a powerful general fighting Islamic extremists, officials said. The explosion rocked the downtown Benghazi district of al-Kesh which is lined with busy cafes. The blast killed activist Mohammed Bougages, who was sitting in a cafe, and five others, officials said. At least 10 others were wounded, some of whom were in critical condition. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak to the press. Bougages was a political activist and the fiery host of a daily talk show called "Frankly," which is aired on state TV. He was an outspoken supporter of General Khalifa Hifter, who has led a campaign against Islamic extremists in Benghazi since 2014.

Iraq/Iran

24. Kurds, Iraqis benefits from vast network of spies within ISIS' ranks

Fox News, 2016 10 30

Northern Iraq - As a powerful coalition of forces converges on Mosul in what promises to be a fierce battle to retake ISIS' Iraqi stronghold, some players inside the black-clad jihadist army are delivering many of the most damaging blows. Beleaguered and disenfranchised ISIS fighters, cultivated for months by the Kurds, are secretly working with their adversaries, supplying key intelligence on the terror group's positioning inside Iraq's second-largest city and its battle strategy for the surrounding region. "I will give you more money for information," one senior Kurdish intelligence and security leader recently stated calmly over his cell phone from a safe house in Kirkuk, as the city outside exploded with sniper fire and suicide bombers in a recent attack aimed at diverting coalition forces from Mosul. "But remember that if you lie, if you give me wrong information, we will find you wherever you are and we will get you." The official was talking to one of his sources within the ranks of ISIS, piecing together information on where ISIS cells may strike next. The furtive conversation witnessed by FoxNews.com was no anomaly, and Kurds, in particular, are making use of agents behind enemy lines.

25. Leader's Top Aide: Iran Ready to Mediate between Turkey, Iraq

Fars News Agency, 2016 10 30

Tehran - Iranian Supreme Leader's top aide Ali Akbar Velayati announced his country's preparedness to mediate between Turkey and Iraq to prevent ignition of a new war in the region. "Iran is ready to mediate between Turkey and Iraq to prevent war," Velayati said in an interview with the Iraqi Rudaw news channel on Sunday. He also warned that Ankara's intervention in Iraq and Syria would endanger Turkey's growing economy. Tensions between Turkey and Iraq appear to be at boiling point after the Iraqi prime minister condemned Ankara's participation in retaking the ISIL-held city of Mosul. The Turkish president had previously told the Iraqi prime minister "to know his limits". "We will liberate our land through the determination of our men and not by video calls," Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi tweeted earlier this month. The mocking message was an apparent reference to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's appearance via a nationally broadcast video call to a TV reporter amid a failed coup attempt in July. Earlier in October, Erdogan said that Turkish forces must take part in the much-anticipated

operation to retake the Iraqi city of Mosul, currently held by the ISIL terrorists. The Turkish leader then drove his point home in even stronger terms.

26. Iranian FM Underlines Unconditional Global Fight against Terrorism

Fars News Agency, 2016 10 30

Tehran - Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif stressed that all the world states are required to contribute to international efforts to annihilate the terrorist groups without any precondition. "We believe that the entire world should fight against terrorism without any condition," Zarif told reporters in Tehran on Sunday on the sidelines of a joint forum of the Iranian military attaches in other states and the country's defense and police officials. Elaborating on the recent visit by EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini to Tehran, he said that during her meetings, the Iranian officials underlined the necessity for fight against terrorism. Noting that Mogherini had come to Iran to exchange views, and not negotiate, on Syria, he said that the Iranian officials have briefed her about the country's views on the way of attaining a political solution, which should be based on trusting and respecting the Syrian people's demand.

27. Seeking Clues to ISIS Strategy in Corpses and Cellphones Left in Kirkuk

The New York Times, Michael Gordon, 2016 10 30

Kirkuk, Iraq — Eighty-four bodies of Islamic State fighters were piled high at the Kirkuk hospital morgue, as the pathologists went through the gruesome work of gathering intelligence on the group's sudden counterattack on the city. One by one, the corpses were removed from black body bags so fingerprints and DNA could be preserved. If no relatives come forward to claim the remains, the bodies are to be burned. A local counterterrorism unit, meanwhile, is mining the fighters' cellphones for data and trying to find any residents who might have been on the calls. They are trying to divine whether the city is still at risk of infiltration or another assault. "What they did to us inside Kirkuk was by far the worst we have ever seen," said Polad Talabani, the commander of the Kurdish counterterrorism force, which was summoned from nearby Sulaimaniya to help put down the assault that drove deep into the city's heart before dawn on Oct. 21. Beyond the militants, 116 people were killed in the fighting, including 43 police officers, 33 pesh merga and other security force personnel, and 21 civilians, among them several Iranian technicians who worked at a nearby power plant, officials said. Around 265 people were wounded.

28. Tal Afar, West of Mosul, Becomes Center of Battle for Influence in Ira

The New York Times, Tim Arango, 2016 10 30

Erbil, - Iraq — The city of Tal Afar, a weather-beaten former Ottoman military outpost not far from Mosul that has a mostly ethnic Turkmen population and has been home to a corps of Islamic State leaders, on Saturday became the focus of a growing struggle for influence in northern Iraq between Turkey and Iran. That is because Iraq's Shiite militias, some of which receive support from Iran, began on Saturday to move west of Mosul, a trajectory that would essentially cut off Islamic State fighters in Tal Afar from their bases in Syria. The Shiite militias' move toward Tal Afar could also draw Turkey deeper into the already complex battlefield around Mosul. As the two-week-old campaign to reclaim Mosul, Iraq's second largest city, from the Islamic State grinds on in outlying villages, the role of the Shiite militias, controversial because of their history of abuse toward the Sunni population, was part of a delicate set of negotiations involving the Iraqi government and the American-led coalition. Iraq's prime minister, Haider al-Abadi, agreed to allow the militias a secondary role of sealing off the desert areas west of Mosul, but not entering the city itself.

Eastern Europe – Europe de L'Est

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Middle East – Moyen-Orient

29. War pushes Yemen to partition, thwarting peace efforts

Reuters News, 2016 10 30

Dubai - Yemen has endured thousands of air strikes and the deaths of more than 10,000 people in a 19-month war that has also unleashed hunger on the desperately poor country - but its biggest challenge may be yet to come. The conflict has led to Yemen's de facto partition, with rival armies and institutions in the north and south, and could mean the map of the Middle East will have to be redrawn. A three-day truce to allow in more humanitarian aid and prepare a political settlement collapsed last week, reflecting deadlocked efforts to end the stalemated war. But behind the combatants' disagreements over how to share power, Yemen's future as a unified state appears increasingly in doubt. Such a possibility appeared remote when a coalition of Arab states began launching air strikes in March 2015 to restore to power President Abd Rabbu Mansour al-Hadi, driven from the capital, Sanaa, by the Iranian-allied Houthi movement in 2014. It seems less fanciful now. The Houthis' rise to power in the north has provoked a revival of southern separatism, a movement that sees the fracturing of state power as its moment to break away. At the same time, the south and its major city, Aden, serve as a base for the internationally recognised government, which is trying to take back national control even as it manages an uneasy alliance with the secessionists.

30. Syrians' Stark Choice: 'Doom' or the Green Bus

The New York Times, Anne Barnard, 2016 10 30

Beirut - The lime-green buses once ferried Syrians to school, work and dates at Damascus cafes. Now they pull up at moments of defeat, when rebel fighters and civilians, besieged and bombarded, give up their territory to government forces and board the vehicles en route to an uncertain future. The buses, once a benign, even beloved feature of the urban landscape, have become a signature of the Syrian government's starve-or-surrender strategy. In recent days, government warplanes dropped fliers on the rebel-held districts of Aleppo, offering a stark choice to the estimated 250,000 people trapped in that strategic city: "doom," represented by a photo of a bloody body, or "redemption," in the form of a green bus. Images of the buses are everywhere: on state television reports and pro-government websites celebrating the evacuations, and on opposition videos mourning what they call deportations. Women and children, or fighters with guns, peer from their windows. They cry, chant defiantly or stare into space as they leave areas that have long symbolized revolt against President Bashar al-Assad, like the recently emptied Damascus suburb of Daraya.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

31. IS claims responsibility for fatal stabbing in Hamburg

Reuters News, 2016 10 30

Berlin - A follower of Islamic State was responsible for a stabbing attack on two youths in the German city of Hamburg two weeks ago, the militant group's Amaq news agency said on Sunday. In the incident, the unknown perpetrator attacked a young couple sitting under a bridge at the Alster river in downtown

Hamburg. He stabbed the 16-year-old man repeatedly from behind and kicked his 15-year-old female companion into the river. The stabbing victim died of his injuries shortly afterwards in hospital while the young woman managed to escape. "A soldier of the Islamic State stabbed two individuals in Hamburg city on the 16th of this month," Amaq said. "He carried out the operation in response to calls to target the citizens of coalition countries." A police spokeswoman in Hamburg declined to comment on Islamic State's claim and only referred to an earlier statement the police issued shortly after the attack.

32. Swedish national recruiting for ISIS in India

DNA News, Azaan Javaid, 2016 10 30

Stockholm - A Swedish national has emerged as the main recruiter of Subahani Haja Moideen, a Tamil Nadu resident who was arrested by the National Investigation agency (NIA) on terror charges earlier this month. The 31-year-old was arrested in October this year, almost a year after he returned home from Mosul in Iraq, where he had been a part of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). According to intelligence sources, Moideen, during interrogation, said an ISIS fighter—who goes by the nom de guerre of Abu-Hafz-Al-Swedi—was his main contact person and helped him make the journey from India to Raqqa in Syria. Sources in the investigative agency said the NIA is likely to contact Swedish authorities to seek information on Swedi, as his name has cropped up for the first time during the course of their crackdown on alleged ISIS sympathisers in India. Officials said the NIA is ascertaining whether or not Swedi is in touch with other Indian nationals as well. Moideen, a resident of Tamil Nadu's Tirunelveli, had left his home in 2015, after selling a piece of land he owned and boarded a flight from Chennai to Turkey. Swedi seems to have directed Moideen to meet some of his ISIS contacts in Istanbul and, after laying low in a safe house, the 31-year-old made his journey to Raqqa along with men who had come from other countries like Pakistan, Morocco and Russia.

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CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Spies in new glass houses: Ottawa's electronic espionage agency budget blows past CSIS, tops \$600 million

Ottawa Citizen, Ian MacLeod, 2016 11 10

Ottawa - The federal government is spending more than half a billion dollars on its electronic spying service this year, six times its pre-9/11 budget and a reflection of how the Internet has morphed into a juicy intelligence target. The Communications Security Establishment, or CSE, is to receive \$605.6 million, according to supplementary estimates tabled in Parliament. That's \$22 million more than originally planned, much of it carried over from CSE's 2015-16 budget. In 2000, by comparison, the agency's annual spending stood at \$97 million. What's more, the looming U.S. presidency of Donald Trump is already prompting leading national security experts Wesley Wark and Craig Forcese to suggest Canada consider enhancing its foreign intelligence capacity to be better able to resist "the gravitational pull of the U.S. alliance relationship" should it move in "an unpalatable direction," says Forcese. With more than 2,000 employees, the CSE's chief mandate is intercepting, decoding and analyzing the electronic signals emanating from adversarial foreign nations and overseas threat actors. Much of the work takes place at the agency's new \$1.1-billion, 775,000-square-foot east Ottawa headquarters, a display of the importance government places on the service, which reports to the minister of national defence. The raw eavesdropping data is turned into intelligence and shared with the federal cabinet, government departments and ECHELON, the signals intelligence surveillance program of Canada, the U.S., Britain, Australia and New Zealand, the so-called Five Eyes alliance. Their main preoccupation is counter-terrorism, though Russian expansionism is rekindling targeting not seen since the end of the Cold War. Though the CSE received no new powers under the 2015 Anti-terrorism Act (formerly Bill C-51), its mandate includes providing electronic spying assistance to other security agencies and law enforcement. Security intelligence experts suspect much of whatever assistance CSE renders is for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, or CSIS, Canada's human spy service. (CSIS funding is pegged at \$593.9 million for 2016-17.) While counter-terrorism is a clear priority for CSE, so too is the Internet, said Robinson. "With CSE — it's grown so much more than CSIS has — it's the arrival of the Internet and the decision of the signals intelligence world, the Five Eyes, to take that on as an intelligence target." Earlier this year, the independent watchdog agency monitoring the legality of CSE activities disclosed the agency had for years been unlawfully sharing with the Five Eyes metadata associated with Canadians' private communications. The practice was halted in 2014. The 11-member Office of the Communications Security Establishment Commissioner operates on \$2.2 million in annual funding and is headed by Jean-Pierre Plouffe, a former military and Quebec court judge. William Galbraith, its executive director, said current funding is sufficient and that the office is considering adding another full-time review expert to the eight now employed.

2. No laws, no consequences: Canada's spies are spying on us

Ricochet Media, Andrew Mitrovica, 2016 11 12

Comment: Fact one: Since its birth in 1984, only one CSIS officer has ever been charged with a crime. That was in 1998. The veteran intelligence officer wriggled off the RCMP's hook when the charges he was facing were inexplicably withdrawn by the Crown on the eve of his trial. This means that in the 32 years that Canada's spy service has been spying, only one of the tens of thousands of members of that civilian agency has been accused of breaking the law. As I see it, there are two explanations. The first is that CSIS was and is populated by saints who always — cross their hearts and hope to die — obey the law in defending Canada's national security. The other, more plausible explanation, is that the men and women, but mostly men, from top to bottom at CSIS know they're above the rule of law and immune from the rod, including, apparently, the Criminal Code the rest of us must abide by. If anyone doubted

that a culture of impunity is endemic at CSIS, then they're either naïve or have already discarded last week's news from the Federal Court. A judge found that for the past 10 years, the spy service illegally accessed the personal information — known as metadata — of an untold number of people who weren't the subject of a national security probe. CSIS has been operating a covert, criminal enterprise that didn't target terrorists or foreign spies, but the very Canadians it's supposed to "protect." "Ultimately, the rule of law must prevail," Justice Simon Noel wrote. "Without it, the actions of people and institutions cannot be trusted to accurately reflect the purpose they were entrusted to fulfil." Stripped of the stock euphemisms, Justice Noel told Canadians that CSIS has been operating a covert, criminal enterprise that didn't target terrorists or foreign spies, but the very Canadians it's supposed to "protect." In 2012, CSIS admitted in an affidavit that it had indeed been tapping Galati's calls with two men it considered security risks. To my knowledge, no one inside CSIS was held to account. Look, CSIS officers are so confident that they're immune from accountability that they pilfer the sensitive information of other CSIS officers.

3. La GRC a-t-elle espionné des journalistes?

Radio-Canada Nouvelles, Brigitte Bureau, 2016 11 10

Ottawa - Quand l'histoire de la surveillance des journalistes par la police de Montréal (SPVM) et la Sûreté du Québec a éclaté, des journalistes de la colline du Parlement à Ottawa ont tendu leur micro sous le nez du Commissaire de la GRC et du gouvernement Trudeau pour savoir si la GRC avait elle-aussi déjà espionné des journalistes. Sur un ton qui se voulait rassurant, le Commissaire de la GRC, Bob Paulson, le premier ministre, Justin Trudeau, et le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale, ont tous répondu que ça ne se faisait pas actuellement. « Mais allez-vous vérifier les cinq dernières années? » a lancé un journaliste au ministre Goodale. Ce à quoi le ministre a répondu:« Regardez, l'enjeu c'est ce qui se passe maintenant et je peux vous assurer que ce type d'activité ne se produit pas maintenant. Je ne suis pas au courant de choses qui se sont passées quand on ne formait pas le gouvernement du Canada. » Face à cette absence de réponses, nous avons demandé directement à la GRC si, par le passé, elle avait fait de la surveillance des journalistes, qu'il s'agisse de surveillance des relevés des appels téléphoniques ou de surveillance physique (filature) ou autre. Le NPD réclame une enquête publique pour déterminer dans quelle mesure des journalistes auraient pu faire l'objet de surveillance par la GRC et le SCRS Le député Matthew Dubé, porte-parole néo-démocrate en matière de sécurité publique, soutient que le public a besoin d'être rassuré. De son côté, le gouvernement Trudeau se contente de dire qu'il est prêt à revoir la directive ministérielle de 2003 et d'étudier la question dans le cadre de sa consultation sur la sécurité nationale.

Canada

4. A little privacy, please: Keeping prying eyes out

Vancouver Sun, Tom Sandborn, 2016 11 12

Comment: Big Brother is Watching You was the ominous slogan of the all-seeing authoritarian state George Orwell imagined in his dystopian novel Nineteen Eighty-Four. Turns out the British author was not pessimistic enough. In 2016, not only is Big Brother watching us, he is collecting our email messages and metadata, listening to our phone calls, and sharing our secrets with security agencies in other countries. Meanwhile, businesses capture details about our interests every time we go online, and a new generation of cyber criminals is eager to steal our identities to open up our bank accounts. And the burgeoning world of social media is teaching the young that privacy is so 20th century, and neither important nor possible in the brave new age of Facebook. If, nonetheless, you remain attached to quaint and antique notions of privacy, and if you would just as soon some hacker in a boiler room in Ukraine or a basement in Surrey doesn't end up with your credit card numbers and identifying details, Your Right to Privacy, a slim volume from Self-Counsel Press, is a must-read. In 2014, over 17 million Americans were

victims of identity theft, and during that same year, more than 25,000 Canadians were victims of identity fraud and identity theft. Research by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' Asad Ismi and a lawsuit filed by the B.C. Civil Liberties Association suggest Communications Security Establishment Canada is reading emails to and from a number of Canadians and gathering metadata - information such as the time sent, source and addressee - on email, text and phone communications for what we can assume is an even larger number. We don't know just how large the number of Canadians is who have had their privacy invaded by government snoops, because the government refuses to divulge the numbers. We do know, however, thanks to the BCCLA (where, full disclosure, I serve on the board of directors), that the CSEC is spending over \$1 billion in taxpayer dollars to build the most expensive public building in Canadian history, a spies' palace devoted to eroding the privacy of the same taxpayers who are paying the construction costs. (Note: Tom Sandborn lives and works in Vancouver. He assumes everything he says online and on the phone is on the public record through the miracle of cyber-spying. He welcomes your feedback and tips at tos65@telus.net.)

5. Vers un Canada plus militaire

La Presse, Jean-Thomas Léveillé, 2016 11 12

Chronique: Avec Donald Trump à la Maison-Blanche, la pression sera forte pour qu'Ottawa s'implique davantage sur le plan militaire, croient plusieurs anciens ambassadeurs canadiens. En revanche, bien des pays pourraient se tourner vers le Canada dans l'espoir de faire valoir une vision plus «libérale» des grands enjeux internationaux. «Les États-Unis sont la seule superpuissance qui voudrait que ses deux voisins soient plus puissants militairement qu'ils ne le sont!», s'exclame Raymond Chrétien. Washington a toujours voulu «plus de Canada sur le plan militaire» et l'arrivée de Donald Trump à la Maison-Blanche va inévitablement rendre la «pression plus forte» en ce sens, croit le célèbre diplomate canadien, qui a été l'ambassadeur du Canada aux États-Unis et au Mexique, mais aussi en France, en Belgique et au Zaïre (aujourd'hui la République démocratique du Congo). Évidemment, «si monsieur Trump voulait se lancer dans une aventure militaire avec laquelle on n'est pas d'accord», le gouvernement de Justin Trudeau «pourrait s'y opposer», assure Raymond Chrétien. L'ancien premier ministre Jean Chrétien, son oncle, l'avait notamment fait avec George W. Bush au cours de l'invasion de l'Irak, en 2003. «Mais quand il y a de la pression des États-Unis, on étudie leurs demandes avec beaucoup de soin», dit Raymond Chrétien, ancien diplomate canadien. Une partie de la communauté internationale pourrait espérer que le Canada puisse faire contrepoids face aux États-Unis de Donald Trump, mais «personne» ne peut «vraiment contrebalancer les États-Unis», croit Paul Heinbecker, ancien ambassadeur du Canada aux Nations unies et en Allemagne.

6. 'No current plans' to increase Canada immigration department staff in wake of U.S. election

Global News, Erika Tucker, 2016 11 12

Ottawa - A spokesperson for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada told Global News Friday there are no plans to increase department staffing levels in the wake of the U.S. election results. A CBC report cited sources who said “high level meetings took place this week” with immigration officials, who were reportedly “accelerating” a plan to cope with a possible spike in Mexican migrants, given Donald Trump was elected south of the border. She said the immigration levels plan establishes the number of immigrants expected to be admitted to Canada within each year. It predicts between 280,000 and 320,000 new permanent residents will immigrate to the country in 2017 in total, but doesn't break down the numbers by country. Canadian citizenship is the next step after permanent residency. An executive with the Calgary Mexican Canadian Cultural Society doesn't expect to see an influx in applications to the country. “I don't really see that being the case in Canada,” Carlos Rios said. “Too far away, too cold...too cold—that's the main thing.” Trump's campaign platform included building a wall between the U.S. and Mexico, along with deporting illegal residents and undocumented workers.

7. Canada still committed to NATO, despite Trump's threats: Harjit Sajjan

The Canadian Press, 2016 11 12

Vancouver - The federal defence minister says Canada's commitment to NATO remains unwavering after comments on the campaign trail from U.S. president-elect Donald Trump put the future of the military alliance into question. Harjit Sajjan says he wants to reassure Canadian allies that the federal government will do its part to support the decades-old defence institution, which he says plays a significant role in global security. Trump has said that under his presidency the United States wouldn't necessarily come to the defence of a NATO ally under attack — one of the treaty's cornerstone tenets — though he has yet to clarify his position since winning the election. Sajjan says Canada and the United States enjoy a solid and wonderful defence relationship, which he doesn't expect to change under the incoming administration.

8. Expect pressure from U.S. to boost spending

National Post, Matthew Fisher, 2016 11 12

Column: Canada and the United States recalled one of the many ties that bind them Friday at Remembrance Day memorials in Washington and the Canadian Cross of Sacrifice at Arlington National Cemetery. The first ceremony remembered Capt. Joseph Benjamin Noil, an African-Canadian from Liverpool, N.S., who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for in 1872 saving an American sailor who was drowning at sea. The memorials recalling the sacrifices shared by Canada and the U.S. in two world wars, Korea, Afghanistan and Iraq were particularly poignant, coming only three days after the election of the next American president, who has a remarkably different world view than does Canada's prime minister. Everyone knows the dynamic between presidentelect Donald Trump and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is bound to be lesser than that between Trudeau and Barack Obama. Nobody is quite sure yet how awkward it might be. Obama willingly shared centre stage with Trudeau. Trump is a one-man band and one-man brand, his ego such that he has long regarded himself as the only superstar. It is unlikely he will allow anyone to hog his limelight, especially a young leader whose shtick consists mostly of being cool, socially and culturally sensitive and so 21st century.

9. Tough talk, less clout

Toronto Star, 2016 11 12

Editorial: Donald Trump talks tough. He complains that the United States is "very weak" and vows to "Make America Great Again." He wants to go back to a lost time, decades ago, when "we were not pushed around, we were respected by everybody." It sounds like a prescription for American assertiveness, even aggression. But it's just as likely that the United States under Trump will end up being a less engaged presence around the world. His rise may be a sign of American weakness, not strength. It's not clear what exactly Trump's foreign policy - to the extent he has one - amounts to. It's made even more complicated by the fact that he promises to be deliberately "unpredictable." Keeping your enemies guessing is part of his art-of-the-deal negotiating strategy. The problem is it keeps your friends guessing as well. What is clear is that the people who voted for Trump want him to focus on fixing domestic problems. They care about nation-building at home, not in messy foreign hot spots. They want a stronger economy, more jobs and investment in their own communities - not in Syria or Afghanistan. So it's no surprise that Trump has called into question international arrangements that depend on the U.S. backstopping allies in both Europe and Asia, and picking up much of the cost. In Europe, he's said NATO is "obsolete and extremely expensive" and questioned whether the U.S. would come to its allies' defence unless he was satisfied they had paid their full share of the bill. No wonder NATO members close to Russia - like Ukraine and the Baltic states - are trembling at the prospect of being cut loose.

10. Canada still committed to NATO despite President-elect Donald Trump

The Canadian Press, 2016 11 12

Ottawa - The federal defence minister says Canada's commitment to NATO remains unwavering after comments on the campaign trail from U.S. president-elect Donald Trump put the future of the military alliance into question. Harjit Sajjan said on Friday he wants to reassure Canadian allies that the federal government will do its part to support the decades-old defence institution, which he says continues to play a significant role in safeguarding global security. Trump has said that under his presidency the United States wouldn't necessarily come to the defence of a NATO ally under attack, which is one of the treaty's cornerstone tenets. He has yet to clarify his position since winning Tuesday's election. Sajjan said Canada and the United States enjoy a close relationship, which he doesn't expect to change under the new administration.

11. Canadian peacekeepers will serve in high-risk areas, Sajjan says

Toronto Star, Tonda MacCharles, 2016 11 11

Ottawa - Canadian troops headed to Africa will operate in dangerous territory where peacekeepers have been killed, Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan says. In an exclusive interview with the Star from Vancouver, Sajjan said Canada has committed to a three-year deployment that will be reassessed each year to ensure it has an "enduring" impact. It will be spread among a number of unspecified African countries; have a major focus on training and increasing "capacity" of the host nation's as well as other countries' troops; and build on existing social, economic and deradicalization programs on the ground. "These missions, all of them, have the level of risk where peacekeepers have been hurt, they have been killed. And we've been looking at the risk factor in a very serious way," said Sajjan. Asked about his approach to deploying Canadian forces to conduct counter-insurgency operations - something the previous Conservative government was keen to avoid in Africa when it turned down requests to deploy soldiers to Congo and Mali - Sajjan said, "Some of it is going to be the reduction of radicalization in certain areas; in other parts it will be developing the capacity of the host nation." Just back from Mali, which hosts the deadliest United Nations mission in the world right now, Sajjan says it's clear there are risks there.

12. Trudeau-Trump will be no 'bromance' - our country will have to work for this

The Globe and Mail, Colin Robertson, 2016 11 11

Analysis: This week's election result surprised most Canadians, but now we need to prepare for a Trump administration. The kind of "bromance" Prime Minister Justin Trudeau developed with U.S. President Barack Obama is unlikely to be repeated. Nevertheless, Mr. Trudeau needs to personally lead Canadian efforts to exercise, as he once put it, "effective influence" in Donald Trump's Washington in order to advance Canadian objectives. Premiers and legislators have to help. Our political leadership needs to reach out to Mr. Trump's transition team and to Republican and Democratic leadership in Congress and in the states. Business and labour leaders need to step up with their counterparts to underline the shared value of our "strong integrated economies." Security: Mr. Trump expects North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies to pull their weight. The message on burden-sharing is not new, although Mr. Trump delivers it in his characteristic blunt fashion. We need to look anew at the defence review, especially the pace and scope of our fighter-jet replacement and fleet renewal. Reaching the NATO spending target is important. U.S. national security leadership will confirm that co-operation between our military, security and intelligence services is excellent. We are also contributing to the campaign against the Islamic State, putting boots on the ground in Latvia and reinvigorating Canadian peace operations.

13. Stalemate in PS talks has both sides in tough spot

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 11 11

Ottawa - The Liberal government and largest federal union walked away from a marathon collective bargaining session with no deal and their backs against the wall. The Public Service Alliance of Canada pulled the plug Thursday on contract negotiations after 10 days of talks and called for a mediator to help sort out their differences. The latest breakdown leaves the union facing the prospect of a possible strike

against a popular prime minister and the government struggling to fulfil its promise of a more respectful relationship with its employees while being fiscally responsible. At stake in these talks is a relationship the government and 18 unions have been trying to rebuild since Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made an election promise to restore bargaining “fairness” and respect for Canada’s public servants they argue were trampled by a decade of Conservative rule. “Both want the relationship to work. They are tired of the stress of fighting all the time and threat of legislation. It has taken its toll, and they do need a better way of working with each that is respectful and responsible,” said Ron Cochrane, the former cochair of the joint union management National Joint Council. “The last thing the union wants to do is strike, but if they are pushed into the corner, there may not be too many alternatives.”

14. I was set up, says piazza

Postmedia News, Paul Cherry, 2016 11 12

Ottawa - Antony Piazza says he was more surprised than anyone to learn he had all the materials required to assemble a detonator hidden inside the handle of his carry-on suitcase as he was about to board a flight at Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport. The 74-year-old is testifying in his own defence in the trial where he is charged with four counts related to his arrest, on Oct. 27, 2013, which caused security to close down part of the airport in suburban Dorval, sparking the cancellation of a dozen flights. The materials were discovered at an airport security check point where Piazza’s carry-on suitcase was X-rayed. On Friday, Piazza told Quebec Court Judge Thierry Nadon that he has been waiting more than three years to tell his side of the story that made headlines across Canada. Piazza said he was so surprised to see a police officer pull the materials out of one of the two telescopic arms attached to the handle of his suitcase that he actually pointed out that the officer had yet to notice material sticking out of the other arm. In one arm the Montreal police officer found bullets. The other extendable arm contained a disposable pen, a wire, material commonly used for match heads and the blades for a utility knife. Earlier in the trial, an expert testified the materials could be assembled to make a homemade detonator. “I was shocked. I didn’t know what was going on,” Piazza said while he watched a video that recorded the moment when the police officer unscrewed the top of the handle and separated it from the telescopic bars. Later in the same video, Piazza is shown being led away by police. He said he was taken to a room where he was detained and questioned. “There were many police officers coming in and out (of the room). I answered everything they asked me,” he said. “I had nothing to hide.” Piazza said he is “99.9 per cent suspicious” that the materials were placed in his suitcase by a man he visited in Spain during a previous trip in the spring of 2013. The man, a former friend of Piazza’s from Montreal, owed Piazza money from a \$40,000 investment in real estate and the trip to collect his money did not go well. He said he believes the items were inserted while he left the carry-on suitcase at the man’s house while he made an additional two-day trip to England. Defence lawyer Charles Benmouyal began the day by submitting an admission - a fact agreed upon by both sides in the case - referring to how the man in Spain was convicted of a crime in that country in 2009. According to the document Benmouyal submitted, the Spanish man, identified as Afshin Amani, was convicted of driving without a license and to having falsified public documents.

15. Man charged in explosives-related incident at Montreal airport says he was set up

The Canadian Press, Sidhartha Banerjee, 2016 11 12

Montreal - A Montreal man on trial for trying to board an airplane with explosives-related materials in his suitcase told a judge Friday he strongly believes he was set up. Antony Piazza, an Iranian-born Canadian citizen, is facing four charges stemming from the Montreal airport bomb scare on Oct. 27, 2013. Piazza, 74, told the court he believes an acquaintance in Spain with whom he had a falling-out over money earlier that year inserted the items into his carry-on suitcase. "I have 99.9 per cent suspicion that these things have been placed by him in my bag because no one else has access to my bag," Piazza testified. Piazza said the luggage had been left at the man's home in Spain during the 2013 trip as he made a side trip to England. The smaller cabin luggage was placed in his empty, larger suitcase for the trip home. It was the

only instance the baggage was out of his possession. The arrest came a few months later as he attempted to leave Montreal for Los Angeles. The retired businessman was eager to testify in his own defence Friday. "I've been waiting three years and 16 days for this moment," Piazza told Quebec court Judge Thierry Nadon.

16. Canadian casino says it was hacked, data was stolen

Reuters, Alastair Sharp, 2016 11 12

Toronto - A major Canadian casino has been hit by a cyber attack in which sensitive customer, employee and vendor data was stolen, its management said on Thursday, warning there is a risk the information will be published. The Casino Rama Resort in Ontario said the hacker claimed to have stolen financial reports, patron credit inquiries, collection and debt information, payroll and other data in an intrusion it first became aware of on Friday. It said the hacker claims the employee data included social insurance numbers and dated back to 2004, with some other stolen data dating back to 2007. The casino sits on the Rama First Nation about two-hours drive north of Toronto and has about 3 million visitors a year. Its day-to-day operations are run by CHC Casinos Canada Limited, an indirect subsidiary of Penn National Gaming Inc, under license from the province's gaming operator. Penn National did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The breach is at least the second time this year that a casino that sits on aboriginal land has fallen victim to a hack, following a breach at the River Cree Resort and Casino in Alberta in March.

17. Casino Rama cyberattack prompts \$50M class-action lawsuit

The Canadian Press, 2016 11 12

Ottawa - Class-action lawyers wasted little time Friday in jumping on word of a cyberattack on an Ontario casino in which sensitive information was stolen. The lawyers announced plans for a proposed lawsuit that would seek \$50 million in damages from Casino Rama north of Toronto, and began asking possible victims to sign on. "The class action will be commenced on behalf of employees, customers and vendors of the Casino Rama Resort whose confidential information was compromised by the privacy breach," the lawyers said. "The proposed representative plaintiffs in the lawsuit are customers who gave the resort their confidential information, including financial information." Stolen data included dates of birth, SIN numbers. The statement of claim would be filed in Superior Court on Monday given the Remembrance Day holiday on Friday, said lawyer Ted Charney, one of the lawyers involved. On Thursday, Casino Rama Resort in Rama, Ont., warned its customers, vendors as well as current and former staff to keep an eye on their bank accounts, credit cards and other financial information. The casino said it had "recently" discovered becoming the victim of a cyberattack that resulted in the large-scale data theft.

18. Canada's current military operations abroad

CTV News, Jackie Dunham, 2016 11 12

Ottawa - Maj. Lonnie Campbell remembers when he was 19 years old and a new member of the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves in Calgary, Alta. in 1987. He had signed up for the Forces because he had pride in his country and he wanted the chance to serve it. He also wanted to follow in the footsteps of his family members before him. Campbell's grandfathers and great uncles served in the Second World War and his father was in the Royal Canadian Airforce. During a phone interview from the Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area in northwestern Poland on Nov. 3, Campbell, 49, recalled a memorable experience when a First World War veteran came to speak to the reservists soon after he had first joined. The former soldier, Sgt. Wally Bennett of the 10th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, gave an inspirational speech about a particularly costly and famous battle during the war – the Second Battle of Ypres in April 1915. The veteran told them about the use of poison gas by the German forces and how the Canadians counter-attacked and defended the Allied line against subsequent gas assaults. Thirty years later, the topic of

remembrance has become more personal for Campbell. The experienced soldier has been a member of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) for almost 30 years. During that time he has served on numerous operations in the Balkans, Afghanistan and now in Poland where he commands the Land Task Force for Rotation 6 of Operation Reassurance. He completed two tours in Afghanistan from 2005 to 2006 and in 2008 with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. It was there that Campbell, like many other CAF members, witnessed the true cost of war.

19. Canadians making a difference against ISIS in Iraq

The Toronto Star, Gavin John, 2016 11 12

Bishaq, Iraq - You don't have to go far back in history to remember a Canadian soldier fighting for freedom overseas. In fact, all you have to go back is 24 hours in Iraq. While Canadians prepare to pay their respects this Remembrance Day to veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice, Canadian Forces are making a meaningful impact today in the battle against the Islamic State in Iraq. On the outskirts of Bishaqa, Iraqi Kurdish soldiers — the Peshmerga — sit around and discuss the recent operation to liberate the town. When Canada is brought up there is nothing but praise. When the actions of Canadian Special Forces is mentioned, smiles come over the faces of the soldiers. They place their hands over their hearts as a sign of gratitude. While officially on a "consult and advise" mission, as the official statements from the Kurds and Department of National Defence both state, the Canadian Forces are more than capable of defending themselves and their allies if threatened.

20. Canadian firms warned new administration could make it hard to do business in Iran

The Globe and Mail, Steven Chase, 2016 11 11

Ottawa - Canadian companies operating in Iran, or considering sales after an easing of sanctions against Tehran this year, are being warned by trade experts that a Donald Trump presidency could kill their ability to do business there. This is one of many areas where the Republican president-elect's policies will have economic repercussions for Canada. Airplane maker Bombardier Inc., for instance, is chasing deals in Iran, a country on the hunt for hundreds of commercial aircraft after Tehran agreed to give up parts of its nuclear program in exchange for a scaling back of sanctions. Mr. Trump was hostile to the nuclear pact that Barack Obama and other world leaders signed with Iran in 2015 and at different points during his presidential campaign, he threatened to dismantle the deal or demand it be so aggressively enforced that Tehran might walk away from it. His running mate, Mike Pence, speaking in October, vowed the deal would be "ripped up" after consultation with American allies. Canada lifted some sanctions against Iran in early 2016, a move that followed a rollback of punitive measures by European countries and the United States, as well. This came after the United Nations confirmed Tehran was complying with the 2015 accord aimed at curbing Iran's ambitions for nuclear weapons. Sanctions experts caution that fallout from a Trump-led effort to undo the Iranian nuclear deal could very well lead to Washington imposing new economic and trade sanctions against Iran.

21. Négociations: l'AFPC demande la médiation

Le Droit, Paul Gaboury, 2016 11 11

Ottawa -Après un blitz de dix jours de négociations, l'Alliance de la fonction publique du Canada (AFPC) vient de demander l'intervention d'un médiateur, en vue d'une reprise des pourparlers dans deux semaines. « Les négociations se sont poursuivies pendant 10 jours. Nous avons réalisé des progrès, mais certaines questions fondamentales liées au respect des fonctionnaires et à l'amélioration des services publics ne sont toujours pas résolues », a indiqué la présidente nationale de l'AFPC, Robyn Benson, dans un communiqué jeudi. Le syndicat avait accepté de retourner négocier après avoir eu l'engagement qu'un nouveau mandat avait été accordé aux équipes du Conseil du Trésor par le gouvernement Trudeau. L'AFPC n'a voulu donner de détails ni sur les enjeux qui achoppent toujours, ni sur la nouvelle offre salariale ou encore la

nouvelle proposition sur les congés de maladie. Mais la présidente syndicale a souligné que les offres n'arrivaient pas à la hauteur des promesses faites aux fonctionnaires par le gouvernement libéral.

22. Terrorisme en Afrique: le Canada à la recherche d'un «appui optimal»

La Presse, Jean Thomas Leveille, 2016 11 11

Ottawa - Le Canada s'inquiète de la présence de groupes terroristes en Afrique, dont les milices islamistes shebab, responsables d'exactions contre les populations en Somalie et qui font des incursions au Kenya et en Éthiopie, mais aussi Boko Haram, au Nigeria, et la multitude de groupes présents dans le Sahel. De passage aujourd'hui en Éthiopie, où se trouve le siège de l'Union africaine, le ministre canadien des Affaires étrangères Stéphane Dion annoncera des investissements totalisant près de 1 million de dollars en lien avec la lutte contre l'extrémisme violent dans sept pays africains, ainsi qu'au Centre africain d'études et de recherches sur le terrorisme. Hier, au Kenya, le ministre Dion a annoncé un investissement de 2,38 millions pour la lutte contre le terrorisme, la prévention de la radicalisation, l'amélioration de la sécurité frontalière et la gestion de l'immigration. Lundi, au Nigeria, il avait rappelé que le Canada avait versé depuis de début de l'année 8 millions à différentes organisations, dont la Croix-Rouge, qui viennent en aide aux populations touchées par l'insurrection de Boko Haram dans le nord-est du pays. Outre ces annonces, « le principal objectif de mon voyage, c'est de bien comprendre comment le Canada pourrait avoir un appui optimal » dans les pays qu'il souhaite aider, a indiqué Stéphane Dion en entrevue téléphonique avec La Presse.

23. There are ways of bringing airport screening times back to Earth

Calgary Herald, Colin Kenny, 2016 11 11

Column: If you've flown anywhere in Canada recently, you will have noticed that wait times are getting worse. Since 2013, the length of screening times has deteriorated so badly that the Canadian Airport Council referred to security screening services as a being in a state of "crisis." Not only are we waiting more, we are paying more. And getting less service. According to the World Economic Forum, Canadians pay some of the highest air travel prices in the world. One part is a fee for the so-called Air Traveller's Security Charge. The security charge was introduced after 9/11 by the Chretien government to fund air transport security and the newly minted Canadian Air Transport Security Authority. Instead of improving security, it has turned into a major cash grab by the Finance Department. Since 2011, the security authority's budget has declined, even though revenue has steadily increased. From 2010 to 2013, \$260 million was siphoned away from airport screening into the consolidated revenue fund. While it's annoying to wait in long lines, more important is the security risk these lines pose. A new wave of terrorist attacks on airports in Moscow, Brussels and Istanbul have all occurred between the sidewalk and the security inspection line. Instead of viewing screening lines as an annoyance, officials should see these lengthening queues as a soft spot for terrorists. Another problem with airport security highlighted in David Emerson's 2015 review of the Transportation Act, is the strange restrictions faced by the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority. Essentially, it has no control over security screening policy. This has led directly to poor service and long wait times. Emerson recommends adopting the U.S. model, wherein a single "agency has responsibility for both regulatory oversight and operations." (Note: Liberal Senator Colin Kenny is former chair of the Senate committee on national security and defence.)

24. Politics sabotaged Shared Services before the department got off the ground

Ottawa Citizen, James Bagnall, 2016 11 12

Analysis Liseanne Forand really didn't know what to expect. On Aug. 4, 2011, she was making her way on foot to Phase 3 of the Gatineau office complex known as Place du Portage. A career bureaucrat, Forand had, the day before, been appointed president of Shared Services Canada - a new federal department that would manage the government's email, data centres and telecommunications. Her mandate - representing about one-third of the federal government's \$5-billion-a-year technology services budget - was

brehtaking in its scope and complexity. She was to simultaneously streamline and modernize the government's electronic backbone, and keep the old gear running. Sixty-three email systems would be collapsed into one. More than 500 data centres were to be decommissioned, to be replaced by a mere handful. Fifty telecommunications networks connecting 3,500 federal buildings were to be upgraded. Forand was to do this with staff cobbled together from 43 different departments. But on this day, she had no office, and the paperwork had been approved for just 1,200 of an eventual 6,000 employees. As she entered Phase 3, she was surprised, seemingly touched, to see that a small army of government workers had gathered in the main foyer to greet her. After introductions, she was escorted to the 17th floor. There, Forand found a temporary office. She sat down and began making lists of things to do. As Forand tapped out her notes, Public Services minister Rona Ambrose and Treasury Board president Tony Clement were in the National Press Theatre, directly across from Parliament's venerable West Block. Ambrose said she and Clement were there to introduce "new measures that will improve the efficiency of information technology services." Shared Services would lead this effort, Ambrose said, and generate "substantial savings" through economies of scale. It was up to Forand to flesh out a strategy that had little substance at launch. Not that a more detailed plan would have mattered. What Forand didn't realize was that the seeds of failure were already being sown. Prime Minister Stephen Harper was preparing a governmentwide spending strategy that would hobble Shared Services before it could even get going.

25. Le monde n'est pas un épisode de «Homeland»...

La Presse, Agnès Gruda, 2016 11 12

Chronique: Quelques jours avant le 8 novembre, le guide suprême iranien, Ali Khamenei, a vanté publiquement la franchise de Donald Trump, ce candidat qui ne craint pas de dire ce qu'il pense. Pas comme ces démocrates qui «coupent les têtes avec du coton» - proverbe iranien évoquant la prétendue hypocrisie du parti de Hillary Clinton. Oui, vous avez bien lu. Le leader de l'aile ultraconservatrice à Téhéran s'est montré favorable au candidat républicain, même si celui-ci considère l'Iran comme le mal incarné et veut déchirer le traité nucléaire qui a levé les sanctions économiques infligées aux Iraniens. Pendant ce temps, l'aile modérée du régime, incarnée par le président Hassan Rohani, favorisait l'élection d'Hillary Clinton. En brandissant ses menaces contre Téhéran, Donald Trump vise un régime qu'il perçoit comme radical et dangereux. Pourquoi donc les dirigeants iraniens les plus radicaux se réjouissent-ils de sa victoire? En gros, parce que le monde n'est pas un épisode de Homeland. Il n'est pas divisé en deux, entre gentils et méchants. Ali Khamenei et sa clique avaient au moins trois bonnes raisons de miser sur Donald Trump, explique Houchang Hassan Yari, politologue au Collège militaire royal du Canada. D'abord, parce que le discours anti-establishment de Donald Trump confirme la propagande iranienne, qui décrit Washington comme la capitale d'un système politique pourri. Ensuite, parce que l'accord nucléaire a renforcé la position du président Rohani et que son éventuelle abrogation jouerait en faveur des conservateurs. Enfin, parce que les prises de position de Donald Trump sont susceptibles de jouer contre l'ennemi juré de Téhéran, l'Arabie saoudite. Ne serait-ce que sur le terrain syrien, où le président désigné s'est montré favorable à Moscou et à Bachar al-Assad - deux alliés de l'Iran. En haussant le ton face à un Iran diabolisé, Donald Trump risque en réalité d'aider sa faction la plus fanatique. Bienvenue au royaume des paradoxes et de la grande complexité, où le président Trump est entré avec la légendaire délicatesse d'un éléphant dans un magasin de porcelaine.

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26. Trump Eyeing Senator Kelly Ayotte for Pentagon Chief

Sputnik News Service, 2016 11 12

Moscow - According to The Washington Post newspaper citing sources, Ayotte is regarded as knowledgeable and competent. Other candidates for the post include retired Army Lt. Gen. Joseph

Kellogg, former Defense Intelligence Agency director Gen. Mike Flynn and Senator Jeff Sessions. Trump secured an unexpected victory in the presidential election on Tuesday with 290 electoral votes against his rival Hillary Clinton's 232. His inauguration will be held on January 20, 2017. Earlier this week, media reports emerged claiming that advisers to Trump have suggested the possibility that JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon could serve as treasury secretary in the new administration.

27. Protester shot during Portland's 4th round of anti-Trump demonstrations

Oregonlive, Jim Ryan, 2016 11 12

Portland - The fourth round of mass demonstrations in Portland against Donald Trump's election came to a violent end early Saturday morning when someone shot a protester on the Morrison Bridge. Police said the protester, who wasn't publicly identified, suffered injuries that don't threaten his life. The shooter left the area, likely in a car, Portland police said in a news release. The protest, which started early Friday evening, appeared to be in its final stages as demonstrators marched across the bridge from east to west shortly before 1 a.m. Saturday. Protesters had marched around the city throughout the night, and police in riot gear used less-than-lethal force such as tear gas and flash-bang grenades during standoffs to clear them from certain areas. Shawna Hall, a North Plains resident who was filming the protests, said she witnessed the shooting and circumstances beforehand. Protesters were walking west on the Morrison Bridge, and she said some of them were blocking eastbound lanes. Hall, 28, said the car carrying the gunman navigated around other vehicles and stopped on the bridge. She said a rear passenger exited the car and pulled a gun. There was a non-physical confrontation between car occupants and protesters, Hall said, and protesters told the occupants to leave. Another passenger ushered the gunman into the car. The car traveled about 100 feet east on the bridge, Hall said, and was stopped by protesters. Some were yelling at the car, she said.

28. Trump now has access to nation's most valuable intelligence

Fox News, Catherine Herridge, 2016 11 12

Washington - President-elect Donald Trump will now have access to the most authoritative and highly classified intelligence produced by the U.S. government, Fox News has learned. Two intelligence sources confirmed that the President's Daily Brief, or PDB, is now available to Trump – after the White House, before Tuesday's election, had directed that the winner have full access to the material, to ensure a smooth transition. The sources told Fox News they do not anticipate the briefings will begin until next week at the earliest. The PDB is like a highly classified newspaper for the president, and now the president-elect. It is significantly different than the information provided in briefings for candidates; those briefings act as primers to help bring candidates up to speed on topics like China, Iran and the Islamic State. Candidates have been free to request additional briefs on topics of personal interest, and those supplemental briefings were made available to the other candidate. The PDB is a focused intelligence product, and has a very high threshold for intelligence to be included. Fox News has also learned that, because the briefing itself must be done in a secure facility, the White House has a dedicated transition space nearby that can be used by the president-elect to receive the PDB. If Trump were to receive the brief in New York City, the president-elect would need to travel to a secure federal facility, such as the FBI office.

29. Donald Trump Likely to End Aid for Rebels Fighting Syrian Government

The New York Times, David E. Sanger, 2016 11 12

Washington - President-elect Donald J. Trump said Friday that he was likely to abandon the American effort to support "moderate" opposition groups in Syria who are battling the government of President Bashar al-Assad, saying "we have no idea who these people are." In an interview with The Wall Street Journal that dealt largely with economic issues, including his willingness to retain parts of the Affordable

Care Act, he repeated a position he took often during his campaign: that the United States should focus on defeating the Islamic State, and find common ground with the Syrians and their Russian backers. "I've had an opposite view of many people regarding Syria," Mr. Trump told The Journal. "My attitude was you're fighting Syria, Syria is fighting ISIS, and you have to get rid of ISIS. Russia is now totally aligned with Syria, and now you have Iran, which is becoming powerful, because of us, is aligned with Syria." His comments suggest that once Mr. Trump begins overseeing both the public support for the opposition groups, and a far larger covert effort run by the Central Intelligence Agency, he may wind down or abandon the effort. But there are in fact two wars going on simultaneously in Syria. One is against the Islamic State, in which the United States is supporting 30,000 Syrian-Kurdish and Syrian-Arab fighters, who last weekend announced they were opening a new phase of the battle, beginning to encircle the ISIS capital in Raqqa. There are roughly 300 United States Special Operations forces on the ground assisting these militia.

30. In Libya, U.S. lays plans to hunt down escaped Islamic State fighters

The Washington Post, Adam Entous & Missy Ryan, 2016 11 11

Washington - The Pentagon has tracked scores of Islamic State militants escaping fierce fighting in Libya's coastal city of Sirte and has begun laying the groundwork for expanded air attacks to follow and kill them, part of a final push by the Obama administration to blunt multiplying militant threats across the broader Middle East. Intelligence from surveillance aircraft flying over Sirte and areas south of the city allowed the U.S. military's Africa Command to track up to several hundred militants who U.S. officials now fear could be preparing to mount a counterattack on allied Libyan forces. The president's counterterrorism advisers are eager for Africa Command to pursue militants who have fled the coastal city but say military planners have more "homework" to do collecting and analyzing U.S. intelligence on their new encampments to ensure that U.S. strikes won't inadvertently kill civilians. "These guys are fleeing the fighting. There aren't too many of them," said one U.S. senior official who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss operations. "Why wouldn't you want to pick them off?" The Libya expansion comes amid a series of military escalations the White House has directed in recent months, from targeting leaders of al-Qaeda's affiliate in Syria to launching major campaigns against Islamic State strongholds in Syria and Iraq. The Pentagon has also expanded operations in Somalia, Yemen and Afghanistan in a bid to beat back resurgent militant threats.

31. Tajik Officer, Trained in U.S., Appears to Rise in Islamic State Ranks

The New York Times, Andrew E. Kramer, 2016 11 12

Moscow - In a propaganda video released last year, an Islamic State militant wearing a black bandanna and cradling a sniper rifle made the usual grim threats against the United States. Now, there may be a new twist to his warnings. The militant, Gulmurod Khalimov, a former police commander from Tajikistan, boasted of his extensive American military training -- truthfully, it turns out. But some news accounts say he was subsequently promoted to military commander of the Islamic State. "I was in America three times," Mr. Khalimov said in the video, which appeared online last year. "God willing, I will come with this weapon to your cities, to your homes, and we will kill you." That prospect remains highly unlikely. But there is no doubt that as he rose in the ranks of a special police force in Tajikistan, a former Soviet republic, Mr. Khalimov received extensive taxpayer-funded military training from the United States to help counter drug-running and extremism along the border with Afghanistan. Now, Mr. Khalimov appears to have become the second senior commander of the Islamic State, the terrorist group he defected to last year, to have benefited from American military training provided to former Soviet states.

32. In the Middle East, Another Conflict: What to Make of the Election of Trump

The New York Times, Ben Hubbard, 2016 11 12

Beirut - Crossing from Syria into Lebanon on Tuesday night proved to be a parable for the diametrically

opposed ways the world sees the election of Donald J. Trump. At the passport counter, a Syrian officer's face lit up when he saw an American traveler. "Congratulations on your new president!" he exclaimed, giving an energetic thumbs up. Mr. Trump, he said, would be "good for Syria." He echoed many supporters of Syria's president, Bashar al-Assad, who pronounced themselves delighted with the president-elect, believing he would change course, abandon support for Mr. Assad's opponents in the Syrian civil war and embrace Damascus and its ally, Moscow. In the Middle East, as elsewhere around the world, Mr. Trump's surprise victory shocked many people. But a new occupant of the Oval Office could lead to a significant reordering of American engagement in a complex region. Saudi Arabia, for example, hopes Mr. Trump will take a hard line on Iran. Egypt sees a man it can do business with who will not quibble about human rights. As commander in chief, Mr. Trump will have to navigate many of the same problems that President Obama has struggled with, from the collapse of state structures to raging civil wars to jihadist groups that cause tremendous violence.

33. Bombing Suspect Appears in Court on Terror Charges

The New York Times, Benjamin Weiser & Adam Goldman, 2016 11 11

Washington - Ahmad Khan Rahami, the man accused of carrying out bombings in New York City and New Jersey in September, appeared for the first time in court in Manhattan on Thursday, with his lawyer expressing concern about whether his health problems could be addressed adequately in the jail where he is being held. Mr. Rahami was arraigned in New Jersey last month on charges related to the attempted murder of police officers who captured him in Linden, N.J., on Sept. 19. Afterward, he recovered from gunshot wounds at University Hospital in Newark, where his arraignment on the New Jersey charges was held via a video conference from his hospital bed. He was later moved to Trenton State Prison, where he was held in a medical unit before he was brought to Manhattan on Thursday. Preet Bharara, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, said that Mr. Rahami "was brought today to Manhattan to face terrorism charges." "Rahami will now face justice in a federal courthouse just blocks south of where he allegedly planted his bombs," Mr. Bharara added. Mr. Rahami, 28, whose surname has also been spelled Rahimi, limped noticeably as he was led into the courtroom in United States District Court to face the federal charges related to the bombings.

34. Donald Trump May Select an Architect of Bush's Torture Program to Run CIA

The Intercept, Lee Fang, 2016 11 12

Washington - Donald Trump may select Jose Rodriguez, one of the primary architects of the George W. Bush torture program, to run the Central Intelligence Agency, according to a law firm with close ties to Trump. Rodriguez, the former director of the National Clandestine Service, helped developed the CIA black sites, secret prisons operated in foreign countries where interrogators used a range of torture tactics, including the use of "waterboarding," the simulated drowning technique once used by the Khmer Rouge and Nazi agents to glean information from detainees. At least 136 individuals were detained and tortured by the CIA. Interrogation tactics also included forced nudity, sleep deprivation while being vertically shackled, and confinement in a small box. Rodriguez is unapologetic about his role in the program, telling 60 Minutes that "we did the right thing for the right reason," even if it meant "going to the border of legality." The suggestion that Rodriguez may head the CIA was made in a post-election prediction document published by Dentons, a law and lobbying firm where Trump confidant Newt Gingrich serves as a senior advisor. Dentons was also retained by Make American Number 1, one of the primary Super PACs supporting Trump's candidacy. Dentons's Public Policy and Regulation team, the division that employs Gingrich, published the prediction document. The firm did not respond to a request for comment. Rodriguez not only crafted the Bush torture program, but played a key role in the cover up. Following revelations of the effort, Rodriguez worked directly to get rid of the evidence and destroyed 92 video tapes revealing the waterboarding of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who was waterboarded 183 times.

35. How Two Russian Defectors Helped the FBI Nab European Mobsters Then Wound up Stranded in Oregon

Newsweek, Bryan Denson, 2016 11 12

Analysis: As an intelligence officer in Russia's Federal Security Service, Jan Neumann knew the weight of a loaded Makarov 9 mm. When he later worked for a Moscow bank that laundered money for the mob, he also knew the weight of \$1 million packed into bricks. But on a spring night in 2008, as he headed home to his wife, he could scarcely comprehend the weight of his impending troubles. Jan had just walked out of a meeting with a shady bank partner, who explained that the mob and its government associates were after him; he had learned too much about their double-dealing and greed. The partner offered a few ways out. Option one called for Jan to "be an officer," Russian slang for putting a bullet in his own skull. Option two: He could wait for someone to do it for him. Option three: He could run like hell. When Jan reached his top-floor apartment in a swanky section of downtown Moscow, he delivered the news to his wife, Victorya. She was a problem solver who spoke five languages and had gone through the same training academy as her husband in the government's security service, better known as the FSB. She quickly worked out the details of their escape. The couple hurriedly packed clothes, jewelry, cellphones, laptops and about \$15,000 in cash. Jan then called two friends, both high-ranking FSB officers, and told them of his plans to flee. One would later hand him a dossier on corrupt officials at Lubyanka Square, the FSB's headquarters. Jan also downloaded an electronic file on several government-affiliated banks, a rare glimpse inside the criminal Cerberus of financial big shots, mobsters and FSB officers. The Neumanns drove half the night to see a friend, then switched cars and headed back to Moscow. Victorya booked three flights set to depart from airports around the city—decoys to confuse pursuers. In the final hours before their departure, Victorya purchased tickets for the flight they intended to board, bound for Frankfurt, with a connecting flight to the Dominican Republic, a Caribbean nation that requires no visas. Jan and Victorya landed at Puerto Plata Airport and took a car to the north-shore town of Cabarete, where they paid cash for a beachfront rental. Using aliases, they deposited their money in a local bank, stashed their Russian passports and marriage certificate in a safe deposit box and bought new cellphones. For a few weeks, they kitesurfed with European expats, worked on their tans and feasted on pescado frito and rum cocktails, blending into the tropical scenery like the island's ubiquitous color-changing lizards. At night, they devised a plan to start fresh in a new country. Their first step: to expose deep and dangerous secrets about the one they had left behind.

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36. EX MI6 Boss: Nuclear War More Likely Under Trump

Daily Mail, Dan Martin, 2016 11 12

London - Donald Trump's unpredictable temperament has made nuclear war more likely, the former head of MI6 warned last night. John Sawers said the president-elect's 'fierce' reactions when he feels he has been insulted could prove dangerous. The world has become far more perilous over the past few years, he said, with an increased threat of a nuclear clash between the US and China or Russia. Sir John told BBC Radio 4 that Barack Obama must take some blame for the increased nuclear threat because his administration did not bolster relations with Russia. But he added: 'I don't think Donald Trump quite yet knows what the pressures will be on him when he becomes president. 'We've seen that when he feels slighted, when he feels criticised, he reacts quite fiercely. If you translate that into global affairs it could have consequences which are dangerous for everyone. Where temperament comes in is how you manage relations with foreign leaders and how you manage a crisis; a fast-moving crisis where you need to take decisions with only partial information.' Three former British generals and an admiral warned this week that Mr Trump risked war with Russia if he abandoned Nato. The billionaire tycoon has cast doubt on the alliance, accusing European members of not pulling their weight.

37. Concerns raised over Trump accessing global surveillance network

The Guardian, Ewen MacAskill, 2016 11 12

London - Privacy supporters criticise Obama for failing to change legislation following Edward Snowden's NSA revelations. Privacy and human rights campaigners have expressed fears over the prospect of Donald Trump gaining access to the vast global US and UK surveillance network. They criticised Barack Obama's administration for being too complacent in the wake of the 2013 revelations by the NSA whistleblower, Edward Snowden, and making only modest concessions to privacy concerns rather than carrying out major legislative changes. The concern comes after Snowden dismissed fears for his own safety if Trump, who called him "a spy who has caused great damage in the US", was to strike a deal with Vladimir Putin to have him extradited. Snowden, wanted by the US on charges under the espionage act, found asylum in Russia in 2013 but his visa is due to expire in July next year. Privacy and human rights campaigners in the US and UK say a Trump presidency will tip the balance between surveillance and privacy decisively towards the former. The UK surveillance agency GCHQ is so tied up with America's NSA, often doing work on its behalf, it could find itself facing a series of ethical dilemmas. On the campaign trail, Trump made an ambiguous remark about wishing he had access to surveillance powers.

38. 'Black Swan' Exercise to Give Trump's Team Practice for Security Crisis

ABC News, Alexander Mallin, 2016 11 12

Washington - Donald Trump's transition team is getting a helping hand from the Obama administration on national security matters. The administration is giving the president-elect and a select few of his top advisers sensitive intelligence briefings. And, in addition, Trump and his team will take part in two so-called 'black swan' exercises that simulate a domestic or national security emergency. The exercises are intended to help an incoming administration learn how to manage a crisis in real time in case there is some kind of global or domestic emergency in the first days of a Trump presidency. A black swan exercise would, for example, ensure that a fledgling Trump administration knows how to activate the proper federal agencies to maintain stability. According to a briefing book from the nonpartisan Center for Presidential Transition, in 2008 the Bush administration hosted two black swan exercises for then president-elect Obama's national security team. Janet Napolitano, then the incoming Department of Homeland Security secretary, said the first exercise, done in a federal office building in Washington, D.C., simulated an event in which multiple bombs were detonated in different locations across the United States.

39. 'Fearful' national security officials prepare for major shift in US policy

The Guardian, Spencer Ackerman, 2016 11 12

Washington - A US intelligence officer operating in a dangerous part of the world prepared this week for Donald Trump's presidency by making a pact with a colleague: they resolved to disobey any order to commit torture. The two officers' pledge reflects a wider debate within the national security bureaucracy, as some officials – concerned by Trump's authoritarian inclinations – debate whether to quit in protest at his electoral victory or to remain at their post in the hope of checking impulses they consider dangerous. During his election campaign, the president-elect mooted a string of controversial measures, any one of which would signify a major shift in US policy: reviving the use of torture, targeting the families of terrorism suspects, mass deportations, a ban on Muslims entering the US, expanding domestic surveillance, the indefinite detention of American terror suspects, bombing "the shit" out of the Islamic State. Officials in the US military, intelligence services, diplomatic corps and federal law enforcement have told the Guardian that Trump's suggestions represent such a departure from the norms of American governance that they are contemplating internal resistance or a career change.

Americas- Amériques

40. Le président Juan Manuel Santos juge que le Nobel de la Paix va lui servir à renégocier l'accord avec les FARC

Le Monde, Marie Delcas, 2016 11 12

Bogota - Au pouvoir depuis 2010, le président colombien, Juan Manuel Santos (centre droit), a fait de la paix avec la guérilla des Forces armées révolutionnaires de Colombie (FARC) la priorité de son gouvernement. Son ambition de mettre fin à un conflit armé vieux d'un demi-siècle lui a valu le prix Nobel de la paix, début octobre. Mais l'accord de paix signé avec la guérilla a été rejeté par une très courte majorité d'électeurs, lors du référendum du 2 octobre. A La Havane, les négociateurs du gouvernement et ceux des FARC tentent d'élaborer un nouveau texte. Le gouvernement d'Obama a soutenu le processus de paix et promis une aide financière pour l'après-conflit. Craignez-vous que Donald Trump remette en question ce soutien? La Colombie a toujours été un allié stratégique et un partenaire privilégié des Etats-Unis. Nous avons entretenu de bonnes relations avec les démocrates et les - républicains, et nous espérons qu'il continuera d'en être ainsi. Il a fallu quatre ans de difficiles négociations pour parvenir à un accord avec les FARC. Qu'avez-vous ressenti le 2 octobre au soir, en apprenant que les électeurs l'avaient refusé? Je ne m'y attendais pas et je dois avouer que cela a d'abord été un choc. Mais j'ai choisi d'écouter Winston Churchill : " L'optimiste voit dans chaque difficulté une opportunité. " Au soir du référendum, j'ai compris que la victoire du non pouvait nous offrir la chance unique d'unir le pays. J'ai donc appelé les détracteurs de l'accord de paix à un grand dialogue national pour pouvoir renégocier le texte avec les FARC et construire un large consensus. Et, le vendredi suivant, quand vous avez été réveillé à l'aube pour apprendre que vous aviez reçu le prix Nobel de la paix?

41. Au Venezuela, l'armée donne de la voix

Le Monde.fr, Paulo A. Paranagua, 2016 11 12

Caaracas - Alors que le gouvernement et l'opposition doivent se réunir samedi pour trouver une solution à la crise politique, le rôle des militaires dans ce dialogue politique fait débat. «La trêve est finie», a annoncé Jesus «Chuo» Torrealba, porte-parole de la Table de l'unité démocratique (MUD), la coalition de l'opposition de centre-gauche vénézuélienne, à la veille de la deuxième réunion de dialogue avec le gouvernement chaviste, vendredi 11 novembre à Caracas. A la télévision, le président Nicolas Maduro fustigeait les opposants, tandis que le numéro deux du régime, le capitaine Diosdado Cabello, faisait la même chose à Medellin: «Nous allons vers davantage de révolution», a-t-il promis aux partisans de l'ancien président Hugo Chavez (1999-2013). Ainsi, les deux camps semblent vouloir négocier sous la pression de la rue. Les tractations s'annoncent laborieuses et les résultats incertains. Levée après 23 heures, la réunion devait reprendre samedi. «Il n'y a pas au Venezuela aujourd'hui de force politique capable d'imposer son hégémonie», a tweeté le général Miguel Rodriguez Torres, l'ancien ministre de l'intérieur, responsable de la brutale répression des protestations de 2014, qui avait causé la mort de 43 personnes. Ce faucon chaviste devenu colombe prône désormais «deux ans de gouvernement de consensus pour appliquer un programme minimum en matière d'économie et de sécurité publique, et pour organiser des élections générales». Aucune figure du pouvoir n'ose s'attaquer à cet ancien chef du renseignement militaire, qui a sans doute gardé des dossiers. Toutefois, ses propos sont commentés avec intérêt sur le forum Aporrea, dont le directeur compte parmi les chavistes dissidents. «Dans le cas d'un gouvernement

de transition, Rodriguez Torres pourrait être un nom acceptable pour le chavisme et pour l'opposition», estime le démocrate-chrétien Ramon Guillermo Aveledo, ancien président de la Chambre des députés et artisan de l'union de l'opposition.

Australia –Australie/New Zealand - Nouvelle-Zélande

42. Defence reveals new home for Australian Cyber Security Centre

iTNews (Australia), 2016 11 12

Canberra - The federal Defence department is planning to spend \$39 million moving the Australian Cyber Security Centre out of its existing home in ASIO's Canberra headquarters and down the road to the Brindabella Business Park. The federal government announced its intention to relocate the ACSC out from the Ben Chifley Building in an effort to make it more accessible to businesses and other government workers. The ACSC, launched in 2014, houses 260 cyber security experts from across Defence, the Attorney-General's Department, ASIO, the AFP and the Australian Crime Commission, and acts as an information sharing hub for government and the private sector. But an expansion of its operations - prompted by the promise of personnel boosts for cyber security in the government's April national cyber security strategy - has meant the ACSC will outgrow its current premises, Defence said in a submission to a parliamentary inquiry scrutinising its plans. Moving the centre is also intended to address criticisms about access to the centre inside the high-security ASIO building. "While most of the current space is operating at close to full occupancy, some areas are underutilised due to the difficulties associated with obtaining the appropriate clearances," Defence said. "This has resulted in some inefficiencies arising from areas unable to be fully collocated due to the nature of the fit-out and the allocation of workspaces.

43. Turnbull bolsters alliance with US

Courier Mail, Renee Viellaris, 2016 11 12

Canberra – Malcolm Turnbull has extracted an in-principle pledge from Donald Trump to preserve a US military presence in the Asia-Pacific region to keep Australia safe. One of the first world leaders to speak to the president-elect, Mr Turnbull (inset) strongly pushed Australia's security and trade agenda, spoke of the enduring co-operation between the two countries and was receptive to Mr Trump wanting to expand discussions on the fight against terrorism in the Middle East. In a "very warm" 15-minute chat with Mr Trump yesterday, the Prime Minister revealed he and the "deal maker" had bonded over their business backgrounds and their not-dissimilar entry into politics. Opposition Leader Bill Shorten warned Mr Trump during a speech in Question Time that Labor would refuse to stay silent if he continued to mock, ridicule and disrespect. The Left and the Right of politics in Australia yesterday further retreated into their ideological positions, with Labor urging the nation to reject hate and far-right Conservatives emboldened to rubbish "politically-correct do-gooders".

Afghanistan • Pakistan

44. 4 dead, 14 wounded in explosion on Bagram Airfield

Pajhwok Afghan News, Farid Tanha, 2016 11 12

Charikar - At least four people were killed and 14 others wounded in a huge explosion on the Bagram Airfield, the main US military base, in central Parwan province on Saturday, officials said. The Bagram district's administrative chief, Abdul Shakoor Qudusi, told Pajhwok Afghan News the blast took place at 5:30am. He said three people were killed and 13 others wounded in the explosion. But the US military put the toll at four dead and 14 wounded. "To the family and friends of those who lost their lives today, we

share your loss and our thoughts are with you," the Resolute Support mission commander said. In a statement, Gen. John Nicholson, "We offer you our deepest condolences. For the family and friends of those wounded in today's attack, let me assure you they are receiving the best care possible, and we will keep them in our thoughts today."

45. 52 Insurgents Killed In Herat Province

Tolo News, 2016 11 12

Herat - At least 52 insurgents were killed and 10 others wounded in an Afghan security forces operation in Shindand district of Herat province. Raz Mohammad Oryakhail, executive officer at 207 Zafar Corps, confirmed the incident and said that many vehicles belonging to the Taliban were also destroyed in Afghan air strikes. Mullah Nayeb and Mawolavi Muhab, two Taliban local commanders, were also killed in the operations.

Asia -Asie

46. Unclear direction of Trump policy poses uncertainty, possible danger to Asia-Pacific region, says expert

South China Morning Post, Catherine Wong, 2016 11 12

Beijing - Some of America's foreign policy elite are "unprepared" for Donald Trump's win and the lack of any clear understanding over the next US president's policy direction could pose great uncertainty and danger to the Asia-Pacific region, warns a veteran Washington expert on maritime and Southeast Asia politics. The victory of the real estate tycoon and political outsider on Tuesday sent shock waves not only through the political establishment in Washington, but also nations around the world - in particular America's Asia-Pacific allies who have been nervously looking for clues about what a Trump presidency would mean for the region. Gregory B. Poling, director of the Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative and a fellow at the Southeast Asia Programme at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, said even the foreign policy elite in Washington were in the dark. "The foreign policy community is wildly unprepared for the Trump victory ..." said Poling "... and is, for the most part, completely divorced from any decision-making going on in the Trump campaign." During the campaign trail, the US president-elect often attacked the foreign policy decisions made by the administration of the outgoing President Barack Obama and his opponent Hillary Clinton, who was a former secretary of state. Will Asia disappear from the US radar under Trump? However, Trump had so far spoken very little about his views on Asia, except for his constant barrage of allegations that China had stolen American jobs, pledges to launch a trade war with Beijing, and complaints that nations, including China and Japan, had taken advantage of the United States.

47. Russian State Duma ratifies China-Russia anti-terrorism agreement

Xinhua News Agency, 2016 11 12

Moscow - The Russian State Duma, or the lower house of parliament, ratified an agreement on Friday between China and Russia on cooperation in fighting against terrorism, separatism and extremism. Russian President Vladimir Putin submitted the agreement to the State Duma for parliamentary ratification on Sept. 28. The agreement, signed in Beijing on Sept. 27, 2010, is aimed at developing bilateral cooperation in combating terrorism, separatism and extremism by taking joint measures to prevent and stop terrorist attacks. The two countries will exchange information in fighting criminal activities of terrorists and extremists, hold regular meetings and consultations, and work together to prevent and suppress crimes in the border regions between China and Russia.

48. 4 Chinese vessels enter Japanese waters around Senkakus

Kyodo News, 2016 11 12

Naha - Four China Coast Guard vessels entered Japanese waters around the disputed Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea on Saturday, the Japan Coast Guard said. The ships were spotted in the territorial waters around the group of uninhabited islets in the morning, the first intrusion since Sunday. The islands are controlled by Japan and claimed by China which calls them Diaoyu.

48. A protectionist U.S. under Trump would give Beijing opening to benefit from trade

The Wall Street Journal, Mark Magnier and Chuin-Wei Yap, 2016 11 12

Beijing - The prospect of a more protectionist and inwardly focused America under Donald Trump opens room for China to widen its global economic clout. As the proposed 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement, which excludes China, looks unlikely to materialize under a Trump administration, China is pushing rival trade pacts. Meanwhile, its state-owned companies are making inroads abroad and multibillion-dollar ambitions to expand investment and trade along the Silk Road have drawn interest from some 100 countries and funding from the Beijing-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. The Obama administration has warned that failure of the TPP, which had underpinned the U.S. "pivot" to Asia, could result in China winning trade advantages at the expense of the U.S. Republican and Democratic leaders in Congress have told the White House they won't advance it in the election's aftermath. Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said this week a TPP collapse "would leave a vacuum in trade deals which most certainly will be filled by others," and that Australia would seek deals wherever it can. Ms. Bishop mentioned the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, which is expected to be concluded in coming months and would lower or eliminate tariffs among Pacific countries that include China but not the U.S. Separately, China said it would seek support for a Beijing-led free-trade area in the Asia-Pacific during a leaders' summit in Peru next week. "Trump's election is a bit of a dial back on globalization," said Hong Kong University of Science and Technology professor Li Xi. That could give China "the opportunity to expand its influence," he said.

49. Seoul, Tokyo to tentatively sign intelligence-sharing pact on Monday: source

Yonhap English News, 2016 11 12

Seoul - South Korea on Monday will tentatively sign a bilateral pact with Japan about sharing military intelligence on North Korea despite strong objections from opposition parties, a government source said. The two sides last week reopened negotiations in Tokyo after a botched attempt four years ago. They initiated the pact in 2012, but Seoul suspended signing it, as opposition parties and civic groups claimed the deal was arranged too hastily and in secret. "South Korea and Japan will hold a third round of working-level talks for the signing of the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA) in Tokyo on Monday," the source said on Saturday. They will "tentatively sign the agreement during the talks." The South Korean defense ministry announced on Friday that the tentative signing will come early next week without specifying the date. The two countries made a draft of the agreement in the past two rounds of working-level talks held respectively in Tokyo on Nov. 1 and Seoul on Nov. 9. Seoul's defense ministry has asked the Ministry of Government Legislation (MOLEG) to review the agreed terms through the foreign ministry.

50. Alleged Abu Sayyaf members hijack Vietnamese ship

The Philippine Star, Roel Pareño and Jaime Laude, 2016 11 12

Zamboanga City - At least 10 suspected Abu Sayyaf bandits hijacked a Vietnam-registered cargo vessel and kidnapped its captain and five other officers off Basilan yesterday morning. One of the crew of M/V Royal 16 identified as Dham Yan Trong, an electrician, was shot and wounded by the gunmen, Jerome Cayabyab, commander of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) Zamboanga station, said. Cayabyab said Trong was transported to a local hospital by M/V Lorcon (Lorenzo Container) Ilo-ilo, which provided assistance to the Vietnamese ship. Trong was accompanied to the hospital by Lei Ninh Khao, a fourth

engineer of M/V Royal. Khao told authorities that the gunmen shot Trong when he ran as they were about to seize him. Cayabyab said M/V Royal was passing near Sibago Island, Mohammad Ajul in Lamitan, Basilan when 10 armed men on a speed boat intercepted the vessel around 6 a.m.

51. 4 more members of 'violent' gang with LTTE link held in Lanka

Press Trust of India, 2016 11 11

Colombo - Four members of a group believed to be backed by LTTE and inspired by south Indian films have been arrested and today remanded to police custody in Sri Lanka for their involvement in violence in the Tamil-dominated Jaffna. Six members of the sword-wielding Aava group were arrested last week for their violent acts against people in Jaffna. Of the latest arrested members, one was said to be a military man, but military spokesman Brigadier Roshan Seneviratne denied that any person linked to the Sri Lankan military was among those arrested. Acts of violence have recently increased in Jaffna suburbs like Manipay, Kopay and Chunnakam by the group. It is believed that the group was being backed by some politicians and former members of the LTTE. The group is also said to be drawing inspiration from south Indian movies.

52. Moro clan war claims 2 lives in Maguindanao

Philippines News Agency, 2016 11 12

Korondal City - Clan wars involving Moro rebels left two persons dead in Maguindanao, the military here said Friday. Colonel Cirilito Sobejana, commander of the 601st Infantry Brigade, said the clash occurred Thursday in Sitio Damabago, Barangay Barurao, Sultan sa Barongis, Maguindanao involving Moro families identified with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). He identified the protagonists as Commander Murato and his nephew, Commander Jaypee, both belonging to MILF 105th base command. Both sides have suffered one fatality, the Army said. "A long standing family feud has been brewing for so decades and it erupted Thursday," Sobejana said. "It was a case of land dispute, both are claiming ownership of a vast track of lands in the village." However, local officials said the claimants could not present legal documents legitimizing ownership of the lands. Sobejana said the military is keeping a safe distance and did not involve themselves in recognition of an existing ceasefire agreement between the national government and MILF.

53. Abus tagged in Basilan bomb blast

The Philippine Star, Roel Pareño and John Unson, 2016 11 12

Zamboanga City - A bomb explosion rocked a village in Isabela City, Basilan on Thursday. Superintendent Jerome Afuyug Jr., Isabela City police chief, said no one was reported hurt in the blast in front of a warehouse owned by district engineer Soler Undug in Barangay Aguada at around 10:15 p.m. An improvised bomb also exploded outside Undug's house in Barangay San Rafael on Oct.28. Abu Sayyaf bandits were suspected to be behind the attacks. The bandits were reportedly opposing the construction of infrastructure projects in the province. Other reports said the bandits were extorting money from Undug, who is the project supervisor of the Basilan circumferential road.

54. Indian troops kill three youths in Baramulla

The News International (India), 2016 11 12

Mumbai - Indian occupation troops in their fresh act of state terrorism martyred three Kashmiri youths in the Baramulla district. Troops killed the youths during a violent military operation at Torna Rampur in Uri area of the district. The operation continued till last reports came in. A senior Indian Army officer was injured in an attack in the same area. Indian army claimed that the youths were militants and were killed in an encounter with the troops.

Iraq/Iran

55. All sides should stay committed to nuclear deal: Russian envoy

Tehran Times, Ali Kushki, 2016 11 12

Tehran – Against a backdrop of Donald Trump’s election as U.S. president, the Russian Ambassador to Tehran has underscored that all sides to the deal should keep their side of the bargain. “We hope commitments in the JCPOA are implemented and hope all sides, including the U.S., remains committed (to the deal),” Levan Dzhagaryan told the Tehran Times on Thursday on the sidelines of the 22nd international press exhibition in Tehran. Championed by the outgoing Obama administration, the deal granted Iran sanctions reliefs in exchange for it scaling down its nuclear program. On Tuesday, Republican U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump won a race against Democrat Hillary Clinton, becoming the 45th U.S. president.

56. Once-Tolerant Mosul Laments Society's Unraveling

The New York Times, Tim Arango, 2016 11 12

Erbil, Iraq -- More than two years ago, a Christian farmer in his 70s named Mosa Zachariah fled his village near Mosul with, as he put it, only the pants he was wearing. He left behind his house, "tons of wheat" and a BMW. But now that his town, an early target of the Iraqi security forces as they advance on Mosul itself, has been cleared of the Islamic State forces, it is not jubilation he feels, but fear of what awaits him if he tries to return. He wistfully talked about his city's diversity as something completely unattainable now. "In that time, the Muslims and Christians were like brothers," he said. Musab Juma, a Shiite who used to live in the Mosul area, said he would not be going back, either. He relocated to Najaf, in southern Iraq, where he has a food stall and has decorated his home with old photos and antiques from his hometown. Yazidis and Kurds and Shabaks, other minorities that were once vital pieces of Mosul's human tapestry, have moved on, too. And many Sunni Arabs, who make up most of Mosul's population, say they will never go home again, even if that is where their parents and grandparents are buried.

57. Iraqi forces see hardest fight yet against ISIS

The Washington Post, Loveday Morris, 2016 11 11

Mosul, Iraq - Since pushing into Mosul a week ago, Iraqi commanders say their forces have been shaken by some of the most complex fighting they have ever encountered in battles against the Islamic State. It is a bitter fight: street to street, house to house, with the presence of civilians slowing the advancing forces. Car bombs - the militants' main weapon - scream out of garages and straight into advancing military convoys. "If there were no civilians, we'd just burn it all," said Maj. Gen. Sami al-Aridhi, a counterterrorism commander. He was forced to temporarily pause operations in his sector Monday because too many families were clogging the street. "I couldn't bomb with artillery or tanks, or heavy weapons. I said, 'We can't do anything.'" Mosul is the most populous city held by the militants, with an estimated 1 million people still living there. Iraqi forces have been closing in from the north and south but have broken into the city only on the eastern front, beginning a slow grind through densely populated neighborhoods. It's a long, hard slog to the Tigris River that carves through the center of Mosul - and then a whole new battle awaits on the other side. Commanders expressed confidence that they eventually will prevail, but they are less optimistic that they will meet Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi's pledge to have the city under control by the end of the year.

58. ISIS Is Massacring Mosul Civilians as Troops Advance , U.N . Says

The New York Times, Nick Cumming Bruce, 2016 11 12

Geneva - Islamic State militants have summarily killed scores of civilians in the Iraqi city of Mosul in recent days, sometimes using children as executioners, and have also used chemical agents against Iraqi

and Kurdish troops, United Nations officials said on Friday. Video posted by the militants on Wednesday showed four children, who appear to be 10 to 14 years old, shooting four civilians accused of disloyalty at a location near the Tigris River, said Ravina Shamdasani, a spokeswoman for the United Nations human rights office in Geneva. The video release identified one of the children as Russian, another as coming from Uzbekistan and two as Iraqis. United Nations investigators had not identified the time of the killings, citing the surge in executions by Islamic State courts and fighters in and around Mosul in recent weeks and the brutal training the militants have forced on children in the parts of Iraq and Syria they control. "They are showing they are still in business," Ms. Shamdasani said of the Islamic State, also known as ISIS, ISIL and Daesh. In one massacre, militants were said to have summarily shot 40 civilians in Mosul, dressing them in orange clothes adorned with words, marked in red, labeling them "traitors and agents of the I.S.F.," the abbreviation for Iraqi Security Forces, Ms. Shamdasani said. Afterward, the militants strung up the bodies of their victims from electricity poles around the city — a practice the Islamic State long used to strike fear into those who live in the group's strongholds.

Eastern Europe – Europe de L'Est

59. Russia detains IS-linked suspects plotting terror attacks

Xinhua News Agency, 2016 11 12

Moscow – Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) said Saturday that it has detained a group of terrorists on suspicion of plotting attacks in the capital city of Moscow and Russia's second largest city of St. Petersburg. With the help of counterparts from Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, 10 people, some from Central Asia, who were planning high-profile attacks in Moscow and St. Petersburg, were detained in Saturday's special operations, the FSB said in a statement. Improvised explosive devices stuffed with shrapnel, firearms, as well as remote control and communication devices have been found from them, it added.

60. Russie: une cyberattaque d'envergure vise cinq grandes banques du pays

Radio France Internationale, 2016 11 12

Moscou - Plusieurs grandes banques de Russie sont visées par une cyberattaque d'envergure. L'attaque a été lancée mardi 8 novembre et se poursuivait jeudi. Avec notre correspondante à Moscou, Muriel Pomponne C'est sans doute la plus importante attaque informatique subie par les banques russes. En tout cas, c'est la première de cette ampleur, si l'on en croit la société russe de cybersécurité Kaspersky, qui donne l'information. Les sites de cinq des plus importantes institutions financières de Russie ont été visés. Le plus gros établissement du pays, la banque publique Sberbank, a précisé avoir été ciblé et avoir réussi à neutraliser l'attaque sans perturbation sur ses activités. Mais la Sberbank affirme avoir déjà été touchée 68 fois par ce genre d'attaques depuis le début de l'année.

61. Russia Prepares to Block LinkedIn

The New York Times, Mark Scott, 2016 11 12

Moscow - LinkedIn, the social networking site for professionals that will soon be bought by Microsoft, is to be blocked in Russia after a local court ruled on Thursday that it had breached the country's data protection rules, a sign of growing tensions for American tech companies operating in the country. The case in the Moscow city courts arose at a time of debate in Washington over how the United States might retaliate for what American security officials said was the Russian government's hacking of emails from the Democratic National Committee and other digital interference in the presidential election. Russia has a history of increasing regulatory pressure on businesses in political disputes. The case began in August, before Donald J. Trump's victory in Tuesday's presidential election, and there is currently no connection between the LinkedIn case and the hacking scandal. The country's push to gain greater control over its internet users is one of a number of attempts by governments worldwide to dictate how people use digital services. From China's blocking of whole swaths of the internet to Europe's efforts to regulate what can

and cannot be viewed online, different regions and countries are in a battle with companies and other governments to decide how the internet will expand. Russia imposed its ban -- a rare occasion of LinkedIn being blocked in a country -- after lawmakers passed new rules last year that required any personal digital data on Russian citizens collected by companies to be stored within the country. Officials said the rules were aimed at protecting people's online privacy from hackers, but critics have claimed the legislation could allow Russian authorities to force companies -- both local and international -- to hand over sensitive information about their users.

62. Russian Officials Were in Contact With Trump Allies, Diplomat Says

The New York Times, Ivan Nechepurenko, 2016 11 11

Moscow - The Russian government maintained contacts with members of Donald J. Trump's "immediate entourage" during the American presidential campaign, one of Russia's top diplomats said Thursday. "There were contacts," Sergei A. Ryabkov, the deputy foreign minister, was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency. "We continue to do this and have been doing this work during the election campaign," he said. Mr. Ryabkov said officials in the Russian Foreign Ministry were familiar with many of the people he described as Mr. Trump's entourage. "I cannot say that all, but a number of them maintained contacts with Russian representatives," Mr. Ryabkov said. Later, the Foreign Ministry in Moscow said Mr. Ryabkov had been referring to American politicians and supporters of Mr. Trump, not members of his campaign staff. The contacts were carried out through the Russian ambassador in Washington, who reached out to the senators and other political allies to get a better sense of Mr. Trump's positions on various issues involving Russia. A Trump spokeswoman, Hope Hicks, said Thursday that there had been no meeting between campaign staff members and Russian government officials during the campaign. "We are not aware of any campaign representatives that were in touch with any foreign entities before yesterday, when Mr. Trump spoke with many world leaders," Ms. Hicks, said. "Those discussions were congratulatory and forward looking."

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

63. Al-Qaeda affiliate in Syria targeted

The Washington Post, Adam Entous, 2016 11 12

Damascus -President Obama has ordered the Pentagon to find and kill the leaders of an al-Qaeda-linked group in Syria that the administration had largely ignored until now and that has been in the vanguard of the fight against the Syrian government, U.S. officials said. The decision to deploy more drones and intelligence assets against the militant group formerly known as Jabhat al-Nusra reflects Obama's concern that it is turning parts of Syria into a new base of operations for al-Qaeda on Europe's southern doorstep, the officials said. The move underlines the extent to which Obama has come to prioritize the counterterrorism mission in Syria over efforts to pressure President Bashar al-Assad to step aside, as al-Nusra is among the most effective forces battling the Syrian government. That shift is likely to accelerate once President-elect Donald Trump takes office. Trump has said he will be even more aggressive in going after militants than Obama, a stance that could lead to the expansion of the campaign against al-Nusra, possibly in direct cooperation with Moscow. The group now calls itself Jabhat Fatah al-Sham - or Front for the Conquest of Syria - and says it has broken with al-Qaeda, an assertion discounted by U.S. officials.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

64. Comment les terroristes des attentats de Paris et de Bruxelles se sont infiltrés en Europe

Le Monde.fr, Soren Seelow, 2016 11 12

Paris - Abdelhamid Abaaoud est le premier kamikaze à avoir pris la route des migrants, dès août 2015, alors qu'on le croyait en Syrie. Son ami Salah Abdeslam ira ensuite chercher dix de ses complices en voiture. L'enquête sur les attentats de Paris et de Bruxelles révèle chaque jour un peu plus comment cette cellule terroriste mise sur pied à Rakka, en Syrie, a su tirer profit de la crise migratoire pour se reconstituer au sein de l'espace Schengen. Sous de fausses identités, la plupart des kamikazes ont suivi la route des Balkans jusqu'en Hongrie, plate-forme de transit des réfugiés, avant de rejoindre Bruxelles, base opérationnelle des terroristes. Dans une étude sur la fabrication de cette cellule, publiée jeudi 10 novembre par la revue américaine spécialisée Sentinel, le Centre d'analyse du terrorisme (CAT), dirigé par Jean-Charles Brisard, retrace très précisément le cheminement de ces terroristes à travers l'Europe. Une mine d'informations tirées de documents judiciaires et obtenues auprès de services de renseignement étrangers, que Le Monde a pu recouper. L'un de ces renseignements constitue un rebondissement majeur dans l'enquête: selon une note des services antiterroristes hongrois obtenue par le CAT, et dont Le Monde a pris connaissance, le premier kamikaze à avoir pénétré l'espace Schengen, dès le 1er août 2015, est Abdelhamid Abaaoud, futur coordinateur des attentats du 13 novembre 2015. Les enquêteurs ignoraient jusqu'ici quand et comment il s'était infiltré en Europe.

65. Berlin Isis suspect 'spied on Brandenburg Gate for attack'

The Local.de, 2016 11 12

Berlin - A 19-year-old Isis suspect was spying major Berlin landmarks as targets for attack, according to a court document released on Thursday. A 19-year-old Syrian man, currently under arrest, spied on the Brandenburg Gate, the German parliament (Bundestag) building and Alexanderplatz with Berlin's iconic TV Tower, according to a document published on Thursday by Germany's highest court, the Federal Court of Justice (BGH). The court had released the document to announce a decision to extend an investigation into the man by three months. According to the document, the suspect had fallen in with Isis in 2013 and undergone military training with them. In 2015 he travelled to Germany with his brother-in-law at the behest of his parents and arrived in August of that year as an asylum seeker. He stayed in touch with Isis through his smartphone, the court document says.

66. Defence minister to Trump: NATO is no business deal

The Local.de, 2016 11 11

Berlin - German Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen sent a warning to US president-elect Donald Trump on Thursday, saying he needed to show loyalty to the NATO alliance. "What his advisors will hopefully tell him, and what he will hopefully learn, is that NATO is not a business," von der Leyen told broadcaster ZDF on Thursday evening. She explained that rather, Trump must acknowledge that NATO is a community of shared values. "This is not something where someone can say: 'The past does not matter to me. The values that we champion together do not matter to me, but rather I am looking at how much money I can get out of this and if I can make a good deal,'" von der Leyen continued. "That is not how you govern a country and that is also not the principle of NATO." Throughout his election campaign, Trump was critical of the NATO military alliance, arguing that countries besides the US needed to pull more weight. He also stated once that he would not defend NATO's Baltic member states against a Russian invasion unless they had "fulfilled their obligations to us".

67. Armed drones kill six PKK militants in northern Iraq

Hurriyet Daily News, 2016 11 12

Istanbul - Six outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) militants were killed on Nov. 12 in armed drone strikes in northern Iraq, the Turkish Armed Forces has announced. Two PKK militants were killed in Nirva Seytu mountain and another four were killed in Aşuş mountain in drone strikes in northern Iraq between 7:00 a.m. and 7:20 a.m., the military said. In addition, Turkish warplanes also conducted an air operation in the Zap region in northern Iraq on Nov. 12, killing another three PKK militants.

68. Renseignement, prison, police... Ce qui a été fait depuis ces attaques

Le Figaro, Gonzalès, Paule & Comevin, Christophe, 2016 11 12

Paris - Le gouvernement s'y est repris à plusieurs fois avant de proposer, avec l'aide du Sénat, un dispositif légal renforcé. La loi du 13 novembre 2014 a introduit l'interdiction de sortie du territoire et créé le délit de préparation individuelle d'une entreprise terroriste. La répression des faits d'apologie et de provocation au terrorisme a été durcie et de nouveaux outils administratifs permettent de bloquer ou de déréférencer des sites Internet. La loi du 3 juin 2016 entérine le renforcement de la lutte contre le trafic d'armes, la lutte contre le blanchiment d'argent, le renforcement du renseignement pénitentiaire et des pouvoirs d'enquête pour les magistrats, ainsi que l'usage des armes facilité pour les forces de l'ordre. Les enquêteurs pourront aussi utiliser les Imsi-catchers, permettant le recueil des données sur de larges zones d'écoutes. De plus, une retenue administrative de quatre heures est prévue lors des contrôles d'identité par la police. Enfin, la loi du 21 juillet 2016 prévoit un alourdissement des peines encourues pour les infractions criminelles d'association de malfaiteurs en relation avec une entreprise terroriste et monte le curseur à vingt ans, trente ans et jusqu'à la perpétuité. Les étrangers condamnés se verront imposer une interdiction automatique de territoire. Les personnes condamnées pour terrorisme seront non seulement exclues du bénéfice des crédits automatiques de réduction de peine, mais également privées de la suspension et du fractionnement des peines, du placement à l'extérieur et de la semi-liberté. La durée totale de détention provisoire pour les mineurs est portée à deux ans et à trois ans pour les majeurs. Face aux deux campagnes d'attentats perpétrés en 2015, Beauvau a musclé la riposte. Dans le cadre du renforcement des services de renseignement, 500 agents supplémentaires sont appelés à étoffer la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) d'ici à fin 2017, en plus des 432 déjà prévus. « Des analystes techniques, des informaticiens, des linguistes sont notamment recrutés pour renforcer ses capacités d'analyse, de détection et de prévention des risques terroristes », a annoncé Bernard Cazeneuve, qui a par ailleurs alloué 500 postes de plus - 350 policiers et 150 gendarmes - au Service central du renseignement territorial (SCRT), tandis que 100 recrues vont rejoindre la Direction du renseignement de la Préfecture de police.

69. La cellule qui traque la menace

Corse-Matin, Romain Capdepon, 2016 11 12

Paris - Il a fallu batailler ferme pour avoir accès à ce qui est la réunion hebdomadaire la plus sensible du préfet de police des Bouches-du-Rhône Laurent Nuñez. C'est que la douzaine de personnes assise autour de la grande table, et qui constitue le Groupe d'évaluation départemental (GED), estime, sans doute à juste titre, que la discrétion est d'or. La confidentialité de ces cas, potentielles menaces pour la sûreté de l'État, aussi. Alors le préfet, qui mène la danse du passage en revue des individus signalés comme en voie de radicalisation ou ayant déjà passé le Rubicon, mettra, en notre présence, des numéros sur les noms, taira les communes dans lesquelles ils vivent. Chaque semaine, une bonne vingtaine de signalements sont estimés crédibles, plus ou moins alarmants, pour un quart exprimé par des proches ou des particuliers sur le numéro vert national (0800 005 696), un bon nombre aussi par les différentes institutions du département et l'Éducation nationale... Rien ne peut être laissé au hasard, chaque information ou décision est évoquée à haute voix, répétée. Le moindre oubli, le moindre aspect pris trop à la légère pourrait engendrer le pire dans un département dont, selon nos sources, quelques dizaines d'habitants sont actuellement sur les théâtres de guerre, et dont une bonne dizaine y a trouvé la mort ces dernières années.

Sans compter que les BdR sont l'un des huit départements français abritant le plus de profils à surveiller avec 619 individus "à risques" sur les 15 000 individus que recense le Fichier des signalements pour la prévention de la radicalisation à caractère terroriste (FSPRT). Alors autour du préfet Nuñez, on trouve les personnes les mieux renseignées de la zone sur la problématique : cabinet du préfet de Région, cellule Radicalisation de la préfecture de police, Renseignement Intérieur, Renseignement Territorial, Police judiciaire, gendarmerie, Parquet, services pénitentiaires... Chacun d'entre eux a étudié les profils sur la table en ce lundi.

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CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. You should be worried about Canada's Anti-terrorism Act

CBC News, Mersiha Gadzo, 2016 11 13

OpEd: When Canada's national police force is found guilty of fabricating terrorist attacks and its security intelligence has a reputation for complicity in the torture of innocent citizens, one would think the next logical step would be to hold those responsible to account. Yet with the draconian Bill C-51, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service has been granted sweeping powers to act as a secret police force. Instead of only collecting intelligence, CSIS can now disrupt what they perceive to be a security threat, violating laws and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms if they find it necessary. The anti-terrorism act is dangerous legislation because it legalizes misconduct and allows the violation of civil liberties while Canadians are not made any safer. The B.C. Supreme Court overturned the terrorist convictions of John Nuttall and Amandy Korody last summer, ruling that the RCMP entrapped the couple, coaxing them into planning to blow up the B.C. legislature. The RCMP spent nearly \$1 million imagining different scenarios, involving 240 police officers to realize their fabrication. On Canada Day in 2013, the RCMP and CSIS reportedly saved Canadians by disrupting their own fake plot and informed the media that Nuttall and Korody were self-radicalized, inspired by al-Qaeda. Nuttall's and Korody's overturned convictions might have turned out differently if Bill C-51 had been implemented at the time with the offence of "advocating or promoting the commission of terrorism offences in general" (regardless of whether you actually meant it or whether you were led on in an illegal sting operation). This broad and vague speech crime is worrisome, since we've already seen individuals flagged simply for espousing views that differ from the government's official narrative. Anti-war activist Ken Stone caught the attention of CSIS after visiting Iran and writing a 2012 op-ed for the Hamilton Spectator titled "Harper is wrong in demonizing Iran." Stone said CSIS agents showed up at his house unannounced in an attempt to intimidate him. In a Toronto Star op-ed, lawyer Faisal Kutty listed a sample of his clients and what they were flagged for, including "an engineering student searching, wait for this, engineering journals; hugging someone at an Eid gathering when this is part of the festive rituals; and attending lectures about rights." The 2008 Iacobucci report found CSIS and the RCMP complicit in the torture of innocent Canadians in foreign prisons. Canadian authorities made up accusations that Abdullah Almalki, Ahmad Elmaati and Muayyed Nureddin were terrorists and provided questions to the interrogators. The confessions obtained under torture were used to justify search warrants. CSIS labelled Almalki a potential member of al-Qaeda, but after following him, an RCMP case officer admitted in a memo, "O Division Task Force are presently finding it difficult to establish anything on him other than the fact that he is an Arab running around." (Note: Mersiha Gadzo is a multimedia journalist currently based in Sarajevo.)

2. Judge's CSIS revelations shocking

The Toronto Star, 2016 11 13

Letter to the Editor: Justice Simon Noel's finding of illegal practices by Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) against private interests, without judicial oversight, is shocking. Also shocking are CSIS director Michael Coulombe's comments that attempt to draw a rational, defensible line between his agencies illegal practices and the law. Most shocking is the apparent lack of any remedy, by the justice, that would act as a deterrent against future similar acts by CSIS, only an acknowledgement of CSIS's illegal behaviour and a questioning, by the justice, of the efficacy of bringing future contempt of court proceedings. This is the thin edge of the wedge where resisting accountability today leads to the allowance of even more objectionable behaviour in the future. Robert G. Moore, Toronto

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Letter to the Editor: The CSIS, a major government spy agency, has been caught (again) spying on many thousands or millions of innocent Canadian citizens for at least 10 years and never informed judges or the courts what it was doing - and still doing? Other government agencies, like the super-secretive Communications Security Establishment (CSE) and the RCMP, have also spied on civilians for years but are not mentioned in this article. Also, Quebec's provincial police were recently found to be spying on several journalists - so much for "freedom of the press" and "the principle of privacy" in Canada. Government spying on civilians, including journalists, is a very serious violation of our Charter rights. Orwell was right; so is Edward Snowden. You've been alerted and warned. Don Weitz, Toronto

Canada

4. Donald Trump may force Canada to reconsider defence spending: Former Trudeau advisor Global News, Amy Minsky, 2016 11 13

Ottawa - Canada might have to boost defence spending once President-elect Donald Trump takes office in the new year. Throughout his campaign, Trump called on the United States' NATO allies to pony up, telling voters that with him the Oval Office, the U.S. wouldn't necessarily come to the defence of a NATO ally under attack – effectively threatening one of the treaty's cornerstone. Through Trump called into question some fundamentals of American foreign policy – including trade and alliance commitments – not everyone believes the president-elect will toss agreements that have underpinned a largely stable, open international system for decades. "I'm not convinced Donald Trump is going to throw away NATO or tear up NAFTA, but we're in a moment of uncertainty now where all of America's partners are wondering ... how those will those very significant changes that he was setting out in broad terms in his campaign be translated into specific policy," said Roland Paris, who holds the research chair in international security and governance at the University of Ottawa and was once foreign policy advisor to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. "Canada has an interest in nudging the United States back into thinking about NATO as an alliance and not thinking about it in instrumental terms, as a way of extracting residences," Paris told The West Block's Tom Clark, highlighting the stabilizing effects the treaty has had on Europe – both politically and security-wise – for almost 70 years. Through NATO, Canada committed to spend two per cent of GDP on defence, but only spends about half of that.

5. Terrorisme et radicalisation: la religion pas si importante Le Quotidien, Louis Tremblay, 2016 11 13

Québec - Voilà des éléments qui ressortent des études menées par les chercheurs universitaires qui tentent de comprendre les mécanismes qui transforment des jeunes sans histoire en individus radicalisés et, dans certains cas plus isolés, en terroristes qui vont passer à l'action. La spécialiste de la question et professeure au département de science politique de l'Université Laval, Aurélie Campana, était de passage à l'UQAC mercredi dans le cadre des conférences du Centre interuniversitaire d'études sur les lettres, les arts et la tradition (CÉLAT) en compagnie de l'ex-leader du Mouvement des Québécois de souche, Maxime Fiset, aujourd'hui sur le chemin de la déradicalisation. La chercheuse a profité de sa présentation pour déboulonner plusieurs mythes associés au monde des terrorismes et des radicalismes. Le principal étant selon cette dernière que «nous devons cesser de dire que nous sommes devant des phénomènes nouveaux puisque ces phénomènes ont existé dans le passé», insiste Mme Campana. Le recours à la terreur comme arme a été relevé pendant la Révolution française et s'est développé et raffiné depuis ce temps jusqu'à nos jours avec le déploiement sur les médias sociaux de stratégies efficaces de recrutement. La chercheuse Aurélie Campana et l'ex-leader de la Fédération des Québécois de souche Maxime Fiset ont expliqué aux étudiants de l'UQAC les rouages de la radicalisation et les motivations qui amènent des jeunes à suivre ce chemin jusqu'à poser des gestes de violence dans l'objectif de terroriser des groupes spécifiques dans la société. «Qu'on ne pense pas au jeune devant son ordinateur qui intègre des pages de concepts ou

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United States – États Unis

8. Trump's world: Are we heading toward a new US security doctrine?

Al Arabiya, 2016 11 13

Washington - If Trump's victory in the presidential election has taken most American political experts and observers by surprise, it was even more of an unexpected turn for the global security community. The reactionary security agenda defended by the then Candidate Trump during the campaign gathered very little support from intelligence and defense leadership in Washington even within the Republican ranks. Instead, 50 of the country's most senior Republican national security officials had officially signed a letter back in August in which they declared that Donald Trump lacked the character, values and experience" to be president and would put at risk (the American) national security and well-being." This antagonistic attitude from top defense and intelligence services explains the difficulties Donald Trump faces to constitute his cabinet in matters of security. As insider talks seem to send former New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani to the position of Attorney General, questions remain as to whom will head American foreign policy and intelligence services. A few days after his elections, President-elect Donald Trump is scrambling to put together a team of senior officials to run the government's sprawling intelligence and homeland security bureaucracy.

9. 3 slain troops worked for CIA in Jordan

The Washington Post, Thomas Gibbons-Neff & Joby Warrick, 2016 11 13

Washington - The three Army Special Forces soldiers killed at a Jordanian military base this month were working for a CIA program to train moderate Syrian fighters when they were shot at a checkpoint under still-unclear circumstances, U.S. officials said. The Nov. 4 attack is thought to be the deadliest single incident involving a CIA team since December 2009, when seven officers and contractors were killed in a suicide bombing in Khost, Afghanistan. The three soldiers - all members of the 5th Special Forces Group based at Fort Campbell, Ky. - were killed by a Jordanian soldier at an entry control point to Prince Faisal Air Base near Jafr, in the southern desert about 150 miles south of the capital, Amman, according to the officials. The shooter also was wounded in what was described by U.S. and Middle Eastern sources as an exchange of gunfire. The soldiers, identified as Staff Sgt. Matthew Lewellen, Staff Sgt. Kevin McEnroe and Staff Sgt. James Moriarty, were among about 2,000 U.S. troops working in Jordan while participating in the U.S.-led campaign fighting the Islamic State. Some of the troops have been assigned to mobile artillery units along the Jordanian border while others assist CIA-led training programs for Syrian opposition fighters. The CIA declined to comment on the shooting incident or on the soldiers' possible role in agency programs. What prompted the shooting remained unclear, as U.S. and Jordanian officials have painted different narratives of the incident. The FBI is investigating the possibility of a terrorist attack, but it has not discounted the possibility that the deaths could have been the result of a mistake at the gate, said a U.S. defense official who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity because an investigation into the incident is ongoing.

10. Where Even Nightmares Are Classified: Psychiatric Care at Guantánamo

The New York Times, Sheri Fink, 2016 11 13

Analysis: Every day when Lt. Cmdr. Shay Rosecrans crossed into the military detention center at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, she tucked her medical school class ring into her bra, covered the name on her uniform with tape and hid her necklace under her T-shirt, especially if she was wearing a cross. She tried to block out thoughts of her 4-year-old daughter. Dr. Rosecrans, a Navy psychiatrist, had been warned not to speak about her family or display anything personal, clues that might allow a terrorism suspect to identify her. Patients called her "torture bitch," spat at her co-workers and shouted death threats, she said.

One hurled a cup of urine, feces and other fluids at a psychologist working with her. Even interviewing prisoners to assess their mental health set off recriminations and claims that she was torturing them. “What would your Jesus think?” they demanded. Dr. Rosecrans, now retired from the Navy, led one of the mental health teams assigned to care for detainees at the island prison over the past 15 years. Some prisoners had arrived disturbed — traumatized adolescents hauled in from the battlefield, unstable adults who disrupted the cellblocks. Others, facing years of indefinite confinement, struggled with despair. Then there were prisoners who had developed symptoms including hallucinations, nightmares, anxiety or depression after undergoing brutal interrogations at the hands of Americans who were advised by other health personnel. At Guantánamo, a willful blindness to the consequences emerged. Those equipped to diagnose, document and treat the effects — psychiatrists, psychologists and mental health teams — were often unaware of what had happened. Dozens of men who underwent agonizing treatment in secret C.I.A. prisons or at Guantánamo were left with psychological problems that persisted for years, despite government lawyers’ assurances that the practices did not constitute torture and would cause no lasting harm, *The New York Times* has reported.

11. Hillary Clinton Blames F.B.I. Director for Election Loss

The New York Times, Amy Chozick, 2016 11 13

Washington - Hillary Clinton on Saturday cast blame for her surprise election loss on the announcement by the F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, days before the election that he had revived the inquiry into her use of a private email server. In her most extensive remarks since she conceded the race to Donald J. Trump early Wednesday, Mrs. Clinton told donors on a 30-minute conference call that Mr. Comey’s decision to send a letter to Congress about the inquiry 11 days before Election Day had thrust the controversy back into the news and had prevented her from ending the campaign with an optimistic closing argument. “There are lots of reasons why an election like this is not successful,” Mrs. Clinton said, according to a donor who relayed the remarks. But, she added, “our analysis is that Comey’s letter raising doubts that were groundless, baseless, proven to be, stopped our momentum.” Mrs. Clinton said a second letter from Mr. Comey, clearing her once again, which came two days before Election Day, had been even more damaging. In that letter, Mr. Comey said an examination of a new trove of emails, which had been found on the computer of Anthony D. Weiner, the estranged husband of one of her top aides, had not caused him to change his earlier conclusion that Mrs. Clinton should face no charges over her handling of classified information. Her campaign said the seemingly positive outcome had only hurt it with voters who did not trust Mrs. Clinton and were receptive to Mr. Trump’s claims of a “rigged system.” In particular, white suburban women who had been on the fence were reminded of the email imbroglio and broke decidedly in Mr. Trump’s favor, aides said.

12. The Danger of Going Soft on Russia

The New York Times, 2016 11 13

Editorial: Among the first world leaders to congratulate President-elect Donald Trump was Vladimir Putin. And why shouldn't he? Just when relations between Russia and the West are at their most precarious point since the Cold War, Mr. Trump has been Russia's defender and the beneficiary of Moscow's efforts to influence the presidential campaign. At times he has seemed almost intoxicated by the Russian president, praising Mr. Putin's firmness and insisting that the two could resolve any differences if they met. Meanwhile, he has shown little concern that Russia poses a major strategic challenge. Few experts believe that Russia wants war with the West, but many worry that Mr. Putin's aggressive behavior as he tries to revive Russian greatness (thus masking problems at home) could result in the kind of dangerous miscalculations that often lead to armed conflict. Russia's hacking of the Democratic National Committee and the Clinton campaign to interfere in the election was brazen. Even worse were actions that threatened human life and global stability, like Mr. Putin's airstrikes against civilians in Syria, his positioning of nuclear-capable weaponry near Poland and the Baltic States, his

annexation of Crimea and the war he waged in eastern Ukraine. He violated the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty by producing a ground-launched cruise missile and canceled a 16-year-old accord on reducing stockpiles of weapons-grade plutonium.

13. The pain of U.S. families linked unwillingly to terror

The Washington Post, Fatima Bhojani, 2016 11 13

Washington - When Farhiyo Mohamed's eldest son was convicted on charges of supporting the Islamic State, her world was upended. It wasn't just that her son was headed to prison; her support system evaporated. Longtime friends in her tightly knit Somali community in Minneapolis stopped visiting, afraid they might be tainted by association. "You call your friend, and your friend says, 'Don't call me because the FBI is following you,'" said Mohamed, a 40-year-old mother of five who escaped war in her home country, survived years in a Kenyan refugee camp and immigrated to the United States in 2003. Her face had been plastered on the local news. One day this summer, during the height of her son's trial, she was yelled at and called a "Muslim terrorist" during a trip to the post office. On a recent weekend in Reisterstown, Md., Mohamed learned she was not alone. About 60 Muslim Americans whose family members had also been convicted of terrorism charges were gathered at a yearly retreat to share their stories. For many of them, the group has become the only support system they have. In the decade following 9/11, as an increasing number of terrorism prosecutions cropped up around the country, civil liberties lawyers and activists noticed the need to support Muslim families with members who were targets of counterterrorism investigations. They created a group called the National Coalition to Protect Civil Freedoms and, in 2012, held their first conference.

14. China may be surprised to find Trump just as unpredictable as U.S. has

The Washington Post, Simon Denyer, 2016 11 13

Beijing - China's nationalist press could barely contain its glee this week. Under President Donald Trump, argued the tabloid Global Times, the United States will embrace isolationism, stop projecting its strategic might and shrink its global influence. Meanwhile, the United States' Asian allies, the paper gloated, fear being cast aside. A cartoon showed the Chinese leaders' archrival, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, sweating profusely as a slot machine came up with a Trump jackpot. But the glee could be short-lived, and the Chinese government's impressions of Trump - as a pragmatist who will make business deals with China but play down geopolitics; as an isolationist who will pull back from the Asia-Pacific region; as a realist who won't bug them about human rights - could end up being seriously misguided. "They are expecting that they are going to be able to work with this guy," said Paul Haenle, director of the Carnegie-Tsinghua Center in Beijing. "But the big risk here is that the Chinese have come to one conclusion, and the reality may be very different." It is far too soon to know what is in Trump's mind, or whom he will appoint to his foreign policy and national security team. But early signs are that he may take a significantly more hawkish line toward China than Beijing expects.

15. Inside the mind of Trump's national security guru

CNN News, Peter Bergen, 2016 11 13

Analysis: One is the son of a multimillionaire real estate developer from New York City who avoided service in Vietnam and whose experience and knowledge of the military and the national security realm are close to zero. The other is a retired three-star general -- one of nine children who grew up in a small house in Middletown, Rhode Island. He went on to run intelligence for the US Joint Special Operations Command, which includes SEAL Team 6 and Delta Force. Later he commanded the Defense Intelligence Agency, the US military's overall intelligence organization. But riding on a wave of ultranationalistic rhetoric, Donald Trump and his top adviser on national security, retired US Army Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, have now catapulted from political outsiders to the White House. On Friday, Trump appointed

Flynn as one of five vice chairs of his transition team. NBC reports that Flynn is being considered as either Trump's national security advisor or secretary of defense. The latter position would require a waiver to allow a former military officer to assume a Cabinet position. Understandably, a request for a comment from Flynn about what his future role in the Trump presidency might be did not yield a response. Flynn's advice to the President-elect is all the more important because he is the only person on Trump's team with any significant experience in America's post-9/11 wars that continue to grind on in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Pakistan, Somalia, Syria and Yemen.

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16. Charity told to distance itself from extremism

The Sunday Telegraph, Camilla Turner, 2016 11 13

London – A leading Islamic charity which penned an open letter criticising The Sunday Telegraph's reports about its extreme speakers and filed numerous complaints to the press regulator has been warned by the Charity Commission it must distance itself from individuals who condone "violent extremism and acts of terrorism". Islamic Education and Research Academy (iERA) was investigated by the charities watchdog amid allegations that its leaders promote anti-Semitism and have called for homosexuals and female adulterers to be stoned to death. The inquiry, which lasted almost three years, concluded that trustees must do more to prevent associating with organisations and individuals who "encourage or support terrorism and/or extremist views". The Charity Commission also criticised iERA over its partnership with Islamic University Online, an organisation founded by Dr Bilal Philips, who was banned from the UK for his extremist views in 2010. The watchdog said it first became concerned about iERA after reports surfaced in March 2013 that the organisation had imposed gender segregation at an event held on a university campus, forcing women to sit at the back of the room. A former aide to Barack Obama, who was due to speak at the debate, walked out in protest and University College London later banned the charity as a consequence. The Commission launched a full inquiry the following year after noting a number of "regulatory issues" over its organisation of events and how it chooses speakers and preachers for them. The watchdog said the inquiry included assessing allegations raised in a dossier of evidence on iERA, compiled by the Council of Ex-Muslims of Britain (CEMB), an organisation set up to combat Islamist extremism.

17. Tesco hackers used mobiles to launder haul

The Sunday Times, Aimee Donnellan & Simon Duke, 2016 11 13

London – The criminals behind the Tesco Bank cyber-heist went on a spending spree in shops in the US and Brazil to launder their ill-gotten gains, The Sunday Times can reveal. The thieves used data stolen from the British lender to set up contactless payment accounts on smartphones, sources said. In a co-ordinated raid last weekend, they bought thousands of low-priced goods from stores, swiping their mobile phones at the tills. Many of the fraudulent transactions are understood to have been made in American electricals retailer Best Buy. The gang took £2.5m from 9,000 Tesco Bank customers before the lender detected suspicious activity and froze all online payments. The revelations will turn up the pressure on the supermarket's banking division, whose reputation has been damaged by the raid. Cyber-security experts said the lender should have acted more quickly to stop the flood of payments to overseas stores. It has contacted the National Cyber Security Centre, a wing of spy agency GCHQ, to help with its investigation into the attack — the costliest yet on a British bank's IT systems.

18. McCartney asks police to probe MI5 'bugging'

The Sunday Times, John Mooney, 2016 11 13

London – Raymond McCartney a Sinn Fein MLA, has asked the Police Service of Northern Ireland to investigate the alleged bugging of his home in 2002 by the army and MI5. McCartney, who lives in Derry, has been unable to locate an eavesdropping device which he believed was planted in his home. Its existence was exposed when an operations log book was accidentally left on the kitchen table by a "ghost team" comprised of army surveillance officers and an MI5 technician, who is said to have disarmed the alarm system on McCartney's house. The request by the former IRA hunger striker follows the publication of *Charlie One*, a book by a former army intelligence officer who used the pseudonym Sean Hartnett and revealed details about classified surveillance operations in Northern Ireland. Hartnett was a member of North Det, a military unit based in Shackleton Barracks in Ballykelly that spied on republicans by breaking into their homes and cars. In his book, Hartnett says he was involved in the covert operation to bug McCartney's home at the behest of MI5, which is in charge of gathering information on republicans in Northern Ireland. Hartnett claimed he listened to private conversations and heard people searching for the device, which he believes remains hidden to this day. McCartney's brother Andrew was also targeted by the security services. In 2005, workmen renovating his home in Derry found a transmitter in a kitchen ceiling cavity. The device had two aerials, batteries and a microphone.

Americas- Amériques

19. Colombia Reaches New Peace Deal With Rebels

The New York Times, Nicholas Casey, 2016 11 13

Bogota - The Colombian government and the nation's main rebel group said on Saturday that they had reached a "new final accord" to end their longstanding conflict, potentially reviving a deal that was rejected last month in a referendum. The changes to the agreement with the rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or the FARC, were announced in Havana and addressed a range of topics — such as where rebels would be confined after disarming and how courts might address drug trafficking offenses — that negotiators said had troubled voters. The agreement also appeared to withdraw a promise of guaranteed seats for rebels in Congress — one key demand of those who said the rebels would be unfairly rewarded with political positions. In a televised address, President Juan Manuel Santos emphasized the need to ratify the agreement quickly, saying time was running out. "The cease-fire is fragile," he said. "The uncertainty generates fears and increases the risks to throw this immense effort overboard." However, it was unclear whether the changes would placate voters who had sunk the deal by a thin margin, many on the grounds that it was too lenient on the rebels. After the vote, critics said they wanted rebel leaders to face prison sentences — a demand that seemed nearly impossible to meet after the first agreement had been signed.

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20. Malcolm Turnbull, Peter Dutton announce refugee resettlement deal with US

Australian Broadcasting Corporation, 2016 11 13

Canberra - The United States and Australia have agreed to a one-off refugee resettlement deal for people on Manus Island and Nauru, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull confirms. The United States and Australia have agreed to a one-off refugee resettlement deal for people on Manus Island and Nauru. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull confirmed the agreement this morning, following a year of negotiations. Speaking in Canberra alongside Immigration Minister Peter Dutton, Mr Turnbull said the deal would only apply to those currently on Nauru and Manus Island and not to any new asylum seeker boat arrivals. "It is a one-

off agreement — it will not be repeated," he said. Authorities hope to begin moving people to the United States by early next year.

21. U.S., in Deal With Australia, Agrees to Take Some Refugees

The New York Times, Michelle Innis, 2016 11 13

Sydney, Australia - The Australian government said Sunday that it had reached a one-time agreement in which the United States would take in refugees who had been banished to a detention center on the tiny impoverished Pacific island nation of Nauru. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and the immigration minister, Peter Dutton, said the government would first resettle refugee women, children and families. Refugees held at another offshore processing center, Manus Island, a province of Papua New Guinea, may also be considered for resettlement in the United States. Asylum seekers who have not been granted refugee status should return home, Mr. Turnbull said. Mr. Turnbull would not say how many of the refugees, who were granted that status by the United Nations, would be resettled in the United States. "U.S. authorities will conduct their own assessment of refugees and decide which people are resettled in the U.S.," he said in a written statement. About 410 men, women and children are held on Nauru, and 823 men are held on Manus Island. Some are from Iran, Afghanistan, Vietnam and Malaysia. At a news conference in Canberra, the capital, Mr. Turnbull said, "This agreement has been struck after months and months of very careful planning." Officials from the United States Department of Homeland Security will arrive within days to begin carefully screening refugees for resettlement, he said. "The process will be an orderly one," he added. "We are not setting timelines."

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22. 3 Pakistani terrorists arrested before joining ISIS in Afghanistan

Khaama Press, 2016 11 13

Kabul - A group of three Pakistani terrorists were arrested before they join the loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group in Afghanistan. The Afghan Intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS), said the three individuals were arrested from eastern Kunar province. NDS further added that the detained individuals were identified as Sher Wali famous as Hanifa son of Fatah, Hamza son of Adul Rahim, and Noor Hamid Jan son of Hazrat Ali. According to NDS, the three suspects are originally residents of Jandul village in Bajaur and were arrested from Asadabad city, the provincial capital of Kunar.

23. 2 US troops, as many contractors dead in Bagram attack

Pajhwok Afghan News, Javid Hamim Kakar, 2016 11 13

Kabul - Two US soldiers and as many contractors were killed and 16 others wounded in Saturday's suicide attack on the Bagram Airfield in central Parwan province. The Pentagon said in a statement on Sunday among the dead were two US civilians, A Polish soldier also sustained slight injuries in the explosion. US Defence Minister Ash Carter expressed deep concern over the attack and ordered investigation. He said such acts would not deter the American mission in Afghanistan. A day earlier, the US military put the toll at four dead and 14 wounded. "To the family and friends of those who lost their lives today, we share your loss and our thoughts are with you," the Resolute Support mission commander said. In a statement, Gen. John Nicholson, "We offer you our deepest condolences. For the family and friends of those wounded in today's attack, let me assure you they are receiving the best care possible, and we will keep them in our thoughts today."

24. Bomber Kills 4 Americans at Base in Afghanistan

The New York Times Fahim Abed & Rod Nordland, 2016 11 13

Kabul - A suicide bomber managed to sneak onto the main American military base in Afghanistan on Saturday and kill four Americans, according to American and Afghan officials. The attacker entered on foot hidden among a group of workers reporting for duty at Bagram Air Base early in the morning, said Abdul Wahid Sediqi, spokesman for the governor of Parwan Province, where the military base and airfield are. Once inside the base, the attacker detonated explosives, Mr. Sediqi said. The blast killed two American service members and two American contractors working on the base, Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter said in a statement on Saturday morning. The explosion also wounded 16 American service members and a Polish soldier serving with the NATO coalition forces, the statement said. A Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, claimed responsibility for the attack on the militants' behalf and said it had killed a large number of American soldiers. The Taliban often give inflated casualty figures after an attack. Mr. Sediqi said that the suicide attacker "was able to pass from the first check post at the gate of the base and enter the base."

25. Terrorist bombing at Sufi shrine in Pakistan kills dozens

New York Times, Salman Masood, 2016 11 13

Islamabad - A powerful bomb blast ripped through a Sufi shrine Saturday evening in southwestern Pakistan, killing at least 52 people and wounding at least 100 others, officials said. The bombing, believed to have been carried out by a suicide attacker, occurred in the Khuzdar district of the restive province of Baluchistan. Hundreds of worshippers were inside the shrine of the Sufi saint Shah Bilal Noorani, and dozens were performing a devotional "dhamal" dance when the bomber struck. "Every day, around sunset, there is a dhamal here, and there are large numbers of people who come for this," Nawaz Ali, the shrine's custodian, was quoted as saying by local media outlets. The Taliban and other extremist Sunni groups have attacked Sufi shrines and gatherings in recent years. The Sufi tradition offers a tolerant version of Islam that is spurned by extremists like the Taliban. The Islamic State claimed responsibility for Saturday's attack, according to a statement released to the local media. But some Pakistani officials were skeptical of the Islamic State's claim. On Friday, paramilitary troops reported that they had killed a key leader of the Jundullah, a Pakistani anti-Shiite militant group, in a shootout in Baluchistan. Police officials believe that the shrine bombing could be an act of retaliation for that killing. The shrine is in a remote region, and the Pakistani military said at least 150 soldiers, four medical teams and 45 ambulances were being sent to respond to the emergency. "Evacuation through aircraft is not possible since there is no landing strip in the area," said Lt. Gen. Asim Saleem Bajwa, the chief military spokesman. Bajwa said the military would try to evacuate the wounded with helicopters.

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26. Cybersecurity bill to rank agencies by data sensitivity

Taipei Times, Lee Hsin-fang, 2016 11 13

Beijing - A new draft cybersecurity bill that aims to protect sensitive government information is to rank government agencies on a three-tier system according to the data they handle, sources said. A total of 123 key government institutions, including the Presidential Office, the National Security Council, the Executive Yuan, the Ministry of National Defense and the National Security Bureau, have been identified by the Executive Yuan as tier-A organizations in terms of information security interests, a source who declined to be named said. The institutions would be required to conform to semiannual inspections, as well as conduct cyberattack response drills at least once a year. While relations between China and Taiwan seemingly thawed during former president Ma Ying-jeou's tenure, former premier Simon Chang had previously acknowledged that attacks on Taiwan's computer systems by Chinese hackers were still frequent at that time. The Democratic Progressive Party resolved to upgrade computer security measures

at government organizations after it took power in May and learned of the frequency of cyberattacks, sources said.

27. China Coast Guard ships patrol Diaoyu Islands

Xinhua News Agency, 2016 11 13

Beijing - China Coast Guard (CCG) vessels conducted a patrol in waters surrounding the Diaoyu Islands Saturday, according to a statement issued by the State Oceanic Administration. The vessels are CCG 2401, 2101, 2502 and 35115. China has been conducting patrols on a regular basis. (Full Report)

28. Japan, South Korea to hold defense intelligence talks Monday in Tokyo

Kyodo News, 2016 11 13

Tokyo - Japan and South Korea will hold a third working-level meeting Monday in Tokyo to discuss signing a bilateral agreement on sharing military intelligence, Japan's foreign and defense ministries said Sunday. The South Korea media have reported the two countries plan to approve the deal Monday in a move to better cope with North Korea's military threats. The General Security of Military Information Agreement is aimed at facilitating the exchange of military intelligence while preventing such information from falling into the hands of other countries. In 2012, Japan and South Korea were ready to sign the agreement, but Seoul declined to do so at the last minute due to domestic opposition related to negative sentiments regarding Japan's colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula before and during World War II.

29. Japan conducts defense drill to fight illegal entry of armed fishermen

Kyodo News, 2016 11 13

Toyko - Japan's Self-Defense Forces, coast guard and police have conducted their first joint drill to cope with an illegal entry of armed fishermen on a remote island, a government source said Saturday, amid tension with China over a group of islands in the East China Sea. The exercise was held on an island in Kagoshima Prefecture Friday as Chinese government vessels repeatedly entered Japan's territorial waters around the Japanese controlled Senkaku Islands, claimed by China which calls them Diaoyu, in Okinawa Prefecture south of Kagoshima, with the Japan Coast Guard reporting the latest breach Saturday. The source said the drill, aimed at increasing the coordination and capability of the police, the coast guard and SDF, did not assume any specific country or place. The three parties examined their collaboration based on a scenario that armed fishermen illegally landed on the island -- a situation defined as a so-called "gray zone" incident that is short of an organized, premeditated attack of force by another country but poses a threat of violating Japan's sovereignty. The exercise could trigger protest from China as it came after Beijing agreed in September with Japan to accelerate discussions for an early introduction of a maritime and aerial communication mechanism designed to avoid accidental clashes in the East China Sea. According to the source, dozens of troops from each organ participated in the undisclosed drill held on the island of Eniyabanare on the Amami islands chain in Kagoshima, mobilizing a helicopter and patrol vessel.

30. 2 soldiers killed, several injured in renewed clashes in Myanmar western state

Xinhua News Agency, 2016 11 13

Yangon - Two soldiers have been killed and several others injured in renewed clashes in Myanmar's western Rakhine state, as the government troops conducted the clearance operation, the military-run Myawaddy News reported Sunday. The government troops were ambushed by about 60 attackers armed with guns, knives and spears near Mayintaung village on Saturday, and the bodies of six attackers were claimed along with some weapons after the skirmish. In the area clearance operation near Pwintphyuchang village, the government troops arrested 36 men believed to be the attackers who set fire

to the village, said the report. When approaching another village of Gwason in search of the attackers, the government troops were shot by about 500 armed men, the report said. The government troops were outnumbered by the attackers until two helicopters of the Air Force fired on the attackers, forcing them to retreat. In another incident on the same day, a convoy of border guard force in Kyikanpyin of Maungtaw was ambushed at Baily Bridge by violent attackers near Maunghnama village where the bridge was exploded, with no one being injured but a vehicle damaged.

31. Military heightens readiness after N.K. leader's border unit visits

Yonhap English News, 2016 11 13

Seoul - South Korea will ramp up its readiness against possible provocations by North Korea ahead of the sixth anniversary of the North's shelling of a western border island in 2010, military officials said Sunday. As North Korean leader Kim Jong-un recently visited front-line units near the border with the South, Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) does not rule out the possibility of a shelling by the North against the South's Yeonpyeongdo Island or other northern border islands in the West Sea. The North's artillery bombardment of Yeonpyeongdo took place on Nov. 23, 2010, resulting in four deaths. "Just before the 2010 shelling, the North Korean leadership paid a visit to artillery units stationed on islands near the western sea border (with the South). The then North Korean leader Kim Jong-il was accompanied by his son Jong-un," a JCS official said in a text message sent to reporters. In the same year, North Korea also sank a South Korean warship that resulted in the deaths of 46 sailors. This year, the military has closely watched North Korea's artillery units' activities in the border areas as they have noticeably enhanced their presence by placing 122 mm multiple rocket launchers there, the JCS said. In an article carried by the North's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), Pyongyang said, "(Kim) inspected the outpost on Kali Islet and the defense detachment on Jangjae Islet in the West Sea.

32. Sayyaf bombs DPWH warehouse in Basilan

The Manila Times, Julmunir I. Jannaral, 2016 11 13

Cotabato - Suspected Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) bandits bombed a warehouse of the Department of Public Works and Highways of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (DPWH-ARMM) in Isabela City, Basilan. Sources from the Police Regional Office-ARMM at Camp Pendatun in Parang town, Maguindanao indicated that the bomb that exploded Thursday night just outside the warehouse of Basilan District Engineering Office (DEO) in Barangay Aguada in Isabela City. The bomb was set off from a distance using a mobile phone. Supt. Jerome Afuyog, chief of the Isabela municipal police office, said investigators are gathering information to determine the identities of the bombers. Afuyog said no one was reported hurt in the powerful explosion but it caused panic among the villagers residing nearby. The provincial government of Basilan said the incident was preceded by two attempts in the last 12 months to set off powerful improvised explosive devices (IEDs) near the residence of DPWH District Engineering chief Soler Undug. Regional Gov. Mujiv Hataman said he had asked the Army's 104th Brigade based in Isabela City to help the police identify the culprits in Thursday night's IED attack. The attack came about a month after thousands of displaced Yakan villagers were brought back by local officials to their farming villages in Basilan's hostile Albarka town, which the military recently liberated from control of the Abu Sayyaf. The ARMM government is implementing about P100 million worth of infrastructure projects in Albarka to generate livelihood opportunities for local residents.

33. Indian official says scrapping high-value currency notes means to curb terrorism

Xinhua News Agency, Jit Kumar, 2016 11 13

New Delhi - Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday urged all countries to unite against terrorism, saying the demonetisation of currency notes of higher denominations was a long-term move to curb it. "The biggest threat to the world is posed by terrorism. The entire world will have to unite against it. The government's move to scrap high-value currency notes will go a long way in curbing it," Singh

said at an event in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh's capital Lucknow. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced to scrap currency notes of 500 and 1,000 rupees (7.50 U.S. dollars and 15 U.S. dollars) respectively.

Iraq/Iran

34. Iran ballistic missiles also 'produced in Iraq, Syria'

Al Arabiya English, 2016 11 13

Tehran - Hussein Sheikh al-Islam, the advisor to the Iranian foreign affairs minister, said Iranian missiles are not only manufactured in Syria but in other countries in the region as well. He said Iran expanded its missiles' production outside its borders due to the "increasing Israeli threats in the region." Although he did not reveal much about the production Iranian missiles, he said Iraq is one of the countries where ballistic missiles are produced. His statements come two days after the Iranian chief of staff said that manufacturing ballistic missiles has been carried out in Aleppo during the past years.

35. Iraq says IS driven from town near famed ancient ruins

The Associated Press, Susannah George And Sinan Salaheddin, 2016 11 13

Mosul, Iraq - The Iraqi army said Sunday that troops have driven Islamic State militants out of the town of Nimrud, south of Mosul, near the site of famed ancient Assyrian ruins that were reportedly destroyed by the extremists. Iraq's special forces meanwhile battled militants in the city of Mosul itself, where they struggled to advance against waves of suicide car bombs. Troops are converging from several fronts on Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city and the biggest urban area under IS control, as part of an offensive launched last month. The special forces have advanced the furthest so far, and hold a handful of districts on the city's eastern edge. The commander of the Mosul operation said troops took Nimrud, some 19 miles (30 kilometres) to the south, after heavy fighting. It was unclear if they had liberated the nearby 13th-century B.C. archaeological site. "The 9th division of the Iraqi army has liberated the town of Nimrud completely and raised the Iraqi flag over its buildings after the enemy suffered heavy casualties," Lt. Gen. Abdul-Amir Raheed Yar Allah said in a statement. The late 1980s discovery of treasures in Nimrud's royal tombs was one of the 20th century's most significant archaeological finds. The government said militants, who captured the site in June 2014, destroyed it the following year using heavy military vehicles.

36. Iran opens three new oilfields as it boosts output

Reuters News, 2016 11 13

Dubai - Iran opened three oilfields with a total production of more than 220,000 barrels per day (bpd) on Sunday, as the country ramps up its production after the lifting of sanctions. President Hassan Rouhani officially launched the first phases of the Yadavaran and North Azadegan fields as well as the the North Yaran field, which are shared with neighbouring Iraq, the Iranian oil ministry's news agency SHANA reported. Yadavaran will have a production of up to 115,000 bpd in its first phase and North Azadegan's output is 75,000 bpd, SHANA said.

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37. Three Reported Killed as Daesh Attacks Iraqi Village With Shells of Chlorine

Sputnik News Service, 2016 11 13

Moscow - According to Al-Sumaria television channel, the terrorists fired at the village over 15 mortar

shells containing chemical chlorine. "The IS fired [on Saturday] a village... in Al-Shirqat District with more than 15 mortar shells, some of those containing toxic chemical chlorine... As a result of firing three people were killed, two were wounded, among them women and children. Material damage was done, as well," a source told Al-Sumaria television channel. On Friday, Human Rights Watch (HRW) said that Daesh militants had used chemicals in at least three attacks on the Iraqi town of Qayyarah some 37 miles south of Mosul, which led to a number of civilian injuries.

38. Putin, Trump have similar positions on some issues - parliament speaker

TASS World Service, 2016 11 13

Moscow -Speaker of Russia's State Duma Vyacheslav Volodin says the Donald Trump's position in fighting terrorism, in structuring of effective Russian-U.S. relations and in defending national interests is similar to the position of Russia's President Vladimir Putin. "Exactly what he (Trump - TASS) said, has been said by our president," the speaker said in an interview with the NTV television channel on Sunday. "Our president speaks about fighting terrorism, our president speaks about defeating interests of this country, though minding interests of other countries. Our president has been speaking about bringing closer the positions." "There are quite many point of intersection of the kind, and very many similar positions of Putin and Trump," he continued. "Time will show whether Trump will follow the statements he made." "It is really complicated to be speaking about it now, but anyway Trump has opportunities for that," he added. The U.S. president-elect has worldview approaches to "structuring effective and respectful relations" are also very close to Russia, he continued. "Like, of course, to us is quite close his position of a person who loves his country and defends its interests."

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39. Syrian government texts east Aleppo residents to leave

Al-Jazeera News, 2016 11 13

Damascus - The Syrian government has sent text messages to residents and rebels in eastern Aleppo telling them to leave the area within 24 hours. Government forces said that they were preparing a major offensive to push opposition fighters out of the besieged eastern half of the city. "To the armed people in the neighbourhoods of east Aleppo, we are giving you 24 hours only to decide if you are leaving. Your leadership abroad is incapable of getting you out. Whoever wants to stay alive must drop his weapons and we will secure his safety. After the 24 hours is up we will implement a strategic attack using highly sophisticated weapons," the messages read. "The opposition leadership that stays in hotels and castles enjoying a luxurious life doesn't care about the poor Syrian citizens in east Aleppo. They are using you for their personal benefit. We are giving you, the sick and the wounded, 24 hours to exit if you want." The move comes as Russia continues to build its naval presence off the coast of Syria, and as major Russian aircraft carriers arrive off the coast. "This could be an all-out assault in the next 24 hours," Al Jazeera's Osama Bin Javid, reporting from Gaziantep on the Turkish-Syrian border, said.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

40. Au top niveau contre les cyberattaques

Sud Ouest, 2016 11 13

Paris - Depuis avril, les dirigeants de deux entreprises palloises ont dû déboursier plusieurs milliers d'euros pour récupérer quelques unes de leurs données informatiques cruciales. Elles avaient été cryptées par un " hacker ", un pirate. Ces exemples sont loin d'être isolés, mais peu sont dévoilés sur la place publique. Les cyberattaques deviennent un fléau. Elles ont augmenté de 66 % depuis 2009. Et les PME en sont la cible à 77 % selon le Syntec, le syndicat de l'ingénierie et des services informatiques. Car, ces dernières font trop souvent des économies sur leur système de protection. Alors que, parfois, quelques milliers d'euros suffisent. " Au risque de voir leur activité paralysée et de ne pas pouvoir s'en relever ", souligne l'expert Laurent Oudot. Cet ancien de la DGSE (Direction générale de la sécurité extérieure) a créé, en 2010, la société Teltris, avec une ex-collègue, Elena Poincet, pour aider les entreprises à se protéger de la cybercriminalité. Ses clients sont de grands noms du Cac 40, à l'image de Michelin ou Vallourec. Si son siège social est à Paris, l'essentiel de ses salariés, six sur huit, sont à Pessac, à la cité de la photonique, où il a installé son centre de recherche et développement. De jeunes " cracks " qui sont tous des diplômés de l'Enseirb-Matmeca, la prestigieuse école publique d'ingénieurs en informatique de Bordeaux. Dont est lui-même issu Laurent Oudot. Selon lui, " nous avons tout l'écosystème ici pour créer, demain, un pôle cybersécurité à la pointe au niveau mondial ".

41. De Molenbeek à Paris: un an après, la traque des jihadistes se poursuit

Radio France Internationale, 2016 11 13

Paris - Molenbeek, commune belge réputée pour être la base arrière du jihadisme en Europe. Les journalistes du monde entier s'y étaient rendus il y a un an : c'est de là que sont originaires plusieurs kamikazes des attentats de Paris et Bruxelles. C'est ici que Salah Abdeslam, seul survivant parmi les terroristes du 13-Novembre, a été arrêté. Les autorités belges ont promis il y a un an d'agir contre le radicalisme à Molenbeek, de démanteler les cellules jihadistes. Chasses à l'homme, sirènes de police, crépitements des appareils photo des journalistes... La commune de Molenbeek a été au coeur des opérations anti-terroristes ces derniers mois. Les autorités ont mis en oeuvre un plan de déradicalisation et certains habitants notent des changements. « Je vois qu'il y a plus de surveillance, raconte un homme. Ça change un peu. La surveillance, la police et tout ça... C'est bien. Molenbeek a-t-elle guéri ses plaies ? Depuis un an, une centaine de lieux, mosquées, associations ou cafés considérés comme liés au radicalisme, ont été fermés et une cinquantaine d'individus ont également été placés sous surveillance. Le ministre de l'Intérieur avait promis de nettoyer Molenbeek. « Après les attentats j'ai demandé un renfort de police pour des actions notamment contre les trafics de drogue, de faux papiers, d'armes, la traite des êtres humains. Et c'est vrai que nous avons, pendant ces six mois, obtenu des résultats par la fermeture d'un certain nombre d'établissements » confirme Françoise Schepmans, bourgmestre de la commune. Symboliquement, Molenbeek a aussi inauguré mardi dernier un monument en hommage à toutes les victimes des attentats. Une sculpture intitulée La flamme de l'espoir.

42. France demands release of French journalist arrested in Turkey

Reuters News, 2016 11 13

Paris - France has demanded that Turkey release a French journalist arrested there on Friday, as a crackdown on the media after an attempted coup this year continues to draw international criticism. Olivier Bertrand, who works for French news website lesjours.fr, was arrested while reporting in the town of Gaziantep, just north of Turkey's border with Syria. "What is happening is shocking and completely unacceptable. France demands the release of this journalist," French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault told Europe 1 radio on Sunday. "We are in permanent contact with him (Bertrand) via our embassy. We

are doing everything we can to get him released," he added. Turkey has detained tens of thousands of people over alleged links with Fethullah Gulen, a cleric living in the United States who is accused of masterminding the abortive putsch - something he denies. The EU official in charge of relations with Turkey said earlier this month that Turkey's quest to join the bloc would probably fail unless it reversed its clamp-down on civil rights, press freedoms and the judiciary. France expressed "serious concern" this month at Turkey's arrest of Kurdish lawmakers.

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CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Coming clean on 'going dark'

iPolitics.ca, Andrew Clement, 2016 12 10

OpEd: The security/surveillance agencies of the Five Eyes intelligence alliance have long complained about intelligence targets 'going dark', as the communications they seek to intercept migrate to the digital plane. The RCMP is only the most recent agency to make the argument. Pointing to vivid cases of suspected terrorists, drug gangs and child abusers operating beyond the law, it is attempting to persuade a skeptical public that it needs more powers to capture and use the data it says it requires to keep us all safe. But the RCMP and its partner agencies — the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and Communication Security Establishment (CSE) — are much less forthcoming about the ways in which going digital has provided them with far more data about the movements, affiliations and intimate activities of Canadians that they ever had before. The key to their already greatly expanded surveillance capabilities is the generation of extraordinary volumes of fine-grained 'metadata'. These agencies say very little specific about their metadata practices — and even when they do, they often mislead rather than enlighten. When the lid is occasionally lifted, what we see can be disturbing. Last month, a Federal Court judge ruled that CSIS acted illegally by indefinitely storing information about people not suspected of criminal wrongdoing. The timing was significant, as it coincided with hearings by a Commons committee on the controversial Bill C-51. Sadly, this violation of laws intended to protect Canadians' rights by the very agencies charged with protecting them was not an isolated event. Last June, we learned that CSE — CSIS' sister agency entrusted with signals intelligence — had been sharing Canadians' metadata without authorization. For years, CSE 'inadvertently' handed over telephone logs and internet exchanges to intelligence allies such as the United States. In 2014, then head of CSE John Forster was called before a Senate Committee to account for a CBC report that said Canadians passing through airports were being tracked through the interception of their wi-fi signals. Forster insisted that individuals were identifiable as part of CSE's "normal global [internet metadata] collection" — a much wider and more troubling dragnet operation. Unfortunately, the Senate Committee missed an invaluable opportunity to dig further and help Canadians understand better how they were under mass surveillance by their government. CSE officially states that "metadata ... is contextual and does not expose the content of emails, phone calls or text messages." In March, current CSE chief Greta Bossenmaier reiterated this distinction while publicly defending the role that metadata plays in CSE's operations: "It is the context but not the content of a communication. Context, not content." But it's very difficult to square this definition with the agency's continued use of XKEYSCORE and related technologies of interception and analysis. In this era of digital networking, the legal distinction between metadata and communication content is untenable. Instead of pretending that there is a clear difference — apparently so that CSE and CSIS can continue covertly accessing data on millions of Canadians — these agencies should come clean on what they actually do with our data. (Note: Andrew Clement is a professor emeritus in the Faculty of Information, University of Toronto. His area of research covers the social implications of information and communications technology and digital surveillance.)

Canada

2. RCMP paid for info from civilian source during Habib investigation

The Montreal Gazette, Jesse Feith, 2016 12 10

Montreal - While investigating Ismael Habib in late 2015, the RCMP was paying a Montreal clothing store owner who was well-connected in the Muslim community to feed them information. The man was described as a practising Salafist, meaning he followed a strict interpretation of Islam. He operates a

second-hand clothing store on Jean-Talon St. Montreal's Muslim community gravitated around the store, an RCMP officer testified at Habib's trial on Friday. The officer said the man, in his mid-40s, acted as a mentor to young Muslims in the city and was used to build trust between Habib and the undercover RCMP agents investigating him. Habib is on trial for trying to leave Canada to commit terrorist acts abroad and giving false information to obtain a passport. An undercover operation by the RCMP led Habib to believe he was moving up the ranks of an underground crime ring capable of obtaining falsified passports and getting people out of the country from the Port of Montreal. The RCMP investigation, named *Projet Solaire*, is still ongoing and targeting other Quebecers believed to have travelled to Syria, it was heard in court on Friday. During cross-examination, defence lawyer Charles Montpetit questioned the RCMP officer in charge on why the force had continued running Habib through undercover scenarios when it seemed as though it had already gathered enough information on him. The officer said the undercover agents needed to get to a point where they could confront Habib with evidence and get him to explain it.

2. RCMP terror investigation not over yet, Crown reveals at Ismael Habib trial CBC News, Kate McKenna, 2016 12 10

Montreal - *Project Solaire* — an RCMP operation investigating young Quebec men who travelled to Syria — is ongoing, Crown prosecutor Lyne Décarie revealed as the Crown's final witness was being cross-examined at the trial of Ismael Habib Friday. Habib, who is charged with attempting to leave Canada to commit acts of terrorism and trying to obtain a passport by providing false information, is the first to be charged as a result of the investigation. Habib was arrested in Gatineau, Que., in February 2016 on unrelated charges. After being denied bail on those charges, he was charged with the terrorism-related offence. It's unclear who else is being targeted by the operation. Décarie acknowledged the investigation continues during the cross-examination of Crown witness James Parent, an RCMP officer tasked with creating and orchestrating 22 undercover scenarios in Habib's investigation. When defence lawyer Charles Montpetit asked about the scope of *Project Solaire*, Décarie intervened, saying there are limits to what the witness could say because the investigation is still underway. In response to another question, Parent clarified that Habib had been under police surveillance since Oct. 27, 2014. He testified that police began investigating him in 2013. The court heard earlier in the trial that he had been put on an RCMP watch list around that time. Habib travelled overseas in late 2013. In a Mr. Big-style sting, he confessed he spent three months in Syria during that trip, and said he wanted to go back to Syria to fight with ISIS.

3. Quebec terror trial adjourned until Jan. 23 for confession arguments The Canadian Press, Sidhartha Banerjee, 2016 12 10

Montreal - The Crown rested its case Friday at the trial of a Quebecer charged with attempting to leave the country to participate in the activities of a terrorist group. Ismael Habib, 29, is also charged with giving false information in order to obtain a passport. The trial was adjourned until Jan. 23, when lawyers will debate the admissibility of a confession by Habib extracted by an undercover police officer last February when Habib said he intended to join Islamic State in Syria. Habib's lawyer, Charles Montpetit, has suggested it was obtained in a Mr. Big-type operation where officers pose as criminals to obtain confessions. Canada's highest court ruled in 2014 such operations are acceptable under very strict conditions, but tend to produce unreliable evidence. The RCMP scenario for Habib involved reeling him into a fictitious crime organization specializing in counterfeit passports and a fake human-smuggling ring. On Friday, the Mountie who designed the elaborate scenarios was the final prosecution witness as he provided details from behind a divider about a civilian source used to reel in Habib. The RCMP handler, under cross-examination by Habib's lawyer, described the source, a Muslim man in his 40s who was paid per piece of information. The source is a practising Salafist — an ultra conservative branch of Islam — who operated a second-hand clothing store where many members of the Muslim community gravitated.

4. Délicate mission d'infiltration de la GRC

La Presse, Vincent Larouche, 2016 12 10

Montreal - La Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) a révélé hier qu'un «mentor» salafiste autour duquel gravitaient plusieurs fondamentalistes religieux montréalais ces dernières années était en fait un de ses espions, chargé d'une délicate mission d'infiltration secrète liée à la sécurité nationale. C'est un enquêteur qui a dévoilé le rôle clé de cet «agent civil d'infiltration» au cours de son témoignage au procès pour terrorisme du Montréalais Ismaël Habib. L'agent d'infiltration, un homme dans la quarantaine, était un commerçant de l'avenue Jean-Talon et un authentique partisan du salafisme, cette vision rigoriste de l'islam qui prône une lecture littérale du Coran et un retour aux pratiques de l'époque du prophète Mahomet. Ce qui ne l'empêchait pas d'aider la police dans sa lutte contre le terrorisme. Celui qui a seulement été désigné par le prénom «Lyes» devant la cour tenait une boutique de vêtements où se réunissaient plusieurs personnes. Il avait fait de la prison pour violence conjugale et avait acquis un statut de «mentor» auprès de certains jeunes de la communauté musulmane. À un certain moment, il a commencé à être payé par la GRC pour son travail dans le cadre de l'enquête sur Ismaël Habib, qui fréquentait assidûment sa boutique, a expliqué à la cour l'enquêteur responsable des scénarios d'infiltration mis sur pied par la police fédérale pour piéger le jeune homme. «M. Lyes nous aidait à rapporter des informations, mais n'était pas directement lié à la création de nos scénarios», a expliqué l'enquêteur dans son témoignage. Le vendeur de vêtements rencontrait ses contrôleurs policiers chaque semaine, fournissait les informations demandées et un bilan de ses contacts avec Habib, puis recevait sa paye.

5. Blood on our hands: Canada's links to torture

iPolitics.ca, Tim McSorley, 2016 12 10

Comment: Saturday, December 10, is Human Rights Day. It's also the anniversary of an ongoing stain on Canada's human rights record. Fourteen years ago, Mohamed Harkat, an Algerian refugee to Canada, was arrested outside his home under a government security certificate on allegations of having ties to terrorism. Despite never being charged, and never being shown the evidence against him, Harkat has faced solitary confinement, the strictest bail conditions in Canadian history and lives under the constant threat of deportation to Algeria — where he would certainly be imprisoned and likely tortured. We like to believe that Canada stands above torture. And while the practice is banned in Canada, our international human rights obligations means that we must oppose torture everywhere. That includes never deporting someone to a situation where they could face torture. Sadly, Canada has a history of complicity in sending Canadians to torture abroad: The U.S. government whisked Maher Arar away to Jordan, and then Syria, where he was tortured. Canadian officials were complicit in his rendition and turned a blind eye to his torture. In 2007, after the two year O'Connor Inquiry, he received an official apology from the Canadian government, plus a \$10.5 million settlement and \$1 million in legal fees. While no apology or settlement can undo the horrors of torture, other Canadians haven't even received that much. A follow-up to the O'Connor Inquiry, the Iacobucci Inquiry, found that Canadian agents and officials played an indirect role in the arrest and torture of three other Canadians: Ahmad El Maati in Egypt, and Abdullah Almalki and Muayyed Nureddin in Syria. This included problematic sharing of information with foreign spy agencies, providing insufficient consular support, and officials ignoring allegations of torture.

6. Leaked Snowden document shows how 'sigint' nabbed a Canadian al-Qaeda operative*

The Globe and Mail, Colin Freeze, 2016 12 10

Ottawa - Communications intercepted by U.S. and British spy agencies led to the arrest of the first al-Qaeda-inspired terrorist caught in Canada, according to a newly leaked document. The memo, circulated within the U.S. National Security Agency more than a decade ago, provides a rare and detailed look at the world of intelligence-sharing. In early 2004, a cell of British terrorists was caught scheming to explode a

bomb in London. After Scotland Yard launched "Operation Crevice" to round up the conspirators, Canadian police simultaneously moved to arrest an Ottawa software engineer. Momin Khawaja had helped build detonators for the conspirators. The suspects, including Mr. Khawaja, were twentysomething Westerners whose families had hailed from Pakistan. They had travelled to a terrorist training camp in that country and emerged from it wanting to bomb Britain for its role in the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan. Evidence included discussion of close co-operation between British and Canadian police. But prosecutors glossed over how "signals intelligence" (or sigint) captured long before the bust had laid a foundation for detectives. The details are revealed in a document flowing from Edward Snowden, the fugitive former American contractor who took volumes of files from the NSA in 2013 to leak them to the media. The Intercept, a news site, has extensive access to the Snowden archive. It has started publishing memos that circulated within the NSA "signals intelligence directorate" in the early 2000s. The April, 19, 2004 NSA memo titled "SIGINT contribution to Operation Crevice" reads as follows: "Since March 2003, the U.K.'s Security Service and police had been investigating an AQ (al-Qa'ida) support network based in the U.K. with links to a senior AQ operational planner in Pakistan." The memo goes on to describe a British mastermind who had wanted to "mount an attack in the U.K. using a large improvised explosive device" and his "Pakistan-based contact [who] was attempting to obtain nuclear material for use in the device." The leaked memo says the NSA and its British counterpart, known as GCHQ, worked quickly to map out the conspirators' communications before providing investigative leads to Pakistani, British and Canadian agencies. "Call records analysis and reporting expanded Security Service's network knowledge and helped to identify new telephone numbers of key targets in the U.K.," it says. "C2C (computer-to-computer) analysis provided new leads on a Canada-based individual within the network." A Canadian agency called the Communications Security Establishment is a close NSA and GCHQ ally, but the Operation Crevice memo makes no mention of it. At that time, the Canadian agency was beginning to get secret authorizations from cabinet ministers to expand its powers.

7. Has terror suspect been de-radicalized?

Ottawa Citizen, Andrew Duffy, 2016 12 10

Ottawa - During the 14 years that he has been a terror suspect, Mohamed Harkat has put down roots in Ottawa. Although branded by the federal government an al-Qaida terrorist - an opinion upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada - Harkat has managed to establish relationships with relatives, friends and neighbours, many of whom have submitted letters of support as he campaigns to remain in the country. A federal official known as the minister's delegate must now decide whether those letters are evidence that Harkat has been de-radicalized, or whether he still poses a threat to Canadians. The Algeria-born Harkat, who works as a custodian at a church, has lived under court-ordered conditions in the Heron Gate area since he was released on bail more than a decade ago. The letters offer a rare glimpse into his life. "My uncle gave me my first driving lessons: He was very patient. He has also helped me with my school projects," wrote Harkat's 16-year-old niece, Gabrielle, in one of 70 letters sent to Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale, and shared with the Citizen. "I have learned that he can fix just about anything," wrote Carleton University emerita professor Elizabeth Whitmore, who has known Harkat for 12 years. She said he has repaired her car, radio and jacket zipper, among other things: "I find him completely reliable, highly motivated, a hard worker and very efficient." Ayesha Adhami of Toronto has often stayed with the Harkats and enjoyed his cooking. "One small thing that has given him a sliver of pleasure over the years: being allowed in his own back yard to share his mastery over a summer grill," she wrote. Rosalie Reynolds of Ottawa said she has been impressed by Harkat's equanimity during the past decade. "I have never known him to show anger about what he has suffered. Sadness, dismay, and puzzlement - but never fury." The report was prepared by Anne-Marie Charbonneau, manager of the agency's danger assessments section. If Harkat is not removed, she warned, he would be free to resume contact with members of the Islamic extremist network. "Mr. Harkat's presence constitutes a real threat to the security of Canada and Canadians, as well as the security of other nations and their citizens," she concluded. Harkat's wife of 16 years, Sophie, insisted in an interview that her husband has never posed a threat to

Canadians. She called him an integral part of their neighbourhood. In May 2014, the Supreme Court of Canada upheld the government's revised security certificate regime and affirmed Judge Simon Noël's decision that found Harkat to be an active member of the al-Qaida terrorist network. Noël declared Harkat a member of the terrorist network and linked him to a number of Islamic extremists, including Saudi-born Ibn Khattab, Canadian Ahmed Said Khadr and Abu Zubaydah. Noël also found that Harkat offered assistance to two Islamic extremists who travelled to Canada.

8. Trudeau must face facts on Iranian regime

The Toronto Sun, Candice Malcom, 2016 12 10

Column: The Trudeau government is quietly working to strike a deal with the Islamic Republic of Iran. After becoming Prime Minister, Trudeau lifted virtually all economic sanctions against Iran. During the UN General Assembly meeting in September, Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion met with regime officials to discuss the status of Canada-Iran relations. Then, just last month, two Iranian MPs in the Trudeau government hosted an invitation-only roundtable with members of the Iranian community in Toronto. The event was held to discuss re-opening diplomatic ties – but was criticized for being stacked with pro-regime voices. So, why should Canada reengage with the world's number one state-sponsor of terrorism? The Harper government cut diplomatic ties with Iran in 2012, following Great Britain's decision to do the same after the UK embassy in Tehran was raided and ransacked. There was, and continues to be, fear for the safety of Westerners in Iran, since the regime routinely kidnaps visitors and uses them as pawns in government negotiations. Besides the safety of our diplomats, there are many other reasons why Canada cut ties with Iran. Its elite military unit – the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corp – is listed as a terrorist entity under Canada's Criminal Code. Iran openly funds and trains other terrorist groups, including Hamas, Hezbollah and the Taliban. Iran has maniacal nuclear ambitions. It wants the capacity to build a nuclear weapon, which it once claimed would be used to “wipe Israel off the map.”

9. Canadian government tests automated border crossing

Washington Post, Pete Norman, 2016 12 10

Ottawa - First there were automated drive-through carwashes. Then automated drive-through banks. Now, the Canadian government is experimenting with an automated drive-through border crossing. While the fate of the wall along the U.S.-Mexico border promised by President-elect Donald Trump remains uncertain, Canada is carrying out a pilot project with an opposite aim: to use the latest technology to ease the flow of traffic across the United States' northern frontier. If you drive into the province of Quebec via the crossing at Morses Line, Vt., after 4 p.m. on any day, no live Canadian customs agent will stop and interrogate you. Instead, a gate opens and you drive into a large, garage-like building. There, under the gaze of several TV cameras, you are invited by a customs officer to insert your passport or other border ID into a document reader and are asked the usual questions put to visitors seeking to enter Canada. The customs officer addressing you over a microphone is located at a service center operated by the Canadian Border Services Agency in Hamilton, Ont. "So far, it's going very well. We've seen an increase in the use of the border crossing," said Dominique McNeely, a spokesman for the agency. The experiment's budget is \$16 million, most of which has been spent on the new building and its high-tech equipment. The year-long pilot program ends in a couple of months, at which time it will be decided whether to expand it to include other small crossings. A total of 117 crossings dot the U.S.-Canada border. The bulk of the traffic uses a dozen crossings near big Canadian cities, but there are many secondary crossings, like Morses Line, that mostly serve local populations whose economic and family ties across the frontier date back generations.

10. New counter-radicalization office head could be named before Christmas

iPolitics.ca, Amanda Connoly, 2016 12 10

Ottawa - The list of candidates to lead the government's new Office of Community Outreach and

Counter-Radicalization is down to the final two, and an announcement naming the new head could be made before Christmas. "It's down to a shortlist of two and they're both excellent," said Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale in a scrum with reporters outside of the House of Commons public safety committee, where he spoke on supplementary estimates. "It's very hard to make the choice. I'm hoping to make the announcement, if not before Christmas, then very early in the new year of this individual." The creation of the new office, aimed at supporting community efforts to tackle radicalization, formed part of the Liberals' 2015 campaign platform. In the 2016 budget, the Trudeau government earmarked \$35 million over five years for the new office, with \$3 million of that coming in its first year and ongoing funding of \$10 million a year after that. But while the pledge earned praise from researchers and community advocates working on the front lines of counter-radicalization, few details have been made public about how the office will actually operate. Goodale shed some light on that before the committee Wednesday evening, saying that the government has been and will continue to deliver funding to counter-radicalization projects through an arm of the office called the Community Resilience Fund; a federal contribution to the recent UNESCO conference on radicalization held in Montreal this fall was the first grant approval through the fund. Of the four applications, Lorne Dawson, co-head of the Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society (TSAS), is involved in two. One of those is a proposal to extend the research currently being done by TSAS into the radicalization of foreign fighters and their families. The other is for a project Dawson is part of that aims to create a "systematic evaluation and test of risk assessment tools for terrorist radicalization," he said. A September iPolitics feature highlighted the difficulties the new office will face in figuring out which community groups and researchers to partner with and in letting experts take the lead while also demanding accountability.

11. Has terror suspect been de-radicalized?

Ottawa Citizen, Andrew Duffy, 2016 12 10

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12. Feds, union near deal for 5% hike over 4 years

Ottawa Citizen, Kathryn May, 2016 12 10

Ottawa - The federal government and the union representing professionals working in the public service wound up three days of contract talks early Friday morning with what some say are the makings of a tentative deal that could boost salaries by five per cent over four years. The Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada, which had publicly resolved to have a contract deal by the end of the year, appears to have broken the logjam that has dogged negotiations for more than two years. Union and Treasury Board negotiators met until early Friday morning, when they wrapped up discussions for three

of the union's bargaining groups. Two other groups return to bargaining today for another session. The government and 18 unions have been negotiating for months but spinning their wheels on two big issues - money and sick leave. The unions signed a solidarity pact vowing not to make concessions on the existing sick leave regime. PIPSC refused to comment with negotiations still underway but sources say the latest wage offer is a 1.25 per cent a year increase over four years. PIPSC is the second largest federal union with nearly 60,000 members representing professionals from scientists and auditors to nurses and computer and IT specialists.

13. Terror Scanning Database For Social Media Raises More Questions than Answers

Motherboard Blog, Sarah Jeong, 2016 12 10

Ottawa - On Monday, Facebook, Microsoft, Twitter, and YouTube announced a new partnership to create a "shared industry database" that identifies "content that promotes terrorism." Each company will use the database to find "violent terrorist imagery or terrorist recruitment videos or images" on their platforms, and remove the content according to their own policies. The exact technology involved isn't new. The newly announced partnership is likely modeled after what companies already do with child pornography. But the application of this technology to "terrorist content" raises many questions. Who is going to decide whether something promotes terrorism or not? Is a technology that fights child porn appropriate for addressing this particular problem? And most troubling of all—is there even a problem to be solved? Four tech companies may have just signed onto developing a more robust censorship and surveillance system based on a narrative of online radicalization that isn't well-supported by empirical evidence. Many companies—for example, Verizon, which runs an online backup service for customers' files—use a database maintained by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to find child pornography. If they find a match, service providers notify the NCMEC Cyber Tipline, which then passes on that information to law enforcement. The database doesn't contain images themselves, but rather, hashes—digital fingerprints that identify a file. This means that service providers can scan their servers without "looking" at anyone's files. Thanks to PhotoDNA, a technology donated by Microsoft, the hashes are made using biometric information inside the photos and videos, meaning that cropping or resizing the files won't necessarily change the hash value being used. Neither of these specific upsides to the hash identification system seem to apply to "terrorist content," since the partnership appears to be aimed at publicly posted social media. (I asked Facebook via email whether the hash identification system would be applied to private messages between users, but did not hear back from the company). Furthermore, the companies have stated in their press release that a person on the other end will be looking at the content before taking it down. The press release implies, but does not explicitly say, that matching hits will not be provided to government officials, the way that hits for child pornography are. Indeed, one of the useful things about the child pornography hash identification database is that it's managed by a single entity with specific knowledge and experience in the content at issue—that is, NCMEC. The industry database for "terrorist content" that's being proposed will be composed of hashes added by each platform, as they remove content as consistent with their own policies.

14. What happened to Canada's support of democratic rights?

The Globe and Mail, David Mulroney, 2016 12 10

OpEd: These are not good days for democracy in Hong Kong, an unhappy fact that was recently reconfirmed by no less of an authority than Chris Patten, the city's last British governor. In a recent speech, Mr. Patten lamented the slow pace of democratic development since the city's 1997 handover to China. Back then, it was widely hoped that China's acceptance of the one country, two systems formula would allow for the steady evolution of democratic institutions in Hong Kong. The idea was that the city would continue to serve as a separate and self-contained test bed of reforms, some of which could be applied, carefully and selectively, by China itself. But what happened instead was that ruling elites in Hong Kong began second-guessing their own authority, and routinely turned to Beijing for decisions that

should have been trusted to Hong Kong institutions. An increasingly powerful China needed little encouragement. It systematically reduced Hong Kong's autonomy, without much comment from the city's supposed international friends such as Britain and Canada. Mr. Patten was particularly scathing in his commentary about independence advocates, whose campaign, he said, "dilutes support for democracy." This was interpreted as criticism of two lawmakers, supporters of independence, who have been forced to vacate their seats. The duo had refused to take the official oath of office, substituting wording that could be considered offensive to China. Their actions sparked legal intervention by China's government even before Hong Kong's own courts could consider the issue. The reverse is true for that fortunate minority among Hong Kong's seven million residents who also happen to be Canadian citizens. The recently-introduced Bill C-33, which amends the Canada Elections Act, would offer the right to vote to all Canadians residing overseas, as long as they have lived in Canada at some point. It eliminates a previous provision that restricted voting rights to expatriates who had been absent for fewer than five years. The bill is big news in Hong Kong, where a Canadian community of roughly 300,000 includes emigrants to Canada who have since returned, and Canadian-born expats lured by Hong Kong's low-tax, business friendly environment.

15. Canada has turned into a can't-do nation as surging activism strains economic growth

National Post, Claudia Cattaneo, Geoffrey Morgan And Jesse Snyder, 2016 12 10

Ottawa - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had barely finished delivering his statement approving the Trans Mountain and Line 3 pipelines, and rejecting Northern Gateway on Nov. 29 when anti-pipeline activists erupted on Twitter. Anti-pipeline activists from these and other groups had devoted years of campaigning to stop all three projects through regulatory, political and legal means, before adopting a more "in your face" approach, in the vein of the ongoing uprising against the now stalled Dakota Access Pipeline in the United States, and in the tradition of the famous War in the Woods two decades ago against logging on Vancouver Island's Clayoquot Sound. Resistance to infrastructure projects has become the norm in Canada's resource sectors. As part of a fourmonth investigation, the Financial Post identified 35 projects worth \$129 billion in direct investment - mostly private money - that are struggling to move forward or have been sidelined altogether because of opposition from environmental, aboriginal and/or community groups. The downside is adding up: slower growth, lower Canadian oil prices, investment chill, less control over domestic resources, overreliance on the U.S. market, regulatory gridlock. A \$100-billion loss in direct investment is no drop in the bucket. It means an additional loss in value (roughly equivalent to the rate of return on the investment) of at least \$8 billion to \$12 billion a year for the life of the resource projects, generally 40 years, or \$320 billion to \$480 billion, estimated Jennifer Winter, energy economics professor at the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy. Bitumen pipelines from Alberta have dominated the headlines, but other projects have also come under attack, including the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project in Newfoundland, a uranium mine in Quebec, a wind power project in Ontario, liquefied natural gas development in B.C. and fracking in New Brunswick. The list goes on.

16. Négociations entre l'IPFPC et le gouvernement fédéral

Le Presse, Paul Gaboury, 2016 12 10

Ottawa - Après trois journées de négociations intensives, l'Institut professionnel de la fonction publique du Canada (IPFPC) a conclu une entente pour certains groupes de travailleurs du gouvernement fédéral. « Après trois longues journées d'intenses négociations, nous avons conclu une entente pour les groupes SH (Services de santé), RE (Recherche) et AV (Vérification, commerce et achat). Aujourd'hui (vendredi), le groupe SP (Sciences appliquées et examens des brevets) est à la table pour tenter de conclure une entente », a indiqué la présidente de l'Institut professionnel, Debi Daviau. Selon la leader syndicale, des « progrès importants » ont été réalisés relativement à la plupart des enjeux normatifs, dont l'intégrité scientifique, la sous-traitance, le réaménagement des effectifs et les congés de maladie. En fin de semaine, le Comité

stratégique des négociations tiendra une téléconférence pour étudier les propositions de l'employeur et déterminer si ces offres seront présentées aux membres.

17. Fintech as a Force for Social Good

Financial Post. Adam Nanjee, 2016 12 10

Ottawa - For enterprises concerned about network security, identity verification has become a top-of-mind issue in an era of ubiquitous cyber-crime. But for millions around the world with no valid identification, standard computer access and identity authentication measures such as passwords pose a formidable barrier to not just public services, but also to the formal economy and traditional financial institutions. When BioConnect, a Toronto-based biometric firm, launched seven years ago, its goal "was to solve the big problem of identity" posed by entities like banks that require customers to provide traditional paper documents to open accounts, explains vice president of strategic marketing and global alliances Bianca Lopes. She cites two telling statistics: according to CISCO, there are now 50 billion digitally connected devices globally, but there are also 2.5 billion human beings who are not considered people because they don't have ID. "These people can't enter the system," says Lopes. BioConnect's technology suite allows the firm's customers to use a range of biometric identifiers - facial expressions, iris patterns, even cardiac rhythms - to identify users. Lopes sees the technology as key to providing mobile banking services in developing countries where many people have a smart phone but no physical way of connecting to a financial institution. "The technology allows these systems to see these people, so they can become part of the economy," she adds. For Canada's rapidly globalizing financial technology (fintech) sector, such stories reveal the ways in which these mobile technologies produce both new revenue streams and social dividends.

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18. Russian Hackers Acted to Aid Trump, U.S. Says

The New York Times, David E. Sanger & Scott Shane, 2016 12 10

Washington - American intelligence agencies have concluded with "high confidence" that Russia acted covertly in the latter stages of the presidential campaign to harm Hillary Clinton's chances and promote Donald J. Trump, according to senior administration officials. They based that conclusion, in part, on another finding -- which they say was also reached with high confidence -- that the Russians hacked the Republican National Committee's computer systems in addition to their attacks on Democratic organizations, but did not release whatever information they gleaned from the Republican networks. In the months before the election, it was largely documents from Democratic Party systems that were leaked to the public. Intelligence agencies have concluded that the Russians gave the Democrats' documents to WikiLeaks. Republicans have a different explanation for why no documents from their networks were ever released. Over the past several months, officials from the Republican committee have consistently said that their networks were not compromised, asserting that only the accounts of individual Republicans were attacked. On Friday, a senior committee official said he had no comment. It is possible that in hacking into the Republican committee, Russian agents were simply hedging their bets. The attack took place in the spring, the senior officials said, about the same time that a group of hackers believed to be linked to the G.R.U., Russia's military intelligence agency, stole the emails of senior officials of the Democratic National Committee. Intelligence agencies believe that the Republican committee hack was carried out by the same Russians who penetrated the Democratic committee and other Democratic groups. The finding about the Republican committee is expected to be included in a detailed report of "lessons learned" that Mr. Obama has ordered intelligence agencies to assemble before he leaves office on Jan. 20. That report is intended, in part, to create a comprehensive history of the Russian effort to influence the election, and to solidify the intelligence findings before Mr. Trump is sworn in. Intelligence officials and

private cybersecurity companies believe that the Democratic National Committee was hacked by two different Russian cyberunits. One, called "Cozy Bear" or "A.P.T. 29" by some Western security experts, is believed to have spent months inside the D.N.C. computer network, as well as other government and political institutions, but never made public any of the documents it took. (A.P.T. stands for "Advanced Persistent Threat," which usually describes a sophisticated state-sponsored cyberintruder.)

19. Donald Trump's Military Government

The New York Times, Gordon Adams, 2016 12 10

OpEd: A new president, swept into office on a tide of fake news and media manipulation, surrounds himself with generals: his adviser on foreign policy, the defense minister, his minister of the interior and the further possible appointments of foreign minister and intelligence director. If this happened in a third world country, the United States, as a global promoter of democracy, would warn against it. America has frequently urged the militaries of other countries to stand down and stay in barracks. The United States supports civilian control; the military's job should be to provide military advice, not make policy and govern. Yet these admonitions do not now seem to apply at home. Having roundly criticized generals during the campaign, President-elect Donald J. Trump is now surrounding himself with them. The issue is not about getting good military advice to the president. The 1986 Goldwater-Nichols Act made the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff the principal military adviser to the president for that purpose. The president regularly listens to uniformed officers in the Situation Room and the Pentagon. As much as Americans like and respect their generals, civilian control of the military has nothing to do with the personal merits or otherwise of particular flag officers. They may be smart (David H. Petraeus), bold (James N. Mattis), temperamental (Michael T. Flynn) or quietly competent (John F. Kelly). There is not just one kind of general. The larger principle goes back to the founding of the republic: Civilians should oversee the military, and the president is the commander in chief. The founders worried about the influence that a military with excessive power could have on America's young democracy. Putting military officers in charge of the entire architecture of national security reinforces the trend toward militarizing policy and risks cementing in place "the military-industrial complex" that President Dwight D. Eisenhower warned of. To borrow the psychologist Abraham H. Maslow's words, if all the men around President Trump are hammers, the temptation will be "to treat everything as if it were a nail."

20. Pentagon To Show Trump Tougher Options

The Wall Street Journal, Gordon Lubold and Julian E. Barnes, 2016 12 10

Washington - The Pentagon is drawing up proposals to offer to the Trump administration designed to intensify the U.S. campaign against Islamic State, including reducing White House oversight of operational decisions and moving some tactical authority back to the Pentagon, U.S. military and congressional officials say. The options are being assembled in anticipation of demands by Donald Trump and his team, who have called for a tougher military campaign against the extremist group. Military officials said they are considering presenting options on a number of fronts. They are likely to include easing restrictions on the precise number of American troops needed to carry out a particular mission, and relaxing rules that set the level of Washington review needed before an operation or airstrike may be conducted, officials said. The potential recommendations aren't likely to fundamentally change the U.S. strategy for fighting Islamic State, which relies on indigenous forces and relatively few American advisers. But they open prospects for the new administration to return more battlefield decision-making to the military, officials said. Military officials familiar with the internal discussions at the Pentagon said officers aren't taking advocacy positions on issues, but are prepared to answer the questions the new administration will have and make proposals as requested. "Once the new administration is in place, we will offer recommendations going forward, should the new administration wish to amend those assumptions or the current approach," a military official said. White House officials said they approve all requests for operations they receive. For example, about 18 months ago, the White House loosened a

restriction requiring that an airstrike cause no collateral civilian casualties. In that instance, the change expanded to 10 the number of civilians who could be potentially killed by accident if the value of the target was deemed high enough, military officials said. "As Secretary [Ash] Carter has said repeatedly, every time he and General Dunford have asked the president for more capability in the fight against ISIL, he has agreed to that request," said deputy Pentagon press secretary Gordon Trowbridge.

21. The Torture Report Must Be Saved

The New York Times, Carl Levin & Jay Rockefeller, 2016 12 10

OpEd: In President Obama's final national security speech on Tuesday, he spoke about the importance of staying true to our values, of not returning to torture, and of transparency. Now, in his remaining time in office, he has an opportunity to take action to advance these goals and to do something of great importance for the public's understanding of our history. He has the ability to protect the Senate Intelligence Committee's full 6,700-page report on torture from being lost, perhaps forever. Given President-elect Donald J. Trump's unconscionable campaign pledge to "bring back waterboarding" and "a hell of a lot worse" -- acts that would be illegal if carried out -- President Obama's leadership on this issue has never been more important. Drawing on our decades of work in the Senate and our chairmanships of the Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, we are calling on President Obama to preserve the full torture report as a matter of profound public interest. We are not asking him to necessarily agree with all of the report's findings, though we certainly hope he does, but we are asking him to protect it as an important piece of history. The president could do this simply by allowing departments and agencies that already possess the document to enter it as a federal record, making it much more difficult for a future administration to erase. This simple but consequential action is something that President Obama can do now, and it is something that he can do unilaterally. (Note: Carl Levin served in the United States Senate from 1979 until 2015 and was chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Jay Rockefeller served in the Senate from 1985 until 2015 and was chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.)

22. Obama orders review of election season hacking

The Associated Press, Kathleen Hennessey, 2016 12 10

Washington - President Barack Obama's order to intelligence officials for a full-scale review of campaign-season cyberattacks met with a cool reception from President-elect Donald Trump, whose transition team said it's "time to move on." Trump has been repeatedly dismissive of the intelligence community's determination that Russia sought through hacking to disrupt the U.S. election, and Obama's new initiative was similarly brushed off at Trump Tower. Trump's transition office issued a statement reflecting the deep divisions that emerged between his campaign and the intelligence agencies over Russian meddling. "These are the same people that said Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction," the statement said. "The election ended a long time ago in one of the biggest Electoral College victories in history. It's now time to move on and 'Make America Great Again.'" The investigation ordered by Obama will be a "deep dive" into a possible pattern of increased "malicious cyber activity" timed to the campaign season, White House spokesman Eric Schultz said Friday, including the email hacks that rattled the presidential campaign. It will look at the tactics, targets, key actors and the U.S. government's response to the recent email hacks, as well as incidents reported in past elections, he said. The White House said it would make portions of the report public and would brief lawmakers and relevant state officials on the findings. It emphasized the report would not focus solely on Russian operations or hacks involving Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta and Democratic National Committee accounts. Schultz stressed officials would be reviewing incidents going back to the 2008 presidential campaign, when the campaigns of Sen. John McCain and Obama were breached by hackers. Intelligence officials have said Obama and Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney were targets of Chinese cyberattacks four years later.

23. Trump's generals see world as good vs. evil

The Washington Post, Greg Miller & Greg Jaffe, 2016 12 10

Washington - President-elect Donald Trump is assembling a national security team dominated by retired generals who share a deep distrust of Iran and have characterized the threat of militant Islam in far more dire terms than Obama administration officials and intelligence assessments. The trio of ex-generals represents an emerging core of the Trump administration that is at odds with President Obama's efforts to convince the American public that - 15 years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks - terrorism continues to pose a persistent threat to the nation, but not an existential one. The generals' views also cut against the grain of U.S. policies seeking to empower moderates in Iran and of U.S. intelligence assessments that terrorism no longer stands alone atop the rankings of global security threats now crowded by concerns about cyberattacks and renewed aggression by China and Russia. Their views, though far from uniform, have been heavily influenced over the past 15 years by intensely personal battlefield losses, the country's waning attention to the wars and an up-close view of a ruthless enemy. Those experiences could lead retired Gens. Michael T. Flynn, James N. Mattis and John F. Kelly to urge caution in Trump administration debates about the use of force. But former colleagues and experts said the generals are also more likely, by virtue of their training and experience, to see malign intent or view the world as a struggle between good and evil.

24. CIA: Russia favored Trump

The Washington Post, Greg Miller & Adam Entous, 2016 12 10

Washington - The CIA has concluded in a secret assessment that Russia intervened in the 2016 election to help Donald Trump win the presidency, rather than just to undermine confidence in the U.S. electoral system, according to officials briefed on the matter. Intelligence agencies have identified individuals with connections to the Russian government who provided WikiLeaks with thousands of hacked emails from the Democratic National Committee and others, including Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman, according to U.S. officials. Those officials described the individuals as actors known to the intelligence community and part of a wider Russian operation to boost Trump and hurt Clinton's chances. "It is the assessment of the intelligence community that Russia's goal here was to favor one candidate over the other, to help Trump get elected," said a senior U.S. official briefed on an intelligence presentation made to U.S. senators. "That's the consensus view." The Obama administration has been debating for months how to respond to the alleged Russian intrusions, with White House officials concerned about escalating tensions with Moscow and being accused of trying to boost Clinton's campaign. In September, during a secret briefing for congressional leaders, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) voiced doubts about the veracity of the intelligence, according to officials present. The Trump transition team dismissed the findings in a short statement issued Friday evening. "These are the same people that said Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. The election ended a long time ago in one of the biggest Electoral College victories in history. It's now time to move on and 'Make America Great Again,'" the statement read. Trump has consistently dismissed the intelligence community's findings about Russian hacking.

25. CIA says Russia intervened to help Trump win White House

Reuters News, 2016 12 10

Washington - The CIA has concluded that Russia intervened in the 2016 election to help President-elect Donald Trump win the White House, and not just to undermine confidence in the U.S. electoral system, a senior U.S. official said on Friday. U.S. intelligence agencies have assessed that as the 2016 presidential campaign drew on, Russian government officials devoted increasing attention to assisting Donald Trump's effort to win the election, the U.S. official familiar with the finding told Reuters on Friday night on condition of anonymity. Citing U.S. officials briefed on the matter, the Washington Post reported on

Friday that intelligence agencies had identified individuals with connections to the Russian government who provided thousands of hacked emails from the Democratic National Committee and others, including the chairman of Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign, to WikiLeaks. U.S. President Barack Obama ordered intelligence agencies to review cyber attacks and foreign intervention into the 2016 election and deliver a report before he leaves office on Jan. 20, the White House said on Friday. Obama's homeland security adviser, Lisa Monaco, told reporters the report's results would be shared with lawmakers and others. "The president has directed the intelligence community to conduct a full review of what happened during the 2016 election process ... and to capture lessons learned from that and to report to a range of stakeholders, to include the Congress," she said during an event hosted by the Christian Science Monitor. As summer turned to fall, Russian hackers turned almost all their attention to the Democrats. Virtually all the emails they released publicly were potentially damaging to Clinton and the Democrats, the official told Reuters.

26. President Orders Study Of Election Hacking

The Wall Street Journal, Felicia Schwartz, 2016 12 10

Washington - President Barack Obama has instructed U.S. intelligence agencies to investigate hacking activity aimed at meddling in the 2016 election, one of his top security advisers said Friday. U.S. intelligence and homeland-security officials have blamed Russia for intrusions, including the theft of emails from the Democratic National Committee and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's campaign staff, other hacking and fabricated news stories. The administration was short on details about what the report would cover, and it wasn't immediately clear how it would differ from the investigations that intelligence agencies, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Homeland Security Department have already conducted. That work led to a rare public statement in October that the hacks were authorized by "Russia's senior-most officials" and were "intended to interfere with the U.S. election process." Lisa Monaco, Mr. Obama's homeland-security adviser, said intelligence officials will deliver a report to the president, which will be distributed to Congress and others, before he leaves office next month. It was unclear whether the report would ever be made public. White House spokesman Eric Schultz said the report will "dig into" a pattern of malicious cyberactivity around the 2016 election, as well as other election cycles, and assess U.S. defensive capabilities.

27. Trump breaks with Obama, intel agencies on election hacking

Politico.com, 2016 12 10

Washington - In an extraordinary rebuke of the intelligence agencies he will soon lead as president, Donald Trump broke with his predecessor on Friday and rejected the conclusion that Russia had sought to help him by meddling in the U.S. election. "These are the same people that said Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction," the Trump transition team said in a unsigned press release. "The election ended a long time ago in one of the biggest Electoral College victories in history. It's now time to move on and "Make America Great Again." The Trump team's highly unusual statement came after the White House revealed that President Barack Obama has ordered a "deep dive" into the cyberattacks that plagued this year's election -- and news reports suggested that some agencies had already reached conclusions that Trump might find uncomfortable. Obama has asked the intelligence community to deliver its final report before he leaves office, raising the prospect that agencies may conclude that a foreign power successfully altered the trajectory of the Nov. 8 election just days before Trump's inauguration. The review will put the spate of hacks — which officials have blamed on Russia — "in a greater context" by framing them against the "malicious cyber activity" that may have occurred around the edges of the 2008 and 2012 president elections, White House spokesman Eric Schultz said during Friday's briefing. "This will be a review that is broad and deep at the same time," he added. The Washington Post reported on Friday evening that the CIA had determined in a secret assessment that the Russian government had interfered in this year's election not just to rattle confidence in the system but specifically to help elect Trump, whose

fiery response came just hours later. In an interview days earlier with Time magazine, Trump flatly rejected intelligence agencies' preliminary finding that Russia had hacked Democrats' computer and email systems to influence the election. "I don't believe it. I don't believe they interfered," he said. Asked directly if those conclusions were motivated by partisan politics, he replied: "I think so."

28. Trump's Military 'Junta'

The Wall Street Journal, 2016 12 10

Editorial: To hear the media these days, you'd think Donald Trump is about to turn the U.S. into a banana republic, where all life is controlled by the "generals." As Time's headline quavered this week: "The Creeping Militarization of Donald Trump's Cabinet." The junta watch began with the appointment of retired three-star Michael Flynn to be national security adviser -- though Gen. Flynn was an early Trump supporter and mooted as a possible running mate. The grumblings really got going with the selection of retired four-star Marine Gen. James Mattis to run the Defense Department: A general to run the military, whatever happened to civilian control? The press's nerves finally snapped when Mr. Trump proposed another retired Marine four-star, John Kelly, to run the Homeland Security Department. The President-elect couldn't slip this cabal past the Washington Post: "Trump hires a third general, raising concerns about heavy military influence." Sorry to break the mood, but a military coup is the last thing that worries us about the Trump era. The case for the Trump generals has much to do with the reasons he was elected. Toward the top of those voter concerns is that Washington "doesn't work." One big reason Washington no longer works is because the bureaucracies inside its various departments have grown too big to succeed.

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29. GCHQ spybase worker hanged himself after he was arrested over 'unproven allegations' and suspended from his top secret role, inquest hears

The Daily Mail, Isobel Frodsham, 2016 12 10

London - A GCHQ spybase worker hanged himself after being arrested by police and then suspended from his top secret work, an inquest heard yesterday. Tim Masling, 57, of Cheltenham, died on July 1 this year, three weeks after his arrest and suspension from the intelligence organisation. During an inquest held at Gloucester Coroners Court, his family said the allegation which led to his arrest has never been proved and they are sure he would still be alive if his GCHQ bosses had been more supportive. The coroner, Katy Skerrett, recorded a conclusion of suicide. Mr Masling was arrested on June 16 for reasons which have not been made public. After his release, he tried to arrange a meeting with his employers 'to put his side of the story across', but one was not arranged, his wife, Deborah, said during the inquest. He then went to work on June 19 but found his pass wasn't working. Mr Masling was informed by a GCHQ security guard that after a meeting on the Friday with a member of security, he was told he had been banned from the site. 'In fact, Tim had never had such a meeting and had not been told that', Mrs Masling said. On Monday, June 20, her husband rang GCHQ in the morning to try to find out what was going on, who were 'very apologetic'.

30. GCHQ spied on former colonies & African leaders, including UK allies – Snowden leaks

RT News, 2016 12 10

London - Britain's electronic spy agency listened in on businessmen, government departments and politicians, including heads of state closely allied to the UK, according to the latest Snowden leaks. The documents, first seen by French Newspaper Le Monde, are likely to cause severe diplomatic issues between the UK and, for example, Kenya, whose President Mwai Kibaki was named in the leaks alongside his senior advisers. The files show a snapshot of UK operations between 2009 and 2010.

GCHQ has told Le Monde it does not comment on intelligence matters but that all its operations were necessary and proportionate, and complied with the European Convention on Human Rights. Kenya, a former colony, hosts a permanent UK base and thousands of troops rotate through it every year to be trained in warfare in arid environments. As well as intercepting Kibaki's communications, the UK also spied on then Kenyan Prime Minister Raila Odinga. Other victims of UK espionage include roving businessmen from Ivory Coast, Gabon, Tunisia, Mali and Congo and members of the military, intelligence community and former and current statesman from a number of counties, including Angola.

31. British spy chief says Islamic State plotting attacks as Russia makes 'desert' of Syria

Reuters, Guy Faulconbridge, 2016 12 10

London - Islamic State militants are using turmoil sown by Russian President Vladimir Putin's bombing in Syria to plot attacks against the United Kingdom and her allies, Britain's foreign intelligence chief said on Thursday. In his first major public speech since winning the top job at the Secret Intelligence Service in 2014, MI6 chief Alex Younger said Russia and Bashar al-Assad were hindering the defeat of militants by attempting to make a "desert" out of Syria. "As I speak, the highly organised external attack planning structures within Daesh (IS), even as they face military threat, are plotting ways to project violence against the UK and our allies without ever having to leave Syria," Younger said at MI6's Vauxhall Cross headquarters in central London. Younger cast Putin's intervention on the side of President Assad as a crude tactical ploy that aligned Russia with the minority Alawites whose members are viewed with suspicion among the majority Sunnis. "In defining as a terrorist anyone who opposes a brutal government, they alienate precisely that group that has to be on side if the extremists are to be defeated," he said. "Russia and the Syrian regime seek to make a desert and call it peace." Syria's civil war, which began in 2011, has become a theatre for competing global powers, with Russia and Iran supporting Assad, and the United States, Gulf Arab and European powers such as Britain backing rebels who want to depose him.

32. We should be proud of our new anti-terror Act

The Daily Telegraph, Jonathan Evans, 2016 12 10

OpEd: Our police and intelligence agencies now have the powers they need to keep us safe in uncertain times. Last week the Investigatory Powers Bill was granted Royal Assent. The new Act updates our surveillance laws and provides powers to enable our intelligence agencies and police to fight crime and terrorism. The previous tangle of laws has been swept away and a single, consistent and transparent new surveillance framework has been introduced. As terrorists, paedophiles and other criminals move their activities on to the internet, it is vital that those who protect us from these threats can operate there as effectively as they can in the nondigital world, and that they have the right legal structure to do so. The sort of terrorist attacks that we have seen in Paris, Brussels and Nice could just as easily happen here in Britain. In 2005 they did. There is a daily battle by MI5, the other security agencies, the police and our allies to prevent more attacks. Andrew Parker, the Director General of MI5, has recently stated that as many as 12 attacks have been prevented here in the past three-and-a-half years. To stand a chance of succeeding in this struggle it is essential that those who work on our behalf have the tools to do the job. Today those tools include access to bulk data sets that throw light on where a suspect has been, with whom, and the people they are in contact with - vital elements in identifying a potential attacker before they can act. One of the reasons that the UK has been relatively successful in containing the terrorist threat in recent years is that we were ahead of the curve in investing in, and legislating for, technical capabilities to identify and keep track of suspects. We need to maintain this edge over our enemies - they are innovative and flexible in their approach and we need to be the same. Some other European countries have not updated their laws and made these investments. They are more vulnerable as a result. At the end of a process that started way back in 2011, Parliament has chosen to provide our police and intelligence agencies with the powers they need to keep us safe in an uncertain and changing world. It was right to do so. (Note: Lord Evans of Weardale was Director General of the Security Service, MI5, from 2007-2013)

33. Prepare for cyberspace Pearl Harbor, warn experts

The Times of London, Deborah Haynes, 2016 12 10

London - The potential for a "cyberspace Pearl Harbor" is growing as countries such as North Korea, Iran and Russia test the boundaries of internet warfare, security experts said last night. Britain, the United States and their allies are also building and testing cyberweapons but, unlike with conventional arsenals, no one knows for sure what damage their adversaries can inflict with computer codes that their cyberwarriors have written. Adding to the opaqueness of cyberwarfare, there are no international rules or principles governing the way that countries should behave in cyberspace, other than the overriding belief among western powers that all actions should adhere to international law. The absence of agreement on when a cyberattack becomes an act of war has empowered nations to fire cyberweapons at each other in tit-for-tat skirmishes that only come to public attention when something too big to hide happens. "It is not quite conflict. It is not quite war," a former senior western intelligence official said. "It is the exchanges of fire across the border. It is really not helpful." North Korean hackers, who are among the best in the world, recently used software to steal secrets from the South Korean military unit responsible for fending off cyberattacks, a major embarrassment for South Korea. Iran, or "state-affiliated groups", apparently targeted the computers of an agency that runs Saudi Arabia's airports last month, wreaking havoc.

34. Man linked to Sikh terror wins right to stay in UK

Belfast Telegraph, John Aston, 2016 12 10

London – An Indian national once involved in Sikh terrorist activities has won a High Court battle to become a permanent resident in the UK. Lawyers for the Home Secretary argued against the move on grounds including that it would "run contrary to the need to show the world that the UK would not accept terrorists". But Mr Justice Collins, sitting in London, said that approach was "not only unreasonable", but contrary to Government policy in such cases. The judge also ruled that the man, known only as MS, from Leicester, might be entitled to damages because of restraints placed on his movements.

Americas- Amériques

Nil

Australia -Australie/New Zealand - Nouvelle-Zélande

35. We'll enjoy extra clout with Trump

The Australian, Greg Sheridan, 2016 12 10

Canberra - Australia has a historic opportunity to influence the administration of US president-elect Donald Trump. Far from the surprise election of Trump being a moment when we turn away from the US, it offers us a chance to potentially exercise greater influence, in our own interests and in the interests of the US and of the Asian region, than ever before. It would be an act of folly to pass this opportunity up. Not only that, a number of Trump's most senior national security appointments, especially retired general Jim Mattis as defence secretary, are clearly superior to the occupants of these positions in the second Obama administration and closer to Australia in their experience and their thinking. Trump's administration will engage in intensified strategic competition with China, as his fascinating phone conversation with Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen suggests. But Hillary Clinton as president would also have engaged in much tougher strategic competition with China. For a time, Mattis, a Marine general, was the US commander in Afghanistan. He wrote a private letter to Duncan Lewis, now the director

general of ASIO but then the commander of the Special Air Service. In this letter, Mattis told Lewis what he thinks of Australian soldiers: "We Marines would happily storm hell itself with your troops on our right flank." Exactly the same sort of connection would exist with David Petraeus, who is a leading contender to become secretary of state. Petraeus has been a private dinner guest at the home of the Prime Minister and comes to Australia for such events as the Kokoda Dialogue in Canberra.

36. Australia approves sale of the country's largest private landholding to Chinese joint venture
People's Daily Online, 2016 12 10

Canberra - Australian Treasurer Scott Morrison has given approval for the sale of the country's largest private landholding, the Kidman estate, to mining magnate Gina Rinehart's joint venture with Chinese developer Shanghai CRED. The approval of the bid was announced on Friday to Australian Outback Beef, which is 67% owned by Rinehart's Hancock Beef and the rest owned by Shanghai CRED. Kidman is one of Australia's largest beef producers. The landholding has 10 cattle ranches, a bull breeding stud, and a feed lot covering 101,411 sq. km (39,155 sq. miles) across South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory, and Queensland in Australia. The largest Kidman station, Anna Creek in South Australia, and its outstation The Peake, will be bought by the Williams family, a local farming family with adjoining properties. The rest will be sold to the joint venture. The sale of the estate, encompassing about 1.3% of Australian land, had been halted several times in the past 18 months. Previous Chinese-led bids were blocked by the Australian government due to national security concerns. The Kidman estate was originally offered for sale in April 2015. The Australian-owned Hancock will control the board and day-to-day operation of the business, which will remain incorporated and headquartered in South Australia. With the sale of Anna Creek and The Peake, Kidman's Australian ownership increases from 66.1% to 74.7%. Some of the farms are close to a government weapons-testing range at Woomera.

Afghanistan • Pakistan

37. Gunmen kill counterterrorism police officer in Pakistan
The Associated Press, 2016 12 10

Peshawar - Pakistani police say gunmen have shot and killed a counterterrorism police officer and wounded his young son in the northwestern city of Peshawar. Senior police officer Tahir Khan says Riazul Islam was returning home with the son Saturday evening after prayers in a suburban mosque when gunmen fired several shots and escaped on a motorcycle. Khan said the officer died on the way to the hospital while his son remains in critical condition. Islam had survived two bomb attacks in the past three years, one of which severely wounded him.

38. US aid to Pakistan conditioned to action against Haqqani Network
Pajhwok Afghan News, 2016 10 12

Kabul - The US Congress has conditioned \$400 million of its \$900 million aid to Pakistan to action against the Haqqani terrorist network which had been widely accused of killing most of the US and Afghan security forces in Afghanistan, a media report said on Saturday. Pakistan had been often urged by Kabul and Washington to dismantle the Haqqani Network and target all terrorist groups on its soil that posed threat to regional and global security. According to times of India, the 2017 National Defence Authorisation Act (NDAA) imposes four conditions on Pakistan to be eligible for \$400 million of the \$900 million of the Coalition Support Fund (CSF). The defence secretary also needs to certify that Pakistan actively coordinates with Afghanistan to restrict the movement of militants, such as the Haqqani network, along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border; and finally that Pakistan has shown progress in arresting and prosecuting Haqqani network senior leaders and mid-level operatives. The United States has once

again expressed its concern "safe havens" Afghan Taliban groups, including the Haqqani network, are enjoying on Pakistan's soil.

Africa – Afrique

39. Drone strike on Isil's Tunisia terror backer

The Daily Telegraph, Ben Farmer, 2016 12 10

London – A senior French jihadist linked to the massacre of 30 British holidaymakers in Tunisia last year has been targeted in an American drone strike in Isil's capital. Boubaker Hakim was believed to have been in contact with the terror cell which launched the June 2015 attack on a beachfront hotel and helped "enable" the deadly shooting spree, CNN reported. Western intelligence agencies are trying to determine if he was killed when his car was hit in the Syrian city of Raqqa late last month. A senior British terrorism source said Hakim was connected to the Tunisian cell via an intermediary in Libya. Thirty-eight people, 30 of them British, were shot dead when Seifeddine Rezgui opened fire at a hotel in the popular resort of Sousse. The same cell linked to Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (Isil) also carried out a deadly attack on the Bardo museum in Tunis in March 2015.

40. Egypt denies rift with Saudi, drift toward Iran

Reuters News, 2016 12 10

Manama - Egypt's Foreign Minister Sameh Shukri on Saturday hailed a "special relationship" with Saudi Arabia, denying reports that the two powerful Arab nations had fallen out after Egypt expressed support for the Russian intervention in Syria. Egypt voted in favour of a Russian-backed U.N. resolution on Syria in October that excluded calls to stop bombing Aleppo, which Saudi Arabia strongly opposed. The kingdom informed Egypt last month that shipments of oil products expected under a \$23 billion aid deal had been halted indefinitely, but Shukri denied the nations were at loggerheads and said any disagreements had been exaggerated. "Let me reassure you that from Egypt's perspective we have a very clear vision as to the fundamental nature of that relationship ... Arab national security depends on the cohesion and understanding that exists between Saudi Arabia and Egypt." "The sensitivity that exists in ... what may be perceived as divergence of views or differences of opinion might be escalated in the press to take dimensions that go beyond the inherent special relationship," Shukri said at the Manama Dialogue conference on Middle East security in Bahrain.

41. Car bomb kills 2 policemen at checkpoint near Somali capital

Reuters News, Abdi Sheikh, 2016 12 10

Mogadishu - A car bomb killed at least two policemen when it exploded at a checkpoint near the Somali capital Mogadishu on Saturday, police and militants fighting to topple the government said. "A blast took place at the Siinkadheer checkpoint," Police Major Nur Farah told Reuters. The area lies some 15 km (9 miles) northwest of Mogadishu. The militant group al Shabaab, which wants to impose its strict interpretation of Islam, said its fighters carried out the attack. "A suicide car bomb rammed into the checkpoint. We targeted security forces who inspect cars heading towards Mogadishu," Sheikh Abdiasis Abu Musab, the group's military operations spokesman, said. Somalia is still battling an Islamist insurgency while it seeks to rebuild after more than two decades of conflict and chaos that have left the nation in tatters. It is holding a vote at polling centres across the country over several weeks for a new parliament. Some 14,000 people representing Somalia's federal states have been chosen to pick the 275 lawmakers. Those members of parliament will choose a new president.

42. Egyptian court rejects appeal by Islamist militant Adel Habara over death sentence

Reuters News, 2016 12 10

Cairo - Egypt's Court of Cassation rejected an appeal made by prominent Islamist militant Adel Habara over his death sentence, judicial sources said on Saturday. Habara has been convicted in 2014 of killing 25 army conscripts in North Sinai in August 2013, near the border with Israel. Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi is facing an Islamist insurgency based in the Sinai Peninsula adjoining Israel and the Gaza Strip. Violence there intensified after Sisi, as army chief, engineered the overthrow of Islamist president Mohamed Mursi in mid-2013. (Full Report)

43. Kenya: 'Establish Commission of Inquiry into violations by security agencies'

Pan African News Agency, 2016 12 10

Nairobi - Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta should urgently establish a commission of inquiry to investigate reports of extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, torture and ill-treatment of detainees by the security forces. This is the demand of eight Kenyan and international human rights organizations in a letter to the president on Saturday as the world marks International Human Rights Day, according to a statement by Amnesty International, a human rights watchdog. It said human rights organizations and media outlets had found credible evidence that units of the Kenyan security forces, including Kenya Police Service, the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF), the Kenya Wildlife Service, (KWS), the National Intelligence Service (NIS), had killed, disappeared and tortured people suspected of being terrorists or criminals. Justice for such cases had been inconsistent and victims were often left without avenues for redress, they said. The Kenyan president has a responsibility to ensure that all government forces respect national and international human rights law and adhere to due process," said Otsieno Namwaya, Africa researcher at Human Rights Watch. Victims of killings and disappearances by security agencies deserve answers and a commission of inquiry is a critical first step."

Asia - Asie

44. China flies nuclear-capable bomber in South China Sea after Trump Taiwan call, US officials say

Fox News, Lucas Tomlinson , 2016 12 10

Washington - China flew a long-range nuclear-capable bomber outside China for the first time since President-elect Donald Trump spoke with the president of Taiwan, two US officials told Fox News. The dramatic show of force was meant to send a message to the new administration, according to the officials. Even more concerning for the Pentagon, China has been seen by American intelligence satellites preparing to ship more advanced surface-to-air missiles to its contested islands in the South China Sea. Trump's call with Taiwan's President Tsai ling-wen broke decades- long protocol after American leaders stopped communicating directly with the Taiwan president in 1979, when diplomatic ties were severed and the United States shifted to a new "one-China" policy. China protested Trump's call with President Tsai.

42. Tibetan monk self-immolates in China: group

Associated Press, Christopher Bodeen, 2016 12 10

Beijing - A Tibetan Buddhist monk has set himself on fire in western China in what appeared to be the latest such radical protest against Beijing's rule, a U.S. government-backed radio station and rights monitoring group said. The unidentified monk set himself alight on a road outside the town of Machu in a traditionally Tibetan area of Gansu province at around 7 p.m. Thursday, Radio Free Asia and London-based Free Tibet reported. Police who arrived shortly afterward took the monk away and there was no immediate word on his condition, they said. A man who answered the phone at a regional police station

hung up immediately after the caller asked for information. Calls to other government offices rang unanswered. While information from the isolated area is incomplete, the incident is believed to bring to at least 146 the number of Tibetans who have self-immolated in recent years, about 125 of whom have died, according to monitoring groups. Eyewitnesses have been quoted as saying that many of those who self-immolated cried out for Tibetan independence or prayed for the return of the Dalai Lama. Tibet's Buddhist leader fled Tibet in 1959 amid an abortive uprising against Chinese forces who had occupied the Himalayan region a decade earlier.

43. Tsai says 'resolute' on S. China Sea territorial claim

The China Post, Stephanie Chao, 2016 12 10

Taipei, Taiwan - The government will be "resolute" in safeguarding its territorial claims in the South China Sea, President Tsai Ing-wen said Friday. Tsai made the statement during the opening of an exhibition held to mark the 70th anniversary of the Republic of China regaining control over the South China Sea's Taiping Island. The president said Taiwan would continue to protect its maritime navigation and overfly rights in the disputed region. The government would do so on the basis of international law and international maritime law, and with an emphasis on peace, human rights, ecological preservation and sustainability, she said. The exhibition, titled "Sustainable Governance and Enduring Peace: An Exhibition Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Recovery of the South China Sea Islands," runs until Dec. 19 at Academia Historica (國史館). Academia Historica is organizing the event in conjunction with the Interior Ministry. The exhibition examines the history, strategic location and sustainable development of Taiping, through a collection of historical documents, artifacts, photographs and videos. After the ceremony, Tsai was given a tour of the exhibition, viewing displays including fresh produce grown on Taiping. Arable land is a key U.N. criterion for a body of land to be considered an island rather than a rock. Taiping's agricultural output is often cited by the government when rebutting a Hague ruling in July that declared the land to a rock formation.

44. Taiwan says China air force conducts long-range drills

Reuters News, 2016 12 10

Taipei - Chinese military aircraft on Saturday flew over waterways near Taiwan as part of long-range exercises, Taiwan said, the first such flights since a telephone call between Taiwan's leader and U.S. President-elect Donald Trump irked China. China claims self-ruled Taiwan as its own and has never renounced the use of force to take back what it deems a wayward province. Trump's call with Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen on Dec. 2 was the first between a U.S. president-elect or president and a Taiwan leader since President Jimmy Carter switched diplomatic recognition to China from Taiwan in 1979. China lodged a diplomatic protest over the call and blamed Taiwan for what it called a "petty" move. But there was no indication the exercise by its military aircraft on Saturday was a response to the telephone call. The Chinese jets flew north to south and entered the Miyako Strait around Japan's southern islands as well as the Bashi Channel south of Taiwan, but did not enter Taiwan's air defence identification zone, Taiwan's defence ministry said in a statement.

45. Malaysia police kill key Abu Sayyaf militant in shootout

Agence France Presse, 2016 12 10

Manila - Malaysian security forces have killed a key member of a Philippine Islamist militant group in a shootout in waters off Sabah in Borneo, the Philippine military said Saturday. Abu Sayyaf leader, Abraham Hamid, had led the kidnapping of several foreigners from a tourist resort in the volatile southern Philippines last year, two of whom were later beheaded. "The death of Hamid is a big blow to the (Abu Sayyaf) as it neutralised one of the notorious bandits and will degrade their capability for spotting and kidnapping victims in the future," said regional military spokesman Major Filemon Tan. Two other

militants were killed alongside Hamid in the shootout with Malaysian police in Lahad Datu in eastern Sabah, he said.

46. Abu Sayyaf kidnapping squad leader among men killed in shootout with Malaysian police: Philippines (Canada)

The Straits Times, Raul Dancel, 2016 12 10

Manila - Malaysia's security forces have dealt a serious blow to the notorious Abu Sayyaf group by killing the leader of a squad that has been snatching tourists, fishermen, and sailors in waters off Sabah and the Philippines' Sulu archipelago, Philippine officials said on Saturday (Dec 10). Abraham Hamid, the alleged kingpin, were among the three men killed by police officers from Malaysia's Tiger Platoon in a shootout on Thursday (Dec 8) evening off Sabah's Semporna town, the officials said. "The death of Hamis is a big blow to the (Abu Sayyaf), as it neutralised one of the notorious bandits' leader and will degrade their capability for spotting and kidnapping victims in the future," Major Filemon Tan, spokesman of the Western Mindanao Command, said in a report. The other two slain were Hamid's men, said Major Tan, without identifying the men. He said Hamid led bandits that snatched two Canadians, a Norwegian and a Filipina from a high-end resort in Samal island, Davao province, 980km south of the capital Manila, in September last year (2015). The Canadians - Mr Robert Hall, 50, and Mr John Ridsdel, 68 - were beheaded in April and June (2016).

47. Indonesia police arrest three people suspected of plotting attack in Jakarta with high-explosive "rice-cooker" bomb

The Straits Times, Arlina Arshad, 2016 12 10

Jakarta - Indonesian police on Saturday (Dec 10) arrested three people suspected to be plotting an attack in the capital with a high-explosive "rice-cooker" bomb. "Two men and a woman are undergoing intensive investigation to get further information on the network and the possibility of other explosives," National Police spokesman Boy Rafli Amar told TVOne news channel in a live broadcast. The trio were nabbed in a raid on a rented house on Saturday in Bintara Jaya area in Bekasi, outside Jakarta. "It is still being investigated. What's clear, the information we can convey is, their target is a vital object," he added. Police have also found a bomb made up of "high-explosive" materials contained in a rice cooker, adding: "The casing is a rice cooker. The content is dangerous."

48. PM calls for vigilance to counter potential N.K. attacks after impeachment

Yonhap English News, 2016 12 10

Seoul - Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn on Saturday instructed the military to step up vigilance against threats or any attempt to instigate national division from North Korea, his office said. The direction comes a day after the parliament impeached President Park Geun-hye for her alleged involvement in a high-profile corruption scandal. Hwang took over as acting president while the Constitutional Court has 180 days to determine whether to endorse the impeachment or not. "After the National Assembly voted in favor of the impeachment plan yesterday, the government is carrying out all measures necessary to prevent any government vacuum and ease the people's anxiety," Hwang said during an emergency meeting of major Cabinet ministers at the main government building in Seoul.

49. Pentagon expects 'policy consistency' in S. Korea after presidential impeachment

Yonhap English News, 2016 12 10

Washington - The U.S. Defense Department said Friday that it expects "policy consistency and continuity" on various issues with South Korea in the wake of the impeachment of President Park Geun-hye. Pentagon spokesman Cmdr. Gary Ross gave the comment in response to a question from Yonhap News Agency whether the impeachment could have any impact on the planned deployment of the THAAD missile defense system to the South. "We look forward to working with Prime Minister Hwang

in his new capacity as acting President of the ROK. We expect policy consistency and continuity across a range of fronts, including DPRK, other regional issues, and international economics and trade," Ross said, referring to Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn.

50. India security officials suspect man of joining IS

BBC Monitoring South Asia, 2016 12 10

Mumbai - A 28-year-old man from Mumbra in neighbouring Thane district has allegedly joined banned terror organization ISIS [Islamic State], according to the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS). Tabrej Noor Mohammad Tambe, who had left the country to visit Egypt and Libya, has joined ISIS and a complaint in this connection has been lodged at Kalachowki unit of the ATS by this brother, Mumbai ATS chief Atul Kulkarni told PTI on Friday [9 December]. Tabrej is believed to have joined ISIS with one of his friends Ali who is from Saudi Arabia. Tabrej was in contact with Ali since last few years as both had worked together in Riyadh, the officer said. ATS has registered an offence under sections of 16,18,18 (B), 20,38,39 of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA). Further investigation is underway.

51. Army chief gets intelligence briefing at ISI HQ

The Nation, 2016 12 10

Mumbai - Chief of Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa Friday visited Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) headquarters where he was received by Lt-Gen Rizwan Akhtar, Inter-Services Public Relations said in a statement. "COAS was given a detailed briefing on the internal and external security situation of the country and ISI's role towards strengthening of national security including its efforts in countering terrorism," read a statement. "Gen Qamar Bajwa expressed his complete satisfaction and lauded the contributions and sacrifices of officers and men of premier intelligence agency towards strengthening of national defence and security."

Iraq/Iran

52. Iran, Norway Opt for Broadening Mutual Cooperation

Fars News Agency, 2016 12 10

Tehran - Iranian Ambassador to Norway Mohammad Hassan Habibollahzadeh and Norwegian King Harald V in a meeting in Oslo on Friday underlined the need for expanding bilateral ties. During the meeting in the Norwegian capital today, Habibollahzadeh and King Harald V explored avenues for bolstering and reinvigorating mutual cooperation. During the meeting, Habibollahzadeh proposed a cooperation framework for broadening of bilateral ties between Iran and Norway in political and economic fields, and said, "Tehran is ready to further develop ties with Oslo." In early October, Norwegian Foreign Minister Borge Brende announced that Oslo has opened a one-billion-dollar credit line to help the Norwegian companies with export of their commodities to Iran. "About \$400 million dollars of that credit line (\$1 billion has been used to export the modern technologies to Iran," Brende said in a meeting with Iranian Economy Minister Ali Tayyebnia in Washington.

Eastern Europe – Europe de L'Est

53. Russian Deputy Foreign Minister, Jordanian Ambassador Discuss Middle East Agenda

Sputnik News Service, 2016 12 10

Moscow - The statement added that the meeting was held at Majali's request. "During the talks, there was an exchange of opinions on actual issues of regional agenda taking a special attention to the situation

around Syria and the state of affairs in the Israeli-Palestinian settlement," the statement said. The so-called Arab Spring protests shook the Middle East in 2011. In Syria, the protests resulted in clashes between the government forces and opposition. Since then, the Middle Eastern country has been mired in a war, which involves Syrian army, numerous opposition factions, as well as terrorist groups, and which has resulted in hundreds of thousands of casualties. International community, including Russia and Jordan have undertaken a number of steps to settle the conflict.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

54. Hundreds of men fleeing rebel-held Aleppo have vanished, U.N. official says

The Washington Post, Louisa Loveluck & Karen DeYoung, 2016 12 10

Beirut - Hundreds of men have disappeared after fleeing rebel-held districts in the Syrian city of Aleppo, the United Nations said Friday, amid allegations that armed groups on both sides have abducted and even killed civilians who tried to leave. Tens of thousands of people have flooded out of eastern Aleppo since forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad began a final push to retake the city. Rebel fighters appeared to have reinforced the front line of their shrunken enclave Friday, putting up their strongest fight in weeks. But an official with the armed opposition, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly, said their numbers were badly depleted. In Paris, Secretary of State John F. Kerry said U.S. and Russian teams would meet Saturday in Geneva in an effort to "save the city of Aleppo" and discuss a plan to safely evacuate civilians and rebel fighters. "We are close; we're not there yet," Kerry said of urgent talks this week with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov. "Tomorrow, I will have the team from America, at President Obama's direction, to be in Geneva with the Russians and we will, I hope, come to some kind of arrangement where we can see how civilians may be protected and what can happen with the armed opposition."

55. Aleppo Residents Scramble for Safety as Some Panic at Government Advance

The New York Times, Anne Barnard, 2016 12 10

Beirut - Hundreds of Syrian men who escaped rebel-held areas of eastern Aleppo to reach government-controlled parts of the city are missing, United Nations officials said on Friday, adding that they had received reports of government reprisals, including numerous arrests and several cases of summary killings of suspected supporters of the opposition. At the same time, the officials said, some rebel groups have prevented civilians from leaving and even killed or kidnapped those who demanded that insurgents leave their neighborhoods. The United Nations reports largely reflect what residents of East Aleppo have told The New York Times in recent days as Syrian government forces retook control of most of the city. Several have said family members were detained, arrested or conscripted after crossing into government-held areas, and one resident recounted how rebels in the Bustan al-Qasr neighborhood stopped people from leaving. Other residents, however, said rebels had helped them cross the front lines or warned them not to go at certain times or in certain places because of the danger. Rebel groups inside east Aleppo are fragmented and do not always act in concert. As government forces continued to advance on Friday, panic was growing among those still trapped inside, who either could not make their way out or were afraid to enter government territory.

56. Chaos and Desperation as Thousands Flee Aleppo Amid Government Advance

The New York Times, Nick Cumming-Bruce & Anne Barnard, 2016 12 10

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57. Un Québécois à Alep-Ouest

La Presse, Michèle Ouimet, 2016 12 10

Alep - Jules Gauthier a un visage poupin et des cheveux en bataille. Même s'il n'a que 24 ans, il est allé trois fois en Syrie. Il s'est promené dans les territoires contrôlés par le régime de Bachar al-Assad : Damas, Tartous, Lattaquié, Homs, Alep-Ouest. Je l'ai rencontré lundi matin dans un café du Mile End. Il neigeait à plein ciel. Il a pris un chocolat chaud. Du haut de ses 24 ans, Jules Gauthier a du caractère. « Ne parle pas de moi, mais plutôt d'Alep », m'a-t-il demandé à quelques reprises d'un ton ferme. Il a une connaissance fine de cette guerre extrêmement complexe. D'un côté, Bachar al-Assad, qui a succédé à son père Hafez, dirige la Syrie d'une main de fer depuis 16 ans. Aidé par les Russes, il pilonne sauvagement ses opposants sans se soucier des civils. De l'autre côté, les rebelles dominés par des djihadistes, le groupe État islamique en tête et, notamment, Fatch al-Cham. Eux non plus ne font pas dans la dentelle et ne s'embarrassent pas des civils. Le pays est à feu et à sang : 300 000 morts depuis le début de la guerre civile en mars 2011 ; plus de la moitié des 21 millions d'habitants ont été déplacés ou ont quitté le pays. Au milieu de cette folie meurtrière, Jules Gauthier, à peine entré dans l'âge adulte, avec ses deux appareils photo et son iPhone. Il n'est jamais allé du côté des rebelles, car les dangers d'enlèvement sont trop élevés. En 2013, alors qu'il étudiait à Beyrouth, il a rencontré un groupuscule chrétien français qui fournit des vêtements et des jouets aux Syriens. Il leur a demandé s'il pouvait les accompagner à Damas. « Bien sûr », lui a-t-on répondu.

58. Suicide bomber kills 23 in southern Yemeni city of Ad'en

The Associated Press, Ahmed Al-Haj, 2016 12 10

Sana'a - Yemeni officials say a suicide bomber has blown himself up inside an army base in the southern city of Aden, killing 23 soldiers. They say the bomber detonated his explosives amid hundreds of soldiers lining up to collect their salaries in the Solban army base. They say at least 30 soldiers have been wounded. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida. The terror network's branch in Yemen is thought to be the world's most active. It is known to have a presence in Aden, where a loose coalition between troops loyal to the internationally recognized government, local militias and jihadi groups is in control. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

59. French government seeks extension of state of emergency

The Associated Press, Philippe Sotto, 2016 12 10

Paris - French Prime Minister Bernard Cazeneuve says 17 attacks have been thwarted in the country so far this year and he is asking Parliament to extend the state of emergency until July 15. Speaking after an extraordinary cabinet meeting, Cazeneuve said Saturday that Parliament will vote on the bill next week. He said the extension for seven more months is "absolutely necessary" to ensure the highest possible level of protection in the country in the context of next spring's presidential and general elections. Cazeneuve said the electoral period with multiple political meetings and gatherings may increase the risk of attacks by "those who want to strike our democratic values and republican principles at the heart." The newly appointed prime minister said the "terrorist threat" remains "at a particularly high level" in France and neighbouring European countries. The threat _ he described as an "imminent peril" _ is still closely linked to the actions of the Islamic State group, he said. Cazeneuve said the state of emergency has "fully proven its effectiveness" with 4,194 house searches leading to 517 suspects arrested, 434 kept in custody and almost 600 firearms seized, including 77 "weapons of war," over the last year in France. Among those arrested 420 had links with "terrorist networks," he added.

60. Archives Snowden : quand DGSE et DGSI étalaient leur rivalité

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 12 10

Paris - Les services français ont parfois préféré travailler avec les Britanniques et les Américains plutôt qu'entre eux. Dans l'ombre de la stratégie antiterroriste française se joue une autre guerre. Loin des déclarations gouvernementales assurant que l'ensemble de la communauté du renseignement unit ses forces, la rivalité historique entre les deux principaux services français, la Direction générale de la sécurité extérieure (DGSE) et la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI) n'a, en réalité, jamais cessé. Au point de privilégier parfois les liens avec des services étrangers à la coopération entre directions françaises du renseignement. " Les cousins ", comme ils s'appellent eux-mêmes, se jalourent depuis un siècle. Mais depuis 2008, début du programme d'investissement massif de la France dans la création d'une plate-forme nationale de renseignement technique gérée par la DGSE et mutualisée aux principaux services secrets français, la DGSI (qui s'appelait jusqu'en 2014 la Direction centrale du renseignement intérieur, DCRI), n'a eu de cesse de vouloir s'émanciper de la DGSE dans son utilisation des moyens techniques du renseignement. Dépendante techniquement, la DGSI l'était aussi sur le plan humain : que pouvaient faire ses policiers face aux ingénieurs X-Télécoms de la direction technique de la DGSE? L'actuel patron de la DGSI, Patrick Calvar, a milité auprès des parlementaires comme du gouvernement pour finir par obtenir les moyens de diversifier ses recrutements, notamment en direction des ingénieurs ou d'informaticiens. En 2015 et début 2016, ces querelles de territoires apparaissaient toujours lors du suivi des suspects par la DGSE et la DGSI. Ces deux services, malgré les alertes de l'autorité de contrôle des interceptions administratives, " branchaient " ou " débranchaient " des cibles dans le plus grand désordre, sans que l'information circule. Une note de la NSA qui annonce la visite " le 18 juin 2013, de 9 heures à 14 heures " de Bernard Bajolet, nommé à la tête de la DGSE en avril 2013, illustre la volonté du renseignement extérieur d'interdire à la DCRI tout contact avec la NSA. Il est précisé qu'il souhaite rencontrer les principaux responsables de la NSA et évoquer son statut de " senior sigint ". En janvier 2014, M. Bajolet enfonçait le clou dans un texte paru dans la Revue Défense nationale rappelant à qui voulait l'entendre que " la DGSE assure le rôle de chef de file national (senior sigint) en matière renseignement électronique ". Car la DCRI a noué, comme la DGSE, d'étroites relations bilatérales avec des services étrangers, notamment le GCHQ. Celles-ci sont régulièrement évoquées dans la lettre d'information interne du GCHQ, dénommée " Frenet ", frappée d'un très haut niveau de classification, " Top -Secret Strap 1 ", et consacrée aux relations avec les services secrets alliés. " C'est regrettable " Plusieurs lettres du GCHQ en 2009 et début 2010 se félicitent des " échanges avec la DGSE ". La

direction technique de la DGSE, dit que le GCHQ est " très désireuse de démontrer son savoir-faire " et note qu'elle " regrette parfois que l'on n'aille pas plus loin " . Il faut donc, mentionne l'un de ces lettres internes, faire en sorte de " répondre techniquement aux attentes de la DGSE " .

61. Révélations Snowden : otages et rançons, le double jeu des alliés de la France

Le Monde, Jacques Follorou, 2016 12 10

La France ne compte pas que sur elle-même pour libérer ses ressortissants des mains de ravisseurs à l'étranger. Elle s'appuie souvent sur les États-Unis et le Royaume-Uni. Mais de nouveaux documents extraits par Le Monde, en collaboration avec le site The Intercept , des archives de l'ex-contractuel de l'Agence nationale de sécurité (NSA) américaine Edward Snowden confiées à Glenn Greenwald et Laura Poitras, montrent que cette coopération n'est pas aussi loyale qu'on pourrait le croire, malgré la sensibilité du sujet. Si la NSA et son homologue britannique, le Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), aident les services secrets français à libérer leurs otages – comme l'attestent une dizaine de pièces que Le Monde a pu consulter –, une note interne démontre que, dans le même temps, ces mêmes alliés espionnent la France pour la contraindre à arrêter de payer des rançons. Cette révélation apparaît dans une lettre d'information interne des 27 et 29 mars 2009, diffusée au sein des services secrets techniques britanniques, dénommée Frelnet. Frappée d'un très haut niveau de classification, « top secret strap 1 », elle rend compte de l'actualité des relations du GCHQ avec les services secrets partenaires, comme ceux de la France. Au chapitre « Nouvelles orientations » de ce document, on peut ainsi lire : « Récentes contributions dignes d'intérêt venant de pays de pays tiers (France et Allemagne), opportunité d'utiliser du renseignement à des fins diplomatiques (empêcher le paiement de rançons pour libérer des otages) ». On ignore si ces renseignements ont été collectés lors des collaborations avec la France ou l'Allemagne pour libérer les otages ou grâce à un espionnage plus large. La France n'est pas pour autant considérée comme un ennemi. Dans d'autres lettres internes du GCHQ, comme celles du 23 juin et du 25 août 2009, les Britanniques se félicitent de leur efficacité dans la libération d'un otage français, Antoine Falsaperla. Enlevé le 23 mai 2009 au Pakistan, il est libéré trois mois plus tard. Les services secrets français (Direction générale de la sécurité extérieure, DGSE) ont demandé l'intervention du GCHQ pour des interceptions et des géolocalisations. Cette aide a permis de savoir qui étaient les ravisseurs, « des trafiquants de drogue plutôt que des talibans », indique la note du 23 juin 2009.

62. Attentat déjoué en région parisienne : un sixième suspect mis en examen et écroué

Le Figaro.fr, 2016 12 10

Paris - Un homme de 31 ans a été mis en examen et écroué samedi dans le cadre de l'enquête sur l'attentat déjoué en région parisienne. Le suspect a été mis en examen pour "association de malfaiteurs terroriste criminelle" et "acquisition, détention, transport, offre ou cession d'armes", en lien avec une entreprise terroriste. Pour rappel, 5 personnes avaient été arrêtées à Strasbourg et Marseille dans cette affaire. Les mis en cause avaient indiqué qu'une attaque était planifiée pour le début du mois de décembre en région parisienne. Interpellé mardi par les policiers de la direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI), le suspect a été transféré vendredi au palais de justice de Paris après trois jours de garde à vue. Son ADN a été repéré sur un pistolet retrouvé lors des précédentes perquisitions menées à Strasbourg, selon une source proche de l'enquête. Il est soupçonné d'"avoir fourni les armes" au réseau, selon cette source. Selon le procureur Molins, le passage à l'acte du groupe strasbourgeois était prévu le 1er décembre, "sans que l'on puisse déterminer à ce stade la cible précise choisie". L'exploitation des téléphones et ordinateurs retrouvés lors des perquisitions a révélé des recherches sur internet sur une dizaine de sites en région parisienne tels que le 36 quai des Orfèvres, siège de la police judiciaire, le marché de Noël des Champs-Élysées, Disneyland Paris, ainsi que plusieurs lieux de cultes. En garde à vue, un des suspects avait également évoqué le siège de la PJ parisienne, mais aussi celui de la DGSI à Levallois-Perret (Hauts-de-Seine).

63. Dutch Politician Is Convicted of Inciting Discrimination, but Not Punished

The New York Times, Nina Siegal, 2016 12 10

Amsterdam - Geert Wilders, the far-right politician who is seen as a likely contender to become prime minister when Dutch voters go to the polls next year, was convicted on Friday of inciting discrimination and of insulting a group for saying that the Netherlands would be safer with fewer Moroccans. The three-member judiciary panel found that Mr. Wilders, the leader of the Party for Freedom, violated Dutch law with his remarks on March 19, 2014, but it elected not to convict him of inciting hatred, and it imposed no punishment, rejecting the prosecutors' request to fine him 5,000 euros, or about \$5,300. Mr. Wilders was found to have violated laws on inciting discrimination and group offense when he led a crowd at a political rally around the time of municipal elections in The Hague in chanting, "Fewer, fewer" to the question "Do you want more or fewer Moroccans in this city and in the Netherlands?" The court, however, said that Mr. Wilders was not guilty of hate-speech charges in connection with comments he made about Moroccans in a nationally broadcast TV program recorded at a public market a week before the rally. The effect of the verdict on Mr. Wilders and on his party's chances when the Dutch elections are held in March is unclear, but the trial seems to have improved his party's standing, rather than diminishing it, among voters. If the Party for Freedom wins the most seats in the elections, Mr. Wilders could become prime minister, and he would then have to form a coalition government with other willing parties.

64. News Coverage of Refugee's Arrest Divides Germany

The New York Times, Melissa Eddy, 2016 12 10

Berlin - When a 19-year-old medical student was found raped and drowned in the university city of Freiburg in October, it was seen as a sad and awful crime, but a local one. Beyond a few tabloids, the story failed to make national headlines. But when the Freiburg police announced last Saturday that they had arrested an Afghan refugee for the crime, reaction was swift and bitter. The Facebook page of Freiburg's local newspaper was flooded with comments about "Rapefugees," suggesting that "such cases require special SHOWERS to be set up again." Some national news organizations picked up the news of the arrest of the suspect, an Afghan teenager who arrived in Germany last year without his family. The mass-circulation Bild newspaper ran it under the headline "How Do We Handle This Truth?" But only after Chancellor Angela Merkel and members of her cabinet weighed in on the fierce debate over that question did the country's leading public broadcaster, ARD, pick up the story, which it had originally judged did not meet the threshold for national news. Over the past week, citizens, politicians and journalists have wrestled with the reality that to the German public, it seems that a crime committed by a migrant is of national interest and importance, while a similar one committed by a German is, perhaps, not. ARD's earlier decision not to report on the crime set off further anger and accusations that the country's "liberal media elite" were intent on protecting migrants, going so far as to underreport or even cover up their crimes. The differing views have revealed deep rifts in German society between those who support Ms. Merkel's decision to welcome some one million migrants and those who view the newcomers, who are mostly Muslim, as a threat to the country's stability and security.

65. IS terror suspect arrested

The Sun, Kieran Dineen, 2016 12 10

Amsterdam - Dutch police have detained a 30-year-old man on terrorism charges after finding a Kalashnikov rifle, two full ammunition clips and a painting featuring an IS flag at his home. The suspect, a Dutch national, was seized by a special arrest team in Rotterdam on Wednesday following a tip-off from intelligence. The man appeared before a judge yesterday and was ordered to be held for two more weeks. Officers searching the man's home also uncovered four boxes of highly explosive illegal fireworks, mobile telephones and €1,600 in cash. Wim de Bruin, a spokesman for the National Prosecutor's Office, said the nature of the threat the man allegedly posed was still unclear.

66. Europeans Debate Nuclear Self-Defense after Trump Win

Der Spiegel, Staff Writer, 2016 12 10

Analysis: The issue is so secret that it isn't even listed on any daily agenda at NATO headquarters. When military officials and diplomats speak about it in Brussels, they meet privately and in very small groups -- sometimes only with two or three people at a time. There is a reason why signs are displayed in the headquarters reading, "no classified conversation." And this issue is extremely sensitive. The alliance wants to avoid a public discussion at any cost. Such a debate, one diplomat warns, could trigger an "avalanche." The foundations of the trans-Atlantic security architecture would be endangered if this "Pandora's box" were to be opened. The discussion surrounds nuclear deterrent. For decades, the final line of defense for Europe against possible Russian aggression has been provided by the American nuclear arsenal. But since Donald Trump's election as the 45th president of the United States, officials in Berlin and Brussels are no longer certain that Washington will continue to hold a protective hand over Europe. It isn't yet clear what foreign policy course the new administration will take -- that is, if it takes one at all. It could be that Trump will run US foreign policy under the same principle with which he operates his corporate empire: a maximum level of unpredictability. With his disparaging statements during the campaign about NATO being "obsolete," Trump has already created doubts about the Americans' loyalty to the alliance. Consequently, Europe has begun preparing for a future in which it is likely to have to pick up a much greater share of the costs for its security.

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CSIS in the News/Le SCRS dans les nouvelles

1. Les mille yeux du cinema

Le Devoir, François Lévesque, 2016 12 17

" Big Brother vous regarde. " Dès que l'on pense au roman 1984 de George Orwell, paru en 1949, cette phrase devenue iconique est la première qui s'impose à l'esprit. Relevant initialement de la dystopie, l'action, une partie du moins, a graduellement migré vers l'anticipation, puis, force est de le constater, vers la réalité, passage dont a témoigné avec acuité le cinéma au gré des époques. Et pas nécessairement dans le registre attendu. En effet, on tend d'emblée à associer l'hypersurveillance dépeinte dans 1984 à la science-fiction. Certes, le désir malsain de savoir ce qui se passe chez le voisin est vieux comme le monde, la différence étant que, chez Orwell, l'intimité individuelle est épiée en permanence par l'État. Entité quasi omnisciente, Big Brother est une création qui fut longtemps reléguée audit genre, à raison. Le roman d'Orwell y fut d'ailleurs adapté souvent : deux fois pour la télévision, en 1954 et en 1965, et deux fois pour le cinéma, en 1956 et, oui, en 1984, plus fameusement. Et c'est sans compter la satire Brazil, de Terry Gilliam, qui pige ouvertement dans l'univers orwellien, à l'instar du plus sérieux V pour vendetta. Or, au cinéma, la notion de surveillance n'a jamais été aussi déstabilisante que lorsque présentée dans un contexte réaliste. Un contexte dans lequel on peut se projeter, auquel on peut s'identifier. On en prit la pleine mesure entre 2002 et 2016 dans les thrillers d'espionnage à grand déploiement de la saga Jason Bourne, où Matt Damon, agent secret amnésique, est pourchassé par la CIA (Agence centrale de renseignement) au moyen de satellites, bien sûr, mais aussi d'une pléthore de nouveaux dispositifs de géolocalisation, le nouveau maître mot, les avancées en informatique et en télécommunication voguant de conserve comme jamais auparavant. Avec les téléphones et les voitures, pour ne nommer que ces deux incontournables de la vie quotidienne, il est facile pour les autorités de surveiller la population. Cet état de fait n'est d'ailleurs plus vraiment un enjeu en soi au cinéma, mais plutôt un simple levier dramatique, voire un bruit de fond. En cette ère de hantise terroriste, les gouvernements, par l'intermédiaire d'agences comme le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité ou la tentaculaire NSA (Agence nationale de la sécurité), plus au sud, ont le beau jeu. Lorsqu'ils surviennent, des scandales de surveillance illégale choquent, mais n'étonnent guère, en partie parce que le cinéma, mais aussi la télévision, y a préparé les gens. Le principe même de télé-réalité, justement, repose sur le renoncement des participants à leur vie privée, dont ils font un spectacle.

Canada

2. Canada's military too vulnerable to cyber attacks: documents

Globalnews.ca, 2016 12 17

Ottawa - The Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces are looking to improve their ability to defend against cyber attacks, with newly released documents suggesting the current system remains woefully inadequate. DND/CAF published a request for "industry feedback" on Friday morning, stating that the Canadian military wants to develop a new system "that will enable a reliable, near-real-time analysis of its Information Technology Infrastructure (ITI) to detect and identify malicious activities and then provide decision aids and tools" to defend against those attacks. The initiative has been dubbed the "Defensive Cyber Operations Decision Support Project" and it's expected to set taxpayers back between \$50 and \$99 million. Friday's documents were released less than a month after the department's main webpage was hacked. Canadians trying to learn about career opportunities with the military at forces.ca instead found themselves staring at the landing page of the Chinese central government's official web portal. Details of the upgrade plan made public on Friday describe the project as a "complex multi-year requirement" that is still in its infancy. The final delivery date is slated for 2024. On top of

that, the current defence system lacks the ability to compare what the technicians are seeing to existing intelligence reports, or to other information that could help them decide how to respond. The fundamental problem, according to the department, is that DND's cyber defences "mainly focused on yesterday's problem while combating today's adversaries."

3. Man who killed soldier Patrice Vincent wanted more victims: Quebec coroner

Global News, 2016 12 17

Ottawa - A coroner says a Quebec man who killed a Canadian Forces warrant officer in 2014 wanted more victims. Patrice Vincent, 53, was killed in the parking lot of a shopping mall in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu when Martin Couture-Rouleau plowed into him and a fellow soldier, who survived. Couture-Rouleau had known jihadist sympathies. Coroner Andre Dandavino's report contains excerpts from a conversation Couture-Rouleau had with a 911 operator just minutes after Vincent's death.

4. Canadian Links to Extremist Networks in Bangladesh

The Diplomat (Tokyo, Japan), Genevieve Zingg, 2016 12 17

Analysis: Violent Islamic extremism has been an increasingly visible threat in Bangladesh over the last two years, reaching a critical juncture when the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) claimed responsibility for the Dhaka attack of July 2016. The terror attack on the Holey Artisan Bakery in the capital's diplomatic quarters, which left 24 non-Muslims and foreign nationals dead after a six-hour hostage situation, was reportedly carried out by local networks affiliated with ISIS. Though it remains unclear whether the perpetrators received material support from the terror group or operated independently, new evidence has emerged confirming that the plan was brought to ISIS for approval and advice prior to being carried out. On December 1, Reuters reported that the Bangladeshi authorities are in possession of communications between the architect of the attack and Abu Terek Mohammad Tajuddin Kausar, an ISIS militant born in Bangladesh but living in Australia. Kausar explicitly approved the attack and advised the five radicals to target non-Muslim foreigners and expatriates. In the wake of a series of killings targeting atheist bloggers, religious minorities, and prominent LGBT activists throughout 2014 and 2015, Bangladesh's political leaders vehemently denied any ISIS presence in the country. The brutal attacks, often committed with machetes, were downplayed as a string of unrelated and isolated domestic incidents attributed to small, relatively unsophisticated local terrorist groups. However, the coordination of the Dhaka attack, its high death toll, and the confirmation of the Islamic States' role in its planning all indicate a concerning new development in the country's terrorist activity. In addition to raising national security concerns, the existence of active ISIS cells in Bangladesh has exposed significant transnational terror links to Canada. Investigations conducted in the aftermath of the attack have identified at least three terrorist suspects with ties to Canada. (Note: Genevieve Zingg is a journalist covering foreign policy, international security, and refugees and migration issues. She is a research affiliate with the Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society and a Research Analyst with the NATO Council of Canada. She is based in Toronto, Canada)

5. Peace bond target denies terror links

The National Post, Douglas Quan & Stewart Bell, 2016 12 17

Ottawa - The latest target of Canada's terrorism peace bond system insisted he has no connection to extremist violence and turned up at a B.C. police station to complain about press coverage of his case. "I throw your newspaper in the garbage," Khalid Ahmad Ibrahim, 39, told a reporter at the door of a New Westminster, B.C. apartment. "There is no terrorism," he added. The RCMP told the provincial court on Dec. 8 there were "reasonable and probable grounds to believe ... that Khalid Ahmad Ibrahim may commit a terrorism offence." He was released on \$1,000 bail and must adhere to 25 bail conditions, including not accessing or viewing any materials related to a terrorist group. He was due back in court Dec. 20. Peace bonds are not a criminal charge but rather impose conditions on the conduct of those

subjected to them. Police have been using them to control suspected violent extremists. On Thursday, an Ontario judge imposed 17 peace bond conditions on a Windsor man, Mohammed El Shaer, after the Crown argued he had twice visited ISIL territory in Syria. Meanwhile in Ottawa, Tevis Gonyou-McLean, arrested on an ISIL-related peace bond in August and released on bail, was arrested once again on Tuesday for six alleged violations of his bail conditions. He was to appear in court Friday at 1:30 p.m.

6. One quarter of Canadian online traffic vulnerable to NSA sweeps: researchers
iPolitic.ca, Amanda Connolly, 2016 12 17

Ottawa - A large amount of Canadian internet traffic is being routed through the United States, leaving it vulnerable to collection and probing by the National Security Agency. And most Canadians have no idea of how exposed they are to American data sweeps, say the researchers behind a new tool that aims to show Canadians what path their internet traffic takes to connect to the websites they want to visit. In a new online project launched Thursday, researchers from the University of Toronto and York University have partnered with Open Media to create a tool to show the paths Canadians' internet data take when they access websites or send online communications. While past estimates have suggested roughly 90 per cent of Canadian internet traffic is routed through the United States — particularly in cases where a Canadian visits an American or foreign website — the new data gathered so far by the researchers build on that and suggest that even when both the origin and destination of the traffic are in Canada, there's still a one-in-four chance it goes through the U.S. "I think most Canadians would be really surprised to learn that quite so much of our internet traffic, even our domestic Canada-to-Canada traffic, actually ends up being routed through the U.S.," said David Christopher, spokesperson for Open Media.

7. Cheaper alternative for Canada.ca project ignored, sources say
Ottawa Citizen, Vito Pilioci, 2016 12 17

Ottawa - The federal government could have employed a simple framework for its massive Canada.ca web renewal project, making it much cheaper than the large corporate Adobe contract it signed, several sources familiar with the project say. The web renewal initiative, which aims to move all of the government's disparate department websites into a single Canada.ca domain, has been plagued with budget overruns and delays. Today, fewer than 10 federal departments are in the process of moving to the new website. The project intended to see as many as 90 departments move to Canada.ca by 2017. The government awarded Adobe a \$1.95-million contract in March 2015 to provide services that would allow it to merge its various departmental websites under the Canada.ca banner. The value of that contract has since ballooned to more than \$9.2 million. Another solution that was passed over, according to insiders, could have resulted in a more cost-effective approach. Government employees even created a demonstration website that mimics the look, colour scheme and layout of the Canada.ca webpage to prove the technology could work. However, according to sources, the open-source option wasn't even considered by Services Canada when it was tasked with revamping the federal government's presence online. Only commercial offerings were looked at. The Request for Proposals document, released on Oct. 16, 2014, notified businesses of the government's intentions so they could bid on the project and stated: "Canada has a requirement for a commercially available fully hosted Managed Web Service." The government's handling of the Phoenix pay system and the rollout of new email addresses and technical services by Shared Services Canada have also come under fire in recent months for having technical issues, being over budget and behind schedule.

8. Single mom gets Phoenix-related claims approved after going public
CBC.CA News, 2016 12 16

Ottawa - The single mom feared she would not be able to put presents under the tree for her two children after getting caught up in the Phoenix pay system fiasco. But two days after the public servant's story aired on CBC News, the government agreed to give her nearly \$1,000 to cover most of the out-of-pocket

expenses she racked up while being paid improperly. "Everything's going to be great," a relieved Lavallee said in a phone interview. "I'll be able to finish buying gifts for my kids this weekend." Lavallee first went weeks without pay, and was then underpaid for months, after returning to work from a maternity leave in April. Despite receiving emergency salary advances, she says it wasn't enough to cover her bills, including her mortgage. - Bonuses for Phoenix executives still under review, department insists - 10,000 cases remain in Phoenix pay problem backlog, cost could rise over \$50M At the same time, Lavallee was in the process of separating from her husband. She had arranged to buy him out of his half of the family home, but due to the financial instability caused by Phoenix, she says she had to abandon that plan.

9. Bonuses for Phoenix executives still under review, department insists

CBC News, 2016 12 17

Ottawa - Public Services and Procurement Canada insisted Friday that bonuses for executives responsible for the Phoenix pay system remain under review and have not been approved, after a department official said some involved in the project would get the incentive pay. The official, speaking on background Friday, told CBC News that performance pay had been approved for some executives involved with the troubled payroll system. But the department's media relations manager, Me'Shel Gulliver Bélanger, later contacted CBC News to apologize for any confusion and stressed that bonuses for the top decision-makers responsible for Phoenix were still under review. In a statement sent to CBC News earlier this week, spokesman Nicolas Boucher said, "a decision was made by Deputy Minister Marie Lemay to process some PSPC executives' performance pay on Nov. 23, 2016." "The amount of money given to executives will be posted on [the Treasury Board Secretariat's] website in the future." The department did not say at the time how many executives were approved for performance pay. Gulliver Bélanger said Friday she couldn't confirm that those receiving bonuses had no involvement with Phoenix.

10. Canada's military too vulnerable to cyber attacks: documents

Global News, Monique Scotti, 2016 12 17

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11. Permanent protection for police HQ remains 2 years away

CBC News, 2016 12 17

Winnipeg - Winnipeg's new police headquarters may be stuck with temporary protection against drive-up vehicle attacks for another two years, according to a plan to replace concrete slabs with a more permanent

and more esthetically pleasing alternative. A city plan to improve downtown streetscaping calls for permanent bollards to replace temporary Jersey barriers — upright concrete slabs — around the police headquarters by 2019. That will be four years after the city disclosed the police headquarters has no protection against drive-up vehicle attacks and requires the installation of bollards — upright barriers made of concrete and steel — at a cost of up to \$1.9 million. In 2015, the city installed Jersey barriers around the police headquarters as a temporary measure until money for bollards could be secured. Earlier this year, Supt. Scot Halley said the police service hopes to work with the city's public works department as well as planning, property and development to see whether the security measures could be combined with other downtown projects. A city search for a consulting firm capable of designing downtown streetscaping improvements and bike corridors suggests the city plans on doing just that, by incorporating bollards into a protected bike lane on Garry Street and new pavement around the headquarters.

12. Assailant in Quebec hit-and-run attack was intent on killing other soldiers, coroner's report reveals

CBC News, Kamila Hinkson, 2016 12 17

Ottawa - A newly released Quebec coroner's report into the death of Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent has revealed his assailant told authorities he wouldn't turn himself in case he got the chance to kill another soldier. Martin Couture-Rouleau, who the RCMP has described as "radicalized," hit Vincent and a male colleague with his vehicle in the parking lot of a commercial plaza in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que., two years ago. Vincent was critically injured and later died in hospital and his colleague sustained non-life-threatening injuries. Patrice Vincent, soldier killed in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, was close to retirement. Following the hit-and-run, local police spotted the vehicle and a high-speed chase ensued. During that chase, Couture-Rouleau called 911 and took responsibility for the hit-and-run. He informed the dispatcher to "alert Canada, the governor and everyone who is responsible for the army" to leave the coalition fighting against ISIS. He was asked to turn himself in. He refused, saying he "might cross paths with another one of your soldiers" and "I'll kill them." "I'm not on the phone to discuss with you, I'm on the phone with you to give you a message," he told the 911 dispatcher.

13. Martin Couture-Rouleau voulait tuer d'autres militaires

TVA Nouvelles, 2016 12 17

Montréal - Le rapport du coroner sur la mort du soldat Patrice Vincent, victime d'un attentat en octobre 2014 à Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, a été rendu public ce matin. On y apprend que Martin Couture-Rouleau, l'homme qui a délibérément foncé sur deux militaires avec sa voiture ce jour-là, avait l'intention de tuer d'autres militaires. C'est du moins ce qui ressort de l'analyse faite par le coroner André-H. Dandavino qui se base entre autres sur l'appel que Couture-Rouleau a lui-même fait au 9-1-1 après avoir posé son geste. «À 11h40, [Martin Couture-Rouleau] appelle le 9-1-1 s'identifie en disant qu'il vient de frapper un soldat et qu'il est pris en chasse par la police et d'avertir le Canada, le gouverneur, pis tous ceux-là qui sont en responsables avec l'armée, de débarquer de la coalition entre l'État islamique», peut-on lire dans le rapport.

14. Quebec coroner says man who killed Forces soldier in 2014 wanted more victims

CTV News, 2016 12 17

Montreal - The Quebec man who killed a Canadian Forces warrant officer in 2014 wanted more victims, according to a coroner's report. Patrice Vincent, 53, was killed in the parking lot of a shopping mall in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu when Martin Couture-Rouleau plowed into him and a fellow soldier, who survived. Couture-Rouleau had known jihadist sympathies. Coroner Andre Dandavino's report, completed Dec. 10, contains excerpts from a conversation Couture-Rouleau had with a 911 operator just minutes

after Vincent's death. The report says Couture-Rouleau called 911 and said he was not going to surrender because he might run into another soldier and that he would kill him.

15. Yahoo Lawsuit: Canadian Customers Want To Sue In \$50-Million Class Action

The Huffington Post, 2016 12 17

Toronto - Yahoo is now facing a proposed class action on behalf of Canadians whose personal information may have been stolen, according to a notice of action filed Friday. The \$50-million claim would take in Canadians whose user account information was stolen or whose email accounts were accessed in recent years. According to the notice, the representative plaintiff, Natalia Karasik, of Barrie, Ont., received a letter from Yahoo on Thursday informing her that her information was part of a hack of its servers _ in 2013. Karasik, who could not immediately be reached, was unaware of the breach until she received the letter, the notice of action filed in Ontario Superior Court states. She has used email to chat about a wide range of personal information, including financial and health information, according to the notice. "She's been using her Yahoo email account as her exclusive email system," lawyer Ted Charney said in an interview. "So, essentially, she's at risk for someone having access to all of her emails and everything she's done with her email account for a couple of years." Yahoo, based in Sunnyvale, Calif., did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Hackers used 'forged cookie files' In September, the company sent a mass email to users to inform them that their account information had been stolen from its network in a cyberattack in late 2014. The information included email addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, passwords and security questions. The company said at least 500 million user accounts were affected.

16. The best defense...

Vice News, Justin Ling, 2016 12 17

Ottawa - The Canadian Armed Forces is finally upping its game in the realm of cybersecurity — bolstering its shields against nation-state actors like Russia and China, malicious hacker groups, and “insider threats” that may be looking to follow in Edward Snowden’s footsteps. In a pair of documents published Friday, the Canadian military is asking industry to submit ideas on how they can assess and respond to cyber threats in real-time. Under the Defensive Cyber Operations Decision Project, which will ultimately culminate in a plan that will be submitted to the federal government, the Department of National Defense will be looking at capabilities that will allow the military to “operate effectively in cyberspace on government-authorized military missions, to support our federal partners in national cyber security efforts, and to work with international allies,” according to a departmental spokesperson. Cyber defense is obviously top-of mind right now, as the American intelligence community stands behind the fact that the results of the presidential election were directly affected by Russian hacking, and with revelations that Russia had targeted the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Canada is no stranger to state-based hacking. A VICE News report revealed earlier this year that Canada faces 25 sophisticated attacks per day, likely launched by state-backed hackers. Canadian intelligence-watchers have, for years, noted an uptick in domestic activity amongst Canadian military intelligence units — which, traditionally, do not run national intelligence-gathering. This journalist reported in 2014 that military counter-intelligence kept tabs on Indigenous protesters, perhaps countering their own mandate. More recently, the Ottawa Citizen reported that military intelligence conscripted the Communication Security Establishment to track a Canadian within the country. The Communication Security Establishment, the signals intelligence agency that works hand-in-hand with the American NSA, does not appear to be covered by this cyber defense strategy. That agency does not have authority to do surveillance inside Canada, unless specifically mandated to by another department.

17. Death stalks workers at Canadian mine in Colombia

Toronto Star, James Bargent, 2016 12 17

Segovia, Colombia - It is nine in the evening and there is a knock on the door of Andres Bedoya's house. He opens the door to find a skinny teenager. The youth raises a revolver to Bedoya's head and fires. Bedoya had no enemies, no debts and no links to the armed groups that plague this part of northern Colombia. His only crime was to work in the mines of Canadian mining giant Gran Colombia Gold. Bedoya was the first to die in a terror campaign waged in Segovia late last year by Colombia's most powerful criminal group, a paramilitary mafia known as the Urabenos. Their target was the riches produced in Gran Colombia's mines. But it was ordinary miners who paid the price in blood. One year on and the teenage assassin who carried out the attacks is beginning a 23-year prison sentence, after confessing his crimes in a recent trial. But the workers in Gran Colombia's mines continue to pay - now in the form of money extorted from their meagre earnings. The Toronto-registered company is Colombia's largest underground gold and silver producer. But in Segovia, Gran Colombia does little actual mining. After arriving in the region in 2010, the company cut costs by laying off most of its directly employed workforce then rehiring them through subcontracting companies. Today, about 65 per cent of production in Segovia is through Damasa, a business group of five mining companies all owned and run by one man, Julio Erazo. Damasa miners who spoke to the Star on condition of anonymity complained of low pay, a lack of proper safety equipment and unstable short-term contracts that are terminated if they complain. The attacks were accompanied by Urabenos threats distributed around town by unseen hands and circulated around social media networks. Their message was stark: every one of the 1,500-plus Gran Colombia contractors working for Erazo was a "military objective." Extortion was not the paramilitaries' only interest in Gran Colombia's mines. There were also their gangs of machuqueros - mine robbers. Machuqueros dig narrow mud tunnels into the company mines, then spend weeks at a time underground, stealing gold ore and processing it in their own rudimentary portable mills. Erazo stopped the extortion payments then cleared his mines of machuqueros when the Urabenos drove his former AUC comrades out of the region and took over their business.

18. How Trudeau Can Get Back On Track In 2017

The Toronto Star, 2016 12 17

Editorial: The beginning of 2016 was marked by a rare optimism about the new government in Ottawa. As we approach year's end, we are seeing the first signs of that optimism's fragility. Liberal support remains strong, but some recent polls suggest mounting criticism may well be having an impact. There's been much to applaud in the Liberal government's first year: the restoration of the long-form census and unmuzzling of government scientists, major infrastructure investments that will stimulate the economy and make our cities more livable, the modest expansion of the Canada Pension Plan, real movement on climate policy and the introduction of the Canada Child Benefit, which promises to raise tens of thousand of children out of poverty, among other accomplishments. But in recent months, a series of stumbles has rekindled questions about the government's seriousness, which is to say both its sincerity and its gravity. Here are five areas Trudeau and his team should focus on to restore confidence that they are the government they promised to be. Cash-for-access: Every time Justin Trudeau or one of his cabinet ministers hobnobs with the rich and powerful in exchange for a \$1,500 contribution to the Liberal Party, the government gives the unseemly impression of preferential access. Yet Trudeau persists in his unwise and incoherent justifications. Security law: The Conservatives were committed to expanding the security state with no apparent regard for civil liberties. Those, like us, who hoped the Trudeau government would correct the balance have been sorely disappointed. The Liberals, who supported the Tories' overreaching anti-terror bill, C-51, while in opposition, promised to amend the "most problematic" elements of the legislation once in office and ensure it conforms with the Charter. More than a year later, the law remains untouched, including aspects that represent a clear threat to privacy, as well as freedom of speech and security of the person. Instead, the Liberals seem keen on introducing yet more intrusive powers. To frame its ongoing public consultation on security issues, the government released a discussion paper that dedicates far more space to the case for protecting the powers granted by C-51 and providing new ones than to the risks such powers pose. In 2017, Trudeau should do as he promised and rein in a security

apparatus whose reach continues to grow unencumbered by crucial new oversight or protections against abuse.

19. Bombardier's mysterious Russian middleman

The Globe and Mail, Mark MacKinnon, 2016 12 17

Ottawa - It was a clear and chilly afternoon in Moscow - March 18, 2014 - when Russian President Vladimir Putin signed the documents to formally annex the Crimean Peninsula away from Ukraine. Frustrated Western governments soon began rolling out the only response they could agree on to Mr. Putin's brazen redrawing of Europe's borders: economic sanctions. Over the next two days, the United States would designate 27 individuals who would be denied travel to the U.S. and have their financial assets in the U.S. frozen. In the Treasury Department news release announcing the sanctions, one of the longest sections was devoted to Vladimir Yakunin, then the head of the massive, state-controlled Russian Railways. "Yakunin is being designated because of his official position in the Russian government, but he is also a close confidant of Putin," it read in part. That same week, the government of Prime Minister Stephen Harper - always keen to confront Mr. Putin and show his support to the large Ukrainian-Canadian diaspora - announced an even longer list of 32 individuals considered close to the Kremlin who would be banned from travelling to Canada and have their assets in the country frozen. But there was one striking omission: Mr. Yakunin, one of Mr. Putin's oldest and most trusted associates. Before Mr. Putin's rise to the presidency, the two men owned neighbouring dachas - Russian country homes - on the shores of Lake Komsomolsk, near Mr. Putin's native St. Petersburg. As head of Russian Railways, Mr. Yakunin developed a close relationship with key figures at Canada's flagship transportation company, Bombardier Inc. During his decade-long tenure at the head of the state railway monopoly - an entity that moves almost a billion passengers a year, and which took in revenue of \$31 billion (U.S.) in 2015 - Mr. Yakunin's name became synonymous not only with the Kremlin inner circle, but with allegations of high-level corruption in Mr. Putin's Russia. He resigned as head of Russian Railways in 2015, several months after a series of media reports alleged Mr. Yakunin had funnelled contracts worth billions of dollars to his close business associates, using shell companies to disguise the ultimate beneficiaries.

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20. Trump national security pick Monica Crowley repeatedly pushed conspiracy theory about Clinton aide

CNN, 2016 12 17

Washington - Fox News analyst Monica Crowley, Donald Trump's pick to be senior director of strategic communications for the National Security Council, repeatedly pushed an unfounded conspiracy theory that claimed Hillary Clinton's aide Huma Abedin has ties to Islamic extremists. The claim, which circulated among far-right websites, has been labeled as false and unfounded by fact-checkers from the Washington Post, Politifact, and Snopes. Claims Abedin was tied to the Muslim Brotherhood are based on flimsy connections tying together people and events from decades ago. Crowley made the charge in radio appearances, columns, and on Fox News over the years, a CNN KFile review found. The claims have also been strongly rebutted by high profile Republicans. Former House Speaker John Boehner called the accusations "pretty dangerous" and then-House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers called Abedin an "American patriot." The allegations received a passionate rebuke from Republican Sen. John McCain on the Senate floor. Still, Crowley pushed it repeatedly. An email seeking comment sent to a Trump transition spokesperson, Trump national security adviser Michael Flynn, and Crowley was not immediately returned. In a 2013 exchange on Fox News's "Hannity," Crowley responded to another panelist who claimed ties between Abedin and the Muslim brotherhood by saying, "That's the real Huma Abedin story. It's not about Weiner's Weiner. It's about Huma Abedin and her ties to Islamic extremists."

21. U.S. Demands Return of Drone Seized by Chinese Warship

The New York Times, Helene Cooper, 2016 12 17

Washington - The Pentagon on Friday demanded the return of an underwater drone that was seized by China as an American crew was moving in to retrieve it. The episode threatens to increase tensions in a region already fraught with great-power rivalries. A Chinese warship had been shadowing the Bowditch, a United States naval vessel, in the international waters of the South China Sea when the Chinese launched a small boat and snatched the unmanned underwater vehicle, the Pentagon said. Ignoring radio demands from the Americans to return the drone, the Chinese ship sailed off. The episode set off one of the tensest standoffs between Beijing and Washington in 15 years and occurred a day after the Chinese signaled that they had installed weapons along a string of disputed islands in the South China Sea. The seizure of the drone brought a formal protest from the United States at a time when China is extending claims over the South China Sea and is watching the United States — and its incoming president — with wariness. The episode did not have the life-or-death drama of the April 2001 midair collision between a Chinese fighter jet and a Navy surveillance plane that forced the Americans to make an emergency landing on Chinese territory. Acknowledging the odd nature of Chinese sailors seizing the drone close to its American mother ship, one official here likened it to watching a thief steal a wallet in broad daylight.

22. What Was James Comey Thinking?

Esquire Magazine, Tim Weiner, 2016 12 13

Analysis: As the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, James B. Comey gave a speech to every new prosecutor he hired. Founded in 1789, the Southern District is the most prestigious post in the Justice Department outside Washington. Wall Street titans and crooked politicians go down to the federal courthouse in lower Manhattan, they go on trial, and they go to prison. The power of a prosecutor is awesome, as Comey well knew. (There's a reason that the statue of Justice holds a sword along with a scale.) He told the young hotshot lawyers who were joining his team that when they stood up in court and proclaimed, "'I represent the United States of America,' people believe the next thing you say." He said this trust flowed from a reservoir filled by their predecessors over the ages. It imposed on them a duty to use their power with wisdom—to "do the right thing" in the name of the law and the Constitution. When Comey took command of the Southern District in early 2002, Ground Zero was a war zone ten blocks away. For two years he served as a point man in George W. Bush's counterterrorism campaign, and in late 2003 the president appointed him deputy attorney general of the United States. Comey recited the essence of the speech he gave his new prosecutors at his Senate confirmation hearings. Three months later, the strength of his principles was tested severely. In an epic confrontation over the National Security Agency's program of warrantless wiretapping, Comey stared down the president inside the White House. He said no to his commander in chief. Comey's reputation for integrity and independence led Barack Obama to make him the seventh FBI director in the nation's history. He was sworn in on September 4, 2013. Three years later, the man known as the straightest of straight shooters shot himself in the foot. The ricocheting bullet scarred his reputation, wounded the American body politic, and lodged in the heart of Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. On July 5, 2016, Comey sent an email from the J. Edgar Hoover Building in Washington to every FBI agent in the world. "I am about to walk downstairs to deliver a statement to the media about our investigation of Secretary Clinton's use of a personal email server during her time as Secretary of State," he said. He was going to "provide more detail about our process" than was usual, and he was doing so to satisfy the public's interest. "The confidence of the American people in the FBI is a precious thing," Comey said. "Folks outside the FBI may disagree about the result, but I don't want there to be any doubt that this was done in an apolitical and professional way and that our conclusion is honestly held, carefully considered, and ours alone."

23. Trump accuses China of stealing US Navy drone

Fox News, 2016 12 17

Washington - Donald Trump weighed in Saturday on China's controversial seizure of a U.S. Navy drone in international waters with a tweet that accused the Chinese of stealing it and ripping "it out of water." The President-elect sent the tweet around 7:30 a.m. Saturday. It read: "China steals United States Navy research drone in international waters - rips it out of water and takes it to China in unpresidential [sic] act." Trump appears to have meant unprecedented. He later corrected the misspelling. China seizure of the drone in the South China Sea is seen by some observers as one of the most significant disputes being the U.S. and China in years. It follows Trump's post-election call with the president of Taiwan. Earlier Saturday China said that its military was in contact with its American counterparts on "appropriately handling" the seizure of the U.S. Navy unmanned underwater glider. The one-sentence comment by the foreign ministry offered no details on what discussions were underway or why China on Thursday seized the drone, which, according to the Pentagon, was being operated by civilian contractors to conduct oceanic research. The U.S. said it issued a formal diplomatic complaint over the seizure and demanded the drone's return. "According to (our) understanding, the U.S. and Chinese sides are working on appropriately handling this matter through channels between the two militaries," the foreign ministry said in its statement, which was faxed to The Associated Press. China's defense ministry did not immediately respond to questions on the issue.

24. Pentagon: China seized naval drone

The Washington Post, Missy Ryan & Dan Lamothe, 2016 12 17

Washington - A Chinese naval ship seized an underwater naval drone that was being used by the U.S. Navy to test water conditions in the South China Sea, the Pentagon said Friday. Navy Capt. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said the incident occurred Dec. 15 in international waters in the South China Sea, about 50 nautical miles northwest of the Philippine area of Subic Bay. The USNS Bowditch, an oceanographic survey vessel with a mostly civilian crew, was in the process of recovering two unmanned ocean gliders, which are used to collect information about water conditions that can help U.S. vessels operate. A Chinese ship, a Dalang III-class submarine rescue vessel, approached the area, coming within about 500 yards of the Bowditch before dropping a small boat in the water. It seized one of the gliders and brought it aboard, Davis said. The Bowditch contacted the Chinese ship and asked for the glider to be returned. Officials aboard the Chinese ship acknowledged the radio communication, Davis said, but stated that they were returning to normal operations. The ship then left the area. "We would like it back, and we would like this not to happen again," Davis said, referring to the underwater drone. The incident occurred around 1:45 p.m. local time, the Navy said. A defense official, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter on the record, said the United States has sent an official diplomatic communication to the Chinese government "demanding the return of our stuff." There was no immediate response from Beijing, the official said.

25. Saudis Rethink Investing In U.S. --- After terror bill, Trump victory, kingdom halts spending, mulls listing Aramco elsewhere

The Wall Street Journal, Justin Scheck, Maureen Farrell and Brody Mullins, 2016 12 17

Washington - Saudi Arabia is re-evaluating its multibillion-dollar U.S. financial strategy because of shifts in the American political landscape, including whether to go elsewhere with the public stock debut of its state oil company, according to people involved in the planning. Two events -- the recent passage of legislation that could allow U.S. terror victims to sue Saudi Arabia and the election of Donald Trump, a vocal supporter of the bill -- prompted the reassessment by senior Saudi officials and outside advisers, people involved in the discussions said. Saudi Arabia's sovereign-wealth fund has paused its U.S. investments until they can figure out the implications of the bill and the new direction of the White House, said a person familiar with the fund's decision making. The initial public offering of Saudi Arabian Oil Co., the world's biggest oil producer better known as Aramco, tentatively set for next year or

2018, could raise more than \$100 billion in proceeds and rank as the largest in IPO history. The prospect has set banks scrambling for a deal that could bring \$1 billion in fees. While Saudi officials haven't decided where to list the shares, bankers say the New York Stock Exchange is the best place to debut such a large offering. The government has been meeting with officials from numerous exchanges, including London, people familiar with the process said. Saudi officials and investors are also looking at how they will invest money from the kingdom's massive Public Investment Fund. Saudi officials have indicated they are effectively turning the sovereign-wealth fund into a war chest for non-oil investments abroad -- a coffer that would expand with proceeds from the Aramco IPO. A spokesman for the fund declined to comment on the terror legislation's passage and how the fund is reacting to it. Saudi Aramco and NYSE declined to comment on the prospect of the IPO being held outside the U.S.

26. U.S. to China: Return Our Sea Drone

The Wall Street Journal, Paul Sonne and Gordon Lubold, 2016 12 17

Washington - China seized a U.S. Navy underwater drone in the South China Sea and the Pentagon demanded it back, raising a new point of tension between U.S. and Chinese military forces in the disputed waters as relations between the countries enter uncharted territory. "It's ours, it was clearly marked, we want it back, and we don't want this to happen again," said Capt. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman. The incident on Thursday occurred days after President-elect Donald J. Trump raised China's ire by suggesting his administration could abandon a bedrock agreement on Taiwan's status that has kept peace in the area for decades. Mr. Trump's suggestion that the U.S. would maintain its position on Taiwan only if China makes concessions to American interests came after he broke decades of diplomatic protocol by accepting a phone call from Taiwan's president, hitting one of Beijing's most sensitive issues. It also came as a Washington-based think tank reported China had installed anti-aircraft weapons and other small arms on all seven of its reclaimed islands in the South China Sea, where China has laid claim to a vast swath of maritime territory, to the dismay of neighbors and U.S. officials. China's Defense Ministry said on its website Thursday that any reef construction was mainly for civil use, and that any military facilities "are mainly for defense and self-defense, which is appropriate and legal." In the latest incident, the U.S. Naval Ship Bowditch, which has a civilian commander, was retrieving two underwater drones about 50 nautical miles northwest of Subic Bay in the Philippines. It was being shadowed by a Chinese ship, a Dalang 3, a typical occurrence when U.S. ships navigate those waters, Navy and defense officials say.

27. Reward for details on ISIS leader soars

The Washington Post, Karen DeYoung, 2016 12 17

Washington - The U.S. government has more than doubled, to \$25 million, its reward offered for information on the whereabouts of Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, placing him in a category whose only other occupant is Ayman al-Zawahiri, the leader of al-Qaeda. Since an initial \$10 million was first offered in 2011 by the State Department-administered Rewards for Justice program, the Islamic State has seized control of large portions of Syria and Iraq and "gained the allegiance of jihadist groups and radicalized individuals around the world, and has inspired attacks in the United States," according to a U.S. "Wanted" poster. The increased reward does not come with any indication that U.S. intelligence has a firm idea of where Baghdadi is located. The last confirmed sighting of him was in the Iraqi city of Mosul in the summer of 2014, shortly after Islamic State militants occupied the city. Since then, he has released several audiotapes exhorting his troops to fight on, and U.S. officials have variously indicated he is believed to be hiding in Mosul, or in the Islamic State-occupied city of Raqqa, Syria. U.S.-aided Iraqi troops have gained back much of the territory lost to the militants and are in the midst of a massive offensive to retake Mosul. In Syria, the picture is mixed, with U.S. Special Operations forces guiding recruited Syrian fighters now encircling Raqqa, while the militants this week retook the city of Palmyra, where they were ousted by Syrian troops and Russian airstrikes last year.

28. Departing U.N. Leader Evasive on Possible Run for President of South Korea

The New York Times, Somini Sengupta, 2016 12 17

United Nations - Will he or won't he run for president of South Korea? That was a question Ban Ki-moon faced on Friday at the last news conference of his 10-year tenure as secretary general of the United Nations. First, he punted. "I still have 15 days to go," he said. Then he said he would go home in January, speak to friends and advisers, and "really consider seriously" his prospects. His comments were the closest he has come to saying he is considering a bid to enter the political fray since the current president, Park Geun-hye, was suspended last week after the parliament voted to impeach her, putting the political future of his native country in turmoil. Enormous uncertainty still shrouds Mr. Ban's political prospects. New elections have not been scheduled, pending a decision by South Korea's Constitutional Court on whether to remove Ms. Park permanently. If there are new elections, Mr. Ban must determine what political party he will align with, should he make a presidential bid. If Mr. Ban were to be defeated in a presidential election, his legacy as the chief of the United Nations might be weakened. As for his victories and losses over the course of the last 10 years, Mr. Ban singled out two crises.

29. Obama Suggests Putin Had Role in Election Hacking

The Wall Street Journal, Peter Nicholas & Carol E. Lee, 2016 12 17

Washington - President Barack Obama on Friday implicated Russian President Vladimir Putin in cyberattacks designed to hurt Democrats in last month's election, and he promised a "methodical" retaliation. Mr. Obama said the U.S. intelligence he has seen "gives me great confidence" that Russia hacked the Democratic National Committee and the email account of Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman, John Podesta. Asked if he believes the Russian leader authorized the attacks, he said, "not much happens in Russia without Vladimir Putin." "This happened at the highest levels of the Russian government," Mr. Obama said at a news conference. "I will let you make that determination as to whether there are high-level Russian officials who go off rogue and decide to tamper with the U.S. election process without Vladimir Putin knowing about it." The president's naming of Mr. Putin and his promised response escalates the public debate over cyberespionage's effect on the campaign. Lawmakers of both parties are also vowing investigations. The confrontation could fuel growing tension between the White House and President-elect Donald Trump, who has raised skepticism about Russia's role in the hacks and who Democrats argue benefited from the stolen, leaked emails. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov on Friday said of the Obama administration's accusation that the U.S. "should either stop talking about it or finally produce some evidence; otherwise it looks highly unseemly," according to Russian state news agencies.

30. Obama Says He Told Putin: 'Cut It Out' on Hacking

The New York Times, Mark Landler and David E Sanger, 2016 12 17

Washington - President Obama said for the first time on Friday that he had held back before Election Day from retaliating against Russia for meddling in the presidential race for fear of inciting further hacking "that could hamper vote counting." But he said he was weighing a mix of public and covert actions against the Russians in his last 34 days in office, actions that would increase "the costs for them." Mr. Obama said he was committed to sending the Kremlin a message that "we can do stuff to you," but without setting off an escalating cyberconflict. "There have been folks out there who suggest somehow if we went out there and made big announcements and thumped our chests about a bunch of stuff, that somehow it would potentially spook the Russians," he said. "I think it doesn't read the thought process in Russia very well." The president did not reveal what steps he was considering if he decided to retaliate against the Russians and suggested that some of the options, if they were carried out, could remain secret. "Some of it we will do in a way that they will know, but not everybody will," he said. Mr. Obama made

his comments at an annual end-of-year news conference, one tinged with melancholy at the impending end of his presidency, foreboding about the changes that could follow President-elect Donald J. Trump into office next month, and uneasiness about the role Russia played in the political earthquake that has resulted from his election. The president spoke hours after Hillary Clinton, addressing campaign donors in New York, bluntly accused President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia of orchestrating the hacks against her campaign and the Democratic National Committee "to undermine our democracy," as part of a "personal beef against me."

31. U.S. to release second blacklist of N. Korean human rights violators

Yonhap English News, 2016 12 17

Washington - The United States will soon release a second list of North Korean officials and entities to be sanctioned for their involvement in human rights violations, a senior state department official said Friday. Scott Busby, deputy assistant secretary for democracy, human rights and labor, made the remark during a seminar held by the non-governmental Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (HRNK) in Washington D.C., saying they are at the stage of trimming the list. In October, Busby said they were working on the list with a hope of releasing it in December. The U.S. imposed sanctions on North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, and other senior officials, for human rights abuses in July. It was the first time the U.S. had imposed direct sanctions against the North Korean leader, and the designation also marked the first U.S. sanctions on Pyongyang over its human rights abuses. Referring to the second list to be released, Busby said it is a strong and clear message to those responsible for human rights violations that they will be held accountable, whether they be high-ranking officials or guards working at prison camps.

32. U.S. Leads Effort to Destroy ISIS-held Russian Weapons

The Wall Street Journal, Ben Kesling and Gordon Lubold, 2016 12 17

Washington - American military personnel in Syria are working to find and destroy advanced Russian weaponry seized by Islamic State extremist fighters when the militants retook the city of Palmyra less than a week ago from Moscow-supported Syrian-regime forces. On Thursday, U.S.-led coalition aircraft destroyed a total of 14 tanks, artillery systems and an air defense artillery battery, according to a senior military official. Pentagon officials said Islamic State seized equipment including an SA-3 surface-to-air missile system, which uses Russian-designed missiles intended to destroy aircraft flying at altitudes up to approximately 16,000 feet. The officials said American aircraft typically have systems that can deflect such munitions. "We will not allow [Islamic State] to maintain capabilities that threaten Coalition or partner forces," said Col. John Dorrian, a spokesman for the coalition in Baghdad. The Pentagon said the equipment was seized from the Tiyas military airfield by Islamic State forces as they advanced on Palmyra.

33. U.S. Destroys 14 Tanks at ISIS-Held Base in Syria

The New York Times, Eric Schmitt, 2016 12 17

Washington - American-led airstrikes have destroyed 14 Syrian Army tanks at a military base in central Syria that, just days earlier, had been captured by Islamic State fighters, the United States military said on Friday. The strikes against the group of Russian-made T-72 battle tanks on Thursday near Palmyra came one day after senior American officers in the region warned their Syrian and Russian counterparts that United States warplanes would destroy the tanks and other heavy weaponry at the base rather than risk the Islamic State using them against American allies in the area. An American air attack planned for Wednesday had been called off because of bad weather. When the skies cleared on Thursday, allied planes destroyed the tanks, three artillery systems and a number of buildings and vehicles that Islamic State militants were using, the American military command in Baghdad said in a statement. Lt. Gen. Stephen Townsend, the top American commander in Iraq, had warned on Wednesday that the heavy weaponry would be destroyed after the Islamic State, also called ISIS or ISIL, seized the base last weekend from Syrian troops and their Russian advisers. "We will not allow ISIL to maintain capabilities

that threaten coalition or partner forces,” Col. John Dorrian, General Townsend’s spokesman, said in the military’s statement.

34. Russia’s Hacks Followed Years of Paranoia Toward Hillary Clinton

The New York Times, Max Fisher, 2016 12 17

Washington - Russia’s unprecedented intervention in the United States election came amid more than United States-Russia tension and Donald J. Trump’s praise of Vladimir V. Putin, the Russian president. It also coincided with a growing belief, in Moscow, that Russia faced an imminent threat in Hillary Clinton’s candidacy. Mrs. Clinton is viewed in Moscow as innately hostile to Russia. Widely held conspiracy theories portray her as seeking to foment unrest that will return Russia to the chaos and depression of the 1990s. Even many government technocrats view her with suspicion that at times verges on paranoia. She referred to these views at an event on Thursday, telling donors that Mr. Putin’s “personal beef” with her had driven Russia’s intervention in the American election. Mark Galeotti, a Russia expert at the Institute of International Relations, based in Prague, said the Kremlin was consumed by something more urgent than petty revenge: self-preservation. “It’s not just they didn’t like Clinton, but they actually thought that she represented a threat,” he said, describing Russia’s actions as a matter of “policy, not pique.” No one factor can fully explain Russia’s decision to hack and pass on Democratic emails, analysts say, and intelligence agencies appear divided on assessing Russian motives. But, in Moscow, fear of Mrs. Clinton has loomed as large or larger than any warmth for Mr. Trump. Mr. Putin accused Mrs. Clinton of instigating protests against him in late 2011.

35. How to Really Punish Russia for Hacking

The Daily Beast, James Lewis, 2016 12 17

Analysis: After much hand-wringing, the Obama administration admitted that the Russian government interfered with the presidential election. (It was not a 400-pound hacker, unless that hacker lives in Moscow.) It’s true that people often question attribution, but the critics were wrong on Sony and they are wrong now. It was the Russians. What the U.S. worries about when it comes to responding to cyberattacks, once attribution has been determined, is the risk of escalating conflict or damaging other important equities. One reason for Obama’s delay in addressing the hacking was a desire not to appear to be interfering in the election—which seemed like a safe calculation back when the White House thought Clinton was certain to win. There was also the pious hope—don’t laugh—for a peace deal with Moscow on Syria. The Obama administration’s response options were ready in August. So why only act now? The most likely reason is domestic politics (and maybe a final realization of the futility of negotiating over Syria). The goal is to hem in the new administration on Russia. If President Obama imposes sanctions, President Trump will have to take action to lift them, complicating his relations with the Hill and the nominating process. This muddles what should be a straightforward story, since one essential lesson for cybersecurity is that unpunished acts are seen as a green light by an attacker. The Russians calculated that they could manipulate the U.S. without punishment. So far, they have been right. They have succeeded beyond their greatest hopes. There is no reason for them to stop of their own accord and the likelihood of further Russian action is high if the U.S. does not take action in response. The administration is considering an “all tools of government” approach. The agencies involved are CIA, NSA, Cyber Command, Treasury, and the Department of Justice. The most likely public action will be to use the cybersecurity sanctions announced in April 2015, accompanied by some kind of covert response involving either interference with Russian attack servers or, perhaps, leaks of documents detailing Russian corruption.

36. A Dangerous Choice for Ambassador to Israel

The New York Times, 2016 12 17

Editorial: In appointing David Friedman as the next ambassador to Israel, Donald Trump voiced a desire to “strive for peace in the Middle East.” Unfortunately, his chosen representative would be far more likely

to provoke conflict in Israel and the occupied territories, heighten regional tensions and undermine American leadership. Mr. Friedman, a bankruptcy lawyer who has represented the president-elect in matters involving Atlantic City casinos, has no diplomatic experience, unlike nearly every American ambassador who has served in this most sensitive of posts. That might not be quite so alarming if he didn't also hold extremist views that are radically at odds with American policy and with the views of most Americans. Mr. Friedman has doubted the need for a two-state solution, under which Israelis and Palestinians could live side by side in peace. Ignoring international law and decades of policy under Republican and Democratic administrations, he has endorsed continued Israeli settlement of occupied territory in the West Bank, which Israel captured from Jordan during the 1967 war. Mr. Friedman has gone so far as to endorse even the annexation of some of that land, where Palestinians hope to build a state of their own. There are other reasons to question Mr. Friedman's fitness for the post. He has accused President Obama of anti-Semitism, absurdly, and called supporters of J Street — a liberal American Jewish organization that has lobbied for a two-state solution and the Iran nuclear deal — “far worse than kapos — Jews who turned in their fellow Jews in the Nazi death camps.” American ambassadors to Israel traditionally maintain close contacts with American Jews, as well as Israeli officials, but Mr. Friedman reportedly told a closed-door forum in Washington earlier this month that he would refuse to meet with J Street, effectively ostracizing a significant part of the community.

37. Trump and Putin, in the Barn

The New York Times Gail Collins, 2016 12 17

Column: I was raised in an era when we spent a lot of time worrying about Russia. That was because of Communism, which was such an obsession in my Catholic school that the countries on the map were colored red (Communist controlled), pink (leaning Communist) or green (safe -- for now). Only the United States and Ireland were green. For those of us who spent our childhoods getting drilled on how to be prepared to die for our faith in the event of a Communist takeover, it was a relief when the Soviet Union broke up and nobody felt obliged to worry about Moscow any more. But now things are getting scary. Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine, bombed the hell out of Aleppo, tried to interfere with our election. He's just the kind of person Sister Mary Ingrid warned us about. But Donald Trump adores him. You can't get into the Trump cabinet unless you think Putin is a great guy. The bromance seems to have started in 2013, when Trump was preparing to go to Moscow for the Miss Universe Pageant. He wondered -- via a tweet, naturally -- whether Putin would be going there, too: "If so, will he become my new best friend?" Do you think Putin will be going to The Miss Universe Pageant in November in Moscow - if so, will he become my new best friend? -- Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) June 19, 2013 Sometime later, at a conservative conference, Trump described how "great" the Russians had treated him: "Putin even sent me a present, a beautiful present with a beautiful note." What do you think it was? A gun? Putin had given the president of Egypt an AK-47. But the owner of a beauty pageant would probably get some nesting dolls, or a nice selection of teas.

38. FBI agrees with CIA that Russia aimed to help Trump win

The Washington Post, Ellen Nakashima & Adam Entous, 2016 12 17

Washington - FBI Director James B. Comey and Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper Jr. are in agreement with a CIA assessment that Russia intervened in the 2016 election in part to help Donald Trump win the White House, officials disclosed Friday, as President Obama issued a public warning to Moscow that it could face retaliation. New revelations about Comey's position could put to rest suggestions by some lawmakers that the CIA and the FBI weren't on the same page on Russian President Vladimir Putin's intentions. Russia has denied being behind the cyber-intrusions, which targeted the Democratic National Committee and the private emails of Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman, John Podesta. Trump, in turn, has repeatedly said he doubts the veracity of U.S. intelligence blaming Moscow

for the hacks. "I think it's ridiculous," Trump said in an interview with "Fox News Sunday," his first Sunday news-show appearance since the Nov. 8 election. "I think it's just another excuse. I don't believe it. ... No, I don't believe it at all." At a "thank you" event Thursday night with some of her top campaign donors and fundraisers, Clinton said she believed Russian-backed hackers went after her campaign because of a personal grudge that Putin had against her. Putin had blamed Clinton for fomenting mass protests in Russia after disputed 2011 parliamentary elections that challenged his rule. Putin said Clinton, then secretary of state, had "sent a signal" to protesters by labeling the elections "neither free nor fair." The positions of Comey and Clapper were revealed in a message that CIA Director John Brennan sent to the agency's workforce Friday. "Earlier this week, I met separately with FBI [Director] James Comey and DNI Jim Clapper, and there is strong consensus among us on the scope, nature, and intent of Russian interference in our presidential election," Brennan said, according to U.S. officials who have seen the message.

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39. Corbyn linked to lobbyists behind Istanbul bombers

The Times of London, Hannah Lucinda Smith, 2016 12 17

London - Jeremy Corbyn and some of his closest Labour allies are linked to a network of campaign groups lobbying for the Kurdish terrorist group that killed 44 people in Istanbul last weekend, The Times can reveal. Mr Corbyn and Kate Osamor, the shadow international development secretary, are patrons of the Peace in Kurdistan campaign, part of a web of UK-based groups linked to the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). Unison, a Labour-affiliated union, is also linked to the campaigns. The PKK, a separatist militia with Marxist leanings, has been fighting an insurgency against the Turkish state since the early 1980s. It has been listed as a proscribed terrorist organisation in the UK since 2001, partly due to its involvement in European drugtrafficking networks. The PKK called off a ceasefire 17 months ago and has since been locked in a struggle with Turkish security forces in towns in the east of the country. Amnesty International estimates that the conflict has killed more than 2,300 people and displaced up to 500,000.

40. Cambridge spy forum splits over Moscow

The Times of London, George Sandeman, 2016 12 17

London - A former head of MI6 is among a group of intelligence experts who have stepped down from their roles at a Cambridge University forum over fears of Kremlin influence. Sir Richard Dearlove, the former head of the Secret Intelligence Service, was one of several academics who convened the Cambridge Intelligence Seminar — a forum that brings together former practitioners and researchers of western spycraft. Stefan Halper, a senior foreign policy adviser who served in the White House during three Republican presidencies, and Peter Martland, a leading espionage historian, have joined Sir Richard in relinquishing their positions because of concerns regarding what they believe to be a Kremlin-backed operation to compromise the group, according to the Financial Times. The Cambridge Intelligence Seminar was established by Christopher Andrew, the official historian of MI5 and former chairman of the history faculty at the university. Recent guests at its discussions include Mike Flynn, Donald Trump's choice as US national security adviser. Sir Simon Fraser, who recently retired as permanent undersecretary at the Foreign Office, has also been to a meeting of the group, which holds seminars at Corpus Christi college.

41. Ex-MI6 boss 'leaves Cambridge over Russia'

The Daily Telegraph, Lydia Willgress, 2016 12 17

London – The former head of MI6 is one of three intelligence experts who have cut ties with Cambridge spy seminars amid claims about Russian funding. Sir Richard Dearlove, who was head of the British secret service for five years from 1999, is believed to have resigned as convener of the Cambridge Intelligence Seminar (CIS), alongside Stefan Halper, a former policy adviser at the White House, and historian Peter Martland. Mr Halper reportedly said his decision to step down was due to "unacceptable Russian influence" on the group, which holds Friday seminars at Corpus Christi college. It comes after suspicions were raised that a new digital publishing house, Veruscript, which will help cover some CIS costs, may be linked to Russian intelligence services, the Financial Times reported. But some academics hit back, saying the claims were "absurd". Sir Richard and Mr Martland did not comment.

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42. US, Australia urged to get tough on Beijing over South China Sea

Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Andrew Greene, 2016 12 17

Canberra - China has gained "effective control" over the South China Sea and is using "psychological warfare" in its quest for territorial expansion, according to a new study which urges the United States and allies to do more to push back. The joint Australian and US report concludes current policies have failed to strongly challenge Beijing's "adventurism" and suggests options for the new Trump administration to help free up the strategic waterways. According to the Washington-based Centre for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, China has "by far the largest military, coastguard, and maritime militia presence in the region — they are deploying strong surveillance, anti-air, anti-shipping, and strike forces onto the artificial islands they occupy — and they are actively intimidating other parties in the area". Report author and former senior Australian Defence Department official Ross Babbage argues the Federal Government must take stronger action in response. "Our northern approaches are becoming much more questionable," Professor Babbage told the ABC. "Ever since the Second World War we've assumed the United States and its close allies have really dominated the maritime environment — I'm afraid that's really no longer the case." The report, titled Countering China's Adventurism in the South China Sea, also details how China is conducting "psychological warfare" on the United States and its allies to undermine the willpower of so-called "decision-making elites".

43. Neighbour's concerns over alleged extremist

The Advertiser, Elizabeth Henson, 2016 12 17

Canberra - Secret and intimate details of Adelaide's terror suspect have emerged, with a former neighbour saying she considered his "ramblings" so "alarming" that she wanted him on a national security watch list. The woman was talking about her personal dealings with the 50-year-old man charged on Thursday with advocating terrorism by filming demonstrations on how to kill Jews. Police will allege the man posted a number of videos on social media – some with him using a chainsaw and a knife – urging those in international conflict zones to commit terrorist acts. The neighbour said that once about six years ago, she noticed the accused loitering in front of her house and then found a two-page typed letter, signed: "Yours faithfully, (his name) – International Private Investigator", in her letterbox. She was so worried about the contents – which contained references to Mossad, the Iraqi war, ex-US president George Bush and September 11 – she sent the letter to Croyden MP Michael Atkinson. "I just said I think he should be

put on some national security watch list," she said. But she said she didn't hear back from his office. In a detailed manifesto written by the accused, he described growing up in a Palestinian family in Israel to moving to Australia and calling himself an "exiled" Arab Israeli.

44. Blunder hits security of NZ spy base

The New Zealand Herald, David Fisher, 2016 12 17

Wellington - Details of the construction of the top secret spy base at Tangimoana were filed with Archives New Zealand with no security rating, allowing the contents of the file to be copied. The Archives NZ file which contains the details has now had access restricted for 100 years after the Weekend Herald told the Government Communications Security Bureau it had a copy. The construction file included details about the security system protecting the spy base. The Weekend Herald came across the file and other GCSB information while reviewing files about the security services held by Archives NZ, the national repository for public records. Built in the early 1980s, Tangimoana, 30km west of Palmerston North, was a signals link for Western powers during the Cold War. While the building report and details are 35 years old, the emergence of GCSB secrets in a publicly accessible archive goes against every security instruction under which the GCSB operates. There are few records available about the bureau in Archives NZ and almost all are restricted for at least 70 years. Air Marshal Sir Bruce Ferguson - former Chief of Defence Force and GCSB director - said the bureau's security procedures meant it had to consider the possibility an adversary could jigsaw information together and expose secrets. A GCSB spokeswoman said there was concern the documents could be matched with other information. A GCSB spokeswoman said: "We have requested that Archives New Zealand restrict access to the documents. This means the GCSB will consider whether or not to release on a case-by-case basis. "

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45. 5 women workers of Kandahar airport gunned down

Pajhwok Afghan News, 2016 12 17

Kandahar City - Five women and their driver were killed in an armed attack in the capital of southern Kandahar province on Saturday, officials said. Officials said the women worked in the security section of the airport's civil terminal. The mini-bus they traveling in to their office came under attack at around 7am. Samim Khpalwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place in Khwaja Manda locality of the 4th police district. He called the attack a terrorist act, saying it was unclear who was involved. Police spokesman Zia Durrani said investigations into the incident had been launched but no one had been arrested yet. Initial investigations show two persons involved in the attack managed to flee. Meanwhile, a doctor at Mirwais Hospital confirmed receiving the bodies of five women and a man from the shooting site. He said the victims were hit in their heads and other body parts.

Africa - Afrique

46. The Boy. The Ambassador. The Deadly Encounter on the Road.

The New York Times, Helene Cooper, 2016 12 17

Mokong, Cameroon - All life travels the ribbon of asphalt that cuts through this remote village. The women carrying their onions to market atop their heads step aside when a car approaches. The occasional stray cow ambles down the center, chased by local herders. The men with logs balance jerkily, while an entire family wobbles precariously by on one bicycle. And children -- so many children -- dart across the pavement, keeping an eye on the cattle while kicking soccer balls back and forth. So the villagers

gathered to watch when an armored convoy of American officials, led by Samantha Power, the United States ambassador to the United Nations, came bulleting down the road that links cities in Cameroon's Far North. They pointed at the gleaming white sport utility vehicles and marveled at the truck carrying Cameroonian "B.I.R." special forces -- fierce men with AK-47s, flak jackets and helmets. They peered at the American Navy SEALs guarding the 14-car motorcade, automatic weapons in their arms and bandannas covering their faces. Six-year-old Toussaint Birwe was one of the curious. Sturdy and serious with deep-set eyes, he was always scrambling across the road, between his grandparents' house and the market where he would sweet-talk his idol, 18-year-old Aboubakar Oumarou, into buying him candy. Abou was at school, so Toussaint was alone as he skipped alongside the road. As the first three vehicles passed that day in April, traveling about 45 miles an hour through the village at 10:46 a.m., a roar sounded above. Toussaint's eyes shifted upward to the helicopter that suddenly appeared. Two more S.U.V.s whizzed by, then Toussaint ran onto the asphalt, pointing at the sky. He didn't see the sixth S.U.V. bearing down on him.

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47. China says it's 'appropriately handling' U.S. Navy drone issue

The Associated Pres, Christopher Bodeen, 2016 12 17

Beijing - China said Saturday that its military seized a U.S. Navy unmanned underwater glider in the South China Sea to ensure the "safe navigation of passing ships," in one of the most serious incidents between the two militaries in years. The Chinese navy on Thursday seized the drone, which the Pentagon said was being operated by civilian contractors to conduct oceanic research. The U.S. said it issued a formal diplomatic complaint over the seizure and demanded the drone's return. Chinese Defence Ministry spokesman Yang Yujun issued a statement late Saturday saying that a Chinese navy lifeboat discovered an unknown device in the South China Sea on Thursday. "In order to prevent this device from posing a danger to the safe navigation of passing ships and personnel, the Chinese lifeboat adopted a professional and responsible attitude in investigating and verifying the device," Yang said. The statement said that after verifying that the device was an American unmanned submerged device, "China decided to transfer it to the U.S. through appropriate means." The statement also accused the U.S. of long deploying ships "in China's presence" to conduct "military surveying." "China is resolutely opposed to this and requests the U.S. stop such activities," it said. "China will continue to maintain vigilance against the relevant U.S. activities and will take necessary measures to deal with them." Earlier Saturday, China's foreign ministry said the country's military was in contact with its American counterparts on "appropriately handling" the incident, though it offered no details on what discussions were underway. The drone was seized while collecting unclassified scientific data about 92 kilometres (57 miles) northwest of Subic Bay near the Philippines in the South China Sea, which China claims virtually in its entirety, Navy Capt. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said Friday.

48. China's veto over Syrian truce resolution aims to restore faith in humanitarianism

People's Daily Online, 2016 12 17

Beijing - China and Russia recently vetoed a UN Security Council draft resolution that calls for a seven-day humanitarian truce in Syria's Aleppo. Some media accused China of "being anti-humanitarian" and someone even pointed an accusing finger at China. The draft resolution tackles a temporary ceasefire in Aleppo in order to clear ways for humanitarian aid. It seems like a reasonable choice to demand ceasefire at first sight, but such "humanitarian aid" loses all its meaning when putting in the context of current Syrian situation. After the turmoil broke out Aleppo, which the second largest city in Syria, the rebels occupied the city and created a large number of refugees. In the past, not a single Western country raised humanitarian draft decisions. They only started calling for humanitarian aid after the government forces fought back in Aleppo. After Russia intervened in the Syrian crisis in September last year, the Western

world used widening humanitarian access as excuses to seek compromises from Russia and Syria. Rightly after Syrian military announced that they have taken most parts of the urban areas and the battle would be soon ended, the Western countries jumped out to preach the urgency of the "humanitarian issue." The time they chose is pretty "interesting."

49. Spy agency produced documents detailing alleged surveillance of justices: sources

Yonhap English News, 2016 12 17

Seoul - A media executive's bombshell allegation about the state surveillance of senior judicial officials was based on documents written by South Korea's top spy agency, government sources said Friday. Cho Han-gyu, former president of the local daily Segye Ilbo, claimed during a parliamentary panel on Thursday that the Park Geun-hye administration carried out illegal surveillance of senior judicial officials including Supreme Court chief justice Yang Seung-tae. On Friday, the presidential office denied the allegations as groundless. The sources, however, said the documents revealed by Cho carried watermarks used at only a limited number of state organizations, including the National Intelligence Service. The testimony came during the parliamentary hearing on corruption involving President Park Geun-hye and her confidante Choi Soon-sil.

50. Japan, Russia Fail to Resolve Dispute Over Ownership of Four Islands

The Wall Street Journal, Mitsuru Obe, 2016 12 17

Toyko - Japan and Russia concluded a two-day summit on a territorial dispute by announcing bilateral economic deals worth 300 billion yen (\$2.5 billion), but the countries failed to achieve the breakthrough Tokyo had sought. The deals, in sectors such as energy, health care and transport, are part of a push by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to soften Moscow's continued resistance to Tokyo's claims on four islands to Japan's north that are administered by Russia. The plans fall far short of recent pledges made by Mr. Abe for a deal on ownership of the islands, which were seized from Japan by the Soviet Union at the end of World War II and are now considered by Russia to be an integral part of its territory.

51. Putin's visit to Japan results in \$1 billion investment fund

The Washington Post, Anna Fifield, 2016 12 17

Tokyo - Japan and Russia will create a \$1 billion fund to invest in joint energy and infrastructure projects over the next five years, the leaders of the two countries said Friday in Tokyo. The announcement came at the end of meetings that looked cozy but fell well short of Japanese expectations. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe had been hoping for progress on a territorial dispute that prevented the two countries from signing a peace treaty at the end of World War II, but instead he had to settle for giving money to Russia for economic projects. "It would be naive to think we can solve this problem in an hour, but there is no doubt that we need to look for a solution," Russian President Vladimir Putin said during a news conference with Abe at the end of two relatively short meetings Thursday night and Friday. The Japanese prime minister said both sides needed to be flexible. "We need to work toward a breakthrough so that we don't disappoint the next generation," said Abe, who addressed his counterpart by his first name, a surprisingly informal gesture in Japan. It was the two leaders' 16th meeting since both returned to office in 2012, and there was a clear camaraderie between them.

52. Japan, S. Korea swap intelligence on N. Korea threats for 1st time

Kyodo News, 2016 12 17

Seoul - Japan and South Korea on Friday exchanged information on North Korea's nuclear and missile programs for the first time since they inked a military intelligence-sharing pact last month, the latter's Defense Ministry announced. A ministry spokesman said the direct exchange of classified information, made on the basis of the General Security of Military Information Agreement signed on Nov. 23, took

place at a meeting in Seoul of the two countries' defense officials. During the Defense Trilateral Talks held in Seoul later in the day, South Korean, Japanese and U.S. officials agreed to strengthen cooperation and steadily implement sanctions based on U.N. resolutions adopted after Pyongyang's fifth nuclear test in September. Yonhap News Agency reported that they also agreed to continue with their missile warning exercises held in June and November to improve their combined capabilities to detect and trace North Korean missiles, of which more than 20 have been launched this year alone. The meeting was attended by Yoo Jeh-seung, South Korea's deputy defense minister for policy, Satoshi Maeda, director general for defense policy at Japan's Defense Ministry, and Kelly Magsamen, assistant secretary of state of defense for Asian and Pacific security affairs at the Pentagon.

53. Meeting Between Japan and Russia Ends With Stalemate on Disputed Islands

The New York Times, Motoko Rich, 2016 12 17

Tokyo - Japanese news media gave breathless coverage to President Vladimir V. Putin's two-day visit to Japan this week, training television cameras throughout Thursday afternoon on the airport in Yamaguchi prefecture where the Russian leader arrived more than two hours late. Schoolchildren in Nagato, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's hometown, ate borscht and piroshki in honor of Mr. Putin's trip to hot spring baths there. In Tokyo on Friday, Kodokan, the premiere judo school, received Mr. Putin, a black belt, for a demonstration and a meeting with Olympic medalists. But in the end, the talks between the officials yielded little, other than expanding on some business deals that had already been announced and a commitment to continue discussions about economic cooperation on four islands that both countries claim are rightfully theirs. The dispute over those islands — which Russia calls the southern Kurile Islands and Japan calls the Northern Territories — has prevented Japan and Russia from signing a peace treaty ending World War II. "We should not be bound by past negotiations," Mr. Abe said at a joint news conference in Tokyo on Friday at which he repeatedly referred to Mr. Putin by his first name, striking an unusual note in formal Japan. He added: "It is necessary to draw a new blueprint for the four northern islands in which Japanese and Russian people can live together and build a win-win relationship." Mr. Putin talked mostly of broader economic initiatives between the countries, including an investment fund for projects in Russia of 100 billion yen, about \$845 million, set up by the Russian Direct Investment Fund and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, which is controlled by the Japanese government.

54. 'He is the leader in every sense of the word'

The Washington Post, Anna Fifield, 2016 12 17

[Seoul - Kim Jong Un stood on the stage in front of stylized portraits of his father and grandfather, men he wasn't supposed to be strong enough or cunning enough to succeed, lauding the "thrilling explosion" of the most recent nuclear test and the "leap forward in all sectors of the national economy." His Western-style suit, his haircut, his glasses, even his gravelly voice were all reminiscent of his grandfather, Kim Il Sung, the founder and "eternal president" of North Korea, who, to this day, is associated with strength and prosperity. In front of him in the huge hall were 3,467 delegates, called in May to the first congress of the ruling Workers' Party since 1980, before Kim Jong Un was even born. Among them were hard-nosed party stalwarts, the sort who had been expected by some analysts to turn against the inexperienced upstart when he first rose to the top. But there they were: men in military uniforms covered to the waist in medals, cheering party officials, scientists, the editor of the party newspaper, anti-Japanese revolutionary war veterans, field laborers. It was Kim's moment. It was his way of saying, "I'm in charge here." And these were the people who were keeping him in power: the North Korean loyalists who, like Kim, have a vested interest in keeping the world's most repressive regime intact. Their support is enabling Kim to celebrate his fifth anniversary as the leader of North Korea on Saturday, propelling the communist monarchy into its 71st year. The Kim family has ruled the country through fear and favors since the end of World War II, when Kim Il Sung was chosen by Joseph Stalin to run it as a Soviet client state. His son, Kim Jong Il, continued the family rule for 17 years, until his death five years ago Saturday at age 69. The

founder's grandson, Kim Jong Un, was then anointed as the Great Successor in a country where the Kim family is deified and its supporters live large, while the remaining 20-odd million North Koreans struggle to feed their families and heat their shabby homes.

55. N. Korea holds service on 5th anniversary of ex-leader's death

Kyodo News, 2016 12 17

Pyongyang - North Korea held a memorial service on Saturday on the fifth anniversary of the death of its second leader Kim Jong Il, with a senior official calling for the same level of allegiance to be shown to the current regime under his son. North Korea's incumbent leader Kim Jong Un and thousands of officials attended the service outside the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun in Pyongyang, where the embalmed bodies of the state's two previous leaders -- his grandfather and father -- lie in state. Choe Ryong Hae, a vice chairman of the ruling Workers' Party of Korea, delivered an address in which he praised Kim Jong Il's contributions to the country, such as turning it into a "nuclear power," and urged that all continue to be loyal to the third leader and the ruling party. Kim Jong Un, whose father died of a heart attack on Dec. 17, 2011 at age 69, made no remarks during the service. North Korea's main official newspaper Rodong Sinmun ran an editorial covering its entire front page, in which it hailed the second leader's "revolutionary exploits" before and during his 17-year-rule. The editorial also lauded Kim Jong Un's leadership, which it said led North Korea to "solidify the status of a powerful nuclear state" by repelling "unprecedented sanctions and pressures" from the international community.

56. 'I Cannot Lie,' Rodrigo Duterte Says, Confirming He Did Kill People as Mayor

The New York Times, Russell Goldman, 2016 12 17

Manila - President Rodrigo Duterte of the Philippines confirmed on Friday that he had personally pulled the trigger and killed three people as mayor of Davao City, doubling down on boastful comments he made this week, which loyalists had tried to deny. "I killed about three of them because there were three of them," Mr. Duterte told reporters at a news conference in Manila, the capital. "I don't really know how many bullets from my gun went inside their bodies." "It happened. I cannot lie about it," he said in English. The remarks followed comments he made on Monday, when he told business leaders that as mayor, he had patrolled the streets on a motorcycle and killed criminal suspects in order to set an example to his police officers. "And I'd go around in Davao with a motorcycle, with a big bike around, and I would just patrol the streets, looking for trouble, also," he said on Monday. "I was really looking for a confrontation, so I could kill." Philippine officials loyal to the president have tried to soften his earlier remarks, saying Mr. Duterte has a tendency to exaggerate. "The president always resorts to hyperbole — he always exaggerates just to put his message across," Vitaliano Aguirre II, the justice minister, said on Wednesday.

57. Manila receives offer to help hunt down wanted Singaporean terrorist

The Straits Times, 2016 12 17

Manila - Singapore has offered to help in hunting down a Singaporean who is considered one of the most wanted terrorists in the region. Philippine Foreign Minister Perfecto Yasay told Manila-based reporters in Singapore yesterday that Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong was given the terrorist's name, but he declined to disclose the name and further details. Security officials had previously tagged just one Singaporean, Abdullah Ali, also known as Muawiyah, as among the senior leaders of the Jakarta-based Jemaah Islamiah. The group has been training Islamist militants in the war-torn southern island group of Mindanao in the Philippines. Muawiyah was said to have fled to the Philippines with Malaysian terrorist Zulkifli bin Hir, alias Marwan, who was killed in a police raid in January last year.

58. Myanmar 'Callous' Toward Anti-Rohingya Violence, U.N. Says

The New York Times, Nick Cumming-Bruce, 2016 12 17

Geneva - The top human rights official for the United Nations condemned the Myanmar government's handling of violence in Muslim areas bordering Bangladesh on Friday, saying it risked creating a breeding ground for violent extremism. Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein, the United Nations high commissioner for human rights, described the government's approach to the crisis as "shortsighted, counterproductive and even callous." He warned that the fallout from the surge in violence was spilling into the region. His comments provided the sharpest response yet from the United Nations to reports of brutal reprisals by the army against the Rohingya, a Muslim community in Myanmar's Rakhine State, after insurgents attacked border posts in early October, killing nine police officers. Moreover, it reflects deepening frustration and impatience at the way Myanmar's de facto leader, the democracy activist Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, has brushed off the mounting evidence of military atrocities and allowed international agencies insufficient access to the area either to assess what has occurred or to provide humanitarian aid to the affected population. The United Nations refugee agency estimates that 30,000 Rohingya Muslims have been forced from their homes as troops, on occasion backed by helicopter gunships, have swept through parts of Rakhine, reportedly burning and looting villages, summarily shooting local residents and raping women.

59. Indonesian terror cells switch tactics with women recruits

The Straits Times, Francis Chan, 2016 12 17

Central Java - Indonesian militant cells are now recruiting women to mount terror attacks, said national police chief Tito Karnavian. The top cop's warning came after anti-terror police commandos arrested a fourth woman this week on suspicion of terrorism. Investigations are under way to determine if she is linked to a new terrorist cell behind a plot to bomb the presidential palace in Jakarta last Sunday. "Yes, it is a new mode of operation," said General Tito, when asked about the threat that has emerged in recent days. He said that militants make use of women to carry out attacks because, unlike men, they appear less suspicious. "Indeed, there was a plot to use a 'rice-cooker' bomb (for an attack), and the bomb was to be detonated by a woman." His comments followed reports that a 34-year-old Indonesian woman was nabbed by the Detachment 88 (Densus 88) counter-terrorism unit on Thursday in Purworejo, Central Java. Purworejo police chief Satrio Wibowo told the Antara state news agency that Ika Puspitasari was arrested at a mosque near her home. "The suspected terrorist and evidence have been sent to Jakarta for further investigations," he said, adding that Densus 88 officers had also seized a passport, mobile phone and books from her home. According to local news reports, Ika had returned to Purworejo about two months ago.

60. India, Tajikistan to step up anti-terror, defence cooperation

Press Trust of India, 2016 12 17

New Delhi - Stating that they live in an extended neighbourhood that continues to face multiple security challenges, India and Tajikistan today decided to strengthen defence cooperation and inked a pact to share financial intelligence to counter money laundering and financing of terrorism. The pact was among three signed by the two countries after comprehensive talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Tajik President Emomali Rahmon on strategic issues including threats posed by radicalisation and extremism, trade and investments. "We assessed the broad progress achieved under different pillars of our bilateral engagement, including our partnership in defence and security. "India and Tajikistan live in an extended neighbourhood that continues to face multiple security challenges and threats. The threat from terrorism endangers not just our two countries. It casts a long shadow of violence and instability over the entire region," Modi said at a joint press meet with Rahmon. Combating terrorism has, therefore, been an important area of cooperative engagement between the two countries, the PM said. "We appreciate Tajikistan's role in the Central Asian region as a mainstay against forces of extremism, radicalism, and

terrorism. President Rahmon and I agreed today to strengthen action on this front based on mutually agreed priorities," he said.

Iraq/Iran

61. Iran Calls for P5+1 Meeting over US Sanctions Extension

Fars News Agency, 2016 12 17

Tehran - Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, in a letter to EU Foreign Policy chief Federica Mogherini on Saturday, called for a joint commission on Iran nuclear deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), to convene to address the US breach of the deal. Zarif said the Islamic Republic remained committed to all its obligations under the nuclear agreement, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), which was signed between Iran and the 5+1 Group of powers last year. He stressed that all sides needed to fulfill their commitments stipulated in the deal as the JCPOA was a multilateral agreement. He noted that the United States kept renegeing on its obligations under the nuclear agreement and called on the EU foreign policy chief to make the necessary preparations for the JCPOA joint commission meeting. The US Senate voted to extend the Iran Sanctions Act (ISA) for another 10 years on December 1. The sanctions law, which would authorize the US president to re-impose sanctions on Iran, was first adopted in 1996 to punish investments in the Islamic Republic over its nuclear program and its support for anti-Israeli resistance groups. US President Barack Obama on Wednesday declined to sign the bill renewing the existing sanctions against Iran, but allowed the legislation to become law. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on Tuesday ordered the country's nuclear agency to start plans to produce nuclear fuel and propulsion systems for ships and submarines in response to the violation of the Vienna deal by Washington.

62. The Mullahs' Syrian Airlift Gets a Boost

The Wall Street Journal, Sohrab Ahmari, 2016 12 17

Tehran - Iran's flagship carrier, Iran Air, agreed this month to purchase 80 passenger jets from Boeing Co. The \$16.6 billion sale exemplifies the ethical and strategic hazards of President Obama's signature foreign-policy legacy -- the Iranian nuclear deal. News of the sale came as the Syrian regime closed in on the last rebel positions in Aleppo. The United Nations reports that Bashar Assad's forces are executing civilians in their homes and on the streets. At the Security Council on Tuesday, Samantha Power, America's U.N. ambassador, raged at Syria and its Russian and Iranian patrons. "Are you truly incapable of shame?" she asked. She went on to compare the killing fields of Aleppo with ethnic cleansing in Rwanda and Srebrenica. Moving stuff. But since Ayatollah Khamenei and Vladimir Putin don't bend to stirring American oratory, the speech only served to highlight the Obama administration's capacity for self-serving moralism. Ms. Power, for one, apparently can't see how she now resembles the diplomats she pilloried in her book "A Problem From Hell: America and the Age of Genocide." She is still playing the idealist in the age of the disappearing red line. The White House response to the Syrian crisis has been worse than inaction. With the nuclear deal -- the altar on which Mr. Obama sacrificed Syria and America's traditional Middle East alliances -- Washington is actively lending power and prestige to the butchers of Aleppo. Take the Boeing sale. Under Mr. Obama's nuclear deal, the U.S. authorized the "transfer to Iran of commercial passenger aircraft for exclusively civil aviation end-use." Some Iranian airlines, such as Mahan Air, remain sanctioned by the U.S. Treasury even after the deal. But Iran Air was de-sanctioned, notwithstanding Treasury's determination in 2011 that it provides "material support and services" to the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, or IRGC.

Eastern Europe – Europe de L'Est

63. Material used in bomb attack in Kayseri is similar to Istanbul attacks: Deputy PM
Hurriyet Daily News, 2016 12 17

Ankara - The materials used in a car bomb attack on a bus carrying off-duty military personnel in the central Turkish city of Kayseri on Dec.17 were similar to those used in a twin bombing last week in Istanbul, Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmuş said. Kurtulmus made the comment in an interview with broadcaster NTV. All signs so far indicate that the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) was behind a deadly bombing on a bus carrying Turkish soldiers that left at least 13 dead and dozens wounded, Kurtulmuş said.

Middle East – Moyen-Orient

64. Assad's Lesson From Aleppo: Force Works, With Few Consequences
The New York Times, Ben Hubbard, 2016 12 17

Beirut - For months, the bodies have been piling up in eastern Aleppo as the buildings have come down, pulverized by Syrian and Russian jets, burying residents who could not flee in avalanches of bricks and mortar. And now it is almost over, not because diplomats reached a deal in Geneva, but because President Bashar al-Assad of Syria and his foreign allies have won the city. Cold, hungry and scarred by the deaths of loved ones, tens of thousands of civilians and fighters are awaiting buses to take them from their homes to uncertain futures. It is not the first victory that Mr. Assad has secured with overwhelming force in the Syrian conflict. But his subjugation of eastern Aleppo has echoed across the Middle East and beyond, rattling alliances, proving the effectiveness of violence and highlighting the reluctance of many countries, perhaps most notably the United States, to get involved. President Obama, on Friday at his final news conference of the year, acknowledged that the nearly six-year-old war in Syria had been among the hardest issues he has faced, and that the world was “united in horror” at the butchery in Aleppo. But Mr. Obama — who came into office committed to reducing America’s military entanglements in the Middle East — also defended his decision not to intervene more forcefully. To do otherwise, he said, would have required the United States to be “all in and willing to take over Syria.”

65. Aleppo Evacuation Halted Amid Confusion and Concerns About Killings
The New York Times, Anne Barnard & Ben Hubbard, 2016 12 17

Beirut - The evacuation of residents from the last rebel-held section in the devastated Syrian city of Aleppo broke down on Friday with thousands of people still trapped inside, as concern escalated about their fate. The breakdown — a day after Syrian government buses and ambulances had begun taking people out of the besieged area — came as Russia claimed, incorrectly, that all civilians wishing to leave had already been evacuated and that only “irreconcilable” fighters remained, further raising fears among those still trapped. Tensions came to a head on Friday afternoon, when a convoy of hundreds of evacuees was detained and turned back by pro-government militiamen. They blocked the way, according to rebel and pro-government fighters, because insurgents in Idlib Province, farther north, were blocking an evacuation of civilians from two villages besieged by rebels. There were also multiple accounts that the pro-government militiamen shot dead several passengers in the convoy, detained at least six and took telephones, laptops and documents from others, before sending the rest back into the rebel enclave. Those accounts could not immediately be independently confirmed. The government’s recapture of Aleppo, once Syria’s commercial epicenter, after a prolonged siege by Syrian forces aided by their Russian allies has been exalted by President Bashar al-Assad of Syria as a turning point in the nearly six-year-old war. But the images of death, suffering and destruction have shocked the world.

66. Many accusations, but few arrests, in Israel fires
The Washington Post, William Booth & Ruth Eglash, 2016 12 17

Haifa, Israel - The wildfires that swept across Israel and the West Bank last month were the worst in a decade, a torch lit in a tinderbox. The scary conflagrations caused millions of dollars in damage, destroyed hundreds of homes and sent tens of thousands of people fleeing in panic through the black smoke. As fierce winds ripped across the rainless land, Israeli leaders took to social media and stood before television cameras to condemn what they called a new campaign of "pyro-terrorism." Palestinian terrorists, they said, were burning out the Jews. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his cabinet members charged that Israeli Arabs and Palestinians were setting the fires - and then dancing in celebration. But in the weeks since then, only a handful of Palestinians have been arrested. Arab Israeli leaders say Netanyahu and others are guilty of incitement: Instead of bringing the nation together, they sought scapegoats. On Twitter, hashtags such as "Israel is burning" and "Tel Aviv is burning" appeared. From Kuwait's Grand Mosque, Sheikh Mishary al-Afasy Rashid posted, "All the best to the fire." Israel's domestic security service, Shin Bet, and the police asserted that half the 40 major fires, and hundreds of smaller burns, were started intentionally.

67. Russia says Aleppo evacuation is over, but others say more want to leave

The Washington Post, Hugh Naylor and Andrew Roth , 2016 12 17

Beirut - The dramatic evacuation of Syrian civilians and rebels from besieged eastern Aleppo was thrown into chaos Friday as Russia signaled that the convoys were ending even as thousands of people waited to be ferried to safer ground. Opposition fighters remaining in the embattled city, meanwhile, remanned positions in preparation for a possible renewal of battles amid reports that Syrian-allied militiamen seized and possibly killed some civilians trying to flee before the window to escape closed. The situation was further clouded when Turkey, which brokered the evacuation effort with Russia, insisted that the convoys from Aleppo have not ended despite Moscow's announcement. "There are a lot of people who want to leave," Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu told reporters in Ankara. In Washington, President Obama, citing international organizations, said "tens of thousands" of civilians are "still trapped" in Aleppo, despite Russian and Syrian claims to the contrary. At a White House news conference, he warned that the regime of President Bashar al-Assad "cannot slaughter its way to legitimacy."

Others — Autres

Nil

Western Europe – Europe de l'Ouest

68. France-Confusion autour d'une opération anti-ETA

Reuters, 2016 12 17

Bordeaux - Cinq personnes ont été arrêtées et des armes et explosifs saisis vendredi soir près de Bayonne (Pyrénées-Atlantiques), dans une opération conjointe de la police française et de la Garde civile espagnole, sur laquelle plane une grande confusion. Contrairement à ce qui avait été dit dans un premier temps de source proche de l'enquête, l'ancien président de la Ligue des Droits de l'Homme, Michel Tubiana ne fait pas partie des personnes interpellées. Le ministre de l'Intérieur, Bruno Le Roux, parle dans un communiqué de "cinq individus en relation avec l'organisation terroriste ETA" et d'un "nouveau coup dur" porté à celle-ci. Ces cinq personnes, en garde à vue à la prison de Bayonne où elles sont interrogées par des agents de la sous-direction anti-terroriste de la police (SDAT) et de la direction de la sécurité intérieure (DGSI), appartiennent à la société civile, précise-t-on de source judiciaire. Il s'agit notamment du dirigeant du mouvement écologiste basque Bizi, Jean-Noël Etcheverry, et de celui de la chambre d'agriculture du Pays Basque, une structure militante locale, Michel Berhocoirigoin. Selon des

sources proches de l'enquête, les trois autres personnes sont un producteur de vin et deux journalistes, dont une jeune femme, à laquelle appartient la maison de Louhossoa dans laquelle les arrestations ont eu lieu.

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Agence France Presse, 2016 12 17

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70. Many soldiers killed in an attack in Kayseri

Radio France International, 2016 12 17

Istanbul - At least 13 soldiers were killed and 48 people injured in a car bomb explosion Saturday morning in Kayseri, central Turkey. With our correspondent in Istanbul , Alexander Billet A car bomb exploded outside the campus of a university in Kayseri, a major industrial city of Anatolia. The explosion took place at 8:45 am local time, and aimed at a bus carrying soldiers who were on leave. The report, for the time being, reports 13 soldiers killed and 48 wounded. Dozens of ambulances are on site. The first images show a green and white vehicle, totally blown by the explosion, which makes fear an even heavier balance.

71. Germany arrests Turk for spying on Kurds

The Local.de, 2016 12 17

Berlin - A Turkish national suspected of spying on Ankara's behalf on the large Kurdish community in Germany has been arrested in the city of Hamburg, the German federal prosecutor's office said Friday. The 31-year-old is suspected of having gathered, "on behalf of the Turkish secret service, information on the places of residence, personal data and political activity of Kurds living in Germany, as well as on Kurdish organisations", it said. The suspect appeared before a judge and remanded in custody Friday, a day after he was detained, it added. The Turkish authorities' 30-year conflict with Kurdish rebels has escalated since a fragile ceasefire collapsed last year. On Sunday, 44 people were killed in an attack in Istanbul that was claimed by Kurdish militants. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has accused Germany of being one of the world's worst countries for harbouring "terrorists", saying Berlin had not responded to requests to hand over suspects from the failed July coup.

72. Taliban leader tries (and fails) to get asylum in Germany

The Local.de, 2016 12 17

Frankfurt - A few weeks ago an Afghan man flew into Frankfurt Airport with his family and applied for asylum. An investigation revealed he was in fact a senior member of the Taliban, Spiegel reports. The

man flew to Germany from Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia and tried to pass through customs on a fake passport. But when federal police realized he wasn't who he said he was, the man applied for asylum for himself and his family. When the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) checked his identity they realized he was none other than Abdul Rauf Mohammed, health minister when the fundamentalist Taliban ruled Afghanistan in the 1990s. This isn't the first time that Mohammed, who reportedly met Osama bin Laden on several occasions, has arrived in Europe seeking asylum. In the year 2000 he travelled to Norway with his family where he obtained asylum after claiming he had come into conflict with other members of the Taliban leadership. At the time he also said he was critical of the regime in Kabul. But in 2014 he was kicked out of the Scandinavian country on suspicion of trying to radicalize Muslim youth there. In Germany he faced a similar fate. After forbidding him from leaving Frankfurt Airport, BAMF rejected his application and sent him back to Saudi Arabia. From there he reportedly travelled on to Afghanistan.

73. Germany Investigates if Boy, 12, Planted Bomb at Christmas Market

The New York Times, Melissa Eddy, 2016 12 17

Berlin - The authorities are investigating whether a 12-year-old boy made a bomb and planted it at a traditional Christmas market in his hometown in southwestern Germany. News of the bomb plot was reported on Friday by Focus, a newsmagazine, and quickly dominated airwaves and social media, raising fresh concerns over the potential threats from young people lured by Islamist extremists and radicalized using technology like cellphones. Just this year, three attacks in Germany have been carried out by young people who had claimed to be motivated by the Islamic State; two of the attackers died, and they injured several people but did not kill any. The boy, identified only as an Iraqi-German of Ludwigshafen, has been placed under the protection of local youth services, officials said on Friday. German law does not allow minors under the age of 14 to be charged with crimes, which would leave investigators to widen their focus on the boy's friends, family and acquaintances, while seeking to protect the boy. A spokesman for German federal prosecutors declined on Friday to provide any details about the case, other than to confirm discovery of the device. "We are investigating a nail bomb that was found in Ludwigshafen," said the spokesman, Stefan Biehl. Eva Lohse, the mayor of Ludwigshafen, a small city in the state of Rhineland-Palatinate, said that city representatives met on Friday with state security officials to discuss the case. "The 12-year-old who is accused of plotting a bomb attack in Ludwigshafen is in a secure place, so that he does not pose any danger," the mayor said, declining to comment further.

74. Suicide bomber in Istanbul attack identified

Hurriyet News, 2016 12 17

Istanbul - Police identified on Dec. 16 one of the perpetrators of the bomb attack in Istanbul which killed 44 people and injured dozens of others, state-run Anadolu Agency has reported. Istanbul police said the suicide bomber was Burak Yavuz, a 20-year-old man from Turkey's southeastern province of Şanlıurfa. On Dec. 10 at around 10.30 p.m., a car bomb went off outside a football stadium in Istanbul's Beşiktaş district, two hours after the end of a Turkish League football match. Seconds later, a suicide bomb attack occurred in Maçka Park in the same neighborhood.

75. Services secrets français : sous Sarkozy, les grandes manoeuvres

Le Point.fr, Jean Guisnel et Olivia Recasens, 2016 12 17

Paris - La réforme du renseignement intérieur voulue par le président n'a pas été guidée par une vision stratégique, mais par un esprit de vengeance. Devenu président en 2007, Nicolas Sarkozy n'a pas manqué d'agir rapidement en matière de renseignement extérieur. Il faut dire qu'il a trouvé en arrivant un plan mis au point de longue date pour réformer ce secteur. Celui d'une équipe d'experts, réunis en 1995 au Secrétariat général de la défense nationale (SGDN) par le préfet et ancien directeur de la DST, Rémy Pautrat. Autour de lui, Jean-Louis Gergorin (Groupe Lagardère), Philippe Marland (préfet), Bernard

Norlain (général), Michel Foucher (géographe), Bernard Esambert (ingénieur des Mines), Xavier de Lussy (contre-amiral). Quatre lacunes sévères du renseignement français ont été identifiées : une « excessive auto-orientation des services », une « coordination limitée aux temps de crise et incapable d'anticipation », une « insuffisante prise en compte du renseignement ouvert », et la « faiblesse relative des moyens techniques de recueil », qui conduit à une « activité trop réduite d'intrusion dans les systèmes de traitement de l'information ». C'est l'ossature de la réforme du renseignement que le candidat Édouard Balladur souhaite mettre en place après son entrée à l'Élysée. Mais le vainqueur, Jacques Chirac, n'en voudra pas. En 2007, Nicolas Sarkozy ressort donc le plan d'action des cartons et crée, en 2008, un Conseil national du renseignement (CNR), confié à un « coordonnateur ». Ce sera le diplomate Bernard Bajolet, clé de voûte d'une organisation nouvelle inspirée par un objectif exclusif : éviter des attentats sur le sol français. Alors que le quinquennat Sarkozy est marqué par une baisse considérable des effectifs militaires, les services de renseignement extérieur (DGSE et DRM) voient croître leurs moyens humains et matériels. En juin 2008, Sarkozy annonce que les services français vont s'engager dans la « lutte informatique offensive ». Si cette ambition a été confirmée par son successeur, l'une des idées maîtresses qui la sous-tendaient, le rapprochement des appareils de défense extérieure et de sécurité intérieure, connaît encore aujourd'hui de grosses difficultés de mise au point. Les ex-RG qui n'ont pas eu la chance d'intégrer la DCRI sont excommuniés de la communauté française du Renseignement, rejetés sur les terres de la sécurité publique dans une improbable « Sous-direction de l'information générale ». Laquelle se retrouve avec un tiers seulement des effectifs, des équipes qui ont éclaté, des hommes qui se sentent « déclassés », des fichiers détruits et des erreurs de casting dans certaines nominations. Installée à Levallois, la DCRI est devenue une forteresse, même vis-à-vis de ses antennes locales. C'est ainsi que les huiles de la Direction centrale envisageront de recruter Mohammed Merah contre l'avis de leurs agents à Toulouse, qui le jugent beaucoup trop instable. Les faits leur donneront malheureusement raison.

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Canada's national security oversight is among the weakest in the world: former human rights advocate

An opinion piece by Steven Zhou, Toronto writer and human rights advocate, states, "There doesn't seem to be much that Canada's intelligence and spy agencies can't do these days-and that includes breaking the law. While much of world remains anxious about the future of a Donald Trump presidency, Canadians should refocus their attention back home, and they should start with the country's bloated national security state. Experience shows that most of a country's establishment systems have likely transcended partisan lines and will remain immune to changes in political personality. National security seems to be one of these categories and its pervasive entrenchment within post-9/11 democracies has been demonstrated both in and outside of American borders. The Canadian security apparatus is a good example of how partisan changes usually have minimal impact on the larger system. There is no Canadian Edward Snowden to shed light on the extensive surveillance and policing machinations of CSIS or the Communication Security Establishment (CSE)... A federal court made national news last week by rebuking CSIS for essentially hiding a giant database full of private information belonging to law-abiding Canadians who pose no threat to public safety. Its watchdog group, the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), had previously asked CSIS to disclose the existence and full capabilities of this database to the courts, but the spy agency refused and kept things secret for a whole decade. The revelation has been an embarrassment for **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale, who's been** conducting a national consultation on how to reform Canada's security regimes. When asked why CSIS kept the database a secret from the courts, agency director Michel Coulombe simply said that he had no good explanation... There's precisely one person, the CSE Commissioner Jean-Pierre Plouffe, who's supposed to overlook the entire slew of intelligence-related activities that are carried out by the agency on a regular basis... **Minister Goodale has promised** swift action, but until those words actually manifest themselves into serious institutional change, then Canada will still remain the country with perhaps the weakest national security oversight in the Western world." [CBC News](#) (2016-11-20)

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Why it's hard to draw a line between Edward Snowden and the Paris attacks

In a pair of public appearances this week, CIA Director John O. Brennan made clear that he blames leaks by former intelligence contractor Edward Snowden for enabling terrorists to evade detection. "Because of a number of unauthorized disclosures, and a lot of hand-wringing over the government's role in the effort to try to uncover these terrorists," Brennan said, the CIA and others agencies have lost use of critical tools needed "to find these terrorists." Brennan's assertion has become a refrain in the two years since Snowden exposed details about a range of U.S. surveillance programs. And former CIA director R. James Woolsey went further, saying on Sunday, "I think Snowden has blood on his hands from these killings in France." [Washington Post](#) (Hamilton Spectator)

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CSIS suspends some bulk data mining programs pending new guidelines

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Canada's domestic spy service has halted its "bulk collection" of data after criticisms were raised within government about the lawfulness of such techniques.

A watchdog agency's new report about the Canadian Security Intelligence Service speaks of littleknown CSIS data-mining programs, and of how some have recently been suspended because of a lack of clear rules and guidelines surrounding them.

CSIS is said to have wanted to leverage big pools of data "to identify previously unknown individuals of interest by linking together types of information that have mirrored threat behaviour," according to the report. But after concerns raised in the report, "CSIS agreed to halt ingesting bulk data sets pending" new rules.

These findings are from the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), the watchdog agency that tabled its annual report in Parliament on Thursday.

The cryptic discussion of CSIS's "data management and exploitation activities" is intriguing on several levels. Talk of spies "ingesting" data in "bulk" has had connotations of intelligence officials indiscriminately amassing citizens' telecommunications records. Yet CSIS officers, who work to track terrorists within Canada, are generally understood to handle cases one wiretapping warrant at a time. This makes them more like conventional police detectives than the foreignfocused signals-intelligence - or "sigint" - spies who deal in volume.

On Thursday, a CSIS spokeswoman said the agency engages in a different kind of "bulk." "The collection referred to in the SIRC report is not the same collection that is sometimes done by sigint agencies," said Tahera Mufti.

She said what was at issue was CSIS collecting "data sets like maps, foreign telephone directories and airport codes." She did not explain how such data pools would help CSIS track terrorists.

The fundamental critique of SIRC, which won't speak to what kind of data it is referring to, is that CSIS has been amassing records at rates that may push past the parameters of federal law. Under its 1984 act, the spy agency can only collect information that is "strictly necessary" to preserve national security.

SIRC says the spy agency it watches keeps two kinds of records. "Referential" data sets are less inherently sensitive, and acquired through publicly available means. This probably means CSIS is buying material from "Big Data" brokers who routinely sell similar material to corporations.

But CSIS also independently acquires "non-referential" data.

SIRC regards such records as relatively intrusive "as they contain bulk information on a wide variety of individuals," the report says. "However, these can only be retained if they are assessed as being relevant to an ongoing, mandated investigation."

If CSIS wants to dredge up any data in bulk, SIRC says there needs to be compelling reasons.

"If there is no reasonable alternative to bulk collection, CSIS needs to provide an objective assessment of how closely connected the bulk information is to intelligence of value," reads the report.

This week, the federal Privacy Commissioner called for Parliament to pass new laws after finding Canada's other intelligence agency had been careless with records about the logged telecommunications of Canadians.

Communications Security Establishment (CSE), a foreign-focused "sigint" agency, says that whenever it collects Canadians' telecommunications trails, it does so only "incidentally." That's because it is pursuing foreign records in enormous volumes.

While CSIS and CSE have vastly different mandates, they also have adjacent headquarters. They can team up if a Federal Court judge endorses a joint operation.

In 2013, the former U.S. intelligence contractor Edward Snowden leaked documents to the media about the bulk collection of American citizens' telecommunications trails.

One revealing record showed CSE's and CSIS's U.S. counterparts teamed up to acquire Americans' phone bills, thanks to sweeping warrants signed in secret courts.

The United States "targets the communications of everyone. It ingests them by default," Mr. Snowden said.

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OTTAWA -- The Communications Security Establishment is refusing to release the number of privacy breaches the agency has logged since 2007.

Documents obtained by the Star state the intelligence and cyber defence agency has maintained a central database for certain privacy violations since 2007. These breaches are categorized as minor "procedural errors" or more serious "privacy incidents," and reviewed by the CSE Commissioner's office every year.

"In these files, CSE records any incidents it identifies that put at risk the privacy of a Canadian in a manner that runs counter to (or is not provided in) its operational policies," says a September 2014 letter from former CSE chief John Forster to a senior Treasury Board official.

The Star requested just the number of breaches - no details about what actually transpired or the Canadian personal information involved - but was told the agency could not comply due to "operational security concerns."

"Releasing the number of (breaches) would provide insight into CSE's capacity to conduct operations, the extent of its capabilities, the degree to which partner organizations benefit from sharing and the reach of the programs," wrote spokesperson Ryan Foreman in an email last week.

CSE is one of Canada's most technologically sophisticated agencies, responsible for collecting foreign intelligence and protecting Canadian networks from cyber attacks. It is forbidden to use its surveillance tactics against Canadian citizens, except under specific circumstances.

But disclosures from U.S. whistleblower Edward Snowden have aroused suspicion about CSE's tools and tactics as part of the Five Eyes alliance that also includes the U.S., U.K., Australia and New Zealand.

Documents tabled in Parliament last month show CSE logged 13 privacy and information breaches in 2015, affecting at least 630 individuals. The agency did not report any of the privacy breaches to the federal privacy commissioner, as CSE determined that there was "no significant risk" to the individuals involved.

CSE further refused to report the activities that led to the breaches.

The Star reported Sunday that the agency has been in a year-long debate with the Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien's office over how much information CSE is required to report about privacy breaches. A government-wide regulation requires all serious breaches to be reported to the privacy watchdog, but a "discussion" about how best to do that has been dragging on since at least January 2015.

On Monday, NDP foreign affairs critic Hélène Lavergère asked Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan to explain why CSE is resisting turning information over to Therrien's office.

"CSE has proactively worked with the commissioner on all aspects, and they do have a good working relationship," said Sajjan, who is responsible for the intelligence agency. "CSE abides by Canadian law, including the Privacy Act."

Wesley Wark, a professor at the University of Ottawa specializing in security and intelligence matters, said reviewing CSE's privacy breaches has typically fallen to the CSE commissioner, rather than the privacy watchdog.

"Really, the protection of privacy role, in terms of external review, has de facto been given to the CSE commissioner," Wark said in an interview last week.

The 12-person team at CSE Commissioner Jean-Pierre Plouffe's office is mandated to ensure that CSE complies with Canadian law.

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Le SPVM dément les informations parues dans la Presse, ce matin.

Tout d'abord, soyez assurés que le SPVM a toujours pris au sérieux et respecté la liberté de Presse. Dans le cas qui est à l'origine du présent débat, je tiens à vous rappeler qu'il s'agit d'une enquête criminelle sur des policiers spécialistes en enquêtes dont 2 furent accusés de :

- Abus de confiance
- Fabrication de faux documents
- Entrave à la justice
- Parjure

Le SPVM a bel et bien mis sous écoute ses policiers qui faisaient l'objet de l'enquête, mais aucune autre personne mis à part ces policiers n'a fait l'objet d'écoute électronique. Bien sûr, toute personne ayant communiqué avec les policiers concernés a pu être entendue dans les conversations. Nous avons pris des mesures supplémentaires de protection conformément aux enseignements de la cour suprême, dans l'éventualité que des journalistes communiquent avec les policiers concernés et celles-ci figurent dans l'autorisation judiciaire dument validée par un mandataire du directeur des poursuites pénales et criminelles et autorisée par un juge de la cour du Québec.

Ces modalités restrictives tiennent compte du statut particulier des journalistes et de la liberté de presse.

De plus, dès lundi matin, nous ferons une demande écrite à la cour afin de devancer les procédures judiciaires sur la levée des scellés, prévues pour le 24 novembre prochain, afin de démontrer notre transparence.

Je tiens à dire haut et fort que nous avons agi en toute légalité et en proportionnalité des gestes et faits reprochés à nos policiers.

Philippe Pichet
Directeur
SPVM

Associated article:

Le SPVM nie la mise sur écoute de Patrick Lagacé et Vincent Larouche

[Radio Canada](#)

2016-11-05, 19h35 ET

Le Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) affirme que le chroniqueur Patrick Lagacé et le journaliste Vincent Larouche, de La Presse, n'ont pas été mis sur écoute électronique.

Dans un communiqué, le chef du SPVM, Philippe Pichet, admet avoir « mis sur écoute ses policiers qui faisaient l'objet de l'enquête », mais soutient qu'« aucune autre personne mis à part ces policiers n'a fait l'objet d'écoute électronique ».

Le SPVM convient toutefois que toute personne ayant communiqué avec les policiers concernés a pu être entendue dans les conversations.

Selon nos informations, la police a bel et bien obtenu un mandat pour placer sur écoute Patrick Lagacé et Vincent Larouche. Ce dernier rebondissement soulève des questions sur l'honnêteté du chef du SPVM, croient les deux journalistes.

Une déclaration sous serment et une autorisation judiciaire donnaient plus de détails sur la surveillance des deux journalistes. Le mandat - que Radio-Canada a pu consulter - qui visait une quinzaine de personnes, majoritairement des policiers, a été signé en mai dernier par le juge Marc Bisson. Il avait jugé que les communications privées des deux journalistes pouvaient être interceptées.

Plus tôt cette semaine, le chef du SPVM, Philippe Pichet, avait pourtant affirmé que la police s'était contentée d'obtenir le droit de fouiller les relevés téléphoniques et de géolocaliser M. Lagacé.

En entrevue sur les ondes de Radio-Canada, Patrick Lagacé n'a pas caché son irritation envers la direction du SPVM.

Le chroniqueur croit qu'il y a une « chasse aux sources au SPVM » qui rend « tout le monde paranoïaque ». « Les policiers de la base trouvent complètement ridicule que des ressources immenses en termes d'enquêtes criminelles aient été demandées pour l'enquête sur Vincent et moi », a-t-il soutenu. « Il y a des enquêtes qui ne se font pas avec les ressources nécessaires pour de véritables crimes. Ça, ça déprime les policiers de la base. »

Vincent Larouche a abondé dans le même sens, rappelant que les méthodes de gestion du chef de police ne faisaient pas l'unanimité au sein de ses troupes. « Je pense que cette direction-là, et on le sait depuis longtemps, est contestée à l'interne. Cette décision d'enquêter, de partir à la chasse aux sources et d'interdire à tout le monde de s'exprimer, de parler de quoi que ce soit à l'interne [...] ce n'est pas les policiers de la base qui sont d'accord avec ça. »

Des critiques à l'égard de Philippe Pichet ont également été formulées samedi par le chef de l'opposition officielle à l'Assemblée nationale, Jean-François Lisée. Ce dernier demande au gouvernement Couillard de suspendre le directeur du SPVM le temps que la commission d'enquête fasse la lumière sur cette affaire. « Cette démonstration qui vient d'être faite montre que la vérité n'a pas été dite et s'ajoute à un dossier qui est déjà trop lourd », a-t-il déclaré.

Le parti d'opposition officielle à l'Hôtel de Ville, Projet Montréal, demande, lui aussi, que M. Pichet soit suspendu le temps qu'une enquête soit faite pour faire la lumière dans ce dossier. « Il y a une contradiction flagrante entre ce que M. Pichet a affirmé aux médias et ce que La Presse a révélé ce matin. Soit que M. Pichet a menti, soit qu'il a perdu le contrôle de son organisation. D'une manière ou d'une autre, il est imputable », affirme le conseiller du parti, Alex Norris.

Il dénonce également « l'improvisation totale » du maire de Montréal, Denis Coderre. « Son premier réflexe a été de défendre M. Pichet becs et ongles. Sous pression, il a mandaté la commission de la Sécurité publique de tenir une séance à huis clos, ce qui est complètement inadéquat pour [garder] la confiance du public. Ensuite, il a fait une demande totalement farfelue que le bureau de l'inspecteur général (BIG) fasse enquête, alors qu'on sait que ce n'est pas dans son mandat de surveiller les opérations policières. C'est complètement à côté de la track! », croit M. Norris.

Le journaliste André Cédilot, qui a lui-même été visé par un mandat de surveillance de la SQ, a lui aussi commenté les révélations de samedi matin. « [...] Un mandat d'écoute électronique a été demandé. Qu'on l'ait fait ou pas, le directeur de police a menti dans ses conférences de presse cette semaine. Et moi, je pense qu'il n'a plus la confiance du public. Il devrait démissionner ou, du moins, être congédié », a-t-il déclaré en entrevue.

Le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Martin Coiteux, a réagi samedi après-midi sur Twitter, en affirmant être en contact avec le maire de Montréal, Denis Coderre, qui a, lui, indiqué qu'il ne réagirait pas samedi aux nouveaux rebondissements.

« Tout au long de la journée, nous avons échangé sur cette situation qui me préoccupe au plus haut point. Devant les nouveaux éléments rapportés par le journal La Presse ce matin, les autorités du Service de police de Montréal et la Ville de Montréal doivent faire preuve de la plus grande transparence dans ce dossier et poser des gestes afin de restaurer la confiance des Montréalais envers leurs institutions », a écrit M. Coiteux dans un tweet.

Vincent Larouche s'est dit « étonné de la nature du reportage » qui l'a conduit à être placé sur la liste d'écoute des services policiers de la Ville de Montréal.

« J'ai écrit un article sur les patrouilleurs en première ligne qui ont porté plainte contre leur commandant pour entrave à la justice. Je ne peux pas penser à un dossier qui était plus d'intérêt public en termes de gérance de la police [...] Il me semble que c'était naturel qu'on essaie d'expliquer au public ce qui se passait. »

Le journaliste d'enquête a dit ne pas comprendre ce qui pouvait « justifier une mise sur écoute » à la suite de la publication de ce dossier, « qui devait être public dès le départ ».

Ces révélations de surveillance de journalistes ont également suscité de vives réactions au sein des médias de la province et ont même attiré l'attention de la presse internationale, ainsi que celle du lanceur d'alerte américain exilé en Russie, Edward Snowden.

Quelques jours plus tard, une autre affaire de surveillance de journaliste a ébranlé le monde médiatique au Québec. On apprenait qu'en 2013 la Sûreté du Québec avait obtenu des mandats pour mettre la main sur le registre des appels entrants et sortants des téléphones de six journalistes, dont Marie-Maude Denis, Isabelle Richer et Alain Gravel, de l'émission Enquête.

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Anonymous Vows to Keep Leaking Canadian Spy Secrets Over Police Shooting

VICE News
Justin Ling
Jul 28, 13h40 ET

A chapter of the hacktivist group Anonymous released a document they say exposes the Canadian government's signals intelligence infrastructure, and they're planning to continue leaking the memos until police arrest the officers responsible for the death of a protester in British Columbia.

The document details previously secret details of Canada's spying operations abroad and suggests its spy agency is active in many more foreign stations than it has publicly acknowledged, "many of which are located in developing countries and/or unstable environments."

VICE News was unable to independently verify the document, purportedly from the treasury board, but spoke to three government employees who, while raising questions about specific aspects of the document, acknowledged that it may very well be real.

A video statement released in conjunction with the secret document also claims the leakers have evidence that Ottawa spied on the American government and that Washington retaliated with a promise to kill the Keystone pipeline proposal — a dramatic revelation, if true.

The Anonymous pressure tactic began after the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) killed James McIntyre at a demonstration regarding a proposed dam project earlier in July.

Video of the aftermath shows police standing several feet from McIntyre, still wearing Anonymous' signature Guy Fawkes mask, as he slumps over, blood pouring down the sidewalk.

"According to the police, officers were responding to a report of a male causing a disturbance at a public information session," reads a statement from the Independent Investigations Office of BC, which has been tasked with investigating the police shooting. "Upon arrival, police encountered a masked individual outside, believed to be connected to the complaint. A confrontation occurred and the male affected person was shot."

Officers said McIntyre approached them in an "aggressive manner," and that a knife was found in his possession after he was shot. They did not, however, confirm that he was the person responsible for the disturbance, nor that he was brandishing the knife at the time of the shooting.

"We repeat our insistence upon the immediate arrest of the RCMP killers of James McIntyre," an Anonymous Video statement accompanying the newly released document demands. "Unless and until that happens, we will be releasing stunning secrets at irregular intervals."

The document posted by the group on Monday evening purports to show a funding request from the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) to upgrade its security technology at foreign bases.

The office of **Steven Blaney, the minister of public safety**, would not confirm one way or the other whether the documents are real.

"We do not comment on leaked documents and we continue to monitor this situation closely," said **Jeremy Laurin, a spokesperson for the minister.**

If they are genuine, however, this vigilante group just published classified details of how CSIS deals with data collected on its foreign bases. Prior to this week, the Canadian public only knew that there were four bases — located in London, Paris, Washington, and Afghanistan — but little else.

According to the February 2014 memo, there are actually 25 bureaus, staffed by 70 employees, who treat 22,500 "messages" per year, although "this figure does not included [sic] the high volume of extreme sensitive traffic from the Washington station."

It recommends a \$20 million (CAD) investment in upgrading CSIS' infrastructure.

"Currently, the Service uses inefficient and labor-intensive data-processing and analysis systems to process and report intelligence information obtained at its foreign stations," the document reads. According to the memo, much of the infrastructure dates back to the 1980s and that its slow speed and outdated systems could "jeopardize the the security of its personnel collecting the intelligence."

After the upgrade, CSIS should be able to share intelligence in "real time," the memo predicts.

The upgrade project would begin at two of CSIS' foreign stations, the memo says, and would later be expanded to all 25 bureaus.

The memo also sheds some light on the type of data that is being transmitted. "The Service reports to and advises the government on national security issues and potential threats. To do this, the Service relies on intelligence reporting from a number of foreign stations."

A part of the upgrade would be with an aim of "increased information security requirements to address recent unlawful disclosures of classified material (i.e. Delisle, Snowden)."

Snowden, of course, refers to whistleblower Edward Snowden, while the other name references Jeffrey Delisle, a Canadian naval officer who was caught passing military intelligence to the Russian government who later pled guilty to espionage charges.

The memo concludes that if one member of the Five Eyes partnership (Canada, Great Britain, America, New Zealand and Australia) is the source of a leak, it would have "significant impacts on how sensitive material is handled and protected by all Five Eyes members."

Some details of CSIS' work in its foreign stations, and the challenges of its technology infrastructure, has already been made public.

According to a 2008-2009 report from the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), which monitors the spy agency, "traditionally, the primary function of each [foreign] station was to liaise with CSIS's foreign partners and to conduct immigration screening... Today, however, CSIS stations take on larger roles in these operations."

A 2013/2014 report notes "a security concern with respect to the protection of a communications network" during its review of one of its stations, recommending that the hardware be upgraded to address the security flaw.

If CSIS is, in fact, upgrading hardware capacity at these foreign stations, it would coincide with a massive new expansion in the spy agency's mandate. Until this year, the service was primarily a domestic surveillance body, with only a small amount of its work occurring overseas — at least, so far as they would acknowledge publicly.

Last year, Stephen Harper's government introduced bill C-44, which changed the agency's mandate to authorize it to work internationally, even if it ignores the laws of the country it is operating within.

Months later, Harper's government introduced bill C-51, the controversial anti-terrorism bill that would facilitate mass-information sharing amongst agencies — specifically, between CSIS and its signals intelligence counterpart, the Communications Security Establishment (CSE).

The Anonymous video released on Monday also identified that surveillance legislation as a motivator for its campaign.

While the subject matter included in the memo appears legitimate, the appearance of the document led to some skepticism.

VICE News reached out to an employee of the Treasury Board Secretariat, the department responsible for receiving funding applications such as this one, and he had misgivings about the appearance of the document. The bureaucrat spoke on a condition of anonymity, as he was not authorized to speak to the media.

He noted minor discrepancies — the use of "Treasury Board of Canada" and "**Public Safety Canada**" in the memo, as opposed to the departments' official titles of "Treasury Board Secretariat" and "**Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness,**" and a lack of French translation included in the document. But, he admitted that it could simply be that the document was a draft, and had not been formally edited.

Other government employees who spoke to VICE News indicated that, generally, the memo appears legitimate.

Strangely, a paragraph and a footnote in the document are redacted and marked "not applicable." It's unclear what reason Anonymous would have to withhold anything from the leaked documents.

In the video released with the document, a screenshot of the document flashes on-screen, except the document is almost entirely redacted. That raises the possibility that the leaker may have obtained the document under the Access to Information Act, and subsequently managed to remove the black bars that obscured the memo. That would explain why Anonymous was only able to obtain a draft version of the memo — any final recommendation sent to cabinet would be completely exempt from the access to information law.

In style and tactics, the faction leading the #CCleaks blackmailing campaign appears different than the main Anonymous chapter that has run several other high-profile campaigns in Canada.

Most recently, #OpCyberPrivacy was created to launch DDOS attacks on government systems to raise awareness about C-51 and to publicly disclose significant security flaws in the Canadian government's web services.

When questioned about the difference in tactics, one Anonymous member representing #OpCyberPrivacy, who operates under the pseudonym Bio, told VICE News that: "the only difference between us is methodology, leaking databases we access is non conducive to the end result of respected privacy in this nation and abroad."

Bio, however, indicated that these tactics were a meaningful form of civil disobedience. "Both #OpCyberPrivacy and #CCleaks are involved in direct digital actions as activism", adding "as far as I can tell these secrets need to be told, and for that I salute them."

Even amongst the Anonymous activists seeking justice for McIntyre, there appears to be multiple factions at work on this issue. One OpAnonDown Twitter account, and its corresponding website, initially made no mention of the leak.

The documents were released by @OpAnonDown, which vowed to keep publishing documents later this week.

"Day off tomorrow. See you around on Wednesday," the account tweeted.

The video released with the document makes more claims about records that have yet to be released.

"[Harper] and the Canadian Security Establishment were attempting to spy on their Five Eyes partners in the US," the video statement released with the document says. "Obama's top intelligence officials were furious when they caught CSE in the act. They vowed to kill off Harper's number one priority, the KXL pipeline."

Alleging that it actively spied on the American government — something generally forbidden by the Five Eyes spying partnership — would be a significant revelation, if it turns out to be true.

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Canadian spywatcher's Snowden remark 'highly inappropriate,' Goodale says

[Globe and Mail](#)

Colin Freeze and Daniel Leblanc
December 8, 2016 21h53 ET

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale has rebuked a Canadian spywatcher for publicly suggesting Edward Snowden "should be shot."

"That remark strikes me as highly inappropriate," the minister told reporters in Ottawa on Thursday.

He was not the only person offended. From Russia, the famous fugitive American at the centre of the comment also found it disturbing.

"Canadian spy, charged with keeping spies from breaking the law, wants man dead for showing spies broke law," read a Tweet from Mr. Snowden on his verified account. He then added wryly, "Bonus: he's mad he was recorded."

On Wednesday, The Globe reported that Michael Doucet, a former Canadian intelligence analyst, gave a 90-minute talk to a small audience at Toronto's Ryerson University in which he made several off-the-cuff remarks. He later said he did not think his talk was being recorded.

When a member of the audience asked Mr. Doucet what Mr. Snowden's fate would have been had he been Canadian and leaked intelligence secrets, he replied: "Do you want my opinion on that? Do you really want it? I'll give it to you. If Edward Snowden had worked for CSIS and did what he did, he should be shot."

This comment was surprising because Mr. Doucet is executive director of a government watchdog agency, the Security Intelligence Review Committee. SIRC reviews the highly classified operations of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, and its officials rarely make unscripted remarks in public.

Mr. Doucet quickly added that he was merely being provocative, and would like Mr. Snowden to face trial.

In 2013, Mr. Snowden was a security-cleared contractor who fled the United States with volumes of U.S. government documents. He leaked them to select journalists who wrote articles about their contents, including secret spy programs of questionable legality.

Mr. Snowden has lived in Russia for the past 3 1/2 years and would face charges under the Espionage Act should he return to the United States. Supporters consider him a principled whistle-blower, and have been pushing for outgoing President Barack Obama to pardon him.

The Snowden leaks have woken the world up to the fact that the U.S. National Security Agency and its allies in a partnership known as the Five Eyes – Canada, Britain, Australia and New Zealand – have been collecting, pooling and analyzing global telecommunications traffic on a massive, constant and indiscriminate basis.

As a result of the Snowden revelations, the U.S. government gave up some potentially unlawful surveillance. For example, U.S. federal agents had been secretly requisitioning Americans' phone records in bulk from phone companies.

Over the years, The Globe has written about several Snowden documents pertaining to Canada.

A leaked presentation about the capabilities of powerful analytical software known as Olympia showed that, in 2012, Canadian analysts dissected telecommunications traffic related to Brazil's Ministry of Mines and Energy. They winnowed flows of global data down to specific Brazilian devices that were earmarked to be hacked at a later point.

After that leak, many Canadians expressed surprise that the federal government would apparently engage in economically driven espionage against a friendly nation.

The Snowden leaks also showed that an allied agency did similar topographical data analysis against Canadian corporations.

NSA documents suggested U.S. spies had mapped out traffic flows associated with a major Canadian bank and a telecommunications company. The reasons were never made explicit, but the mapping raised questions about whether the Five Eyes countries actually make good on their supposed gentlemen's agreement to refrain from spying on each other.

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Leaked Snowden document shows how 'sigint' nabbed a Canadian al-Qaeda operative

[Globe and Mail](#)

Colin Freeze

December 9, 2016 20h56 ET

Communications intercepted by U.S. and British spy agencies led to the arrest of the first al-Qaeda-inspired terrorist caught in Canada, according to a newly leaked document.

The memo, circulated within the U.S. National Security Agency more than a decade ago, provides a rare and detailed look at the world of intelligence-sharing.

In early 2004, a cell of British terrorists was caught scheming to explode a bomb in London. After Scotland Yard launched "Operation Crevice" to round up the conspirators, Canadian police simultaneously moved to arrest an Ottawa software engineer.

Momin Khawaja had helped build detonators for the conspirators. The suspects, including Mr. Khawaja, were twentysomething Westerners whose families had hailed from Pakistan. They had travelled to a terrorist training camp in that country and emerged from it wanting to bomb Britain for its role in the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Evidence included discussion of close co-operation between British and Canadian police. But prosecutors glossed over how "signals intelligence" (or sigint) captured long before the bust had laid a foundation for detectives.

The details are revealed in a document flowing from Edward Snowden, the fugitive former American contractor who took volumes of files from the NSA in 2013 to leak them to the media.

The Intercept, a news site, has extensive access to the Snowden archive. It has started publishing memos that circulated within the NSA "signals intelligence directorate" in the early 2000s.

The April, 19, 2004 NSA memo titled "SIGINT contribution to Operation Crevice" reads as follows:

"Since March 2003, the U.K.'s Security Service and police had been investigating an AQ (al-Qa'ida) support network based in the U.K. with links to a senior AQ operational planner in Pakistan."

The memo goes on to describe a British mastermind who had wanted to "mount an attack in the U.K. using a large improvised explosive device" and his "Pakistan-based contact [who] was attempting to obtain nuclear material for use in the device."

The eventual evidence at trials was that the British police who unfurled the plot discovered a storage shed containing a large bomb made of ammonium-nitrate, an explosive substance sold commercially as a fertilizer. No evidence of any capability to make a nuclear-material "dirty bomb" surfaced in any courtroom, although some British media have reported that spies had caught wind of terrorists talking about that possibility.

The leaked memo says the NSA and its British counterpart, known as GCHQ, worked quickly to map out the conspirators' communications before providing investigative leads to Pakistani, British and Canadian agencies.

"Call records analysis and reporting expanded Security Service's network knowledge and helped to identify new telephone numbers of key targets in the U.K.," it says. "C2C (computer-to-computer) analysis provided new leads on a Canada-based individual within the network."

This was an allusion to Mr. Khawaja, who lived with his parents and whose day job was fixing computers for Canada's Foreign Affairs department.

Mr. Khawaja became the first terrorist to be arrested, tried and convicted under the Anti-Terrorism Act that Parliament passed in 2001. He is serving a life sentence.

The leaked NSA memo, which is to be officially declassified in 2032, says that "well over 100 Sigint reports were issued on Operation Crevice." Most came from GCHQ but "the NSA reporting contributed significant pieces to the jigsaw."

A Canadian agency called the Communications Security Establishment is a close NSA and GCHQ ally, but the Operation Crevice memo makes no mention of it. At that time, the Canadian agency was beginning to get secret authorizations from cabinet ministers to expand its powers.

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Canada spy agency stops sharing intelligence with international partners

Guardian UK
January 28, 2016, 16h00 ET

Canada's ultra-secret eavesdropping agency has stopped sharing intelligence with international partners after revealing it had illegally collected Canadians' metadata in sweeps of foreign communications.

In a report to parliament, the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) said on Thursday the breach was unintentional and had been discovered internally in 2013.

A CSE official blamed a software flaw that resulted in sharing of metadata, used to identify, manage or route communications over networks that could identify Canadians.

The agency said the likelihood of this leading to any abuses was "low".

But as a precaution, the CSE suspended its sharing of metadata with its Five Eyes intelligence partners – Australia, Britain, New Zealand and the United States – until it finds a fix to the problem.

Canadian defense minister Harjit Sajjan said he was satisfied that any data that had already been shared with the intelligence alliance before the software glitch was discovered "did not contain names or enough information on its own to identify individuals".

He also said he accepted an investigation's conclusion that the breach of Canadian privacy and national security laws was "unintentional".

It was unclear what, if any, impact the metadata sharing stoppage has had on Five Eyes intelligence gathering.

Public safety minister Ralph Goodale said Canada's allies have been "**very supportive**" while the CSE told AFP it continues to have "strong and collaborative relationships" with its allies in other areas.

In another report also released on Thursday, Canada's spy agency watchdog raised concerns about efforts by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) to counter "insider threats".

The Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) said it identified "a number of deficiencies" in the way CSIS prevents and investigates classified document leaks, following the high-profile leaks by Edward Snowden in the United States and the 2012 arrest of Canadian navy officer Jeffrey Paul Delisle for selling state secrets to Russia.

It highlighted "one situation in particular [in which] SIRC found that CSIS had failed to give a case the appropriate level of attention and to take follow-up action," but provided no details.

CSIS rejected its recommendations, it noted.

SIRC also raised a potential legal concern with respect to CSIS's use of paid al-Qaida or Taliban informants, saying it was in conflict with United Nations al-Qaida and Taliban Regulations that prohibit association with or funding of these two jihadist groups.

The release of both reports was delayed by October's legislative elections, and comes as the new Liberal government undertakes a complete review of Canada's security intelligence framework.

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CSE Broke Privacy Laws With Metadata Sharing, Watchdog Says

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OTTAWA — A federal watchdog says Canada's electronic spy agency broke privacy laws by sharing information about Canadians with foreign partners.

In his annual report, Jean-Pierre Plouffe says the Communications Security Establishment passed along the information — known as metadata — to counterparts in the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand.

Metadata is information associated with a communication — such as a telephone number or email address — but not the message itself.

The Ottawa-based CSE uses highly advanced technology to intercept, sort and analyze foreign communications for information of intelligence interest to the federal government.

Documents leaked in 2013 by former American spy contractor Edward Snowden revealed the U.S. National Security Agency — a close CSE ally — had quietly obtained access to a huge volume of emails, chat logs and other information from major Internet companies, as well as massive amounts of data about telephone calls.

As a result, civil libertarians, privacy advocates and opposition politicians demanded assurances the CSE was not using its extraordinary powers to snoop on Canadians.

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DAVID COMMON (CBC-R): Canada's electronic spy agency is conducting mass surveillance of the Internet on a global scale. Documents first obtained by U.S. whistle-blower Edward Snowden show Canada's communication Security Establishment is filtering millions of daily downloads from file-sharing sites looking for extremists.

Is filtering looking for Dave Seglins has our report.

DAVE SEGLINS (CBC reporter): It's called Project Levitation. Canada is watching 102 Internet file-sharing sites. According to spy agency documents, they're sifting through 10 to 15 million uploads and downloads every day. They're looking for people sharing extremist propaganda and training manuals.

GLENN GREENWALD (Journalist, The Intercept): It's really the first time that a story has been reported that involves the CSEC as the lead agency in a program of pure mass surveillance.

DAVE SEGLINS: Glenn Greenwald is a journalist with the U.S. news site The Intercept. He obtained these documents from Edward Snowden and says Canada is using huge databases shared among its allies to build profiles of people downloading suspicious material.

GLENN GREENWALD: They cannot only monitor you into the future, but they can go increasingly into the past and find your Google searches, find your emails, find your chats, find the files that you've uploaded, your Facebook activity. A whole array of Internet activity that you've engaged in.

DAVE SEGLINS: Now Ron Diebert, Director of Citizen Lab, a technology think tank at the University of Toronto, says the goal of stopping terrorists is good, but how much intelligence is being gathered and at what cost?

RON DIEBERT (Director of Citizen Lab, University of Toronto): Is it okay in the pursuit of radical extremists and defending Canadians from possible harm that the government sets up a giant digital x-ray machine over

everything that we do? Because that's effectively where we're headed right now.

DAVE SEGLINS: CSEC says it's all within its legal mandate to find foreign terrorists. The agency says it's not targeting Canadians and any Canadian incidentally caught up in the surveillance, well, they have measures in place to protect their privacy.

Dave Seglins, CBC News, Toronto.

DAVID COMMON: Much more, including the top-secret documents, can be found at cbcnews.ca. Just follow the links to the Canadian Snowden files.

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Goodale making no quick calls about online police powers

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Following RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson chilling warning that his police force cannot protect Canadians from cyber crimes, **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale seemed unwilling to wade into the questions Paulson raised about Canada's legal framework.**

"He and I have not had the chance to have that conversation yet and I'm looking forward to hearing the elaboration of his views," Goodale told reporters at the Securetech conference in Ottawa.

"This issue has presented difficulties in the past, very high profile ones, that obviously we're quite serious about," he added, not giving any extra air to the debate that has divided security buffs from privacy advocates.

"I just need to have that conversation with the commissioner."

Paulson made the argument Tuesday that as it currently stands, the legal framework in Canada is slowing down police efforts to enforce Canadian laws online.

"Fundamentally, ladies and gentlemen, it's hard to keep people safe on the Internet right now. The best advice we can give people is, 'Don't go (on the Internet),' which is not really working, or 'If you go, be really, really, really careful,'" Paulson told the conference.

"And if something bad happens, hopefully we'll be able to help you, but there's no guarantee."

Privacy concerns, some critics charge, have slowed police agencies down by unnecessarily demanding warrants for certain information created online. These critics argue that metadata should be readily available, including subscriber data from telecoms, a practice the Supreme Court put a plug in with the 2014 Spencer decision.

That decision came shortly after it was discovered that in 2011, nine companies were asked by law enforcement and government agencies to voluntarily hand over their customers' personal information a total of 1.2 million times.

"I'm all for warrantless access to subscriber info," said Paulson. "If I had to get a judge on the phone every time I wanted to run a licence plate when I was doing my policing, there wouldn't have been much policing getting done."

Paulson wasn't alone in advocating for broader police powers online. Former CSIS assistant director of intelligence Ray Boisvert spoke to the conference Wednesday and argued that in the "post-Snowden hysteria," privacy advocates are bringing about restrictions that not only protect lone actor attackers but often facilitate their self-radicalization.

"The challenge around the post-Snowden era is that we're going to see a lot more of this [lone actors] because it makes it difficult to find conspiracy type individuals. The advantage to the lone attacker is extremely important, because as the name implies they can construct, plan, theorize, even self-radicalize and all until they're ready to act," said Boisvert.

Despite the commissioners cautions, internal RCMP documents looking into the affects of the Spencer ruling show no "significant negative effects" on operations.

The government however has made cyber security a priority in the publicly released ministerial mandate letters, with several departments committed to a multi-departmental review into cyber security for critical infrastructure.

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Goodale to host UK terror watchdog, national security committee

Amanda Connolly

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Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale will host the U.K.'s terrorism legislation watchdog and members of its Intelligence and Security Committee (ISC) next week in Ottawa for a meeting that will include discussion about the government's new national security committee of parliamentarians.

The meeting will come as Parliament resumes from its summer sitting and is expected to dive into debate on Bill C-22, which was tabled on June 16 and announced the framework for the government's nine-member committee of appointed parliamentarians who will "review and scrutinize" the activities of national security agencies.

The committee brings Canada more in-line with other G7 countries' democratic review and oversight bodies, including congressional intelligence committees in the US.

It won't be the first time **Goodale** sits down with the eight British committee members — back in January, he spent three days in the U.K. and France holding meetings with counterterrorism partners including the ISC.

Goodale's office at the time described the trip as an opportunity for the minister to meet with his foreign counterparts on security issues ranging from how best to create a parliamentary oversight committee to how to tackle radicalization and security.

David Anderson, the U.K.'s Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, will also be taking part in the meeting with **Goodale** and the ISC.

Anderson, who has been described by the U.K.'s The Guardian newspaper as "one of the most informed voices in the public debate over surveillance since revelations made by former CIA employee Edward Snowden," is stepping down from his post in February 2017 after serving two three-year terms in the office.

Last month, he tabled a report to the U.K. parliament that said allowing bulk data collection by British spy agencies was "vital in preventing terrorist attacks," a move that drew the ire of some privacy groups in the country who argued the report didn't do enough to present "hard evidence" that the bulk collection was needed.

Following a speech in Ottawa last month at the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police conference, **Goodale** told reporters he wants to see a greater public debate about the balance between privacy and security, particularly with regards to the use of encryption.

His comments came after the police chiefs passed a resolution calling for a law that would force Canadians to hand over their electronic passwords with a judge's consent, with the head of the association stressing that criminals' increasing use of encryption means police needs more tools to keep up.

It's not clear how long Anderson or the ISC will be in Ottawa or if they are holding meetings with other parliamentarians or organizations while in town.

iPolitics has reached out to both parties to request further details.

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IT World Canada
Brian Jacks
July 14, 2016

The man that says he lives on the Internet will be the showcase speaker at SecTor, a Toronto-based security conference this year.

Edward Snowden, the former CIA employee and government contractor that leaked classified documents about a mass surveillance operation run by the National Security Administration (NSA), will be appearing at the conference via a video link from Russia, where he's been living under asylum since 2013. SecTor will be Snowden's first and only commercial conference appearance in North America this year, conference organizers say.

"Edward Snowden is not only one of the biggest names in cybersecurity, but his unique situation and cybersecurity experiences also make him one of the most important and influential," said SecTor co-founder Brian Bourne in an email announcement. It's important to have him "appear in front of the Canadian IT community, so we engage and inspire today's security professionals and don't fall behind."

Snowden has been said to make his living off of speaking fees since fleeing the U.S. and leaking state secrets. Snowden's lawyer Ben Wizner once told the New York Times the fees can sometimes exceed \$10,000 per appearance.

Snowden has also made appearances at conferences and gallery events via telepresence robot BeamPro, essentially a raised iPad on two wheels. He first used the robot at a TED talk in 2014.

Beyond NSA's clandestine mass surveillance operations that were leaked by Snowden, Canada's Communications Security Establishment (CSE) has also been the subject of some of his classified leaks. He's also said that Canada's intelligence gathering operations have the "weakest oversight" among western nations.

A Hollywood movie, directed by Oliver Stone and titled Snowden, is based the whistleblower's life and focuses on his choice to reveal state secrets.

SecTor begins in Toronto Oct. 17.

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Cyber Security in Canada and the Cyber Security consultation and review | La Cyber sécurité au Canada et l'examen de la politique de cyber sécurité

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

Cyber security in Canada received a significant amount of media coverage, focusing on current cyber threats. The government of Canada's Cyber Security consultation and review received light media coverage. Overall tone of coverage was neutral.

- A small number of print and online articles mentioned Minister of Public Safety, Ralph Goodale's mandate letter asking for a review of existing measures to protect Canadians and critical infrastructure from cyber threats. Officials at Public Safety Canada stated the review will launch in the spring of 2016. It will look at legal gaps and shortcomings in police resources. The creation of the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange (CCTX) received a light amount of print and online media coverage.
- The bulk of broadcast media coverage focused on cyber threats and cyber security in the business world.
- Social media trends focused on the increased global cyber threat environment, gaps in information sharing between countries (especially the U.S. and Canada) and measures for private enterprises to take to ensure their cyber security.

News Releases / Communiqués

Déclaration du ministre de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile à propos du lancement de l'Échange canadien de menaces cybernétiques

L'honorable Ralph Goodale, ministre canadien de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile, a fait la déclaration suivante au sujet du nouvel Échange canadien de menaces cybernétiques (ECMC), un centre de cybersécurité à but non lucratif : « Le cyberspace génère des avantages extraordinaires pour la qualité de vie des Canadiens et notre prospérité nationale. Nous avons tous le devoir de protéger ces avantages contre les menaces cybernétiques. L'un de nos meilleurs moyens de défense est notre capacité à travailler ensemble et à échanger de l'information sur les menaces cybernétiques actuelles et futures, les techniques de défense et les autres pratiques exemplaires. Voilà pourquoi le gouvernement du Canada accueille favorablement la création de l'ECMC par le secteur privé. Cette nouvelle

organisation favorisera la collaboration entre le secteur public et le secteur privé au Canada et nous aidera à déceler, à prévenir et à atténuer les risques cybernétiques plus efficacement. Nous serons heureux de travailler avec l'ECMC et ses membres pour assurer la sécurité du Canada et de ses citoyens. » [Sécurité publique Canada](#)

Statement from the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness on the launch of the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange

The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Canada's Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, made the following statement regarding the launch of the new Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange (CCTX), a not-for-profit cyber security hub: Cyberspace provides tremendous benefits to the quality of life of Canadians and to our national prosperity. We all share in the responsibility to protect those benefits from online threats. One of our best defences is our ability to work together and share information on existing and emerging cyber security threats, defensive techniques and other best practices. For this reason, the Government of Canada welcomes the private sector initiative to create the CCTX. It will facilitate collaboration amongst public and private sectors in Canada and will help us to identify, prevent and mitigate cyber risks more effectively. We look forward to working with the CCTX and its members to keep Canada and Canadians safe and secure. [Public Safety Canada](#)

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"We need to examine a broad collection of things related to national security" "This will involve a very extensive examination of our security and intelligence operations now and how we can make them better." "We will begin the process by circulating materials that we would invite Canadians to comment on. Where that leads at the end of the process, we'll have to see what the process itself generates." "We will be consulting Canadians broadly and Parliamentarians and subject matter experts to revise the provisions in the law." ~ Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Ralph Goodale

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"It is our intent to conduct a review that is going to be credible and comprehensive, and reaches out to all stakeholders across Canada. And also to our international partners." - Monik Beauregard, senior assistant deputy minister at Public Safety Canada's national and cybersecurity branch

"The threat is constantly evolving. The kinds of attacks, viruses and malware are rapidly changing. Nobody has the capability of staying ahead of it all the time." ~ President of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, John Manley

"The lack of data is because companies do not want to admit that they were victim to a hack, particularly because of the perceived liability." ~ President of I-Sec Integrated Strategies and a former Assistant Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, Ray Boisvert

"We've been putting military and intelligence organizations at the top and see the world through the lens of a kind of competitive militaristic view of what cybersecurity means, when in fact I think we need to take an entirely different approach that puts more emphasis on a civilian understanding of securing cyberspace." ~ Ron Deibert, director of the Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs

"Overall, it's a very positive initiative () it will make (Canadian businesses) more resilient." ~ Partner and Cybersecurity Consulting Leader at PWC, Saj Nair

"Le FBI a publié en 2007 un rapport montrant que malgré ses craintes, le cryptage des ordinateurs n'avait jamais empêché de résoudre une affaire [...] Je ne pense donc pas qu'interdire le cryptage des mobiles résoudrait les problèmes de sécurité nationale" ~ Vicente Diaz, analyste pour l'entreprise russe Kaspersky Labs

"By bringing together technological solutions, by influencing human behaviour and by developing the insurance market, we can distribute cyber risk in order to enjoy the potential of a connected future." ~ Dominic Casserley, president and deputy chief executive officer of Willis Towers Watson, during a speech at the Commonwealth Club of California in San Francisco

"For instance, just like in the United States there is a cybercrime underground in Canada. But, the Canadian cybercrime underground is smaller and focuses primarily on trafficking in counterfeit and stolen documents and credentials." ~ Christopher Budd, global threat communications at Trend

Print & Online Media / Presse écrite et en ligne

From November 1, 2015 to April 18, 2016, media coverage of cyber security as a general topic was significant, with mentions in 310 English language articles and 69 French language articles. The bulk of articles discussed cyber threats affecting the private sector. However, the Cyber Security consultation and review received a light amount of coverage. The tone of coverage was neutral. Articles featured comments supporting the government's proposal to conduct a review and consultation on Canada's Cyber Security strategy. Stakeholders noted the need to update Canada's critical infrastructure and cyber security infrastructure.

Key issues:

- Media noted that in his mandate letter, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Ralph Goodale, was asked to lead a review of existing measures to protect Canadians and critical infrastructure from cyber threats, in collaboration with other departments. At the Conference of Defence Associations Institute's Ottawa conference on February 18, Minister Goodale stated that the review of the cyber security policy will be comprehensive.
- The Cyber security review will focus on two threats: the increase in sexual exploitation over the Internet and national security.
- Nine major Canadian companies, along with the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, announced the formation of the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange (CCTX), a non-profit organization that will allow firms to share information amongst themselves, government and research institutes about cyber-attacks.
- Budget 2016: The Communications Security Establishment, is expecting a net increase of \$59.5 million "in support" of its mandate. Specifically, CSE expects to spend the money to increase its "capacity to address cyber threats and advancements in technology." Media note the bulk of money for domestic cyber security will be directed at Shared Services. Budget 2016 allocates \$77.4 million over five years, starting this year, for Shared Services to update its cyber security network, patch existing problems and make sure government networks are protected from cyber threats, malicious software and unauthorized access.
- Alberta's auditor general criticized Alberta Energy for failing to assess the performance of its oil and gas royalty reduction programs and not assessing the potential impacts of a cyber-attack on the industry.

- Patrick Boucher, the acting director general responsible for critical infrastructure, said Canada works closely with its Five Eyes partners - the U.S., U.K., Australia and New Zealand - to address transnational threats.
- Media reported Canada and the U.S. are vulnerable to an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attack.
- President Barack Obama and PM Justin Trudeau agreed to increase critical infrastructure security and information sharing on cyber security with the private sector.
- Over a two month period, Canada faced 25 attacks from sophisticated malware designed to target its critical infrastructure. Power plants, electrical grids, aviation software a variety of government-run systems were facing assault from Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) technology, likely dispatched by foreign governments both hostile and friendly.
- The World Economic Forum has listed cyber security as one of the greatest threats to business around the world
- In the private sector, media report on the lack of awareness among non-technical employees. Additionally, reports note companies are concerned about cyber security.
- According to the US Department of Homeland Security, the energy sector faces more cyber-attacks than any other industry.
- Stakeholders: Wesley Wark, a Canadian expert on issues relating to intelligence, national security and terrorism, stated that instead of spending time on a review of cyber security, what the government requires is "fresh thinking on a much larger scale about its national security capabilities and strategy". Gabe Rottman, a policy advisor at the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington: like Canada, the United States has a complicated network of government entities trying to handle cyber security threats.

Cyber threats, private sector CCTX

Tech Threat

Computer programs designed to snoop through retailers' point-of-sale (POS) systems for sensitive customer information or to encrypt files so that criminals can extort money are among the cyber threats Canadian businesses face. But a major hurdle to overcoming such threats, suggest information technology security experts, is a lack of awareness among non-technical employees. While very few threat reports focus on or cover Canada, the data available indicates that the most prominent IT security threat here is the OpenCandy toolbar, Natasha Hellenberg, senior threat researcher for Tokyo-based vendor Trend Micro Incorporated, suggests in a blog post. Users are tricked into installing this onto their machine, which is then used to also download malware onto it, says Ottawa-based Hellenberg ()One hurdle to gathering Canadian statistics for malware attacks on businesses, McCloskey advises, is the fact that it is tough to get people to come clean on their level of incidents. The federal government recently made some announcements with respect to facilitating some judgment-free sharing of incident information across industries. For example, the Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre (CCIRC) shares technical information on threats, vulnerabilities, risks and incidents with its partners to enhance collective understanding of cyber threats and incidents, and help ensure organizations have the information required to make informed decisions, Public Safety Canada reports on its website. Organizations can report cyber incidents to the [federal government] through CCIRC, adds a spokesperson for the federal department. [Canadian Underwriter](#) (2016-03-31)

This one chart explains why cybersecurity is so important

New hacking threats have emerged in the past two years, and with it has come an large increase in

worldwide concern about cybersecurity. In 2014, 69% of executives expressed concerned about cyber threats, including a lack of data security, according to a PricewaterhouseCoopers survey. In 2015, an updated survey increased that number to 86%, so it's clear that the desire for better cybersecurity is not going away anytime soon. In the infographic below, John Greenough of BI Intelligence, Business Insider's premium research service, explains what cybersecurity is, what the investment will be, the top types of attacks, and the ways enterprises are protecting themselves. [Business Insider](#) (2016-03-17)

Multi-layered approach key to tackling cyber risks: Willis Towers Watson

Taking a multi-dimensional approach as opposed to relying on a sub-set of actions is needed to tackle the growing cyber security risk, Dominic Casserley, president and deputy chief executive officer of Willis Towers Watson, suggested in a recent speech at the Commonwealth Club of California in San Francisco. Casserley urged organizations in the public, private and social sectors to adopt an integrated plan for building cyber security as a package, rather than relying on a sub-set of actions in response to growing cyber threats, notes a statement issued Thursday by global advisory, broking and solutions company Willis Towers Watson. [Canadian Underwriter](#) (2016-02-26)

Téléphone intelligent - Protection des données ou sécurité nationale?

La cybersécurité touche aussi la téléphonie mobile, quoi qu'en pensent leurs usagers

Longtemps à la traîne, la sécurité des données des téléphones mobiles devient un enjeu majeur pour les entreprises et les consommateurs, mais la lutte contre le terrorisme complique l'équation. "Pour une très grande majorité des utilisateurs, les questions de sécurité peuvent supposer un frein à un usage plus poussé des technologies", explique Stéphane Geyres, responsable activités conseil et service en cybersécurité chez Accenture. Avec le développement des services sur mobiles, comme l'accès aux données bancaires, les utilisateurs s'interrogent de plus en plus sur la sécurité qu'ils peuvent en attendre. Pour autant, paradoxalement, cette question n'est pas au centre de leurs préoccupations lors de l'achat d'un nouveau modèle. [Le Devoir](#), B4 (2016-02-25)

Spy agency unlawfully shared metadata for years

The unlawful sharing by Canada's electronic spy agency of metadata involving Canadians' communications went on for years before the practice was suspended in 2014, parliamentarians learned Monday. The disclosure by Jean-Pierre Plouffe, head of the small, independent agency that monitors the legality of Communications Security Establishment (CSE) operations, means vast amounts of unprotected data were shared with Canada's "Five Eyes" intelligence partners in the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Plouffe, testifying before the Senate's National Security Committee, was asked by Senate Opposition Leader Claude Carignan how many Canadians were affected by the privacy breach. "Given the number of years which this happened, and given the fact this is a systemic issue, it was difficult to establish the volume and the number of people affected," replied Plouffe. "Hundreds of thousands?" asked Carignan. "It is impossible to know the exact figure," said Plouffe. Metadata is information used by computer systems to identify, describe, manage or route communications across networks. It can include Internet protocol addresses, phone numbers and the time of a transmission or the location of a device. The data is vital to the CSE's collection of foreign electronic signals to detect and defend against cyber-threats to Canadian networks and terrorist threats to national security. While metadata does not reveal the content of the communications, it can expose information about the user. CSE computer software is supposed to "minimize" such information - removing potentially revealing details - before it is shared with foreign partners. Instead, reams of unminimized metadata flowed to a U.S.-based Five Eyes metadata sharing point for years. The spy agency first discovered the problem in late 2013 and suspended the practice in early 2014 until a technical fix could be found. It has yet to resume the metadata sharing, Plouffe said Monday. The CSE notified Plouffe's Office of the Communications Security Establishment Commissioner soon after discovering the problem. Plouffe went public in his annual report, released in January, and sanctioned the agency for breaking the law - the first such rebuke in the agency's long history. [Postmedia News](#) (Vancouver Sun, A10, Ottawa Citizen, Calgary Herald) (2016-02-23)

Survey: Majority of Energy Sector Companies Can't Track Cyber-Threats

According to the US Department of Homeland Security, the energy sector faces more cyber-attacks than any other industry, and attacks on industrial control system networks are on the rise. If successful, these energy sector cyber-attacks could have a dramatic physical impact. But, two-thirds of IT staff in the energy, utilities and oil and gas industries say they have no visibility into the physical ramifications at stake. [Info Security Magazine](#) (2016-02-05)

Protecting Canada

While Canada and the U.S. are vulnerable to an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attack that has the potential to destabilize our power grid, water systems, food supply chain and more, the solution is relatively simple. But first the issue needs to become a priority for Canadian politicians. Part 1 of this two-part feature explained former CIA analyst Dr. Peter Pry's attempts to educate policymakers and the military on the need to protect our electrical grid. If an enemy detonated a nuclear missile above the skies of North America, it could take out our grid for months. Countries like North Korea and various terrorist groups have shown they can launch EMP missiles. "This is a bigger threat than the classic nuclear war we talk about," Pry explained during a recent visit to Toronto. "It will kill a lot more people. One bomb will basically end your civilization () In the mandate letter sent to Ralph Goodale, minister of public safety and emergency preparedness, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau instructs him to "lead a review of existing measures to protect Canadians and our critical infrastructure from cyber-threats." This review could be the beginning of the answer, but neither the minister's office nor department would confirm EMP is a priority. [Postmedia Network](#) (Calgary Sun, A16; Toronto Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun) (2016-02-01)

The Internet's Wild West

Hijacking "smart" toasters and refrigerators and hacking corporate ventilation systems are among the new threats envisioned by cybersecurity experts as an increasing array of items are connected to the Internet. The Internet of Things, a movement that seeks to control everything from factory equipment to traffic lights and household appliances through the web, creates vast opportunities for improved efficiency and convenience. But unless companies address the emerging cybersecurity risks, the Internet of Things (or IoT) will fail, said Stephen Pattison, the vice-president of public affairs at ARM Holdings, the U.K. semiconductor company. "We ain't seen nothing yet," Pattison said, speaking on a panel at the recent Security Innovation Network's U.S./U.K. Global Cybersecurity Innovation Summit in London. [Bloomberg](#) (Waterloo Region Record, A10, Hamilton Spectator) (2016-02-01)

Canada Discovers It's Under Attack by Dozens of State-Sponsored Hackers

Over a two month period, Canada faced 25 attacks from sophisticated malware designed to target its critical infrastructure. Power plants, electrical grids, aviation software a variety of government-run systems were facing assault from Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) technology, likely dispatched by foreign governments both hostile and friendly. In access to information documents, obtained by VICE News, Public Safety Canada describes these "Advanced Persistent Threat" groups as "sophisticated threat actors with significant resources who pursue objectives over an extended period of time and attempt to maintain presence on the targeted network" and are most likely "a nation state" given the "level of intent and capabilities of these actors". APT attacks, in other words, are hacks designed to surreptitiously gain backdoor access to a system in order to lay dormant for long periods of time, usually undetected, to collect data. There were 25 incidents involving "hosts affected with APT-related malware," according to reports obtained from the Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre (CCIRC), the federal agency tasked with keeping tabs on cyber threats to the public and private sector. All of the threats came from "the Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) sector," with connections to Canada's major public infrastructure. Critical infrastructure, which is increasingly automated and online, entails public systems like the electrical grid, nuclear power plants, water filtration stations and financial institutions. It's been said that, should hackers successfully leverage one of those exploitations, it could result in a "Cyber Pearl Harbor." A report from the country's main intelligence service, the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS), says the threat posed by these hacks are "very real" and that they could "affect water supply, energy and utilities, manufacturing, Internet communications technology or even gravely affect institutions such as schools and hospitals." Public Safety Canada remained tight lipped when asked about

any Canadian critical infrastructure being exploited by hackers in the employ of hostile nations. "While we do not comment on specific or potential threats against Canadian critical infrastructure interests, I can say that the CCIRC is focused on protecting vital systems outside of the federal government, including critical infrastructure, against cyber incidents," said Mylène Croteau, a spokesperson for Public Safety Canada. [Vice.com](#) (2016-01-25)

Beefing up our cyber defences

In an opinion piece, lawyers Imran Ahmad, Marlon Hylton and Bernice Karn, members of Cassels Brock Blackwell LLP's cyber-security practice write, "With cyber attacks steadily increasing in sophistication, frequency and magnitude, we must ask ourselves whether Canada is ready to meet the challenge these threats pose to our economy, national security and the overall wellbeing of Canadians. Unfortunately, when compared to the United States, the United Kingdom or Germany, Canada is clearly lagging in terms of cyber readiness (...) Nevertheless, last month alone, several positive developments within the public and private sectors signalled a real effort to move the yardsticks on Canada's cyber preparedness. The first was Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's mandate to his minister of public safety to lead a review of existing measures to protect critical infrastructure - utilities, transportation, financial sector, telecommunications, etc. - from cyber threats. Shortly thereafter, the Canadian Council of Chief Executives announced that it was establishing the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange, a member-funded, not-for-profit organization focused on helping Canadian businesses and consumers protect themselves against cyber-attacks." [National Post](#), A9 (2016-01-20)

Cyber-attack among World Economic Forum's top global risks

The World Economic Forum (WEF) has listed cyber-security as one of the greatest threats to business around the world. In the Global Risks Report, the annual study of what the WEF fears and what the forum feels the world should fear, cyber-security has made its third appearance. The category finds itself ranked fairly high, above food crises, interstate conflict, terrorist attacks and spread of infection diseases but below climate change, fiscal crises and mass migration. In 140 economies, the report notes, cyber-attacks rank in the top ten threats. The United States is considered to have the most to be concerned about given the effects cyber-threats can have on the economy. [SC Magazine](#) (2016-01-19)

Why CIOs should pay attention to the difference in U.S. and Canadian cyber threats

When it comes to cyber threats, the U.S. and Canada are very different, according to Trend Micro threat researcher Natasha Hellberg, and that should affect how CIOs manage security. "Our culture, motivations, behaviours and political climate are all unique to Canada. These influence how threat actors here behave," she said in her post(<http://blog.trendmicro.com/trendlabs-security-intelligence/what-about-canada-eh-the-canadian-threat-landscape/>) on the TrendLabs Security Intelligence blog, What About Canada, Eh? - The Canadian Threat Landscape. The post was a supplement to Trend Micro's report, North American Underground: The Glass Tank, which examined cybercrime on both sides of the border. "In the report we find that Canadian threat trends are related but different from those in the United States," noted Christopher Budd, global threat communications at Trend. "For instance, just like in the United States there is a cybercrime underground in Canada. But, the Canadian cybercrime underground is smaller and focuses primarily on trafficking in counterfeit and stolen documents and credentials." [National Post](#) (2016-01-18)

Must see: The government doesn't want you to click here

Warnings against clickbait and phishing permeate Canadian spy agency's cyber defence reports.

Government of Canada users should avoid clicking on suspicious or catchy articles or email links, warns a Canadian spy agency in its Cyber Defence Report for the first quarter of 2015. "Clickbait," it explains, "are websites or online articles designed to drive visitor traffic by containing catchy sensationalist headlines like 'must see' or 'unbelievable' and are distributed over social media and online ads." They want to exploit curiosity, the Communications Security Establishment warns-to "drive web traffic and generate advertising revenue" or to "launch exploits against systems that visit a seeded website." Though the former sounds like the behaviour of any modern news organization, it's the latter that concerns Canada's government. Luring users through email links, or phishing, is one of the ways that hackers can attempt to compromise systems or access classified data. [Embassy](#) (2016-01-13)

Cybersecurity focus increases in Canada, U.S. and U.K.

Over the past week, major initiatives have been launched in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom focused on enhancing cybersecurity. In Canada last week, the Canadian Council of Chief Executives and a group of leading Canadian companies recently announced plans for an independent, not-for-profit organization, the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange (CCTX), to help Canadian businesses and consumers guard against cyber attacks. Launching in 2016, the CCTX will work to share information about cyber threats and vulnerabilities among businesses, government and research institutions. It will provide its members and the general public with analysis of cybersecurity issues and act as a point of contact for cyber information-sharing organizations in other countries. [BiometricUpdate.com](#) (2015-12-15)

New threat intelligence sharing site to open for all Canadian firms

Canadian CISOs are about to get help in defending attacks through something few other nations have - a national cyber threat information exchange for small, medium and large enterprises from all sectors. The Canadian Council of Chief Executives announced this morning that it and a group of major corporations including banks and telcos some of whom have their own private threat sharing networks are behind the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange (CCTX) to help businesses and consumers stay ahead of cyber attacks. The idea is to really start sharing information on a very big scale so all participants will be able to access intelligence and threat information from their partners and use this information to protect their systems much better, said Benoit Dupont, national scientific director of the Montreal-based SERENE-RISC cybersecurity information exchange and a board member of CCTX. The founding members are: Air Canada, Bell Canada, Canadian National Railway Company, HydroOne, Manulife, Royal Bank of Canada, Telus, TD Bank Group and TransCanada Corporation. The non-profit exchange will be up and running in the first quarter of next year, although all of its capabilities won't be available until the end of the year. A search for an executive director starts today. Large companies (and the definition of large hasn't been settled yet) will be charged \$50,000 a year, mid-size firms \$20,000 and small firms \$5,000. [IT.World.Canada](#) (2015-12-11)

Canadian companies have a big new ally in the fight against cyber crime

Businesses in Canada will soon have a new network to guard against cyber crime, which is costing them more than \$3 billion a year. Nine major Canadian companies, including the big telcos and some of the Big Five banks, along with the Canadian Council of Chief Executives on Friday announced they are forming the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange (CCTX), a non-profit organization that will allow firms to share information amongst themselves, government and research institutes about cyber attacks. Overall, it's a very positive initiative, said Saj Nair, a partner and cybersecurity consulting leader at PwC Canada. It will make (Canadian businesses) more resilient. The effect of cyber crime on Canadian GDP is lower than in the U.S. (0.17 per cent versus 0.64 per cent), but the reason for this gap may be underreporting and a lack of data, according to a Fraser Institute report. The lack of data is because companies do not want to admit that they were victim to a hack, particularly because of the perceived liability, said Ray Boisvert, president of I-Sec Integrated Strategies and a former assistant director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. [Financial Post](#) (2015-12-11)

New cybersecurity network aims to share data on emerging threats

Leaders of some of Canada's largest industries are creating a new network to help businesses and the public stay abreast of emerging cyber threats from malware, hackers and online criminals. "The threat is constantly evolving. The kinds of attacks, viruses and malware are rapidly changing. Nobody has the capability of staying ahead of it all the time," said John Manley, president of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, which is spearheading the program. Billed as the CCTX - or the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange - it is set to launch in early 2016. It will be run as an independent, not-for-profit organization open to business and institutions of all sizes. Its founding members include Air Canada, Bell Canada, CN Rail and HydroOne, as well as Royal Bank and TD. The initiative will also work with the federal government's Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre run by the **Ministry of Public Safety**. [CBC News](#) (2015-12-11)

Canadian businesses launching organization to combat cyber threats

Canada's private sector is taking cyber security into its own hands in an attempt to get back some of \$3 billion they're losing to online thieves annually. The Canadian Council of Chief Executives and nine major

Canadian companies including several big telecoms and two of the Big Five banks announced Friday they are forming the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange (CCTX), set to be launched in early 2016. The threat is constantly evolving. The kinds of attacks, viruses and malware are rapidly changing. Nobody has the capability of staying ahead of it all the time, said John Manley, president of the CCCE, which is spearheading the program. It will be run as an independent, not-for-profit organization open to business and institutions of all sizes. Founding members include Air Canada, Bell Canada, CN Rail and Hydro One, as well as Royal Bank, Manulife and TD. [iPolitics](#) (2015-12-11)

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According to Ronald Reagan, the nine most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help. Thanks to Edward Snowden, those concerned with security and privacy would probably agree. I'm here to tell you that there is a different side to this story and it's one that is worth writing about. Last week, I had the privilege of being invited to a workshop hosted by the Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre (CCIRC) () Much like many such organizations around the world, CCIRC wants to ensure that Canadian citizens enjoy a free*, secure and safe online experience. The workshop included individuals from both the public and private sectors and from diverse countries. The goal of the week was to seek a better understanding of the types and magnitude of online threats faced by Canadians, what tools we might use to combat cyber threats and how the public and private sectors can better co-operate to achieve a safer cyber Canada. [Naked Security](#) (2015-11-27)

Canada 'failing' in fight against cybercrime, hacking

Canada is lagging behind the U.S., Britain and other countries in defending citizens and businesses against malicious hackers and cyber-criminals, say numerous groups involved in trying to police the internet. "We're failing, we're falling behind," warns Katherine Thompson of the Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance, one of Canada's largest private-sector high-tech advocacy groups. "We cannot continue down the path that we're on right now," she told CBC News. "We just went through a very long federal election where not one of the major party leaders discussed cyber-security." Since 2010, Public Safety Canada has spent \$245 million on defending government computer networks, safeguarding critical infrastructure and educating the public. It has also earmarked \$142 million over the next five years to tackle cyber-threats particularly against critical infrastructure. But leaders in Canada's policing, IT and cyber-security sectors say the federal strategy is focused primarily on national security threats and does little to combat the dramatic growth in email scams, online extortion and breaches at corporate computer networks. Canadians are also largely in the dark about the scope of cybercrimes given the country has no central agency to track online scams and malicious electronic attacks. What's more, there are no federal laws to force companies to disclose hacks, security breaches, thefts of data or money so the general public has incomplete knowledge of which companies have been compromised. [CBC News](#) (2015-11-24)

Cyber threats to critical infrastructure on the minister of public safety's radar

On November 13, 2015, as part of the new Canadian Prime Minister's commitment to an open and transparent government, ministerial mandate letters were made public. These letters outline a broad framework for what ministers are expected to accomplish, including specific policy objectives and challenges to be addressed. While they are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all files that a Minister needs to address, they provide insight in terms of the government's overall priorities for the ministry. The ministerial letter issued to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness (the Minister) lists several priorities, most notably: Lead a review of existing measures to protect Canadians and our critical infrastructure from cyber-threats, in collaboration with the Minister of National Defence, the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, the

Minister of Public Services and Procurement, and the President of the Treasury Board. Recognizing cyber threats in the context of ensuring the security of Canada's critical infrastructures is an important step. The Minister will be able to build upon the existing Public Safety's Action Plan for Critical Infrastructure (2014-2017) which outlines the government's cyber strategy to protecting critical infrastructures. Given the changing landscape when it comes to cyber threats, the timing of the Minister's review is timely. [Lexology.com](#) (2015-11-24)

Canada's investing industry urged to make detailed plans to respond to cyber attacks

Canada's investment industry association is urging dealers to make detailed plans at the most senior levels to prepare for and respond to cyber-attacks. The cyber threat is far too sophisticated and serious to relegate it simply to the firm's IT department, Ian Russell, chief executive of the Investment Industry Association of Canada, said in a letter to members Tuesday. Russell said directors and senior executives including the chief executive must be involved, and urged investment dealers to scrutinize their internal defences and technical controls, as well as any third-party vendors with access to their systems. This means the firm must undertake due diligence of third party vendors, to ensure it covers all system entry points to reduce the ways in which cybercriminals can access a firm's systems, the letter said. [Financial Post](#) (Canada.com) (2015-11-24)

Hacked Medical Devices May Be The Biggest Cyber Security Threat In 2016

Hackers have been using ransomware--a type of malware in which attackers can steal or delete the contents of users' computers if they don't pay a ransom--for the past 25 years. Now, it seems, the same tactic may be used on insulin pumps and pacemakers. Ransomware in medical devices is the single biggest cyber security threat for 2016, according to a recent report from research and advisory firm Forrester and reported by Motherboard. [Popular Science](#) (2015-11-24)

Trudeau government putting new emphasis on cybersecurity

The neglected federal cybersecurity file made a surprising appearance in several of the ministerial mandate letters publicly released last week, buried under hot-topic campaign promises like the Syrian refugee project and the legalization of marijuana. Observers say it's a good sign that Canada is starting to take the threat of cybercrime more seriously. "There's a lack of a strategy and a lack of clarity of who in the government is responsible for what," said former CSIS assistant director of intelligence Ray Boisvert, who has criticized the Canadian government in the past for not doing enough to protect Canada's critical infrastructure from cyberattacks. "We (Canada) are a little complacent and in a sort of 'stand by and watch others' mode - which I think is globally a problem - and unlike other defence issues there's no hiding under the U.S. umbrella, because cyber touches everyone, everywhere," said Boisvert. "There are no walls or barriers of isolation for Canada, no hiding behind our three oceans." The planned review of cybersecurity, which covers seven federal departments, will assess Canada's critical infrastructure against cyber threats. There's no word yet on when the review might take place or how much it might cost. Ron Deibert, director of the Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs, said Canada's approach to cybersecurity has been too "top-down, state-driven (and) militaristic" and needs a complete rethink. "We've been putting military and intelligence organizations at the top and see the world through the lens of a kind of competitive militaristic view of what cybersecurity means, when in fact I think we need to take an entirely different approach that puts more emphasis on a civilian understanding of securing cyberspace," said Deibert. The promise of a review comes not long after the previous government committed in a budget to new legislation and programs and tens of millions of dollars in funding for the framework. [iPolitics](#) (2015-11-17)

Cyber security a growing issue for govts, infrastructure operators: report

Cyber security continues to grow as one of the largest challenges facing both governments and critical infrastructure operators, according to a new report from a global analyst firm which says that engagement between industry and key stakeholders is critical to better protect from increasingly complex cyber threats. In a new video report just released, Frost & Sullivan senior consultant Anthony Leather says economic and financial instability, as well as political and social unrest, have brought controversy and insecurity across a number of countries, impacting security decisions worldwide - posing increasingly complex security challenges to governments and across critical infrastructure. Leather explores the changing global dynamics that are driving security stakeholders to re-evaluate resources and operational

requirements to protect against a range of evolving threats from traditional terrorism and crime to emerging threats from cyber security, information and unknown groups. [IT Wire](#) (2015-11-04)

Spy agency wants industry help on cyber security

Canada's electronic spy agency has identified holes in the way the country secures government information-and wants private industry to help fill them. The Communications Security Establishment of Canada is introducing a new "medium" security level for the electronic storage and transmission of sensitive government information, it announced at this year's Government Technology Exhibition and Conference in Ottawa. John Turnbull, the director general of CSEC's Cyber Protection Branch, told industry groups Oct. 21 that there is "an awful lot" of over-classified information within the Canadian government. For now, the government only operates with two levels of assurance. Basic assurance secures most of the government's daily operations, while much more robust high assurance secures classified information. This includes military, security and intelligence activities. () There are big costs associated with administering security clearances and physically renovating buildings to be more secure. CSEC has develops infrastructure to protect information and gathers foreign intelligence about cyber threats. Within CSEC is a Cyber Threat Evaluation Centre that handles cyber threat incident reports. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service analyzes and investigates security threats writ large. And the Royal Canadian Mounted Police investigate cyber crimes. The buck doesn't stop there: Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada advises the government on "the international dimension of cyber security." [Embassy](#) (2015-11-04)

Cyber security consultation/review

CSE chief says federal departments need to "get on" Shared Services' cyber defences

Despite recent news that the RCMP and Department of National Defence are having problems with Shared Services Canada, the head of the country's cyber defence agency says the platform is a "key part" of Canada's cyber operations and more departments need to get on board. CBC News reported last week that it had obtained documents showing that investigations were jeopardized and the public put at risk because of Shared Services' disorganization. It also said senior DND staff were annoyed by Shared Services and said the department caused "significant inefficiency at every level," - from service delivery to procuring resources. Despite that, Greta Bossenmaier, chief of the Communications Security Establishment, told members of the Senate's national security committee on Monday afternoon that, despite the challenges, the department is a critical part of the agency's broader strategy for keeping Government of Canada networks secure - and more agencies need to use it to its full capabilities (...). One of the key tasks outlined for Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale in his mandate letter is the creation of a cyber review that will assess how well Canada is doing in preparing for cyber attacks on things like critical infrastructure, and what it can do better. No date for that review is set but Sajjan's defence policy review, scheduled to be ready by the end of the year, is also expected to include a cyber component. [iPolitics](#) (2016-03-21)

Cyber security review still in early stages, Senate told

Public Safety officials say they're still trying to figure out the scope of a review into protecting critical infrastructure from cyber attacks. Speaking before a Senate committee on national defence Monday, Monik Beauregard said that the department is under a tight timeline to review its efforts and get a report to cabinet. But Beauregard said the department is still trying to figure out how wide or narrow the review will be. "At this point, we're all looking at the scope of the reviews and thinking about how to carry it out," Beauregard told senators Monday evening. In his mandate from the prime minister, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale was asked to lead the review into critical infrastructure protection, in co-ordination with five of his cabinet colleagues. "Critical infrastructure" has a broad definition, but is typically thought of as systems, networks, facilities and assets essential to public safety, national security and economic interests of Canada. That includes everything from bridges to roads, but also data centres, financial networks and natural resources projects. [Toronto Star](#), A6 (2016-03-08)

National security policy under review, says Goodale Cyber security also being reviewed in cabinet

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says his department is undertaking a national security review. "We want open, inclusive consultations that reassure Canadians that their engagement is not just a window dressing but that it's meaningful and has impact," the minister told a recent Ottawa defence conference. Mr. Goodale said the government is looking for "thoughtful discussion, analysis [and] debate." He specifically cited a National Post op-ed by Luc Portelance, former president of the Canada Border Services Agency and Ray Boisvert, former assistant director of intelligence at Canada's spy agency, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. Their message was that the government has a "timely opportunity to consider a thorough assessment of our national security structure" and advocated a "national security reset." (...) One thing that Mr. Goodale's mandate letter does specify is to conduct a review of cyber security policy with other cabinet ministers. Expect it to be "comprehensive," he told the CDA Institute crowd. [Embassy](#) (2016-03-01)

Trudeau government targets cyber threats

With Internet-based child sex-ploitation crimes skyrocketing, the Trudeau government intends to launch a "credible and comprehensive" review this spring of cybersecurity threats in Canada. Officials with Public Safety Canada said Thursday that while the details of that review are still being hammered out by Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale, a review will determine how Canada can best deal with everything from online predators to digital jihadists. Kathy Thompson, assistant deputy minister in charge of the Community Safety and Countering Crime Branch at Public Safety Canada, said that while the crime rate continues to decline across the country, "there are some exceptions. One of those exceptions is child sexual exploitation over the Internet - that is going up exponentially, year over year." Thompson made her remarks at the House of Commons Public Safety and National Security Committee, where MPs are looking for topics their group can zero in on during the current parliamentary session. A cybersecurity review that looks at legal gaps and shortcomings in police resources could form a plan for the way the Trudeau government approaches law and-order issues. [Toronto Sun](#), A8 (Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun) (2016-02-19)

Crippling Attack

Imagine a North America in a permanent blackout - no electricity, transportation, banking. All modern machinery stopped leading to the collapse of civilization. And it's not a science fiction story - it's the reality of what could happen with an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attack. While both Canada and the United States are currently vulnerable to an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attack that has the potential to destabilize our power grid, water systems, food supply chain and more, the solution is relatively simple. But first the issue needs to become a priority for Canadian politicians. The challenge is the issue doesn't appear to be a priority in Canada. Representatives from CSIS, the RCMP and Public Safety Canada all confirm that attacks to what's called "critical infrastructure" are concerns of theirs, but it appears no recent reports specifically mention EMP. It's unclear to what degree government experts are studying the issue. In the mandate letter sent to Ralph Goodale, minister of public safety and emergency preparedness, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau instructs him to "lead a review of existing measures to protect Canadians and our critical infrastructure from cyber-threats." This review could be the beginning of the answer, but neither the minister's office nor the department would confirm if EMP was a priority. [Winnipeg Sun](#), A9 (Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun) (2016-02-01)

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Trudeau's instincts have not served him well

An opinion piece by Wesley Wark, visiting professor at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa and an expert on international intelligence and security states, "Justin Trudeau has proudly proclaimed that "Canada is back" as a constructive partner in global affairs. The first test of that proud and no doubt heartfelt claim has come from an unexpected and horrific event. The night of carnage in Paris, and the fear of what might come next, will force the new Liberal government to pay more attention to security policy than they intended. They have some difficult decisions to face. Our hearts and sympathies go out to the French people. But our ability to help is limited. With only a small overseas intelligence capacity, Canada is not in much of a position to offer security assistance to France in its efforts to understand current Islamic State plotting. The question of Canada's foreign intelligence needs has, in the aftermath of this fresh round of attacks in Paris, raised its head once again. Instead of spending time on a promised review of cyber security, what the new government requires is fresh thinking on a much larger scale about its national security capabilities and strategy." [National Post](#), A10 (2015-11-16)

Provinces, academics

UNB can help make New Brunswick a global locus for cyber security

Every day, headlines surrounding cybersecurity become grimmer, from attacks against power plants to hacks that can disable SUVs, to the loss of personal records in massive data breaches affecting retailers, hospitals, governments, universities and more. Credible entities put the global cost of cyber attacks at \$400 billion last year, and predict losses exceeding \$2.1 trillion by 2020. Global spending on cyber security reflects this growing threat, with the cyber-security industry expected to grow to more than \$170 billion by 2020 from \$75 billion today. New Brunswick, as a pioneer in the 1990s and early 2000s in Internet and later broadband Internet adoption, is poised once again to be a global leader in cyber security. The strong partnership between the University of New Brunswick and IBM helped lay the foundation for the company's announcement this week that it is growing its workforce in this province. (...) UNB has the potential to lead across several areas of cybersecurity, including the fast-growing area of Internet of Things and the need to protect critical infrastructure thanks to our collaborative partnership with Siemens Canada and NB Power in the Smart Grid Innovation Network. [Times&Transcript](#) (2016-04-01)

Royalty reduction, cyber security flagged

Alberta Energy taken to task in latest report by auditor general

Alberta's auditor general criticized Alberta Energy on Wednesday for failing to assess the performance of its oil and gas royalty reduction programs and not assessing the potential impacts of a cyber attack on the industry. With the first of 15 recommendations in his February report, Merwan Saher called on the ministry to annually evaluate and report on whether the ministry's royalty reduction programs meet their objectives. He also urged the department to assess the threat and impact of attacks on the industrial control systems used to operate oil and gas infrastructure. (...) His concerns are even greater in the oil and gas sector. While Alberta Justice has assessed a low risk of a cyber attack against about 50 critical oil and gas sites in Alberta, no one has calculated the impact if such an attack did occur. "We were unable to obtain any documentation from any provincial government entity to show that an assessment of the possible risks and impacts from an attack on unsecured (industrial control systems) was completed," said the auditor general. [Calgary Herald](#), A4 (2016-02-11)

International collaboration

It wasn't all play for Trudeau and Obama

It wasn't all parties and elbow-rubbing as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and U.S. President Barack Obama announced a plethora of new agreements and policies Thursday in Washington. Here's what you need to know: (...) The leaders agreed to beef up critical infrastructure security and information sharing on cyber-security with the private sector. They said they will work to get more regional partners involved

in the G7 24/7 Network, which connects national police agencies to fight cyber crime. The countries will work even closer on the world stage to advance a variety of objectives. The leaders promised to help Haiti and Ukraine stand on their own two feet, push for better access to electricity and education for girls in Africa, and work outside the UN to fight nuclear proliferation. They also both committed to doing more on UN peacekeeping and the refugee crisis. Money was pledged to help dozens of countries prevent and respond to the threat of infectious disease. [National Post](#) (2016-03-11)

Obama says upgrading U.S. cybersecurity is complex, long-term job

President Barack Obama said on Wednesday the United States is not as organized as it needs to be to step up its protections against cyber threats, and that making improvements would be a complex task lasting well beyond his time in office. Obama made his comments after meeting in the Oval Office with two advisers who will lead a new commission tasked with making recommendations by the end of the year on a long-term plan for cybersecurity upgrades. [Reuters](#) (2016-02-18)

Les réseaux djihadistes communiquent avec un arsenal toujours plus perfectionné

De l'adresse cachée au jeu en ligne, les réseaux djihadistes utilisent de mieux en mieux les ressources d'internet pour recruter et communiquer, entraînant les services de sécurité dans une course-poursuite technologique pour les localiser et décrypter leurs messages. Peut-on agir impunément sur le web en restant anonyme ? Pas complètement, même si, selon des experts réunis au Forum international de la cybersécurité (FIC) à Lille, dans le nord de la France, les méthodes des cellules terroristes sont désormais les mêmes que celles des hackers. Pour rester discret sur internet, il faut d'abord se procurer une adresse IP (l'identification de l'appareil) exotique. Et, explique à l'AFP Thierry Karsenti chez l'éditeur d'antivirus israélien Check Point, ne jamais surfer depuis chez soi, en profitant au maximum du wifi public. Il faut ensuite utiliser des flux anonymisés, comme le réseau TOR. Et crypter ses communications. [AFP](#) (Journal de Montréal) (2016-01-25)

Peut-on décrypter les conversations des djihadistes ?

Lutte contre le terrorisme

Mercredi, lors d'une réunion spéciale de l'ONU, des responsables antiterroristes du Canada et de France ont manifesté leur exaspération. Les ordinateurs et téléphones qu'ils saisissent auprès de suspects sont maintenant impossibles à faire parler. Contacts, historique d'appels, messages reçus et envoyés : l'information se trouve bel et bien dans la mémoire de l'appareil... mais ils ne peuvent la lire. Oliver Bilodeau, chercheur en cybersécurité pour la firme montréalaise GoSecure, croit que les forces antiterroristes se butent bel et bien à un mur. « Il n'y a aucune porte dérobée, il n'y a aucun accès que pourraient utiliser les autorités », dit-il. C'est que les iPhone, téléphones Android et BlackBerry de nouvelle génération ne se contentent plus d'essayer d'établir des communications sécurisées. Ils encryptent les données contenues sur le téléphone lui-même. [La Presse+](#) (2015-12-18)

Forum sur la sécurité à Halifax

La Chine va-t-elle stopper ses cyberattaques?

Le directeur de l'agence nationale de sécurité (NSA) des États-Unis affirme que rien n'assure pour l'instant que la Chine va arrêter de parrainer des cyberattaques menées contre des entreprises privées. Le président américain Barack Obama et son homologue chinois Xi Jinping se sont entendus, en septembre, pour ne pas voler en ligne des secrets ou des renseignements commerciaux confidentiels ou soutenir de telles pratiques. L'accord s'applique uniquement aux attaques informatiques lancées avec le consentement des gouvernements contre des entreprises. Au Forum sur la sécurité internationale à Halifax, l'amiral Michael Rogers, qui est à la tête du United States Cyber Command en plus de diriger la NSA, a confié, samedi, avoir été surpris que le gouvernement chinois accepte de signer cet accord. Mais quelques semaines après la conclusion de l'entente, la compagnie californienne CrowdStrike, qui est spécialisée dans la cybersécurité, a rapporté avoir détecté au moins sept attaques en ligne menées par la Chine contre des entreprises technologiques et pharmaceutiques américaines. [Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Soleil, Acadie Nouvelle) (2015-11-23)

Feds punt DND procurement cash to 2022, acknowledge delays

The Liberal government gave Department of National Defence the propellor shaft in this year's budget, punting money earmarked for procurement into the future and essentially acknowledging what defence industry experts have been suggesting that major projects like the CF-18 replacements and shipbuilding are going to take longer than initially thought. Overall, when it comes to security issues Budget 2016 focuses internationally on providing targeted aid for those on the frontlines of conflict and crises, and domestically on strengthening existing law enforcement and cyber security resources. BOOSTING SHARED SERVICES. While there is no new funding specifically for agencies like CSIS and the CSE, the bulk of money for domestic cyber security will be funnelled through Shared Services. The former Conservative government created the department in 2012. It is responsible for managing the government's networks and systems, such as email. Budget 2016 allocates \$77.4 million over five years, starting this year, for Shared Services to update its cyber security network, patch existing problems and make sure government networks are protected from cyber threats, malicious software and unauthorized access. As well, Shared Services will also get \$383.3 million over the next two fiscal years to transform the government's information technology systems, data centres and communication networks. That decision comes on the heels of an Auditor General report that suggested Shared Services was having problems maintaining and improving government IT services. COUNTER-RADICALIZATION OFFICE. On that front, the Liberals ticked off an election promise by announcing funding for the creation of an Office of the Community Outreach and Counter-Radicalization Coordinator. That office will be responsible for coordinating national counter-radicalization initiatives and assessing what works and what doesn't as various municipalities and provinces implement their own efforts. The office will get \$35 million over five years, with \$10 million each year after that. [iPolitics](#) (2016-03-22)

Spy agencies expect more funding in government's upcoming budget CSIS, CSE forecast additional \$95 million from Ottawa to address security mandate

Canada's spies are expecting a budget boost when the Liberals table their first fiscal plan next month, documents released Tuesday show. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) have estimated an additional \$95 million for intelligence and cyberdefence operations next year. The figures were released in the government's main estimates document, a best-guess scenario for departments and agencies released a month before the Liberals table their first budget. CSIS expects to see an additional \$35.5 million "in support of Canada's national security and the safety of Canadians." A breakdown of CSIS budget - grouped vaguely into "intelligence" and "security screening" - shows most of the increase will go to intelligence operations. CSE, the electronic spying and cyberdefence agency, is expecting a net increase of \$59.5 million "in support" of its mandate. Specifically, CSE expects to spend the money to increase its "capacity to address cyber threats and advancements in technology." Together, the two spy agencies estimate they'll spend \$1.2 billion in 2016-17, a slight increase compared with the 2015-16 estimates of \$1.075 billion. CSE spokeswoman Lauri Sullivan said in a statement that the funding will go to addressing several "key vulnerabilities" in government networks, as well as moving forward with the national Cyber Security Strategy. "CSE's mandate, including our unique skills in areas like cyber defence, are critical in advancing Canada's national security priorities," Sullivan wrote. [Toronto Star](#), A12 (2016-02-24)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

From November 1, 2015 to April 18, 2016, these topics generated a significant amount of broadcast media coverage with over 1000 reports. Reports focused on cyber threats and cyber security in the business world.

Of note:

Newstalk 1010-Toronto - Tech Talk interviewed Mark Matz, Cyber security expert at Public Safety Canada, regarding cyber safety for small and medium sized businesses. [Transcript](#) (2016-03-27)

Public Safety Minister, Ralph Goodale was interviewed on *CBC Radio's The House*. Representatives of the Five Eyes countries, the United States, Canada, UK, Australia and New Zealand, met in Washington

DC to discuss ways of cooperating even more closely on cyber security and combating violent extremism. The minister noted positive work was done on issues around counter radicalization and on cyber security. Information sharing is an important priority for Canada's allies. [Transcript](#) (2016-02-20)

CTV News reports on the release of reports on CSIS and CSEC. [Rough Transcript](#) (2016-01-28)

CBC News *The Exchange* interviewed CEO of Agari Data, Patrick Peterson, regarding artisanal spam. [Rough Transcript](#) (2016-01-25)

CTV News *Power Play* interviewed Ontario Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur regarding a meeting of Canada's Justice Ministers. They discussed and promised to collaborate on cyber security. [Rough Transcript](#) (2016-01-21)

Radio-Canada, *Sur le Net* présente un reportage sur les jeux vidéo et les réseaux terroristes. [Transcription](#) (2015-11-18)

Social Media / Médias sociaux

Due to technical limitations, social media analyses can only be compiled for a 90-day maximum period. Therefore, results will be presented in two sections based on the requested time period.

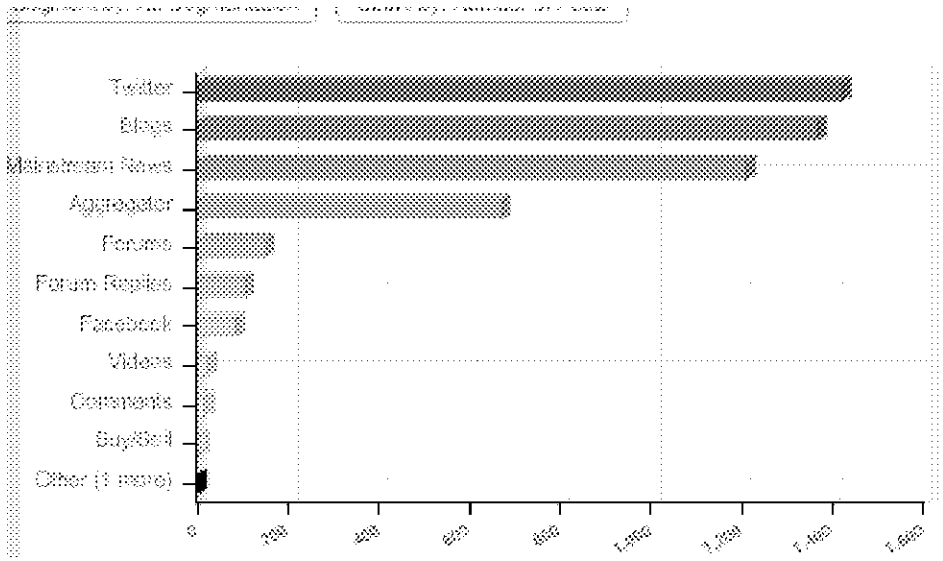
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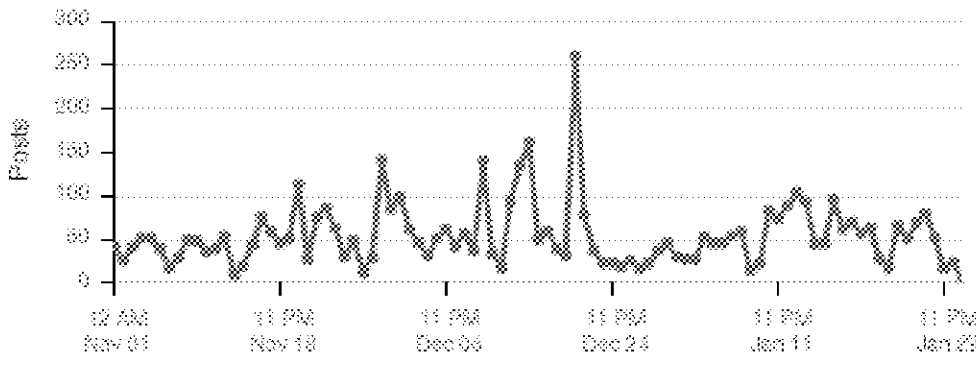
For this period, social media activity on cyber-security and threats was fairly significant, with a total of 5058 posts on the topic.

Below is a graph illustrating social media activity by platform:



There were approximately 1421 tweets, 1368 blog posts, 1211 news site posts and 1058 other posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout this period:

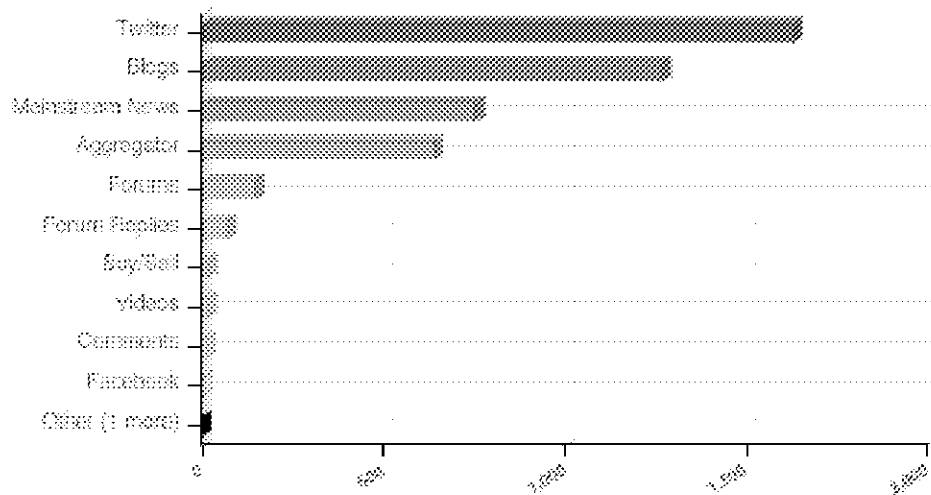


Activity peaked on December 20 with 260 posts, due to a number of posts referring to cyber security concerns, namely the discovery of a vulnerability in Bell Canada routers.

2) February 1, 2016 – April 18, 2016

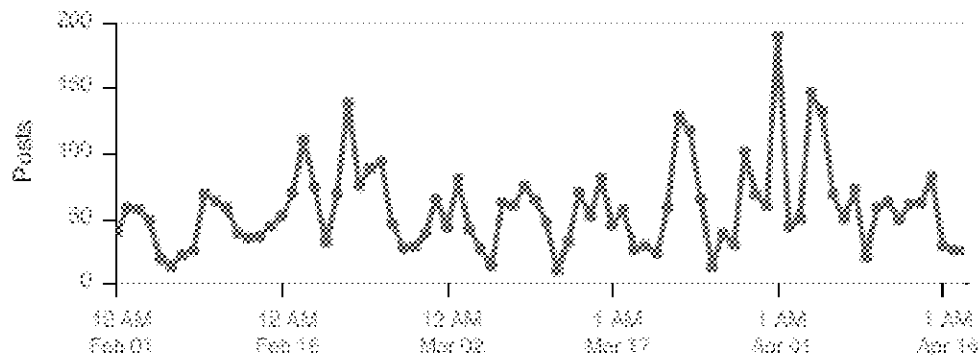
For this period, social media activity on cyber-security and threats was fairly significant, with a total of 4546 posts on the topic.

Below is a graph illustrating social media activity by platform:



There were approximately 1631 tweets, 1266 blog posts, 754 news site posts, and 895 other posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout this period:



Activity peaked at various times, most specifically April 1-2 with a number of posts and tweets on responses from the U.S. and Canada on increases in ransomware attacks, specifically on hospitals.

Overall, social media trends focused on the increased global cyber-threat environment, gaps in information sharing between countries (especially the U.S. and Canada) and measures for private enterprises to take to ensure their cyber-security.

Tweets of note

@Andrew_Flick

New report gives Canada a 77% grade for [#cybersecurity](http://bit.ly/1MZyzQi) readiness <http://bit.ly/1MZyzQi> (2015-11-20)

@Safety_Canada

We'll be working w/ [#CCTX](#) on id-ing & preventing [#cybersecurity](#) threats (2015-12-11)

@SecRecon

Critical WPS vulnerability discovered in Bell Canada Home Hub routers. [#CyberSecurity](#) [#InfoSec](#) [@SecRecon](#) <http://www.neowin.net/news/critical-wps-vulnerability-discovered-in-bell-canada-home-hub-routers...> (2015-12-21)

@globeandmail

Can business and government ensure Canada's cybersecurity? <http://trib.al/R8Q567K> from @GlobeBusiness (2016-02-22)

@LazyConsultant

#Canada stops sharing some spy info with allies after #breach <http://buff.ly/23x66bP>. #cybersecurity (2016-01-29)

@rickjtaylor

Cybercrime is evolving to be more personal and surreptitious | IT World Canada News
<http://ift.tt/1UwOZmy>. #cybersecurity #cyber #infosec (2016-03-16)

@InfosecurityMag

Ransomware Threat Hits Critical Mass: US Department of Homeland Security and the Canadian Cyber Incident Respo... bit.ly/1SGitw7 (2016-04-01)

@edelsonpc

U.S., Canada issue joint alert on #ransomware after hospital attacks #cybersecurity #HIPAA
<http://reut.rs/1MXOTho> via @RossMorley (2016-04-01)

@FireEye

Our GM of Canada, @akssecure, talks about cyber security in the Canadian market on the @sectorca conference blog (2016-04-11)

@WSJcanada

IBM cybersecurity researchers find new type of malicious software used to steal \$4 million at U.S., Canada banks on wsj.com/1qKuvf8 (2016-04-15)

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- The highest level of media coverage today spiked early this morning; At 7am ET, France announced that the Paris attacker, Abdelhamid Abaaoud was confirmed dead.
- Yesterday, a media advisory was released that the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and other Canadian officials would provide context about Canada's current threat environment.
- Comments reiterated by Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale from the press conference focused on Canada having no reason to raise Canada's threat level, even after the Paris attacks." This generated a substantial level of media coverage. Goodale also reassured Canadians the Syrian refugee timetable would not compromise safety.
- During the conference, Michel Coulombe Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) outlined Cyber security as one of their top priorities; Bob Paulson, Canada's RCMP Commissioner focused on answering questions regarding refugees and also the Paris attacks where he noted our Liaison Officer (LO) in Paris is taking briefings and is available to provide immediate access to the force's resources if required."
- The provincial and municipal leaders' concern for the Syrian refugees operation gathers medium coverage in the media.

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

"There's no reason to raise Canada's threat level, even after the Paris attacks" – Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety Canada

"There's no reason to raise Canada's threat level, even in the wake of the deadly attacks in Paris last week, says Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale." - Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety Canada

"Now more than ever is a time for all of us to support our fellow citizens. We need to demonstrate to each other and to the world our values of diversity and inclusion," - Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety Canada

"Canadians will stand together and face these times with skill, with resolve, courage and fortitude. Terrorists will not change our values or the quality of Canadian life." - Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety Canada

"Our mandate is to investigate threats to the security of Canada and Canadians, and as always, Canadians can be assured we are working very closely with our domestic and international partners in that regard." - Michel Coulombe, Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS)

"Cyber is one of our top priorities," Michel Coulombe, Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS)

"I want Canadians to know that as director of CSIS I am confident that the measures in place are robust and appropriate." Michel Coulombe, Director the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS)

"The RCMP, like CSIS and CBSA, have liaison officers around the world, including Paris. In our case, this is a senior experienced law enforcement officer who has relationships with law enforcement and security services. Our LO in Paris is taking briefings and is available to provide immediate access to the force's resources if required." Bob Paulson, RCMP Commissioner

"I would urge Canadians themselves to be alert in the wake of these very troubling circumstances. We also need to reject and condemn acts of perverted vigilante retribution, the hateful abusive intolerance that has marred several Canadian communities over the past few days. Now, more than ever, is a time for all of us to support our fellow citizens. We need to demonstrate to each other and to the world our values of diversity and inclusion. Canadians will stand together in and face these times with skill and with resolve." - Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety Canada

"We do not generally discuss operational matters related to national security" but that police and security agencies "continue to monitor the situation in Paris very closely." - Public Safety Canada Spokeswoman

News Releases / Communiqués

Media Advisory: Public Safety Minister to speak to media

The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and officials will provide context about Canada's current threat environment. (2015-11-18)

Print Media / Médias imprimés

Why it's hard to draw a line between Edward Snowden and the Paris attacks

In a pair of public appearances this week, CIA Director John O. Brennan made clear that he blames leaks by former intelligence contractor Edward Snowden for enabling terrorists to evade detection. "Because of a number of unauthorized disclosures, and a lot of hand-wringing over the government's role in the effort to try to uncover these terrorists," Brennan said, the CIA and others agencies have lost use of critical tools needed "to find these terrorists." Brennan's assertion has become a refrain in the two years since Snowden exposed details about a range of U.S. surveillance programs. And former CIA director R. James Woolsey went further, saying on Sunday, "I think Snowden has blood on his hands from these killings in France." [Washington Post](#) (Hamilton Spectator)

Alleged plotter remains shadowy figure

Much about Abdelhamid Abaaoud's path to armed Islamic radicalism remains mysterious. In the words of Koen Geens, the Belgian justice minister, he mutated from a student at an upscale Brussels school into "an extremely professional commando," one seemingly able to slip across borders at will, someone who openly mocked the inability of Western law enforcement agencies to catch him. On Wednesday, the fate of the son of an immigrant shopkeeper from Morocco remained unclear. Police raided a suburban Paris apartment where they believed he was hiding. The siege ended with two deaths and seven arrests but no

definitive information on Abaaoud, who French authorities have called the mastermind of the violence that killed at least 129 in Paris last week. The wanted jihadi's own father believes prison - where he served time for petty crimes - changed him for the worse. After his son got out, Omar Abaaoud noticed "signs of radicalization," the elder Abaaoud's lawyer, Nathalie Gallant, told RTBF broadcasting Wednesday. If so, that would fit the pattern of a number of jihadis who were radicalized in prison. [Associated Press](#) (Chronicle-Herald, A15, Ottawa Sun, Telegraph-Journal, Times & Transcript); * [Agence France Presse](#) (Le Nouvelliste, 3, La Tribune)

* **Le cerveau des attaques mort ?**

L'Europe nageait en pleine confusion hier, alors que tous s'interrogeaient à savoir si le présumé «cerveau» derrière les attentats de Paris était bel et bien mort lors de l'assaut de sept heures à Saint-Denis. «Le présumé chef des attentats de Paris (Abdelhamid Abaaoud) a été tué hier lors de l'assaut de la police française, ont affirmé deux hauts responsables des autorités européennes», a écrit le Washington Post hier. Mais aucun autre média ni les autorités françaises n'ont confirmé cette information, ce qui a soulevé plusieurs questionnements dans la population. L'opération a été «extrêmement difficile » en raison de «l'usage de fusils d'assaut, de tirs de sniper et d'une grande offensive d'explosifs», a lancé le procureur de Paris, François Molins. L'opération qui a duré sept heures visait bel et bien le présumé «cerveau» des attentats de vendredi. Au moins deux personnes sont mortes, dont une kamikaze qui «a activé son gilet explosif au début de l'assaut», a précisé la police qui n'a pas confirmé les noms. De plus, huit personnes ont été placées en garde à vue après l'opération, mais ni Abaaoud, ni Salah Abdeslam, l'un des suspects des attaques toujours en fuite, ne figurent parmi elles. Une information qui laisse donc croire qu'Abaaoud serait le deuxième mort. [Le Journal de Québec](#), 5 (Journal de Montréal); * [Daily Gleaner](#), B1 (Telegraph-Journal); [Associated Press](#) (Toronto Star); [1](#) (Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Toronto Sun); [CNN](#)

AIR FRANCE FLIGHT DIVERTED

Passengers aboard Air France Flight 055 didn't learn that a bomb threat was the reason their Paris-bound flight was being diverted to Halifax until after they landed Tuesday night. Genevieve Lapeyre, a pediatric anesthesiologist from Geneva, was flying back to Europe after a meeting in Washington, D.C. She is half-Swiss and half-French, and planned a three-day layover in Paris. The terrorist attacks Friday gave her a strong wish to be in the city. (...) None of the passengers panicked, but they felt something odd was going on, she said. At one point, she wondered if there had been another attack against Paris and the aircraft couldn't go there. After the Boeing 777 touched down at about 10:15 p.m., she soon realized there was something happening regarding her flight. "I saw the firemen and everything, and I said, 'OK, there is something else.'" Lapeyre said the pilot seemed to be trying to control his emotions. "He said, 'Don't worry.' He was too much trying to reassure us." On the tarmac, passengers were told to grab their belongings and get off the plane, which they did quickly. However, they were then housed for about 30 minutes in a bus parked alongside the aircraft, which some considered dangerous, she said. Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Greg Church said 262 passengers and crew got off the jet within 15 minutes of landing, which is when officers began checking for explosives; none were found. The jet was declared explosives-free at 4:28 a.m. Wednesday. The passengers were taken to a secure area to pass through customs. [Postmedia Network](#) (Chronicle-Herald, A1, Guardian, Whitehorse Star, Acadie Nouvelle); [Postmedia Network](#) (Cape Breton Post, A9)

'Like A War Zone'

2 Dead, 8 in custody after paris police launch a massive early-morning raid against a suspected **terror** cell located in a reinforced apartment When Tagara Traoré, a former revolutionary soldier in his native Burkina Faso, was jolted awake by a boom early Wednesday, his "military reflex" kicked in. "You get up quickly and either hide or try to get out," he said. In socked feet and wearing the sweatpants he was sleeping in, he grabbed his key and ran out the door of his fourthstorey apartment, only to find a battalion of police rushing up the stairs, headlamps glaring. "I started sensing tear gas that was coming up the stairwell. I thought the building was on fire," he said. "The police told me, 'Go down, down, down!' There were so many they had to move aside to let me out." It was 4:20 a.m., and he had been caught in the middle of a massive anti-terror operation that quickly became a protracted gun battle between police and terror suspects. A woman in the targeted apartment in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis, identified by French media as a native of nearby Clichy, was one of the dead. Initial reports said she killed herself by

detonating an explosive vest, but the French prosecutor's office later said the "point needs to be verified by an analysis of the body and human remains." At least one other suspect in the apartment was killed and eight people were taken into custody. Five police officers suffered minor injuries, and a police dog - Diesel, a Belgian shepherd - was killed by the terrorists, according to the national police. Paris prosecutor François Molin said the targeted apartment had a fortified door that withstood initial police attempts to break in and gave the terrorists time to mobilize and return fire. [Daily Telegraph](#) (Windsor Star, N1/Front, National Post, StarPhoenix, Gazette); [1](#) (Vancouver Sun, B1/Front, Leader-Post, National Post, Edmonton Journal, Ottawa Citizen, Whig-Standard, Calgary Herald); [Toronto Star](#), A1; [Globe and Mail](#), A1; * [Agence France Presse](#) (Le Soleil, 22); * [Associated Press](#) (Times Colonist, A13, Times & Transcript)

Prochaine station, la guerre

Il devait être 4h20 quand Fares s'est mis à crier. «Maman! Maman! La guerre commence! Il y a des bombes!» Fares a 7 ans. De grands yeux noisette dans lesquels on lit l'effroi. «Il ne sait même pas c'est quoi, la guerre», me dit sa mère Souhila, 38 ans. Souhila, elle, sait. Elle est née en Algérie... J'étais dans l'avion quand l'assaut antiterroriste a été donné à Saint-Denis, dans la banlieue nord de Paris, non loin du Stade de France. Dès que l'avion s'est posé, des cellulaires de passagers ont sonné. «C'est la pagaille à Saint-Denis.» La «pagaille», le mot est faible. C'est Fares qui avait raison. Ça ressemblait plus à une guerre. Rue Corbillon, à l'angle de la rue de la République, au moins deux personnes ont été tuées, dont une femme kamikaze qui a activé sa ceinture d'explosifs. Un commando, lourdement armé, qui semblait prêt à passer à l'acte, a été démantelé. Pendant une heure, les habitants du quartier ont entendu des tirs nourris. Le bruit était si fort que certains ont cru qu'il y avait un bombardement. Il y a eu au moins 5000 munitions tirées par la police. Un immeuble éventré, criblé de balles. Des voisins terrorisés. Comme si on était à Gaza et non en banlieue parisienne. L'assaut a duré sept heures, durant lesquelles le quartier a été bouclé, le métro, fermé, les écoles aussi. Des résidents ont été évacués. Les riverains ont été sommés de ne pas sortir de chez eux. Une fois l'assaut terminé, j'ai pu prendre le métro pour la guerre. [La Presse](#), A4/Front

Mission

Ce sont des spécialistes des assauts risqués, qui montent au front contre les pires terroristes. Le RAID, le commando de la police française qui est intervenu hier à Saint-Denis, est constamment sollicité depuis un an. A Paris, [La Presse](#) s'est entretenue avec l'ancien chef des négociateurs de l'unité, Christian Caupenne, pour dresser le portrait d'une équipe devenue mythique. Fondé il y a 30 ans, le RAID (pour Recherche, Assistance, Intervention, Dissuasion) est l'unité d'élite de la police nationale, destinée à intervenir partout en France pour contrer le terrorisme et le «grand banditisme». Elle est notamment intervenue lors de l'attaque du marché Hyper Cacher en janvier et à la salle de spectacle Bataclan, vendredi dernier. Selon le chef de la police nationale, Jean-Marc Falcone, l'assaut à Saint-Denis a été l'un des plus difficiles que ses troupes ont connu. «Les scènes vécues par le RAID sont très dures. Même ces hommes rodés à la violence ont été marqués», a-t-il déclaré hier à ce sujet. [La Presse](#), A5/Front

*** Paris attacks: Extremists may strike next with chemical, biological weapons, French PM says**

With France still reeling from last week's deadly attacks in Paris, Prime Minister Manuel Valls warned Thursday that Islamic extremists might at some point use chemical or biological weapons, and urged lawmakers to extend a national state of emergency by three months. "Terrorism hit France not because of what it is doing in Iraq and Syria ... but for what it is," Valls told the lower house of Parliament. He added, "We know that there could also be a risk of chemical or biological weapons." Valls did not say there was a specific threat involving such weapons. The French Interior Ministry and Paris prosecutor's office, meanwhile, said it still remains unclear whether the suspected mastermind of last week's attacks, in which 129 people were killed and hundreds of others wounded, has been killed or is still at large. Officials said authorities are working on determining whether 27-year-old Belgian Abdelhamid Abaaoud was among those killed in a chaotic and bloody raid on an apartment in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis on Wednesday. [Associated Press](#) (CBC News)

*** Belgium vows crackdown on terrorists, boost security spending**

Belgium's prime minister on Thursday called for changes to the country's constitution to combat extremists, and promised hundreds of millions of euros to boost the security forces. Addressing the

federal parliament as security forces were conducting raids around the capital Brussels, Charles Michel pledged to use changes to the constitution to extend preventive detention times for suspects from 24 hours to 72 hours. He also affirmed that Belgium would move forward alone on a system of airline passenger information sharing that European Union nations have been incapable of agreeing in four years. [Associated Press](#) (CTV News, Times Colonist)

*** EU to tighten anti-terror laws**

The European Commission, the EU's executive arm, will expand its anti-terrorist legislation early next year to target fighters like those involved in the Paris attacks. The new measures will widen the range of actions punishable under the legislation to include travelling for the purpose of carrying out a terrorist act, facilitating travel or receiving training to carry out an attack. In a direct response to the Paris killings, EU citizens who travel outside the bloc and then return to carry out attacks will be considered as foreign fighters, and those helping their movement will also face prosecution. The bloc's Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship Commissioner, Dimitris Avramopoulos, told a news conference Wednesday that the Commission would have proposals ready by the end of November and wants to see them enacted "within the first two months of the next year." [Toronto Sun](#), A56 (Calgary Sun)

*** Killer's passport fueling fear of refugees**

After the bombs and Kalashnikov fire of the Paris attacks, a mere document - a passport - found near the body of an attacker is generating a new wave of dread throughout Europe and beyond. But whether the document ended up there by chance, or was part of an elaborate plot to sow panic, is not clear. Regardless of the answer, the passport has played into the Islamic State group's hands by raising concerns that militants may be marching alongside the thousands of asylum seekers flowing into Europe. That possibility is redefining the debate over immigration in Europe and even the United States, and prompting a backlash against Muslim refugees. The far-right French leader Marine Le Pen called for an immediate end to the flow of migrants into France, while across the Atlantic about half of U.S. governors are taking steps to prevent absorbing Syrian refugees in their states, citing the passport. "This terrorist attack will clearly change Europe's refugee policies and how the arrivals in Europe are treated," said Konrad Pedziwiatr, a sociologist and expert on Islam in Europe at the Krakow University of Economics. "Already the open-door policy (in Germany and Sweden) of welcoming refugees was going to be reformed because the inflow is so significant that countries cannot cope with the numbers," he said. "What the Paris attacks add to this difficult situation is the additional element of fear." A passport bearing the name of Ahmad Al Mohammad, 25, was found near one of the suicide bombers who blew himself up outside the Stade de France football stadium. It indicates that he entered Greece from Turkey on Oct. 3 and later passed through Serbia and Croatia, getting registered in every new country. The passport's authenticity has not been determined, but fingerprints of the attacker match those taken by Greece and Serbia. The other attackers who have been identified so far are all European citizens. The oddness that a passport - an intact one - was found near a man who blew himself up is creating suspicions that it is part of a plan by the Islamic State to create a backlash against the refugees. "I have never heard of terrorists carrying passports with them," Pedziwiatr said. [Associated Press](#) (Whig-Standard, B5, Telegraph-Journal, Times & Transcript)

*** ISIS is slowly killing the European experiment**

As neighbours and allies declare solidarity with France, few are facing up to the inevitable: the fact that fallout from Friday's terrorist attack in Paris will stall - perhaps even reverse - the political integration of Europe. The discovery that most of the terrorists identified so far were Muslims born in France, using neighbouring Belgium as a base, will add volume to loud demands for an end to the open-border policy among the 28 members of the European Union. Pressure to terminate what is known as the Schengen Area - a pillar of the EU political integration project, along with the now-debased euro and attempts to unify foreign and defence policies - has been building as about a million refugees from the Middle East and North Africa have flooded into Europe (...) While ISIS has taken responsibility for the outrage and was, at the very least, the inspiration for it, the Paris killings were, like almost every other terrorist attack in Canada, the United States and Europe in the last 14 years, a home-grown affair. Neither Canada nor the U.S. is immune to the popular suspicion that the floods of Syrian and Iraqi refugees are an easy route for ISIS to plant terrorists in target countries. The governors of over half the 50 states in the U.S. have said they will not participate in settling Syrian refugees. And the new government of Prime Minister Justin

Trudeau is facing growing pressure from both the public and provincial governments - on whom much of the responsibility for resettling refugees will fall - to rethink his campaign pledge to allow 25,000 Syrian migrants into Canada by the end of the year. [iPolitics](#)

*** French expats still feel sting an ocean away**

Juliette Elchinger was home in Montreal on Friday evening when her Twitter feed lit up with news of the terrorist assaults in Paris. "I went into a state of shock," the native Parisian said. "I just started to shake and cry." Five days later, the 19-year-old was still struggling to make sense of the violence visited on her cherished city. She stood on Wednesday surrounded by knots of other students and staff at the University of Montreal, some holding hands and wiping tears off stricken faces, for a sombre gathering of commemoration. In the days since the shocking attacks took the lives of 129 people, Ms. Elchinger has attended solidarity marches and commemorations, monitored news from Paris obsessively and joined other members of Montreal's large expatriate French community. Some have connections to the tragedy; Ms. Elchinger's best friend lost a professor, who was slain at the Bataclan theatre along with 88 others who had attended a rock concert there. For the expats, separation from events back home has fed feelings of loss and helplessness, along with a deepened call to their French identity. [Globe and Mail](#), A9

*** Free world solidarity after Paris**

An editorial states, "There aren't a lot of game-changing moments in international affairs, says Peter Van Praagh. But the ISIS terrorist attacks on Paris last weekend, like the 9-11 attacks on New York and Washington in 2001, fall into that rare category. It is, he says, one of those "events that turn things." It has acutely heightened the public sense of "how vulnerable open societies are." But it has also produced, he believes, "a fundamental solidarity and common understanding that something has to be done to address it." "We are all affected now," the security specialist told our editorial board on Wednesday, after arriving in Nova Scotia to chair, for the seventh time, the annual Halifax International Security Forum. The forum will bring 300 delegates from 60 democratic countries to the city this weekend to brainstorm the complex angles of peace and security - military, political, economic, educational and cultural. The group ranges from four-star generals to ministers to aid organizations, journalists and scholars. Their agenda runs the gamut from building new anti-terror alliances to cutting off the financing of terrorism through drug and human trafficking. There was plenty of evidence in Halifax and elsewhere this week to show security issues now touch us all." [Chronicle-Herald](#), A6

*** Hollande faces the enemy from within**

The streets of Paris are no strangers to mass bloodshed. The City of Light has borne witness to more than its share of extreme violence over the centuries. The worst of it has not been perpetrated by a foreign army. The enemy has most often come from within. From the Wars of Religion, through the Revolution and the Reign of Terror, to the Paris Commune, the French often worked through their differences in the bloodiest ways possible. Since the 1960s, Paris has been a repeated target of terrorists, often French citizens or immigrants, aggrieving in some way France's unresolved colonial past in North Africa or its mandates in the Middle East. The inspiration for the most recent attacks may have come from Iraq or Syria, but their perpetrators came from the Paris suburbs. The January assaults on the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo and a kosher supermarket were conducted by French-born radicalized Muslims. Most of those involved in Friday's sickening attacks on cafés and a concert hall appear to have had similar backgrounds. "We know, and it's cruel to say it, it was French people who killed French people on Friday," President François Hollande said in a speech for the ages. "There are, living on our soil, individuals who move from delinquency to radicalization and then to terrorist criminality." [Globe and Mail](#)

*** La vie doit reprendre, dit Hollande**

Dans la foulée de la série d'attentats à Paris, le président français François Hollande a encouragé ses compatriotes à «défier les terroristes» en continuant de vivre normalement, en fréquentant les cafés, les musées, et les stades sans tomber dans la crainte et la xénophobie. Les terroristes prennent la vie des innocents, mais ils veulent aussi suspendre celle des autres, a soutenu le président, mercredi, lors d'un discours télévisé devant les maires de partout au pays. Il estime que les Français ont le «devoir» de poursuivre leurs activités normales. Il a martelé que la vie «devait reprendre pleinement», ajoutant que la sécurité serait resserrée dans les lieux publics. Le président français a assuré que la France resterait un pays «de liberté, de mouvement, de culture» qui ne «pliera pas à la peur». François Hollande s'est

engagé à travailler avec ses alliés pour détruire le groupe armé État islamique, qui a revendiqué la responsabilité des attaques dans la capitale française qui ont fait 129 morts et 368 blessés. Dans une allocution prononcée quelques heures après une opération antiterroriste de la police en banlieue de Paris, le président a réitéré que la France était «en guerre avec les terroristes», mais il a aussi appelé les Français à la retenue. [Associated Press](#) (Le Droit, 17)

Online Media / Médias en ligne

Jokers, terrorists and why we'll always have Paris

Canadians do not live in a police state. But as at least one person who is alleged to have donned a Joker mask and threatened to kill an Arab a week recently discovered, we do live in a state that has police. And it seems those cops know their way around the internet. Yesterday afternoon, less than 48 hours after the appearance of a video depicting an individual wearing the mask, citing the Paris massacres and claiming the killings would begin next week, a 24-year-old man was arraigned at the Montreal courthouse in connection with the incident. [Montreal Gazette](#)

ISIS aggressively pursuing development of chemical weapons: U.S. official

The Islamic State group is aggressively pursuing development of chemical weapons, setting up a branch dedicated to research and experiments with the help of scientists from Iraq, Syria and elsewhere in the region, according to Iraqi and U.S. intelligence officials. Their quest raises an alarming scenario for the West, given the determination to strike major cities that the group showed with its bloody attack last week in Paris. On Thursday, French Prime Minister Manuel Valls warned that Islamic extremists might at some point use chemical or biological weapons. "Terrorism hit France not because of what it is doing in Iraq and Syria ... but for what it is," Valls told the lower house of Parliament. "We know that there could also be a risk of chemical or biological weapons," he added, though he did not talk of a specific threat. U.S. intelligence officials don't believe IS has the capability to develop sophisticated weapons like nerve gas that are most suited for a terrorist attack on a civilian target. So far the group has used mustard gas on the battlefield in Iraq and Syria. [Associated Press](#) (Global News)

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Who is Abdelhamid Abaaoud, suspected ringleader of the Paris terror attack?

The suspected ringleader of the Paris attacks has been on the counterterrorism radar for some time and was targeted in French airstrikes on Syria last month, a French counterterrorism source told CNN. Abdelhamid Abaaoud, in his late 20s, is believed to be close to ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, and is probably the link between the senior ISIS leadership and ISIS operatives in Europe, European counterterrorism officials have said. Authorities raided a building Paris suburb of Saint-Denis that is linked to Abaaoud. French police on Wednesday were trying to determine if Abaaoud had been in the apartment, or if he is even still alive. Investigators were using DNA to analyze the body parts found in the Saint-Denis building where a female suspect first blew herself up, then French forces used powerful munitions to combat others, which led to one floor of the building collapsing. French military forces carried

out airstrikes in October targeting an ISIS training camp for foreign fighters in Raqqa, Syria, in an effort to kill Abaaoud, the French counterterrorism source said. [CNN](#)

No need to raise threat level: Goodale

There's no reason to raise Canada's threat level, even in the wake of the deadly attacks in Paris last week, **says Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale**. The minister appeared at a news conference — flanked by key security officials — to assure Canadians that authorities are being especially vigilant and doing everything possible to keep the public safe. The threat level has remained at "medium" since October 2014. Canadian Security Intelligence Service director Michel Coulombe and RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson said they had found no Canadian links to the assaults in France by militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant that killed some 129 people and wounded hundreds of others. Officials also stressed that the thousands of refugees Canada has agreed to accept from strife-torn Syria would undergo thorough security checks. **Goodale** urged people to be alert following the Paris attacks, but said Canada is basically safe and peaceful. **The minister** said now is not the time for what he called "**vigilante retribution**" — a reference to a deliberately set fire at an Ontario mosque and an assault against a veiled woman in Toronto. **"Now more than ever is a time for all of us to support our fellow citizens. We need to demonstrate to each other and to the world our values of diversity and inclusion," Goodale said. "Canadians will stand together and face these times with skill, with resolve, courage and fortitude. Terrorists will not change our values or the quality of Canadian life." In the days ahead we will continue to take every possible step to keep Canadians safe, and do so "in a way that respects our national character," he said.** [Canadian Press](#) (Hamilton Spectator, City News, CFRA, MacLean's, CBC News); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (La Presse)

#JeSuisChien goes viral in tribute to police dog killed in France

Amidst a flurry of social media posts and breaking news, the death of one beloved police dog has taken over Twitter today, drawing condolences from around the world. *The Independent* reports that Diesel, the seven-year-old Belgian Malinois, was killed earlier Wednesday during a raid on suspected terrorists in the Parisian suburb of Saint-Denis. Diesel was a trained assault and explosive search dog. [Yahoo News](#); [Independent News](#)

Paris attacks raise travel jitters among some Canadians

Some Canadians are thinking twice about travelling abroad for now, as last week's attacks in Paris and other recent incidents have raised fears among travellers and people working in the travel industry. Despite assurances from authorities that it's safe to travel, Friday's attacks in Paris, Thursday's twin bombings in Beirut and the recent bombing of a Russian passenger plane have prompted some to cancel or reschedule their trips (...) But Anthony Roman, an aviation security expert and former commercial pilot based in New York, said he doesn't think passengers or airline crews should change their travel plans. "From a geopolitical or counterterror point of view, I think it's a mistake," he said. "This is what ISIS is looking for. It's looking to disrupt the West, disrupt the transportation system, disrupt individuals' lives (...)" **Canada's Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** said on Wednesday that there's no reason to raise the country's threat level, as authorities are being extra vigilant and doing everything they can to keep Canadians safe. [CBC News](#) (2015-11-18)

UPDATE - Paris attacks: RCMP investigating whether voice on ISIS recording is Canadian

The RCMP is examining whether the voice on an audio recording attributed to ISIS and released in the wake of the Paris attacks belongs to a Canadian. ISIS released audio statements in English and Arabic on Saturday, claiming responsibility for the co-ordinated Paris attacks Friday that claimed 129 lives. Const. Annie Delisle, a spokeswoman for the RCMP, confirmed to CBC News on Wednesday that the police force is aware of media reports about the apparently Canadian voice, "and are following up." On Monday, CBC News asked three linguistics specialists to analyze the recording, and all said the voice has some distinctly Canadian speech patterns. Security experts and the linguists say the voice on the audio recording has telltale inflections and characteristics of Canadian English. "The fellow on it sounded to me like he was ... Canadian, and probably specifically from Ontario," Erik Thomas, a linguistics professor at the University of North Carolina, told CBC News. [CBC News](#); [Global News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Yahoo! News) (2015-11-18)

Suspected architect of Paris attacks is dead, according to two senior intelligence officials

A massive police raid Wednesday killed the suspected ringleader of the Paris attacks during a blitz-style sweep, two senior European intelligence officials said, after investigators followed leads that the fugitive militant was holed up north of the French capital and could be plotting another wave of violence. More than 100 police and soldiers stormed the building during a seven-hour siege that left two dead including the suspected overseer of the Paris bloodshed, Abdelhamid Abaaoud, who had once boasted he could slip easily between Europe and the Islamic State strongholds in Syria. The confirmation was made after forensic experts combed through the aftermath — blown-out windows, floors collapsed by explosions — presumably seeking DNA and other evidence. The intelligence officials spoke on condition of anonymity before announcements from authorities. The death of the Belgian extremist Abaaoud closed one major dragnet in the international search for suspects from Friday's carnage that killed at least 129 people and wounded 350 others. At least one other suspect believed closed linked to the Paris attacks remains at large. But it raised other worrisome questions, including the apparent ability of Abaaoud to evade intelligence agencies while traveling through Europe and whether other possible Islamic State cells could be seeking to strike again. [Washington Post](#); [New York Daily News](#); [Telegraph](#); [Daily Mail](#)

Suspected Paris attack mastermind, now targeted in police operation, bragged about movements

The presumed mastermind of last week's devastating attacks in Paris once bragged about being so slippery he could move undetected between Syria and Belgium, his home country. On Wednesday he was targeted in a police operation in Paris. Explosions and gunfire rang out as French police stormed a building in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis where Abdelhamid Abaaoud was believed to be hiding, a senior police official told The Associated Press. Authorities said a woman blew herself up and a man was killed. Seven people were arrested. Police did not identify them. The official was not authorized to be publicly named according to police rules, but is informed about the operation. On Monday, French authorities identified Abaaoud, the child of Moroccan immigrants who grew up in the Belgian capital's multiethnic Molenbeek neighbourhood, as the presumed mastermind of last Friday's attacks that killed 129 people and wounded over 350. He also is believed to have links to earlier attacks that were thwarted: one against a Paris-bound high-speed train that was foiled by three young Americans in August, and the other against a church in the French capital's suburbs. [Associated Press](#) (Cape Breton Post, Charlottetown Guardian, Calgary Sun, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun, The Telegram, Winnipeg Sun, Toronto Sun) (2015-11-18)

Paris attacks: 2 killed as police target alleged plotter Abdelhamid Abaaoud

A woman suicide bomber blew herself up and another militant died on Wednesday when police raided an apartment in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis seeking suspects in last week's attacks in the French capital. Three sources told Reuters the raid stopped a jihadist cell that had been planning an attack on Paris's business district, La Defense, after co-ordinated bombings and shootings killed 129 across the city. Officials said police had been hunting Abdelhamid Abaaoud, a Belgian Islamist militant accused of being the ringleader of the Nov. 13 carnage, but more than nine hours after the launch of the pre-dawn raid it was still unclear if they had found him. Seven people were arrested in the operation, which started with a barrage of gunfire, including three people who were pulled from the apartment, officials said. "It is impossible to tell you who was arrested. We are in the process of verifying that. Everything will be done to determine who is who," Paris prosecutor François Molins said at the end of the operation. [CBC News](#) (CBS News); [Toronto Star](#); [New York Post](#); [Reuters](#); [Quartz](#); [Guardian](#); [New York Times](#) (2015-11-18)

The Alleged Mastermind Of The Paris Attacks Praised Canadian Terrorists As "Martyrs"

The man police have identified as the mastermind of the Paris terror attacks called Canadian terrorists "martyrs" in a recent issue of an ISIS magazine. Abdelhamid Abaaoud, the internationally wanted Belgian jihadi who goes by the *nom-de-guerre* Abu Umar Al-Baljiki, was featured in the February issue of *Dābiq*. "I ask Allah to accept the fruitful deeds of the shuhadā' [martyrs] who terrorized the crusaders of America, France, Canada, Australia, Germany, and Belgium," he reportedly told the ISIS propaganda publication. [Buzzfeed News](#) (2015-11-18)

Defence Minister Sajjan on fear of ISIS after Paris attacks

Defence Minister Harjit S. Sajjan, an ex-soldier who confidently declared prior to the Paris terror attacks that Canadians shouldn't fear ISIS, said Wednesday he wasn't trying to suggest Canada is immune from

that kind of carnage. The B.C. minister said he was only trying to send both a reassuring signal to the public and a defiant one to an organization that is increasingly spreading its terror web outside Iraq and Syria. "I want to give confidence to the Canadian population that we have some phenomenal capabilities" in terms of military, police and intelligence resources working to prevent an attack, the rookie MP for Vancouver South said in an interview. He also didn't want to give "ISIS that satisfaction that we fear them, and that we're going to change our way of life because of them." No one can guarantee Canada won't face a Paris-like assault, he said. But "if an attack does occur we have the resources and people in place to be able to deal with it." Sajjan cited his experience in Afghanistan, where Canada lost 158 soldiers between 2002-2011. Some days there were casualties as a result of Taliban ambushes and roadside bombs. "Were we afraid of the Taliban? No. One day we would take a hit, but we would be out patrolling again the next day." [Postmedia Network](#) (Vancouver Sun) (2015-11-18)

Eagles of Death Metal Make First Statement on Paris Attacks

Eagles of Death Metal, the American rock band that headlined the Bataclan last Friday, and was performing when three gunmen began their attack, has made its first public statement since then. Posting on Facebook, the band wrote that it had returned home but was "still trying to come to terms with what happened in France." It also included an image of hand signs from the band's first album, "Peace, Love, Death Metal," superimposed over the French flag. [New York Times](#); [Guardian](#) (2015-11-18)

Two Suspects Sold Bar in Brussels Not Long Before Paris Attacks

Two suspects in the Paris attacks sold the bar they owned in Brussels six weeks before the onslaught, according to public records seen by The Wall Street Journal, and it was shut down shortly after the sale over concern drugs had been sold and consumed there. Brahim Abdeslam, who blew himself up outside the stadium in Paris, and his brother Salah—the subject of an international arrest warrant issued by Belgium because of suspicions he rented the car used in the attack—sold their stakes in the Les Beguines bar on Sept. 30, according to public documents. The records show they transferred ownership of the bar to a person based in a Belgian town on the French border. The documents didn't say how much it was sold for. [Wall Street Journal](#) (2015-11-18)

Paris restaurants defy terrorism in the most French way possible

Paris is on edge once again today, after police launched a predawn raid against suspected terrorists involved in last week's attacks. Two suspects have been killed and several others have been arrested, but for a few fleeting hours last night, it seemed as if normalcy was within reach. On Tuesday, Parisians flocked to local restaurants and bars in a uniquely French display of solidarity. It was all part of a social media campaign called #TousAuBistrot ("everyone to the bar"). Led by the restaurant reviews site Le Fooding, the campaign called on Parisians to spend their Tuesday evening at bars, restaurants, and cafe terraces around the city, as an act of defiance against terrorists who directly targeted a cornerstone of French culture Friday night. Among the six sites attacked last week were five restaurants and bars in the city's trendy 10th and 11th arrondissements. The attacks left 129 dead and 352 injured. [The Verge](#) (2015-11-18)

Anonymous Publishes Three Guides To Teach You "How To Hack" And Fight ISIS

The war between the hackers and terrorists is escalating quickly in the wake of the recent Paris attacks. In the short time frame of past two days, Anonymous hacktivist group has declared an open war on ISIS. In response, ISIS was quick to retaliate and called Anonymous 'idiots' who just know how to 'hack email and Twitter accounts'. In another development, Anonymous has released a series of guides urging the people to take part in their biggest ever operation called #OpParis. The guides include how-to instructions that tell the ways to hack the ISIS-affiliated websites and social media accounts. The rivalry of ISIS and Anonymous dates back to the Charlie Hebdo massacre in January. Anonymous has continued its attacks on ISIS and already exposed more than a thousand Twitter accounts. To train and bring the newer generation of hacktivists, Anonymous has released three how-to guides. These guides were posted on an IRC channel and Anonymous encouraged everyone to join this war against ISIS regardless of their computer skills. [FossBytes](#) (2015-11-18)

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CTV News interviewed Pierre-Yves Bourduas, President, P-Y Public Safety Management Inc., former Deputy Commissioner of Federal Services and Central Region, Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He discussed the police raids in France following the Paris attacks. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-11-18, 15h30)

CTV News - interviewed Pierre-Yves Bourduas, former Deputy Commissioner RCMP - Paris attacks - police raids [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-11-18, 15h30 ET)

CP24 covered Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale speaking about national security following the Paris attacks last week [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-11-18, 16h05 ET)

CBC News Power & Politics interviewed Francois Audet from the Canadian Research Institute on Humanitarian Crisis and Aid on the security screening process for Syrian refugees, as well as timelines and logistics associated with bringing them to Canada. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-11-18, 18:30 ET)

CBC News Power & Politics interviewed security analyst and former assistant director of intelligence at CSIS, Ray Boisvert, on the current security situation in Canada in light of Friday's attacks in Paris and how Syrian refugees coming to Canada will be security screened. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-11-18, 17h05)

CTV News presented a news panel with Matt Gurney from the National Post, and Andrew Cullen with the Ottawa Citizen. French police raids following the Paris attacks were discussed as well as the issue of Syrian refugees coming to Canada. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-11-18, 10:35 ET)

RDI covered the mastermind behind the Paris massacre, Abdelhamid Abaaoud, is dead, according to two senior intelligence officials. The 27-year-old Belgian jihadi leader is said to have been killed by French commandos when a flat was raided in the early hours of this morning. (CBC News, 13h10; CTV News, 13h10 ET; RDI, 13h10 ET)

CBC / CTV covered explosions and heavy gunfire that were heard in Paris as armed police searching for suspects from Friday's attacks raided a flat in the suburb of Saint-Denis. Two people were killed in the raid, including a female suspect who blew herself up with a suicide belt. Seven people have been arrested. (CBC News, 9h ET; CTV News, 9h ET; RDI, 9h00 ET)

Reuters News Agency quoted a French police source as saying that a new attack was being planned. This one targeting a business district in Paris. (CBC News, 9h15 ET)

RDI a annoncé Le président de la France entend prolonger l'état d'urgence jusqu'en février 2016. (RDI, 9h15 ET)

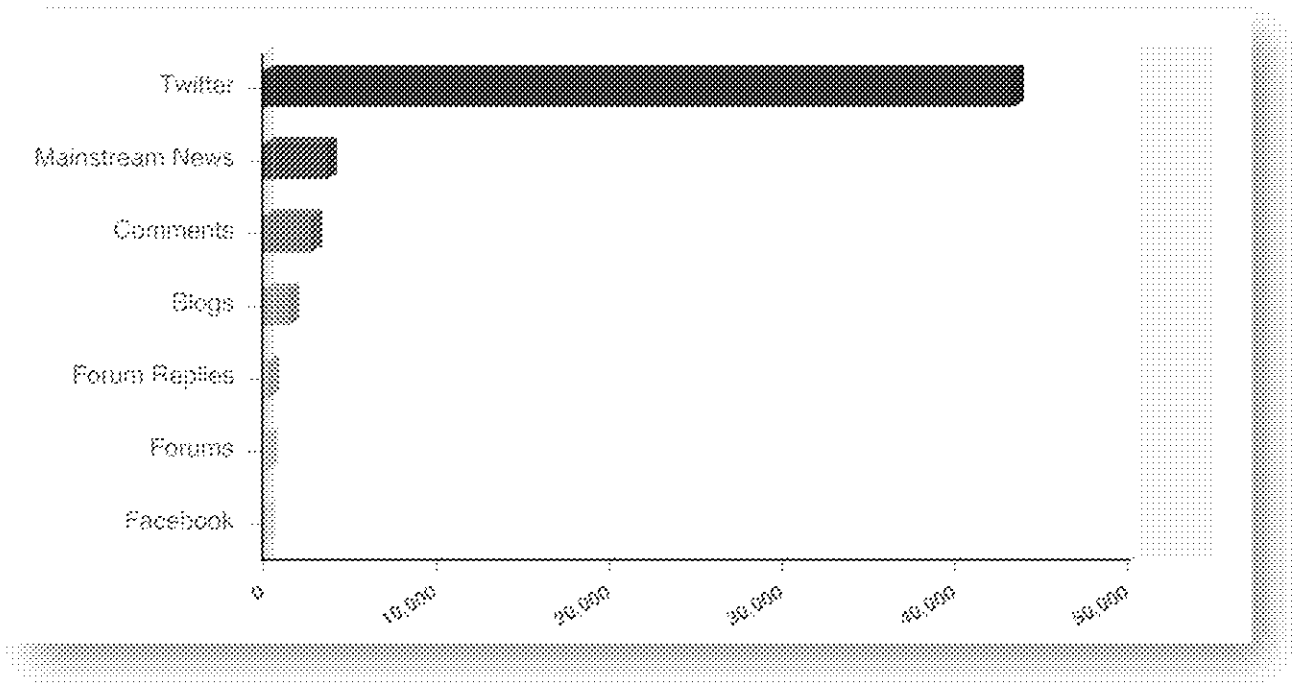
CBC covered French President François Hollande this morning heralding the raid saying it neutralized terrorists with links to the attacks here in Paris last week. (CBC News, 10h04 ET)

CTV News covered France's Interior Minister, Bernard Cazeneuve announcing that Abdelhamid Abaaoud was among those killed in a French police raid yesterday [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-11-19, 9h05 ET)

Social Media / Médias sociaux

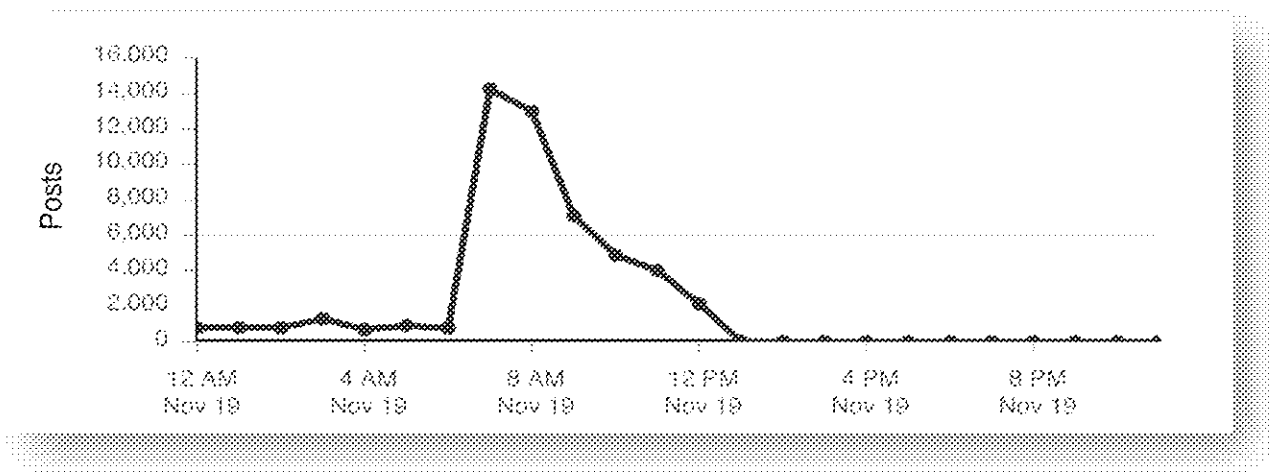
Social media activity regarding Canada's reaction to the Paris terrorist attacks is extensive. There have been approximately 51,484 social media posts on this topic between 12:00 am and 12:00 pm ET, November 19.

The following graph displays the breakdown of social media posts by type:



There have been approximately 43,346 tweets, 3,647 mainstream news site posts, 16 Facebook posts, 1,451 blog posts, and 2,803 comment/forum posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout yesterday's evening and into this morning:



Social media activity peaked at approximately 7:00 am and 11:00 am ET, with 14,246 posts regarding the Paris attacks as well as Canada's response.

Tweets of note:

TheEconomist

France responds to an attack on its way of life. Our briefing on the Paris attacks <http://econ.st/1Xb0r5n>

tvanouvelles

EN VIDÉO | Attentats de Paris: les images de l'intérieur d'un café pendant la tuerie. <http://bit.ly/117wWFw>

globalnews

France says it got tip about where mastermind of Paris attack was hiding <http://glbn.ca/UQDRe>

cnnbrk

Nine detained in Belgium raids connected to [#ParisAttacks](#) probe, Belgian authorities say.

<http://cnn.it/117hgSr>

mtlgazette

Jokers, terrorists and why we'll always have Paris <http://bit.ly/1MVS7ox>

globalnews

Paris attacks: Video of 'London Muslims celebrating terror attacks' is fake <http://glbn.ca/UQSXV>

NahlahAyed

France National Assembly votes overwhelmingly in favour of extending state of emergency by three months. [#cbc](#) [#parisattacks](#)

Reuters

France says it never received information that attack mastermind Abaaoud was in the country:

<http://reut.rs/1MpcCIT>

metromontreal

Des milliers de chiens du monde entier rendent hommage à un chien tué à Paris [#JeSuisDiesel](#)

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale announced on June 16 the tabling of "An Act to establish the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians" to create a multi-party Parliamentary committee to oversee national security activities.
- The legislation outlines how a security-cleared committee of seven MPs and two senators would review the activities of national security agencies, with no more than four members from the party forming the government. The committee would have wide authority to "scrutinize any national security matter", with the Public Safety Minister having authority to stop any review that could jeopardize national security.
- Media coverage was fairly significant at the time of the announcement with articles appearing across online and print media, as well as television coverage of Ministers Goodale and Leblanc making the announcement. Minister Goodale was also interviewed by CTV News' Power and Politics. Tone of coverage was neutral in most news items and no opinion pieces appeared on the day of the announcement. Coverage dropped significantly over the course of the day.

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

- *"We have written the legislation to withstand the test of time and if some future hypothetical prime minister were in the process of abusing his or her powers, this committee would be in a position to say very loudly to Canadians, 'something that shouldn't be happening is going on and you ought to be concerned. If that eventually happens at some time in future, this committee would be extraordinarily valuable.'" ~ Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale ([iPolitics](#))*
- *"We need to make sure our security and intelligence agencies are doing everything that is necessary and appropriate to keep Canadians safe and ... are conducting themselves in a way that safeguards the rights and freedoms of Canadians." ~ Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale ([Reuters](#))*
- *"[Members of the committee] will have to swear an oath with respect to the information that they obtain, and violation of that oath is a criminal offence and a breach of trust. Illegally, improperly divulging information that is contrary to the national security of Canada is a serious criminal offence." ~ Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale ([Globe and Mail](#))*

- *"This new oversight committee would allow members of the Senate and the House of Commons to scrutinize how departments and agencies across the government of Canada - with national security and intelligence responsibilities - are operating and report to Parliament on their findings and their recommendations."* ~ Government House Leader Dominic LeBlanc ([CBC News](#))
- *« Ce nouveau comité de surveillance permettra à des membres du Sénat et de la Chambre des communes d'examiner comment fonctionnent les ministères et les agences de l'ensemble du gouvernement canadien dotés de responsabilités touchant à la sécurité nationale et au renseignement »* ~ Leader du gouvernement à la Chambre des communes, Dominic LeBlanc ([Radio-Canada](#))
- *"It's basically a PMO extension with a whole range of exclusions... [t]his should report to Parliament. They're also making it very easy for a lot of ministries and agencies to avoid sharing information with this committee."* ~ Conservative MP and public safety critic Erin O'Toole ([National Post](#))
- *"The ability of the PM to redact final committee reports is broader than ideal — at the very least there should be a capacity for the committee to signal that redactions have been made."* ~ National security law professor Craig Forcese ([iPolitics](#))
- *"It would be very nice to address some of the issues noted above, but on paper at least, this will be a stronger body than the UK and Australian equivalents. And a dramatic change for Canadian national security accountability."* ~ National security law professor Craig Forcese ([iPolitics](#))

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Special committee of MPs, senators would monitor intelligence agencies

The Liberal government is moving to create a multi-party committee of parliamentarians — bound forever to secrecy — to serve as another set of eyes on federal intelligence activities. Legislation tabled Thursday would authorize the security-cleared committee of seven MPs and two senators to scrutinize the intelligence work of more than a dozen agencies. A maximum of four MPs from the governing party could be members. The goal is to ensure security and intelligence organizations are effective while protecting Canadian values, rights and freedoms, said **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale**, who called it the most important Liberal promise on national security. All of Canada's major allies — including the United States, Britain and France — have such committees. **"We have studied what those other countries do," Goodale told** a news conference, adding Canada has learned from the examples — both good and bad. The Canadian committee would have a high degree of independence, power to delve into any national security matter and access to classified government information. However, ministers could withhold information from the members if handing it over would harm national security... On paper at least, the proposed committee is a stronger body than the equivalents in Australia and Britain, said Craig Forcese, a law professor at the University of Ottawa who specializes in national security. However, Forcese has concerns about the government's ability to veto the committee's plans, limit its ability to see secret materials and redact its reports. Overall, the legislation is "a very good bill" that would create a long overdue role for parliamentarians, said Wesley Wark, an intelligence historian who also teaches at the University of Ottawa. However, Wark added, the real test will be finding the right members, setting up a secretariat to support the committee, actually doing good work, earning the trust of the security and intelligence community and "finding ways to really inform the Canadian public about sensitive intelligence and security issues." [Canadian Press](#) (Metro News)

New spy watchdog will have power to examine 'any activity, any operation': Goodale

Sweeping powers to scrutinize "any issue, any activity, any operation" will be granted to a new committee of parliamentarians to watch over federal spying and other clandestine security and intelligence activities, the government has announced. The long-promised Bill C-22, tabled in the Commons Thursday, proposes creation of an unprecedented "national security and intelligence committee of parliamentarians" to hold to greater account the nation's two chief spy services and at least 15 other departments and

agencies with national security responsibilities. The move fulfils a major Liberal election promise to increase parliamentary scrutiny of national security operations to offset the expansive and controversial counterterrorism powers under the Anti-terrorism Act of 2015, formerly Bill C-51, to investigate, detain, arrest, silence or otherwise thwart individuals suspected as threats to the security of Canada. The all-party committee of nine MPs and two Senators, to be chosen by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and supported by a small secretariat, would be sworn to permanent secrecy and handed a broad mandate to probe, mainly ex post facto, any and all national security activities to gauge whether they are effective, efficient and legal. Its primary investigative tool would be a statutory power to access many of the nation's most guarded secrets. ***"They are going to have the ability to look at any issue, any activity, any operation, any document in the government of Canada that relates to security and intelligence matters,"*** Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale told reporters after the bill's unveiling. ***"They will be able to ask questions and conduct inquiries and satisfy themselves that two important objectives are being met: to make sure our security and intelligence agencies are being effective in keeping Canadians safe and to make sure they are safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Canadians."***... Goodale responded to that concern: ***"If the minister believes that a particular examination at a particular point in time will be injurious to national security then the minister has to give reasons. It's not just a capricious judgment. "If this committee makes it known in the public domain that they are unhappy with what they have seen and that there is something in the security intelligence operations that they believe is unfolding in an improper way, putting that comment in the public domain will, quite frankly, set off alarm bells right across the country and it will then be incumbent upon the prime minister to explain himself or herself to Canadians. This puts an extraordinary public discipline on the process."***... But Conservative MP and public safety critic Erin O'Toole said that is one of several flaws. "It's basically a PMO extension with a whole range of exclusions" for the government to deny it access to needed top-secret information. "This should report to Parliament. They're also making it very easy for a lot of ministries and agencies to avoid sharing information with this committee," he said. Current review of the national security apparatus and the handling of public complaints is now siloed within three small watchdog agencies, led by the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), which conducts after-the-fact reviews of the operations of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the country's human spy service. There is no independent oversight or review of the Canada Border Services Agency, which has a dual intelligence and law-enforcement role, and several other arms of government with national security duties. Depending on how transparent a government chooses to be, sending controversial national security issues to a secret committee could effectively launder executive decisions by purposely routing them to the committee to limit or eliminate further public exposure, say some experts. It also could potentially hamper the opposition's ability to critique government. [National Post](#)

Bill to create spy oversight committee introduced in House of Commons

A nine-member, multi-party committee of parliamentarians would oversee federal intelligence activities under a long-anticipated bill tabled Thursday. The legislation would authorize a security-cleared committee of seven MPs and two senators to scrutinize the intelligence work of more than a dozen agencies. A maximum of four MPs from the governing party could be members. The goal is to ensure security and intelligence organizations are effective while protecting Canadian values, rights and freedoms, said **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale**. All of Canada's major allies — including the United States, Britain and France — have such committees. ***"We have studied what those other committees do,"*** Goodale told a news conference, adding Canada has learned from the examples — both good and bad. The Canadian committee would have power to delve into any national security matter. However, ministers could withhold information from the members if handing it over would harm national security. [Canadian Press](#) (Times-Colonist)

Liberals to create new committee to oversee Canadian security agencies

Canada's new committee of parliamentarians overseeing national-security operations will be made up of seven MPs and two senators. The legislative oversight committee overseeing agencies like the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and the RCMP will have wide-ranging authorities to "scrutinize any national security matter," the federal government announced on Thursday, after legislation to create the committee was tabled. However, the **minister of public safety** "would have the authority to stop such a review if it would be injurious to national security," the government said. **Public Safety Minister Ralph**

Goodale told reporters on Wednesday that everyone on the permanent committee will swear an oath of secrecy. The committee was inspired by a number of foreign models, especially the nine-member Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament in Britain. **Mr. Goodale** added that he does not want a system like the one in the U.S. Congress, which is prone to leaks. ***"[Members of the committee] will have to swear an oath with respect to the information that they obtain, and violation of that oath is a criminal offence and a breach of trust,"*** he said. ***"Illegally, improperly divulging information that is contrary to the national security of Canada is a serious criminal offence."*** The committee will have ***"extraordinary authority to examine all of the security and intelligence operations of the government of Canada,"*** with access to classified information from agencies such as CSIS and the RCMP, **Mr. Goodale** said. [Globe and Mail](#)

Liberals propose joint oversight committee on national security

The federal government today introduced new legislation to create a joint committee to oversee national security matters, one of three public safety-related bills the Liberals are tabling this week. "This new oversight committee would allow members of the Senate and the House of Commons to scrutinize how departments and agencies across the government of Canada - with national security and intelligence responsibilities - are operating and report to Parliament on their findings and their recommendations, Government House leader Dominic LeBlanc said in Ottawa on Thursday. The nine-member committee would be made up of seven MPs and two senators who would have the clearance to delve into all matters of national security. LeBlanc served notice on Wednesday that he would table the bill, titled "An Act to establish the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians and to make consequential amendments to certain Acts." The Liberals campaigned on a promise to create a committee tasked with overseeing all of Canada's national security agencies. [CBC News](#)

National security committee bill tabled

The government's long-awaited all-party national security committee should be up and running by fall, **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** said Thursday after tabling the bill creating the intelligence review body. The formation of a committee of legislators to review intelligence activities was a key demand of opponents of the Harper government's security legislation, C-51. All of Canada's major allies, including the United States, Britain and France, have such committees. While the government will have the power to shut down the committee's reviews, withhold information and review committee reports, **Goodale** says it will still be able to hold governments to account. ***"We have written the legislation to withstand the test of time and if some future hypothetical prime minister were in the process of abusing his or her powers, this committee would be in a position to say very loudly to Canadians, 'something that shouldn't be happening is going on and you ought to be concerned,'"*** Goodale said in a press conference. ***"If that eventually happens at some time in future, this committee would be extraordinarily valuable."*** The new legislation will create a nine-member joint committee that includes two members appointed from the Senate and seven members from the House of Commons. The appointments will be made by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the prime minister and no more than four of the members from the House of Commons can be from the governing party. The committee will have a mandate to scrutinize activities, including ongoing operations, by any of the 17 government departments and agencies that deal with national security, including the RCMP, CBSA, CSIS, CSE and others such as the Department of Foreign Affairs. [iPolitics](#)

Canada to give MPs oversight of security, intelligence agencies

Canada will set up a committee of legislators to oversee security and intelligence agencies and ensure their work does not infringe upon civil liberties, a top official said on Thursday. The Liberal government is acting in the wake of global concerns about the reach of security agencies. Former U.S. intelligence contractor Edward Snowden leaked details about mass surveillance by British and U.S. spies in 2013. ***"We need to make sure our security and intelligence agencies are doing everything that is necessary and appropriate to keep Canadians safe and ... are conducting themselves in a way that safeguards the rights and freedoms of Canadians,"*** said **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale**. Canada is the only one of the so-called Five Eyes intelligence-sharing network to lack such a parliamentary review committee. The other members are Britain, the United States, Australia and New Zealand. Most Canadian agencies have small individual review bodies, which critics complain are

impotent and can only look at old cases. Goodale told reporters the new nine-person committee would have robust powers to probe any file it wanted, including active ones. [Reuters](#) (UK Daily Mail)

Ottawa crée un comité parlementaire sur la sécurité nationale et le renseignement

Le gouvernement libéral de Justin Trudeau a déposé jeudi un projet de loi qui donnera naissance à un comité de parlementaires chargé de veiller à la sécurité du pays et de protéger les droits des Canadiens. Le leader du gouvernement à la Chambre des communes, Dominic LeBlanc, et le ministre de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile, Ralph Goodale, en ont fait l'annonce à Ottawa, en précisant que ce comité jouira d'un « vaste mandat ». « Ce nouveau comité de surveillance permettra à des membres du Sénat et de la Chambre des communes d'examiner comment fonctionnent les ministères et les agences de l'ensemble du gouvernement canadien dotés de responsabilités touchant à la sécurité nationale et au renseignement », a affirmé Dominic LeBlanc. C'est donc dire que la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) ou encore le Centre de sécurité des télécommunications seront dans la ligne de mire du comité. [Radio-Canada](#)

What do you think about the proposed security oversight committee?

The Liberal government is tabling multiple public safety-related bills this week, including the bill "An Act to establish the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians" tabled on Thursday. The bill proposes a joint oversight committee, composed of seven MPs and two senators, which will have the ability to "scrutinize" any national security matters. **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale**, who helped draft the bill, stated the goal of the committee would be to help ensure Canada's security and intelligence agencies are protecting Canadians and to protect Canadians rights and freedoms. [Rabble.ca](#)

Un nouveau comité à Ottawa pour surveiller toutes les activités de renseignement

C'est finalement un comité formé de neuf parlementaires de toutes allégeances qui surveillera les différentes agences fédérales impliquées de près ou de loin dans le renseignement et la sécurité nationale. En vertu du projet de loi déposé jeudi aux Communes par le leader du gouvernement, Dominic LeBlanc, le comité sera composé de sept députés, dont quatre du parti ministériel, et de deux sénateurs. Ces parlementaires pourront discrètement scruter le travail d'une quinzaine d'agences et ministères concernés. **Le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Ralph Goodale**, a indiqué jeudi en point de presse à Ottawa que son gouvernement souhaite ainsi s'assurer que toutes ces organisations sont efficaces, mais aussi qu'elles respectent les valeurs fondamentales, les droits et les libertés des Canadiens. De tels comités existent déjà chez les principaux alliés du Canada - dont les États-Unis, la France et le Royaume-Uni - et le ministre Goodale a indiqué que son gouvernement s'était inspiré de ce qui se fait ailleurs dans le monde. [Presse Canadienne](#) (La Presse)

Un projet de loi fédéral pour créer un comité chargé de surveiller les espions canadiens

Le gouvernement Trudeau a déposé un projet de loi, aux Communes jeudi, pour créer un comité parlementaire chargé de surveiller les opérations des espions canadiens. Cette mesure législative se veut une réponse des libéraux de Justin Trudeau à la controversée loi 51 antiterroriste adoptée par le gouvernement Harper. Ce comité aura à s'assurer « que les organismes responsables de la sécurité et du renseignement sont en mesure de protéger efficacement les Canadiens » indique le gouvernement. Ce comité multipartite sera formé de représentants des Communes et du Sénat et aurait un mandat pangouvernemental ainsi qu'un accès spécial à des renseignements « hautement classifiés », afin de pouvoir examiner les opérations de sécurité nationale et relatives au renseignements. [Agence QMI](#) (Journal de Montréal)

Attacks shift perception of C-51 - Desire to weaken anti-terror laws diminishing

An opinion piece states "In the general election campaign, the Liberals were vocal about repealing the 'problematic elements' of the Conservative government's anti-terror legislation. In the wake of the carnage in Paris last November, and now in Orlando, Fla., it is fair to say there is much less enthusiasm to overturn many of its provisions, particularly those that allow the Canadian Security Intelligence Service to disrupt potential terrorist activity. **Ralph Goodale, the public safety minister**, will introduce a bill creating an all-party committee of parliamentarians to provide oversight to the expanded national security apparatus before the House of Commons rises this summer, as the Ottawa Citizen's Ian MacLeod reported this month. The government will also review all appeals by Canadians to the no-fly list and

create a counter-radicalization office to work in vulnerable communities, as promised in the election platform... **Goodale** has further said he intends to engage in public consultations on the entire national security framework over the summer, to look at areas where the current legislation might be improved. But, after the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant-inspired outrages in Paris and Orlando, there does not seem to be an appetite to roll back the substantive parts of the bill that allow CSIS to use loosely defined disruptive 'measures,' or attempt to raise the threshold for preventive detention... Public outrage may yet be ignited when the first annual report covering the new legislation is released by CSIS's watchdog, the Security Intelligence Review Committee. As security expert Wesley Wark pointed out, if the report suggests CSIS has been abusing its new powers, or if the CSE commissioner claims the organization has not been complying with Canadian law in collecting metadata, the public's concern about rights may trump fears about security. But for now, public sentiment appears to be governed by a sense that all that protects them from a disaffected Omar Mateen-type figure is a vigilant security service, standing on guard..." [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Broadcast media for this period was significant at the time of the announcement with major networks providing coverage of Ministers Goodale and Leblanc presenting the legislation and responding to questions from media.

Of note:

- *CTV News* broadcast the creation of a national security and intelligence committee of parliamentarians announced by government House Leader Dominic Leblanc and **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale**. [Rough Transcript](#)
- *CP24* broadcast a question and answer session with **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** following his announcement of the creation of a national security and intelligence committee of parliamentarians. [Rough Transcript](#)
- *CTV News' Power Play* interviewed **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** on the introduction of legislation to establish a national security oversight committee of parliamentarians. [Rough Transcript](#)
- *CBC News' Power & Politics* interviewed **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** on the introduction of legislation to establish the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians. [Rough Transcript](#)

Social Media / Médias sociaux

Public Safety Accounts

- Activity on the department's channels were extremely minimal in terms of mentions and retweets. Only 1 user replied:
 - We tweeted two original tweets per language

Public Safety Canada @Safety_Canada
Proposed Nat'l Security & Intel. Cmte of Parliamentarians is "a uniquely CON model that reflects our own values & ideals." - Min. Goodale

- This tweet gained 1626 impressions
- 4 RTs
- 1 Like

Sécurité publique @Securite_Canada
Le Comité des parlementaires sur la sécurité nationale proposé est « un modèle CON qui reflète nos valeurs, «libaux». » - Min. Goodale

- This tweet gained 289 impressions
- 1 RT

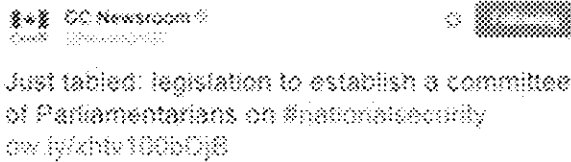
Public Safety Canada @Safety_Canada
Want to get up to speed on the proposed Nat'l Security & Intelligence Cmte of Parliamentarians? Here's a primer <http://ow.ly/NNE301kMaH>

- This tweet gained 1346 impressions
- 6 click-throughs
- 3 RTs
- 2 Likes

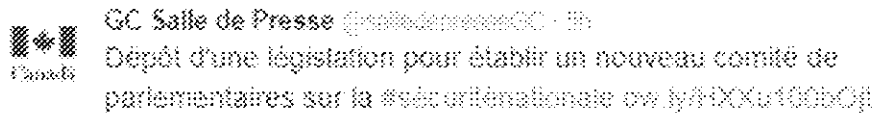
Sécurité publique @Securite_Canada
Vous voulez vous + d'infos sur Comité des parlementaires sur sécurité nationale proposé? Voici notions élémentaires <http://ow.ly/XFYu301kMrv>

- This tweet gained 231 impressions
- 1 click-through

- We retweeted the official announcement from NewsroomGC, which received 7 retweets and 4 likes in English, and 2 retweets and 1 like in French overall (i.e. not caused by PS's retweeting alone).



GC Newsroom (@GCNewsroom) · 1h
Just tabled: legislation to establish a committee of Parliamentarians on #nationalsecurity
ow.ly/zhtv100b0j6



GC Salle de Presse (@SalledePresseGC) · 1h
Dépôt d'une législation pour établir un nouveau comité de parlementaires sur la #sécuritéinternationale
ow.ly/4DXu100b0ji

- Activity on the department's channels were extremely minimal in terms of mentions and retweets. Only 1 user replied:



@Safety_Canada get rid of c51

Tweets of note

Ralph Goodale

Have just intro'd legislation to implement our single most important commitment to Cdns on National Security (1/2) [#cdnpoli](https://twitter.com/cdnpoli)

Ralph Goodale

New "Committee of Parliamentarians" will have extraordinary access to scrutinize security+intell activities of the GoC (2/2)

Ralph Goodale

Nous venons de présenter un projet de loi pour mettre en place notre engagement clé aux Canadiens sur la sécurité nationale (1/2)

Ralph Goodale

Nouveau "Comité des parlementaires" aura un accès extraordinaire pour scruter-activités en matière de renseignement- sécurité du GoC (2/2)

Safety_Canada

Want to get up to speed on the proposed Nat'l Security & Intelligence Cmte of Parliamentarians? Here's a primer <http://ow.ly/aNNI301kMaH>

Securite_Canada

Vous voulez vous + d'infos sur Comité des parlementaires sur sécurité nationale proposé? Voici notions élémentaires <http://ow.ly/XYu301kMnw>

Safety Canada

Proposed Nat'l Security & Intel. Cmte of Parliamentarians is "a uniquely CDN model that reflects our own values & ideals." - Min. Goodale

Securite Canada

Le Comité des parlementaires sur la sécurité nationale proposé est « un modèle CDN qui reflète nos valeurs, idéaux . » – Min. Goodale

salledepresseGC

Dépôt d'une législation pour établir un nouveau comité de parlementaires sur la #sécuriténationale
<http://ow.ly/HXXu100bOjt>

NewsroomGC

Just tabled: legislation to establish a committee of Parliamentarians on #nationalsecurity
<http://ow.ly/xhtv100bOjB>

PnPCBC

Now on #pnpcbc: @RalphGoodale discusses the proposed security & intelligence parliamentary oversight committee #cdnpoli

PnPCBC

@RalphGoodale: they have a very broad mandate to scrutinize the intelligence activities of the whole of the gov't of Canada. #pnpcbc

PnPCBC

@RalphGoodale: they will be able to look at any activity, any material of any intelligence/security agency. #cdnpoli #pnpcbc

PnPCBC

@RalphGoodale: committee would get involved if there was something that had a very direct, immediate impact on national security. #pnpcbc

PnPCBC

@RalphGoodale: the ultimate safeguard: Canadians would know if there was something the committee wasn't happy about.

PnPCBC

@RalphGoodale: it's the PM who's responsible and carries ultimate burden of safety and security of Cdns. That is where the buck stops.

PnPCBC

@RalphGoodale: selection of comm. members: David McGuinty will be chair. Other members yet to be selected, will involve all parties.

PnPCBC

@RalphGoodale: they'll be required to take an oath respecting classified nature of material they'll be dealing with. #pnpcbc

PnPCBC

@RalphGoodale: we expect good people will come out of consultation process and they'll discharge responsibilities in a responsible way.

CTV PowerPlay

ICYMI: Public Safety Minister @RalphGoodale announced the long-awaited spy oversight committee today goo.gl/IXYVZC #cdnpoli

DonMartinCTV

On @CTV_PowerPlay, @janephilpott and @Puglaas on assisted dying bill, @RalphGoodale on spy oversight and @nathancullen on friend Jo Cox.

nationalpost

New spy watchdog will have power to examine 'any activity, any operation': Ralph Goodale
natpo.st/1W28xAR

YahooCanadaNews

Special committee of MPs, senators would monitor intelligence agencies yhoo.it/1PwTpEJ
pic.twitter.com/WO2SgPjj7

TondaMacC

New Parl'ty nat security oversight cttee w hv 2 senators, 7 MPS, cannot claim parl immunity if they divulge secrets.

TondaMacC

Cttee to hv 4 MPs fr Govt side. Will hv power to scrutinize "any nat security matter" including ongoing operations.

TondaMacC

Pub Safety minister wd be able to shut down review to protect 3rd parties, prevent interference inactive military ops.

TondaMacC

Cttee wd be limited in reviews to protect law enforcement functions. MPs wd hv right of access to info ex where it wd harm nat security.

TondaMacC

PS Minister wd hv to provide rationale for withholding info fr cttee. Not clear if that decision subject to judicial review.

TondaMacC

Nat security parliamentary oversight cttee to be housed within executive, not legislative, branch to control use/disclosure of secret info.

TondaMacC

@RalphGoodale: "extraordinary access" to any national security matter across all depts, agencies = Cdn model.

TondaMacC

Tech briefing:PCO official says nat secy cttee w NOT have access to cabinet confidences, informants identity, commercially sensitive info.

TondaMacC

Other exclusions: names of protected witnesses, defence intel activities in support of ongoing military ops, FINTRAC info not yet acted on.

HuffPostCanada

Liberals table bill to create spy oversight committee [#cdnpoli](https://twitter.com/cdnpoli) <http://huff.to/1Yuj1nW>

David Akin

I asked @ralphgoodale almost exactly that question. He says this was designed as a check on any future PMO abuse.

Craig Forcese

@davidakin @RalphGoodale Key ques: subsequent obligations on PM to submit report to Parliament. Delay in submission been issue in Aus.

David Akin

"I would be very happy if this bill could be passed early in the fall," @RalphGoodale says of security committee legislation.

David Akin

@RalphGoodale Security committee "not a complaints forum per se" but can take up matters of public concern

David Akin

New security committee will be given secretariat and resources to support their work, @RalphGoodale says

David Akin

David Akin Retweeted Ralph Goodale
Hope! For you #C51 objectors.

Claire Wahlen

@davidakin Not necessarily, yet. They promised a summer of consultation before putting a new bill out to make #C51 amendments. Wait til then

Ralph Goodale

@davidakin -Not so David. One key pledge was new Cmte of Parliamentarians to scrutinize Sec+Intell activities - intro'd today. More to come.

David Akin

If you objected to #C51 and bought #LPC promises they would change offending bits, u may be a bit disappointed today.

David Akin

In scrum, @RalphGoodale says oversight committee is "cornerstone" of several initiatives to change objectionable #C51 bits

PhilippeVincentFoisy

À propos des pouvoirs du ministre : le ministre de la Sec Pub dit le comité peut le dire publiquement et ca, ca peut faire mal. #polcan

Vassy Kapelos

Goodale: we are fulfilling the single most important campaign commitment...w/ respect to national security #cdnpoli

Amanda Connolly

Committee can review ongoing ops but minister can stop them at any time if "such a review would be injurious to Nat Sec."

CPAC

10amET: @RalphGoodale & @Min_LeBlanc discuss the proposed national security oversight committee. #cdnpoli <http://www.cpac.ca/en/direct/cpac2>

Jim Bronskill

Nine-member, multi-party committee would scrutinize security activities under bill tabled today <http://www.nationalnewswatch.com/> #cdnpoli

National Newswatch

Liberals propose joint oversight committee with 'extraordinary access' to scrutinize national security

David Akin

Ministers will have power to shut down investigation by [#c51](#) oversight committee on national security grounds.

David Akin

Before oversight committee can tell Parliament anything, PMO gets to edit and censor. [#C51](#)

David Akin

New [#C51](#) oversight committee to report to PM, not to Parliament.

David Akin

New security and intelligence committee will have 9 on it: 2 Senators, 7 MPs incl 4 from governing party. [#C51](#)

Amanda Connolly

Not clear if here would be any kind of review or challenge function for this refusal mechanism

Amanda Connolly

Committee will have "right of access" to info it requests but minister can withhold "special operational info" if disclosure would harm NS

PhilippeVincentFoisy

Comme les libéraux n'ont pas le contrôle sur le sénat, ils ne seront pas majoritaire au comité. Mais avec 4 élus + 1 sénateur, les consv...

PhilippeVincentFoisy

LE comité aura un mandat pangouvernemental et se pencherait sur toute question ayant trait à la sécurité nationale. [#polcan](#)

PhilippeVincentFoisy

Le gvt formera un comité pour superviser les agences de sécurité. Mais le ministre se garde BCP de pouvoirs <http://nouvelles.gc.ca/> [#polcan](#)

Craig Forcese

Because new bill imminent, time to re-up paper on what to look for in nat'l security committee of parliamentarians: <http://papers.ssrn.com/>

Claire Wählen

Lots of national security legislation out this week before the House breaks for summer. Silver lining? At least it's not an omnibus [#cdnpoli](#)

Globe Politics

Liberals to create new committee to oversee Canadian security agencies <http://trib.al/JshzmLn> [#cdnpoli](#)

MrMubinShaikh

Excellent. NationalSecurityOversight in Canada is closer2becoming reality. [#cdnpoli](#) [#C51](#)
<https://t.co/ozYQfQYbsR>

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- On January 28 2016, the annual reports of both the Commissioner of the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) and the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) were tabled.
- The CSE Commissioner's report revealed that the CSE had breached privacy rules by sharing personal information on Canadians (via metadata) with its Five Eyes security partners. As a result, metadata sharing is now under suspension.
- The SIRC report highlighted lapses in CSIS' screening of federal public servants for potential spies or people with divided loyalties, as well as multiple instances of CSIS obtaining confidential taxpayer information from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) without proper authorization.
- Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale and Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan held a press conference following the tabling of those reports wherein Minister Sajjan clarified that the metadata shared "did not contain names or enough information on its own to identify individuals," while Minister Goodale emphasized that there would be a full review of Canada's security agencies through a cabinet committee.
- Coverage was extensive across media platforms, with numerous domestic and international outlets reporting on the reports' findings, as well as the response from Ministers Goodale and Sajjan.
- Tone of coverage was mostly neutral, with some negativity due to the nature of the reports' findings. However, most reports were counterbalanced by noting the steps the government plans to take to prevent further incidents. Some outlets were more negative in their reporting (ex. *Vice News*)

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

"I found that the metadata ministerial directive lacks clarity regarding the sharing of certain types of metadata with Five Eyes partners, as well as other aspects of CSE's metadata activities." – CSE Commissioner Jean-Pierre Plouffe (excerpt from annual report) ([iPolitics](#))

"SIRC also examined CSIS's practices surrounding access lists, the process through which CSIS tracks how sensitive information is accessed and by whom. SIRC found examples of haphazard application of this process, as well as a lack of documented procedures governing the functioning and maintenance of this list." – Excerpt from SIRC annual report ([iPolitics](#))

"We have undertaken the complete review of the security intelligence framework. That review will be proceeding over the next weeks and months. The objective here is to make sure that our security and policing agencies are effective in keeping Canadians safe and secondly, that they're properly respecting Canadian rights and freedoms and this review will result in a number of changes, including the creation of a parliamentary mechanism which has never existed before in Canada." – Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale ([CTV News – Power Play](#))

"We believe more can be done to strengthen scrutiny, and the government is currently developing legislation that will strengthen our system of accountability for national security." – Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale ([CBC News](#))

"It's important to note that the type of metadata that we're talking about, no content is included in that. I have accepted all the recommendations and we will laying out a plan shortly for it." – Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan ([Vice.com](#))

"You've got to remember the Jeffrey Delisle story. Could that happen again? Absolutely." – Security expert Ray Boisvert ([iPolitics](#))

Statement / Déclaration

Déclaration du directeur du SCRS sur le rapport annuel du CSARS

Aujourd'hui, le ministre de la Sécurité publique, l'honorable Ralph Goodale, a déposé à la Chambre des communes le rapport annuel du Comité de surveillance des activités de renseignement de sécurité (CSARS), intitulé *Vers de nouveaux horizons : Préparer le terrain du changement dans la surveillance des activités de renseignement de sécurité*. Par la suite, le directeur du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS), M. Michel Coulombe, a fait la déclaration suivante. « Au SCRS, nous avons toujours maintenu que le rapport annuel du CSARS jouait un rôle important, en ce sens qu'il permet au Parlement, ainsi qu'aux Canadiens, d'avoir un aperçu de nos activités. Nous avons établi une relation productive avec le CSARS, dont les examens contribuent à une culture axée sur une amélioration et un apprentissage constants. Nous voyons d'un bon œil le processus d'examen et estimons qu'il nous a aidés à nous parfaire. Je suis heureux de mentionner que, encore une fois cette année, le CSARS a conclu que le SCRS ne contrevenait ni à la *Loi sur le SCRS* ni aux instructions du ministre et que ses activités étaient raisonnables et nécessaires. Les constatations et les recommandations du CSARS constituent une source de commentaires utiles pour les membres de la haute direction du SCRS et influent donc souvent sur nos politiques et nos pratiques. Le SCRS a accueilli la majorité des recommandations formulées par le CSARS cette année et y a donné suite. Que ce soit au pays ou à l'étranger, le SCRS respecte la *Loi sur le SCRS* : tout ce qu'il fait pour assurer la sécurité du Canada est conforme aux lois et aux valeurs canadiennes. » [Déclaration/ Statement](#)

Online Media / Médias en ligne

Canada's electronic spy agency broke privacy law by sharing info: watchdog

A federal watchdog says Canada's electronic spy agency broke privacy laws by sharing information about Canadians with foreign partners. In his annual report, Jean-Pierre Plouffe says the Communications

Security Establishment passed along the information known as metadata to counterparts in the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Metadata is information associated with a communication such as a telephone number or email address but not the message itself. The Ottawa-based CSE uses highly advanced technology to intercept, sort and analyze foreign communications for information of intelligence interest to the federal government. Documents leaked in 2013 by former American spy contractor Edward Snowden revealed the U.S. National Security Agency a close CSE ally had quietly obtained access to a huge volume of emails, chat logs and other information from major Internet companies, as well as massive amounts of data about telephone calls. As a result, civil libertarians, privacy advocates and opposition politicians demanded assurances the CSE was not using its extraordinary powers to snoop on Canadians. [Canadian Press](#) (Hamilton Spectator)

Watchdogs report lapses in CSIS, CSE intelligence practices

Both of Canada's spy agencies took serious hits to their credibility Thursday in a pair of reports that slammed the Communications Security Establishment for breaking the law and sharing Canadians' metadata, and slapped the Canadian Security Intelligence Service with an accusation that it is not adequately dealing with insider threats. A review by the Security Intelligence Review Committee, the board tasked with after-the-fact review of CSIS's activities, suggested that the domestic spy agency had significant shortfalls in how it assesses insider threats and tracks and investigates breaches of secure information. The report flagged multiple issues with how CSIS conducts internal investigations, particularly that employees are insufficiently trained to conduct investigations into the breach of secure information and how to conduct sensitive investigations, and stressed that there is a haphazard application of how the agency tracks who accesses sensitive information. But since modern intelligence agencies are less siloed than those in the past, that could be a big problem, said one former spy. [iPolitics](#)

Electronic spy agency stops sharing information with partners over privacy concerns

Canada's electronic spy agency breached privacy rules by sharing certain types of information with its Five Eyes partners, a federal watchdog says. In his annual report released Thursday, Jean-Pierre Plouffe said the Communications Security Establishment passed on certain types of metadata containing Canadian identity information to counterparts in the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand, which make up the Five Eyes network. The report says that information contained in the metadata was not being minimized properly before it was shared. **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** said Thursday that the new government is undertaking a **complete review** of Canada's security intelligence framework, which will include the creation of a **parliamentary mechanism** to keep spy agencies in check. He said the objective is to **keep Canadians safe** while protecting their privacy. [CTV News](#)

CSIS repeatedly obtained confidential taxpayer data without warrants, watchdog says

Canada's spy agency CSIS improperly obtained taxpayer information from the Canada Revenue Agency without a warrant. And it happened more than once. That's according to the annual report of the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), the independent office that oversees the activities of CSIS. The report, tabled Thursday morning in the House of Commons, outlines how, during an application for a warrant from the federal court, a judge raised questions about a regional CSIS intelligence officer's access to confidential taxpayer information. In August 2014, Canadian Security Intelligence Service director Michel Coulombe asked SIRC to investigate, after determining that the officer accessed the information improperly. Coulombe asked SIRC to figure out what happened and make recommendations about how to stop employees from doing it again. **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** released a statement Thursday in response to the tabling of the SIRC report. **"We believe more can be done to strengthen scrutiny, and the government is currently developing legislation that will strengthen our system of accountability for national security."** [CBC News](#)

CSIS obtained taxpayer info from Canada Revenue Agency without warrant

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service repeatedly obtained taxpayer information from the Canada Revenue Agency without presenting a court-approved warrant for the data. That revelation was among several concerns raised in the latest annual report of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, which monitors CSIS compliance with law and policy. The report tabled Thursday said the spy service must do more to ensure insiders don't pilfer secret material. It also urged CSIS to inform the Federal Court how it

uses metadata — the telltale digital trails that accompany messages and phone calls — collected from cyberspace. The findings came the same day the watchdog over the Communications Security Establishment, Canada's electronic spy agency, found the CSE had improperly shared metadata about Canadians with key foreign allies. The reports prompted the NDP to express concern about erosion of civil liberties. **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** stressed the Liberal government was embarking on a comprehensive review of Canada's national security and intelligence framework with the twin aims of effective security and respect for rights. [Canadian Press](#) (CFRA, CTV News)

CSE did not protect Canadians' metadata: Commissioner's report

The Communications Security Establishment, the nations' cyber intelligence agency, did not protect Canadians' metadata before sharing it with allies and there needs to be a new ministerial directive clarifying exactly how the agency can use Canadians' metadata, CSE Commissioner Jean-Pierre Plouffe says in his annual report to Parliament. "I found that the metadata ministerial directive lacks clarity regarding the sharing of certain types of metadata with Five Eyes partners, as well as other aspects of CSE's metadata activities," Plouffe writes in his 2014-2015 report on the agency's activities. Metadata consists of information used to identify a communication such as a phone number, internet protocol address or email. It does not include the content of the communication itself. Among the concerns noted in the report are that the current directive "does not define certain key terms," fails to differentiate between terms with similar but different concepts, and "lacks specificity" regarding how privacy provisions apply to certain metadata processes. Plouffe recommends that CSE "seek an updated ministerial directive that provides clear guidance related to the collection, use and disclosure of metadata in a foreign signals intelligence context." Senior CSE officials held a briefing after the release of the report and stressed that it would have taken significant analysis to identify any of the information that was accidentally provided with specific Canadians - but did not say such connections could not be made. CSE is prohibited from targeting its activities at Canadians but as the officials noted, it does collect information on threats targeting Canadians from abroad and that may incidentally lead to the collection of information about Canadians. The official would not comment on accusations that this kind of activity could be interpreted as mass collection without a specific target. The news comes at the same time of a report by the Security Information Review Committee, the review body for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) [iPolitics](#)

Le Canada a suspendu le partage de métadonnées avec ses alliés du Five Eyes

Le Canada a temporairement cessé de partager des métadonnées avec les services de sécurité de cinq pays alliés après avoir découvert que ces informations n'étaient pas bien protégées avant partage. La nouvelle provient du rapport annuel du Commissaire du Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications (CST). Selon le commissaire Jean-Pierre Plouffe, le CST a constaté que des métadonnées n'avaient pas bien été « minimisées » pour éviter qu'elles permettent d'identifier un particulier ou une organisation canadienne. Le CST a donc suspendu le partage de ce type d'information avec ses partenaires de la « Collectivité des cinq » (ou Five Eyes, en anglais) - soit les États-Unis, le Royaume-Uni, l'Australie et la Nouvelle-Zélande. [Radio-Canada](#)

Spy watchdog says Ottawa not properly policing 'insider threats'

Canada's watchdog for domestic spies is complaining that the Canadian government is not being kept abreast of "insider threats." The Security Intelligence Review Committee said in an annual report released Thursday that it has found problems with the way the Canadian Security Intelligence Service screens the federal bureaucracy for potential spies and people with divided loyalties. The watchdog said that it launched a probe that "revealed a number of deficiencies, and in one situation in particular, SIRC found that CSIS had failed to give a case the appropriate level of attention and to take follow-up action." The most famous "insider threat" Canada has lately faced comes from the case of former Canadian Forces naval sublieutenant Jeffrey Delisle. In 2013, he was criminally convicted of selling Canadian, U.S., and U.K. military secrets to Russia's military spy service. CSIS is a secretive domestic intelligence agency that is best known for trying to track terrorism suspects in Canada. But it also plays other important security roles. [Globe and Mail](#)

Vie privée: l'agence d'espionnage électronique du Canada a enfreint les lois

L'agence d'espionnage électronique du Canada a enfreint les lois sur la protection à la vie privée en recueillant des renseignements sur les Canadiens et en les partageant à ses partenaires étrangers. C'est ce que révèle le commissaire du Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications (CST), Jean-Pierre Plouffe, dans un rapport annuel déposé aux Communes jeudi. Certains types de métadonnées n'ont ainsi pas été «adéquatement protégées» avant d'être transmises aux pays du Groupe des cinq, c'est-à-dire les États-Unis, la Grande-Bretagne, l'Australie et la Nouvelle-Zélande. L'incident est survenu à la fin de l'année 2013 et, depuis 2014, le CST a suspendu le partage de ses métadonnées avec ses partenaires, jusqu'à ce que le commissaire se dise «entièrement satisfait de l'efficacité des systèmes et des mesures mises en place» pour corriger la situation. La loi interdit à cette agence fédérale de viser des Canadiens ou toute personne se trouvant au Canada. [Journal de Montréal](#)

Canadian Spies Get Spanked Again For Sharing Citizens' Data With the NSA

They won't tell us what it means, but the Canadian government has confirmed that its spy agencies have a real problem with mass-collecting its citizens' metadata. They won't say how many Canadians were affected, what processes led to the mass-spying, how much information was shared with international intelligence agencies like the NSA, or even how they define "metadata." But they're confident everything will be okay. After news broke that untold number of Canadians had their private information collected by a top-secret intelligence agency, Minister of National Defence Harjit Singh Sajjan told reporters even he didn't know how far it went. "We can't give you the actual number because, the way I was informed, by us actually trying to dig into that answer itself, we will be actually violating the law on digging up that type of information," Sajjan said. Two heavily-scrubbed reports released Thursday, looking into activities of the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) in the 2014-2015 fiscal year. [VICE News](#)

Canada Temporarily Halts Sharing Spy Data

Canada said Thursday it halted sharing certain intelligence data with its western allies until it has addressed a privacy breach discovered by one of its own spy agencies. The ban on sharing certain data with members of the so-called Five Eyes -- an intelligence alliance including the U.S., the U.K., Australia, New Zealand and Canada -- will remain in place until technology is upgraded and Ottawa is assured Canadians' privacy will be protected, Defense Minister Harjit Sajjan said. The breach involved so-called metadata collected by the Communications Security Establishment—a Canadian agency akin to the National Security Agency in the U.S. Metadata is information used to identify, describe, manage or route a communication but doesn't include its content. The CSE discovered as far back as 2014 that the information it was collecting and sharing didn't properly protect the identity of Canadians. It decided at that time to stop sharing the information. The breach was made public Thursday in a report on the agency's activities (...) **Ralph Goodale, Canada's Public Safety Minister**, said the Liberal government, which took power in November, would review Canada's national-security regime. [Wall Street Journal](#)

Canada spy agency stops sharing intelligence with international partners

Canada's ultra-secret eavesdropping agency has stopped sharing intelligence with international partners after revealing it had illegally collected Canadians' metadata in sweeps of foreign communications. In a report to parliament, the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) said on Thursday the breach was unintentional and had been discovered internally in 2013. A CSE official blamed a software flaw that resulted in sharing of metadata, used to identify, manage or route communications over networks that could identify Canadians. The agency said the likelihood of this leading to any abuses was "low (...)" It was unclear what, if any, impact the metadata sharing stoppage has had on Five Eyes intelligence gathering. **Public safety minister Ralph Goodale** said Canada's allies have been "very supportive" while the CSE told AFP it continues to have "strong and collaborative relationships" with its allies in other areas. [Agence France-Presse](#) (Guardian UK, Yahoo! News)

Le SCRS a obtenu des données fiscales, sans la permission de la cour

Des espions canadiens ont obtenu des informations fiscales confidentielles sur plusieurs de leurs cibles d'enquêtes sans avoir l'autorisation judiciaire nécessaire de la Cour fédérale, a-t-on appris, jeudi. Les agents de renseignements auraient obtenu ces données de l'Agence du revenu du Canada (ARC)

plusieurs fois, sans le mandat requis d'un juge de la Cour fédérale, a révélé un rapport du Comité de surveillance des activités de renseignement de sécurité (CSARS). «Il ne s'agit pas d'un incident isolé où un seul agent du renseignement a obtenu de l'information de l'Agence de revenu du Canada de façon inappropriée, peut-on lire dans le rapport. En effet, le CSARS a constaté de multiples cas au cours desquels un bureau du SCRS en particulier avait obtenu des renseignements auprès de l'agence, en l'absence d'un mandat.» [Agence QMI](#) (TVA Nouvelles)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Broadcast media coverage was moderate, with comments from Ministers Sajjan and Goodale airing live and being repeated throughout the day's news cycle. The reports' findings were also discussed on the evening's political programs.

Of note:

CBC News provided live coverage of a press conference by **Minister Goodale** and Minister of National Defence Harjit Sajjan. [Rough Transcript](#)

CBC News reported on the release of SIRC Annual Report. There are concerns regarding the protection and sharing of personal information between agencies. The **Minister Goodale** was mentioned in this report. [Rough Transcript](#) *CTV News* also reported on this. [Rough Transcript](#)

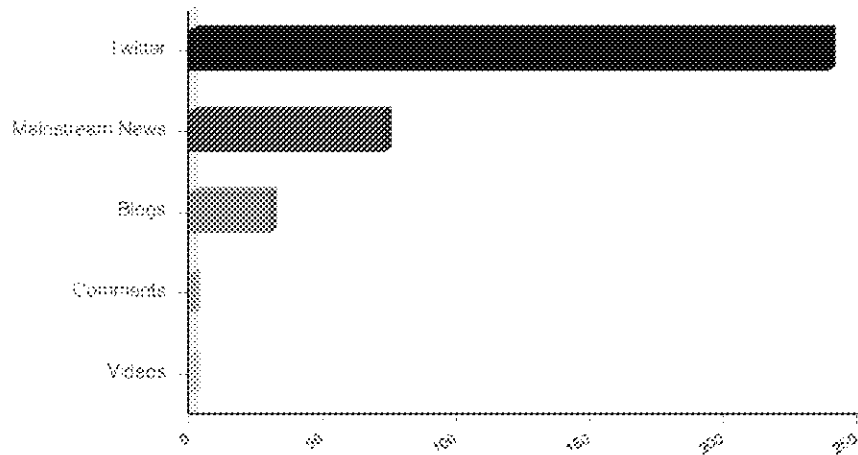
CBC News' Power & Politics featured a panel discussion with Adam Vaughan, parliamentary secretary to the prime minister, Erin O'Toole, Conservative public safety critic and David Blaikie, NDP Treasury Board critic on information sharing among spy agencies, in light of the annual reports tabled today by the Commissioner of the Canadian Security Establishment (CSE) and the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) (**Minister Goodale** mentioned) [Rough Transcript](#)

CTV News' Power Play featured an MP discussion on the tabling of two annual reports on Canadian security agencies. (**Minister Goodale** quoted). [Rough Transcript](#)

Social Media / Médias sociaux

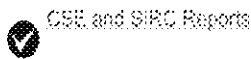
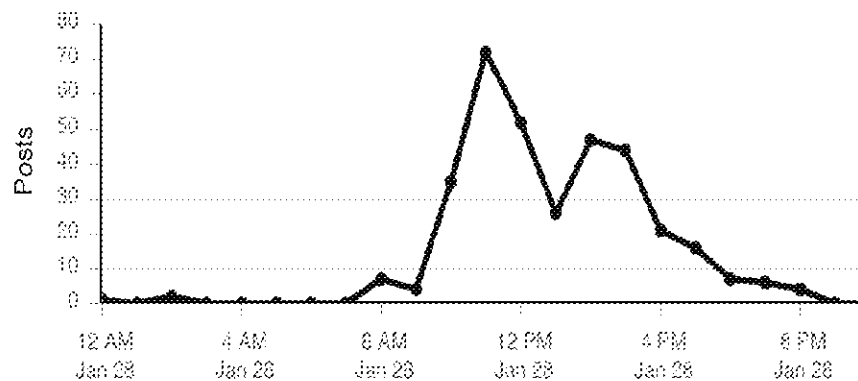
There were approximately 344 social media posts regarding the reports tabled today by the commissioner of CSE and SIRC.

The below graph illustrates social media activity by platform:



In total there were approximately 239 tweets, 73 mainstream news posts, 30 blog posts and 2 other posts.

The below graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout the day on January 28.



Social media activity peaked on January 28 from 11:00 – 12:00 ET with approximately 72 posts on the topic, coinciding with CSE's not-for-attribution technical briefing.

Tweets of note

Safety Canada

Minister Goodale tabled the Security Intelligence Review Committee annual report on CSIS activities
<http://ow.ly/XDSAQ>

Securite Canada

Le ministre Goodale a déposé le rapport annuel du CSARS sur les activités du SCRS.
<http://ow.ly/XDSNk>

Safety Canada

Security reviews help strengthen our national security and provide accountability and transparency to Canadians.

Securite Canada

Les examens de sécurité aident à renforcer notre sécurité nationale et assurent la transparence des activités pour les Canadiens.

pdmcleod

Canada's Foreign Spy Agency Accidentally Gave Your Information To Other Countries #cdnpoli <http://www.buzzfeed.com/paulmcleod/csec-shared-your-info-overseas> ...

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Canadian spy agency busted for breaking privacy laws and sharing info on Canadians with foreign partners #cdnpoli <http://fb.me/4hMiBh>

Colinfreeze

Nothing in the OSCEC report speaks to scale of ("incidental") Cdn metadata collection by CSE. Scale would be really nice to know.

Colinfreeze

(2) But in general, the bigger the better from a collection standpoint. Metadata is only revealing if done in bulk.

Colinfreeze

(3) That's why US NSA (via FBI) asked Verizon for all customer phone bills on an ongoing basis. Metadata, metadata, metadata.

Colinfreeze

(4) For positive take on Cdn metadata collection see @geoffreyork in Burkina Faso. But where did the set come from? <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/rcmp-using-cellphone-data-in-bid-to-track-down-burkina-faso-attackers/article28367071/> ...

Colinfreeze

From 2013: "Metadata" collection program got green light from MacKay in 2011 <http://fw.to/ezSYZbj> with raw doc <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/raw-documents-canadas-top-secret-data-mining-program/article12446852/?from=12444909> ...

Colinfreeze

Better link for Metadata ministerial directive <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/711481/freedom-of-information-request-on-canadas-top.pdf> ...

amandacconn

This is the first time in history that the CSE has given a technical briefing, Sajjan points out

alisoncrawford5

CSIS repeatedly obtained confidential taxpayer data without warrants: watchdog <http://www.cbc.ca/1.3423666> #cdnpoli #hw

CTV Power Play

Tonight's episode: Metadata security breach & Don Martin's Last Word – find it here <http://www.ctvnews.ca/ctv-power-play-podcast-1.2546351> ...

Justin Ling

How many Canadians had their private information sent to the NSA? Funny you should ask...

<https://news.vice.com/article/canadians-spies-get-spanked-again-for-sharing-citizens-data-with-the-nsa...>

Power & Politics

TOAdamVaughan: we're not going to compromise civil liberties at the expense of public safety. [#cdnpoli](#)

Power & Politics

Today's [#ballotbox](#): Do you trust Canada's security agencies to keep your information private? Vote here:

<http://www.cbc.ca/1.3424292> [#pnpcbc](#)

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- Media coverage regarding the January 30th legislative announcement expanding Canada's anti-terrorism powers stabilized, with moderate print, online and social media coverage. Broadcast media coverage was also moderate.
- Tone of coverage was varied, with a number of opinion pieces critical of the bill and its alleged lack of oversight for security agencies.

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General Coverage / couverture générale

NIL

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"If we are going to be giving increased and enhanced powers (to CSIS), the public has a right to better oversight." – NDP Leader Tom Mulcair

"I have problems with the powers and the sweeping vague definitions." – Green Party Leader Elizabeth May

« On a un modèle canadien exceptionnel, un organisme qui existe depuis 30 ans, qui assure la continuité en matière de rapport et de surveillance (du SCRS), qui a une expertise, un savoir-faire, une crédibilité qui est reconnue à travers le monde. » – **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney**

Security of Canada Information Sharing Act / loi sur la sécurité de l'échange de renseignements au Canada

NIL

Passenger Protect Program / programme de protection des passagers

NIL

Immigration Refugee Protection Act / loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés

NIL

Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

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General Coverage / couverture générale

Top court embraces anti-terror laws

What politicians think about the new anti-terrorism law in an election year is almost completely irrelevant. Because, put simply, it is an election year. Stephen Harper and his Conservatives are competitive again, because their approach to the security file is closely aligned to what the electorate want. Polls taken in the past week suggest that up to 70% of Canadians support the international coalition fighting ISIS. Thomas Mulcair and his New Democrats oppose military action, much in the way the NDP have opposed many other past decisions to deploy Canadian troops. It is consistent with their values, and it is arguably popular with their core vote. Justin Trudeau and his Liberals, meanwhile, initially adopted the NDP position - opposing any combat role against ISIS. Having seen how unpopular that is with Canadians, Trudeau and his caucus are now in a quiet retreat. What does it all signify? Mostly, nothing. It's an election year. Our politicians are more preoccupied with the coming electoral battle in Canada than they are with the military battle currently underway in the Middle East. Political rhetoric is situational: nothing new there. But what of the Supreme Court, which almost certainly will be called upon to determine the constitutionality of the new anti-terror legislative measures? Will they side with the Conservatives, or with civil libertarians? A scan of some past high court rulings provides us with some hints about which way the Supremes might go. [QMI Agency](#) (Toronto Sun, Edmonton Sun, Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun)

Snowden urges caution over Ottawa's proposed security law

Edward Snowden, the fugitive American who leaked state secrets, wants Canadians to know that anti-terrorism laws are easy to pass but very hard to undo. "We saw on Friday the Prime Minister of Canada proposed a new law," Mr. Snowden told a teenaged Toronto audience via an Internet link on Monday night. He told the high school students that they should "always be extraordinarily cautious" and press for answers, whenever governments rely on "fear and panic" to set up powers that can be exercised in secret. On Friday, the Conservative government introduced legislation that would empower Canadian authorities to "disrupt" suspected terrorist threats and remove extremist posts from the Internet. At the same time, Prime Minister Stephen Harper has been resisting calls to step up scrutiny of Canada's spy agencies. Mr. Snowden was speaking to a crowd of more than 1,000 students at Toronto's Upper Canada College via a Google Hangouts link from his exile in Russia. [The Globe and Mail](#), A6, [The Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist), [Postmedia](#) (National Post, Ottawa Citizen, Calgary Herald, Edmonton Journal, Windsor Star, The Star Pheonix, Leader-Post, Vancouver Sun)

Imam: Preventing radicalism key to fighting terrorism

Canadians must work harder to prevent young people from becoming radicalized instead of simply dealing with the aftermath, says an Ottawa imam. There is little talk of steering vulnerable people away from extremism, Zijad Delic told the Senate national security committee Monday. Instead, the focus is on trying to deradicalize them after the fact. Political leaders, social services, teachers and others need to "find ways of tackling" the lure of extremism, Delic said. Last fall, the RCMP said it had 63 active security investigations on 90 suspected extremists who intended to join fights abroad or who had returned to Canada. The federal government has since introduced two bills aimed at reinforcing or expanding the ability of Canadian security agencies to investigate and deter terrorist threats. Legislation tabled on Friday would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service powers to actively disrupt threats, not just collect information about them. It would also make it easier for police to control the movements of terror suspects and to detain them longer without warrant. (...) In the House of Commons, Liberal MP Ralph Goodale noted key allies have robust parliamentary oversight of their intelligence services - something he said Canada needs. **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** said the Security Intelligence Review Committee, which reports to Parliament, keeps an eye on CSIS. [The Canadian Press](#), (Times Colonist, A6, The Chronicle-Herald, National Post, Toronto Star, Ottawa Citizen), [Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Droit, 5 front)

Threat Disruption / Perturbation des menaces

Terror bill sparks muted criticism

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the federal Conservatives may be spoiling for a fight with their political opponents over new tough-on-terrorism legislation but, for the most part, New Democrats and Liberals remained muted Monday in their criticism of new anti-terror laws. Only Elizabeth May, the Green Party MP and leader, voiced serious concerns about Bill C-51, the anti-terrorism legislation unveiled Friday by Harper. "I have problems with the powers and the sweeping vague definitions," May said on Twitter. Among other things, the proposed law would give a new mandate to Canada's spy service, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), to "disrupt" terrorist activity in Canada using a broad range of powers if the spies get a judicial warrant. But the legislation does not provide any new oversight powers for the spy agency. Oversight of CSIS would continue to rest with the Security Intelligence Review Committee, a group of civilians appointed by the government of the day. New Democrats and Liberals want additional oversight of CSIS through a body made up of parliamentarians. (...) The Conservatives, though, didn't seem to want to accept the opposition's olive branch and were in attack mode. "Under the leadership of this government, we put forward the Combating Terrorism Act more than a year ago with no support from the NDP," **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** told the House of Commons. [QMI Agency](#) (The London Free Press, B1, Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun), [Toronto Star](#)

Anti-terror bill needs closer look

The most significant expansion in the surveillance powers of the Canadian state in recent years has crept in on cat's paws. The opposition parties, who found themselves offside from public opinion when they voted against the mission in Iraq, have been muted in their response to the anti-terror legislation brought in by the government last Friday. There have been no press releases and neither party led off on the issue when they had the opportunity to hold the government to account during Question Period on Monday. The Liberal party signaled its consent even before reading the draft legislation. Justin Trudeau, the Liberal leader, said he would be focused on oversights and safeguards Tom Mulcair, the NDP leader, has given the legislation a pass, despite saying rights have to be respected. Both parties appear to have been cowed by the Prime Minister's pre-emptive strike when the bill was released at a campaign-style event outside Toronto, where he dismissed questions about freedoms being surrendered, in favour of security considerations. [National Post](#), A4, A8; [Ottawa Citizen](#) (Edmonton Journal, Windsor Star, The Star Phoenix, Vancouver Sun, Leader-Post, Toronto Star), [Globe and Mail](#)

MacKay once backed spy oversight now rejected by Tories

One of the Conservative cabinet ministers responsible for Ottawa's new anti-terrorism legislation once advocated parliamentary oversight of Canada's spy agencies, which the government now rejects as

unnecessary even as it expands the powers of this country's national security apparatus. Justice Minister Peter MacKay stood beside Prime Minister Stephen Harper last week when the government unveiled a bill that would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service new authority to disrupt terror plots and lengthen the number of days individuals can be held on suspicion they may commit terror acts. As deputy leader of the Conservative Party in 2005, Mr. MacKay argued forcefully for giving MPs and senators a role in overseeing Canadian spies. "When you talk about a credible oversight body, I would suggest ... that a parliamentary body is going to have more credibility because of its independence and because of the fact that there is also parliamentary accountability that will be brought to bear," Mr. MacKay said in October of that year. "To that end, I suggest that it would also cause a little bit more diligence on the part of the security agents themselves, just knowing that this oversight body was in place." Asked to comment Monday, Mr. MacKay said circumstances have altered his opinion. "A great deal has changed since 2005 with respect to international security and the terrorism threat facing Canada. Parliament itself has become a target of terrorism," he stated. [Globe and Mail](#), A1

Security agencies need parliamentary oversight

An opinion piece re: "Canada needs to watch the watchers," Jan. 30. states "In asserting that 14 federal security agencies, including CSIS, are in need of greater oversight, Senator Colin Kenny has the right to be considered both expert and authoritative. I served from 1986-98 as assistant inspector general of CSIS within an independent agency reporting to the solicitor general on whether that "spy agency" was keeping the minister appropriately informed and observing applicable laws and policies. As the senator notes, this agency was recently abolished in favour of exclusive oversight by the Security Intelligence Review Committee. I can attest to the evident competence and lofty motivations of the CSIS personnel I knew, as well as those of their RCMP and CSEC colleagues. I could also describe the sort of misdeeds and mishaps that expert external review sometimes bring to light. Wait! No I can't do that - since I am bound by law and oath not to do so. I can, however, say that the time has come to establish some form of multiparty parliamentary oversight for the federal security community, as has already been done in allied countries. Equally, we need a professional system of expert independent oversight that covers all relevant agencies. Not that all abuses will be caught. But many will and many others will be deterred. I won't address the latest security legislation introduced by the government, which piles on edgy new powers. But I am alarmed at the possibility of terror-mongering in this pre-election period. Suffice it to say that this legislation provides even more reason for urgent reform of the oversight regime." [Times Colonist](#), A11

Tories' anti-terror bill undermines values it's meant to protect

An editorial states, "When a prime minister announces one of the most draconian anti-terrorism bills in his nation's history - and does this not in the national legislature, but at an election-type campaign stop in a riding his party hopes to hold in a looming election - Canadians should be worried about the democratic stability of the country. In introducing this new legislation, Prime Minister Stephen Harper again said that "we are at war with the Islamic State" - language U.S. President Barack Obama has explicitly warned against on the grounds that it will likely lead to overreaction. But overreaction, it seems, is exactly what Harper is hoping for. He appears to be trying to raise the level of fear in order to railroad through measures that will violate the very democratic values they are purportedly meant to protect. [...] It is well documented that CSIS watchdog SIRC, with its limited reporting function, has not been able to provide effective oversight of the powers that CSIS currently has, let alone the vastly expanded proposed powers. Add to that the additional reach the bill would give to other organizations such as the Canadian Border Security Agency, and the need for an overarching Parliamentary oversight body could hardly be starker. The UK and the U.S. both have such a body to watch over and rein in their respective security apparatuses." (...) This law is so bad one has to wonder about the true motives behind it. The fact that the prime minister and **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** have repeatedly (and bewilderingly) rejected calls to introduce an obviously needed guarantee of Parliamentary oversight of these new powers suggests a potential profoundly immoral political strategy. Did the government deliberately structure the proposed law to be unpalatable even to a largely sympathetic opposition? After all, that would allow the Tories to label their opponents "soft on terror" in the run-up to an election." [Toronto Star](#)

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General Coverage / couverture générale

Terror could be rare winning issue for Conservatives in Quebec: Hébert

The last time Canada's intelligence service had the kind of operational anti-terrorism mandate Stephen Harper's government is looking to confer on CSIS was in the wake of the kidnapping of a British diplomat and a Quebec minister at the time of the 1970 October crisis. Then as now the country's intelligence gatherers were enabled to not only identify potential threats but also to disrupt them. That mandate bred a culture of casual disregard for civil liberties and the rule of law within the country's security service. The abuse occurred not exclusively but essentially in Quebec. Agents spied on the duly elected sovereigntist government of René Lévesque (as well as on NDP icon Tommy Douglas). They staged a break-in to steal the membership list of the PQ. They stole dynamite and committed arson. After a royal commission shed light on those acts in the early '80s, CSIS was set up as a civilian operation separate from the RCMP. An oversight committee was created to watch the spies — a setup that would remain unchanged under the government's latest anti-terrorism plan. The committee has been operating under a cloud since Arthur Porter — one of Harper's appointees to the select group — ended up on the most-wanted list of Quebec's anti-corruption unit. Given that checkered history one might expect Quebec to be the ground zero of resistance to Bill C-51. But so far members of the province's political class are falling over themselves to let someone else lead the way to the barricades. [Toronto Star](#)

Preventing radicalization a key in terrorism fight, imam tells senators

Canadians must work harder to prevent young people from becoming radicalized instead of simply dealing with the aftermath, says an Ottawa imam. There is little talk of steering vulnerable people away from extremism, Zijad Delic told the Senate national security committee Monday. Instead, the focus is on trying to deradicalize them after the fact. Opposition MPs and civil liberties advocates expressed concern Monday the bill did not boost oversight of Canada's spy agency — concerns the Conservative government quickly dismissed. **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** repeated his view that the Security Intelligence Review Committee, which reports to Parliament, has the expertise to keep an eye on CSIS. [Canadian Press](#) (Metro News)

Imam Hamza Chaoui denies accusations of Mayors Ménard, Coderre

Imam Hamza Chaoui is responding for the first time since Montreal city officials announced he will not be given an operating permit to open an Islamic Community Centre called the Ashabeb Centre. On Saturday, Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre, alongside Mercier-Hochelaga-Maisonneuve Mayor Réal Ménard, announced they would not grant an operational permit to the community centre, saying it was an issue of public safety. "I categorically refute allegations of Mayors Ménard and Coderre," writes Chaoui on

his Facebook page. "I'm not an 'agent of radicalization.' I've never included hatred or violence against a group in my preaching or my classes." He says he encourages young people to integrate harmoniously into Quebec society. [CBC News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (The Gazette)

Projet de loi antiterroriste : les Canadiens doivent être « extrêmement vigilants », selon Snowden

Le dénonciateur américain en exil Edward Snowden a profité d'une allocution par vidéoconférence avec des élèves torontois, hier soir, pour mettre les Canadiens en garde contre le projet de loi C-51 du gouvernement Harper. L'agence d'espionnage canadienne verrait ses pouvoirs considérablement accrus, grâce à la nouvelle législation. Les partis d'opposition à Ottawa demandent une plus grande supervision. De son côté, M. Snowden dit que les droits des citoyens sont de plus en plus brimés par les gouvernements occidentaux. Edward Snowden est un ex-consultant de l'Agence de sécurité nationale aux États-Unis qui vit en exil en Russie depuis qu'il a révélé des détails secrets sur des programmes d'écoute électronique américains. Il prenait la parole par vidéoconférence, hier soir, devant plus de 1000 élèves du secondaire du prestigieux Upper Canada College. [Radio-Canada](#); [Macleans](#)

Threat Disruption / Perturbation des menaces

Loi antiterroriste: l'opposition sur ses gardes

L'opposition critique timidement le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51, se concentrant sur les doléances entourant le manque de « crédibilité » des mécanismes de surveillance de l'agence d'espionnage canadienne qui verrait ses pouvoirs considérablement accrus en vertu de la législation. Le chef néo-démocrate Thomas Mulcair estime que le Comité de surveillance des activités de renseignement de sécurité (CSARS), qui est en charge superviser le Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS), n'est pas à la hauteur de la tâche. Le **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, qui parraine le projet de loi, s'est énergiquement porté à la défense du CSARS, alléguant que ce dernier était une référence mondiale. **« On a un modèle canadien exceptionnel, un organisme qui existe depuis 30 ans, qui assure la continuité en matière de rapport et de surveillance (du SCRS), qui a une expertise, un savoir-faire, une crédibilité qui est reconnue à travers le monde »**, a-t-il rétorqué aux libéraux. Le **cabinet de M. Blaney** a indiqué lundi, que le ministre avait complètement fermé la porte à l'idée de mettre sur pied un comité de surveillance composé d'élus. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Métro Montréal, Radio-Canada)

NDP, Liberals want tougher oversight of anti-terror measures

Federal New Democrats and Liberals are demanding that the government increase oversight for Canada's main spy agency, but otherwise they're holding their cards close to their chests when it comes to the government's proposed anti-terrorism legislation. Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Friday that Canadians understand "their freedoms and security more often than not go hand in hand," while **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** over the weekend described the notion of additional oversight as "**red tape**." "If we are going to be giving increased and enhanced powers (to CSIS), the public has a right to better oversight," NDP leader Tom Mulcair said Monday. "Why does the minister call that red tape? Does he consider protecting Canadians' rights red tape?" Harper was not in the House of Commons Monday to reply, but **Blaney** said CSIS's activities are already reviewed by the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), whose membership is appointed by the prime minister. It reports to Parliament annually. **"The security intelligence review committee will cover all activities that CSIS will be mandated by this Parliament to accomplish,"** **Blaney** told the House of Commons. **"SIRC is an established, well-recognized, expert committee that has the knowledge to do intelligence security."** [Ottawa Citizen](#); [Toronto Star](#); [CTV News](#)

Tories spoiling for fight that's not happening on terror law

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the federal Conservatives may be spoiling for a fight with their political opponents over new tough-on-terrorism legislation but, for the most part, New Democrats and Liberals remained muted Monday in their criticism of new anti-terror laws. **"Under the leadership of this government, we put forward the Combating Terrorism Act more than a year ago with no support from the NDP,"** Public Safety Minister **Steven Blaney** told the House of Commons. **"We are ready to revoke passports. We are ready to take action like removing dual citizenship to protect Canadians.**

There is no support from the NDP. We are standing up to protect Canadians. " QMI Agency (Sun News Network)

Harper got spy powers right, but civilian oversight very wrong

An opinion piece by Bob Rae states, "Sometimes Stephen Harper is his own worst enemy. Recent events in Europe should bring home to all of us that there are indeed people in the midst of democratic, multiracial societies who are ready and willing to kill others in the pursuit of their religious and political beliefs. They are terrorists. They plot and communicate with others of a similar mind, and with similar intentions. They receive encouragement, and sometimes even instructions, from foreign entities and governments. Canada is not somehow magically aloof from these realities. Our large cities are the home of millions of people from all over the world. There is no foreign conflict that does not have a direct influence on the lives and feelings of many Canadian citizens and, indeed, there are events and proposals in Canada itself to which some in Canada are strongly and irrevocably opposed. Whether these feelings give rise to a direct threat to the lives of their fellow Canadians is a matter of fact and evidence. But it would be simply foolish to argue that such threats could never happen here." The Globe and Mail

Tories intent on politicizing what should be a non-partisan issue — the safety of Canadians

An opinion piece states, "The most significant expansion in the surveillance powers of the Canadian state in recent years has crept in on cat's paws. The opposition parties, who found themselves offside from public opinion when they voted against the mission in Iraq, have been muted in their response to the anti-terror legislation brought in by the government last Friday... There are also concerns about the expansion in powers for CSIS, Canada's spy agency, that some argue are unnecessary and pose a grave threat to democratic freedom... But CSIS does not have a spotless reputation when it comes to telling judges everything they need to know. Federal Court Justice Richard Mosley was extremely critical of the agency in a case still being appealed by the government, after it failed to reveal it was relying on foreign allies to spy on Canadians abroad. Judge Mosley called this a "deliberate decision to keep the court in the dark about the scope and extent of foreign collection efforts." ... " National Post

Harper takes liberties with our protection

An opinion piece states, "... And so a government that after nine years in power had failed to protect even Parliament now claims it will save all of us from terrorist threats. How will that happen? With serious infringements on our democratic rights – and from a government that's hard to take seriously..." 24 Hours Vancouver

Anti-terrorism bill 'more about politics than public safety,' says civil liberties lawyer

Anti-terrorism legislation Prime Minister Stephen Harper unveiled last week gives the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service sweeping new powers that would allow the spy agency to use any undefined measure other than the use of lethal force, perversion of justice or "violating the sexual integrity" of an individual in a new role empowering it to disrupt national security threats, but one of Canada's most prominent civil liberties and human rights lawyers says it's "more about politics than public safety." The three limitations, along with the stipulation a judge's warrant would be required before CSIS agents could take measures that would violate Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms, are the only defined limits to CSIS operations under new provisions that expand its role from surveillance, security investigations and counter-espionage to a mandate to "disrupt" suspected terror plots in the planning stages, lawyer Paul Champ told The Hill Times. Mr. Champ pointed to a new section Bill C-51, the Anti-Terrorism Act, would add to the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service Act placed as an example of what he says are changes that give "sweeping" new powers to CSIS, and new criminal law powers to police agencies, as part of the government's response to two killings last October Mr. Harper (Calgary Southwest, Alta.) has branded as Jihadist attacks within Canada. As part of a package of beefed-up powers for CSIS, including lower evidence thresholds to obtain judicial warrants and detain suspects or enforce police control over the movement and freedom of suspects to prevent "likely" terrorism attempts, the bill would allow CSIS to take undefined "measures" to disrupt suspected terrorism plans if agents have "reasonable grounds to believe" that a "particular activity" constitutes a threat to Canada. Hill Times

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Worrying new powers for CSIS

An editorial states "2006, when the O'Connor inquiry delivered its report about the rendition and torture of Maher Arar, many Canadians shook their heads and wondered how our intelligence and security agencies got to be in such a mess. In 2008, when the Iacobucci inquiry delivered its report into the detention and torture of Abdullah Almalki, Ahmad Abou-Elmaati and Muayyed Nureddin, we wondered again how the actions of the people charged to keep us safe could be, in the words of the report, so "deficient in the circumstances." In 2010, the Supreme Court found that in the Omar Khadr case, Canadian officials "actively participated" in a process that "offends the most basic Canadian standards." This is the history of the last 14 years, and this is the backdrop against which we must judge the government's proposal to give CSIS more powers. Our police, foreign-affairs and intelligence agencies have done good work in this same period, and have uncovered and foiled real, dangerous plots. But they have also demonstrated a pattern of poor communication, reliance on bad information and disregard for the both the law and basic decency. Are we Canadians satisfied that these problems have been solved, and that we have sufficient oversight in place to give CSIS more powers to act on the information it collects?" [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Four reasons Harper's new anti-terrorist legislation will alarm you

An opinion piece states... "We may not be sure yet how CSIS might use its new and expanded powers, but one thing is certain: if the government has its way, there will be no Parliamentary oversight commensurate with the new danger of abuse by the spy (now to become, in effect, the secret police) agency. The **Minister of Public Security, Steven Blaney**, says the existing body that keeps an eye on CSIS, the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), is all we need. Experts in the field are not convinced. SIRC only has three politically appointed members and a small staff. It may formally report to Parliament annually, but it operates under the direct supervision not of Parliament but of the Minister of Public Security. In the words of SIRC itself, "ministerial direction" guides its work. In other words, the Minister who is responsible for CSIS also directs the small and poorly resourced Committee that, very notionally, oversees and supervises CSIS's work. With that kind of institutional arrangement, taken together with the added powers the Harper government wants to give CSIS, we could say, to paraphrase Winston Churchill: "Some oversight; some supervision!" [Rabble.ca](#)

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Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Overall, broadcast media coverage regarding the forthcoming anti-terrorism legislation was moderate. Below is a breakdown of coverage by theme:

General Coverage / couverture générale

CBC News – Power & Politics interviewed security experts Amir Attaran of the University of Ottawa and Michael Zekulin of the University of Calgary regarding expanded CSIS powers. **Minister Blaney** was mentioned in the interview. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-02-02)

CTV News' Power Play interviewed the former chairman of SIRC regarding CSIS oversight in respect to the forthcoming antiterrorism legislation, Bill C-51. **Minister Blaney** was quoted in this segment. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-02-02)

CBC News – Power & Politics reported on the anti-terror legislation announced on January 30th and whether there is a need for greater CSIS oversight. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety Roxanne James, as well as MPs Paul Dewar and Wayne Easter were then interviewed on these topics. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-02-02)

CTV News' Power Play held a panel discussion with Roxanne James, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety as well as other MPs regarding CSIS oversight in respect to the forthcoming antiterrorism legislation, Bill C-51. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-02-02)

CBC News – The National reported on calls for parliamentary oversight of CSIS. **Minister Blaney** was quoted in the report. (2015-02-02)

Speaking via *Google Hangout* from Russia, Edward Snowden, the fugitive American who leaked state secrets, mentioned anti-terrorism laws. He told high school students at Upper Canada College that they should "always be extraordinarily cautious when see governments trying to set up new secret police." He said, "People die from lightning strikes, car accidents, and cheeseburgers, and heart attacks more than terrorists, but we commit a disproportionately large amount of national effort and national resources to combating this relatively limited terrorist threat." (2015-02-03 - CTV News, 9:30, CP24, 10:00 ET)

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CBC News – Power & Politics interviewed Amira Elghawaby and Imam Sakinder Hashmi for reaction of the Muslim community to the anti-terror legislation that was recently announced. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-02-02)

CTV News' Power Play interviewed Muslim community leaders regarding the fight against Islamic radicalization in respect to the forthcoming antiterrorism legislation, Bill C-51. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-02-02)

CFRA-AM 580 interviewed **Minister Blaney** regarding Bill C-51. (2015-02-02)

Sirius-XM Radio – The Arlene Bynon Show interviewed **Minister Blaney** regarding Bill C-51. (2015-02-02)

In the House of Commons Monday, **Minister Blaney** was asked about the Security Intelligence Review Committee, stricter oversight of intelligence agencies, in light of the government's new anti-terror legislation he says, "***The security intelligence review committee will cover all activities that CSIS will be mandated by this Parliament to accomplish.***" (2015-02-03 - 580 CFRA, 6:06; CFNO-FM, 7:32 ET)

En vertu du projet de loi antiterroriste du gouvernement, le chef néodémocrate Thomas Mulcair soutient que le comité de surveillance en charge de superviser le Service Canadien du Renseignement de Sécurité n'est pas crédible. (2015-02-03 - CJRG-FM Gaspé, 7 :01 ET)

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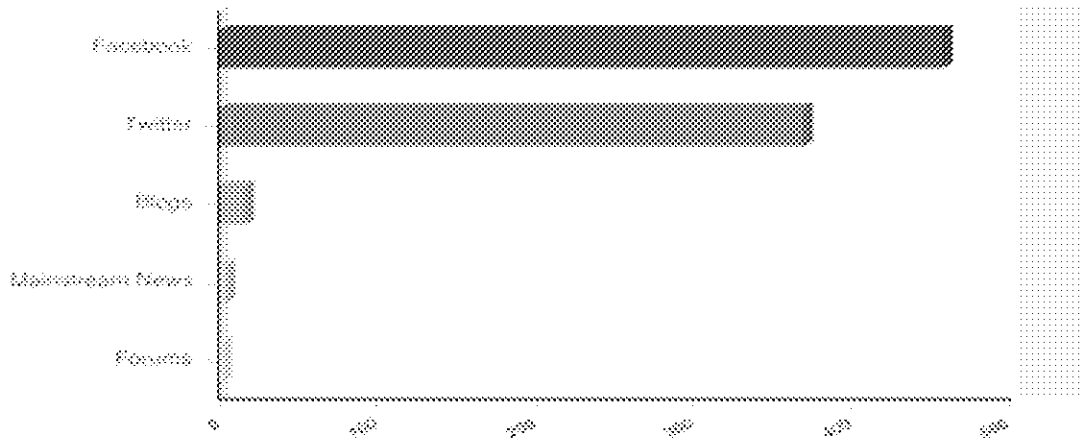
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Social Media / Médias sociaux

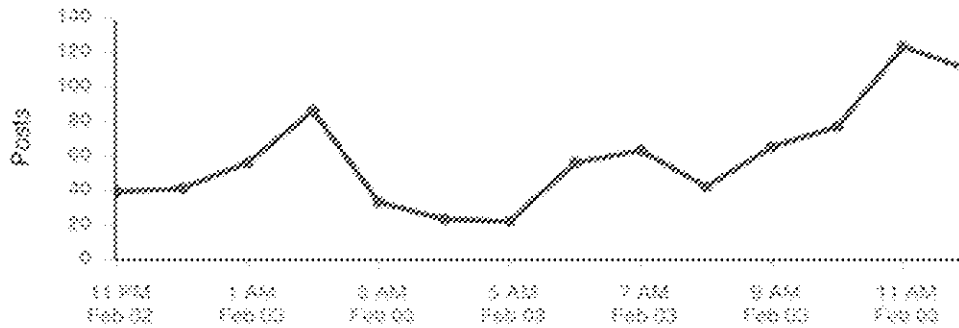
There have been approximately 850 social media posts today regarding Canada's new anti-terrorism legislation.

The following graph displays the breakdown of social media posts by type:



In total, there were approximately 370 tweets, 458 Facebook posts, 4 news site posts, 16 blog posts comments and 2 forum posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout the day:



Coverage peaked from approximately 11:00 – 12:00 ET with 124 social media posts, the vast majority of which were re-tweets of the following tweet from reporter Glenn Greenwald:

[ggreenwald](#)

Be wary of Harper's anti-terror bill, Edward Snowden warns Toronto students

<http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2015/02/02/edward-snowden-and-greenwald-give-talk-for-toronto-high-school-students.html> ...

Stakeholders

[ICLMG](#)

Press release: New anti-terror bill is overreaching & could impact negatively on Canadians' rights
[#cdnpoli](#) [#C51](#) conta.cc/1DxOsGk

[ICLMG](#)

Communiqué: Le nouveau projet de loi anti-terrorisme risque de porter atteinte aux droits des Canadiens
[#polcan](#) [#C51](#) conta.cc/1DxQO8k

[OpenMedia.ca](#)

Do you think having democratic checks and balances over Canada's spying agencies is "needless red tape"? ow.ly/lnusc

[OpenMedia.ca](#)

Montreal Gazette: Canada's security agencies need more oversight ow.ly/lnaLO [#privacy](#)

[OpenMedia.ca](#)

Gov't calls security agency oversight "needless red tape" ow.ly/lnaad [#privacy](#)

[OpenMedia.ca](#)

Canadians should be freaking out right now about Bill C-51 ow.ly/i/8u9Sxow.ly/i/8u9Sx Learn more at ow.ly/lmLCK

[OpenMedia.ca](#)

Globe & Mail: Harper wants to create "secret police" ow.ly/lm1xk [#privacy](#)

[OpenMedia.ca](#)

What it was like to be a reporter in the room when the gov't's new anti-privacy bill was announced
ow.ly/lmvqA

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Harper got spy powers right, but civilian oversight very wrong <http://bit.ly/1x6QHLL> #cdnpoli

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Be wary of Harper's anti-terror bill, Edward Snowden warns Toronto students

<http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2015/02/02/edward-snowden-and-greenwald-give-talk-for-toronto-high-school-students.html> ...

Hashtags

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- Media coverage regarding Bill C-51 continued to be extensive over the weekend. The vast majority of coverage focused on the March 14th Day of Action where those in opposition to C-51 protested in dozens of communities across Canada. Due to the protests, there was a large jump in social media activity as well.
- Opinion pieces, editorials and letters to the editor over the weekend continued to be negative concerning Bill C-51.
- The *Global News* investigative program *16x9* aired a special on girls being recruited to go overseas and join ISIS. On the program, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney was interviewed and discussed aspects of Bill C-51.

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

General Coverage / couverture générale

- *"We don't have the legal authority to shut down websites who are promoting terrorism targeted. So that's the first thing of that bill. We will criminalize the promotion of terrorism, and also shut down the website."* ~ Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney
- *"The international jihadist movement has declared war on Canada. Canadians are being targeted by jihadi terrorists simply because they hate our society and the values it represents. That is why our government has put forward measures that protect Canadians against jihadi terrorists who seek to destroy the very principles that make Canada the best country in the world."* ~ Excerpt from a statement from the office of Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney in regards to the C-51 protests
- *"C-51 is a bill that could seriously endanger our right to protest peacefully, to stand up against a government or an infrastructure or an economic policy. Mr Harper has never been able to give a single example of why this bill is necessary."* ~ NDP Leader Tom Mulcair

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- "What this new act allows is for, right now, 17 agencies — but there could be more added by cabinet without any public debate — to basically share any information they deem relevant to detection of new security threats, and the definitions of the act would capture the activities of ordinary Canadians." ~ Catherine Tully, Nova Scotia's freedom of information and protection of privacy review officer

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Clark calls for balance on C-51 debate

B.C. Premier Christy Clark has entered the debate over the federal anti-terrorism bill, calling attention to the potential dangers of government overreach but stopping short of criticizing the legislation directly. Asked about Bill C-51 this week, the Premier said there is a need to balance the protection of personal freedoms with matters of national security. Bill C-51 - which would give Canada's spy agency sweeping powers, criminalize the promotion of terrorism and grant RCMP the power of preventative arrests - has come under fire since it was tabled five weeks ago. On Saturday, a nationwide "day of action" is planned in protest of the legislation, with events in every province. [Globe and Mail](#), S3 (2015-03-14)

C-51 - Dérapages politiques

Une pièce d'opinion déclare, « Plus le débat sur le projet de loi C-51 avance, plus les intentions du gouvernement de Stephen Harper transparaissent. Pour justifier ses mesures antiterroristes, il invite dans le débat d'étranges alliés, le plus inattendu étant Hitler. Tous les amalgames sont bons pour alimenter le sentiment d'insécurité des Canadiens. Les conservateurs de Stephen Harper ne font rien sans calculs politiques. Les mesures contenues dans ce projet de loi et la communication qu'ils en font depuis un mois correspondent à une stratégie réfléchie que la référence à deux événements permet de mieux

comprendre... Pour justifier l'octroi de pouvoirs si abusifs en regard des droits et libertés, le gouvernement n'a aucune retenue. La semaine dernière, il a rendu publique la vidéo où Michael Zehaf-Bibeau justifie son attentat au parlement, question de raviver la tension vécue par les députés le 22 octobre avant qu'ils ne commencent l'étude du C-51 en comité parlementaire. En ouvrant mardi l'étude du projet de loi, **le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, en rajoutait en invitant Hitler dans le débat. Évoquant la nécessité de pouvoirs pour combattre les propos haineux, il affirmait que " l'Holocauste n'a pas commencé dans les chambres à gaz, il a commencé avec des mots "... La façon dont le gouvernement conservateur mène ce débat sert le parti, mais pas le pays. A **Steven Blaney**, et à tous ses collègues, il faut rappeler que oui, il faut faire attention aux mots. Il est tellement facile de glisser dans la propagande et la démagogie. Il y a eu ces derniers jours beaucoup trop de dérapages. Il faut s'en inquiéter. » Le Devoir, B4 (2015-03-14)

C-51 va-t-il trop loin?

Une pièce d'opinion déclare, « Le grand chef des Premières nations canadiennes, Perry Bellegarde craint qu'il serait trop facile de qualifier de terrorisme la défense de leurs droits, tant en matière de protection de l'environnement que des traités touchant à leurs droits territoriaux. Les Canadiens veulent que le gouvernement du Canada soit en mesure de déjouer des complots terroristes qui menaceraient la sécurité publique. Sur ce point, à peu près personne ne conteste cette responsabilité du gouvernement fédéral. Là où la dissension se manifeste c'est sur le plan des moyens à prendre pour y arriver. Comme on a pu le constater depuis quelques jours, les porte-parole du gouvernement sont prêts à dire à peu près n'importe quoi pour enfoncer leur message: **le ministre de la Sécurité publique du Canada, Steven Blaney** est allé jusqu'à comparer la menace terroriste qui nous guette à l'Holocauste. Ce faisant, il verse dans l'exagération. Le projet de loi C-51 n'est pas exempt d'exagération sur les moyens que le gouvernement fédéral veut se donner pour atteindre l'objectif légitime de contrer le terrorisme... » L'Acadie-Nouvelle, 23 (2015-03-14)

Protests against Bill C-51 to be staged across the province

It's certainly got people fired up. Bridgewater, Annapolis Royal, Sydney, Antigonish and Halifax will join over 40 other towns and cities across Canada hosting protests against the Conservatives' Bill C-51 on Saturday. Chronicle-Herald, A13 (2015-03-14)

Privacy protection under threat by Bill C-51

An opinion piece states, "As witnesses line up to warn about the dangers associated with Bill C-51, Canada's anti-terrorism bill, it is increasingly clear that the proposed legislation is an unprecedented undermining of Canadian privacy protection. Much of the focus on the bill has related to oversight: the government implausibly claims that it increases oversight (it does not), the Liberals disappointingly say they support the bill but would like better oversight and much of the NDP criticism has also centred on oversight. Yet with respect to privacy and Bill C-51, lack of oversight is only a part of the problem. The privacy-related concerns stem from Bill C-51's Security of Canada Information Sharing Act (SCISA), a bill within the bill that goes further than sharing information related to terrorist activity. It does so in three steps..." Toronto Star, B2 (2015-03-14)

Canadians should heed Edward Snowden's warning

An opinion piece states, "I suspect that history will one day be very kind to whistleblower Edward Snowden. Yesterday's traitor is gradually becoming tomorrow's patriot as he slowly unmask the "secret surveillance state" growing around us. In fact, there is already talk of him being able to return to the U.S. at some point. But it may be here in Canada where he will be owed a special debt. Just as Canadians appeared to be sleepwalking towards accepting a dangerous government-sponsored "anti-terrorism act" that would undermine human rights and the rule of law, the debate has appeared to turn in recent days. Government ministers are now more on the defensive. Critics of the proposed legislation are regaining their voice. And Snowden himself has intervened..." Toronto Star, WD3 (2015-03-14)

Vote for us or the terrorists will get you

An opinion piece states, "First we had Canada's New Government. Then we had Strong and Stable Government. Now we have the Be Very Afraid Government. As even casual observers of the news will know, it's all fear, all the time in Ottawa these days. The political premise is slightly disturbing - that terror

and crime can be tackled as another marketing challenge, complete with labels, postcard surveys, and mind-numbing repetition of slogans. The potential payoff, presumably, is the re-election of the Conservative "brand." ... Toronto Star, IN2 (2015-03-14)

Who will police Canada's spies?

An opinion piece states, "Last month, three teenage girls flew from London to Istanbul, en route to Raqqa, headquarters of Islamic State, also known as ISIL or ISIS, to begin new lives as "jihadi brides." Turkish intelligence says the man who smuggled them across the border was a Canadian agent, Mohammed al-Rashid, a Syrian dentist who fled to Jordan to escape the civil war. The Turks say after al-Rashid came to the attention of the Canadian embassy in Amman, the Canadians brought him to Canada, offered him the hope of citizenship and set him to work smuggling foreigners into the clutches of the homicidal maniacs of ISIS. By their count, al-Rashid has helped 140 Britons get to ISIS, all the while reporting to someone named "Matt" at the Canadian embassy, where the ambassador is Bruno Saccmani, former head of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's bodyguards. The Canadian government, of course, won't say whether any of this is true... The same government that put him in charge of SIRC is now seeking to massively expand the powers of our spies with Bill C-51, with no improved oversight. The law will give spies licence to engage in a wide variety of threat-disruption activities against any threat to Canada's security, requiring warrants only when they believe their activities would break the law..." National Post (Ottawa Citizen, A10, 2015-03-14)

Bill turns CSIS into secret police

An opinion piece states, "Bill C-51, fast-tracked concurrently through the House of Commons and a compliant Senate, is only now being understood by many people and groups. Unfortunately, the governed have views about potential problems with the Canada's new anti-terrorism bill that will never be heard in Parliament..." Winnipeg Free Press, A17 (2015-03-14)

And the survey says... ? - Poorly designed politically biased surveys hurt democracy

An opinion piece states, "... Survey questions are everywhere these days, which is why I initially didn't think much of it Monday night when I saw a question in the corner of a flyer sent to my house by my Conservative member of Parliament, Lawrence Toet. But once I read the question, which asked constituents if they "agree... (that) we must take additional action to protect Canada from terrorism" or "disagree (because) terrorists are victims too." A box where you could fill in your name, address, phone number and email was also helpfully provided. I thought it would be a teachable moment to demonstrate just how loaded, self-serving and poorly crafted some survey questions can be... First of all, no one should be under any illusion that these types of survey questions are designed to actually measure what people in Elmwood-Transcona or anywhere else think about terrorism or Bill C-51, the proposed Anti-Terrorism Act just introduced by the Conservatives. If this was a sincere effort to engage community attitudes, Toet and his colleagues would publicly release the results and use them to justify their controversial anti-terror measures..." Winnipeg Free Press, A17 (2015-03-14)

Blurred lines and fear tactics

An opinion piece states, "Xenophobia is an intense or irrational dislike or fear of people from other countries. Islam is the religious faith of Muslims. Islamophobia is an irrational fear of Islam and the Muslim people based on their links to Islamic extremists who use terrorism to advance their interests. Muslims are particularly vulnerable because they are a visible minority easily identified by religion and dress. Defining terrorism is more difficult. In Canada, section 83.01 of the Criminal Code defines terrorism as an act committed "in whole or in part for a political, religious or ideological purpose, objective or cause" with the intention of intimidating the public . . . with regard to its security, including its economic security." Activities recognized as criminal within this context include death and bodily harm with the use of violence; significant property damage and interference or disruption of essential services, facilities or systems. Following January's Charlie Hebdo massacre in Paris, Prime Minister Stephen Harper warned that the "international jihadist movement" had declared war on Canada. By the end of January, he was declaring war on the jihadists with his Anti-Terrorism Act. In early February, less than two weeks after the PM introduced Bill C-51, the RCMP received a tip that four people were plotting a Valentine's Day mass shooting in the Halifax Shopping Centre. Two people were subsequently charged with conspiracy to

commit murder, not terrorism. The reason according to Justice Minister Peter McKay is that the conspiracy was not "culturally motivated." ... " [Times & Transcript](#), A13 (2015-03-14)

Une vraie menace

Une pièce d'opinion déclare, « La menace terroriste est devenue la justification passe-partout du gouvernement conservateur pour défendre les contours flous de la mission en Irak et dénigrer quiconque ose critiquer ses initiatives, en particulier le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51... » [Le Devoir](#), B2 (2015-03-14)

Tories' Bill C-51 is flawed legislation

A letter to the editor states, "In its haste to introduce C-51, the Conservative government has shown a wilful ignorance of very careful parliamentary work done in the past to establish a domestic security service appropriate to Canada and Canadians..." [Ottawa Citizen](#), B6 (2015-03-14)

Terror bill 'Orwellian'

Thousands gathered in the heart of Toronto Saturday to protest the federal government's new anti-terrorism bill -- legislation many demonstrators said would turn Canada into an "Orwellian" state under an intrusive, totalitarian government. It's believed as many as 4,000 people braved Saturday's cold and rain to stand in Nathan Phillips Square outside City Hall and denounce the Conservative's Bill C-51, a piece of legislation that would expand the powers of Canada's spy agency and give the RCMP increased powers of arrest when it comes to the prevention of terrorism and the promotion of it. **The office of Canada's Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness** was quick to respond. "***We reject the argument that every time we talk about security, our freedoms are threatened,***" a spokesman said. "***Canadians understand that their freedom and security go hand in hand. Canadians expect us to protect both.***" [Toronto Sun](#), 2 (Edmonton Sun, Winnipeg Sun) (2015-03-15)

You can't shut us up, thousands warn MPs

Thousands of Canadians came together to loudly denounce the Conservative government's proposed anti-terror legislation in dozens of rallies held across the country on Saturday. The Conservative government introduced the wide-ranging bill in January. It would give police much broader powers and allow them to detain terror suspects, as well as give new powers to Canada's spy agency. Organizers of the nationwide protest say the bill would infringe upon Canadians' civil liberties and right to privacy, especially online. [Canadian Press](#) (Toronto Star, A3; Times-Colonist, iPolitics); [Edmonton Sun](#); [Calgary Sun](#); [Ottawa Sun](#); [The Province](#); [Times-Colonist](#); [QMI Agency](#) (Winnipeg Sun, 5; Calgary Sun, Ottawa Sun); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Soleil, 14; Le Quotidien); [Agence QMI](#) (Le Journal de Montréal, 14) (2015-03-15)

Consternation au Collège de Maisonneuve

Les autorités du Collège de Maisonneuve sont dépitées et les étudiants surpris de savoir qu'un autre étudiant a quitté le pays, peut-être pour rejoindre l'état islamique. L'étudiant serait parti pour la Turquie à la mi-janvier, selon Radio-Canada, soit au même moment que six autres jeunes Québécois soupçonnés d'avoir rejoint le groupe armé État islamique en Syrie. Il était en contact avec au moins l'un d'entre eux. **Un porte-parole du ministère de la Sécurité publique du Canada** a rappelé que le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51 "***rend criminel de voyager ou tenter de voyager à des fins terroristes***". [Le Journal de Montréal](#), 10 (2015-03-15)

La façade démagogique du C-51

Une lettre déclare, « Forts d'un appui de la population de 82 % au projet de loi C-51, les conservateurs de Stephen Harper n'hésitent plus un instant à mettre les bouchées doubles pour valider avec insistance leur politique du law and order, **le ministre Blaney** ayant même utilisé l'Holocauste pour justifier ses propos sur les dangers qui guettent les Canadiens devant la montée de l'intégrisme et de la radicalisation... » [Le Journal de Montréal](#), 41 (Le Journal de Québec) (2015-03-15)

C-51 FLAWS FIXABLE

A letter to the editor states, "Let's get something straight. Terrorists, not politicians, deal in fear. People intent on terrorism and treason are not about to announce their plans, plots or presence. They deal in

instilling fear and have to surprise us with atrocities to be successful. Our best and most effective counter-weapon is a reasoned effort to thwart the planning and plotting before anyone is maimed or killed. That requires an extension of our policing powers. Bill C-51 addresses that issue..." [Winnipeg Sun](#), 10 (2015-03-15)

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Projet de loi antiterroriste - Un pouvoir que seuls les espions canadiens auront

Le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney, a soutenu cette semaine que le nouveau pouvoir de "perturbation" qu'accordera son projet de loi antiterroriste aux espions canadiens existe déjà dans plusieurs autres pays occidentaux. C-51 ne fera donc qu'arrimer le Canada à ses alliés. Or il n'en est rien. La plupart des pays cités par le ministre soutiennent que leurs services du renseignement intérieur n'ont pas de tels pouvoirs. [Le Devoir](#), A2 (2015-03-14)

Security of Canada Information Sharing Act / loi sur la sécurité de l'échange de renseignements au Canada

NIL

Passenger Protect Program / programme de protection des passagers

NIL

Immigration Refugee Protection Act / loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés

NIL

Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

NIL

Online Media / Médias en ligne

General Coverage / couverture générale

Bill C-51 'Day of Action' protests denounce new policing powers

Protests are underway across Canada against the government's proposed anti-terrorism legislation, which would give police much broader powers and allow them to detain terror suspects and give new powers to Canada's spy agency. NDP leader Tom Mulcair joined hundreds in Montreal in a march through the city. One protester held up a poster saying "C-51 is an act of terror," while others carried red "Stop Harper" signs. The protest was expected to end in front of the riding office of Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau. Trudeau has said his caucus will vote in favour of the bill. Dubbed "Defend our Freedom," organizers say Bill C-51 is dangerous, reckless and unacceptable. In a statement to CBC News on Saturday afternoon, **a spokesman for Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** said the government **"rejects the argument that every time we talk about security, our freedoms are threatened."** **"Canadians understand that their freedom and security go hand in hand [and] expect us to protect both, and there are safeguards in this legislation to do exactly that,"** added **Jeremy Laurin**. In Toronto, hundreds gathered at city hall to speak out against the proposed legislation, with many holding signs, chanting and drumming in protest of the bill. [CBC News](#); [Ottawa Citizen](#); [Global News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (CTV Montreal); [CP24.com](#); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Radio-Canada) ; [Radio-](#)

[Canada](#); [Canoe](#); [Journal Métro](#); [QMI Agency \(Canoe\)](#); [Hamilton Spectator](#); [The Telegram](#); [News 1130](#); [York Region](#); [CJAD 800](#); [Toronto Sun](#); [The Province](#); [640 AM Talk Radio Toronto](#); [VOCM](#); [Metro News](#); [News Talk 770 AM Calgary](#); [Kamloops BC Now](#) (2015-03-14)

Loi antiterroriste : une farce démocratique

Il n'aura pas fallu grand-temps, jeudi, pour se rendre compte que les travaux du comité parlementaire étudiant le projet de loi antiterroriste C-51 seraient un simulacre de consultations. Presque chaque témoin qui avait une critique à formuler s'est fait faire la leçon, a vu ses motivations mises en doute ou s'est fait égratigner par des insinuations malveillantes par les députés conservateurs. Les députés conservateurs n'étaient pas là et n'y seront pas au cours des prochaines séances pour mieux comprendre le projet de loi, en déceler les lacunes et les corriger. Leur seul rôle est de défendre C-51 coûte que coûte, et de répéter les justifications et explications du **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**. Mardi, le **ministre Blaney** et son collègue à la Justice, Peter Mackay, témoignaient en compagnie du commissaire de la GRC et du grand patron du SCRS — les seuls à avoir deux heures pour s'expliquer. Malgré cela, les membres de l'opposition ont concentré leurs tirs sur les ministres qu'ils peuvent interroger presque tous les jours aux Communes, et ils n'ont pas eu une seule question pour le directeur du SCRS, un homme qu'ils voient rarement. Ils n'ont même pas pensé lui demander à quoi pourraient ressembler les mesures illégales de perturbation de la menace que le projet C-51 leur permettra d'utiliser. Les conservateurs, eux, ne se sont pas privés de sa présence et lui ont lancé de nombreuses questions complaisantes. [L'Actualité](#) (2015-03-14)

Protesters gather in Kingston against Bill C-51

More than 200 demonstrators gathered at Springer Market Square Saturday to protest newly proposed legislation Bill C-51. The Anti-terrorism Act, 2015, or Bill C-51, would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) new powers, and make it easier for police to detain terror suspects. ***"This side of the House (Conservative), we believe that security and liberty go hand in hand," Steven Blaney, minister for public safety and emergency preparedness, told the House of Commons on Feb. 25. "In order for liberty to flourish, we need security. That is why parliamentarians must give our security and intelligence forces the tools they need to protect Canadians. "These are services that most other democratic countries have. However, we will ensure that there is judicial oversight."*** [Kingston Whig Standard](#) (2015-03-15)

Panelists and protestors in Calgary voice opposition to anti-terror bill

From downtown streets to a suburban community centre, hundreds of Calgarians gathered Saturday to voice their opposition to the sweeping federal Anti-Terrorism Act. Calgary Police estimate over 500 people gathered midday at City Hall to protest Bill C-51, an anti-terrorism bill that has provoked the ire of civil liberties and ethnic groups. The march was part of a national campaign by advocacy group Lead Now. [Calgary Herald](#); [Windsor Star](#) (2015-03-15)

Protesters denounce Bill C-51 in Owen Sound

Opponents of the federal government's controversial new anti-terrorism bill say the legislation would strip away various Canadian rights, including to privacy and peaceful protest. About 120 people, including several carrying placards or banners with slogans like Defend Your Freedom and Activist Not Terrorist, gathered in front of city hall in Owen Sound Saturday to denounce Bill C-51. Similar demonstrations, promoted by [Leadnow.ca](#) and [Openmedia.ca](#), were held in communities across the country. [Owen Sound Sun Times](#) (2015-03-15)

Ex-watchdog, Tory MP criticizes Conservatives' proposed anti-terror legislation

The Harper government has been getting an earful of criticism about bill C-51, its so-called anti-terror legislation, including from a high profile Conservative. Committee hearings into the proposed legislation began last week, and what emerged were two fundamental complaints from the critics: questions of adequate oversight and whether the bill is even constitutional. Ron Atkey, a former Progressive Conservative MP and the first chair of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, the advisory group overseeing CSIS, spent his time before the committee discussing those issues. [Global News](#) (2015-03-15)

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NIL

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HOWE ROOM: Privacy officer concerned about bill C-51

Add Nova Scotia's freedom of information and protection of privacy review officer, Catherine Tully, to the growing list of people concerned about the federal government's proposed bill C-51. Tully and 11 of her provincial counterparts from across the country recently authored a letter outlining their concerns to the federal standing committee on public safety and national security, now hearing debate on the bill. In an interview last week, Tully said she has concerns that the impacts "on the privacy of ordinary Canadians of this bill are really quite profound," and she agreed with her colleagues across the country that they needed to speak up to highlight their worries. Chief among those concerns for Tully is that the bill, which the federal government is pitching as necessary to fight terrorism, permits the broad collection and sharing of personal information and "it's without appropriate oversight." [Chronicle-Herald \(2015-03-15\)](#)

Passenger Protect Program / programme de protection des passagers

NIL

Immigration Refugee Protection Act / loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés

NIL

Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

NIL

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Overall, broadcast media coverage regarding Bill C-51 was extensive over the weekend. Majority of coverage was focused on Saturday's protests, some interviewed were conducted on the subject.

Of note:

General Coverage / couverture générale

Global News – 16x9 presents "Wives of ISIS". **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney** was interviewed for the program. Minister Blaney commented on Bill C-51. [Rough Transcript \(2015-03-14\)](#)

Global News – *The West Block* discussed ISIS' recruitment of Canadian youth and Bill C-51 with Global News reporter Vassy Kapelos. The discussion mentioned **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney**. [Rough Transcript \(2015-03-15\)](#)

Global News – *The West Block* interviewed Ron Atkey, former Chair of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, regarding Bill C-51. [Rough Transcript \(2015-03-15\)](#)

CTV News – Question Period interviewed Green Party leader Elizabeth May regarding Bill C-51. **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** was mentioned in this interview. [Rough Transcript](#) (2015-03-15)

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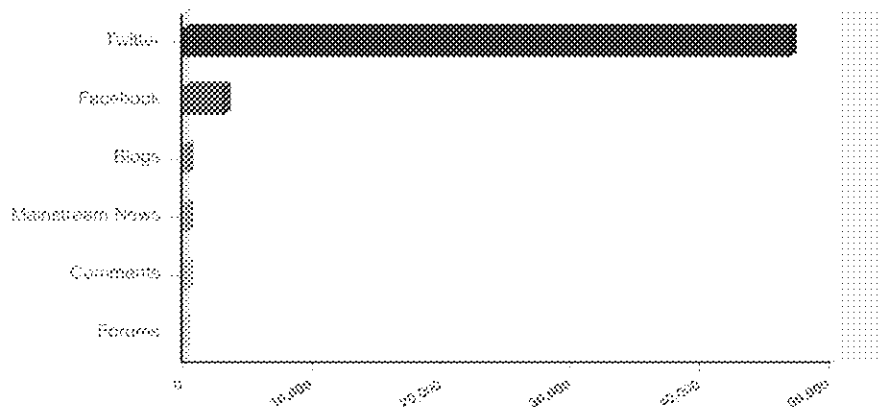
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Social Media / Médias sociaux

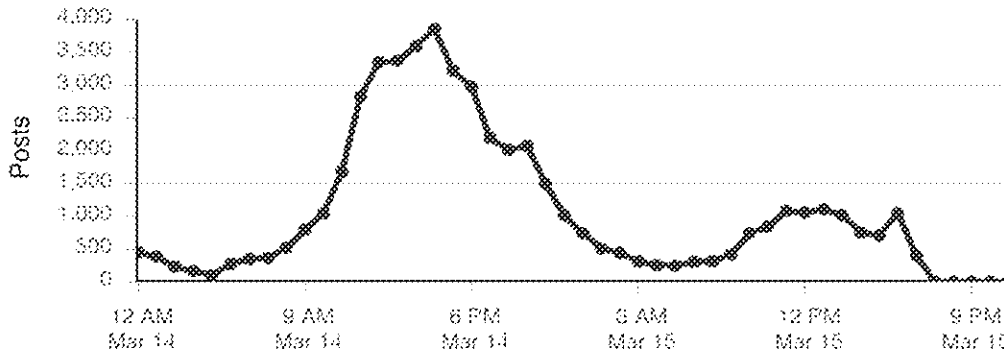
Overall, there was a large boost in social media posts over the weekend regarding Bill C-51 in large part due to the Canada-wide protests on Saturday. In total, there were approximately 50,728 social media posts.

The following graph displays the breakdown of social media posts by type:



There were approximately 46,879 tweets, 3,142 Facebook posts, 265 blog posts, 245 news site posts, 189 comments and 8 forum posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout the weekend:



Social media activity peaked from 16:00 – 17:00 ET on Saturday with approximately 3,856 social media posts. The vast majority of posts concerned the protests as they were ongoing.

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- Media coverage today regarding Bill C-51 continued to be moderate, while the tone of coverage was much less balanced in comparison to yesterday and was generally negative. Of note:
 - In a letter to media, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney wrote to clarify some perceived misconceptions about the bill. According to the Minister, "Following the introduction of the Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015, many Canadians have voiced their opinions on this important piece of legislation. Bill C-51 will protect our rights and freedoms by providing better tools to confront the twin challenges of our time: radicalization and terrorism."
 - Pam Palmater, a Mi'kmaq lawyer, stated that the controversial legislation targets aboriginal people's way of life and their right to protest.
 - The Canadian Civil Liberties Association expressed concern that the Security of Canada Information Sharing Act would allow information that has no relevance to terrorism to be shared amongst security agencies in Canada as well as shared with foreign agencies.
 - In a press release, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers expressed concern over Bill C-51. Specifically, the union is concerned over the lack of civilian oversight, the breadth of information sharing that will be allowed under the legislation, and that ordinary citizens could be wrongly identified as terrorists.
 - Canadian Bar Association President Michele Hollins expressed concern over the portion of Bill C-51 that would grant a judge the authority to allow CSIS officers to undertake in actions that could breach the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Hollins stated that this is "extremely troubling."

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

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- "As Canada's minister of public safety, I want to ensure the debate over C-51 is based on facts and not the alarmist mythology advanced by some critics of the bill, including the Liberals, the NDP and certain academics." – Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety
- "Increasing the powers of the security establishment will not necessarily make us safer... The lack of civilian oversight and the dearth of monitoring information-sharing between government agencies in this bill is very disturbing" ~ Denis Lemelin, National President of Canadian Union of Postal Workers
- "Bill C-51 would make it all too easy to target ordinary working people or any marginalized group and label them 'terrorists'... We should accept no violations of our human rights and freedoms in the name of national security." ~ Denis Lemelin, National President of Canadian Union of Postal Workers
- "The judicial warrants that appear in the CSIS portion of this legislation envision a situation where CSIS agents are going to knowingly commit a violation of the charter... They are then ... authorized to go and ask a judge — who, of course, is herself charged with upholding the constitution and upholding the charter — to preauthorize a breach of the charter." ~ Michele Hollins, President of the Canadian Bar Association
- "The judicial warrants that appear in the CSIS portion of this legislation envision a situation where CSIS agents are going to knowingly commit a violation of the charter... They are then ... authorized to go and ask a judge — who, of course, is herself charged with upholding the constitution and upholding the charter — to preauthorize a breach of the charter." ~ Michele Hollins, President of the Canadian Bar Association
- "Absolutely at the federal level it is crucial that information be allowed to be shared, but there has to be accountability for that and, certainly, I think it's important to respect all our rights." - Insp. Steve Irwin of the Toronto Police Service
- "We believe Bill C-51 is more about increasing the output of the tar sands and facilitating the heavy oil pipeline proposals across this country." - Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs president Stewart Phillip

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News Releases / Communiqués

Postal Workers Concerned about Bill C-51

The union representing 51,000 postal workers is adding its voice to the growing chorus of concerns over Bill C-51, the federal government's sweeping national security bill. "The Canadian Union of Postal Workers knows what it is like to experience out-of-control state surveillance," said Denis Lemelin, National President of CUPW, referring to the lengthy history of CUPW being spied upon by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and the RCMP. Bill C-51 would give CSIS even broader powers to invade the privacy of Canadians in the name of combatting terrorism. Similar concerns over the bill's overly sweeping reach will be raised by the president of the Canadian Labour Congress, Hassan Yussuff, who appears today before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security (SECU). [Canadian Union of Postal Workers News Release](#)

Print Media / Médias imprimés

General Coverage / couverture générale

The first duty of government is citizens' safety

In a letter, **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney** states, "Following the introduction of the Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015, many Canadians have voiced their opinions on this important piece of legislation. Bill C-51 will protect our rights and freedoms by providing better tools to confront the twin challenges of our time: radicalization and terrorism. As Canada's minister of public safety, I want to ensure the debate over C-51 is based on facts and not the alarmist mythology advanced by some critics of the bill, including the Liberals, the NDP and certain academics. Following terrorist attacks at Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que., and in the heart of our democracy, Parliament Hill, we have a moral imperative to act. The first duty of any government is the safety its citizens. We must not fail in that duty." [The Hamilton Spectator](#), A13

Anti-terror bill targets aboriginals: Lawyer

A Mi'kmaq lawyer fighting against the government's anti-terror bill asked members of a Commons committee Tuesday to compare the number of Canadians who have died on home soil in terror attacks to the number of missing and murdered aboriginal women. Pam Palmater, who holds a chair in indigenous governance at Toronto's Ryerson University, said the controversial legislation targets aboriginal people's way of life and their right to protest. She said C-51 "captures everything under Idle No More" and could put aboriginal people in jail. She said she's also concerned about a section of the bill that would outlaw terrorist propaganda and could be used against First Nations people. "All we have left are our thoughts, and our private thoughts will now be criminalized," Palmater told MPs. (...) In response, **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney** pointed to a section of the bill saying it does not apply to "**lawful advocacy, protest, dissent and artistic expression.**" [QMI Agency](#) (The Kingston Whig Standard, B1, Edmonton Sun)

Anti-terror bill about suppression, say critics

The federal government's omnibus security bill would hand extremists what they want by shackling civil liberties, a prominent aboriginal lawyer and activist says. There is no way to fix the legislation, which "makes us all suspects," said Pamela Palmater, chair in indigenous governance at Toronto's Ryerson University. "The terrorists will have won," Palmater said during a meeting of the House of Commons public safety committee, which is hearing more than 50 witnesses on the bill. The Conservatives brought in the 62-page bill following the murders of two Canadian soldiers just days apart last October by men whose motives were rooted in extremist thinking. The legislation would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service the ability to actively disrupt terror plots, make it easier for police to limit the

movements of a suspect, expand no-fly list powers, crack down on extremist propaganda and dismantle barriers to exchanging security-related information. Neither the new disruptive powers nor the information-sharing provisions apply to "lawful" advocacy, protest and dissent, but some critics say these elements of the bill could be used against aboriginal and environmental activists who protest outside the letter of the law. [Canadian Press](#) (Telegraph-Journal, The Guardian, Red Deer Advocate, Cape Breton Post, L'Acadie Nouvelle)

Anti-terror law designed to boost oilsands

A B.C. aboriginal leader told the parliamentary committee studying the federal government's proposed anti-terror legislation that Bill C-51 was designed mainly to disrupt opposition to expansion of Alberta's oilsands industry. "We're absolutely convinced this is less about jihadi terrorism in this country and more about facilitating and promoting the tripling of the output of the tarsands," Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, president of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, told MPs. "We're gravely concerned." Phillip is one of several critics to argue that the bill could open the door to government security agencies targeting environmentalists and First Nations activists opposing pipeline expansion to the B.C. coast. (...) In the House of Commons **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** dismissed NDP accusations that the legislation is targeting First Nations protesters. [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist, A6, The Vancouver Sun)

Threat is relentless and global

A Toronto police officer working on the front lines of counter-terrorism gave parliamentarians an unsettling glimpse Tuesday of the threat the country faces. Insp. Steve Irwin began with the former case of the Toronto 18, in which several people were convicted for plotting to bomb major public and government sites in and around Toronto. Their aim was to provoke Canada's military withdrawal from Afghanistan. "That was generated locally," Insp. Irwin told a Commons committee studying the government's proposed antiterror legislation, Bill C-51. It "was inspired by individuals in a small group." A decade later, Islamic Jihad is a relentless, sophisticated and global phenomenon propelled by the Internet. "People from all over the world are inspiring and teaching and providing for how to beat our [security] systems [and] how to speak and not break the [hate] laws and ultimately lure mostly young, vulnerable people" into joining Islamists' holy war against Canada and the West. The new legislation proposes to make it a crime to knowingly advocate or promote the commission of a terrorist offence, however general. It's a needed change, Insp. Irwin told MPs. "Unfortunately, the [current Criminal Code laws] are too restrictive for those who are clever enough or counselled sufficiently to skirt divulging criminal intent" when publicly inciting hatred. [Postmedia News](#) (National Post, A6, Ottawa Citizen)

Anti-terrorism bill needs rigid safeguards

An opinion piece states, "When I first visited Beaumont, Alta., on the southeastern outskirts of Edmonton, it had a population of just over 2,000 and a distinctly Franco-Albertan character. The beautiful brick Catholic church of St. Vital (now close to 100 years old) kept watch over the surrounding prairie from its perch atop the "beautiful hill." Twenty-five years later, the formerly quaint French farming town is a booming bedroom community of nearly 16,000. But as vanilla and suburban as Beaumont might seem, it is also on the frontlines of the war on terror. A week ago, the RCMP's Integrated National Security Enforcement Team arrested a 17-year-old resident and charged him with trying to leave the country to join ISIS and plotting to commit "murder in circumstances that constitute terrorist activity." If the threat of terrorism in Canada has spread as far as Beaumont, then the threat literally is everywhere." [QMI Agency](#) (The Kingston Whig Standard, A4, Toronto Sun, Winnipeg Sun, London Free Press, Edmonton Sun, Calgary Sun, Ottawa Sun)

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General Coverage / couverture générale

C-51 must include more oversight, anti-radicalization efforts, NDP says

As the House public safety committee prepares to wrap up witness testimony on the government's proposed anti-terror bill on Thursday, the New Democrats are getting set to propose amendments that would boost oversight powers and do more to combat radicalization. The motion, which stands in the name of NDP house leader Peter Julian and could be debated in the House as early as Thursday, would allow the committee to consider amendments in two specific areas: to "ensure that the government works with Canadian communities to counter radicalization" and "enhance oversight of Canadian security and intelligence agencies." The legislation goes to clause-by-clause review next week. Without such authorization, any amendments that go beyond the current scope of the bill would likely be deemed out of order during the review. Liberal spokeswoman Kate Purchase says her party backs the bid to broaden the parameters, but without Conservative support, it will likely be defeated. It's still not clear whether the government is open to changing the bill — or, for that matter, what amendments will be put forward by opposition members next week. Liberal public safety critic Wayne Easter and rights and freedoms critic Irwin Cotler will present their party's proposed changes on Thursday. Earlier today, CBA president Michele Hollins told CBC News Network host Heather Hiscox the group is particularly concerned over the proposed provision to allow CSIS agents to ask the federal court to sign off on activities that could breach the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Meanwhile, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers has added its name to the lengthening list of those worried at what they describe as the "overly sweeping reach" of the bill. The union "knows what it is like to experience out-of-control state surveillance," Denis Lemelin said in a press release sent out on Wednesday morning. [CBC News](#)

Disregard of Charter in anti-terror bill 'untenable': CBA

The Canadian Bar Association is recommending nearly two-dozen changes to the federal government's proposed anti-terrorism legislation, to strike more of a balance between security and individual liberties. The suggestions are outlined in a report issued today in advance of an appearance by representatives of the CBA before the House of Commons committee on Public Safety and National Security. Many of the concerns raised in the report involve the greater state powers outlined in bill C-51, without a similar increase in oversight, as well as the broad and often vague language used in the proposed legislation. [Canadian Lawyer Magazine](#)

Federal Election: Ottawa's anti-terrorism bill misses the mark

A letter to the editor submitted by the Green Party of Canada states, "Canadians should be deeply concerned about Bill C-51, the federal government's new anti-terrorism bill, says Kootenay-Columbia Green Party candidate Bill Green. The hastily-drafted legislation proposed by the Conservative

government, which is also supported by the federal Liberal Party, completely misses the mark about the major threats to the security of Canadians. 'The risk of death or injury by a terrorist bomb or bullet is much smaller than the risks on our roads and highways, from disease from environmental pollution, and the long-term security risk posed by climate change,' says Green. Provisions in Bill C-51 could lead the country back to the uneasy days of the FLQ crisis in the 1970's when more than 450 Canadians were wrongfully imprisoned and later had to be compensated by the government. The bill could lead to innocent Canadians being jailed for doing nothing more than joining a protest march, Green says.
[Invermere Valley Echo](#)

Information privacy at threat by Bill C-51

Bill C-51, known as the anti-terrorism bill, has drawn criticism for provisions that many feel are excessive and open to abuse. One of these provisions allows government agencies to share information about Canadians for reasons of national security. Associate Professor Hasan Cavusoglu of the Management Information Systems Division at the UBC Sauder School of Business weighs in on the privacy risks for Canadians. [UBC News](#)

Bill C-51: First Nation chief worries 'lives will be lost'

A chief, who once went to jail for defending his First Nation's traditional territory during a mining dispute in northern Ontario, says he has grave concerns about Bill C-51. Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug Chief Donny Morris sent a letter to his MP, Natural Resources Greg Rickford, asking him to withdraw support for the proposed anti-terrorism law. Morris and six others from Kitchenuhmaykoosib went to jail in 2008 after peacefully protesting mining activity near Big Trout Lake, about 600 kilometres north of Thunder Bay, Ont. He's worried that under Bill C-51 the consequences for Indigenous activists will be much worse. "I take this to my heart," Morris said. "Because I know it will happen. It happened to us. We got sentenced. We got sent to jail, what's going to stop an officer from taking that next step." That next step, in Morris' mind, is First Nations people being shot by police during land-based disputes. [CBC News](#)

C-51 has sparked a much-needed conversation about security and rights

An opinion piece states, "The best thing that might come out of Bill C-51, the government's proposed new anti-terrorism legislation, will not be the bill itself, certainly not if it passes through the House of Commons and Senate un-amended. The best thing might be an affirmation that Canadians care about finding the right balance between security and democratic rights, including privacy rights. Achieving that balance is no easy matter, given the complexity and pace of change of security threats, and the modern Pandora's box of surveillance capabilities represented by what officials benignly define as the security "toolkit." High levels of official secrecy hamper the debate. Some 14 years after the Sept. 11 attacks and the original passage of Canada's first anti-terrorism legislation, we now are busy adding layers to what has become a dense legal foundation, compounding the problem of knowing whether our laws protect us or might imperil us. It is, simply, hard to know what security and intelligence agencies might need to meet threats, hard to know how newly-minted capabilities might actually be used in the future, and hard to know what their impact on rights and freedoms might actually be. Maybe the impact will be less than feared and the security-rights balance that we worked so hard to create after 9/11 will be fine. Maybe not. Because of the unknowns, there have been many calls for matching new powers with catch-up provisions for strengthened accountability. Concerns on this front have been expressed, in an unprecedented way, by four former prime ministers; Canada has even been called out by none other than Edward Snowden, the NSA whistleblower, as having one of the weakest intelligence oversight systems in the Western world. Strengthened accountability may well be our best bet to ensure that new security powers are balanced against rights protections." [The Globe and Mail](#)

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NIL

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Overall, broadcast media coverage regarding Bill C-51 continued to be minimal today. Of note:

General Coverage / couverture générale

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CTV News interviews the General Council of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association about Bill C-51. They are concerned about the excessive powers given to CSIS without accountability mechanisms. The Security of Canada Information Sharing Act is mentioned. [Rough transcript](#)

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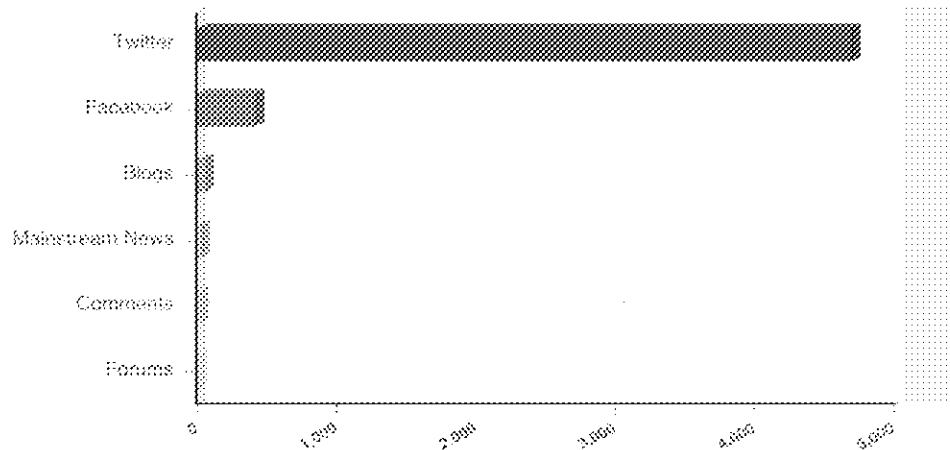
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Social Media / Médias sociaux

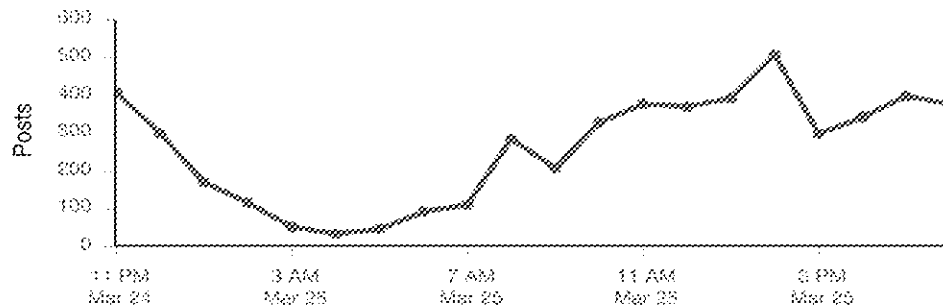
Social media activity continued to be extensive today in regards to Bill C-51. In total, there were approximately 5,218 social media posts.

The following graph displays the breakdown of social media posts by type:



There were approximately 4,699 tweets, 418 Facebook posts, 56 blog posts, 26 news site posts, 18 comment posts and 1 forum post.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout the day:



Social media activity peaked today from 14:00 ET – 15:00 ET with approximately 508 social media posts. While there was no specific trend in the posts this evening, posts tended to express general negative opinions towards the legislation.

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- During the period of April 7 to 12, coverage on Bill C-51 was light, with coverage specific to the bill consisting mainly of opinion pieces and reports of criticism of the bill and general national security atmosphere in Canada.
- There were items that made passing mention of Bill C-51, notably articles on CSIS' existing information sharing practices, shortcomings in the SIRC and the police taking on the role in protecting sentries at the National War Memorial.
- A few media items took note of polls indicating declining support for Bill C-51.

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

General Coverage / couverture générale

- "Despite what the government has been saying about the increasing risks to national security and the increasing importance of our security agencies, the official budget has flatlined at \$10 million for more than a decade." – Liberal finance critic Ralph Goodale
- "You are more likely to die in a hospital from a super bug than be blown up in a terrorist attack. Where is the research money for super bugs?" – Canadian author Margaret Atwood
- "Despite the Liberal and NDP's votes against these increases, our government will continue to ensure that our national security agencies have the resources they need to keep Canadians safe." – Public Safety minister spokesperson Jean-Christophe de la Rue
- "Canadian intelligence has one of the weakest oversight frameworks of any western intelligence agency in the world." – Edward Snowden

- "The reality of it is that this government isn't interested in what anyone has to say because they have a majority. They will proceed and do a few minor, cosmetic adjustments." – Eve Plunkett, former inspector-general of CSIS

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News Releases / Communiqués

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Le SCRS partage des renseignements au-delà du réseau des "Five Eyes"

Un document interne du Service canadien de renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) révèle la présence d'un système d'échange de renseignements sur l'implication de présumés extrémistes à l'étranger avec divers partenaires, qui va au-delà du réseau habituel des "Five Eyes". Le Canada partage déjà des informations avec quatre autres pays -- les États-Unis, le Royaume-Uni, l'Australie et la Nouvelle-Zélande -- mais il a aussi conclu des partenariats "non traditionnels" sur cet enjeu. La note interne, intitulée "S'attaquer à la menace du déplacement des terroristes", a été obtenue par La Presse canadienne en vertu de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information. Plusieurs données ont été caviardées dans le document de cinq pages. Selon la note interne, le SCRS doit disposer "prioritairement" d'informations sur ce phénomène. "Obtenir les informations pertinentes sur cette menace pour conseiller le gouvernement nécessite des enquêtes approfondies au pays et à l'étranger, étant donné les éléments nationaux et internationaux qu'elles comportent", a-t-on écrit. Le SCRS a cependant remarqué que les alliés habituels du Canada avaient plutôt renforcé leurs ressources déjà existantes, au lieu de créer des liens avec d'autres pays. Le Canada, quant à lui, ferait face à des "défis opérationnels et à des pressions sur les ressources" causés par des facteurs ayant été censurés dans le document... Les événements survenus en octobre ont amené le gouvernement Harper à proposer un nouveau projet de loi antiterroriste afin de mieux cibler les présumés extrémistes qui vont se battre à l'étranger. Les nouvelles mesures permettraient aussi de déléguer de nouveaux pouvoirs au SCRS pour qu'il puisse obtenir un mandat afin d'enquêter dans d'autres pays. Presse Canadienne (Le Devoir, A4) (2015-04-07)

Intelligence agencies need oversight

A former CIA spy's eyes widen when he hears that, in Canada, the political opposition doesn't get to see national-security intelligence files. "You're kidding me," says John Kiriakou, who is under house arrest in Virginia after a two-year prison stay for revealing information about his former employer. "That's shocking to me. It seems to block any chance of a national consensus on an issue that I think would be very serious. There has to be oversight." Kiriakou made the remarks during an interview in which he described an internal controversy within the CIA over the arrest and rendition of Canadian Maher Arar to be tortured in a Syrian prison. Many colleagues protested, arguing that they were punishing an innocent man, he said. The CIA's role in the 2002-03 affair has never been publicly scrutinized. The fallout in Canada included a public inquiry and a \$10-million government payout to Arar. A major recommendation from the inquiry was an overhaul of the model used to scrutinize intelligence work. A decade later, that recommendation from the Arar inquiry has never been implemented - even as the Canadian government prepares to provide intelligence agencies with more power in its new anti-terror bill. [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist, A7) (2015-04-07)

Soaring cost of terror fight hits RCMP

The RCMP has been forced to shuffle more cash and officers into terrorism investigations as Ottawa's financial contribution has remained static over the last decade, documents show. The Mounties diverted \$22.9 million from other operations to the Integrated National Security Enforcement Teams (INSETs) in 2013-14... The Star made multiple interview requests to the RCMP for comment, which weren't returned. The Star also requested an interview with **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney's** office. In reply, a spokesperson for **Blaney** said the government has increased security agencies budgets since coming to power - and took a shot at the opposition for voting against Conservative budgets. **"Despite the Liberal and NDP's votes against these increases, our government will continue to ensure that our national security agencies have the resources they need to keep Canadians safe,"** wrote **Jean-Christophe de la Rue**, in a three-sentence statement. But Liberal finance critic Ralph Goodale said the RCMP's numbers contradicts the Conservatives' "rhetoric" around public safety and national security issues. "Despite what the government has been saying about the increasing risks to national security and the increasing importance of our security agencies, the official budget has flatlined at \$10 million for more than a decade," Goodale, whose office obtained the documents, said in an interview. "So the RCMP has had to find the extra \$20 (million) to \$25 million (a year) from its own internal resources." The figures were released as the majority Conservatives continue to push through Bill C-51, the controversial anti-terrorism legislation that gives police-like powers to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. One question that has been largely ignored in the heated debate around C-51 is how CSIS's new powers will work in areas of the RCMP's current jurisdiction. [Toronto Star](#), A1 (2015-04-09)

Ottawa police will guard the guards

There is a Latin phrase that reads: Quis custodiet ipsos custodes? - translated as "Who will guard the guards themselves?" On Thursday, that question was answered, at least for the ceremonial guards who stand watch daily over the iconic National War Memorial. The federal government has contracted the Ottawa Police Service to guard the two sentries stationed below the monument and in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Department of National Defence is paying the Ottawa police an estimated \$425,000 for uniformed officers to protect the sentries beginning this week and running until mid-November. The contract follows the attack last fall in which Michael Zehaf Bibeau shot and killed honour guard Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, of Hamilton, at the memorial. [Canadian Press](#) (The Record, A1) (2015-04-10)

Terror bill losing support: Poll

Most Canadians oppose the Conservatives' proposed anti-terror legislation, according to a Forum Research poll released this week. The poll found 56% of Canadians, most of them younger and less wealthy, disapprove of Bill C-51. Forty-two percent believe the bill, if passed, will have a "negative effect" on their lives, while one-quarter think the effects will be positive. [QMI Agency](#) (Ottawa Sun, 5) (2015-04-11)

ISIS radicals change tactics

As social media giants crack down on the Islamic State's drive to attract fighters and followers, the extremist group is nimbly adapting to leave such efforts in the dust. Supporters are increasingly moving to

smaller platforms such as Kik or surespot just as Twitter, Tumblr and YouTube are becoming better at taking down radical content. Western governments are intensifying efforts to respond to Islamic State's call, as 4,000 of their citizens, including 550 women, have travelled to Syria since 2012, according to figures from King's College London and the Soufan Group. In Canada, the proposed anti-terror bill C-51 would allow police to seize Internet material considered terrorist propaganda. The U.S. State Department is expanding a unit tasked with countering the Islamic State's messages, the New York Times reported. Toronto Star, WD7 (2015-04-11)

What's really terrifying about anti-terrorism

An opinion piece states, "Why are so many Canadians anxious about the Canadian government's proposed "Anti-Terrorism Act"? Can't they get a grip? Yes, more Canadians die from lightning than from terrorism. Yes, the government is about to give its controversial security and intelligence agencies a blank cheque to operate without effective accountability. And yes, as whistleblower Edward Snowden said last month to a Ryerson University audience, "Canadian intelligence has one of the weakest oversight frameworks of any western intelligence agency in the world." So what's the problem? If our own domestic agencies try to sell innocent fellow Canadians down the river - remember the case of Canadian Maher Arar, who spent a year being beaten and tortured in Syria on the basis of false information provided to the American CIA by Canada - there are apparently still individual agents within the CIA who will try to protect our interests..." Toronto Star, WD3 (2015-04-11)

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Atwood critical of Bill C-51

Renowned Canadian author Margaret Atwood added her voice to a growing chorus opposing the federal government's anti-terrorism bill. All Canadians should be concerned about Bill C-51 - "it's not only about where you live, but what you had for breakfast," said Atwood, who spoke at Red Deer College Monday as part of its Perspectives: Canada in the World series. The new bill, introduced in January by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, would grant greater powers to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, and allow federal institutions to access all information government departments have on any Canadian. There are concerns this could curtail internationally-guaranteed human rights such as liberty, privacy and freedom of expression. "You are more likely to die in a hospital from a super bug than be blown up in a terrorist attack. Where is the research money for super bugs?" Atwood said, to enthusiastic applause from the audience. Red Deer Advocate, A1, A2 (2015-04-07)

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ISIS: Prime Minister Harper's top political bogeyman of the day

An opinion piece states, "Canada is ready to extend its fight against the Islamic State (ISIS) into Syria, carrying on a war that'll cost about half-a-billion taxpayer dollars by early next year. Prime Minister Stephen Harper is following up on his promise that Canada won't "stand on the sidelines" when it comes to the fight against Muslim extremism... The public language in support of this two-front "war on terror" has given rise to a new kind of militarism in Canada. It's characterized by a political rhetoric that galvanizes support for itself not only by pointing to a foreign enemy, but also by emphasizing the need to root out the enemy's ideological supporters on Canadian soil. This latter emphasis has, at the hands of the Tories, become a way to depict dissent against government policy as support for Muslim terrorism. Support for terrorism. Take the debate around Bill C-51 (the "Anti-terrorism Act"), the Conservative's proposal on how to fight domestic terrorism. The bill is making its way through the legislative process with limited debate and examination, despite containing provisions that will, according to a chorus of critics, forever change the landscape of Canadian national security. Its supporters emphasize the imminent nature of an ill-defined terrorism threat, keeping in mind that security issues will likely occupy the minds of voters in the upcoming fall election..." [CBC News](#) (2015-04-07)

It pays to pay attention

An opinion piece states, "Like most people I have been hearing a lot about Bill C-51 lately, and like most people I only have a passing understanding of what it actually contains. The more you read about it though, the more you realize everyone should know everything about this bill before it is most likely approved this summer. Essentially what it comes down to is an attempt by the government to extend Canada's anti-terror laws due to increased threats of terrorism. On paper, that sounds like a necessary measure. We all want to be safe and it is the government's job to keep everyone as secure as possible. The trouble is how we go about implementing the safety measures..." [Meridian Booster](#) (2015-04-07)

Bill C-51 Is More Unpopular than Ever

As Stephen Harper's controversial anti-terrorism bill clips through Parliament, en route to becoming law by the summer, public opposition is threatening to take wind out of the prime minister's sails. Of the Canadians who are aware of C-51, 56 percent oppose the bill while just 33 percent endorse it, according to a Forum Research poll provided exclusively to VICE News. That's an 11-point swing over Forum's last poll, which was conducted for VICE two weeks prior, when only a bare majority of those who were aware of the bill opposed it. The news gets worse for Harper, as one of the biggest drops in support for the bill is amongst his own kind. Of those who said they support the Conservative Party, 72 percent support Bill C-51—that's a nine point drop since Forum asked earlier in March. Meanwhile, 13 percent say they disapprove of the bill. The poll was conducted after marathon committee hearings took place, in which the Conservative majority shot down hundreds of amendments to the bill. [Vice News](#) (2015-04-09)

Ex-spy watchdog Plunkett calls CSIS civilian review 'a joke'

Eva Plunkett is not prone to hyperbole. The former inspector-general for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service – **the public servant who was, once upon a time, the Public Safety minister's eyes and ears inside Canada's spy agency** — chooses her words very carefully. Plunkett spent nearly a decade as IG before Stephen Harper shuttered the office in 2012 because she was doing too good a job — routinely issuing reports that diplomatically raised the alarm about CSIS's questionable conduct. She took the work seriously. So when Plunkett says that the government's civilian oversight body, the Security Intelligence Review Committee, is a "joke" — take it to the bank. She knows what she's talking about. **And nobody knows better how vacuous the assurances offered by Prime Minister Harper and Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney about the draconian powers CSIS is getting under Bill C-51 truly are.** [iPolitics](#) (2015-04-10)

Last word on C-51

I wasn't going to write another word on Harper's Bill C-51, because all seemed to me to have been said. 1) It's an appalling Bill, creating an unaccountable political police with wide powers—a piece of legislation clearly designed to stamp out civil dissent; and 2) With a few cosmetic changes, it's already a done deal. But a formidable new expert has now been heard from, and any waverers need to listen. Before getting to that, though, here's a brief resume of the proposed Conservative amendments to C-51 as reported in the media. Removing the word "lawful" from the Bill seemingly clarifies that acts of peaceful civil disobedience, trespass, and (in Montreal) exercising the former right of free assembly to protest government austerity, will not be considered "terrorist" acts. The Bill will now emphasize that CSIS has no power to make arrests. Information-sharing will be restricted, but we don't yet know to what degree. Rabble.ca (2015-04-11)

Indigenous Bar Association Concerned over C-51

The Indigenous Bar Association shares this message today to give voice to its deep concerns with Bill C-51 for all Canadians and for Indigenous peoples in particular. The IBA is a national association comprised of Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit and Metis) lawyers, legal academics, articling clerks and law students, including graduate and post-graduate law students. The IBA is a not-for-profit federal corporation mandated, amongst other things, to promote the advancement of legal and social justice for Indigenous peoples in Canada, as well as the reform of laws and policies affecting Indigenous peoples. Our concerns with Bill C-51, even given its proposed amendments, are manifold. We share the concerns given voice by many other groups, including that if passed into law, Bill C-51 would: Unduly privilege economic interests over social, political and legal interests; Dramatically mobilize Canada's security and surveillance apparatuses without protecting the fundamental rights and freedoms of Canadians. On the contrary, the erosion of Canadian civil and political rights appears as the condition that allows for the vast expansion in the state's powers of security and surveillance; Serve to criminalize dissent. Worse, it would serve to move claims that have always been contemplated under Canadian law within the discourse of criminality into the discourse of terror; Allow for the mass violation of the privacy rights of Canadians via increased powers of state surveillance and information sharing programs and protocols; Expose lawfully acting Canadians to a risk of arbitrary detention by state security agents. As a more general matter, the Bill as drafted is intentionally so overly-broad and ambiguous in its scope as to seriously challenge the current government's commitment to the principle of legality. Yet that principle is one which lies at the heart of Canadian constitutionalism. Bill C-51 fundamentally misrepresents the necessary balance between freedom and security. Net News Ledger (2015-04-11)

Threat Disruption / Perturbation des menaces

NIL

Security of Canada Information Sharing Act / loi sur la sécurité de l'échange de renseignements au Canada

NIL

Passenger Protect Program / programme de protection des passagers

NIL

Immigration Refugee Protection Act / loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés

NIL

Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada / modifications au code criminel du Canada

NIL

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Overall, broadcast media coverage regarding Bill C-51 was minimal with no items of note.

General Coverage / couverture générale

NIL

Threat Disruption / Perturbation des menaces

NIL

Security of Canada Information Sharing Act / loi sur la sécurité de l'échange de renseignements au Canada

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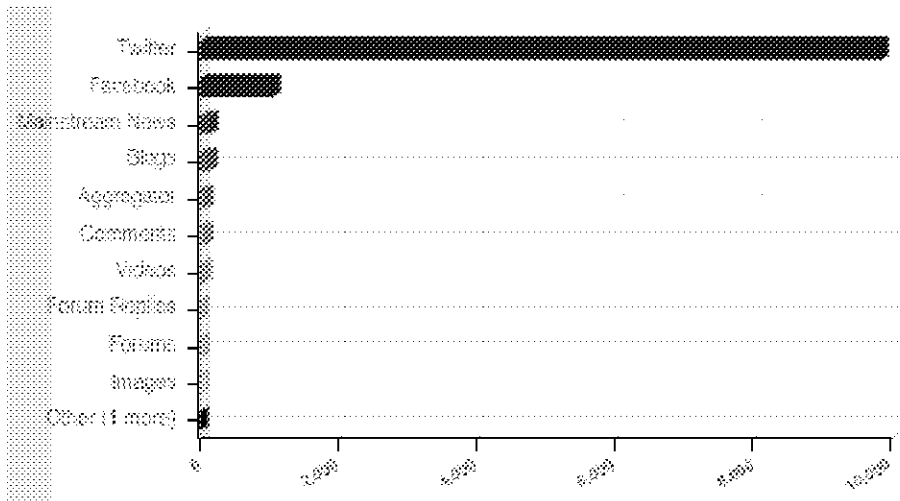
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NIL

Social Media / Médias sociaux

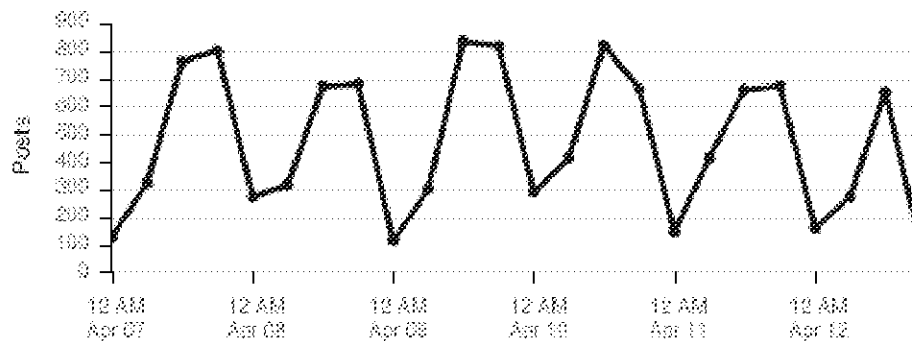
Since Tuesday April 7, 2015, social media coverage on Bill C-51 remained fairly extensive with approximately 11, 371 social media posts.

The following graph displays the breakdown of social media posts by type:



There were approximately 9849 tweets, 1047 Facebook posts, 127 blog posts, 135 news site posts, 64 comment posts and 213 other posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout the week:



There was no particular peak of note during this period.

Tweets of note :

Justin Ling

Today's Daily VICE features me sitting down with Thomas Mulcair and Steven Blaney on [#C51](#). Plus: new polling data. [vice.com/en_ca/read/daily-vice](http://www.vice.com/en_ca/read/daily-vice) (2015-04-09)

CBCOttawa

Sentries back on duty at Nat. War Memorial. DND paying [@OttawaPolice](#) \$435,000/yr to protect guards. [#cbcott](#) [#ottnews](#) (2015-04-09)

CdnPress

UPDATE: Ottawa police to guard sentries at National War Memorial after deadly attack <http://bit.ly/1lw2GNM> (2015-04-09)

OpenMedia.ca

Movement to [#StopC51](#) is bridging political divides <http://ow.ly/LpuTg> [#RejectFear](#) (2015-04-09)

rabble.ca

First Nations to Parliament on Bill #C51: I don't think so. <http://buff.ly/1CzAZv4> via @Pam_Palmater #cdnpoli (2015-04-09)

OpenMedia.ca

.@Mozilla Help us stop secret police #BillC51 - join the Thunderclap <http://ow.ly/LsfQF> #RejectFear (2015-04-10)

PaulJournet

Les leçons oubliées de l'affaire Arar et le danger du projet de loi conservateur sur le terrorisme
http://plus.lapresse.ca/screens/d913e159-0437-4296-99f3-b875dde5f504%7C_0.html ... (2015-04-10)

ipoliticsca

Ex-spy watchdog Plunkett calls CSIS civilian review 'a joke' | iPolitics <http://www.ipolitics.ca/2015/04/10/ex-spy-watchdog-plunkett-calls-csis-civilian-review-a-joke/> ... (2015-04-10)

theprovince

Sentries back on guard, and under guard, at National War Memorial <http://theprovince.com/1Ei6vni> #canada (2015-04-10)

TorontoStar

Tony Burman: The Tories' Anti-Terrorism Act only serves to place us in more jeopardy. #CDNpoli
<http://on.thestar.com/1ym1ole> (2015-04-11)

OpenMedia.ca

The more Canadians learn about secret police Bill C-51, the more they want the government to scrap it.
<http://ow.ly/LsCWB> (2015-04-12)

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Overview / Vue d'ensemble

- Media coverage regarding the forthcoming anti-terrorism legislation continued to receive a moderate amount of media coverage and generally remained balanced. However, of note was an opinion piece written by Wesley Wark who was slightly critical in his assessments. Wark states that, in his opinion, the federal government has “over-sold” the upcoming legislation “both in terms of scale and legislative overhaul” and that the legislation will most likely be a “fine-tuning” of already established legal powers.
- According to comments made by Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development, one objective of the upcoming bill will be to diminish the incitement of terrorism while not diminishing the legitimate expression of political or religious views. During the evening, the Canadian Press reported that the upcoming legislation will create a new Criminal Code provision making it a crime to encourage someone to carry out a terrorist attack.
- Global News reported this evening that one component of the upcoming legislation will allow police to detain an individual suspected of terrorist activity for a longer period of time without having to lay a charge.
- In an interview today, Canada’s Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien stated that he would like to see enhanced transparency and oversight provisions incorporated into Friday’s anti-terrorism legislation. Mr. Therrien also stated that he is concerned about the potential for information to be shared of non-suspects.
- On the topic of the forthcoming legislation, Liberal Public Safety Critic Wayne Easter stated that the Liberal party remains “very open to what the government will propose” though will only support the bill if it contains additional oversight provisions for security agencies.

Selected Quotes / Citations choisies

- “Our objective is not to diminish legitimate expression of political or religious views, but rather incitement to terrorism - and there is a fine line there that the legislation will try to draw.” ~ *Employment Minister, Jason Kenney*
- “Information sharing regarding whom? Regarding people who are suspected of terrorist activities, or the sharing of information about other Canadians who are not suspected of anything in order to

identify a national security threat... Travellers crossing the border, ordinary Canadians crossing the border. Will there be greater information sharing about them from the border agency to the secret service?" ~ Privacy Commissioner of Canada, Daniel Therrien

- « Oui, on peut donner plus de pouvoir aux agences de sécurité et aux forces policières, mais comment va-t-on déterminer quels propos sont permis et quels autres sont interdits? » ~ *Amnistie internationale, Béatrice Vaugrante*
- « On a entendu parler de policiers qui savaient qu'il y avait des individus qui se radicalisaient, mais ils n'avaient pas les ressources nécessaires pour effectuer de la surveillance. » ~ *Porte-parole du NPD, Rosane Doré-Lefebvre*

Print Media / Médias imprimés

Feds outline more details of upcoming anti-terror bill

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney assures the government's new terror bill expected Friday will be in "**full compliance with Canadian law**." The bill is expected to include provisions to allow "**preventative arrests**" and criminalize the "**promotion of terror**" -- measures law enforcement has indicated would help detain potential terrorists before a crime is actually committed. Asked to explain how the government will criminalize the promotion of terrorism, Blaney said the Criminal Code already contains provisions on "supporting hatred or violence." "It is really criminal to incite terror, to support terrorism or to encourage to use violence to achieve your means," Blaney said. Liberal public safety critic Wayne Easter says it's worth examining whether Canada actually needs new laws or whether it could simply make use of what already exists. "One key question is why have current laws not been utilized to the full extent we think they ought to be," Easter told reporters Tuesday, following a meeting of the House public safety committee. [QMI Agency](#), 30 (Edmonton Sun, Calgary Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard, London Free Press); [Le Droit](#) (Le Devoir); [La Presse](#)

Limits on free speech are risky business

An opinion piece states, "When the Harper Conservative government introduces its anti-terror legislation later this week, it will walk a fine line. The legislation is needed, because the threat of terror, especially homegrown terror, is all too real, as we have seen first hand. Most of the omnibus anti-terror bill builds on existing frameworks, giving police and security officials expanded powers and making it easier to share information - including about all citizens, not just those suspected of terror links. But there is new ground here as well, and that's what we should be watching. A key feature of the new law is a measure that draws a line between free expression and endorsing terrorism. Simply put, people who verbally promote or glorify terrorism could be charged under the act. It's easy to see how this will work in extreme cases, for example, where someone praises terror attacks like the ones that happened in Canada last year. But what about in more subjective cases? Any time we limit free speech, even for a good reason, we need to tread carefully. This is no exception." [Hamilton Spectator](#), A10

Online Media / Médias en ligne

Conservatives looking to detain suspected terrorists longer without charge

The Conservative government is considering changes to Canada's anti-terror laws, that would allow the police to detain a suspected terrorist for a longer period for time without charges. Sources tell Global News the change is expected to be part of the Conservative government's overhaul of anti-terror laws, expected to be announced this Friday. Currently, if police believe someone is planning to commit a terrorist act, they can arrest the individual without laying a charge. Officers then have 72 hours to come up with sufficient evidence, otherwise the suspect must be released. The new rules under consideration would allow police to appear before a judge and seek two additional 48-hour extensions, allowing them more time to continue their investigation. [Global News](#)

New Conservative anti terror bill needs to walk a fine line, Kenney says

There's a fine line between legitimate religious expression and inciting terrorism, says Conservative cabinet minister Jason Kenney. It's that line the government will be walking - carefully - in its new anti-terrorism bill, expected to be unveiled Friday. The bill is the government's long-awaited legislative response to two attacks carried out on Canadian soldiers last fall by men believed to have been influenced by radical Islam - attacks the government considers acts of terrorism. Though police already have the power to go after those suspecting of being on the verge of committing terrorist attacks, the new bill is partially aimed at stopping the seeds of those attacks from germinating altogether. "Our objective is not to diminish legitimate expression of political or religious views, but rather incitement to terrorism - and there is a fine line there that the legislation will try to draw," Kenney said in an interview Tuesday. "Obviously there are some malevolent religious influences that can add to the process of radicalization towards violent extremism, and we have to be extremely mindful of that." How to effectively combat radicalization is a struggle facing governments and security agencies the world over. The RCMP is currently rolling out its own strategy, which includes working more closely with community groups in order to identify and divert people who may be susceptible to extreme views that could eventually lead to violence. [Canadian Press](#) (iPolitics); [La Presse Canadienne](#) (La Presse)

Une loi criminalisera la promotion du terrorisme

Le gouvernement fédéral déposera vendredi une loi qui rendrait criminelle l'incitation à commettre des attaques terroristes. Selon les informations obtenues par La Presse Canadienne, le gouvernement prévoit créer une nouvelle disposition dans le Code criminel pour punir les extrémistes qui encourageraient les autres à perpétrer des attentats terroristes. Selon une source gouvernementale, les attaques du mois d'octobre au pays ont prouvé qu'une telle mesure était nécessaire. La nouvelle clause ne s'appliquerait toutefois pas à la simple apologie du terrorisme. Par exemple, une personne qui publierait sur Internet des images d'une explosion ne serait pas arrêtée. Mais si ladite vidéo appelait à mener une attaque semblable au Canada, il s'agirait là d'un acte criminel. [La Presse Canadienne](#) (Journal Métro); [Canadian Press](#) (Times Colonist)

Les vidéos menaçant le Canada deviendront criminelles

Dans ses démarches pour renforcer les lois pour contrer la menace terroriste au pays, le gouvernement Harper va rendre criminelles la publication et la propagation de vidéos où le Canada est identifié comme cible. Une vidéo comme celle où l'on voit le djihadiste canadien John Maguire en appeler aux armes contre le Canada sera maintenant spécifiquement visée par le droit criminel. Parmi les mesures qui seront présentées vendredi pour contrer la promotion du terrorisme, une publication comme celle d'une vidéo où l'on demande de perpétrer des attaques au Canada en général, soit une forme d'encouragement actif, serait désormais visée par le droit pénal. Une source conservatrice indique que, selon les mesures actuelles, il est impossible d'accuser un individu si la nature des attaques n'est pas précise. [TVA Nouvelles](#)

Federal government's new terror law concerns privacy watchdog

Canada's privacy watchdog is expressing early concerns about information sharing provisions expected in the Conservatives' new anti-terror laws, as Prime Minister Stephen Harper meets with Toronto police chiefs to win support for the new measures. Daniel Therrien said he's been briefed on the government's new anti-terror bill, to be tabled in Parliament on Friday, and will be closely watching the wording of provisions aimed at increasing information sharing among government agencies. "Information sharing regarding whom? Regarding people who are suspected of terrorist activities, or the sharing of information about other Canadians who are not suspected of anything in order to identify a national security threat," Therrien said. "Travellers crossing the border, ordinary Canadians crossing the border. Will there be greater information sharing about them from the border agency to the secret service?" [Toronto Star](#)

Liberals say they're open to upcoming Tory terror bill

The Liberals say they will only support the government's upcoming terror bill if it includes oversight mechanisms for security agencies. Despite the government's caginess on its contents, information leaked to media indicates it will broadly expand police surveillance powers. It will also outlaw the nebulous-sounding "promotion of terror." The bill is expected to be tabled Friday. Speaking earlier this week following a meeting of the House public safety committee, Liberal public safety critic Wayne Easter said those laws already exist - from preventative arrests and peace bonds to outlawing anyone who's

gone abroad to participate in terrorism from trying to return. On Wednesday, Easter said the Liberals remain "very open to what the government will propose." But the Liberals have a "serious caveat on this bill," he said, "and that is that there needs to be proper oversight of security agencies." Without it, Easter said privacy rights could too easily be breached. [Sun News Network](#)

Wesley Wark: The anti-terrorism legislation has likely been oversold

An opinion piece states, "The Canadian government has been beating the drum about the need for new counter-terrorism powers since the October, 2014 terror attacks in Quebec and Ottawa. A legislative package is finally scheduled to be tabled in Parliament on Friday. The substance of this new legislation has been subject to some intermittent and generalized remarks by our political leaders, reaching a slight crescendo in recent days, and by wider media speculation. To no one's surprise, there have been no substantive leaks. This is not the style of the Harper government. The closer we get to the birth date, the more hinting there has been from ministers. This can be seen as a calculated effort to prepare the ground for what is bound to be an intense political debate in Parliament about the merits of any extension to Canada's significant suite of anti-terror laws, originally passed in 2001. The broad lineaments of that debate are already clear, even without sight of the new proposals... Prediction is always a hostage to fortune, especially on the eve of the unveiling of the legislation itself. But let me make some "reasonable" predictions about the anti-terror legislation in terms of what it will and won't contain, and the historical baggage of some of its contents." [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Lutte au terrorisme: les policiers et les espions n'ont pas assez de ressources, selon le NPD

Alors que le gouvernement conservateur continue de dire que les policiers et agents du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) ont besoin de plus de pouvoirs pour stopper les terroristes, l'opposition est d'avis que les policiers et les espions ont seulement besoin de plus de moyens. «On a entendu parler de policiers qui savaient qu'il y avait des individus qui se radicalisaient, mais ils n'avaient pas les ressources nécessaires pour effectuer de la surveillance», a expliqué Rosane Doré-Lefebvre, porte-parole du NPD en matière de sécurité publique. L'opposition demande plus d'argent pour le SCRS et la GRC, au moment où le gouvernement peine à équilibrer son budget. Alors que certains s'inquiètent des ressources allouées aux agents de renseignements, le réseau Global a mis la main sur les frais de déplacement du directeur du SCRS, Michel Coulombe. «Ça n'a pas de bon sens que les voyages du directeur du SCRS coûtent plus cher que ceux du ministre. Une chambre d'hôtel à 750 \$ la nuit, c'est un peu exagéré», s'est indignée Mme Doré-Lefebvre en Chambre. Le président du Conseil du trésor, Tony Clement, a déjà demandé une révision des dépenses du directeur du SCRS. [Journal de Montréal](#)

Anti-terrorism bill built around an attack that still raises questions

Was Michael Zehaf-Bibeau a terrorist or not? Canadians still don't really know. In the three months since the attack on the National War Memorial and Parliament Hill, government leaders have repeatedly declared Zehaf-Bibeau to be a violent jihadist. Prime Minister Stephen Harper mentioned it again during a campaign-style speech in Orléans on Sunday. "Jihadist terrorism is not a future possibility, it is a present reality," he said, referring to October's attacks in both Ottawa and Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que. "Violent jihadism is not simply a danger somewhere else. It seeks to harm us here, through horrific acts like ... shooting a soldier from behind as he stands guard at a war memorial." Yet politicians and police have tendered no clear evidence to underpin their claims. On Friday, the question becomes more important. The Conservatives are to table anti-terrorism legislation directly inspired by the events of Oct. 22. Harper has said the new laws will increase the state's powers to monitor, arrest and detain suspected terrorists. Knowing whether Zehaf-Bibeau, 32, was a terrorist driven by Islamist rage would help in understanding whether the proposed new laws are necessary or wise – or, as the opposition NDP charges, whether the legislation is more about political opportunism in an election year. [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Laïcité: Drainville interpelle Couillard

Bernard Drainville a indiqué mardi que le premier ministre devrait condamner et combattre le fondamentalisme de toutes les religions avec des lois et des outils comme des balises pour la laïcité de l'État. «Il ne faut pas reculer sur la protection de la liberté de religion, mais ce que je dis c'est que l'intégrisme religieux qui veut imposer sa loi religieuse, sur des lois votées démocratiquement dans des parlements, ça n'est pas acceptable, a-t-il dit. Tu ne peux pas dire, comme premier ministre du Québec: ça fait partie des choix personnels. Ça et baisser les bras, ça et renoncer, ça et dire: finalement, je

l'accepte, il n'y a pas grand-chose à faire avec ça. 'Come on M. Couillard, come on', vous êtes premier ministre, tenez-vous debout.» Les porte-paroles du Parti libéral du Canada et du Nouveau Parti démocratique en matière de sécurité publique s'opposent à l'idée des conservateurs d'imposer la prison à vie à des criminels sans qu'ils ne puissent réclamer de libération conditionnelle. Ils ont peur que cette mesure aggrave l'état des criminels et mette en danger le personnel des prisons. Ils prônent donc la réhabilitation des détenus, même ceux reconnus coupables de meurtres en série et d'agressions sexuelles sur des enfants. Le gouvernement présentera vendredi une nouvelle mesure dans sa politique antiterroriste. Le **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**, assure que les libertés civiles seront respectées même si les conservateurs légifèrent pour contrer la promotion du terrorisme. [L'Étoile du Lac](#)

CSE tracks millions of downloads daily: Snowden documents

Canada's electronic spy agency sifts through millions of videos and documents downloaded online every day by people around the world, as part of a sweeping bid to find extremist plots and suspects, CBC News has learned. Details of the Communications Security Establishment project dubbed "Levitation" are revealed in a document obtained by U.S. whistleblower Edward Snowden and recently released to CBC News. Under Levitation, analysts with the electronic eavesdropping service can access information on about 10 to 15 million uploads and downloads of files from free websites each day, the document says. "Every single thing that you do - in this case uploading/downloading files to these sites - that act is being archived, collected and analyzed," says Ron Deibert, director of the University of Toronto-based internet security think-tank Citizen Lab, who reviewed the document. In the document, a PowerPoint presentation written in 2012, the CSE analyst who wrote it jokes about being overloaded with innocuous files such as episodes of the musical TV series Glee in their hunt for terrorists. CBC analyzed the document in collaboration with the U.S. news website The Intercept, which obtained it from Snowden. The presentation provides a rare glimpse into Canada's cyber-sleuthing capabilities and its use of its spy partners' immense databases to track the online traffic of millions of people around the world, including Canadians. That glimpse may be of even greater interest now that the Harper government plans to introduce new legislation increasing the powers of Canada's security agencies. [CBC News](#)

Montreal teen allegedly committed robbery to help terrorist group

A Montreal teenager facing two terrorism-related charges linked to a robbery will have a trial date set next month. The 15-year-old appeared Wednesday in youth court, where his lawyer was granted a request to postpone proceedings until Feb. 16. Federal prosecutors allege he committed a robbery for the benefit of an unspecified terrorist organization. Authorities also say the adolescent is charged with planning to leave Canada to participate in the activities of a terrorist group abroad. The Harper government is about to introduce new laws which the prime minister says are designed to help authorities stop planned attacks and prevent terrorists from travelling and recruiting others. [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News); [La Presse](#); [Huffington Post](#)

Broadcast Media / Médias télédiffusés

Overall, broadcast media coverage regarding the forthcoming anti-terrorism legislation remained moderate.

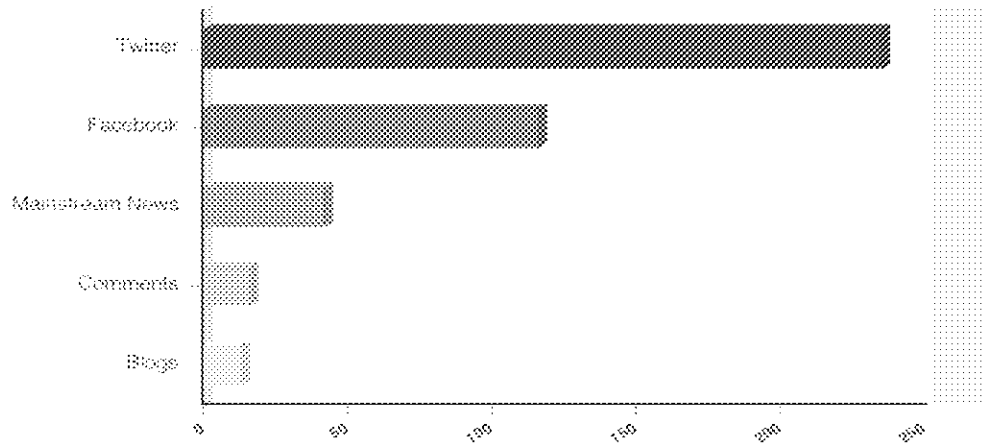
Of note:

CBC News - Power & Politics reported on the Communication Security Establishment's Project Levitation, which is used to track terrorist activity online. Following this CBC News interviewed Daniel Therrien, the Privacy Commissioner of Canada regarding Canadians concerns about online privacy. Mr. Therrien was also asked questions regarding the upcoming anti-terrorism legislation to be tabled Friday. [Rough Transcript](#)

Social Media / Médias sociaux

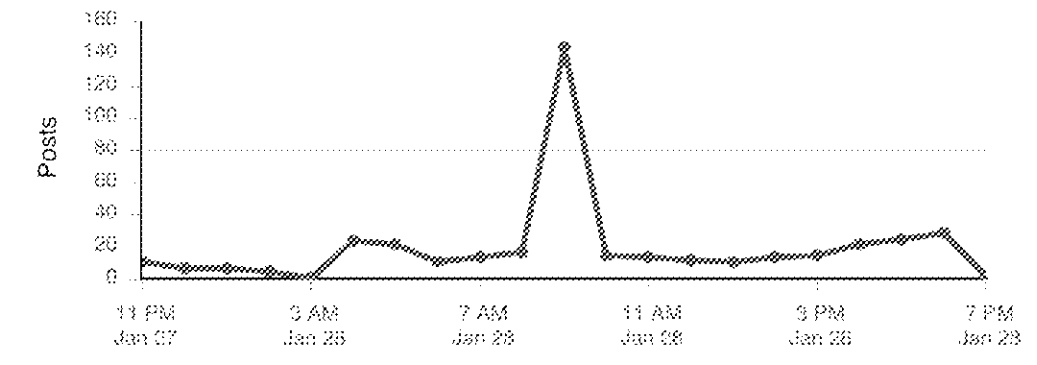
There have been approximately 422 social media posts today regarding the forthcoming anti-terrorism legislation.

The following graph displays the breakdown of social media posts by type:



In total, there were approximately 235 tweets, 116 Facebook posts, 42 news site posts, 16 comments and 13 blog posts.

The following graph demonstrates how social media activity progressed throughout the day:



Coverage peaked from approximately 08:00 ET – 09:00 ET with numerous re-tweets of the following tweet linking to a [Press Progress article](#) from January 26th:

[faisalkutty](#)

5 things to keep an eye on in Harper's anti-terrorism bill [http://www.pressprogress.ca/en/post/5-things-keep-eye-harpers-anti-terrorism-bill ...](http://www.pressprogress.ca/en/post/5-things-keep-eye-harpers-anti-terrorism-bill...) via [@pressprogress](#)

Tweets of note:

[OttawaCitizen](#)

Anti-terrorism bill built around an attack that still raises questions [#cdnpoli](#) <http://ow.ly/I7jGC>

[globalnews](#)

EXCLUSIVE: Conservatives looking to detain suspected terrorists longer without charge
<http://ow.ly/I7nZA>

[tvanouvelles](http://www.tvanouvelles.com)

Pour lutter contre le terrorisme, les vidéos menaçant le Canada deviendront criminelles
<http://bit.ly/1DI9XLh>

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The lifting of a publication ban on a Montreal trial garnered moderate amount of print media coverage during the monitoring period. Articles were positive in tone with regards to the ability to report the details of the case.

On June 10, Superior Court Justice André Vincent lifted a publication ban on the court proceedings, regarding Salvatore Montagna's murder, revealing a web of criminal activity and state-of-the-art surveillance technology. Justice Vincent rejected requests from both the Crown and the defense to extend the publication bans, and ordered that nearly all the information shall become public. Media also reported that the RCMP had warrants to intercept the BlackBerry PIN-to-PIN encrypted messages sent from the seven men accused of murder.

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"What we're seeing now is ... the best evidence of people conspiring to commit a crime is lost to us. And that's what we call 'going dark'." Chief Supt. Jeff Adam oversees the RCMP's Technical Investigations Services

"Technology is advancing very quickly and new encryption methods are coming out. And the bad guys are starting to use them (...) [Police] don't have budgets, they don't always have the right people ... We are seeing a trend where law enforcement and the government sector are being shut out in the new evolution in encryption world, absolutely. It's a battle." Daniel Tobok of Cytelligence

"I think we see the tip of the iceberg because police, by nature, are secretive about their capabilities (...) What people don't appreciate [is] that they are essentially living in this giant visible sphere of digital information. And it's there forever" criminal defence lawyer Alan Gold

Print and Online Media / Médias imprimés et en ligne

Mob violence, cutting-edge technology - The lifting of a publication ban on a Montreal murder trial exposes web of criminal activity and state-of-the-art surveillance

The morning that Salvatore Montagna, one-time boss of the Bonanno crime family, was shot three times and died on a snowy river bank outside Montreal, his archenemy Raynald Desjardins was having breakfast elsewhere in town with his daughter and chatting about her wedding photo album. Shortly after the killing, Mr. Desjardins sent a terse BlackBerry message to his associate, Vittorio Mirarchi: "Done." "Perfect," came the reply. Police who were wiretapping Mr. Desjardins's mobile phones immediately suspected he was behind the 2011 murder. The next evening - Nov. 25, 2011 - an RCMP sergeant arrived outside Mr. Desjardins's house with a portable device that tracked cellular signals and tried to identify what other mobile phones were inside. It was part of a 16-month surveillance operation that led

police to charge Mr. Desjardins and seven others in connection with the murder of Mr. Montagna. Globe and Mail, A4; Journal de Montréal (2016-06-11)

Secret messages behind a mob hit - Texts revealed in Montagna case after judge partially lifts ban

In the months before he was gunned down in cold blood, Mafioso Salvatore Montagna was being hunted by a team of people who knew almost every move he made while he was being betrayed by a cloned smartphone. The detail is one of many contained in the evidence gathered in the wake of Montagna's murder, on Nov. 24, 2011, that had been subject to a publication ban for years until Superior Court Justice André Vincent partially lifted the order during a hearing at the Laval courthouse Friday. Montagna was the upstart within the Mafia in Montreal, arriving in 2009 after being deported from the United States. He apparently chose to reside here to take advantage of the fact that Vito Rizzuto, the longtime leader of the Mafia in Montreal, was serving a 10-year sentence in the U.S., and the organization that bore his family's name was weakened in his absence. What Montagna likely did not factor into his plans was that just months after he arrived in Montreal, Raynald Desjardins, 62, was freed of conditions imposed by the Parole Board of Canada, after serving jail time, that had prevented him from re-taking his high stature among Montreal's mobsters. Desjardins was sentenced to 15 years in 1994 for plotting to smuggle cocaine into Canada. Montreal Gazette, A10 (2016-06-11)

Canadian Cops Lose Fight to Keep Details of Their High-Tech Surveillance Powers Secret

Federal police in Canada may have lost the battle, but won the war, when it comes to keeping secret their ability to track cellphones, intercept messages, and decrypt messages sent by BlackBerry phones. VICE News and Motherboard first reported in April that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) had obtained BlackBerry's global encryption key, and had used it to read millions of messages sent between seven men accused of murder, and a litany of other alleged mobsters who are accused of drug trafficking, kidnapping, and arson. Since then, we have fought to keep this information in the public domain. But since then, Crown prosecutors have been fighting to put the genie back in the bottle, asserting that a vague, open-ended publication ban would forbid media from reporting the details of a case that, by the RCMP's own admission, involved the largest use ever of PIN to PIN interception technique in a major North American investigation. On Friday, a judge in Laval, Quebec, rejected requests from both the Crown and the defense to extend the publication bans, and ordered that nearly all the information shall become public. The Crown, faced with representatives from the media filing to have the information rendered public, eventually retreated, and asked for only sections of the documents to be kept secret. That the Crown was even seeking to extend the publication ban even after securing convictions is something "we don't normally see," said lawyer Christian Leblanc, who represented VICE and other media's push back against the government's efforts to suppress this information. VICE News (2016-06-10)

The RCMP Surveilled Thousands of Innocent Canadians for a Decade

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has been using mass surveillance devices known as IMSI catchers, in public, for a decade. In that time, the police have indiscriminately surveilled potentially thousands of Canadians without their knowledge, and stored that information for later use. Motherboard and VICE News obtained more than 3,000 pages of court documents that were produced as part of a case centering around a 2010 RCMP drug bust that unveiled a Montreal mafia slaying, codenamed Project Clemenza. Thanks to these documents, Canadians are finally getting a peek into the RCMP's use of mobile device identifiers—the police's term for IMSI catchers. On Friday, some of the men who pleaded guilty in the case that sprang from Clemenza are being sentenced in a Quebec court. Motherboard (2016-06-10)

Mafia montréalaise: le meurtre d'un aspirant parrain décrypté

Le caïd Raynald Desjardins et sept complices ont illégalement espionné un aspirant parrain de la mafia montréalaise tout en orchestrant son meurtre, à l'automne 2011. Ils ignoraient toutefois que leurs propres communications étaient interceptées à leur insu par la police. Le Journal peut maintenant révéler publiquement la preuve amassée lors de cette enquête historique, menée par la Sûreté du Québec et la Gendarmerie royale du Canada, qui a permis d'élucider l'assassinat de Salvatore Montagna, abattu à Charlemagne, le 24 novembre 2011. Vendredi, le juge André Vincent, de la Cour supérieure, a levé les

interdits de publication qui étaient en vigueur depuis le début de cette affaire. [Journal de Montréal](#) (2016-06-10)

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RCMP's BlackBerry-cracking methods could be revealed in Quebec court

A Quebec court could today pull back the curtain on secretive police techniques, including how the RCMP intercepted BlackBerry text messages to prove a murder conspiracy plot, as a judge considers whether to lift a publication ban in a case involving the Montreal Mafia. The case stems from Project Clemenza, a police operation that resulted in scores of organized crime arrests in 2014. At the time, police announced they had intercepted more than one million BlackBerry messages tied to allegations of drug trafficking, kidnapping, arson, weapons and other violent offences. () Chief Supt. Jeff Adam, who oversees the RCMP's Technical Investigations Services, declined to discuss with CBC News the specific methods used. But given rapid changes in technology and public concern in the post-Snowden era, as mobile developers move toward more secure "end-to-end" encryption, he says investigators are finding their jobs increasingly difficult. "What we're seeing now is the best evidence of people conspiring to commit a crime is lost to us. And that's what we call 'going dark,'" Adam said. [CBC News](#) (2016-06-10)

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To some, whistleblower Edward Snowden is a traitor. To others, he's a hero.

Whichever way you see him, Snowden – a former CIA employee and contractor for the National Security Agency (NSA) who is responsible for the largest national security breach in U.S. history – is a pivotal figure in any debate pertaining to the issue of government surveillance.

He is one of the most wanted fugitives in the world after leaking thousands of classified NSA documents to a few journalists in 2013. His disclosures revealed, among other things, that U.S. telecommunications companies were providing the NSA with virtually all their customers' phone records and that the NSA has a tool to search nearly everything a user does on the Internet.

So Snowden's talk at McGill University Wednesday night, as the city is in an uproar over police spying on La Presse reporter Patrick Lagacé and possibly much more widespread spying as well, was timely and promised to ignite an already fierce debate on authorities overstepping their bounds and cyber spying on their own citizens.

Students lined up across the length of the campus to see him and McGill officials had to scramble to set up overflow rooms. When Snowden's giant image finally showed up on the screen, almost 90 minutes late, he was greeted with thunderous applause.

Here's what Snowden had to say, from his hideout in Russia, on some important issues:

Montreal spying scandal: "The story about Montreal police spying on a journalist for the reason of uncovering sources is a radical attack on the free press," he said. "It unsettles me. It's a threat to the traditional model of our democracy." Now, he said, local police can decide that if they don't like a certain reporter, they can ask a judge to monitor their phones. It used to be such measures were reserved for real criminal threats; now they have been repurposed to monitor journalists.

The Internet age and surveillance: We're all being watched and that's what drove Snowden to be a whistleblower. Months before he leaked the classified documents, he heard the head of the NSA outright lie, under oath, about the use of surveillance techniques. "Surveillance technologies have outpaced democratic controls," he said. Surveillance used to be too expensive to use much. Now, he said, one guy at the NSA can track with extreme precision a large number of people. "It's become technologically and financially feasible to track people."

Intelligence agencies and authorities: How do we trust intelligence agencies and officials to operate fairly? We can't, he said. Governments should establish judicial bodies with independent prosecutorial discretion to monitor these agencies and to prosecute any illegalities. "The only thing that will ensure they play fairly is the threat of criminal sanctions," said Snowden. They need to be held accountable. And the law has been failing as a guarantor of our rights, he said.

The U.S. election: He's very disappointed that the United States is going through an entire election cycle which has focused on the personalities of the candidates – with no mention of the Constitution. In any case, people should be cautious about putting all their hopes on any one political figure because they rarely deliver what they promise, Snowden said. "You can't rely on others to do the things we must do ourselves," he said. "If you want a better country, you're going to have to build it yourself."

Snowden said that while he gets a lot of attention when it comes to surveillance issues, he considers himself the least important part of the story.

Anyone who is thinking of him or his future is missing the bigger story: "What is happening to all of us."

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Casualties of war on terror continue to be hounded by Canada's spies - Despite court victories and long-promised amendments to C-51, agencies that work in the shadows like CSIS and the RCMP still wield extraordinary powers over our privacy rights

Now Toronto

Matthew Behrens

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As the Trudeau government considers long-promised amendments to the Harper regime's notorious C-51 "anti-terror" legislation, Canadians have been invited to participate in an online consultation ahead of 2017 parliamentary hearings.

This complex policy area includes everything from financing terrorism and "investigative capabilities in a digital world" to "domestic national security information sharing" and "procedures for listing terrorist entities," topics not normally the focus of dinner-table conversation.

But it's more than familiar territory to Mahmoud Jaballah, a former Scarborough school principal who's spent most of the past two decades jailed without charge or under house arrest. Held under Canada's secretive security certificate regime – a Kafkaesque procedure that allows Ottawa to indefinitely detain non-citizens and conduct secret hearings based on undisclosed national security allegations – he was finally cleared in May when Federal Court Judge Dolores Hansen declared the case against him "unreasonable."

In dismissing the case, Hansen also concluded that the government had failed to establish any "serious question of general importance," closing the door to any reconsideration of her verdict.

It was Jaballah's second victory against allegations linking him to Al-Jihad, an Egyptian-based terror group, that had dogged him since he was first arrested in 1999. He was held for seven months at that time, and the dismissal of his certificate later that year was only the second such case to win at the Federal Court.

But he was arrested again in August 2001 when spy agency CSIS offered a new interpretation of a case already dismissed as not credible. The Egyptian refugee, a survivor of the torture chambers of former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak, spent the next 15 years fighting the security certificate process, which the Supreme Court declared unconstitutional in 2007. The government responded by modifying the process to allow security-cleared lawyers some access to the secret hearings.

This past summer, in addition to connecting with his 10 grandchildren via cellphone selfies and text messaging, which he'd previously been prohibited from accessing, Jaballah booked the family trip he had dreamed of for 20 years. Following a flight out of Pearson Airport, they enjoyed a week-long road trip through Alberta and British Columbia.

"The Rocky Mountains were amazing," he recently enthused, though he was constantly worried about running into moose and other wildlife on the highways. "Canada is a beautiful country. It was good to see some of it finally."

But when the family showed up at the Calgary airport for their return flight home, Jaballah was pulled aside, held for secondary questioning and refused boarding.

"Why do they let me go but they don't let me come back?" he recalls asking airline staff, who simply shrugged and said they had no answers.

He pressed for information, after which he was shown a standardized, one-paragraph form faxed from Ottawa referencing the Secure Air Travel Act (Canada's no-fly list). Consistent with the secretive nature of the program, no reasons were listed. He was forced to head to car rentals and make the 40-hour drive home.

It was a chilling reminder for Jaballah that – despite his court victories and the change in government – agencies that work in the shadows (like CSIS and the RCMP) continue to wield extraordinary powers that affect the privacy rights and liberty of everyone in the country.

While much national discussion and protest erupted when C-51 was first introduced, the Liberals have been slow to revisit some of the new powers granted to spies to “disrupt” perceived security threats. Nor have they addressed fears of taking part in an online survey, since the ability to track IP addresses might bring Mounties to the door of those who express controversial opinions.

Despite those concerns, anyone viewing Snowden, Oliver Stone's new movie about the chilling surveillance documents revealed by the former U.S. National Security Agency contractor, may nonetheless be heading online to express their opinions about bulk collection of emails and cellphone conversations.

Indeed, Canada's own Communications Security Establishment was found in 2014 to have collected massive amounts of such data at airports, cafés and a variety of other WiFi locations, and that agency's review body last July noted a 26-fold increase in intercepted communications. CSIS, too, was recently called on the carpet for engaging in bulk data collection without specific guidelines, and last month suspended the practice pending development of new rules.

On the long drive home from Calgary, Jaballah wondered if such mass surveillance practices may have led to his sudden appearance on the no-fly list. “I try to live normal life, but then I wondered: are they still listening? Did they see the texts I sent that I travelled safely? Did they see the pictures I sent from Alberta?”

When he eventually arrived home, he had to deal with other bad news. Federal lawyers had filed a motion seeking to have his victorious court decision overturned. The Federal Court of Appeal rejected that motion last week, calling the case “closed.” However, Jaballah still must fight against the no-fly listing, which, under C-51, operates via a secretive process almost exactly like that of the security certificate regime.

The residue of cases like Jaballah's provides a potent reminder that, intimidating as C-51's new provisions may be, they often build on pre-existing security measures already wielded mostly against Muslims for the past 15 years.

Jaballah was part of a group known as the Secret Trial Five, all Muslim men subjected to lengthy detention under security certificates. Two are still battling in the courts.

But even winning a case does not stop the hounding by Canada's spies.

Hassan Almrei, a Syrian refugee held almost a decade, largely in solitary confinement, had a court victory in 2009. This did nothing, however, to advance his long-standing application for permanent residence, which remains unresolved to this day. And in a wired world, no amount of cleansing on Google can erase the search hits that remind potential employers of having once been considered a security threat.

Adil Charkaoui, who was freed from his security certificate in 2009 and has since become a Canadian citizen, says that years of anonymous “leaks” to Quebec newspapers and unfounded allegations attempting to tie him to terror threats dog him constantly, making him feel less secure than when he wore a GPS bracelet under house arrest.

The remaining two secret trial certificates – Toronto's Mohammad Mahjoub and Ottawa's Mohamed Harkat – were upheld by the Federal Court and, in the latter's case, by the Supreme Court of Canada, which held an extremely rare secret session as part of its deliberations.

Both men face legal battles to determine whether Canada can deport them to the substantial likelihood of torture in their birth countries (Egypt and Algeria).

Harkat is hoping to forestall that protracted litigation by asking **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** to find that “it is not contrary to the national interest” to allow him to stay. A campaign in support of that request has drawn more than 1,500 support letters, including from Naomi Klein, Stephen Lewis and the Prime Minister's brother, Alexandre Trudeau, who helped bail Harkat out of jail in 2006.

While these cases are often viewed as a response to 9/11, they're certainly not confined to the past. Their precedents instead reflect a future that, even if C-51 were to be repealed, remains troubling.

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Liberals map swift overhaul of anti-terror law

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The controversial security bill rammed through Parliament by the Conservative government in the spring is expected to be overhauled without delay by the new Liberal government, say party officials and other sources.

Proposed legislation to add new measures and repeal some existing parts of the law, now known as the Anti-terrorism Act of 2015, or C-51, is already being drafted and is to be tabled early in the new parliamentary session. Consultations with the public and various experts are planned before the replacement legislation is put to a final House vote.

The bill was brought in by the Conservatives after the killings in October 2014 of Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent in Saint-Jean-Sur-Richelieu and Cpl. Nathan Cirillo in Ottawa by lone-wolf extremists.

A key feature of the replacement legislation is expected to be the creation of a multi-party, joint House of Commons-Senate committee, sworn to secrecy and reporting to the prime minister and through him to Parliament. It would have a full-time staff, access to the necessary secret information and be tasked with strategic oversight of every government department and agency with national security responsibilities, according to a source familiar with the content.

Early reaction is positive, but with a note of caution.

"It would be a new departure for the Canadian Parliament and what would be a very difficult task," said Wesley Wark, a security and intelligence historian and scholar at the University of Ottawa.

"I'm glad we've arrived at this moment, it's something that should have been done in Canada a long time ago. (But) it would be important to be cautious about expectations around the early performance of such a committee."

Canadian parliamentarians currently have no access to confidential and high-level information about national security institutions and policies – unlike politicians in the United States, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and some other NATO nations.

Public opinion polling shows many Canadians want a tighter watch over spy agencies and other federal intelligence gatherers, commensurate with their extended powers under C-51.

A day after the Oct. 22, 2014 terror attack on the National War Memorial and Parliament Hill, Prime Minister Stephen Harper told the Commons that an existing government initiative to strengthen laws dealing with the surveillance, detention and arrest of national security suspects would be "expedited." Two months later, he unveiled Bill C-51, which the Conservative government used as the centrepiece of a security narrative on protecting Canadians from the Islamic State and its followers.

The omnibus bill, made law in June, dramatically expanded the mandate and powers of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), criminalized promoting and advocating terrorism, and required airlines to help stop extremists from flying to overseas battle zones.

It also allowed more than 100 departments and federal agencies to begin sharing Canadians' personal information more easily and made it simpler for police to arrest and detain individuals without charge as suspected national security threats, among other measures.

Five days after Harper unveiled C-51 on Jan. 30, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau surprised many by agreeing to support it. But at the same time, Trudeau said his party would demand – unsuccessfully as it turned out – that the Tory government amend some provisions. Failing that, Trudeau said a Liberal government would make changes once in power.

The Liberal plan for a parliamentary oversight committee is fashioned on a failed 2014 Senate bill introduced by senators Grant Mitchell, Roméo Dallaire and Hugh Segal.

It called for a body to review “the legislative, regulatory, policy and administrative framework for national security and intelligence in Canada, and activities of federal departments and agencies in relation to intelligence and national security.”

The Liberals say a three-year automatic review, or sunset clause, of the entire Anti-terrorism Act of 2015 act would be added.

As well, they want to narrow some of the “overly broad” definitions of what constitutes a threat to national security, including defining “terrorist propaganda” more clearly.

Current oversight and review is chiefly the responsibility of the Security Review Intelligence Committee (SIRC), which conducts after-the-fact reviews of the operations of CSIS, the country's human spy service.

The activities of the electronic spy service, the Communications Security Establishment, are reviewed by a watchdog known as the Office of the Communications Security Establishment Commissioner (OCSEC). Increasingly, in the era of the Edward Snowden leaks on U.S. spying, CSE's domestic cyber-spying activities are raising privacy and legal concerns, though the agency has never been charged with law-breaking.

There is no independent oversight or review of the Canada Border Services Agency, which has a dual intelligence and law-enforcement role. Nor is there dedicated, independent monitoring of the intelligence arms of the RCMP, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the Privy Council Office, Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, and the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada.

Wark believes a parliamentary committee would be best suited to a broad mandate looking at the security intelligence community in all its moving parts.

“It's going to have to maintain a strategic level look at that community and its functions. It could be matched with organizations like SIRC and the CSE commissioner who have a much more focused review mandate. (They) could both feed into the work of a parliamentary committee.”

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Highlights/Faits saillants

- **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale** tells the *Globe and Mail* that **refugees can be brought to Canada without jeopardizing the country's security**. "We're taking all factors into account," he repeated twice when asked whether extra screening is required after the Paris attacks.
- The *Chicago Tribune* states that the **White House has agreed to streamline sharing of intelligence and operational military information to French authorities**. President Obama did not provide details, but officials said France will gain access to communications intercepts and other raw intelligence at a level close to that provided to America's English-speaking allies: Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.
- Reports in the *Globe and Mail* and *The Guardian* point out that **Abdelhamid Abaaoud tipped his hat to those who had attacked Canada and other Western countries**. "I ask Allah to accept the fruitful deeds of the shuhada [martyrs] who terrorized the crusaders of America, France, Canada, Australia, Germany and Belgium," he said at the end of an interview with a jihadi magazine.
- The *Wall Street Journal* states that **Abdelhamid Abaaoud**, an Islamic State operative suspected of helping plan the Paris attacks, **had been monitored in Syria by Western allies seeking to kill him in an airstrike**, but they couldn't locate him in the weeks before the plot was carried out.
- A number of mainstream and new-media outlets are reporting on **ISIS is using a web-savvy new tactic** to expand its global operational footprint. The *New York Times* points out that **Obama administration officials** say the Islamic State has used a range of encryption technologies over the past year and a half, many of which defy cracking by the National Security Agency.
- Le journaliste du *Monde*, Jacques Follorou, estime qu'il semble bien y avoir un lien entre le bombardement, dans la nuit du 8 au 9 octobre, d'un camp de l'Etat islamique près de Rakka, en Syrie, et la préparation d'une attaque visant spécifiquement la France. Il ajoute qu'un des **responsables du renseignement français** a assuré que " *des efforts substantiels ont été réalisés en matière de coopération entre services français depuis les événements de Charlie Hebdo mais ce que l'on n'a peut-être pas vu,*
- In the week leading up to the attack on Paris, **at least four different intelligence agencies warned French officials about a possible attack on "Western targets."** *BuzzFeed News* reports. **Jordanian officials** told BuzzFeed News they had sent France a warning, less than a week ago, while **Iraqi and Turkish officials** have said that they passed on more specific intelligence to French authorities.
- Le journal *Sud Ouest* se penche sur **ceux qui ont fait l'objet d'une fiche « S »**. Souvent critiqué, le système d'information européen Schengen a permis de l'étoffer du fait de la mutualisation des informations entre services, souligne-t-on.

Service Mentions/Mentions du Service

Trudeau Government Reassures Canadians Who Are Worried Terrorists Will Hide Among Refugees, Vice Canada

By Tamara Khandaker
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Since terrorist attacks claimed 132 lives in Paris on Friday, discussion surrounding the newly elected Liberal government's pledge to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees into Canada by January 1 has shifted from concern over logistics to alarm over security.

At a press conference on Saturday, interim Conservative Party leader Rona Ambrose questioned whether or not the government could properly vet the flood of refugees expected to arrive in the coming months, noting that each day, 500 Syrians would have to be screened.

"The goal of supporting refugees from the region of Iraq and Syria is a very important goal for all Canadians. We are very compassionate people," Ambrose told reporters. "But Canadians are asking the question — can we do it this quickly, in a secure way? And I think that's an appropriate question."

A petition calling on the government to suspend its plan, started by a Quebec City resident on Saturday, has been circulating online. By Monday evening, it had collected 63,000 signatures.

"The safety of Canadians and the future generation should be the government's priority," wrote one commenter. "I understand that the refugees need help, but settle the problem at the source instead of overcrowding the country and taking on the risk of welcoming terrorists."

Related: [Canada May Use Its Military Jets and Ships to Rescue Syrian Refugees](#)

Resettlement organizations, experts, and public safety minister Ralph Goodale, however, are assuring Canadians that there's no need for alarm, which comes after word spread that one of the attackers travelled to Europe through Greece using a fake Syrian passport, later found lying near his body.

Speaking with Global News, Goodale said none of the victims or attackers in Paris had any ties to Canada, and that the influx of Syrian refugees expected to arrive in Canada isn't directly comparable to over 800,000 who've reached Europe in the past year.

"Ours is a planned process that will be more orderly, more controlled," he said. "Can you guarantee 100% perfection? Is it absolutely foolproof? Nothing in life is 100% but we're going to make sure that all of our security protocols and rules are properly followed."

Details for the resettlement plan are expected to be released in the coming days, but Immigration Minister John McCallum revealed last week that commercial and military planes, as

well as ships, are being considered methods of transport refugees, and that military bases might be used for temporary housing.

Currently, the UNHRC determines which candidates are ideal for resettlement—according to former Immigration and Refugee Board Chair Peter Showler, the less than 5 percent who are selected go through further vetting by UN officials.

Peter Goodspeed of Lifeline Syria, which has been working to recruit, train and assist sponsor groups in the Greater Toronto Area says at this stage the UNHCR "automatically go to the most vulnerable and least likely to create a security problem."

"If you're looking at widows, orphans, older parents, people with Canadian ties already, it's all pretty well reduced risk," says Goodspeed. "Those are the people the UNHCR funnels towards the Canadian diplomats."

Those who make the cut must then undergo more screening—the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canadian Security Intelligence Service, and the Canadian Border Services Agency are among the security agencies involved in the process.

"The security screening has to be done thoroughly and carefully, but it's possible to do that in an expeditious and efficient manner," Showler told VICE News in an interview, stressing that Canadians should be careful to not misinterpret what happened in Paris.

"That massive refugee flow has been chaotic, there have been no security screens on it," he said.

He added that officials on the ground will know who who poses a security risk, especially since many of the refugees from Lebanon, Turkey and Jordan fled Syria in the last four years and are already registered with the UNHRC.

"We know where they are and what they've been suffering for the past four years," said Showler.

"I desperately hope the ones who take this quite horrific incident in Paris and try and inflate it into something it's not, I hope they are not successful," says Showler. "I hope that common sense, level-headedness, and generosity will prevail."

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Au moins dix cas sont qualifiés de préoccupants

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Dans la foulée des attentats de Paris, une cinquantaine d'appels à l'aide provenant de familles craignant qu'un proche ne passe de la parole aux gestes a été notée au Centre

de prévention de la radicalisation menant à la violence de Montréal (CPRMV), dont dix cas jugés " assez préoccupants " pour nécessiter une intervention directe.

Le ressac de la vague de violence qui a frappé la Ville Lumière n'a pas tardé à résonner de ce côté-ci de l'Atlantique. Selon le directeur du CPRMV, Herman Okomba-Debarice, la ligne téléphonique de l'organisme accessible 24 heures sur 24 n'a pas dérogé au cours du week-end dernier, prise d'assaut par des familles, mais aussi des enseignants, des travailleurs sociaux et d'autres personnes alertées par le comportement inquiétant d'un proche.

Selon ce dernier, dans dix appels reçus, les cas rapportés étaient assez préoccupants pour que le CPRMV enclenche une intervention immédiate de travailleurs sociaux ou de psychologues. " Depuis notre création en mars dernier, sur 368 appels, 6 cas ont été jugés assez sérieux pour être transmis à la police et 90 autres ont nécessité une intervention sociale ", a précisé le directeur.

Selon cet ex-policier du SPVM, dont le Centre promeut une approche psychosociale auprès des personnes radicales prônant la violence, le carnage de Paris a fait naître un sentiment de culpabilité chez les familles ou les proches qui minimisaient jusqu'à maintenant les comportements troublants de membres de leur entourage. " Les gens osent aller chercher de l'aide et savent que notre objectif n'est pas de judiciaireiser si ce n'est pas nécessaire. À chaque intervention, notre personnel se rend sur place pour juger s'il y a un enjeu de sécurité pour la personne ou pour la communauté ", affirme-t-il.

En à peine huit mois d'existence, le centre affirme que les besoins sont croissants et qu'au moins une vingtaine de dossiers requérant un suivi sérieux sont toujours ouverts. " Il faut un suivi très serré et une longue exposition pour dépister le changement de comportement chez un individu. La plupart des cas ne requièrent pas une prise en charge par la police ", explique le directeur du CPRMV.

Une mouvance inquiétante

En sus des jeunes qui succombent aux sirènes du djihadisme, une autre tendance se dessine actuellement, déplore M. Okomba-Debarice. Celle de jeunes qui souhaitent rejoindre la Syrie, mais cette fois pour combattre le groupe État islamique aux côtés des forces kurdes.

La glorification de soldats, notamment de l'ex-tireur d'élite des Forces armées canadiennes, Waly, combattant volontaire qui se met en scène dans ses propres vidéos relayées sur le Web - - présenté comme un sauveur aux heures de grande écoute par certains médias -- aurait amené une dizaine de jeunes à vouloir prendre les armes et jouer les justiciers, au péril de leur vie. " Pour moi, c'est aussi de la radicalisation dangereuse. Ces jeunes croient se battre pour la bonne cause, mais ils sont souvent vulnérables ou traversent une mauvaise période. L'armée est payée et formée pour faire ça, ce n'est pas un jeu ", dénonce le directeur du CPRMV, qui lancera dimanche des outils sur le Web pour aider les familles et l'entourage d'individus à risque de radicalisation violente.

Plus d'un an après les attentats menés sur le Parlement d'Ottawa et à Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, plusieurs experts consultés estiment que les mesures concrètes mises en place depuis pour prévenir la radicalisation sur le terrain sont insuffisantes. Après la création CPRMV en mars, un plan d'action contre la radicalisation a été dévoilé en juin par Québec, mais les intervenants disposent de bien peu de moyens pour cerner l'ampleur du problème. " Plusieurs organismes travaillent là-dessus, mais en silo, sans trop de concertations. Je crois qu'il y a eu une

sensibilisation réelle à l'enjeu de la radicalisation, mais l'articulation efficace des actions reste à faire ", affirme David Morin, codirecteur de l'Observatoire sur la radicalisation (OSR) à l'Université de Sherbrooke.

Si la police réussit à neutraliser des radicaux déjà embrigadés, il manque des moyens pour empêcher des jeunes à risque de verser dans l'idéologie sanguinaire. " On reçoit une multitude d'appels de milieux scolaires qui n'ont ni l'argent ni la formation pour ce faire. Quand on frappe à la porte des ministères à ce sujet, ça répond absent ", déplore-t-il.

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PM faces pressure at home and abroad, The Globe and Mail

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Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall and other politicians are expressing reservations about plan to take in refugees

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall is calling on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to suspend his plan to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada before the end of the year, revealing a growing unease among this country's leaders in the wake of the terrorist attacks in Paris.

Some politicians are concerned about Mr. Trudeau's marquee election pledge to vastly increase the speed and scale of Canada's intake of refugees.

The mayors of Toronto, Quebec City and Montreal have all expressed reservations about Mr. Trudeau's timeline, and the premiers of B.C. and Quebec have stressed that security must be considered.

But Mr. Wall has come out strongest against the plan.

In a letter to Mr. Trudeau Monday, Mr. Wall wrote that he is "concerned" that swiftly bringing large numbers of asylum seekers into the country "could severely undermine the refugee screening process."

"The recent attacks in Paris are a grim reminder of the death and destruction even a small number of malevolent individuals can inflict upon a peaceful country and its citizens," he wrote. "Surely, we do not want to be date-driven or numbers-driven in an endeavour that may affect the safety of our citizens and the security of our country."

Speaking to reporters in Regina, Mr. Wall also pronounced himself in favour of continuing Canada's bombing campaign against the Islamic State, which Mr. Trudeau has promised to end.

"As a citizen, I would rather they continue the air strikes. I would rather Canada continue the fight. That's Canada's history, that's our tradition. When tyranny threatens freedom-loving

people anywhere, Canada has responded, yes, with a humane response. But Canada also fights," he said.

The Paris attacks Friday, for which the Islamic State claimed responsibility, left at least 129 people dead. There has been no solid proof any of the terrorists were refugees, but a passport found near the body of one of the perpetrators appeared to belong to someone who had come from Syria via Greece.

There is little Mr. Wall or his fellow critics can do to stop Mr. Trudeau's plan. But how he manages their unease could be the first major test of the Prime Minister's promised new era of co-operative federalism.

In Quebec, an online petition calling for Ottawa to suspend its plan has picked up more than 61,500 signatures.

Quebec City Mayor Régis Labeaume urged Ottawa to pause in the face of public worries over the refugees. "Rushing can lead to chaotic situations," he said Monday. The mayor of Montreal, Denis Coderre, said Canada should "stay the course" on refugees, "but we don't necessarily have to have 25,000 in 45 days."

Toronto Mayor John Tory said he is still in favour of "having some of these people come to Canada," but described Mr. Trudeau's plan to bring a large number in with such a tight timeline as a "political promise."

"These things have to be done properly and thoroughly and carefully. I think everybody would expect that," he said. "Political promises should be secondary at all times to making sure that we do things in the best way and in the right way for the Canadian people."

Mr. Trudeau's government signalled Monday it will not delay the Syrian refugee effort.

In an interview with The Globe and Mail, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said refugees can be brought to Canada without jeopardizing the country's security. "We're taking all factors into account," he repeated twice when asked whether extra screening is required after the Paris attacks.

Mr. Goodale said this country is better situated than Europe to carefully select those to allow entry.

"We have the advantage of being able to plan the process, which we are trying to do.

Whereas they [Europeans] were dealing with spontaneous, adhoc, unexpected chaos," he said.

Both Ontario and Alberta said they would do their part to implement Mr. Trudeau's plan.

Ontario Health Minister Eric Hoskins said Monday the province will stick to its commitment to bring in 10,000 Syrian refugees. He added that he trusts the federal government to do the proper security checks. Asked whether the Paris attacks changed the government's thinking on refugees, he said, "Not at all, and I don't think it changes the public's resolve, either."

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley said her province is prepared to help settle as many as 3,000 refugees. "We need to move forward on the basis of humanity, not on the basis of fear," she said in Edmonton.

Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard walked a fine line. He reiterated his province's commitment to taking in more than 5,700 refugees – with the proviso that Ottawa carry out security checks on them first. Mr. Couillard, who has been vocal in defending the refugees as victims of terrorism themselves, said Ottawa's security checks are essential, but shouldn't be used as an excuse to block the refugees from coming.

"Concerns over security must not become an alibi or justification to say 'no' to refugees," he said on Monday.

British Columbia Premier Christy Clark said she could understand both sides of the argument.

"I don't know whether or not that [25,000] number is the right one. I just know that Canadians want to know that the security processes are working well," she said. "Having said that, I understand that urgency that people are feeling about inviting these people who are from one of the worst, war-torn regions in the world, who are facing the kind of violence every day that unfolded in Paris."

Other/Autres

U.S. will improve sharing intel with France French to receive information close to level given U.K., Chicago Tribune (Canada)

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The White House has agreed to streamline sharing of intelligence and operational military information to French authorities, one of several efforts aimed at countering the Islamic State group in the wake of the deadly Paris attacks, even as U.S. and European officials warned they are racing to keep up with the threat.

President Barack Obama announced the agreement Monday at the G-20 summit in Antalya, Turkey, telling reporters the new arrangement "will allow our personnel to pass threat information, including on (Islamic State), to our French partners even more quickly and more often."

Obama did not provide details, but officials said France will gain access to communications intercepts and other raw intelligence at a level close to that provided to America's English-speaking allies: Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

British Prime Minister David Cameron announced separately that his government plans to boost its spying capability by recruiting 1,900 more intelligence officers for MI5, the domestic security outfit; MI6, the foreign spy agency; and GCHQ, which conducts electronic surveillance.

In Washington, CIA Director John Brennan said he is seeking to strengthen intelligence sharing with Russia about counterterrorism, especially on the Islamic State group.

He told a Washington think tank that he had spoken to his Russian counterpart in recent weeks in a new push to stop militants from the Caucasus from heading to Syria and Iraq.

Attorney General Loretta Lynch told a news conference that the Justice Department will "ramp up our defenses" in the United States, although she provided no new details.

The FBI has said it has open investigations in every state on U.S. citizens allegedly communicating with militants overseas, considering trips to Syria, or possibly planning terrorist attacks on U.S. soil.

Several dozen Americans have been arrested on charges of providing material support to Islamic State militants in the last year.

The moves come as U.S. and allied intelligence and law enforcement services scramble to piece together the Paris plot, which left at least 129 dead and hundreds injured, and to determine if Islamic State has other violent plots in the pipeline.

Speaking at the nonpartisan Center for Strategic and International Studies, Brennan said European intelligence agencies are overwhelmed by the need to identify and monitor potential terrorism suspects.

He also warned of a black market in military assault rifles like those used in Friday's massacre in Paris. Criminal networks in Europe have obtained Kalashnikovs and other weapons looted from armories "that were overrun in the 1990s in Eastern Europe" after the fall of the Soviet bloc, Brennan said.

The biggest threat appears from the thousands of Europeans who have joined militant groups in Iraq and Syria in the last few years. Officials fear they could come back and launch terrorist attacks in their home countries, just as several of the suspects in the Paris attacks reportedly did.

British officials claim to have disrupted seven terrorist plots in the last year, and an estimated 700 British nationals have gone to fight in Syria and Iraq. French intelligence services say about 1,800 French citizens have gone since 2011.

More than 2,000 Russians are thought to have joined the conflict as well.

"The sheer number of fighters that have gone over and traveled to Syria and Iraq is unprecedented in jihadist battlefields in the modern era," said Seth Jones, a former U.S. counterterrorism official now with the Rand Corp.

Adding to the challenge, militants have increased their use of encrypted text messaging apps on cellphones in recent months, creating new blind spots for U.S. and European security services trying to disrupt potential plots.

French and British intelligence agencies have "pretty intrusive" domestic surveillance, tapping phones and monitoring neighborhoods, Jones said.

But security services in Belgium are less aggressive, which may explain why the Paris attacks appear to have been staged there, he said.

A purported Islamic State video posted on the Internet on Monday warned that more attacks are coming in Europe, and threatened to launch an attack in Washington.

A militant on the video says "as we struck France in the center of its abode in Paris, then we swear that we will strike America at its center in Washington."

Encrypted Messaging Apps Face New Scrutiny Over Possible Role in Attacks, New York Times

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WASHINGTON -- American and French officials say there is still no definitive evidence to back up their presumption that the terrorists who massacred 129 people in Paris used new, difficult-to-crack encryption technologies to organize the plot.

But in interviews, Obama administration officials say the Islamic State has used a range of encryption technologies over the past year and a half, many of which defy cracking by the National Security Agency. Other encryption technologies, the officials hint, are less secure than terrorist and criminal groups may believe, and clearly they want to keep those adversaries guessing which ones the N.S.A. has pierced.

Some of the most powerful technologies are free, easily available encryption apps with names like Signal, Wickr and Telegram, which encode mobile messages from cellphones. Islamic State militants used Telegram two weeks ago to claim responsibility for the crash of the Russian jet in the Sinai Peninsula that killed 224 people, and used it again last week, in Arabic, English and French, to broadcast responsibility for the Paris carnage. It is not yet clear whether they also used Telegram's secret-messaging service to encrypt their private conversations.

Nonetheless, such "end-to-end" encryption technology is now so widespread that the attack has revived vitriolic arguments between American intelligence officials and Silicon Valley. Only weeks ago, the matter appeared settled, at least temporarily, with a decision by President Obama that it would be fruitless for the government to try to compel the technology companies to provide the keys to protected conversations and data.

Apple has already made encryption technology a standard part of its iMessage service, and Apple's chief executive, Timothy D. Cook, has been among the most vocal in defending a technology for which the keys to decode messages are held not by his company but by the users at each end of the conversation.

Any other approach, Mr. Cook has argued to Mr. Obama, would undercut Apple customers' confidence that the most precious data they keep in their phones is safe from garden-variety cybercriminals as well as sophisticated nation states that could gain access to keys via hacking, or lawfully through court order. Mr. Cook argues that investigators have ways to obtain crucial clues from the available "metadata" about who is talking to whom by phone, from information in the Internet cloud -- or, security experts have said, by hacking a target's device.

But the speed of the encryption wave has touched off alarm among law enforcement and intelligence officials, who say it significantly increases the chances that they will miss evidence of an impending attack. Prime Minister David Cameron of Britain threatened late last year to ban such technologies, although he soon backed down. France is threatening to insist on access -- and if the French do, so will China, many fear, raising questions about whether the same technology used to crack terrorists' communications will be used to crack dissidents' as well.

"I think this is going to open an entire new debate about security versus privacy," said Michael Morell, a former deputy director of the C.I.A., whose book this year, "The Great War of Our Time," traced the efforts, and failures, in tracking terror plots.

"We have, in a sense, had a public debate" on encryption, he said over the weekend on CBS News's "Face the Nation." "That debate was defined by Edward Snowden," the former National Security Agency contractor who revealed much about the agency's efforts to break encryption. Now, he said, a new argument will be "defined by what happened in Paris."

It is also possible the Paris attackers conducted much of their planning face to face, particularly since several lived in the same Brussels neighborhood. But if there was a command center in Syria or elsewhere, some form of communications would have been required.

Just before the Paris attacks, Belgian officials said Islamic State terrorists had been hiding their communication using online gaming tools like Sony's PlayStation 4 to mask their chatter under that of millions of online video war game players who invoke the same language of violent, religious extremists.

Jan Jambon, Belgium's federal home affairs minister, told a public audience last week that "PlayStation 4 is even more difficult to keep track of than WhatsApp," a popular messaging system owned by Facebook.

But if that was the case, it would undermine the argument that end-to-end encryption allowed the Paris terrorism plot to go undetected. While PlayStation and Xbox deploy encryption to protect customers' personal data like credit card information, it leaves their communications open to government interception in ways that WhatsApp and iMessage do not.

So far, Mr. Obama has been reluctant to insist on a back door into the systems. He rejected the argument of the F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, that the United States should require any company that provides encrypted software and hardware to engineer a way for the government, armed with a court order, to get access. That decision came after a year of study led by the White House counterterrorism adviser, Lisa Monaco, and the head of the White House cybersecurity office, Michael Daniel.

The White House ultimately adopted a view put forth by 14 of the world's top cryptographers and computer security experts who wrote, in a white paper, that weakening the encryption of

American technology sold by companies like Apple, Google and Facebook would only render confidential data and critical infrastructure more vulnerable to criminals and national adversaries, and push terrorists to adopt encrypted services sold overseas. As a result, when companies like Apple and Facebook are issued court orders to help governments monitor their customers' messages, all they can do is turn over a stream of unintelligible code.

That has inflamed law enforcement officials like Mr. Comey and William J. Bratton, the New York City police commissioner, who told "Face the Nation" on Sunday that encrypting communications in this way had made it impossible for officials to collect warnings on terrorist attacks.

"We, in many respects, have gone blind as a result of the commercialization and the selling of these devices that cannot be accessed either by the manufacturer or, more importantly, by us in law enforcement, even equipped with search warrants and judicial authority," Mr. Bratton said.

Security experts counter that such arguments ignore the fact that even end-to-end encrypted technology leaves a trail of metadata behind that can be used to parse who is talking to whom, when and where. "Encryption is really good at making it difficult to hide the content of communications, but not good at hiding the presence of communications," said Matt Blaze, a computer security expert at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Blaze also noted that the authorities can still read communications if they hack into the target's device, or what security experts call "the end point."

"All the encryption in the world doesn't help if the end point that holds the keys are compromised," Mr. Blaze said. "So this idea that encryption make terrorists' communications go completely dark has a pretty big asterisk next to it."

Even if Apple and others in the United States were compelled to weaken the encryption in their services, American authorities still would have had no judicial authority over Telegram, the Berlin-based messaging service, recently used by Islamic State terrorists to broadcast their communiqués.

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After Paris Attacks, C.I.A. Director Rekindles Debate Over Surveillance, New York Times (Canada)

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WASHINGTON — In response to the Paris attacks, a top American intelligence official on Monday renewed a debate on government surveillance and privacy, denouncing "hand-wringing" over intrusive spying and leaks of classified information that he said had made it harder to identify terrorists.

John O. Brennan, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, appeared to be speaking in part about the National Security Agency's mass surveillance of phone and Internet communications that were disclosed by Edward J. Snowden in 2013. Those disclosures

prompted sharp criticism and new restrictions on electronic spying both in the United States and in Europe.

Mr. Brennan also seemed to be pushing back against complaints from privacy advocates in light of a growing threat from the Islamic State against Western countries, exemplified by the gun and bomb assaults in Paris that killed 129 people on Friday night.

"In the past several years, because of a number of unauthorized disclosures, and a lot of hand-wringing over the government's role in the effort to try to uncover these terrorists, there have been some policy and legal and other actions that have been taken that make our ability collectively, internationally, to find these terrorists much more challenging," Mr. Brennan said after a speech at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington research organization.

The C.I.A. director, who was responding to questions about the Paris attacks, also suggested that the classified documents on N.S.A. programs given to journalists by Mr. Snowden, a former N.S.A. contractor now living in Russia, had taught terrorists how to hide from the authorities.

"There has been an increase in the operational security of a number of operatives of these terrorist networks as they have gone to school on what it is that they need to do in order to keep their activities concealed from the authorities," an apparent reference to both the use of encryption and the avoidance of electronic communications altogether by plotters. He spoke of "intentional" gaps in surveillance and complained about what he called the "misrepresentation" of intelligence programs.

Mr. Brennan's remarks, and the emotional public response to the massacre in France, reignited a debate that began after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks over just how far the government should go in invading individuals' privacy in the hunt for terrorist plots. Civil libertarians expressed concern that the Paris attacks might prompt a rush to more intrusive spying, on phone calls and Internet messages generally or possibly on Muslims specifically.

"As far as I know, there's no evidence the French lacked some kind of surveillance authority that would have made a difference," said Jameel Jaffer, deputy legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union. "When we've invested new powers in the government in response to events like the Paris attacks, they have often been abused."

While most counterterrorism experts believe the United States is safer from jihadist attacks than Europe, Mr. Brennan was one of a number of officials and commentators who have cited the Paris attacks as a reason to step up surveillance and other security measures in the United States and Europe. On Sunday, Representative Peter T. King, Republican of New York, who serves on the House Intelligence and Homeland Security Committees, called for increased surveillance specifically of Muslims, which Mr. Brennan did not.

"This shows the absolute need to have top surveillance, to stop criticizing the N.S.A.," Mr. King said on Fox News Sunday. "We have to put political correctness aside," he added. "We have to have surveillance in the Muslim communities. That's where the threat is coming from."

Farhana Khera, executive director of Muslim Advocates, a legal and civil rights group, said it made no sense to target all Muslims.

"I think all Americans want to be kept safe from violence of any kind," she said. "But we know that blanket surveillance of people based on religion and race doesn't work."

Based on arrests of Islamic State supporters in the United States in recent years, Ms. Khera said "the common thread is not that they are Muslims but that they are lonely, vulnerable young people." In some cases, she said, they are not from Muslim families but "have become Muslim online" after exposure to propaganda from the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL.

Many security experts believe that the United States is at far lesser risk than Europe for a large-scale jihadist attack directed from Syria for two reasons. **First, flights into the United States and controls at the Mexican and Canadian borders make it much harder for would-be attackers to reach American soil.** Second, the Muslim community in the United States is smaller proportionally and is widely seen as better integrated and more prosperous than in France and some other European countries.

How Islamic State Teaches Tech Savvy to Evade Detection, Wall Street Journal

Paris attacks raise possibility that extremists have found ways around western surveillance

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Terror groups have for years waged a technical battle with Western intelligence services that have sought to constrain them through a web of electronic surveillance.

The Paris attacks, apparently planned under the noses of French and Belgian authorities, raise the possibility that Islamic State adherents have found ways around the dragnet.

French authorities say two of the attackers knew each other in prison, but it isn't clear how the group communicated in plotting and coordinating the Friday attacks. Intelligence services have monitored communications from one terror suspect, Belgian Islamist Abdelhamid Abaaoud, between Syria and alleged associates in Belgium and Morocco.

Low-tech methods exist for communicating off law enforcement's radar including passing written notes or relaying messages through friends or relatives.

But law-enforcement agencies also have long warned that encrypted platforms built for gaming or other commercial purposes to safeguard privacy are being used by would-be terrorists to communicate.

Islamic State, for its part, has built a tech-savvy division of commanders who issue tutorials to sympathizers about the most secure and least expensive ways of communicating.

The bloodshed in Paris will likely exacerbate a tense debate between governments that want inside access to those encrypted tools and tech companies that say are trying to protect customer data and are wary of government overreach.

Mike Morell, the former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said terrorists' ability to use encrypted communication is a huge problem.

"I think this is going to open an entire new debate about security versus privacy," he told CBS television on Sunday.

Two top U.S. intelligence officials, CIA Director John Brennan and Robert Cardillo, director of the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, said Monday that terror groups have "gone to school" on U.S. spying practices and learned ways to evade detection. Mr. Brennan blasted efforts to curb surveillance while Mr. Cardillo said agencies needed to adapt and find new ways to gather intelligence.

For more than a year, governments in Europe have pushed for companies such as Google, Facebook and Twitter to build "back doors" that allow law enforcement access into their encrypted tools.

Tech companies and security experts have resisted that push, which gained steam in Europe following the January attacks in Paris against the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo.

Security experts say inserting back doors would weaken the encryption and undermine trust in the Internet.

Islamic State is among the most technologically sophisticated extremist groups. Its advice to followers includes an eight-minute video released last year in Arabic that discusses the surveillance capabilities of hostile governments and how phones can be tracked. Bulletins also include advice about brands of electronic equipment that appear vulnerable.

In January, a follower known online as al-Khabir al-Taqni, who identifies himself as a "technical expert," provided would-be fighters with a list of what he determined were the safest encrypted communications systems available.

"Through this, we can break one of the strongest weapons of the Crusader governments in spying on and tracking the mujahedeen and targeting them with aircraft," the author said, referring to the U.S.-led coalition fighting Islamic State.

The missive, authenticated by the SITE Intelligence Group which monitors and tracks radical groups online, ranked 33 applications as unsafe, moderately safe, safe, and safest.

Soon after the list was published, Islamic State started moving official communications from Twitter to Telegram Messenger, which received the second-highest safety rating from the Islamic State tech team.

That included the group's claim of responsibility for the Paris attacks as well as the Oct. 31 Russian airline crash in Egypt.

Islamic State also has urged its followers to make use of the app's capability to host encrypted group chats.

A spokesman for Telegram didn't respond to requests to comment. Pavel Durov, the app's founder who also created the Russian social network VKontakte, criticized recent calls by the Russian government to ban Telegram.

"I propose we ban words," Mr. Durov wrote in a sarcastic VKontakte post. "There is information that terrorists use them to communicate."

U.K. prosecutors convicted a British teen this year in part because police had access to his Telegram chats.

The boy, inspired by Islamic State, admitted to communicating with an Australian teenager and encouraging him to attack ceremonies commemorating military veterans.

He was convicted on one terrorism charge. Police and prosecutors have declined to comment about how they accessed those communications.

Telegram was among the first apps that explicitly catered to privacy enthusiasts in the wake of reports in 2013 alleging widespread surveillance by U.S. intelligence. A similar U.S.-based app called Wickr received the highest safety recommendation in the Islamic State tech guide. Wickr didn't respond to a request to comment.

European law-enforcement officials have also expressed concern about gaming consoles, which also allow players to communicate with each other via the Internet.

Belgium's Interior Minister Jan Jambon told a conference in Brussels last week that Sony Corp.'s PlayStation was a concern, calling it one of the most difficult platforms for governments to intercept.

He didn't say whether Belgium has investigations that include monitoring of gamers or game consoles. A spokeswoman in Brussels didn't return calls seeking comment.

In May, an Austrian court convicted a 14-year-old boy of downloading bomb-making instructions onto his PlayStation console, according to local media reports.

It is unclear whether governments have approached Sony for access to customer data. Sony said in a statement it works with local authorities as appropriate. "We take our responsibilities to protect our users extremely seriously and we urge our users and partners to report activities that may be offensive, suspicious or illegal. When we identify or are notified of such conduct, we are committed to taking appropriate actions in conjunction with the appropriate authorities," it said.

Paris Attacks Suspect Was Monitored by Western Allies Seeking to Kill Him, Wall Street Journal

Islamic State operative couldn't be located in the weeks before plot was carried out
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An Islamic State operative suspected of helping plan the Paris attacks had been monitored in Syria by Western allies seeking to kill him in an airstrike, but they couldn't locate him in the weeks before the plot was carried out, two Western security officials said.

The operative, a Belgian citizen named **Abdelhamid Abaaoud**, was convicted in absentia in Brussels earlier this year of recruiting jihadists, was suspected of masterminding a foiled plot to behead police officers, escaped to Syria and was profiled in Islamic State's online magazine mocking European authorities for their failure to catch him. A year ago, video emerged of him in Syria, smiling as he drove a truck dragging the dead bodies of Islamic State's opponents tied to the bumper.

Mr. Abaaoud is one of two people who have emerged at the center of a probe into the attacks that killed 129 people on Friday. Both are at large. French and Belgian authorities are also searching for a 26-year-old petty criminal named Salah Abdeslam, who they say rented a car used in the attacks on Friday and is suspected of driving some of the suicide bombers through Paris.

On Monday, dozens of masked Belgian police stormed a house in a predominantly Muslim district in Brussels in their hunt for Mr. Abdeslam.

French prosecutors said police had stopped Mr. Abdeslam and two other men on their way to Brussels just hours after the Friday massacre. But a roadside background check failed to show that Mr. Abdeslam had rented a car in Belgium that was found outside the Bataclan night club, the site of one of the attacks, and police let him go.

The two men long resided a few blocks from each other in Brussels' Molenbeek district, where police conducted the raid Monday, and spent time in the same prison, according to a Belgian official. "It is certain that they knew each other," the official said.

Mr. Abaaoud—who escaped to Syria in January after Belgian police foiled another terrorist plot authorities say he masterminded—had been under surveillance there as part of an effort to track down and kill Islamic State militants believed to be directly involved in recruiting Westerners for the militant group, according to the officials.

Officials had no knowledge of the Paris plot when they sought to have Mr. Abaaoud killed by airstrike, and don't know whether the killing of Mr. Abaaoud would have prevented the attacks in the French capital. The plotters may have been able to act independently or, in Mr. Abaaoud's absence, another Islamic State militant could have stepped in, they said.

Growing evidence that Islamic State operatives were able to plot the attacks from abroad—mobilizing a group of seven suicide bombers to carry them out, including one of Mr. Abdeslam's brothers—suggests the extremist group has gained an unprecedented level of ability to coordinate a large-scale operation and hit Europe.

The emerging details about the plotters and their ability to elude authorities also have exposed the lack of cross-border coordination among European security officials.

Islamic State's use of Belgium as a staging ground for the assault on Paris helped the militants to go undetected as they prepared their attack, European officials said.

As French and Belgian investigators sought to comprehend how Islamic State could have built a large terror cell in the heart of Europe, featuring the two men and others involved in the attacks, authorities scrambled to tighten the net on extremists.

French President François Hollande proposed extending France's state of national emergency in the wake of the attacks for three months and called for international cooperation from Russia and the U.S. as he vowed to step up airstrikes against terrorist bastions.

"They fight us because France is a country of freedom," he said. "Our democracy has beaten far greater adversaries."

On Monday, French authorities also carried out raids in several cities amid fears that more attackers might strike. People familiar with the probe said investigators were anxious to identify and neutralize whoever made the explosive vests the attackers used to blow up themselves at France's largest sports arena, a concert hall and a restaurant.

In Belgium, a judge ordered two people, who were detained in Brussels, to remain held for allegedly providing support to the Paris attackers. Another brother of Mr. Abdeslam was also detained by police for questioning over the weekend but later let go.

"We didn't think for one second that one of my brothers was linked to this attack," said the brother, Mohamed Abdeslam, as he stood in front of his home near the Molenbeek town hall. "He grew up here, he studied here," Mr. Abdeslam said of his brother Salah. "He was a completely normal boy."

A Belgian official said Salah Abdeslam tried to go to Syria this year but was sent back by Turkish authorities. The Belgian government investigated him when he returned and concluded he didn't pose a risk.

Despite his effort to go to Syria, authorities didn't view him as a terror threat, the official said. "The investigation showed no signs of him actively going to terrorism," he said.

Police viewed Mr. Abaaoud as a much more dangerous man.

In July, Mr. Abaaoud, who is known in Belgium for having taken his 13-year-old brother with him to Syria in 2014, was sentenced to 20 years in prison in absentia by a Brussels court earlier this year on terrorism charges and for recruiting jihadists. Belgian courts don't appoint lawyers when defendants are tried in absentia.

Raised in Belgium, he returned to Europe from Syria at some point under the radar of authorities with the aim of beheading Belgian police officers, officials say. Police foiled the plot in January, and in a shootout, killed two other suspected accomplices in the eastern Belgian town of Verviers. Officials believe Mr. Abaaoud escaped to Syria that same month.

In a purported interview with Mr. Abaaoud in February, Islamic State's online magazine quoted the Belgian national of Moroccan descent mocking European law enforcement authorities.

"My name and picture were all over the news yet I was able to stay in their homeland, plan operations against them, and leave safely when doing so became necessary," he was quoted as saying.

According to a Western intelligence official, intelligence services have monitored Mr. Abaaoud's communications from Syria to associates in Europe, but weren't always sure whether it was the Islamic State operative or his teenage brother on the line. That complicated any plans to kill him with an airstrike, the official said.

After the planned attacks on Belgian police were thwarted, a core group of French-speaking Belgians in Syria started to plan and recruit for attacks on public places—including on a concert hall—in France, Spain, the Netherlands and the U.K., the official said.

The information comes from interrogations of French members of Islamic State who were arrested by Turkish police after leaving Syria and were extradited to France, the official said. The French militants said Mr. Abaaoud was leading plans to carry out attacks, the official said.

A surge in the number of such radicals traveling between France and Syria and other conflict zones has also hindered France's surveillance effort. The number of people on France's security watch list has reached 8,000, compared with about 5,000 three years ago. Officials say it is impossible to track even a fraction of these people full-time.

One radical on the watch list was Omar Ismail Mostefai, a Frenchman who authorities say was part of a trio that attacked the Bataclan concert hall on Friday, killing 89 people, before detonating their suicide vests. The militant had been on a watch list for radicalization since 2010. Mr. Mostefai is believed to have later traveled to Syria, raising suspicions he fought alongside Islamic State. French officials declined to say whether Mr. Mostefai was monitored when he returned home in the spring of 2014.

On Monday, a senior Turkish official said Ankara had identified Mr. Mostefai as a terrorism suspect and twice notified French authorities to no avail.

"The case of Omar Ismail Mostefai clearly establishes that intelligence sharing and effective communication are crucial to counterterrorism efforts," the Turkish official said.

Mr. Mostefai traveled to Turkey in 2013 and was flagged to French authorities as recently as June, the Turkish official said. There is no record of the 29-year-old French national leaving Turkey.

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said he was unaware of Turkey's warnings about Mr. Mostefai. "As far as information and intelligence are concerned, we really should exchange and share much more," Mr. Fabius said at a news conference on the sidelines of the Group of 20 summit in Antalya on Turkey's Mediterranean coast.

Samy Amimour, another Frenchman who investigators say took part in the Bataclan attack, had been facing an international arrest warrant for failing to check in with police on a regular basis. Mr. Amimour was required to report to police after prosecutors placed him under investigation in 2012 for attempting to travel to Yemen, a country rife with jihadist activity. He later traveled to Syria.

Earlier this month, German border police caught a Montenegrin man apparently heading for Paris with machine guns, hand grenades and explosives in his car, an arrest that Germany's interior minister said could be linked to the attacks in Paris. German authorities said they had notified the French of the arrest at the time.

Militants have long hopped across the Continent's national borders without facing internal border checks. But Friday's attacks showed that even Europe's external borders are dangerously porous, particularly as the region copes with the influx of refugees from Syria and elsewhere.

A fake Syrian passport was enough to secure one suicide bomber's passage into Europe via Greece, officials say, allowing him to reach the Stade de France on Friday night and detonate an explosive vest lined with bolts.

Comment lutter contre la radicalisation? Des mesures chocs sont annoncées, Tribune de Genève (Canada)

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L'heure du contre-djihadisme a sonné en France. Devant les parlementaires réunis en Congrès à Versailles, le président François Hollande a évoqué les mesures pour lutter contre les foyers de radicalisation présents dans l'Hexagone. La veille, son prédécesseur Nicolas Sarkozy avait émis ses propositions. Au sein de la majorité socialiste comme dans l'opposition de droite, les idées circulent.

Déchéance de nationalité

Certaines ne semblent guère contestées pour le moment. Ainsi, le président Hollande a annoncé un changement législatif pour faciliter la déchéance de la nationalité française pour les auteurs d'actes terroristes. Cette déchéance ne peut concerner que les binationaux. On ne peut pas retirer son passeport à un citoyen 100% Français car ce serait le rendre apatride, ce qui est contraire au Code civil. Actuellement, la déchéance de nationalité ne peut s'appliquer qu'aux binationaux naturalisés depuis moins de dix ans. Par conséquent, ne sont pas concernés les double-nationaux qui ont été naturalisés il y a plus longtemps ou ceux qui sont nés en France. Cela va changer. Hier devant le Congrès, François Hollande s'est montré fort clair sur ce point: « Nous devons pouvoir déchoir de sa nationalité française un individu condamné pour une atteinte aux intérêts fondamentaux de la nation ou un acte de terrorisme, même s'il est né Français, dès lors qu'il bénéficie d'une autre nationalité. » Jadis, la gauche aurait tordu le nez devant une telle proposition. Mais nous vivons désormais dans un autre monde. De même, le président français veut « interdire à un binational de revenir sur le sol français, sauf à ce qu'il se soumette à un dispositif de contrôle, comme le font les Britanniques. »

Expulsion des imams toxiques

En outre, l'expulsion des imams toxiques et autres prêcheurs de haine d'origine étrangère sera prononcée manu militari. Mais l'actuel cadre juridique le permet déjà. Depuis 2012, 40 prédicateurs ont été boutés hors de France. Le mouvement risque de s'accélérer ces prochains jours.

Suspects assignés à résidence

En revanche, la proposition émise dimanche soir par Nicolas Sarkozy, le patron du parti Les Républicains, suscite plus de controverses. Rappelons que l'ancien président de la République veut assigner à résidence avec pose de bracelet électronique les éléments figurant sur la fiche S. Elle fait partie d'un plus vaste fichier, celui des personnes recherchées. Cette fiche S - pour « sûreté » - consigne tous les éléments de renseignements sur des personnes susceptibles de

tomber dans le terrorisme. Mais il ne s'agit pas d'un élément de preuve, simplement d'un outil pour enrichir le renseignement intérieur. Combien y a-t-il de suspects fichés S? Les chiffres varient selon les interlocuteurs. Sarkozy en dénombre 11 500 et Valls, 10 500.

Si cette fiche S retient autant l'attention des politiciens, c'est parce que le premier terroriste identifié, Omar Ismaïl Mostefaï, y était inscrit depuis 2010. Les renseignements à son propos étaient d'ailleurs plutôt vagues et consistaient à souligner sa fréquentation d'une mosquée. L'idée est donc simple: si Mostefaï se trouvait en résidence surveillée avec un bracelet électronique, il n'aurait pas pu participer à l'attentat.

Un peu trop simple, l'idée, selon le député socialiste Jean-Jacques Urvoas, président de la Commission des lois de l'Assemblée nationale et auteur de la récente loi de renseignement qui a considérablement renforcé les moyens de surveillance policière. La proposition de Nicolas Sarkozy de poser un bracelet électronique à tous les suspects fichés S ne rencontre pas son assentiment, loin de là, comme il s'en est expliqué à l'AFP. Le but de la fiche S n'est pas d'arrêter un individu - c'est le domaine du mandat d'arrêt - mais d'engranger des informations sur son compte, évidemment sans qu'il puisse se rendre compte qu'il est surveillé! Or, si on lui pose un bracelet électronique, la récolte de renseignements s'arrêtera là.

Tout sécuritaire

Si sur le plan du renforcement des personnels de sécurité (8500 postes seront créés en deux ans) et militaires (maintien des effectifs jusqu'en 2019 et activation des réservistes avec, dans le viseur, une garde nationale), le président Hollande paraît convaincant. En revanche, il reste muet sur la création de centres de contre-radicalisation comme il en existe au Canada, en Scandinavie ou en Grande-Bretagne.

Or, depuis des années, l'anthropologue française Dounia Bouzar fait le siège des autorités pour que de tels centres soient installés dans l'Hexagone. De guerre lasse, elle a elle-même fondé le Centre de prévention contre les dérives sectaires liées à l'islam (CPDSI). Son objectif est de définir les étapes de l'endoctrinement afin de le prévenir et d'aider les familles concernées. Apparemment, les autorités françaises mettent le paquet sur la répression, ce qui est logique, mais délaissent un élément tout aussi essentiel, la prévention.

Analyse—sLa France avait été alertée d'une menace, Le Monde

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Les frappes françaises en Syrie début octobre visaient notamment le commanditaire présumé des attentats

Quel était le degré de connaissance des autorités françaises de la préparation des attaques du 13 novembre à Paris et à Saint-Denis? La France paraît disposer de moyens pour reconstituer le fil d'actions meurtrières qui viennent de frapper sa population et ses intérêts. Mais semble désarmée pour les anticiper. Une question d'autant plus délicate que des éléments apparus ces

derniers jours, dont la précision fait encore débat, attestent l'existence d'une crainte réelle d'attentat ces derniers mois.

Tout d'abord, il semble bien y avoir un lien entre le bombardement, dans la nuit du 8 au 9 octobre, d'un camp de l'Etat islamique près de Rakka, en Syrie, et la préparation d'une attaque visant spécifiquement la France. Le ministère de la défense avait alors assuré, au lendemain de cette frappe, que ce centre d'entraînement constituait " une menace " pour la France et l'Europe et hébergeait des " combattants étrangers, dont probablement des Français et des francophones ". Il assurait cependant ne pas connaître l'identité des personnes visées.

En réalité, comme l'avait alors indiqué Le Monde , l'ensemble de l'opération avait été pensée autour d'un Français, Salim Benghalem, 35 ans, originaire de Cachan (Val-de-Marne), " responsable de l'accueil des francophones au sein l'Etat islamique " et d'au moins deux autres cadres de l'organisation, dont un Belge. Ce dernier était Abdelhamid Abaaoud. Un lien direct a été établi entre cet individu originaire de Molenbeek, près de Bruxelles, parti combattre en Syrie, et plusieurs projets terroristes en France et en Europe, dont celui ayant meurtri la capitale française vendredi 13 novembre.

" Plusieurs attaques avortées " Selon nos informations, la France a - en grande partie sur la base de renseignement technique et humain provenant des services secrets américains - considéré que des personnes étaient entraînées pour frapper le sol français. Selon une source issue de la communauté du renseignement, la CIA aurait collecté des " bribes d'informations " , parfois codées, puis de plus en plus claires sur l'imminence d'une menace venant précisément de ce groupe de francophones de l'Etat islamique.

Le fruit de ces interceptions entre la Syrie et la Belgique ou la France aurait été, ensuite, communiqué à la DGSE. Le 27 octobre, Bernard Bajolet, qui dirige les services secrets extérieurs français (DGSE), s'exprimant lors d'un colloque organisé par la CIA à l'université américaine George-Washington, rappelait que " la France devait faire face à des actions terroristes planifiées et commanditées de l'étranger ou par des djihadistes français de retour dans leur pays ". Il ajoutait, " ce dernier mois, nous avons fait avorter plusieurs attaques sur notre sol, cela ne signifie pas que nous serons tout le temps capables de parer à toutes " .

Tributaires des forces américaines en matière de renseignement mais aussi en ce qui concerne le timing et la localisation des frappes aériennes en Syrie et en Irak, les Français ont dû, d'après certaines sources, repousser de " deux semaines " la frappe prévue sur le camp où étaient susceptibles de se trouver Benghalem et Abaaoud. " On peut en effet se demander si les auteurs de ce massacre sont partis entre-temps mais rien ne permet de le dire " , lâche un cadre français du renseignement. Trois jours après la frappe du 8 octobre, Salim Benghalem avait fait savoir qu'il était en effet visé mais qu'il n'avait pas été touché.

Chargé du renseignement au sein de nos frontières, la Direction générale de la sécurité intérieure (DGSi) reçoit chaque jour, une grande quantité d'informations émanant des services de renseignement étrangers comme de ses propres antennes territoriales. L'enjeu porte sur la capacité à analyser la grande quantité de renseignement obtenus par des moyens techniques. Des notes de synthèses sont ensuite transmises à la justice antiterroriste dont l'un des membres a admis au Monde que " des bouts d'informations pouvaient laisser entendre qu'un acte majeur allait se produire sur notre territoire " tout en ajoutant, " mais de là à dire que le Bataclan, le Stade de France et les rues du 11e arrondissement allaient être attaqués, il y a un pas " .

Pour certains des enquêteurs, les attaques du 13 novembre à Paris ont mis en évidence les lourdeurs causées par des logiques nationales en matière de lutte antiterroriste. " Deux choses nous ont lourdement handicapés, commente l'un d'entre eux, on n'avait jamais pensé qu'une opération partirait de Bruxelles pour attaquer un quartier parisien et si les services belges nous avaient juste dit que Abaaoud était un très proche ami de Salah Abdeslam, un pilier des attaques du 13 novembre, cela nous aurait aidés. "

Parmi les signaux d'alerte reçus par la France figure également, selon l'agence Associated Press (AP), une note de renseignement transmis par les Irakiens via les forces américaines à la tête de la coalition réunie pour lutter contre l'Etat islamique en Syrie et en Irak à laquelle appartient la France.

" Cellule dormante " Si ce document ne fournit pas de détails, AP assure, néanmoins, que les autorités françaises ont été avisées par d'autres moyens de l'imminence des attaques par des assaillants entraînés à Rakka s'appuyant sur une " cellule dormante " déjà présente en France. Selon la source d'AP issue du renseignement irakien, " 24 personnes auraient été impliquées dans les opérations, dont 19 pour les attaques elles-mêmes et 5 pour la logistique et la planification " . Aucune source française n'a confirmé ces affirmations.

Selon un diplomate français en poste à Ankara, la Turquie a fait savoir, lundi 16 novembre, qu'elle avait mis en garde la France " au moins à deux reprises depuis début 2015 " sur les déplacements d'Ismaël Omar Mostefai, un des kamikazes de la salle du Bataclan entré sur le territoire turc en 2013, et sur ses liens avec quatre djihadistes recherchés par les services français. D'après l'AFP qui cite un responsable turc, " la France n'a jamais répondu " et n'a transmis de demande " qu'après les attaques de Paris " .

Interrogé par Le Monde , un des responsables du renseignement français a assuré que " des efforts substantiels ont été réalisés en matière de coopération entre services français depuis les événements de Charlie Hebdo mais ce que l'on n'a peut-être pas vu, c'est que la menace a muté, l'Etat islamique fait désormais de la politique étrangère avec des attentats et ne se contente plus d'encourager de loin des initiatives désordonnées " . Pour sa part, la DGSE a indiqué qu'elle " ne s'exprimait pas sur ses relations avec ses alliés " .

This Is ISIS's New Favorite App for Secret Messages, The Daily Beast

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The terror group is pushing a new way to communicate quietly after the Paris attacks. It's called Telegram.

In the wake of the Paris terrorist attacks, ISIS is encouraging its followers to use a popular chat application that can make text messages effectively invisible to government spies.

A day after claiming responsibility for the attack, ISIS posted a message on one of its Web sites—which had been moved to the so-called Dark Web—encouraging its followers to download the app, called Telegram, which also allows users to set their message to self-destruct after a certain period of time.

Telegram and similar apps have been vexing intelligence and security officials, who say they have prevented the U.S. from locating and tracking ISIS militants in Iraq and Syria.

Telegram in particular has been adopted by a lot more people than ISIS—as of a year ago, the company claimed more than 50 million users sending 1 billion messages per day.

Somewhere in that mix are an unknown number of jihadists, and, ISIS hopes, more to come. Of course, there could also be drug dealers, gangsters, and other assorted criminals. But apps such as Telegram are coming in for particular scrutiny by intelligence officials for their potential role in facilitating attacks. ISIS issued its claim of responsibility for the attacks via Telegram.

CIA Director John Brennan wasted no time Monday in highlighting the threat that he thinks such technologies pose when placed in terrorists' hands.

“There are a lot of technological capabilities that are available right now that make it exceptionally difficult, both technically as well as legally, for intelligence and security services to have the insight they need to uncover” terrorist activities, Brennan said at a security conference in Washington, without mentioning any technologies by name.

Brennan linked one of the worst terrorist attacks in Europe to the profusion of 21st century technologies that, he said, are being abused in such a way that “20th century laws cannot effectively deal with [them].”

By tying the emergence of apps like Telegram to the threat posed by ISIS, and the Paris attacks in particular, Brennan may have opened a new front in the government's efforts to reign in technology that, while it can significantly protect personal privacy, is nevertheless an obstacle to surveillance.

“I do think this is a time for particularly Europe, as well as here in the United States, for us to take a look and see whether or not there have been some inadvertent or intentional gaps that have been created in the ability of intelligence and security services to protect the people that they are asked to serve,” Brennan said.

FBI Director James Comey had been trying for several months to push some legislative or regulatory solution for what he saw as the risk of “going dark,” if the bureau and other agencies that conduct electronic surveillance cannot easily decrypt text messages, emails, and other communications used by criminals.

Comey and his Justice Department colleagues had effectively stood down from that quest. But the Paris attacks may have revived the effort. Brennan is the most senior U.S. official since the assault to speak publicly about the issue.

Terrorists use of ubiquitous and highly-secure technologies demonstrates that they have studied American intelligence operations and exploited leaks about government surveillance techniques, Brennan said.

“There has been a significant increase in the operational security of a number of these operatives and terrorist networks as they have gone to school on what it is that they need to do in order to keep their activities concealed from the authorities,” he said.